

# SHELBYVILLE FIVE-YEAR PARKS+RECREATION MASTER PLAN 2025-2030



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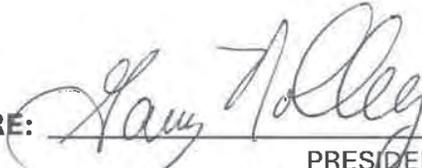
## Board Resolution Adopting Plan

WHEREAS, the City of Shelbyville Board of Park Commissioners is aware of the parks and recreation needs of the residents of Shelbyville, Indiana, and

WHEREAS, the City of Shelbyville Board of Park Commissioners realizes the importance of sound planning in order to meet the needs of its citizens,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Shelbyville Board of Park Commissioners has approved the adoption of the 2025-2030 City of Shelbyville Five-year Parks and Recreation Master Plan as its official plan for the next five years, for the growth and development of the parks and recreation opportunities in Shelbyville, Indiana.

Passed and signed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025.

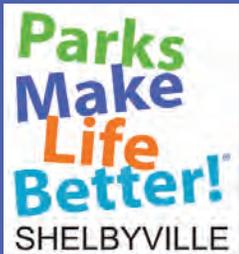
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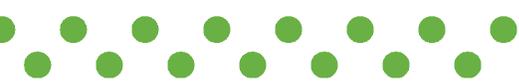
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# 01

INTRODUCTION

## CHAPTER OVERVIEW

This chapter gives an overview of the planning area, planning process, and dives into Shelbyville Parks and Recreation Department operations.

## INTRODUCTION

The Shelbyville Parks and Recreation Department (SPRD) manages a park system that includes ten park facilities encompassing nearly 300 acres of park space and 12 miles of trails. The department hosts and coordinates over 30 special events, day camps, childcare services, seasonal programming, sports leagues, tournaments, and sports education activities. Shelbyville's dedication to parks and recreation has established a community for healthy living and promotes a high quality of life and place for its residents.

## PURPOSE OF THIS PLAN

Shelbyville Parks and Recreation Department is dedicated to maintaining and improving their facilities and programming. This plan will identify the areas for improvement, define priority projects, and establish a set of goals for implementing solutions that will improve the quality of life for residents and visitors. This will not only identify the current needs but the projected needs for a growing population over the next five years. As part of the planning process, the steering committee developed a mission statement and a list of goals outlining their desires for this process and this planning document.

## GOALS OF THIS PLAN

- Provide a decision-making framework for recreation, programming, and facility improvements for Shelbyville Parks and Recreation Department for the next five years.
- Gather public input from Shelbyville Parks and Recreation users to ensure the priorities established in this plan are what the community desires for future development.
- Interpret and organize the Shelbyville Parks and Recreation Department goals into priority projects that can be implemented in the next five years.

- Receive approval from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) and eligibility for Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant programs and other applicable grants.

## Mission Statement

**"Community Minded, Healthy  
Natured, and Family Oriented"**

This mission statement is indicative to SPRD's dedication to enhancing the quality of life for all residence by providing leisure opportunities, well maintained parks and facilities, and a diverse range of recreational programs and activities. Striving to foster a sense of community, promote healthy lifestyles, and protect natural resources, the Shelbyville Parks and Recreation Department wants residents to enjoy, connect with, and engage in all the opportunities available.

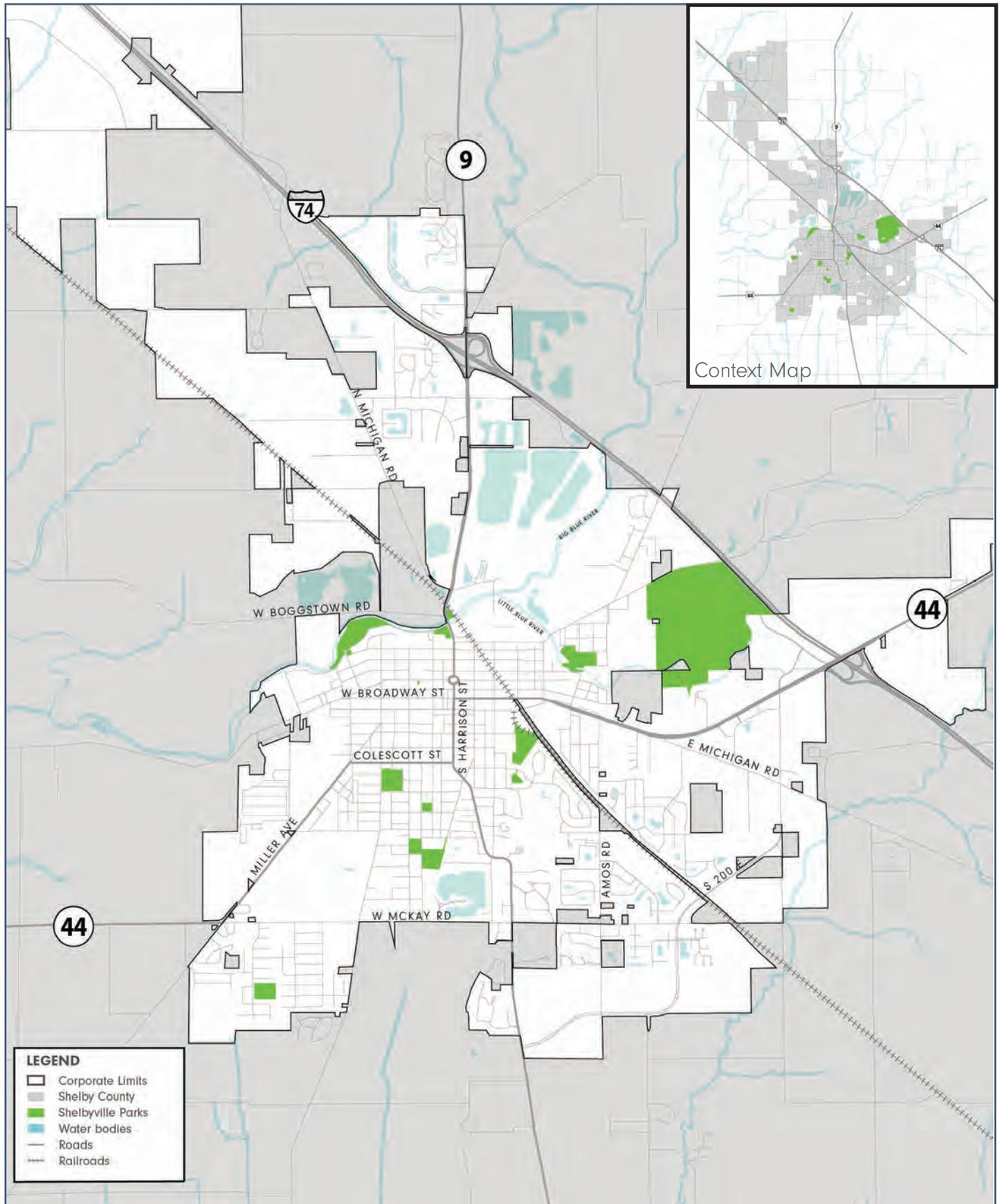
## PLAN METHODOLOGY AND DEVELOPMENT

This plan was developed through an extensive process of inventory, data collection, and several public input opportunities including a public survey, public meetings, and staff interviews. Analysis tools and mapping were also used as reference to help guide the plan recommendations. The recommendations in this plan are only guiding tools to aid leaders and decision makers as they begin to prioritize capital improvements and apply for funding opportunities.



# FIGURE 1.1: DEFINITION OF PLANNING AREA

For the purposes of this plan, the planning area is shown to be the corporate city limits of Shelbyville.



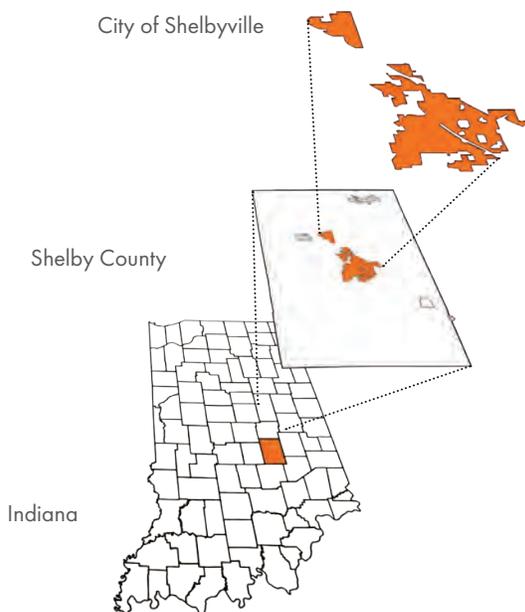
## LOCATION OF SHELBYVILLE

The City of Shelbyville is the county seat of Shelby County, located within the Indianapolis metropolitan area, twenty-six miles southeast of Downtown Indianapolis. Shelbyville is at the intersection of Interstate 74, State Road 44, and State Road 9, at the confluence of the Little Blue River and the Big Blue River.

## PLANNING AREA

A map of the planning area is shown on the previous page in Figure 1.1. The City of Shelbyville recognizes that the parks are utilized by the surrounding areas of Shelby County and benefit the region as a whole. This was also made apparent in the public survey which reported 43% of respondents live outside of the Shelbyville limits. See Chapter 3, Public Participation for a summary of the public survey results.

For the purpose of data collection and analysis for this five-year planning period, the planning area is defined as the corporate limits of the City of Shelbyville. In future planning periods, as the region changes, SPRD should consider expanding the planning area appropriately to accurately reflect their user base and parks and recreation needs.



Regional Context Map

## REGIONAL IMPACTS

The Shelbyville Parks and Recreation Department has distinguished themselves as a regional amenity, offering a variety of parks, trails, and diverse activities that attract visitors from across the county and the surrounding Midwest Region. Shelbyville has also developed into a hub for several recreational events and sporting tournaments.

One of these annual attractions is the Blue River Highland Games. This event brings 60 competitors and 200 regional spectators to the Shelby County Fairgrounds and Blue River Memorial Park every May.

Additionally, the outdoor athletic fields and venues in Shelbyville, specifically softball, soccer, and cross country, attract regional leagues to host tournaments and training throughout the year. Approximately 43,000 guests a year come to Shelbyville for softball tournaments alone. These tournaments are spread out across several of the SPRD softball facilities

Blue River Memorial Park is also home to a national level championship cross country facility. The Blue River Cross Country venue is renowned as a regional attraction hosting 18 events each fall ranging from local high schools to NCAA Regional Championships attracting 1,000 to 6,000 spectators.

While these facilities provide recreational benefits to the larger region, they also encourage tourism and commerce for the city. Although many of these events are privately funded or staffed with volunteers, they still place a level of burden on the parks and park staff who maintain them. SPRD should carefully evaluate these impacts and establish a strategic plan that allows SPRD to allocate appropriate resources for large event and receive monetary investment through sponsorships or user fees.

## COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS

### Blue River Foundation

- Advocates for park improvements and art installations
- Assists with grant opportunities
- Partnered with Shelbyville to fund and implement the bike share program

### Blue River Soccer Association

- Organizes youth soccer leagues in the

community.

- Holds a leasing agreement for fields and concession.
- Responsible for grounds maintenance of the soccer fields, concessions, and restrooms.

### **Shelby County Tourism and Visitors Bureau**

- SPRD utilizes their stage equipment for Music in the Park
- Assists with event promotions

### **Leadership Shelby County**

- Funded the installation of fitness equipment, disc golf course, and emergency call buttons along Blue River.

## **ORGANIZATION**

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### **STAFF**

The Shelbyville Parks and Recreation Department is responsible for providing recreational programming for the residents of Shelbyville and maintaining the park facilities. The current staff consists of both full and part-time employees, which are outlined below:

#### **FULL-TIME STAFF**

- (1) Park Director
- (1) Recreation Director
- (1) Sports Director
- (1) Maintenance Supervisor
- (2) Administrative Assistants
- (1) Asst. Maintenance Supervisor
- (6) Laborers
- (2) Civic Center Custodians
- (1) Caretaker



Shelbyville Parks and Recreation Staff at Solar Eclipse Event

#### **PART-TIME STAFF**

The parks department manages approximately 100 part-time and seasonal staff. Part-time staff are filling positions such as pool lifeguards and staff, park maintenance assistants, recreation program leaders, referees, sports instructors, camp counselors, concessions attendants, and similar positions.

- (1) Special Events Coordinator
- (1) Landscaper
- (2) Maintenance Staff
- (55) Aquatic Center Staff
- (16) Camp Staff
- (18) Concession Staff
- (4) Pre-school Staff

## PARK BOARD

The Shelbyville Parks Board oversees the operations of the Shelbyville Parks and Recreation Department. Board meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month at 4:15 pm in the board room at 945 S. Tompkins Street and are open to the public.

The current board is listed below and their term start date:

- **Gary Nolley, President, 08/01/2019**
- **Terie Anderson, Vice President, 7/05/2007**
- **Tammy Knox, Board Member, 01/01/2020**
- **Scarlett Tinsley-Price, Board Member, 01/09/24**

## REVENUE

Additional revenue sources for the SPRD include sporting tournaments, sport leagues, sports education classes, gym memberships, summer camps, miscellaneous program activities, dog park membership, childcare, bike share program, Civic Center room rentals, and park shelter rentals.

## OPERATING BUDGET

As noted below, the current Shelbyville Parks and Recreation Department budget is feasible for the basic staff and operational needs but is straining to keep up with growing population and demands on the systems. These budgetary strains will increase as the population and park system continues to grow.

- 2024 Shelbyville Parks and Recreation Budget \$2,833,107.57
- Shelbyville Parks and Recreation Expenses \$2,831,054.02

This budget covers all operating expenses, facility utilities, salaries of employees, repairs and contracted work. They only hold a narrow margin for incidentals or non-routine maintenance which can be quickly diminished by a natural disaster or random act of vandalism. The factors that challenge the budget the most would be aquatic center repairs, vandalism repairs, and sports field maintenance/ repairs. See Chapter 05 Needs Analysis for a comparison of operating budgets to national trends.

## USER FEES

The Shelbyville Parks and Recreation Department is aware of its diverse constituency and their socioeconomic status and prioritizes having free and fee-based programs and facilities. While assistance programs are not currently provided, several free events are available through the year.

- Senior Swim Day
- Dive in Movie
- Kids day at the pool
- Family day at the pool
- Music in the Park
- Community Easter egg Hunt

Fee-based programs include both youth and adult sports leagues, youth day camps, childcare and programming provided by Meridian Park Family Aquatic Center. The tables below show a breakdown of fees for the aquatic center and indoor and outdoor facility rentals.

POOL DAILY ADMISSION FEES	
UNDER 3	\$3
AGES 3 & UP	\$5
TWILIGHT HOURS (4PM-6PM)	
UNDER 2	\$2
AGES 3 & UP	\$3
SEASONAL SPLASH PASS	
INDIVIDUAL	\$70
FAMILY (UP TO 4)	\$175
10 ENTRY PASS	\$40

Other programming opportunities at the aquatic center include private party rentals ranging from \$375- \$525, Cabana rentals ranging from \$20 - \$50 and three week swim lessons for \$45.

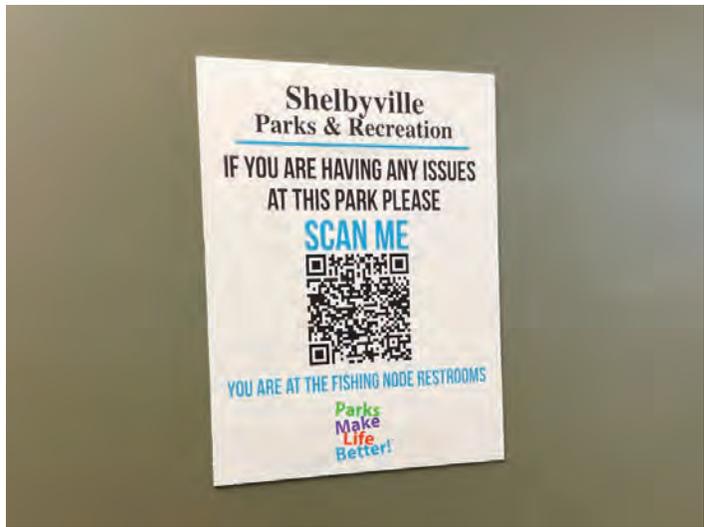
INDOOR FACILITIES	
ACTIVITY ROOM A	\$40 PER HOUR
ACTIVITY ROOM B	\$50 PER HOUR
PAUL CROSS GYM	\$70 PER HOUR
BANQUET ROOM	\$60 PER HOUR
OUTDOOR SHELTERS	
CLEARWICK PARK	2 HRS RENTAL \$45
KENNEDY PARK	3-4 HRS RENTAL \$65
MORRISON PARK	5+ HR RENTAL \$80
SUNSET PARK	
BLUE RIVER MEMORIAL PARK	2 HRS RENTAL \$95
	3-4 HRS RENTAL \$155
	5+ HR RENTAL \$220



Meridian Aquatic Center 2024 Staff



Pickleball Courts at Blue River Memorial Park



Online maintenance request QR code

## PROGRESS IN THE PREVIOUS FIVE YEARS

Over the past five years, the SPRD has made significant improvements across multiple facilities. Key upgrades at the Civic Center include facade enhancements, resurfaced flooring, expanded storage capabilities, and a fresh coat of paint. Throughout the park system, SRPD has installed updated permanent park maps and resource signage, repaired sports fields, and improved parking facilities.

Notably, eight pickleball courts were added, and approximately 3 miles of new trails were created. The department has also launched an online maintenance request platform with QR codes posted on park signage and available at each restroom facility for user convenience.

Additional improvements include the development of a digital (POS) point of sale system, the installation of interactive art and educational materials along Knauf Trail, new maintenance building, and the implementation of project "Safety Trail," which features emergency boxes placed strategically along the trail to ensure visitor safety.





# 02

INVENTORY

## CHAPTER OVERVIEW

This chapter provides an inventory of Shelbyville Parks Department facilities and programs.

## PROGRAMMING SNAPSHOTS

The Shelbyville Parks and Recreation Department offers a wide variety of programs and facilities geared towards a range of ages and user groups. The following page highlights some of the programs provided throughout the various seasons. The top attended events that SPRD host include:

- Halloween Fun at the Park
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Summer Camp

### PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

Since 2022, SPRD has been operating a preschool program for ages 3-5 at the Carl McNeely Civic Center. The program runs from August through May and currently enrolls 30 students making up 2 classes. Currently the facility is limited to a small indoor play area and is at maximum capacity for childcare. The SPRD will need to consider an expansion or relocation of the program to a larger facility if they wish to grow the program in the future.

#### Preschool Operations:

4-5 Years old Monday- Friday

3-4 Years old Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

#### Preschool Fees:

\$75 registration fee

\$125 per month all week

\$75 per month for 3 days a week

### DAY CAMPS

Shelbyville Parks and Recreation Department provides a summer camp and winter camp through the Carl McNeely Civic Center. These camps are geared toward children aged 6-12 years old and includes a variety of day outing and educational activities.

#### Day Camp Operations:

##### Sumer Camp:

May 29th- August 2nd

6-12 years old Monday- Friday

7-12 years old 3 days a week

##### Winter Camp:

December 27th, 28th, 29th

January 3rd, 4th, 5th

#### Day Camp Fees:

\$40 Summer Camp registration fee

\$100 per week Summer camp all week

\$75 per week Summer camp 3 days a week

\$60 for 1 week of Winter Camp

\$100 for all 6 days of Winter Camp



Shelbyville Parks and Recreation Preschool Classroom



Shelbyville Parks and Recreation Preschool Play Room

## YOUTH SPORTS

- Cheerleading
- T-Ball
- 8U, 10U, 12U, 14U Girls Softball
- Hook a Kid on Golf, ages 8-15
- Softball
- Girls Basketball & Clinics
- Teddy Bear Tumblers

## ADULT SPORTS

- Pickleball Leagues (Spring & Fall)
- Volleyball Leagues
- Softball, Mens, Coed, & 40 + (Spring & Fall)
- SPA Softball Tournament
- Highland Games
- Mens Basketball Leagues

## WELLNESS ACTIVITIES

- Speed Camp
- Zumba
- Walking

## OTHER PROGRAMS

- Summer camps
- Daddy-Daughter Nights
- Mother-Son Nights
- Bunnies and Brownies
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Halloween Fun at the Park
- Breakfast with Santa
- Snow Man Contest/ Snow Event/ & other holiday actives
- Dive in Movie night at the pool
- Wine & Art
- Garage Sale
- Music in the Parks



Dive in Night at the Meridian Aquatic Center



Halloween Fun Night at the Park



Music in the Park

## PROGRAM PARTNERSHIPS

The Shelbyville Parks and Recreation Department partners with several organizations to expand the programs available to the community. These partnerships typically utilize park facilities under a contractual agreement. Some of these partnerships include:

- Champion Force Cheer-leading
- Blue River Soccer Association

SPRD facilities are an asset to community members and local organizations, hosting several events & fundraisers not affiliated with the Shelbyville Parks and Recreation Department. This charitable act is a service to the community at large and requires additional preparation and cleanup by the park's maintenance team monthly. Some of these charitable events include:

- SCAAC Longest Day Walk at Blue River Memorial Park
- Shelbyville Senior Services, Bears of the Blue River Scavenger hunt at Blue River Memorial Park

**Consideration:** With Shelbyville's growing population and the attraction of large scaled events the Shelbyville Parks and Recreation Department should consider strategically establishing a maintenance plan and potential service fees associated with events reaching a certain occupancy and/or requiring additional services such as: more trash receptacles, security, etc.

## VOLUNTEER & SPONSORSHIPS

While several local businesses volunteer to assist and sponsor certain events such as, Halloween Fun Night, Breakfast with Santa, and Senior Swim night, the SPRD does not have organized volunteer initiatives in place to promote opportunities for the community to volunteer.

**Consideration:** With Shelbyville's wide array of programs and events establishing volunteer initiatives through community and youth groups would alleviate some of the demand on staff and establish a sense of pride in the community.



Longest Day Walk at Blue River Memorial Park



Champion Force Cheer-Leading Practice at the MAC



Blue River Soccer Association soccer game

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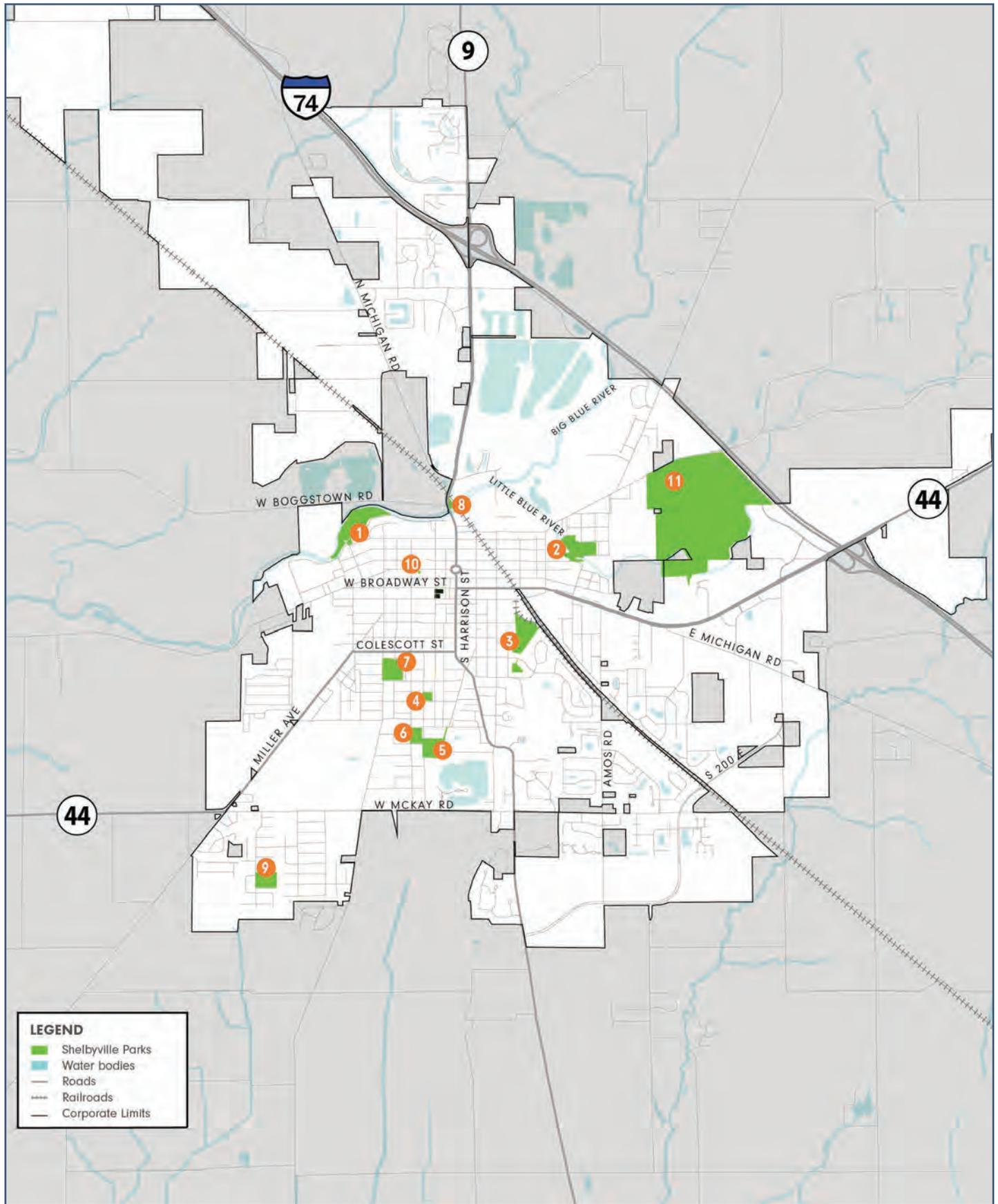
The following pages will provide a detailed inventory and analysis of the park facilities identified below and mapped in figure 2.1 Park System Map.

## PARK SYSTEM INVENTORY

Shelbyville park system is comprised of ten park facilities (see Figure 2.1). This includes seven public parks, an aquatic center, an athletic complex, trails, and a civic center. Blue River Memorial Park is the largest park in the parks system and includes several amenities and recreational facilities.

- 1 Sunset Park (16 Acres)
- 2 Kennedy Park (10 Acres)
- 3 Sunrise Park (10 Acres)
- 4 Carl McNeely Civic Center (30,000 sf)
- 5 Meridian Park Family Aquatic Center (95,774 sq ft)
- 6 (MAC) Meridian Athletic Complex (4 Acres)
- 7 Morrison Park (12 Acres)
- 8 Blue River Trailhead (0.8 Acres)
- 9 Clearwick Park (8 Acres)
- 10 Tindall Park (0.2 Acres)
- 11 Blue River Memorial Park (186 Acres)

**FIGURE 2.1: PARK SYSTEM MAP**



## CURRENT PARK SYSTEM AMENITY SNAPSHOT

The following chart depicts the quantity of each facility type that can be found within Shelbyville Parks and Recreation Department.



## PARK FACILITY TYPES

Shelbyville Parks and Recreation Department is made up of several different types of parks. Each park typology is identified below with a corresponding symbol. On the following inventory sheets each park is identified with one of these symbols.



### MINI PARK

Are small neighborhood parks typically under an acre in size. These parks usually serve people within a five-minute or a 1/4 mile walking radius of the park. Mini Parks are sometimes provided by a private developer as part of a residential development.



### NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

These parks tend to be smaller and typically are between 3-15 acres. They usually serve people within a 0-15 minute walk of the park. Typical amenities include: walking paths, playgrounds, open space, and picnic tables. Some Neighborhood parks in the Shelbyville park system include ball fields.



### COMMUNITY PARK

These parks tend to be larger than neighborhood parks, and serve a wider area due to the amenities they offer. They still cater to the nearby residents, but offer amenities that can draw people in from a further distance. These amenities often include: special programming, splash pads, dog parks, and centerpiece playgrounds.



### REGIONAL PARK

These parks tend to be larger and should be within a one hour drive of Shelbyville. This type of park should include natural areas and activities such as picnicking, boating, fishing, hiking, and other recreation features.



### SPECIAL USE PARK

These parks serve a single purpose or to meet a special need. These parks are likely to bring in users from a wider area due to their specialized nature. The size of these parks vary and there is no set standard from the NRPA.

# Park Name: CARL MCNEELY CIVIC CENTER (APROX. 30,000 SQ FT)

## General Information:

### Type of Park:



**SPECIAL USE PARK**

### Address:

945 S Tompkins St.  
Shelbyville, IN 4609

### Ownership:

City of Shelbyville

### Facility Description:

Centrally located in Shelbyville, the Carl McNeely Civic Center is in a historic school building. The department uses the facility to host several events, programs, preschool, and summer camps while also offering spaces that can be rented for private use. In addition to the Parks Department offices, the facility includes a gymnasium, banquet hall with a kitchen, two community rooms, and a fitness center.

### Overall Condition:

Overall, this facility is in fair condition considering its age. The Parks and Recreation Department has adapted this space to meet their current needs and has recently undergone some improvements with paint, new flooring, and roof repairs. Due to the age of the facility many of the systems and construction materials are dated and do not function as efficiently as they could.

## Site Photos:



## Park Facilities + Amenities:

- Qty. Facility Type
- Playground** (5-12 years)
  - Totlot** (2-5 years)
  - Basketball Court**  
Surfacing type + condition:  
**6 goals total, wood, fair condition**
  - Tennis Court**  
Surfacing type + condition: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Pickleball Court**  
Surfacing type + condition: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Multi-Use Court**  
Uses + surfacing type + condition: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Volleyball Court**  
Surfacing type + condition:  
**Wood, fair condition**
  - Softball Diamond**  
Youth or Adult + condition: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Baseball Diamond**  
Youth or Adult + condition: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Batting Cage**
  - Practice Field**
  - Soccer Field**  
Youth or Adult + condition: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Football Field**
  - Golf Course**  
Size: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Mini Golf Course**
  - Dog Park**  
Size + Amenities: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Disc Golf**  
Size: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Picnic Shelter**
  - Stage**
  - Amphitheater**

- Qty. Facility Type
- Splash Pad**
  - Swimming Pool**
  - Aquatic Center**  
Features: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Skate Park**  
Difficulty level: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Pump Track**
  - Trail**  
Type + Material: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Open Green Space**  
Size: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Fishing Area**
  - Boat Launch**
  - Restrooms**
  - Concessions**
  - Horseshoe Pit**
  - Outdoor Games** (cornhole, ping pong, etc.)  
Type: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Outdoor Fitness Equipment**  
Type: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Community Gardens**
  - Indoor Ice Rink**
  - Community Center**
  - Recreation Center**
  - Senior Center**
  - Teen Center**
  - Other: Rooms for rent** \_\_\_\_\_
  - Other: Banquet Hall w/ Kitchen** \_\_\_\_\_
  - Other: Fitness Gym** \_\_\_\_\_
  - Other:** \_\_\_\_\_

# Park Name: CLEARWICK (8 ACRES)

## General Information:

### Type of Park:



NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

### Address:

2609 Berwick Dr.  
Shelbyville, IN 4609

### Ownership:

City of Shelbyville

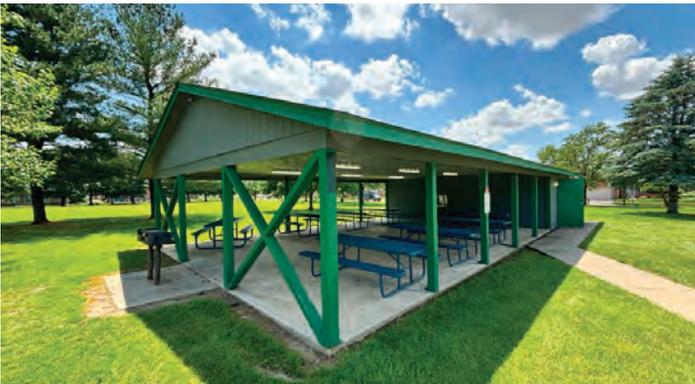
### Park Description:

Located within the Clearview and Berwick neighborhoods, Clearwick Park is the city's only community park on the southwest side serving a large residential area. The park includes a playground, a shelter, grills, restrooms, and a large grassy field.

### Overall Condition:

Overall, this park is in great condition. Several improvements were made to the park recently including new play equipment and park shelter updates. Although the shelter has been renovated, it is an aging amenity and might need updating in the near future. There are accessibility issues to the playground and settling of the walkways at the restroom doors and shelter that are creating tripping hazards. A comprehensive list of these improvements can be found in Chapter 06 Recommendations.

## Site Photos:



## Park Facilities + Amenities:

Qty.	Facility Type
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Playground</b> (5-12 years)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Totlot</b> (2-5 years)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Basketball Court</b> Surfacing type + condition: _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Tennis Court</b> Surfacing type + condition: _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Pickleball Court</b> Surfacing type + condition: _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Multi-Use Court</b> Uses + surfacing type + condition: _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Volleyball Court</b> Surfacing type + condition: _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Softball Diamond</b> Youth or Adult + condition: _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Baseball Diamond</b> Youth or Adult + condition: _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Batting Cage</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Practice Field</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Soccer Field</b> Youth or Adult + condition: _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Football Field</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Golf Course</b> Size: _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Mini Golf Course</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Dog Park</b> Size + Amenities: _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Disc Golf</b> Size: _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Picnic Shelter</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Stage</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Amphitheater</b>

Qty.	Facility Type
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Splash Pad</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Swimming Pool</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Aquatic Center</b> Features: _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Skate Park</b> Difficulty level: _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Pump Track</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Trail</b> Type + Material: _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Open Green Space</b> Size: <b>Roughly 3.5 acres</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Fishing Area</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Boat Launch</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Restrooms</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Concessions</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Horseshoe Pit</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Outdoor Games</b> (cornhole, ping pong, etc.) Type: _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Outdoor Fitness Equipment</b> Type: _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Community Gardens</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Indoor Ice Rink</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Community Center</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Recreation Center</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Senior Center</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Teen Center</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Other: Grills</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Other: Drinking fountain and water bottle fill station</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Other:</b> _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Other:</b> _____

# Park Name: BLUE RIVER TRAILHEAD (0.8 ACRES)

## General Information:

### Type of Park:



**SPECIAL USE PARK**

### Address:

702 N Harrison St,  
Shelbyville, IN 46176

### Ownership:

City of Shelbyville

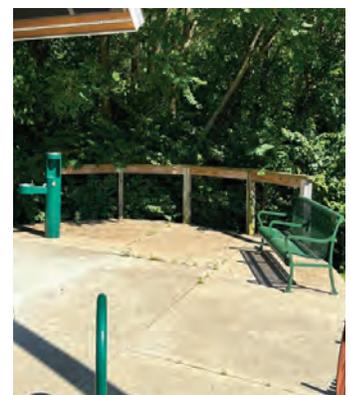
### Park Description:

Located on the east side of Harrison Street just before you cross the Big Blue River. This trailhead is an amenity to trail users for both the Blue River Trail and the Knauf Greenway. This trailhead includes a restroom building, seating, water fountain and bottle filling station, bike repair station, bike share station, bike racks, lighting, and parking lot.

### Overall Condition:

Generally, this park is in great condition with new amenities such as a bike share station and art installations. Currently, dense vegetation is disrupting the views of the river at each of these overlook points flanking the restroom facility. Some of the site furnishings are starting to rust and are in need of repairs or replacement.

## Site Photos:



## Park Facilities + Amenities:

Qty.	Facility Type	Qty.	Facility Type
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Playground</b> (5-12 years)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Splash Pad</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Totlot</b> (2-5 years)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Swimming Pool</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Basketball Court</b> Surfacing type + condition: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Aquatic Center</b> Features: _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Tennis Court</b> Surfacing type + condition: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Skate Park</b> Difficulty level: _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Pickleball Court</b> Surfacing type + condition: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Pump Track</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Multi-Use Court</b> Uses + surfacing type + condition: _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Trail</b> Type + Material: <b>Asphalt trail, Blue River Trail and Knauf Greenway</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Volleyball Court</b> Surfacing type + condition: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Open Green Space</b> Size: _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Softball Diamond</b> Youth or Adult + condition: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Fishing Area</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Baseball Diamond</b> Youth or Adult + condition: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Boat Launch</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Batting Cage</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Restrooms</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Practice Field</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Concessions</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Soccer Field</b> Youth or Adult + condition: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Horseshoe Pit</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Football Field</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Outdoor Games</b> (cornhole, ping pong, etc.) Type: _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Golf Course</b> Size: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Outdoor Fitness Equipment</b> Type: _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Mini Golf Course</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Community Gardens</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Dog Park</b> Size + Amenities: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Indoor Ice Rink</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Disc Golf</b> Size: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Community Center</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Picnic Shelter</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Recreation Center</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Stage</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Senior Center</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Amphitheater</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Teen Center</b>
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Other: Bike share station and Bike Repair Station</b>
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Other: Drinking fountain and water bottle fill station</b>
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Other: Benches</b>
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Other: Art instalations</b>
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Other: Parking lot, permeable pavers, 11 spaces</b>

# Park Name: **MORRISON PARK (12 ACRES)**

## General Information:

### Type of Park:



**NEIGHBORHOOD PARK**

### Address:

801 S West St.  
Shelbyville, IN 4609

### Ownership:

City of Shelbyville

### Park Description:

Morrison Park, originally City Park, is a very loved park and heavily utilized by the adjacent uses and the surrounding neighborhood. The park is located in central Shelbyville, and is the city's first park, established in 1909. The park sits in a residential neighborhood with the Girls & Boys Club and Girls Inc., abutting the west side of the park. The amenities at this park include two shelters, a playground, picnic tables, restrooms and 3,000 square foot storage building, gaga pit, 9 square, 4 square, and basketball.

### Overall Condition:

The park is in poor condition with dated equipment, remnants of memorials and past installations, heritage trees reaching the end of their life, and a disjointed gate-way feature. The biggest maintenance concern at this park is repeated vandalism to the equipment and restroom facility. There are many features in the park that are not accessible by sidewalk along with accessibility issues with the current sidewalks.

## Site Photos:



## Park Facilities + Amenities:

- Qty. Facility Type
- 1** **Playground** (5-12 years)
  - Totlot** (2-5 years)
  - 2** **Basketball Court**  
Surfacing type + condition: **Concrete, fair condition**
  - Tennis Court**  
Surfacing type + condition: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Pickleball Court**  
Surfacing type + condition: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Multi-Use Court**  
Uses + surfacing type + condition: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Volleyball Court**  
Surfacing type + condition: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Softball Diamond**  
Youth or Adult + condition: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Baseball Diamond**  
Youth or Adult + condition: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Batting Cage**
  - Practice Field**
  - Soccer Field**  
Youth or Adult + condition: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Football Field**
  - Golf Course**  
Size: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Mini Golf Course**
  - Dog Park**  
Size + Amenities: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Disc Golf**  
Size: \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2** **Picnic Shelter**
  - Stage**
  - Amphitheater**

- Qty. Facility Type
- Splash Pad**
  - Swimming Pool**
  - Aquatic Center**  
Features: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Skate Park**  
Difficulty level: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Pump Track**
  - Trail**  
Type + Material: \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1** **Open Green Space**  
Size: **Roughly 2 acres**
  - Fishing Area**
  - Boat Launch**
  - 1** **Restrooms**
  - Concessions**
  - Horseshoe Pit**
  - Outdoor Games** (cornhole, ping pong, etc.)  
Type: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Outdoor Fitness Equipment**  
Type: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Community Gardens**
  - Indoor Ice Rink**
  - Community Center**
  - Recreation Center**
  - Senior Center**
  - Teen Center**
  - 1** **Other: Grills**
  - 3** **Other: Gaga pit, 9 square, 4 square**
  - 1** **Other: Parks dept. storage facility, approx. 3,000 sf**

# Park Name: SUNSET PARK (16 ACRES)

## General Information:

### Type of Park:



**COMMUNITY PARK**

### Address:

544 Sunset Park Dr.  
Shelbyville, IN 46176

### Ownership:

City of Shelbyville

### Overall Condition:

The park is in declining condition and not utilized to its full potential. While some of the features are in good condition, such as the shelter restrooms, walking path, and new disc golf area, the rest of the park is tired and in need of updating. The playground equipment is dated and in need of replacement, the surfacing is failing and not meeting safety compliance in some areas and there is little to no shade near the playgrounds. The rest of the park has many accessibility barriers, including access to playground features and the river. The park is prone to seasonal flooding and requires debris cleanup after every flood event. The river bank is full of invasive species.

### Park Description:

Sunset Park is located just northwest of the city center along the Big Blue River. The park boasts a natural setting along the river with mature trees, open green space, and direct access off of the Blue River Trail. The park includes a picnic shelter with restrooms, playground, picnic tables, 1/2 mile walking trail, public boat access, grills, and a disc golf course.

## Site Photos:



## Park Facilities + Amenities:

- Qty. Facility Type
- 1** **Playground** (5-12 years)
  - Totlot** (2-5 years)
  - Basketball Court**  
Surfacing type + condition: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Tennis Court**  
Surfacing type + condition: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Pickleball Court**  
Surfacing type + condition: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Multi-Use Court**  
Uses + surfacing type + condition: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Volleyball Court**  
Surfacing type + condition: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Softball Diamond**  
Youth or Adult + condition: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Baseball Diamond**  
Youth or Adult + condition: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Batting Cage**
  - Practice Field**
  - Soccer Field**  
Youth or Adult + condition: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Football Field**
  - Golf Course**  
Size: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Mini Golf Course**
  - Dog Park**  
Size + Amenities: \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1** **Disc Golf**  
Size: **Fair Condition**
  - 1** **Picnic Shelter**
  - Stage**
  - Amphitheater**

- Qty. Facility Type
- Splash Pad**
  - Swimming Pool**
  - Aquatic Center**  
Features: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Skate Park**  
Difficulty level: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Pump Track**
  - 1** **Trail**  
Type + Material: **Narrow asphalt loop trail, fair condition**
  - 1** **Open Green Space**  
Size: **Roughly 5.8 acres**
  - Fishing Area**
  - 1** **Boat Launch**
  - 1** **Restrooms**
  - Concessions**
  - Horseshoe Pit**
  - Outdoor Games** (cornhole, ping pong, etc.)  
Type: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Outdoor Fitness Equipment**  
Type: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Community Gardens**
  - Indoor Ice Rink**
  - Community Center**
  - Recreation Center**
  - Senior Center**
  - Teen Center**
  - Other:** \_\_\_\_\_
  - Other:** \_\_\_\_\_
  - Other:** \_\_\_\_\_
  - Other:** \_\_\_\_\_

# Park Name: KENNEDY PARK (10 ACRES)

## General Information:

### Type of Park:



COMMUNITY PARK

### Address:

200 Minster Dr.  
Shelbyville, IN 46176

### Ownership:

City of Shelbyville

### Park Description:

Kennedy Park is located east of downtown Shelbyville along the Little Blue River. The park includes a playground with wheelchair accessible equipment, a shelter, softball diamond, two tennis courts, a basketball court, river access for fishing, pedestrian bridge crossing over the Little Blue River, and a restroom facility.

### Overall Condition:

Overall this park is in fair to poor condition. Although the basketball court goals have been replaced and the court was resurfaced. The majority of the equipment is aged and worn down. Several areas of the playground surfacing are in disrepair. The roof structure on the shelter is sagging and should be inspected for structural integrity and repair. The decking on pedestrian bridge over the river is showing signs of decay.

## Site Photos:



## Park Facilities + Amenities:

- Qty. Facility Type
- Playground** (5-12 years)
  - Totlot** (2-5 years)
  - Basketball Court**  
Surfacing type + condition: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Tennis Court**  
Surfacing type + condition: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Worn Condition, also marked with Pickleball**
  - Pickleball Court**  
Surfacing type + condition: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Multi-Use Court**  
Uses + surfacing type + condition: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Volleyball Court**  
Surfacing type + condition: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Softball Diamond**  
Youth or Adult + condition: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Baseball Diamond**  
Youth or Adult + condition: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Batting Cage**
  - Practice Field**
  - Soccer Field**  
Youth or Adult + condition: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Football Field**
  - Golf Course**  
Size: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Mini Golf Course**
  - Dog Park**  
Size + Amenities: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Disc Golf**  
Size: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Picnic Shelter**
  - Stage**
  - Amphitheater**

- Qty. Facility Type
- Splash Pad**
  - Swimming Pool**
  - Aquatic Center**  
Features: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Skate Park**  
Difficulty level: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Pump Track**
  - Trail**  
Type + Material: **Blue River Trail, Asphalt**
  - Open Green Space**  
Size: **Roughly 3.7 acres**
  - Fishing Area**
  - Boat Launch**
  - Restrooms**
  - Concessions**
  - Horseshoe Pit**
  - Outdoor Games** (cornhole, ping pong, etc.)  
Type: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Outdoor Fitness Equipment**  
Type: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Community Gardens**
  - Indoor Ice Rink**
  - Community Center**
  - Recreation Center**
  - Senior Center**
  - Teen Center**
  - Other:** \_\_\_\_\_
  - Other:** \_\_\_\_\_
  - Other:** \_\_\_\_\_
  - Other:** \_\_\_\_\_

# Park Name: SUNRISE PARK (10 ACRES)

## General Information:

### Type of Park:



COMMUNITY PARK

### Address:

501 E South St.  
Shelbyville, IN 46176

### Ownership:

City of Shelbyville

### Park Description:

Sunrise Park is southeast of downtown Shelbyville. This park is nestled in the community on the edge of residential and industrial areas. This park has three youth softball fields that are regularly used for tournaments, metal bleachers, a concession stand, and restrooms. The park also has a picnic shelter with a grill, a playground, and basketball goal on a small concrete slab.

### Overall Condition:

The overall condition of the park is fair and all amenities are dated and nearing the end of their life. This park is heavily used for softball and lacks adequate parking for large events. The lighting surrounding the fields are outdated and a few poles are leaning. The playground is dated and equipment is heavily worn but in fair functional condition. There are several mature trees that provide shade opportunities in the park.

## Site Photos:



## Park Facilities + Amenities:

- Qty. Facility Type
- 1** **Playground** (5-12 years)
  - Totlot** (2-5 years)
  - 1/2** **Basketball Court**  
Surfacing type + condition: **Poor condition**
  - Tennis Court**  
Surfacing type + condition: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Pickleball Court**  
Surfacing type + condition: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Multi-Use Court**  
Uses + surfacing type + condition: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Volleyball Court**  
Surfacing type + condition: \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3** **Softball Diamond**  
Youth or Adult + condition: **Fair condition**
  - Baseball Diamond**  
Youth or Adult + condition: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Batting Cage**
  - Practice Field**
  - Soccer Field**  
Youth or Adult + condition: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Football Field**
  - Golf Course**  
Size: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Mini Golf Course**
  - Dog Park**  
Size + Amenities: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Disc Golf**  
Size: \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1** **Picnic Shelter**
  - Stage**
  - Amphitheater**

- Qty. Facility Type
- Splash Pad**
  - Swimming Pool**
  - Aquatic Center**  
Features: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Skate Park**  
Difficulty level: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Pump Track**
  - Trail**  
Type + Material: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Open Green Space**  
Size: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Fishing Area**
  - Boat Launch**
  - 1** **Restrooms**
  - 1** **Concessions** **\*Current renovation project**
  - Horseshoe Pit**
  - Outdoor Games** (cornhole, ping pong, etc.)  
Type: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Outdoor Fitness Equipment**  
Type: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Community Gardens**
  - Indoor Ice Rink**
  - Community Center**
  - Recreation Center**
  - Senior Center**
  - Teen Center**
  - Other:** \_\_\_\_\_
  - Other:** \_\_\_\_\_
  - Other:** \_\_\_\_\_
  - Other:** \_\_\_\_\_

# Park Name: MERIDIAN ATHLETIC COMPLEX (4 ACRES)

## General Information:

### Type of Park:



**SPECIAL USE PARK**

### Address:

562 Hoover St.  
Shelbyville, IN 46176

### Ownership:

City of Shelbyville

### Park Description:

Meridian Athletic Complex is located directly across from Meridian Park Family Aquatic Center on the south side of Shelbyville. This sports facility includes four softball diamonds, concessions, restrooms and a gravel parking lot. This complex is only open for reservation or scheduled games.

### Overall Condition:

This park overall is in good condition. There are a few accessibility challenges with this facility regarding the parking lot. The concrete ramps into the parking lot have a defined edge creating a challenging condition.

## Site Photos:



## Park Facilities + Amenities:

- | Qty.                     | Facility Type  |
|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Playground</b> (5-12 years)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Totlot</b> (2-5 years)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Basketball Court</b><br>Surfacing type + condition: _____                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Tennis Court</b><br>Surfacing type + condition: _____                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Pickleball Court</b><br>Surfacing type + condition: _____                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Multi-Use Court</b><br>Uses + surfacing type + condition: _____           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Volleyball Court</b><br>Surfacing type + condition: _____                 |
| <b>4</b>                 | <b>Softball Diamond</b><br>Youth or Adult + condition: <b>Fair condition</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Baseball Diamond</b><br>Youth or Adult + condition: _____                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Batting Cage</b>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Practice Field</b>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Soccer Field</b><br>Youth or Adult + condition: _____                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Football Field</b>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Golf Course</b><br>Size: _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Mini Golf Course</b>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Dog Park</b><br>Size + Amenities: _____                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Disc Golf</b><br>Size: _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Picnic Shelter</b>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Stage</b>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Amphitheater</b>  |

- | Qty.                     | Facility Type   |
|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Splash Pad</b>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Swimming Pool</b>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Aquatic Center</b><br>Features: _____                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Skate Park</b><br>Difficulty level: _____                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Pump Track</b>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Trail</b><br>Type + Material: _____                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Open Green Space</b><br>Size: _____                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Fishing Area</b>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Boat Launch</b>  |
| <b>1</b>                 | <b>Restrooms</b>  |
| <b>1</b>                 | <b>Concessions</b>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Horseshoe Pit</b>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Outdoor Games</b> (cornhole, ping pong, etc.)<br>Type: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Outdoor Fitness Equipment</b><br>Type: _____                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Community Gardens</b>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Indoor Ice Rink</b>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Community Center</b>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Recreation Center</b>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Senior Center</b>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Teen Center</b>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Other:</b> _____   |

# Park Name: MERIDIAN PARK FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER (95,774 SQ FT)

## General Information:

### Type of Park:



**SPECIAL USE PARK**

### Address:

101 Mckinley St.  
Shelbyville, IN 46176

### Ownership:

City of Shelbyville

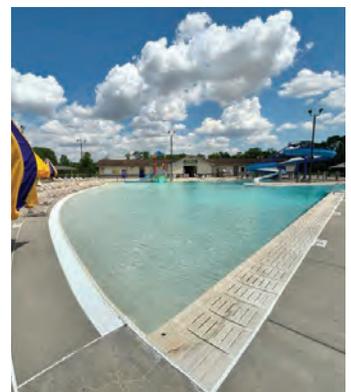
### Park Description:

Meridian Park Family Aquatic Center is located on the south side of Shelbyville. This park includes an aquatic facility with lap lanes, beach entry, a toddler play feature and splash zone, four water slides, a diving board, bathhouse, concessions, cabana rentals, a picnic area and volleyball nets.

### Overall Condition:

Overall the facility is in good condition and is heavily used every season. The facility is well maintained, but it is over 20 years old and beginning to show its age. The aging pool equipment is inefficient and requires a considerable amount of maintenance annually. Staff noted the high water table on the site creates several challenges for the pool.

## Site Photos:



## Park Facilities + Amenities:

- Qty. Facility Type
- Playground** (5-12 years)
  - Totlot** (2-5 years)
  - Basketball Court**  
Surfacing type + condition: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Tennis Court**  
Surfacing type + condition: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Pickleball Court**  
Surfacing type + condition: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Multi-Use Court**  
Uses + surfacing type + condition: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Volleyball Court**  
Surfacing type + condition: **Beach Volleyball net in grass area**
  - Softball Diamond**  
Youth or Adult + condition: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Baseball Diamond**  
Youth or Adult + condition: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Batting Cage**
  - Practice Field**
  - Soccer Field**  
Youth or Adult + condition: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Football Field**
  - Golf Course**  
Size: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Mini Golf Course**
  - Dog Park**  
Size + Amenities: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Disc Golf**  
Size: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Picnic Shelter**
  - Stage**
  - Amphitheater**

- Qty. Facility Type
- Splash Pad**
  - Swimming Pool**
  - Aquatic Center**  
Features: **Toddler splash zone, slides, diving boards, climbing wall**
  - Skate Park**  
Difficulty level: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Pump Track**
  - Trail**  
Type + Material: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Open Green Space**  
Size: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Fishing Area**
  - Boat Launch**
  - Restrooms**
  - Concessions**
  - Horseshoe Pit**
  - Outdoor Games** (cornhole, ping pong, etc.)  
Type: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Outdoor Fitness Equipment**  
Type: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Community Gardens**
  - Indoor Ice Rink**
  - Community Center**
  - Recreation Center**
  - Senior Center**
  - Teen Center**
  - Other: Cabanas for rent**
  - Other:** \_\_\_\_\_
  - Other:** \_\_\_\_\_
  - Other:** \_\_\_\_\_

# Park Name: BLUE RIVER MEMORIAL PARK (186 ACRES)

## General Information:

### Type of Park:



REGIONAL PARK

### Address:

101 Mckinley St.  
Shelbyville, IN 46176

### Ownership:

City of Shelbyville

### Overall Condition:

This park is heavily utilized and maintained very well. The park is in good condition. There are several maintenance concerns regarding drainage of the softball fields, the mechanics of the splash pad, the river bank erosion and invasive species that result in extra maintenance and repairs annually.

### Park Description:

Blue River Memorial Park is located on the northeast edge of Shelbyville along I-74. This is Shelbyville's largest park with an abundance of amenities such as a splash pad, dog park, softball fields, soccer fields, pickleball courts, trails, cross country course, playground, fishing nodes, canoe and kayak drop, shelter and picnic areas. The SPRD primary maintenance facility is also located at the park.

## Site Photos:



## Park Facilities + Amenities:

- Qty. Facility Type
- 1** **Playground** (5-12 years)
  - Totlot** (2-5 years)
  - Basketball Court**  
Surfacing type + condition: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Tennis Court**  
Surfacing type + condition: \_\_\_\_\_
  - 8** **Pickleball Court**  
Surfacing type + condition: **Newly installed w/ shade pavilion**
  - Multi-Use Court**  
Uses + surfacing type + condition: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Volleyball Court**  
Surfacing type + condition: \_\_\_\_\_
  - 4** **Softball Diamond**  
Youth or Adult + condition: **Good conditions, Drainage concerns**
  - Baseball Diamond**  
Youth or Adult + condition: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Batting Cage**
  - Practice Field**
  - 6+** **Soccer Field**  
Youth or Adult + condition: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Football Field**
  - Golf Course**  
Size: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Mini Golf Course**
  - 1** **Dog Park**  
Size + Amenities: **2 agility areas, 1 open play**
  - Disc Golf**  
Size: \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3** **Picnic Shelter**
  - Stage**
  - Amphitheater**

- Qty. Facility Type
- 1** **Splash Pad**
  - Swimming Pool**
  - Aquatic Center**  
Features: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Skate Park**  
Difficulty level: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Pump Track**
  - 1** **Trail**  
Type + Material: **Walking and bike trail paved**
  - 1** **Open Green Space**  
Size: **20 + acres**
  - 1** **Fishing Area**
  - 1** **Boat Launch**
  - 3** **Restrooms**
  - 2** **Concessions**
  - Horseshoe Pit**
  - Outdoor Games** (cornhole, ping pong, etc.)  
Type: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Outdoor Fitness Equipment**  
Type: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Community Gardens**
  - Indoor Ice Rink**
  - Community Center**
  - Recreation Center**
  - Senior Center**
  - Teen Center**
  - 1** **Other: Cross Country track**
  - Other:** \_\_\_\_\_
  - Other:** \_\_\_\_\_
  - Other:** \_\_\_\_\_

# Park Name: TINDALL PARK (.2 ACRES)

## General Information:

### Type of Park:



MINI PARK

### Address:

151 West Washington St.  
Shelbyville, IN 46176

### Ownership:

City of Shelbyville

### Park Description:

Tindall Park is Shelbyville's smallest park. This park is centrally located downtown, west of the Shelbyville Public Square. This park includes a playground with limited play equipment and mulch surfacing.

### Overall Condition:

This park is in fair to poor condition, the equipment is dated and the surfacing is severely worn down in areas. The park is largely utilized by Beyond the Label, an organization that supports individuals with autism and developmental disabilities. The main concerns are that this park is lacking sensory play equipment, an enclosure and accessible equipment for individuals with varying disabilities.

## Site Photos:



## Park Facilities + Amenities:

- Qty. Facility Type
- 1** **Playground** (5-12 years)
  - Totlot** (2-5 years)
  - Basketball Court**  
Surfacing type + condition: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Tennis Court**  
Surfacing type + condition: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Pickleball Court**  
Surfacing type + condition: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Multi-Use Court**  
Uses + surfacing type + condition: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Volleyball Court**  
Surfacing type + condition: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Softball Diamond**  
Youth or Adult + condition: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Baseball Diamond**  
Youth or Adult + condition: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Batting Cage**
  - Practice Field**
  - Soccer Field**  
Youth or Adult + condition: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Football Field**
  - Golf Course**  
Size: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Mini Golf Course**
  - Dog Park**  
Size + Amenities: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Disc Golf**  
Size: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Picnic Shelter**
  - Stage**
  - Amphitheater**

- Qty. Facility Type
- Splash Pad**
  - Swimming Pool**
  - Aquatic Center**  
Features: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Skate Park**  
Difficulty level: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Pump Track**
  - Trail**  
Type + Material: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Open Green Space**  
Size: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Fishing Area**
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Type: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Community Gardens**
  - Indoor Ice Rink**
  - Community Center**
  - Recreation Center**
  - Senior Center**
  - Teen Center**
  - Other:** \_\_\_\_\_
  - Other:** \_\_\_\_\_
  - Other:** \_\_\_\_\_
  - Other:** \_\_\_\_\_

## OTHER COMMUNITY RESOURCES

In addition to the facilities operated by the Shelbyville Parks and Recreation Department, a number of other recreational facilities can be found throughout the community and region. Figure 2.2 illustrates some of these additional community resources and recreational opportunities that are available to the community.

Areas not shown on the map include Meltzer Woods and Blue Bear Golf Club.

