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Introduction and Executive Summary

Purpose and Goal of the Plan

Master planning is a complex process involving thorough data collection, robust public engagement, and thoughtful analysis to create a periodic roadmap that sets goals and establishes priorities, then outlines a specific set of actions that the park department and community will undertake to meet those goals and priorities.

The City of Huntingburg partnered with the Eppley Institute for Parks and Public Lands and the Center for Rural Engagement at Indiana University to create this Parks and Recreation System Master Plan for this community. A parks and recreation system master plan provides the standards for level of service and facilities in the county, along with development priorities and an implementation strategy. It allows the Department to equitably allocate services and to meet identified deficiencies and shortfalls in the system for the future.

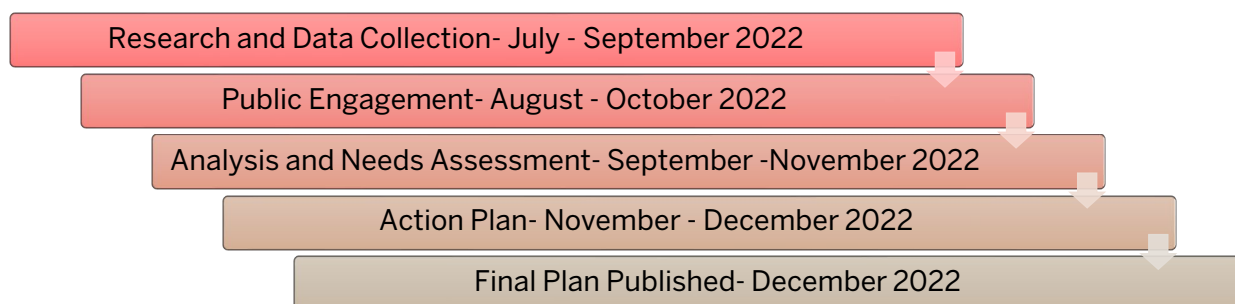
In addition to providing an inventory of the facilities, properties, programs, events, and an analysis of use and demand, the comprehensive plan solicits and documents extensive public and stakeholder input obtained throughout the planning process. The synthesis of information, public engagement, data, trends, organizational need, and measurable, definable goals and objectives guides the community actions and investment in a rational, systemwide, equitable approach that aligns with community priorities for parks and recreation services. Additionally, completion of a system master plan will also create an avenue for funding opportunities through the Indiana Department of Natural Resources- State Parks, Grants, and Trails Section to support the goals that result from the community-driven plan.

The objectives for the Master Plan under are to:

- Gain public input for Huntingburg Parks & Recreation to use for direction of important policy issues and to build wide-spread support of the plan for successful implementation
- Create a published plan that will make Huntingburg eligible for grant and passthrough funding from IDNR- State Parks, Community Grants, and Trails
- Provide an accessibility assessment of park and recreation facilities and programs to determine whether or not they are encompassing and accessible for all individuals
- Identify barriers to participation and establish priorities for barrier removal

This comprehensive system master plan will guide the Huntingburg Parks & Recreation Department from 2023 through 2027.

Master Plan Process and Timeline



Public Input

Public involvement is critical to the success of any planning project. The Department and Park Board sought to use this process to build trust within the community while also developing a plan that outlines a path forward. Methods of public engagement included:

- Community Surveys
- Stakeholder Interviews
- Master Plan Website
- Public Comment Sessions

In addition, the plan was presented to the public on December 12, 2022 for review, questions, and feedback which was incorporated into the final plan document.

Surveys

The survey was conducted in September 2022. A random sample survey was mailed to all households in Huntingburg and a convenience survey open to anyone was offered. Key findings from the surveys are noted here:

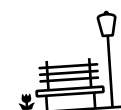
Most Important Funding Priorities

- #1 Maintaining existing parks and trails (31%)
- #2 Renovating (updating/improving) the grounds, facilities, and amenities in existing parks and trails (24%)
- #3 Constructing new walking and biking trails (13%)



Benefits of Parks

- #1 Enhance community appearance (93%)
- #2 Improve physical health and fitness (93%)
- #2 Make Huntingburg a more desirable place to live (93%)



Most Visited Parks (in the last year)

- #1 Huntingburg City Park (92%)
- #2 Market Street Park (81%)
- #3 Huntingburg League Stadium (74%)



Important Recreation Facilities

- #1 Trails, paved (49%)
- #2 Playgrounds (24%)
- #3 Trails, natural (23%)



Important Recreation Programs

- #1 Public events/festivals/picnics (55%)
- #2 Concerts, movies, etc. (33%)
- #3 Farmers' Market (32%)



Figure 1: Survey says...

Stakeholder Interviews

Stakeholder interviews were conducted to gain feedback about issues important to the planning process. Interviewees were representatives of key groups of constituencies including park users, youth sports organizations, schools, local government, and many others identified by the department. All interviewees and their affiliations are identified in Appendix A.

Main themes from stakeholder interviews:

1. Positive impression of parks
2. Excellent system for size of City
3. Programming is good. Increase health programs
4. Partnerships are valuable
5. Maintenance before more parks
6. Events and programs can be increased to generate economic development

Figure 2: Stakeholder interviews

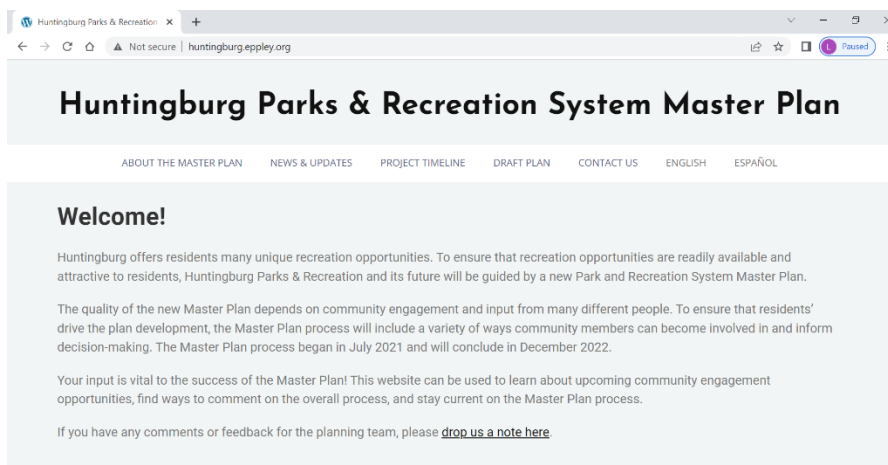


Figure 3: Project website

Project Website

Progress of the plan development was documented through a project website published in both English and Spanish containing general information, a project timeline, updates, and a comment section for public feedback and questions.

Benchmarking

Benchmarking compares communities and park departments that are similar to Huntingburg in population and department size to develop a picture of what might exist in typical department. Communities included were:

- Jasper, Indiana
- Princeton, Indiana

Key facts about each community and department can be found here:

Table 1: Benchmarking- Key facts

City	Population	Total Number of Parks	Residents per Park	Park acres per 1000 Residents	Trail Miles per 1000 residents	Population per Full-Time P&R Employee
Huntingburg	6,362	5	1,272	22.16	.41	1,590
Jasper, IN	16,713	30	557	59.83	.66	1,044
Princeton, IN	8,315	6	1,386	5.09	.39	2,771

Moving Forward- 2023-2027

All of the data collected throughout the plan development process including the current state of the parks system and the community, public input, demographics, physical site assessments, and benchmarking were analyzed through a needs assessment that informs the action plan for the next five years.

Needs Assessment

The needs assessment brings together the information and data gathered through earlier stages of the planning process to identify a path forward for the agency. This assessment begins with a level of service (LOS) analysis, which summarizes the state of the parks system in Huntingburg using data collected on local facilities comparing it to standardized parks data from national organizations such as the Trust for Public Land and the National Recreation and Parks Association. The LOS analysis is then blended with current conditions and public input to illustrate needs and gaps in the park system.

Major areas of attention for Huntingburg include:

- Improving communications about programs, events, and park facilities
- Improving accessibility and equitable access to parks
- Increased marketing of events, programs, and facilities- particularly League Stadium
- Resources should be directed to maintenance and improvement before additional facilities

Action Plan

The final step in the planning process is the action plan. The action plan takes the recommendations created in the needs assessment and turns them into a detailed set of priorities intended to be undertaken within the planning period and beyond. The action plan spells out what is realistic within the time frame and does not necessarily include every recommendation from the needs analysis, balancing priorities with available funding, staffing, and overall capacity of the department.

This action plan establishes priorities and goals with anticipated completion timeframes, estimated cost, and potential funding sources for each action item in four theme areas.

1. **Spread the Word-** Improved communications can increase participation in programs and visitation at parks and events.
2. **Parks for Everyone-** Accessibility improvements not only bring parks into ADA compliance but make them more enjoyable for everyone. Outreach to all

Huntingburg communities can makes parks and recreation more inclusive and welcoming to all.

3. ***Celebrate Huntingburg***- Improved marketing and promotion of events, facilities, and programs in Huntingburg can increase attendance. Seeking new opportunities and partnerships to capitalize on the uniqueness of Huntingburg, including League Stadium and its movie history, can have significant economic impact for the community.
4. ***Maintain and Improve***- Devote available resources to maintaining and improving existing parks while adding critical but targeted new amenities such as trails and accessible playgrounds.

Background and Context

Planning Area- Huntingburg, IN

The planning area includes the City of Huntingburg, Indiana, a municipality located in southern Dubois County in southwestern Indiana. The City covers 5.05 square miles.



Figure 4: Huntingburg, Indiana

Natural Features and Landscape

*Elevation and Climate*¹

The average elevation of Huntingburg is 489 feet above sea level. In Huntingburg, the summers are long, warm, humid, and wet; the winters are short, cool to cold, and occasionally snowy. Over the course of the year, the temperature typically varies from 23°F in January to 87°F in July, which is, on average, the hottest month in Huntingburg. The average annual precipitation is about 48 inches, which makes Huntingburg one of the wettest places in Indiana. Precipitation occurs year-round, with 30% of precipitation occurring in the summer, the wettest season, and 22% in the spring, the driest season. The average snowfall is 11 inches per year, which makes Huntingburg one of the least snowy places in Indiana. February, the snowiest month in Huntingburg, averages 3.5 inches of snow.

Topography and Geology

Dubois County sits on one of the most widespread regional geologic unconformities in the world, the Mississippian-Pennsylvanian unconformity, which is comprised of shale and sandstone with thin beds of limestone, clay, and coal. Huntingburg, specifically, sits on the “Big Clifty” formation of Mississippian sandstone and has derived oil from, and stores gas in, the formation (Indiana Geological Survey, n.d). The topography of Dubois County is characterized by lowland plains. The southwest area of the county, where Huntingburg is, is characterized by hills and gently rolling

¹ Climate in Huntingburg, Indiana. (n.d.). Retrieved July 19, 2022, from <https://www.bestplaces.net/climate/city/indiana/huntingburg>

or level plateaus, attributable to the Wabash Lowland, with rugged upland areas from the Crawford Upland formation.

Watercourses and Lakes

Bedrock aquifer systems extend across Dubois County. The Pennsylvanian Raccoon Creek Group Aquifer System covers most of Dubois County (IDNR, 2003). The City of Huntingburg draws and treats drinking water from Huntingburg City Lake, a 178-acre artificial lake, or reservoir, located in Patoka Township approximately one mile west of downtown Huntingburg. The lake has a surface elevation of around 479 feet mean sea level (msl) and the bedrock groundwater aquifer elevation for most of the lake is below 470 feet (msl), so groundwater from the aquifers does not contribute significantly to the lake. Most of the water comes from the surface streams that flow into the lake (IDNR, 2021). The lake's watershed includes agricultural land, residential land, a golf course, forest, and a nature trail. Huntingburg City Lake Dam, on the north side of Huntingburg Lake, is a 32-foot high and 1,930-foot-long construction with a maximum discharge of 520 cubic feet per second. The lake drains an area of 1.86 square miles. Fishing and boating are permitted on the lake.



Figure 5: Huntingburg Lake

Swimming, camping, and open fires are prohibited in and around the lake. Huntingburg falls within the eight-county Patoka Lake Watershed. The 8,800-acre lake provides habitat for freshwater jellyfish and bald eagle nesting sites. River otters and osprey were

reintroduced at Patoka by the DNR, beginning in 1995 and 2003, respectively. Like Huntingburg Lake, Patoka Lake is not significantly contributed to by groundwater aquifers. Instead, most of the water in the lake comes from the Patoka River and other streams that flow into the lake. The lake is located just south of the historic towns of French Lick and West Baden, and just east of historic Jasper, while being 25 miles northeast of Huntingburg.

The City of Huntingburg is almost completely surrounded by floodplain

Forests

While there are 94 wooded acres around Huntingburg Lake, Huntingburg does not have any significant forest land. The 7,640-acre Ferdinand State Forest is also in Dubois County and 12 miles from Huntingburg in Ferdinand, IN (IDNR, 2022). The Hoosier National Forest, managed by the United States Forest Service, is a total area of 202,814 acres in four separate sections, in nine southern Indiana counties. This includes Dubois County and the 11.6-mile, multiple use Birdseye Trail, which winds through hardwood forests and varied terrain, is 16 miles from Huntingburg (United States Department of Agriculture, n.d.).

Flora and Fauna

Huntingburg Lake is home to Bass and Saugeye and a popular fishing area. As of 2018, active bald eagle nesting was confirmed at Huntingburg Lake by the Indiana Division of Fish and Wildlife. The Indiana bald eagle population is growing, and they have also been identified near Huntingburg in the Ferdinand State Forest, at Patoka Lake, and on the Patoka River (Rumbach, 2018). In addition to Eagles, Patoka Lake,

which is about 25 miles northwest of Huntingburg has owls, osprey, turtles, freshwater jellyfish, and river otters.

Huntingburg is home to a butternut tree seed orchard that was planted in 2012 as part of a Forest Service effort to conserve the species and to breed resistance to butternut canker disease, which has been decimating the species throughout its native range for over 40 years. The orchard is a partnership among the Hoosier National Forest (HNF), the USDA Forest Service Northern Research Station Office, and Furniture Systems (OFS Brands), a Huntingburg private furniture manufacturing company that provided the land for the orchard. The Hardwood Tree Improvement and Regeneration Center (HTIRC) at Purdue helped plant the original 60 trees and continues to work with seed harvesting. Each fall HNF staff collects butternut nuts which are then taken to an Indiana Division of Forestry nursery where HTIRC staff collects them, hulls them, and sends them out to nurseries to grow seedlings. This orchard maintains a species known for its excellent nut production and quality timber while protecting regional biodiversity (Box, T., 2021). The City's previously established Tree Committee is currently inactive, and no current tree inventory exists.

The wooded areas of Niehaus Park have been a hotspot for invasive species. No other parks has a significant degree of naturalized areas and invasive plant species are not a large threat though the emerald ash borer has been found. Both invasive species and Ash trees are monitored and the City contracts with an invasive species specialist to try to control the problem at Niehaus Park.

Recreation and Preserved Natural Areas

The 141-acre Dubois County Park is in Huntingburg on State Road 162. The park opened in 1973 as a 44-acre place for camping, picnicking, and play. By a combination of patrons, local donations, and state and federal grants, the park has more than tripled in size and added features. There are 34 Campsites with parking pads, electricity, water, picnic tables and grills. Camping sites and shelter houses are on a first come, first served basis. There are five shelter houses in the park. There is a dump station, two restroom facilities, one with showers, and three barbecue pits. Park activity opportunities include two tennis courts, two hard-surface basketball courts, playground areas, a baseball / softball field, three horseshoe pits, two lakes (2-acre and 3-acre) with fishing available, and hiking trails, all of which are not accessible. There are camping, shelter house, and dump station fees. Otherwise, the park is free of charge. The Dubois County Park is adjacent to the 4-H Fairgrounds.

The site of Huntingburg Lake is 312 acres. The lake itself is 178 acres surrounded by 94 wooded acres and 30 acres of open area. Located on the west shore of Huntingburg Lake, is the Jeffers Nature Preserve, a 30-acre preserved tract of woods for nature education, watershed protection, and historical preservation. Supported by a designated endowment from the Community Foundation, the volunteer-tended preserve includes native planting and a pollinator garden.

Planning Implications

Outdoor recreation opportunities are abundant in the Huntingburg vicinity at State and National Forests and the Dubois County Park. As such, Huntingburg should focus on improving and maintaining current parks and quality of life opportunities within the City.

Huntingburg Lake is an area of opportunity for additional recreational services. The lake is available for fishing and boating but lacks access to the water beyond a small kayak launch. While the Indiana DNR manages the lake itself, the surrounding recreational area, currently including a shelter, small playground, and parking area are operated by Huntingburg. The lake is a significant asset for the City but underutilized as a recreation facility and

could be further developed with additional shelter and picnic areas, trails, a fishing dock, and other amenities. In addition, INDR has requested that Huntingburg construct a new boat launch.

Historical and Cultural Factors

Historical

The City of Huntingburg, located in Dubois County in southwestern Indiana, was laid out and platted in 1837. Colonel Jacob Geiger, from Maryland, came to the area in 1836 and used it for hunting. Geiger purchased 1,920 acres, becoming one of the area's earliest settlers of European descent. Early settlement activity in Huntingburg included a steam mill erected in 1841 by Geiger and Colonel Helfrich, which helped the town grow materially. By 1850 the population was 214. Geiger died in 1857 and is buried at Fairmount Cemetery southwest of Huntingburg.

While not directly in its path, the area that became Huntingburg was relatively close to the Buffalo Trace, which cut through the northern part of Dubois County. The Trace was a wide path (10'-20') through the wilderness formed by migrating bison, traveling thousands at a time from Illinois to Kentucky, that served as a road for many early travelers. The first permanent White settlers in the Dubois County area arrived around 1801 and established Fort McDonald near the Buffalo Trace and south of present-day Portersville. The first land entry in this area was made in 1807 by Captain Toussaint Dubois of Vincennes. Other settlements followed and settlers, like Geiger, began to locate farther away from principal travel routes like the Trace.

Huntingburg was re-surveyed in 1854, and 1866, when it was incorporated as a town. By this time the population had grown to 370. Other early settler roles included merchant, shoemaker, tanner, and postmaster. In 1889 Huntingburg was incorporated as a city and early agriculture and industry included tobacco, building, and fire bricks (Wilson, 2000).

Indiana and Dubois County, it should be noted, have a history that began long before White settlement in the area. The area now known as the state of Indiana is the ancestral land of several native groups still in existence today. As settlers began to expand to the West, Native American tribes were forced to leave their homelands and/or sign their land over to the government via treaties. From 1805 to 1846, most of the tribes within the Miami, Potawatomi, and Delaware nations, and the Shawnee people were forced to leave Indiana and relocate to Kansas, Oklahoma, Michigan, and several other states. Below is a list of tribes and tribal members that have been documented by Western historians as having ties to the land in Indiana.

- Myaamiaki (The Miami People): Miami
- Bodwéwadmik (Keepers of the Fire): Potawatomi
- Lënape (The Original People), Delaware
- Saawanwa (People of the South), Shawnee:
- Waayaahntanwa (Place of the Curved Channel): Wea
- Peeyankišia (Those who Separate): Piankashaw
- Kiwigapaw (He Stands About): Kickapoo
- Muskuta (Little Prairie People): Mascouten
- Inoca (Uncertain): Illinois Confederacy
- Hocagra or Ho-Chunk (Big Fish/Great Voice): Winnebago
- Odawa (Traders): Ottawa
- Asakiwaki (Yellow Earths): Sauk; & Meskwahkihaki (Red Earths): Fox
- Wendat (One Language): Wyandot

Today, many Native American people, tribes, and communities in Indiana are working to regain their land rights, sovereignty, language, and cultures. Tribes with headquarters, communities, and members living in Indiana include Miami Nation of Indiana; Potawatomi (Pokagon Band, Forest County Band, Hannahville Community, Nottawaseppi Huron Band, Prairie Band); Shawnee; Wea Indian Tribe of Indiana; Eel River Tribe of Indiana; Kickapoo; Osage nation; Chickasaw; Cherokee; Ho-chunk; Cree; Ojibwe/Anishinaabe; and more (Conner Prairie, n.d.).

