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Comprehensive Master Plan

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Introduction

The Bourbonnais Township Park District developed this plan, with input from the local community, Board of Commissioners and Park District staff, to guide park, facility, and program development decisions for the next five years.

Purpose

The purpose of this Master Plan is to:

- Assess existing parks, facilities, and programs
- Determine community opinion about services and facilities.
- Identify park, facility, and program needs
- Define strategic and measurable needs and strategies.
- Provide an action plan to implement strategies over the next five years.
- Benchmark Park District recreation service assets relative to statewide, national, and industry standards and against peer communities.
- Solicit community opinion regarding the current and/or desired state of Park District recreation service facilities, assets, and associated uses.
- Define measurable needs and high-level strategies to accommodate such needs.

Planning Process

The comprehensive planning process covers five key phases: Analyze, Connect, Envision, Prioritize, and Implement. This Master Plan compiles the results of the first two phases (Analyze and Connect) which were used to develop the goals and objectives that will be accomplished through the five-year action plan which was developed in the last three phases. The use of this document will assist in accomplishing the final phases of implementation and planning.

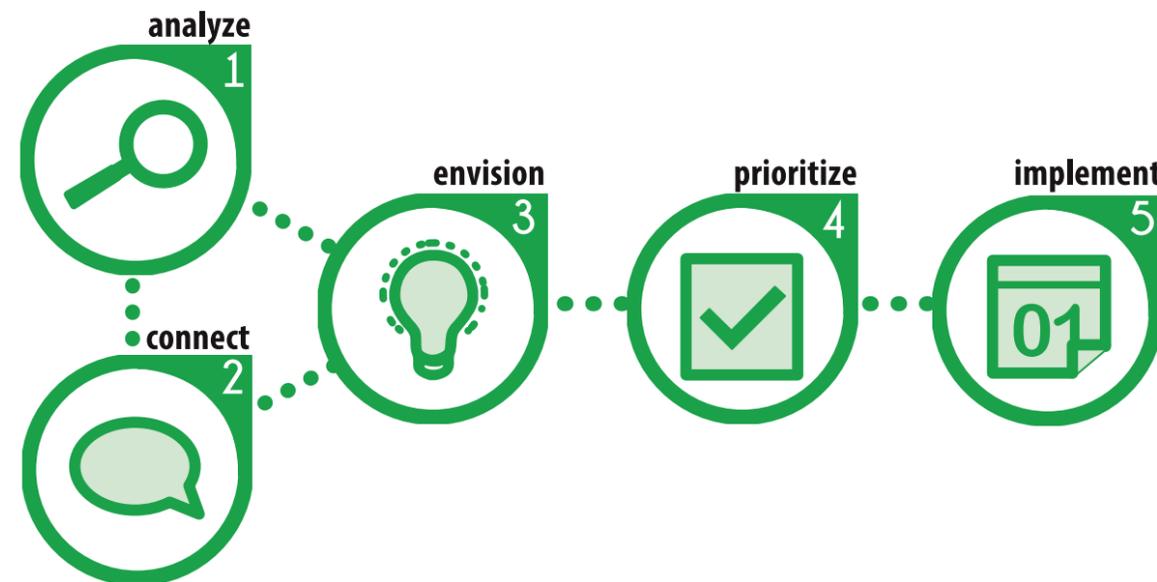
The planning process began in the spring of 2021 with an inventory and analysis of Bourbonnais Township Park District parks and open spaces, indoor facilities, programs, and community context. Park District staff and Board members and the community shared their opinions about the BTPD's parks, facilities, programs, and needs during the Connect phase.

Upon completion of the Analyze and Connect phases, the planning team worked with Park District staff to develop strategies to meet community needs which were prioritized and then organized into a five-year action plan. Input from staff and Board further refined the action plan prioritization.

How to Use the Plan

This Master Plan document will be used by the Park District as a guide to implementing parks and recreation action items over the next five years. The first two chapters provide recommendations for the next five years while the last two chapters summarize the supporting evidence of those recommendations gained through the Analyze and Connect phases. The final chapter is the appendix. The Action Plan in Chapter Two should be thought of as a "living document" that will need to be periodically re-evaluated and adjusted to reflect completed projects and the community's changing needs.

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Chapter One

Envision: Strategies

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

Chapter Two

Prioritize and Implement: Action Plan

Chapter Two takes the strategies from the Envision Phase and prioritizes them by community need and attainability. The highest priority needs are then put into a five-year action plan which designates when strategies will occur and how to accomplish them.

Chapter Three

Analyze: Inventory and Analysis

Chapter Three provides a detailed inventory of the parks and open spaces, facilities, and amenities provided by the Park District. This chapter also included information about the Park District's demographics and relevant adjacent land uses.

Chapter Four

Connect: Community Engagement

Chapter Four includes national, state, and local park and recreation trends. It also includes summaries of the online engagement platform results, staff and Board workshops, the community meeting, and stakeholder interviews.

Chapter Five

Appendix

Chapter Five Contains the Kankakee Greenways and Trail Plan and result summaries for the community meeting, staff workshop, and board workshop.

PARK DISTRICT PROFILE

The Bourbonnais Township Park District covers approximately 43 square miles and serves a population of over 40,000 people. Located in Kankakee County, the Park District maintains about 380 acres of open space.

The Park District properties include six parks, some containing natural areas, providing active and passive recreation. The Park District also owns three facilities where it provides indoor recreation and education, as well as facilities with administration and support services.

Bourbonnais Township Park District is located in the center of Kankakee County. The Park District includes most of the Bourbonnais, the south edge of Manteno, and parts of unincorporated Kankakee County. It is adjacent to the communities of Bradley, Kankakee, Limestone, Bonfield, Sun River Terrace as well as sections of unincorporated Kankakee and Will Counties. The Park District boundary overlaps the service areas of Bourbonnais School District 53, St. George School District 258, Bradley School District 61, Kankakee School District 111, and Bradley-Bourbonnais High School District 307.

The Park District has a history of working with multiple local agencies through cooperative relationships, including the Kankakee Park District and the Village of Bourbonnais. It is also a community partner with the Kankakee Valley Theater Association, Bourbonnais Elementary School District #53, Bradley Elementary School District #61, Bradley Bourbonnais Community High School, Iroquois/Kankakee County Regional Office of Education, and St. George Community Consolidated School District #258 and a member agency of their River Valley Special Recreation Association.

Organizational Structure

The five-member Park Board of Commissioners serves the Park District as community decision-makers. Members are elected for 6-year terms. The Executive Director oversees the Park District operations and reports to the Bourbonnais Township Park District Board.

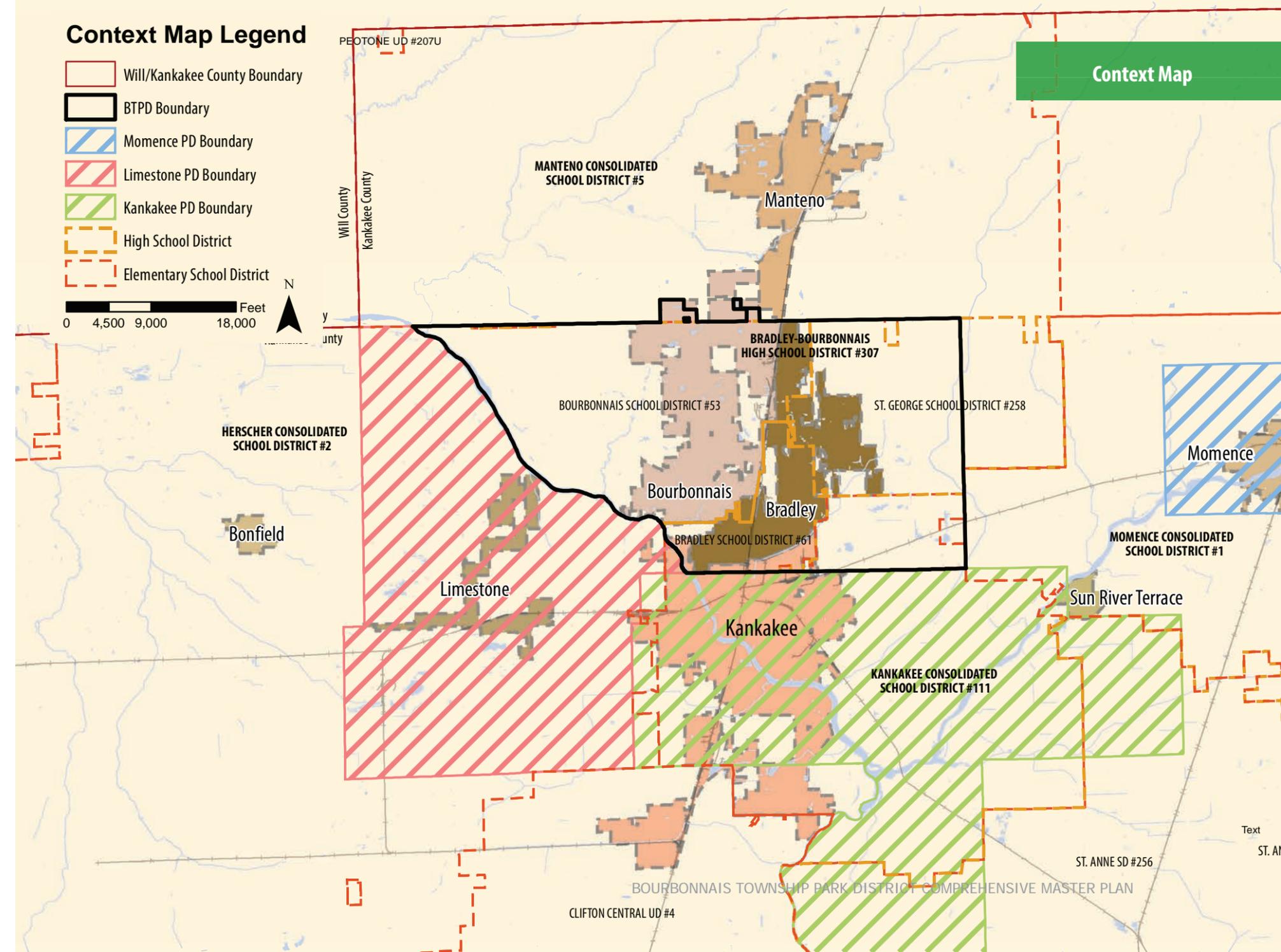
Related Plans and Supporting Documents

- Related reports referenced during the master planning process included:
- Bourbonnais Township Park District Perry Farm Plan (1987)
 - Bourbonnais Township Park District Comprehensive Master Plan (1992)
 - Exploration Station Master Plan (2009)
 - Kankakee County Greenway and Trails Plan (2009)
 - Bourbonnais Township Park District Annual Report (2020)
 - Village of Bourbonnais Community Campus Master Plan (2020)

Context Map Legend

- Will/Kankakee County Boundary
- BTPD Boundary
- Momence PD Boundary
- Limestone PD Boundary
- Kankakee PD Boundary
- High School District
- Elementary School District

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Overview

This Chapter documents the Envision: Strategies Phase of the comprehensive master planning process outlining the community needs and strategies to meet them.

Purpose

The purpose of the Envision: Strategies Phase is to develop actionable items for the Park District services to strive to accomplish over the next five years. Unlike a capital plan, the strategies outlined in this chapter and Chapter 4 describe projects beyond expected maintenance. These strategies propose major site and facility use changes and the introduction of new amenities and activities.

The project team worked with Park District staff during a visioning workshop to develop a series of community needs revealed during the Analyze and Connect Phases. These needs were then organized into primary goals and strategies to accomplish them. Following the visioning workshop, the planning team continued to work with Park District staff to review and build upon the proposed strategies. These strategies were then presented to the Board for final approval.

Chapter Outline

This chapter contains the complete list of the Action Plan items including descriptions of the strategies needed to accomplish them and a detailed description of the needs that were identified in the Analyze and Connect phases. These goals are organized by type of project: Facilities, Parks and Open Space, Other, and Plan Updates, or listed as Recurring Actions.

Chapter One

Envision





ACTION PLAN ITEMS

Action Plan goals were identified and refined by the Planning Team and Park District Staff with additional input provided by Board Members. Each goal is classified as a Facility, Park and Open Space, Other, or Plan Update improvement that should be accomplished over the course of the next five years.

Purpose

Items identified in the Action Plan focus on major changes to existing programs or infrastructure or the addition of new items that will meet the community needs identified in the Analyze and Connect Phases.

Other

- Monitor **VoB Community Campus Master Plans** and development
- Fill **Community Outreach and Marketing Director Position**
- **Establish/Update Long-term Capital Improvements Plan**
- **Update Park District Website**

Chapter Outline

Facilities

- **Conduct New Facility Feasibility Study**
- **Update Exploration Station**
- **Conduct Aquatics Needs Feasibility Study**
- Develop **New Facility** (based on results of Facility Feasibility Study)
- Complete Improvements to **Repurpose Recreation Station**

Programs and Operations

- **Update Action Plan**
- Conduct and Adopt **Comprehensive Master Plan Update**

Parks and Open Space

- Complete **Barn and Farm Structure Improvements**
- Complete **Pickleball Courts**
- Complete **Perry Farm Park Improvement Plan**
- Complete **Diamond Point Park Improvement Plan**
- Complete **Willowhaven Park and Nature Center Improvement Plan**

FACILITIES AND INDOOR SPACE

Conduct New Facility Feasibility Study

Strategies

- Evaluate feasibility for new construction considering:
 - Previously completed studies
 - Adventure Commons acquisition assessment
 - **Perry Farm Park Recreation Center Study**
 - Existing local and regional providers
 - Adventure Commons
 - YMCA
 - Private fitness clubs
 - Investment and operation costs vs. revenue generation opportunity
 - Develop cost-recovery goals
 - Funding options, considering:
 - Bonding
 - Referendum
 - Public partners
 - Private sponsors
 - Rental/retail spaces
 - Location, considering:
 - Capacity at Perry Farm Park
 - New property acquisition
 - Existing commercial space purchase or lease
 - Partnerships and/or land swaps
 - Bourbonnais Public Library
 - Olivet Nazarene University
 - Bourbonnais Municipal Campus
- Size and amenities, considering:
 - Administration
 - Recreation amenities
 - Aquatics
 - Indoor walking track
 - Gymnasiums
 - Fitness center
 - Group exercise studios
 - Sports fields/fieldhouse
 - Community rental space
 - Preschool and before- and after-school expansion
 - Senior center
 - Teen center
 - Prioritize open/free space over programming uses, considering
 - E-sports
 - Hang-out space
 - Ease burden on Library
 - Flex space/future program needs
 - Outdoor use requirements
- Determine future use plan for other facilities depending on new facility amenities and programs
 - Recreation Station
 - Perry Farm Administration Office

Background

The BTPD currently owns and maintains 43,171 square feet of indoor facility space at eight facilities. Of this, about 17,617 square feet at three facilities are available for public recreation and the remaining space is used for Park District administration and support spaces. Compared to NRPA Park Metrics, the District provides 49,756 square feet less than the median of other midwest agencies with similar populations. Additionally, the BTPD does not provide many common types of indoor facilities including a recreation/community center, a fitness center, or a full/standard size gymnasium. It also does not provide special-use indoor space such as indoor aquatics, indoor ice skating, performing arts, or a designated senior center.

While the Park District is limited in the indoor space it provides, there are other public and private indoor spaces available within the Park District boundary. Organizations like the YMCA, private fitness clubs, and religious institutions provide indoor recreation spaces and programs to their members while schools serve their student bodies and in some cases provide program spaces for programs open to public enrollment. When all indoor space offered by the BTPD and other providers in the community are taken into consideration, there remain some gaps in service where the available locations are not meeting needs.

FACILITIES AND INDOOR SPACE

Stakeholder groups noted that more public recreation and rental space is needed throughout the community. Additionally, stakeholders and BTPD staff noted that a lack of flexibility at the available indoor facilities further limits the communities recreation options. In particular, gym spaces and pre-school and before- and after-school care spaces are in high demand which is not being met with the current facilities.

Park District staff also noted a need for additional administration and support spaces to improve BTPD operations. The current administrative offices at the Perry Farm House are too small to accommodate the full District staff resulting in staff offices located throughout the other facilities. This distance and lack of collaborative spaces for staff meetings and coordination add challenges to communication and Park District management. The historic character of the farmhouse further restricts staff use and presents further challenges in meeting modern accessibility, technology, storage, and maintenance needs.

Despite the many positive attributes of the District's existing indoor facilities, all are limited by space and/or location and lack the capacity to effectively meet the multiple needs identified in this Comprehensive Master Plan. Instead, a new facility could be constructed to specifically meet the BTPD community's current needs, provide the flexibility to adjust the facility to meet future needs, and streamline the District's operations. A new facility was the highest rated priority at the staff workshop and tied for the second-highest rated priority at the community meeting. In the online survey a new facility was rated as a medium priority. While not a high priority for the Board, a new facility did receive some support. When asked what indoor activities online survey participants are most interested in, the top three choices were a walking/running track, indoor aquatics, and a fitness center.

In order to determine the BTPD capacity to provide a new facility, the facility feasibility study will consider multiple factors to further gauge community interest and support for this type of project, define the types and sizes of spaces to be offered, estimate the financial, staff, and maintenance resources needed to develop and maintain a new facility, consider preliminary locations and development methods, set cost-benefit and cost recovery goals, and anticipate the impact of a new facility on the BTPD's other existing offerings. This study will also consider past District planning exercises including the previously considered facility concept for Perry Farm Park and the analysis completed for the facility that became Adventure Commons. It is also recommended that the feasibility study consider strategies to ease the burden on the BTPD to provide and maintain a new facility. Joint funding and operational agreements with other local agencies or private organizations like health care providers could make a new facility more feasible by easing the financial and staffing requirements for the Park District and as a method to serve a larger segment of the community without exposing the Park District to unhealthy competition with other providers.

Finally, this study should also consider the Park District's eight existing facilities in a holistic, District-wide context. The construction of a new facility could result in changes to the use of and need for some current locations, particularly Recreation Station and the Perry Farm Administration Office. Additional facility plans may be required to guide future renovations or larger-scope changes to a facility's use as indoor space needs are accommodated elsewhere.

FACILITIES AND INDOOR SPACE

Update Exploration Station

Strategies

- Consider expanding programming to other age groups
 - Adult education and guest lectures
 - Community outreach and volunteer opportunities
 - High school community service
 - University extension
 - Partnership opportunities (such as story time with the Library)
- Develop funding strategies to provide traveling/guest exhibits considering:
 - Childcare at the museum for Parent's Night Out or other Perry Farm Events
 - Concessions and beverage revenue
 - Pre-enrollment for events/exhibits
 - Annual fundraiser event
- Review and prioritize Exploration Station Master Plan objectives for implementation
- Develop a plan for and implement facility renovations and improvements

Background

Exploration Station is a unique asset for the Park District having grown out of a traveling gallery and into a permanent museum with the support of the community and volunteers. This children's museum opened in 1990 and is popular with school groups and community member walk-ins and also provides opportunities for small rental groups. The majority of activities are designed for children between the ages of 2 and 8 and the museum also has a designated toddler area. As a museum, there is a need for exhibit updates to retain community interest and maintain or boost visitorship. Providing high-quality, engaging, and exciting exhibits and programs also increases the facility's appeal as a regional destination, attracting visitors for outside the BTPD community. Small adjustments and exhibit changes are made on a semi-regular basis as part of the Museum's standard operations but the facility is in need of a more comprehensive and holistic update.

Currently, Exploration Station is somewhat limited in its services and audience and presents several architectural challenges. As identified in the 2009 Exploration Master Plan, the interior of the museum has an awkward layout and lacks clear line of sight in many locations and doesn't match the "wow factor" that the building exterior has. This plan identified several recommendations including a facility expansion, opportunities for outdoor expansion, and ideas for exhibit updates or replacements. In the 12 years since this master plan was developed the BTPD has implemented some of the proposed changes but many of the major renovations and changes have not yet been addressed. As the next phase in facility updates are considered, Park District staff should consider these remaining master plan items to determine which are still relevant to include as well as identify new objectives. Some new items to consider include resident interest in expanding Exploration Station to appeal to a wider audience and supplementing the museum's permanent exhibits with traveling exhibits and guest programming to keep the offerings current.



FACILITIES AND INDOOR SPACE

Conduct Aquatics Needs Feasibility Study

Strategies

Determine the need for indoor and/or outdoor aquatics and splash pads, considering:

- Existing local and regional providers
 - At home/backyard pool usage
 - Planned splash pad at Lil's Park in Bradley
 - Splash Valley Aquatic Park in Kankakee
- Amenities provided by a new BTPD facility (based on results of Feasibility Study)

If there is a need for a pool(s) or aquatic facility, evaluate feasibility, considering:

- Access to existing facilities, considering:
 - Agency reciprocity agreements
 - Resident rate agreements
- New Construction:
 - Investment and operation costs vs. revenue generation opportunities
- Develop cost-recovery goals
- Funding options, considering:
 - Bonding
 - Referendum
 - Public partners
 - Private partners

- Location, considering:
 - New property acquisition
 - Partnerships and/or land swaps
 - Bourbonnais Public Library
 - Olivet Nazarene University
 - Bourbonnais Municipal Campus
 - Maintenance and staffing requirements
- If there is a need for splash pads, evaluate feasibility, considering
- Location, considering:
 - Perry Farm Park
 - New location in Bourbonnais
 - Recreation Station (depending on Repurpose Recreation Station and Facility Feasibility results)
 - Bourbonnais Public Library
 - Bourbonnais Municipal Campus
- Maintenance Requirements

Background

Aquatics can include a wide range of activities and facilities ranging from indoor or outdoor complexes with competitive, recreation, family, and/or therapy focused spaces to outdoor splash pads. As a concept, aquatics were identified as an area of interest among some online survey and stakeholder participants. In the online survey, "spray pads and water play" was the highest rated outdoor amenity and "indoor aquatics/lap pool/therapy pool" was the second highest rated indoor amenity that participants are most interested in. A few participants also restated their interest in pools through comments at the end of the survey. A few stakeholders also expressed support for aquatics with most referencing a need for a centrally-located outdoor pool and one person expressing interest in indoor aquatics. Additionally, there is current lack of aquatics within the Park District boundary. The BTPD provides the only available outdoor splash pad at Diamond Point Park, however, many community members noted this location as being inconvenient. Compared to SCORP and Park Metrics benchmarks, BTPD is deficient by one aquatic facility. The Park District does not provide any indoor aquatics and Park Metrics indicates that it is one indoor aquatic facility below the median for midwest recreation agencies with similar populations. Considering indoor aquatic square footage, the Park District offers about 20,000 fewer square feet than the Chicagoland benchmark, however, there are some existing indoor pool locations at private locations (at Olivet Nazarene University and Kankakee Area YMCA) and at Bradley-Bourbonnais Community High School which offers limited public swim hours.

Despite this previous lack of publicly provided aquatics, changes to other local provider's offerings in the upcoming years may partially or fully meet the current need for outdoor aquatics: The Village of Bourbonnais currently has plans to develop a splash pad at part of its Community Campus Plan, a new splash pad is planned for Lil's Park in Bradley, and Kankakee Valley Park District's Splash Valley Aquatic Park reopened for the 2021 season after several years of closure.

Because of the high investment and maintenance costs associated with all types of indoor and outdoor aquatics and the presence of existing and planned public and private opportunities in and near the BTPD community the Park District should complete a feasibility study to determine the true need for additional aquatics facilities, potential community interest and support, and the scope of a potential development. This feasibility study should also be considered within the context of the proposed new facility feasibility study for potential indoor aquatic accommodations and/or for support facilities such as locker rooms, restrooms, and concessions for an outdoor aquatic facility. There are also opportunities to consider the feasibility of aquatics in coordination with park master planning objectives. This aquatics needs facility study will also take into consideration the existing options available to residents to determine if this need can be met through partnership or facility use agreements rather than new construction.

FACILITIES AND INDOOR SPACE

Develop **New Facility** (based on results of Facility Feasibility Study)

Strategies

- Consider complimentary services and amenities including:
 - Site access
 - Parking and vehicular access
 - Pedestrian access
 - Bicyclist access
 - Outdoor amenities
 - Regional draw playgrounds
 - Sports complex
 - Aquatics/splash pad

Description

Pending the results of the proposed New Facility Feasibility Study and Aquatics Needs Feasibility Study the BTPD may determine a need for and ability to support a new facility development. If a new facility is developed it will require additional funding and planning prior to the facility development. In addition to the facility development, larger site context including access and potential outdoor park space improvements should also be planned for and developed to support and compliment the facility development.

FACILITIES AND INDOOR SPACE

Complete Improvements to **Repurpose Recreation Station** (based on results of Facility Feasibility Study)

Strategies

- Renovate to accommodate uses not met by new facility, considering:
 - Age group specific spaces
 - Teen Center
 - Senior Center
 - Locker rooms for Recreation Station gym
 - Designated preschool and before- and after-school programming
 - Performing arts/theater
 - BTPD staff offices
- Complete full or partial facility demolition to provide in-town park and open space amenities to relieve pressure on Perry Farm Park
 - Provide high-demand, pedestrian friendly activities such as:
 - Court sports
 - Splash pad
 - Playground
 - Picnic shelters
 - Performance/events
- Divest of facility if it is no longer needed

Description

Pending the results of the proposed New Facility Feasibility Study it is likely that the Recreation Station facility will require a significant renovations or possibly a use change. Recreation Station currently serves many purposes within a limited space and is the District's only recreation center since the other two public facilities are focused on interpretive and museum spaces. Existing challenges at Recreation Station include the small, non-regulation sized gym, insufficient classroom space to match pre-school and before- and after-school demand, lack of storage, some significant exterior maintenance items, and site drainage concerns. Despite these challenges, the facility is in good condition and may be better suited for a more limited selection of uses if other activities can be moved off-site. Dedicating the entire building exclusively to childcare or seniors would be compatible with the buildings size and existing improvements and a large gym for regulation sports is not a typical priority for either age group. The limitation of user groups may also help alleviate the lack of parking and circulation challenges at the facility. This building may also be considered primarily for administration and storage space if public recreation needs can be met at other facilities.

Additionally, the facility is well placed in a residential neighborhood and centrally located in the Park District. It is also easily accessible without vehicular access. Location and access were determined to be important factors to Park District residents in the online survey and stakeholder interviews. This location makes it a good option for in-demand and popular activities or as a gathering place for residents with limited transportation options such as teens. Depending on how indoor needs are met at other facilities, the need for childcare and/or senior space at Recreation Station may be eliminated and the facility could be converted to other uses. If the indoor space provided by the facility is no longer needed, the site may be valuable for outdoor recreation with a partial or full demolition of the facility. It's proximity to Perry Farm Park could allow for some activities to be relocated to this site to ease the overcrowding or allow for new, in-demand options at Perry Farm Park.



PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

Complete Barn and Farm Structure Improvements

Strategies

- Repair and rebuild damaged barn and farm structures at the historic farmstead

Description

The barn and other farm structures at the historic farmstead at Perry Farm Park are authentic wooden structures that provide interpretive and support functions. In 2021, the Board approved funding to repair damage to the structures and rebuild components beyond their useful lives.

Complete Pickleball Courts

Strategies

- Complete design and engineering of pickleball courts
- Bid and construct courts

Description

Pickleball is one of the fastest growing racquet sports and has become a popular trend over the past five years according to national and state findings. BTPD is no exception with Connect Phase participants requesting the addition of pickleball courts in the online survey, stakeholder interviews, and community meeting. Park District staff and Board members are aware of the growing interest in the sport and began planning for the addition of courts at Diamond Point Park in 2020. It is expected that the courts will be constructed in the first 1 - 2 years of the Action Plan.

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

Complete Perry Farm Park Improvement Plan

Strategies

- Complete park improvements and add in-demand and trending amenities, considering:
 - Develop safety and security plan including:
 - Water safety education and precautions at the Kankakee River.
 - Add trail identification signage for first responders.
 - Consider trail markings/lanes to reduce use conflicts.
 - Consider trail-side emergency call boxes.
 - Consider cameras for secluded areas.
 - Consider semi-regular staff and maintenance patrols for undesirable behavior.
 - Complete park improvements at the northernmost parcels (Neighborhood area off Coyne Street)
 - Consider on-street parking options
 - Repair non-ADA compliant paving
 - Repair/replace gazebo
 - Improve water access with a new overlook(s)
 - Repair weirs
 - Consider land-use changes, including:
 - Maintenance building and equipment storage location
 - Consider alternate access road options to direct traffic away from visitors
 - Consider relocation options
 - Amenity/event proximity to traffic
 - Park visibility from Kennedy Drive
- Identify property expansion opportunities

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

Description

Perry Farm Park is the District's most visited park and provides a wide variety of active and passive recreation options in addition to hosting multiple programs and special events throughout the year. It is also the location of the historic farmstead and barns, Exploration Station, Perry Farm Administrative Office, which includes historic interpretation space, and a maintenance facility. Based on online survey results and staff and Board member observations, Perry Farm Park is by far the District's most visited and busiest park, which can be attributed to its size, variety of activities, central location within the community, and easy access from many residents' homes. As a result, Perry Farm Park can be over-crowded, particularly at the trails, as usage has increased during the COVID-19 pandemic. Other challenges observed at the park include a need for better safety and security, particularly along the west edge of the park and at the Kankakee River, where visibility and monitoring are limited, and river conditions can lead to dangerous conditions at the water. Finally, the placement of the maintenance building is inconvenient and lacks separation from the large quantities of park visitors. The limited site vehicular access points also require maintenance vehicles to move through the most crumbled areas of the park.

The Perry Farm Park Improvement Plan will consist of a full-site plan considering existing amenities to improve, new amenities to add, measures to improve safety and security, opportunities for future land acquisition, and possible land-use or activity changes. The possibility of a new facility development should also be considered in the improvement plan as previous planning exercises identified Perry Farm Park as a possible location for a new recreation center. Additionally, possible renovations or expansions of Exploration Station may impact the outdoor park space and should be coordinated with the park-site as a whole.

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

Complete Diamond Point Park Improvement Plan

Strategies

- Complete park improvements and add in-demand and trending amenities, considering:
 - Improve path system with loop trail options
 - Determine feasibility and potential implementation plan for synthetic turf implementation
 - Baseball/softball
 - Soccer
 - Determine feasibility for a miracle field
 - Complete dugout replacement
 - Add batting cages
 - Add fishing and pond access
 - Determine feasibility for bathroom expansion
 - Improve access and visitation
 - Provide park map signs at fields and other amenities

Description

Diamond Point Park is the District's sports complex and provides other active recreation, including a playground and the District's only splash pad. The park also includes a large maintenance complex and public restrooms. The park site is large and lacks adequate wayfinding and a cohesive entry experience which negatively impacts visitor experiences. Additionally, the sports amenities are in need of improvements: all of the softball and baseball fields are beyond their useful lives, and the dugouts and sports lighting are in need of repairs or replacement. The Park District has started replacing a portion of the failing masonry block dugouts.

This improvement plan will update the existing site master plan and keep Diamond Point Park's focus on sports activities with improvements to the existing ballfields and the addition of support amenities like wayfinding signage and practice spaces. This park has also been identified as a potential location to provide high-end sports field improvements such as synthetic turf fields and a miracle field, and as the location to accommodate the high demand for pickleball courts.

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

Complete Willowhaven Park and Nature Center Improvement Plan

Strategies

- Complete park improvements and add in-demand and trending amenities, considering:
 - Expand playground to include in-demand activities:
 - Swings
 - Better inclusivity and accessibility
 - Improve path system:
 - Continue to maintain existing pavement
 - Consider paving the path around the back pond
 - Consider a boardwalk system around and/or additional across the water
 - Improve dog park:
 - Provide shade for the small dog park
 - Relocate and expand seating options
 - Add agility course equipment
 - Expand amphitheater
 - Consider bandshell structure
 - Consider expanding concessions/beverage options
- Improve access and visitation

Description

Willowhaven Park and Nature Center has a strong focus on natural resources and nature education as home to the Willowhaven Nature Center. It also offers two unique amenities in the community: the dog park and an amphitheater. The park was recently updated in 2017 and does not face the same overcrowding challenges observed at Perry Farm Park and at Diamond Point Park during peak use times. This improvements plan will focus on improving and expanding upon the popular and successful elements that already exist at the park, particularly the playground, the dog park, and the amphitheater. Willowhaven Park is challenged by its location, with residents in the Connect Phase noting that the park is inconvenient or even that they were unaware of it. This improvement plan should also consider options to improve awareness and increase visitation in coordination with the recurring strategies to provide transportation options to non-central parks to expand outreach and messaging to more residents.