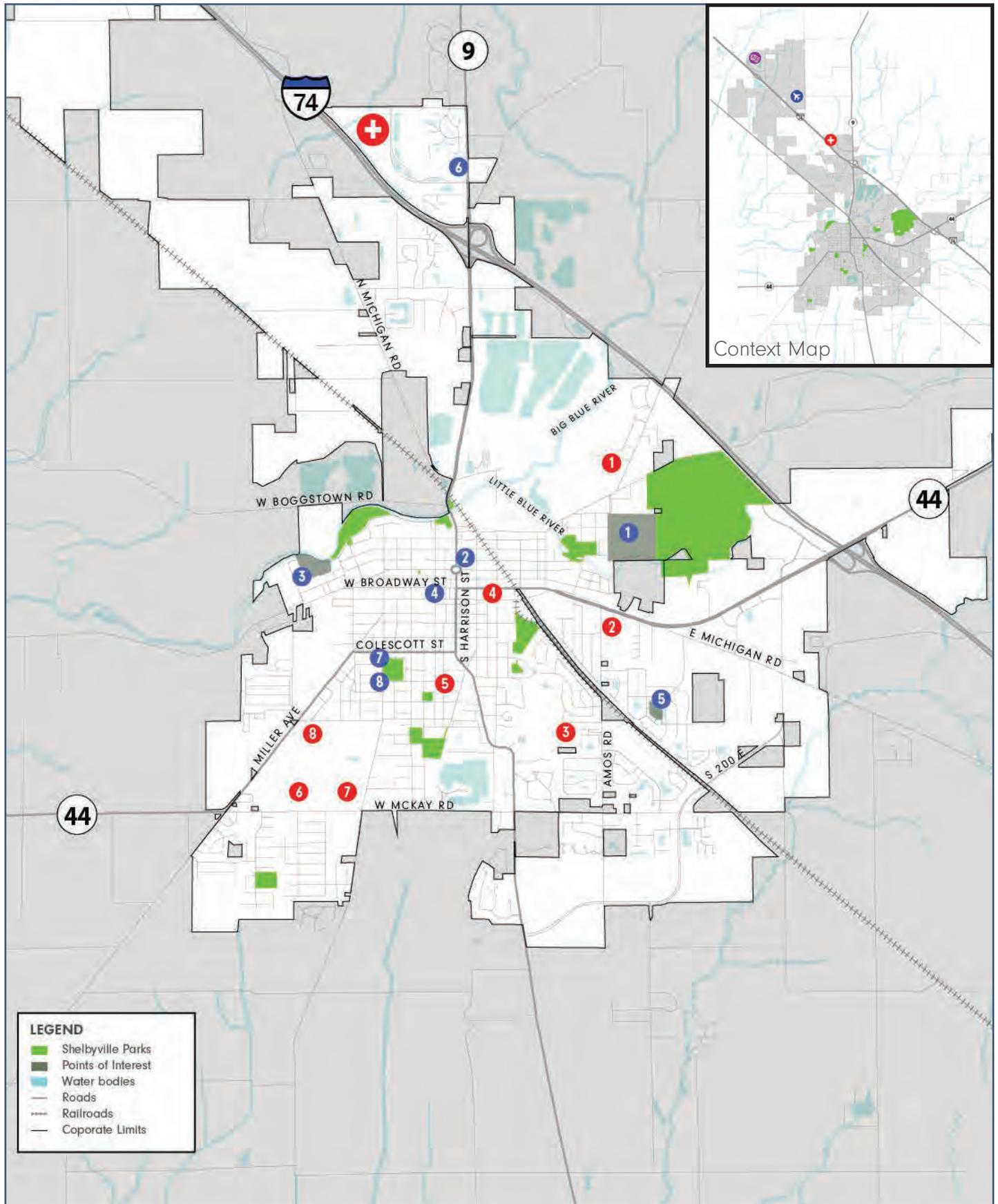
### Schools

- 1 Coulston Elementary School
- 2 Golden Bear Preschool
- 3 William F. Loper Elementary School
- 4 St. Joseph Catholic School
- 5 Shelbyville Christian Academy
- 6 Shelbyville Middle School
- 7 Shelbyville High School
- 8 Thomas A Hendricks Elementary School

### Points of Interest

- 1 Shelby County Fair Grounds
- 2 Shelbyville Downtown Public Square
- 3 Babe Ruth Baseball Park
- 4 Shelbyville Public Library
- 5 Neighborhood Playground
- 6 Shelby County YMCA
- 7 Boys & Girls Club
- 8 Girls Inc. Shelbyville
-  Horseshoe Casino
-  Shelbyville Municipal Airport
-  MHP Major Hospital

**FIGURE 2.2: COMMUNITY RESOURCES MAP**



## TRAILS AND LINEAR PARK SYSTEM

The City of Shelbyville prioritizes its trails and believes that trails provide valuable recreational opportunities. The City of Shelbyville currently has over 12 miles of existing trails and 6 mile of planned trail expansions as seen on Figure 2.3.

The current trails throughout the parks and recreation system include:

- 1 Blue River Trail - 4.0 miles
- 2 Knauf Greenway - 1.6 miles
- 3 Story Book Trail - 0.1 miles
- 4 Progress Parkway Trail - 4.02 miles
- 5 Sunset Park Loop Trail- 0.5 miles
- 6 West Side Trail- 2.1 miles
- 7 Blue River Trailhead



Knauf Greenway

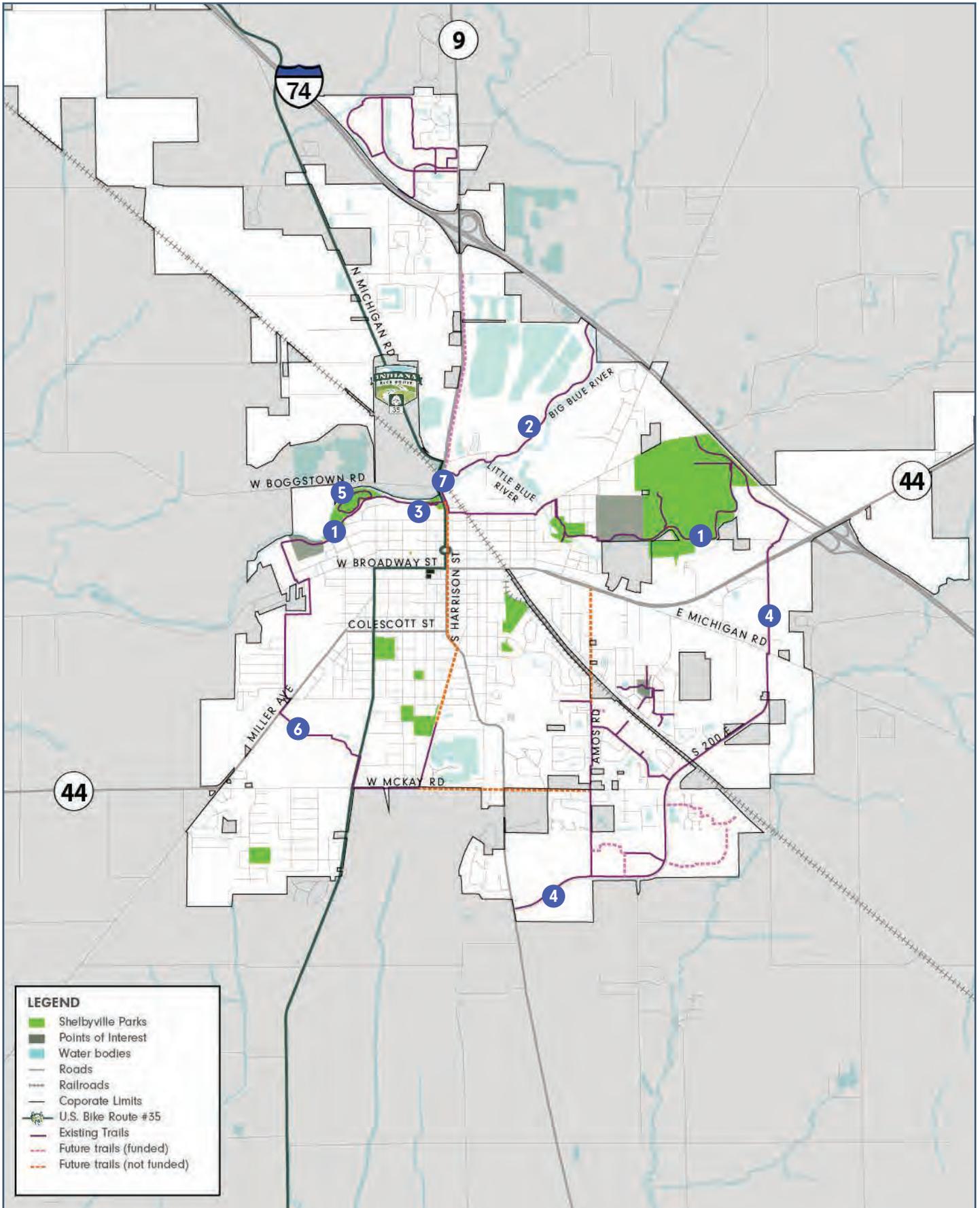


Story Book Trail



Blue River Trail at Blue River Memorial Park

**FIGURE 2.3: TRAILS MAP**



# ACCESSIBILITY AND UNIVERSAL DESIGN

## CITY OF SHELBYVILLE EXISTING ACCESSIBILITY POLICY

The City of Shelbyville and Shelbyville Parks and Recreation Department support the American Disabilities Act by making reasonable accommodations in serving individuals with disabilities. Program and facilities are offered on a non-discriminatory basis. The designation "accessible" indicates access for wheelchair users in compliance with the Uniform Federal Accessibility Standard (ADA). Reference the City of Shelbyville ADA Transition Plan in the appendix for more information regarding the City of Shelbyville's procedures and accommodations.

The City of Shelbyville's ADA Coordinators are responsible for the overall compliance of accessibility. These individuals are:

Jenny Meltzer  
**p:** 317-398-6624  
**e:** [jmeltzer@cityofshelbyvillein.com](mailto:jmeltzer@cityofshelbyvillein.com)

John Kuntz  
**p:** 317-392-5102  
**e:** [john.kuntz@cityofshelbyvillein.com](mailto:john.kuntz@cityofshelbyvillein.com)

## GRIEVANCE POLICY

The full version of the policy can be found in the appendix. In Summary, the Grievance Procedure is established to meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"). The full version of the policy can be found in the appendix. It may be used by anyone who wishes to file a complaint alleging discrimination on the basis of disability in the provision of services, activities, programs or benefits by the City of Shelbyville. The City's Personnel Policy governs employment related complaints of disability discrimination.

The complaint should be in writing and contain information about the alleged discrimination such as name, address, phone number of complainant and location, date and description of the problem. Alternative means of filing complaints, such as personal interviews or a tape recording of the complaint will

be made available for persons with disabilities upon request.

The complaint should be submitted by the grievant and/or his/her designee as soon as possible but no later than 60 calendar days after the alleged violation to:

Jenny Meltzer  
City Attorney  
44 W. Washington Street  
Shelbyville, IN 46176

## PARK SYSTEM ACCESSIBILITY

Accessibility covers a variety of disabilities including but not limited to:

- Visual impairments/blindness
- Hearing impairments/deafness
- Many varieties of mobility limitations
- Cognitive impairments

## ISSUES IN THE PARK SYSTEM

The following general issues were observed during review of the existing park system:

- Several playgrounds currently do not provide adequate access or surfacing is not meeting minimum accessible requirements for accessibility
- Few accessible drinking fountains
- Lack of accessible seating at picnic areas
- Missing accessible connections to many park features
- Few accessible swings
- Several barriers observed along perceived accessible routes due to maintenance issues and walk conditions

## ACCOMMODATIONS

- The Meridian Aquatic Center accommodates mobility disabilities by providing a beach entry and a water chair for users to roll into the pool.
- The Meridian Aquatic Center also holds sensory nights where special measures are enforced to



Morrison Park has no sidewalks connecting some of its amenities, making it difficult for wheelchair access. Some of these amenities include the park shelter and benches.



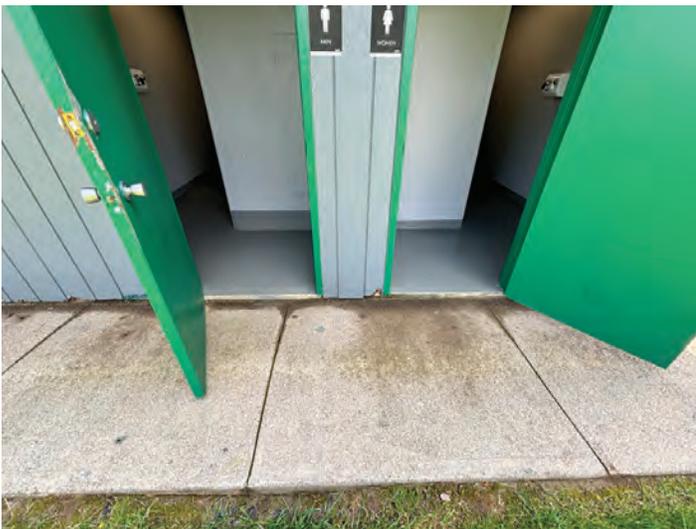
Morrison Park's sidewalk transition into its playground area is washed out, causing a six inch elevation drop from the connecting sidewalk.



Tindall Park is often used by Beyond the Label, an organization that supports individuals with autism and developmental disabilities. However the park does not currently have any accessible play equipment.



The Meridian Athletic Complex's gravel parking lot is not an accessible surface and the raised transition between the lot and the connecting sidewalk create barriers for wheelchair accessibility.



The sidewalk connecting to Clearwick Park's restrooms is settled almost two inches below the floor, creating a potential tripping hazard.



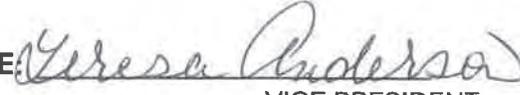
Sunset Park has issues with access to playground. Some of the walks do not meet the playground areas and the surface is overgrown causing barriers to wheelchair access.

# ASSURANCE OF ACCESSIBILITY COMPLIANCE FORM

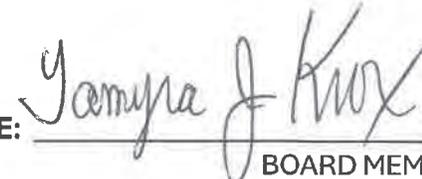
**ASSURANCE OF ACCESSIBILITY COMPLIANCE WITH:  
ARCHITECTURAL BARRIERS ACT OF 1968 (As Amended);  
SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973 (As Amended);  
AND TITLE II OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990  
(As Amended)**

The *City of Shelbyville Board of Park Commissioners* has read the guidelines for compliance with the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 (As Amended); Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (As Amended); and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (As Amended) and will comply with the applicable requirements of these acts.

SIGNATURE:   
PRESIDENT  
Gary Volley  
(President's printed name)

SIGNATURE:   
VICE PRESIDENT  
Teresa Anderson  
(Vice President's printed name)

SIGNATURE:   
BOARD MEMBER  
Scarlett Tinsley-Price  
(Board Member's printed name)

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BOARD MEMBER  
TAMYRA J. KNOX  
(Board Member's printed name)

DATE: APRIL 9, 2025

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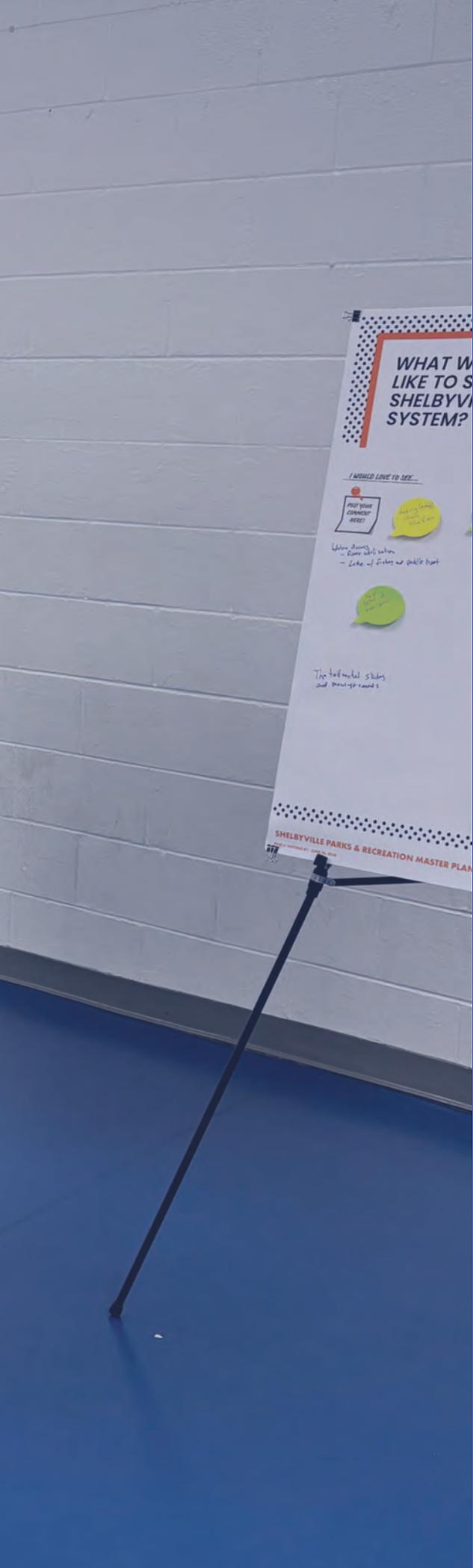


WHAT CONCERNS DO YOU HAVE ABOUT SHELBYVILLE PARKS & WHAT ARE YOUR SUGGESTIONS?

WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT SHELBYVILLE PARKS & RECREATION?

Several people are gathered on the left side of the room, looking at the displays. A woman in the foreground is wearing a white long-sleeved shirt and a black floral skirt, holding a camera. Behind her, a man in a black shirt and a woman in a yellow patterned shirt are visible.

A woman in a bright blue t-shirt and jeans is seen from the back, looking towards the displays. She has a small woven bag slung over her shoulder. To her right, a woman in a bright green t-shirt is also looking at the displays.



# 03

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

## CHAPTER OVERVIEW

This chapter gives a detailed overview of the public engagement methods and summarizes the feedback and key takeaways. Meeting minutes, sign-in sheets, and the full survey results can be found in the appendix.

## PUBLIC INPUT SUMMARIES

Public input and feedback was collected in the following ways during this planning process:

- Public Survey (Random Public Input)
- Public Survey Outreach (Spanish Translation)
- Public Presentation (Non-random Public Input)
- Public Input Sessions (Non-random Public Input)
- Steering Committee Planning Meetings
- Staff Interviews
- Press Release and Social Media Posts

The schedule below illustrates when in the process these events took place:



Sculpture at Carl McNeely Civic Center

PUBLIC INPUT OFFERING	DATE/LOCATION	PARTICIPANTS
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING NO.1	WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2024 3:30PM @ CARL MCNEELY CIVIC CENTER	6
STAFF INTERVIEWS	JUNE 11, 2024	4
ONLINE SURVEY AVAILABLE	JUNE 26, 2024 THROUGH JULY 30, 2024	310
PUBLIC PRESENTATION/INPUT SESSION NO.1	JUNE 26, 2024 6:030PM @ CARL MCNEELY CIVIC CENTER	27
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING NO.2	AUGUST 21, 2024 4:00PM @ CARL MCNEELY CIVIC CENTER	6
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING NO.3	OCTOBER 29, 2024 4:00PM @ CARL MCNEELY CIVIC CENTER	6
PUBLIC PLAN PRESENTATION/INPUT SESSION NO.2	MARCH 6, 2025 6:00PM @ CARL MCNEELY CIVIC CENTER	20

# STEERING COMMITTEE PLANNING MEETINGS

Planning meetings or visioning sessions were held with the steering committee during the planning process. This included both steering committee meetings as well as staff interviews. Key takeaways and priorities were identified from these sessions and are listed below:

## WHAT IS THE PARKS DEPARTMENT DOING WELL?

Expanding trail network

Updating splash pad

Consistent and diverse programing

Well maintained outdoor aquatic facility serving the region

## WHAT IN THE PARKS SYSTEM NEEDS WORK?

Access to the Blue River

Remove barriers in the Blue River that hinder kayaking

Teen events & programing

Increase revenue generating activities

## MAIN GOAL FOR THIS 5 YEAR PARK PLAN

An **actionable plan** that establishes realistic goals and expectations for the city and community that can be implemented.



Steering Committee Planning Meeting

# PUBLIC INPUT SESSION I

A public input session was held on June 26, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. where twenty-seven (27) members of the public attended. 75% of the attendees were city officials, city employees, and park board members. The meeting was publicly advertised in the following ways:

- Social Media Posting on the SPRD platforms
- Flyers at several public locations
- Advertised in Parks Program Guide & County Chamber of Commerce Community Connections
- Yard signs at each park
- Distributed through internal newsletter

A recording of the meeting and presentation was provided on the city website to make the information available to those that were not able to make the meeting. The presentation can be found in the appendix. Key takeaways from this session are included on the following pages.

## PRESENTATION AND OPEN DISCUSSION

At the Public input session a brief introduction informing the community on the planning process, the purpose of a parks plan, and how the plan will be used was presented. Then the meeting was opened up for informal discussion. The room was then set up with several exercise boards asking the public to provide comments and feedback. Staff and members of the steering committee interacted with the public to help guide meaningful discussions about what they want for



Social Media Post - Public Input Session Advertisement



Public presentation and input session

WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT SHELBYVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION?	
I ALWAYS GO TO...	Kennedy Park
	Blue River Memorial Park
	Splash Pad
MY FAVORITE THING IS..	Water bottle filling stations
	Aquatic Center
	Bike repair station
	Trails
	Programming
I LOVE...	Splash Pad
	Trails
	Bike share
	Amount of green space

## WHAT IS MISSING FROM SHELBYVILLE PARKS SYSTEM?

<b>COMMENTS</b>	Pedestrian connection to the other side of I-74
	Increase views towards bodies of water
	Connection between the Knauf Trail and Blue River Park
	Utilizing lowland or undeveloped land for a new park typology such as nature preserve with elevated boardwalk
	Additional Parks to the southeast of Shelbyville
	New park space for neighborhoods north of the river

## WHAT CONCERNS DO YOU HAVE ABOUT SHELBYVILLE PARKS & RECREATION? WHAT ARE YOUR SUGGESTIONS?

<b>I HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT...</b>	Kennedy Park - Needs major TLC - Explore parking options at Kennedy
	Registration complexities for facilities and events
	Programs for young adults
	Need for a sport complex not associated with Blue River Memorial Park
	Current civic center building does not have adequate room
	Shelbyville Pool - Pool is 26 years old - Lifeguard recruitment & training
<b>I WOULD SUGGEST...</b>	Trails - Additional trails & trail connections - Restroom facilities at trails
	Civic Center - Indoor Playground - Community center - Nice event center with upscale rental space
	Pool - Indoor pool facility - New Pool - Lazy river

## WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN THE SHELBYVILLE PARKS SYSTEM?

I WOULD LOVE TO SEE...	Trail connections
	Soccer field for rec play
	Larger pool with lazy river
	Ropes course
	Wi-Fi at all park shelters
	River <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Better public perception of the river</li> <li>- Tubing/kayak rental</li> <li>- Pedestrian connection across the river, i.e., rope bridge</li> </ul>
	Playground <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Inclusive play &amp; ADA compliant play at each playground</li> <li>- Space designated for preschool &amp; camp</li> <li>- Updated playground equipment</li> <li>- Indoor playground equipment</li> <li>- More shade structures</li> </ul>
	Morrison Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Stage or event space for live music</li> <li>- Splash pad</li> </ul>
Blue River Memorial <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Maintain open green space, limit sport expansion at the park</li> </ul>	
Civic center/Sports complex <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- New and bigger civic center</li> <li>- Nice rental space</li> <li>- Classroom for cooking class</li> <li>- Indoor pickleball</li> <li>- Indoor walking track</li> </ul>	

## WHAT IMPROVEMENTS WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE AT MORRISON PARK?

COMMENTS	New Playground
	Security cameras
	Additional landscaping throughout
	Soccer fields
	Pickleball
	Trails
	Splash pad at old tennis enclosure

# PUBLIC SURVEY

An online survey was advertised to the public in the following ways:

- Social Media Postings on the SPRD platforms
- Distributed through internal newsletter
- Yard signs at each park

The survey was made available from June 26, 2024 through July 31, 2024. A total of three hundred-ten (310) responses were documented during that time. The following is a summary and analysis of the public survey results as well as potential strategies and considerations.



Social Media Post - Online Survey Advertisement

TAKEAWAYS	
COMMON THEMES	SUMMARY/STRATEGIES
TRAILS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Trails are <b>popular, consistently used, and loved</b> by the community.</li> <li>- More <b>greenway trails, bike lanes, internal loop trails within parks</b> and <b>connectivity between destinations</b> are desired.</li> <li>- <b>Hiking trails</b> in natural areas are also desired.</li> <li>- <b>Considerations:</b> Continue to make trail development and amenities a priority, fill in the missing linkages to complete system connectivity, look for regional connectivity opportunities.</li> </ul>
NATURE- BASED RECREATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Respondents ranked Blue River Memorial Park highly on the survey, thoroughly enjoy this local natural amenity and would like to see <b>more nature-based recreation throughout the city</b> along with <b>better connectivity</b> to those areas currently available to them.</li> <li>- <b>Shade, natural areas, and hiking opportunities</b> are desired within the parks system.</li> <li>- Establishing a <b>clean river corridor for kayaking and canoeing</b> is a high priority among respondents.</li> <li>- <b>Considerations:</b> System-wide tree inventory/planting schedule, look for opportunities to acquire natural areas (woodlands/wetlands), increase nature-based programming, develop a "blueway" plan including access, erosion control, cleanup, and acquisition.</li> </ul>
FACILITY CONDITIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- While respondents ranked playgrounds, restrooms, sports facilities and sidewalks in relatively good condition, many comments stated repairs and improvements are needed. Comments consistently mentioned the need for <b>improvements to restroom facilities, increased access to restrooms</b> and a concern for <b>safety near restroom facilities</b>. Other comments highlighted a <b>desire for new playground equipment</b> and a need for more <b>equipment suitable for children under five years old</b>.</li> <li>- Additional accessible equipment and ground level play elements was another common theme as well as a general concern for the safety of children with disabilities within the parks.</li> <li>- <b>Considerations:</b> Post surveillance and hours for restrooms and be consistent with access, make accessibility a priority as new equipment is selected for playgrounds.</li> </ul>

COMMON THEMES	SUMMARY/STRATEGIES
PROGRAMMING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Generally, the respondents were <b>satisfied with the current programming</b> and activities that Shelbyville Parks and Recreation Department facilitates.</li> <li>- <b>Considerations:</b> Respondents suggest additional programming opportunities such as adult swim nights, programs suitable for those with disabilities, and teen events.</li> </ul>
SAFETY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Respondents had several comments regarding safety related to <b>the frequency of transient population occupying park facilities</b> specifically restrooms and shelters.</li> <li>- Observations about the <b>unhoused population camping along trails</b> and in parking lots were consistent within the comments.</li> <li>- <b>Considerations:</b> Additional lighting, emergency call stations along trails and dawn to dusk enforcement.</li> </ul>

## DEMOGRAPHICS

DEMOGRAPHIC	INPUT	SUMMARY/STRATEGIES
AGE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• &lt;20 years old (6.13%)</li> <li>• 20-24 years old (2.90%)</li> <li>• 25-34 years old (17.74%)</li> <li>• 35-44 years old (22.90%)</li> <li>• 45-54 years old (20.65%)</li> <li>• 55-64 years old (18.71%)</li> <li>• 65+ years old (10.97%).</li> </ul>	<p>The median age in Shelbyville is 35.6, which is lower than the state of Indiana at 38.2. The largest groups to respond were those between 35 and 64 years, which aligns well with the population of the community. Seniors were the second smallest group to respond, yet still provided 11% of responses so some indication of the needs of this population is represented in this data.</p>
RACE	<p>92.58% of respondents identified as White/Caucasian</p>	<p>This aligns with the demographic makeup of the community with 88.6% of Shelbyville, IN white/Caucasian and 95.8% of Shelby County white/Caucasian. Approximately 8.8% of the Shelbyville population is Hispanic. Both Spanish and English versions of the survey were made available. The Spanish survey only received 2 responses, which equates to less than 1% of the respondents.</p>
INCOME	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$120k + (28.06%)</li> <li>• \$61k - \$90k (18.71%)</li> <li>• \$91k - \$120k (18.71%)</li> </ul>	<p>The median household income for Indiana is \$67,785. Shelbyville is significantly lower at \$55,850. This may suggest that adjusting user fees or providing free programming to accommodate lower socio-economic groups within the community could be beneficial.</p>

DEMOGRAPHIC	INPUT	SUMMARY/STRATEGIES
CHILDREN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A (52.58%)</li> <li>• Ages 12-18 (23.23%)</li> <li>• Ages 6-11 (21.61%)</li> <li>• Ages 0-5 (20.00%)</li> </ul>	Youth and teens are not well represented in this survey directly. Over 65% of respondents, however, have children between the ages of 0-18, so guardians of youth and teens are well represented. Many respondents have children in several categories, which is why these category percentages total more than 100% when combined.
RESIDENTIAL STATUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shelbyville City Limits (57.10%)</li> <li>• Shelby County (38.39%)</li> <li>• Other (4.52%, specified in comments)</li> </ul>	Over 58% of respondents reside within Shelbyville and over 38% reside in Shelby County. This suggests that many people work and recreate in Shelbyville but live elsewhere. Because a high percentage of park users may not be paying taxes that directly support the parks system, separate user fees may be appropriate for county residents. Conversely, if the city wants to encourage county residents to use city parks and programming, refraining from separate pricing levels may be an alternate approach.

ACCESSIBILITY		
QUESTION	INPUT	SUMMARY/STRATEGIES
DO ANY MEMBERS OF YOUR FAMILY HAVE DISABILITIES?	No (85.81% of 312 Responses)	A majority of respondents do not have family members with a disability defined by the ADA. Based on responses, most are satisfied with how the parks system is currently accommodating people with disabilities. However, suggestions for improvements included adding or improving accessible parking, restrooms, and play equipment (swings or lower-level play elements).
IS THE PARKS SYSTEM ACCOMMODATING TO FAMILIES WITH DISABILITIES?	No (4.5% of 312 Responses)	12 out of 42 respondents stated the parks system is not accommodating for families with disabilities. Although most respondents with accessibility needs noted there are not any issues, 30% disapproval suggests a need for improvements. Some of these suggestions included in the comments are including sensory play, wheelchair swings, involving a local disability specialist to assess the facilities and programming, and to improve the accessibility within restrooms.

## EXISTING CONDITIONS SUMMARY:

TOP 5 FACILITIES USED	INPUT	SUMMARY/STRATEGIES
BLUE RIVER MEMORIAL PARK	81.29% of 312 Responses	Blue River Park is the largest park in Shelbyville and provides the most variety of amenities.
BLUE RIVER TRAIL	60.97% of 312 Responses	The Blue River trail system is the longest trail network in Shelbyville, so it serves the largest area. Respondents suggested adding connecting routes to complete trail loops and avoid dead-end trails.
MERIDIAN PARK FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER	42.26% of 312 Responses	Respondents enjoy the aquatic center but note upgrades would be welcomed.
KENNEDY PARK	40.97% of 312 Responses	While this park is listed in the top five facilities used, this park was also listed in the top five parks respondents would like to see improved.
BLUE RIVER SPLASH PAD	38.06% of 312 Responses	This amenity is loved by the community, 23% of respondents would like to see more splash pad or water play facilities. Having adequate shade near these kinds of features is also desired by respondents.

TOP 5 EXISTING PROGRAMS/ AMENITIES	INPUT	SUMMARY/STRATEGIES
JOGGING, EXERCISE	73.81% of 312 Responses	This illustrates the emphasis on building trails has been appreciated and should continue to be prioritized.
PLAYGROUND	51.29% of 312 Responses	Because over 50% of respondents utilize the playgrounds, improving playground facilities should be a priority.
TIME WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS	48.06% of 312 Responses	Areas for safe socializing should be prioritized per the comments regarding the need for teen activities.
SPECIAL EVENTS AND FESTIVALS	38.71% of 312 Responses	Special events were ranked the lowest and could be an indicator that this is an area for improvement.
SWIMMING/ AQUATICS CENTER	37.74% of 312 Responses	The aquatic center is a popular amenity for the community but received multiple comments regarding potential updates. Additionally, it should be noted Splash Pad had the next most responses at 37.10%

TOP 5 CHALLENGES	INPUT	SUMMARY/STRATEGIES
SAFETY	22.90% of 312 Responses	One area of focus should be to improve security in the parks through cameras, lighting, & dusk to dawn enforcement.
OUTDATED AMENITIES	21.29% of 312 Responses	Several respondents mentioned outdated restroom facilities, playground equipment, throughout the park system.
LACK OF RESTROOMS	20.32% of 312 Responses	Throughout the survey, respondents commented on unpredictable bathroom availability and communication of hours of operation to the public.
LACK OF ADULT PROGRAMMING	10.97% of 312 Responses	Some comments indicated an additional need for adult programming.

\* It is important to note that almost 50% of respondents do not experience challenges that keep them from using park facilities.

## PROPOSED FEATURES SUMMARY:

TOP 5 DESIRED FACILITIES OR AMENITIES	INPUT	SUMMARY/STRATEGIES
RESTROOMS IN PARKS AND ALONG TRAILS	42.90% of 312 Responses	Providing restrooms along trails was repeatedly mentioned in the comments.
ADDITIONAL SHADE AT PARKS	42.26% of 312 Responses	Many respondents would like to see more shade around softball fields & playgrounds. Establishing a tree succession plan is crucial to preserve the existing canopy at the parks.
KAYAK/CANOE RENTAL	41.61% of 312 Responses	Establishing a clean and clear riverbed is crucial to utilize the natural amenity running through several of Shelbyville's Parks.
NATURAL AREAS FOR HIKING/NATURE-VIEWING/PICNICKING(FOREST, WETLAND, PRAIRIE, ETC.)	40.97% of 312 Responses	Respondents desire more shade, natural areas, hiking and nature-based programming within the parks system
ADDITIONAL GREENWAY/BIKE TRAILS	35.16% of 312 Responses	Respondents ranked walking & jogging a top activity in the community. Continuing to improve and maintain these features is important to the community.

TOP 5 DESIRED IMPROVEMENTS OR INVESTMENTS	INPUT	SUMMARY/STRATEGIES
INCREASE SAFETY & SECURITY	44.52% of 312 Responses	This data supports the top takeaways or themes summarized.
IMPROVING QUALITY OF PARKS	38.71% of 312 Responses	
IMPROVING NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS	32.58% of 312 Responses	
INVESTING IN TEEN ACTIVITIES	30.65% of 312 Responses	
PROTECTING/RESTORING THE ENVIRONMENT/NATURAL AREAS	30.00% of 312 Responses	

TOP 5 HIGH PRIORITY PROJECTS	INPUT	SUMMARY/STRATEGIES
ADD KAYAK/CANOE RENTAL	30.00% of 312 Responses	This data supports the top takeaways or themes summarized.
ADD MORE TRAILS FOR WALKING/ JOGGING/BIKING	27.42% of 312 Responses	
UPDATE ADD PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT	26.45% of 312 Responses	
EXPAND POOL FACILITIES	25.81% of 312 Responses	
UPDATE/ADD LIGHTING TO PARKS	25.81% of 312 Responses	
<b>WHICH PARK SHOULD BE FOCUSED ON FIRST FOR PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS?</b> - Sunset, Blue River Memorial Park, Morrison, Blue River Trail, Kennedy		

TOP 5 DESIRED PROGRAMS	INPUT	SUMMARY/STRATEGIES
COMMUNITY EVENTS (FESTIVALS, 5K, CONCERT,ETC.)	69.68% of 312 Responses	This data supports the top takeaways or themes summarized.
OUTDOOR RECREATION (HIKING, FISHING, ETC.)	44.52% of 312 Responses	
HOBBY/ INTEREST CLASSES (CRAFTS, GARDENING, COOKING)	36.13% of 312 Responses	
FITNESS CLASSES (YOGA, MARTIAL ARTS, ZUMBA)	26.13% of 312 Response	
NATURE PROGRAMS/ ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION	24.52% of 312 Responses	

## PUBLIC INPUT SESSION II

A public input session was held on March 6, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. where twenty (20) members of the public attended. 80% of the attendees were city officials, city employees, and park board members. The meeting was publicly advertised in the following ways:

- Social Media Posting on the SPRD platforms
- Flyers at several public locations
- Advertised in Parks Program Guide & County Chamber of Commerce Community Connections
- Distributed through internal newsletter

The presentation was provided on the city website to make the information available to those that were not able to make the meeting. The presentation can be found in the appendix. Key takeaways from this session are included on the following pages.

## PRESENTATION AND OPEN DISCUSSION

At the public input session an introduction informing the community on the planning process, the purpose of a parks plan, and how the plan will be used was presented along with a detailed overview of the public survey, previous public meeting, and park department analysis. The meeting was then opened up for informal discussion. The room was set up with exercise boards asking the public to provide feedback on the schematic Morrison Park concept and prioritize capital improvement projects. Eighteen capital improvement projects were selected by the steering committee and divided into short, mid, and long term priorities. Participants received 6 tokens to distribute towards the projects they found most important. Staff and members of the steering committee interacted with the public to help guide discussions and better understand why certain projects were prioritized. The top comments and takeaways received can be found in the following tables.



Social Media Post - Public Input Session Advertisement



Public presentation and input session



Public presentation and input session

# PRIORITY PROJECT EXERCISE RESULTS

SHORT TERM: FUNDING PRIORITIES					1-2 years
					
Develop Teen Programming Events	Expand & develop new adult sports programming <i>(kickball, wiffle ball, bowling, etc.)</i>	Develop adult recreational programming <i>(adult swim night, walking clubs, etc.)</i>	Develop cultural celebration programming	Playground renovations at Sunset Park	Playground renovations at Sunrise Park
\$3	\$4	\$4	\$2	\$4	\$5
MID TERM: FUNDING PRIORITIES					2-4 years
					
Implement safety-related improvements across all parks <i>(cameras, lighting, emergency call stations, etc.)</i>	Replace playground surface at Clearwick Park	Install sports courts at Clearwick Park <i>(pickleball, tennis, basketball, etc.)</i>	Playground renovations at Kennedy Park	Plant more native trees in all parks	Redevelop Tindall Park <i>(across from former hospital site)</i>
\$11	\$0	\$0	\$6	\$4	\$1
LONG TERM: FUNDING PRIORITIES					4-5 years
					
Renovation of Morrison Park to implement proposed concept	Add loop trail at Kennedy Park	Remove low-head dam/forge and other obstructions from river to allow safer use of the river	Develop kayak/canoe rental program	Update playground equipment at Blue River Memorial Park	Remove invasive species along the river in all parks
\$10	\$0	\$4	\$23	\$0	\$8

## MORRISON PARK CONCEPT

<b>COMMENTS</b>	Tot-lot is critical for local demographic
	Concern for logistics of teen area (staffing the cafe, etc.)
	Consider putt putt in the park
	Consider sponsorship opportunities for teen plaza
	Consider 200 meter rubber track instead of walking path

## GENERAL FEEDBACK

<b>COMMENTS</b>	Adult programming (adult recreation)
	Invite more local creative bands
	Purchase the property North of BRMP
	Implement a bigger community center for rentals
	Open Blue River concession stand for the summer and sell ice cream
	Water bottle filling stations along new parts of trails
	Add burnside lake to the Shelbyville Parks Department
	Implement an indoor playground
	Nature walking trails
	Natural trails for hiking
	Pedestrian bridge over 74 connecting MHP trails to Shelbyville Trails
	Adult only hours for swim lanes
	Adult swim night (brewery and Live Music)
	Teen-only versions of successful adult or kids programming
	Crochet or knitting classes
	Crafting club
	Artist-led graffiti class, and potentially a graffiti wall on one of the parks restrooms
	Addition of a rubber running tracking in at least one park (Morrison Park suggested)
	New park in or near the Intelliplex to serve northern neighborhoods
	Utilize Tindall Park for housing

## STAFF INTERVIEWS

Three (3) in-person interviews were held on June 11, 2024 at the Shelbyville Parks and Recreation Department with select staff to provide another layer of input for the planning process. During these interviews a variety of topics were discussed including staffing and department operations. The staff were asked question such as:

- What are the biggest challenges for the department currently?
- Where could you see growth or improvement in the next five years?

These discussions can be categorized into two key topics, goals and challenges, as displayed to the right.



Shelbyville Parks and Recreation Department office

## WHAT WE HEARD

### TOP GOALS:

1. Expand the department's outreach and broaden the public's understanding of recreation
2. Establishing volunteer opportunities in the community for non-skilled labor
3. Updating outdated equipment and infrastructure
4. Attracting skilled staff and achieving specialized certifications

### BIGGEST CHALLENGES:

1. Outdated equipment
2. Vandalism and unpredictable expenses
3. Providing adequate resources for behavioral needs at summer camp and programed activities
4. Providing equitable access to programs and summer camps
5. Staffing - Retaining qualified staff and certifications

## BALL STATE STUDENT IMMERSIVE LEARNING

In the spring of 2024 the Shelbyville Planning Department partnered with second-year Landscape Architecture students at Ball State University involved in an immersive learning studio to re-envision Morrison Park.

Morrison park is the city's oldest park and suffers from deterioration and vandalism. As a hub for organizations like the Boys & Girls Club and Girls Inc., the park's revitalization is crucial to the community's well-being. Through thoughtful design, students aimed to address these challenges and support the park's role as a vital public space.

Beyond honoring their design skills, students provided Shelbyville with a comprehensive guidebook outlining historical context, existing conditions, community goals, and various design solutions. Each student contributed unique perspectives, offering a range of master plans and detailed design interventions. This collaboration not only provided valuable learning experience but also removed financial barriers to high-quality design, offering the city a transformative road map for future revitalization. Through this process students completed site analysis, a community forum, and a public open houses displaying their final concepts.

Regular feedback sessions with the SPRD and the community ensured the design progress aligned with community needs and goals. These feedback sessions included:

- Site Visit & Kick-off meeting, February 5, 2024
- Site Visit & Stakeholder meeting, February 26, 2024
- Preliminary Design meeting with City Planners & Park Director, March 15, 2024
- Final Concept Open-house, April 26, 2024



Ball State Students Site Visit to Morrison Park



City Planner, Adam Rude reviewing student's site analysis packets



Ball State Students site analysis review

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# 04

SCOPING

## CHAPTER OVERVIEW

This chapter identifies existing conditions and issues within the parks system in three main categories:

- Natural Features and Landscape
- Man-made, Historical, and Cultural Features
- Social and Economic Factors.

After feature identified, the impacts of these features on Shelbyville Parks Recreation Department are summarized under the "Why does this matter" sections.

## NATURAL FEATURES AND LANDSCAPE

### HYDROLOGY

The two significant hydrological features in Shelbyville are the Big Blue River and Little Blue River. The Big Blue River runs southwesterly through central Shelbyville and collects the Little Blue River just east of the railroad bridge and continues southwest.

### BIG BLUE RIVER

The Big Blue River is a tributary of the Driftwood River, which contributes to the Mississippi River Watershed. The Big Blue River is approximately 83.8 miles long. The river runs through Sunset Park where tall vegetation camouflages the river's edge creating an inaccessible amenity.

Through our park analysis and public engagement, it became apparent that the Big Blue River is an underutilized asset to the community. Although the city has the Blue River Trail, Knauf Greenway, and Sunset Park adjacent to the river, the community has a strong desire to engage with nature. Therefore, providing better access and visibility to the river is crucial.

### LITTLE BLUE RIVER

The Little Blue River flows east of Knightstown southwesterly to Shelbyville where it discharges into the Big Blue River. The Little Blue River runs through Blue River Memorial Park and Kennedy Park. This waterfront access establishes many recreational opportunities. Blue River Memorial Park has begun embracing the rivers edge establishing overlooks, fishing nodes, and a canoe/kayak launch.

## LOW HEAD DAMS

Currently there is a low head dam located in Kennedy Park that prohibits users from floating uninterrupted down the Little Blue River. Head dams create dangerous conditions for recreational users. During high water events the headwall appears camouflaged upstream causing boaters or fishermen to fall over the dam becoming trapped in circulating currents. Along with the dangers of these structures they alter the rivers' habitat blocking up stream movement, impacting reproductive cycles and increasing algal growth contributing to fish kills.

The City should consider conducting a river evaluation to determine the feasibility of removing the head dam. The removal of the head dam would positively contribute to the diversity of the fish and invertebrate species, as well as enhance recreational activities establishing a blue way through Shelbyville.

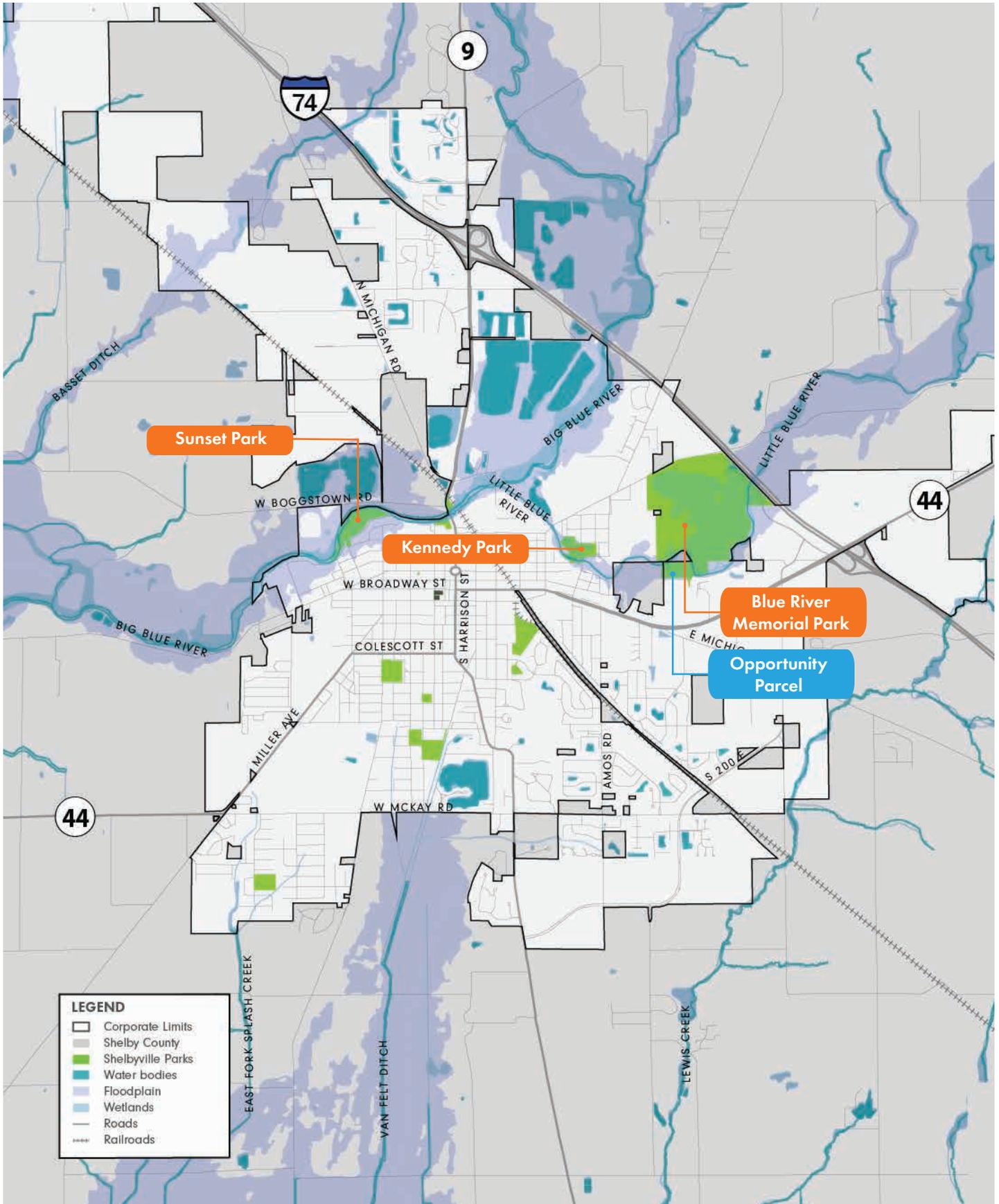
### Why does this matter?

Both hydrological features in Shelbyville are rich in opportunities to connect residents with nature. During the public engagement it was noted that there are many barriers in the water ways that create less than desirable conditions for small watercraft such as canoes, kayaks, and inner tubes. Establishing a clear riverbed and maintaining access to the water would allow the SPRD to explore river front amenities and watercraft rentals.



Little Blue River at Kennedy Park Pedestrian Bridge

**FIGURE 4.1: HYDROLOGY**



## TREE COVER

Shelby County is home to Meltzer Woods, which is a 48-acre nature preserve located southeast, outside of the City of Shelbyville. Until recently when it was dedicated as a nature preserve, it was the last unprotected old growth forest in the state, with some trees dating back to the 1600s. Outside of this local gem, most of the county's tree cover is located along rivers and streambeds, with the remaining land coverage being made up of mostly farmland. According to the 2022 Census of Agriculture, approximately 75% of Shelby County is cropland-factor in development and this does not leave much remaining for established tree cover or natural areas, as seen in Figure 4.2. Within Shelbyville, most of the dense tree coverage can be found along the Big Blue and Little Blue Rivers with light tree coverage at most Shelbyville parks. Tree diversity is limited in the parks, with a majority of the mature growth consisting of Maples (Sugar, Silver, and Norway), Siberian/ Chinese Elm, and Hackberry. There are only a few notable oak trees throughout the Shelbyville parks. Besides younger growth popping up along the edges of the rivers and tree planting initiatives taking place at Blue River Memorial Park, Shade canopy at most of the parks is made up almost entirely of mature growth trees. While most of these trees seem to be in good health, the SPRD should consider planning for tree succession in the parks and continue to monitor them for issues or safety concerns that may require their removal over time. Currently, the city does not have a plan in place for replacing the aging tree canopy and does not enforce tree replanting when a tree is removed. There is a small section of trail within Blue River Memorial Park, where volunteers have been planting native trees of Indiana every year, but this has not been adopted by the SPRD at large. Establishing a tree inventory within the park's facilities and a tree succession plan would begin to identify the existing canopy condition and reestablish shade canopy in the parks system. As the trees reach the end of their life cycle and are being removed, this could result in sparse canopy and limited shade throughout the parks if succession planning is not addressed early on.

## INVASIVE MANAGEMENT

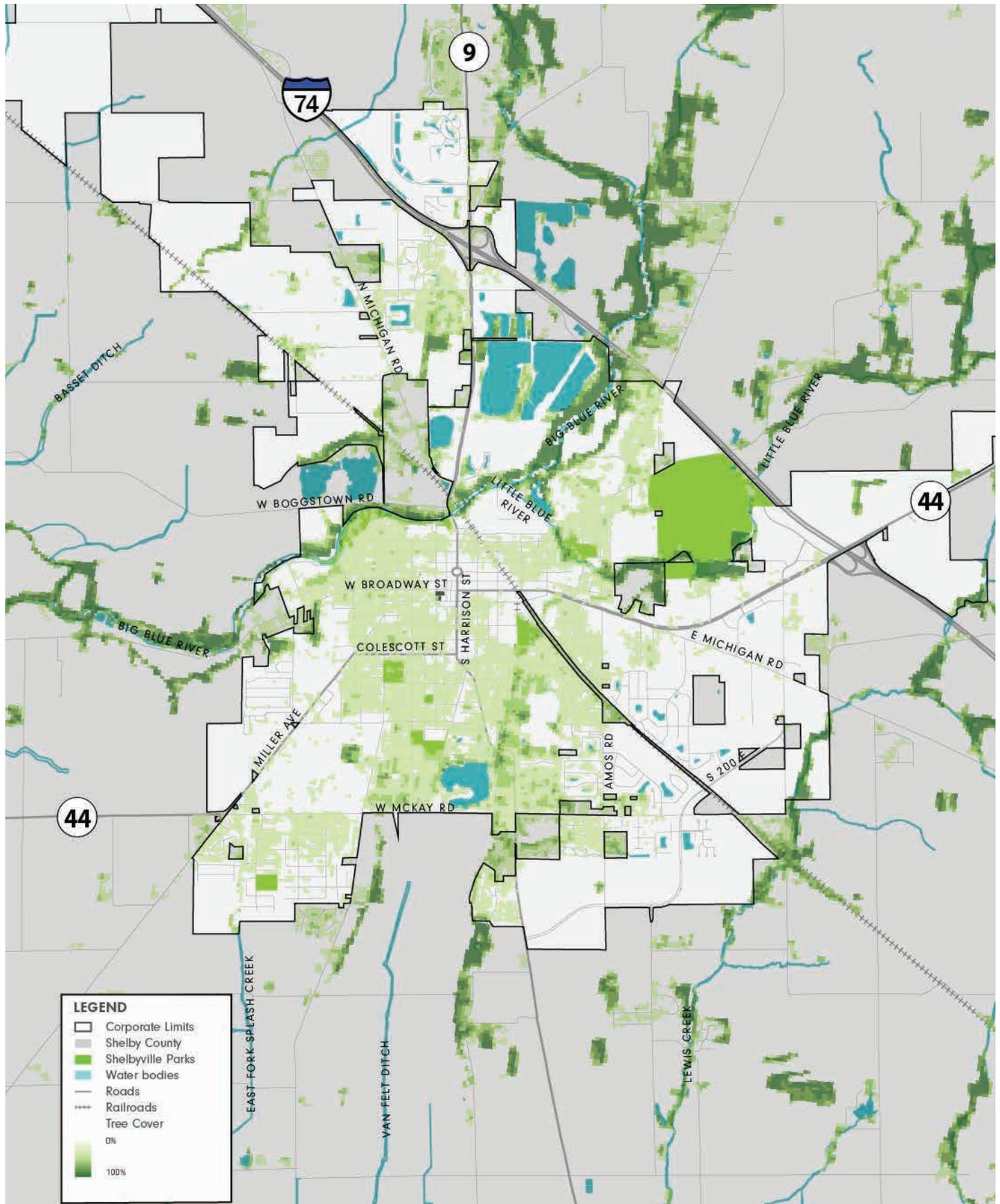
Overall, the parks have minimal landscape and consist mostly of turf lawn and small planting areas around parking or entry signage—most of which has either died off or was removed for maintenance. Some of the areas that remain still have remnants of past plantings made up of non-native grasses such as Chinese maiden grass and liriop, along with groupings of sedum, roses, Japanese barberry, daylilies, and catmint depending on the location. Efforts are being made to replace plantings in the parks with native species such as Little bluestem, New England asters, and Rudbeckia. Along the trails, rivers, and other naturalized areas, invasives still persist, consisting of Asian bush honeysuckle, Purple wintercreeper, Ailanthus, and Japanese knotweed to name the more critical concerns.

SPRD has been increasingly committed in recent years to addressing invasive species and encouraging more native plant establishment in the parks. Shelbyville is an active member of the State of Indiana Cooperative of Invasive Management (SICIM) and established a local alliance called, the Blue River Alliance for Native Conservation & Habitats (BRANCH). BRANCH takes place in Weed Wrangle events throughout the year at Blue River Memorial Park. At each of these Weed Wrangle events, volunteers are educated on invasive species management, how to identify the species that will be managed and management techniques. Although they continue to battle the mitigation of the Asian Bush Honeysuckle (*Lonicera maackii*) more manpower and resources are needed to have an aggressive impact on the issue.

## MAINTENANCE

Generally, SPRD provides maintenance to all of their parks, trails, athletic fields, programs and events. Most of their maintenance resources are put towards maintaining the athletic fields, the pool, park facilities, and general repair. Maintenance such as lawn care and pest control are contracted out to third party vendors. SPRD has also brought on a part-time landscaper to assist in educating staff on invasive species, best maintenance practices, helping to guide future plant selections and replanting of landscape areas.

**FIGURE 4.2: TREE COVER**



## WEATHER CONDITIONS AND TOPOGRAPHY

Shelbyville is located in the Tipton Till Plain, resulting in minimal varying topography. The landscape is relatively flat with rolling plains as a product of continental glaciation during the ice age, See Figure 4.3.

The flat nature of this region is susceptible to severe storm events and strong winds. Historically, Shelby County has reported twenty-eight tornado events categorized as F1 or stronger through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) since 1950.

Shelbyville has a mild seasonal climate with minimal flooding. Per the U.S. Drought Monitor (2010- Present), Shelbyville has not experienced a significant drought (category D2-D4) since 2013. This year specifically (January-July 2024) was in the top 20 wettest years to date over the past 130 years with 5.85 inches of rainfall above normal. The streamflow collected at U.S Geological Survey (USGS) stream gages located on the Big Blue River is evidence of this year's wet season compared to rainfall in past years.

The wetter conditions have started to raise concerns regarding bank erosion at Blue River Memorial Park. The Little Blue River bank is eroding and the integrity of

an overlook and bridge abutments for the pedestrian steel bridge are at risk if continued erosion occurs. Bank stabilization efforts should be explored before the structural integrity of these structures are at risk.

### Why does this matter?

It is important for the SPRD to identify the natural features that shape the specific aspects of the parks and recognize how fragile these core elements can be. Developing strategic communication with the health department and Shelby County Soil and Water Conservation District soils to ensure that needed protections are monitored and maintenance implemented for these critical features. Without such measures, natural features can be over-taken, damaged, or diminished, drastically changing the character of the parks and the ability for the community to enjoy them to their fullest.

At county-wide and regional levels, SPRD should understand the impacts that outside influences can have on the rivers that run through several of the parks. With increasingly heavy rainfall events over recent years and the large amount of agricultural land included in watersheds, SPRD should continue to monitor the impacts of increased runoff leading to erosion of the stream banks and consider possible mitigation measures. Monitoring the water quality, as it relates to increases in runoff from contaminated sources in the surrounding area, would allow SPRD to maintain safe conditions for recreational use of future blueways. The two rivers have the potential to spark a new recreational amenity and establish a revenue generating resource for SPRD. Clearing the river channel and maintaining a clean waterway would allow for small non-motorized watercrafts, such as kayaks and canoes, to establish a blueway through Shelbyville.

SPRD should understand the local make-up and condition of tree and plant species in the city, more specifically the parks, so that they can plan

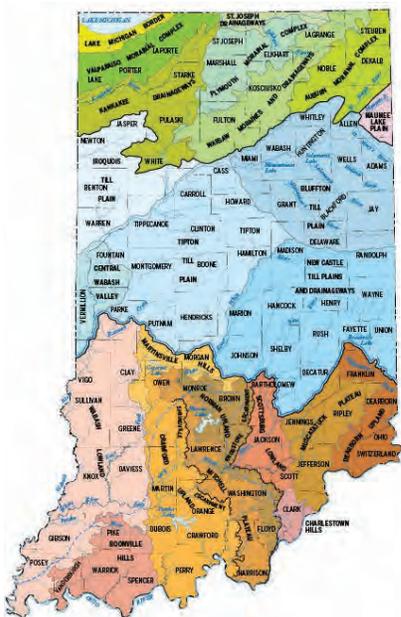


Figure 4.3 Physiography: Gray, H. H., 2000, Physiographic divisions of Indiana: Geological Survey Special Report 61, 15 p

accordingly to develop and maintain a diverse and healthy ecosystem. The simplest way to do

so is through species selection: identifying and installing species that are lacking while avoiding monocultures in the parks. Great progress has been made by BRANCH to remediate the environmental impacts of invasive species and inform the public about their efforts. SPRD should consider establishing a tree inventory and a tree succession plan to address aging canopy as it is removed within the parks. It was noted in the public engagement and survey that residents would like to be able to engage more with “real” nature and that there are limited opportunities for this in the park system. SPRD should consider establishing more naturalized areas in current parks or better access to existing naturalized areas such as providing access to the river at Sunset Park or clearing of invasive understory along the riverbanks to open up views from the park to the water. This could also be an opportunity for SPRD to develop a nature park as a amenity. Establishing more park areas that are native prairie or naturalized could also eliminate some turf maintenance and associated costs. It is imperative that the City of Shelbyville and SPRD, first and foremost, protect these natural features for the health of the community and continued success of the parks system. Regionally, any initiatives that enhance management of local waterways, protect natural areas, and establish more tree coverage will positively impact the environment and be enjoyed by generations to come. Economically, the creation of a blueway could attract visitors from up and down river communities to connect

## MANMADE, HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL FEATURES

### MANMADE FEATURES

#### PARK TRAILS AND SIDEWALKS

Shelbyville’s active transportation infrastructure includes 12 miles of multi-use trails with several miles of future expansion planned, (see Figure 2.3). Blue River Trail, Knauf Trail, and Progress Parkway are the most significant multi-use trails in Shelbyville. The Blue River Trail extends east-west, connecting Sunset Park to Blue River Memorial Park. The Knauf Trail spurs off the Blue River Trail in central Shelbyville and reaches northeast along the Big Blue River, stopping short of I-74. Progress Parkway connects the southeastern part of the city to Blue River Memorial Park. In the public survey, walking, jogging, and biking were ranked as the top activity respondents participate in. This indicates a strong desire to expand and improve these amenities. Specifically, respondents requested to fill in missing linkages to complete system connectivity and explore regional connectivity. It was expressed that establishing a pedestrian connection across I-74 would need to happen to connect the growing communities to the north to the trails and amenities south of I-74.