Dubois County, which is composed of 432 square miles of territory, was originally populated by the Short Piankishaw/Shawnee tribe. The land was heavily forested and home to many wild animals. Native Americans in the area had established several principal trails later used by White settlers. Prior to the American Revolution, the land that became Huntingburg (and the land surrounding it) was considered part of the Commonwealth of Virginia. The 1787 establishment of the Northwest Territory included the current State of Indiana. This was followed in 1795 by the Treaty of Greenville, which terminated Native American tribes' claims to the territory. In 1800, Congress created a separate Indiana Territory and in 1817 Dubois County was created, a designation that became effective in 1818 (Wilson, 2000).

Cultural



Figure 6: Downtown Huntingburg

Huntingburg is a small city in southwestern Indiana with a population of 6,300. It is known for its quaint downtown and antique shops. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the business district was destroyed by fire in 1889. Following the fire, which destroyed 17 buildings including a four-story tobacco barn, local businessmen led the push for revitalization by

erecting new “fine” buildings. Today the business district is a restored Victorian downtown with brick-paved sidewalks and local antique and specialty shops (Visit Dubois County, 2022).

On daily, weekly, monthly, and yearly schedules, programs and events are presented by the City of Huntingburg. Numerous community organization events are held at Market Street Park. These include an annual Easter Egg Hunt, Summer and Winter Farmers Markets, the 4th Fridays Summer concert series, and the Haunted Huntingburg Blues Festival. The Merchants Association also hosts community events, including a February Valentine’s Night and Chocolate Walk on 4th Street, a spring Daffodil Stroll along 4th Street and at Market Street Park, a Kids’ Day at 4th Street and Market Street Park, Fall Harvest Days, and a 4th Street Christmas Stroll.

The annual Latino Cultural Festival is a celebration of culture and community that takes place in Huntingburg City Park. The festival features authentic Latin American food, cultural dances, and live musical performances (Visit Dubois County, 2022).

Huntingburg has become a site for movie-filming and has the nickname "Hollywood of the Midwest." In 1991 Columbia Pictures renovated and expanded the original ball field and grandstand of League Stadium, located at 203 South Cherry Street, for filming of the movie *A League of Their Own* (1992). The stadium was used again as a filming location in 1995 for the HBO movie *Soul of the Game* (1996). Today League Stadium is home to the Southridge Raiders, host for the 2A IHSAA Sectional tournament and the Great Lakes Regional Division II Tournament, hosted by The National Club Baseball Association, and the Dubois County Bombers, a baseball franchise in the Ohio Valley League. The 1998 action thriller *Hard Rain* was also filmed in Huntingburg.

Dubois County has actively worked with Indiana University's Center for Rural Engagement (CRE) since 2018 on arts and culture, expansion of local food systems, creative placemaking, and community capacity development projects. Programs born of this collaboration include the 4th Fridays music festivals in Huntingburg's Market Street Park and the [Indiana Department of Health I-HOPE initiative](#) to reduce racial inequities in health (Indiana University, 2022).

Transportation

The City of Huntingburg lies at the intersection of a state highway, IN-231, and a national highway, US-231. It is about nine miles north of Interstate-64 and 25 miles east of the recently completed Interstate-69. An ongoing project, the Mid-States Corridor Project, is underway to create a connection between I-69 and I-64. The Tier 1 Environmental Study for this project identified Preferred Alternative P, which will include improvements to US-231 (although outside of the Huntingburg area) while developing a new corridor that will run east of the cities of Jasper and Huntingburg, bypassing their most developed areas. Tier 1 of the project is expected to conclude with a decision from the Federal Highway Administration in early 2023. At that time, a timetable for a Tier 2 Environmental Study will be determined with a currently expected timeframe of two to three years. A construction timetable will follow the Tier 2 study based on available funding (Indiana Department of Transportation, 2022).

Huntingburg's first airport began as a privately owned grass and dirt airstrip in 1939, located on land from the 120-acre Katterhenry farm three miles south of Huntingburg. The grass strip runway was replaced in 1947 and paved in 1948. The airport sponsored its first airshow in 1955. Using a federal grant and matching donations, the City of Huntingburg purchased the airport in 1967. That same year, part of a farm was deeded to the airport, expanding its size. Runway lighting was added in 1969. The Huntingburg airport has steadily evolved into a full-service general aviation facility with a 5,000-foot runway that was added in 1992. As of 1998, according to the Indiana Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics, the airport reported a total of 14,628 take-offs and landings. It can accommodate aircraft ranging from single-engine airplanes to multi-engine jets.

The nearest commercial airports are Evansville Regional Airport 45 miles to the southwest and Louisville International Airport 80 miles to the east.



Figure 7: Latino Culture Fest (Courtesy ALASI)

Public transportation is available through the City of Huntingburg Transit services for a one-way fare of \$1.50 and is provided by a wheelchair accessible Transport Van. Southern Indiana Resource Solutions (SIRS) offers another option for Medicaid and rural public transit through their Link-N-Go service.

Industrial

Huntingburg is home to some of the county and region's major industrial employers and has a long history of being a manufacturing hub, attracting a large percentage of its workforce from outside of the City and Dubois County. The largest employer in Huntingburg, and Dubois County is furniture manufacturer OFS. Furniture manufacturing, both residential and office, dominates industrial employment in Dubois County as seen in Table 2. Diversification of the employment base would benefit Huntingburg and the county by protecting it from economic downturns, which may depress the sales of furniture and other manufactured goods.

Table 2: Major Employers in Dubois County (2020)²

Employer Name	City	Industry	Employees (#)
OFS	Huntingburg	Furniture Manufacturing	1600
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Masterbrand Cabinets Inc Plant	Ferdinand	Cabinet Manufacturing	1500
Best Chairs Inc	Ferdinand	Furniture Manufacturing	1200
Jasper Engines & Transmissions	Jasper	Engine Rebuilding & Exchange	1200
Memorial Hospital-Health Care	Jasper	Hospital	1099
Jasper Rubber Products Inc	Jasper	Synthetics Manufacturing	900
Kimball Electronics Inc	Jasper	Electronic Equipment & Supplies Retail	800
Kimball International Inc	Jasper	Furniture Manufacturing	600
Masterbrand Cabinets	Ferdinand	Cabinet Manufacturing	500

Other Infrastructure and Land Use

Increasing the connections between neighbors and the locales that they visit is also of significant importance to the City. The sidewalk network in Huntingburg is limited with barriers that inhibit safe crossing including the Dubois County railroad and U.S. 231 and the trail/multiuse path network does not reach all parts of the City. A multiuse path was recently completed that connects Niehaus Park with downtown and the planned Heritage Trail will improve connections throughout Huntingburg once it is completed.

² Source: Hoosiers by the Numbers. Retrieved from https://www.hoosierdata.in.gov/major_employers.asp?areaID=037

Full build-out of planned trail systems, improving sidewalk connectivity to those trails, and connecting to a regional trail system north to Jasper and south to Ferdinand will improve pedestrian transportation.

The City's wastewater treatment plant is also at the maximum capacity for new connections and needs to be upgraded to allow for continued growth and development of housing, commercial, and industrial stocks. The complete capacity of the City's stormwater infrastructure is not known but is suspected to be substandard for the increasing impacts of climate change and potential future development. The City should fulfil plans and recommendations to complete a stormwater and hydrological study to better understand where the system should be upgraded.

The City's 2020 Comprehensive Plan (City of Huntingburg, 2020) sets goals of protecting farmland within city limits and the two-mile fringe from the impacts of development while expanding the diversity of employers beyond its manufacturing base. Increased commercial and tourism-based employment can result from improvements to and development of the parks system to draw additional visitors from outside Huntingburg. The Comprehensive Plan's land use goals include expansion of industrial, commercial, and mixed-use development in the northwest sector of the City, adjacent to agriculture zones so care should be taken to mitigate the impacts of pollution, runoff, and stormwater drainage on existing agriculture as these developments are approved.

The area surrounding Huntingburg Lake is designated by the City as a conservation district with further development discouraged. This district could also eventually include additional outdoor recreation opportunities.

Planning Implications

The Hispanic/Latino population in Huntingburg is large and growing. Figure XX illustrates where this population lives in Huntingburg by census block. Over 30% of the block immediately to the northeast of downtown is Hispanic. The southeastern corner of the City has the next highest concentration with between 15% and 30% of the population being Hispanic. This population has much to offer Huntingburg culturally and economically as seen by the success and reach of Latino Fest and should receive due attention from city leadership including programming and access opportunities offered by the Parks and Recreation Department. A 2021 needs assessment performed by Indiana University's Center for Rural Engagement (CRE) and the Asociación Latinos Americana del Sur de Indiana (ALASI) was done to determine the needs of the Latinx community in southern Indiana. A survey was used to gather general demographic information, data on access to resources and

Estimated* Latinos & Hispanic Population

*Estimated via color analysis of ranges displayed in Esri web map of 2021 Census Block Groups

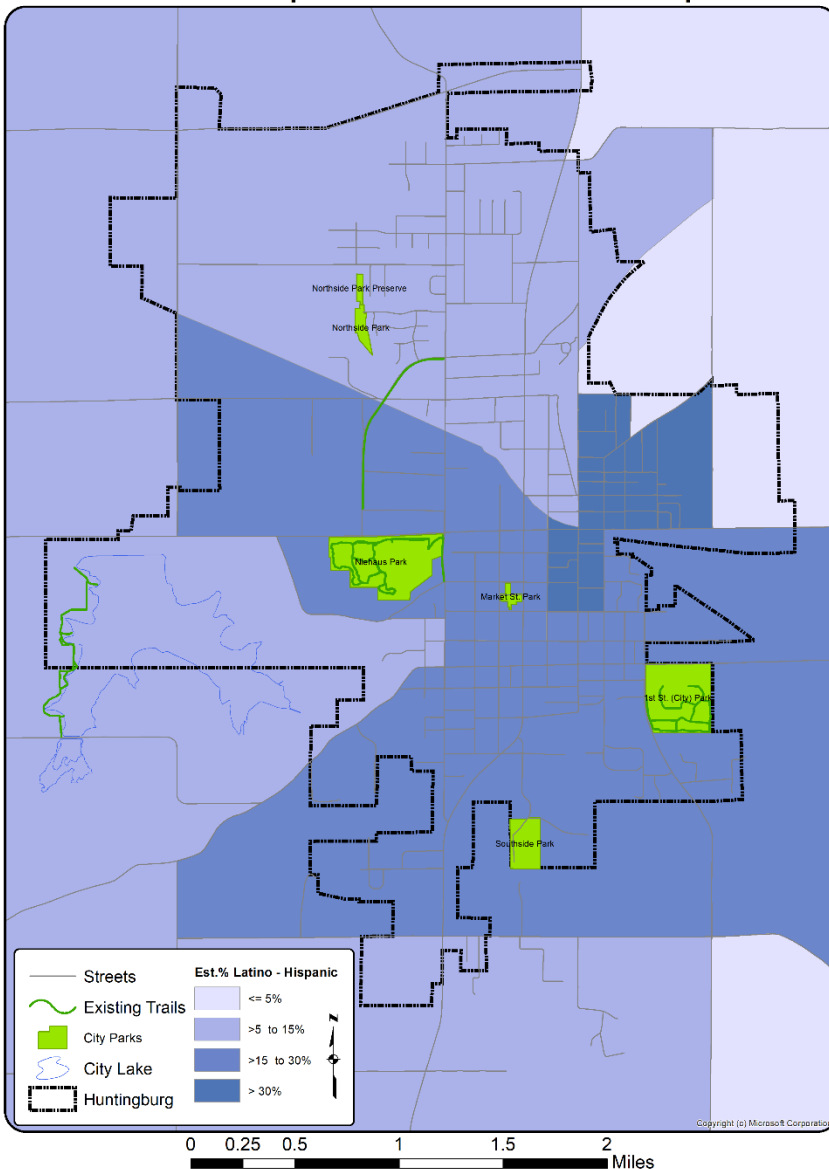


Figure 8: Latino/Hispanic population by census block

origin were primarily El Salvador, Mexico, and Honduras. (Center for Rural Engagement, 2021)

The construction of the Mid-States Corridor will likely have mixed results for Huntingburg Parks & Recreation. On one hand, travel from the north to Huntingburg will become considerably easier with the 4-lane highway, potentially making the City more attractive as a travel, tourism, and recreation destination. League Stadium may be a primary beneficiary of the road and Huntingburg should be prepared to host additional events at the facility and promote those events as easy to reach upon completion of the highway. The highway, however, may be a “bypass” for many drivers who will miss opportunities to passively visit Huntingburg and the many unique recreation and historic assets it has to offer. Development and promotion of opportunities, such as League Stadium events and additional amenities at Huntingburg Lake are keys to utilizing the potential of the new road to its fullest.

The Dubois County Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan was completed in June 2021. The plan recommends placing a priority on six potential projects resulting in 43 miles of shared-used routes throughout Dubois County. The implementation of this plan is now up to the jurisdictions to decide.³

how respondents view their community. The survey had responses from 155 Latinx residents, mostly from Dubois County. Important need areas indicated by respondents were education, employment, childcare, and healthcare. On their view of community, respondents noted that they moved for work or education opportunities (50%), family or friend proximity (38%), or to have a better environment for raising children (34%). Respondents were generally positive about community, sense of safety, and education. Noted areas for improvement included accessibility or quality recreational activities, transportation, and healthcare. Nearly 69% of respondents immigrated to the United States from another country and of those, countries of

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Social and Economic Factors

Population

The population of Huntingburg was 6,362 at the 2020 census (U.S. Census Bureau, 2020). The City experienced a bump in population between 2012 and 2014 and has been largely holding steady since with a slight decline from the high of 6,634 in 2018.

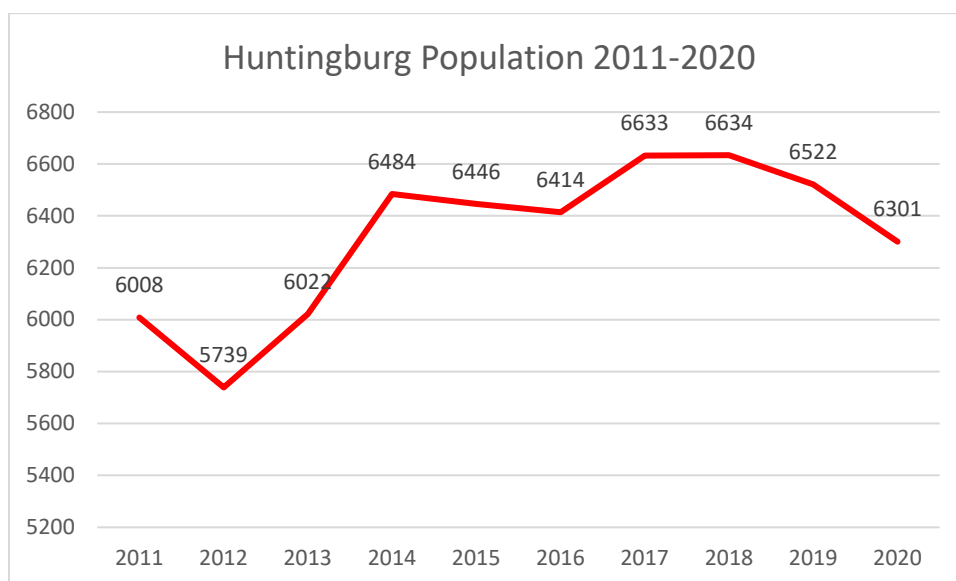


Figure 9: Huntingburg population 2011-2020

Huntingburg residents are 80.8% White with the next most significant population being Hispanic or Latino at 29.4%. As of the 2020 Census, 29.4% of Huntingburg residents are Hispanic or Latino. Latinx people make up 7.7% of Indiana's overall population. The Dubois County LatinX population is 9.5%, which is much lower than the national percentage of 18.7%. Huntingburg and Jasper represent the largest LatinX populations within the county at 48.2% and 46.4%, respectively. Huntingburg's Black or African American population is 5.8% and 7.1% of residents that are two or more races. The American Indian or Alaskan native population is .9%. 90.3% of the residents in Huntingburg, IN are U.S. citizens (U.S. Census Bureau, 2021).

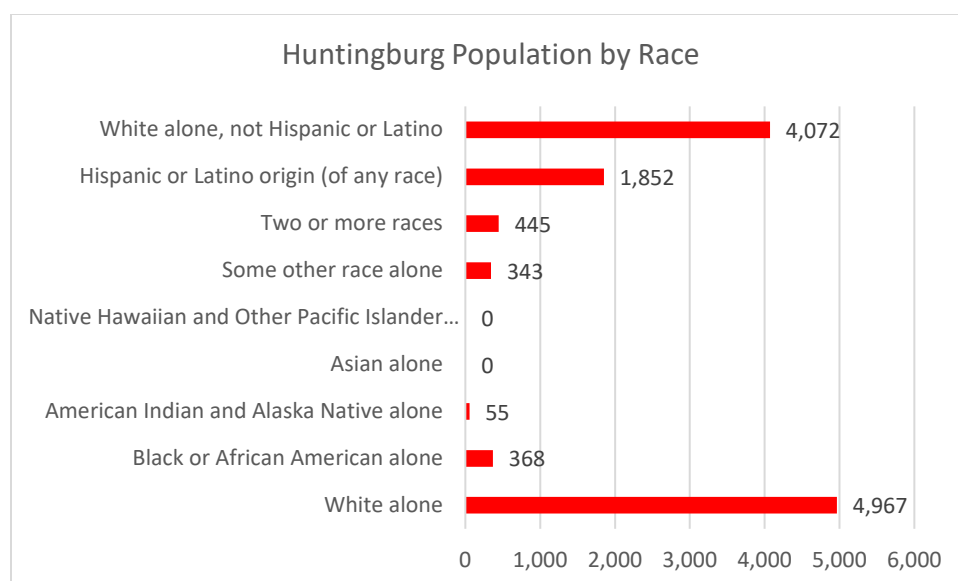


Figure 10: Huntingburg population by race

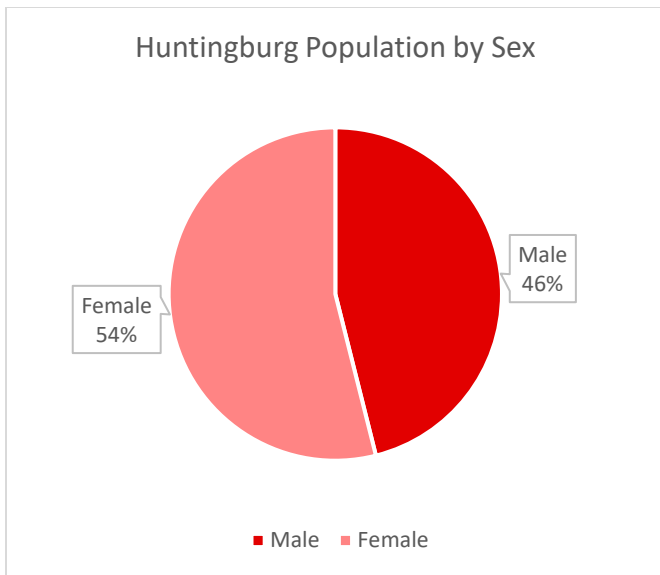


Figure 11: Huntingburg population by sex/gender

54% of Huntingburg residents identify as female with 67% of Hispanics identifying as female (Center for Rural Engagement, 2022) As of 2019, the median age of Huntingburg residents was 34.6. The largest age bracket in Huntingburg is 35-64, however, the largest age bracket among the Hispanic population is 18-36 (Center for Rural Engagement, 2022). The Hispanic population in Huntingburg pushes the average age down and includes many more females than the population as a whole.