OTHER

Monitor Village of Bourbonnais (VoB) Community Campus Master Plan Development

Strategies

- Continue communications with the Village of Bourbonnais regarding the planned improvements to the municipal campus, considering:
 - Monitor proposed recreation amenities that align with existing and planned Park District offerings to determine continued value of maintaining, updating, or adding amenities at Park District locations including:
 - Amphitheater/events space
 - Playground (and types of equipment offered)
 - Nature Center
 - Community Gardens
 - Potential opportunities for partnerships to provide amenities, programs, and/or special events

Description

The Bourbonnais Township Park District and Village of Bourbonnais already share a close working relationship and have a history of partnerships and collaboration. In recent years, the agencies have entered into an agreement to construct and maintain a new skate park at Skate Park Plaza, have provided joint programming and special events, and shared specialized equipment on an as-needed basis. The VoB campus master plan offers more options for interagency partnerships to provide new amenities and for programs and special events. The Connect Phase revealed support for partnerships where community members in multiple groups expressed interest in more recreation space and activities in centralized and easily accessed locations such as Bourbonnais. The plan also has the potential to fill some of the current unmet recreation needs, and the impact these additions have should be considered before the BTPD invests in similar amenities to avoid unnecessary duplication of services.

Fill Community Outreach and Marketing Director Position

Strategies

- Hire and train new staff member to fill the open community outreach and marketing director position

Description

The Board approved the establishment of a new staff position to manage community outreach and marketing for the Park District in 2021. This role was previously being completed by multiple staff members in addition to their other responsibilities. This position was filled in quarter 2 of 2021.

OTHER

Establish/Update Long-term Capital Improvements Plan

Strategies

- Document parks and amenities including:
 - Installation/construction years
 - Manufacturer information
 - Use stipulations/restrictions
 - Past renovations/replacements
- Anticipate maintenance/replacement schedules and budgets
- Record acceptable standards and conditions for parks, facilities, and amenities.

Description

A Capital Improvements Plan which identifies and allocates funding for scheduled replacements and regular maintenance is crucial for agencies to plan and budget for regular upkeep and expenses and the projects included are typically necessary for the continued operation of the amenity. The projects included can vary greatly in type (park, natural area, or facility) and scope (from equipment replacement to full park reconstruction in-place) and can also be used as opportunities to add amenities that meet resident interests.

Where possible, planning long-term and formally adopting a five-year capital improvement plan rather than scheduling and planning for only one year at a time is beneficial for identifying and scheduling years with heavy investment needs. These can also be coordinated with large-scope objectives such as the Action Plan items to ensure that all improvements scheduled for each year are feasible and reduce the chances of unforeseen expenses.

OTHER

Update Park District Website for Better User Experience, Considering:

Strategies

- Improve the Park District Website, considering:
 - Content provided:
 - Park and facility list, description, and map
 - Minimize multiple drop-down tabs
- Consider developing a Park District app

Description

Online presence is increasingly important and often viewed as a necessity as well as being one of the most valuable marketing tools an agency can use. Connect Phase participants, particularly stakeholders, noted that the Park District website is not intuitive to navigate and lacks consistency across the different pages. It is recommended that the Village make several changes to the website, improving the consistency of how items are referred to and where they are found on the different pages, and coordinate the District's different locations with the recurring strategy to improve brand messaging consistency. Additionally, providing a general information page with facility addresses and a location map like the one in the program guide would be a helpful addition to the website for visitors who are unfamiliar with the Park District. It is also common for recreation providers to include bulleted lists of the available recreation features as well as other considerations like access to parking, water fountains, and restrooms on their park and facility profile pages. Some also include photos of each location and make these profiles searchable so residents can easily locate their desired amenities and become comfortable with the properties before their first visit. For some people, the BTPD website may be their first impression of the Park District.

Computer literacy has become a common aspect of life and an expectation of younger generations. With this ongoing shift, it is expected that providing comprehensive and easy-to-use online resources will continue to increase in importance. Similarly, apps are growing in popularity as a source to manage multiple aspects of Park District information, including memberships, online content, and notifications. The convenience of mobile-friendly websites and apps can be appealing to and expected by residents as a normal step in keeping up with technology.

PLAN UPDATES

Update Action Plan

Strategies

- Conduct Action Plan update to reschedule missed objectives, add necessary new objectives, and confirm future year feasibility considering:
 - Completion or delay of past objectives
 - Major recreation market changes
 - Population and demographic changes
 - Social and/or health events
 - Fiscal Climate

Description

The following action plan is a living document that is intended to provide a realistic and achievable set of goals for recreation development for the Bourbonnais Township Park District over the next five years. The action plan should be updated annually and each update should take into account major changes in the Park District and be adjusted as the Park District's capacity to complete it changes. Potential factors that may affect the action plan include the completion or delay of previous plan goals, market changes, population and demographics changes, major social or health events, and the current financial capacity of the Park District.

Conduct and Adopt Comprehensive Master Plan Update

Strategies

- Conduct comprehensive master plan update to determine future objectives for the next five years, reflecting
 - Accurate and comprehensive inventory of the Park and Recreation offerings
 - Parks
 - Facilities
 - Programs
 - Amenities
 - Updated community outreach
 - Status of previous master plan objectives

Description

This five-year Action Plan is divided into two parts with a more detailed list of recreation development objectives and timelines outlined for the first five years, and a list of recurring items that will be addressed on a regularly scheduled basis, or as-needed when opportunities arise. Because the Bourbonnais Township Park District community and the recreation market are constantly changing and evolving it is recommended that the Comprehensive Master Plan be reviewed and updated at the five-year milestone, when a new master plan should be developed and adopted. These updates should follow a similar process to that taken in this plan to rebuild and modify consensus on any remaining planned items and add new items to meet needs that have changed for the next five years. The process should include an updated inventory of the Park District's parks, facilities, programs, and amenities and reengage the community to collect a current perspective. The Comprehensive Master Plan update should build upon the information established in the current planning process which will begin providing data on the Park District's changes over time and reduce the investment requirements of future planning initiatives.

RECURRING ITEMS

Some of the strategies identified by the Park District Staff, Board, and the Planning Team are recurring items that should occur on a regular basis to help the BTPD maintain its existing Parks and Recreation offerings, make operational decisions, and inform future projects.

Purpose

In order to keep up with the fast-paced recreation market, it is important that agencies reassess their facilities, programs, staff, and users on a regular basis. This recurring self-reflection will help the Park District stay aware of changing demographics and industry trends and monitor its assets' evolving strengths and weaknesses.

Section Outline

As with the Action Plan items, the Recurring items are formatted as goals with corresponding strategies to achieve the desired outcomes. They are also organized by Facilities, Parks and Open Spaces, Other, and Plan Updates.

Facilities

- **Continue to Update Exploration Station**
- **Continue to Update Willowhaven Nature Center**

Parks and Open Space

- Coordinate with **Regional Bike Trail Expansion**
- Implement **Acquisition Strategies**
- **Provide In-demand and Trending Amenities at Key Locations**

Other

- **Improve Park District Technology and Data Gathering**
- **Complete Regular Program Assessments**
- **Provide Transportation Options to Non-Central Parks**
- **Continue to Coordinate with Local Agencies** to improve communication and collaboration
- **Improve Brand Messaging Consistency**
- Periodically **Review Partnership, Affiliate, and Inter-governmental Agreements** to ensure relationships are mutually beneficial
- **Expand Outreach and Messaging to More Residents**

Plan Updates

(none)

RECURRING - FACILITIES AND INDOOR SPACE

Continue to Update Exploration Station

Strategies

- Consider expanding programing to other age groups
 - Adult education and guest lectures
 - Community outreach and volunteer opportunities
 - High school community service
 - University extension
 - Partnership opportunities (such as story time with the library)
- Develop funding strategies to provide traveling/guest exhibits considering:
 - Childcare at the museum for Parent's Night Out or other Perry Farm events
 - Concessions and beverage revenue
 - Pre-enrollment for event/exhibit

Description

In addition to the action plan items to complete large-scale improvements to Exploration Station, there is a remaining need to refresh and update the museum exhibits and programs on a semi-regular basis to maintain community interest. These regular updates also provide the opportunity to implement additional programming for other age groups and will require funding to support larger changes, or more frequent updates or events. Rather than a single occurrence, these items would be planned and implemented on a repeating, as-needed basis.

Continue to Update Willowhaven Nature Center

Strategies

- Continue to provide and add events and programs
 - Concert series
 - Consider expanding concessions and beverage options
 - Adult education and guest lectures

Description

As one of the District's main interpretive and educational facilities, Willowhaven Nature Center has a need to continually evolve and provide updated and engaging exhibits, programs, and events to maintain community interest and visitation. In addition to regular updates there are interior exhibit opportunities at Willowhaven to provide additional in-demand activities and events such as adult offerings. The amphitheater also offers an outdoor venue to supplement the Nature Center use.

RECURRING - PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

Coordinate with Regional Bike Trail Expansion

Strategies

- Continue to provide, maintain, and expand internal park paths at Park District locations
 - Provide path connections to adjacent public sidewalks and trail systems where possible
- Partner with local regional trail providers to support trail development and engage in stakeholder discussions for future trail planning efforts

Description

Trail systems are consistently one of the most in-demand recreation amenities an agency can provide. Expanding and improving trails has constantly been in the top three requested amenities in U.S. and Illinois recreation trend studies for the past 10 years. BTPD residents have mirrored this trend, rating “trail expansion and addition” as a high priority in the online survey. The large geographic size of the Park District also leads to a great importance in regional trail systems to connect residents to recreation destinations without relying on vehicular access. Trails have also proved to be an important recreation amenity as Park District staff and board members, and stakeholders identified increasing use and overcrowding on park paths.

The Park District will continue to support trail development by providing trails within its park property and as a partner and advocate for the expansion and enhancement of local public walks and trail systems. Although trails are currently limited in much of the Park District, an existing trail plan for Kankakee County identifies several possible areas of expansion, specifically recognizes the Park District provided trails, and identifies future connections to the BTPD parks.

The 2009 Kankakee Greenways and Trail Plan map can be found in the Appendix.

Implement Acquisition Strategies When Desirable Properties Become Available

Strategies

- Develop right of first refusal agreements for desirable properties
- Establish designated acquisition fund to support future purchasing needs

Description

The BTPD has had past success in identifying, acquiring, and developing valuable property into high-quality, destination parks such as its development of Willowhaven Park and Nature Center and Diamond Point Park. As large areas of the BTPD boundary remain undeveloped or under agricultural use, it is possible that future properties for park development will become available again. There may also be future opportunities for acquisition of property adjacent to existing parkland that could be valuable in expanding the District’s existing parks. Staff and Board have identified the Park Districts role as a provider of large, multi-use, and specialty parks with minimal interest in providing a large quantity of low acreage properties that would compete with the other local Park Districts. With this criteria, desirable property for acquisition can include large, undeveloped parcels of land, parcels adjacent to existing parks, and/or areas with quality natural features worthy of preserving. In order to achieve acquisition goals, the Park District can position itself to act quickly when property becomes available by establishing and maintaining a budget specifically for this use or by entering into right of refusal agreements with property owners of land that the District has already identified as desirable.

RECURRING - PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

Provide In-demand and Trending Amenities at Key Locations

Strategies

- Amphitheater/outdoor event space:
 - Perry Farm Park
 - Expansion of Willowhaven Park and Nature Center amphitheater
 - Consider visitor access/transportation options
 - Recreation Station (depending on results of Facility Feasibility Study)
 - New location in central Bourbonnais
 - Skatepark Plaza
 - Bourbonnais Municipal Campus
 - Bourbonnais Public Library
 - New acquisition/partnership
- Synthetic turf baseball/softball fields or miracle fields:
 - Diamond Point Park
 - School District partnership
 - Coordinate location and funding opportunities with RVSRA
- Synthetic turf soccer and/or multipurpose fields:
 - Diamond Point Park
 - School District partnership
 - Coordinate location and funding opportunities with RVSRA
- Pickleball courts:
 - Diamond Point Park
 - Perry Farm Park
 - Partnership at existing local courts
- Passive water access:
 - Kankakee River at Perry Farm Park
 - On-shore overlooks
 - Boardwalk system
 - Observation points
 - Educational and safety interpretive signage
 - Fishing enhancements
 - Dredging at Willowhaven Park and Nature Center
 - Pier improvements at Perry Farm Park
 - Paths and overlooks at Diamond Point Park ponds
- Updated and specialty playgrounds:
 - Inclusive play
 - Consider partnership with RVSRA
 - Teen and all ages play
 - Climbing
 - Obstacle/ninja courses

Description

As the BTPD continues to update and enhance its park offerings it will address resident interests and recreation trends to ensure continued resident enjoyment. The above list of strategies includes possible amenities for inclusion or expansion as identified by national and state multi-year trends and feedback received from the community during the Connect Phase.

RECURRING - OTHER

Improve Park District Technology and Data Gathering

Strategies

- Provide updated equipment for resident and staff use
- Continue to update technology to keep pace with advancement and trends
- Improve park usage and maintenance data collection (coordinate with long-term capital improvements plan)
 - Continue to utilize RecTrac for program and event registration record keeping and analysis
 - Develop measurement criteria for passive use and drop-in amenities such as trails and playgrounds to determine typical number of users, peak use times, etc.
 - Consider periodic resident input surveys to establish baseline satisfaction and usage trends and track changes in community interests
 - Coordinate with RVSRA

Description

Park District staff identified a need to improve technology for both resident and staff use. These improvements will include program registration and enrollment tracking, information distribution, and cyber security. Staff also noted a need for increased data gathering to assist in making informed decisions regarding future developments and program/event offerings. In addition to measuring enrollment and satisfaction at programs and events, staff are interested in developing ways to assess the level of use of and satisfaction with passive recreation offerings which do not require registration to use.

RECURRING - OTHER

Complete Regular Program Assessments to continue to track program enrollment, satisfaction, and overall lifecycle trends to meet recreation trends and resident interests

Strategies

- Identify and grow popular programs and change or retire unpopular or declining offerings
 - Continue to utilize RecTrac data to evaluate programs
- Track local and industry trends to anticipate resident interest
- Explore additional opportunities for underutilized resident groups in the area
 - Provide active adult and senior programs
 - Expand preschool, and before- and after-school programs
 - Consider opportunities to engage trends
- Improve communication and collaboration with RVSRA to ensure appropriate service is provided
- Continue to track and assess attendance records at primary Park District locations

Description

In order to stay relevant and meet resident recreation programming needs, recreation providers must remain aware of changing interests in the community and in state and national trends. Providing these current and in-demand offerings leads to strong participation and allows for resident satisfaction and reallocation of resources that may otherwise be used for less effective or declining options.

The Park District already uses the RecPro system to track customer transaction data and program/event enrollment. By assessing these statistics over time, the District is able to determine where interest and participation are rising or falling and who their user groups are as a whole and for different types of recreation programs and events. RecPro data can also be applied to sales and revenue generation, adding feasibility and perceived/actual value context to its use analysis.

Provide Transportation Options to Non-Central Parks

Strategies

- Collaborate with trail projects to promote non-vehicular park access
- Support local bussing route expansion to Park District locations where appropriate
- Consider bussing services for special events or semi-regular promotion days

Description

Stakeholders, online survey participants, and community meeting attendees noted a perception that some of the BTPD parks are inconvenient (specifically Willowhaven and Diamond Point) while others commented that some community members are not aware of them at all. In order to boost awareness of the non-central locations and expand access, the Park District may consider providing or working with other agencies to provide additional park access to these sites that are not dependent on personal vehicles. Public or private/Park District bussing for special occasions could meet this need while increased trail access offers a consistently available option that also fulfills the interest in trails as a recreation amenity.

RECURRING - OTHER

Continue to Coordinate with Local Agencies to Improve Communication and Collaboration

Strategies

- Consider establishing a local government focus group or council, including
 - Villages/Cities
 - School Districts
 - Library District
 - Fire Protection Districts
 - Police Departments

Description

The BTPD boundary includes several other agencies including local governments, other park districts and recreation departments, library districts, and school districts. With many of these agencies also providing some form of public or semi-public recreation offerings, there is value in maintaining open channels of communication to remain aware of local conditions and changes. There is also value in entering into agreements to provide recreation through partnerships rather than introduce unnecessary duplicative services. This communication and collaboration may consist of informal and as-needed discussions between two agencies as has been common in the Park District's history or may develop into a more formal focus group between multiple agencies with regular meetings and set objectives. Park District staff and several agency representatives in the stakeholder interviews indicated an overall satisfaction with their partnerships with the BTPD but also acknowledged that there are areas that can continue to be improved.

Improve Brand Messaging Consistency

Strategies

- Define and apply consistent graphic and formatting standards to all Park District communications across all platforms

Description

Stakeholder participants observed that the Park District is currently using several variations on the Park District logo to identify and distinguish between different property and programs by changing colors, fonts, and the central and supporting images. These many variations result in an overall lack of consistency with some of the versions having very few common elements with the parent logo. These discrepancies can be confusing to those who are unfamiliar with the Park District and may be contributing to the lack of awareness of some District properties and offerings among some residents.

RECURRING - OTHER

Periodically Review Partnerships, Affiliate, and Inter-Governmental Agreements to Ensure Relationships are Mutually Beneficial

Strategies

- Evaluate and renew intergovernmental agreements and affiliate contracts on a regular, set basis and or after major organizational changes

Description

The BTPD has working relationships with several other local organizations to expand recreation options to residents through partnership opportunities. For long-term agreements such as with the sports affiliates or opportunities that involve the development and maintenance of physical properties like Skate Park Plaza, the Park District should periodically review and if necessary, renew or renegotiate terms to ensure these agreements remain beneficial for all parties.

Expand Outreach and Messaging to More Residents

Strategies

- Cross-promote with agency partners
 - School District
 - Library District
 - Villages of Bradley and Bourbonnais, City of Kankakee
 - River Valley Special Recreation Association (RVSRA)
- Continue to provide information across multiple platforms
 - Continue to utilize Park District and non-District resources such as radio and local news

Description

Community awareness and support is critically important for Park District success. In order to maintain and grow programs and events and gain resident support for new initiatives, the BTPD should continue to be transparent and inform the community of upcoming opportunities and changes. Many recreation providers, including the BTPD struggle with reaching certain groups of residents and it is common to have some level of general unawareness of the Park District. In order to communicate successfully with more people, the BTPD can continue to utilize internal and external methods of communication and promotion which will increase the number of sources for residents to receive updates. In particular, working with others will be helpful in reaching residents who are not already engaged with the Park District and would not learn about opportunities through the traditional means such as program guide, eblasts, or District website.

Overview

The Action Plan is a living document and will guide for the proposed recreation tasks and projects for the Bourbonnais Township Park District over the next five years.

Purpose

This chapter outlines the steps and potential timeline for implementing the Master Plan strategies identified in Chapter One. These strategies were further refined and finalized through workshops with the staff and Board members to develop the Action Plan. This plan is to act as a guide to assist the Park District in implementing the strategies over the next five years. This Action plan is flexible and will be periodically re-evaluated and adjusted to reflect completed projects and the community's changing needs. The Action Plan is organized by fiscal year into quarters (Q1, Q2, Q3, and Q4) to provide a general idea of when each action or action item step might occur within a given year. Each action item is also coded as Facilities, Parks and Open Space, Other, or Plan Updates.

Detailed descriptions of each action item and corresponding strategies can be found in the previous chapter on pages 12-37.

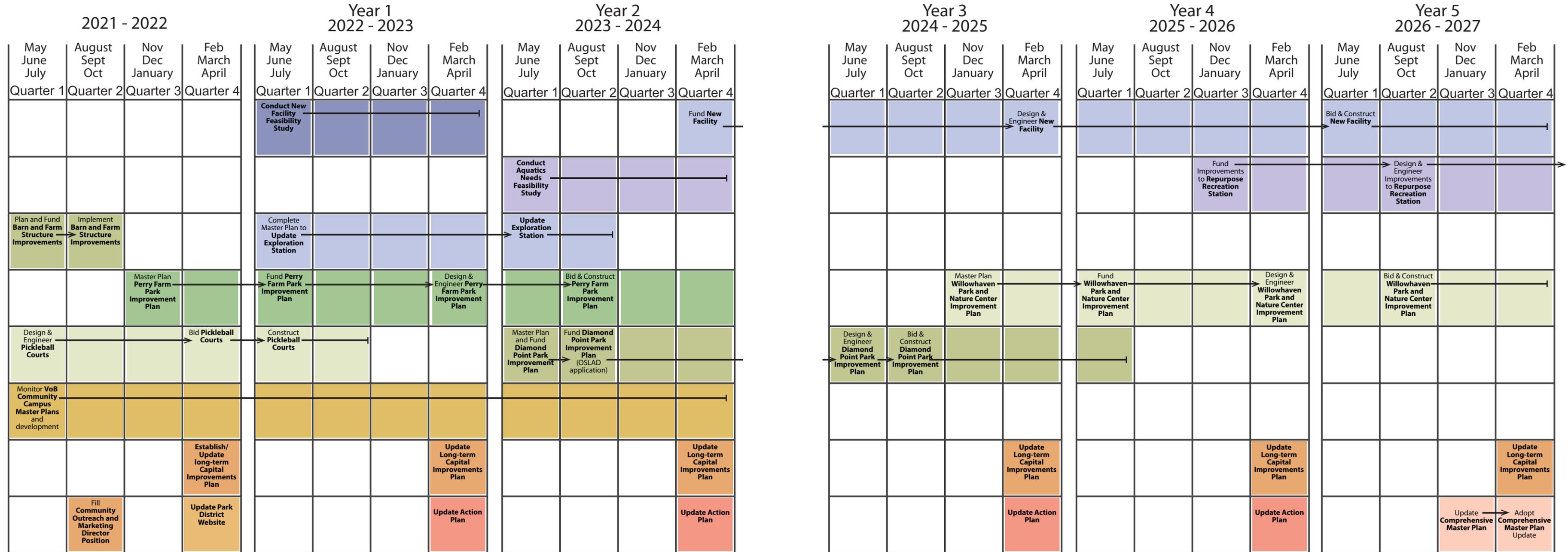
Ordering Criteria

To help determine when each item should be implemented within the five-year plan, the following criteria were considered:

- **Current Planned Initiative:** It is a project that is already in progress or has recommended CIP funding
- **Meets Recreation Need/Interest:** It provides for a need or interest identified from the Analyze and Connect Phase findings
- **Age/Condition:** A facility or amenity is at or nearing the end of its useful life or is in poor condition
- **Availability/Utilization:** An offering, facility, or amenity has limited availability and/or is highly utilized
- **Attainability:** Considers the City's financial and staff resources to accomplish certain projects over a five-year period
- **Additional Data Required:** More detailed information is needed concerning indoor space, market, or program needs to inform the required investments

Chapter Two

Prioritize



Beyond 5 Years 2027+	
→ Bid & Construct Improvements to Repurpose Recreation Station	
Update Long-term Capital Improvements Plan	

Recurring Items	
Continue to Update Exploration Station	
Continue to Update Willowhaven Nature Center	
Coordinate with Regional Bike Trail Expansion	Provide In-demand and Trending Amenities at Key Locations
Implement Acquisition Strategies	
Complete Regular Program Assessments	Improve Brand Messaging Consistency
Review Partnership, Affiliate, and Inter-governmental Agreements	Provide Transportation Options to Non-Central Parks
Continue to Coordinate with Local Agencies	Improve Park District Technology and Data Gathering
Expand Outreach and Messaging to More Residents	

Legend

- Facilities
- Parks and Open Space
- Other
- Plan Updates



Current Year / 2021-2022 (May Through April)

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

- **Barn and Farm Structure Improvements Project**
 - Plan and Fund
 - Implement
- **Perry Farm Park Improvement Plan**
 - Master Plan
- **Pickleball Courts**
 - Design and Engineer
 - Bid

OTHER

- Monitor **VoB Community Campus Master Plans** and development
- **Establish Update long-term Capital Improvements Plan**
- Fill **Community Outreach and Marketing Director Position**
- **Update Park District Website**

Year 1 / 2022-2023 (May Through April)

FACILITIES

- **Conduct New Facility Feasibility Study**
- **Update Exploration Station**
 - Master Plan

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

- **Perry Farm Improvement Plan**
 - Fund
 - Design and Engineer
- **Pickleball Courts**
 - Construct

OTHER

- Monitor **VoB Community Campus Master Plans** and development
- **Update Long-term Capital Improvements Plan**

PLAN UPDATES

- **Update Action Plan**

Year 2 / 2023-2024 (May Through April)

FACILITIES

- **New Facility**
 - Fund
- **Conduct Aquatics Needs Feasibility Study**
- **Update Exploration Station**

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

- **Perry Farm Improvement Plan**
 - Design and Engineer
 - Bid and Construct
- **Diamond Point Park Improvement Plan**
 - Master Plan
 - Fund (OSLAD application)

OTHER

- Monitor **VoB Community Campus Master Plans** and development
- **Update Long-term Capital Improvements Plan**

PLAN UPDATES

- **Update Action Plan**

Year 3 / 2024-2025 (May Through April)

FACILITIES

- **New Facility**
 - Fund
 - Design and Engineer

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

- **Willowhaven Park and Nature Center Improvement Plan**
 - Master Plan
- **Diamond Point Park Improvement Plan**
 - Design and Engineer
 - Bid and Construct

OTHER

- **Update Long-term Capital Improvements Plan**

PLAN UPDATES

- **Update Action Plan**

Year 4 / 2025-2026 (May Through April)

FACILITIES

- **New Facility**
 - Design and Engineer
- **Repurpose Recreation Station**
 - Fund

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

- **Willowhaven Park and Nature Center Improvement Plan**
 - Fund
 - Design and Engineer
- **Diamond Point Park Improvement Plan**
 - Bid and Construct

OTHER

- **Update Long-term Capital Improvements Plan**

PLAN UPDATES

- **Update Action Plan**

Year 5 / 2026-2027 (May Through April)

FACILITIES

- **New Facility**
 - Bid and Construct
- **Repurpose Recreation Station**
 - Fund
 - Design and Engineer

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

- **Willowhaven Park and Nature Center Improvement Plan**
 - Design and Engineer
 - Bid and Construct

OTHER

- **Update Long-term Capital Improvements Plan**

PLAN UPDATES

- **Comprehensive Master Plan**
 - Update
 - Adopt

Beyond 5 Years / 2027+ (May Through April)

FACILITIES

- Repurpose Recreation Station
 - Bid and Construct

OTHER

- Update Long-term Capital Improvements Plan





Overview

The Analyze: Inventory and Analysis chapter describes and illustrates the existing conditions of the Bourbonnais Township Park District, showing a basic understanding of the District's assets and programs

Purpose

This chapter documents the inventory and analysis accomplished during the Analyze phase of the comprehensive master planning process. This phase describes the context in which the District operates, the recreation services they provide, and the patrons that utilize District parks, facilities, and amenities.

The following chapter defines the community's demographic context and provides detailed maps of the Park District that identify parks, open space, and other relevant land uses. It also includes the level of service analysis for parks and amenities, benchmarking the District's total acreage of parks and open space and number of amenities to local, state, and national benchmarks. A distribution mapping analysis of the geographic location of parks is also found in this chapter. This information provides insight into potential surpluses or deficiencies the District has in terms of parks, open space, and recreation amenities. This chapter also includes an inventory of the District's facilities, including estimated square feet per type of use and benchmarking analysis. The final section of the chapter is detailed park summaries for each BTPD property.

Chapter Outline

- Demographics
- Existing Conditions
- Asset Inventory
- Park Classifications
- Park & Open Space Inventory Matrix
- Level of Service Analysis
- Acreage
- Distribution
 - Mini Park Distribution Analysis
 - Neighborhood Park Distribution Analysis
 - Community Park Distribution Analysis
- Amenities
- Indoor Facility Inventory Matrix
- Facility Summaries
- Park Summaries

DEMOGRAPHICS

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

Summary

According to 2020 estimates, the Bourbonnais Township Park District has a population of 40,075. Census population numbers from 2020 indicate the population is decreasing at an annual rate of -0.35% and is expected to continue decreasing into 2025. The District's population decline is above the state rate of -0.10% while the national population is growing at a rate of (0.72%).

There are an estimated 14,413 households within the District. According to the U.S. Census, a household "includes all the persons who occupy a housing unit as their usual place of residence." Out of these households, 68.9% (9,931) are families. A family is defined as a household in which one or more people are related to the householder by birth, marriage, or adoption. The average household size in Bourbonnais is 2.62 people. This is expected to remain consistent over the next five years.

Age Distribution

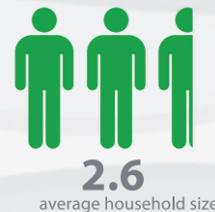
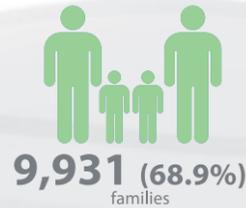
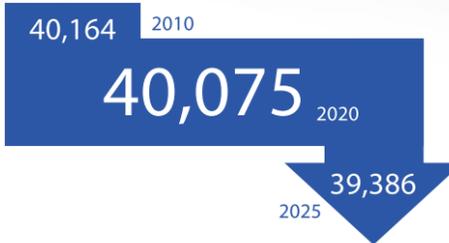
The median age of Bourbonnais residents is 35.9 and the population is aging in place. According to 2020 estimates, 26.2% of the population is over the age of 55. This is projected to increase slightly to 27.3% of the population by 2025. The increase in active adult and senior population growth mirrors that of the state and national trends and these populations are and will continue to be a major Park District demographic. The only other age

group expected to increase in population over the next five years is the adult age group of 35-44 years. Conversely, ESRI anticipates that all other age groups, have and will continue to decrease in population.

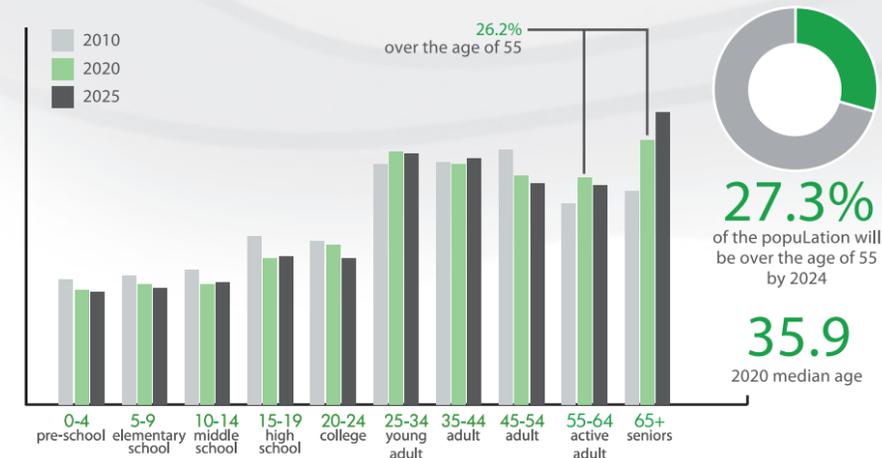
Race and Ethnicity

According to ESRI, the Bourbonnais Township Park District has a diversity index of 26.4. The Diversity Index captures the racial and ethnic diversity of a geographic area in a single number (0 to 100) and allows for efficient analysis of diversity throughout the U.S. The Diversity Index is "the likelihood that two persons, selected at random from the same area, would belong to a different race or ethnic group." According to demographic estimates, 85.4% of District residents indicate their race as White, which results in a low diversity index. The largest minority group within the District are Black Americans, at 6.9% and 7.8% of the population reporting their race as "Hispanic Origin." "Hispanic" refers to a place or origin and is not considered to be race so it was reported separately. Additionally, 2.8% reported as "Some Other Race", 2.7% as "2+ Races" and 2.0% as "Asian"

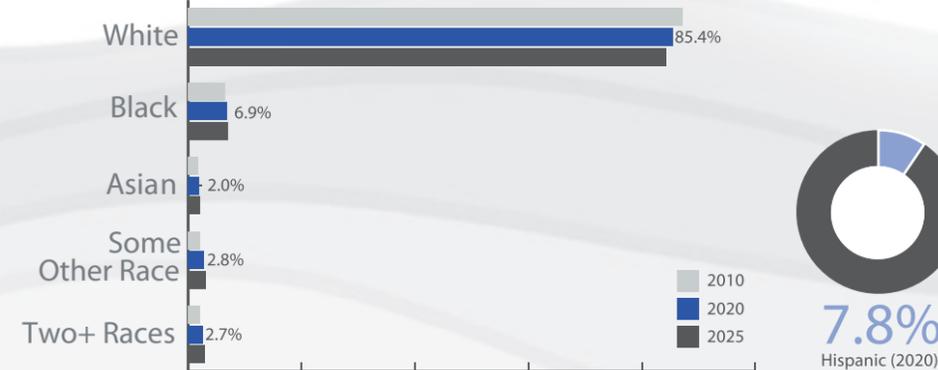
TOTAL POPULATION



AGE DISTRIBUTION

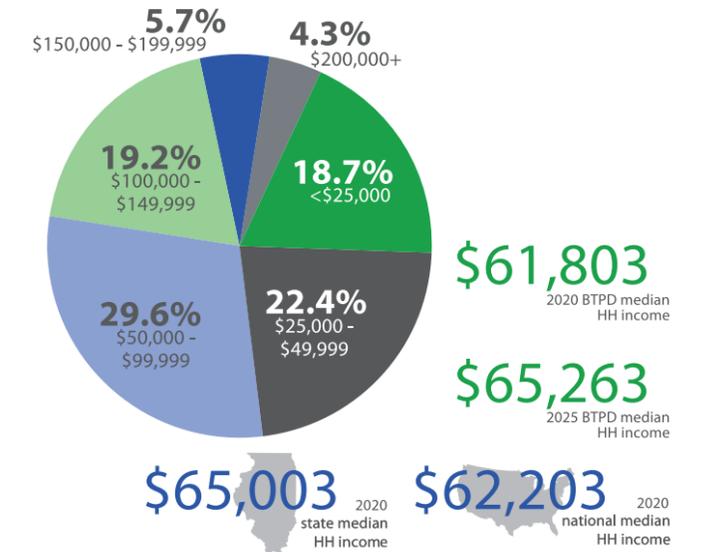


RACE / ETHNICITY



* American Indian Alone: 0.2%
 ** Pacific Islander Alone: 0.1%

INCOME DISTRIBUTION



Income

The median household income for Bourbonnais residents in 2020 is slightly lower than both the state and national median. It is expected that median household income in the District will increase at a rate of about 1.1% per year, which is below the projected growth for the state and the nation (1.5% and 1.6%) but is expected to be near the state and above the national median in 2025. Overall, the percent of Bourbonnais Township Park District residents in each income group is comparable to the state and national trends. The poverty line is defined by Illinois Legal Aid as a household that make less than \$25,000 per year. Although lower than the state and national population (19.1%, 19.7%), 18.7% of the Park District is in poverty.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

The first step in the comprehensive planning process is to understand the Bourbonnais Township Park District surroundings and the existing conditions of the District's assets including land use and open space.