Regionally, United States Bike Route (USBR) 35A route runs through Shelbyville, connecting Louisville, Kentucky, to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and into Canada. While this is a bike route, it does not support less experienced bikers and follows a more direct route for cyclist wishing to stay on-road. As requested by survey respondents, a regional trail connecting to Indianapolis and / or Franklin would be of great value to the community.

As new trail networks are implemented, educating the community on bike safety and vehicular traffic awareness techniques to support pedestrian safety is crucial. Techniques include adequate signage alerting both pedestrians and vehicles of trail/pedestrian crossings and other traffic control mechanisms such as flashing beacons and HAWK signals.

## PARK ROADS AND PARKING LOTS

A majority of the parking lots located in the park system are in good condition and are clearly marked with ADA accessible spaces and walkways. The parks that have parking concerns are the Meridian Athletic Complex and Sunset Park.

- The Meridian Athletic Complex (MAC) currently a gravel parking lot. Although the lot provides marked ADA spaces, the gravel surface is not an accessible material and there is not an accessible route from the parking space to the facility.
- Sunrise Park has clearly marked ADA spaces at the playground but lacks ADA spaces near the softball fields. The current parking arrangement at this park is not suitable for the number of users that attend the park during softball tournaments.

## PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

ShelbyGo is a community-wide public transportation service for citizens in Shelby County. Shelby Senior Services, Inc. coordinates the reservations, scheduling, and operations of this service. While this service does not have routine stops or routes within the parks system, it can be utilized for transportation to park facilities and events if scheduled in advance.

## PARK STRUCTURES

Each Shelbyville park has at least one shelter, restrooms facility, or concession stand with the exclusion of Tindall Park. These park structures are maintained by the Shelbyville Parks and Recreation Department and require significant maintenance and upkeep. Vandalism is a major factor for maintenance of these facilities. This continuous vandalism challenges the Shelbyville Parks and Recreation operating budget since these incidents are unplanned and at varying levels of severity. Actions have been implemented to alleviate these concerns, such as locking facilities at night, providing a QR code for users to submit concerns, and installing wifi at parks so that security cameras can surveil the facilities. While these measures have not eliminated vandalism the department is hopeful these issues will subside as utilities are implemented at each park and more security cameras are installed. The public survey identified an overall concern with the restroom facilities in the parks, hours of operation,

and their limited availability after the summer season.

Structures that are of concern or in disrepair in the parks system include the pavilion at Kennedy Park, storage facility at Morrison Park, and the maintenance facility at Blue River Memorial Park. The pavilion at Kennedy Park is clad in stone with a corrugated metal roof. The structural integrity of this roof needs to be inspected and should be prioritized for future park repairs. The storage facility at Morrison Park contains seasonal decorations and parks programming equipment along with a restroom facility for the park. During the staff interviews, it was brought up several times that this is an inefficient location for this equipment as most of the items stored here are utilized at the Carl McNeely Civic Center or at Blue River Memorial Park. It was recommended that this facility could be converted into a rental space or activity space for programed events to supplement the civic center. Staff also mentioned during the interviews that there is a lack of equipment storage at the SPRD maintenance facility. Heavy machinery, such as tractors, are left out in the weather and vehicle maintenance is handled by the street department due to lack of adequate space. Recommending a expanding the storage facility at Blue River Memorial Park would alleviate the inconvenience of the program equipment being stored across town, provide additional storage for equipment, and allow maintenance and repairs to take place at the main maintenance facility.

## PLAYGROUNDS

During the parks inventory, it was identified that the playgrounds within Shelbyville Parks and Recreation Department are dated and in poor condition and need updated. The facilities in need of improvement include the playgrounds at Sunset Park, Sunrise Park, Kennedy Park, and Tindall Park. Public survey respondents ranked Kennedy Park the top park facility to be prioritized for improvements over the next five years. Several respondents also commented that the parks are outdated and need new playground surfacing. Updating playground equipment should be a top priority for the Shelbyville Parks Department. Several of the parks have transitions into the mulch surfacing or breaks in the edging but do not have an accessible path to the entrance of the playground. Establishing accessible access into the playgrounds and to several elements should be a priority for SPRD

when updating playground equipment in the next 5 years.

### Why does this matter?

Parks systems are complex entities made up of several components. Some of these components are trails, sidewalks, parking lots, park structures, & playgrounds. Each of these plays an important role in the perception and invitation for the public to use these public spaces. If facilities are poorly presented and non-accessible to users with varying physical abilities it will detract the public from using these spaces. Regionally the perception of Shelbyville's parks and amenities will have an impact when attracting new residence. While at the community wide level, improved facilities will encourage surrounding property owners to find renewed value and pride in their neighborhoods. This pride will then increase the park usage and overall attendance of Shelbyville Parks and Recreation programs.

This section highlighted the man-made components that make up Shelbyville Parks and Recreation Department and identified their strengths and weaknesses so that the SPRD can have a holistic view and understand where to allocate appropriate resources to better their facilities, as they become available. The trails network is one of SPRD strengths along with the efforts for future planned trails and the safety measures that are currently being implemented. The weaknesses that were identified are the park structure vandalism, outdated playground facilities, and annual operations of restroom facilities.



Emergency light installation along Blue River Trail



Maintenance Facility at Blue River Memorial Park



Storage Facility at Laura Morrison Park

## HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL FEATURES

### CLOVER FORD BRIDGE

Built in 1889, Clover Ford Bridge is a historic Pratt Truss bridge manufactured by King Iron Bridge & Manufacturing Company of Cleveland, Ohio. Previously, this bridge spanned 93 feet over Buck Creek at CR 875 W and was listed on the National Register of Historic Places. This outstanding bridge has been carefully restored and relocated to Blue River Memorial Park for pedestrian use. The historic integrity of the trusses and riveted fish belly floor beams were repaired and retained on the bridge.



Historic Image of Clover Ford Bridge

### THOMAS A. HENDRICKS CABIN

Hendricks Cabin is the boyhood home of Thomas Hendricks, Vice President under Grover Cleveland. This Cabin has been reconstructed at the Shelby County Fairgrounds, located adjacent to Blue River Memorial Park. The Cabin's reconstruction from the original logs of the Hendricks Homestead is a dedication to his memory and generosity to the establishment of Shelbyville.



Clover Ford Bridge occupied by day camp during the longest day celebration

### LOCAL ART

#### Blue River Memorial

This memorial is located at Blue River Memorial Park centrally placed in a circular plaza. The Memorial is a dedication to veterans, fallen soldiers and service men and women to commend their, "loyalty and service during times of war and peace define the character of this great nation...", as embossed on a plaque that is placed in front of the bronze statue. The statue illustrates two children climbing a pile of rubble raising an American flag in the sky.



Blue River Memorial

#### Bears of the Blue River

The Bears of the Blue River is a tale set in 1820's, written by Charles Major, depicting Balsar, a young pioneer who lives with his family in a cabin on the banks of the Big Blue River. The tale walks through the challenges and dangers of frontier life. As the story unfolds, the boy becomes lost in the forest and encounters a fierce bear. This tale offers a dynamic portrait of the daily rural life in Indiana during the 1820's. A sculpture of the fictional character Balsar was dedicated in 1929 but most recently restored and located in Shelbyville Public Square.



Balser Sculpture located in Shelbyville Public Square



Balser Sculpture located in Shelbyville Public Square

## Storybook Trail

Established along a linear park behind the Porter Center, a meandering 0.2-mile trail extends off Blue River Trail displaying an alphabetic tale of the history of Shelby County. Each plaque illustrates two letters of the alphabet with corresponding historical information and graphics developed by local artists.

## **CULTURAL FEATURES**

SPRD offers several programmed events and concerts that celebrate American holidays and performances as previously mentioned in the programming snapshot in Chapter 2, Inventory. As the diversity of Shelbyville continues to increase, as the demographic overview suggests, including programming events that celebrate a diverse range of cultural holidays and performers should be implemented.

### Why does this matter?

Creating a sense of place connects people with their surroundings, establishing a sense of pride and ownership for the community. These are qualities that make a community rich and attractive to current and future residents.

Shelbyville's art installations highlight the past and create opportunities for the public to unite artists and historians to share a story that informs the community and brings them together. With the positive feedback on these installations and the generosity of donors, the City of Shelbyville looks to implement more art in the community through the PRIDE in PLACE program. Therefore, as the Shelbyville Parks and Recreation Department begins to make improvements in the next five years, planning for art implementations that celebrate the communities growing diversity and bring people together is essential.

While most of these installations are fairly new to Shelbyville Parks and Recreations, developing a maintenance & replacement plan for these features and future installations need to be established to positively inform SPRD operations budget and man-power needs.

# SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC FACTORS

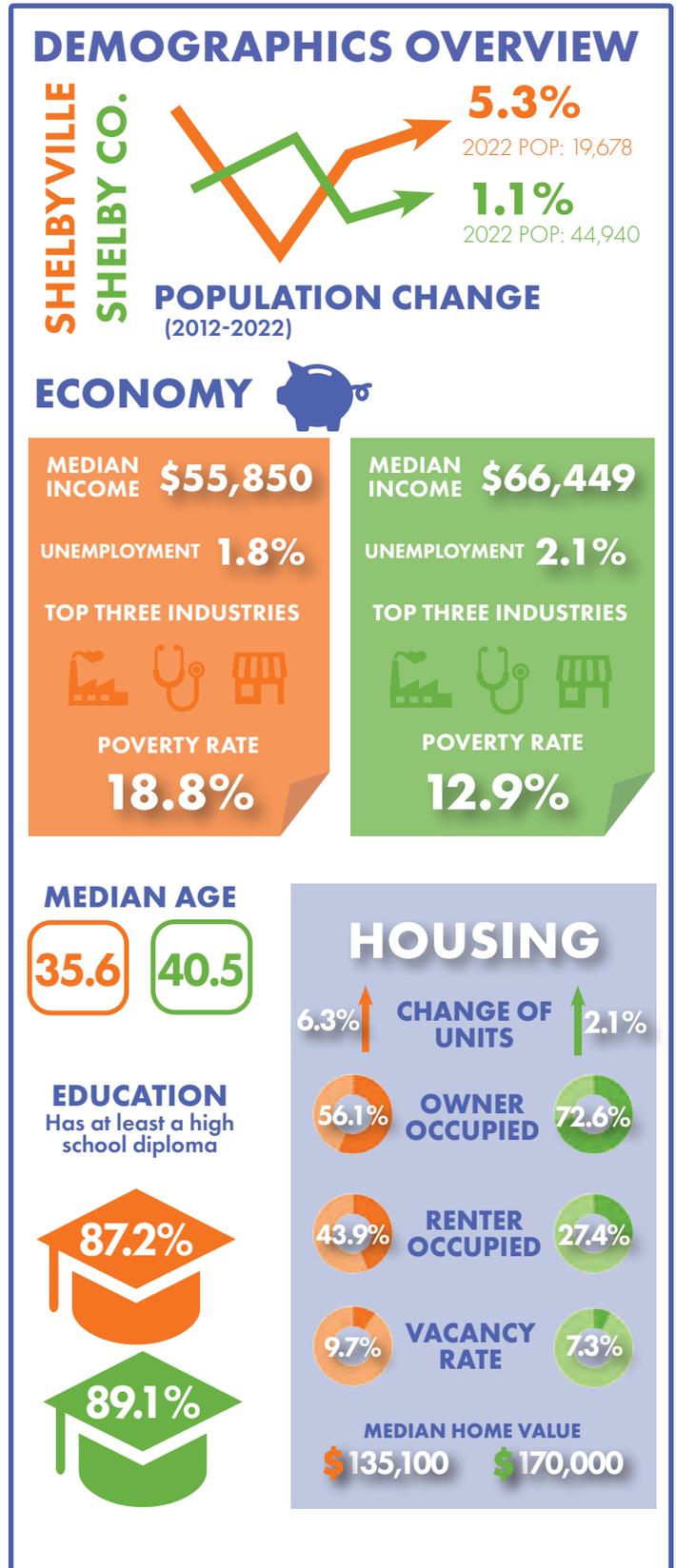
## DEMOGRAPHIC OVERVIEW

Currently, Shelbyville’s population is 19,678 people, according to the 2022 American Community Survey. While the population is majority White/ Caucasian the population is becoming more diverse in the last decade, with a decrease in the White population and an increase in the African American, Asian, and Hispanic populations. In 2012, Shelbyville’s population was made up of 89.5% White/ Caucasian. In 2022, that number decreased to 88.6%. Simultaneously, the Asian population increased by 118, the African American population grew from 412 to 537, and the Latinx population increased from 1,420 to 1,724 people. Not only has the City’s ethnic diversity increased, but the population make-up with disabilities has also increased. In 2012, the City of Shelbyville had 14.9% of its population experiencing either a hearing, vision, cognitive, ambulatory, self-care or independent living disability. In 2022, this percentage increased to 16.3% of the population.

The City is served by the Shelbyville Central School District, among other private schools in the area. As of 2022, 87.2% of the population has at least a high school diploma, and 17.5% of the population has a Bachelor’s degree or higher. Additionally, 6% of Shelbyville’s population has a graduate degree. Overall, the City became more educated over the last decade, with an increase of over 5% in population with a high school diploma and a Bachelor’s degree.

### Why does this matter?

With a change in diversity comes a change in perspectives, needs, and backgrounds that should be taken into consideration when planning for the future. Parks play a crucial role in community well-being and their importance in serving all people and their needs cannot be overstated. First, parks should be inclusive and accessible for those with all abilities to promote equality. With the growing number of households with disabilities in the community, SPRD should consider implementing more universally accessible design standards in future park renovations. Parks are also places that



reflect the cultural diversity in a community and should be safe spaces for people of all identities to enjoy and celebrate. They should promote a healthy social and physical lifestyle to benefit the general welfare of the City.

With the increased ethnic diversity, it is important for the Shelbyville Parks and Recreation Department to consider other cultural holidays and celebrations that will impact park usage, and the amenities needed. This increased diversity could also aid in creating programs that are tailored to these ethnicities.

## POPULATION TRENDS

Over the past several years, Shelbyville has seen significant growth in its population. From 2000 to 2010, the population increased from 17,694 to 19,191, an 8.5% increase. From 2010 to 2020, the city saw a population increase of 4.6% or 876 people. Based upon the growth rate from 2012 to 2022, Shelbyville's population is projected to grow by another 1,000 people in the next decade.

### Why does this matter?

The increases in population have also equally reflected growth in the development of new housing and retail, which could indicate attraction of new employers and further growth of the population. As the population continues to grow, SPRD should consider the need to expand the programs and amenities that they offer to meet the demands of the growing population. They should also monitor where this growth and expansion is occurring in the city and evaluate if these areas are being properly served by the SPRD. This may indicate the need for new park development for these areas.

## ECONOMIC OVERVIEW

In 2022, Shelbyville's median income reached \$55,850, reflecting a 43% increase since 2012. Despite this substantial growth, 18.8% of the population still lives below the poverty line, according to the American Community Survey. Furthermore, United for ALICE reports that 27% of households in Shelby County are considered ALICE households (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed). In 2022, Shelbyville boasted

the lowest unemployment rate in the area at 1.8%, likely driven by the expansion of warehouses and retail businesses. However, this growth has not been enough to keep wages aligned with the rising cost of living. As a result, 21% of ALICE households in Shelbyville, despite being employed full-time, continue to face financial difficulties. Shelbyville's largest employers include:

- Horseshoe Indianapolis (the casino)
- Knauf Insulation Inc.
- Penske Logistics
- Ryobi Die Casting USA Inc.
- Pilkington North America Inc.
- Walmart Supercenter
- PK USA Inc.
- O'neal Steel

### Why does this matter?

It is important for SPRD to develop a strong understanding of the local employers in the area and the types of recreation and leisure activities employees and their families are interested in and can afford. SPRD should consider posting regular surveys to the public and local employers to gather up to date information on their interests. This will allow the SPRD to keep up with the recreation demands of the workforce and their respective family members. Retaining and attracting a talented workforce will help businesses grow and attract new employers to the area. This will strengthen the local economy, which is important for the growth and maintenance of parks as it enables residents to utilize parks, park facilities, and park programming. An increasing median household income indicates increases in local tax revenue that could allocate additional funding to enhance its facilities and provide a better experience for residents and visitors to SPRD's facilities.



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NEEDS ANALYSIS

## OVERVIEW

This chapter will help identify parks and recreation needs for Shelbyville by comparing industry standards to the current park system. A review of industry recognized parks and recreation benchmarks will help establish a baseline for the types of services and facilities which are currently in demand. This information is compared to the existing programs and facilities provided by Shelbyville Parks and Recreation Department, to identify surpluses and deficiencies within the system. All this information is further influenced by the public input gathered throughout the planning process identified in Chapter 3 Public Participation. A summary of the Needs Analysis Chapter is located at the end of this chapter.

It is important to note that the benchmarks reviewed in this chapter are only for comparison to the Shelbyville park system. There is not a “one size fits all” approach to parks and recreation planning. Each community has unique needs, desires, and challenges, all future planning should reflect this.



Blue River Memorial Park

## CURRENT TRENDS

### SCORP AS A CITY COMPARISON

Indiana’s 2021-2025 Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) is an information resource that quantifies and analyzes the state’s outdoor recreation resources and is intended to support local, regional, and state-level recreation decision making. It is important to not only understand national recreational trends but also local recreational trends.

### TRENDS

From the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation (SCORP) Participation Survey results, the top three reasons why respondents participate in outdoor recreation were:

- To be with family and friends (38%)
- Physical health (37%)
- Mental health (34%)

The top five outdoor recreation activities that respondents participated in more than once per week include:

- Walking / hiking / jogging / running
- Relaxation / spiritual renewal
- Gardening / landscaping
- Bird / wildlife watching
- Health-related activities (Exercise, Yoga, Tai Chi, Pilates etc.)

The top ten “favorite” outdoor recreation activities described by respondents were:

- Walking, running, jogging
- Camping / RV camping
- Hiking / backpacking
- Fishing
- Boating, wake-boarding, sailing, tubing, jet skiing, water skiing
- Picnicking, barbecuing / cookout

- Gardening, landscaping, yard work, mowing
- Swimming, snorkeling, diving, scuba, splash pad
- Bicycling
- Golf

### LEVEL OF SERVICE GUIDELINES

Indiana’s SCORP Level of Service (LOS) Guidelines recommend 20 acres of public recreation area per every 1,000 residents within a local area such as a county, township, city, or town. Local public recreation areas are described as being owned by the township, municipality, county, or being privately owned but open for public use. SCORP excludes all schools as many schools do not allow public access to their outdoor facilities.

Shelbyville is deficient in acreage outlined by Indiana’s SCORP. Based on the recommendation of 20 acres per 1,000 residents, Shelbyville should be providing 401.34 acres of public recreation area for a population of 20,067 (U.S. Census Bureau Population Estimates) and the current area is 246.2, leaving a local deficiency of 155.14 acres.

### TRAILS

Since the 1995 SCORP, walking/jogging/running has been the top most popular outdoor recreation activity for Hoosiers. This fact is translated in the public survey with 73.8 % of survey respondents identifying walking/jogging/ exercise as the most popular activity and amenity. Respondents also identified adding trail connections as one of the top five desired capital improvement projects. Figure 5.1 below displays new and potential trail corridors according to SCORP guidelines.

The Visionary Trail System is a collection of both existing and proposed trail corridors. The corridor is intended to be broad rather than a specific route and show an overall connection of trails throughout the state. There are two types of trails in the Visionary Trail System visionary and potential visionary. Both trail types are made up of existing trails, trails under development, and proposed trails. Potential visionary trails have a lesser degree of planning and support and are likely to become Priority trails in time. Figure 5.2 below shows a potential visionary trail extending through Shelby County connecting Monroe County to the south west and Rush County to the north east.



FIGURE 5.1: Indiana SCORP New & Potential Trail Corridors  
Image Source: 2021-2025 Indiana SCORP



FIGURE 5.2: 2016 Indiana Visionary Trails System  
Image Source: 2021-2025 Indiana SCORP

## NRPA AS A CITY COMPARISON

The National Recreation & Park Association (NRPA) is a non-profit advocacy organization dedicated to building strong, vibrant and resilient communities. The NRPA provides parks and recreation professionals with up-to-date data to help agencies make informed decisions and equip leaders with insights that help them make the case to key stakeholders and elected officials for greater and more sustainable funding. The reports reviewed for this plan include the 2023 NRPA Engagement With Parks Report (Figure 5.3) and 2024 NRPA Agency Performance Review.

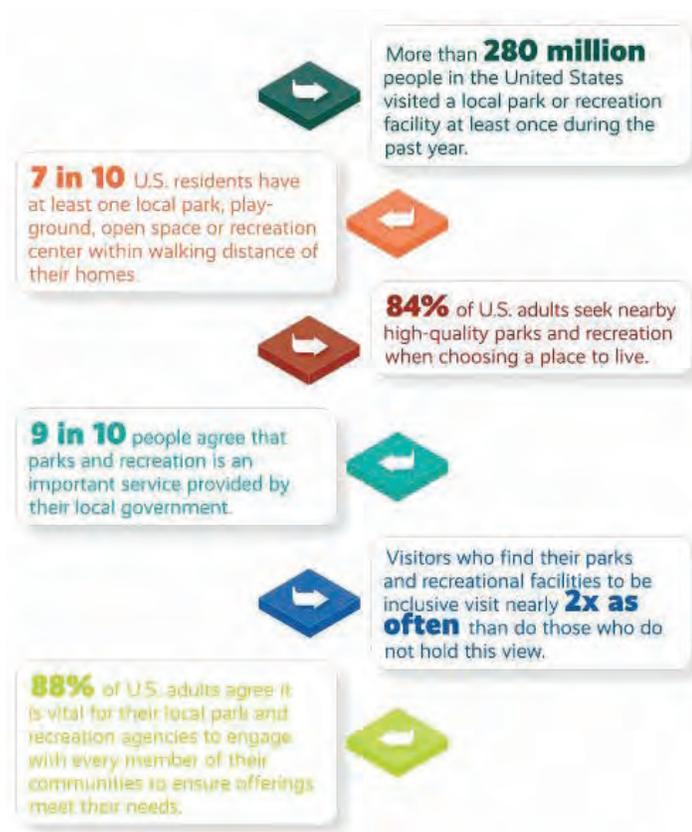


FIGURE 5.3: 2023 NRPA engagement with parks report key findings  
Image Source: 2023 NRPA Engagement with Parks Report

## 2023 NRPA ENGAGEMENT WITH PARKS REPORT

Since 2016, the NRPA research team has conducted an annual survey to better understand how people connect with parks and recreation across the United States. This report provides parks and recreation professionals insight on how local parks and recreation facilities impact people's lives across the nation.

According to this report, the top four reasons why residents visit parks are to:

- Be with family or friends (50%)
- To have a break from day-to-day stresses (47%)
- Exercise or be physically fit (46%)
- To be closer to nature (46%)

Users also identified their favorite park and recreation activities in the 2023 Engagement With Parks Report which included:

- Visiting a local park, playground, dog park, or other open space (66%)
- Hiking / biking / walking on a trail (47%)
- Playing sports with family / friends / neighbors (30%)
- Visiting a local swimming pool / aquatic center (28%)
- Visiting a local recreation / senior center (28%)
- Children participate in an out-of-school time program (19%)
- Taking part in classes / lessons / activities at a local recreation center (18%)
- Participating in an organized sports league (16%)

These results closely correlate with the Indiana SCORP findings. Knowing what motivates an individual or family to visit a local park and/or recreation facility can help agencies customize their offerings to specific needs, wants and desires.

## 2024 NRPA AGENCY PERFORMANCE REVIEW

Combined, the 2024 NRPA Agency Performance Review and NRPA Park Metrics feature the most comprehensive collection of park and recreation-related benchmarks and insights informing the public on the state of the parks and recreation industry. Key benchmarks and insights are identified in the following sections, and in Figure 5.4. These benchmarks are then compared to the current park system in Shelbyville.

The NRPA benchmarks identified on the following pages are for jurisdictions ranging from 20,000 - 49,999 population which correlates to Shelbyville's community

size for a better comparison. It is important to note that benchmarks can change significantly between the jurisdiction's population size or from the median of all agencies. For instance, agencies serving less than 20,000 in population provided one outdoor ice rink facility per 8,015 residents. Agencies serving 20,000 to 49,999 in population provided one outdoor ice rink facility per 19,770 residents while the median of all agencies provided one outdoor ice rink facility per 19,667 residents.

## PARK SYSTEM SIZE

For agencies serving jurisdictions ranging from 20,000 - 49,999 population, there is one park for every 2,062 residents. This would equate to about 9.7 parks for the population of Shelbyville at 20,067 (U.S. Census Bureau Population Estimates). Shelbyville currently has 7 parks in its park system that it oversees, which is a 2.7 park deficit according to NRPA data. The total for parks in the park system exclude the aquatic center, civic center, and facilities outside of SPRD. Additional resources and facilities available to the community outside of SPRD are listed on Figure 5.6.

Parks and recreation agencies serving jurisdictions ranging from 20,000 - 49,999 population manage 11.6 acres of parkland for every 1,000 residents. This equates to about 224.8 acres of parkland for the City of Shelbyville. Currently Shelbyville has 218.8 acres of parkland in its system, which is an excess of 29.4 acres.

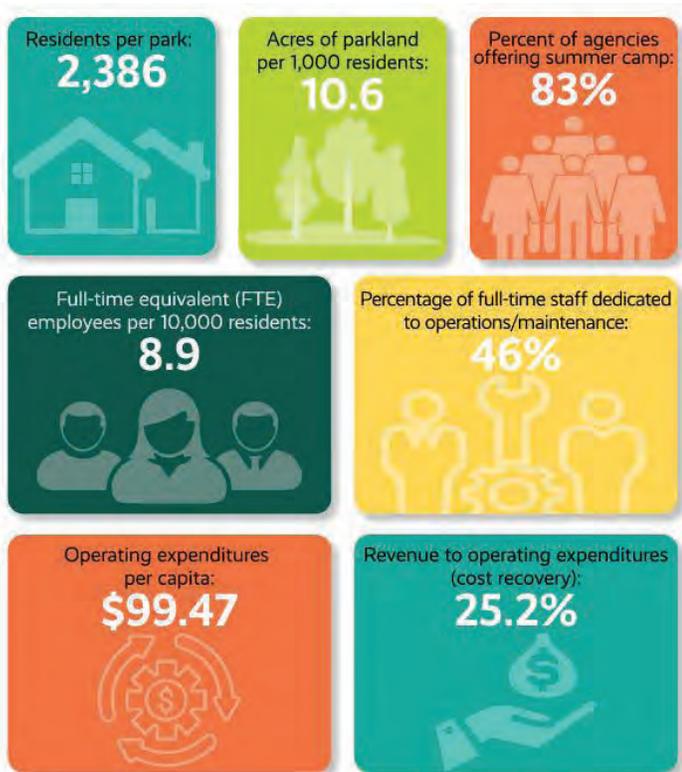


FIGURE 5.4: 2024 NRPA performance review key findings for all agencies  
Image Source: 2024 NRPA Performance Review

## INDOOR AND OUTDOOR PARK AND RECREATION FACILITIES

As identified by both NRPA reports and the Indiana SCORP, trails are a popular park amenity for exercising or to walk, bike, or hike. Agencies serving jurisdictions ranging from 20,000 - 49,999 population, manages or maintains a median of 12 miles of trail for walking, hiking, running and /or biking in its network. The lower quartile provides 5 miles and the upper quartile provides 19.6 miles. Shelbyville currently has 12 miles, a surplus of 1.2 miles. Shelbyville has proposed an additional 3.9 miles of trails that will increase their surplus to 5.1.

The 2024 Performance Review also provides comparative data by other park and recreation agencies and provides facilities to persons ratios. This data is used to determine overall surpluses and deficiencies. Figure 5.6 identifies target parkland and facility inventories for Shelbyville based on NRPA benchmarks. These target inventories are based strictly on NRPA data and Shelbyville’s current population data sourced from U.S. Census Bureau Population Estimates (2020). As previously stated, there is not a “one size fits all” approach to parks and recreation planning and the following analysis is to establish a baseline understanding of how Shelbyville compares to other jurisdictions of similar size.

Shelbyville’s current park system indicates both surpluses and deficiencies compared to agencies serving jurisdictions of similar size. Most notably, some surpluses identified were in pickleball courts (+5.4), Basketball courts (+1.8), Volleyball courts (+1.6), Diamond fields (+5.3), Rectangular Fields (+5.0), and Miles of trails (+1.2). Deficiencies in outdoor facilities included tot lots (-1.1), ice rink (-1.0), and tennis courts (-1.7). There are several deficiencies for indoor facilities which include an indoor ice rink, senior center, teen center, nature center, aquatic center, and nature center.

While the NPRPA ranks these indoor facilities as deficiencies in the parks system, the community of Shelbyville has access to several third party indoor facilities such as; Shelby Senior services, Boys and Girls Club, Girls Inc. Shelbyville, and Shelby County YMCA Aquatic Center as listed in the other community resources column on Figure 5.6.

### SCORP: TOP 5 RATED OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

- Walking, Hiking, Jogging, and Running
- Relaxation and Spiritual Renewal
- Gardening and Landscaping
- Bird and Wildlife Watching
- Health-Related Activities (Exercise, Yoga, Tai Chi, Pilates, etc.)



### NRPA: TOP OUTDOOR FACILITIES PROVIDED BY AGENCIES

- Playgrounds
- Basketball Courts
- Diamond Fields: Baseball Field - Youth
- Tennis Courts (Outdoor)
- Rectangular Fields: Multi-Purpose

### NRPA: TOP INDOOR FACILITIES PROVIDED BY AGENCIES

- Recreation Centers (Including Gyms)
- Community Centers
- Senior Centers
- Performance Amphitheaters
- Nature Centers



### TPL: TOP PARK AMENITIES

- Basketball Hoops
- Off-Leash Dog Parks
- Playgrounds
- Recreation and Senior Centers
- Restrooms
- Splash Pads and Spray Grounds



## FIGURE 5.6: CURRENT AMENITIES AND TARGET RATIOS

Amenity	NRPA Target Ratio (1)	Current Inventory	Current Ratio	Unit	Target Inventory 2024 Data (2)	Surplus/Deficit	Other Community Resources
<b>Park System Size</b>							
<b>Acres of Park Land</b>	11.2 acres per 1,000 residents	246.2	1.1	Acres	224.8	214	
<b>Miles of Trails (existing)</b> <small>*see trail definition</small>	10 miles for 20,000-49,999 residents	12	1.0	Miles	10.0	1.2	
<b>Outdoor Facilities</b>							
<b>Playgrounds or Play Structures</b>	1 facility per 3,105 residents	7.0	1.1	Ea.	6.5	0.5	
<b>Tot lots</b>	1 facility per 12,744 residents	0.5	0.3	Ea.	1.6	-1.1	
<b>Basketball Courts</b>	1 facility per 7,501 residents	4.5	1.7	Ea.	2.7	1.8	
<b>Volleyball Courts</b>	1 facility per 14,280 residents	3.0	2.1	Ea.	1.4	1.6	
<b>Tennis Courts</b>	1 facility per 5,461 residents	2.0	0.5	Ea.	3.7	-1.7	
<b>Pickleball Courts</b>	1 facility per 7,737 residents	8.0	3.1	Ea.	2.6	5.4	
<b>Racquetball/Handball/Squash Courts</b>	1 facility per 21,791 residents	0.0	0.0	Ea.	0.9	-0.9	
<b>Multiuse Courts: Tennis, Pickleball</b>	1 facility per 13,000 residents	2.0	1.3	Ea.	1.5	0.5	
<b>Diamond Fields</b>	1 facility per 3,007 residents	12.0	1.8	Ea.	6.7	5.3	Babe Ruth Fields
<b>Rectangular Fields</b>	1 facility per 3,333 residents	11.0	1.8	Ea.	6.0	5.0	
<b>Synthetic Rectangular Fields</b>	1 facility per 23,189 residents	0.0	0.0	Ea.	0.9	-0.9	
<b>Fitness Zones/Exercise Stations</b>	1 facility per 27,262 residents	0.0	0.0	Ea.	0.7	-0.7	
<b>Walking Loops/Running Tracks</b>	1 facility per 18,585 residents	1.0	0.0	Ea.	1.1	-0.1	Interplex loop
<b>Disc Golf Courses</b>	1 facility per 29,445 residents	1.0	1.5	Ea.	0.7	0.3	
<b>Splash Pads</b>	1 facility per 30,629 residents	1.0	1.5	Ea.	0.7	0.3	
<b>Swimming Pools (outdoor only)</b>	1 facility per 27,081 residents	1.0	1.3	Ea.	0.7	0.3	
<b>Ice Rink (outdoor only)</b>	1 facility per 19,770 residents	0.0	0.0	Ea.	1.0	-1.0	
<b>Community Gardens</b>	1 facility per 27,262 residents	0.0	0.0	Ea.	0.7	-0.7	Taylor St. Community Garden
<b>Skate Park</b>	1 facility per 33,167 residents	0.0	0.0	Ea.	0.6	-0.6	
<b>Dog Parks</b>	1 facility per 27,508 residents	1.0	1.4	Ea.	0.7	0.3	
<b>18-hole Golf Courses</b>	1 facility per 32,812 residents	0.0	0.0	Ea.	0.6	-0.6	Blue Bear Golf Course
<b>9-hole Golf Courses</b>	1 facility per 38,333 residents	0.0	0.0	Ea.	0.5	-0.5	
<b>Driving Range Stations</b>	1 facility per 12,700 residents	0.0	0.0	Ea.	1.6	-1.6	
<b>Indoor Facilities</b>							
<b>Recreation Centers</b>	1 facility per 24,486 residents	1.0	1.2	Ea.	0.8	0.2	Shelby County YMCA
<b>Community Centers</b>	1 facility per 27,858 residents	1.0	1.4	Ea.	0.7	0.3	Boys & Girls Club, Girls Inc.
<b>Senior Centers</b>	1 facility per 31,985 residents	0.0	0.0	Ea.	0.6	-0.6	Shelby Senior Services
<b>Teen Centers</b>	1 facility per 31,785 residents	0.0	0.0	Ea.	0.6	-0.6	Boys & Girls Club
<b>Nature Centers</b>	1 facility per 33,669 residents	0.0	0.0	Ea.	0.6	-0.6	Boys & Girls Club, Girls Inc.
<b>Aquatic Centers</b>	1 facility per 31,000 residents	0.0	0.0	Ea.	0.6	-0.6	YMCA Aquatic Center
<b>Indoor Ice Rinks</b>	1 facility per 23,512 residents	0.0	0.0	Ea.	0.9	-0.9	
<b>Performance Amphitheater</b>	1 facility per 32,255 residents	0.0	0.0	Ea.	0.6	-0.6	Future amphitheater at Blue River
<b>Permanent and Semi-Permanent Restrooms</b>	1 facility per 4,905 residents	10.0	2.4	Ea.	4.1	5.9	

FIGURE 5.6 continued on page 91

**FIGURE 5.6: CURRENT AMENITIES AND TARGET RATIOS, CONT.**

Amenity	NRPA Target Ratio (1)	Current Inventory	Current Ratio	Unit	Target Inventory 2024 Data (2)	Surplus/Deficit	Other Community Resources
<b>Miles of Trails (within the Parks system)</b> Includes: Blue River Trail, Knauf Trail, Progress Parkway, Story Book Trail, Sunset loop Trail	10 miles for 20,000-49,999 residents	12	1.0	Acres	10.0	1.2	
<b>Miles of Trails (other)</b> Includes: Blue River Trail, Knauf Trail, Progress Parkway Trail, Story Book Trail, Sunset loop Trail, Amos Trail, Central Park Trail, Interplex Trail, Alice St. bike lane, Twin Lakes Trail, Summerfield connection Trail	10 miles for 20,000-49,999 residents	15.9	1.6	Miles	10.0	5.9	

(\* ) Community amenities to consider that are not affiliated with the Parks Department or future

(1) Target ratio standards are from the 2024 NRPA Agency Performance Review for agencies serving 20,000- 49,999 residents.  
 (2) Target inventory is calculated by dividing the current population data by the target ratio. Population data sourced from U.S. Census Bureau Population Estimates (2020) and was 20,067 for these calculations.  
 \*These trail calculations exclude future funded and future non-funded trails

### TPL AS A CITY COMPARISON

The Trust for Public Land (TPL) is a charitable organization that works to create parks and protect land for people to ensure that communities are healthy and livable. The TPL’s Center for City Park Excellence works to make cities more successful by providing data for park professionals and planners on urban park and recreation systems. The 2023 City Park Facts and ParkScore generated by TPL analyzes and evaluates how large cities are meeting the need for parks and recreation.

According to this evaluation, the overall median of parkland per 1,000 residents is 13.1 acres. Additionally, the average percent of population that is within a walkable distance (1/2 mile radius) to access publicly owned parks is 74%. The 2023 City Park Facts also gives insight into balancing natural and built park environments. The average percentage of designed parkland is 47% and the average percentage of parkland that is natural is 53% .

Based on the TPL standards of 13.1 acres per 1,000 residents, Shelbyville should have about 262.9 acres of parkland. Shelbyville currently has 246.2 acres of parkland which is a 16.7 acre deficiency.

### WALKABILITY & LOCATION OF SERVICES

TPL also reviews data to provide a walkability score for communities. According to TPL ParkServe only 51% of Shelbyville residents live within a 10-minute walk of a park, which is much less than the national average of 74%. However, TPL data does not include all park acreage or consider community parks not owned or operated by SPRD. The public survey results match that of TPL, showing that nearly 51% of respondents who live in Shelbyville live less than a 10-minute walk (less than 1/2 mile) to a park.

A walkability and location of services mapping analysis that included both city parks and other community parks not owned or operated by SPRD illustrated that approximately 12,904 people live within a 10-minute walk to a park, which is approximately 64% of the population. This analysis is lower than the national average. This mapping analysis is depicted in Figure 5.7.

**FIGURE 5.7: WALKABILITY & LOCATION OF SERVICES MAP**

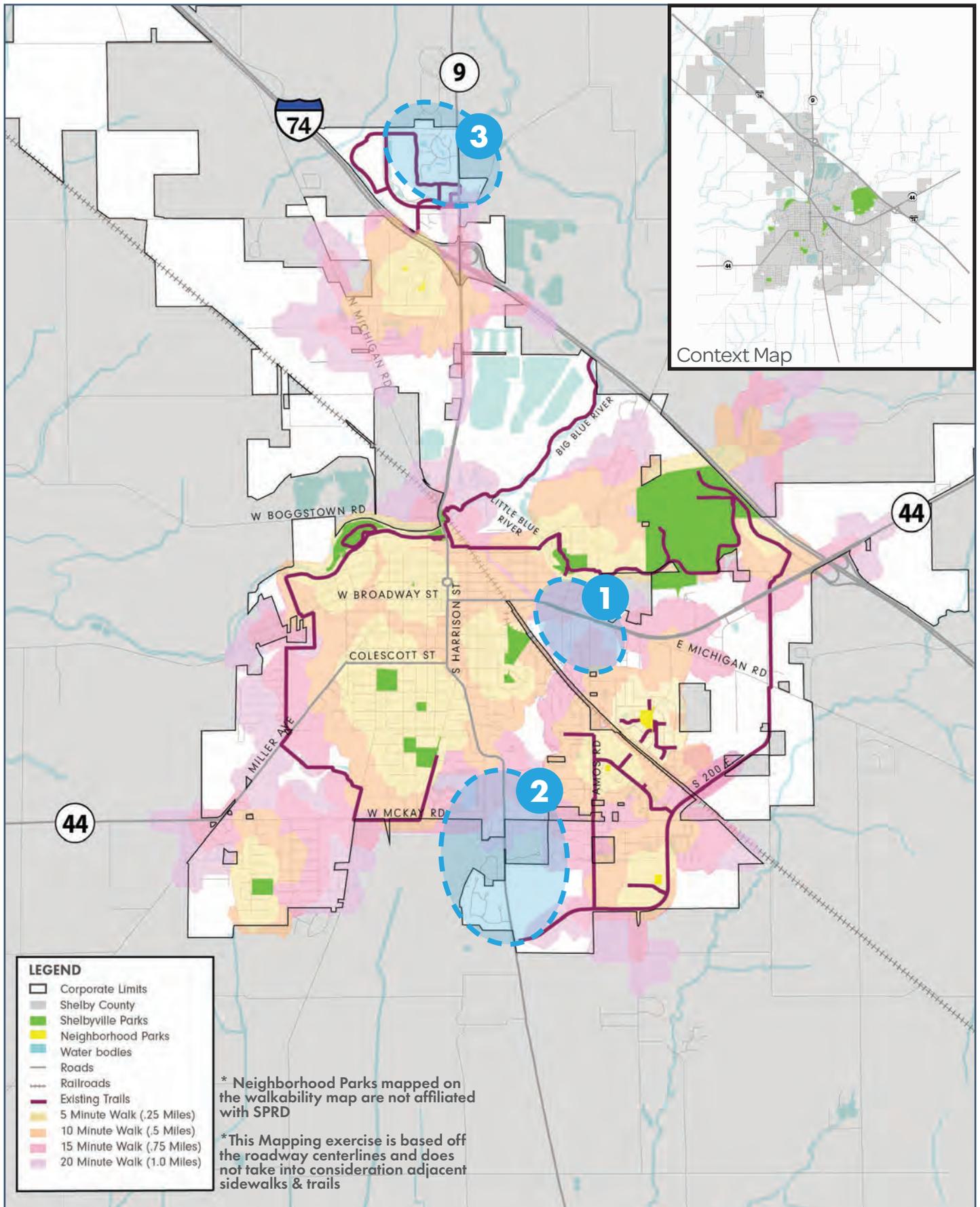


Figure 5.7 illustrates three lack of services areas within the corporate limits.

### AREA 1

- This area is located between Sunrise Park and Kennedy Park and mostly consists of single family housing and some businesses. It is recommended that SPRD either acquire property to add a small neighborhood park in this area or provide residents in this area with better access and connectivity to Sunrise Park and Kennedy Park.

### AREA 2

- This area is located in the southeastern corporate limits near the intersection of McKay Road and State Road 9. This area consists mostly of single family housing and undeveloped farmland. There are no public parks in this area for the existing neighborhood developments. It is recommended that SPRD acquire property to add a neighborhood park in this area.

### AREA 3

- This area is located next to MHP Major Hospital and includes the neighborhoods of Trotters Chase and Country Club Heights. There are no public parks in this area. This area is also north of I-74, which further isolates these neighborhoods from existing public parks to the south. While this area is lacking access to public parks, residents do have access to the Interplex walking path for recreation. It is recommended for SPRD to acquire land for a small neighborhood park in this area. However, Areas 1 and 2 would be a higher priority unless new development occurs in Area 3 in the next five years.
- There are currently no trails or sidewalks connecting this area to the rest of Shelbyville further limiting access to park amenities. There is a planned trail connection to extend to I-74. It is recommended that this connection should extend across the highway to serve these neighborhoods

With anticipated future growth in Shelbyville, it is recommended that as the city grows that new park and trail facilities are added to ensure residents have adequate access to parks and recreation services throughout the community. SPRD should target to have a park within a 10-minute walk (1/2 mile) ideally, and a park within a 20-minute walk (1 mile) at minimum. In addition to requiring new residential developments to include a neighborhood park, SPRD should evaluate

the need for a larger community park with amenities such as centerpiece playgrounds, splash pads, and dog parks to serve a broader area in regions experiencing new growth. SPRD should also continue to improve and expand trail connectivity, connecting areas of new growth to the existing trail system.

## OPERATING EXPENDITURES AND FULL-TIME STAFF

### BUDGET

There are several ways in which the 2024 NRPA Agency Performance Review compares operating expenditures. These include annual operating expenditures, operating expenditures per capita, operating expenditures per acre of park and non-park sites, and operating expenditures by the amount of parkland managed. The following statistics are the median population for jurisdictions ranging from 20,000 - 49,999 population:

- Annual operating expenditures range from \$2,003,128 (lower quartile) to \$7,853,006 (upper quartile) with a median of \$3,462,654 . **Shelbyville's annual operating budget for 2024 was \$2,833,107.**
- Operating expenditure per capita ranges from \$62.32 (lower quartile) to \$226.13 (upper quartile) with a median of \$114.81 per person. **Shelbyville's operating expenditure per capita was \$141.18 per person in 2024.**
- Operation expenditure per acre of park and non-park site has a median of \$9,013 **Shelbyville's operating expenditure per acre of park and non-park site was \$13,176 in 2024.**

Shelbyville's annual operating expenditures is between the lower quartile and median compared to agencies of a similar size. Annual operating expenditures could be increased by \$629,000 to be in the median range. Shelbyville's operating expenditure per capita and operation expenditure per acre of park and non-park sites is within the median and upper quartile compared to agencies of a similar size. As the population of Shelbyville grows, this range will decrease. The larger the population served, the lower the operating expenditures are per capita and per acre of park.

Additionally with expected population growth, SPRD and the City of Shelbyville should evaluate the operating budget over the next five years and increase the budget as needed to meet new demands on the park system. If new programs or facilities are added to the park system, the budget should also be increased accordingly to accommodate growth.

## STAFFING

Just as park and recreation agencies differ by size and jurisdiction served, so do staffing levels. The following statistics are for jurisdictions ranging from 20,000 - 49,999 population:

- Staffing per capita for typical agencies is 8.9 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) employees on staff per 10,000 residence in the service area, which would equate to **18 FTE** employees for Shelbyville. **SPRD currently has 17 FTE employees which is 1 FTE employees below what a typical park and recreation agency provides**
- Staffing based on jurisdiction size ranges from 19.9 FTE employees (lower quartile) to 66.9 FTE employees (upper quartile) with a median of 34.2 FTE employees for agency's with the same jurisdiction range. **SPRD currently has 17 FTE employees which is 4 FTE employees below the lower quartile and 17.2 below the median.**

Currently, SPRD should strive to meet the lower quartile of 19.9 FTE employees since the population is at the lower end of the 20,000 to 49,999 jurisdiction range. As the population grows in the next five years SPRD should continue to evaluate their staffing needs in comparison to the median quartile of 34.2 FTE employees. SPRD has expressed the need for additional staffing to meet parks and recreation needs in Shelbyville and experience the following issues by not being adequately staffed:

- Maintenance staff are stretched thinly and at capacity. Unexpected repairs due to repeated vandalism and continuous softball field preparation for tournaments puts a strain on SPRD to keep up with routine maintenance needs. More maintenance staff is needed to keep up with current demands.
- SPRD has an expansive offering of programs and sporting events that require preparation and special attention. More staff is needed to support these offerings.
- Staff retention is challenging due to less than competitive pay wages not enticing staff to stay. Additionally, it has been difficult to retain second shift staff due to it being a less desirable shift.

Based on this data, it is recommended that SPRD add at least 3 FTE employees to bring the department up to the minimum range compared to other agencies of similar size and to address the specific needs of SPRD. Below are the staffing positions that have been identified as needing to be added over then next five year:

- 1 Full-Time Assistant Parks Director Position
- 2 Full-Time Maintenance Staff Position

As new parks and recreation programming and facilities are added to the park system, new staff position will need to be added to accommodate new services offered. In addition to adding new staffing positions, the following items below can help SPRD better evaluate current and future staffing needs to help set the department up for success in the future.

- Conducting a strategic evaluation of the current staffing, including roles and responsibilities, to better understand staff allocation and establish a target number for FTE employees needed to support existing programs and facilities, as well as future needs.
- Developing an organization chart to clearly identify roles and responsibilities for each staff position.
- Develop a succession plan that addresses gaps in staffing needs due to existing staff leaving due to retirement, promotion or other reasons, and when staff members are out of the office on vacation, sick leave or other short-term absences.

2024 STAFFING	
FULL TIME EMPLOYEES	17
PART-TIME EMPLOYEES	8
SEASONAL	90



Kennedy Park Playground



Pickleball courts at Blue River Memorial Park



Blue River Trails



Basketball courts at Morrison Park



Disc Golf at Sunset Park



Splash pad at Blue River Memorial Park

## SUSTAINABLE PROGRAMMING

Shelbyville Parks have several park programs as identified in the Programming Snapshot in Chapter 02 Inventory. Majority of these programs are fee-based with a few free events annually. The park does promote Shelbyville residents to coordinate with Shelby County Youth Assistance Program for sponsorships to fee-based programming and camps.

Along with programmed events the park system includes several open recreation facilities for public use. These facilities include pickleball, basketball, tennis, disc golf, splash pad, and several biking and walking trails as defined in Chapter 02 Inventory.

It is the department's goal to provide programs that capture a diverse range of people in the community to keep residence actively involved with the parks and promote a healthy lifestyle.

## CURRENT PROGRAMMING TRENDS

According to the 2024 NRPA Agency Performance Review, programming is a key method of engagement that drives the use of park and recreation facilities, and when associated with registration fees, it is also the largest source of non-tax revenue for most agencies. The lack of programs can equate to reduced usage rates, less community support and reduced budgets.

The 2024 NRPA Performance Review identified key programming activities offered by at least seven out of ten parks and recreation agencies. These include:

- Themed special events (89%)
- Social recreation events (88%)
- Team sports (86%)
- Fitness enhancement classes (82%)
- Health and wellness education (80%)
- Individual Sports (76%)
- Safety Training (73%)
- Racquet sports (70%)
- Aquatics (68%)
- Natural and cultural history activities (66%)

- Cultural crafts (63%)
- Visual arts (63%)
- Trips and tours (62%)
- Performing arts (62%)
- Martial arts (56%)
- Running / cycling races (53%)
- Golf (49%)
- eSports / eGaming (26%)

Agencies serving jurisdictions with populations ranging from 20,000 to 49,999 typically offered the following prevalent programs targeted specifically for children, seniors, and people with disabilities:

- Summer camp (86%)
- Specific senior programs (79%)
- Specific teen programs (64%)
- After-school programs (41%)
- Science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) programs (49%)
- Programs for people with disabilities (62%)
- Preschool (34%)

SPRD currently has a wide range of programming as listed in Chapter 2 Inventory. Respondents of the public survey were generally satisfied with the current programming and activities that SPRD facilitates. The public survey indicated 69.6% of respondents ranked community events such as festivals, 5K, and concerts as the top desired program. This data supports the NRPA 2024 Performance review identifying themed special events (80%) and social recreation events (88%) as key programming activities offered by the majority of park and recreation agencies. Increasing these program events offered by SPRD to include other cultural holidays would support the rise in diversity within Shelbyville, previously mentioned in Chapter 4 Scoping. SPRD should also consider extending the season of these events by theming them for fall and winter.

Based on the NRPA Agency Performance Review

program list and Shelbyville public survey respondents the addition of the following programming should be considered in the next 5 years:

- Cultural holiday themed events
  - Dia De Los Muertos
  - Chinese New Year
  - Oktoberfest
  - Holi
- Programs targeted specifically for teens
  - Social media contest & challenges
  - Musical events targeted for current trends
  - Sporting and pop-culture watch parties
- Programs targeted specifically for people with disabilities
  - Include disability sports such as but not limited to wheel chair basketball
  - SRPD should consider partnering with a disability resource in the community to poll and identify the types of programming desired in the community
- Programs targeted specifically for seniors
  - Continue to support Shelby Senior service and host activities within SPRD
- STEM Specific Programming
  - Robotics events for all ages
  - Horticulture & Hydrological that showcase natural systems in the community
  - Partner with local companies to highlight and introduce STEM trades for children of all ages



Cultural Celebrations: Dia De Los Muertos  
Photo Source: Vacaville Parks and Rec Dept.



Adaptive sports: Wheel chair basketball  
Photo Source: Boise Parks and Rec Dept.



STEM Programming: Mishawaka Robofest  
Photo Source: Mishawaka Parks and Rec Dept.

## KEY ANALYSIS TAKEAWAYS

SCORP guidelines as well as the NRPA and TPL benchmarks, in addition to public input help form a complete picture of the amenities and services SPRD should strive to provide to its residents. This analysis resulted in a number of observations and recommendations for the future direction of the park system. The following pages provide a summary of the primary takeaways of this analysis.

### PARK ACREAGE

According to the SCORP guidelines, Shelbyville is deficient in park acreage by roughly 150 acres, although by NRPA and TPL standards SPRD is meeting or exceeding expectations for the acres of parkland. Adding additional park land should not be a priority in the next five years. As illustrated in the walkability map the distribution of parks land within SPRD service area suggests 3 zones that are lacking access to parks. If additional park land was acquired within the next five years adding park land within zones 1 & 2 would be of greater priority.

### STAFFING

NRPA benchmark comparisons suggests the SPRD is understaffed and should add new staff to the SPRD team. Additionally, SPRD experiences staffing challenges to keep up with maintenance demands and programming/events demands. It is recommended that SPRD add at least 3 FTE employees to bring the department up to the minimum range compared to other agencies of similar size and to address the specific needs of SPRD. Below are the staffing positions that need to be added over then next five years:

- 1 Full-Time Assistant Parks Director Position
- 2 Full-Time Maintenance Staff Position

As new parks and recreation programming and facilities are added to the park system, new staff position will need to be added to accommodate new services offered.

Additionally it is recommended that SPRD:

- Offer competitive wages to better retain staff
- Evaluate current staffing levels

- Develop a organization chart
- Develop a succession plan

### OPERATING BUDGET

SPRD operating budget is below the median range compared to other agencies of a similar size and could be increased by about \$629,000 to bring the parks department into the median range. As the population of Shelbyville grows, the operating budget should be increased to accommodate new community growth and to provide new programs and facilities for more residents.

SPRD and the City of Shelbyville should monitor and evaluate the operating budget over the next five years and increase the budget as needed to meet new demands on the park system. If new programs or facilities are added the park system, the budget should also be increased accordingly to accommodate growth.

### NATURAL PARKLAND

Public survey results indicate that the community has interest in naturalized parkland.

- Respondents ranked Blue River Memorial Park highly on the survey. The community thoroughly enjoys this natural amenity and would like to see more nature-based recreation throughout the city along with better connectivity to those areas currently available to them.
- Respondents mentioned a desire for more shade, natural areas, and hiking opportunities within the parks system
- Establishing a clean river corridor, clear of obstacles for water recreation was a high priority from survey respondents.
- Respondents also mentioned they would like to see a new park typology such as wetland and/or nature preserve.

With reports from TPL noting that the average percentage of natural parkland is 52% and activities such as hiking and bird/wildlife watching ranked in the top-five rated outdoor activities in the SCORP, there is a need for continued emphasis on providing and maintaining natural areas.

Blue River Memorial Park is a treasured feature and provides natural recreation amenities such as trails through Shelbyville's native landscape along the Little Blue River. While this park is not centralized in Shelbyville, Kennedy Park is a centralized park that is also a highly valued asset to the community with its mature tree canopy and proximity to the Little Blue River. Unfortunately, this park has aged and requires several repairs and updates. Strategies to consider for maintaining natural parkland include:

- Establishing a tree inventory to aid in maintaining tree canopy and developing a tree succession plan to replace aging canopy.
- Evaluate each park's open green space to the built environment ratio as new amenities are added to the parks to maintain or be cognizant of the overall green space within the parks system. Maintaining a natural respite for residence is equally important as providing various amenities and programs.
- Consider implementing native planting such as prairie grasses in lieu of turf grass or pollinator gardens in inner-urban parks. This will increase native habitat and wildlife, decrease the required mown area, and promote nature education and birdwatching.

## SURPLUSES AND DEFICIENCIES

The analysis of NRPA benchmarks show surpluses and deficiencies in the park system.

### SURPLUSES

Notable surpluses included miles of trails, basketball courts, volleyball courts, pickleball courts, diamond fields, and restrooms. Analysis returned mixed results for acres of parkland. Although SCORP identified a large deficiency other comparisons show that Shelbyville has a surplus of park acreage. Feedback from staff and the public did not identify a lack of park acreage either, therefore acquiring additional parkland is not a priority in the next five years.

### DEFICIENCIES

Notable outdoor deficiencies include tot-lots, tennis courts, and ice rinks.

While NRPA benchmarks identify several deficiencies for indoor facilities, the City of Shelbyville has access to several of these facilities outside of SPRD. As Shelbyville grows, it is important for SPRD to support and monitor these organizations to continue to efficiently provide these services to the community. If any of these services are no longer provided to the community in the next five years SPRD should consider expanding their programming to provide these services to the community.

## TRAILS AND GREENWAYS

As indicated in the public survey, 73.8 % of respondents noted walking/jogging/ exercise as the most popular activity and amenity. This data along with the surplus of trails is clear evidence that Shelbyville is doing a great job of implementing trails. While there is a surplus in miles of trails, public survey respondents indicated they would like to see better trail network connections, especially across I-74.

As shown in Chapter 2 Inventory, Figure 2.3, several future trails have been identified. These trails are a direct result from the 2015 Shelbyville Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan and a key identifier that the city is strategically planning to connect areas to the north and south to Shelbyville's amenities and should continue to prioritize these connections.

## PROGRAMMING

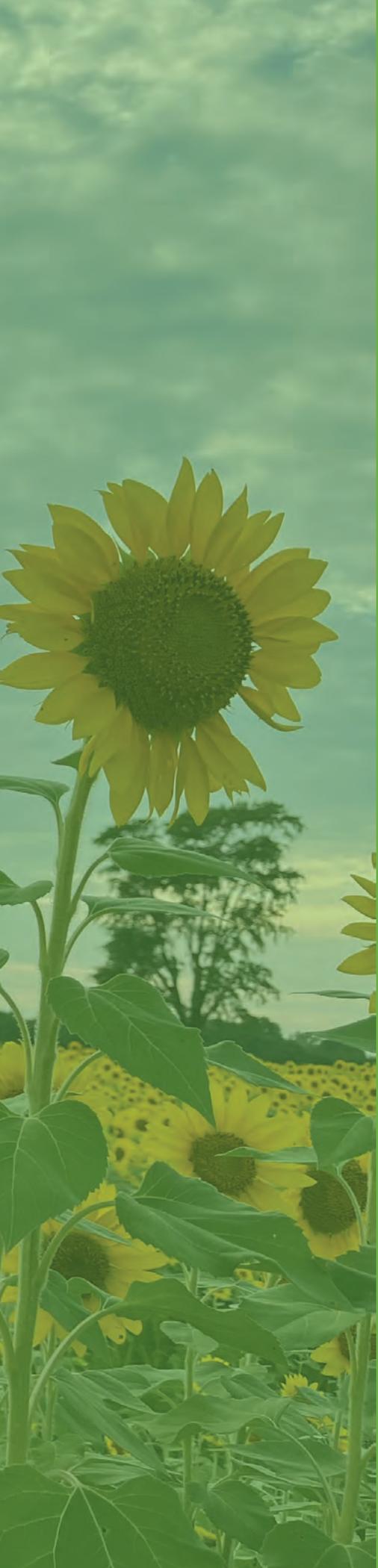
The analysis of NRPA benchmarks and the public survey supports the addition of:

- Cultural holiday themed events
- Programs targeted specifically for teens
- Programs targeted specifically for people with disabilities
- STEM Specific Programming

Specific program suggestion can be found above, but are not limited to these suggestions.