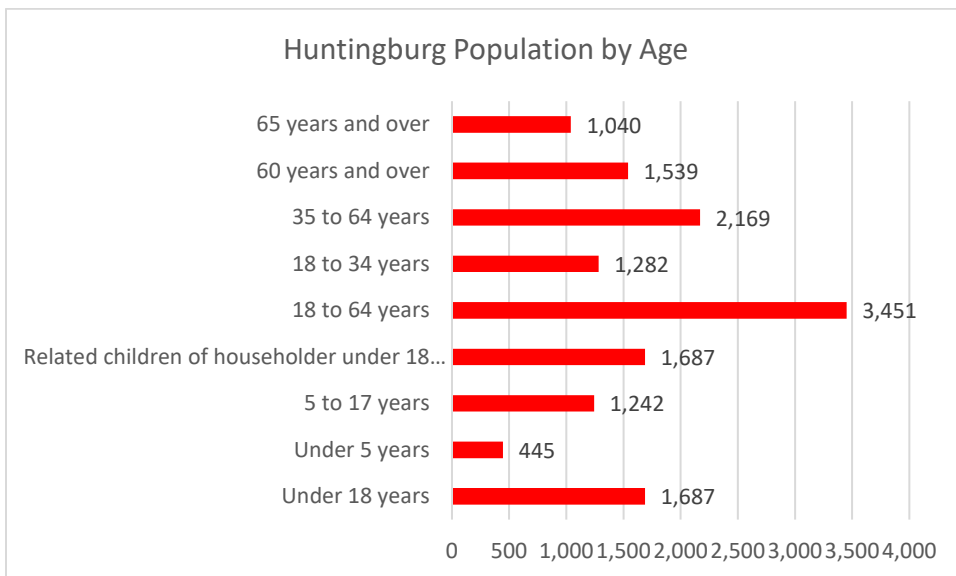


Figure 12: Huntingburg population by age

Education

Huntingburg is served by the Southwest Dubois County School Corporation, which is comprised of four schools (one high school, one middle school, and two elementary schools), three of which are located in Huntingburg. Among Huntingburg residents, 76.4% have a high school diploma or higher and 12.6% have a bachelor’s degree or higher (U.S. Census Bureau, 2020). Both high school and college graduation rates are lower in Huntingburg than the rest of Indiana. The state high school graduation rate is 89.3% while 27.2% of Hoosiers have a Bachelor’s degree or higher (U.S. Census Bureau, 2021).

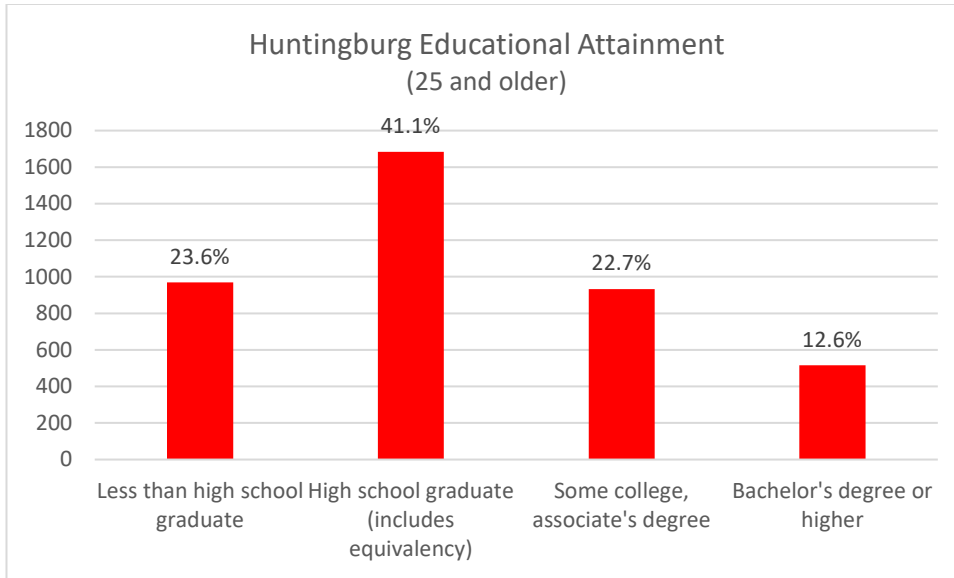


Figure 13: Huntingburg educational attainment

Economic

As of 2020, the median household income in Huntingburg was \$42,941 (U.S. Census Bureau, 2020). The poverty rate was 12.8% and median property value was \$99,900. Household income in Huntingburg and property values were much lower than the state as a whole, though poverty is only slightly higher. Median income in Indiana in 2020 was \$58,235 and median housing values were \$148,000. The poverty rate in Indiana is 12.2% (U.S. Census Bureau, 2021).

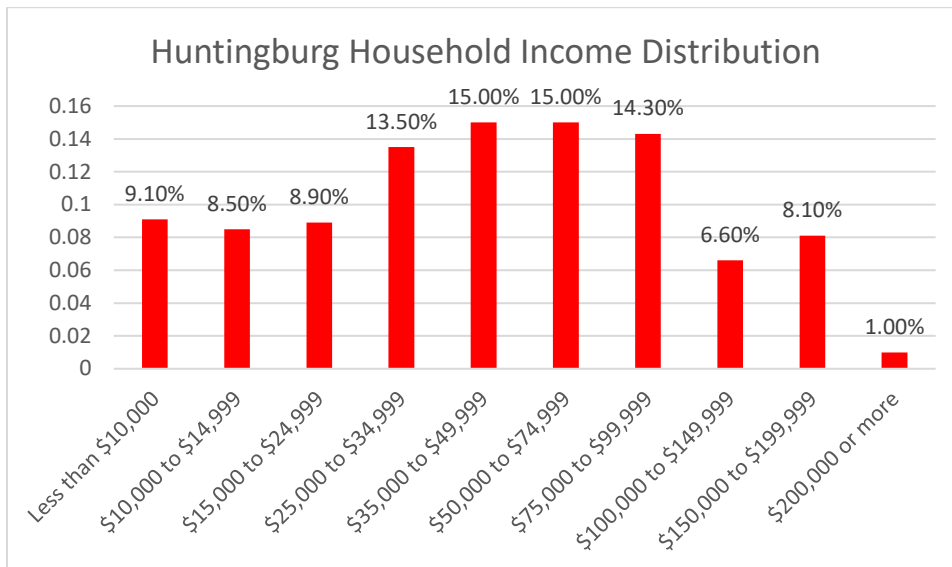


Figure 14: Huntingburg household income

Employment Data

The largest industries in Huntingburg are Manufacturing, Accommodation and Food Services, Sales and Related Occupations, and Health Care and Social Assistance. Other industries are Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting, and Mining. The highest paid jobs held by residents of Huntingburg are Management Occupations, Management, Business, and Financial Occupations, and Business and Financial Operations Occupations.

Table 3: Employment by Sector

Industry	Employed	%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	32	0.01
Construction	145	4.53
Manufacturing	1,212	8.36
Wholesale trade	112	0.09
Retail trade	258	2.30

Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	139	0.54
Information	43	0.31
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	95	2.21
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	93	0.98
Administrative and support and waste management services	73	0.78
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	322	4.41
Educational services	84	0.26
Health care and social assistance	238	2.83
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	158	0.66
Other services, except public administration	96	0.61
Public administration	47	0.49

Health Data

9.9% of Hoosiers under the age of 65 have a disability. This number is somewhat higher in Huntingburg with 13.7% disabled. That rises to 38.5% of Huntingburg residents compared to 32.9% of those over the age of 65 statewide. Across the state, 8.9% percent of Indiana residents under age 65 do not have health insurance. That rate rises slightly within Huntingburg to 9.4% (U.S. Census Bureau, 2021).

Planning Implications

Huntingburg's large Hispanic population presents both challenges and opportunities for Huntingburg as a community and for Huntingburg Parks & Recreation. Huntingburg already sees significant use of the parks by the Hispanic population with organized baseball, family gatherings, and the very popular Latin Festival, which recently moved from City Park to the downtown Market Street Park. Challenges lie in ensuring access both physically and with communications. The majority of this population lives in the northeast quadrant of City, farthest away from the closest park. Future park development, when it is pursued, should concentrate on this part of town. Pathways and adequate sidewalks will ensure this neighborhood can walk or bike to parks and the downtown. The City should also ensure that communications, including website pages and park signage is available in Spanish to maximize inclusion. Opportunities are present to expand and include programming beyond the Festival, both for inclusivity and for potential to draw residents and non-resident tourism to celebrate Latino culture. Communication with this population is also critical to inform them of services available and invite them to participate on community activities. 30% of the Hispanic population speaks only Spanish (Center for Rural Engagement, 2022) and communications should be available in Spanish as well as English to ensure all community residents are included.

Huntingburg is less affluent, less educated, and at a higher percentage of disabled residents at all age levels than the state of Indiana or the United States as a whole. It is imperative that the City of Huntingburg and Huntingburg Parks and Recreation improve access to parks for the disabled (see Accessibility Report for recommendations) and offer programming that is inclusive of all populations and takes advantage of assets such as League Stadium and Huntingburg Lake to draw tourists to the City to improve economic opportunities. Renovations taking place at League Stadium will improve the physical structure and creative programming and additional events will draw visitors. Upgrades at Huntingburg Lake can enable the facility to hold events and draw visitors for increased boating, fishing, and hiking.

Stellar Community

The City of Huntingburg was designated a "Stellar Community" in August 2014. It is currently one of only eight communities in the State of Indiana to receive the designation.

The Stellar Communities Program is a multi-agency partnership designed to fund comprehensive community development projects in Indiana's smaller communities. State partners include the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA), Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA), and Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT).

Through the Stellar Community program, Huntingburg partners with these agencies to fund specific projects that benefit the community. Parks and recreation related projects planned through the program included:

- Acquisition of a new Senior Citizens Center building. The building purchase has been completed and is awaiting renovation for use as a Senior Center.
- Heritage Trail- a network of trails and multi-use paths connecting downtown with Niehaus Park, the St Joseph's Hospital Redevelopment, and neighborhoods throughout the City, bridging several railroad crossings to make pedestrian travel easier and safer.
- Market Street Park- A unique community gathering and events facility in the heart of downtown Huntingburg. This park was completed in 2018.

Agency Information

Board

Park Board members are appointment to four-year terms by the Mayor. Current Huntingburg Park Board members include:

Table 4: Huntingburg Park Board Members

Park Board Members
Dustin Schmett, President
Mike Fulkerson, Vice President
Shannon Fuhs, Secretary
Abby Fink

Department Organization

Staff

The Huntingburg Parks and Recreation Department consists of a Superintendent who reports directly to the Mayor, and a staff of four full-time and 24 part-time and seasonal employees who maintain park facilities, act as lifeguards, and manage programs.



City of Huntingburg
Parks & Recreation Department
Organizational Chart

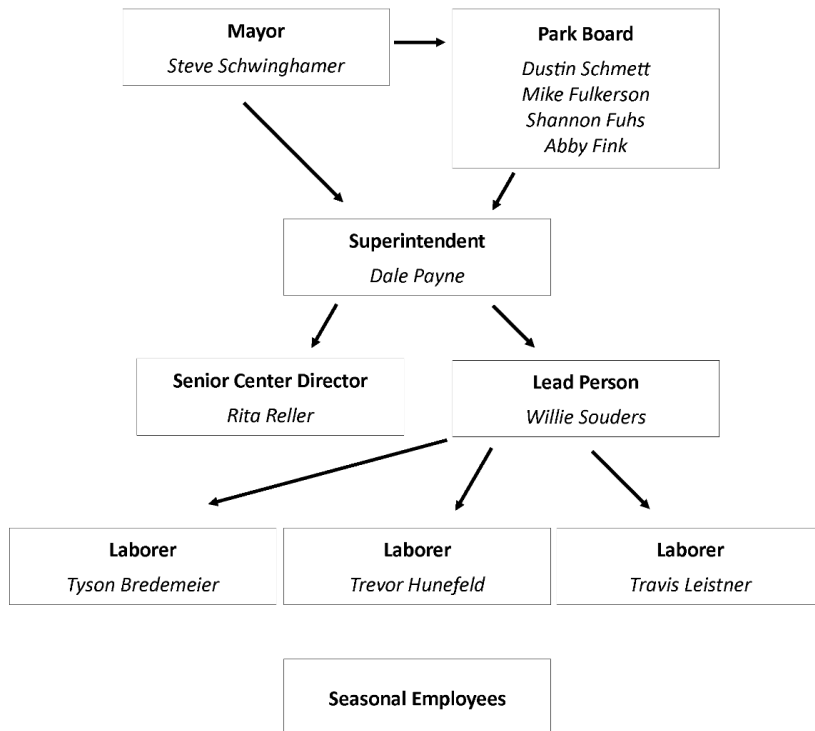


Figure 15: Huntingburg Parks & Recreation Staff Structure

Finances

Huntingburg Park & Recreation' approved budget for 2022 is \$950,605. It had expenditures of \$1,333,998 in 2021 including Capital outlays of \$483,001 budgeted. The bulk of the Capital was for playground equipment to be installed at Northside Park (\$300,000) and came from a federal grant. Expenditures increased from 2020 by 19% including the grant-funded playground equipment, leaving the regular operating budget much the same from year to year since 2018.

Facilities

Huntingburg Parks & Recreation operates six park and recreation facilities of varied size and scope from neighborhood parks to a lake and 3,000-seat historic baseball stadium.

Condition assessments were conducted at each site by the Eppley Institute in August of 2022. These assessments are done to confirm assets and amenities within each facility and visually inspect for overall quality, usage, and needed repairs, replacements, or upgrades. These assessments were done concurrently with an accessibility assessment, during which assets and amenities at each facility were inspected for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance and recommendations for improvements were made. Eppley's assessment of facility, asset, and amenity conditions can be found here and in more detail in the Accessibility Review.

City of Huntingburg Parks and Trails

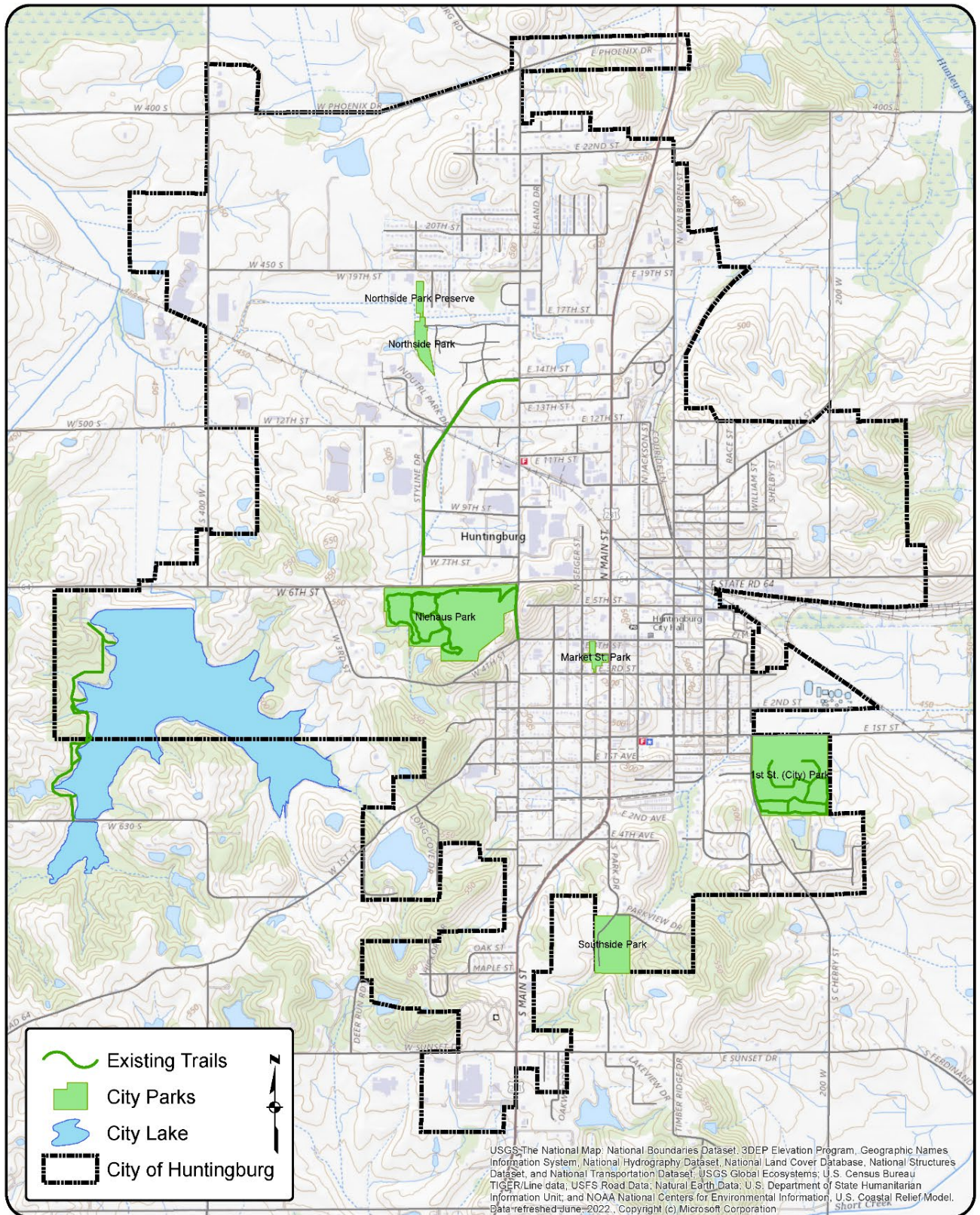


Figure 16: Huntingburg Parks System Map

Parks

The City of Huntingburg offers residents recreational opportunities at six parks: City Park, Southside Park, Market Street Park, Charles C. Niehaus Park, Northside Park, and Huntingburg Lake. Most parks have picnic areas or shelter houses and well as playgrounds and public restrooms. Athletic facilities include baseball, softball, tennis, volleyball, basketball, disc golf, a driving range and horseshoes. Both paved walking paths and unpaved trails are available in several locations.

City Park - 203 S. Cherry St.

City Park is the most visited park in the Huntingburg park system. This 40-acre park includes several high-profile, defining features.

League Stadium is a 3,000 seat, lighted professional baseball field with 40' hand-operated scoreboard, electronic scoreboard, concession area, restrooms, and batting cages with pitching machine. The stadium is utilized by various teams including the Dubois County Bombers summer collegiate baseball team and the Southridge High School Raiders. The stadium was also the filming location for two full length feature movies. It also hosts additional games and tournaments by various organizations and community events including concerts and even weddings.

A 50-meter Olympic-sized municipal swimming pool includes a water slide, splash pad, large deck areas, an 18-inch-deep wading pool, bath house with restrooms, and a concession stand. The pool is open seasonally from May through August. The Splash Pad is open to pool users when the pool is open but free for anyone to use when the pool is closed.

Youth and adult baseball and softball fields include a lighted little league baseball field with bleachers, electronic score board, batting cages with pitching machine, and concession stand and lighted girls' softball field, and a lighted men's softball field both with bleachers and concession stand. Three additional youth fields are currently under construction.

Other amenities include:

- Extensive picnic areas with four shelter houses
 - Main Shelter capacity 250
 - East Shelter capacity 75
 - Southeast Shelter capacity 75
 - Southwest Shelter capacity 75
- 95 picnic tables
- 10 grills
- 20 benches
- 9 playgrounds with playground equipment for all ages

- 5 public restrooms
- 8 drinking fountains
- 2 lighted tennis courts
- 2 lighted volleyball courts
- 2 lighted basketball courts
- 3 lighted horseshoe pits
- Butterfly garden
- A lighted walking trail with a paved surface that winds throughout the City Park for 1 ½ miles

Condition Assessment

Pool

The pool, splash pad, slide, and diving board are in good condition. Lifeguard chairs have had patchwork repairs and should be replaced for safety. The wading pool is in good condition but has no steps into it. Steps should be added for safety. The concession stand window is not used at this time. Vending machines have been placed inside. The concession stand seating area has four tables bolted to the deck with an aluminum carport-style covering. The area becomes crowded during peak time and is slated to be expanded to the area currently outside the pool fence to accommodate more tables.

The dressing/shower rooms are in need of cosmetic and functional updates. Concrete flooring should be re-sealed. Some walls have recently been repainted but others are still in need. Wooden benches in the dressing area should be replaced with aluminum benches to prevent deterioration from moisture. Accessibility issues, which are covered in more detail in the Accessibility Report, are abundant.