Land Use

Bourbonnais is a Village located on the Kankakee River and expanding to the southwest. The Village largely consists of single-family housing with some multi-family housing located around the Village's business areas. Two large sections of single-family housing exist on the north and west sides, with smaller neighborhoods existing in between the rail line running north to south and Olivet Nazarene University at the center of the Village. Beyond Career Center Road heading west there are a few scattered single-family homes and agricultural land. The largest pocket of businesses exists northwest of the University along William R. Latham Senior Drive and Main Street. Businesses are also located along large vehicular routes including Route 52, Route 102, and Main Street heading south.

Two major transportation corridors pass through the Park District. Interstate 57 runs north-south and US Route 52 runs along it through the center of the District. Illinois Route 102 also runs northwest to southeast, parallel to the Kankakee River on the District's southwest side.

Open Space Providers

The Bourbonnais Township Park District is one of several providers of open space and outdoor recreation within the District boundaries. Four school districts and the Village of Bourbonnais, also provide public open space within the Park District boundaries while private schools provide recreation opportunities to their members. The map to the right displays the open spaces within the Park District.

Public Open Space

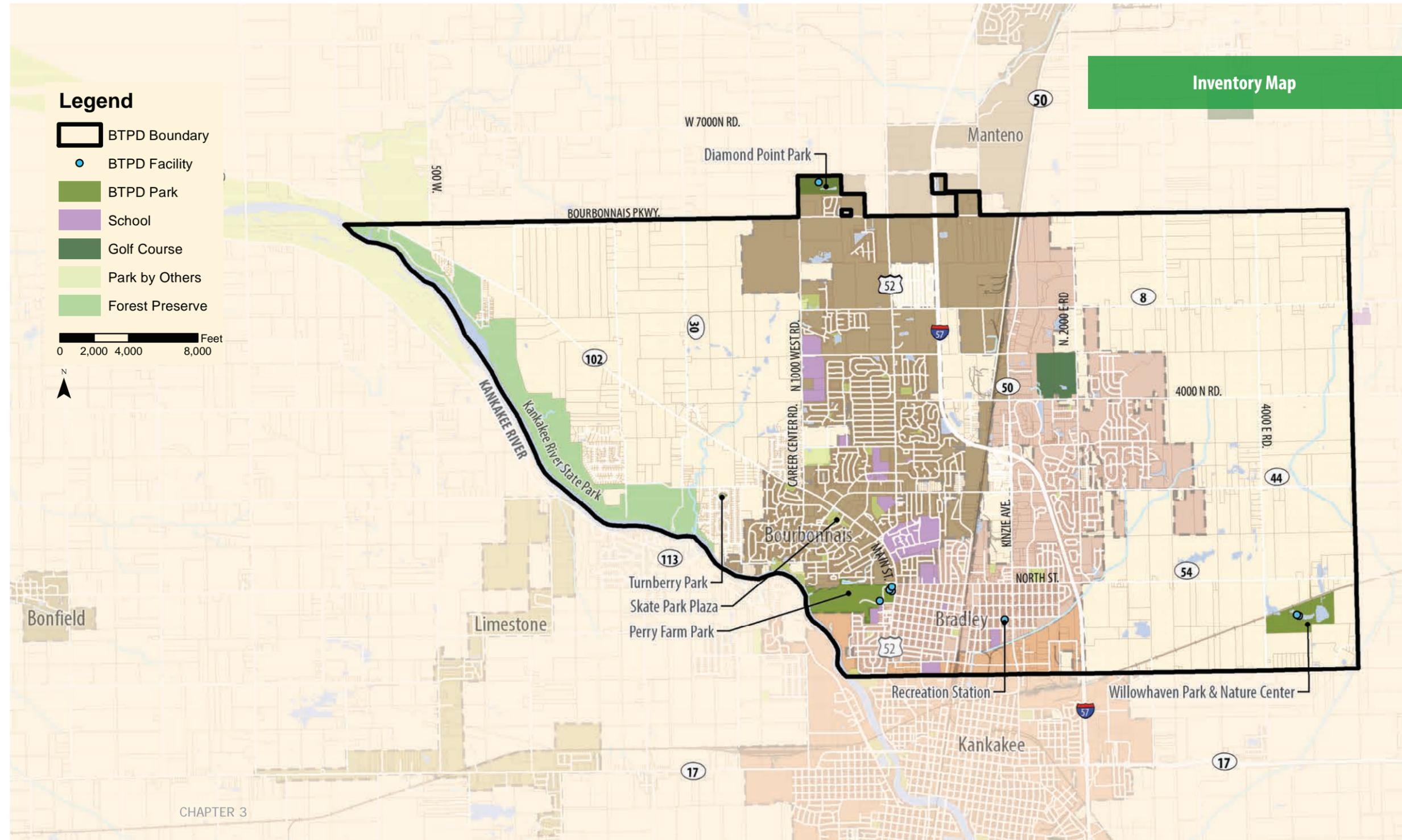
The BTPD has 380.83 acres of active and passive open space and an additional 1,165.63 acres of public open space is provided by others.

Institutional Open Space

Public school districts in the Park District provide about 168.38 acres of open space that can be considered public open space. An additional 52.66 acres of open space are provided by private schools for their students. Olivet Nazarene University provides another 132.12 acres on its campus for their students.

Private Open Space

One private golf club and a church in the District provide a combined 153.92 acres of recreational open space to its members.



NATURAL AREAS

The section outlines the existing natural features present within the District. This includes watersheds, riparian corridors, floodplains, and wetlands. These have been identified to provide a baseline of information and data for long-term

Watershed and Riparian Corridors

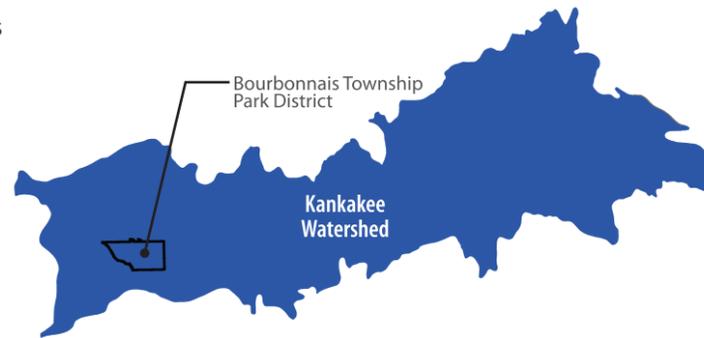
All of the Bourbonnais Township Park District falls within the Kankakee Watershed.

This watershed and the subwatersheds within it are tributaries to the Upper Fox River Basin, draining to the Fox River. The land within this watershed is largely agricultural and drains portions of six counties over an area of about 2,170 square miles in Illinois and Northwest Indiana.

Floodplain

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), through the National Flood Insurance Program, produces Flood Hazard Boundary maps for areas prone to flood hazards. The 100-year floodplain denotes the area potentially affected by the level of floodwater equaled or exceeded every 100 years on average or having a 1% chance of being equaled or exceeded in any single year.

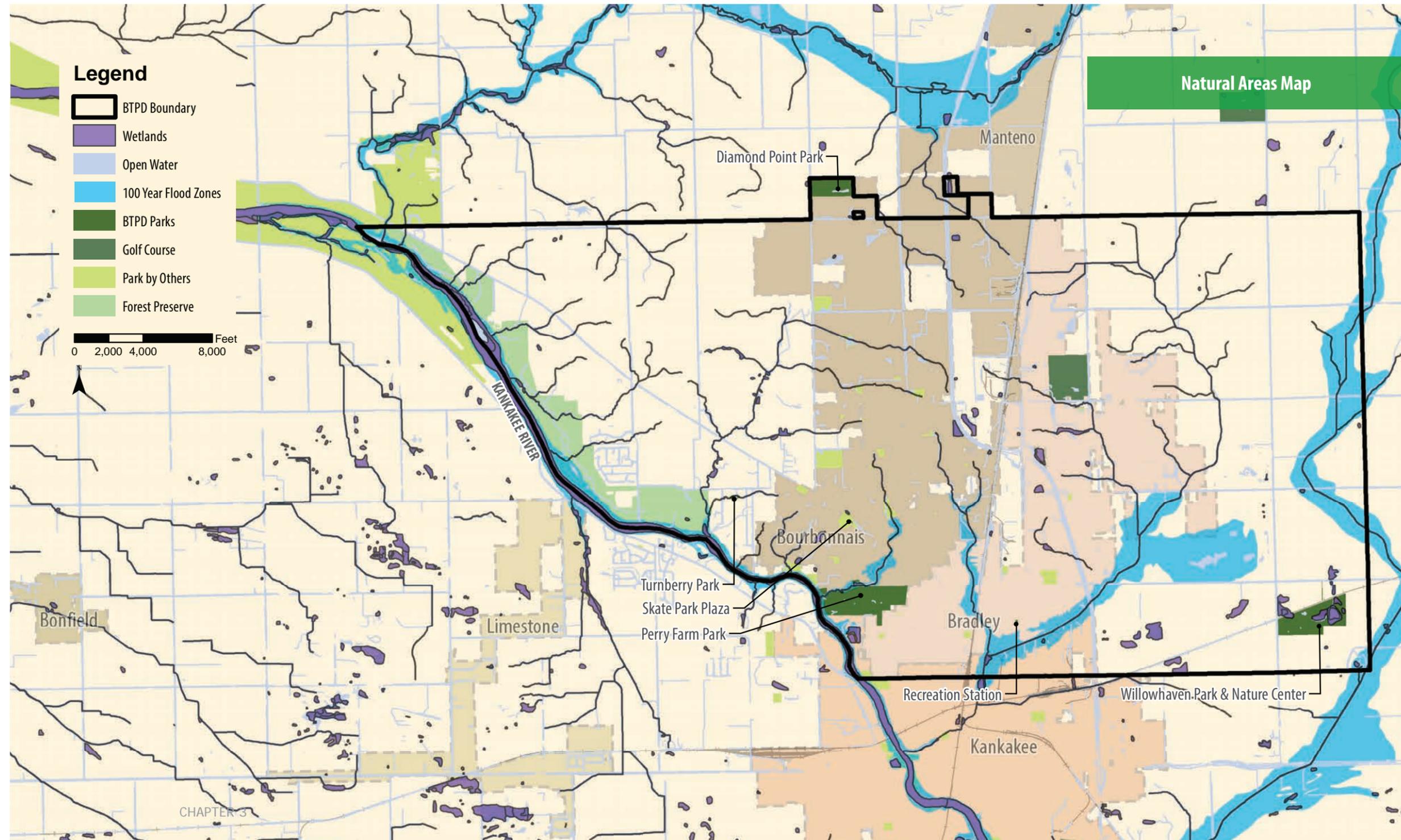
One of the six BTPD parks and open spaces (Perry Farm Park) partially falls within the 100-year floodplain.



Wetlands

Wetlands are defined as lands saturated with water that affects the soil character, plant and animal communities, and surface conditions of the land. Wetland data is from the National Wetlands Inventory (NWI), conducted by the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Wetlands are located throughout the county.

Of the six BTPD locations, Perry Farm Park and Willowhaven Park and Nature Center contain at least one wetland.



Asset Inventory

As a part of the planning process, the Planning Team references the guidelines outlined by the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) - Park, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenway Guidelines Manual updated in 1996.

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

Mini Park, Neighborhood Park, Community Park, Large Urban Park, and Sports Complexes are the six classifications for parks recognized by the NRPA. Large Urban Parks and Sports Complexes are commonly included in the Community Park category.

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

level of service analysis. In the park and open space matrix on the following pages, amenities were quantified to understand the District's total recreational offerings.

The District's indoor space was also inventoried following the park and open space pages. The full list of the District's facilities can be found on page 85.

PARK CLASSIFICATIONS

Classification	General Description	Service Area	Size Criteria	Bourbonnais Township Park District Parks and Facilities
Mini Park*	Mini Parks meet the need for a walkable, drop-in recreation experience. Appropriate elements in these parks include playgrounds, picnic areas, and seating. These parks usually do not include parking. They are used to address limited, isolated, or unique recreational needs.	Less than a 0.25-mile distance in a residential setting and uninterrupted by non-residential roads and other physical barriers.	Typically less than 1 acre in size.	none
Neighborhood Park*	Neighborhood Parks remain the basic unit of the park system and are generally designed for informal active and passive recreation and community gathering spaces. Elements in these parks often include playgrounds, picnic areas, sports fields, and trail systems. Neighborhood Parks serve as the recreational and social focus of the neighborhood.	0.25 to 0.5-mile distance and uninterrupted by non-residential roads and other physical barriers.	Typically ±15 acres.	none
Community Park*	Community Parks focus on meeting community-wide recreation needs. These parks preserve unique landscapes and often serve the community as gathering places and for general athletics. Elements in these parks include playgrounds, pavilions, trails /paths, multiple sports courts, and fields. These parks serve a broad purpose focusing on meeting community-based recreation needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces.	Determined by the quality and suitability of the site. Usually serves two or more neighborhoods and 0.5 to 3-mile distance.	As needed to accommodate desired uses. Usually a minimum of 25 acres.	Diamond Point Park, Perry Farm Park, Willowhaven Park and Nature Center
Special Use*	Special use facilities focus on meeting community-wide recreation needs. Often, these spaces (indoor and outdoor) are designed as single-use active recreation. Examples include golf courses, nature centers, recreation centers, and museums. These facilities/parks may also charge admission.	No applicable standard.	Variable, depending on desired the amenity.	Recreation Station, Skate Park Plaza
Undeveloped Park	Undeveloped parks are lands owned by the agency, but not yet developed with any active or passive recreation amenities or meaningful access to the site such as trails and seating areas. These areas are eligible for future recreation development.	No applicable standard.	Variable.	Turnberry Park
Natural Area* (NA)	Natural Areas include conservation and wildlife areas, wooded areas, and waterways that are reserved exclusively for nature conservation. Development of these properties is limited to passive recreation use only. They may be restored to their natural state and require maintenance.	Service radius is unlimited.	No applicable standard.	none
Trails and Linear Parks* (T)	These spaces effectively tie park system components together to form a continuous park environment.	Resource availability and opportunity.	No applicable standard.	none

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

	ACREAGE		TRAILS		INDOOR FACILITIES			DAY USE AMENITIES						
	Acres - Own	Acres - Lease / Manage	Regional Trail Access	Multi-Use Trails Miles (paved)	Nature / Interpretive Miles (unpaved)	Indoor Program / Support Facility	Restrooms	Concessions	Stage/Ampitheater	Fitness Stations	Dog Park	Picnic Shelter	Baggo Court	Playground

OTHER DISTRICT OPEN SPACE & FACILITIES

Natural Areas														
(none)														
Natural Area Acreage														
	0.0	0.0												
	0.0													

Special Use														
Recreation Station														
	0.8					X	X							1
Skate Park Plaza														
	0.4													
Special Use Acreage														
	1.2	0.0												
	1.2													

Trails, Corridors, and Linear Parks / Greenways														
(none)														
Trail, Corridor and Linear Park Acreage														
	0.0	0.0												
	0.0													

Undeveloped Park														
Turnberry Park														
	2.5													
Undeveloped Park Acreage														
	2.5	0.0												
	2.5													

TOTAL DISTRICT HOLDINGS														
	382.1	0.0	1	5.17	0.58	3	4	1	1	3	2	8	4	4

BEYOND USEFUL LIFE						0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
AMENITIES AT CURRENT STANDARDS						3	4	1	1	3	2	6	4	4

SPORTS COURTS AND AMENITIES														WATER-BASED AMENITIES					NATURAL FEATURES		
Basketball	Baseball	Softball	Disc Golf (holes)	Football / Rugby	Golf Course (holes)	Golf Driving Range	Horseshoe Pit	Lacrosse	Pickleball Court	Skate Park	Soccer	Tennis Court	Volleyball Court	Swimming Pool	Splash Pad	Ice Skating	Sled Hill	Boat Launch	Fishing	Creek / River / Open Water	Natural Area / Gardens

OTHER DISTRICT OPEN SPACE & FACILITIES

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0.5	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	4	2

LEVEL OF SERVICE ANALYSIS

This Level of Service analysis evaluates how well the Bourbonnais Township Park District's parks, facilities, and amenities are serving the current needs of the community.

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

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

- Be practical and achievable
- Provide for an equitable allocation of park and recreation resources throughout a community with equal opportunity access for all citizens
- Reflect the real-time demand of the citizens for park and recreation opportunities

The Level of Service standard uses three measurements to help a community to evaluate the comprehensiveness and equity of their current outdoor park and recreation offerings. These are:

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

Level of Service guidelines are developed by state and national agencies, including the NRPA. Historically, a Level of Service analysis has been limited to total park and open space acreage alone and did not include distribution, amenities, or indoor square footage.



The national standard for acreage Level of Service was 10 acres per 1,000 population, but as park and recreation planning developed, professionals saw the need to develop a more comprehensive benchmarking tool that could be adjusted for and specific to each community. Because one size does not fit all, the NRPA recommends using community-specific benchmarks if needed.

Park Metrics is the NRPA's online management tool, designed for public park and recreation agencies. This tool is a supplement to the NRPA standards that have guided land acquisition and development for the past 45 years. Through this tool, agencies have the ability to compare themselves and their offerings with departments and agencies in their state or region. Agencies can also compare themselves to others based on factors such as total population, operating budget, and full-time technical equivalent employees. Now, agencies can plan and benchmark with more applicable data than national averages.

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

The following Level of Service analyses reference national NRPA standards, Park Metrics benchmarks, and state-specific standards set by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. The Bourbonnais Township Park District was compared against 2020 data for agencies with populations between 35,000 and 45,000 registered with the NRPA's Park Metrics. 21 comparable agencies located in Midwest states were found.

Acreage

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

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

Based on the benchmark of 10 acres per 1,000 population, 400.8 acres of Mini, Neighborhood, and Community Park space is recommended for the District. These park assets are designated as "Active Recreation Areas". With 377.1 acres of open space dedicated to Mini, Neighborhood, and Community Park uses, the District has a 23.65-acre deficiency compared to this benchmark, with acreage deficiencies in Mini and Neighborhood Parks, but a surplus in Community Parks. The District has a level of service of 9.41 acres per 1,000 population, which is also below the NRPA recommended 10 acres per 1,000.

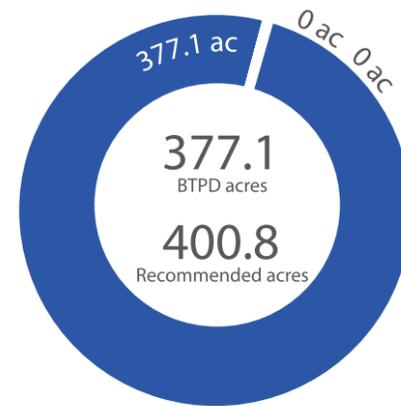
When all District-owned and maintained recreation open space is added to the Level of Service analysis, the District is 19.92 acres below the NRPA recommendation. This Level of Service gauge includes Open Space, Special Use Parks, and Natural Areas, in addition to Mini, Neighborhood, and Community Parks. When including all of these properties, the Department has an overall level of service of 9.50 acres per 1,000 population.

The Park Metrics database was referenced to understand how the Bourbonnais Township Park District compares to agencies across the nation with similar population sizes. The Bourbonnais Township Park District has a population of 40,075. Out of over 600 agencies reporting, there were 21 agencies located in the Midwest with populations between 35,000 and 45,000. Park Metrics provided information on the following level of service benchmarks:

- Total Number of Parks
- Total Park Acres
- Acres of Parks per 1,000 Residents

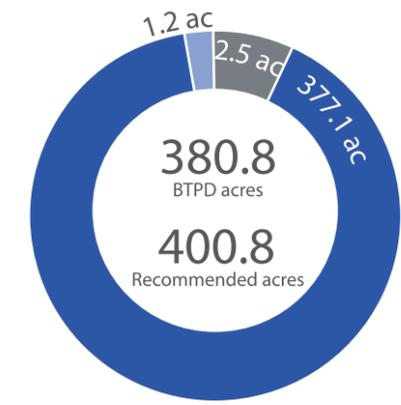
The Bourbonnais Township Park District owns and/or maintains 6 park sites that total 380.8 acres, this is just below than the reported median of 9 parks and also slightly lower than the median of 385 acres for comparable agencies as reported by Park Metrics.

BTPD Active Recreation Acreage



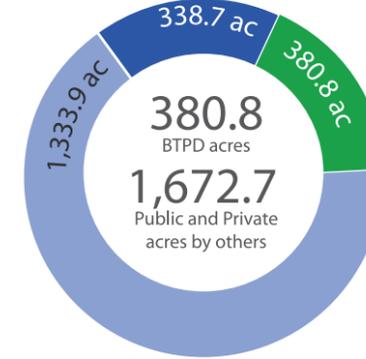
Legend: Mini Park (light green), Neighborhood Park (dark green), Community Park (blue)

BTPD-Owned Acreage



Legend: Mini Park (light green), Neighborhood Park (dark green), Community Park (blue), Special Use (light blue)

All Recreation Acreage



Legend: BTPD Recreation (dark green), Public Recreation by others (light blue), Private Recreation by others (medium blue), Undeveloped Park (grey)

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

OWNED / LEASED ACTIVE RECREATION AREAS					
Classification	BTPD Acreage (Total)	BTPD Existing Level of Service (acres / 1,000 population)	IAPD/NRPA Recommended Acreage	IAPD/NRPA Recommended Level of Service (acres / 1,000 population)	Acreage deficiency / surplus (acre)
Mini Park	0.00	0.00	20.04	0.50	-20.04
Neighborhood Park	0.00	0.00	80.15	2.00	-80.15
Community Park	377.10	9.41	300.56	7.50	76.54
Total Active Recreation Areas	377.10	9.41	400.75	10.00	-23.65

Recommended acreage is based off the existing population of 40,075

ALL BTPD MANAGED OPEN SPACE					
Classification	BTPD Acreage (Total)	BTPD Existing Level of Service (acres / 1,000 population)	IAPD/NRPA Recommended Acreage	IAPD/NRPA Recommended Level of Service (acres / 1,000 population)	Acreage deficiency / surplus (acre)
Mini Park	0.00	0.00	20.04	0.50	-20.04
Neighborhood Park	0.00	0.00	80.15	2.00	-80.15
Community Park	377.10	9.41	300.56	7.50	76.54
Natural Areas	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Special Use	1.23	0.03	0.00	0.00	1.23
Trails and Linear Parks / Greenways	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Undeveloped Park	2.50	0.06	0.00	0.00	2.50
Total BTPD Open Space	380.83	9.50	400.75	10.00	-19.92

ALL OPEN SPACE	
Classification	Total Public Open Space
BTP Total Parks & Open Space	380.83
Parks by Others	123.75
Public School Open Space	168.36
Forest Preserve/State Park Open Space	1,041.88
Total Public Open Space	1,714.82

ALL OPEN SPACE	
Classification	Total Private Open Space
Private Open Space	153.92
Private School Open Space	52.66
University and College	132.12
Total Private Open Space	338.70

Park Metrics Benchmarks

35,000-45,000 population			21 agencies
Benchmark	Park Metrics Median	BTPD	
Total number of properties maintained	9	6	
Total acres maintained	385.1	380.8	
Acres/1,000 Residents	9.4	9.5	

Distribution

Planning areas are used to analyze park distribution, land acquisition, and park facility redevelopment needs. Planning areas are delineated by major pedestrian barriers, including major roads or highways, railroad corridors, and impassible natural features.

The location and geographic distribution of the parks themselves can offer an indication of how well an agency is serving its residents. By understanding where parks are located in relation to residential development determines who is underserved. This analysis may reveal the need for acquisition to expand service or may show that the District is serving the residents well and should focus on maintaining or updating existing assets.

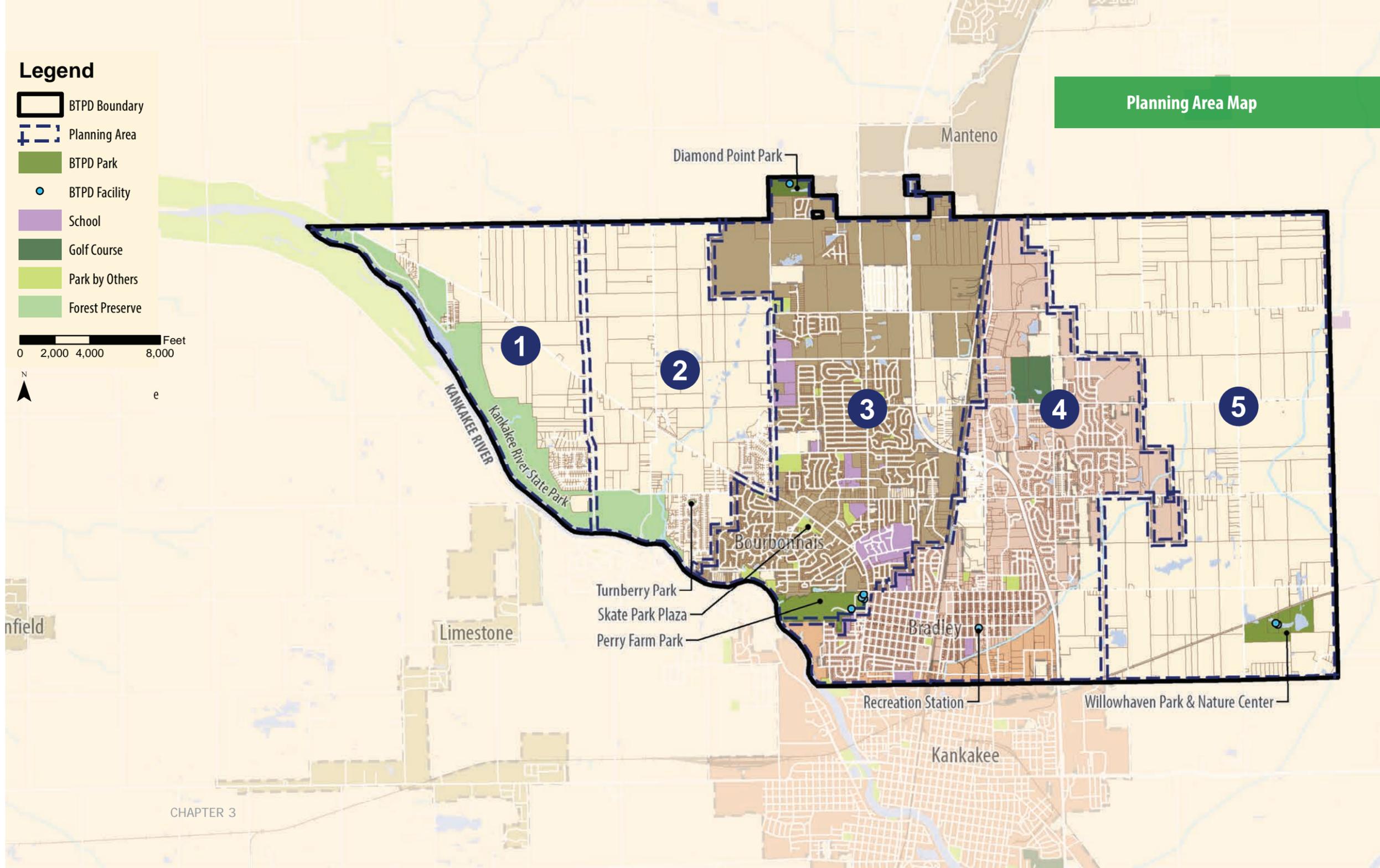
Methodology

In the Bourbonnais Township Park District, arterial roads, Interstate 57, and the overall long-distance between population centers and some Park District locations serve as the main pedestrian barriers. However, because the BTPD's mission is to provide special-use destinations, each of its locations are considered a drive-to destination and access is not limited by barriers to pedestrian access. Instead, planning areas are determined by population centers.

A service area, illustrated in the following maps with an orange halo, was created around each individual park. The shape of each service area is determined by analyzing the existing road and sidewalk infrastructure to identify the actual route and distance one has to travel to access the park. The size of the service area is dependent upon the park classification and is either a quarter-, half-, or one-mile. The table on page 61 notes the various recommended service area distances for Mini, Neighborhood, and Community Parks. Undeveloped Parks and Special Use sites, are not included in this analysis.

Service area buffers for Mini and Neighborhood parks are typically truncated to the planning area boundaries in which the park is located. Planning Area boundaries are considered barriers to safe or comfortable pedestrian access, and Mini, Neighborhood, and School Parks are considered walk-to (walkable) destinations. For Community Parks, the boundaries were not truncated because these parks are seen as drive-to destinations. However, because all of the BTPD properties are drive-to destinations and the planning areas are not determined by barriers, the planning areas are not true cases in this study.

Finally, areas where the orange service area buffers overlap to form a gradient illustrates the degree to which residents are served. The darker the orange, the better these residents are served. Residents who fall within the darker or opaque orange areas are served by multiple parks and their amenities. Population for each planning and service area further informed the level of service analysis.



Mini Park Distribution Analysis

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

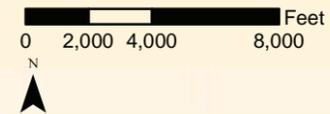
The purpose of the Mini Park Distribution Analysis is to determine which planning areas are under-served by the District's existing Mini Park landholdings. Currently, the District has no Mini Parks.

The map on the right illustrates the quarter-mile (0.25-mile) service area reach for Mini parks. This plan also illustrates a quarter-mile service area (shown in orange) for Neighborhood and Community Parks, as these parks can serve the function of a Mini Park for those residents within a quarter-mile distance from the park. According to NRPA's Park, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenway Guidelines, Mini Park service areas do not include residents who must cross a planning area boundary to reach the park.

The map illustrates where Mini Park service is concentrated within the Park District. Because the Park District offers a small number of destination parks, a very small percent of Bourbonnais Township Park District residents (7.6%) have access to an active recreation park provided by BTPD within a 0.25-mile walk of their homes. However, public parks and school properties provided by others are concentrated in the Park District's population centers and service additional residents.