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## RECOMMENDATIONS

# OVERVIEW

The following section provides a detailed listing of plan recommendations for the SPRD park system. These recommendations will assist SPRD in making decisions regarding operations, maintenance, programming, new projects, and facility improvements over the next five years. These recommendations are the outcome of an extensive planning process that inventory and evaluation of existing conditions, stakeholder and community input, and data analysis. The information collected during this process is summarized within the content of this plan.

## SYSTEM-WIDE GOALS

System-wide goals and objectives identified through the planning process are outlined on the following pages. These will guide SPRD for the next five years.

### GOAL 1:

#### UPDATE & IMPROVE EXISTING PLAYGROUNDS THROUGHOUT THE PARK SYSTEM.

**OBJECTIVES**

- Update aging and damaged playground equipment.
- Replace/repair damaged or failing play surfacing.
- Provide more accessible/inclusive options.
- Provide more tot lots and play options for 2-5 age group
- Provide more shade with trees or shade structures.
- Address accessibility issues.

### GOAL 2:

#### CONTINUE TO EXPAND & IMPROVE THE TRAIL SYSTEM.

**OBJECTIVES**

- Add trail sections to fill gaps and missing links.
- Develop an asset management & repavement plan for older sections of trails
- Identify long-term regional trail connections.
- Find opportunities to allow the trail to engage with the river.
- Expand Trail Typologies - non-paved nature trails, mountain bike trails, raised boardwalk, equestrian trails.
- Provide additional trail amenities.
  - Improve restroom access - extend hours of operation and identify long gaps along trails.
  - Add seating nodes and fitness stations off of the trail.



Tot Lot



Nature Trails

### GOAL 3:

#### INVEST IN PROTECTING AND EMBRACING EXISTING NATURAL RESOURCES.

##### OBJECTIVES

- Remove invasive species in parks and natural areas.
- Implement erosion control solutions along the river.
- Diversify tree canopy in species and maturity.
- Promote new tree canopy growth.

### GOAL 4:

#### EXPAND NATURE-BASED RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES.

##### OBJECTIVES

- Identify opportunities to develop a nature-based park.
- Provide a rental opportunity for tubing and kayak on the river to improve recreational access.
- Clear obstacles in the river to make tubing and kayaking more enjoyable.
- Provide better visual and physical access to the river.



River Activation



River Views



River Kayaking



Explorative Play

## GOAL 5:

### EXPAND PROGRAMMING OPTIONS AND ACCESSIBILITY.

#### OBJECTIVES

- Provide more teen and young adult-focused programming.
- Provide more adult-oriented programming (Strong Man competition, adult swim night, concerts).
- Continue to offer high quality programs.
- Work with local philanthropy to promote and advertise available scholarship and assistance programs to make programming more accessible for participants of all economic status and abilities.
- Develop cultural programming events.
- Expand nature-based recreation.

## GOAL 6:

### EXPLORE WAYS TO COMBAT VANDALISM AND IMPROVE SAFETY THROUGHOUT THE PARK SYSTEM.

#### OBJECTIVES

- Install additional "blue light" emergency call stations.
- Employ security staff or additional police patrols at parks and trails.
- Install security cameras and signage to deter vandals.
- Use vandal proof design and materials where possible.
- Activate park spaces to keep a more consistent presence which will deter unlawful activities.

## GOAL 7:

### ADDRESS ACCESSIBILITY ISSUES AND BARRIERS AT PARKS AND TRAILS.

#### OBJECTIVES

- Increase access to restrooms in parks.
- Improve accessibility (parking/restroom access/inclusive play) in parks.

## GOAL 8:

### IMPROVE ACCESS TO EQUAL AMENITIES & RECREATION FOR UNDESERVED AREAS OF THE COMMUNITY.

#### OBJECTIVES

- Plan for new parks to serve areas where the population is expanding.
- Provide a new park or equal access for residents north of I-74.

## GOAL 9:

### PRIORITIZE SYSTEM-WIDE FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS.

#### OBJECTIVES

- Improve the cross country course at Blue River Memorial Park.
- Address storage and operational efficiency needs in the parks department.
- Invest in long-term aquatics planning by completing a feasibility study that addresses the following:
  - Updating or expanding the existing pool facility (new amenities, lazy river).
  - Adding a splash pad to extend the aquatics season.
  - Consideration for a new pool location.



Adaptive sports



Adult agility course



Outdoor ping pong



Cultural celebrations



Consolidated storage facility



"Blue light" emergency call station

# CONCEPT PLAN: MORRISON PARK

## Legend

- |                     |                              |                                       |                    |
|---------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Boys & Girls Club | 6 Future Parking             | 11 Fitness Course                     | 16 Picnic Space    |
| 2 Girls Club Inc.   | 7 Sledding Hill              | 12 Game Plaza                         | 17 Multi-Use Lawn  |
| 3 Existing Shelter  | 8 Existing Basketball Courts | 13 Cafe (adaptive reuse of structure) | 18 Memorial Garden |
| 4 Future Shelter    | 9 Monument Sign              | 14 Spray Plaza                        | 19 Gateway Arch    |
| 5 Existing Parking  | 10 Live Creek                | 15 Playground                         | 20 Walking Trails  |



Morrison Park, Shelbyville's first park, has long been a cornerstone in the growth of the Shelbyville Parks and Recreation Department. To ensure its ongoing success and relevance, revitalizing the park with new upgraded amenities is essential. These upgraded amenities include modern play equipment, upgraded shelters, scenic walking paths, a café, spray plaza and more. The adaptive reuse of the existing storage building for a cafe and teen space will activate the park and in turn deter vandalism. Engaging local youth and neighborhood residence in the construction of this renovation with place making activities such as, painting a mural or installing planting would help establish a restored pride for the future of Morrison Park. This renovation will breathe new life into the park, preserving its legacy while creating a vibrant space for future generations to enjoy.

This concept was inspired by the designs created by the Spring 2024 Ball State University second year Landscape Architecture Immersive learning studio. The concepts presented inspired SPRD to include the re-invision of Morrison Park in the 5-year SPRD Master Plan. For more information of the students involvement reference the public engagement chapter. Several of the students concepts and amenities were carried into this design, such as:

- Daylighting the buried ditch to add a natural stream into the park
- Activate the park with teen centric amenities
- Establish a walking loop and better connectivity to the amenities available
- Redefined organization of existing memorials
- Establish a strong connection from Girls Inc. and the Boys & Girls Club to the Park



Live Creek



Game Plaza



Monument Sign



Ping Pong



Playground



Fitness Course



Building Mural



Spray Plaza

# ACTION PLAN

The following tables identify actions that SPRD can take over the next five years to accomplish the goals establish for this planning period. The following action items are categorized into three priority terms: short term (1-2 year), mid term (2-4 year), and long term (4-5 year). This structure will help guide SPRD but is expected to evolve as funding opportunities become present and the needs of the community grow.

## SHORT TERM 1-2 years

PARK	ACTION	GOAL	COST ESTIMATE	FUNDING SOURCES
System-Wide	Add (2) full-time positions	N/A	-	Operating Budget
System-Wide	Engage a consultant to evaluate the staffing & budget needs of the department (i.e. Conduct staff survey, retention strategy, certification assistance)	N/A	Varies	Operating Budget
System-Wide	Increase sports camps and league offerings to provide programming options for all abilities	5	-	Operating Budget
System-Wide	Develop teen programming events	5	-	Operating Budget
System-Wide	Develop a schedule and budget to implement 2023 ADA Transition Plan	7	-	Operating Budget
System-Wide	Engage a consultant to develop an invasive species remediation plan	3	\$15,000 - \$30,000	IDNR Urban Forestry Assistance Grant
System-Wide	Conduct a park wide safety evaluation. Identify priority concerns and gaps in security (needs for lighting, surveillance, and emergency call stations)	6	-	Operating Budget
System-Wide	Establish organized volunteer programming	9	-	Operating Budget
System-Wide	Expand programming to include cultural celebrations	5	-	Operating Budget
Carl McNeely Civic Center	Complete general improvements & maintenance	9	Varies	Operating Budget
Clearwick Park	Address concrete settling at shelter pad and restrooms to remove trip hazard and restore ADA access	7	\$2,000 - \$5,000	Operating Budget
Clearwick Park	Add accessible path to connect playground, parking, and shelter.	7	\$6,000 - \$8,000	Operating Budget
Sunset Park	Playground renovation/update (ages 2-5 & 5-12)	1	\$500,000 - \$1M	Operating Budget
Kennedy Park	Replace pedestrian Bridge Decking	2	\$40,000 - \$80,000	Operating Budget
Kennedy Park	Replace picnic shelter roof/renovate shelter	1	\$100,000	Operating Budget
Sunrise Park	Complete softball field renovations (upgraded score board, park lighting, dugouts, general maintenance)	1	-	Operating Budget

PARK	ACTION	GOAL	COST ESTIMATE	FUNDING SOURCES
Sunrise Park	Update playground	1	\$500,000 - \$1M	Operating Budget
Sunrise Park	Remove and replace basketball court	1	\$80,000 - \$100,000	Operating Budget
Sunrise Park	Complete concession/restroom building renovation	1	-	Currently Underway
Meridian Athletic Complex	Address handicap accessibility issues, repair concrete ramp into gravel lot	7	\$2,000 - \$4,000	Operating Budget
Blue River Memorial Park	Complete amphitheater project	5	-	Currently Underway
Blue River Memorial Park	Add more parking	1	-	Currently Underway
Blue River Memorial Park	Engage a consultant to conduct a river bank restoration plan/erosion solution	3	\$50,000 - \$80,000	Operating Budget
Tindall Park	Add fence enclosure for safety	1	\$8,000	Operating Budget

## MID TERM



2-4 years

PARK	ACTION	GOAL	COST ESTIMATE	FUNDING SOURCES
System-Wide	Evaluate the need for cross country course to have season staff as the programming continues to expand	9	TBD	Operating Budget
System-Wide	Conduct a community wide tree inventory and urban canopy assessment	3	TBD	IDNR Urban Forestry Assistance Grant
System-Wide	Conduct annual reporting of natural features that impact SPRD properties through communication with the Health Department and Shelby County Soil and Water. (water quality, air quality, shade coverage, erosion)	3	-	Volunteer opportunity
Trails	Update trails master plan building off of the 2015 Trails Masterplan	2	\$45,000 - \$65,000	ISDH Bike & Pedestrian Master Plan Grant
Trails	Expand trail typology to include rugged hiking trails	2	Varies	Operating Budget
Trails	Evaluate safety concern and Implement trail safety improvements	6	-	Operating Budget, ISDH Tactical Urbanism Demonstration Grant
Trails	Develop new trail connection from Kennedy park bridge to downtown (E Franklin Street)	2	\$500,000 - \$1.5M	Next Level Trails

## MID TERM CONTINUED

PARK	ACTION	GOAL	COST ESTIMATE	FUNDING SOURCES
Trails	Engage consultant for design of trail segment that do not have funding	2	Varies	Operating Budget
Clearwick Park	Add movable soccer goals and modify open field as needed to provide a level play surface	1	\$5,000 - \$15,000	Operating Budget, Donor opportunity, Blue River Foundation
Clearwick Park	Replace playground surfacing to a more accessible surfacing	1 & 7	\$50,000 - \$100,000	Operating Budget
Clearwick Park	Complete general park improvements (scheduled maintenance, shelter, walking path, resurface parking)	1	Varies	Operating Budget
Clearwick Park	Install a sports court (pickleball, basketball, tennis court)	1 & 5	\$70,000 - \$100,000	Operating Budget, Donor opportunity, Blue River Foundation
Morrison Park	Engage a consultant for final design	1	\$60,000 - \$80,000	Operating Budget
Sunset Park	Update furniture & lighting	1	\$150,000 - \$300,000	Operating Budget
Sunset Park	Conduct selective clearing and pruning along river to open views to water	3	-	Operating Budget
Sunset Park	Incorporate kayak launch at boat ramp (accessible options)	4	\$200,000 - \$500,000	Operating Budget
Sunset Park	Update information kiosks and signs	1	\$50,000	Operating Budget
Sunset Park	Develop kayak/canoe rental program	4	-	Operating Budget
Kennedy Park	Update playground (include ages 2-5 and 5-12)	1	\$500,000 - \$1M	Operating Budget
Sunrise Park	Resurface parking areas and widen internal drive for two-way traffic	1	-	Operating Budget
Sunrise Park	Provide sidewalk connections into park from surrounding streets and residential neighborhoods	1	Study Dependent	IDNR Recreational Trails Program
Blue River Memorial Park	Expand storage facility to provide a consolidated storage for parks and maintenance equipment	9	-	Operating Budget
Blue River Memorial Park	Add shade sails at the splash pad and playground	1	\$35,000	Donor Opportunity
Blue River Memorial Park	Develop a kayak/canoe rental program	4	-	Blue River Foundation, Donor opportunity

PARK	ACTION	GOAL	COST ESTIMATE	FUNDING SOURCES
Blue River Memorial Park	Fill in trail gaps to create a loop trail in the park that connect the splash pad and playground to the rest of the park	2	-	Blue River Foundation, Donor opportunity, IDNR Land & Water Conservation
11 / Tindell Park	Engage consultant to assist inclusive park renovation concept designed for children with special needs (public engagement, design)	7	\$50,000	Operating Budget

## LONG TERM



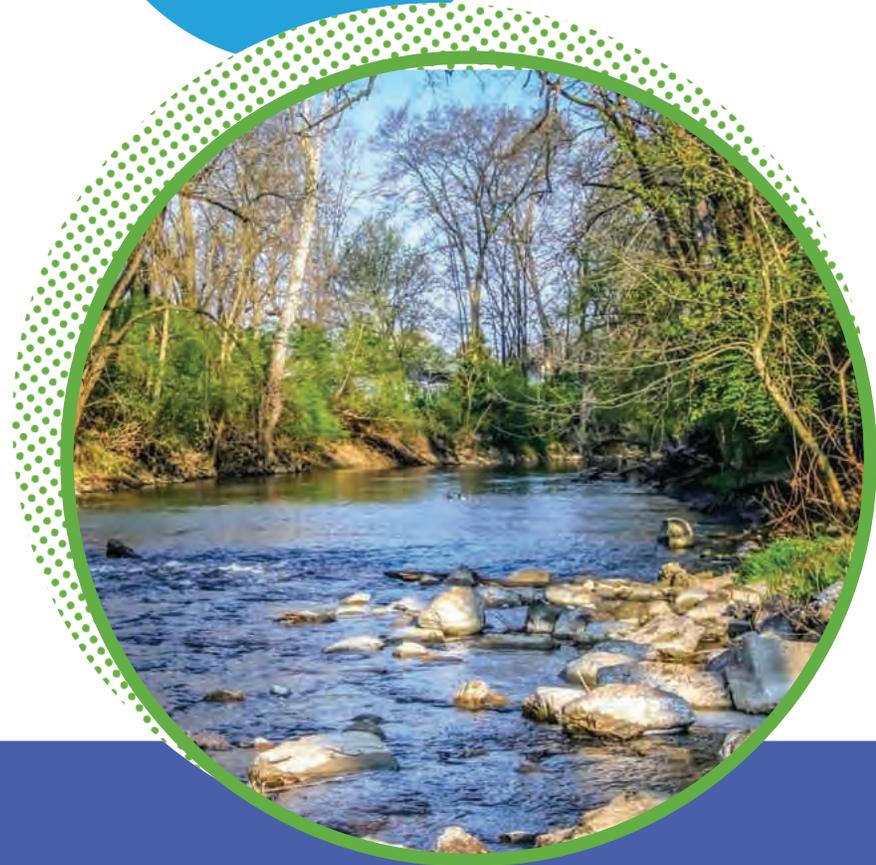
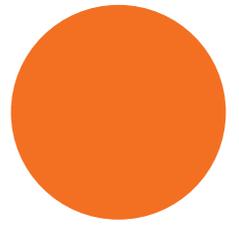
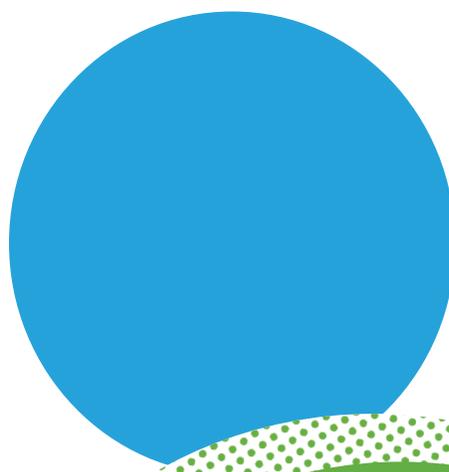
4-5 years

PARK	ACTION	GOAL	COST ESTIMATE	FUNDING SOURCES
System-Wide	Develop fun adult only programming events (i.e. Adult only swim night, Kickball League)	5	-	Operating Budget
System-Wide	Establish a "Parents Night Out" Program through the Carl McNeely Civic Center Childcare	5	-	Operating Budget
System-Wide	Develop a tree succession plan for Shelbyville Parks	3	TBD	IDNR Urban Forestry Assistance Grant
System-Wide	Engage a consultant to develop a Blueway Master Plan	3 & 4	\$40,000 - \$80,000	Operating Budget
System-Wide	Engage a consultant to develop a plan & feasibility study for nature-based recreation opportunities	4	\$40,000 - \$80,000	Operating Budget
System-Wide	Update signage and wayfinding at all parks	1	\$150,000 - \$500,000	Blue River Foundation, Donor opportunity
System-Wide	Establish a maintenance and replacement plan for community art installations	9	-	Operating Budget, Blue River Foundation
Trails	Acquire funding for trail segment that have not yet been funded	2	Varies	Operating Budget
Carl McNeely Civic Center	Conduct a site and building feasibility study for future expansion or relocation to address space constraints	9	Varies	Operating Budget
Morrison Park	Renovation of Morrison Park to implement proposed concept	1	\$2M - \$5M	IDNR Land & Water Conservation
Morrison Park	Adaptive reuse of storage facility for community space	9	\$100,000 - \$500,000	Operating Budget

## LONG TERM CONTINUED

PARK	ACTION	GOAL	COST ESTIMATE	FUNDING SOURCES
Sunset Park	Widen & replace walking loop trail	2	\$150,000 - \$300,000	Operating Budget
Sunset Park	Resurface parking areas	1	\$150,000 - \$200,000	Operating Budget
Sunset Park	Add new amenity	1	Varies	Operating Budget
Sunset Park	Add bike rental station to develop round trip option for kayak rentals recreation	4	-	Operating Budget
Sunset Park	Implement invasive plant removal established in management strategy/plan	3	Varies	Volunteer Group, LARE Invasive Aquatic Vegetation Management Grant
Sunset Park	Engage consultant to assist in development of park renovation concepts (public engagement, design)	1	-	Operating Budget
Kennedy Park	Expand asphalt parking along entry drive	1	-	Operating Budget
Kennedy Park	Add park loop trail	1	\$20,000 per mile	IDNR Land & Water Conservation
Kennedy Park	Remove head dam at Little Blue River and pedestrian bridge	3	Varies	IDNR LARE Biological and Engineering Grant
Sunrise Park	Conduct a parking expansion feasibility study	1	Study Dependent	Operating Budget
Meridian Athletic Complex	Install asphalt parking lot	1	-	Operating Budget
Blue River Memorial Park	Update playground equipment	1	\$500,000 - \$1M	IDNR Land and Water Conservation Fund, Blue River Foundation, Donor opportunity
Blue River Memorial Park	Develop a new nature-based amenity in the park	4	\$80,000 - \$150,000	Blue River Foundation, Donor opportunity, IDNR Recreational Trails Program
Blue River Memorial Park	Add new shelter in park along river	1	\$50,000 - \$150,000	Blue River Foundation, Donor opportunity
Blue River Memorial Park	Add new shelter at kayak launch	1	\$50,000 - \$150,000	Blue River Foundation, Donor opportunity

PARK	ACTION	GOAL	COST ESTIMATE	FUNDING SOURCES
Blue River Memorial Park	Lighting strike/tornado siren (cellular warnings)	9	-	Blue River Foundation, Operating Budget
Blue River Memorial Park	Develop an accessible sledding hill	1 & 5	-	Operating Budget
Meridian Park Family Aquatic Center	Engage a consultant for long-term aquatics planning and feasibility study (renovation, expansion, relocation)	9	Study Dependent	Operating Budget



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**PART II: APPENDIX**





# 07

APPENDIX

## MEDIA ADVERTISEMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

# PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

## Shelbyville Parks & Recreation Master Plan

**When:** Wednesday, June 26th  
6:30pm - 7:30pm

**Where:** Shelbyville Parks Department  
Carl McNeely Civic Center  
945 S Tompkins St.  
Shelbyville, IN 46176

*A short presentation on the status of the parks planning process will be followed by an open-house style input session.*



# PUBLIC SURVEY

## Shelbyville Parks & Recreation Master Plan

**WE WANT TO HEAR FROM you!**



**TAKE THE PUBLIC SURVEY BEFORE**

**July 31st**

SCAN THE QR CODE WITH THE PHOTO APP ON YOUR MOBILE DEVICE TO TAKE YOU DIRECTLY TO THE SURVEY.

## STRATEGIC PLANNING PUBLIC MEETING



Thursday, March 6 | 6:00p

Carl McNeely Civic Center, Activity Room B  
945 S. Tompkins Street Shelbyville, IN 46176

Join us for a community meeting where we'll:

- Share the proposed 5-year plan for parks & recreation
- Explain how the plan was developed
- Gather your input on which park improvements should come first

# MEDIA ADVERTISEMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## The Addison Times

An initiative to create a vision for the future of local parks kicked off Wednesday with a public input session and [launch of an online survey](#). The resulting five-year Shelbyville Parks Master Plan will serve as a framework to guide future parks development and help find funding, Catherine Puckett, landscape architect with HWC Engineering, said.

“One thing that stays consistent is, if you have a project identified in a plan, you’re much more likely to get funded,” she said.

The first phase involves gathering data and insights from the public and parks staff members.

“It takes a lot of energy for parks departments just to keep the grass mowed and the programs going,” Puckett said. “So this is a good opportunity for them to stop for a second and take a look at the future.”

Wednesday night’s session at the Parks Department’s offices on S. Tompkins St. included opportunities for the public to provide initial feedback on poster boards with sticky-notes, indicating strengths of local parks’ offerings and ideas for change. It also served as an opportunity to promote the survey, which will gather a wider community view. The five-minute survey closes July 31. Following will be a second public meeting summarizing results from the input.

[The survey is available here.](#)

Posted on: June 28, 2024

### Press Release | Community Input Survey

Shelbyville, IN – The City of Shelbyville Parks and Recreation Department is excited to announce the launch of a Community Input Survey as part of the development of its 5-Year Strategic Plan. This survey aims to gather valuable insights and opinions from the community regarding updates, enhancements, and new developments within the parks and recreation system.

The input from this survey will be instrumental in creating the priority structure for the 5-Year Strategic Plan, ensuring that the community’s needs and desires are at the forefront of future planning.

The planning committee for the 5-Year Strategic Plan includes:

- Adam Rude, Director of Planning
- Betsey Means-Davis, City Councilwoman
- Gary Nolley, President of the Parks and Recreation Board
- Jenna Martin, Director of Public Relations
- Trisha Tackett, Director of Parks and Recreation

The survey is available in both English and Spanish and will remain open through July 31, 2024. Community members can access the survey online or request print copies at the Department of Parks and Recreation’s front desk.

[TAKE THE SURVEY HERE](#) (<5 minutes to complete)

Last night, June 27, 2024, the first of two public input sessions was held. These sessions are designed to be interactive and conceptual, providing a platform for residents to share their visions and suggestions. The second session is scheduled for this fall, with the date to be announced.

The research, development, and consultation process for the 5-Year Strategic Plan is being led by HWC Engineering, a respected firm known for its expertise in community planning and development.

“The involvement of our residents is crucial to the success of our parks and recreation system. We urge everyone to take a few minutes to complete the survey and share their thoughts,” said Trisha Tackett, Director of Parks and Recreation. “Your feedback will help shape the future of our community spaces.”

For more information, please contact the City of Shelbyville Parks and Recreation Department at (317) 392-5128 or visit [www.shelbyparks.com](http://www.shelbyparks.com)



## Parks outlines goals at 5-year plan public meeting

By HANNAH GUNNELL [hgunnell@shelbynews.com](mailto:hgunnell@shelbynews.com)

Mar 7, 2025



The City of Shelbyville Parks and Recreation Department held its second and final public meeting related to the update of its 5-Year Master Plan. Attendees heard a presentation on the plan so far by HWC Engineering, which the city contracted to update the plan, and then participated in an activity where they showed their preferences for different goals by placing coins in cups.

Hannah Gunnell / TSN photo

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## Shelbyville Parks 5 Year Master Plan Public Meeting No. 1 Summary 2024.06.26

### Meeting Minutes

On June 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm Catherine Puckett, Caleb Rothenberger, and Cori Hall, with HWC Engineering held the first public engagement meeting at the Carl McNeely Civic Center alongside the Shelbyville Parks and Recreations Department. Twenty-seven people filled out the sign-in sheets provided. The meeting kicked off with a short presentation by Catherine Pucket followed by public engagement exercises that ignited great conversations with the public. During this meeting, a public survey was released to the public and will be closing July 31<sup>st</sup>.

### Meeting Agenda

- Introductions
- Explanation of what a parks and recreation master plan is and why it is important
- Plan Methodology/Process
- Public Engagement Process
- Next Steps
- Interactive Public Input Exercises

### Public Engagement Activities

#### *What is missing from the Shelbyville parks system?*

- Pedestrian connection to the other side of I-74
- Increase views towards bodies of water
- Connection between the Knauff trail and Blue River Park
- Utilizing lowlands or undevelopable land for a new park typology such as nature preserve with elevated trails
- Additional Parks to the Southeast of Shelbyville
- New park space for neighborhoods north of the river

#### *What concerns do you have about Shelbyville Parks & what are your recommendations?*

- I have concerns about...
  - Kennedy Park
    - needs major TLC
    - Explore parking options at Kennedy
  - Registration complexities for facilities and events
  - Programs for young adults
  - Need for a sports complex not associated with Blue River Memorial Park
  - Current civic center building does not have adequate room



- Shelbyville Pool
  - Pool is 26 years old
  - Lifeguard recruitment & training
- I would suggest...
  - Pool
    - Indoor pool facility
    - New Pool
    - Lazy river
  - Trails
    - Additional trails & trail connections
    - Restroom facilities at trails
  - Civil center
    - Indoor playground
    - Community center
    - Nice event center with upscale rental space

*What do you love about Shelbyville parks & recreation?*

- I always go to...
  - Kennedy Park
  - Blue River Memorial Park
  - Splash pad
- My favorite thing is...
  - Splash pad
  - Water bottle filling stations
  - Aquatic Center
  - Bike-repair stations
  - Trails
  - Programming
- I love...
  - Trails
  - Bike share
  - Amount of green space

*What would you like to see in the Shelbyville Park System?*

- I would love to see...
  - Trail connections
  - Soccer field for rec play
  - Larger Pool with a lazy river
  - Ropes Course
  - Wi-Fi at all park shelters
  - River
    - Better public perception of the river
    - Tubing/ kayak rental

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- Pedestrian connection across the river, i.e., Rope bridge
- Playgrounds
  - Inclusive play & ADA compliant play at each playground
  - Space designated for preschool & camp
  - Updated playground equipment
  - Indoor playground equipment
  - More Shade structures
- Morrison Park
  - Splash pad
  - Stage or event space for live music
- Blue River Memorial Park
  - Maintain open green space, limit sport expansion at the park
- Civic center/ Sports complex
  - New and bigger civic center
  - Nice rental space
  - Classroom for cooking class
  - Indoor pickleball
  - Indoor walking track

## *What improvements would you like to see at Morrison Park?*

- New playground
- Cameras & security
- Additional landscaping throughout
- Soccer fields
- Pickleball
- Trail
- Splash Pad at existing tennis enclosure

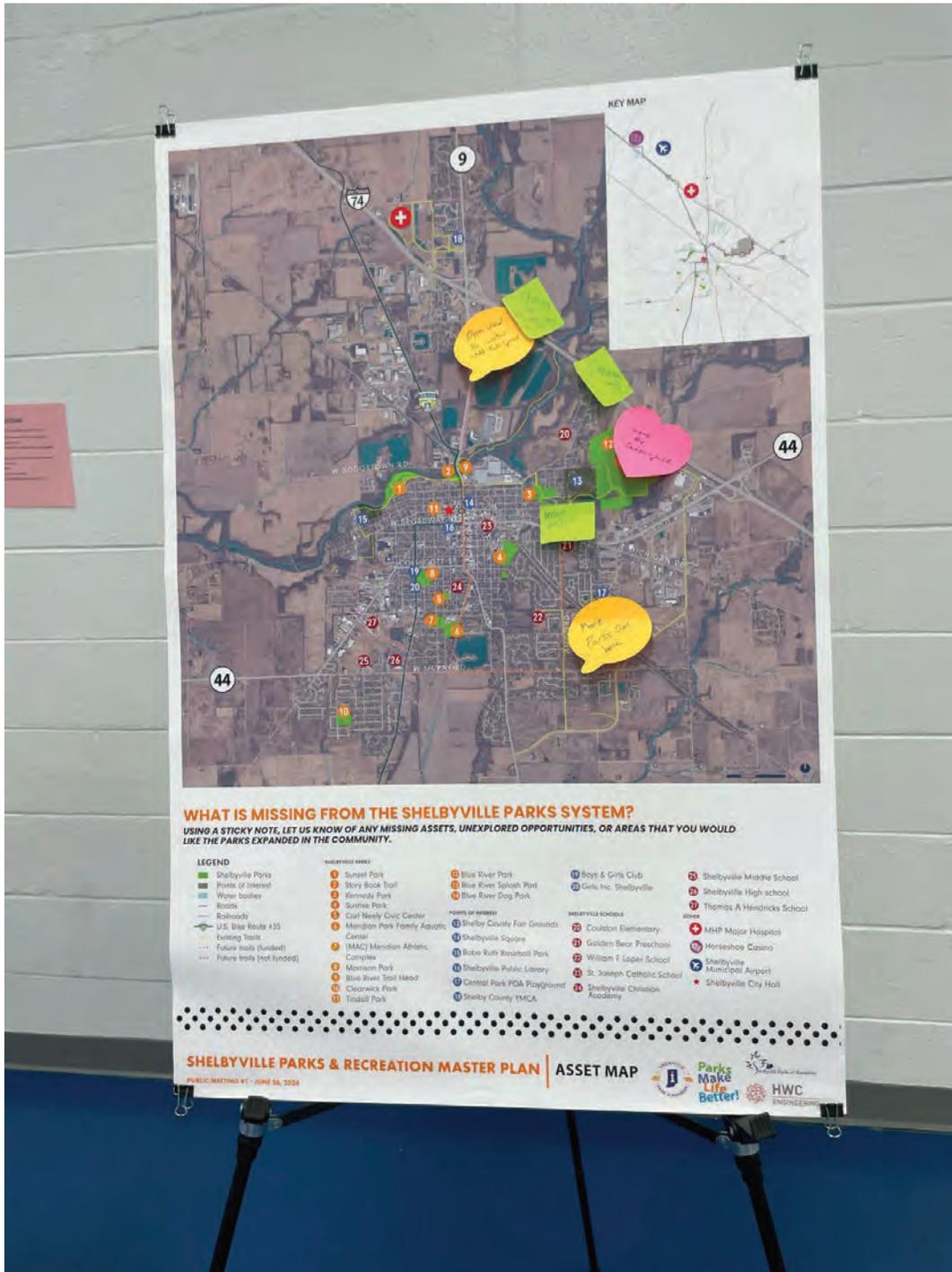


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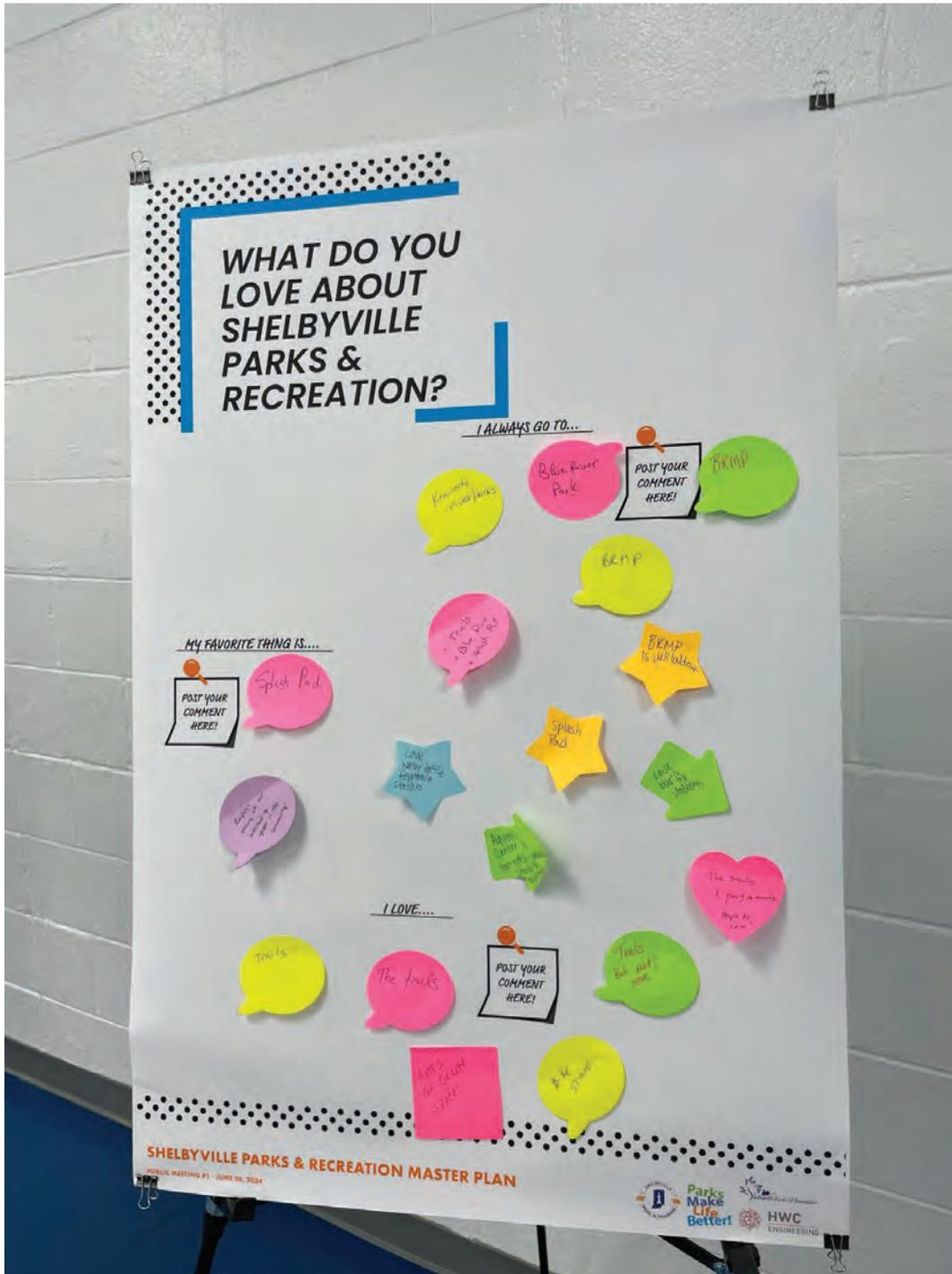


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Public Meeting Meeting  
Sign in Sheet  
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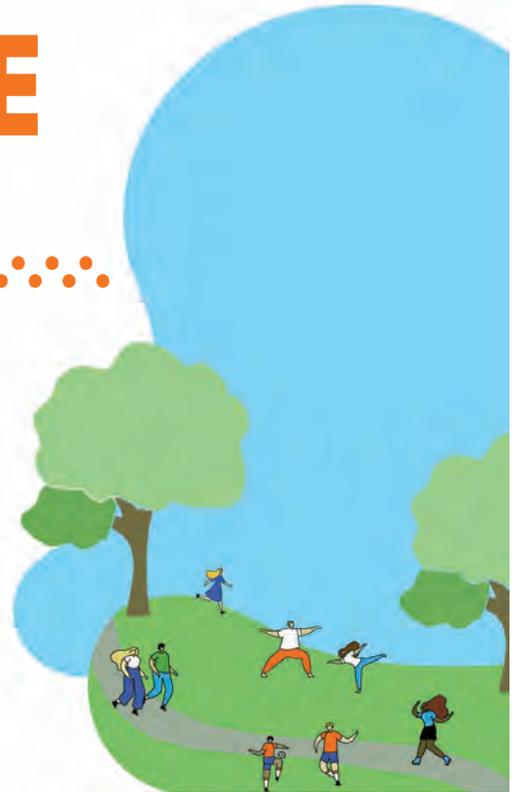
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## PARKS & RECREATION



### **FIVE YEAR MASTER PLAN**

Public Meeting June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:30pm



## Introductions



**Catherine Puckett**

Landscape Architecture  
Studio Lead



**Caleb Rothenberger**

Landscape Architect,  
Senior Project Manager



**Cori Hall**

Landscape Architect

## Agenda

- What is a parks & recreation master plan?
- Planning progress
- Public input
- Whats Next?
- Topics for Discussion

## What is a parks & recreation master plan?

**a written framework for future action, and acts as a guide for sensible facility, program and service development**

**reasons for creating a master plan**

- Improve funding opportunities
- Provide opportunities for the community to share feedback
- Ensure the public wants the facilities that are developed
- Share information about programming and facilities with the public
- Gives the parks and recreation department a clear direction for the future

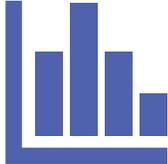
# plan methodology & development



**Phase 1**  
*Inventory & Data Collection*



**Phase 2**  
*Research & Analysis*



**Phase 3**  
*Results & Recommendations*

## planning progress: what have we done?

- Project kick-off this May
- Launched public survey on **June 26th**
- Started inventory & data collection



## PUBLIC MEETING NO. 1 PRESENTATION



### planning progress: what is left?

- Public survey will close on **July 31<sup>st</sup>**
- Conduct stakeholder interviews
- Complete inventory & data collection
- Complete research & analysis
- Develop goals & recommendation
- Conduct a second public meeting

### public input

Public input is gathered through a variety of methods including a public survey, stakeholder interviews, this public meeting and a future public meeting. All input is included in the plan document and inform the goals and recommendations of the plan.



## public survey

Please fill out the Public Survey using the QR code to the left or at the link below.



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ShelbyvilleSurvey>

- A public survey with 26 questions was developed and distributed online.
- The next public meeting will include the results of the public survey after the survey is closed.



## stakeholder interviews

- These interviews allow for us to collect information from individuals or groups that have a 'stake' or personal involvement in some aspect of the parks and recreation in the community.
- The information gathered from these interviews will be incorporated into the planning document and analyzed to help inform the goals and objectives for the plan.

## public meetings

- **Two** public meetings will be conducted during the planning process.
- This meeting is the first & the second will be at a future date towards the end of the planning process.
- During this meeting, participants will have an opportunity to discuss what they currently enjoy about Shelbyville Parks and Recreation offerings and what they would like to see in the future.
- At the next public meeting, participants will be informed of the data collected in the planning process, goals, and recommendations. Participants will have an opportunity to discuss and comment on these items.



## whats next?

- Participate in **our group engagement activities**
- Fill out a **comment card**
- Take the **survey**
- Keep an eye for the next public meeting date on social media



## Public Engagement Activity

Several Exercise boards are placed around the room for you to interact with and help us get your thoughts on the following questions.

- What do you love about Shelbyville Parks and Recreation?
- What concerns do you have about Shelbyville Parks and Recreation and what are your suggestions?
- What would you like to see in Shelbyville Park system?

**thank you!**

# STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA: NO.1



## Planning Meeting #1 - Agenda

Shelbyville, IN – Parks & Recreation Master Plan

Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> @ 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

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### I. Introduction/Meeting Purpose

- a. Purpose of Meeting
  - Kick-off the parks plan
  - Confirm project schedule
  - Review draft survey
  - Review parks plan inventory
  - Develop broad goals
- b. Introductions
  - Name + your involvement with the parks
  - What within the parks system is succeeding/going well? What needs work?

### II. Roles and Responsibilities

- a. HWC
- b. Parks Dept
- c. Steering Committee

### III. Project Schedule (See Attached)

- a. IDNR Deadlines (Confirm intent to submit to IDNR)
  - (November 15, 2024) – Draft Due
    - We plan to submit by the end of xxxx
  - (April 15, 2025) – Final Draft Due
    - We plan to submit by the end of xxxx
- b. Steering Committee Meetings
  - Planning Meeting #2 – Week of xxxx
  - Planning Meeting #3 – Week of xxxx
- c. Public Input : IDNR requires (1) random public input method (such as a survey) and (1) non-random method (such as stakeholder interviews or public meetings).
  - **Public Survey** (Random Public Input)
    - Review draft survey (see handout)
    - What to add or take away?
    - Launch survey – xxxxxxx
    - Public Survey Outreach: Provide Spanish version and printed option for those without internet access.
      - i. How do you want to distribute printed versions.
  - **Awareness Event**
    - HWC to provide materials
    - Any events/dates in mind?
    - Types of materials?

- **Social Media and Press Release**
  - HWC to provide graphics for social media/ press posting about planning process
  - Any preference on graphic/style
- **Staff Interviews** (4hours) – Week of xxxxx
  - Stakeholder Interviews?
  - This can be in-person or virtual.
  - If in-person:
    - i. Could be individual interviews, however it is hard to schedule multiple people on the same day at different times.
    - ii. Could also have a group stakeholder interview.
  - Any ideas on stakeholders?
- **Public Meetings**
  - IDNR requirements: Two public meetings are required.
    - i. One at the beginning of the planning process to gain public input for the plan and one towards the end to inform the public of the results.
    - ii. All public meetings need to be advertised
      - We recommend posting at least two weeks prior to the meeting
      - Posting on multiple sources is best (Social Media, newspaper, websites)
    - iii. Public Meeting #1 – Week of xxxxx
      - We will give a brief presentation, have exercise boards, comments cards and worksheets.
    - iv. Public Meeting #2 – TBD at future time
      - We will have to post the draft plan online for the public to review prior to the meeting
      - We will give a more detailed presentation and allow for public comment on the plan

#### IV. Review Inventory

- a. Current Park Inventory (see map)
  - Are we missing any critical information?
  - Any other facilities or features that the Parks Department Maintains?

#### V. Broad Goals

- a. What are your goals for this plan?
- b. What are the tangible outcomes you'd like to see from this planning process?

#### VI. Next Steps

- a. Launch Public Survey – xxxxx
- b. Parks inventory and initial analysis
- c. Public Meeting #1 – Week of xxxxx
- d. Staff/Stakeholder Interviews – Week of xxxxx

# STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA: NO.2



## Planning Meeting #2 - Agenda

Shelbyville, IN – Parks & Recreation Master Plan

Meeting Date: Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> @ 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm @ Carl McNeely Civic Center

### ATTENDEES

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### PUBLIC INPUT (30 minutes)

- Public Survey (312 responses!)—Key Takeaways (see handout)
- Staff Interviews—Key Takeaways:
  - **Facility Conditions:** Updated play equip. for tots, more storage, cabanas, skating rink, splash pad.
  - **Nature-based Recreation:** Outdoor lab/nature education
  - **Programming:** Lower user fees for camps, expand teen/pool programming, broaden leisurely rec.
  - **Safety:** Lighting, vandalism issues
  - **Staffing Needs:** Events Manager/Events Coordinator Positions/Assistant Sports Director
  - **Training Needs:** Pool Equipment Specialist, Play Equipment Safety Inspector
  - **Indoor Facilities:** Field house for tournaments and programming, indoor craft/rec room
- Public Meeting (27 attendees)—Key Takeaways:
  - **Trails:** Develop more trails and trail-related amenities (restrooms), connection over I-74
  - **Nature-based Recreation:** Open views to river, kayak/tube rentals, ropes course, elevated trails
  - **Facility Conditions:** Update aging equip., consider inclusive play, shade, Wi-Fi, larger pool, lazy river.
  - **Programming:** Increase programming for teens and young adults
  - **Indoor Facilities:** Outgrowing the civic center, consider new, larger facility with indoor playground, event center, upscale rental space, indoor track, and indoor pickleball courts
  - **New Parks:** Develop parks near residential north of the river and southeast side of town
  - **Blue River Memorial Park:** Keep open green space, sledding hill, more storage for dept.

### INVENTORY & ANALYSIS (30 minutes)

- Inventory—draft chapter has been prepared.
  - **Homework:** review and let us know if anything was missed or needs updated/revise
- Analysis Discussion:
  - **Target Ratio Table**—where do you see the community is lacking in specific facilities?
  - **Walkability Map**—where should the community plan for future parks?

### GOALS & OBJECTIVES (15 minutes)

- Draft system-wide goals (see handout)

### PARK CONCEPT (10 minutes) – if time allows?

### NEXT STEPS (5 minutes)

- Draft submitted to committee for review – week of September 9th
- Draft submitted to DNR for review (Chapters 1-4) – October 23<sup>rd</sup> (DNR deadline: November 14<sup>th</sup>)
- Planning Meeting #3 – discuss recommendations and park concept – October 29<sup>th</sup>



# STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA: NO.3



## Planning Meeting #3 - Agenda

Shelbyville, IN – Parks & Recreation Master Plan

Meeting Date: Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm @ Carl McNeely Civic Center

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### IDNR DRAFT PLAN OVERVIEW (15 minutes)

- Draft plan was submitted to DNR for review
  - The draft plan includes the following completed sections:
    - Definition of planning area
    - Goals of the plan
    - Park board/dept info
    - Park system inventory
    - Inventory of natural features,
    - Inventory of man-made, historical, and cultural features
    - Social and economic factors
    - Accessibility and universal design policy and status
    - Overview of public engagement
  - The next draft round will be of the entire document and will include in addition to the items above:
    - Needs assessment
      - Analysis of issues and missing amenities
      - Underserved areas
      - NRPA target ratios
      - System-wide goals
    - Recommendations (partial )
      - new facilities location map
      - Priorities and Action Schedule
    - Update of accessibility to include ADA Accessibility sign off sheet with signatures
    - Final public participation input (will be added later after the next public meeting)
- **In the interest of time, we will send a copy of the draft for review outside of this meeting.**

### ANALYSIS, GOALS & OBJECTIVES (30 minutes)

- Review draft system-wide goals (see handout)
- Review action table and discuss potential opportunities for each facility, system wide, or programming.
  - *Are there specific projects or improvements already planned for the next 5 years*
  - *Any wish items that you want but might not be for this planning period? It is good to somehow document these, so in case some dream grant comes along or donation, you have a reference to it in your plan.*

- Analysis Discussion:
  - **Public Input** –requests from the community that need to be addressed in this planning period
  - **Target Ratio Table**—where do you see the community is lacking in specific facilities?
  - **Review System-wide goals**
  - **Walkability Map**—where should the community plan for future parks?
  - **2015 Trails Plan**
- **Time Frame and Priorities** – Discuss scheduling for improvements, set priority levels
  - We don't need to do a deep dive on this today

**PARK CONCEPT** (30 minutes) – Morrison Park

**NEXT STEPS** (5 minutes)

- Draft #2 submitted to committee for review – Nov 22
- Incorporate comments from DNR – December
- Planning Meeting #4 – Virtual – January 20
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Task	Timeline
Steering Committee Meeting #2: Analysis & Draft Plan Review	Wednesday, August 21 <sup>st</sup> @4:00pm – 5:30pm
Draft Plan #1 to Steering Committee <b>Chapters 1-4</b>	Monday, September 9 <sup>th</sup> Committee revisions to HWC by September 23 <sup>rd</sup>
HWC to implement comments	Week of October 1 <sup>st</sup>
<b>Submit Draft to IDNR for Review</b>	<b>Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup></b>
Planning Meeting #3: Discuss Recommendations and park concept approach	<b>Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> @4:00pm – 5:30pm</b>
Draft Plan #2 to Steering Committee	Friday, November 22 <sup>nd</sup> / revisions to HWC by January 3rd
Anticipated IDNR Comments Received	End of November
Draft Recommendations Virtual Review Meeting	<b>Week of January 20<sup>th</sup></b>
Draft Recommendations Chapter to Steering Committee	Friday, February 7 <sup>th</sup> Committee revisions to HWC by February 21 <sup>st</sup>
Public Presentation of Draft Plan (Meeting #2)	Wednesday, February 26 <sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm
HWC to implement final comments	March
Final Draft to Steering Committee for Adoption Meeting	<b>Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Submit Final Plan to IDNR (Deadline – April 15<sup>th</sup>)</b>	<b>Before Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup></b>
Plan Adoption (Plan Commission/Park Board/City Council)	<b>After Plan Approval from IDNR</b> <b>April/May TBD @ a Park Board Meeting</b>

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## Shelbyville Parks 5 Year Master Plan Public Meeting No. 2 Summary 2025.03.06

### Meeting Minutes

On March 6th at 6:00 pm, Caleb Rothenberger and Cori Hall, with HWC Engineering held the second public engagement meeting at the Carl McNeely Civic Center alongside the Shelbyville Parks and Recreations Department. Twenty people filled out the sign-in sheets provided. The meeting kicked off with a presentation by Caleb Rothenberger followed by public engagement exercises.

### Meeting Agenda

- Introductions
- Explanation of what a parks and recreation master plan is and why it is important
- Plan Methodology/Process
- Public Engagement Results (survey and public meeting No.1)
- Park comparison and Parks system analysis
- Next Steps
- Interactive Public Input Exercises
  - Morrison Park Feedback
  - Ranking Priority projects

### Public Engagement Activities

*Participants were given 6 tokens to place towards the capital improvement projects they prioritized. 18 projects selected by the steering committee was divided into 3 categories short, mid, and long term.*

#### Short Term:

- Develop Teen Programming Events (3 tokens)
- Expand & Develop New Adult Sports Programs (4 tokens)
- Develop Adult Recreational Programming (Adult Swim Night, Walking Clubs, etc.) (4 tokens)
- Develop Cultural Celebration Programming (2 tokens)
- Playground Renovations at Sunset Park (4 tokens)
- Playground Renovations at Sunrise Park (5 tokens)

#### Medium Term:

- Implement Safety-Related Improvements Across All Parks (Cameras, Lighting, Emergency Call Stations, etc) (11 tokens)
- Replace Playground Surface at Clearwick Park (0 tokens)
- Install Sports Courts at Clearwick Park (pickleball, tennis, basketball, etc.) (0 tokens)
- Playground Renovations at Kennedy Park (6 tokens)
- Plant More Native Trees in all Parks (4 tokens)
- Redevelop Tindall Park (Across from former Hospital Site) (1 tokens)



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Long Term:

- Renovation of Morrison Park to Implement Proposed Concept (10 tokens)
- Add Loop Trail at Kennedy Park (0 tokens)
- Remove Low-head Dam/Forge and Other Obstructions from River to Allow Safer Use of the River (4 tokens)
- Develop Kayak/Canoe Rental Program (23 tokens)
- Update Playground Equipment at Blue River Memorial Park (0 tokens)
- Remove invasive species along the River in all parks (8 tokens)

#### *General Comments*

- Adult programming (adult recreation)
- Invite more local creative bands
- Purchase the property North of BRMP
- Implement a bigger community center for rentals
- Open Blue River concessions stand for summer and sell ice cream
- Water bottle filling stations along new parts of trails
- Add burnside lake to the Shelbyville Parks Department
- Implements an indoor playground
- Nature walking trails
- Natural trails for hiking
- Pedestrian bridge over 74 connecting MHP trails to Shelbyville trails
- Adult only hours for swim lanes
- Adult swim night (brewery and Live Music)
- Teen-only versions of successful adult or kids programming
- Crochet or Knitting Classes
- Crafting club
- Artist-led graffiti class, and potentially a graffiti wall on one of the parks restroom
- Addition of a rubber running tracking in at least one park (morrison park was suggested)
- New Park in or near the Intelliplex to serve northern neighborhoods
- Utilize Tindall Park for housing

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**ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS OR SUGGESTIONS?**

POST YOUR COMMENT HERE!

Please Hire Sons Local Christian Buses if you have a choice

Barnside lake needs to be added to the High Dept

Nature Trails for Hiking

Nature walking trail

Community center for rentals - Bicycle

More bike filling stations along main roads or trails

Indoor playground

Open Blue Bird Park pavilion should use Summer & local ice cream

Open Park (Meadow) at Mountain Park instead of walking path

Adult Programming via bike use

Purchase the property north of BRMA

Pedestrian bridge over I-74 connecting MSP trails to Shovelie trails

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR FEEDBACK!!**

**SHELBYVILLE PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN**  
PUBLIC MEETING #2 - MARCH 6TH, 2023

**Shelbyville** Parks and Recreation  
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Public Meeting Meeting  
Sign In Sheet  
March 6th, 2025 - 6:00 pm

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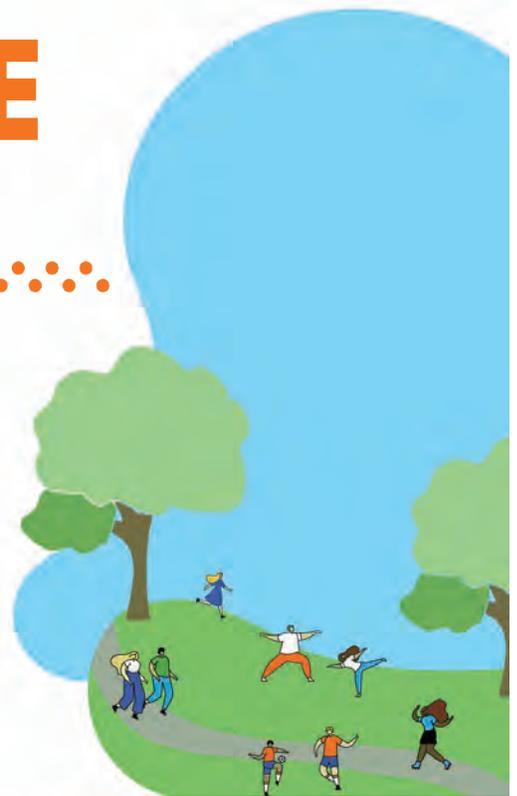
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## PARKS & RECREATION

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### **FIVE YEAR PARKS MASTER PLAN**

Public Meeting March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 6:00pm



## Introductions



**Caleb Rothenberger, PLA**

Landscape Architect,  
Senior Project Manager



**Cori Hall**

Graduate Landscape  
Architect

# Agenda

- What is a Parks & Recreation Master Plan?
- Park Inventory
- Public Input Summary
- Plan Recommendations
- Public Comments

Please write down your comments and/or questions you have on the comment cards provided and hand them to an HWC team member.

We will address comments & questions at the end of the presentation.

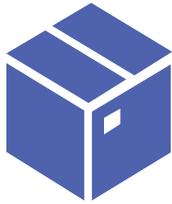
# What is a Parks & Recreation Master Plan?

a written framework for future action, that acts as a guide for sensible facility, program, and service development

reasons for creating a master plan

- Improve **funding** opportunities
- Provide opportunities for the community to **share feedback**
- **Ensure** the public wants the facilities that are developed
- **Share information** about programming and facilities with the public
- Gives the parks and recreation department a **clear direction** for the future

# plan methodology & development



## Phase 1

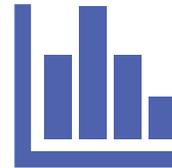
*Inventory & Data Collection*

JULY 2024 – SEPTEMBER 2024



## Phase 2

*Research & Analysis*



## Phase 3

*Results & Recommendations*

OCTOBER 2024 – MARCH 2025

## planning progress: what have we done?

- Formed a steering committee to help guide the development of the plan
- Held project kickoff **May 15th, 2024**
- Launched public survey on **June 26th, 2024**
- Completed inventory & data collection
- Conducted staff interviews
- Completed research and analysis
- Submitted a draft plan for DNR review
- Developed goals and recommendations



# PUBLIC MEETING NO. 2 PRESENTATION



## planning progress: what is left?

- Review the goals and objectives with the public
- Implement feedback from final public meeting
- Submit final plan to DNR by **April 15th**

## park inventory

An inventory of existing parks, facilities, and trails were collected to understand what facilities you currently have and what conditions those facilities are in.

Total Parks and Facilities **11**

Total Park Acreage **246.2**



**12**

Walking Trails (miles)



**12**

Softball Fields



**6**

Playgrounds



**6**

Soccer Fields

... and much more!

# public input

Public input is gathered through a variety of methods including:

- A public survey
- Staff interviews
- Two public meetings

All input is included in the plan document and informs the goals and recommendations of the plan.



## public meeting summary

- On **June 26, 2024**, **27 people attended** the first public meeting. Attendees had an opportunity to discuss what they enjoyed about Shelbyville Parks and Recreation offerings and what they would like to see in the future.