Ballfields

Youth and adult baseball and softball fields are well maintained. Bleachers at the little league fields are new having been installed as part of a recent Eagle Scout project.

Playgrounds

Playgrounds are scattered throughout the park in various sizes and equipment offerings. Some are full playgrounds, and several are small and offer one or two pieces of equipment. There are two playgrounds, near the main park entrance in front of League Stadium, which have a solid unitary-style tile surfacing. The surfacing is uneven and tile joints have become mis-aligned over time. Surfacing at all other playgrounds is wood chip, which can become soft and difficult to traverse, especially for mobility devices and strollers and can become muddy when wet.

Equipment at most playground areas is in good condition. One exception is an older playground at the southwest corner of the park where equipment is made almost exclusively of metal which is rusted in places and too challenging to be safe for smaller children. Recommendation for surfacing and equipment accessibility improvement can be found in the Accessibility Report.

Tennis Courts

Tennis courts are in fair condition. The surface has cracks which have patching but do not appear to negatively impact play. Nets are in good condition.

Basketball Courts

The basketball courts are in good condition. The courts are surfaced with asphalt which has no visible cracks or defects. Backboards and hoops have no cracks or defects. The courts are lighted with signage posted for the last user to turn off the lights, but the controls are on a post at the corner of the courts and difficult to find. All lights appear to work.

Shelters/Picnic Areas

All shelters and picnic areas appear to be in good condition, including roofing, floors, fireplaces, tables, grills, and benches. Accessibility issues exist and recommendations for improvements can be found in the Accessibility Report.

Other Areas

The two sand volleyball courts and three horseshoe courts are overgrown and do not appear to be heavily used, if at all.

League Stadium

Historic League Stadium, in City Park, is the headline facility in the City of Huntingburg. Famously the site of the filming of two movies- Columbia Pictures' *A League of Their Own* in 1991 and HBO's *Soul of the Game* in 1995, the stadium is the current home to the Dubois County Bombers, a collegiate summer baseball team that plays in the Ohio Valley League and the Southridge High School Raiders baseball team.

Originally constructed in 1894 as the grandstand for the county fairgrounds, the site was determined by Columbia Pictures to be perfect for its film *A League of Their Own* about the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League. Columbia renovated and expanded the grandstand into the current stadium configuration for the movie. The stadium was left as a gift to the citizens of Huntingburg and has been in use as a functional baseball and event facility since.



Figure 17: League Stadium box office

With a seating for almost 3,000 the stadium has ample capacity for almost any event that the City wishes to host. In addition to the active baseball tenants, League Stadium has hosted baseball tournaments and games for various organizations, concerts, and weddings. Displays of memorabilia from the movie tell the stadium's story and tours are also offered by Parks & Recreation Department staff to showcase the history of the stadium and its Hollywood connection.

The stadium, made largely of wood, is currently undergoing renovations to replace much of the seating and update other areas. Deck boards in many areas are deteriorated and require replacement, particularly in areas exposed to the elements. While most seats in the stadium are wooden bench seating, 1,198 individual folding seats were obtained from Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium when it was demolished in 1997. These seats are now being replaced with 1,000 brand new folding seats at a cost of \$224,000. The old seats have been removed and their replacements are due to be installed in February 2023. Before the seats are installed, Seufert Construction will remove and replace deck boards throughout the stadium. This work is was completed in mid-November 2022 at a cost of \$86,000.

The locker rooms are in need of significant repairs and upgrades. The stadium sits in a flood plain and drainage is inadequate. The locker rooms, particularly the first-base locker room often flood during heavy rain, creating unsafe conditions and potential mold issues.

The Mayor's Office, the Parks & Recreation Department, and the 2020 Comprehensive Plan have re-prioritized League Stadium as the significant asset for the community that it is with anticipation of its further development and use as both a tourism destination and community event venue.

Southside Park – S. Park Dr. and Parkview Dr.

This park has evolved over the years from the original 10-acre donation of land in 1979 with an additional 3.9 acres. The 1-acre Bark Park dog park was initially a membership facility but was opened to the public at no cost in 2017. Park amenities include:

- 12 picnic areas with 12 picnic tables
- Public restroom
- 2 drinking fountains
- A lighted practice field with bleachers, concession stand and an electronic scoreboard
- 2 horseshoe pits
- 2 grills
- Playground
- Basketball court
- Shelter house with 75-person capacity
- Bark park with benches
- Parking lot

Condition Assessment

The baseball field is in fair condition. Drainage issues continue to be addressed that can cause erosion. The dugouts have a stone (gravel) landing leading to the field that was scattered and could be unsafe. The batting cage adjacent to left field does not appear to be functional. An additional practice diamond was overgrown at the time of the visit and did not appear to be used.

The playground equipment is in good condition, though the surface is wood chip, soft and muddy. The shelter, vault toilet, benches, picnic tables, and grills are in good condition. The basketball goal is in fair condition but is situated next to the parking lot, making it potentially unsafe if traffic is heavy.

Bridges over the creek leading to the Bark Park and practice baseball diamond were sound but with inadequate railings and erosion at the edges making safety an issue. The Bark Park itself is in good condition with various play elements, benches in the shade, and a water station. A dirt path traversed the width of the park and was soft and potentially muddy in rain. The gates to the park did not lock, making escape possible. Creating a separate area withing the bark Park for smaller dogs is advised.

Market Street Park – N. Geiger St and Market St.

Market Street Park is the newest park in Huntingburg, with construction completed in 2018. The 1.77-acre site is within the heart of Huntingburg's downtown area and is the host site of many community events. The park amenities include:

- Performance pavilion with stage and terraced lawn seating
- Farmers Market pavilion
- Public art display area
- Movable chairs and tables



Figure 18: Market Street Park

- Lighted piers
- Lawn terrace
- Public restroom
- Accessible parking
- Swings
- Fountain



Figure 19: Old Town Hall and Menke Plaza

Innovatively designed, this park bridges 3rd Street and 4th Street with Market Street as a bisecting pedestrian thoroughfare. The Farmers Market pavilion doubles as covered parking when the market is not in session. In addition, the historic Old Town Hall was integrated into the park's design and serves as meeting and event space. A current expansion of the park in the southeast corner includes a new shelter, storage, and a fire pit.

Condition Assessment

The park, being recently constructed, is in excellent condition with no apparent repairs or renovations needed outside of the current expansion.

Charles H. Niehaus Memorial Park – 403 W. 6th St.

Charles H. Niehaus Memorial Park offers connectivity from the park to downtown and other areas throughout the City with its multi-use paths among its 48 acres. The park amenities include:

- Golf driving range
- Disc golf course
- Extensive walking trail network with boardwalks
- Wetland observation deck
- Multiuse path connecting the park to downtown
- Public restroom
- Parking lot

Expansion of the multiuse pathway is in progress to connect the park to the other sections of Huntingburg including Northside Park and eventually to the Dubois County trail network.

Condition Assessment

The overall condition of the park, including driving range, disc golf course, paved walking paths, and vault toilet were very good though routes to the range and throughout the disc golf course were absent. The disc golf course was very challenging with constructed hills and heavily wooded holes that can be difficult to traverse. Invasive species such as honeysuckle and autumn olive are present in the wooded areas of the park. Some accessibility issues exist with recommendations for improvements noted in the Accessibility Report.

Northside Park – 415 W. 450 S.

Northside Park is a newly developing park to the Huntingburg community with a totaling acreage of 5.5 acres. The park is adjacent to a neighborhood with back yards directly accessing the park. The park amenities include:

- Shelter house
- Basketball/Pickleball court
- Public restroom

Planned future developments at the site include installation of a playground and a greenway/trail that connects to the developing Heritage Trail and Neihuas Park to the south and north toward Jasper to eventually connect to a long distance trail network.

Condition Assessment

All the elements of this relatively new park are in good to excellent condition, though the parking area is gravel and dirt and can be muddy. The shelter building has restrooms and a storage area. Vandalism has caused replacement of bathroom doors and the storage door has a high level change from concrete to dirt that makes access challenging. The park is also not very visible from the main street (19th St./CR 450 S) and there is no signage present to mark the entrance.

Huntingburg Lake Reservoir – W. 6th St. And S. 400 W.

The lake is located one mile west of Huntingburg on State Road 64 and consists of 212 acres with 180 acres of lake. Indiana Department of Natural Resources operates the lake where fishing and boating are permitted, and the City of Huntingburg maintains the shoreline recreation area. Amenities include:

- Shelter house with picnic tables and grill
- Walking trail
- Playground
- Kayak launch
- Bench swings

Future developments at the site will include a new boat launch and fishing pier as requested by IDNR.

Condition Assessment

The parking lot is gravel except for a concrete pad designated for accessible parking. The small playground has a wood chip surface, which is soft and can be muddy though the play equipment is in good condition. The shelter and swings are in good condition though there is no route to the swings. Improvement at the site is a definite area of opportunity and could include many more amenities.

Programming

Huntingburg Parks & Recreation offers an array of programs to educate and encourage physical activity. These include activities and trips through the Senior Center, youth summer programs through the Parks & Recreation Department, and youth and adult lessons or classes at the City Pool.

Youth Programs:

- Girls Softball
 - Tom Payne Field at City Park
 - May, June and early July
 - Minor League – ages 5-7
 - Major League – ages 8-10
 - Senior League – ages 11 through the summer between grades 8 & 9
- Hero Day
- Summer Programs ages 5-13
 - June and July
 - Daily (M-F) activities
 - Weekly field trips (capacity of 50 kids per trip)
- Swimming Lessons
 - City Pool
 - 2-week sessions in June and July
 - 4-morning sessions and 2 evening sessions
 - Pre-school, tiny tots, and school age
- Youth Baseball
 - Youth Baseball League Field at City Park
 - T-Ball – ages 5-6
 - Rookie League – ages 7-8
- Little League Baseball
 - City Park Little League Field at City Park
 - Mid-April through June
 - Majors and minors
 - Ages 9-12

Adult Programs:

- Co-Ed Volleyball
 - Volleyball Courts at City Park
 - Wednesdays beginning in May
 - Up to 12 teams
- Swimming Lessons
 - City Pool
 - 2-week sessions in June and July
 - 4-morning sessions and 2 evening sessions
- Water Aerobics
 - City Pool
 - Three times a week during summer
- Senior Citizen Programs
 - Senior Citizens Center
 - Open 11am to 4pm Mon-Fri and 1-4pm Sun
 - Daily activities (M-F) at the Senior Center
 - Bowling at special rates twice a week at Dubois Lanes
 - Memorial Gym open for walking (November – May)
 - Tax assistance offered at no cost (February – April)
 - Swimming Lessons at the City Pool
 - Water Aerobics at the City Pool
 - 4-5 trips per year, 3-10 days in length (50 person capacity per trip)

Partner Programming:

Huntingburg maintains partnership agreements with several local organizations who provide recreation services in either structured or informal fashion for their members or open to the public. These include:

- ALASI
 - Latino Culture Festival at Market Street Park (September, 2 days)
- Destination Huntingburg (IN Mainstreet Program)
 - Easter Egg Hunt at Market Street park
 - 4th Fridays summer concert series at Market Street Park (May-Aug, 4 occasions)
 - Farmers Market (June-Oct, 18-19 occasions)

- Haunted Huntingburg Blues Festival at Market Street Park (October)
- Ice Skating at Market Street Park (December)
- Winter Market at Market Street Park (December)
- Dubois County Baseball, LLC. (Dubois County Bombers – Summer League)
 - Baseball summer camp (four sessions in June-July)
- Dubois County Chamber of Commerce
 - Garden Gate Wine, Beer & Jazz Festival at Market Street Park (April)
- Dubois County Disc Golf Club
- Hispanic American Baseball
- Huntingburg Girls Softball League, Inc.
- Huntingburg Heritage Festival Committee
 - Huntingburg Herbstfest at City Park (September, 3 days)
- Huntingburg Little League, Inc.
- Huntingburg Merchants Association
 - Galentine's Night and Chocolate Walk on 4th Street (February)
 - Daffodil Stroll – vents along 4th Street and at Market Street Park (Spring; 3 days)
 - Kids' Day at 4th Street and Market Street Park (June)
 - Fall Harvest Days on 4th Street (October)
 - Christmas Stroll on 4th Street (November; week-long event)
- Jasper City Park & Recreation Board
- Liberation Professional Baseball League
- Salem Christian Church & St. Mary's Catholic Church
 - The Christmas Journey Candlelit Christmas Parade along 4th Street (December)
- Southridge Middle School Baseball
- Southridge High School Baseball at League Stadium (March-June)

Accessibility Report

The City of Huntingburg is committed to establishing and maintaining an accessible community. We want all our community members to enjoy the benefits of our programs, services, and activities. We recognize that access is not only a civil right, but our social responsibility to uphold and promote diversity and inclusion.

ADA Coordinator and Compliance Committee

The City of Huntingburg designated the City Office Manager as the ADA/Title VI Coordinator:

City Office Manager
508 E 4th St, PO Box 10, Huntingburg, IN 47542
Phone: (812)-683-2211
ADA@huntingburg-in.gov

The benefits of having one person to fill the role as the ADA Coordinator are that:

It makes it easier for members of the public to identify someone to help them with questions and concerns about disability discrimination.

It provides a single source of information so questions by the Department staff and from outside the Department can be answered quickly and consistently.

It provides an individual who can track complaints/grievances issues while focusing on moving compliance plans forward.

The City of Huntingburg Resolution No. 2012-34 passed by the Common Council on the 8th day of November 2012 established an ADA Compliance Committee to oversee the administration of the policy and grievance procedure and to serve as a support group to help resolve local issues at the local level. Members consist of Council Person at Large, Clerk-Treasurer, City Office Manager, City

Attorney and a Citizen appointed by the Mayor. Ex-officio members are the Safety Director, Street Superintendent and Mayor.

Public Notice

The City of Huntingburg has provided and will continue to provide public notice about the rights of the public under the ADA and the responsibility of the City under the ADA.

- The public notice is posted on the public announcement board in the lobby of the City Hall.
- The public notice is posted in work area of the City Hall.

- The public notice is posted on all City of Huntingburg Transit vehicles.
- The public notice was published in the local newspaper
- The public notice is posted on the City's website.

Individuals requiring reasonable accommodations should contact the ADA/Title VI Coordinator as soon as possible (at least two business days in advance of the meeting). The City will make all reasonable efforts to quickly respond to the request. Possible accommodations could include providing a person proficient in sign language to sign for a hearing-impaired individual or providing a person to read for a sight impaired individual. The City can also provide large print documents upon request. As it can be difficult at times to find available people who are proficient in sign language, the more lead time given the City, the greater chances of success.

The Parks & Recreation Department does not currently offer specific programs for people with disabilities but can offer accommodations for program participation upon request in accordance with ADA and City policy requirements. Individual parks also offer amenities and facilities for people with disabilities. Accessible parking and restrooms are marked with signage where available. For other accessibility information, residents can contact the Parks & Recreation Department or the City's ADA Coordinator.

Grievance Procedure

It is a priority of the City of Huntingburg to provide accessibility for all its citizens. When there is an impediment, we want to know about it. The City has adopted and published a grievance procedure along with a complaint/grievance form. The procedures are intended to set out a system for resolving complaints of discrimination in a prompt and fair manner. The City of Huntingburg's grievance procedure has been established to make methods clear for any member of the public wishing to inform the City of potential hindrances to public access to City programs, services, activities and/or public access along pedestrian rights-of-way. Exchange of this information is a critical step in addressing potential ADA noncompliance and preventing the escalation of the grievance to a formal civil complaint.

Any time that a member of the public or a city employee is in need of a reasonable accommodation that the City is not already providing or has a complaint regarding the condition of a sidewalk, ramp, building or other public facility, an input/action form should be completed and filed with the ADA Coordinator at the address previously listed. The ADA/Title VI Coordinator shall investigate each request and/or complaint and shall document his/her findings. All complaint/grievances shall be kept on file at City Hall for five (5) years and tracked by the ADA Coordinator. It is the City's priority to respond to all concerns in a timely way. Huntingburg's ADA Complaint/Grievance Form and the Input/Action Form can be viewed in Appendix B

Accessibility Compliance resolution goes here

Accessibility Evaluation and Recommendations

The Eppley Institute project team conducted an accessibility assessment designed to identify barriers to facilities and program participation for people who are differently abled. The team reviewed Northside Park, several sites at City Park including the stadium and swimming pool, Market Street Park, the Driving Range and disc golf course and trail, and the Bark Park and ballfield. Recommendations for barrier removal and improved access to assist parks personnel in long-term planning are based on the findings of the site assessment.

The Eppley Institute uses the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards for program access as a guiding principle for viewing the programs, activities, and services of the department, in their entirety, for consideration of barrier removal. The inspection team looks critically at facilities and programs from the point of view of persons who have different abilities pertaining to vision, hearing, mobility, or cognitive processes. This approach focuses on experiential components of a site, as well as compliance with minimum design standards. The Eppley Institute views the physical environment as a catalyst for program access and thus forms recommendations for barrier removal with program access at the forefront of investigative and reporting processes.

The ADA requires that if a service is provided, such as picnic areas, that service must be made accessible to everyone. This does not mean that every picnic area needs to be immediately retrofitted to meet accessibility standards; instead, it is recommended that when renovation or construction takes place, accessible picnic areas should be created. Accessibility should be included in planning for any new or renovated amenity or service. The goal is to make the experiences provided at the site to be equitable regardless of ability.

The following are the most important items of concern that our team identified, with recommendations for corrective action or improvement. In some cases, further investigation of ADA compliance is recommended.

Northside Park

- Ensure that visitors can identify accessible routes to the picnic shelter and basketball courts.
 - Recommended Action: Add directional signage from park entrance and parking lot to indicate the accessible routes.
- There is no marked accessible parking.
 - Recommended Action: Pave and mark accessible parking (including van accessible space) at either the north or south or both ends of the gravel parking area along accessible route.

- Gate access to basketball court does not appear to meet minimum standard for width.
 - Recommended Action: Check the width of the gate to the basketball court and compare with ADA Standard for clear width: 404.2.3
- Accessible picnic tables are labeled “Handicapped.”
 - Recommended Action: Replace wording with “Accessible” and/or the International Symbol for Accessibility.
- Additional:
 - Recommended Action: If/when restrooms are added to the site, ensure that they meet ADA standards (ADA Standards 603-606 and 610), located on an accessible route, and are marked with appropriate signage (ADA Standard 703).
 - Recommended Action: Consider adding a ramp for vehicle and pedestrian traffic at the garage door to eliminate the large change in level to the walkway.

City Park

League Stadium

- Ensure that all visitors utilize the same point(s) of entry and routes wherever possible.
 - Recommended Action: Review paths from entry to exit to ensure that the primary routes meet width and slope standards. Mark accessible routes with signage (could be small directional signs with the International Symbol for Accessibility and arrows).
- Accessible parking is not marked with appropriate signage.
 - Recommended Action: Add signage that meets ADA Standard 502.6 at designated accessible parking spaces.
- Routes from locker rooms to dugouts are not accessible.
 - Recommended Action: Replace the steps down and back up to the field from locker rooms with a bridge to allow wheelchair and other mobility device use.
- Benches in locker rooms do not have back or armrests.
 - Recommended Action: Replace or rehab benches to meet standards for locker rooms (ADA Standard 903.4) and or review entire locker room for potential renovation to meet standards (ADA Standard 803).

- Restrooms are not accessible: stalls not compliant (missing rear grab bar, hooks too high, no clear space for lateral transfer, and dispensers located too close above side grab bar); some plumbing at sinks is exposed.
 - Recommended Action: Renovate public restrooms to replace and reconfigure fixtures and features to be ADA compliant.
- Current wheelchair accessible seating is segregated from general seating and there is no accessible seating designated in the reserved/box seat area.
 - Recommended Action: As any renovations are made to the stadium, add wheelchair spaces, companion seats, and designated aisle seats complying with ADA Standards 221 and 802.
- Exhibits are not currently accessible to visitors who are blind or have low vision.
 - Recommended Action: Add audio and/or tactile components to the “League of Their Own” exhibit and any other exhibits. Ensure the exhibit is well-lit. Guidelines for accessible exhibits are included at the end of this document.