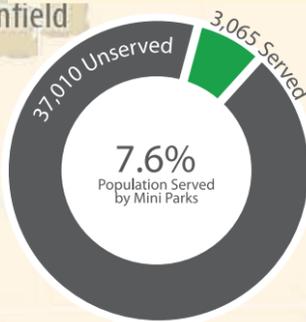
Legend

-  BTPD Boundary
-  Planning Area
-  0.25-mile Service Area
-  BTPD Park
-  BTPD Facility
-  School
-  Golf Course
-  Park by Others
-  Forest Preserve

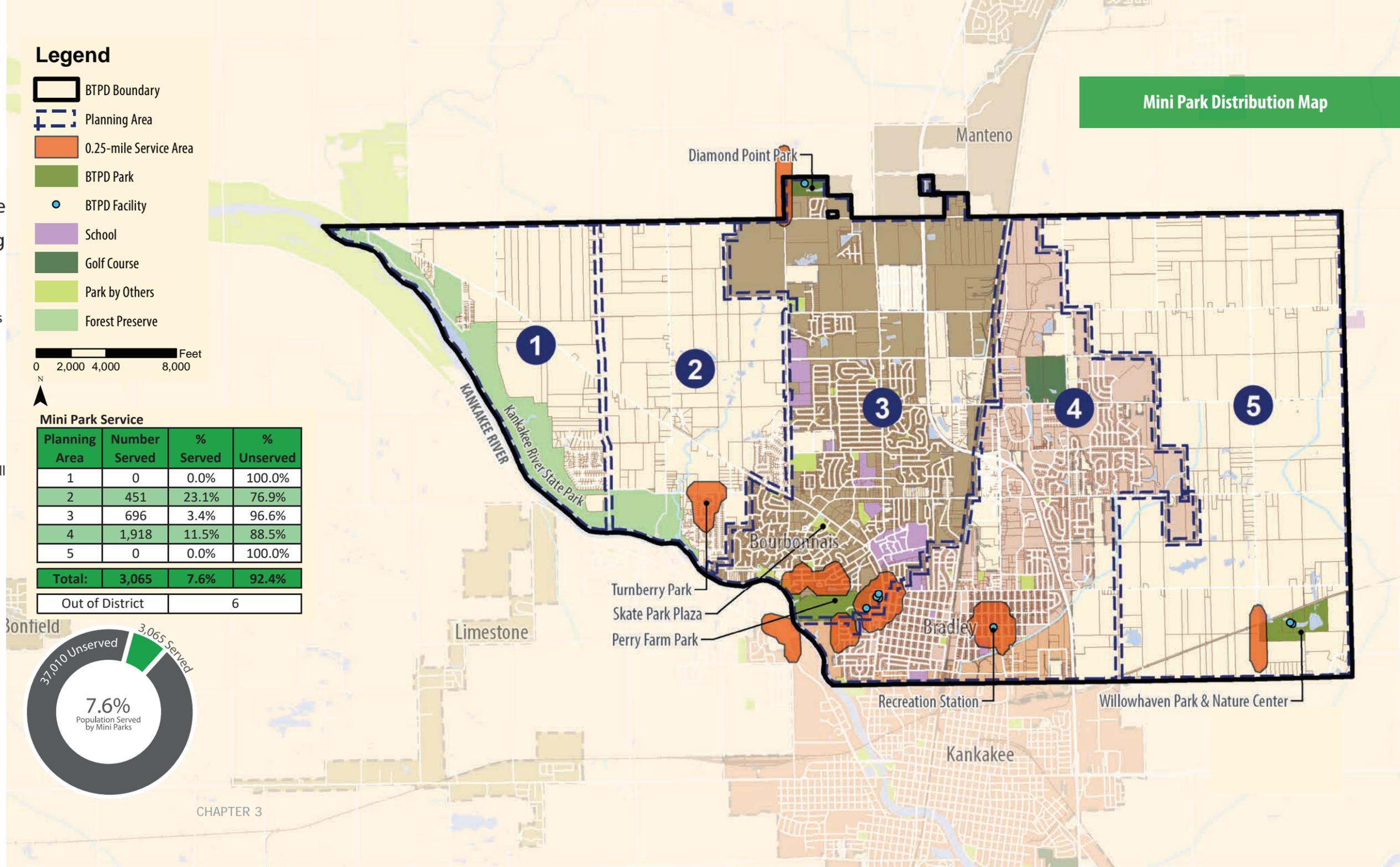


Mini Park Service

Planning Area	Number Served	% Served	% Unserved
1	0	0.0%	100.0%
2	451	23.1%	76.9%
3	696	3.4%	96.6%
4	1,918	11.5%	88.5%
5	0	0.0%	100.0%
Total:	3,065	7.6%	92.4%
Out of District			6



Mini Park Distribution Map



Neighborhood Park Distribution Analysis

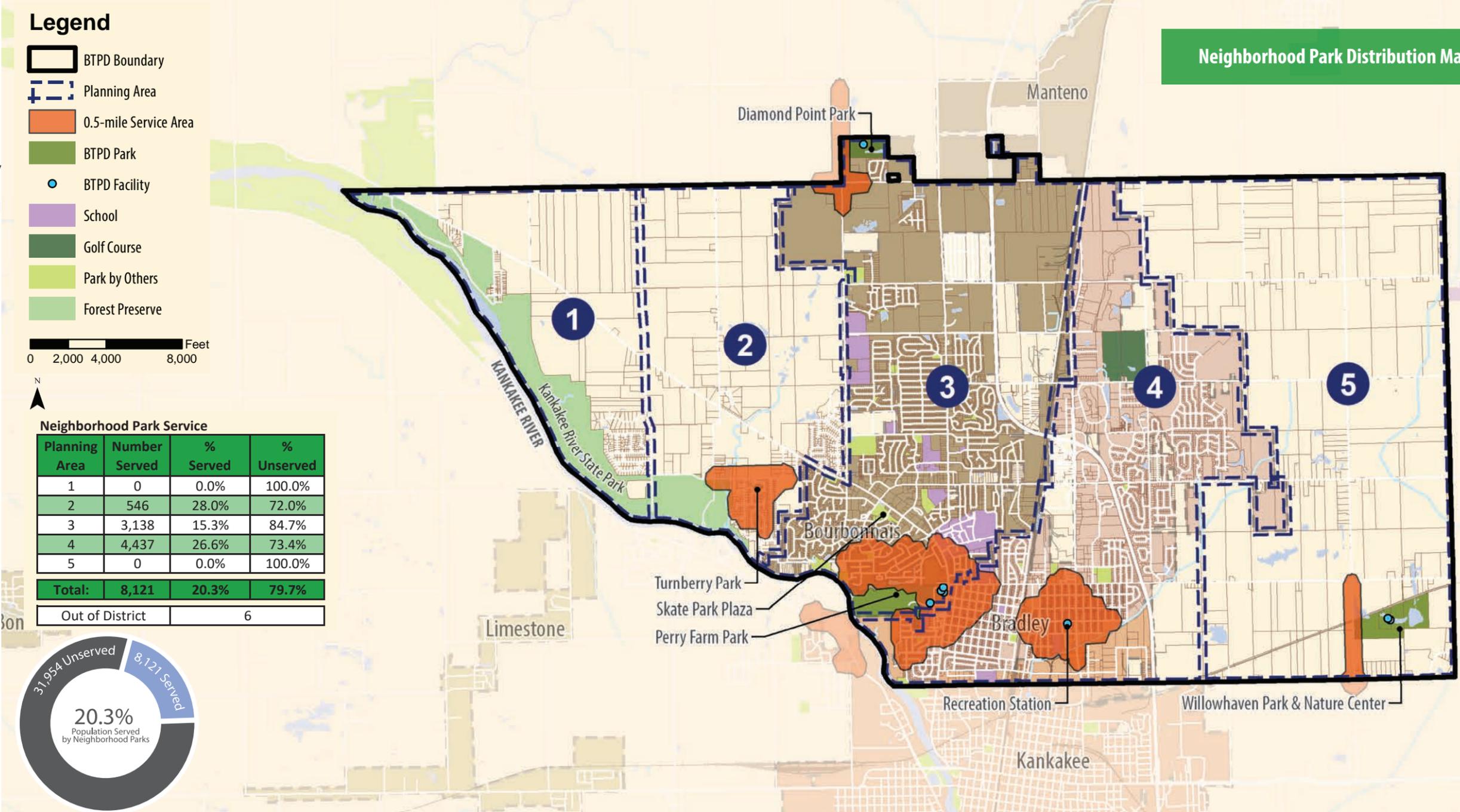
Neighborhood Parks remain the basic unit of the park system and are generally designed for informal active and passive recreation and community gathering spaces.

The purpose of the Neighborhood Park Distribution Analysis is to determine which planning areas are under-served by the District's existing Neighborhood Park landholdings. Currently, the District has no Neighborhood Parks.

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

The map to the right illustrates where Neighborhood Park service is concentrated within the Bourbonnais Township Park District. Similar to mini park service, Neighborhood Park service by BTPD locations is limited, serving about 20.3% of residents, while park properties provided by others serve additional residents.

Neighborhood Park Distribution Map



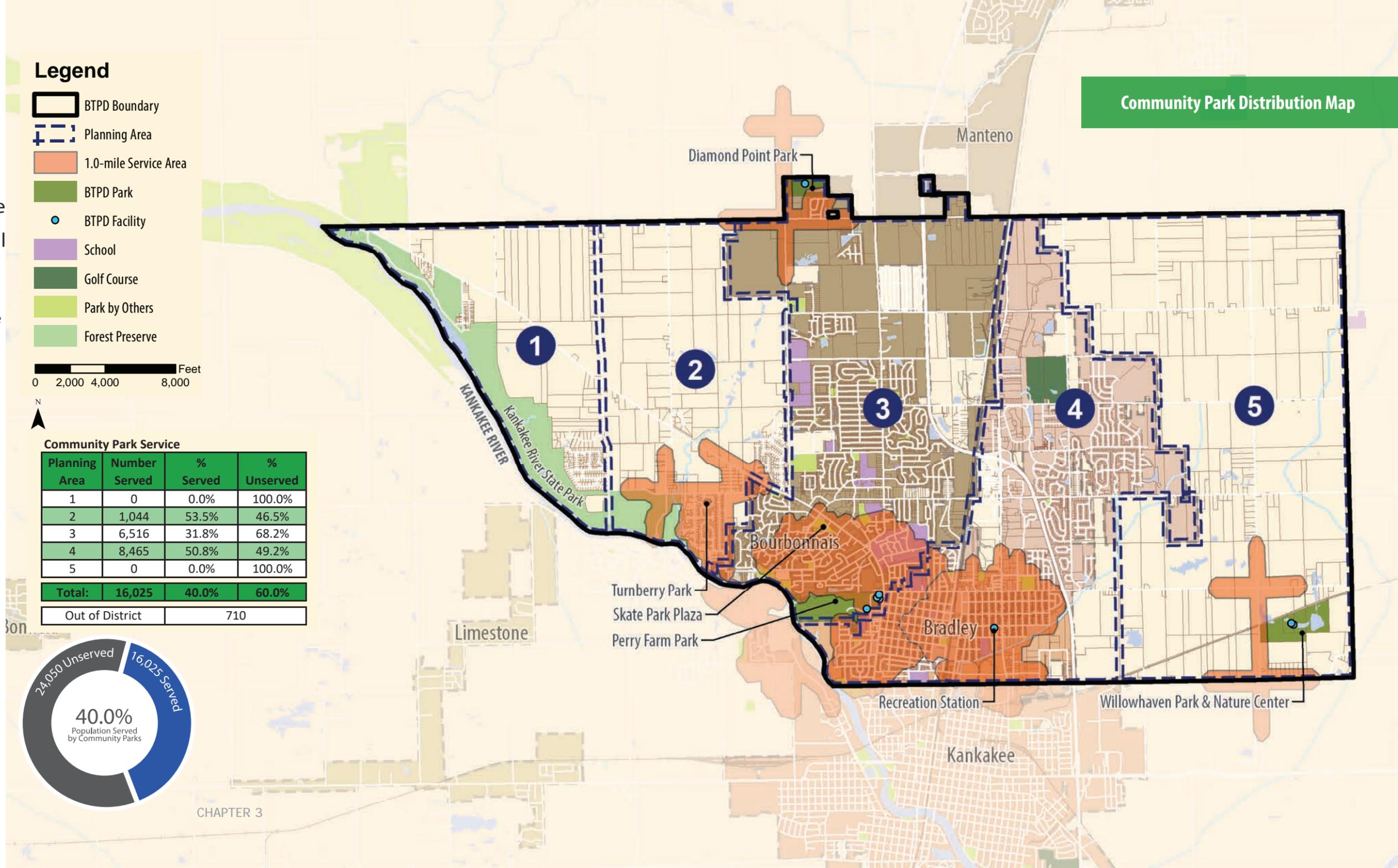
Community Park Distribution Analysis

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

The purpose of the Community Park Distribution Analysis is to determine the location of gaps in Community Park service area coverage. Currently, the District has three Community Parks that are between 67.0 acres and 174.5 acres in size.

The map on the right illustrates the one-mile (1-mile) service area reach for Community parks, shown in orange. It is common for these drive-to destinations to cover multiple planning areas and are community destinations for District residents even across large geographic areas like the BTPD. Community Park Service Areas also extend past municipal boundaries and it is common for local residents who do not live within the District to utilize these spaces as well.

Of the five planning areas, only one does not have a Community Park or an adjacent Community Park Service Area extending into it, planning area 1. Additionally, while planning area 5 includes a park, neither planning area has any residents served within one-mile of their homes. Overall, only about 40% of residents are served by a TPD location, but community parks provided by others do provide additional access to active recreation.



Amenities

In addition to park acreage and distribution, another measure of Level of Service is the total number of recreational amenities available to residents. These benchmarks come from the Illinois Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP), the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) Park Metrics databases, and local peer agencies

SCORP Comparison

Based on the Illinois SCORP, the Bourbonnais Township Park District meets or exceeds the recommended number of amenities for 4 of the 31 amenities outlined in the chart to the right. Amenities that meet or exceed the recommendation are identified by green text in the "Surplus / Deficit" column.

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

- Tennis Courts: -19.6
- Cross Country Trails: -16.0
- Fishing Pier/ Docks/ Access: -13.4
- Playgrounds: -12.2
- Baseball Fields: -10.4

Additionally, the last column on the right prioritizes the amenities most in need according to the SCORP benchmarking where 1 represents the highest priority.

This surplus/deficit analysis only counts District amenities that are at current standards (not beyond their useful life). By replacing aged assets, the District can quickly meet or exceed some of these recommendations.

SCORP Amenities Needs Analysis	Name			Illinois Facility Average		Surplus / Deficit	Ranking
	Existing # of Facilities (total)	Existing # of Facilities at current standards	Existing # of Facilities per 1,000 population	Total # of Facilities needed to meet IL Average	IL Average # of Facilities per 1,000 population	Surplus / Deficit	Highest to Lowest Need
WATER-BASED FACILITIES							
Fishing Pier / Docks / Access	3	3	0.07	16.4	0.41	-13.4	3
Boat Launch Ramps / Access	0	0	0.00	4.8	0.12	-4.8	14
Swimming Pools	0	0	0.00	1.1	0.03	-1.1	23
Spray Grounds / Splash Pads	1	1	0.02	1.2	0.03	-0.2	29
TRAILS							
Multi-Use Trails (Miles)	5.17	5.17	0.13	6.5	0.16	-1.4	22
Physical Fitness Trails (Stations)	3	3	0.07	8.8	0.22	-5.8	11
Nature / Interpretive Trails (Miles)	0.58	0.58	0.01	2.2	0.05	-1.6	20
Cross-Country Trails	0	0	0.00	16.0	0.40	-16.0	2
Snowmobile Trails	0	0	0.00	4.4	0.11	-4.4	15
Ski Trails	0	0	0.00	7.2	0.18	-7.2	9
DAY USE FACILITIES							
Picnic Shelters	8	6	0.15	8.3	0.21	-2.3	16
Playgrounds	4	4	0.10	16.2	0.40	-12.2	4
Interpretive Centers	3	3	0.07	0.4	0.01	2.6	35
SPORTS COURTS AND FACILITIES							
Tennis Courts	0	0	0.00	19.6	0.49	-19.6	1
Basketball Courts	0.5	0.5	0.01	10.0	0.25	-9.5	7
Volleyball Courts	1	1	0.02	6.8	0.17	-5.8	12
Baseball Fields	2	0	0.00	10.4	0.26	-10.4	5
Softball Fields	5	0	0.00	5.6	0.14	-5.6	13
Football Fields	0	0	0.00	2.2	0.05	-2.2	17
Soccer Fields	0	0	0.00	7.1	0.18	-7.1	10
Golf Course (18-Hole Course)	0	0	0.00	0.3	0.01	-0.3	27
Golf Course (9-Hole Course)	0	0	0.00	0.2	0.01	-0.2	28
Golf Driving Range	0	0	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	30
Ice Rinks	0	0	0.00	1.6	0.04	-1.6	21
Horseshoe Pits	0	0	0.00	9.7	0.24	-9.7	6
Bocce Court	0	0	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	30
Shuffleboard courts	0	0	0.00	1.8	0.05	-1.8	19
Dog Parks	2	2	0.05	0.3	0.01	1.7	34
Frisbee Golf	9	9	0.22	0.3	0.01	8.7	36
Skate Park	1	1	0.02	0.7	0.02	0.3	33
Field Hockey	0	0	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	30

*Benchmarks are based off the existing population of 40,075

Surplus Amenities Deficit Amenities

Park Metrics Comparison

In addition to the SCORP averages, the planning team referenced NRPA's Park Metrics to identify how Bourbonnais Township Park District compares to other agencies in the Midwest states with populations between 35,000 and 45,000. Park Metrics provided information about the total population per amenity for 12 different recreation outdoor amenity types for the 21 agencies within this population range.

Compared to the Park Metrics benchmark, the BTPD offers fewer amenities than other agencies for most of the recorded items. The top five amenities with the greatest deficiencies compared to the Park Metrics benchmark are:

- Baseball Fields (adult)
- Baseball Fields (youth)
- Softball Fields (youth)
- Soccer / Lacrosse / Rugby Fields
- Tennis Courts

The table to the right compares the total number of District-owned and managed facilities to agencies with similar populations.

Park Metrics Amenity Needs Analysis

Existing Population 2021

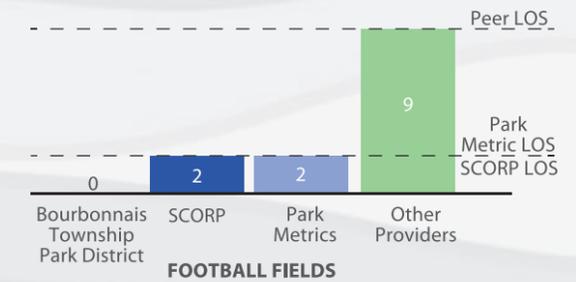
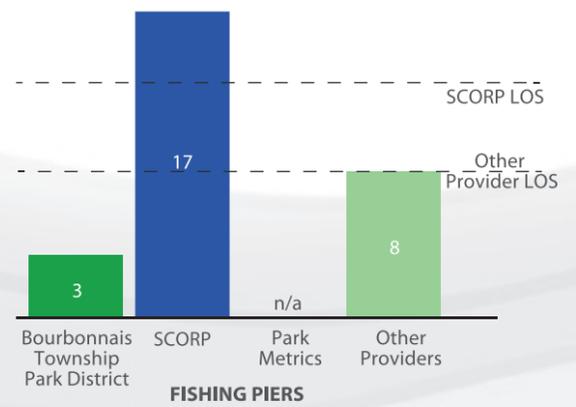
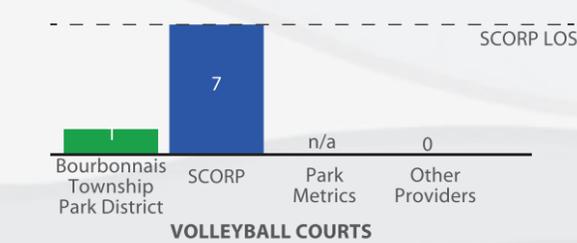
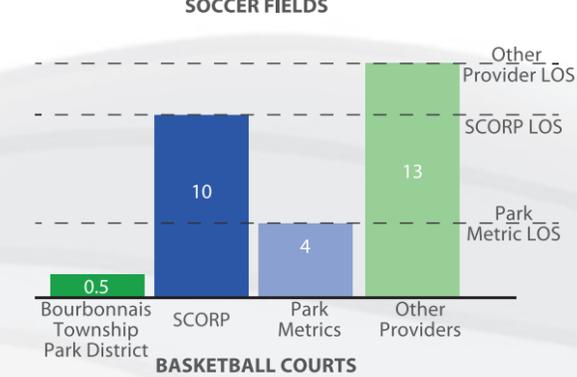
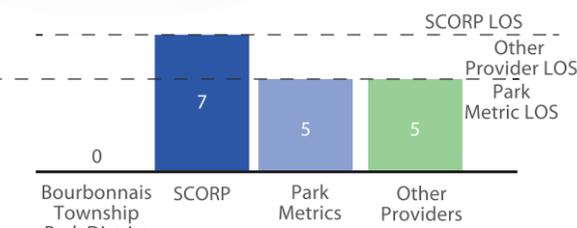
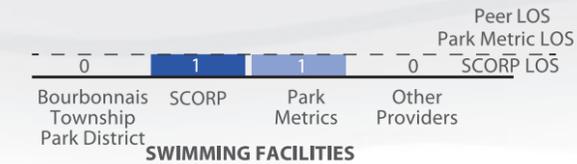
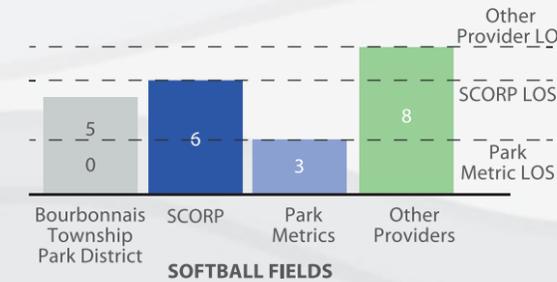
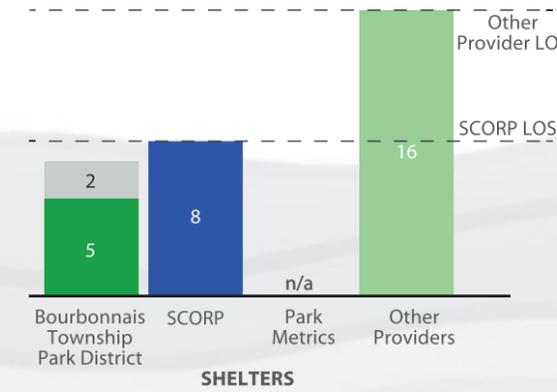
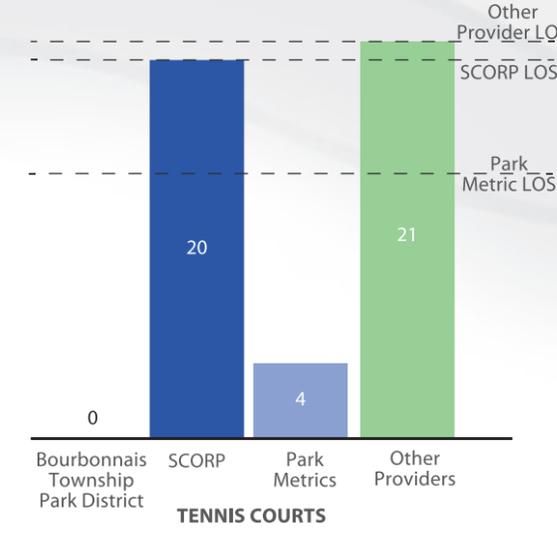
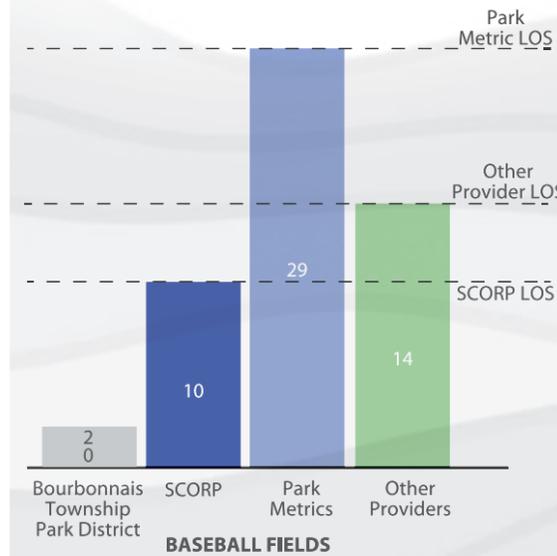
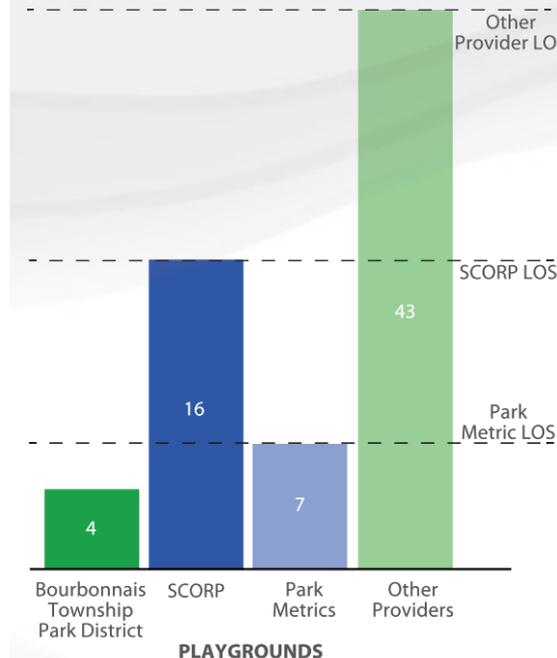
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	Existing # of Facilities (total)	Existing # of Facilities at current standards	Existing # of Facilities per population	Total # of Facilities needed to meet Park Metrics median	Surplus / Deficit	Highest to Lowest Need	Population per Facility (per Park Metrics)
DAY USE FACILITIES							
Playgrounds	4	4	0.10	6.7	-2.7	8	6,000
Dog Park	2	2	0.05	1.0	1.0	12	39,000
Aquatics Center	0	0	0.00	0.9	-0.9	10	44,000
SPORTS COURTS AND FACILITIES							
Tennis Courts	0	0	0.00	3.8	-3.8	5	10,500
Basketball Courts	0.5	0.5	0.01	3.7	-3.2	7	10,856
Volleyball Courts	1	1	0.02	1.8	-0.8	11	21,976
Baseball Fields (youth)	0	0	0.00	7.6	-7.6	2	5,264
Baseball Fields (adult)	2	0	0.00	28.6	-28.6	1	1,400
Softball Fields (youth)	0	0	0.00	7.4	-7.4	3	5,428
Softball Fields (adult)	5	0	0.00	3.2	-3.2	6	12,342
Football Fields	0	0	0.00	2.1	-2.1	9	18,785
Soccer/ Lacrosse/Rugby Fields	0	0	0.00	4.9	-4.9	4	8,158

*Benchmarks are based off the existing population of 40,075

The charts on the right compare the BTPD provided amenities to the SCORP and Park Metrics benchmarks. Because amenities beyond their useful lives are not included in these benchmarks, they are identified in these charts by gray boxes and their quantities are noted separated.

Additionally, because there are a significant quantity of recreation amenities provided by others within the BTPD boundary, these charts also include the number of amenities offered by other providers. When considering all of the available amenities offered by the BTPD and others, the need for some types of amenities is significantly reduced. Comparing all amenities offered to SCORP and Park Metrics, there is a potential need for the following amenities:

- Baseball Fields
- Soccer fields
- Volleyball courts
- Fishing piers
- Swimming facilities



FACILITY ANALYSIS

This analysis offers a detailed review of the existing facilities maintained by the Bourbonnais Township Park District and the uses of its indoor recreation spaces.

Introduction

This section includes an inventory and analysis of the District's eight recreation facilities including offered amenities, estimated square footage by use, and benchmarking comparisons. Because benchmarking data and definitions are not provided for the number or square footage of specific amenities (restrooms, activity rooms, etc.), amenities that are available are noted with an "x" rather than a specific quantity.

This information is documented to serve as a general facility reference guide and is based on estimates by the planning team and Park District staff based on available floor plans and aerial photography.

Indoor Facility Inventory Matrix

Facility	Administration SF	Recreation SF	Support SF
Diamond Point Maintenance Facilities*			1,686
Exploration Station	873	7,807	2,343
Perry Farm Administrative Office (Perry Farm House)*	2,896	2,140	
Perry Farm Buildings (Barns)*			3,190
Perry Farm Maintenance Facility*			3,817
Recreation Station	1,321	5,564	4,086
Willowhaven Maintenance Facility*			2,238
Willowhaven Nature Center	471	2,106	2,633
Sub-Total Square Footage:	5,561	17,617	19,993
Grand Total Square Footage:		43,171	

Administration: Spaces used by administrative staff for Park District operations.

Recreation: Spaces used for offering Park District programs, services, and activities for BTPD customers.

Support: Spaces used for maintenance, storage, and mechanical functions.

*Square footage was estimated using aerial imagery where floor plans were unavailable

Facility Inventory Matrix

	Total Square Footage	RESTROOMS		ADMIN		ACTIVITY ROOMS					RECREATION AND FITNESS						OTHER					
		Restrooms	Locker Rooms	Reception Desk	Office	Kitchen	Concessions	Banquet / Community	Classroom / Multipurpose	Art Room	Teen Room	Auditorium	Gymnasium	Indoor Turf	Fitness / Weight Room	Aquatics	Indoor Activity Courts	Dance	Storage	General	Greenhouse	Maintenance
INDOOR FACILITIES																						
Recreation & Fitness Programming																						
Recreation Station	10,971	X		X	X	X			X													
Recreation & Fitness Programming	10,971																					
Single-Use																						
Exploration Station	11,023	X		X	X	X			X										X			
Willowhaven Nature Center	5,210	X		X	X														X	X		
Perry Farm Buildings (Barns)	3,190	X																	X			
Single-Use	19,423																					
Aquatics																						
(none)	0																					
Aquatics	0																					
Maintenance/Operations																						
Diamond Point Maintenance Facilities	1,686	X			X														X	X		X
Perry Farm Administrative Office (Perry Farm House)	5,036	X			X																	
Perry Farm Maintenance Facility	3,817	X			X														X	X		X
Willowhaven Maintenance Facility	2,238																		X	X		X
Maintenance	12,777																					
TOTAL INDOOR FACILITY HOLDINGS	43,171	7	0	3	6	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	4	0	3

Facility Square Footage

Square Footage Level of Service benchmarks are calculations of the minimum amount of indoor space recommended to provide all indoor recreation activities. It also includes considerations for specific facilities to support programs and activities.

Level of Service guidelines for indoor space are less established than the guidelines for parks and open spaces, but the project team uses a Chicagoland benchmark of two square feet per person with 1.5 square feet consisting of indoor classroom-based or active recreation space and 0.5 square feet consisting of indoor aquatics.

The Bourbonnais Township Park District has a total of 30,394 square feet of indoor recreation space and an indoor level of service of 0.76 square feet per person. Compared to the Chicagoland benchmark, this is a deficiency of 29,718.5 square feet. It is also a 0.74 square feet deficiency under the recommended 1.5 square feet per person.

In addition to having a deficit of indoor recreation space, the District is deficient in indoor aquatics. According to this level of service gauge, the District has a 20,037.5 square foot deficiency of indoor aquatic space and is 0.5 square feet below the recommended square feet per person.

When comparing all combined indoor recreation space, the District has a deficiency of 49,756 square feet compared to the Chicagoland benchmark.

NRPA's Park Metrics also records data for interior space. The Bourbonnais Township Park District does not provide many of the common indoor recreation spaces. Compared to Park Metrics benchmarks, the Bourbonnais Township Park District is below the average number of facilities for fitness centers, senior centers, ice skating rinks, gymnasiums, indoor tracks, nature/interpretive centers, and performing and/or visual arts centers since it does not provide these spaces.

Level of Service Analysis: Chicagoland Benchmark

INDOOR RECREATION SPACE

Classification	BTPD Square Feet (Total)	BTPD Existing Level of Service (SF / population)	Recommended Square Footage	Recommended Level of Service (SF / population)	Square Footage deficiency / surplus (SF)
Indoor Recreational Space	30394.00	0.76	60112.50	1.50	-29,718.50
Indoor Aquatics	0.00	0.00	20037.50	0.50	-20,037.50
Total Square Feet	30,394.00	0.76	80,150.00	2.00	-49,756.00

Recommended acreage is based off the existing population of 40,075

Existing Population 2021

Name			nois Facility Average	Surplus / Deficit	Ranking	Population Per Facility
Existing # of Facilities (total)	Existing # of Facilities at current standards	Existing # of Facilities per population	Total # of Facilities needed to meet Park Metrics median	Surplus / Deficit	Highest to Lowest Need	Population per Facility (per Park Metrics)

INDOOR FACILITIES							
Recreation / Community Center	1	1	0.02	1.6	-0.6	6	24,298
Fitness Center	0	0	0.00	1.3	-1.3	2	29,787
Senior Center	0	0	0.00	1.0	-1.0	4	39,179
Ice Skating Rink (indoor)	0	0	0.00	2.0	-2.0	1	20,197
Gymnasium	0	0	0.00	1.3	-1.3	2	29,787
Nature / Interpretive Center	1	1	0.02	1.0	0.0	7	42,000
Performing and / or Visual Arts Center	0	0	0.00	1.0	-1.0	5	40,395

*Benchmarks are based off the existing population of 40,075



PARK SUMMARIES

This section provides a site by site inventory of all six of the Bourbonnais Township Park District locations.

Introduction

This section is a summary of the Park District property inventory for each location. The following pages include the quantity of the available recreation amenities, a list of available support amenities, a list of natural features found on site and a list of the facilities located on the property. Character photos and an aerial map are also provided for each park.