## PUBLIC MEETING NO. 2 PRESENTATION

### public meeting: strengths

- Trails
- Bike share
- Programming
- Aquatic Center
- Water bottle filling station
- Blue River Memorial Park
- Splash pad



### public meeting: opportunities

- Trail connections
- Better public perception of the river
- Increase access to the river
- Inclusive play playgrounds
- Update playground equipment
- Increase indoor recreation





## public meeting: suggestions

- more programs for young adults
- indoor playground
- upscale rental space
- new pool & lazy river
- additional trail connections



## public survey

- A public survey was developed and distributed online.
- The survey was available from June 26, 2024 to July 31, 2024
- Received **310 responses**

# Survey Question Summaries

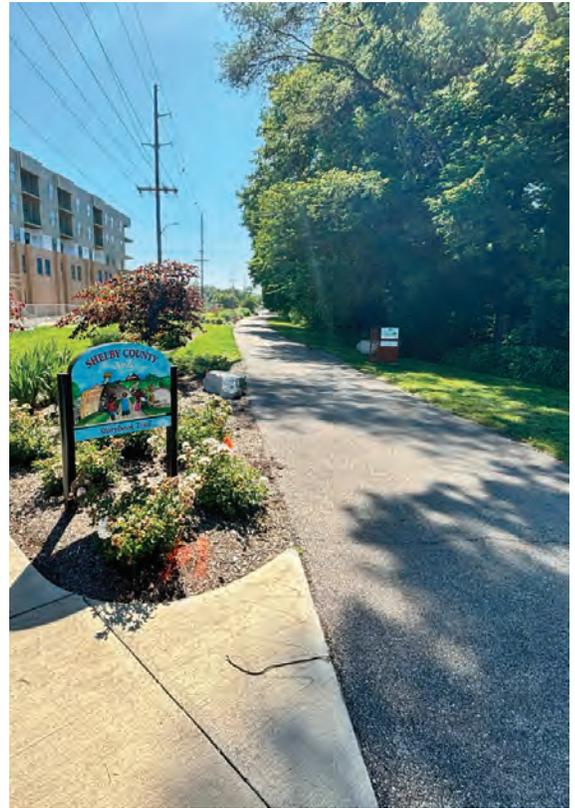
## top 5 most used park facilities

- 1** Blue River Memorial Park
- 2** Blue River Trail
- 3** Meridian Park Family Aquatic Center
- 4** Kennedy Park
- 5** Blue River Splash Pad



## top 5 activities

- 1 Jogging, Exercise
- 2 Playground
- 3 Time with Family and Friends
- 4 Special Events and Festivals
- 5 Swimming/ Aquatics Center



## top 5 most mentioned comments and concerns

- 1 TRAILS
- 2 NATURE-BASED RECREATION
- 3 PROGRAMMING
- 4 SAFETY
- 5 FACILITY CONDITIONS





### trails

## comments

- Trails are **popular, consistently used, and loved** by the community.
- **Community Desires**
  - Bike lanes
  - internal loop trails
  - connectivity between destinations
  - hiking trails
  - more greenway trails



### nature- based recreation

## comments

- **Blue River Memorial Park ranked #1.** The community enjoys the local natural amenity and would like to see more **nature-based recreation throughout the city** along with **better connectivity** to those areas currently available to them.
- **Community Desires**
  - Shade
  - Natural areas
  - hiking opportunities
  - establishing a clean river corridor free of obstructions



## programming

## comments

- Generally, the respondents were **satisfied with the current programming** and activities that Shelbyville Parks and Recreation Department facilitates.
- **Community Desires**
  - Adult programs (swim nights)
  - Programs specific for teens & individuals with disabilities

## top 5 desired programming

- 1** Community Events (Festivals, 5K, Concert, etc.)
- 2** Outdoor Recreation (Hiking, Fishing, etc.)
- 3** Hobby/Interest Classes (Crafts, Gardening, Cooking)
- 4** Fitness Classes (Yoga, Martial Arts, Zumba)
- 5** Nature Programs/Environmental Education



## safety

### comments

- Respondents had several comments regarding safety related to **the frequency of transient population occupying park facilities & trails.**
- **Community Desires**
  - Additional lighting
  - Additional emergency call stations



## facility conditions

### comments

- Comments consistently mentioned the need for **improvements to restroom facilities, increased access to restrooms** and a concern for **safety near restroom facilities.** Other comments highlighted a **desire for new playground equipment** and a need for more **equipment suitable for children under five years old.**
- **Community Desires**
  - Additional accessible equipment
  - Improving safety for children with disabilities

## top 5 capital improvement projects:

- 1 Increase Safety & Security
- 2 Improving Quality of Parks
- 3 Improving Neighborhood Parks
- 4 Investing in Teen Activities
- 5 Protecting/Restoring the Environment/  
Natural Areas

## ranking priority projects:

- 1 Add Kayak/Canoe Rental
- 2 Add more Trails for Walking/Jogging/Biking
- 3 Update/Add Playground Equipment
- 4 Expand Pool Facilities
- 5 Update/Add Lighting to Parks

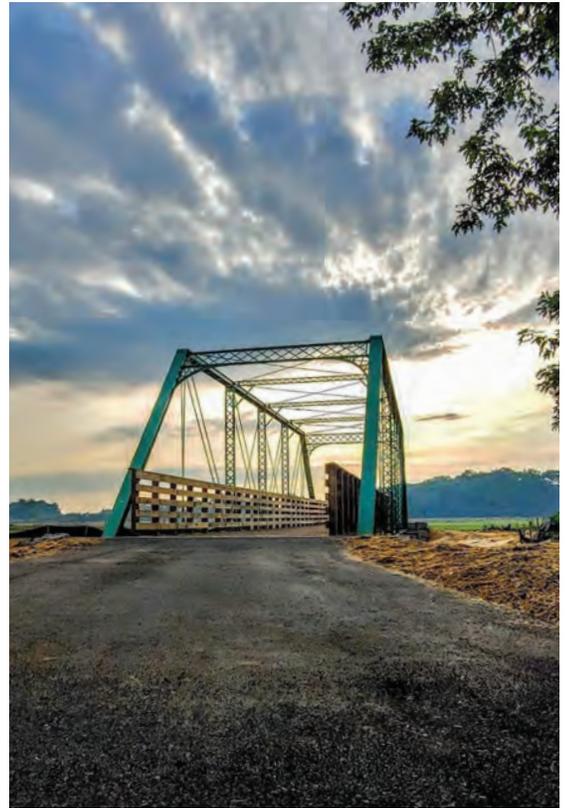


## needs analysis summary

- Another aspect of the planning process is to research and review a series of industry recognized parks and recreation trends and benchmarks to establish a baseline for the types of services and facilities which are currently in demand.
- Reviewed publications are from Indiana Department of Natural Resources (**IDNR**), National Recreation and Park Association (**NRPA**), and the Trust for Public Land (**TPL**).

## your community is unique!

It is important to note that the benchmarks reviewed are just an inventory and review of data for comparison. There is **not a “one size fits all”** approach to parks and recreation planning. Each community has **unique** needs, desires, and challenges, and future planning should reflect this.



## key analysis takeaways

### park acreage & amenities

- Shelbyville’s park system has an adequate number of parks and park acreage to serve the community.
- Most notable surpluses include **pickleball courts, basketball courts, rectangular fields, miles of trails**
- Most notable deficiencies include **tot lots, tennis courts, ice rink**

## key analysis takeaways

### staffing

- Shelbyville Parks is considered **understaffed** and is in need of a minimum of **3 new full-time staff**.
- As new programs and facilities expand in the park system staffing should increase appropriately.

### operating budget

- As new programs and facilities are being planned for the parks, the current park budget is **not sufficient, and will need to increase in order to be sustainable**.

## key analysis takeaways

### naturalized parkland

- The community thoroughly enjoys this natural amenity and would like to see **more nature-based recreation throughout the city** along with better connectivity to those areas currently available to them.
- desire for more shade, hiking opportunities
- establishing a clean river corridor, clear of obstacles



### key analysis takeaways

#### trails & greenways

- Continue to develop new trails and **trail connections across I-74**

#### programming

Additional programming should be considered

- cultural holiday themed events
- programs targeted specifically for teens and disabilities
- STEM specific programming



## Plan Recommendations & Goals

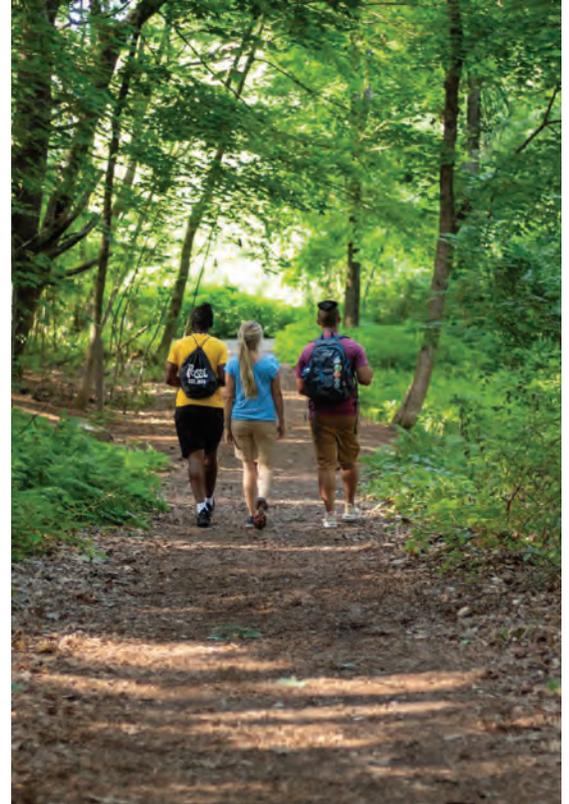
## Goal 1: Update & improve existing playground throughout the park system.

- Update aging and damaged playground equipment.
- Replace/repair damaged or failing play surfacing.
- Provide more accessible/inclusive options.
- Provide more tot lots and play options for 2-5 age group
- Provide more shade with trees or shade structures.
- Address accessibility issues.



## Goal 2: Continue to expand & improve the trail system.

- Add trail sections to fill gaps and missing links.
- Develop an asset management & repavement plan for older sections of the trail
- Identify long-term regional trail connections.
- Find opportunities to allow the trail to engage with the river.
- Expand Trail typologies - non paved nature trails, mountain bike trails, raised boardwalk, equestrian trails.
- Provide additional trail amenities.
  - Improve restroom access – extend hours of operation and identify long gaps along trails.
  - Add seating nodes and fitness stations off the trail.



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**Goal 3:** Invest in protecting & embracing existing natural resources.

- Remove invasive species in parks and natural areas.
- Implement erosion control solutions along the river.
- Diversify tree canopy in species and maturity.
- Promote new tree canopy growth.



**Goal 4:** Expand nature-based recreation opportunities.

- Identify opportunities to develop a nature-based park.
- Provide a rental opportunity for tubing and kayak on the river to improve recreational access.
- Clear obstacles in the river to make tubing and kayaking more enjoyable.
- Provide better visual and physical access to the river.



## Goal 5: Expand programming options & accessibility.

- Provide more teen and young adult-focused programming.
- Provide more adult-oriented programming (Strong Man competition, adult swim nights, concerts).
- Continue to offer high quality programs.
- Work with local philanthropy to promote and advertise available scholarship and assistance programs to make programming more accessible for participants of all economic status and abilities.
- Develop cultural programming events.
- Expand nature-based recreation.



## Goal 6: Explore ways to combat vandalism & improve safety throughout the park system.

- Install additional “blue light” emergency call stations.
- Employ security staff or additional police patrols at parks and trails.
- Install security cameras and signage to deter vandals.
- Use vandal proof design and materials where possible.
- Activate park spaces to keep a more consistent presence which will deter unlawful activities.



## PUBLIC MEETING NO. 2 PRESENTATION

**Goal 7:** Address accessibility issues and barriers at parks and trails.

- Increase access to restrooms in parks.
- Improve accessibility (parking/restroom access/inclusive play) in parks.



**Goal 8:** Improve access to equal amenities & recreation for underserved areas of the community

- Plan for new parks to serve areas where the population is expanding.
- Provide a new park or equal access for residents north of I-74.



## Goal 9: Prioritize system-wide facility improvements.

- Improve cross country course at Blue River Memorial Park
- Address storage and operational efficiency needs in the parks department
- Invest in long-term aquatics planning by completing a feasibility study that addresses the following
  - Updating or expanding the existing pool facility (new amenities, lazy river)
  - Adding a splash pad to extend the aquatics season
  - Consideration for a new pool location



## Morrison Park

# PUBLIC MEETING NO. 2 PRESENTATION

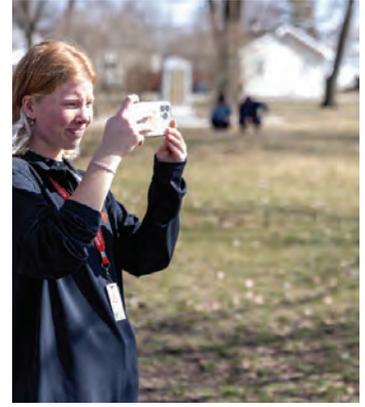


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## Morrison Park Renaissance:

*Empowering Second-Year Landscape Architecture Students, the City of Shelbyville, and Our Involved Community through Innovative Design Initiatives*

Spring of 2024 the Shelbyville Planning Department partnered with second-year landscape architecture students at Ball State University in an immersive learning studio to re-invision Morrison Park. Through this process students completed site analysis, a community forum, and public open house displaying final concepts.



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The student concepts inspired Shelbyville Parks and Recreation Department to include the re-invisioning of Morrison park into the 5-Year Parks Master Plan. This will help the City forge a path to secure funding down the road for Morrison Park revitalization. A few key elements that were derived from the student concepts are:

- **daylighting** the buried ditch to add a natural stream into the park
- activate the park with a **teen centric amenities**
- Establish a **walking loop** and improved accessibility and circulation through the park

## CONCEPT PLAN: MORRISON PARK



Morrison Park, Shelbyville's first park, has long been a cornerstone in the growth of the Shelbyville Parks and Recreation Department. To ensure its ongoing success and relevance, revitalizing the park with:

- modern play equipment
- upgraded shelters
- scenic walking paths
- adaptive reuse of the existing storage building for a cafe
- teen space
- and more...

This schematic plan will aid the City of Shelbyville and the SPRD to seek funding for this long term capital improvement project.

## public engagement activities

## WE WANT YOUR INPUT!

Several Exercise boards are placed around the room for you to interact with

- Provide feedback using the comment cards and sticky notes
- Provide feedback on flowing boards:
  - General feedback Activity Board
  - Morrison Park Concept Board
  - Priority Investment Boards
- Allocate your **SHELBY TOKENS** towards projects you would like to see the Shelbyville Parks & Recreation Department prioritize. These projects are divided into 3 categories for short, mid, and long term. You are challenged with limited resources to determine what is a priority to you!

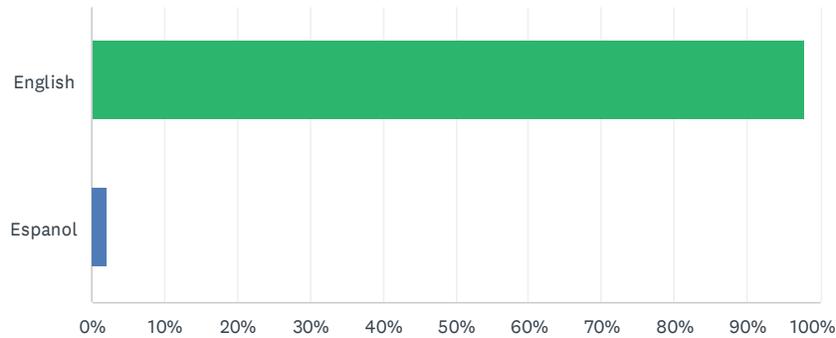
**Thank You!**

# SURVEY RESULTS

Shelbyville Parks & Recreation Master Plan - Public Survey

Q1 For your convenience, the following survey has been provided in both English and Spanish. Please select your preference below to continue. Para su conveniencia, la siguiente encuesta está disponible en inglés y español. Seleccione su preferencia para continuar.

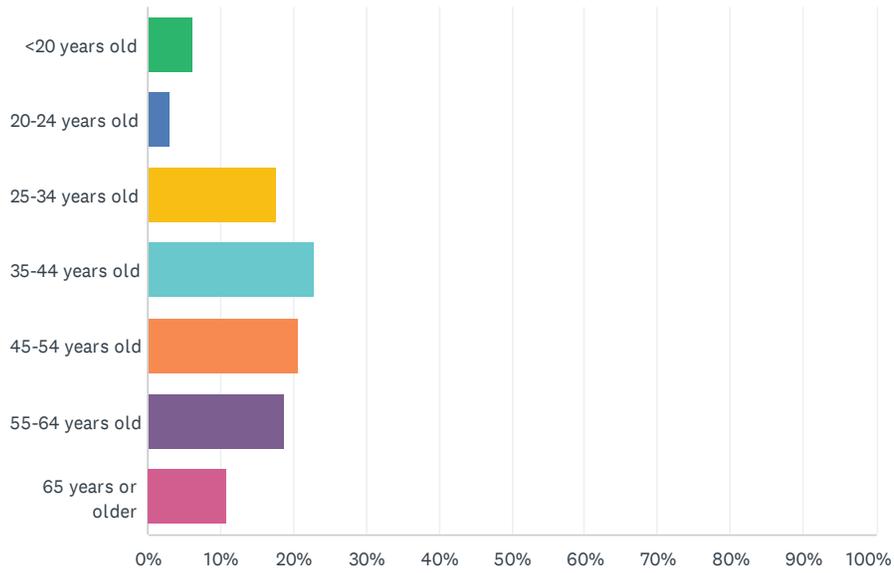
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
English	97.93%	474
Espanol	2.07%	10
TOTAL		484

## Q2 Which category below includes your age?

Answered: 310 Skipped: 174



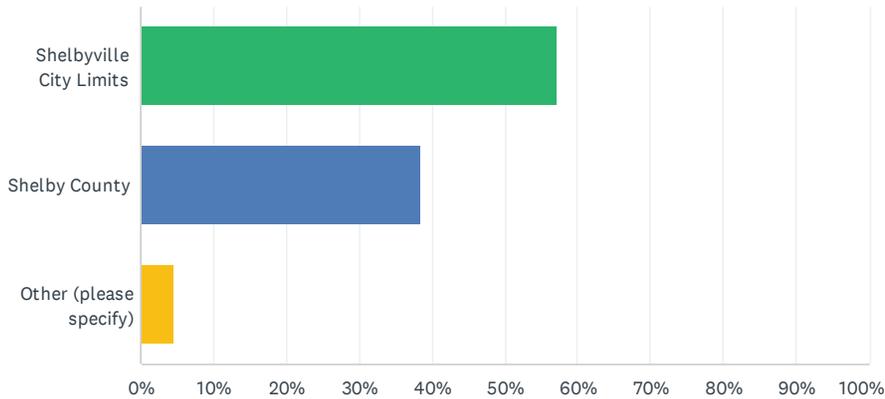
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
<20 years old	6.13%	19
20-24 years old	2.90%	9
25-34 years old	17.74%	55
35-44 years old	22.90%	71
45-54 years old	20.65%	64
55-64 years old	18.71%	58
65 years or older	10.97%	34
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>310</b>

# SURVEY RESULTS

## Shelbyville Parks & Recreation Master Plan - Public Survey

### Q3 Do you currently live in Shelbyville or Shelby County?

Answered: 310 Skipped: 174



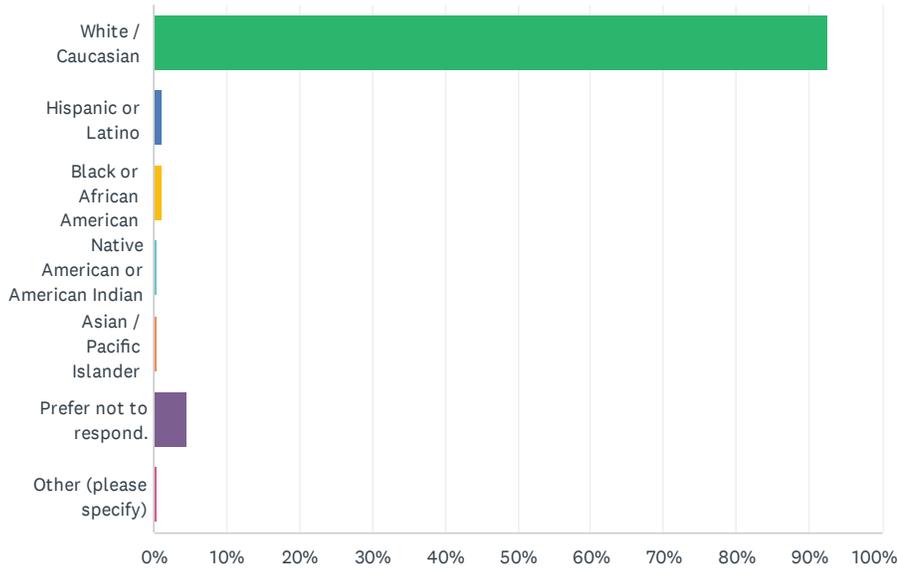
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Shelbyville City Limits	57.10% 177
Shelby County	38.39% 119
Other (please specify)	4.52% 14
TOTAL	310

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	work here	7/26/2024 1:47 PM
2	Bartholomew county	7/26/2024 12:22 PM
3	Bartholomew County	7/26/2024 11:04 AM
4	Recently moved to Bartholomew	7/16/2024 8:03 PM
5	Rush Co. but live closer to shelbyville	7/13/2024 12:48 PM
6	Just across the Rush County line	7/12/2024 2:25 PM
7	Hancock County	7/1/2024 10:30 AM
8	Marion county	6/30/2024 3:45 PM
9	Marion	6/28/2024 9:09 PM
10	Work in shelbyville, shop Shelbyville but actually legally reside in neighboring county	6/28/2024 12:10 AM
11	Rush	6/27/2024 10:41 PM
12	Greensburg	6/27/2024 5:53 PM
13	Beech Grove, but I work full time in Shelbyville	6/27/2024 9:12 AM
14	Johnson	6/26/2024 8:06 PM

Shelbyville Parks & Recreation Master Plan - Public Survey

### Q4 What race/ethnicity best describes you?

Answered: 310 Skipped: 174



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
White / Caucasian	92.58%	287
Hispanic or Latino	0.97%	3
Black or African American	0.97%	3
Native American or American Indian	0.32%	1
Asian / Pacific Islander	0.32%	1
Prefer not to respond.	4.52%	14
Other (please specify)	0.32%	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>310</b>

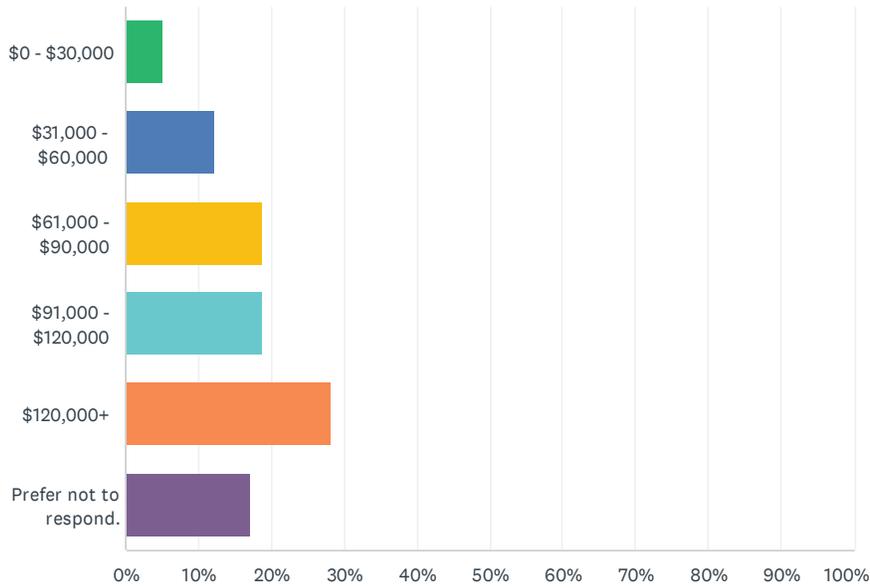
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# SURVEY RESULTS

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## Q5 What is your total annual household income?

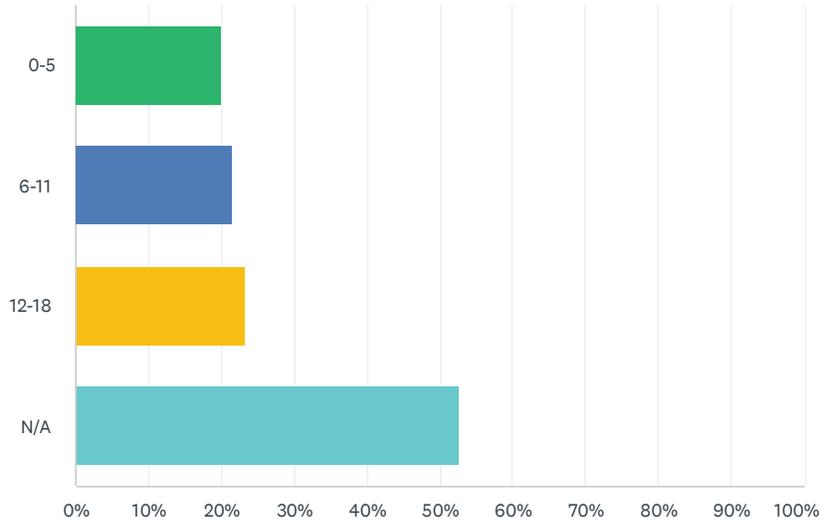
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
\$0 - \$30,000	5.16%	16
\$31,000 - \$60,000	12.26%	38
\$61,000 - \$90,000	18.71%	58
\$91,000 - \$120,000	18.71%	58
\$120,000+	28.06%	87
Prefer not to respond.	17.10%	53
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>310</b>

### Q6 If you have children, how old are they? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 310 Skipped: 174



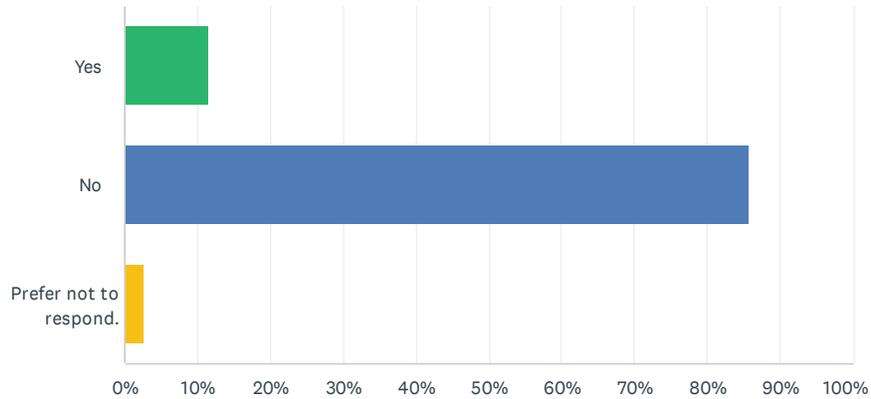
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0-5	20.00%	62
6-11	21.61%	67
12-18	23.23%	72
N/A	52.58%	163
Total Respondents: 310		

# SURVEY RESULTS

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## Q7 Do any members of your family have a disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act?

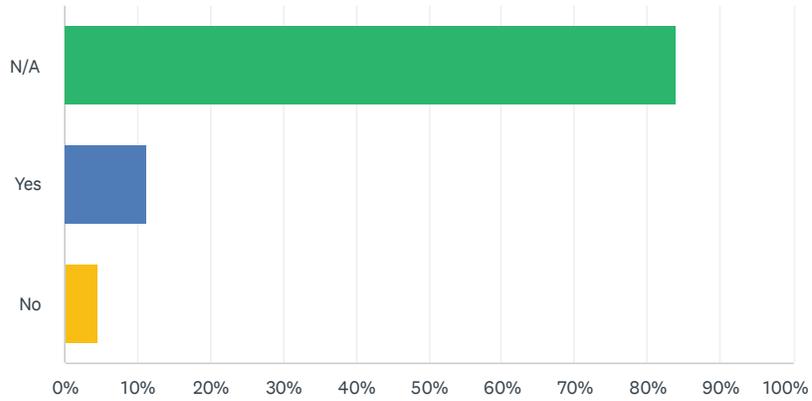
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	11.61%	36
No	85.81%	266
Prefer not to respond.	2.58%	8
TOTAL		310

Q8 If you answered 'yes' to the previous question, do you feel that the park facilities are doing a good job of accommodating your family with disabilities?

Answered: 264 Skipped: 220



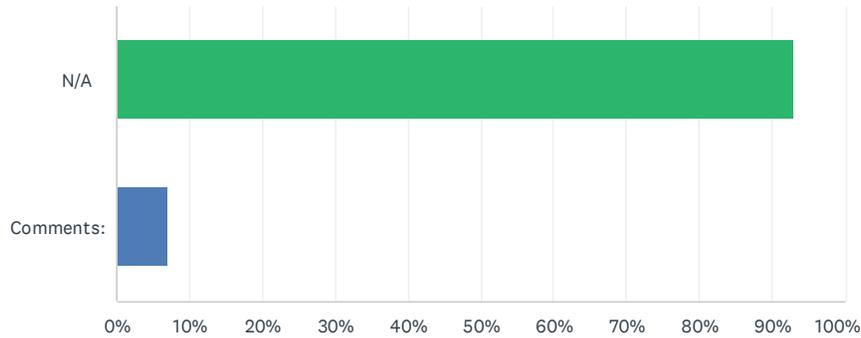
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
N/A	84.09%	222
Yes	11.36%	30
No	4.55%	12
TOTAL		264

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### Q9 If you answered 'No' to question 8, how can the park facilities better accommodate your family with disabilities?

Answered: 227 Skipped: 257



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
N/A	92.95% 211
Comments:	7.05% 16
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>227</b>

#	COMMENTS:	DATE
1	Don't have been seen it hard for kids in wheel chairs, swings are damaged, no lower level items to play with - all seem to be in playground area by slides, no easy access to some parks bathrooms, get rid of wood chips	7/30/2024 11:17 AM
2	I	7/29/2024 11:09 PM
3	Automatic restroom doors at parks and more accessible playground	7/29/2024 6:08 PM
4	We still need more inclusive parks, ramps ect, similar to Kennedy but different at each park.	7/29/2024 4:25 PM
5	Path barrier before railroad tracks requires too sharp of turns on wheelchair or on bike	7/22/2024 11:40 AM
6	We would like to be able to have access to tandem bikes for the trails please. Bikes near the park by Walmart???	7/20/2024 12:01 PM
7	Blindness, more lighting, no curbs, open spaces, white colors	7/17/2024 3:34 PM
8	Limiting restroom availability with hours/seasons when it is open can make it challenging to use the park during off hours or during the winter season.	7/14/2024 10:26 AM
9	I feel that a continuation of wheelchair accessible playgrounds would be terrific.	7/9/2024 10:09 AM
10	Parking. Walking. Restrooms. Disabilities don't just come in one form but in many. We as a society must think outside the box to be more inclusive to everyone. No one wants to be left out or to have to be left home and not be able to participate.	7/1/2024 10:44 PM
11	Fix all the issues Broken equipment Keep the homeless out of Kennedy park The homeless live there	6/29/2024 9:10 AM
12	I think the park does a great job accommodating families with disabilities	6/28/2024 9:09 PM
13	continue adding walking trails to the park system	6/28/2024 7:55 AM

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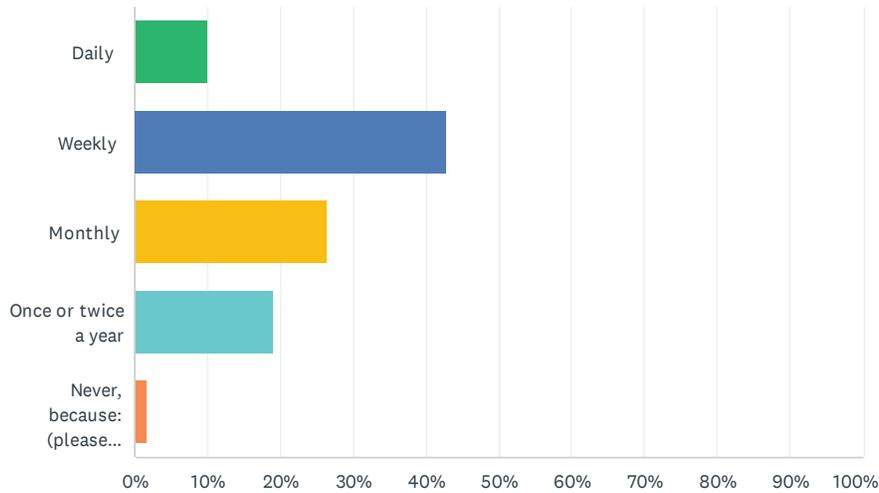
14	There is 1 disability friendly park that has wheelchair access. It's always dirty. There aren't enough swings. There are no swings that are disability friendly. My son is 4 and uses a device for walking. I want him to be able to play alongside other children. We need sensory friendly options for the special needs community. There are more of us here than what you say, but we don't have safe and appropriate spaces to bring our children.	6/27/2024 4:58 PM
15	Swings that are wheelchair accessible. More safety belts	6/26/2024 9:29 PM
16	Very limited options for people with physical disabilities. I recommend reaching out to local special education teachers and Kris Baker, the Asst Special Education Director for SCS, someone from the Aktion Club (possibly Don Collins), and especially families who have loved ones with physical disabilities, for input on how to make the parks more inclusive and appropriate.	6/26/2024 7:41 PM

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### Q10 How often do you use the park facilities?

Answered: 310 Skipped: 174

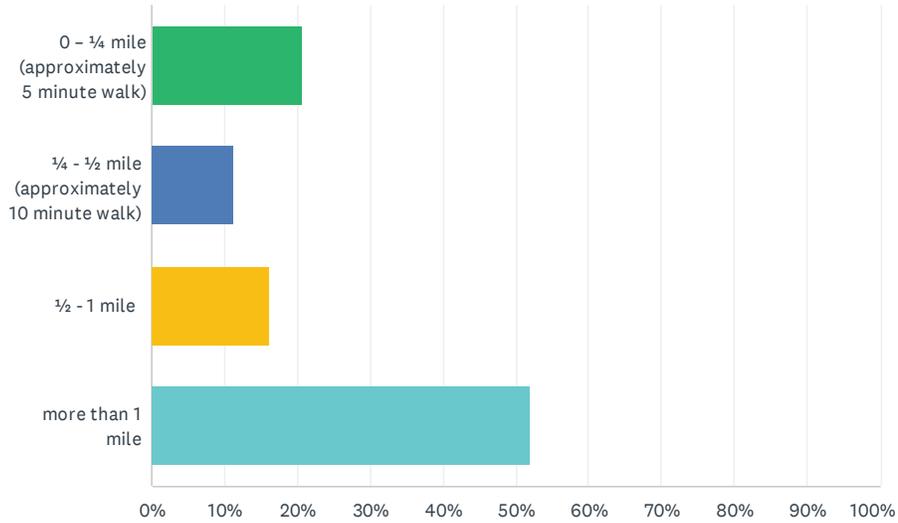


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Daily	10.00%	31
Weekly	42.90%	133
Monthly	26.45%	82
Once or twice a year	19.03%	59
Never, because: (please specify)	1.61%	5
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>310</b>

#	NEVER, BECAUSE: (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Maybe 1-2x a year because of mobility issues. The mental pressure of making sure I can get around safely is scary.	7/1/2024 10:44 PM
2	I don't have small children and live out of city limits	6/29/2024 8:08 PM
3	The closest park to my house (Morrison) doesn't feel very safe or clean. It does look better after the work they did a year or two ago but it still doesn't feel safe.	6/28/2024 12:34 PM
4	Distance	6/28/2024 9:08 AM
5	Only work in Shelbyville	6/28/2024 7:35 AM

### Q11 How close do you live to the nearest park?

Answered: 310 Skipped: 174



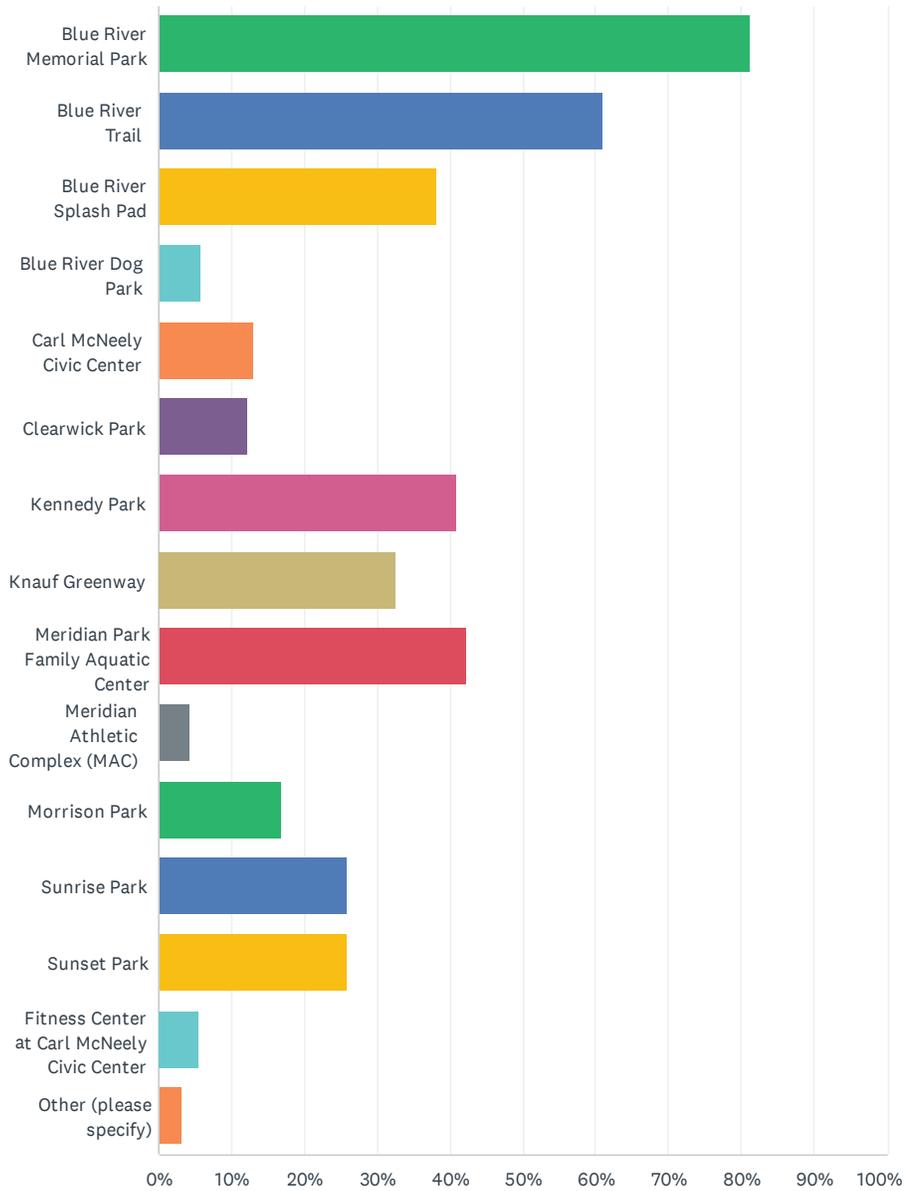
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0 – 1/4 mile (approximately 5 minute walk)	20.65%	64
1/4 - 1/2 mile (approximately 10 minute walk)	11.29%	35
1/2 - 1 mile	16.13%	50
more than 1 mile	51.94%	161
TOTAL		310

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## Q12 Which Shelbyville Parks and Recreation facilities do you use? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 310 Skipped: 174



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Blue River Memorial Park	81.29%	252
Blue River Trail	60.97%	189
Blue River Splash Pad	38.06%	118
Blue River Dog Park	5.81%	18
Carl McNeely Civic Center	12.90%	40
Clearwick Park	12.26%	38
Kennedy Park	40.97%	127
Knauf Greenway	32.58%	101
Meridian Park Family Aquatic Center	42.26%	131
Meridian Athletic Complex (MAC)	4.19%	13
Morrison Park	16.77%	52
Sunrise Park	25.81%	80
Sunset Park	25.81%	80
Fitness Center at Carl McNeely Civic Center	5.48%	17
Other (please specify)	3.23%	10
Total Respondents: 310		

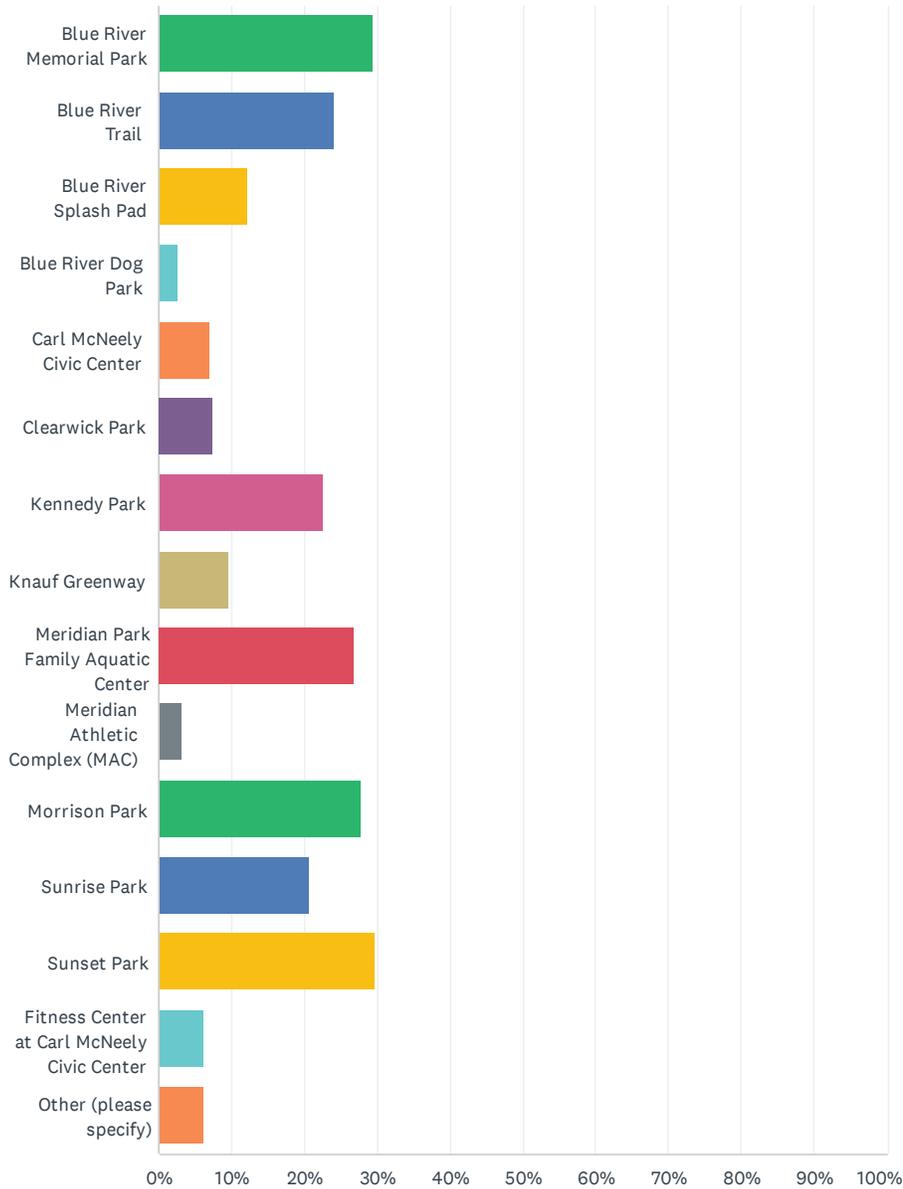
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Softball mainly	7/28/2024 9:08 AM
2	Depends on what I am attending	7/21/2024 2:08 PM
3	Park by Chamber of Commerce	7/3/2024 11:04 PM
4	I'll h	6/30/2024 1:49 PM
5	I want to use the trails but I don't feel safe as a single woman doing so.	6/28/2024 12:34 PM
6	None	6/28/2024 9:08 AM
7	Pickleball courts	6/27/2024 10:19 AM
8	Tindel Park	6/26/2024 10:23 PM
9	Bike share	6/26/2024 10:13 PM
10	Small park off Washington	6/26/2024 7:10 PM

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Q13 Which of the following parks/facilities should Shelbyville Parks and Recreation prioritize for improvement over the next 5 years? (Please select up to 3)

Answered: 310 Skipped: 174



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Blue River Memorial Park	29.35%	91
Blue River Trail	24.19%	75
Blue River Splash Pad	12.26%	38
Blue River Dog Park	2.58%	8
Carl McNeely Civic Center	7.10%	22
Clearwick Park	7.42%	23
Kennedy Park	22.58%	70
Knauf Greenway	9.68%	30
Meridian Park Family Aquatic Center	26.77%	83
Meridian Athletic Complex (MAC)	3.23%	10
Morrison Park	27.74%	86
Sunrise Park	20.65%	64
Sunset Park	29.68%	92
Fitness Center at Carl McNeely Civic Center	6.13%	19
Other (please specify)	6.13%	19
Total Respondents: 310		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Skate Park	7/30/2024 11:27 AM
2	More adult swim nights with DJs and chairs and sun shades	7/20/2024 12:01 PM
3	Aquatic center needs a new slide	7/8/2024 7:55 PM
4	Walking trail or sidewalk down Morris and Knightstown Rd area to Blue River Park.	7/8/2024 12:44 PM
5	All of them	7/8/2024 10:39 AM
6	I don't know.	7/3/2024 4:42 PM
7	No idea. I would have to review them.	7/1/2024 10:44 PM
8	The trail that ends on Hale ST across from the animal shelter dead end on a road without a sidewalk, it would be nice if a side wall were added to Hale ST or if the trail was extended	6/30/2024 12:35 PM
9	Expand the trail to go to YMCA complex	6/29/2024 11:45 AM
10	All seems in good shape	6/28/2024 8:57 PM
11	A city golf course	6/28/2024 8:01 PM
12	Public golf course	6/28/2024 9:08 AM
13	No opinion	6/28/2024 6:43 AM
14	Restrooms at pickleball courts	6/27/2024 10:19 AM
15	Bike trail from Knauf down Michigan Road to all the factories. Many people ride bikes dangerously on the road to work.	6/27/2024 5:59 AM
16	It would be nice to have someplace to walk when the weather is bad and after working hours in the evening.	6/26/2024 10:35 PM

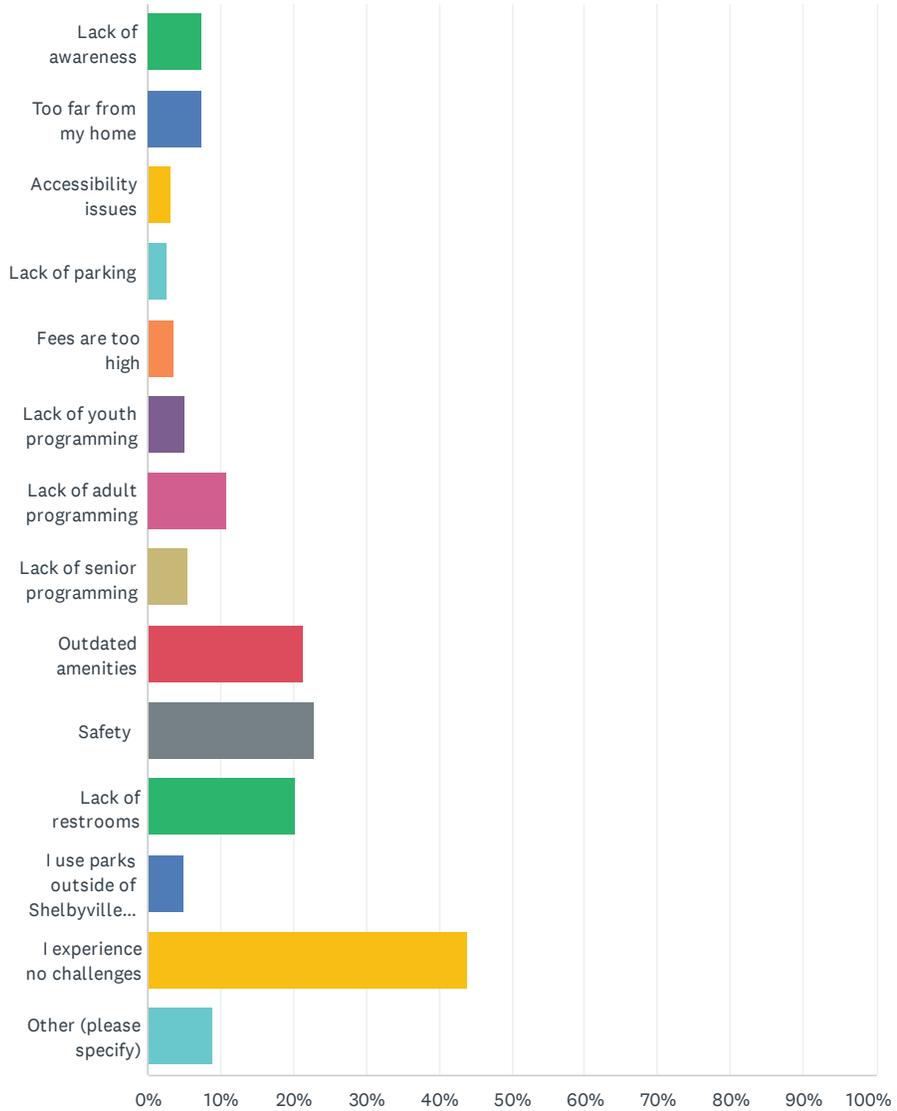
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17	Tindel Park	6/26/2024 10:23 PM
18	increase trails & pickle ball	6/26/2024 9:21 PM
19	Small park off Washington	6/26/2024 7:10 PM

### Q14 Are there any challenges that keep you from using city park facilities? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 310 Skipped: 174



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Lack of awareness	7.42%	23
Too far from my home	7.42%	23
Accessibility issues	3.23%	10
Lack of parking	2.58%	8
Fees are too high	3.55%	11
Lack of youth programming	5.16%	16
Lack of adult programming	10.97%	34
Lack of senior programming	5.48%	17
Outdated amenities	21.29%	66
Safety	22.90%	71
Lack of restrooms	20.32%	63
I use parks outside of Shelbyville instead.	4.84%	15
I experience no challenges	43.87%	136
Other (please specify)	9.03%	28
Total Respondents: 310		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Health reasons	7/29/2024 10:38 PM
2	Lack of nature. Everything is very city. When I lived in Indianapolis I experienced more nature than here in Shelby County.	7/29/2024 6:08 PM
3	Having a young child that is ADHD AND Autistic I would love to have a playground that is fenced in. I would go to a fenced playground daily for my child but fear of them running with nothing to stop them scares me to the point that I can't go unless I have atleast 2 other adults with me. That doesn't happen often so I know my child DOES NOT get to play as much as is needed!! I feel that this would support many parents with young or disabled children. It's a simple PEACE OF MIND KNOWING THAT CAN EXPLORE WITHOUT YOU HAVING TO HOVER OVER THEIR EVERY MOVE!!	7/27/2024 1:23 PM
4	Lack of restrooms near pickleball	7/26/2024 1:29 PM
5	Some of the parks facilities are very dated and are in need of repair/rebuilt.	7/26/2024 10:53 AM
6	except safety at Knauf Greenway & functionality at Morrison	7/24/2024 5:43 PM
7	I use Parks outside Shelbyville city limits due to safety concerns. Specifically Morrison Park and Kennedy Park.	7/21/2024 12:13 PM
8	More public announcements areas. Grocery stores or downtown signage. Bathrooms are locked and not able to use in cooler months. Bikes are put away too soon. Water fountain sometimes are dry?	7/20/2024 12:01 PM
9	Homeless hanging around shelters	7/17/2024 1:11 AM
10	Restrooms shut down too early in summer	7/16/2024 10:25 PM
11	lack of free time and we also use Babe Ruth for youth baseball	7/16/2024 11:53 AM
12	Homeless camps along Blue River Trail.	7/14/2024 6:43 PM
13	People living in the shelter house at Kennedy Park	7/8/2024 7:55 PM

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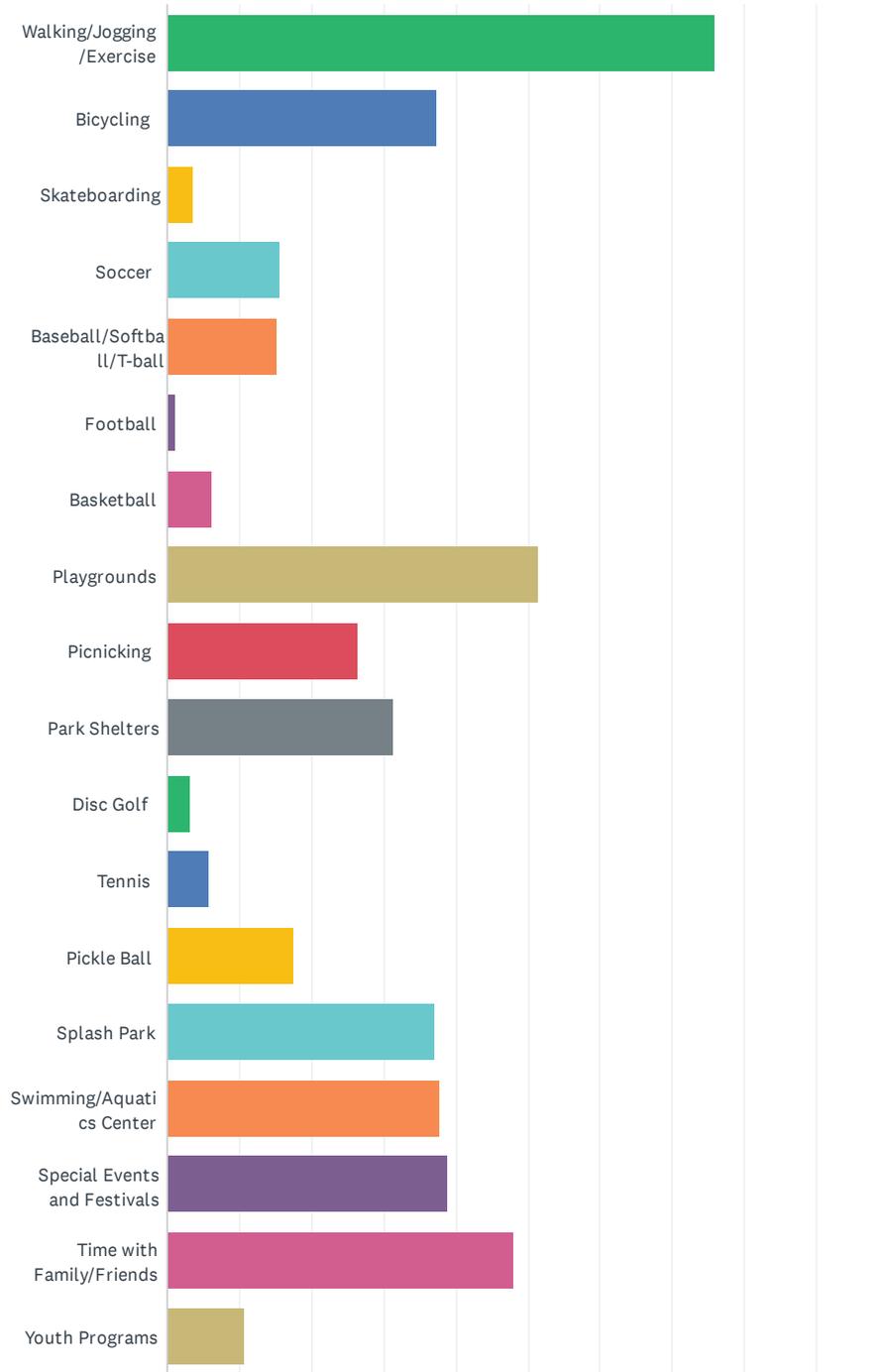
14	Restrooms need cleaned/redone	7/5/2024 4:57 PM
15	Drug paraphernalia	7/1/2024 10:44 PM
16	Completed trails that connect /loop together	6/30/2024 12:33 PM
17	No amp theatre	6/29/2024 8:08 PM
18	Bathrooms in the winter	6/28/2024 10:25 PM
19	Lack of restrooms on some trails, locked bathroom hours, lack of water fountains or outdated water fountains, sunrise park could use some updates	6/28/2024 2:24 PM
20	Not dependable. Facilities aren't always open. Fountains not always working.	6/28/2024 9:58 AM
21	Communication of facility use and times available.	6/28/2024 9:19 AM
22	Bathroom updates at the older parks	6/28/2024 8:22 AM
23	places (more benches) to rest at when walking the trails	6/28/2024 7:55 AM
24	Homeless	6/28/2024 6:43 AM
25	Would appreciate safer options for toddlers at all parks.	6/27/2024 8:55 PM
26	Not disability friendly.	6/27/2024 4:58 PM
27	Lack of appropriate shade, lack of access to water, lack of seating, lack of trash cans	6/26/2024 10:30 PM
28	Unsafe adults and teens, drug use, homelessness	6/26/2024 7:10 PM

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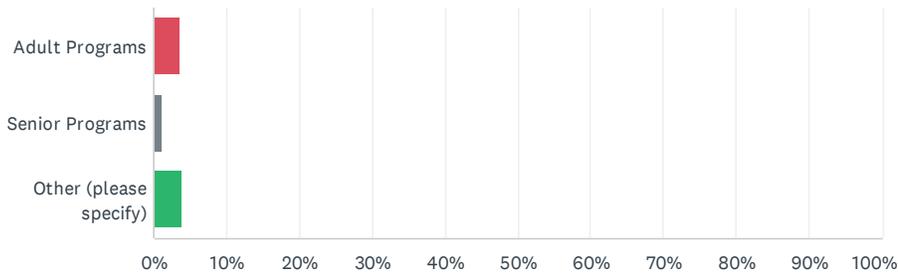
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## Q15 What programs or amenities do you participate in or use at the parks? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 310 Skipped: 174



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Walking/Jogging/Exercise	75.81%	235
Bicycling	37.42%	116
Skateboarding	3.55%	11
Soccer	15.48%	48
Baseball/Softball/T-ball	15.16%	47
Football	0.97%	3
Basketball	6.13%	19
Playgrounds	51.29%	159
Picnicking	26.45%	82
Park Shelters	31.29%	97
Disc Golf	3.23%	10
Tennis	5.81%	18
Pickle Ball	17.42%	54
Splash Park	37.10%	115
Swimming/Aquatics Center	37.74%	117
Special Events and Festivals	38.71%	120
Time with Family/Friends	48.06%	149
Youth Programs	10.65%	33
Adult Programs	3.55%	11
Senior Programs	0.97%	3
Other (please specify)	3.87%	12
Total Respondents: 310		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	volleyball	7/26/2024 11:06 AM
2	Youth programs during spring and winter breaks. This could be an opportunity for the parks department due to the fact boys and girls club no longer has these programs.	7/26/2024 10:53 AM

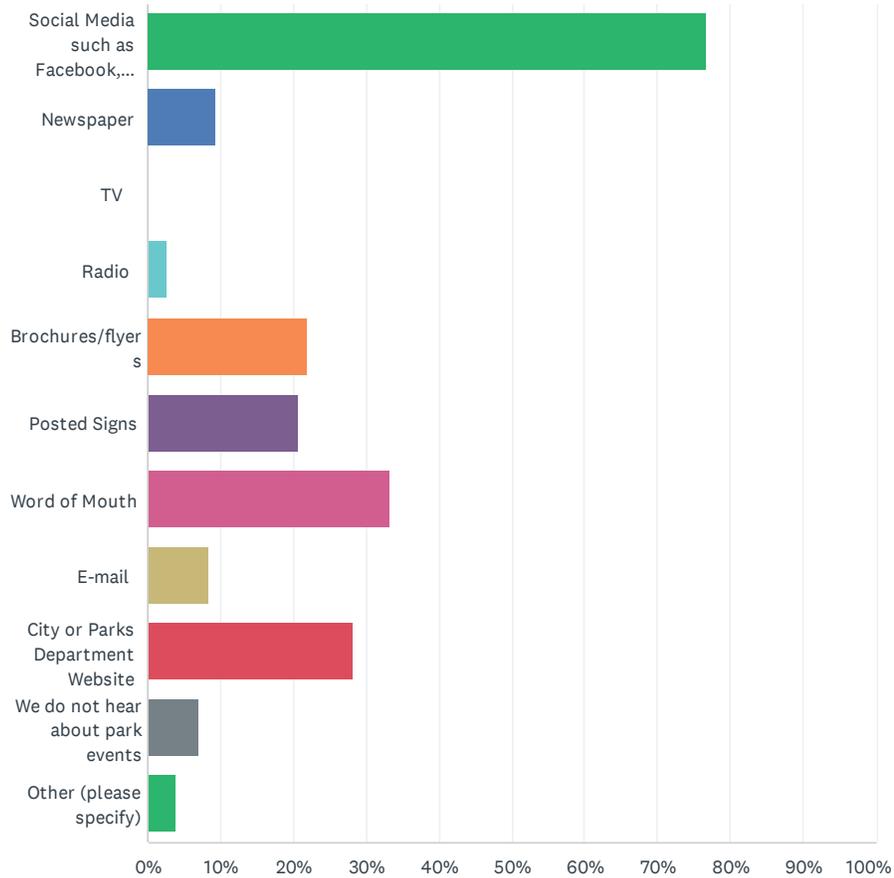
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3	More tables needed by the rivers please	7/20/2024 12:01 PM
4	Dog park	7/14/2024 10:26 AM
5	Music concerts	6/29/2024 8:08 PM
6	Prayer: in the shelter and prayer walking the grounds/trails	6/28/2024 10:06 PM
7	As a senior, I often use the parks as a quiet place to take a stroll, or to simply read, relax, and enjoy the outdoors.	6/28/2024 3:21 PM
8	I take my nieces and nephews to Blue River Park because there is more to do there. It would be easier to take them to Morrison.	6/28/2024 12:34 PM
9	None	6/28/2024 9:08 AM
10	Photography of events at the parks facilities	6/27/2024 9:12 AM
11	Lunch at Kennedy enjoying the river	6/26/2024 10:13 PM
12	Summer Camp	6/26/2024 7:08 PM