Picnic Areas

Federal outdoor recreation standards have been adopted as best practice for state and local facilities. Therefore, these recommendations are suggested to improve accessibility for the outdoor recreation (picnicking, trails, routes) features at Huntingburg Parks and Recreation sites.

- Grills should have fire-building and cooking surfaces within recommended heights
- Grills, picnic tables, water spigots, benches, waste receptacles, and other constructed features should have clear ground space around all usable sides and be located on an outdoor recreation access route or trail that complies with standards.
 - Recommended Actions: Add concrete pads at these features to allow clear space for use and locate them along an accessible route with firm and stable surfacing. As these outdoor recreation features are altered or replaced, consider using the standards for outdoor developed areas to guide scoping and technical requirements. These can be found in Chapter 10 of the Architectural Barriers Act (ABA) Standards.
- Picnic tables in shelter lack accessible seating options and those on grounds need clear grounds space and accessible routes.
 - Recommended Actions: Extend existing concrete pads around picnic tables and replace existing tables in the shelter with tables offering seating for wheelchair users.

- Shelters:
 - Recommended Action: Reservation systems for all shelters should be set up to hold accessible spaces for those requesting accommodation. If handled on a first-come, first-serve basis, the accessible sites should be offered last to maintain availability for those with disabilities.
- Shelter: Fireplace has no elevated fire building surface.
 - Recommended Action: Create accessible fire building surface.
- Accessible parking spaces are not marked with signs.
 - Recommended Action: Add appropriate signage per ADA standard 502.6 to accessible parking spaces throughout.

Playground Areas

- Play areas generally have loose fill surfacing that is frequently bordered by a barrier to wheelchair access.
 - Recommended Action: As playgrounds are reviewed for maintenance firm and stable surfacing should be installed. Play areas should be located on an accessible route and comply with ADA standard 1008.
- Surfacing at accessible playground is buckled and has gaps larger than ¼ inch.
 - Recommended Action: Replace surfacing to eliminate changes in level and gaps and comply with ADA standards.

Youth Ballfields

- There is no wheelchair accessible seating.
 - Recommended Action: Add an accessible route by extending the paved pathways around dugouts and ramp behind bleachers to add accessible and companion seating.

Swimming Pool

- There are no accessible picnic tables in the shaded area.
 - Recommended Action: Add accessible tables (with seating for wheelchair users) to the shaded areas.
- Vending machines' keypads are not within reach ranges. The US Access Board has issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to require self-service transaction machines to be independently operated by people with disabilities.

- Recommended Action: As these machines are replaced, install machines with accessible features.
- Restrooms lack appropriate signage and stalls are not compliant (missing rear grab bar, no clear space for lateral transfer); some plumbing at sinks is exposed.
 - Recommended Action: Renovate public restrooms to replace and reconfigure fixtures and features to be ADA compliant.
- Changing room benches and showers are not compliant.
 - Recommended Action: Ensure that changing areas have compliant seating (ADA standard 903)
 - Recommended Action: Reconfigure accessible shower compartment to comply with ADA standard 608.2 – 608.8
- Concession counter appears to be greater than maximum height.
 - Recommended Action: Review sales counter and surrounding area for accessibility compliance

South Area

- Changes in level along route to tennis court from parking area exceed maximum.
 - Recommended Action: Repair openings and changes in level to route from accessible parking to tennis court and other amenities
- Light switches at the basketball court are out of reach range.
 - Recommended Action: Lower switches to comply with ADA Standard 308.
- Accessible parking and route to the ball courts is difficult to identify.
 - Recommended Action: Add directional signage for wayfinding to accessible spaces and routes

Market Street Park

This newly constructed area is a good example of physical accessibility in and around the stage area. The couple of points below highlight some recommendations for further enhancing accessibility at the park.

- Angled accessible parking spaces
 - U.S. Access Board *recommends* that angled spaces have one access aisle per space (or two access aisles where there is only one space).

Alternatively, accessible spaces should be designed to permit both front-in and back-in parking.

- Flagstone surfacing
 - Surfaces with repeated changes in level are difficult to traverse for people with mobility disabilities and should be used sparingly and not as access routes to accessible amenities (benches with armrests and backs are best practice for use by people with disabilities). Consider placing accessible seating in areas with smooth surfacing.
- Signs and maps at the park are inaccessible to people who are blind or have low vision.
 - Consider adding tactile components to interpretive and informational signs and exhibits.

Niehaus Park

Driving Range

- There is only one accessible parking space.
 - Recommended Action: Accessible parking scoping requirements can be found in ADA Standard 208.2 and are considered a minimum. Add at least one space to comply with minimum.
- There is no accessible route from the parking area to the pads at driving range.
 - Recommended Action: Add an accessible route (48" wide) to the teeing stations and include adequate clear space at each (see ADA Standard 1006.2).
 - Recommended Action: At least one of the teeing stations must be constructed so that a golf cart can enter, use, and exit the station (ADA Standard 238.3)
- Signage with rules and map is not located along an accessible route.
 - Recommended Action: Move the sign or add accessible pathway to the sign location.
- Map of the driving range, trail, and disc golf course is not accessible to people who are blind or have low vision.
 - Recommended Action: Install a tactile map of the area, including the disc golf course and trail.

Disc Golf Course and Trail

Title II of the ADA requires that programs are accessible to people with disabilities. This rule applies to the disc golf course as well as other programs offered by the parks and recreation department. While physical access supports the programming (playing through the course), it is not the only consideration or approach to providing an equitable experience for people with disabilities. Allowing the use of adaptive golf carts or other power-driven mobility devices (OPDMDs) is an important component of access in these settings. The department should develop an OPDMD policy to facilitate participation by people with disabilities.

While no specific guidance for disc golf facilities exists, there are standards for both golf and miniature golf courses. It is recommended that these standards be reviewed and applied with best intention to the disc golf course. To that end, the ADA indicates that at least 50 percent of holes on a miniature golf course comply with the accessibility standards (1007.3), and where possible access be provided to all holes on a miniature golf course. Designers and operators are encouraged to select holes which provide for an equivalent experience to the maximum extent possible (ADA Standard Advisory 239.2).

Best practices for trails (based on the requirements for federal facilities) indicate that information should be provided at each trailhead so that visitors can determine their level of use. Trailhead signage should, at a minimum, provide the following:

- Length of the trail or trail segment
- Type of trail surface
- Typical and minimum trail tread width
- Typical and maximum trail grade
- Typical and maximum trail cross slope

- Restrooms are not adequately signed
 - Recommended Action: Add signage at the entrance to the restrooms to comply with ADA Standard 703.

Southside Park

Bark Park

- Bridge across creek is narrow and does not offer edge protection

- Recommended Action: Replace bridge with compliant structure with full-return handrails, edge protection, and accessible route from parking.
- Watering stations uneven and not firm/stable
 - Recommended Action: Add a mobi-mat from entrance with T into lateral mobi-mat between the two watering stations.
- Water spigots difficult to operate
 - Recommended Action: Test spigot operation and adjust to five psi or less.
- Latches and card reader positioning at gate
 - Recommended Action: Review height for operation within reach ranges (48" maximum).

Open Space

- Bridge to unmaintained ballfield lacks accessible threshold, edge protection.
 - Recommended Action: If the area is intended to be accessible to the public, repair or replace bridge with compliant structure that extends past the streambank.
- Accessible parking space in lower lot is sloped.
 - Recommended Action: Regrade/surface to remove any slope.

Ball field

- The paved path does not extend to the bleachers and dugouts.
 - Recommended Action: Add surfacing to complete route to enable easier access.
- Change in level from dugout area to field exceeds maximum allowance.
 - Recommended Action: Regrade or ramp field surfacing at the gates to eliminate the change in level (ADA Standard 303).
- Bleachers and dugout seating do not have wheelchair spaces.
 - Recommended Action: Add wheelchair seating spaces to these locations to comply with ADA Standards 221 and 802.

Huntingburg City Lake

Programmatic access is a primary consideration where activities like boating and fishing are offered. As above, Title II of the ADA requires these activities to be provided in an equitable manner for people with disabilities.

- Accessible facilities for fishing and boating are not provided.

- Recommended Action: Consider construction of a fishing pier or deck with an accessible route from the parking area.
- Recommended Action: Consider construction of an accessible boat launch with accessible route from the parking area.

Public Engagement

Civic involvement is crucially important in planning and decision-making processes to effectively develop and deliver community-centered park and recreation opportunities. The public engagement process that follows was designed to be balanced, open, and collaborative. The leadership of Huntingburg Department of Parks & Recreation, under the direction of the Park Board, sought to use this process to build trust within the community while also developing a plan that outlines a path forward. Methods of public engagement include:

- Stakeholder Interviews
- Community Survey
- Master Plan Website
- Public Comment Sessions

Stakeholder Interviews

Objective

The primary objective for the stakeholder interviews was to gather diverse perspectives about the park system from individuals who represent a wide range of institutional affiliations.

Participants

Stakeholders were defined as individuals who were (1) associated with either the Parks & Recreation Department or (2) larger Huntingburg community because of their position, involvement, interest, or identity. These included park system partners that use or rent space frequently, Huntingburg residents who frequently use the park spaces or engage in programming, and community organization leaders, City staff, and Park Board members. The stakeholders of a community generally hold diverse perspectives and institutional affiliations and are interviewed to obtain a sense of opinion among core constituents. All participants are recorded in Appendix A.

Data Collection

Stakeholder interviews were conducted in September 2022 by Eppley Institute staff members. Stakeholders were interviewed in small groups between two and eight

individuals in size and were facilitated in one-hour time slots. The limited group size is intended to give stakeholders an opportunity to speak more freely in semi-private conversations in contrast to what is possible in a large-group or public sessions.

All interviews were conducted in a structured format using a bespoke questionnaire developed by the Eppley Institute team in conjunction with the county's project team. At the beginning of each group interview, stakeholders will be assured that the information and perspectives they share during interviews will not be attributed to them nor identifiable in any reports or deliverables.

Questions ranged from open-ended questions to very specific inquiries. The questions included:

1. What are your impressions of Huntingburg Parks?
2. What are your opinions about the Department's programs? Quality? Overall program mix and quantity? Cost?
3. What are your opinions on the quality of the parks and recreation facilities provided by the Department and why?
4. In what ways do you think the Parks & Recreation Department can improve the community's overall health and wellness?
5. Are there other partnership opportunities- for programming, facilities, or funding, for example- you are aware of that would benefit Huntingburg Parks (public, private, Not-for-profit)?
6. Are there partnerships with health agencies that could be beneficial for the community?
7. Are there specific programs, events, or facilities that you think could improve the quality of life for Community members?
8. Should the county focus more on maintaining current parks and facilities or on building new parks and facilities? Why?
9. If YOU were in charge of Huntingburg Parks & Recreation, what would you do differently? What would you make sure to do that's the same?

Analysis

Extensive written notes were recorded at each interview. Across the three interviews, 121 units of data were identified. Following this, units were categorized into codes based on an inductive approach which labeled units of data based on their heuristic content. Then, a process of grouping the open codes, i.e., axial coding, was completed to reflect interpretation and meaning and ultimately identify themes.

Results

1. Overall impression of Huntingburg Parks system and staff is positive

Stakeholder interviewees generally held positive views about the Huntingburg Parks and Recreation system overall. They shared perceptions that the parks are valuable community resources and meet the needs of a variety of community members. Several interviewees expressed appreciation of the work done by parks staff and program leaders, some mentioned specific staff by name in a complimentary fashion. One respondent shared that the park employees are especially good at working with groups to make sure their needs are met when using park facilities for events.

2. Parks and facilities are excellent for a small town and should be maintained and upgraded as needed

Participants are overall pleased with the Huntingburg parks system, particularly given the context of its size and population. They were appreciative of the variety of parks and the range of activities available in those spaces. Many cited League Stadium as a particularly valuable city resource; the pool was also identified as an important asset. Presence of shade trees was also mentioned as a positive factor. In terms of suggestions for improvement, some participants mentioned the shelter houses are older and in need of repairs. Other participants shared that the pool and some of the playgrounds could use upgrades. Additionally, increasing signage both within and outside of parks was suggested as a tactic that could increase awareness of available parks facilities and programs.

In terms of facility expansion, there were suggestions for installing community gardens (particularly as a mechanism for outreach with the Latino community). Some respondents also expressed interest in the construction of soccer fields. Additionally, there was interest expressed in providing wi-fi access in the city parks. Participants also shared interest in expanding the trail system, including connecting existing trails to the county-wide system (such as a bicycle trail to Jasper). Interest was also expressed in greater trail connectivity to the downtown area and in installing exercise equipment along existing trails. Shuttle service was also suggested as a method to remove barriers to park accessibility.

3. Participants agree that programming overall is a strength, health programming is an area for growth

Community members participating in the stakeholder interviews were especially appreciative of the variety of programming offered by Huntingburg's Parks department and indicated that some programs were led particularly well by program staff. The affordable programming for school-aged children during the summertime, and programs for older adults, were each mentioned by multiple interviewees as particularly valuable. Latino Fest was identified as an event that brought in people from out of state. Participants showed interest in increasing frequency of community fitness events such as 5K races and walks, family game nights, and indoor exercise opportunities for the winter. One respondent expressed

that they were happy with the programming, but that there is always room to grow in this area. To that end, it was expressed that overall awareness of the parks and programs available could be increased, potentially through outreach efforts.

4. Partnership opportunities seen as valuable

Participants saw multiple opportunities to establish new partnerships and build upon existing partner relationships to improve parks access and opportunities to the Huntingburg community. The connection between the parks system and community health is salient to many interviewees; and there were suggestions to increase health-related programming. Respondents cited local 5K races and a partnership with Girls on the Run as good ways to promote fitness. Many also recalled IU's presence at Latino Fest performing basic health screenings and were appreciative of this opportunity.

Suggestions include partnering with the city library, bringing businesses to the Teen Outback for health programming, working with the YMCA and/or the high school for use of indoor spaces (particularly for indoor winter programming). Interviewees also indicated support for maintaining or increasing partnerships with Purdue Extension (nutrition), Indiana University (health), and the city hospital (health). Destination Huntingburg and Latin American Association of Southern Indiana (ALASI) were cited by multiple participants as key Parks and Recreation partners.

5. Growth vs. maintenance

Overwhelmingly, participants felt that the City's focus should be on maintaining and upgrading current parks facilities and programs rather than further expansion. Some commented that current parks are sufficient for a town the size of Huntingburg or that they were unsure of where there might be space to add additional parks. Suggestions for maintenance and upgrades included shelter house repairs, playground upgrades, improving lighting and security, repaving parking lots, and adding greenery—among the ideas outlined previously. One respondent also suggested an increase in funding for staff; relatedly, there was a suggestion to add a breakroom with bathrooms, lockers, and showers for staff members.

6. Next steps

In addition to the feedback outlined above, interviewees shared several ideas regarding the future direction of the parks system, including suggestions that could increase revenue for the parks system and tourism in the City of Huntingburg. Suggestions included lengthening the baseball season and promoting local businesses, such as restaurants and shops, during the baseball tournaments. Beyond baseball, interviewees would like to see increased diversity in program offerings, such as more events like the disc golf tournament. Growing the number of festivals was also popular among interviewees.

Surveys

Community surveys were utilized to gauge public opinion and learn more about residents' interests and beliefs about the current recreation and park system in Huntingburg. The surveys were created by Eppley and validated through review by the project team, including Department staff.

Survey Methodology Overview

Objectives

The primary objective for the survey was to systematically gather data on public opinion, interests, and perceptions regarding the current recreation and park system in Huntingburg. While a summary of the survey methodology is described below, a detailed description is available in the Appendix A.

Sampling

Two sampling strategies were employed: Random and convenience sampling. The two-method strategy sought to ensure that survey responses remain representative of the Huntingburg population (random sampling) while also allowing for any member of the public to access and take the survey (convenience sampling). This latter group, those included in the convenience sample, can represent some of the most invested or engaged park stakeholders. Responses from the convenience sample were generally analyzed separately from those in the random sample.

Due to the population of Huntingburg, all 2,895 residential households were invited to participate to help ensure as large of a sample as possible. While this survey was called the "random" survey throughout planning and data collection, its sampling frame is better characterized as a survey of the entire eligible population.

In addition to the random sampling strategy, a convenience-based sampling strategy was conducted with an identical survey made available to all Huntingburg park residents and stakeholders. City of Huntingburg staff were predominantly responsible for promoting and making available the convenience survey.

Data collection ultimately occurred over a one-month period beginning August 31, 2022, through September 30, 2022.

Design & Analysis

The survey was offered in both English and Spanish and was designed to take 15 minutes to complete. Data was analyzed for key findings, relying on relevant descriptive analysis (e.g., counts, distributions, percentages, means). Results summarized in this report are at times broken out by sampling strategy (e.g., convenience, random, and all), and sometimes combined and/or omitted where substantively relevant. Free-response comments to some question prompts were

analyzed among the random sample. The random sampling approach collected 122 usable responses, whereas the convenience sampling approach collected 56 usable responses.

Survey Results

Overview and Demographics

All respondents analyzed as part of the random sample were Huntingburg residents, whereas only 39% of the convenience sampling responses were Huntingburg residents. This is likely because many people in adjacent towns use Huntingburg city parks and perceive themselves to be a user or stakeholder in those spaces.

Of survey residents, whereas the random sample pulled responses from each of the four “quarters” of the City, more than 40% of those who responded to the convenience survey lived on the southeast side.

Table 5: Survey Respondents by City Quadrant

Sampling Strategy	Northeast side	Northwest side	Southeast side	Southwest side	I'm not sure	Total
Convenience	14%	14%	41%	18%	14%	100%
Random	20%	23%	26%	25%	6%	100%
All Respondents	19%	22%	28%	24%	7%	100%

Overall, residents were generally longtime residents of the city; 65% reported having lived in the area for 16 or more years, 6% reported residency of 11-15 years, 9% reported residency of 6-10 years, 15% reported residency of 1-5 years, and 6% reported less than one year of residency in the township (total n = 143). Comparable rates between sampling strategies were also identified on this metric, e.g., 66% of the of the convenience sample respondents reported 16+ years of city residency, whereas 59% of the random sample reported 16+ years of city residency.

Across both sampling groups, the average reported household size was 2.7 individuals, and the median household size of 2.0 (n = 176). By household income, 6% reported a household income under \$25,000, 20% reported a household income between \$25,000-\$49,999, 30% reported a household income between \$50,000-74,999, 14% reported a household income between \$75,000-99,999, 27% reported a household income between \$100,000-\$199,999, and 3% reported a household income exceeding \$200,000 (total n = 110).

Figure 2 outlines a snapshot of all survey respondents by demographic characteristics and sampling strategy. Among all respondents, approximately one quarter (26%) indicated that there was at least one young child in their household (i.e., younger than 10 years old, n = 47); conversely 41% of households reported any child or young adult in their household (i.e., 19 years old or younger, n = 73). One quarter (25%, n = 179) reported at least one adult 65 years old or older. More than half of survey respondents indicating gender identity were female (57%), 42% were male, and 1% were non-binary (total n = 115). Of respondents indicating their racial identity (n = 113), most respondents identified as white (99.1%), all others indicated some other race (0.9%).

However, there were demographic differences between the sampling strategies; notably a higher percentage of convenience sampling respondents reported having a child or young adult in the household (34%) than the random sample (23%). Similarly, a lower percentage of convenience sampling respondents reported having an adult 65 years or older (20%) than the random sample (27%).