Diamond Point Park

6279 N 1000 W Road, Bourbonnais, IL 60914

67.0 acres

Available Amenities:

Multi-use Trails	1.06 miles
Picnic Shelter	2
Baggo Court	2
Playground	1
Splash Pad	1
Baseball Field	2*
Softball Field	5*
Volleyball Court	1

*amenity beyond useful life

Support Amenities:

- Restrooms
- Concessions
- Parking

Natural Features:

- Pond
- Natural Areas

Facilities:

- Diamond Point Maintenance Facilities



Shelter



Playground



Splash Pad



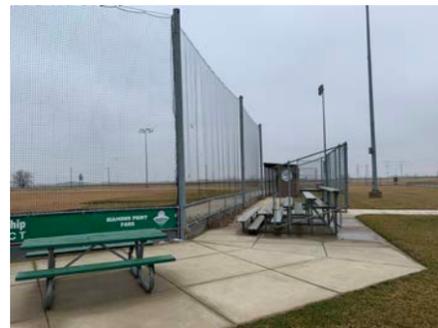
Baggo Courts



Volleyball Courts



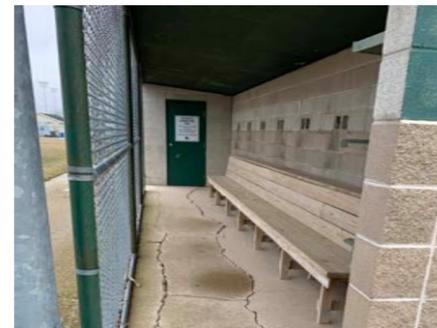
Maintenance Area



Ballfield



Ballfield



Dugout Structure



Perry Farm Park

459 Kennedy Dr, Bourbonnais, IL 60914

174.5 acres

Available Amenities:

Multi-use Trails	3.03 miles
Picnic Shelter	2/2*
Playground	1

*amenity beyond useful life

Support Amenities:

- Restrooms
- Parking

Natural Features:

- Kankakee River
- Natural Areas

Facilities:

- Recreation Station
- Perry Farm House
- Maintenance Facility
- Perry Farm Buildings (Barns)



Gazebo



Kankakee River



Natural Area



Natural Area/Stream



Perry Farm House



Perry Farm Buildings (Barns)



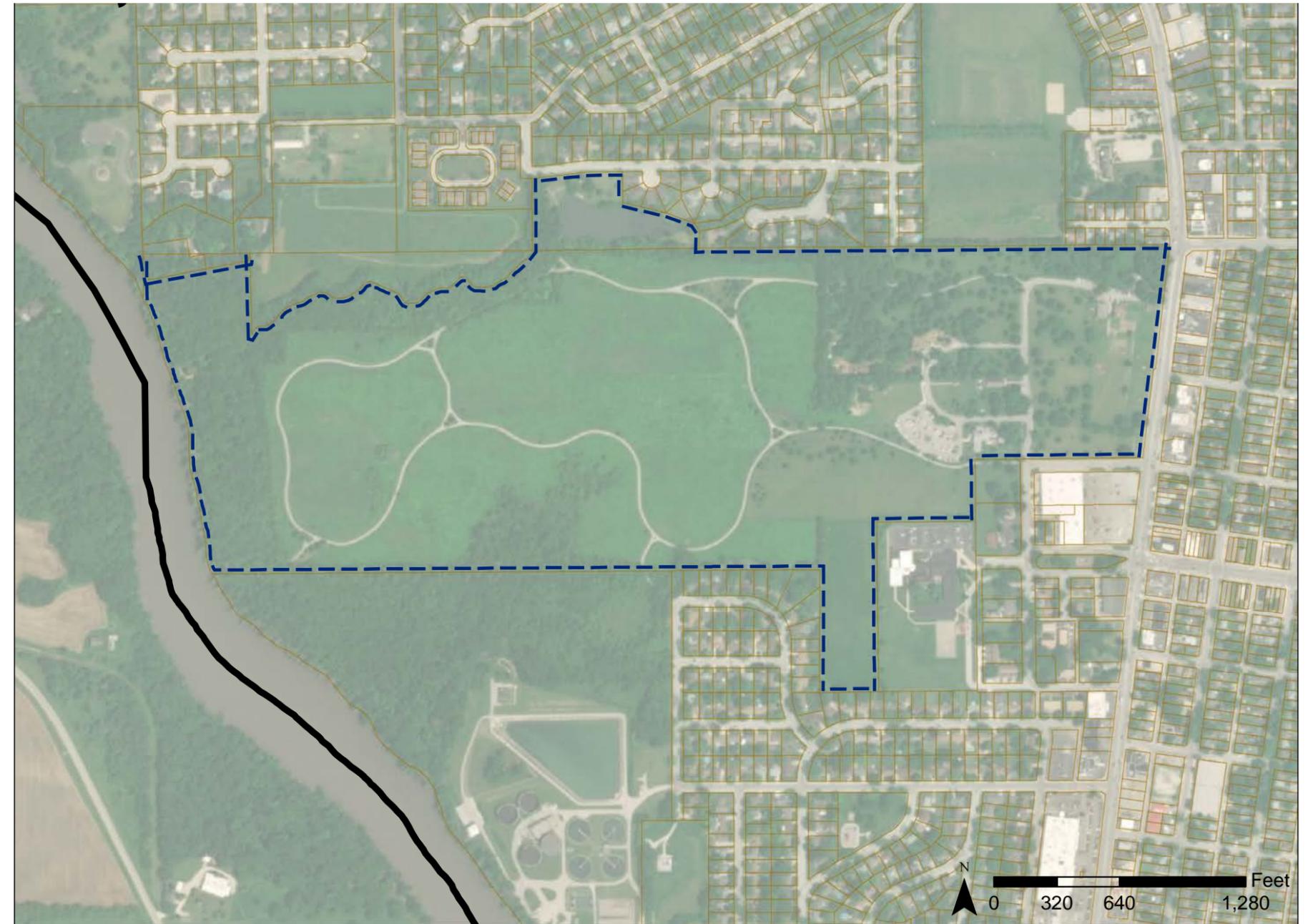
Exploration Station



Playground



Trail System



Recreation Station

770 E Franklin St, Bradley, IL 60915

0.8 acres

Available Amenities:

Basketball Court	0.5
Playground	1

*amenity beyond useful life

Support Amenities:

- Restrooms
- Parking

Facilities:

- Recreation Station



Building



Building



Building



Playground



Playground



Basketball Court



Classroom/Multipurpose Space



Classroom/Multipurpose Space



Gymnasium



Skate Park Plaza

703 Stratford Dr. E, Bourbonnais, IL 60914

0.4 acres

Available Amenities:

Skate Park	1
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Support Amenities:

- Parking

Natural Features:

(none)

Facilities:

(none)

Other Notes:

- Partnership with the Village of Bourbonnais



Skate Park



Skate Park



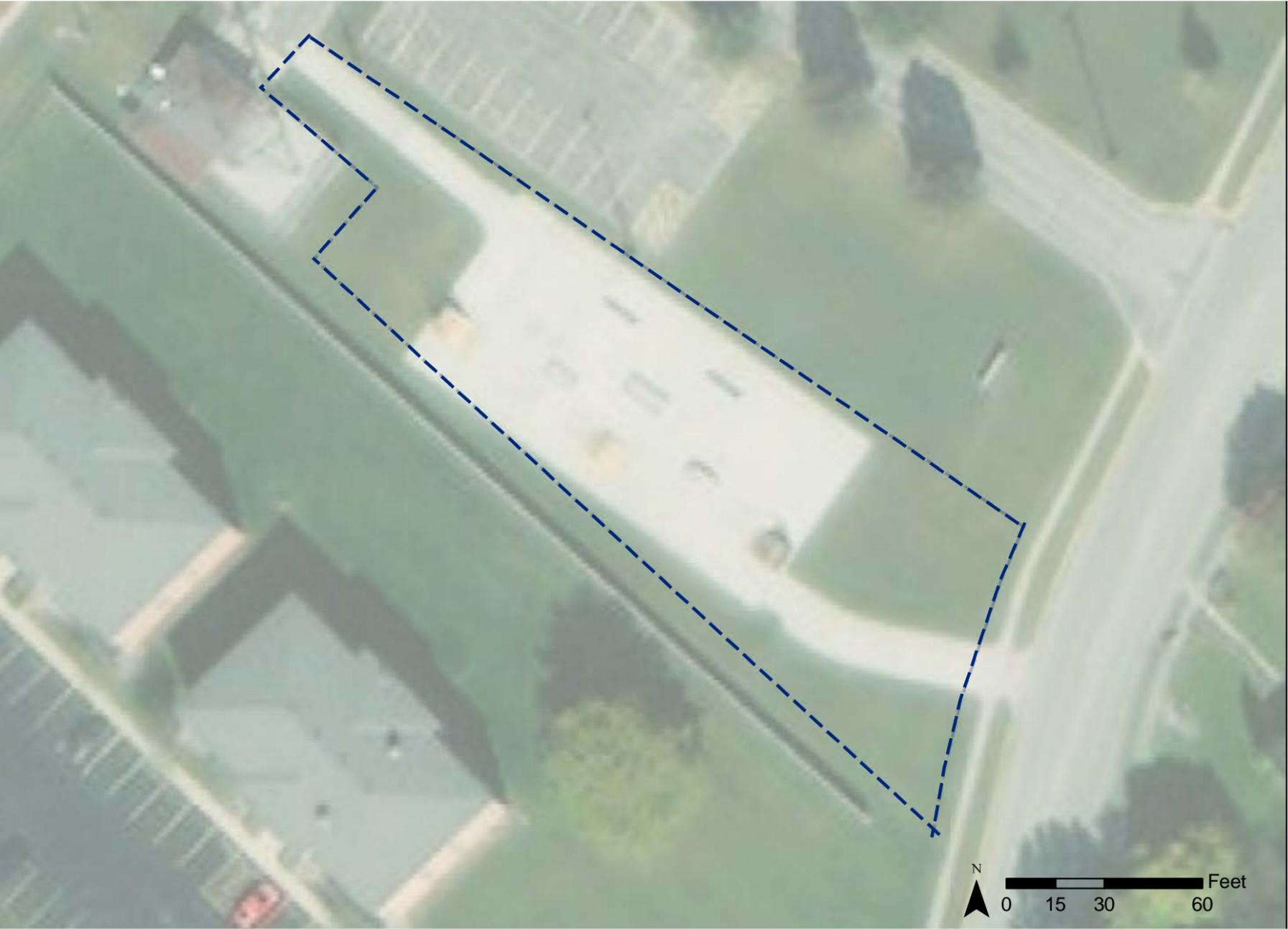
Skate Park



Skate Park



Skate Park



Turnberry Park

Intersection of Mill Berry St. and Turnberry Dr., Bourbonnais, IL 60914

2.5 acres

Available Amenities:
(none)

Support Amenities:
(none)

Natural Features:
• Pond

Facilities:
(none)



Sign



Sign



Back of Sign



Pond



Pond



Pond



Pond



Neighborhood Context



Neighborhood Context



Willowhaven Park and Nature Center

1451 N 4000 E Rd, Kankakee, IL 60901

135.6 acres

Available Amenities:

Multi-use Trails	1.08 miles
Nature Trails	0.58 miles
Stage/ Amphitheater	1
Fitness Stations	3
Dog Park	2
Picnic Shelter	2
Baggo Court	2
Playgorund	1
Disc Golf (holes)	9
Fishing	3

*amenity beyond useful life

Support Amenities:

- Restrooms
- Parking

Natural Features:

- Pond
- Natural Areas

Facilities:

- Maintenance Facility
- Willowhaven Nature Center



Nature Center



Shelter



Pond



Fishing Pier



Fitness Stations



Disc Golf Course



Playground



Stage/Amphitheater



Dog Park





Chapter Four

Connect



Overview

The Connect: Community Engagement and Needs Assessment chapter documents trends in the recreation industry and specific input received from Bourbonnais Township Park District staff, board, and community members.

Purpose

The purpose of this chapter is to understand how park and recreation trends determine probable demands for certain services and amenities. During the Connect phase of the master planning process, the planning team reviewed trends and conducted workshops with Park District Staff and Board. Recreation trend reports were compiled from nationally-recognized sources to explore spending, participation, and inactivity trends and are summarized in the first half of this chapter.

Summaries of all engagement sessions follow the national, state, and local trends report.

Local community outreach was also conducted through multiple platforms as part of the connect phase. An online engagement platform, available 24/7, gathered input from residents about their thoughts on parks, programs, and facilities through an online surveys and was completed by 544 participants. Additionally, 9 community members provided input at an in-person community meeting, 24 agency and affiliate representatives participated in stakeholder interviews, and 13 staff as well as the full Board completed visioning workshops.

Chapter Outline

- Methodology
- Review of Trends
 - National
 - State
 - Local
- Online Engagement
- Community Input
- Stakeholder Input
- Staff Input
- Board Input

METHODOLOGY

Review of Trends

National trends were derived from the 2020 Sports, Fitness and Recreational Activities Topline Participation Report that was facilitated by the Sports & Fitness Industry Association (a top national researcher in the sports and fitness industry) as well as the 2019 Outdoor Foundation's Outdoor Recreation Participation Topline Report. State trends were derived from the 2015 Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP). ESRI's Business Analyst provided local recreation participation trends.

Online Engagement

BTPD residents were invited to participate in an online survey composed of multiple-choice and open-ended questions. In total, 544 people completed the survey.

Community Input

The Bourbonnais Township Park District hosted an in-person community meeting open to all District residents and affiliations in which participants completed a prioritization workshop to determine the top recreation needs over the next five years.

Stakeholder Input

Stakeholder input consisted of small-group interviews with specific interest groups relevant to the District recreation services. These facilitated interviews presented a series of questions about goals, objectives, and desires of how groups might use District recreation services in the future. Stakeholders were also asked for their opinions on the current state of District recreation services.

Staff Input

Bourbonnais Township Park District Staff provided input about their goals and objectives for the next five years as well as their opinions on the current state of District recreation services.

Board Input

The Bourbonnais Township Park District Board participated in a workshop to generate and prioritize ideas for the Park District for the next five years.

NATIONAL TRENDS

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

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The Physical Activity Council (PAC) is a partnership of six major trade organizations in U.S. sports, fitness, and leisure activities. These organizations are the Sports & Fitness Industry Association (SFIA), the National Golf Foundation (NGF), Outdoor Industry Association (OIA), the International Health, Racquet, and Sports Club Association (IHRSA), the Tennis Industry Association (TIA), the United States Tennis Association (USTA), and Snowsports Industries America (SIA).

The PAC produces an annual Sport, Fitness & Recreational Activities Topline Participation Report providing information on participation, inactivity, spending, aspirational participation, and projections. The 2021 report compiled and analyzed 18,000 online responses collected in 2020. Gender, age, income, household size, region, population density, and panel join date were used as weighting variables to apply the responses to the total U.S. population. The total U.S. population age 6 or older used for this report was 303,971,552. Other research incorporated in this chapter references the Outdoor Recreation Participation Topline Report, created by the

Outdoor Foundation, in association with the Outdoor Industry Association. This annual report tracks American outdoor recreation trends with a focus on youth, diversity, and the future of the outdoors.

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

Sports and Fitness Participation

Overall, more people are becoming active but only around 40% of the population of any age group is meeting the recommended time and intensity of activities. Additionally, the percentage of the population who are active has been rising since 2007. 2020 saw significant increase in participation with rates rising by 8.8%

The data collected suggests that Americans are continuing to add high-calorie burning exercise to their existing exercise routine. The most popular activities are Fitness Sports, however, 2020 reflected the first time total participation in fitness sports has decreased since 2014. Following Fitness Sports, the most popular activity categories are Outdoor Sports, Individual Sports, Team Sports, Water Sports, Racquet Sports, and Winter Sports. Among these categories, only Outdoor Sports, Racquet



Sports, and Water Sports had an increase in participation rates while all other categories decreased.

Activity participation is measured by core participation and growth. Core participants are defined as those who participate in a sport or activity on a regular basis. Based on core participation, the top ten activities in 2020 defined by the number of participants, were:

- Walking for Fitness (50+ times/year): 79.3M
- Hiking (Day) (1+ times/year): 57.8M
- Golf (On or Off Course) (1+ times/year): 36.9M
- Camping within 1/4 mile of vehicle/home (1+ times/year): 36.0M
- Free Weights (Dumbbells/Hand Weights) (50+ times/year): 33.2M
- Treadmill (50+ times/year): 30.3M
- Running/Jogging (50+ times/year): 26.2M
- Golf (On a 9 or 18-Hole Golf Course)(1+times/year): 24.8M
- Tennis (1+times/year): 21.6M
- Wildlife Viewing more than 1/4 mile from Home/ Vehicle (1+ times/year): 21.0M

In addition to referencing the current most popular activities by measuring core participation, the Overview Report also lists the growth of activities over one-, three- and five-year periods. These predictions can be used to recognize ongoing recreation trends and predict future areas of growth. The top ten core growth activities over the past three years are:

- Pop/Paddle/Platform Tennis (20.5%)
- Golf (off-course only) (13.2%)
- Camping (within 1/4 mile of vehicle/home) (11.7%)
- Surfing (11.2%)
- Trail Running (9.0%)
- Hiking (Day) (8.9%)
- Birdwatching (more than 1/4 mile from vehicle/home) (7.7%)
- Tennis (7.5%)
- Yoga (7.5%)
- Kayaking (7.4%)

As evidenced by the above lists, 2020 saw growth in a diverse range of activities with three of the ten activities falling into the outdoor sports category based on the number of participants and three into the category of aerobic exercise. The remaining top ten activities by participation fell under the individual sports, strength activities, and racquet sports categories. Growth trends, however, indicate a different, but equally diverse trend. Activities from outdoor sports (3), individual sports (2), racquet sports (2), water sports (2), and conditioning activities (1) are all represented in the top ten core growth activities.

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

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

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

The above findings are confirmed by the Worldwide Survey of Fitness Trends for 2021 which conducts an annual international survey among practitioners in the commercial, clinical, community, and corporate fitness industries. In their predictions for 2020, the majority of activities in the top ten and the top 20 could be described as fitness-related, while other trends can be classified as outdoor sports or technology. 17 of the top 20 trends reported remained from the previous year but Circuit training, Worksite health promotion and workplace well-being programs, and Children and Exercise all moved out of the top 20 trends over the last year. All three of these trends were replaced with online/virtual options which may have been an effect of the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic. Also, a potential effect of the pandemic, Outdoor activities experienced a large jump in popularity from rank 13 to 4 while Group Training dropped from rank 3 to 17. The top 10 trends for 2020 are:

- Online training (at home exercise experience using digital streaming to deliver programs online as live or pre-recorded experiences)
- Wearable technology (activity trackers, smart watches, heart rate monitors, GPS trackers, and smart eyeglasses)

- Bodyweight training (resistance training using minimal equipment and multiple planes of movement)
- Outdoor activities (any event taking place outside for recreation including short, day-long, or multi-day events)
- High-intensity interval training (HIIT uses short bursts of high-intensity exercise followed by short recoveries)
- Virtual Training (fusion of group exercise with technology where recorded workouts are played at a location for client reference)
- Exercise is Medicine® (physical activity assessment and exercise recommendations provided by health care providers)
- Group training (motivational, instructor-led classes of five or more people)
- Strength training with free weights (strength training using barbell, kettlebells, dumbbells, medicine balls, and other free weights)
- Fitness programs for older adults (safe, age-appropriate exercise for older, retired adults)
- Personal training (services provided by professionals with proper education, training, and credentials)

Outdoor Sports & Participation

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

Across all age groups, Running, jogging and trail running remained the top form of outdoor outings by participation rates and frequency. Bicycling and fishing were also among the top five activities for

all ages. The most popular activities for youth (age 6-17) determined by participation rates were:

- Bicycling (road, mountain, and BMX) (28.0% or 13.6M)
- Camping (car, backyard, and RV) (24.0% or 12.0M)
- Fishing (fresh, salt, and fly) (24.0% or 11.8M)
- Running, jogging, and trail running (22.0% or 10.9M)
- Hiking (19% or 9.2M)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Engaging Inactives

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

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

For younger inactives, there is a greater interest in team sports such as soccer, basketball, and baseball. As Americans age, interest in outdoor sports such as hiking, fishing, and backpacking grows. Interest in individual activities such as working out with weights and machines and running/jogging also increases. Adults 65 and older list fishing as their number 1 aspirational activity and bird watching/wildlife viewing as their 3rd. Hiking and camping are also within the top ten activities for this age group resulting in four of the ten items focused on outdoor activities.

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

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

- Sports - Broomball, Inner Tube Water Polo, Pickleball, Wallyball
- Exercise - Zumba Gold, Dance Buffet, Kettlebells, Outdoor
- Fitness Technology - Beginner’s Guide to iPad, Social Media, Digital Photography
- Entertainment - Karaoke, Improv, Murder Mystery Dinners, Speed Dating, Wii for Seniors
- Art - Cooking, Drawing/Painting, Jewelry Making, Mixed Media Arts, Pottery, Quilting
- Professional/Other - Languages, Estate Planning, Self-Publishing, Brain Fitness, Voice-Overs, Memoirs

Many agencies are “branding” their active adult programs for younger populations instead of the traditional senior to encourage long-term participation. Two local examples include Schaumburg Park District’s Club 55 and 50 Plus! at the Champaign Park District.

COVID-19 Effect

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

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

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

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

Finally, the Outdoor Foundation also considered participation by diversity. Despite an approximate national white population of 60%, almost 75% of all outdoor participants were white. Among minority populations, there has been a 7% annual decline in Asian participation over the past three years and no measurable participation among the Black population. Hispanic participation has been growing, although at a slower rate than Whites. There is also a discrepancy in participation by gender; females represent about 46% of outdoor participation despite consisting of about 51% of the national population.



STATE TRENDS

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

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

A major finding in the 2015-2019 SCORP is the state's long-standing deficit of outdoor recreation lands and facilities. While Illinois has not been able to achieve the per capita equivalent of other states with more lands and fewer people, park and recreation agencies throughout Illinois consistently plan for and achieve a high level of excellence with the recreation opportunities they provide to their communities.

Recreation Facilities and Park Lands Inventory

There are more than 1.5 million acres of outdoor recreation land in Illinois ranging from federal and state lands to schools and private commercial lands. Municipal agencies, which include park and recreation departments, park districts, forest preserve districts, conservation districts, and county-level park departments, provide a

total of 350,915 acres of park sites. They also own 195,753 acres of natural areas and lease/manage another 15,612 acres of open space.

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

Based on the 2015 Illinois Community Recreation Facilities and Park Lands Inventory, there are approximately 347.08 acres and 17.9 park sites on average per community throughout the state. Typically, park districts provide more acreage and park sites than city/village recreation agencies.

Top trends across the state are pickleball, disc golf, and splash pads. The increasing popularity of pickleball is in response to aging populations found in all communities across the state, while the popularity of splash pads is in response to the financial constraints of outdoor swimming

pool renovations. The popularity of disc golf demonstrates a growing preference for alternative outdoor recreation activities. Footgolf is another example of an alternative outdoor recreation activity that has increased as golf course owners look for new uses for their assets.

Top Activities

The top activities identified by the IDNR community-wide survey were pleasure walking and observing wildlife/bird watching. Picnicking, using a playground, on-road bicycling, and swimming at outdoor pools were also among the most prevalent activities for Illinois residents. Activities with lower participation numbers include lacrosse, pickleball, snowmobiling, trapping, in-line skating, sailing, and cross-country skiing. Reasons for some sports having lower participation rates may include smaller interest groups, no available facility, or that the trend is still growing, like pickleball.

According to the survey, municipal parks or county preserves are used most for visiting an amphitheater or bandshell, softball/baseball, lacrosse, soccer, and mountain biking. State parks are used most for tent camping, vehicle camping, hiking, motor boating, and water skiing. Federal lakes or forests are primarily used for sailing, water skiing, and motor boating. Hunting is the most prevalent reason residents visit private areas for recreation.

Attitudes about Outdoor Recreation

Respondents were asked to rate the various factors they considered to be important when making decisions about engaging in outdoor recreation opportunities. Top contributing factors to respondent's decisions to participate in outdoor recreation activities include exercise/health, experience nature, have fun, and spend time with family and friends.

Survey respondents indicated that the primary role of parks and recreation facilities for Illinois communities should be to preserve open space. Other primary roles

include making the community more desirable, improving fitness, enhancing a sense of place, and increasing property values. Most (56.3%) respondents believe that local, state, and federal open space and recreation agencies are underfunded. The top two priorities for providers in the state are the operation and maintenance of existing park facilities and long-term planning and management. The most important items in terms of park and open space development are recreational facility variety, followed closely by camping, trails, fishing, and boating facilities. Regional and community trails are also important to approximately 80% of respondents.

Outdoor Recreation Priorities

Priorities identified by the IDNR are listed in the 2015-2019 State of Illinois SCORP as:

- Healthy people and communities
- Access to outdoor recreation
- Natural resource stewardship
- Conservation education
- Cooperative partnerships

LOCAL TRENDS

Trend information was derived from the Environment Science Research Institute (ESRI) Sports and Leisure Market Potential Report.

This data is based on national inclination to use various products and services and has been applied to the local demographic composition of the Bourbonnais Township Park District boundary. Usage data was collected by Growth for Knowledge Mediamark Research and Intelligence, LLC. (GfK MRI) in a national survey that was representative of U.S. households. Market Potential Index (MPI) measures the relative likelihood of the adults in specific areas to exhibit certain consumer behaviors or purchasing patterns compared to the U.S. population as a whole. An MPI of 100 represents the U.S. average while numbers under 100 indicate a lower than average representation and numbers above 100 represent a higher than average representation.

Based on projected population, the top ten recreational activities Bourbonnais Township Park District residents will participate in are:

- Bowling (1,559)
- Hunting with shotgun (1,143)
- Bowling (3,139)
- Canoeing/kayaking (2,232)
- Hunting with rifle (1,391)
- Fishing (freshwater) (3,770)
- Horseback riding (790)
- Archery (899)
- Golf (2,706)
- Target shooting (1,521)

The number of MPIs over 100 for the Bourbonnais Township Park District is lower than the planning team typically finds in the Chicagoland region but having 20 activities that score over 100 still indicates a healthy level of expected activity. The majority of these activities consist of outdoor activities with the highest expected participation falling in nature-based experiences.

Sports and Leisure Market Potential

*Participation in the last 12 months

Product/Consumer Behavior	Expected # of Adults/HHs	Percent	MPI
Participated in boating (power) in last 12 months	1,559	5.0%	118
Participated in hunting with shotgun in last 12 months	1,143	3.7%	117
Participated in bowling in last 12 months	3,139	10.1%	116
Participated in canoeing/kayaking in last 12 months	2,232	7.2%	113
Participated in hunting with rifle in last 12 months	1,391	4.5%	113
Participated in fishing (fresh water) in last 12 months	3,770	12.2%	111
Participated in horseback riding in last 12 months	790	2.5%	111
Participated in archery in last 12 months	899	2.9%	110
Participated in golf in last 12 months	2,706	8.7%	109
Participated in target shooting in last 12 months	1,521	4.9%	109
Went on overnight camping trip in last 12 months	4,054	13.1%	108
Participated in softball in last 12 months	925	3.0%	105
Did birdwatching in last 12 months	1,389	4.5%	105
Participated in baseball in last 12 months	1,277	4.1%	103
Participated in football in last 12 months	1,487	4.8%	103
Participated in walking for exercise in last 12 months	7,611	24.5%	103
Participated in swimming in last 12 months	4,840	15.6%	102
Participated in weight lifting in last 12 months	3,219	10.4%	101
Participated in backpacking in last 12 months	1,057	3.4%	100
Participated in bicycling (road) in last 12 months	2,868	9.2%	100
Participated in hiking in last 12 months	3,716	12.0%	99
Participated in volleyball in last 12 months	1,036	3.3%	99
Participated in ice skating in last 12 months	839	2.7%	96
Participated in ping pong in last 12 months	1,028	3.3%	96
Participated in yoga in last 12 months	2,444	7.9%	96
Participated in bicycling (mountain) in last 12 months	1,194	3.8%	95
Participated in Frisbee in last 12 months	1,095	3.5%	95
Participated in jogging/running in last 12 months	3,563	11.5%	94
Participated in basketball in last 12 months	2,269	7.3%	93
Participated in fishing (salt water) in last 12 months	1,137	3.7%	93
Participated in aerobics in last 12 months	2,017	6.5%	92

ONLINE ENGAGEMENT

544 Bourbonnais Township Park District residents and non-residents shared their ideas for Park District for the next five years via an online survey.

The online engagement platform consisted of a webpage and survey. Both were available 24/7 to provide information on the planning process and allow participants the opportunity to give input on programs, parks, and facilities at their leisure. The survey consisted of 23 multiple choice questions with opportunities for residents to add comments after several of the questions and one open-ended question. The survey also included a final comment box for any additional feedback.

Participation and Traffic

Launched on April 14, 2021, the online survey engaged Park District users about parks, programs, and facilities. This survey was closed on May 12, 2021 and collected a total of 544 responses. In addition to links on the project website, the survey was shared on the Park District's website and social media accounts. The Park District also promoted the survey via email blasts (e-blasts) and with local radio advertisements through the duration of the survey.

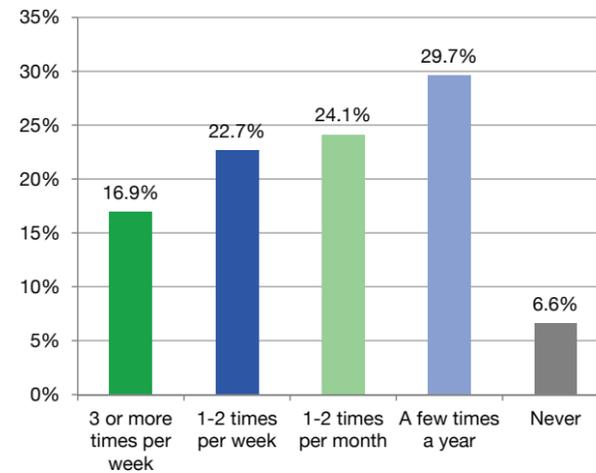
Format

The survey questions were divided into four overarching question groups: Parks and Open Space, Facilities and Indoor Space, Programs and Events, and Park District Priorities. Each of these sections also includes a few questions about how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected their recreation habits and needs. Participants were also asked demographic questions about their household. All questions were optional and provided participants the opportunity to skip the question. The following results do not reflect the views of all respondents but are a summary of the multiple-choice and ranking questions and the most prevalent comments.

Response Summary

1. About how many times do you or members of your household visit a Bourbonnais Township Park District park within a typical year (12 months)? (Pick one)

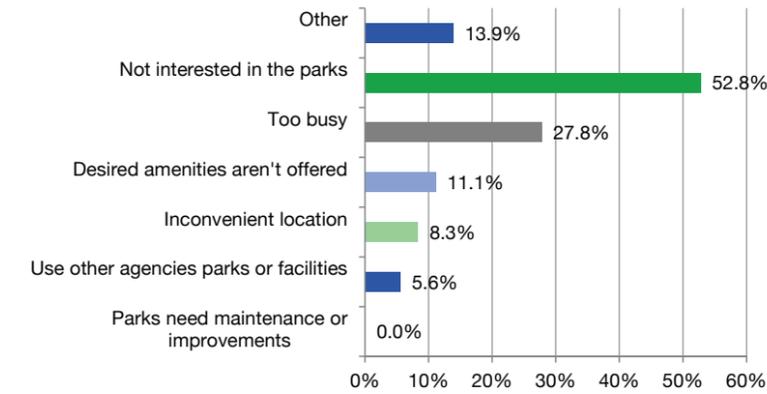
Answered: 543 Skipped: 1



**Participants who selected "Never" were directed to question 2. All other responses were directed to question 3.

2. If you and members of your household don't visit any of the Park District's parks, why not? (Pick all that apply.)

Answered: 36 Skipped: 508

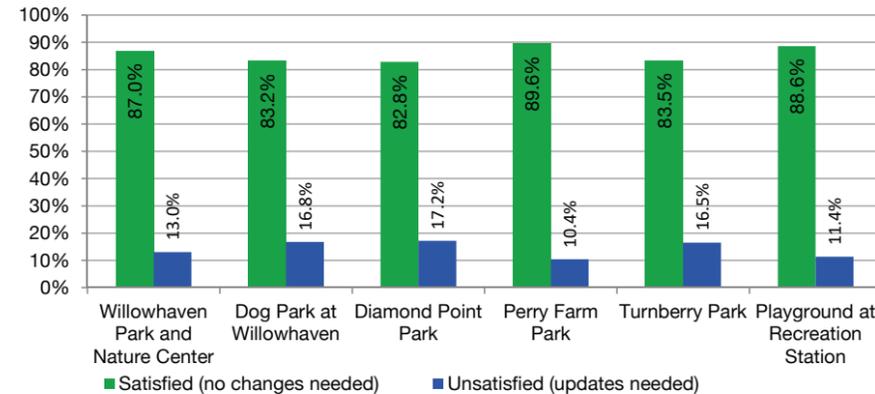


Five people provided comments with three of these comments indicating that the age or physical abilities of the household's residents prevent them from visiting parks. One person commented that they enjoy trips despite living out of district and the final comment was "mine only".