### Q16 How do you or your family find out about park programs and events? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 310 Skipped: 174



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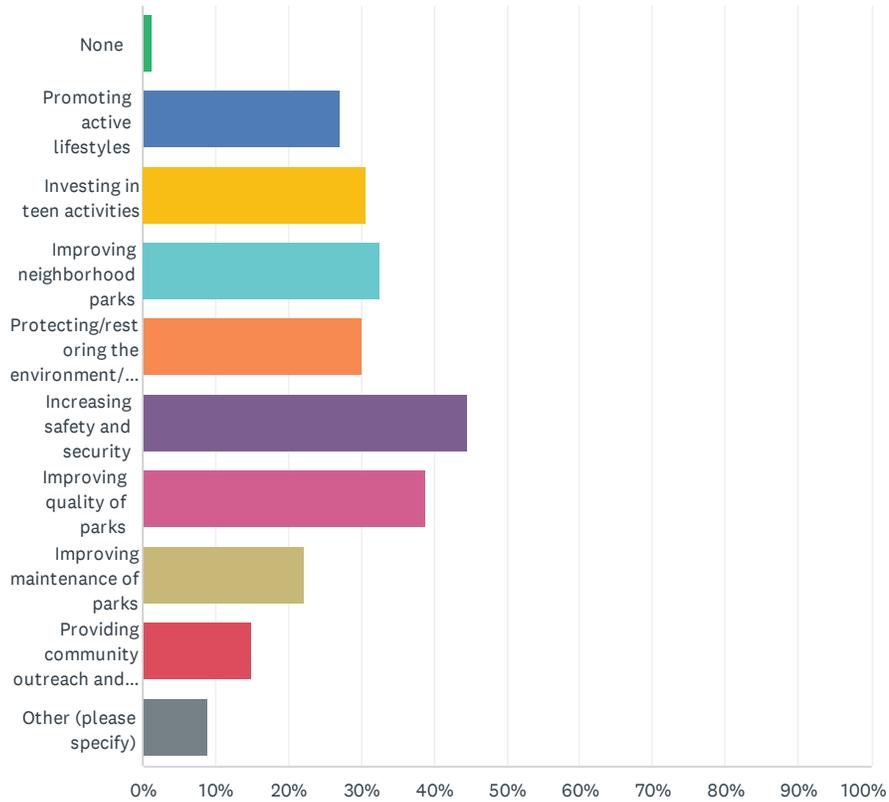
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Social Media such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube	76.77%	238
Newspaper	9.35%	29
TV	0.00%	0
Radio	2.58%	8
Brochures/flyers	21.94%	68
Posted Signs	20.65%	64
Word of Mouth	33.23%	103
E-mail	8.39%	26
City or Parks Department Website	28.06%	87
We do not hear about park events	7.10%	22
Other (please specify)	3.87%	12
Total Respondents: 310		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Google	7/26/2024 3:19 PM
2	Friends	7/26/2024 1:47 PM
3	School	7/22/2024 4:48 PM
4	Would love a seasonal mail out with events and dates	7/20/2024 12:01 PM
5	Saver Gator	7/16/2024 11:53 AM
6	Savor gator	7/5/2024 12:45 PM
7	Addison Times	6/28/2024 10:06 PM
8	Signs at the park	6/28/2024 9:09 PM
9	Addison Times	6/28/2024 11:41 AM
10	Have too call and ask. Not posted where visible.	6/28/2024 9:19 AM
11	My husband	6/26/2024 10:23 PM
12	Went to Summer Camp	6/26/2024 7:08 PM

### Q17 Which of the following topics should the Shelbyville Parks and Recreation Department focus on improving or investing more resources toward (Please select up to 3)

Answered: 310 Skipped: 174



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
None	1.29% 4
Promoting active lifestyles	27.10% 84
Investing in teen activities	30.65% 95
Improving neighborhood parks	32.58% 101
Protecting/restoring the environment/natural areas	30.00% 93
Increasing safety and security	44.52% 138
Improving quality of parks	38.71% 120
Improving maintenance of parks	22.26% 69
Providing community outreach and volunteer opportunities	14.84% 46
Other (please specify)	9.03% 28
Total Respondents: 310	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Making sure AEDs are available at all athletic events	7/31/2024 10:16 PM
2	Need trash cans at Sunset!	7/28/2024 11:06 AM
3	Batting cages are needed	7/28/2024 9:08 AM
4	Walking trail cameras and security cameras at park facilities	7/26/2024 11:41 AM
5	Making kids sports more known about	7/26/2024 10:58 AM
6	Maintenance , maintenance, maintenance !!! Keep what you have in order so you can rebuild/refurbish	7/26/2024 10:53 AM
7	an updated fitness center/gym	7/26/2024 10:48 AM
8	Provide a trash can on trail by Knauf for dog waste bags. Improve picking up dog waste on the sides of the trails. I realize alot of people don't pick up after their dogs, which is disrespectful of our trails, but people do it. It's not appealing to walk the trail and every other 10- 20 feet there is a pile of poop right off the side of the trail. It wouldn't take much for someone to walk that trail with a poop shovel, scoop up the poop and throw it in the woods. Just a suggestion.	7/21/2024 3:48 PM
9	More community events scattered over the year with better promotion. We did not even know about about strawberry festival until we drove downtown to get prescriptions. We are not on FB a lot.	7/20/2024 12:01 PM
10	More swings for kids	7/16/2024 10:25 PM
11	Update mpfac	7/16/2024 2:07 PM
12	Invest in youth opportunities (tween years)	7/16/2024 11:53 AM
13	Utilizing neighborhood green spaces that might only have sidewalks and grass. Could these have amenities for active living/community use as well?	7/12/2024 2:25 PM
14	Entertainment/ music/ shows	6/29/2024 8:08 PM
15	Bring back trash cans	6/29/2024 11:45 AM
16	Make more of the wild flower fields. If you take the plants out of the circle please replant in blue river park. They are beau	6/28/2024 8:36 PM
17	Putting trash cans back in the parks	6/28/2024 2:24 PM
18	protect outbuildings from vandalism	6/28/2024 10:12 AM

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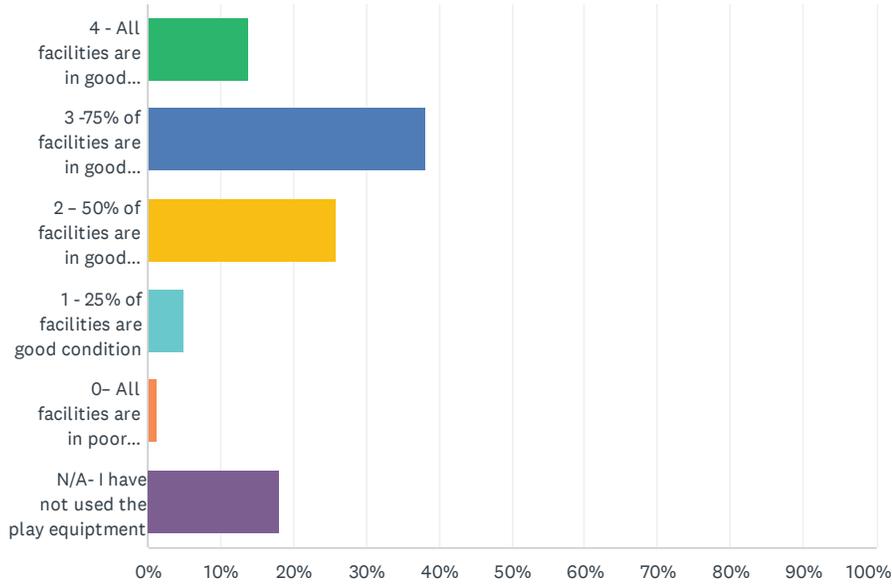
19	Public golf course	6/28/2024 9:08 AM
20	Getting homeless out of oaks	6/28/2024 6:43 AM
21	take care of what we HAVE!!!	6/28/2024 6:02 AM
22	Disability friendly parks and programming! Our disabled son can't participate in any programming that is offered.	6/27/2024 4:58 PM
23	Bike trail on Michigan Road to get to hospital and doctor offices	6/27/2024 5:59 AM
24	Opportunities for homeschooled children to have organized PE with an instructor. Activities specifically for home schooled kids.	6/27/2024 2:20 AM
25	I'd love to see Blue Zone (watch Netflix documentary) stuff implemented locally	6/26/2024 9:12 PM
26	Improving sports that the parks dept is in charge of (for youth and adults)	6/26/2024 7:41 PM
27	Year round pool facilities	6/26/2024 7:07 PM
28	Upgrade mpfac	6/26/2024 6:29 PM

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Q18 Please rate the overall condition of play equipment and courts in our parks:(Please select the rating the best describes your experience)

Answered: 310 Skipped: 174



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
4 - All facilities are in good condition	13.87% 43
3 - 75% of facilities are in good condition	38.06% 118
2 – 50% of facilities are in good condition	25.81% 80
1 - 25% of facilities are good condition	4.84% 15
0- All facilities are in poor condition	1.29% 4
N/A- I have not used the play equipment	18.06% 56
Total Respondents: 310	

#	COMMENTS:	DATE
1	The playground equipment at Blue River Memorial Park needs fixing.	7/30/2024 2:40 PM
2	Some of the paved pathways could be improved...smoothed out!	7/28/2024 11:06 AM
3	There isn't a way to keep all vandalism to stop and I know that it is to expensive to keep replacing what they break. I do appreciate the touch, texture and sound equipment!	7/27/2024 1:23 PM
4	A lot of the equipment is getting older	7/26/2024 11:43 AM
5	Southbend has a park that is very cool. Soft ground, ice skating in winter, modern equipment	7/17/2024 3:34 PM
6	Most are really nice! Our preschooler loves the Shelbyville parks play equipment. Morrison and	7/12/2024 2:25 PM

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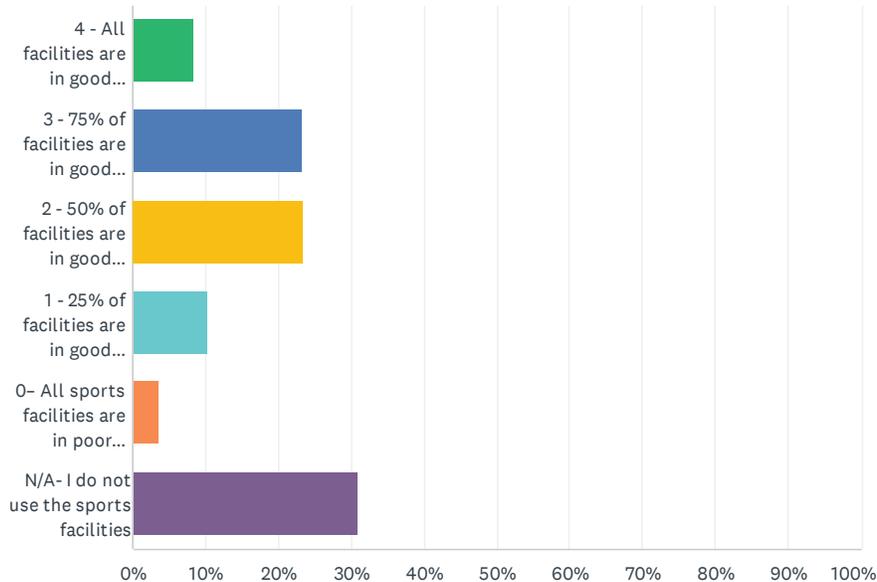
	Sunset Parks are not as robust or updated, but I know the former will get a makeover soon.	
7	Morrison park hasn't been updated in so many years it's been the same since I was a kid and I just turned 30. The public pool needs revamped and things need re painted. I work at Sherwin Williams paint get ahold of me so we can make things restored and look new again	7/1/2024 5:22 AM
8	most of the parks need new base materials either rubber or mulch, prefer rubber	6/30/2024 1:49 PM
9	all of the parks are outdated and the equipment is broken	6/29/2024 4:12 PM
10	Tennis courts at Kennedy park need to be restored & dedicated to tennis play.	6/29/2024 1:14 PM
11	The park's that I have used all seem great!	6/28/2024 10:25 PM
12	Appreciate the new bball court at Kennedy, it's a shame someone has ruined the paint already	6/28/2024 2:24 PM
13	Just take a walk around ALL the parks, YOU WILL FIND THINGS BROKEN AT ALL OF THE PARKS. TAKE CARE OF WHAT WE HAVE !1	6/28/2024 6:02 AM
14	Kennedy park is the most disability friendly, but it is outdated, covered in graffiti and trash.	6/27/2024 4:58 PM
15	Blue River is in the best condition Kennedy could easily become a more well attended park with a fresh coat of paint and more sensory/accessibility options for those with disabilities and those with young children.	6/27/2024 8:47 AM
16	Bathrooms are usually disgusting amd there's always trash. Trash cans are a necessity.	6/27/2024 6:58 AM
17	It seems like the restroom situations and most of our parks are in poor condition. I realize it's hard to monitor those because people just tear up other peoples things without even thinking about it. I'm not really sure what you can do about it.	6/26/2024 10:54 PM
18	I work with young families and we meet at the park sometimes. It would be nice to have a fenced in area for young children to play, and equipment that is safe to play on.	6/26/2024 10:33 PM
19	Trail at sunset overgrown and needs repaired Playground surface at Kennedy and sunset need replaced	6/26/2024 10:13 PM
20	Restrooms by the pickleball courts	6/26/2024 8:23 PM
21	There is a lot of trash around the parks. There is also so much dog poop. I don't know if it would help, but more people might pick up poop if there were poop bags along the trail. There were bags provided a few months ago, but they haven't been replaced. Many of the musical instruments at Blue River are in need of repair.	6/26/2024 7:47 PM
22	Kennedy park could be updated	6/26/2024 7:23 PM

# SURVEY RESULTS

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Q19 Excluding Blue River Memorial Park, please rate the overall condition of the sports facilities in our other parks: (Please select the rating the best describes your experience)

Answered: 310 Skipped: 174



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
4 - All facilities are in good condition	8.39% 26
3 - 75% of facilities are in good condition	23.23% 72
2 - 50% of facilities are in good condition	23.55% 73
1 - 25% of facilities are in good condition	10.32% 32
0 - All sports facilities are in poor condition	3.55% 11
N/A - I do not use the sports facilities	30.97% 96
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>310</b>

#	COMMENTS:	DATE
1	Pickleball courts are great!	7/26/2024 11:43 AM
2	Need new bathrooms at sunset	7/8/2024 10:15 AM
3	The softball diamonds at Sunrise are not good. Low quality fields and non working (or non used) scoreboards are unacceptable.	7/3/2024 11:04 PM
4	But by a quick glance of the other parks, I'd say 25-50 %	6/28/2024 10:06 PM
5	exercise room and gym are great- don't move location!	6/28/2024 10:12 AM

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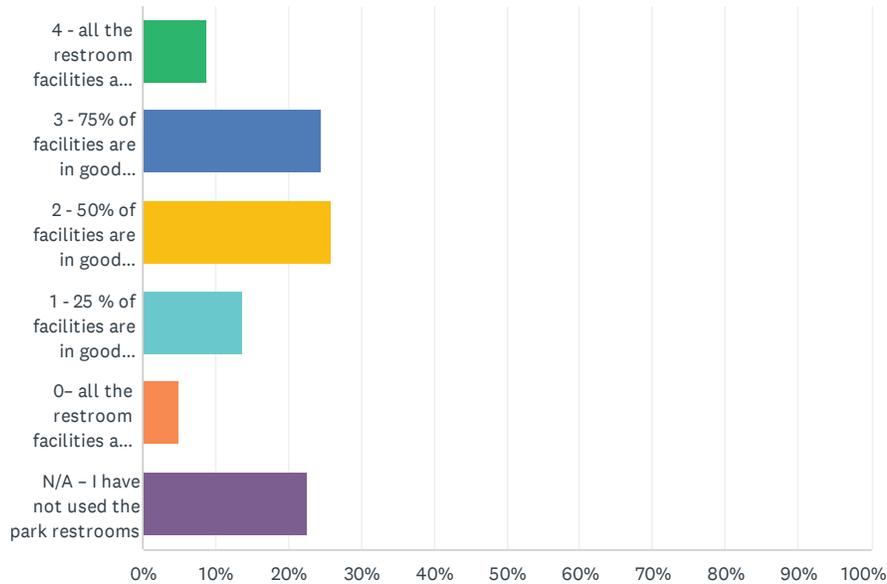
6	Not many, but the ones they have are nice.	6/28/2024 12:37 AM
7	We only use Blue River for sports	6/27/2024 6:43 PM
8	I think Sunrise and the MAC need more parking during softball tournaments.	6/27/2024 9:12 AM
9	We have maximized the opportunities at Blue River and need to look at the other parks for additional opportunities and to spread the amount of people per park around the town for better attendance and enjoyment for those with transportation issue	6/27/2024 8:47 AM
10	Sunrise diamonds need better bathrooms, parking The MAC doesn't have enough parking Gym at civic center doesn't have adequate parking	6/26/2024 10:13 PM
11	The girls softball diamonds need some work. Working score boards (and be allowed to use them), better drainage, restroom update in the shelter house, etc.	6/26/2024 7:41 PM

# SURVEY RESULTS

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Q20 Please rate the overall condition of restroom facilities in our parks:  
(Please select the rating the best describes your experience)

Answered: 310 Skipped: 174



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
4 - all the restroom facilities are in good condition	8.71% 27
3 - 75% of facilities are in good condition	24.52% 76
2 - 50% of facilities are in good condition	25.81% 80
1 - 25% of facilities are in good condition	13.55% 42
0 - all the restroom facilities are in poor condition	4.84% 15
N/A - I have not used the park restrooms	22.58% 70
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>310</b>

#	COMMENTS:	DATE
1	I'm strange about public restrooms.	7/28/2024 9:08 AM
2	I have only used the restrooms at the mpfac	7/27/2024 11:08 PM
3	from time to time there are always problems with public restrooms, but not the fault of the city.	7/26/2024 4:22 PM
4	Memorial park definitely needs updated. MPFAC's are decent.	7/26/2024 11:43 AM
5	They are never open. Staff member admitted to me one day they don't open them because then they have to clean them.	7/26/2024 11:16 AM
6	They are almost never open when we go	7/26/2024 10:58 AM

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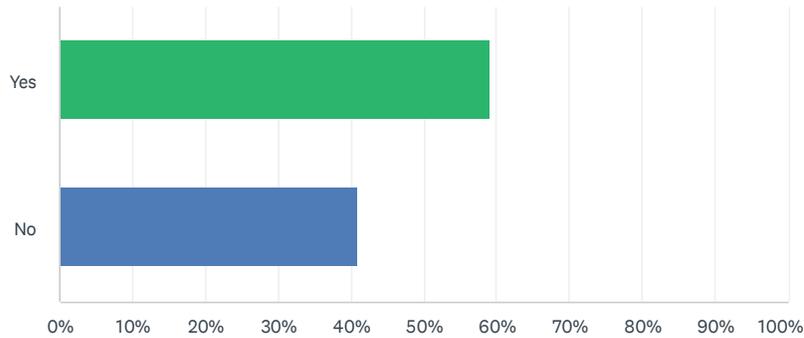
7	Bathroom facilities in some areas are very poor and have been repaired sub standard.	7/26/2024 10:53 AM
8	Some stalls/doors of women's restrooms do not close properly (BRMP near bridge and Sunset).	7/24/2024 5:43 PM
9	The facilities have not been good whenever I have been there	7/21/2024 2:08 PM
10	The doors are locked sometimes and water is dry	7/20/2024 12:01 PM
11	and often locked when needed (outside of summer)	7/16/2024 11:53 AM
12	We've just used a few and they seem fine, though I have heard of the vandalism issues before.	7/12/2024 2:25 PM
13	I have only used 3 locations.	7/3/2024 4:42 PM
14	need to be open all year or least from Frost to frost	6/30/2024 1:49 PM
15	Have only used Knauf Trail restrooms, they were acceptable.	6/29/2024 1:14 PM
16	Restrooms should be open longer. We had beautiful days in March and April for playing at the park but lack of restroom access really made it difficult to play as long as we wanted with 2 little ones. My 4 year old ended up peeing outside at the park because we were not able to get in the restroom. I'm sure he's not the only one that has been forced to do that. Yuck!	6/29/2024 11:34 AM
17	I only use park restrooms as a last resort because they are usually not well kept.	6/28/2024 10:06 PM
18	Always clean and well cared for	6/28/2024 9:09 PM
19	Some things are rusty. Wish there were trash cans for diapers and changing tables in all bathrooms.	6/28/2024 9:01 AM
20	Need to take care of them. Keep them clean and stock!!	6/28/2024 6:02 AM
21	Always locked	6/28/2024 12:37 AM
22	Could use one by the pickleball courts at Blue River.	6/27/2024 5:53 PM
23	I've only used the one at blue river it was maintained. Or the trail also maintained at blue river.	6/27/2024 8:47 AM
24	They need cleaned more often and bluerivers backs up easily and smells awful. You can't have hundreds of people there for events and not maintain them. XC meets are embarrassing. The other parks with softball diamonds are lacking as well for the little kids.	6/27/2024 6:58 AM
25	I would get security measures in place for high traffic parks and restrooms due to vandalism.	6/26/2024 10:23 PM
26	Sunrise concession restrooms very bad	6/26/2024 10:13 PM
27	Sunrise park bathrooms could use some upgrade.	6/26/2024 9:09 PM
28	Only use those at Blue River	6/26/2024 8:10 PM

# SURVEY RESULTS

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### Q21 Are there adequate restroom facilities in Shelbyville Parks?

Answered: 310 Skipped: 174



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	59.03%	183
No	40.97%	127
TOTAL		310

#	COMMENTS:	DATE
1	Restrooms should be lean, accessible and have paper towels to dry hands.	7/31/2024 10:16 PM
2	Never noticed	7/29/2024 6:08 PM
3	I mean I don't use them, but diamond 3 at Sunrise is pretty far from the restroom.	7/28/2024 9:08 AM
4	IDK	7/27/2024 11:08 PM
5	Near pickleball	7/26/2024 1:29 PM
6	They are sufficient, just not in great condition	7/26/2024 11:43 AM
7	Never open, especially during the winter. The park closes down it seems like	7/26/2024 11:16 AM
8	Would be nice to have one or 2 restrooms that could remain open in the winter, especially at Blue River Memorial Park	7/22/2024 11:40 AM
9	They are not entirely clean, which I know it is probably difficult to maintain but this is just my personal experience.	7/21/2024 12:13 PM
10	When open	7/20/2024 12:01 PM
11	Just need to be open longer	7/16/2024 10:25 PM
12	They're usually locked when I need to use them.	7/15/2024 1:42 PM
13	Restrooms are available but often closed	7/14/2024 10:26 AM
14	No, but I'm not sure all need them.	7/12/2024 2:25 PM
15	Always have drug users in them or they are locked	7/8/2024 10:39 AM
16	Sunset needs upgraded	7/8/2024 10:15 AM
17	Could use better restrooms at Sunrise and more along the trails	7/3/2024 11:04 PM

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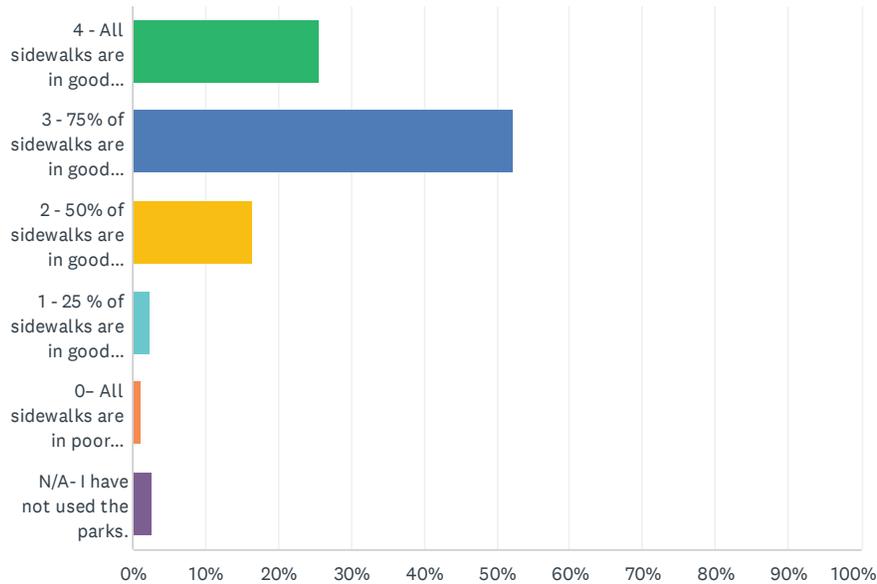
18	Sunset park - women's bathroom should have a small trash receptacle for feminine products.	7/3/2024 4:42 PM
19	I do not use the restrooms	7/1/2024 10:44 PM
20	There's only one per park	7/1/2024 8:48 PM
21	Please stop completely closing restrooms in winter or provide porta potties	6/30/2024 3:45 PM
22	if they were open longer	6/30/2024 1:49 PM
23	Needs changing stations in men's and women's.	6/29/2024 4:10 PM
24	Not sure, tend to be cautious about using park restrooms.	6/29/2024 1:14 PM
25	The restrooms are great. It's not great that they are closed in the winter. A porta potty would suffice.	6/28/2024 10:25 PM
26	In the parks but some along trails would be a bonus	6/28/2024 2:24 PM
27	But I am only familiar with Blue River Memorial	6/28/2024 1:26 PM
28	actually can't say- as we don't use them	6/28/2024 10:12 AM
29	A restroom at the start of the trail near Lee Blvd	6/28/2024 7:55 AM
30	Not usually unlocked	6/28/2024 6:47 AM
31	They are nice but not always open.	6/27/2024 8:55 PM
32	See above.	6/27/2024 5:53 PM
33	Need additional facility near pickleball courts	6/27/2024 10:19 AM
34	When they are maintained, yes.	6/27/2024 6:58 AM
35	It would be nice if the facility were open longer in the season.	6/26/2024 10:35 PM
36	Need restrooms by the pickleball courts	6/26/2024 8:23 PM
37	Any time I try to use restrooms at the parks they are always locked 🗝️	6/26/2024 8:12 PM
38	Closer to pickleball courts	6/26/2024 8:07 PM
39	The restrooms should be unlocked and able to use far before they are now. Residents begin using the parks as soon as it gets warm. At least make it April 1 unless it's an extremely cold year.	6/26/2024 7:41 PM

# SURVEY RESULTS

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Q22 Please rate the overall condition of the sidewalks and/or paths in our parks:(Please select the rating the best describes your experience)

Answered: 310 Skipped: 174



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
4 - All sidewalks are in good condition	25.48% 79
3 - 75% of sidewalks are in good condition	52.26% 162
2 - 50% of sidewalks are in good condition	16.45% 51
1 - 25% of sidewalks are in good condition	2.26% 7
0- All sidewalks are in poor condition	0.97% 3
N/A- I have not used the parks.	2.58% 8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>310</b>

#	COMMENTS	DATE
1	Blue river park has good sidewalks	7/21/2024 2:08 PM
2	Not sure; this is my best guess from not focusing on the walking/rolling paths	7/12/2024 2:25 PM
3	Estimate based on what I have seen	7/1/2024 10:44 PM
4	sunset walking path needs cleared of sand and silt from river	6/30/2024 1:49 PM
5	Very concerned about lack of sidewalk/path leading to Blue River Memorial Park from 3-way stop at Knightstown Road & Morris Ave. There has been an increase in traffic over the years with park activities & traffics from Progress Parkway. It's is becoming more dangerous for walkers or bicycles on Morris Ave. , especially at certain times with the placement of sunlight.	6/29/2024 1:14 PM

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Otherwise the paths throughout the park & leading to Walmart & beyond are very nice. Also concerned with small portion of path at beginning of Knauf trail that runs alongside State Road 9.

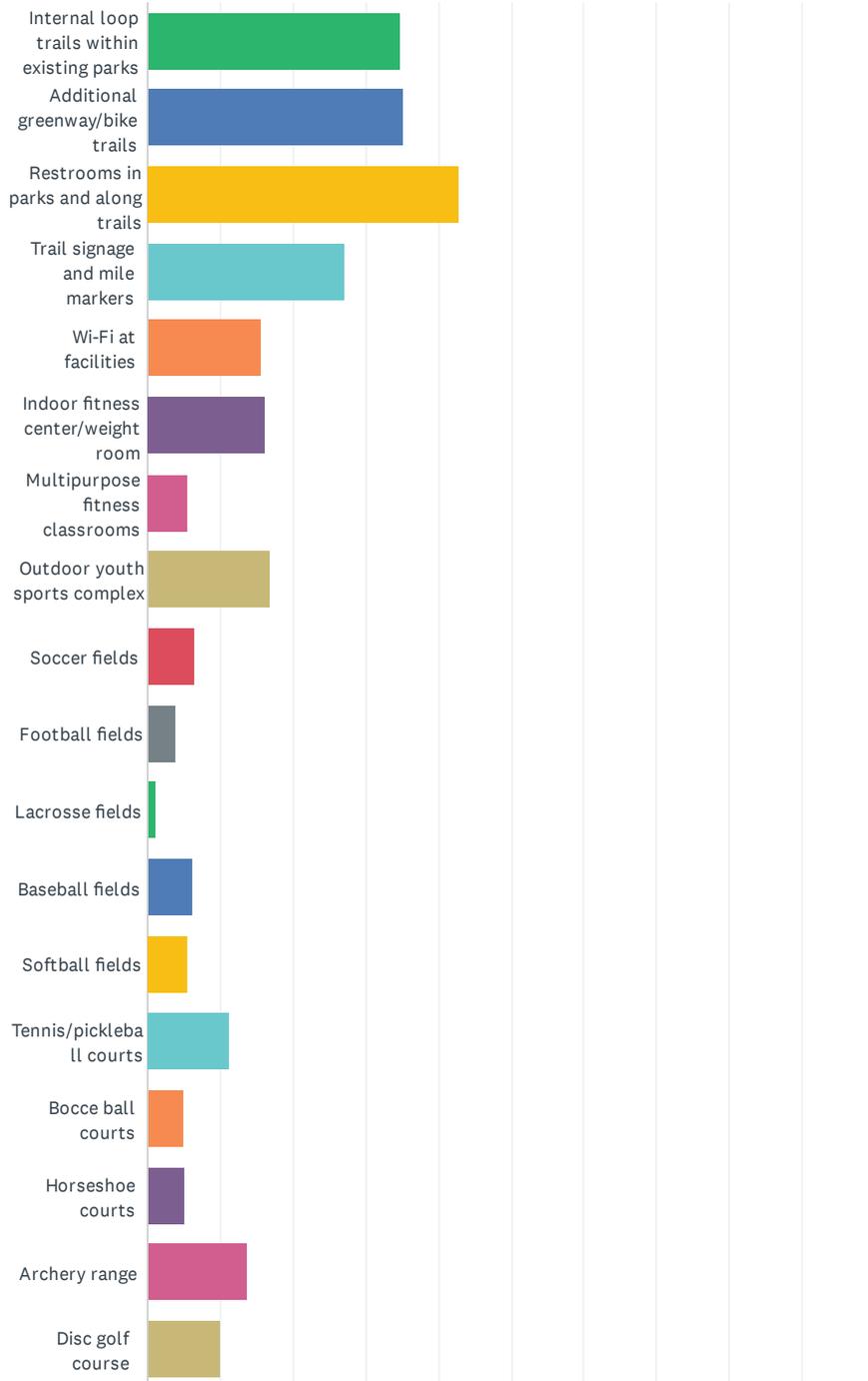
6	Sunset needs work (but haven't been on them in maybe 2 years)	6/28/2024 2:24 PM
7	Walking trail at sunset needs updated. Use this daily (weather permitting)	6/28/2024 10:12 AM
8	The trails that I have used are in good condition	6/28/2024 7:55 AM
9	NEED TO SEAL COAT THE WALKING PATHS TO TAKE CARE OF THEM!	6/28/2024 6:02 AM
10	The roots at sunrise are difficult to walk on/over to get to D2	6/26/2024 9:14 PM
11	N/A	6/26/2024 7:47 PM
12	I can't recall a sidewalk off the top of my head that needs attention, but I don't always pay attention if not walking on one to get to the park.	6/26/2024 7:41 PM

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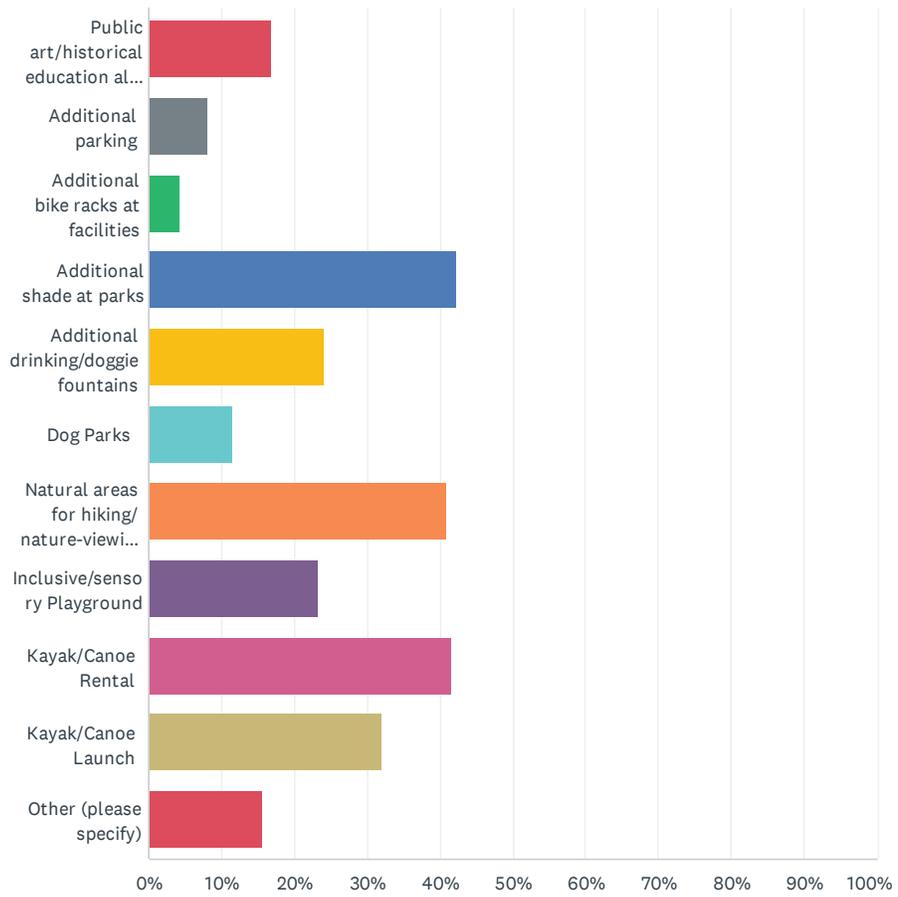
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## Q23 What facilities or amenities need to be added, improved, or expanded in the Shelbyville Park & Recreation system? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 310 Skipped: 174



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ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Internal loop trails within existing parks		34.84%	108
Additional greenway/bike trails		35.16%	109
Restrooms in parks and along trails		42.90%	133
Trail signage and mile markers		27.10%	84
Wi-Fi at facilities		15.48%	48
Indoor fitness center/weight room		16.13%	50
Multipurpose fitness classrooms		5.48%	17
Outdoor youth sports complex		16.77%	52
Soccer fields		6.45%	20
Football fields		3.87%	12
Lacrosse fields		0.97%	3
Baseball fields		6.13%	19
Softball fields		5.48%	17
Tennis/pickleball courts		11.29%	35
Bocce ball courts		4.84%	15
Horseshoe courts		5.16%	16
Archery range		13.55%	42
Disc golf course		10.00%	31
Public art/historical education along trails		16.77%	52
Additional parking		8.06%	25
Additional bike racks at facilities		4.19%	13
Additional shade at parks		42.26%	131
Additional drinking/doggie fountains		24.19%	75
Dog Parks		11.61%	36
Natural areas for hiking/ nature-viewing/picnicking (forest, wetland, prairie, etc.)		40.97%	127
Inclusive/sensory Playground		23.23%	72
Kayak/Canoe Rental		41.61%	129
Kayak/Canoe Launch		31.94%	99
Other (please specify)		15.48%	48
Total Respondents: 310			
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE	
1	Skate Park	7/30/2024 11:27 AM	

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2	If you add WiFi it will attract more homeless people.	7/28/2024 9:40 PM
3	Batting cage indoor/outdoor	7/28/2024 9:08 AM
4	Signage at memorial park for diamond identification	7/27/2024 11:08 PM
5	Fences!! Please add some fences to 1 or 2 small playgrounds!!	7/27/2024 1:23 PM
6	More lighting	7/26/2024 10:03 PM
7	Skate park	7/26/2024 5:44 PM
8	the best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago, so stay up on planting a few trees for the future	7/26/2024 4:22 PM
9	Invest in our Parks! Like other cities. Attract more sporting tournaments. Consider Park rangers (law enforcement) the amount of homeless and transient people in the parks makes the area a bit nervous. People should not be allowed to sleep in their vehicle at the parks. This happens often at Kennedy.	7/26/2024 2:39 PM
10	More inclusion of the river into the park. Like adding a waterfall type feature into the park or landscaping.	7/26/2024 11:16 AM
11	I think concentrating on what you have and expand after, is the best course of action over a 5 to 10 year schedule.	7/26/2024 10:53 AM
12	Blue river has room for an indoor sports facility (indoor batting cages, soccer field and football field) other towns have them. It would be awesome if Shelbyville built one.	7/26/2024 10:50 AM
13	Additional basketball court. Blue River specifically could use more shade trees	7/22/2024 11:40 AM
14	Yes! Kayak!!!!!!! Tubs too!!! We would pay to rent and reserve	7/20/2024 12:01 PM
15	PLEASE we need a skatepark.Also really need an ampitheatre for concerts and events.	7/19/2024 5:25 PM
16	More basketball courts	7/17/2024 9:19 PM
17	Dog park at Morrison Park	7/16/2024 10:25 PM
18	I would love to see an outdoor amphitheater at Blue River Memorial Park!!	7/12/2024 3:51 AM
19	Less dogs and more for kids to do	7/8/2024 10:39 AM
20	Golf course	7/5/2024 12:45 PM
21	Indoor facility (clubhouse) on park site for rental use during winter	7/4/2024 6:37 PM
22	Add Mike counter on wheel spikes of the new bikes. Help track mileage if you're not starting from the beginning point	7/3/2024 4:42 PM
23	Mountain bike trails along River??	6/30/2024 7:59 PM
24	Add amphitheater	6/30/2024 7:06 PM
25	Evening music events/ food trucks	6/29/2024 8:08 PM
26	Enjoy the educational display boards along trail on nature topics specific to Indiana along with anything unique to Shelby County.	6/29/2024 1:14 PM
27	Fix broken equipment at parks!!!!	6/29/2024 9:10 AM
28	City golf course	6/28/2024 8:01 PM
29	Volleyball, parks has a nice league with people who would use the outdoor volleyball courts - Adding horseshoe back at Sunrise park and maybe permanent cornhole - All 3 could be good additions to Sunrise updates and attractions	6/28/2024 2:24 PM
30	connect Knauf Greenway to Blue River Trail	6/28/2024 10:12 AM
31	Public golf course	6/28/2024 9:08 AM
32	Smaller shelters at Blue River Park	6/28/2024 9:03 AM
33	It would be nice to have more toddler areas at Blue River park. My youngest has nothing to play with on the playground. I wish there was a 0-5 year old playground.	6/28/2024 9:01 AM

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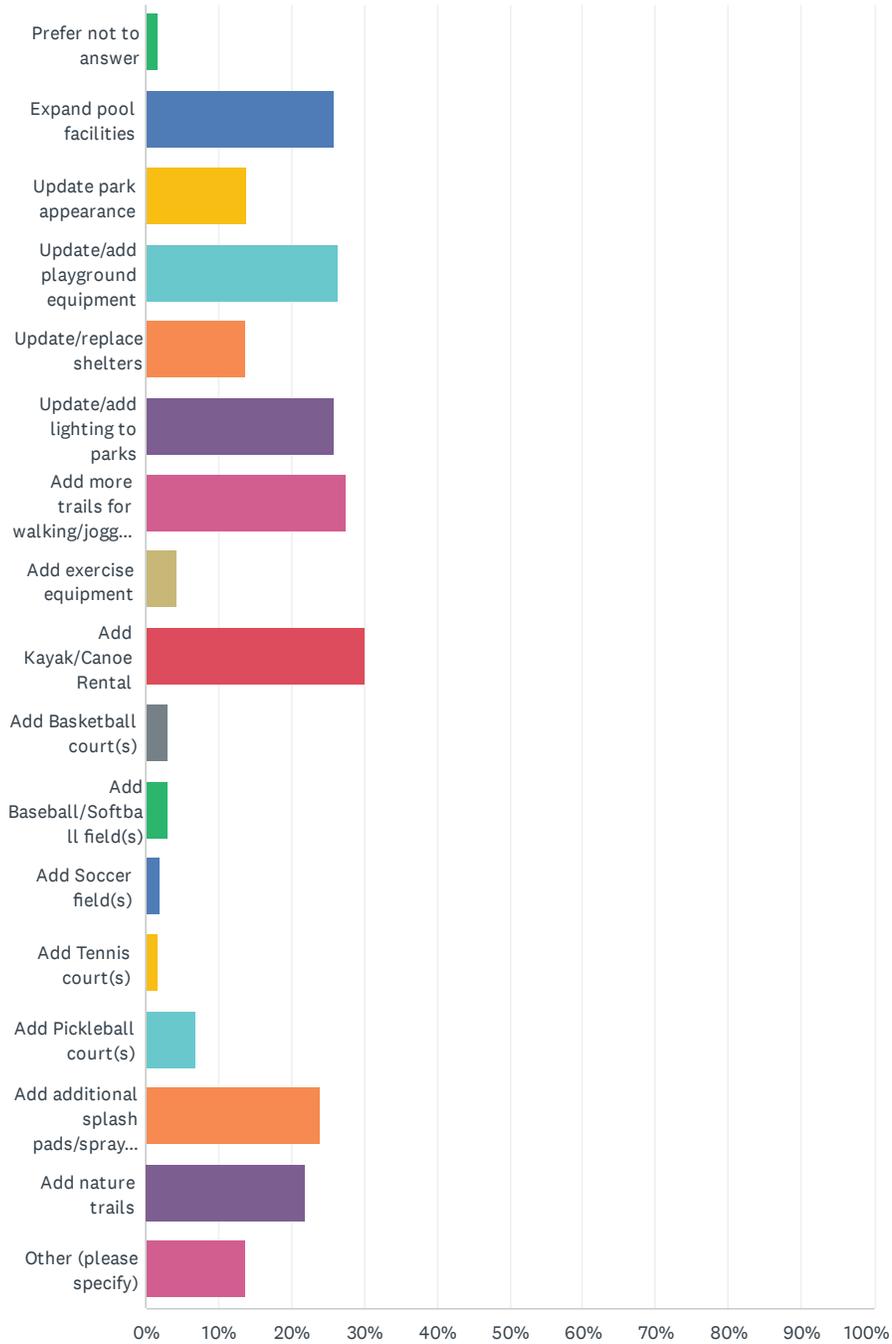
34	No opinion	6/28/2024 6:43 AM
35	It would be nice if the trail crosswalk on state rd 9 was at the light for boggstown rd. No one knows what to do when I hit the button to walk across the street to Blue Agave.	6/28/2024 12:37 AM
36	The biggest yes to an inclusive/sensory playground! There are so many special needs kids in this community who deserve a safe place to play!	6/27/2024 4:58 PM
37	Ice skating	6/27/2024 4:41 PM
38	community produce garden	6/27/2024 9:12 AM
39	Basketball courts	6/27/2024 4:12 AM
40	Some type of shade at the splash pad.	6/26/2024 10:16 PM
41	Tubing on river	6/26/2024 10:13 PM
42	Trash cans... Especially on walking trails!	6/26/2024 9:34 PM
43	Outdoor workout equipment like they do at beaches: outdoor fitness multistation	6/26/2024 9:12 PM
44	Indoor pickleball facility	6/26/2024 8:23 PM
45	Playground equipment for children 1-4 especially blue river park	6/26/2024 7:23 PM
46	Indoor pool open year round	6/26/2024 7:07 PM
47	Strong man rope course	6/26/2024 6:53 PM
48	Mpfac	6/26/2024 6:29 PM

Q24 Of the following potential capital improvement projects, which is of the highest priority to you? (Please select up to 3)

Answered: 310 Skipped: 174

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Prefer not to answer	1.61%	5
Expand pool facilities	25.81%	80
Update park appearance	13.87%	43
Update/add playground equipment	26.45%	82
Update/replace shelters	13.55%	42
Update/add lighting to parks	25.81%	80
Add more trails for walking/jogging/biking	27.42%	85
Add exercise equipment	4.19%	13
Add Kayak/Canoe Rental	30.00%	93
Add Basketball court(s)	2.90%	9
Add Baseball/Softball field(s)	2.90%	9
Add Soccer field(s)	1.94%	6
Add Tennis court(s)	1.61%	5
Add Pickleball court(s)	6.77%	21
Add additional splash pads/spray grounds	23.87%	74
Add nature trails	21.94%	68
Other (please specify)	13.55%	42
Total Respondents: 310		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Skate Park	7/30/2024 11:27 AM
2	Golf	7/29/2024 3:49 PM
3	Trash cans needed at Sunset Patk!	7/28/2024 11:06 AM
4	Batting cage	7/28/2024 9:08 AM
5	Fences	7/27/2024 1:23 PM
6	Skate Park	7/26/2024 5:44 PM
7	Indoor kids pool	7/26/2024 11:16 AM
8	Updated fitness center with changing rooms & better equipment	7/26/2024 10:48 AM
9	Adult swim area for laps and lounging with not so loud music please.	7/20/2024 12:01 PM
10	Skatepark and ampitheatre	7/19/2024 5:25 PM
11	Dog park at Morrison Park	7/16/2024 10:25 PM
12	Shade and archery range	7/16/2024 11:53 AM
13	Maybe the lighting to help with vandalism, or adding a skate park?	7/12/2024 2:25 PM
14	Add more for kids	7/8/2024 10:39 AM
15	Add golf course	7/5/2024 12:45 PM

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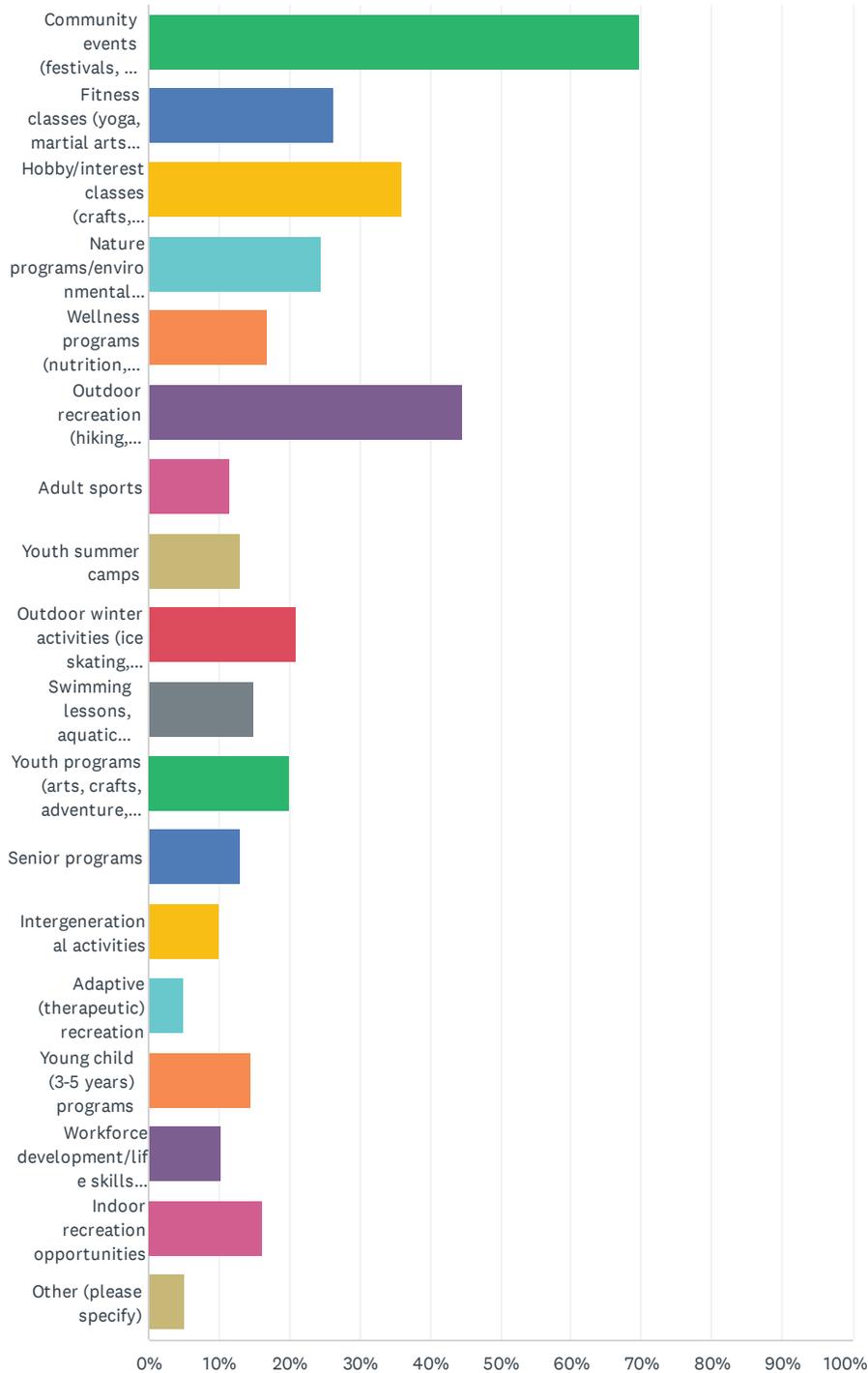
16	Don't really have an option	7/3/2024 4:42 PM
17	Mountain bike trails	6/30/2024 7:59 PM
18	Add amphitheater	6/30/2024 7:06 PM
19	Evening entertainment on weekends	6/29/2024 8:08 PM
20	Sure there is always a push to expand the above list; however, it's should always be a priority to first be able to fully support & maintain the existing amenities. Great strides forward have been made by the Parks Dept.	6/29/2024 1:14 PM
21	Safety at parks!	6/28/2024 9:19 PM
22	Have the splash pad ready to open. Always seems like it's delayed	6/28/2024 8:36 PM
23	City Golf course	6/28/2024 8:01 PM
24	Bring back a skate park for youth, add more shaded sitting areas, focus on adding sport amenities that we don't currently have	6/28/2024 2:24 PM
25	Check Freedom Springs. Lazy river in the pool area would be great. Move pool to Blue River Memorial	6/28/2024 10:12 AM
26	Add Concert Venue	6/28/2024 9:22 AM
27	Safety and security measures	6/28/2024 9:13 AM
28	Public golf course	6/28/2024 9:08 AM
29	Add shade to blue river. The slides and sitting area my the playground have no shade.	6/28/2024 9:01 AM
30	add a suspension bridge across Big Blue River connecting the trails from Walkerville along Little Blue River to the existing trail on the north side of Big Blue River	6/28/2024 7:55 AM
31	More nature trails around the county not just the city limits	6/28/2024 7:38 AM
32	Indoor soccer facility	6/28/2024 6:43 AM
33	Take care of what we have !!!!	6/28/2024 6:02 AM
34	Inclusive play equipment!	6/27/2024 4:58 PM
35	Indoor pickleball courts not on gym floor	6/27/2024 3:47 PM
36	Add additional seating/shade to existing parks	6/26/2024 10:30 PM
37	Tindel Park needs more updated equipment for the kids at Beyond the Label	6/26/2024 10:23 PM
38	New civic center that has more parking, updated party rooms, offices, indoor walking track, classrooms, storage	6/26/2024 10:13 PM
39	Cameras in all parks	6/26/2024 9:52 PM
40	i	6/26/2024 9:21 PM
41	When the new pool was built it was to small no room to move around and deeper end	6/26/2024 8:07 PM
42	Upgrades at Sunset - beautiful park that's not being utilized to its full potential!	6/26/2024 7:25 PM

Q25 Shelbyville Parks and Recreation is dedicated to providing rich and engaging programming for all community members. What programming would you like to see continued or added? (Please select up to 5)

Answered: 310 Skipped: 174

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Community events (festivals, 5k races, concerts, etc.)	69.68%	216
Fitness classes (yoga, martial arts, zumba, etc.)	26.13%	81
Hobby/interest classes (crafts, gardening, cooking, etc.)	36.13%	112
Nature programs/environmental education	24.52%	76
Wellness programs (nutrition, health counseling, etc.)	16.77%	52
Outdoor recreation (hiking, fishing, etc.)	44.52%	138
Adult sports	11.61%	36
Youth summer camps	12.90%	40
Outdoor winter activities (ice skating, skiing, etc.)	20.97%	65
Swimming lessons, aquatic programs	14.84%	46
Youth programs (arts, crafts, adventure, etc.)	20.00%	62
Senior programs	12.90%	40
Intergenerational activities	10.00%	31
Adaptive (therapeutic) recreation	4.84%	15
Young child (3-5 years) programs	14.52%	45
Workforce development/life skills classes	10.32%	32
Indoor recreation opportunities	16.13%	50
Other (please specify)	5.16%	16
Total Respondents: 310		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Late teen/early adult (under 21) female softball	7/28/2024 9:08 AM
2	N/A	7/26/2024 4:22 PM
3	Birding	7/26/2024 1:26 PM
4	concentrate on what makes money	7/26/2024 10:53 AM
5	Adult soccer/ tennis/ pickleball leagues PLEASE	7/19/2024 5:25 PM
6	Happy to help be part of this with the Purdue Extension NEP! Young child programs/opportunities on the weekend would be so nice too.	7/12/2024 2:25 PM
7	Indoor skating rink. More teen friendly indoor/outdoor facilities	7/3/2024 4:42 PM
8	Doing a great job.let the people know that take care of the parks they are doing a great job	6/28/2024 8:36 PM
9	Programming for Teens	6/28/2024 12:34 PM
10	Jazz and R & B concerts (less Country Western!)	6/28/2024 10:12 AM
11	Public golf course	6/28/2024 9:08 AM
12	100 mile bike ride (a century ride) in Shelby County, a once a year event	6/28/2024 7:55 AM
13	No opinion	6/28/2024 6:43 AM

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14	Outdoor yoga, zumba, etc...	6/28/2024 12:37 AM
15	Sensory friendly programming!	6/27/2024 4:58 PM
16	Skating rink for all ages!	6/27/2024 3:26 PM

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**Q26 Is there anything else that the Shelbyville Parks and Recreation Department can do to better serve you and your family? Please comment below.**

Answered: 96 Skipped: 388

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Our kids attend summer camp with the Parks & Rec dept. We love it! The walk from the parks dept to the pool and Morrison park could be safer/cleaner. AEDs should be readily available for all outdoor sporting events. I can help procure them if need be. I want my kids and all Shelby county kids to be safe. Feel free to email me at susandshields2@gmail.com.	7/31/2024 10:16 PM
2	Skate Park	7/30/2024 11:27 AM
3	With all they have and are responsible for they do a great job!	7/29/2024 6:08 PM
4	I think we have great parks here in Shelby county. Keep up the good work!	7/28/2024 9:40 PM
5	N/A	7/27/2024 10:41 PM
6	No	7/26/2024 10:03 PM
7	From my observation. the parks department does a very good job.	7/26/2024 4:22 PM
8	N/A	7/26/2024 3:19 PM
9	no	7/26/2024 12:54 PM
10	More cameras in areas known for trouble	7/26/2024 12:52 PM
11	Please improve meridian park family aquatic center	7/26/2024 12:09 PM
12	Sunset Park has slowly fallen into what I would consider dangerous condition. It is located in a really bad part of town and the safety of it needs to be enhanced in the future.	7/26/2024 11:53 AM
13	n/a	7/26/2024 11:43 AM
14	No	7/26/2024 11:24 AM
15	Indoor kids pool area, stretch likely due to budget. Don't basically close the parks during the winter Look at the Jasper parklands. It is really cool and people travel there for it!	7/26/2024 11:16 AM
16	I for one would like to see events during spring and fall school breaks for youth. I would rather pay the city to reinvest in itself.	7/26/2024 10:53 AM
17	Crack down on teens and adults doing and selling drugs in parks. Half the time we don't go to certain parks because of the drug issues	7/26/2024 10:50 AM
18	I would love to see a better fitness center/gym area. Some of the equipment is in serious need for an update. Specifically the weight machines. I would love to see an expanded gym area with a changing room.	7/26/2024 10:48 AM
19	More security at parks would be fabulous. I'm scared to bring my children alone due to the homeless, troubled teens, drug use at many parks. The homeless along the trails making comments when females walk by has also kept me from enjoying them with my children.	7/26/2024 10:48 AM
20	Thank you for your hard work and efforts to make the parks engaging for all!	7/24/2024 5:43 PM
21	Could cameras somehow be put on trails for security and safety?	7/21/2024 3:48 PM
22	My daughter wants to be able to play on a youth volleyball team and take dance lessons.	7/21/2024 12:13 PM
23	We love the community activities and will love more of everything even when it is cold. Outdoor fire pits are wonderful too in the downtown area like in Holland, Michigan. Everyone still gathers. Their sidewalks are heated with solar powered or electrical water so they don't	7/20/2024 12:01 PM

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	freeze and people don't slip. If trails are added, you might look at this option. It is so cool to go through the plant and see what they're doing as they think forward to improving the area.	
24	Swim lessons could use serious improvement. Last year (2023) was decent. The 2024 lessons my family participated in were lacking in any instruction or encouragement of participation. My children came away feeling like they were not taught how to swim at all. From watching as a parent, I agree. It was very disappointing and had lead to us seeking swim lessons somewhere else.	7/18/2024 11:49 AM
25	Handicap parking	7/18/2024 10:14 AM
26	There should be a indoor basketball court and a indoor soccer field, also there should be more soccer fields and basketball courts for adults.	7/17/2024 9:19 PM
27	Try to do something about the loitering by the homeless. Many are clearly dealing with a mental insane and makes my kids uneasy to go to the park when shirtless men are yelling or pacing in the shelter houses or around the park.	7/17/2024 1:11 AM
28	More landscaping, playground equipment (swings), shade, trails	7/16/2024 10:25 PM
29	Summer camp does not need to go to the pool so often, we changed camps because my child was bored and unhappy going to the pool 2x or more each week.	7/16/2024 11:53 AM
30	Let the businesses in the county know what we can do to partner with the Parks and Rec to better serve the community together.	7/15/2024 3:34 PM
31	Indoor soccer	7/15/2024 2:38 PM
32	Remove homeless from parks.	7/14/2024 6:43 PM
33	This is one of the best park systems around in my opinion and I look forward to the continued investment in making it even better for the community	7/14/2024 10:26 AM
34	Great work! The facilities are varied and nice and this department has an important role in serving the community. Thank you!	7/12/2024 2:25 PM
35	Doing great. We really appreciate this resource in our community	7/10/2024 10:37 AM
36	My son commented on how nice the splash pad was when he took his daughter there. His community doesn't have anything like that. On hot days, more splash pad areas and activities would be appreciated.	7/9/2024 10:09 AM
37	NA	7/9/2024 4:21 AM
38	We would love to see the 40 acres north of Blue River Memorial Park on Morris Avenue purchased and integrated into the park. The potential for an outstanding facility expansion would set Shelby County apart!	7/8/2024 7:55 PM
39	Stop catering to adults only and focus on activities for youths. Skate park would be nice for starters but the adults dont want one so it probably wont happen but we can get a pickleball court for adults though	7/8/2024 10:39 AM
40	when you build the amphitheater have the stage facing north or south so tha the sun isn't in anyone's eyes ( like the one in Rushville )	7/8/2024 10:24 AM
41	Please please please upgrade the softball diamonds and restrooms at Sunrise. Also please make drastic changes to the softball program (it's terrible right now)	7/3/2024 11:04 PM
42	Overall I think Prka and Rec does a great job. The Blue River Memorial is an awesome standout facility. I also love the new free bike rentals. So nice to not have to lug bikes in my car to commute to and ride the new trails.	7/3/2024 4:42 PM
43	Improve security in the parks and on the trails such as lightning, cameras, emergency call boxes, and police presence.	7/3/2024 9:22 AM
44	Our family enjoys using the bikes and the trails. Thank you for working hard to make those spaces beautiful. We feel safe on the trails and would like to see them connected one day. We also enjoy the summer concerts. The parks dept has done a great job of providing many opportunities for our community. Thank you!	7/2/2024 5:40 PM
45	I'm sure this is being done, but if possible, take a look at some of the things Franklin and	7/1/2024 10:44 PM

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	Greenfield have going on. They have really made the most of what they have to offer and their town folk seem to have responded positively.	
46	More sports programs for adults would be nice, if there could be enough interest that is	7/1/2024 8:48 PM
47	Get the homeless and drug's out of the parks! Get street lights in the parks!	7/1/2024 5:06 PM
48	I think the aquatic center should be an indoor / outdoor facility that can be used year round.	7/1/2024 4:13 PM
49	Paint and update park equipment and playground equipment	7/1/2024 5:22 AM
50	Add more shaded areas at parks/playgrounds. Add more trees and nature trails. More park availability on the south side (McKay Road area).	6/30/2024 4:23 PM
51	No	6/30/2024 3:28 AM
52	plan for large populations at events, this includes parking, security, lighting, food, beverages, children, etc.	6/29/2024 8:08 PM
53	do a better job cleaning up the playground areas	6/29/2024 4:12 PM
54	Thank you for casting a vision forward for our community.	6/29/2024 1:14 PM
55	expand Knauf Greenway to Intelliplex	6/29/2024 9:33 AM
56	Keep homeless from living at parks Clean up drug paraphernalia	6/29/2024 9:10 AM
57	Love the trails.	6/28/2024 10:25 PM
58	Consider covering the musical instruments at Blue River Memorial Park playground during outdoor concerts so kids will not disrupt the performance taking place.	6/28/2024 10:06 PM
59	Safety is a big issue. It is a hangout for bored and unsupervised teens to intimidate others. There have also been drug users leaving dangerous paraphernalia in the parks.	6/28/2024 9:19 PM
60	Love music in the park!	6/28/2024 9:09 PM
61	Just keep the concerts free of charge	6/28/2024 8:37 PM
62	I feel like the parks need more play equipment, especially at Morrison park.	6/28/2024 8:19 PM
63	No thanks	6/28/2024 6:50 PM
64	The Parks Department is doing a great job for a community our size, thanks!	6/28/2024 2:24 PM
65	I wish that you would install one or two trash cans and maybe a bench or two in the area of the Boat Launch behind Walmart.	6/28/2024 1:26 PM
66	Care as much about the other parks as you do about Blue River Memorial. Make the trails safe and get the police department to take threats/concerns seriously. You have done amazing things with Blue River, it would just be great to see that same dedication for the other areas.	6/28/2024 12:34 PM
67	keep improving, the parks have done so much over the last decade. we need to keep the momentum going and make shelbyville parks the best they can be	6/28/2024 11:21 AM
68	Keep the Fitness Center open at Tompkins and 4th (there are those who prefer to avoid the big workout facilities)	6/28/2024 10:12 AM
69	There's such a thing as being a good steward of what you already have. The parks dept hasn't been a great steward of what we have and just focus on expanding, adding programs, etc. How about improve the current situation and first focus on doing well with what we already have?	6/28/2024 9:58 AM
70	Shelbyville has a great golf course that is maintained by a crew of dedicated men mostly in their seventies. The future of the course is in jeopardy due to poor management, old equipment and general disrepair. The course, land and buildings are for sale for a low price, much less than the costs the Parks Dept. is spending on trails and pickleball courts. Golf is a healthy sport (hobby) that is enjoyed by all ages. Adding a public golf course to the Parks Dept. would greatly enhance our community and contribute to the quality of life we have to offer.	6/28/2024 9:08 AM
71	I have been very impressed with the park department. You are doing a great job making this town better. I do wish there was a playground ages 1-5 at blue river. We will often have soccer games and would love a playground for our younger kids to play by the splash pad. I would	6/28/2024 9:01 AM

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also love more shade my the softball fields and blue river playground. There are no trash cans at Kennedy by the playground. I wish the splash pad was more like franklins. Otherwise love the area.