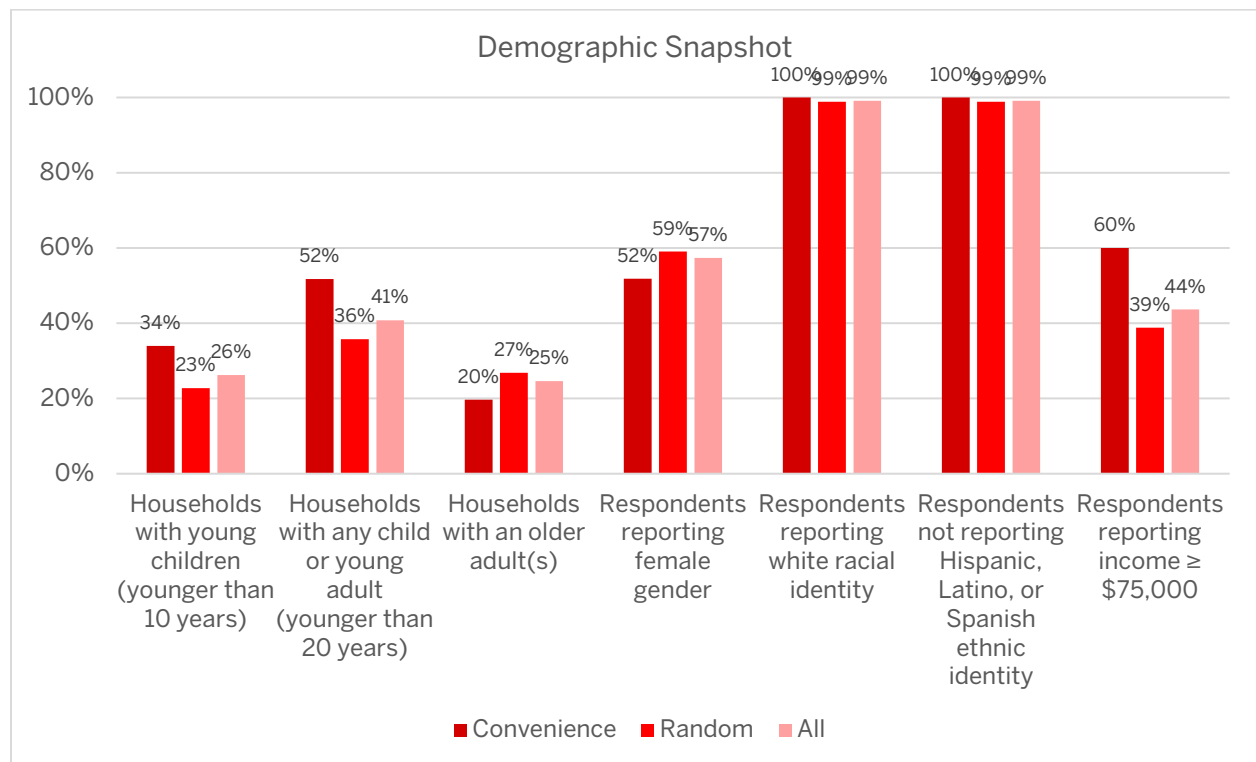


Figure 20: Respondents' Demographic Snapshot

Awareness

In terms of current ways respondents learn about recreation opportunities in Huntingburg, the department's website (31% random, 45% all) and friends and neighbors (38% random, 48% all) were the top two mechanisms (Table 2). While the website remained among the top three mechanisms when prompted to respond with their *preferred* modes of information, social media (62% random, 47% all) and a seasonal program guide (58% random, 39% all) represent the top two factors.

Table 6: Current & Preferred Ways Respondents would like to learn about the Huntingburg Parks & Recreation Department's services and programs

	Current		Preferred	
	Random	All	Random	All
Total Respondents (n)	100	179	100	179
From friends and neighbors	70%	49%	24%	20%
Social media	58%	45%	62%	47%
City of Huntingburg website	35%	25%	43%	31%
Flyers/posters at parks and recreation facilities	21%	16%	31%	23%
Newspaper articles	17%	12%	21%	16%
Newspaper advertisements	10%	8%	9%	6%
Conversations with parks and rec staff	11%	6%	6%	4%
Parks and Rec Department e-mail bulletins	4%	3%	41%	26%
Blogs	0%	0%	4%	3%
Seasonal program guide	-	-	58%	39%
Television	-	-	11%	7%
Radio	-	-	29%	21%
Other	5%	4%	4%	3%
I do not receive any information	12%	9%	-	-

Note. Cells highlighted in blue indicate those in approximately the top 25% of values for that column.

Usage

Among the random sample respondents, the most-frequently used park or greenspace was Huntingburg City Park; 92% (n = 110 of 119) of this group reported at least one visit to this space in the past year (Figure 3). While park space use aligned somewhat between the two sampling groups, there were several cases in which the usage percentage differed by more than 10%. These are indicated below and illustrated in full in the Appendix (Table 9). These differences illustrate that the

random sample respondents are more frequent park users, particularly at Huntingburg City Park and Market Street Park, than the convenience sample respondents.

- Huntingburg City Park, “did not visit”: 8% random sample, 18% convenience sample
- Market Street Park, “did not visit”: 19% random sample, 35% convenience sample
- Market Street Park, “6-10 visits”: 25% random sample, 7% convenience sample

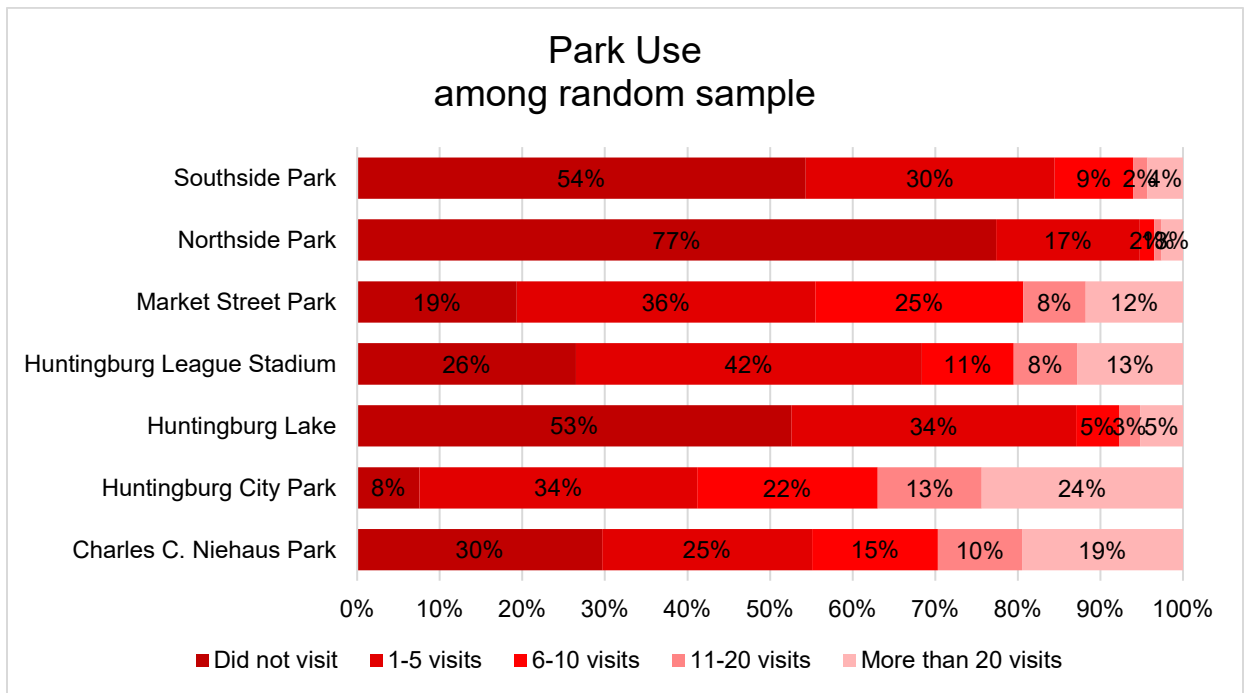


Figure 21: Reported site use

Respondents were also asked about their top-three most frequently used park facilities. Across all three groups, “walking trails” was reported most frequently as a top-3 facility of frequent use; League Stadium and the Farmers Market were also a top-three facility (total n = 144, *Table 3*). Among the convenience survey respondents, the “disc golf course” was highly rated in contrast to the random sample. These results indicate that the convenience sample reflects the voices of those who use that space frequently, but perhaps underrepresent other facility user groups.

Table 7: Percentage of Respondents indicating Facility or Amenity in their “Top 3”

	Convenience	Random	All
	n = 39	n = 105	n = 144
Baseball Fields	21%	7%	10%
Basketball Courts	5%	6%	6%
Disc Golf Course	33%	5%	13%
Dog Park	5%	12%	10%
Driving Range (Golf)	8%	10%	10%
Farmers Market Pavilion	26%	37%	34%
Gazebo	0%	3%	2%
Green Space/Open Fields	3%	13%	10%
Horseshoe Pits	0%	1%	1%
League Stadium	44%	33%	36%
Old Town Hall	3%	8%	6%
Performance Pavilion	18%	20%	19%
Pickleball Courts	8%	4%	5%
Playgrounds	31%	30%	31%
Pool	13%	10%	10%
Restrooms	21%	22%	22%
Shelter Houses	3%	10%	8%
Softball Fields	8%	4%	5%
Splash Pad	5%	1%	2%
Tennis Courts	3%	4%	3%
Walking Trails (within parks)	51%	66%	62%

Note. Cells highlighted in blue indicate those in approximately the top 25% of values for that column.

With respect to recreation program and services provided by Huntingburg Parks and Recreation, while nearly 35% of convenience sample respondents indicated participation, 26% of the random sample indicated participation (Figure 4).

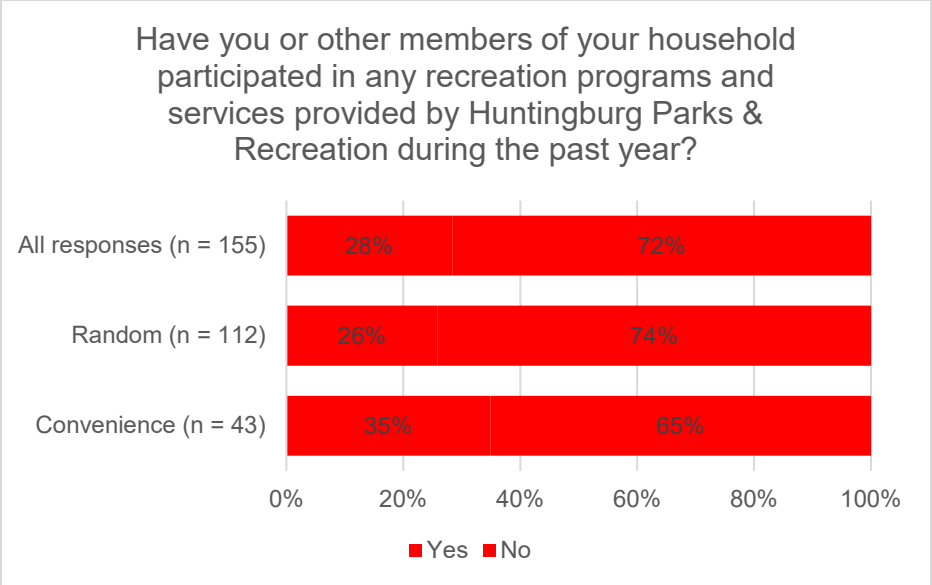


Figure 22: Program and Service Participation

Barriers

When presented a list of potential barriers that prevent them or their family members from using parks and recreation services, lack of time and a lack of information regarding Huntingburg’s parks and recreation services were the top two factors (*Table 4*). Among both groups, approximately one-quarter of respondents indicated that no barriers were applicable to them.

Table 8: Barriers to Park System Use

	Convenience	Random	All
Total Respondents (n)	29	94	123
Inadequate or poorly maintained facilities	14%	9%	10%
Lack of information regarding Huntingburg's parks and recreation services	34%	40%	39%
My neighborhood does not have a park recreation facility, or trail within a 10-minute walk	10%	5%	7%
Not enough time	34%	38%	37%
Not enough money	3%	7%	7%
Personal safety concern - the walk to the park or trail is not safe due to traffic or roadways	3%	6%	6%
Personal safety concern - the park or trail is not safe	3%	1%	2%
Personal health problem	0%	10%	7%
Programs that the Department offers do not interest me	3%	9%	7%
The Department's programs, parks, or facilities are not accessible to people with disabilities	0%	2%	2%
None of these apply to me	28%	22%	24%
Other	3%	0%	1%

Note. Cells highlighted in blue indicate those in approximately the top 25% of values for that column.

Perceived Benefits

Another series of survey items sought respondents' level of agreement regarding a series of proposed benefits that they, or a member of their household, receive from parks, trails, recreation facilities, programs, and services. To better understand distinctions, results were analyzed by those reporting "agree(ment)," "strongly agree(ment)," and the sum of the two. Among all potential benefits, two of the four most highly related are associated with community appearance & desirability (both 93%, *Table 5*). The others represent the importance of these spaces for physical health and fitness (93%) and as a conduit to the outdoors and nature (also 93%).

Table 9: Perceived Benefits

	% Agree	% Strongly Agree	% All Agreement
Enhance community appearance	36%	57%	93%
Help attract new residents and businesses	36%	48%	84%

Help reduce crime	30%	49%	79%
Improve diet and nutrition	39%	32%	71%
Improve mental health and reduce stress	36%	53%	90%
Improve physical health and fitness	41%	52%	93%
Improve social connections	44%	32%	77%
Increase opportunities for people of different cultures to interact	49%	33%	81%
Increase property values in surrounding area	42%	41%	84%
Make Huntingburg a more desirable place to live	35%	57%	93%
Strengthen sense of community	40%	49%	89%
Preserve open space and the environment	32%	53%	85%
Promote tourism in the City	42%	34%	76%
Provide access to the outdoors and nature	36%	57%	93%
Protect the City's historical attributes	37%	40%	78%
Other	25%	25%	50%

Note. Cells highlighted in blue indicate those in approximately the top 25% of values for that column. Percentage values reflect min n=121, max n=125 (varies by item).

Respondents were also asked about the facilities that they perceive contributed the most to their health. Across both groups, “walking trails” and “playgrounds” were the most frequently selected, health-promoting facility, i.e., they were ranked most frequently among “Top Three” facilities for health (Table 6). Otherwise, the facilities that most benefited respondents’ health differed slightly by group.

Table 10: Health-Promoting Facilities, % of Respondents Selecting Facility in their “Top Three”

	Convenience	Random	All
Total (n)	38	107	145
Baseball Fields	3%	5%	4%
Basketball Courts	11%	8%	9%
Disc Golf Course	37%	6%	14%
Dog Park	13%	12%	12%
Driving Range (Golf)	8%	14%	12%
Farmers Market Pavilion	5%	27%	21%
Gazebo	0%	0%	0%
Green Space/Open Fields	3%	22%	17%

Horseshoe Pits	0%	2%	1%
League Stadium	0%	15%	11%
Old Town Hall	0%	4%	3%
Performance Pavilion	3%	8%	7%
Pickleball Courts	18%	6%	9%
Playgrounds	32%	22%	25%
Pool	21%	13%	15%
Restrooms	21%	17%	18%
Shelter Houses	3%	3%	3%
Softball Fields	5%	1%	2%
Splash Pad	5%	2%	3%
Tennis Courts	5%	4%	4%
Walking Trails (within parks)	82%	87%	86%

Note. Cells highlighted in blue indicate those in approximately the top 25% of values for that column.

Importance of Facilities & Programs

Respondents provided substantial feedback regarding the importance of current facilities and programs; trails and playgrounds were among the most frequently selected facilities (all ≥23%, Table 7). The next three most important facilities included restrooms (22%), bike paths (18%), and accessible facilities for people with disabilities (13%). this detailed is provided in Appendix, Table 10. When asked to indicate the importance of a series of programs, public events/festivals/picnics, concerts/movies/etc, and farmers’ markets were frequently selected (≥30%, Table 7). A full list of all program areas by % indicating importance is provided in Appendix, Table 11.

Table 11: Frequently selected “Top 3” Facilities & Amenities and Programs

Facilities & Amenities	Programs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trails, paved (49%) • Playgrounds (24%) • Trails, natural (23%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public events/festivals/picnics (55%) • Concerts, movies, etc. (33%) • Farmers’ Market (32%)

Note. Percentage values reflect min. n = 114, max = 149 (varies by question).

Satisfaction

With respect to satisfaction with Huntingburg Parks & Recreation park sites, more than 80% of respondents indicated that Charles C. Niehaus Park, Huntingburg City Park, Huntingburg League Stadium, and Market Street Park were in either “good” or “excellent” condition (*Table 8*). Based on this measure, Huntingburg Lake was rated slightly lower (74%), and the conditions at Northside Park and Southside Park were notably lower (60% and 53% ratings at “good” or “excellent”, respectively).

Among random sample respondents who provided additional detail regarding their “fair” or lower ratings, at Huntingburg City Park, respondents identified the need for better playground equipment and weed control so that the park would have a bigger “wow” factor, particularly given that this park has many tourist and out-of-town users. At Huntingburg Lake, improved playground equipment was also identified, as well as a dock for improved accessibility to the lake; this area was also noted for the perceived lack of things to do at this site. At League Stadium, respondents indicated that lighting is poor and that the field has low spots that flood; within the stands, replacing or repairing stadium seats and floors was recommended. At Northside Park, those who rated this park “fair” or worse also acknowledged that it appeared to be under construction at the time and that restroom facilities were needed. At Southside Park, open-ended comments in conjunction with “fair” ratings reflected general needs related to clean up and updated/replaced equipment.

Table 12: Park and Greenway Ratings

	Charles C. Niehaus Park	City Park	Huntingburg Lake	League Stadium	Market Street Park	Northside Park	Southside Park
Random (n)	86	111	61	94	98	32	57
Excellent	53%	37%	23%	35%	62%	13%	12%
Good	43%	47%	48%	57%	34%	50%	44%
Fair	3%	13%	23%	4%	3%	31%	40%
Poor	0%	2%	7%	3%	1%	3%	4%
Very Poor	0%	2%	0%	0%	0%	3%	0%
All (n)	124	152	87	137	131	42	81
Excellent	48%	32%	20%	31%	60%	12%	9%
Good	42%	50%	54%	58%	35%	48%	44%

Fair	10%	15%	21%	9%	4%	33%	43%
Poor	0%	1%	6%	2%	1%	5%	4%
Very Poor	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	2%	0%

Satisfaction among respondents who have participated in a Huntingburg Parks & Recreation program was also evaluated. Given this criterion (reported participation), the most frequently reported program to attend was “Public events, festivals, picnics” (n = 39), followed by “Youth sports leagues, programs” (n = 34), and “Youth summer day camps” (n = 26). Generally, reported participation did not vary by sampling strategy (e.g., 31% of survey respondents were convenience survey respondents, and this group represented 35% of reported program participants). *Figure 5* outlines reported satisfaction levels and demonstrates that those programs with the highest satisfaction ($\geq 70\%$, %Very satisfied + Satisfied) were “Public events, festivals, picnics,” “Teen Outback,” and “Youth Sports leagues, programs.” For detail regarding explanations for why respondents had not used sports or recreation programs, see Appendix, Table 12.