** All answers to this question were directed to question 5 and automatically skipped questions 3 and 4.

3. Of the Park District parks and open spaces that you and/or your household have visited, how satisfied were you with each? (Please skip the parks you and your household have not visited)

Answered: 387 Skipped: 157

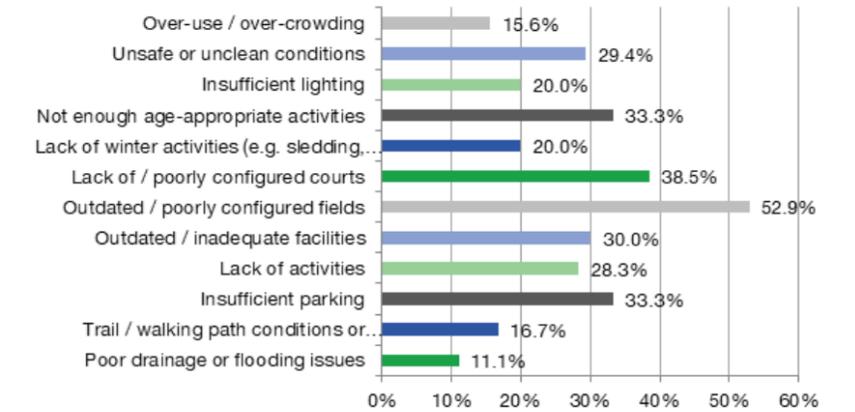


4. If you selected "Unsatisfied for one or more parks you've visited, what do you feel needs improvement? (Skip parks where improvements are not needed, Select all that apply.)

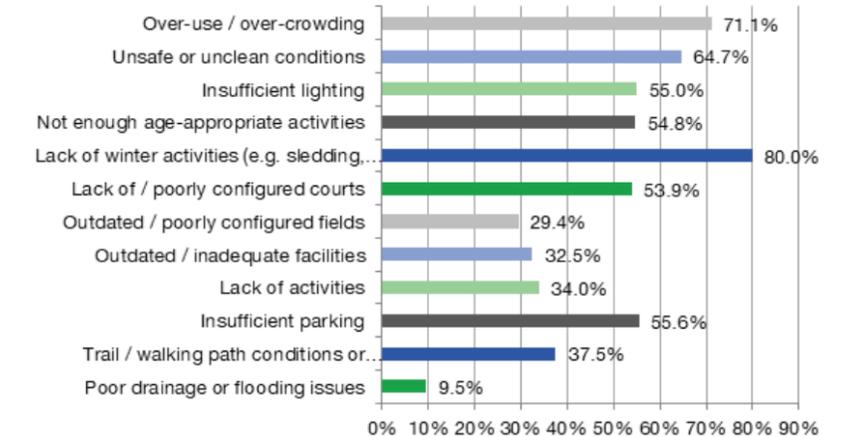
Answered: 146 Skipped: 398

The responses are presented by individual park and as a comparison of all locations.

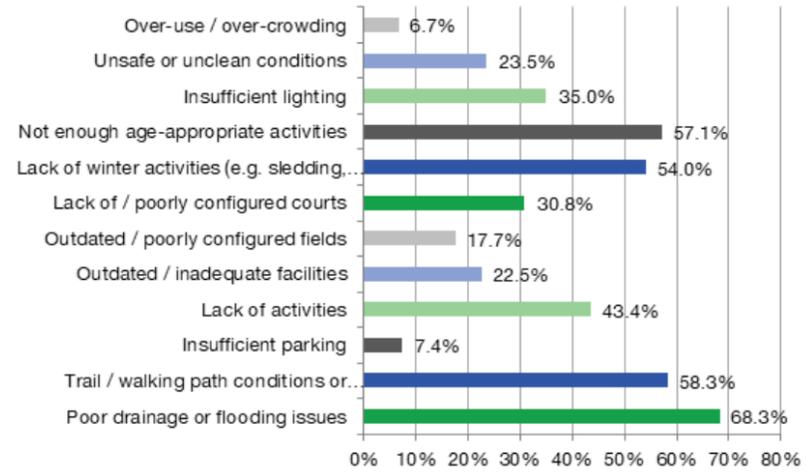
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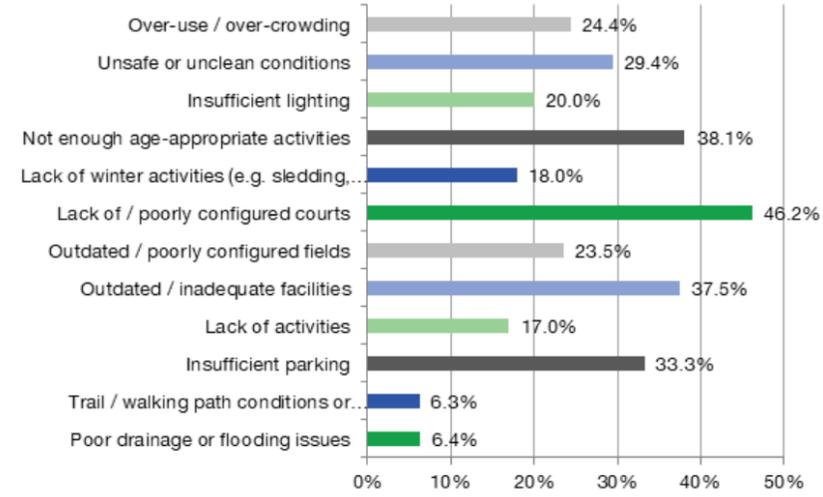
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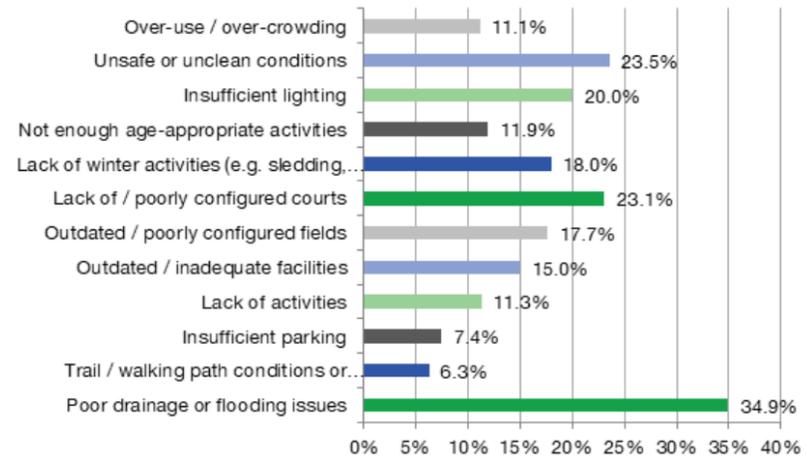
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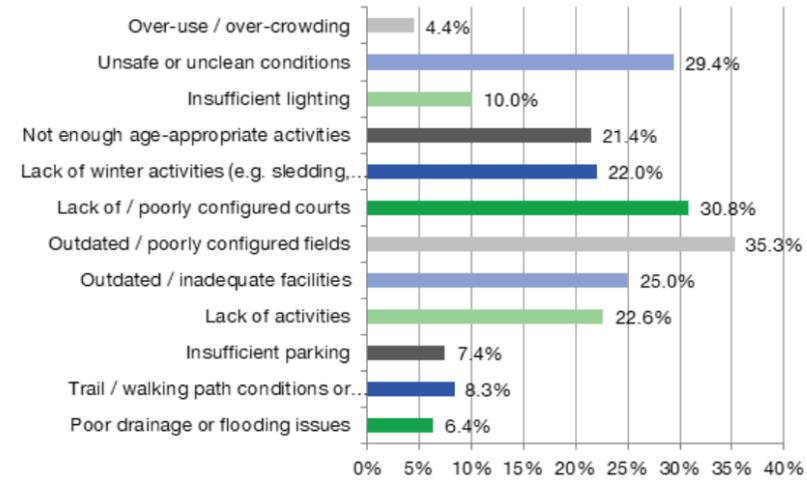
Playground at Recreation Station

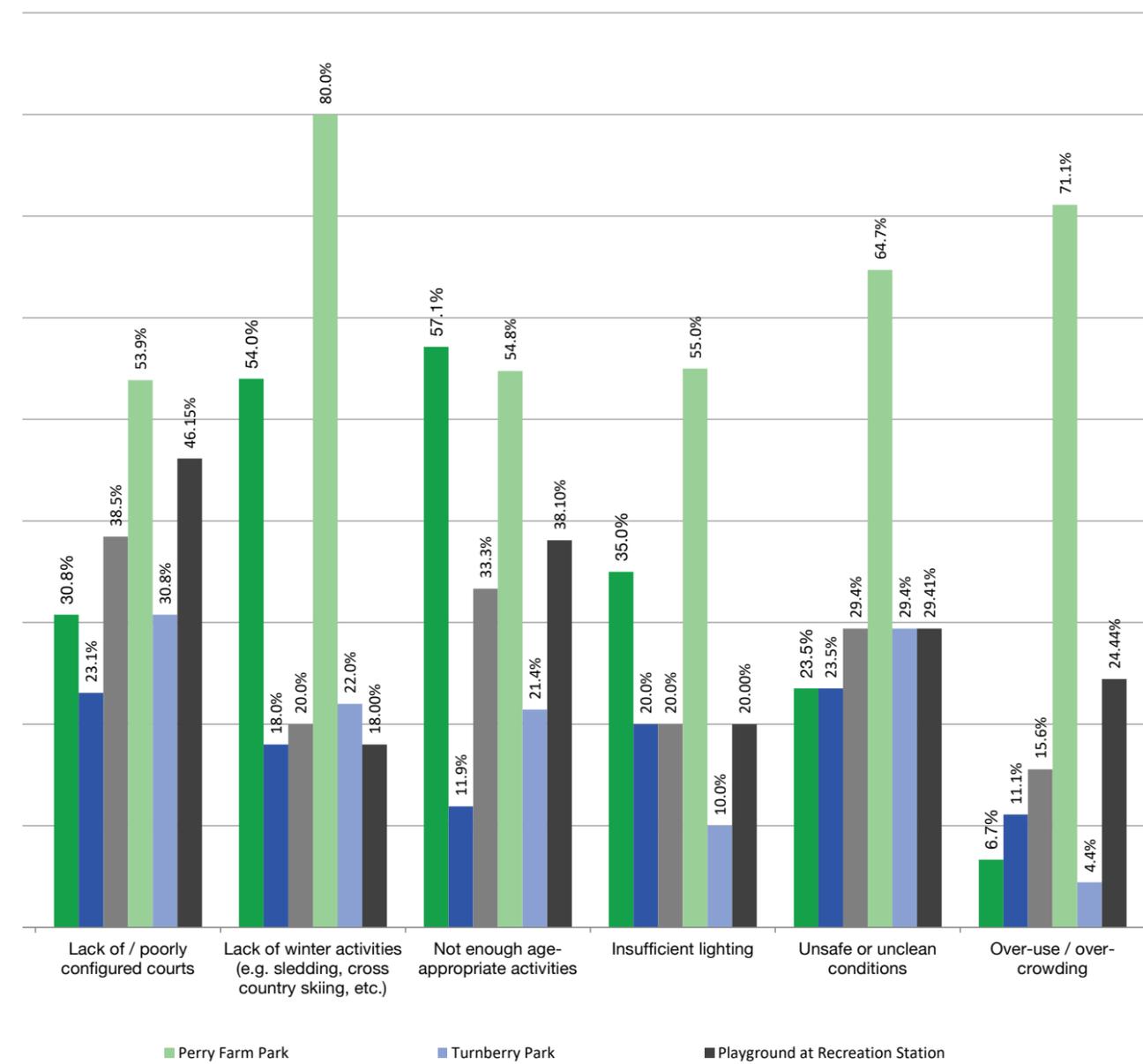
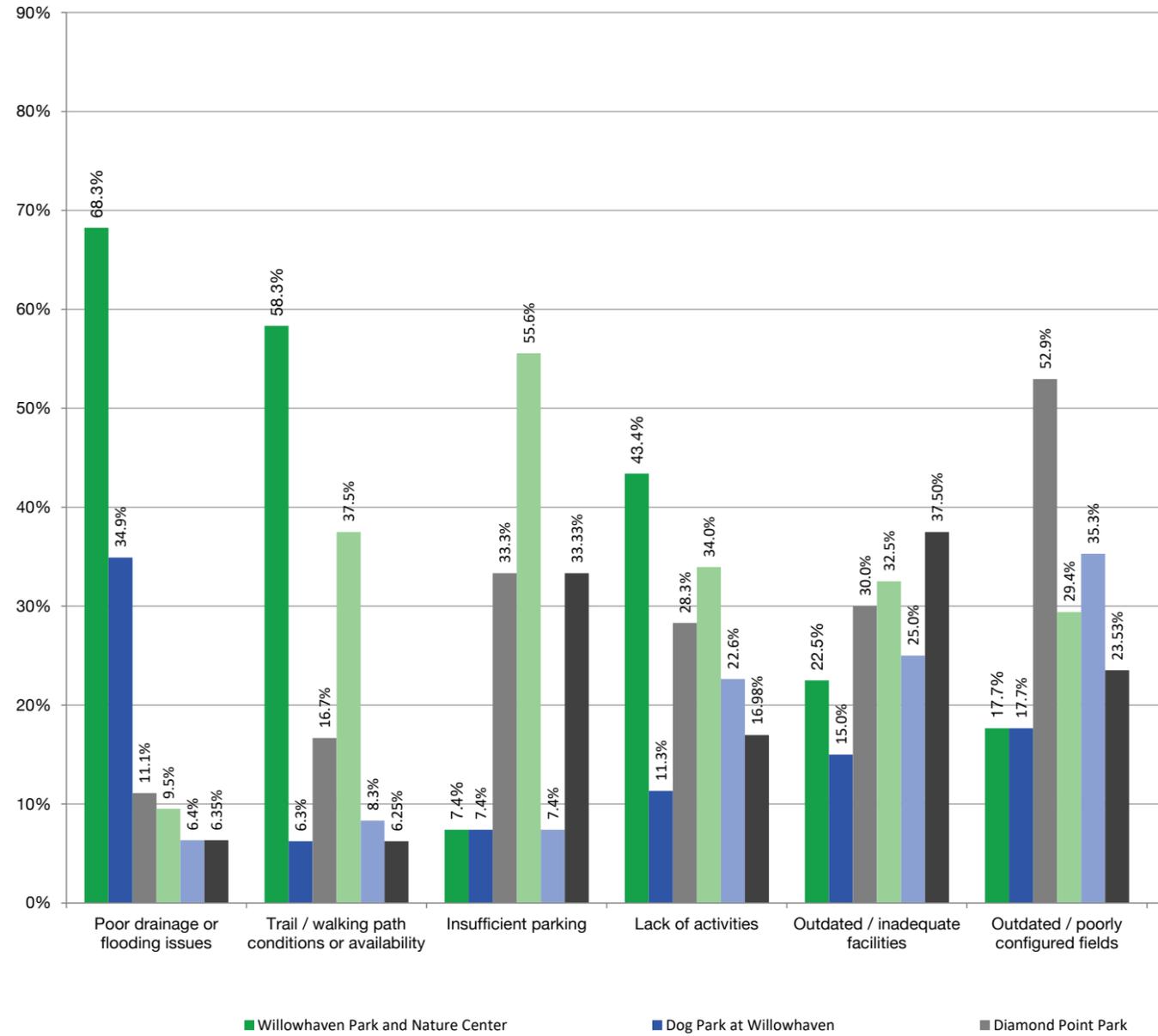


Dog Park at Willowhaven



Turnberry Park





29 people commented on this question with several ideas proposed by multiple participants. Five people provided suggestions for the dog park including adding wind breaks, improving landscaping, adding agility elements for the dogs, and adding more shade and seating. Two participants requested more porta-potties, throughout the Park District and specifically at the dog park. Participants also requested longer open hours for the restrooms at Willowhaven and a need for updates to the restrooms at other parks. Two participants suggested dredging the ponds at Willowhaven.

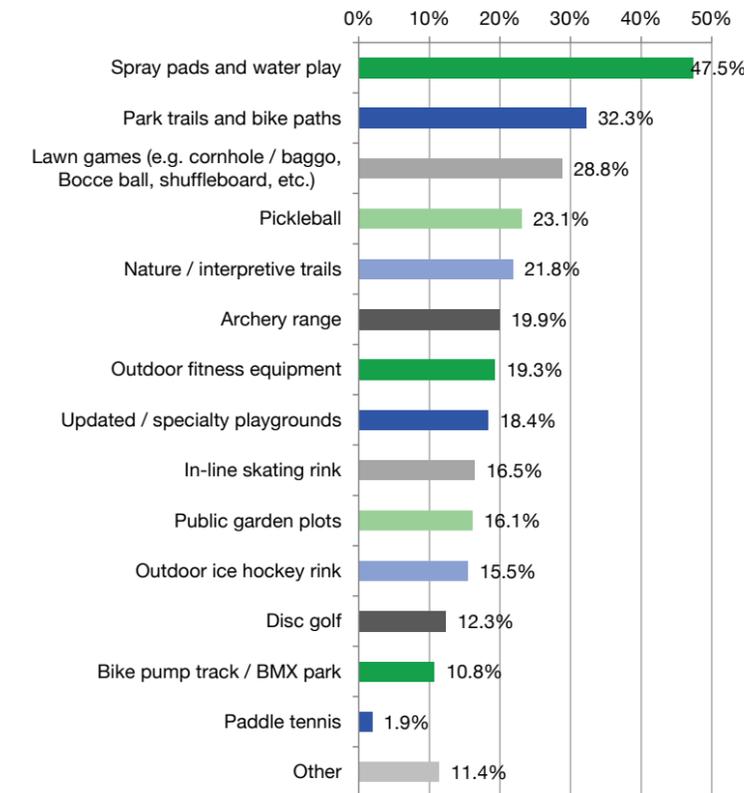
Several participants also suggested new amenities for the Park District, with one person each providing the following ideas: swings and play equipment for young children at Willowhaven, more play activities for children with physical disabilities, more playgrounds in town, more garbage cans along the Perry Farm trails, more walking opportunities at Willowhaven and Diamond Point, more work-out stations, and a mountain bike park. One participant also suggested adding more natural areas in the existing parks.

Four participants commented on undesirable behaviors at the parks including smoking, fighting and other crime, invasive plants, and people not picking up after dogs.

Three responses also noted that their taxes are too high and they do not support further spending, with one person suggesting that Perry Farm be the Park District's focus. Other participants commented that Diamond Point Park and Willowhaven Park are far away or hard to get to but did not say they should be divested.

5. Are there OUTDOOR recreation opportunities not currently provided by the Bourbonnais Township Park District that you and/or members of your household would like to see added or that you think we need more of in our park system? (Select all that apply.)

Answered: 316 Skipped: 228



36 people provided additional comments to this question, ideas noted by more than one participant are followed by a number in parentheses indicated the number of comments received related to that idea.

Participants suggested adding ice skating (3), pickleball (2) (with one participant specifically requesting a north/south orientation), synthetic turf fields, a swimming pool (2), community/unprogrammed soccer fields (2), basketball courts (2), basic outdoor sports like 4-square or tether ball, target shooting, dog agility equipment, and special needs accommodations at all playgrounds (2). Two comments also suggested adding another dog park(s) more centrally in the

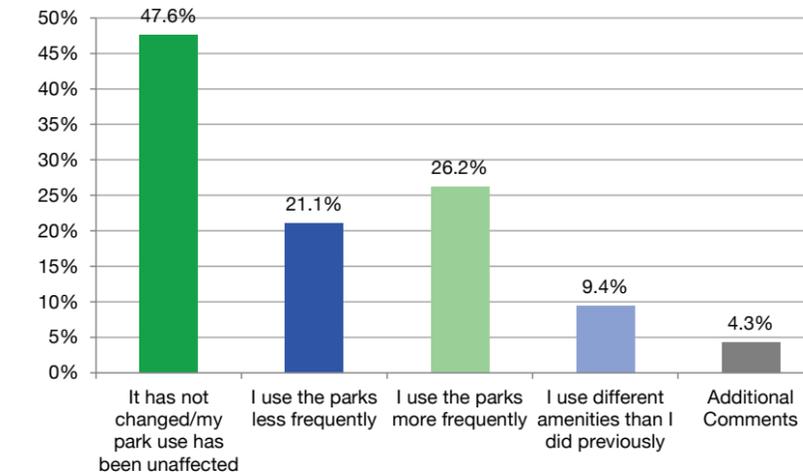
community and two people commented that bathrooms are needed on trails and that they need to be open longer.

A few comments suggested events or programs that could be hosted at the parks including martial arts, music, movies, canoe rentals, more farm animals and horse riding for 3+, a sand volleyball season, and "people-movers" for seniors to use on trails.

Several people commented that nothing further was needed either because they are satisfied by what is offered, to protect open space from being overdeveloped, or out of a desire to limit spending. One commenter indicated that the COVID-19 pandemic has prevented their park and amenity use.

6. How has you and your household's park and open space use changed from 2019 to present (OUTDOOR participation only)? (Select all that apply.)

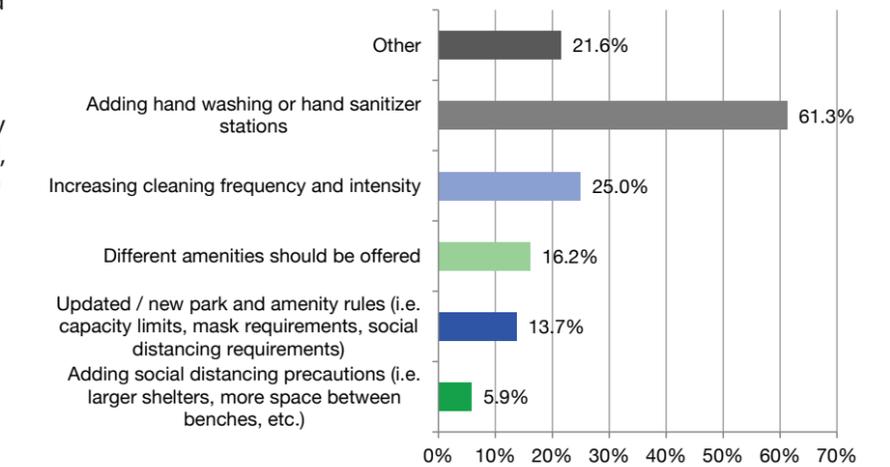
Answered: 374 Skipped: 170



16 people added comments along two major themes: Four people added notes about using the parks to eat outside or for kids to play and another four comment on their inability to use the parks due to crowding, health restrictions, and/or lack of interest. One comment each was made requesting more security and to add pickleball courts. Four people also requested that spending be limited and expressed their opinion that more growth/acquisition is inappropriate

7. Are there any long-term OUTDOOR recreation changes needed to improve the safety of and interest in using BTPD Parks? (Select all that apply.)

Answered: 204 Skipped: 340



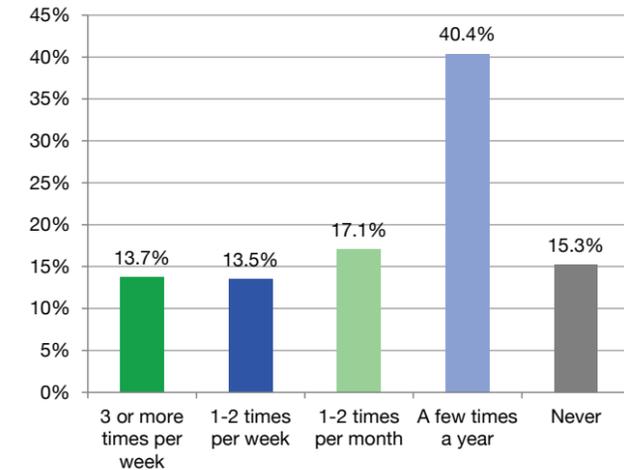
44 people commented on this question with many commenting on current social issues including five people who expressed their frustrations with pandemic restrictions such as access, wearing masks, and social distancing and nine people who commented on their opposition to spending and the current tax rate. An additional seven participants commented that none of the above are needed but did not indicate their reasoning.

Several people commented on safety including one suggestion to continue to adhere to CDC guidelines and four comments that security improvements are needed to curb undesirable behavior. One comment suggested adding emergency call locations. A need to improve overall cleanliness, especially cleaning up after dogs, was noted in four comments. Nine comments supported the addition of restrooms or wash stations.

A few participants also provided additional amenity recommendations including one comment for each of the following ideas: more dog parks, wind breaks at the Willowhaven Dog Park, solar-powered charging stations, bike paths to parks, benches along trails, and more shade. One comment suggested charging for ball field use as a revenue source.

8. About how many times do you or members of your household visit a Bourbonnais Township Park District facility within a typical year (12 months)? (Pick one)

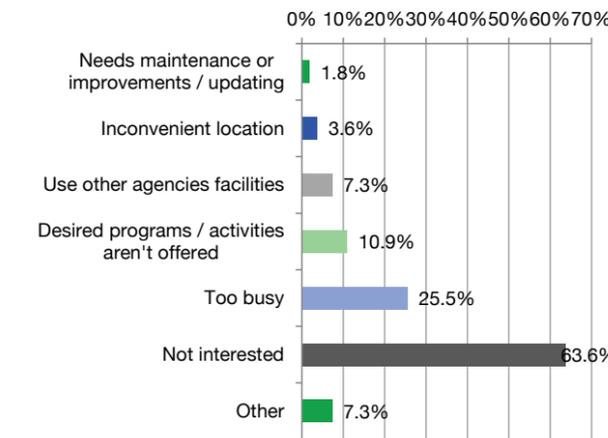
Answered: 386 Skipped: 158



**Participants who selected "Never" were directed to question 9. All other responses were directed to question 10.

9. If you and members of your household don't visit any of the Park District's facilities, why not? (Pick all that apply.)

Answered: 55 Skipped: 489

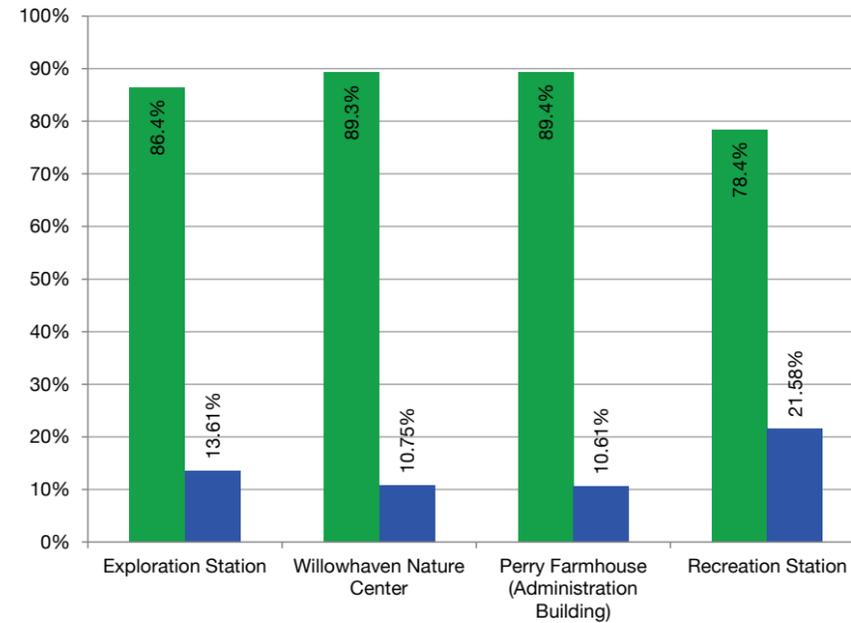


Of the four comments received, only one pertained to indoor use and had not been repeated from earlier in the survey. The comment of "no masks" seems to indicate that the participant will not participate when face coverings are required.

** All answers to this question were directed to question 12 and automatically skipped questions 10 and 11.

10. Of the Bourbonnais Township Park district facilities that you and/or members of your household have visited, how satisfied were you with each? (Please skip the facilities you and members of your household have not visited)

Answered: 246 Skipped: 298

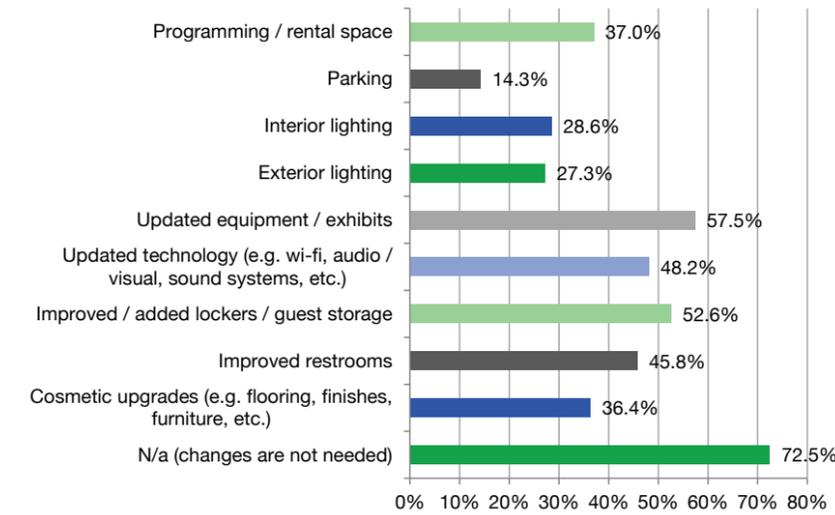


11. If you selected "Unsatisfied with one or more of the facilities you or members of your household visited, what do you feel needs improvement? (Select all that apply.)"