72	see previous comments	6/28/2024 7:55 AM
73	Get the homeless out, and run off the druggies	6/27/2024 8:39 PM
74	My family and I prefer to use parks outside of Shelbyville due to broken playground equipment in Shelbyville Parks and lack of park amenities for toddlers. The parks we go to in other counties have areas for different age groups and abilities. My toddler is able to climb and explore on playsets that are geared towards her physical capabilities. We like that in other parks outside of Shelby County, they have accessible surfaces for all to enjoy and play on. We go to Roy G Holland Park (Carmel), Independence Park (Greenwood), Tarkington Park (Indianapolis), and Youngs Creek Park (Franklin).	6/27/2024 6:28 PM
75	You are doing great.	6/27/2024 5:53 PM
76	I've been thinking about public garden allotments or a big community garden that could be a good place for people, especially youth, to learn about growing their own food. I would also be interested in volunteering to help with such a project.	6/27/2024 3:58 PM
77	Programs targeting special needs folks. Program for troubled teens.	6/27/2024 3:26 PM
78	NO	6/27/2024 1:20 PM
79	It would be great if there were open gym time available at the civic center for kids only for basketball and volleyball, especially during the winter months. There also is no playground equipment close to the downtown circle. If there were a playground, we could walk from the library and circle and continue our outing. Across from the old hospital is a great option.	6/27/2024 9:05 AM
80	Access to the rivers along the walking trails has seemed to disappear which is very disappointing. Also sick and tired of trying to access blue river when sporting events are going on and being harassed or denied entry because they expect me to pay to walk the trails. This is absolutely ridiculous and I always refuse and drive past anyways. No one should have to pay to get into these parks that our tax dollars pay for. You've gotten so money hungry that it's easy for families to just turn away and find something else to do with their time.	6/27/2024 6:58 AM
81	Have water aerobics in the evenings at public pool	6/27/2024 5:59 AM
82	I would like to see an adults only( 18+) at the swimming pool.	6/26/2024 10:16 PM
83	Keep up the good work!	6/26/2024 10:13 PM
84	Cleaner bathrooms and more parks with bathroom facilities. Shade over playgrounds	6/26/2024 9:52 PM
85	Trash cans. Please.	6/26/2024 9:34 PM
86	Blue River has wonderful green space that needs to be maintained or added to ! Any sports complex should not be within the park.	6/26/2024 9:21 PM
87	Love to see a walking group/club in evenings and weekend mornings. Love to see group workout sessions in the park from yoga to military bootcamp style. Love to see emergency buttons on the trail (like college campuses). When softball toumeys are held; they use pickleball for shade, which crowds for those using pickle ball courts, so maybe more shade for teams to have? Would love to see string lights and picnic area The kid in me would love pickup games hosted in evenings: 4 way volleyball, kickball, baseball, etc. think 80s/90s neighborhood style. Love to dance lessons series then followed by dance party! A tall lookout point or treehouse. Stairs is a great health benefit! If you do kayak and canoe rental, can you also do paddle boats! So fun! Love the bike rental, but doesn't work with a family tries to take kids when not everyone has a phone to checkout bike. Can they rent from like concession stand instead or something like on the canal? Build an amphitheater like what was at Morrison Park back in the day Croquet lessons! Ninja warrior type course	6/26/2024 9:12 PM
88	I love the concerts and the trails available at the parks. I would love to have more festivals or events offered, possibly fireworks or 4th of July events. Number one would be safety throughout the trail. I love to utilize it with my small child but often feel unsafe and notice (possibly homeless) on the trail and with no one else around I often don't go unless my husband can be with us.	6/26/2024 9:09 PM

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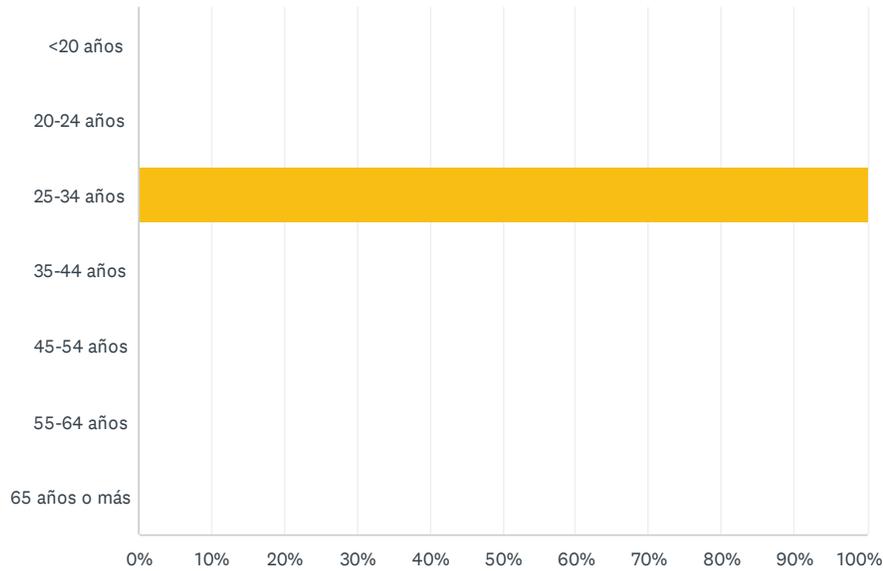
89	We would like to keep lots of green space at BRMP. Maybe focus growth in some of the other neighborhood parks.	6/26/2024 8:52 PM
90	Please add more security. I still get nervous walking the trails ever since the story of the guy that was chasing people with a machete a couple years ago...	6/26/2024 8:12 PM
91	Use the river more. More nature trails and less trails that are basically sidewalks	6/26/2024 8:10 PM
92	Parks department is absolutely awesome!	6/26/2024 8:08 PM
93	Clean up trash. Encourage people to pick up poop and ALWAYS use leash with dogs at the park. Work on safety of Blue River Trail (not sure how).	6/26/2024 7:47 PM
94	More shaded areas at the playgrounds and areas for younger children aged 1-5 to play easily. Also we stopped going to Kennedy park because of all the homeless people. We had one try to steal our stuff and we had to call the cops.	6/26/2024 7:23 PM
95	We need more inclusive parks for children with special needs! There are several members of our community who would love to go and play at parks but there is nothing for them. The smaller parks need to keep updated and there needs to be more police presence or safety added to them. Often I have had to tell my children no to going to a park b/c there is a man sleeping on the bench or someone smoking.	6/26/2024 7:10 PM
96	No	6/26/2024 7:08 PM

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## Q27 ¿Qué categoría a continuación incluye su edad?

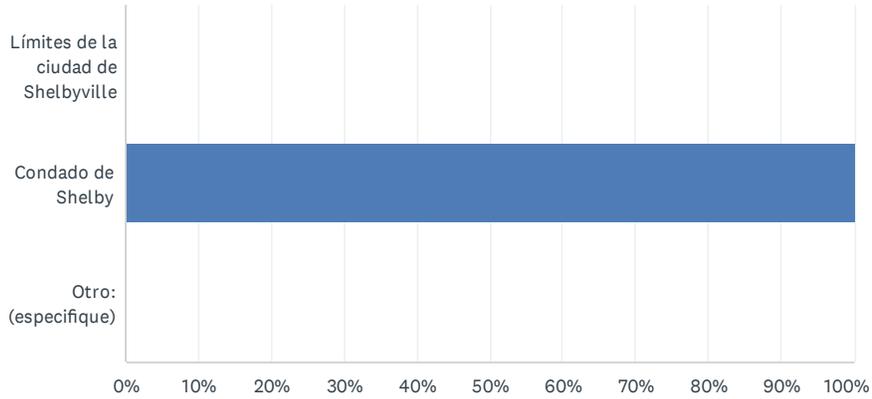
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
<20 años	0.00% 0
20-24 años	0.00% 0
25-34 años	100.00% 2
35-44 años	0.00% 0
45-54 años	0.00% 0
55-64 años	0.00% 0
65 años o más	0.00% 0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>

### Q28 ¿Vive actualmente en Shelbyville o en el condado de Shelby?

Answered: 2 Skipped: 482



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Límites de la ciudad de Shelbyville	0.00% 0
Condado de Shelby	100.00% 2
Otro: (especifique)	0.00% 0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>

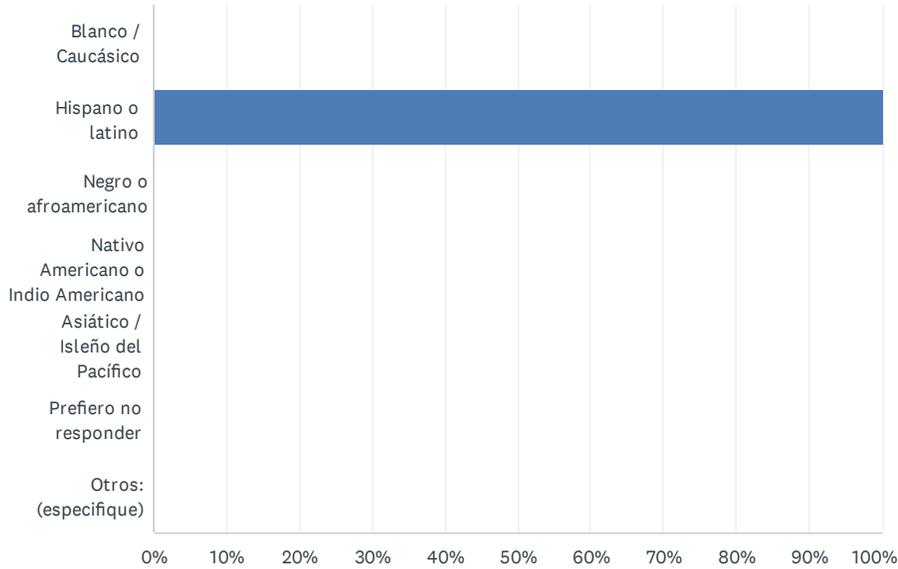
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## Q29 ¿Qué describe mejor su raza/etnia?

Answered: 2 Skipped: 482

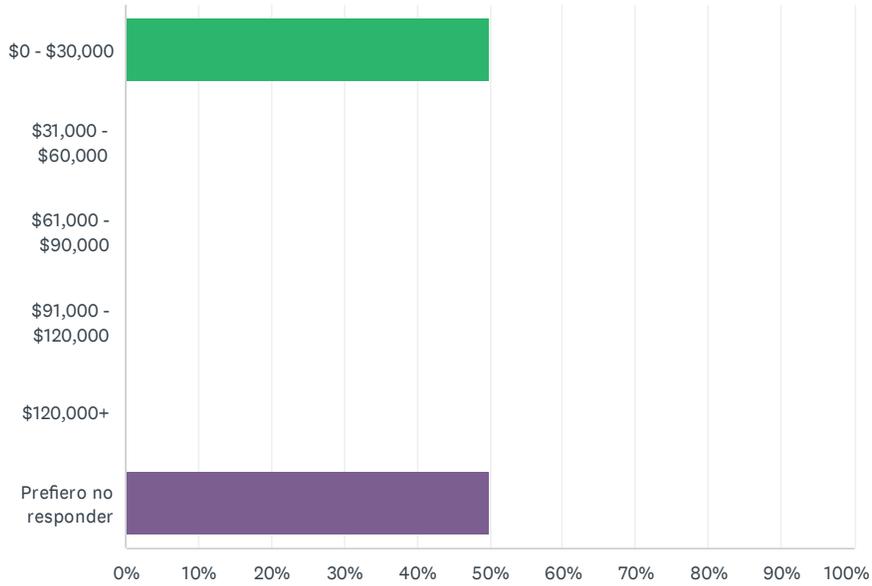


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Blanco / Caucásico	0.00% 0
Hispano o latino	100.00% 2
Negro o afroamericano	0.00% 0
Nativo Americano o Indio Americano	0.00% 0
Asiático / Isleño del Pacífico	0.00% 0
Prefiero no responder	0.00% 0
Otros: (especifique)	0.00% 0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>

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	There are no responses.	

### Q30 ¿Cuál es el ingreso total anual del hogar?

Answered: 2 Skipped: 482



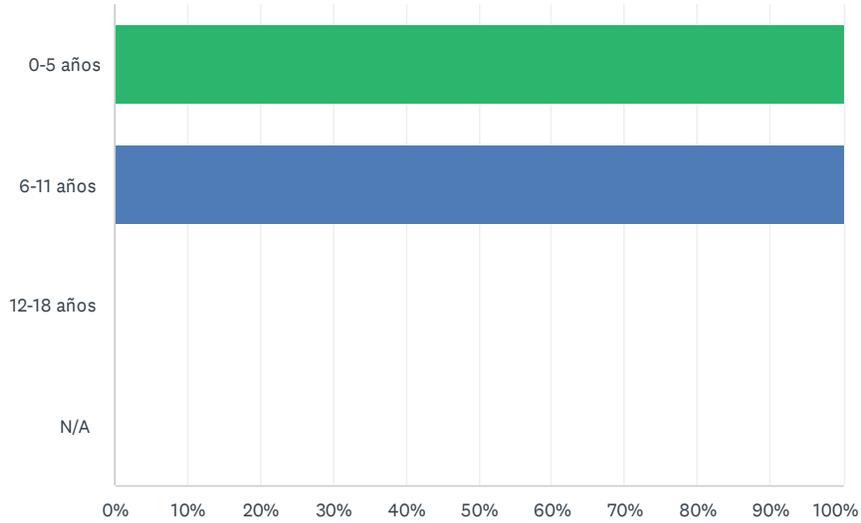
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
\$0 - \$30,000	50.00%	1
\$31,000 - \$60,000	0.00%	0
\$61,000 - \$90,000	0.00%	0
\$91,000 - \$120,000	0.00%	0
\$120,000+	0.00%	0
Prefiero no responder	50.00%	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2</b>

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Q31 Si tienes hijos, ¿qué edad tienen?(Seleccione todas las que correspondan)

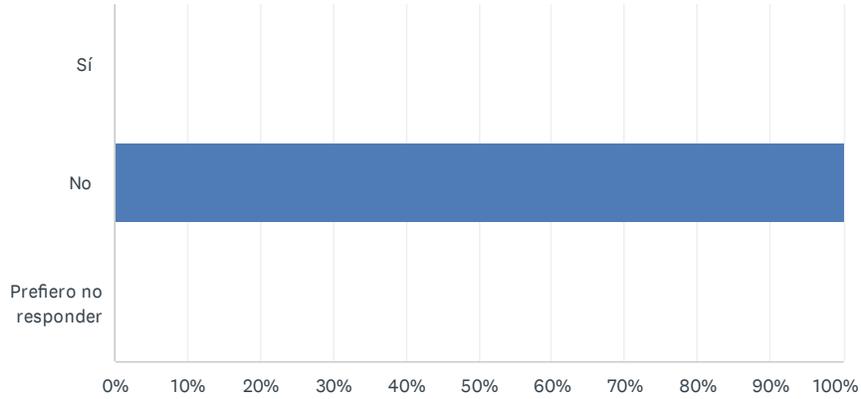
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0-5 años	100.00%	2
6-11 años	100.00%	2
12-18 años	0.00%	0
N/A	0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 2		

### Q32 ¿Algún miembro de su familia tiene una discapacidad según la definición de la Ley de Estadounidenses con Discapacidades (ADA)?

Answered: 2 Skipped: 482



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Sí	0.00%	0
No	100.00%	2
Prefiero no responder	0.00%	0
TOTAL		2

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Q33 Si respondió "sí" a la pregunta anterior, ¿cree que las instalaciones del parque están haciendo un buen trabajo al acomodar a su familia con discapacidades?

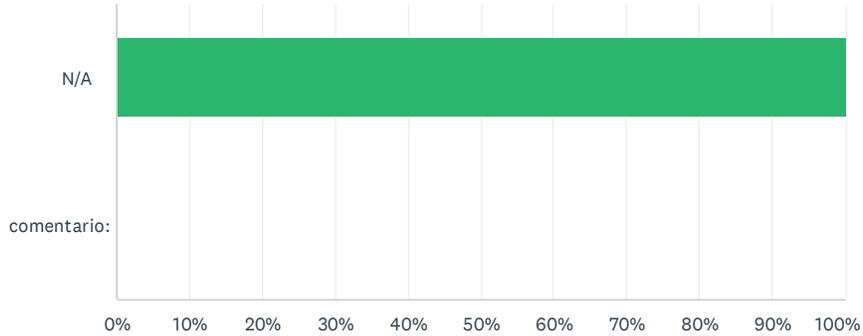
Answered: 0 Skipped: 484

⚠ No matching responses.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Sí	0.00%	0
No	0.00%	0
TOTAL		0

### Q34 Si respondió "No" a la pregunta 33, ¿cómo pueden las instalaciones del parque acomodar mejor a su familia con discapacidades?

Answered: 1 Skipped: 483



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
N/A	100.00%	1
comentario:	0.00%	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1</b>

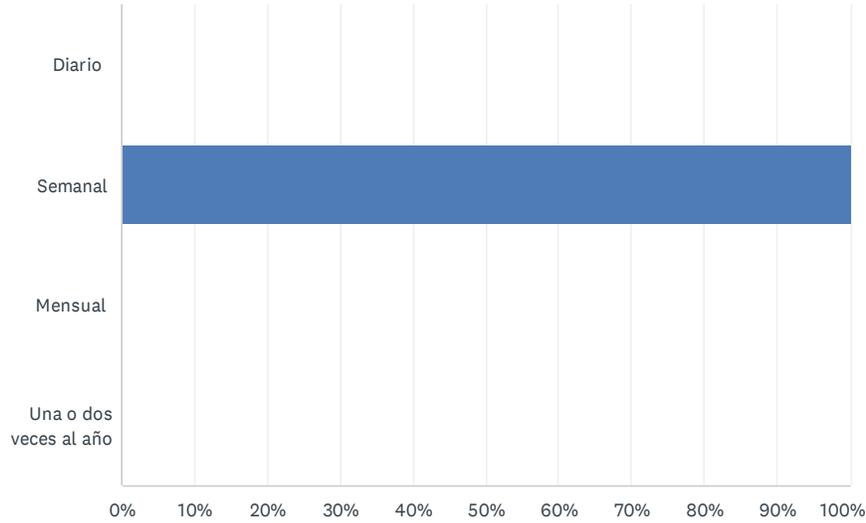
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	There are no responses.	

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## Q35 ¿Con qué frecuencia utilizan usted y su familia las instalaciones del parque?

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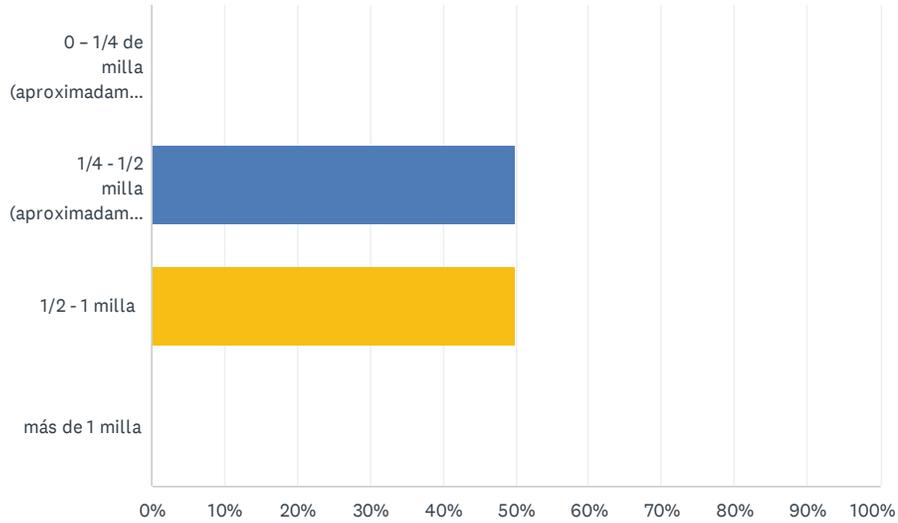


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Diario	0.00% 0
Semanal	100.00% 2
Mensual	0.00% 0
Una o dos veces al año	0.00% 0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>

#	NUNCA, PORQUE:	DATE
	There are no responses.	

### Q36 ¿Qué tan cerca vive usted del parque más cercano?

Answered: 2 Skipped: 482



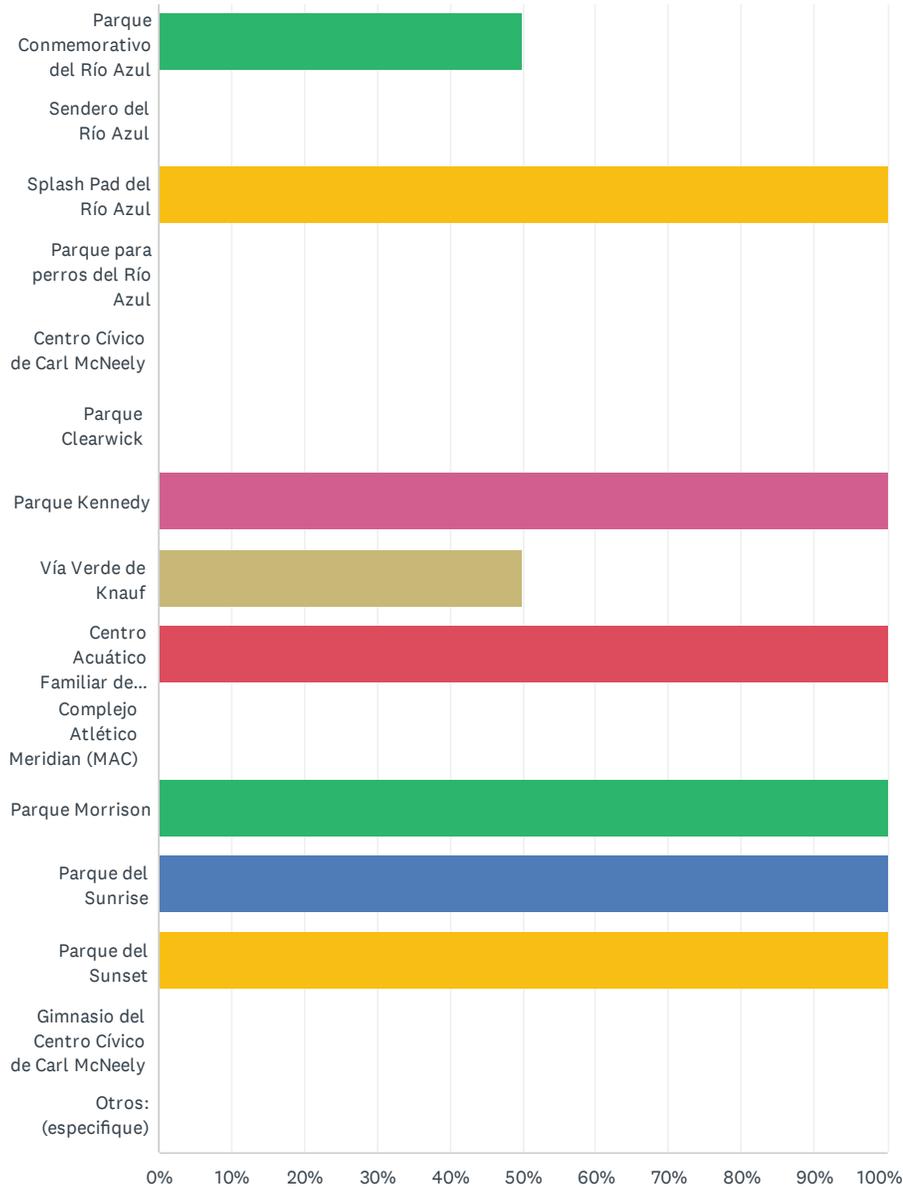
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0 – 1/4 de milla (aproximadamente 5 minutos a pie)	0.00%	0
1/4 - 1/2 milla (aproximadamente 10 minutos a pie)	50.00%	1
1/2 - 1 milla	50.00%	1
más de 1 milla	0.00%	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2</b>

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## Q37 ¿Qué instalaciones de parques y recreación de Shelbyville utiliza? (Seleccione todas las que correspondan)

Answered: 2 Skipped: 482



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Parque Conmemorativo del Río Azul	50.00%	1
Sendero del Río Azul	0.00%	0
Splash Pad del Río Azul	100.00%	2
Parque para perros del Río Azul	0.00%	0
Centro Cívico de Carl McNeely	0.00%	0
Parque Clearwick	0.00%	0
Parque Kennedy	100.00%	2
Vía Verde de Knauf	50.00%	1
Centro Acuático Familiar de Meridian Park	100.00%	2
Complejo Atlético Meridian (MAC)	0.00%	0
Parque Morrison	100.00%	2
Parque del Sunrise	100.00%	2
Parque del Sunset	100.00%	2
Gimnasio del Centro Cívico de Carl McNeely	0.00%	0
Otros: (especifique)	0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 2		

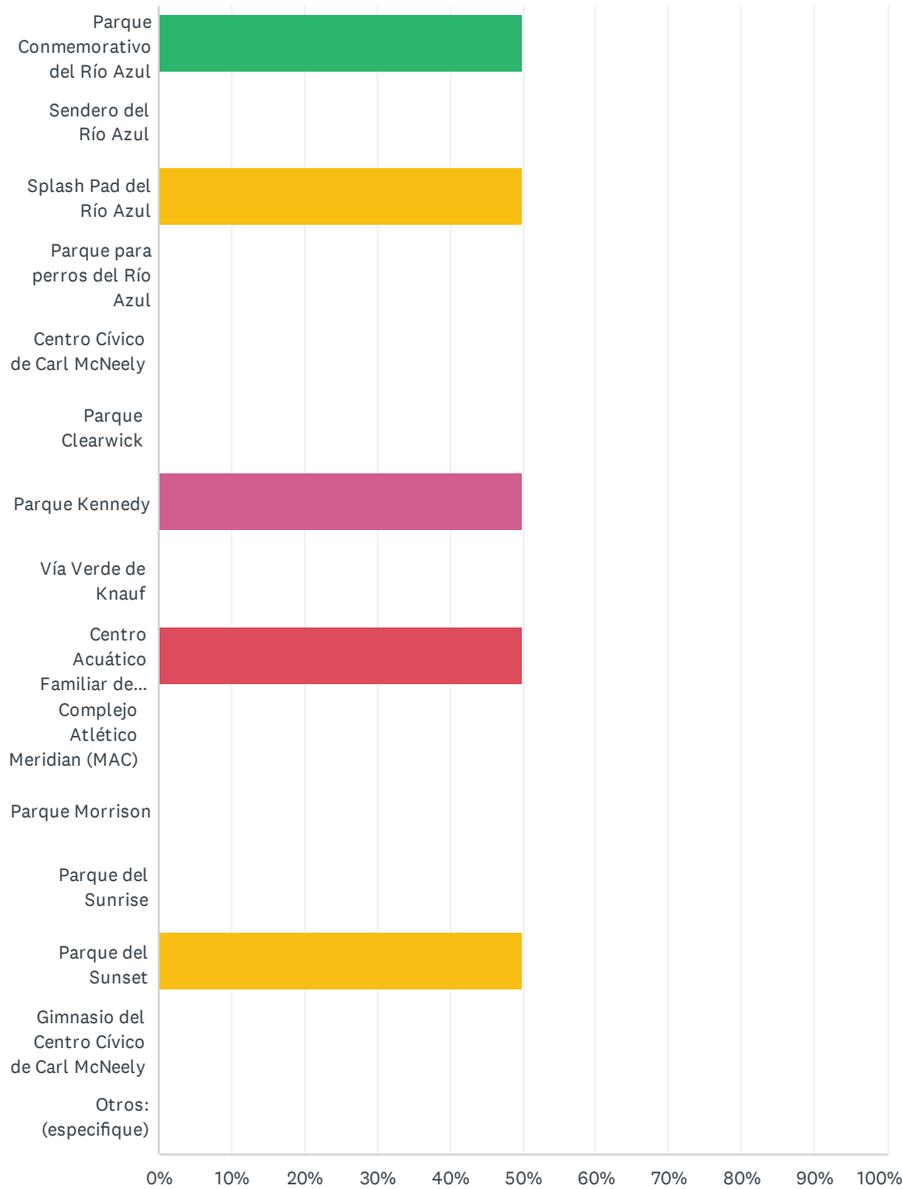
#	OTROS: (ESPECIFIQUE)	DATE
	There are no responses.	

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Q38 ¿Cuál de los siguientes parques/instalaciones debería priorizar el Departamento de Parques y Recreación de Shelbyville para mejorar en los próximos 5 años? (Seleccione hasta 3)

Answered: 2 Skipped: 482



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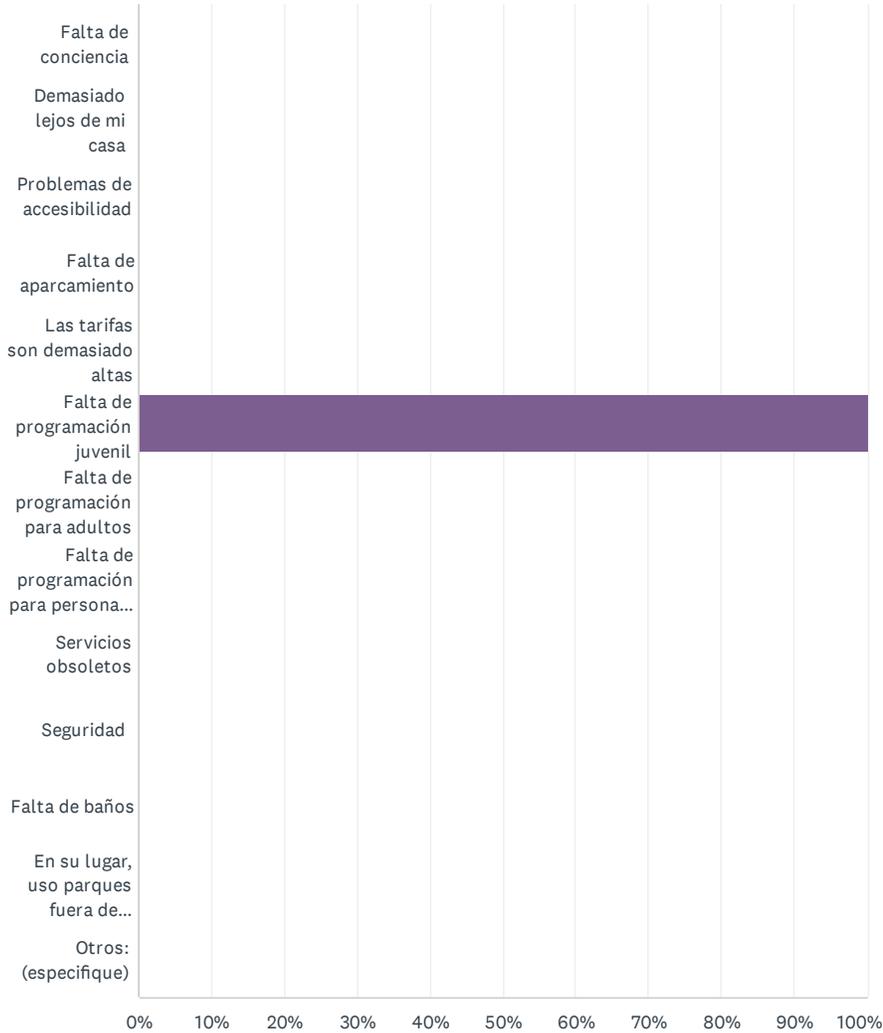
ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Parque Conmemorativo del Río Azul		50.00%	1
Sendero del Río Azul		0.00%	0
Splash Pad del Río Azul		50.00%	1
Parque para perros del Río Azul		0.00%	0
Centro Cívico de Carl McNeely		0.00%	0
Parque Clearwick		0.00%	0
Parque Kennedy		50.00%	1
Vía Verde de Knauf		0.00%	0
Centro Acuático Familiar de Meridian Park		50.00%	1
Complejo Atlético Meridian (MAC)		0.00%	0
Parque Morrison		0.00%	0
Parque del Sunrise		0.00%	0
Parque del Sunset		50.00%	1
Gimnasio del Centro Cívico de Carl McNeely		0.00%	0
Otros: (especifique)		0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 2			
#	OTROS: (ESPECIFIQUE)	DATE	
	There are no responses.		

# SURVEY RESULTS

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Q39 ¿Hay algún desafío que le impida usar las instalaciones de los parques de la ciudad? (Seleccione todas las que correspondan)

Answered: 2 Skipped: 482



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Falta de conciencia	0.00%	0
Demasiado lejos de mi casa	0.00%	0
Problemas de accesibilidad	0.00%	0
Falta de aparcamiento	0.00%	0
Las tarifas son demasiado altas	0.00%	0
Falta de programación juvenil	100.00%	2
Falta de programación para adultos	0.00%	0
Falta de programación para personas mayores	0.00%	0
Servicios obsoletos	0.00%	0
Seguridad	0.00%	0
Falta de baños	0.00%	0
En su lugar, uso parques fuera de Shelbyville	0.00%	0
Otros: (especifique)	0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 2		

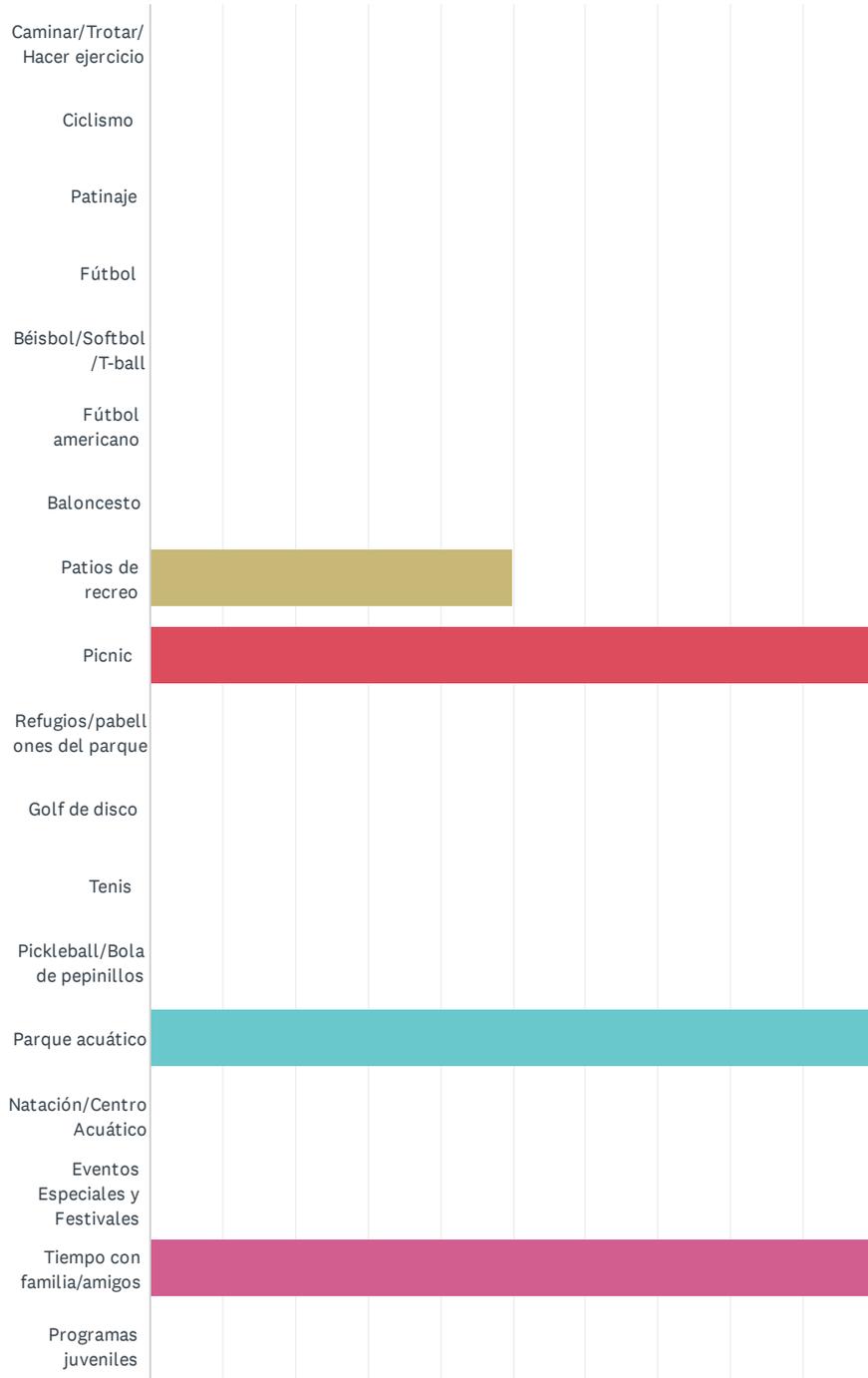
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	There are no responses.	

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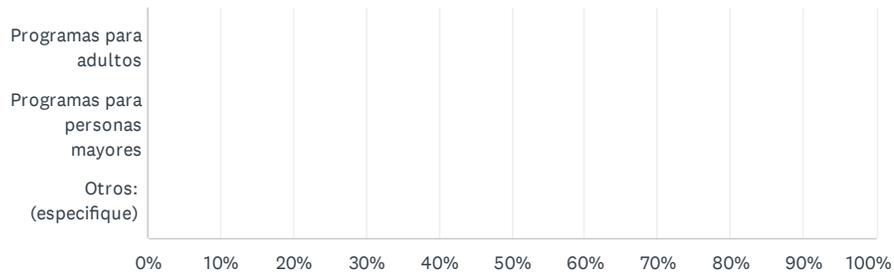
## Q40 ¿En qué programas o servicios participa o utiliza en los parques? (Seleccione todas las que correspondan)

Answered: 2 Skipped: 482



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Caminar/Trotar/Hacer ejercicio	0.00%	0
Ciclismo	0.00%	0
Patinaje	0.00%	0
Fútbol	0.00%	0
Béisbol/Softbol/T-ball	0.00%	0
Fútbol americano	0.00%	0
Baloncesto	0.00%	0
Patios de recreo	50.00%	1
Picnic	100.00%	2
Refugios/pabellones del parque	0.00%	0
Golf de disco	0.00%	0
Tenis	0.00%	0
Pickleball/Bola de pepinillos	0.00%	0
Parque acuático	100.00%	2
Natación/Centro Acuático	0.00%	0
Eventos Especiales y Festivales	0.00%	0
Tiempo con familia/amigos	100.00%	2
Programas juveniles	0.00%	0
Programas para adultos	0.00%	0
Programas para personas mayores	0.00%	0
Otros: (especifique)	0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 2		

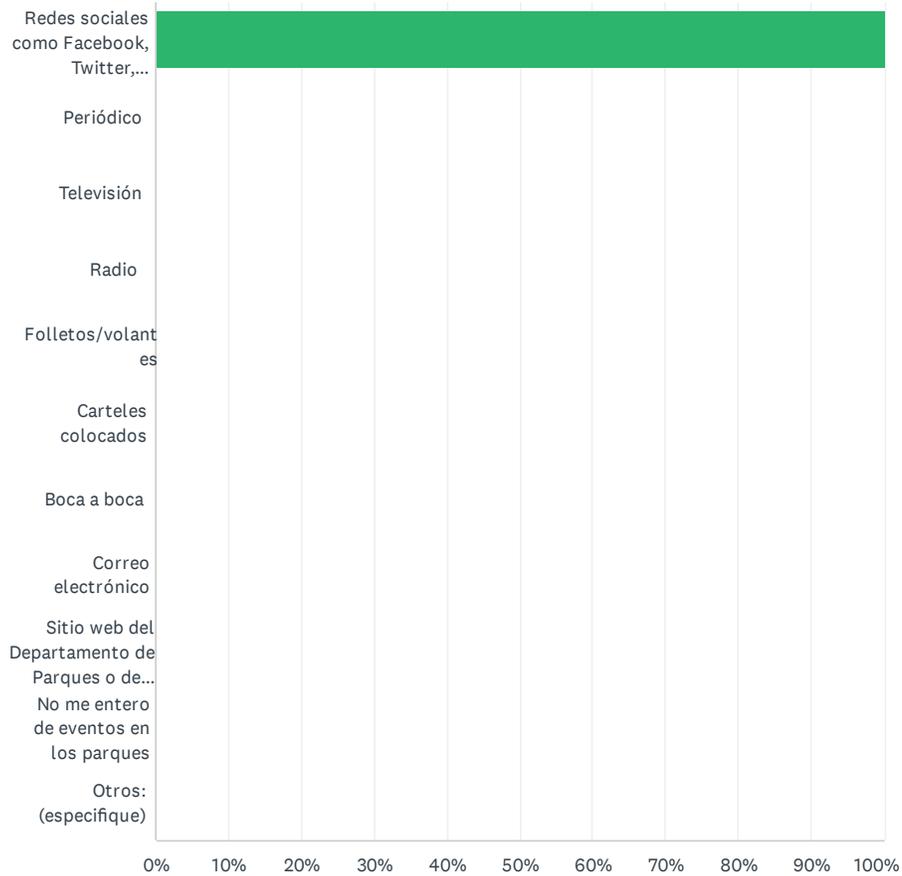
#	OTROS: (ESPECIFIQUE)	DATE
	There are no responses.	

# SURVEY RESULTS

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Q41 ¿Cómo se enteran usted o su familia de los programas y eventos del parque? (Seleccione todas las que correspondan)

Answered: 2 Skipped: 482



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Redes sociales como Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube	100.00%	2
Periódico	0.00%	0
Televisión	0.00%	0
Radio	0.00%	0
Folletos/volantes	0.00%	0
Carteles colocados	0.00%	0
Boca a boca	0.00%	0
Correo electrónico	0.00%	0
Sitio web del Departamento de Parques o de la Ciudad	0.00%	0
No me entero de eventos en los parques	0.00%	0
Otros: (especifique)	0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 2		

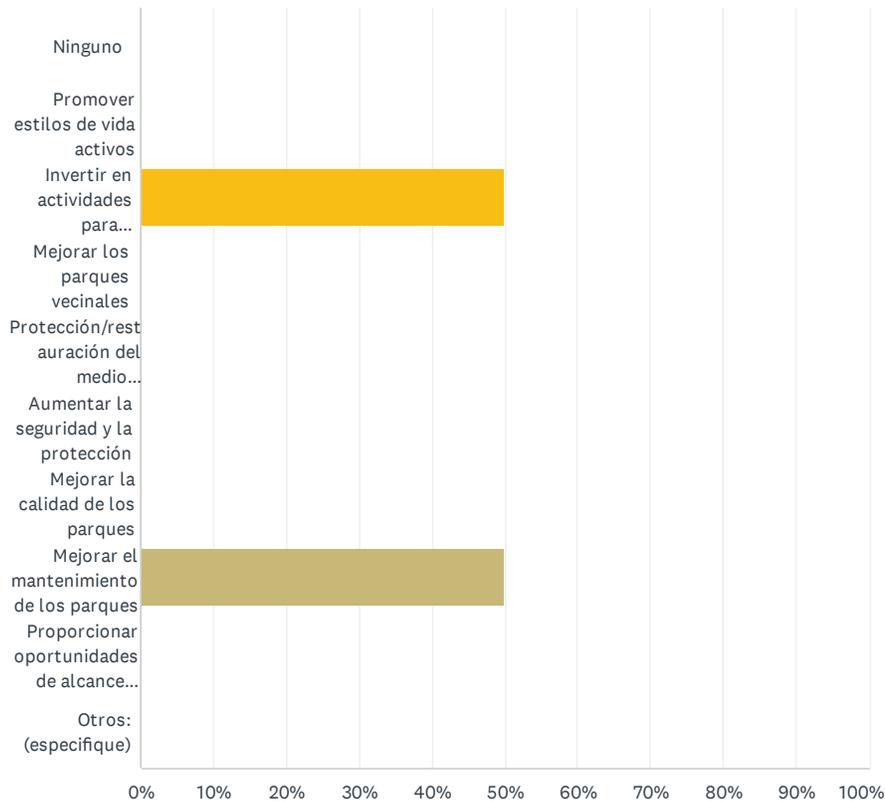
#	OTROS: (ESPECIFIQUE)	DATE
	There are no responses.	

# SURVEY RESULTS

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Q42 ¿En cuál de los siguientes temas debería enfocarse el Departamento de Parques y Recreación de Shelbyville en mejorar o invertir más recursos (seleccione hasta 3)

Answered: 2 Skipped: 482



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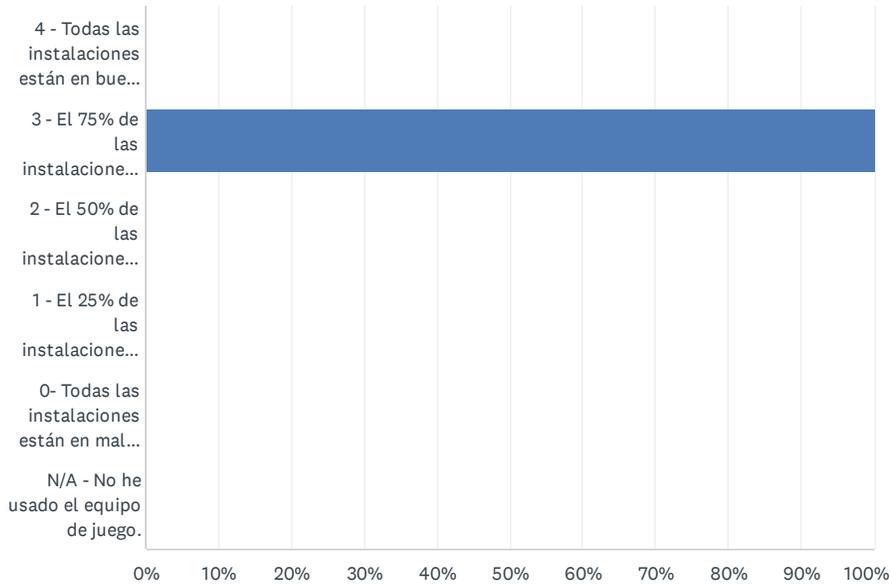
ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
	Ninguno	0.00%	0
	Promover estilos de vida activos	0.00%	0
	Invertir en actividades para adolescentes	50.00%	1
	Mejorar los parques vecinales	0.00%	0
	Protección/restauración del medio ambiente/espacios naturales	0.00%	0
	Aumentar la seguridad y la protección	0.00%	0
	Mejorar la calidad de los parques	0.00%	0
	Mejorar el mantenimiento de los parques	50.00%	1
	Proporcionar oportunidades de alcance comunitario y voluntariado	0.00%	0
	Otros: (especifique)	0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 2			
#	OTROS: (ESPECIFIQUE)	DATE	
	There are no responses.		

# SURVEY RESULTS

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Q43 Por favor, califique el estado general de los equipos de juego y las canchas en nuestros parques:(Seleccione la calificación que describa su experiencia)

Answered: 2 Skipped: 482

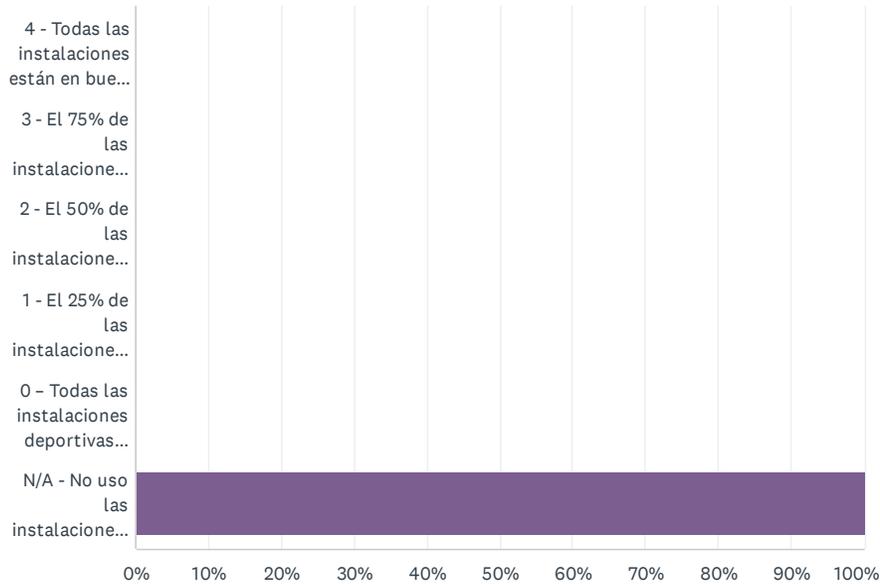


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
4 - Todas las instalaciones están en buenas condiciones	0.00% 0
3 - El 75% de las instalaciones están en buenas condiciones	100.00% 2
2 - El 50% de las instalaciones están en buenas condiciones	0.00% 0
1 - El 25% de las instalaciones están en buenas condiciones	0.00% 0
0 - Todas las instalaciones están en malas condiciones	0.00% 0
N/A - No he usado el equipo de juego.	0.00% 0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>

#	COMENTARIOS:	DATE
	There are no responses.	

**Q44 Excluyendo Blue River Memorial Park, califique el estado general de las instalaciones deportivas en nuestros otros parques: (Seleccione la calificación que describa su experiencia)**

Answered: 2 Skipped: 482



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
4 - Todas las instalaciones están en buenas condiciones	0.00%	0
3 - El 75% de las instalaciones están en buenas condiciones	0.00%	0
2 - El 50% de las instalaciones están en buenas condiciones	0.00%	0
1 - El 25% de las instalaciones están en buenas condiciones	0.00%	0
0 - Todas las instalaciones deportivas están en malas condiciones	0.00%	0
N/A - No uso las instalaciones deportivas	100.00%	2
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2</b>

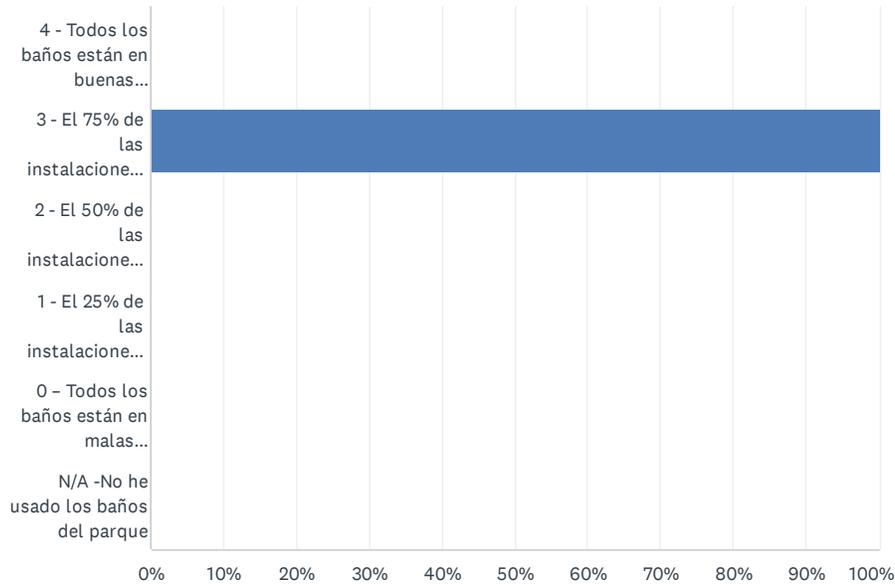
#	COMENTARIOS:	DATE
	There are no responses.	

# SURVEY RESULTS

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## Q45 Califique el estado general de los baños en nuestros parques: (Seleccione la calificación que describa su experiencia)

Answered: 2 Skipped: 482

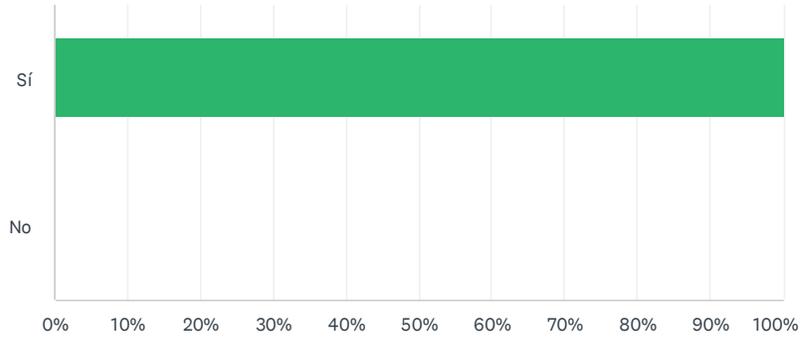


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
4 - Todos los baños están en buenas condiciones	0.00%	0
3 - El 75% de las instalaciones están en buenas condiciones	100.00%	2
2 - El 50% de las instalaciones están en buenas condiciones	0.00%	0
1 - El 25% de las instalaciones están en buenas condiciones	0.00%	0
0 - Todos los baños están en malas condiciones	0.00%	0
N/A -No he usado los baños del parque	0.00%	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2</b>

#	COMENTARIOS:	DATE
	There are no responses.	

### Q46 ¿Hay baños adecuados en Shelbyville Parks?

Answered: 2 Skipped: 482



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Sí	100.00%	2
No	0.00%	0
TOTAL		2

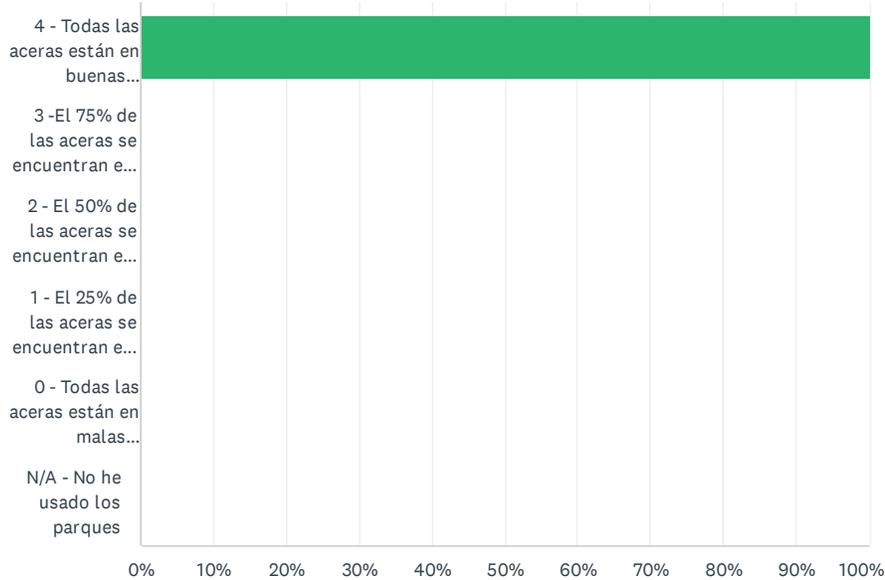
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	There are no responses.	