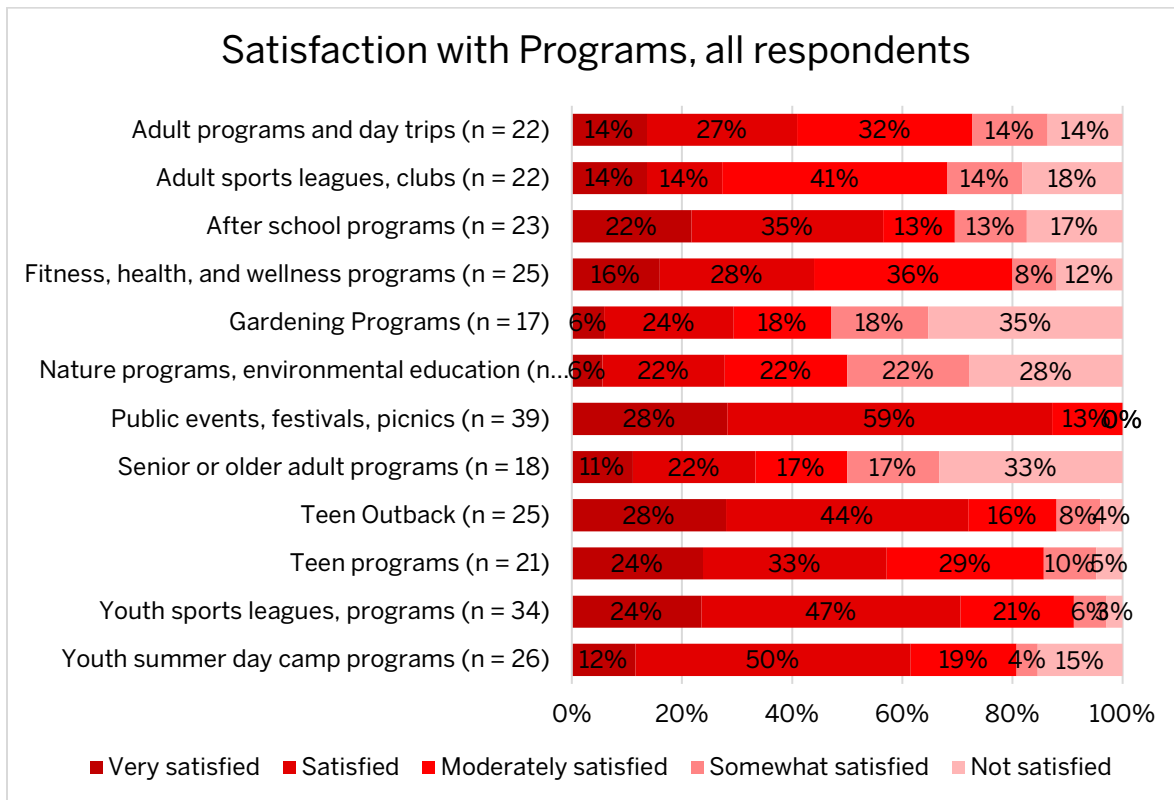


Figure 23: Program Satisfaction

Opinion

Finally, survey respondents were posed with the question: “If additional funding were available for the City of Huntingburg to fund parks and trails, how would you allocate the funding among competing categories?” Respondents were asked to ensure that their total allocation equaled 100%. On average, the typical respondent wished to allocate the plurality of their budget to (a) maintaining existing parks and trails (31%) and (b) renovating the grounds/infrastructure in existing parks and trails (24%, total n = 134, *Figure 6*). Whereas results were generally similar across the two sampling strategies, there were three areas in which allocations differed by more $\pm 3\%$. These included:

- Maintaining existing parks and trails (33% random sample, 25% convenience sample)
- Constructing new walking and biking trails (15% random sample, 8% convenience sample)
- “Other” (2% random sample, 10% convenience sample). Feedback regarding how to spend on “Other” allocations among the convenience sample were varied, including restrooms at Northside Park and Huntingburg Lake, pickleball courts and disk golf, and an indoor activity center for children.

Open-ended responses among the random sample includes funding support pool improvement (including a request for an indoor pool), a more easily accessible splash pad, designated facilities for people with disabilities and seniors, a fitness facility, and allocating funding to the preservation of historic sites.

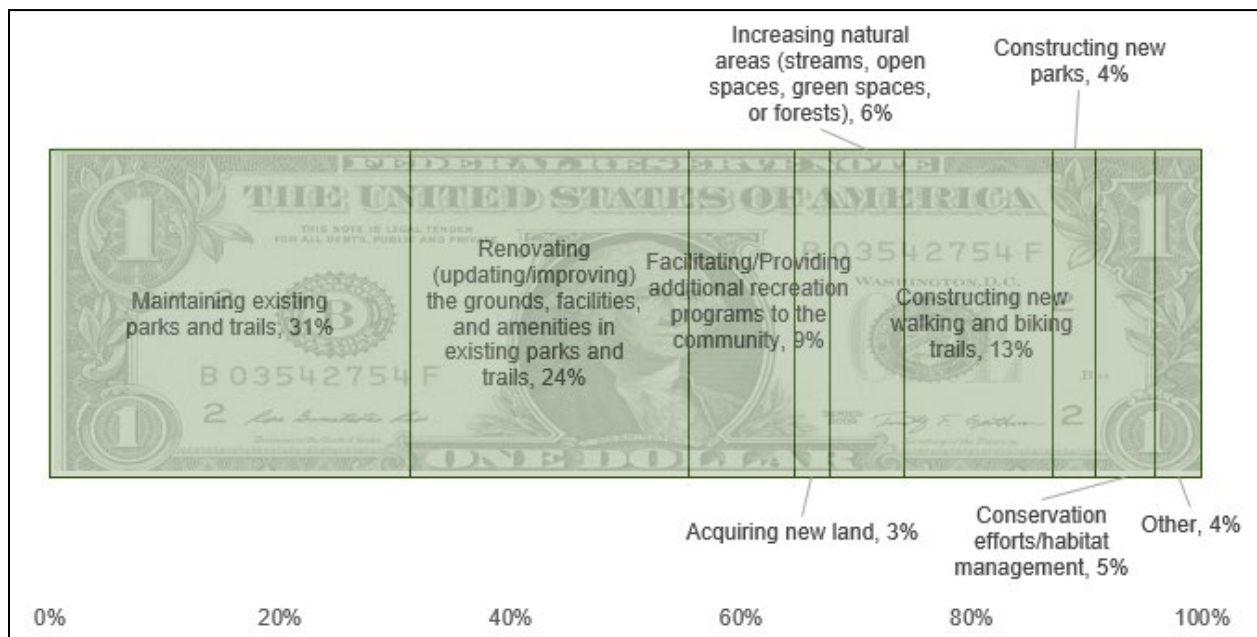


Figure 24: Funding Allocation Opinions

Special Topics

A series of questions was also posed to survey respondents regarding special topics of interest to the City. First, respondents were asked to identify their typical mode of transportation to parks. Nearly 4 in 5 respondents selected “car or other personal motorized vehicle” (Table 9). Similarly, city leaders are considering further development to the Huntingburg Lake site. Notably, the non-aquatic features (playground, picnic areas, shelter house improvements trails), indicated the highest levels of importance (Table 10). However, this should be contextualized in that lake users may compose a minority of Huntington Park users generally (and, similarly, survey respondents), but this is the one site offering a water body facility for recreation. Finally, city leaders were also interested in perceived importance ratings regarding winter programming, which is perceived to be a new and growing area of potential programming. Among potential winter program options, the top three rated in importance, in order, were “winter festivals,” winter hikes,” and “winter farmers’ markets.”

Table 13: Reported Modes of Transportation

	Bicycle, scooter, or non-motorized wheeled device	Car or other personal motorized vehicle	Public transport (e.g., bus)	Walk	Total
Convenience (n = 30)	0%	87%	0%	13%	100%
Random (n = 94)	4%	76%	1%	19%	100%
All responses (n = 124)	3%	78%	1%	18%	100%

Table 14: Perceived Importance of Potential Huntingburg Lake Features

	Boat rental	Fishing pier	Kayak/canoe rental	Kayak launch/dock	Playground	Picnic areas	Shelter house improvements	Trails
All (n)	126	128	126	125	126	126	128	127
Very Important	9%	21%	20%	22%	35%	27%	30%	57%
Important	21%	34%	30%	38%	28%	42%	37%	31%
Moderately Important	24%	22%	18%	14%	13%	15%	15%	6%
Somewhat Important	17%	11%	13%	14%	6%	6%	9%	5%

Not Important	29%	13%	19%	12%	17%	10%	9%	2%
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Table 15: Perceived Importance of Potential Huntingburg Winter Program Offerings

	Ice skating	Organized sledding	Winter farmer's market	Winter hikes	Winter festivals
All (n)	132	130	132	130	130
Very Important	11%	8%	20%	15%	26%
Important	20%	27%	25%	31%	33%
Moderately Important	21%	16%	18%	18%	21%
Somewhat Important	14%	22%	17%	18%	11%
Not Important	35%	27%	20%	18%	9%

Planning Website

The project team kept the public informed and updated about the Master Plan throughout the process using a website- <http://huntingburgmasterplan.com/> The website was developed and published in both English and Spanish in August 2022.

From the time of launch and throughout the project, the site contains:

- General information about the Parks and Recreation master planning process.
- A project timeline and information about major milestones.
- Information about the consultant team.
- Information about how to participate in the public engagement process.
- A portal to access the community survey.
- A public comment forum for leaving feedback for the planning team to consider.

The website, including the public comment forum, remained active through the planning process to ensure transparency and allow ample opportunity for community members to leave their feedback. Two comments were left as feedback through the website portal:

- We need the dock placed back at the city lake. It is difficult to launch a kayak there. I am sure other boaters would agree we need something there. Holland lake has one.
- Dedicated pickleball courts with nets would be a nice addition.

Public Comment

As part of the engagement process, the draft plan will be presented to the public at a meeting on December 19, 2022. Questions asked and comments made during the presentation can be found in Appendix A.

Benchmarking Analysis

Benchmarking is a vital process that allows organizations to compare their assets, programs, policies, and other criteria to those of peer organizations. Such comparisons are often used by agencies to evaluate themselves and, ultimately, plan better for growth and improvement. While benchmarking is a direct comparison, it is not meant to judge that any community “should” have the same assets and program offerings as other communities. Each community is unique, with different demographic, economic, geographic, and social situations so priority should be given to the needs and desires of each community’s population in parks and recreation system master planning. Benchmarking creates an aggregate picture of the recreation system throughout the comparison service areas and may uncover opportunities not previously realized by the planning community.

Using these criteria, eight peer agencies were selected for comparison and were invited to complete a survey of approximately 45 questions. The targeted communities included:

- Jasper, IN
- Rushville, IN
- Vincennes, IN
- Princeton, IN
- Tell City, IN
- Mt. Vernon, IN
- Washington, IN
- Madison, IN

Only two park and recreation departments participated and are included in the final analysis:

- Jasper Parks and Recreation
- Princeton Parks and Recreation

To ensure consistent comparison across communities, basic demographic data from the 2022 American Community Survey 5-year Estimates were used. While complete decennial census data is preferable, a complete set of demographic data for the most recent (2020) census had not yet been released as of the publishing of this document. Land area figures were taken from the 2022 Census Quick facts.

In the analysis below, Huntingburg can be compared to each individual agency and also to the descriptive statistics of the comparison group. In benchmarking, means and medians for the peer group are often calculated as an illustration of the ‘typical’ community within the group. In this case, with only two respondents, mean and median applications were not found to be useful and are not included.

Data collection was completed between September and November of 2022. Data is only as accurate or complete as the information provided by each agency and, despite our best attempts to standardize data, agencies may report certain figures differently or not at all.

Population and Demographics

Table 16: Population and Demographic Characteristics of Peer Cities

City	State	Service Area Population	Land Area (in square miles)	Population per square mile	Median Income (dollars)	Median Age (years)
Huntingburg	IN	6,362	5.05	1,259	\$42,941	36.5
Jasper	IN	16,713	13.34	1,253	\$56,020	40.3
Princeton	IN	8,315	5.48	1,517	\$46,412	38.5

Huntingburg is the smallest community in the peer group at 6,362 population and 5.05 square miles of land area, placing it in the middle of the group in population per square mile at 1,259. Jasper is larger and very slightly less dense with a population of 16,713 and 1,253 residents per square mile. Jasper has great value in this comparison, even at two and half times the size of Huntingburg because it is only five miles to the north and also in Dubois County and may both complement and compete with Huntingburg for services and visitation. Princeton is in the middle of the group in population at 8,315 but is the mode dense with 1,517 residents per square mile.

Huntingburg has median income of \$42,941, lowest of the group, and a media age of 36.5, also lowest of the group. Jasper is well above state and national averages for median income with \$56,020.

Baseline Characteristics

Table 17: Baseline Characteristics of Peer Agencies

City	Total Number of Parks	Residents per Park	Total Acres Managed by Agency	Total Acres of Developed Parks	Total Acres of Open Space	Acres per 1000 Residents	Total Paved Trail Miles	Total Unpaved Trail Miles	Trail Miles per 1000 residents
Huntingburg	5	1,272	141	141	0	22.16	2.6	0	.41
Jasper	30	557	1000	980	21	59.83	11		.66
Princeton	6	1,386	42.39			5.09	2.6	.65	.39

A measure of the reach of parks and recreation departments is their amenities and facilities per population, particularly when comparing communities with disparate populations. Huntingburg has five parks, Jasper 30, and Princeton six, but a better measure is residents per park. Huntingburg has a park for every 1,272 residents, Jasper 557, and Princeton 1,386. Better still, because parks vary in size across communities, is a calculation of park acres per resident. Huntingburg is in the middle of the peer group with 22.16 acres of park land per 1,000 residents. Jasper has the most with 59.83 acres per 1,000 residents and Princeton has just 5.09 acres per 1,000 residents.

Comparisons of trail mileage is similar. Huntingburg is in the middle with .41 trail miles per 1,000 residents. Jasper leads the group with .66 miles per 1,000 residents and Princeton is at the lower end but comparing favorably at .39 miles per 1,000 residents. Princeton is the only community in the group reporting unpaved trails in its inventory.

Budget

Table 18: Review of Peer Agencies' Budgets

City	Total Operating Budget (2022)	Operating Budget per Capita	Percent of Budget from Fees and Charges	Percent of Budget from Taxes	Tax Cost per Capita	Percent of Budget from All Other Sources	Average Capital Budget (last five years)
Huntingburg	\$950,605	\$149.42					\$227,290
Jasper							
Princeton							

Huntingburg's 2022 budget is \$950,605 or \$149.42 per capita. Neither Jasper nor Princeton reported budget information so no meaningful comparisons can be made.

Staffing

Table 19: Staffing Levels of Peer Agencies

City	Number of Full-Time Employees	Number of Part-Time Employees	Population per Full-Time Employee	Volunteer Hours
Huntingburg	4	24	1,590	0

Jasper	16	65	1,044	300
Princeton	3	40	2,771	

Huntingburg’s staffing levels fall in the middle of the peer group with 1,590 residents per full-time employee and 24 part-time or seasonal staff. Jasper is the largest department in terms of staff with 16 full-time employees, or one per 1,044 residents, and 65 part-time or seasonal staff and 300 volunteers. Princeton has the fewest full-time employees with 3 but has 40 part-time staff. Princeton, it should be noted does not offer programs outside of aquatics.

Outdoor Athletic and Recreation Facilities

Table 20: Outdoor Athletic and Recreation Facilities

City	Basketball courts (outdoor)	Pickleball (outdoor)	Tennis (outdoor lighted)	Tennis (outdoor unlighted)	Volleyball (outdoor)	Courts per 10,000	Diamond Fields (baseball/softball)	Rectangular Fields (football/soccer)	Fields per 10,000	Disc Golf Courses	Other
Huntingburg	4	1	2	0	2	14.14	5	0	7.86	1	
Jasper	6	10			4	10.77	14	14	16.75	1	
Princeton	0	4			2	7.22	2	0	2.41	1	

Huntingburg has four basketball courts, one pickleball court, two tennis courts and two outdoor volleyball courts for a total of 14.14 courts per 10,000 residents. This outpaces the peer group. Jasper offers 10.77 courts per 10,000 residents and Princeton offers 7.22 courts per 10,000 residents. Huntingburg lies in the middle of the peer group in fields, including diamond (baseball/softball) fields and rectangle (soccer/football/lacrosse) fields with 7.86 per 10,000 residents. All of Huntingburg’s field are baseball or softball. Princeton also only has a diamond field while Jasper has 14 diamonds and 14 rectangle fields for 16.75 total fields per 10,000.

Buildings and facilities

Table 21: Buildings and Facilities

City	Indoor Recreation Facility (#)	Indoor Recreation Facility (Sq. Ft.)	Indoor Recreation Space per 10,000	Community Center	Senior Center	Other Facility	
Huntingburg	0	0	0	0	1	1	Driving Range
Jasper	1	8,500	1,998.40	1	0	1	Golf course-18 holes
Princeton	1	3,000	3,607.94		0		

Huntingburg is this only department in the peer group without an indoor recreation facility but has the only senior center. Jasper is the only department that offers a community center and a municipal golf course. Huntingburg is the only department offering a driving range, though it does not have a golf course.

Aquatic Facilities

Table 22: Aquatic Facilities

City	Outdoor Pools	Indoor Pools	Pools per 10,000	Splash Pad/Spray Parks	Splash Pad/Spray Parks per 10,000
Huntingburg	1	0	1.57	1	1.57
Jasper	1	0	.60	2	.30
Princeton	1	0	1.20	1	1.20

Each community in the peer group maintains an outdoor pool and a splash or spray pad. Jasper has two splash pads.

Other Facilities

Table 23: Other Facilities

City	Community Gardens (Plots)	Park Shelters	Playgrounds	Playgrounds per 10,000	Dog Parks	Outdoor Fitness Stations	Permanent Stage/Amphitheater	Mobile Stage
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Huntingburg	0	11	17.29	1	0	1	0
Jasper	20	15	8.97	1	4	0	0
Princeton	0	7	4	4.81	0	0	1

Programs

Table 24: Program Offerings

County	Team Sports	Individual Sports	Fitness Classes	Health and Wellness	Safety Training	Aquatics	Trips and Tours	Martial Arts	Cultural Crafts	Themed Special Events	Natural, Cultural, Historical	Performing Arts	Visual Arts
Huntingburg	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N
Jasper	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	
Princeton	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	

Huntingburg offers team sports and trips and tours, as Jasper does. Jasper also has health and wellness programs and fitness classes. All three departments offer aquatics and themed special events. None offer safety training, martial arts, cultural crafts, natural, cultural, or historical programs, performing arts, or visual arts. Princeton offers no other programming.

Programs for Special Groups

Table 25: Program Offerings for Special Groups

City	Programs for People w/ Disabilities	Summer Camp	Senior Specific Program	Teen Specific Programs	After School Programs	Before School Programs	Preschool	Full Daycare
Huntingburg	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N
Jasper	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N
Princeton	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N

Of programs for special groups Huntingburg offers summer camps and programs for seniors. The peer communities are very similar with all offering summer camps and Huntingburg and Jasper offering senior programming. Jasper is the only city in the group offering programs for people with disabilities. None offer teen specific, after school, before school, preschool, or full daycare programs.

Needs Assessment

One of the most important and meaningful parts of the master planning process is the needs assessment. The needs assessment brings together the information and data gathered through earlier stages of the planning process including background information on the community and department, public feedback from the public and standardized parks data from national organizations to identify a path forward for the agency.

This needs analysis begins with a level of service (LOS) analysis, which summarizes the state of the parks system in Huntingburg using data collected on facilities and programming offered by Huntingburg Parks & Recreation.

Certain benchmarks were used to determine where Huntingburg's recreation system fits within the larger picture of recreation throughout the United States. Both The Trust for Public Land's (TTPL) 2022 ParkServe and National Park and Recreation Agency's (NRPA) 2022 Agency Performance Review include metrics and standards for the number of facilities in relation to the population.^{4,5} NRPA reports data by jurisdiction and by population size served (among many other measures) to reflect that parks and recreation departments serve unique and varied communities. In this analysis, LOS for the county is compared to NRPA's less than 20,000 population bracket, where Huntingburg's total population (6,362) fits. It is important to note that both TTPL and NRPA recognize that every community is different and has its own needs and wants for recreation services. As such, neither organization attempts to set standards or make recommendations about what a department or community *should* have in their system. They only offer median data for comparison with what other communities actually have.

While analyzing level of service is valuable for providing a quantifiable overview of a park system, it does not qualitatively measure the needs and desires of the community that a particular parks system serves. For this reason, the needs assessment also includes a gap analysis, which blends public feedback obtained through the many methods of engagement including stakeholder interviews, surveys, and public comment, with what is known about the current state of the parks system and with department goals and priorities to identify gaps and opportunities for improvement. The final step in the master planning process is for the needs assessment to inform the action plan in which the planning team identifies specific actions that help close system gaps and meet community goals.

⁴ 2022 City Park Facts. (2022). The Trust for Public Land. Accessed October 25, 2022. <https://www.tpl.org/2021-city-park-facts>.

⁵ 2022 NRPA Agency Performance Review: Park and Recreation Agency Performance Benchmarks. (2022). National Park and Recreation Association. Accessed October 25, 2022. <https://www.nrpa.org/siteassests/2022-nrpa-agency-performance-review.pdf>.