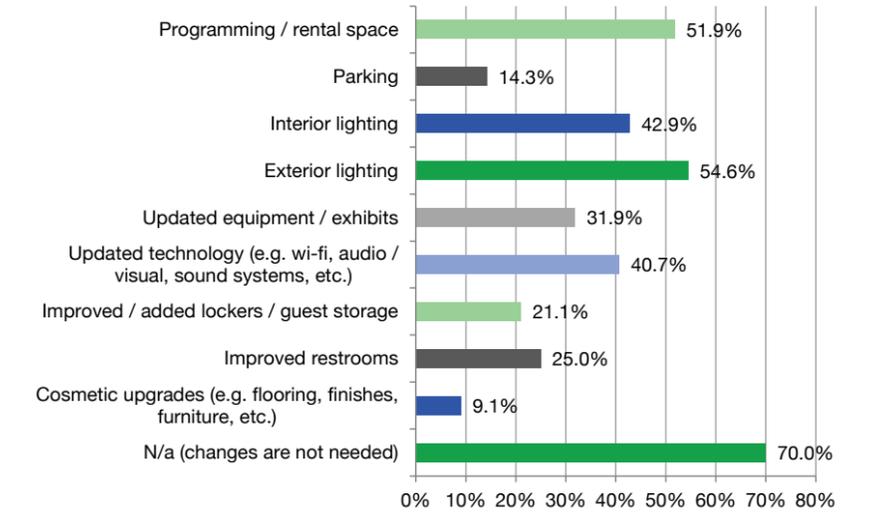
Answered: 94 Skipped: 450

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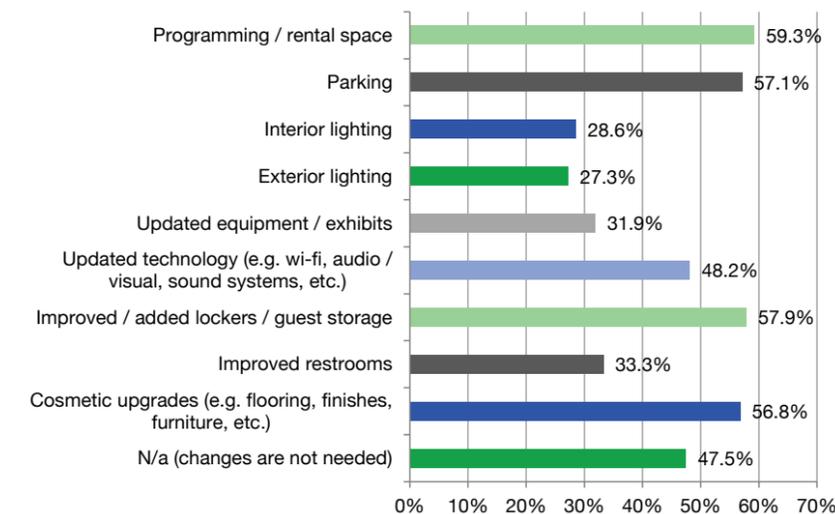
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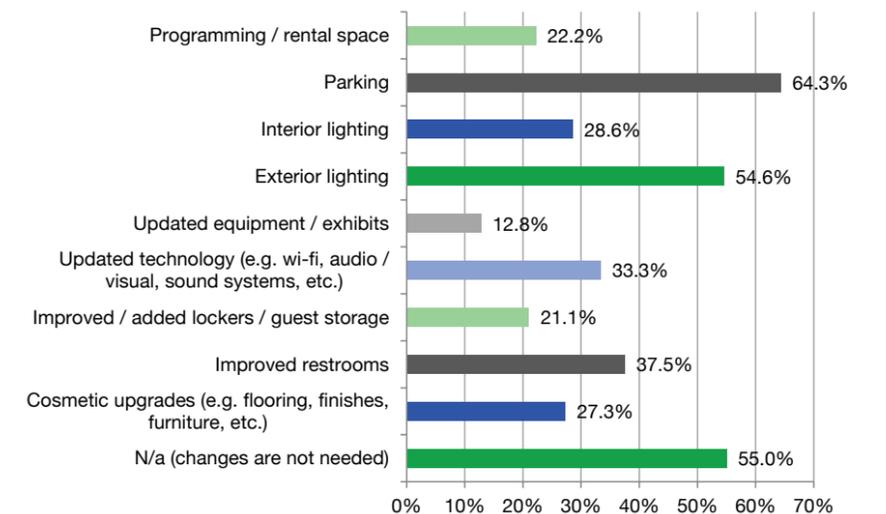
Willowhaven Nature Center

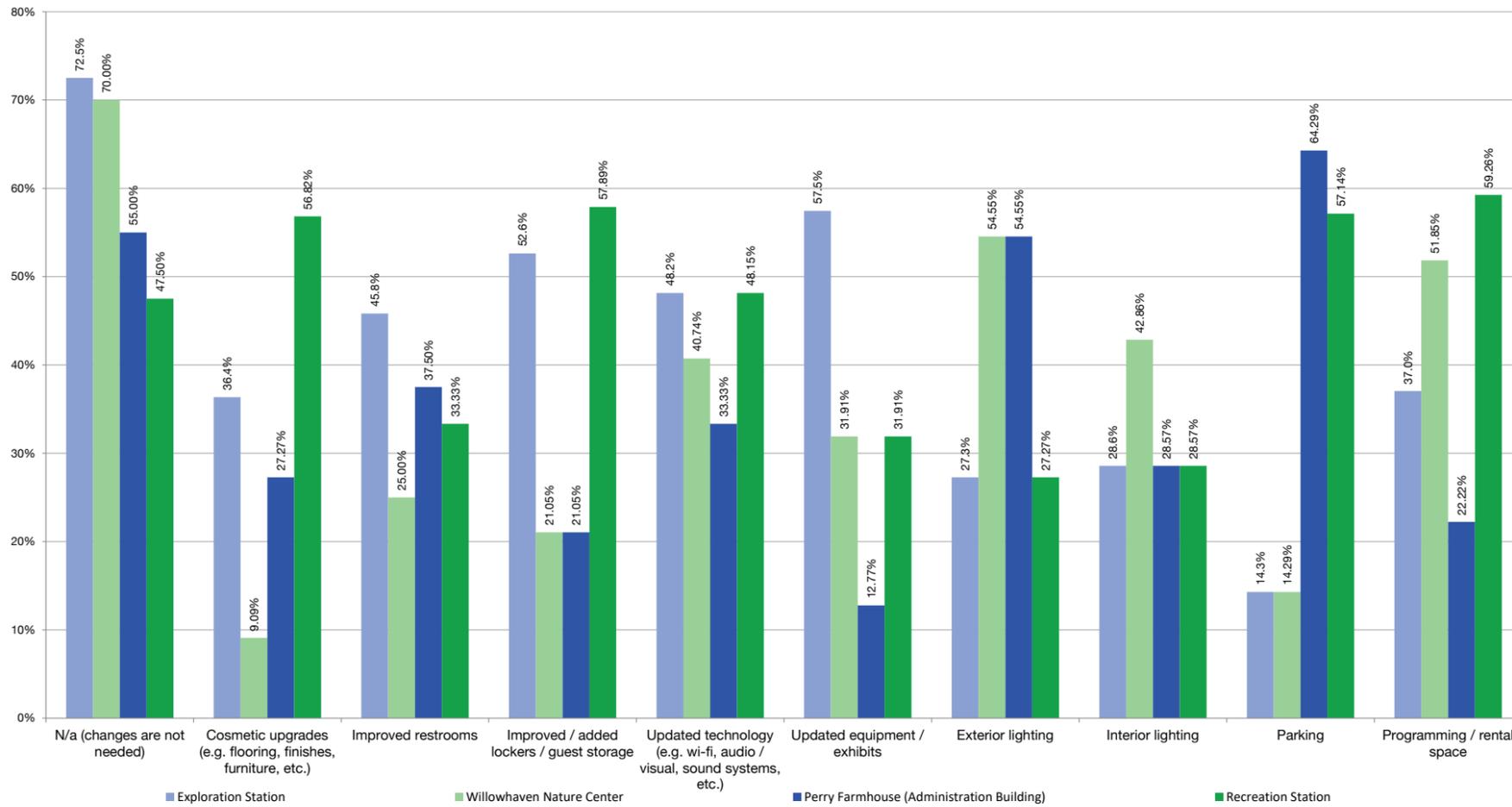


Recreation Station



Perry Farmhouse (Administration Building)





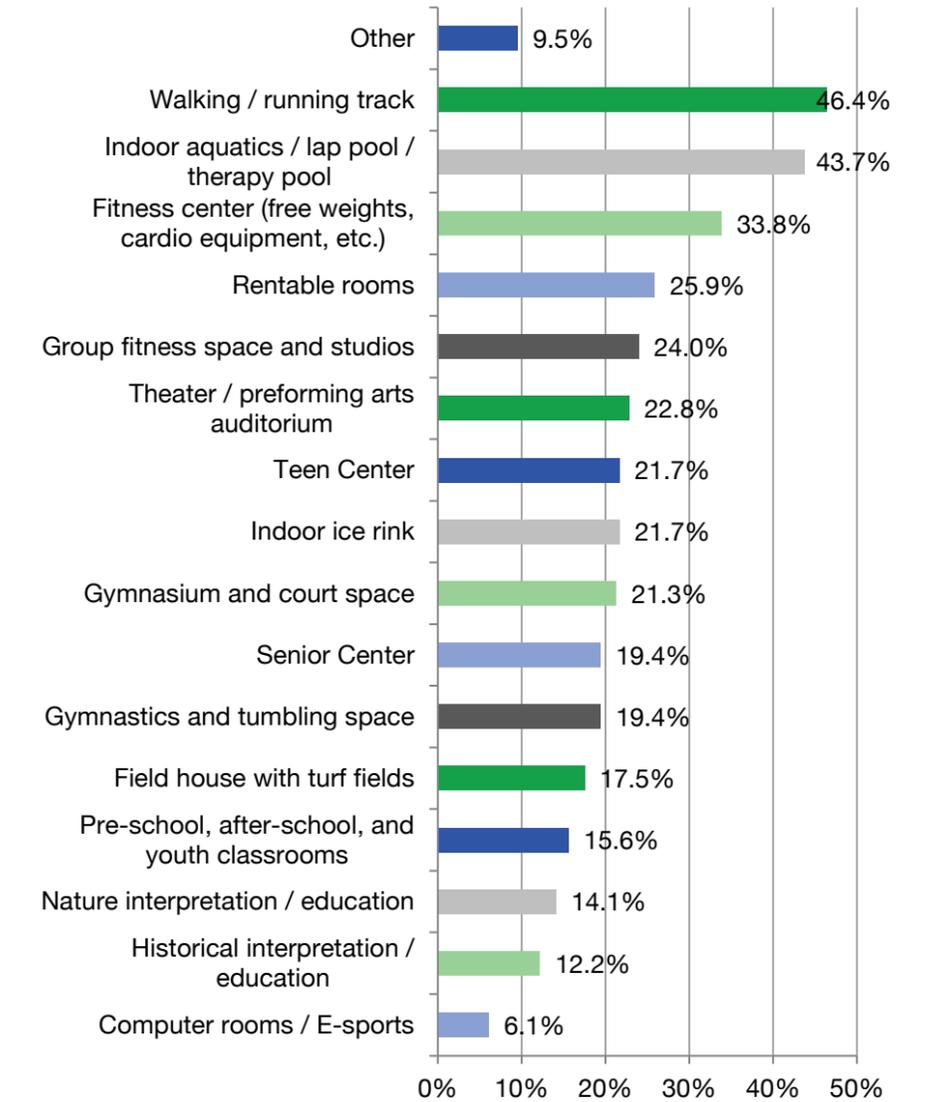
The 9 comments provided for this question covered a broad range of topics with few common themes. Participants mentioned crowds at Exploration Station, a need for restrooms near the Perry Farm playground, needed ventilation improvements in the gym, and a need for more general health activities. Two participants declined to add more detail due to lack of use during the pandemic and one person commented on their desire for lower taxes.

12. Are there INDOOR recreation opportunities not currently provided by the Park District that you and members of your household would like to see added or that you think we need more? (Select all that apply.)

Answered: 263 Skipped: 281

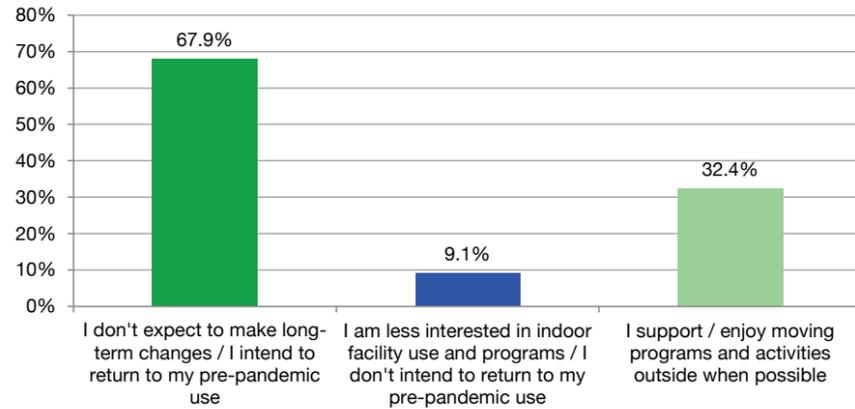
25 participants provided comments with a wide range of indoor spaces and activity suggestions but no ideas received more than one comment. Comments for new indoor spaces included suggestions for a climbing wall, indoor playground, dance room, a senior café, an indoor, a teaching kitchen, an indoor garden, and an indoor dog park. For indoor programming, participants suggested adult crafts, mom/kid work-outs, concerts, teen basketball, kenpo martial arts trial, and open gym in the afternoon and evening. One participant specifically cited a need for a new recreation center. Three people requested more pickleball courts.

Eight people commented that nothing new is needed with seven of these comments citing high taxes. One comment requested an end to mask regulations.



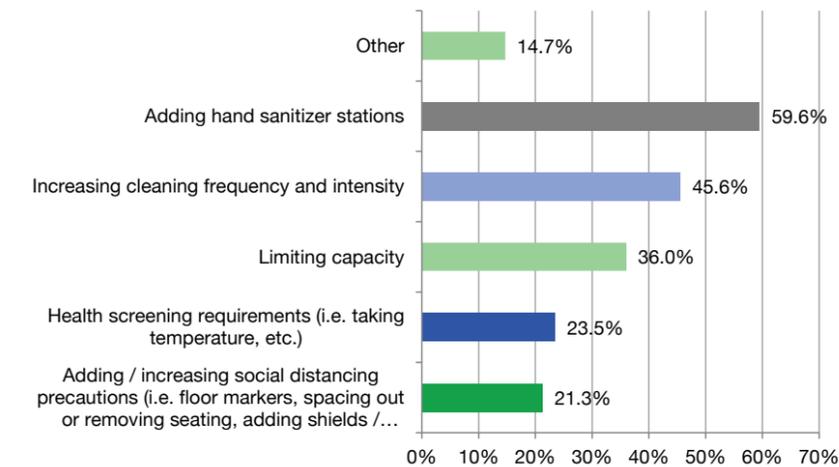
13. How has your facility use and interest changed from 2019 to present, excluding facility closures (INDOOR participation only)? (Select all that apply.)

Answered: 287 Skipped: 257



14. Are there any long-term INDOOR recreation changes needed to improve the safety of and your and members of your households' interest in using BTPD facilities? (Select all that apply.)

Answered: 136 Skipped: 408

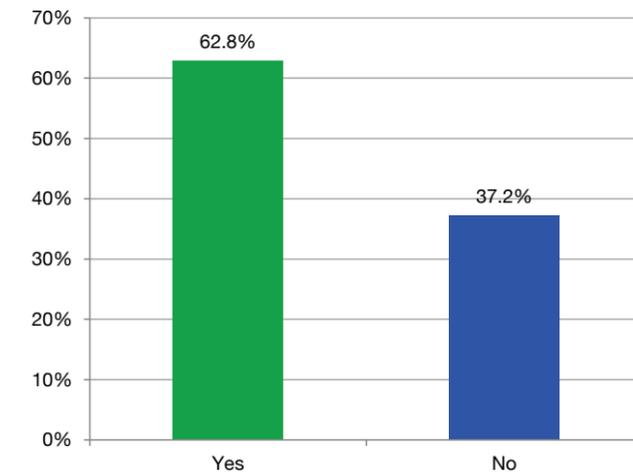


20 participants provided comments with 11 people indicating that none of the options are necessary, of these, two also added that they are happy with the Park District as-is. Four comments expressed a desire for things to reopen to regular activity with three of these comments requesting masks be

made optional. Four comments requested cost and spending reductions, one supported more handwashing locations, and one requested adding bike lanes to the facilities.

15. Do you participate in any Park District programs or special event in a typical year?

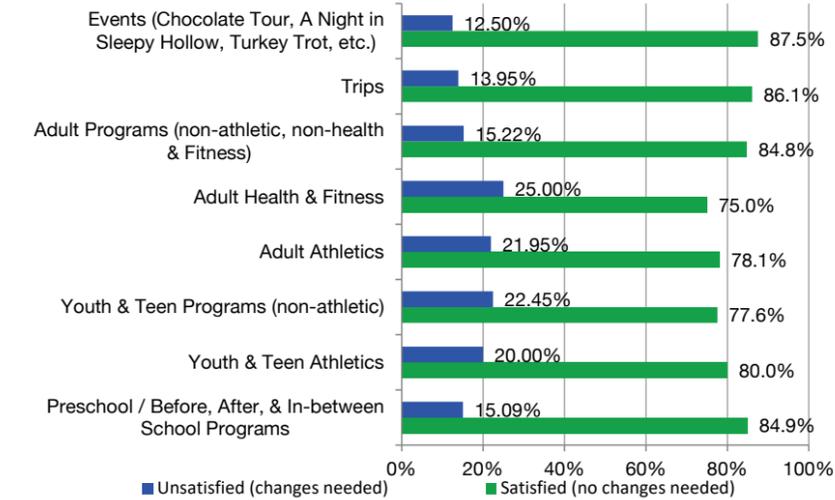
Answered: 206 Skipped: 122



**Participants who selected "Yes" were directed to questions 16 and 17. Participants who selected "No" were directed to question 18.

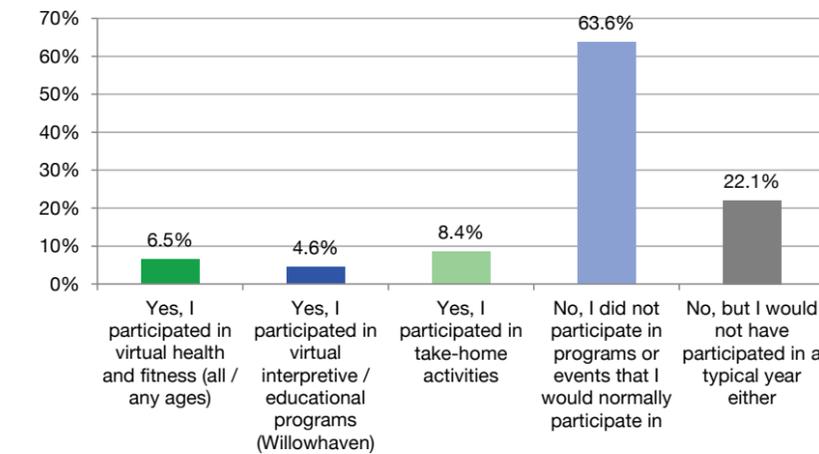
16. Of the Park District programs and events that you and members of your household have participated in, how satisfied were you with each? Please skip the programs and events you and members of your household did not participate in.

Answered: 178 Skipped: 366



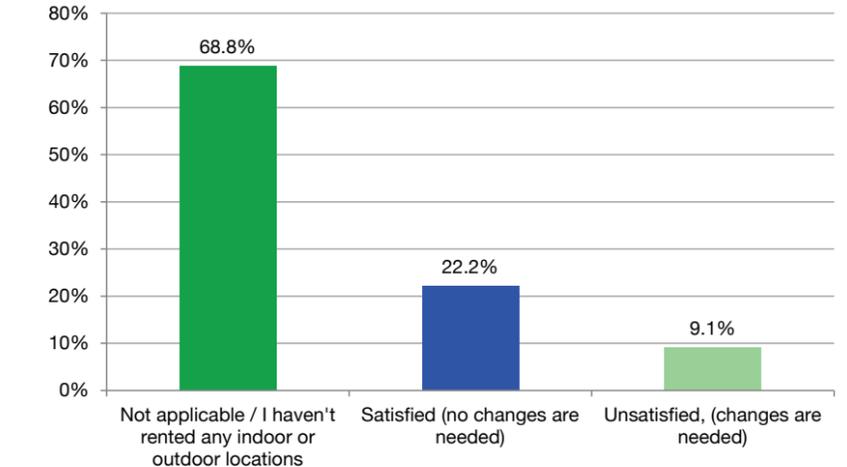
17. Did you participate in any programs or events from 2019 to present? (Select all that apply.)

Answered: 154 Skipped: 390



18. How satisfied are you with the Park District's indoor and outdoor rental facilities?

Answered: 298 Skipped: 24



26 people commented on the Park District rental spaces with six indicating that the rates are unaffordable and another four commenting that more space is needed. A few participants cited specific examples including a need for ADA accessible and multi-generational meeting space, options for small groups, more size options at Exploration Station and a need for more space at Recreation Station specifically. One participant each also noted accessibility challenges with parking and restroom locations at Willowhaven and Diamond Point. One comment promoted drop-in basketball rather than renting and two participants were unaware that the Park District offers rentals. Six participants reiterated their opinion that taxes and spending are too high.

19. Are there program or event opportunities not currently provided by the Bourbonnais Township Park District (in-person, virtual, and/or take-home) that you would like to see added or that you think we need more?

Answered: 63 Skipped: 481

**Answers to this question were only available as a text box for a written response.

63 participants answered this question and ideas noted by more than one participant are followed by a number in parentheses indicated the number of comments received related to that idea.

Several participants recommended very specific program and event ideas that have been summarized by theme including music/outdoor concerts (2), movie showings (3), guest speakers/education sessions (2), telescope nights, District tours/treasure hunts/regional geocaches, markets/garage sales, and more animal events. Two participants commented on the need to continue to offer the existing events and five people requested the reinstatement of trips. One participant commented on a need for better management of ticket sales and a need for lower costs at existing events and another proposed extending the scarecrow event into a longer festival.

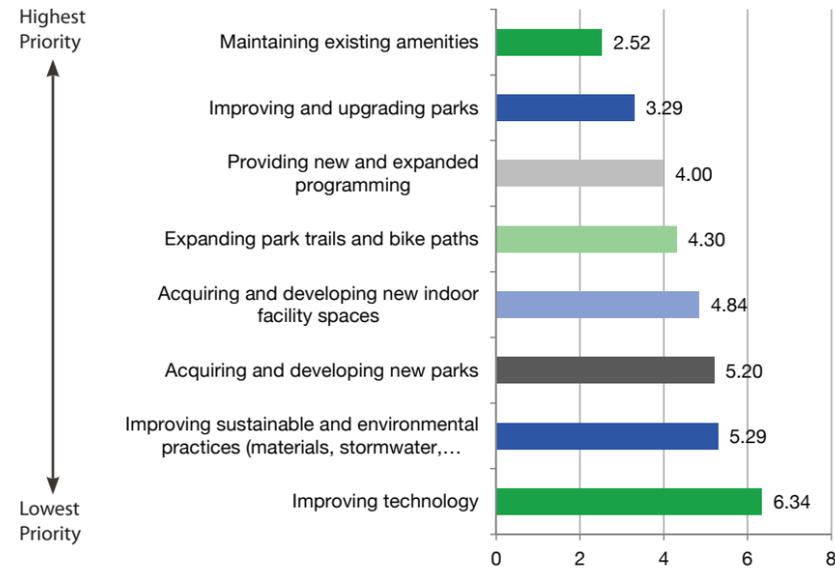
Many comments also provided suggestions for different age groups including infants and toddlers (2), preschoolers (2), youth/kids (8), teens (3), and adults (2). Specific examples for preschoolers included outdoor socialization and day camp. Park District-provided sports, non-sport activities such as technology and cooking, a theater program, and tumbling/gymnastics were suggested for youth and children programs. For pre-teens and teenagers, participants suggested camp counselor/leadership training, non-competitive sport leagues, and camps. Participants suggested special interest classes such as cooking or gardening, bird walks, and Mahjong as possible activities for adults. A sand volleyball league and adaptive sports for wheelchair users were also suggested but a specific age group was not mentioned.

A few comments related to physical amenities needed to support programs and events were suggested including indoor and/or outdoor pickleball (6), an outdoor pool, open/unprogrammed gym times, an ice skating rink, more gazebos, updates/a new skate park, a larger and more accessible water park/splash pad, bike/walking trails throughout the region, senior friendly fitness equipment, and a senior center. One person also commented that Turnberry is underused.

A few participants commented on existing items provided by the Park District and by others that they like including community gardens, virtual and take-home programs in general, the Riverside pool and gym, and photo opportunities like the barns at Perry Farm. Three participants did not feel that any changes were needed and another three commented that costs and spending should be decreased. Two comments expressed support for collaboration between the multiple local agencies to share resources.

20. Which of the following objectives do you think the Bourbonnais Township Park District should focus on over the next five years? Please rank from most important (1) to least important (8) to you and members of your household.

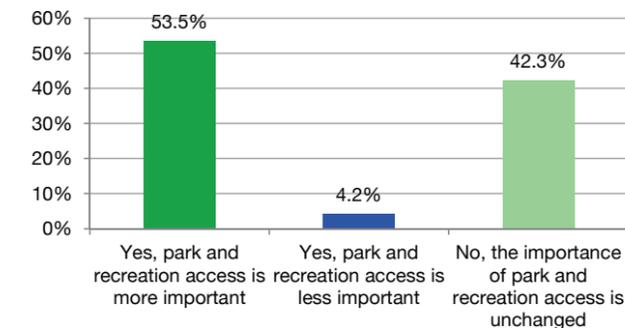
Answered: 280 Skipped: 264



* Lower numbers indicate greater importance.

21. Has the importance of access to parks and recreation offerings for you and members of your household changed since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic?

Answered: 284 Skipped: 260

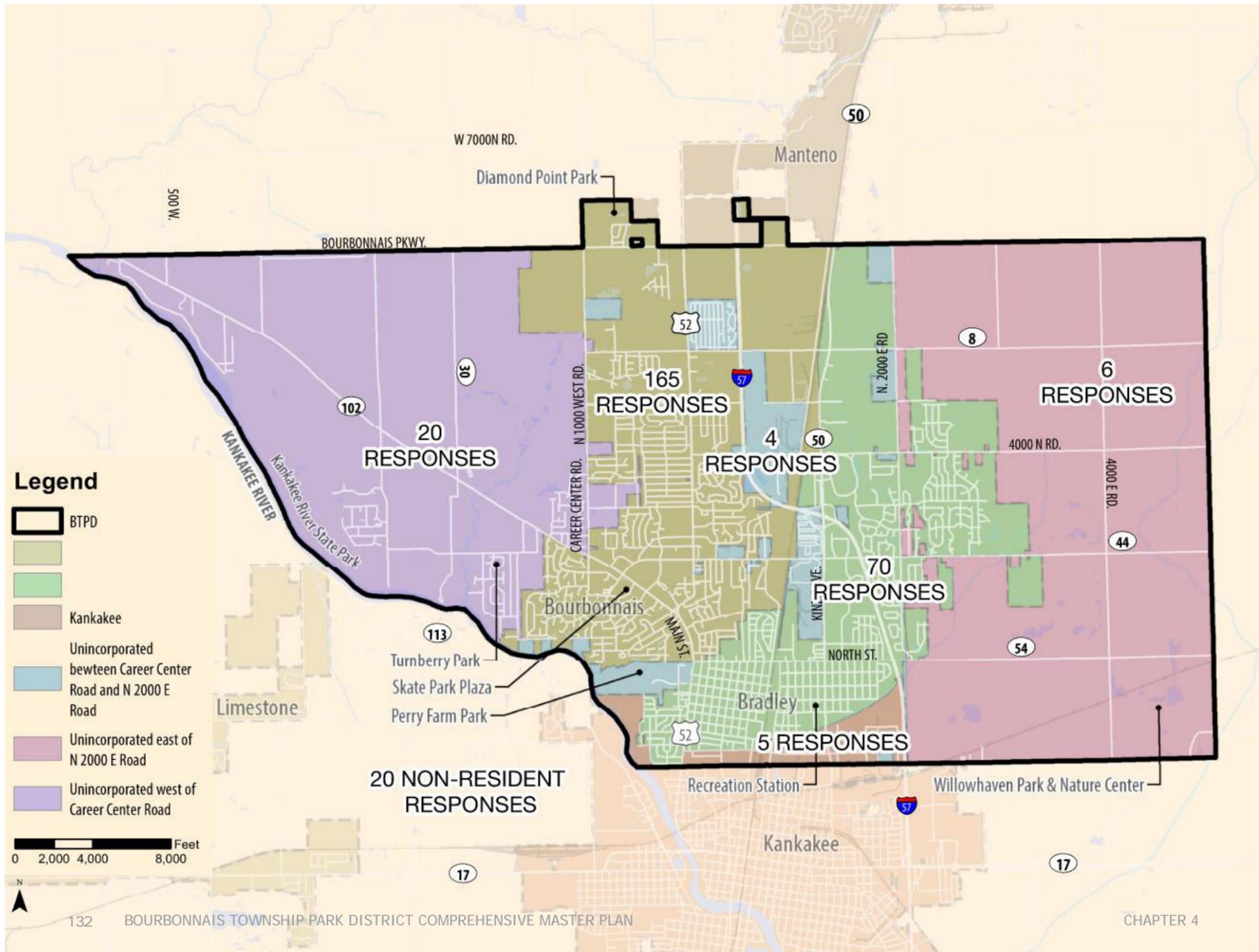


33 people provided comments. Nine comments described how participation has decreased with a mix of understanding to displeasure and unhappiness. Four commenters were indifferent to the Park District's response or unsure at this point in time and five participants indicated they were satisfied, specially citing staff interaction, information distribution, and cleanliness as things that were done well. A few participants also noted negative effects of the Park Districts responses including limiting children's ability to play outside and the closure of restrooms. Some specific measures resulted in mixed responses with some participants questioning the necessity of wearing masks and others expressing concern that social distancing and mask wearing were not in effect.

23. Are you a resident of Bourbonnais Township Park District?

Answered: 290 Skipped: 254

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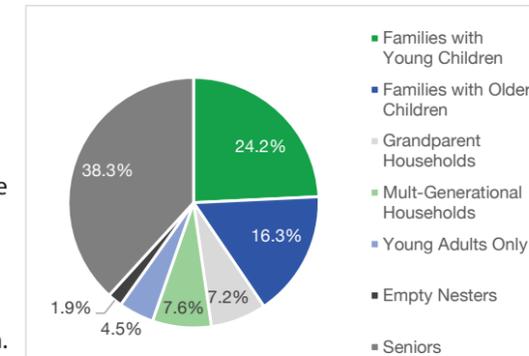


24. How many people of each age group, including yourself, reside in your household?

Answered: 287 Skipped: 257

The following household age distribution summary is an approximation of the different participant households who are represented by this survey and was generated by comparing individual user responses. The most common household represented by this survey was households consisting only of seniors and/or active adults (ages 55+) and mostly included only one or two people total, accounting for about 38% of survey responses.

The next two highest categories of household are families with young children (school-aged) and families with older children (teens and young adults). Families with young children represented about 24% of responses. In general, the make-up of these households consists of at least one adult between 24-44 and one or more children aged 14 or under. The specific of household make-up of this category varies greatly by number and age range of both adults and children in the household. Families with older children made up about 16% of responses and consist of at least one adult typically between 45-64 years old and one or more teen/young adult typically 15-24, these may be children living with their parents full-time or part-time depending on the situation. There is some potential overlap between these categories, where some households included both school-aged/younger children and teens/young adults, these households were categorized by which group the largest number of children fell into. Outside of these two family categories, about 7% of participant households consisted of children school-aged or younger and one or more adults aged 55 or older, labeled as "grandparent" households. These are assumed to be homes where family had children later in life or where a grandparent is the primary caregiver. These three family categories appear to only include two generations (i.e. parent and child or grandparent and child). The final family category represents households that are estimated to be 3-generational households (i.e. grandparents, parents, and children). These households tend to include the largest number of people and make up about 8% or participant households. In total, about 55% of households represented in this survey included children.



The final two household categories consist of adult-only households and are determined by age. About 5% of households in the survey are represented by young adults only. Unlike families with older children, young adult only households tend to consist of one or two people and who may be married, dating, or roommates and are generally in the 20-34 age range. The final category are the empty nesters, making up about 2% of responses. This group also tends to consist of only one or two people but are generally 35-54. In some cases, these households may be individuals or couples without children or adult children acting as caregivers.

25. Thank you for your participation! Please provide any additional comments here:

Answered: 77 Skipped: 467

77 survey participants provided additional comments at the end of the survey. The topic of these comments varied greatly with very few having more than one or two comments relating to a common theme. Where applicable, ideas noted by more than one participant are followed by a number in parentheses indicated the number of comments received related to that idea.

A few participants provided comments about indoor activities with several suggesting new indoor spaces including a teen center supported by partner agencies, indoor skating, a warm water pool, and a general recreation facility that includes dedicated spaces and is affordable (2). One comment also recommended the preservation of the Perry Farm buildings.

Participants had several ideas for improving existing outdoor spaces and for adding new amenities. At Perry Farm, comments suggested adding lights, cleaning up the Indian Caves, and adding striped “travel lanes” to reduce path conflicts. Suggestions for new amenities included adding more splash pads and to consider synthetic turf ballfields. Several participants also called for updating the Park District playgrounds citing a need for modern equipment, interest in a nature playground, and adding swings at Willowhaven (2). Two participants also requested maintenance at parks not owned by the Park District. A few participants also expressed interest in the planned dedicated pickleball courts (2). One participant requested bike paths be extended to connect the community and another suggested a new open space opportunity in Briar Cliff.

A few participants expressed interest in several examples of existing and new events including movie nights, scavenger hunts, live music, pop-ups at other locations such as bounce houses, slides, and movies, and trips/tours (3). Some participants proposed improvements to existing programs including providing more for kids of all ages to participate together, to prioritize before- and after-school programming improvements, extend parent’s night out hours, and add historic/educational options at Perry Farm and Willowhaven. A few participants also requested more inclusivity including accommodated people with mobility, disability, and diet restrictions (2).

Park District policy and operation was commented on by many participants with conflicting views. Participants express satisfaction with Park District staff (3), support for the Board, and their satisfaction with the District’s transparency of decision-making and spending. Participants noted their dissatisfaction with

Park District staff (2), concern that the Board is out of touch (3), a need for better distribution of information, and a need to acknowledge resident contributions. Many of the comments received touched on costs and spending. One comment urged the Board not to cut anything but many requested spending and tax reductions (16). Others expressed support for maintaining existing offerings without adding to or expanding them (7), suggested consolidating locations with other agencies, and requested that the parks not be overdeveloped. In general, a few participants noted that offerings are too expensive and some requested free resident use of the ballfields (3). Four people commented that they appreciate chances to provide feedback (4) and two requested that COVID restrictions be lifted (2). Finally, many participants provided praise and thanks for the Park District services (19).



COMMUNITY INPUT

The following summary is an overview of input received from the workshop completed by Bourbonnais Township Park District community members.

Nine community members from the District participated in the workshop held on April 21st, 2021 to provide suggestions for the District's direction over the next five years. Participants were given note cards and asked to write down all their comments and suggestions for the Comprehensive Master Plan and outlook for the Bourbonnais Township Park District relating to parks, facilities, programs, and services.