# SURVEY RESULTS

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Q47 Por favor, califique el estado general de las aceras y/o senderos en nuestros parques: (Seleccione la calificación que describa su experiencia)

Answered: 2 Skipped: 482

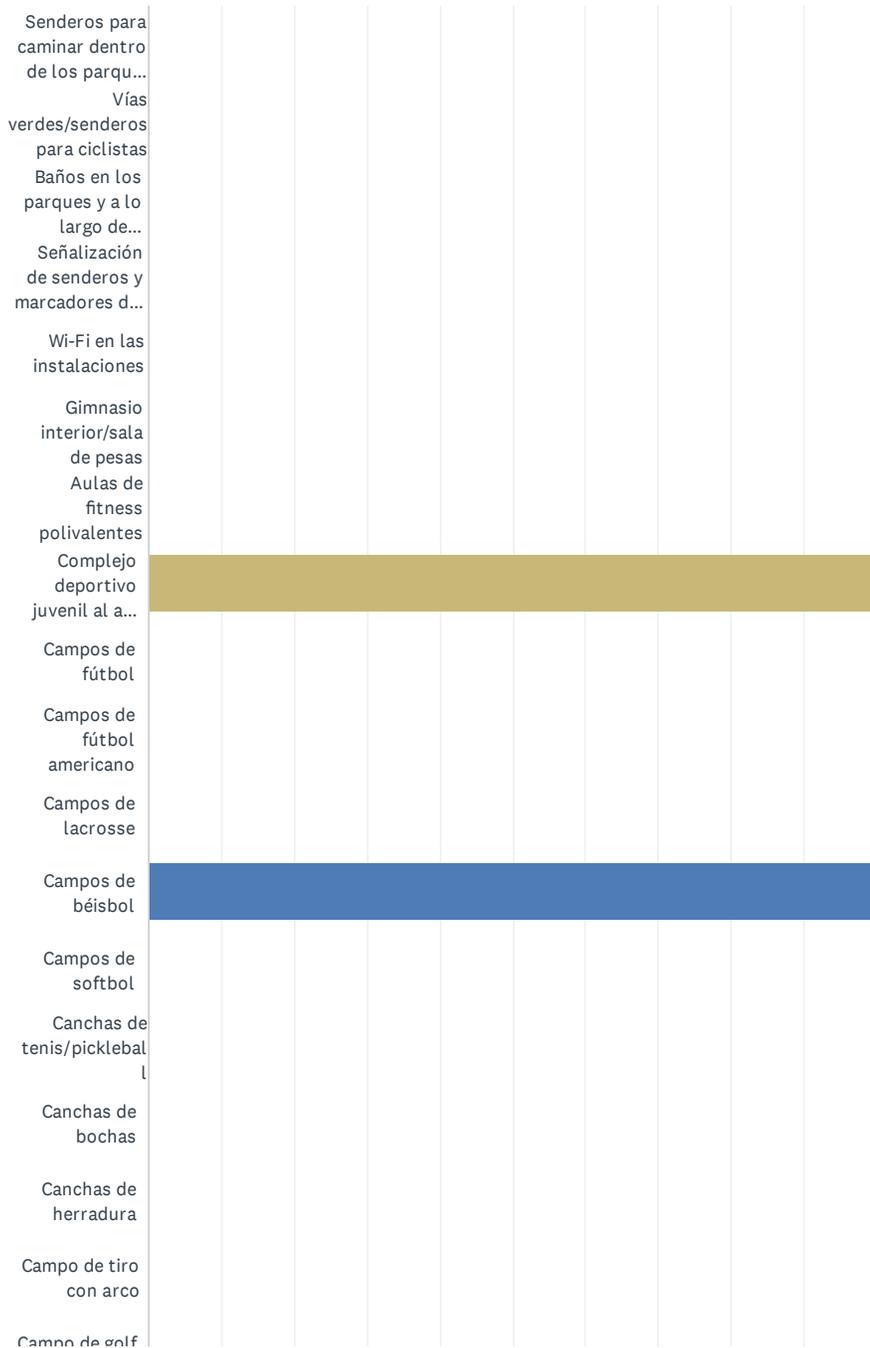


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
4 - Todas las aceras están en buenas condiciones	100.00% 2
3 - El 75% de las aceras se encuentran en buenas condiciones	0.00% 0
2 - El 50% de las aceras se encuentran en buenas condiciones	0.00% 0
1 - El 25% de las aceras se encuentran en buenas condiciones	0.00% 0
0 - Todas las aceras están en malas condiciones	0.00% 0
N/A - No he usado los parques	0.00% 0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>

#	COMENTARIOS:	DATE
	There are no responses.	

Q48 ¿Qué instalaciones o servicios deben agregarse, mejorarse o ampliarse en el sistema de Parques y Recreación de Shelbyville?  
(Seleccione todas las que correspondan)

Answered: 2 Skipped: 482



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ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES
Senderos para caminar dentro de los parques existentes		0.00% 0
Vías verdes/senderos para ciclistas		0.00% 0
Baños en los parques y a lo largo de senderos		0.00% 0
Señalización de senderos y marcadores de millas		0.00% 0
Wi-Fi en las instalaciones		0.00% 0
Gimnasio interior/sala de pesas		0.00% 0
Aulas de fitness polivalentes		0.00% 0
Complejo deportivo juvenil al aire libre		100.00% 2
Campos de fútbol		0.00% 0
Campos de fútbol americano		0.00% 0
Campos de lacrosse		0.00% 0
Campos de béisbol		100.00% 2
Campos de softbol		0.00% 0
Canchas de tenis/pickleball		0.00% 0
Canchas de bochas		0.00% 0
Canchas de herradura		0.00% 0
Campo de tiro con arco		0.00% 0
Campo de golf de disco		0.00% 0
Arte público/educación histórica a lo largo de los senderos		0.00% 0
Estacionamiento adicional		0.00% 0
Portabicicletas adicionales en las instalaciones		0.00% 0
Sombra adicional en los parques		0.00% 0
Fuentes adicionales para beber/perros		0.00% 0
Parques para perros		0.00% 0
Áreas naturales para practicar senderismo / observación de la naturaleza / picnic (bosque, humedal, pradera, etc.)		0.00% 0
Parque infantil inclusivo/sensorial		0.00% 0
Alquiler de kayak/canoa		0.00% 0
Lanzamiento de kayak/canoa		0.00% 0
Otros: (especifique)		0.00% 0
Total Respondents: 2		
#	OTROS: (ESPECIFIQUE)	DATE
	There are no responses.	

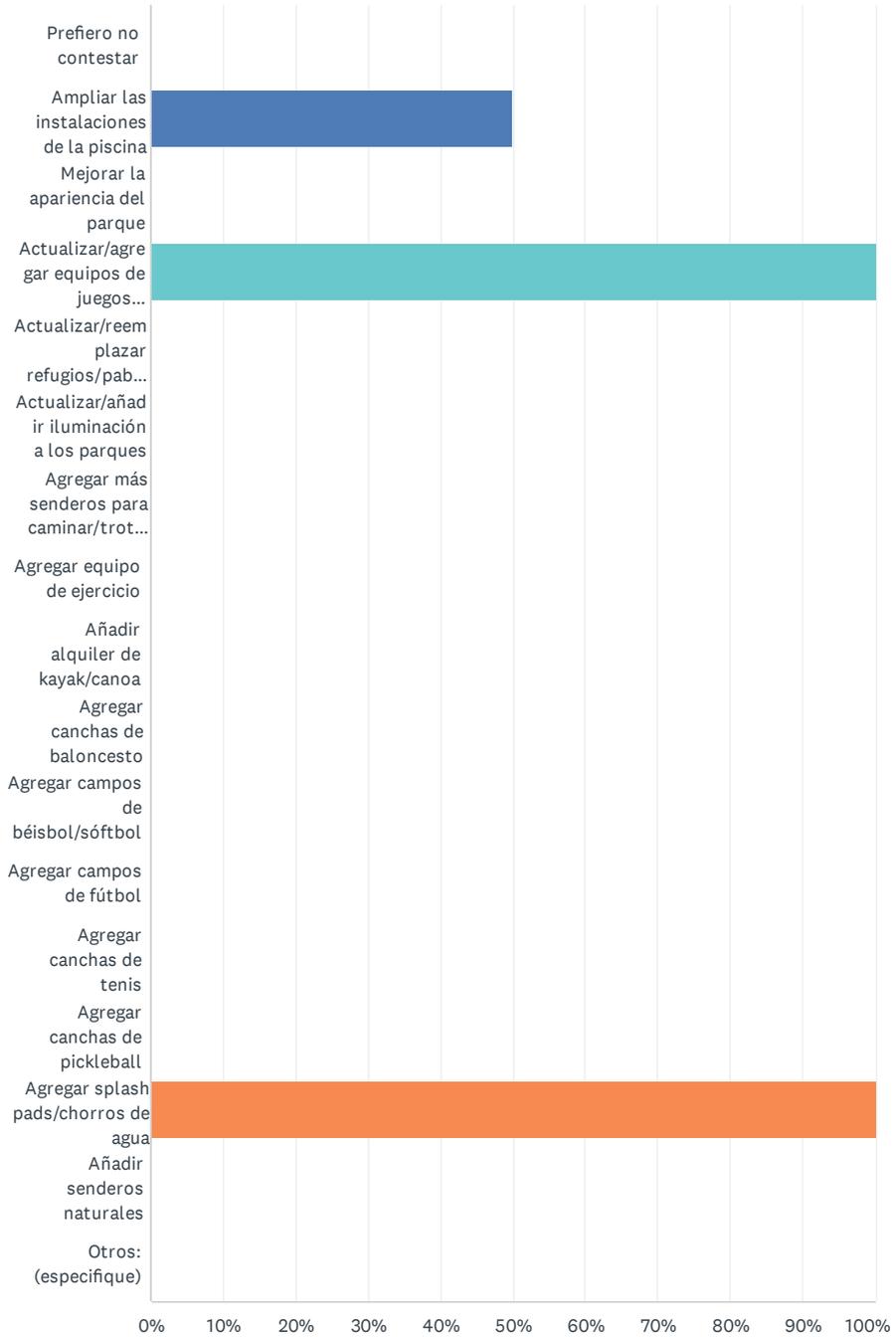
# SURVEY RESULTS

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Q49 De los siguientes proyectos potenciales, ¿cuál es de la más alta prioridad para usted? (Seleccione hasta 3)

Answered: 2 Skipped: 482

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# SURVEY RESULTS

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Prefiero no contestar	0.00%	0
Ampliar las instalaciones de la piscina	50.00%	1
Mejorar la apariencia del parque	0.00%	0
Actualizar/agregar equipos de juegos infantiles	100.00%	2
Actualizar/reemplazar refugios/pabellones	0.00%	0
Actualizar/añadir iluminación a los parques	0.00%	0
Agregar más senderos para caminar/trotar/andar en bicicleta	0.00%	0
Agregar equipo de ejercicio	0.00%	0
Añadir alquiler de kayak/canoa	0.00%	0
Agregar canchas de baloncesto	0.00%	0
Agregar campos de béisbol/sóftbol	0.00%	0
Agregar campos de fútbol	0.00%	0
Agregar canchas de tenis	0.00%	0
Agregar canchas de pickleball	0.00%	0
Agregar splash pads/chorros de agua	100.00%	2
Añadir senderos naturales	0.00%	0
Otros: (especifique)	0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 2		

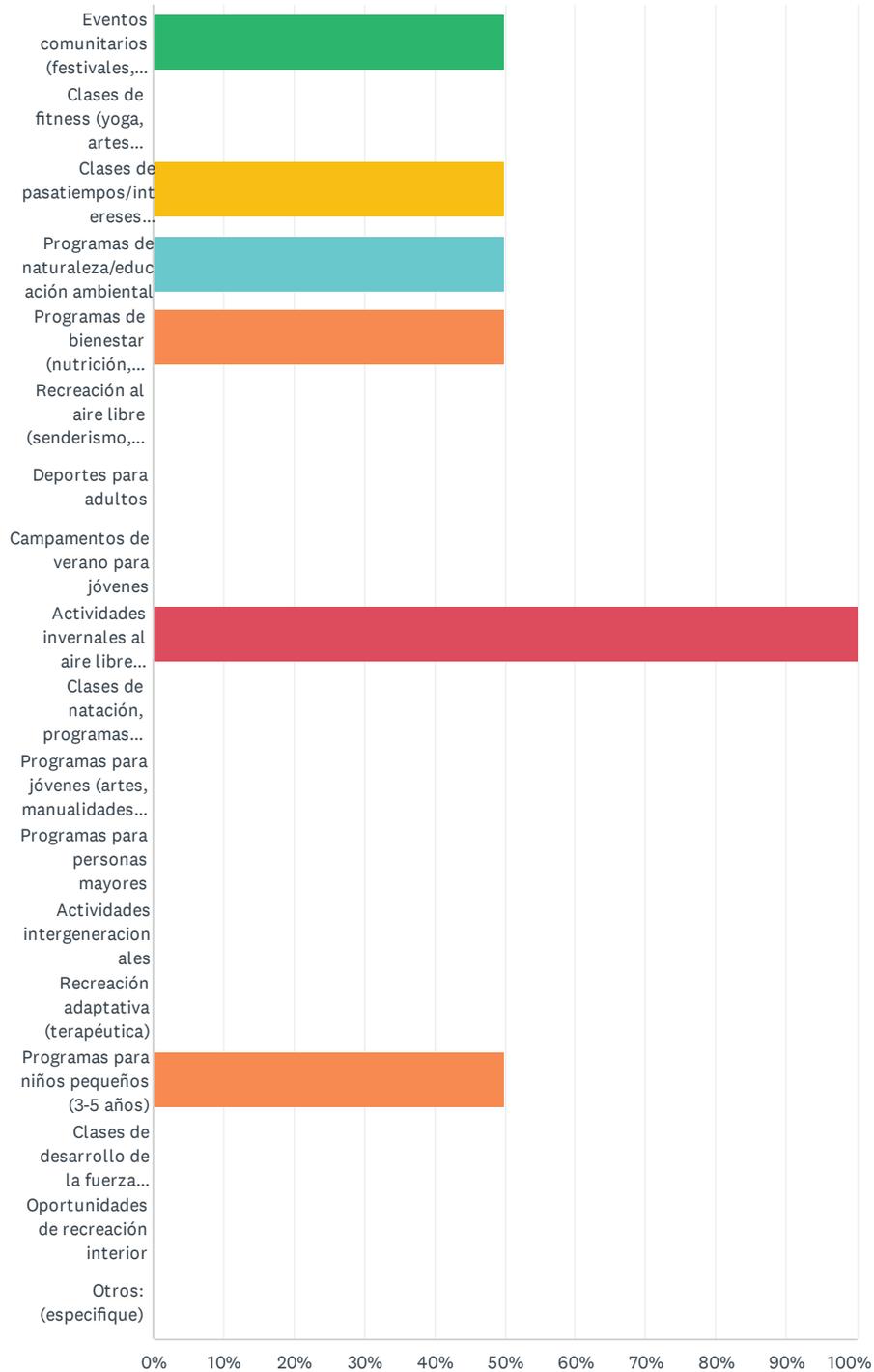
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	There are no responses.	

Q50 El Departamento de Parques y Recreación de Shelbyville se dedica a proporcionar una programación rica y atractiva para todos los miembros de la comunidad. ¿Qué programación le gustaría que continuara o se agregara? (Seleccione hasta 5)

Answered: 2 Skipped: 482

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ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Eventos comunitarios (festivales, carreras de 5k, conciertos, etc.)		50.00%	1
Clases de fitness (yoga, artes marciales, zumba, etc.)		0.00%	0
Clases de pasatiempos/intereses (manualidades, jardinería, cocina, etc.)		50.00%	1
Programas de naturaleza/educación ambiental		50.00%	1
Programas de bienestar (nutrición, consejería de salud, etc.)		50.00%	1
Recreación al aire libre (senderismo, pesca, etc.)		0.00%	0
Deportes para adultos		0.00%	0
Campamentos de verano para jóvenes		0.00%	0
Actividades invernales al aire libre (patinaje sobre hielo, esquí, etc.)		100.00%	2
Clases de natación, programas acuáticos		0.00%	0
Programas para jóvenes (artes, manualidades, aventura, etc.)		0.00%	0
Programas para personas mayores		0.00%	0
Actividades intergeneracionales		0.00%	0
Recreación adaptativa (terapéutica)		0.00%	0
Programas para niños pequeños (3-5 años)		50.00%	1
Clases de desarrollo de la fuerza laboral/habilidades para la vida		0.00%	0
Oportunidades de recreación interior		0.00%	0
Otros: (especifique)		0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 2			
#	OTROS: (ESPECIFIQUE)	DATE	
	There are no responses.		

# SURVEY RESULTS

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Q51 ¿Hay algo más que el Departamento de Parques y Recreación de Shelbyville pueda hacer para servirle mejor a usted y a su familia? Por favor, comente a continuación.

Answered: 0 Skipped: 484

#	RESPONSES	DATE
	There are no responses.	



# ADA TRANSITION PLAN: GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

## **CITY OF SHELBYVILLE GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE UNDER THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT**

This Grievance Procedure is established to meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (“ADA”). It may be used by anyone who wishes to file a complaint alleging discrimination on the basis of disability in the provision of services, activities, programs or benefits by the City of Shelbyville. The City’s Personnel Policy governs employment-related complaints of disability discrimination.

The complaint should be in writing and contain information about the alleged discrimination such as name, address, phone number of complainant and location, date and description of the problem. Alternative means of filing complaints, such as personal interviews or a tape recording of the complaint will be made available for persons with disabilities upon request.

The complaint should be submitted by the grievant and/or his/her designee as soon as possible but no later than 60 calendar days after the alleged violation to:

**Jenny Meltzer  
City Attorney  
44 W. Washington Street  
Shelbyville, IN 46176**

Within 15 calendar days after receipt of the complaint, Jenny Meltzer or her designee will meet with the complainant to discuss the complaint and the possible resolutions. Within 15 calendar days of the meeting, Jenny Meltzer or her designee will respond in writing and where appropriate, in a format accessible to the complainant, such as large print, Braille or audio tape. The response will explain the position of the City of Shelbyville and offer options for substantive resolution of the complaint.

If the response by Jenny Meltzer or her designee does not satisfactorily resolve the issue, the complainant and/or his/her designee may appeal the decision within 15 calendar days after receipt of the response to the Mayor or his designee.

Within 15 calendar days after receipt of the appeal, the Mayor or his designee will meet with the complainant to discuss the complaint and possible resolutions. Within 15 calendar days after the meeting, the Mayor or his designee will respond in writing and where appropriate, in a format accessible to the complainant, with a final resolution of the complaint.

All written complaints received by Jenny Meltzer or her designee, appeals to the Mayor or his designee, and responses from these two offices will be retained by the City of Shelbyville for at least three years.



# ADA TRANSITION PLAN

## CITY OF SHELBYVILLE ADA TRANSITION PLAN



**ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY  
DECEMBER 18, 2012**

**Updated June 20, 2023**

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# ADA TRANSITION PLAN

## INTRODUCTION

This transition plan reflects The City of Shelbyville's intent to meet and exceed the minimum requirements established under the ADA and its implementation regulations.

The City of Shelbyville prepared this self-evaluation and plan in accordance with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended (ADA) and its implementing regulations. The purpose of this self-evaluation is to examine The City of Shelbyville's current facilities, policies and practices to identify and correct those items that create artificial access barriers for persons with disabilities. This transition plan outlines the recommended procedures for implementing and scheduling remedial work needed to comply with the ADA.

This plan details the methods and procedures The City of Shelbyville will use to monitor its activities and facilities for compliance with the ADA. The City of Shelbyville will use this plan to determine under the ADA what changes it needs to make to its programs and/or the design and construction of its facilities to ensure persons with disabilities are not excluded from programs, services and activities because the programs or facilities are inaccessible.

The City of Shelbyville will periodically review and update its self-evaluation inventory and transition plan. The ADA Coordinators will coordinate ADA reviews of The City of Shelbyville's core program areas, districts and buildings periodically. If it is determined that items need to be added or removed from The City of Shelbyville's self-evaluation inventory of buildings and related elements or public rights of way, The City of Shelbyville will update this transition plan as needed within the discretion of the ADA Coordinators. In 2023 the City of Shelbyville conducted a self-evaluation inventory and now finds it appropriate to update this transition plan.

## PURPOSE

The purpose of this plan shall be to:

1. Comply with the administrative requirements of the ADA and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; and
2. Serve as an informational document for any persons interested in The City of Shelbyville's ADA compliance efforts.

## ADA COMPLIANCE RESPONSIBILITIES

### A. Mayor

The Mayor's office is the executive branch of city government. The Mayor is the chief executive for The City of Shelbyville. The Mayor appoints department heads and designates ADA coordinators. In 2011 the Mayor designated the City Attorney and the City Engineer as ADA coordinators.

### B. City Attorney

The City Attorney manages the legal affairs of the city. The City Attorney's responsibilities include giving legal advice to the officers and agencies of the city, investigating the legality of city actions and validity of public complaints, drafting proposed legislation or other legal papers for the city and its agencies, and promptly commencing all proceedings necessary or advisable for the protection or enforcement of the rights of the city or the public.

### C. City Engineer

The City Engineer plans and manages city capital improvement projects, including roads, storm and sanitary sewers, and other public works infrastructure. The City Engineer's responsibilities include monitoring construction activities within the city, reviewing plans for private development projects to ensure compliance with city design standards, serving on the City Plan Commission, maintaining and updating city technical standards, and providing engineering support to various city departments and boards.

The ADA Coordinators are responsible for the oversight and coordination of The City of Shelbyville's compliance with the ADA and Section 504 and all related statutes, regulations, and directives. General responsibilities of the ADA Coordinators include:

1. Implementing The City of Shelbyville's ADA Transition Plan
2. Developing processes and procedures for the investigation of complaints filed under the ADA
3. Preparing required reports
4. Participating in the design, development, and dissemination of ADA information to the public
5. Periodically updating The City of Shelbyville's self-evaluation and transition plan.

## ADA IMPLEMENTATION TEAM

The City of Shelbyville's ADA Implementation Team consists of members based on their authority and ability to solicit, collect, and report on current activities within their respective departments, boards, and program areas. The team members also possess the authority to implement changes, if needed, to ensure The City of Shelbyville's compliance with the ADA nondiscrimination laws.

The implementation team has a four-part mission, which includes the following:

1. To use an interdisciplinary team approach to ensure compliance with ADA and related nondiscrimination laws in the implementation of The City of Shelbyville's programs and activities
2. To remove programmatic and architectural barriers from The City of Shelbyville's programs and activities in accordance with the above-listed nondiscrimination laws
3. To ensure meaningful access to The City of Shelbyville's services and programs to minorities and low-income persons
4. To develop, continually review and update the effective ADA transition and implementation plans for The City of Shelbyville.

### A. Implementation Team Responsibilities

The ADA Implementation Team shall:

- Foster awareness of The City of Shelbyville's responsibilities under the ADA;
- Assist with conducting ADA evaluations of city program areas;
- Develop and maintain city procedures for the collection of data of participants in, and beneficiaries of city programs;
- Participate in the development, revision and implementation of the self-evaluations and transition plan;

- Complete a department risk assessment for the respective departments that identifies and prioritizes risk areas and the need to formulate mitigation strategies; and
- Prepare a periodic report of accomplishments within the department and state goals for the near and distant future. The report shall be submitted to the ADA Coordinators as needed.

B. Implementation Team Members

Name	Department / Program Area	Phone	Email
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## C. ADA Community Advisory Committee

Effective 2012, The City of Shelbyville shall form a city-wide ADA Community Advisory Committee composed of the ADA Coordinators, as well as key city staff, individuals with disabilities, disability advocates and those who provide services to persons with disabilities.

### 1. Membership

Membership shall be and is representative of different disability groups including: groups representing physical, sensory, developmental and cognitive disabilities. The ADA Coordinators shall be responsible for soliciting members throughout the city. Membership shall also include key city staff.

### 2. Purpose

It shall be the mission of the ADA Community Advisory Committee to:

- Provide public input to The City of Shelbyville to help ensure The City of Shelbyville's compliance with the ADA;
- Increase awareness of the challenges faced by persons with disabilities; and
- Brainstorm and discuss possible solutions to problems of accessibility in the community.

### 3. Responsibilities

The ADA Community Advisory Committee shall assist The City of Shelbyville by providing input regarding the development and implementation of The City of Shelbyville's transition plan. Furthermore, the ADA Community Advisory Committee shall provide information to The City of Shelbyville regarding specific concerns of the disability community regarding the roadways and facilities that are within The City of Shelbyville's jurisdiction.

### 4. Meetings

This shall be an on-going group that shall hold meetings periodically. The ADA Coordinators shall schedule all meetings and keep the minutes or notes.

## STANDARDS & METHODOLOGY FOR EVALUATIONS

### A. Overview

#### 1. Applicable Reference Codes, Standards and Guidance

##### a) Public Rights of Way

- City of Shelbyville Construction Standards
- City of Shelbyville Unified Development Ordinance
- ADA Public Right-Of-Ways Guidelines (PROWAG)
- Indiana Code
- INDOT Design Manual
- INDOT Standard Specifications (Most Recent Version)

##### b) Buildings and Related Site Elements

- Indiana Building Code (Most Recent Version)
- ADA Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG)

##### c) Communications (includes public involvement)

- Indiana's Section 508 Web Accessibility Coding Solutions and Requirements
- Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended by 1998 the Work Force Investment Act (section 1194.22 and its subsequent amendments) as minimum requirements for web accessibility
- INDOT Public Involvement Procedures Manual (2009)

#### 2. Self-Evaluation

The City of Shelbyville's completed self-evaluation shall include an analysis of all its programs and services, including communications, employment and its facilities.

The City of Shelbyville plans to complete its ADA self-evaluation in four phases:

- Phase I: Infrastructure Standards & Programs Evaluations

In 2011, the Mayor appointed the City Attorney and City Engineer as ADA Coordinators. The ADA Coordinators immediately initiated the process of creating the city's ADA transition plan and bringing the city into compliance with ADA regulations. The ADA Coordinators created a grievance procedure and public notice form and began the process of giving public notice. Additionally, the ADA Coordinators drafted Ordinance #11-2681 to add Chapter 100 in Title IX of the City Code in order to incorporate ADA compliance and standards into the City Code. This ordinance was adopted by the Shelbyville Common Council on December 5, 2011.

The City of Shelbyville drafted a Unified Development Ordinance in 2011. The ADA Coordinators worked with the Plan Commission to incorporate provisions for ADA compliance within the standards set forth in the Ordinance. Compliance with ADAAG and PROWAG standards is set forth in this Ordinance. The Unified Development Ordinance was adopted by the Shelbyville Common Council on January 18, 2012. Since 2012, the Shelbyville Plan Commission and the City of Shelbyville Common Council have periodically updated the Unified Development Ordinance.

In August 2011, the City Engineer presented the revised Shelbyville Construction Standards to the Board of Public Works and Safety for approval. The Construction Standards included revisions to the ADA curb ramp standards to bring them into compliance with current ADA standards. The Board of Public Works and Safety approved the revised standards on August 9, 2011. In October 2011, the City Engineer's Office began a further revision of the Shelbyville Construction Standards that will include explicitly requiring compliance with ADAAG and PROWAG Standards for all site and right-of-way construction. This revision was approved by the Board of Public Works and Safety on January 14, 2014. The standards have since been updated on February 11, 2020 and again on May 11, 2021.

In January 2012 the City Street, Planning and Engineering Departments began revising the process for obtaining Right-of-Way

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Permits for work within City right-of-way. This updated process increases city oversight and inspection for all construction work within the right-of-way. An updated Right-of-Way Ordinance was adopted by the Shelbyville Common Council on May 7, 2012 incorporating these changes. This ordinance has paid dividends as the city has required utility companies to bring several street corners into ADA compliance with enforcement of the new ordinance and increased coordination between city departments.

In September 2012, the City Street and Engineering Departments began establishing an annual street maintenance program with resurfacing, sidewalk, curb & gutter, and ADA curb ramp elements included. Bringing pedestrian crossings into ADA compliance has been included in all street maintenance programs in which road surface elevation changes  $\frac{3}{4}$ " or greater are involved since this time. Between the years 2019 – 2022 the City of Shelbyville has replaced 377 ramps as part of their street projects. They are scheduled to replace another 159 ramps in 2023.

- Phase II: Right-Of-Way Evaluations

In March 2012, the Engineering Department began planning the process for conducting ADA evaluations for facilities within city right-of-way. Right-of-way facilities were divided into three categories: intersections, driveways, and sidewalk / path route segments.

Field evaluations of right-of-way facilities began in May 2012 and were completed in September 2012. The results of these evaluations are shown in Appendix G. In 2022 the City of Shelbyville completed a renovation of the Downtown Square making the entire square ADA compliant and pedestrian friendly. In 2023, the City of Shelbyville plans to reevaluate all the curb ramps and update this data. The City of Shelbyville will continue to update curb ramps. Priority is being given to intersections, followed by driveways, and then sidewalk / path route segments.

- Phase III: Building and Facility Evaluations

The City of Shelbyville owns and operates a number of buildings and facilities to provide city services. City-owned facilities include City Hall, 3 Fire Stations, Parks Department Building, Street Department Building

& Garages, Wastewater Treatment Plant, Airport, Intelliplex Conference Center, Accel-IN Building, and 7 Parks with various buildings and structures. The City of Shelbyville and Shelby County jointly own and operate the Animal Shelter and the Jail / Police Station Building. Each of these facilities will be evaluated for compliance with ADAAG and PROWAG standards.

- Phase IV: Program and Activity Evaluations

The City of Shelbyville administers a number of programs and activities to provide city services and to carry out its statutory duties. Public meetings, the city website, and press releases are included in administrative functions. Most departments are involved in various educational or outreach programs. The Parks Department administers many sports and recreation activities and programs. Each of these programs and activities will be evaluated for ADA compliance. Barriers to accessibility will have been identified and removed.

## B. Field Evaluations

### 1. Inventory Methodology

The purpose of the field evaluation of The City of Shelbyville's facilities is to create a baseline of existing pedestrian facilities within the city.

### 2. Summary of Areas to Be Surveyed and Priorities

#### a) Right-of-Way Facilities

##### Level 1 (High Priority)

- All roadway intersections

##### Level 2 (Intermediate Priority)

- All driveways and alley entrances

##### Level 3 (Low Priority)

- Sidewalk and multi-use path route segments

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## b) Buildings and Site Facilities

### Level 1 – High public use facilities (High Priority)

- Parks and Recreation buildings and facilities
- City Hall
- Airport
- Intelliplex Conference Center
- Accel-IN Building

### Level 2 - Medium public use facilities (Intermediate Priority)

- Police Station / Jail
- Animal Shelter
- Fire Station 1

### Level 3 – Low public use facilities (Low Priority)

- Street Department Building & Garages
- Fire Stations 2 & 3
- Wastewater Treatment Plant

## 3. Survey

A completed field survey shall consist of an onsite visit to each location using a detailed survey questionnaire to capture the measurements of specific elements to evaluate ADA compliance in accordance with the applicable design standards.

Currently, the surveys are manually completed and the information temporarily maintained in project file folders. The City and County are in the process of developing tools and data layers that will allow personnel to enter ADA survey data directly into the City/County GIS System.

The surveys and the GIS map will document barriers identified during the field surveys. As the City remedies the ADA deficiencies identified during the self-evaluation, the GIS map will be updated. Additionally, the City's ADA Coordinators will periodically update The City of Shelbyville's transition plan to include information showing the City's compliance efforts.

During the field evaluations, City personnel evaluated each facility under the requirements of the 2010 ADA standards. Where the 2010 ADA standards were silent, they used the Proposed Accessibility Guidelines for pedestrian facilities in the Public Right of Way (PROWAG). The City of Shelbyville plans to use the same standard of review for the remainder of its field evaluations unless the standards or law changes.

#### 4. ADA Data Collection Items

The ADA field evaluation teams will collect and analyze data from the following elements to determine if these elements are in compliance with the applicable ADAAG and PROWAG standards:

##### a) Right-of-Way Facilities

###### Intersections

- Curb Ramps
  - Whether curb ramps are present at any of the corners within the intersection
  - Whether truncated domes are present
  - If truncated domes are present, the dome location, size, type and color
  - Slopes (Running, Cross, Side, Transition)
  - Whether or not the surface is slip resistant
  - Width
- Crosswalks
  - Whether crosswalks are present at any or all crossings
  - If present, the width, type, islands and access for persons with disabilities

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- Obstacles
  - Whether there are abrupt changes in sidewalk level of greater than  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch, paving obstructions or accessibility obstacles immediately adjacent to the corner. Evaluators recorded information regarding any obstacles near a corner (e.g. utility pole, traffic light pole, drain inlet, fire hydrant, street furniture and newsstands.)
- Sidewalk Connectivity
  - Whether a sidewalk leading to and from the curb is present
  - If present, the paved sidewalk width at the intersection
- Pedestrian Signals
  - Whether visual and accessible pedestrian signals are present
  - If present, the type, size, height and location of the actuator buttons
  - The location parameters
  - Whether the pedestrian push button is parallel to the crosswalk alignment
- Connecting Sidewalks / Paths
- Islands
  - If present, whether there are curb ramps and push buttons

## Driveways and Alley Entrances

- Whether curb ramps are present at either side of the driveway / entrance. If curb ramps are not present, whether they are required for the sidewalk / path to comply with the applicable ADA standards.
- Whether the width and cross slope of the traveled way through the driveway / entrance complies with the applicable ADA standards.

## Sidewalk and Multi-Use Path Route Segments

- Trip hazards (abrupt change in sidewalk elevation  $> \frac{1}{2}$  inch, etc.)
- Physical barriers blocking routes
- Continuity

- Width
- Maximum 2% cross slope
- Profile slopes compliant with applicable ADA standards. Also, whether long uphill grades have flat landing / rest areas that comply with the applicable ADA standards
- Slip resistance

b) Buildings and Site Facilities

- Whether the route of travel (exterior path that a person with a disability must take to access the good and services) is accessible
- Whether the parking and drop off areas are accessible
- Whether the interior of the building is accessible (restrooms, public areas, etc.)

5. Self Evaluation Database

Paper records filled out by field personnel shall be kept on file in City Hall. Data will be transferred to the GIS database once the process is established for field personnel to enter data into the GIS system.

6. Field Evaluator Duties

The basic duties:

- Travel to the assigned project area
- Visually inspect, measure and record observations using a level, a tape measure, and standard data collection forms
- Report to the ADA Coordinator(s) at regular intervals or when the assigned locations were completed, input collected data into the GIS database, return completed data forms and obtain new assignments
- Exercise sound discretion and judgment consistent with the ADA and City policies when encountering unusual circumstances

## SUMMARY OF CITY SELF-EVALUATION FINDINGS

In 2011, the City of Shelbyville began to assess its core program areas and assist the ADA Coordinators and City Department Heads in reporting their respective department compliance efforts.

As part of the assessment process, all core department and program areas will collaborate with the ADA Coordinators to determine whether the department/program area is in compliance with the ADA and to ascertain instances where the ADA Coordinators may provide training and technical assistance to help the department/program area achieve its goals and maintain compliance. Furthermore, the ADA Coordinators periodically review the data collection procedures for each department/program area to ensure compliance with the ADA.

The most recent summary of the City's findings appears below. Field evaluations are currently in progress and this summary of findings will be updated as more data becomes available. The Plan and Schedule for Improvements are outlined in the subsequent section of this plan.

### A. ADA Coordinators

The ADA Coordinators are City Attorney Jenny Meltzer and City Engineer John Kuntz. The ADA Coordinators offices are located at 44 W. Washington Street, Shelbyville IN 46176.

### B. Assurances

The City's ADA assurances are included in its Title VI Assurances. Under its Title VI Assurances, The City of Shelbyville guarantees that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and all related laws such that no person in the United States shall on the grounds of race, color, sex, age, national origin, disability, or income status be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity for which The City of Shelbyville receives federal financial assistance from the United States Department of Transportation (DOT) including the FHWA. Additionally, The City's contracts and agreements with subrecipients include a statement of written assurance by the subrecipient

that it will comply with the law and not discriminate based on disability in any of its programs, services, activities, or benefits extended to participants.

#### C. Public Notice of Nondiscrimination

In 2011, The City of Shelbyville approved its Notice of Nondiscrimination under the ADA. It is the City's policy to update its notice of nondiscrimination if there is a change in the City Attorney or ADA Coordinators. The City's notice of nondiscrimination is posted on the City website at [www.cityofshelbyvillein.com](http://www.cityofshelbyvillein.com). A copy of the Notice of Nondiscrimination is located in Appendix B.

Furthermore, the City maintains a copy of its notice of nondiscrimination at City Hall and in the Employee Handbook and distributes copies to all new hires and to anyone who requests a copy. The City is constantly exploring new and varied ways to disseminate its notice of nondiscrimination.

#### D. Grievance Procedure

The City of Shelbyville adopted and implemented a revised grievance procedure in 2011. The grievance procedures are available online and in print. The City's grievance procedure includes due process protections for the complainant and the respondent and provides for prompt and equitable resolution of complaints. A copy of the grievance procedure is located in the Appendix C.

#### E. Employee Relations/Personnel

The Personnel Department is responsible for recruiting a diverse pool of qualified candidates to fill vacancies at the City of Shelbyville. The City also provides ongoing staff training to ensure that all staff understands the City's policy of nondiscrimination based on disability. Additionally, during the application, interviewing, hiring and employment process the City provides reasonable accommodation to applicants and employees with disabilities. The City's practice of non-discrimination is stated in the City of Shelbyville Employee Handbook which is distributed to all new hires.

#### F. Public Involvement

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## 1. Policies and Procedures

The City of Shelbyville's policies and procedures for providing reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities were incorporated by ordinance (Ordinance #11-2681, adopted 12/5/2011) in Chapter 100 in Title IX of the City Code. To accommodate individuals with hearing, speech, vision or mobility impairments, the City's requirements include:

- (1) Holding public meetings and hearings in places accessible to individuals in wheelchairs;
- (2) Upon advance request, assisting people with physical disabilities who wish to participate and give testimony in public meetings and hearings. Such assistance shall include: the use of sign language interpreters, listening assistance mechanisms, a telecommunications device for the deaf, recording devices, or providing documents in an alternative (e.g. large print, tape recordings, Braille or electronic formats, or individuals to explain the content of visual displays); and
- (3) Providing a contact person's telephone number in all meeting and hearing notices and advertisements for individuals to contact regarding any requests for assistance or reasonable accommodation.
- (4) Through the use of technology, allow people to attend and participate in public meetings and hearings virtually.

## 2. ADA Community Advisory Committee

The City of Shelbyville created a Livable Communities Coalition an ADA community advisory group in 2015 comprised of local disability and elderly advocates, elderly and disabled citizens and City officials. The Coalition meets monthly to provide input from the public regarding the accessibility of its programs and facilities, act as a sounding board for proposed projects, and provide feedback on the City's transition plan.

## 3. Website

Information and resources concerning the City's ADA compliance are posted on the City website. The website includes a link to this Transition Plan, the grievance procedure, relevant laws, the City's nondiscrimination statement, and ADA-compliant City Construction Standards. In addition,

information regarding the Livable Communities Coalition and their work. ADAAG and PROWAG standards will also be posted on the website. The City's website is [www.cityofshelbyvillein.com](http://www.cityofshelbyvillein.com).

#### G. Effective Communication and/Auxiliary Aids

The City of Shelbyville will make every available effort to provide reasonable accommodations for individuals in need of auxiliary aids in order to ensure effective communication. Requests for auxiliary communications aids should be made by contacting the City Attorney at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting or event in which the auxiliary communications aid will be required. The City Attorney may be contacted at:

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#### H. Buildings, Facilities, & Related Site Elements

##### 1. Overview

The City of Shelbyville has various buildings and site facilities with public access through which it provides essential city services:

- City Hall
- Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Street Department
- Police Station & Jail
- Fire Stations 1, 2, & 3
- Parks Department Facilities:
  - Parks Dept. & McNeeley Civic Center
  - Porter Center
  - Meridian Aquatic Center
- Animal Shelter
- Public Square
- Accel IN Building
- Intelliplex Conference Center
- Airport
- Sunset Park
- Sunrise Park
- Kennedy Park

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-Morrison Park

- Clearwick Park

-Blue River Memorial Park

The City does not consider its storage buildings, pump stations, or maintenance buildings as public access facilities.

It is the City's practice to bring its facilities into compliance when we renovate buildings or hire a person with a disability who requires reasonable accommodation.

Building & Site Facility assessments are currently planned for 2023. Facility assessments will be conducted by the Engineering Department, Parks Department, and Building Commission.

## 2. Policies and Procedures

Building and site facility assessment data will be stored in project folders and subsequently incorporated into the GIS map. The City uses the International Building Code and ADAAG Standards to evaluate its buildings and site facilities. The Building Commission reviews the City's building and site facility assessment criteria periodically to ensure compliance with the current ADA requirements.

Once the building and site facility assessment is complete, facilities that need improvements to become ADA compliant will be added to the City's Capital Improvement Plan. The Capital Improvement Plan is currently a work in process, but will include a plan for improvements for right-of-way facilities as well as building and site facilities. The Capital Improvement Plan will place a high priority on facilities with the greatest need for improvement to become ADA compliant.

## 3. Funding

All city-owned buildings and site facilities are 100% locally funded, with the exception of the Airport. The Airport receives federal funding from the FAA.

I. Accessibility of Pedestrian Rights-of Way-Facilities (PROW)

Pedestrian Right-of-Way Facilities are currently under evaluation as of June 2023. All curb ramps within city limits will be measured and evaluated in the field, and the field data will be analyzed to determine the extent of ADA compliance. Field personnel will continue to evaluate intersection signals & crosswalks, driveway & alley entrances, and sidewalk & path segments. Sidewalk connectivity will also be evaluated. As funding and resources permit, these items will be evaluated for ADA compliance and input into the county GIS system. Data from the curb ramp field evaluations done in 2012 is included in this plan in Appendix G.

## PLAN AND SCHEDULE FOR IMPROVEMENTS

Upon careful ongoing review of the ADA self-evaluation findings outlined above, as evaluations progress, The City of Shelbyville proposes to make the following changes to its practices to improve the accessibility of its programs and facilities to persons with disabilities. The City of Shelbyville will continue to review and evaluate its practices and facilities to identify other methods, means and resources for improving overall accessibility to ensure compliance with the ADA.

### A. Notice of Nondiscrimination

In 2012, the ADA Coordinators published The City of Shelbyville's notice of nondiscrimination in the following media outlets:

Internet – City of Shelbyville Website

Radio – WSVX (96.5 FM, 1520 AM)

Newspaper – The Shelbyville News

Utility Bill Inserts

Local Public Bulletin Boards, especially in places with significant traffic of citizens with disabilities

The City of Shelbyville will make the notice of nondiscrimination available in alternative formats upon request.

The ADA Coordinators shall ensure that Notice remains on the City Website.

### B. Public Rights of Way

#### 1. Curb Ramps & Crossings

The City of Shelbyville shall implement a curb ramp schedule to provide for the installation of accessible curb ramps along its public rights of way. This schedule will be incorporated into the Capital Improvements Plan and Annual Overlay Programs.

Priority for the implementation of improvements may be determined based on the same priority system used in conducting the inventory as well as the schedule of related city capital improvement projects. Furthermore, the City will continue to use the data collected during the inventory of curb ramps and

intersection crossings to commit available resources to the reconstruction of existing curb ramps and crossings not currently in compliance with the ADA.

The City will continue to determine actual ADA improvements by the condition of the facility at the time of the project. The absence of the facility from the inventory will not prohibit ADA work from being completed.

Additionally, a person with a disability or his or her representative may make a complaint or request concerning the accessibility features of City public rights of way (e.g. curb ramps). If the City receives a valid and meritorious request or complaint from a person about a substandard access ramp, then the City may, at its discretion, move that ramp up in priority on the improvement schedule or document if it is structurally impracticable to make the curb ramp fully compliant with the ADA. If structurally impracticable to achieve full compliance, the City will make ADA improvements to the maximum extent possible.

## 2. Sidewalks & Paths

The City of Shelbyville currently has an annual sidewalk replacement program. Property owners can voluntarily sign up to be included in the program. Additionally, the City proactively responds to complaints of sidewalk obstacles or tripping hazards. When a hazardous or non-compliant section of sidewalk is reported, the City adds these sections to the list of sidewalks to be replaced and reconstructs these sections as soon as resources permit.

In May 2012, the Mayor and City Department Heads began the process of developing an expanded sidewalk program in order to accelerate the reduction of trip & fall hazards and to expand efforts to bring the sidewalk & path network into ADA compliance. This expanded program involved revising the City sidewalk ordinances, developing a funding strategy, and integrating sidewalk & path improvements with planned capital improvement projects. Prioritization of sidewalk segments to be improved will be developed from the ADA field evaluation of sidewalks & obstacles as described previously in the “Standards and Methodology” section of this transition plan. Complaints and reports of hazardous and non-compliant conditions will also be included in the prioritization of sidewalk improvements.

The City Street and Engineering Departments are currently studying ways to even further expand the efforts to bring sidewalk segments into ADA compliance. In July 2012, the City scheduled a contractor to perform a low-cost trip hazard removal demonstration. With this new construction

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technique, many trip hazards and non-compliant segments of sidewalk could potentially be brought into compliance for a significantly lower cost. If such techniques continue to prove successful, the City would have additional resources freed up to increase the scope of annual trip-hazard removal and compliance efforts.

## C. Buildings and Related Site Facility Elements

The City of Shelbyville Building Commission will continue to conduct building assessments. Based on the Capital Improvements Plan and data collected, the City will make physical modifications as necessary to ensure that parking, entrances, pedestrian access routes, customer service areas, public telephones, restrooms and drinking fountains are accessible.

## D. Employment

The City of Shelbyville will continue to monitor its employment policies and practices annually through ADA assessments and implement changes as necessary to comply with the ADA.

## E. Public Outreach

Effective 2012, The City of Shelbyville began collecting data to monitor its ADA compliance activities and to initiate public outreach for ADA-related activities. Furthermore, the City will make its transition plan available to the public online and in alternative formats upon request. Additionally, the City formed and holds monthly meetings with its ADA community advisory committee, Livable Communities Coalition.

On November 29, 2012, the City ADA Coordinators met with representatives from the Shelbyville Central School District in order to gather input on the accessibility of students with disabilities within City right-of-ways and measures that could be taken in the future to make right-of-ways accessible in the area of school facilities. Notes from this meeting are incorporated into this transition plan in Appendix E. The city will schedule another meeting with school officials in 2023.

On November 30, 2012, the City ADA Coordinators met with Shelby Senior Services to gather input on the accessibility of senior citizens with disabilities within City right-of-ways. Notes from this meeting are incorporated into this transition plan in Appendix E. Additionally, Shelby Senior Services provided data collected from senior citizen volunteers who performed a previous

empirical evaluation of accessibility within City right-of-ways. This information is also incorporated into this transition plan in Appendix F. The city will schedule another meeting with Shelby Senior Services in 2023.

On December 3, 2012, the City of Shelbyville held a public hearing at its regular Board of Public Works and Safety Meeting to receive input on the accessibility of public right-of-ways for disabled citizens. Notices and minutes of this meeting are incorporated into this transition plan in Appendix D. The city will hold another public meeting about the updated ADA plan in 2023.

#### F. Communications

The City of Shelbyville will continue to make improvements to the website as part of the regular website development and maintenance cycle. Furthermore, The City will make information on the website that is not in an accessible format available upon request within a reasonable time in an alternative format accessible to the requesting party or by an alternative means that allows the individual to use the data or information.

## TRAINING

The City of Shelbyville's goal is to have a sufficient number of trained persons with technical knowledge and expertise performing field evaluations and monitoring new construction and alteration inspections to collect complete and accurate information. Therefore, the City plans to seek assistance from the FHWA, INDOT, advocacy groups and educational institutions to identify needed training opportunities and to develop a curriculum for a regular and comprehensive training program to include modules, which may include the following:

- Title II ADA overview
- Inventory collection
- Technical training regarding the PROWAG, curb ramps, Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS) and intersection geometrics
- Accessible communication including documents and website development and public meetings
- Pedestrian design and planning
- Maintenance (e.g. snow and ice removal and maintenance agreements)
- Policies and procedures (e.g. public involvement, employment contracting and licensing, and complaint procedures)

## MONITORING AND STATUS REPORTING

### A. Introduction

The City of Shelbyville will review and update its transition plan periodically as resources permit, and include an update of the status of its ongoing self-evaluation. If the City determines that it should add or remove items from the self-evaluation inventory, the City will update or correct the transition plan as needed and in accordance with the ADA. The ADA Coordinators will monitor the City's active public facilities and major program areas through periodic reviews to ensure satisfactory progress in accordance with this transition plan.

### B. Field Inspections and Monitoring

In accordance with the City of Shelbyville Construction Standards, The City shall inspect all curb ramps and sidewalks using the following recommended procedures:

1. Visually inspecting the site and dimensions
2. Using a tape measure to obtain dimensions
3. Recording all measurements on the appropriate inspection form and verifying that the project meets or exceeds the ADA standards

### C. Tracking and Status Reporting

The ADA Coordinators shall oversee the development, maintenance and updating of the tracking and reporting data in project files and on the Shelby County GIS System with the assistance of the interdisciplinary team members as needed.



## National Network

Information, Guidance and Training on the  
Americans with Disabilities Act

Call us toll-free  
1-800-949-4232 V/TTY  
Find your regional center  
at [www.adata.org](http://www.adata.org)

For the most current and accessible version, please visit  
<https://adainfo.us/DisabilityDefinition>

## How is Disability Defined in the Americans With Disabilities Act?

In the United States, there are different ways of defining disability, both culturally and in our laws. Many organizations and government agencies have different definitions of disability that people must meet before receiving services, financial assistance, or disability benefits. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal law that protects the civil rights of people with disabilities. The ADA does not provide benefits or services. Instead, the ADA protects people with disabilities in the United States from discrimination. To be protected under the ADA, a person (including children) must meet its legal definition of disability and be “qualified”. Many state laws provide additional rights beyond the ADA.

**The ADA has a specific definition of the term “disability” that establishes the requirements a person must meet to be considered “an individual with a disability under the ADA.” Determining whether you are a person with a disability under the ADA is not always simple.** This article explains in detail how the ADA defines “disability” to help you understand how an individual may be protected from discrimination under the law.

### What is a Disability Under the ADA?

The ADA defines a person with a disability as someone who:

- Has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, or
- Has a history or *record* of an impairment (such as cancer that is in remission), or
- Is *regarded as* having such an impairment by others even if the individual does not actually have a disability (such as a person who has scars from a severe burn that does not limit any major life activity).

This is a legal definition—not a medical or social justice-related definition. In addition, there is not a registry or a list of medical conditions or disabilities that are protected by the ADA. The intent of the United States Congress was to establish broad protection from discrimination against individuals who may have any medical condition or disability that substantially limits one or more major life activities. Thus, if your condition meets the criteria stated in the ADA definition, your civil rights are generally protected by the ADA.

To know if you are considered a person with a disability under the ADA, you need to understand what is meant by “a physical or mental impairment,” “substantially limits,” and “major life activities.” In the following sections, we discuss the meaning of these key terms so you can consider whether they apply to you.



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### What is a Physical or Mental Impairment Under the ADA?

The ADA defines a physical or mental impairment this way:

- Any physiological disorder or condition, cosmetic disfigurement, or anatomical loss affecting one or more body systems, such as: neurological, musculoskeletal, special sense organs, respiratory (including speech organs), cardiovascular, reproductive, digestive, genitourinary, immune, circulatory, hemic, lymphatic, skin, and endocrine; or
- Any mental or psychological disorder such as intellectual disability, organic brain syndrome, emotional or mental illness, and specific learning disability.

The ADA regulations give examples of impairments that are considered disabilities, but it is very clear that “the definition of ‘disability’ shall be construed broadly in favor of expansive coverage.” This means that the examples do not include all possible disabilities. You should always evaluate whether a condition or impairment fits under the ADA definition.

### What is a Major Life Activity?

Under the ADA, the definition of a disability requires that impairments substantially limit the ability to perform major life activities. **Major life activities are basic activities that most people can perform with little or no difficulty.** Some examples of major life activities include:

- Actions like eating, sleeping, speaking, and breathing.
- Movements like walking, standing, lifting, and bending.
- Cognitive functions like thinking and concentrating.
- Sensory functions like seeing and hearing.
- Tasks like working, reading, learning, and communicating.
- The operation of major bodily functions like circulation and reproduction.
- The function of individual organs like the heart, lungs, or pancreas.

### What Does it Mean to Substantially Limit Major Life Activities?

Once you decide that a person’s impairment affects major life activities, the next step is to assess how much it affects those major life activities. The ADA regulations include rules to help you identify whether there is a substantial limitation of a major life activity. These rules include the following:

- An impairment does not have to limit a major life activity completely or severely for it to be considered substantially limiting. In other words, the limitation can be less than complete or severe.
- Congress intended that the words “substantially limit” be interpreted broadly to result in expansive coverage of people with disabilities under the law.
- Determining whether an impairment substantially limits a major life activity requires an individualized assessment. What may not be substantially limiting for one person in one situation may be substantially limiting for another person in another context.

Deciding whether a disability substantially limits a major life activity does not have to be complicated or involve a lot of documentation. A common-sense assessment comparing a person’s ability to complete specific major life activities to the ability of most people is all that is required. For example, most people can walk short distances without assistance or can hear without the use of hearing aids.



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An impairment that limited either of these abilities beyond what most people can do would be considered “substantial.”

### Example: Two People with Low Vision

Tamra is in his thirties. He has difficulty seeing without glasses and must wear them to see clearly and complete daily tasks. Since wearing glasses or contacts to correct vision impairments is common in the general adult population, Tamra is not considered a person with a disability.

Jean is also in her thirties and has low vision. She wears glasses, but still cannot see clearly and requires assistive technology to use the computer and her smart phone. Jean’s amount of visual difficulty is not typical for her age group. She is considered a person with a disability under the ADA.

### How Do You Assess the Impact of an Impairment on Major Life Activities?

People with disabilities often take action to eliminate or reduce the effects of their disabilities. These actions are called “mitigating measures.” Mitigating measures include medications, treatments, assistive technology, hearing aids, wheelchairs, therapies, and much more. A person’s impairment should be assessed on how it impacts major life activities and body systems without using mitigating measures. (There are a few exceptions, such as eyeglasses and contact lenses.)

### Example: Mitigating Measures

Bill has diabetes and uses insulin to manage his condition. For Bill, insulin is a “mitigating measure.” Without insulin, Bill’s diabetes would severely limit his major life activities and overall body functions. Bill is a person with a disability under the ADA.

Some impairments have symptoms that are not always present. These types of impairments are called episodic. Some impairments resolve permanently while others go into remission and may return. Whether or not you have a disability under the ADA, is based on the impact of an impairment on major life activities and body functions when symptoms are active. **Even if you do not have active symptoms, you are protected by the ADA if your symptoms meet the definition of disability.**

This applies to impairments that may go into remission, such as cancer. Other examples of impairments that may be episodic or have periods of remission include multiple sclerosis, mood disorders, asthma, seizure disorders, severe migraines, and autoimmune disorders.

### Examples: Episodic Conditions and Remission

Marla has multiple sclerosis and uses both a wheelchair and a cane for mobility. Typically, she uses the wheelchair for long distances and the cane for short distances. But when her condition is in remission, she only uses the cane. Some of Marla’s co-workers think she shouldn’t receive accommodations because she doesn’t always use a wheelchair. However, Marla does not have to use a wheelchair daily to be a person with a disability under the ADA and to receive accommodations related to using a wheelchair.

Linn has Seasonal Affective Disorder. His symptoms of depression only affect major life activities at certain times of the year. Because Linn’s condition is long-term and impacts major life activities when present, it is considered a disability under the ADA, even though the condition is not always present.



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### What Does it Mean to Have a Record of an Impairment?

Some impairments may resolve while others may go into remission. However, people may still experience discrimination because they had these impairments in the past. Sometimes they are not offered certain kinds of work because the employer is concerned that the condition may return. Other times, they are not hired or retained because employers are concerned that their healthcare costs will be too high or that they will have poor attendance in the future. **The ADA covers people who had an impairment in the past.**

#### Example: Record of Impairment

Tim has been cancer-free for five years and doctors believe he is in complete remission. His employer does not promote him as expected because the employer says the “cancer may come back.” Under the ADA, Tim is protected from discrimination that is based on his history of having a disability.

### What Does it Mean to be ‘Regarded as’ Having an Impairment?

Sometimes people do not have a disability, but people believe that they do. If they are discriminated against based on that belief (for example, if they are not hired, or not allowed to participate in a program), they may be able to file a complaint under the ADA.

#### Example: Regarded As Having an Impairment

Jenna has noticeable burn scars on her face. Her scars have no impact on major life activities. However, Jenna is turned away from a job interview because of her facial scars. The employer believes her “condition will make her unable to work with customers.” Under the ADA, Jenna would be protected from discrimination because her employer regarded her scars as a disabling condition.

Sarah asked to be reassigned to a different warehouse job because of shoulder pain. The company terminated her and told her there were no other jobs available, although one was posted soon after. Under the ADA, Sarah may have a legitimate complaint under the “regarded as” part of the disability definition.

### What is Meant by “Qualified Person with a Disability?”

The ADA requires that state governments, local governments, and private businesses ensure that people with disabilities can take part in their programs, services, and activities, if the person with a disability meets eligibility requirements. In other words, having a disability under the ADA does not guarantee protections in all situations. You must also be qualified for the job, activity, service, or program.

For example, employers are only required to provide reasonable accommodations to employees and job applicants who are qualified for the job. In this situation, qualified refers to necessary requirements such as degrees, certifications, skills, training, physical abilities, and experience. Qualified also includes the ability to perform the “essential” or main functions of a job, with or without accommodations. A job applicant who is Deaf may meet the qualifications for one job and request an interpreter during the interview. If the same applicant does not meet the basic education and experience requirements for a second job, the applicant is not able to request an interpreter.

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### Do I Have a Disability as Defined by the ADA?

As you can see, determining whether you are a person with a disability under the ADA is not always simple. It can help if you ask yourself a few questions:

1. Do I have an impairment that limits a major life activity or body system functions, OR a record of having such an impairment, OR am I regarded as having an impairment?
2. If I have an impairment, does it cause a substantial impact on one or more major life activities or body system functions?
3. Am I qualified for the program, service, activity, or job?

If you have more questions after reading this article, you may want to reach out for information and guidance from the [ADA National Network](#).

You can call 1-800-949-4232 to talk with a specialist who can answer your questions or email: <https://adata.org/email>

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