They then selected the three items most important to them and the HDG staff organized the responses into the following categories:

Flexible Parking / Use

- Parking

Dog Park

- In-town dog park (2)

Synthetic Turf

- Diamond Point Park for all baseball fields in the next few years
- Turf baseball infields

Partnerships

- Partnerships

New Indoor Facility

- Indoor trampoline facility
- Field house
- Expand indoor pickleball courts (2)
- Senior activities (card tournaments)

Teen and Tween Programs

- Intermural sports programs (teenagers to seniors)
- Junior high and teen programs (non-athletic)
- More frequent middle school game nights

Outdoor Fitness

- Hill stairs like Palos Park toboggan run
- Adult park equipment (exercise)

Outdoor Pickleball Courts

- Develop outdoor pickleball facility with multiple courts (3)

Tennis Courts

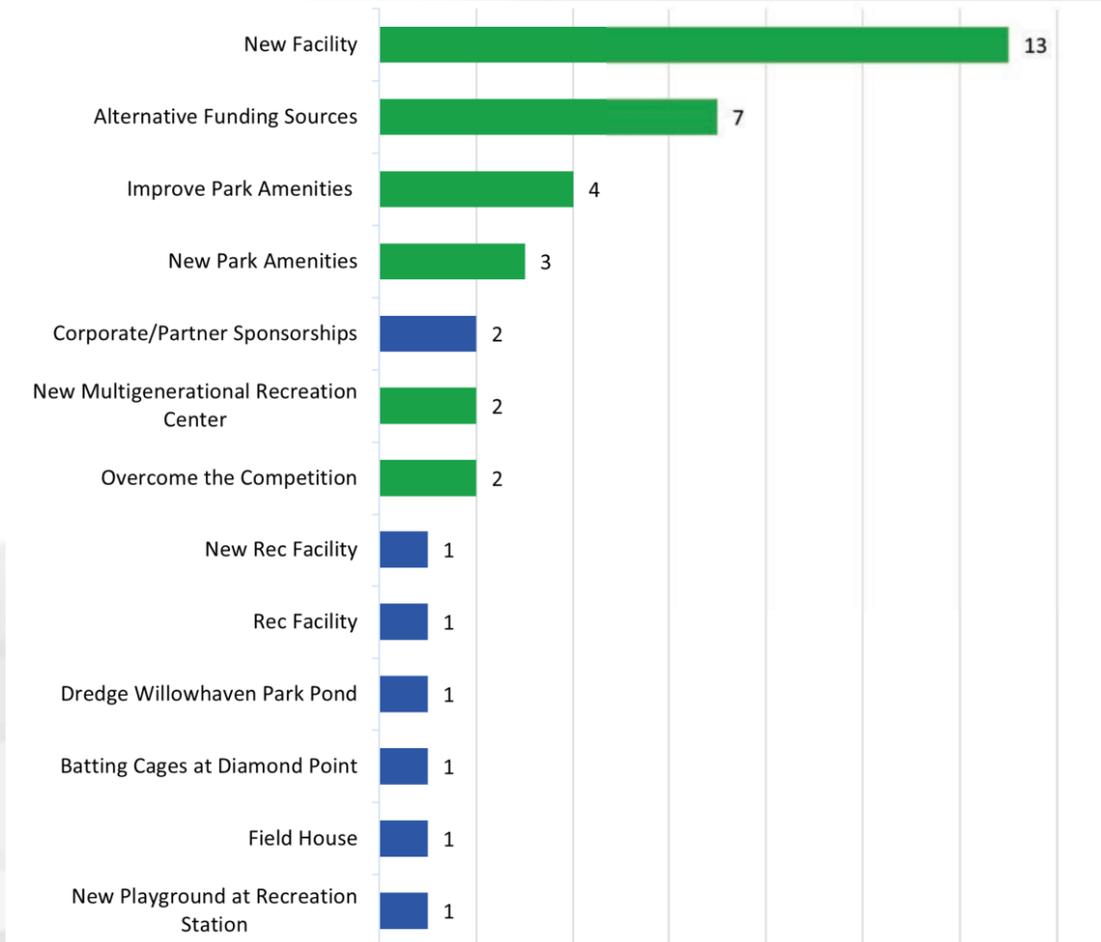
- Tennis courts

Update Facilities

- Annual updates for all facilities
- Maintenance on all facilities
- Annual new look to Exploration Station

After the categories were established, attendees were given two stickers to vote on the items most important to them. They could vote on either a park, facility, program, or service item and could vote on the same item multiple times.

Workshop Results



STAKEHOLDER INPUT

The following summary is an overview of input received from the workshop completed by Bourbonnais Township Park District community members.

24 community members from 22 stakeholder groups participated in the stakeholder interviews held on April 3rd, 2020. The Planning Team conducted these interviews in-person with the option given to be online. Participants were divided into five groups plus two make-up calls. Through facilitated conversation, the participants were asked the following questions:

Participants were asked for suggestions for the parks and recreation services direction over the next five years.

The stakeholder interviews were structured as a facilitated discussion between participants considering both their role as a stakeholder representative, and as an individual Park District participant. The following list of questions was used by HDG to lead the discussion.

- Are you a Bourbonnais Township resident? How long have you lived in Bourbonnais Township or the surrounding area?
- How long have you been visiting and/or how often do you visit the Park District parks and facilities? What activities have you participated in?
- Which programs and events are you affiliated with or have you participated in?

- In comparing other recreation providers, what do you prefer about the Bourbonnais Township Park District and what have you preferred at the other locations?
- In your experience working with the Park District, what has worked well? What are some areas that could be improved?
- How is your organization expecting to provide recreation over the next 5 years and how can the Park District be involved?
- How has the COVID-19 pandemic affected your organization and long-term user needs?
- What service, facility, or amenity gaps exist in the region?
- Based on today's discussion, what do you think are the top 1-3 priorities for the next five years?

Some questions were skipped or were not asked as participants provided answers earlier in the conversation or if they did not apply to the participants. The following results are a summary of all of the groups' responses, organized by category.

Facilities

In general, stakeholders agreed that there is a strong need for more indoor recreation. Adventure Commons, the YMCA, and other spaces like Bradley-Bourbonnais Community High School were cited as being able to meet some of those needs, but that the District should have its own dedicated recreation facility. Many expressed that this facility should host a wide array of amenities, indoor sports in particular. A few others wanted this space to have rentable spaces available and to host the District's offered programs.

Stakeholders from another group supported the addition of easily accessible, outdoor community pool. One individual said that it could be an indoor pool instead and included in a new recreation facility.

Parks and Open Spaces

Stakeholders from each group suggested specific improvements that could be made for the three primary District parks: Diamond Point, Willowhaven and Perry Farm Parks.

Most groups agreed that Perry Farm is an excellent model for success but were aware of its large popularity and that other District parks could share the attention. Some stakeholders added that they would just like to see improvements made to the trails there and to explore additional amenities on the site.

Comments regarding Willowhaven Park were primarily about it being unknown. Most stakeholder groups wanted there to be an increased awareness of the park and for there to be more amenities to increase attraction to it.

Diamond Point Park was also considered too far out of the way and that it should have improved access. Other stakeholder comments regarding the park were about improvements on existing amenities like the concessions and restroom facilities and the baseball diamonds.

Stakeholders also had some amenities in general that they wanted to see added that were not associated with any specific park. Common amenities mentioned were outdoor pickleball and tennis courts, a centralized dog park, and frisbee golf.

Stakeholders from different groups also mentioned the room to improve the trails along the Kankakee River and increased attention to safety for its users. A few others interviewed wanted to see a larger trail system added to connect the District parks for pedestrians and cyclists.

Programs

When discussing programs and user groups one category came up among multiple groups: activities for teens and young adults. Some stakeholders explained that toddler and elementary kids have plenty of programs to meet their needs, but that there were only few programs dedicated to the older middle school to young adults. Some suggested that non-sport options were also provided to these groups.

STAFF INPUT

The following summary is an overview of input received from the workshop completed by Bourbonnais Township Park District staff members.

Thirteen full-time staff members from the District participated in the workshop held on April 21st, 2021 to provide suggestions for the District's direction over the next five years. Participants were given note cards and asked to write down all their comments and suggestions for the Comprehensive Master Plan and outlook for the Bourbonnais Township Park District relating to parks, facilities, programs, and services.

They then selected the two items most important to them and the HDG staff organized the responses into the following categories:

Wayfinding and Increased Park Visibility

- Increased wayfinding / visibility

New Park Amenities

- Pickleball courts
- Jumbo games (chess, checkers, jenga)
- Turf Fields
- Artificial turf for infields

Improve Park Amenities

- Lighting at Diamond Point Park
- Fishing expansion (Willowhaven Park, Turnberry Park, Coyne Park)
- Dredge Willowhaven Park pond
- Expand trails
- Trail improvements and boardwalk at Willowhaven Park

- Batting cages at Diamond Point Park

Alternative Funding Sources

- Corporate/partner sponsorships
- General park funding

New Facilities

- New recreation facility (2)
- Recreation / fitness center (2)
- Multi-use recreation facility
- Multi-generational recreation center
- Field house
- More space available through recreation center (2)
- Upgraded preschool classrooms
- Home for youth/teen programs
- Teaching kitchen
- Recreation facility with administrative space
- Seek new facility funding (grants and bonds)
- Administrative space at Recreation Station

Improve Facilities

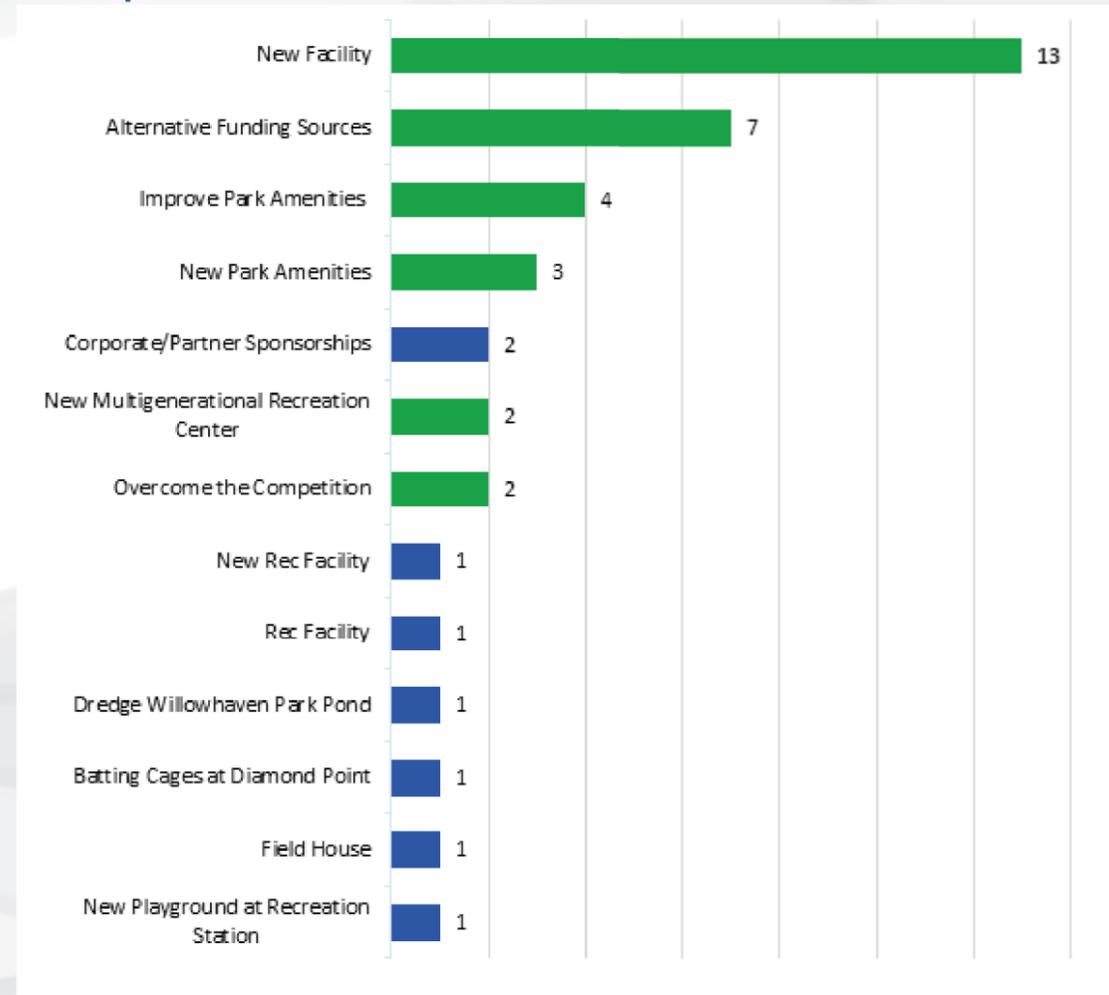
- Recreation Station playground
- Alternatives to building new facilities
- New large gross motor exhibit at Exploration Station

Overcome the Competition

- Overcome local competing agencies

After the ideas were generated and categorized, staff members were given two stickers to vote on the items most important to them. They could vote on a category item (green) or an individual idea (blue) and could vote for the same item multiple times.

Workshop Results



BOARD INPUT

The following summary is an overview of input received from the workshop completed by the Bourbonnais Township Park District Board.

The Acting Village President as well as five Trustees attended a meeting on June 14th, 2021 to provide suggestions for the District's direction over the next five years. Participants were given note cards and asked to write down all their comments and suggestions for the Comprehensive Master Plan and outlook for the Bourbonnais Township Park District relating to parks, facilities, programs, and services.

They then selected the two items most important to them and the HDG staff organized the responses into the following categories.

Events

- Winter sleigh rides
- Vintage auto show
- Expand concerts in the park
- Winter activities
- Vintage tractor shows

New Outdoor Amenities

- Pickleball
- Buddy ballfield at Diamond Point Park

Volunteer Groups

- Volunteer group

Government Partnerships

- Work with villages in the area

Infrastructure

- New maintenance building
- Infrastructure improvements
- New location for maintenance (Perry Farm)

New Indoor Facility

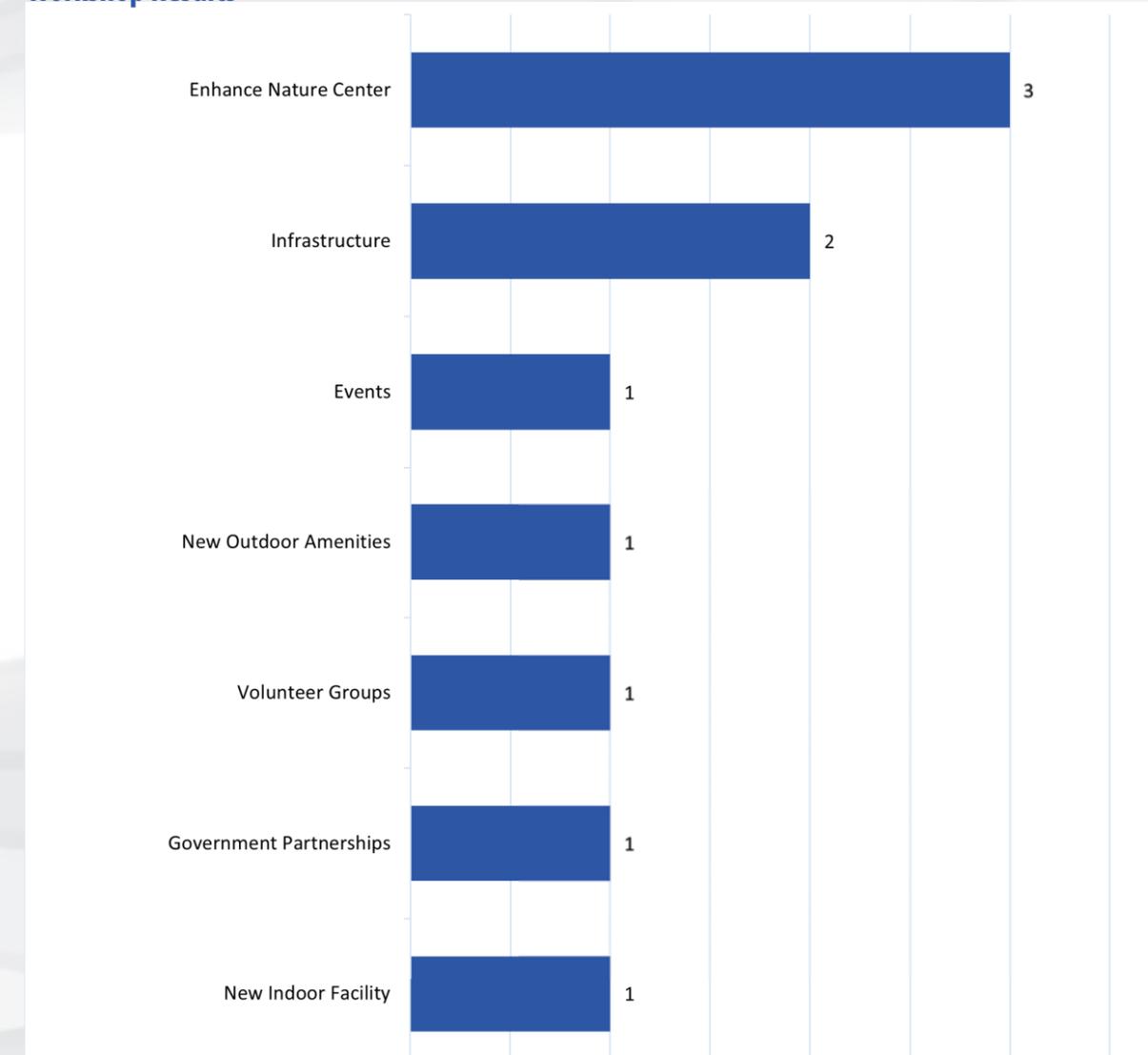
- Gym

Enhance Nature Center

- Enhance Nature Center

After the categories were established, attendees were given two stickers to vote on the items most important to them. They could vote on either a park, facility, program, or service item and could vote on the same item multiple times.

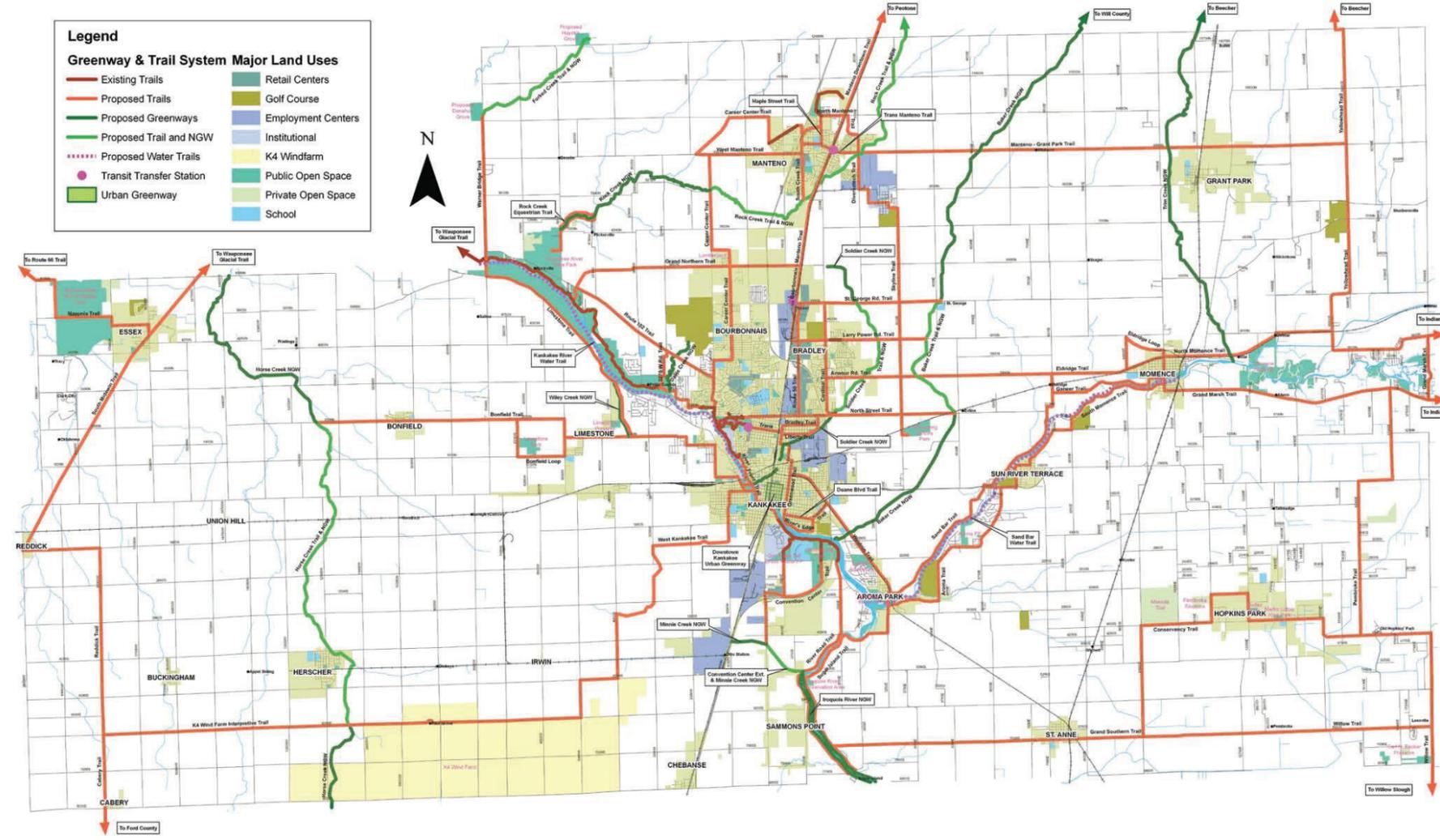
Workshop Results





Chapter Five

Appendix



NOTE: THE KANKAKEE RIVER IS A DESIGNATED GREENWAY FOR ITS ENTIRE LENGTH THROUGH KANKAKEE COUNTY.



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Meeting Summary

Date: April 21, 2021
Time: 6:30 PM
Location: Bourbonnais Township Park District (Recreation Station)
Attendees: See sign-in sheet

RE: Comprehensive Master Plan

Purpose of Meeting: Community Meeting

Items Discussed:

Members of the Bourbonnais Township Park District community were invited to attend the community meeting with 9 people participating. Participants were given note cards and asked to write down all their comments and suggestions for the Comprehensive Master Plan and outlook for the Bourbonnais Township Park District relating to parks, facilities, programs, and services. They then selected three items from their lists that were most important to them and wrote them down on three post-it notes. After this the Planning Team organized the prioritized responses into categories with community guidance. The following list is a record of their responses:

1. Flexible Parking/Use
 - a. Parking
2. In Town Dog Park
3. Synthetic Turf
 - a. Diamond Point Park (Artificial turf for all baseball fields in next few years)
 - b. Turf baseball infields
4. In Town Dog Park
5. Partnerships
6. New Indoor Facility
 - a. Indoor Trampoline Facility
 - b. Field House
 - c. Expand Indoor Pickleball
 - d. Seniors (Card tournaments)
7. Teen and Tween Programs
 - a. Internatural Sports Programs for teens all the way through seniors
 - b. Teen and Junior High Programs (Non-athletic)
 - c. Middle School Game Nights (regularly occurring)
8. Outdoor Fitness
 - a. Hill Stairs (Palos Park Toboggan Run)
9. Adult Park Equipment (Exercise equipment for adults while planning parks)
 - a. Outdoor Pickleball Courts
 - b. Pickleball Courts (Indoor and Outdoor)
 - c. Pickleball
 - d. Develop Outdoor Pickleball Facility - Multiple courts
10. Courts
 - a. Tennis Courts

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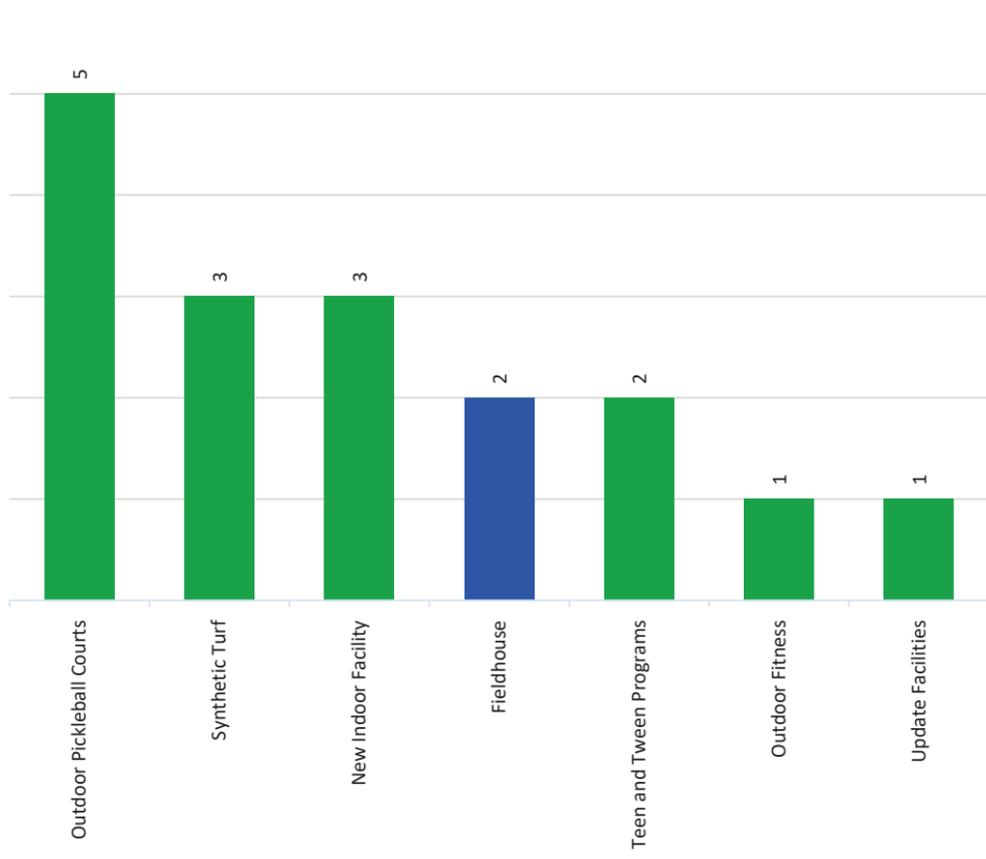


11. Update Facilities

- a. All facilities should be updated every year to keep with changes
- b. Exploration station should have a total new look each year
- c. All facility maintenance

After the ideas were generated and categorized, community members were given two stickers to vote on the items most important to them. They could vote on either a category (green) or an individual item (blue). They could also vote for the same item multiple times.

Community Workshop Prioritization



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Meeting Summary

Date: April 21, 2021
 Time: 11:00 AM
 Location: Bourbonnais Township Park District
 Attendees: See sign-in sheet

RE: Comprehensive Master Plan

Purpose of Meeting: Staff Workshop

Items Discussed:

13 full-time staff members participated in the staff workshop. Participants were given note cards and asked to write down all their comments and suggestions for the Comprehensive Master Plan and outlook for the Bourbonnais Township Park District relating to parks, facilities, programs, and services. They then selected two items from their lists that were most important to them and wrote them down on two post-it notes. Then the planning team organized the prioritized responses with input from staff. The following list is a record of their responses:

1. Wayfinding and Increase Visibility to Parks
2. New Park Amenities
 - a. Pickleball Courts
 - b. Jumbo Games (Chess, Checkers, Jenga)
 - c. Turf Fields
 - d. Artificial turf for infields
3. Improve Park Amenities
 - a. Lighting at Diamond Point Park
 - b. Fishing Expansions (Willowhaven Park, Turnberry Park, Coyne Park)
 - c. Dredge Willowhaven Park Pond
 - d. Expand trails
 - e. Trail improvements and boardwalk at Willowhaven
 - f. Batting Cages at Diamond Point Park
4. Alternative Funding Sources
 - a. Corporate/Partner Sponsorships
 - b. General Park Funding
5. New Facilities
 - a. New Rec Facility
 - b. Recreation/Fitness Center
 - c. Recreation Facility/Administrative
 - d. Seek new facility \$ - grants/bonds
 - e. Rec Station (Admin)
 - f. Rec Facility
 - g. Multi-use Rec Center
 - h. New Multi-generational Recreation Center
 - i. Field House
 - j. Fitness Center
 - k. More space available through rec center
 - l. More space

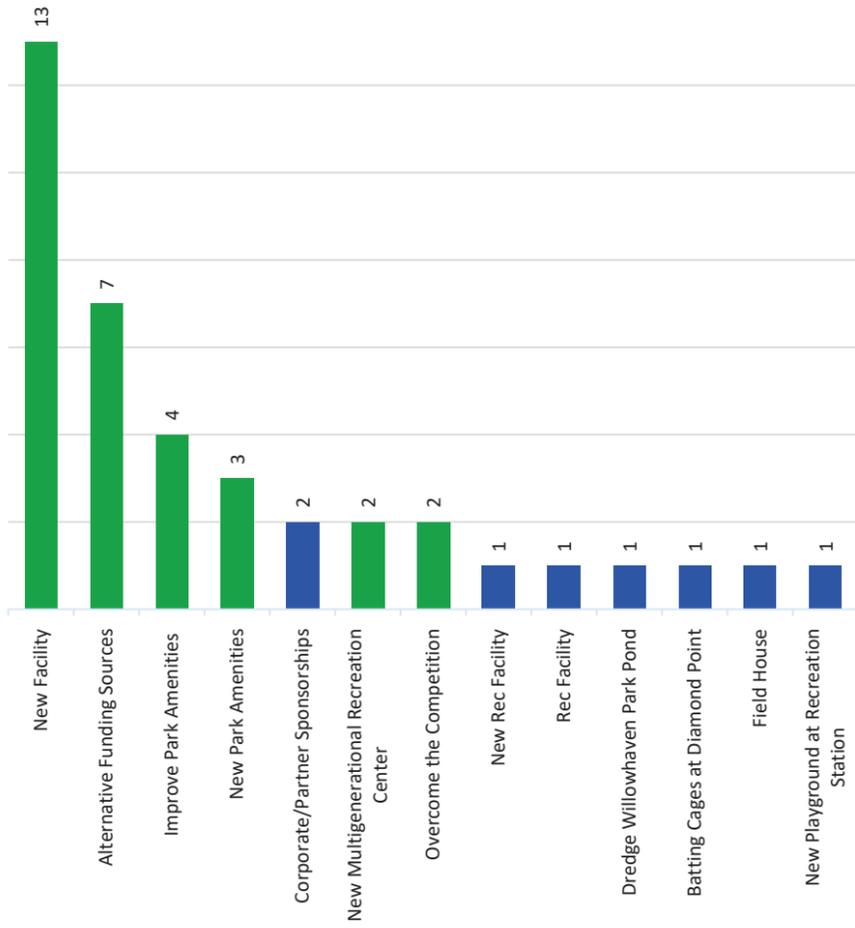




- m. Upgraded Preschool Classrooms
- n. Home for Youth/Teen Programs
- o. Teaching Kitchen
- 6. Improve Facilities
 - a. Recreation Station playground
 - b. Alt. to new facility
 - c. New large Gross-Motor Exhibit at Exploration Station
- 7. Overcome the Competition

After the ideas were generated and categorized, staff members were given two stickers to vote on the items most important to them. They could vote on a category item (green) or an individual idea (blue) and could vote for the same item multiple times.

Staff Workshop Prioritization



Meeting Summary

Date: May 25, 2021
 Time: 6:00 PM
 Location: Bourbonnais Municipal Center
 Attendees: See sign-in sheet

RE: **Comprehensive Master Plan**

Purpose of Meeting: Board Workshop

Items Discussed:

Members of the board participated in a workshop following a review meeting of the Analyze and Connect phases. Participants were given note cards and asked to write down all their comments and suggestions for the Comprehensive Master Plan and outlook for the Bourbonnais Township Park District relating to parks, facilities, programs, and services. They then selected three items from their lists that were most important to them and wrote them down on three post-it notes. The planning team then organized the prioritized responses into category with direction from the participants. The following list is a record of their responses:

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1. Events
 - a. Winter sleigh rides
 - b. Vintage auto "Cruise Nights"
 - c. Expand concerts in the park
 - d. Winter activities
 - e. Vintage tractor shows
 2. New Outdoor Amenities
 - a. Pickleball
 - b. Buddy ballfield at Diamond Point Park
 3. Volunteer Groups
 - a. Volunteer group
 4. Government Partnerships
 - a. Work with Villages in the area
 5. Infrastructure
 - a. New maintenance building
 - b. Infrastructure improvements
 - c. New location for maintenance
 - i. Perry Farm
 6. New Indoor Facility
 - a. Gym
 7. Enhance Nature Center
 - a. Enhance Nature Center



After the ideas were generated and categorized, board members were given three stickers to vote on the items most important to them. They could vote on a general category (blue) or a specific park, facility, program, or service item (green). They could also vote on the same category or item multiple times.