Level of Service Analysis

Parks and Greenways

Table 26: Level of Service for Parks and Trails

Level of Service for Parks and Trails				
Unit	Number	Current LOS (residents per park) ³	NRPA Benchmark ⁴	Recommendation
# of Parks	5	1,272	1,233	No increase
Unit	Acres	Current LOS (per 1,000 residents)	NRPA Benchmark (per 1,000 residents)	Recommendation
Acres of Parks ¹	141.17	22.19	12.9	No increase
Unit	Mileage	Current LOS (per 1,000 residents)	NRPA Benchmark (miles)	Recommendation
Greenways and Trails ²	2.6	.41	3	Increase trail miles

¹ Park acreage was obtained through the Dubois County 2022-2027 Master Plan and information provided by the Parks and Recreation Department

² Trail mileage was obtained through their Dubois County 2022-2027 Master Plan and information provided by the Parks and Recreation Department

³ Current LOS is per 1,000 residents and based on a 2020 population estimate of 6,362 from the U.S. Census Bureau's Quick Facts

⁴ NRPA Benchmark was retrieved from the 2022 NRPA Agency Performance Review and is based on jurisdictions with a population of less than 20,000 residents.

Huntingburg is well supplied with parks relative to the current population in both the number of residents per park and acres of park land per 1,000 residents in comparison to national averages. Both stakeholders who were interviewed and residents who took the surveys indicated that they felt no additional parks were needed at this time and that department funding should primarily be spent maintaining and improving existing parks.

A standard measurement of a community's park coverage is the portion of the population within a 10-minute walk of a park or recreation facility. Figure X shows the proximity of residents in Huntingburg and the immediate surrounding area to the City's parks. This illustration accounts for both physical distance from a park *and* transportation infrastructure. As such, addresses without adequate sidewalks

Ten-Minute Walk to Huntingburg Park

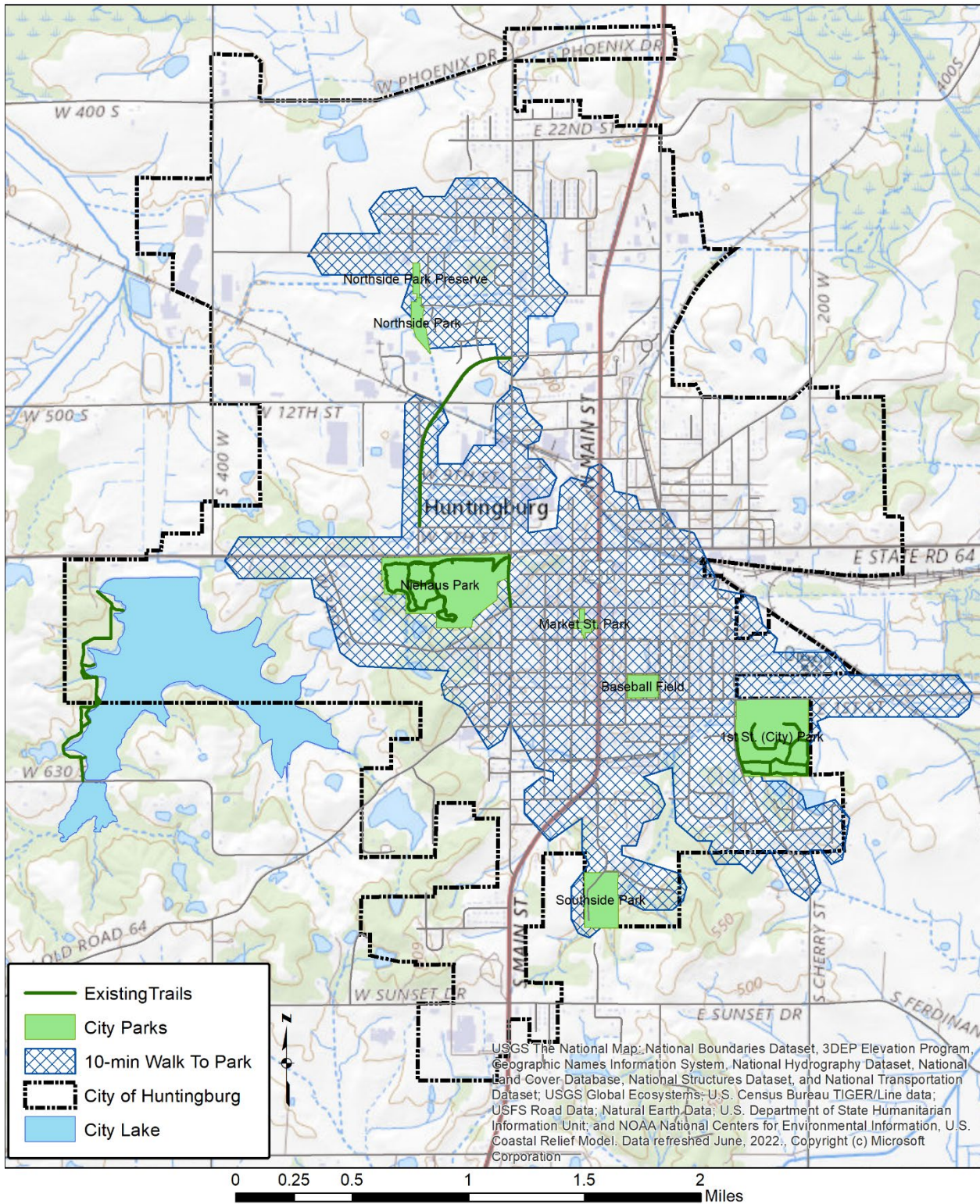


Figure 25: 10-minute walk to Huntingburg parks

or pathways may fall outside the 10-minute coverage area even the residence is a short distance from a park indicating a potential area for infrastructure improvements. The vast majority of city residents are within 10 minutes of a park with the exceptions being in the east and northeast portions of the City, indicating areas of opportunity if new parks are developed in the future. Since resident engagement indicated no current appetite for new parks and paved trails being the most popular facility to add to the City's inventory with both interviewees and 49% of survey respondents rating as the most important, emphasis should be placed on completing the Heritage Trail and improving the sidewalk network.

All of Huntingburg's existing trails are within parks with no true trail or greenway. This is set to change, however with the construction of the Heritage Trail, a Stellar Communities project, and a trail connecting Northside Park with Niehaus Park, and eventually to downtown via a multiuse path and the sidewalk network. The Heritage Trail was planned at the time Huntingburg was awarded the Stellar Communities designation but has yet to be started. The completed trail will connect downtown and Niehaus Park with other neighborhoods to improve pedestrian connectivity throughout the City largely improving existing sidewalks into multiuse paths with some new trail and bridge crossings over the Dubois County Railroad.

Recreation Facilities

Table 33 below provides a summary of the current level of service for facilities and amenities with metrics from The Trust for Public Land's 2022 City Park Facts Data and NRPA Park Metrics. These metrics provide national benchmarks against which communities can compare facilities and amenities to similar sized communities. TTPL metrics show the average number of these facilities and amenities per 10,000 residents. NRPA metrics show the number of residents per a single facility or amenity. Level of Service (LOS) measurements indicate the facilities provided by Huntingburg Parks & Recreation. Facilities owned by other entities such as business, non-profits, and State and Federal agencies are not included in the LOS or metric data. Included in the final column are recommendations for facilities which can be increased based on metric comparisons combined with resident feedback from the surveys and interviews. The data and recommendations reflect what currently exists without commentary on the condition of each facility or amenity.

Table 27: Level of Service for Facilities

Facility Type	Qty	LOS (facilities per 10,000 residents) ²	TTPL Median LOS ²	LOS (population per facility) ³	NRPA Park Metrics ³	Recommendation
Arena	0	-	-	0	6,137	No increase
Athletic Fields	0	0	1.20	-	-	Increase
Youth Soccer	0	-	-	0	3,504	

Adult Soccer	0	-	-	0	8,017	
Youth Multi	0	-	-	0	4,362	
Football Field	0	-	-	0	8,004	
Lacrosse Field	0	-	-	0	7,102	
Ball Diamonds	5	7.86	1.50	-	-	No additional increase
Youth Baseball	2	n/a	n/a	3,181	3,107	
Adult Baseball	1	n/a	n/a	6,362	7,954	
Youth Softball	1	n/a	n/a	6,362	5,339	
Adult Softball	1	n/a	n/a	6,362	5,667	
Basketball Courts	4	6.3	3.44	1,591	3,750	No increase
Community Garden (plots)	0	0	5.30	0	8,773*	Increase
Cooling Centers	0	0	0.16	-	-	
Disc Golf	1	1.57	0.05	-	-	No increase
Dog Parks	1	1.57	0.13	6,362	11,100	No increase
Drinking Fountains	10	15.7	2.72	-	-	No increase
Driving Range	1	1.57	n/a	6,362	5,055	No increase
Fitness Zones	0	0	0.02	-	-	
Ice Rink (indoor)	0	-	-	0	8,002	No increase
Improved Trails (miles)	2.6	.41	1.50	-	-	Increase
Nature Center	0	-	-	0	11,821	
Nature Trails (miles)	0	0	0.53	-	-	Increase
Performance Amphitheater	1	1.57	-	6,362	9,291	No increase
Pickleball Courts	1	1.57	0.35			Increase
Playgrounds	11	17.29	2.86	578	1,986	No increase
Recreation and Senior Centers	1	1.57	0.39			No increase
Community Center	0	-	-	0	8,504	
Recreation Center (including gyms)	0	-	-	0	9,126	

Senior Center	1	-	-	6,300	12,935	
Teen Center	0	-	-	0	14,426	
Restrooms	9	14.14	1.56	-	-	No increase
Skate Parks	0	0	0.07	-	-	
Splashpads	1	1.57	0.15	-	-	No increase
Swimming Pools	1	1.57	0.20	6,362	11,335**	No increase
Tennis Courts	2	3.14	1.72	-	-	No increase
Volleyball Courts	2	3.14	0.40	3,181	5,400** *	No increase

¹ Includes city facilities obtained through the Parks and Recreation Department and the 2022-2027 Dubois County Master Plan

² LOS and TFPL median LOS is per 10,000 residents. TFPL median LOS data was retrieved from the Trust for Public Land’s 2022 City Park Facts Data. It was reported in various ratios and standardized to units per 10,000 population

³ LOS and NRPA Park Metrics is based on population per facility. The NRPA Park Metrics were retrieved from the 2022 NRPA Agency Performance Review and is based on jurisdictions with a population of less than 20,000 residents.

*per garden rather than per plot

**Aquatics center (indoor)

***multi-use courts (volleyball and basketball)

Huntingburg has no fields for soccer, football, or lacrosse. With the growing popularity of soccer, adding multi-purpose fields should be a priority. Other priority items to increase as funding is determined include trails, pickleball courts, and community garden plots. As noted, a plan is in place for the Heritage Trail. Additional pickleball courts are planned for City Park in 2023. Community gardens could be added in a variety of locations at minimal cost since most work to maintain the gardens could be done by users and partner organizations with the gardens being a potential revenue producer from plot rental fees and stakeholder interviewees mentioned community gardens as a facility to increase.

Baseball is very popular in the region with highly successful youth and high school teams from Huntingburg, Jasper, and other nearby communities so it is no surprise that Huntingburg has an abundance of diamonds. Additional youth baseball and softball fields are currently under construction and slated to be completed in the Spring of 2023, bringing the total diamonds to five.

Important among Huntingburg facilities is League Stadium. League Stadium is a significant asset because of its history as a movie filming location and its utility as a tourism driver. While not generally open to the public for active recreation, attending summer baseball games is a staple activity for residents and visitors, tours of the stadium are available, and the City is increasing its availability for

events such as weddings and perhaps concerts with the goal of increasing tourism activity and boosting the Huntingburg economy.

Recreation Programming

To analyze level of service, the NRPA gathers data on agency program offerings across the nation. While the number of each program is not measured, the prevalence of them in each agency is. This LOS analysis looks at the programs that Huntingburg offers and compares that portfolio to the frequency with which those programs are offered in other agencies of similar population.

Table 28: Program Offerings

Program	Offered by MCPR	% Offering (NRPA Park Metrics)¹	Recommendation
Team Sports	Y	85%	
Individual Sports	N	64%	
Fitness Classes	N	67%	
Health and Wellness Education	N	67%	
Safety Training	N	62%	
Aquatics	Y	55%	
Trips and Tours	Y	43%	
Martial Arts	N	39%	
Cultural Crafts	N	40%	
Themed Special Events	Y	83%	
Natural and Cultural History Activities	N	37%	
Performing Arts	N	40%	
Visual Arts	N	43%	
Social Recreation Events	N	83%	
Racquet Sports	N	60%	
Running / Cycling Races	N	41%	
Golf	N	22%	
eSports / eGaming	N	7%	

¹NRPA Park Metrics were retrieved from the 2022 NRPA Agency Performance Review and is based on jurisdictions with a population of less than 20,000 residents.

Huntingburg Parks & Recreation Department program offerings are not comprehensive, even for a city in the smallest population category. Huntingburg offers team sports and one themed special event (Hero Day), which almost all communities do. 85% offer team sports and 83% offer themed events. There are many other events that take place in Huntingburg Parks which are operated by partners or community organizations. Huntingburg also offers aquatics programs and trips and tours. 55% of communities in the population bracket offer aquatics and only 43% offer trips and tours. Other commonly offered programs which Huntingburg does not offer are social recreation events (83% of peer communities offer), fitness classes (67%), health and wellness education (67%), and individual sports (64%).

Parks and recreation departments are also responsible for offering programming for populations with different needs than traditional sports or 'active' recreation. These populations are often vulnerable due to disabilities or socioeconomic status and look to the parks department to provide services not easily obtained elsewhere.

Recreation and activities these populations are invaluable for the well-being of a community. These include programs for disabled persons, seniors, and youth that may not be available elsewhere in the community. Many communities also often depend on the Parks and Recreation Department to provide needed services such as various childcare options benefitting working parents accessed through recreation programming including before and after-school programs, summer camps, and direct childcare. Table 30 shows targeted programming offered by Huntingburg and the percentage of agencies in Huntingburg's population bracket offering these programs nationwide.

Table 29: Targeted Programs for People with Disabilities, Seniors, and Children

Program	Offered by City	% Offering (NRPA Park Metrics)¹
Programs for People w/ Disabilities	N	36%
Summer Camp	Y	61%
Senior Specific Program	Y	65%
Teen Specific Programs	N	46%
STEM Programs	N	40%
After School Programs	N	47%
Before School Programs	N	16%
Preschool	N	25%
Full Daycare	N	4%

¹NRPA Park Metrics were retrieved from the 2022 NRPA Agency Performance Review and is based on jurisdictions with a population of less than 20,000 residents.

The only current offering among these target programs are summer camps and programs for seniors. These are the most common of these types of programs with over 60% of peer communities offering them. Important for equitable access are programs for people with disabilities. Huntingburg does not offer any though 36% of communities in the same population bracket do.

Gap Analysis

Equitable Access

Of growing importance is providing and increasing access to recreation facilities for all county residents. Huntingburg parks are in need of accessibility upgrades, not only to be in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, but to make parks welcoming and useable for all Huntingburg residents. 13% of Huntingburg residents under the age of 65 and 33% of residents over 65 have a disability, higher than state and national averages. With the exception of the new Market Street Park, Huntingburg parks have many accessibility challenges, particularly with playground surfaces, routes, and signage and exhibits. (See Accessibility Report for complete details). 17% of survey respondents rated facilities for people with disabilities as important, ranking it among the most important recreation opportunities to increase and interviews noted a lack of accessible amenities.

In addition, adding programs for people with disabilities is a desire of Huntingburg residents. Huntingburg does not currently offer specific programs for people with disabilities. 13% of survey respondents rated accessible programming as important, ranking it high among potential program offerings, indicating a need for these programs. Making recommended improvements would extend the recreational and social opportunities that Huntingburg parks offer to people with disabilities and improve the overall park experience to all park users.

Another constituency for whom park access can be improved is the Latinx population. When asked about the benefits of parks and recreation to the community, 81% agreed or strongly agreed that parks increase opportunities to interact with different cultures indicating the potential for additional cultural events and programming.

Figure X illustrates the neighborhoods with the highest concentrations of Hispanic or Latino residents compared with their proximity to City parks and their ability to walk 10 minutes or less to the closest park. As can be seen, many parts of town with higher concentrations of Latino and Hispanic residents are farthest away from parks. With no plans to construct additional parks in the near future, pedestrian infrastructure should be improved through the completion of the Heritage Trail and additional sidewalks to allow convenient and safe travel from these neighborhoods to City parks.

Latino/Hispanic* Residents' 10-Min. Walk to Park

*Percent Latino and/or Hispanic population estimated by color analysis of an Esri web map of 2021 Census Block Groups

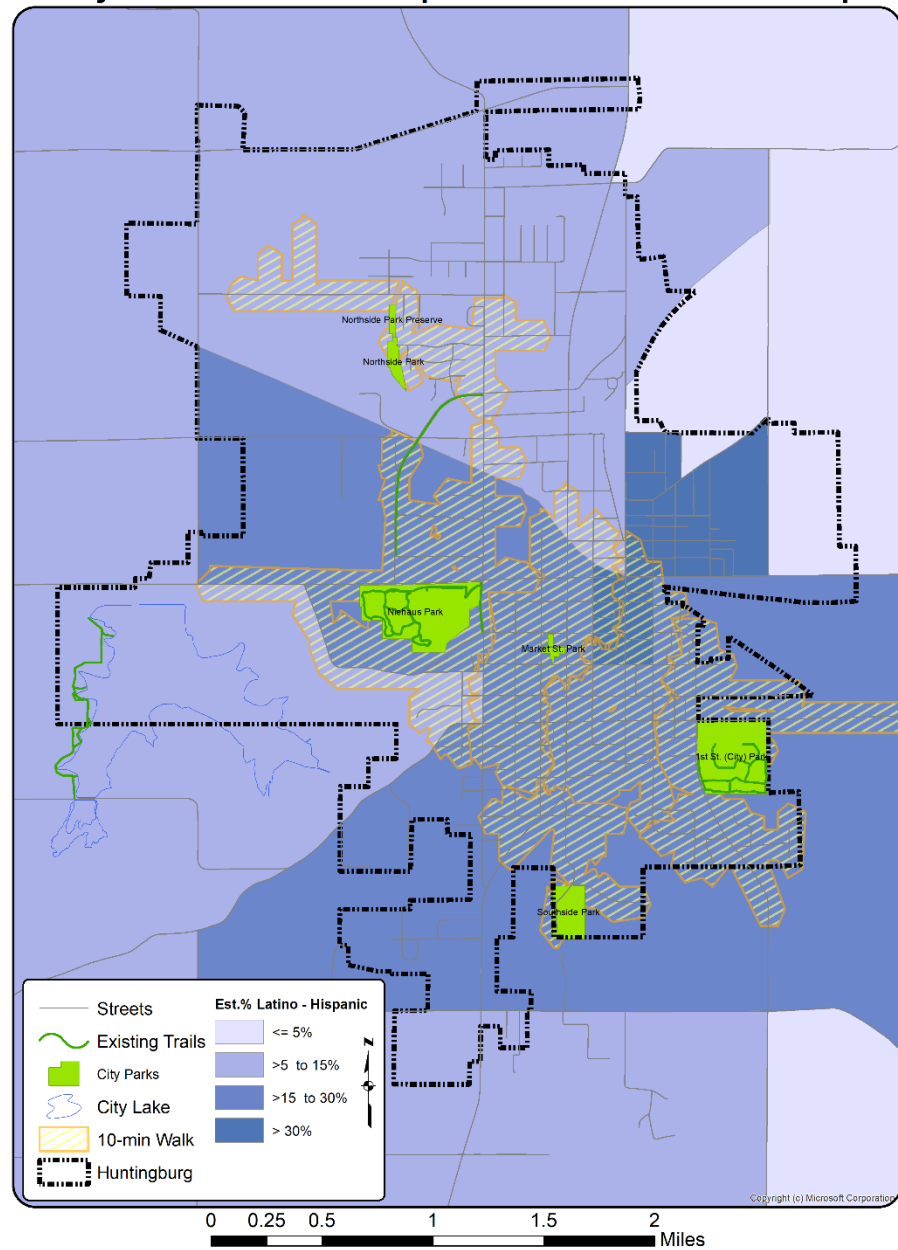


Figure 26: 10-minute walk to parks- Latino/Hispanic residents

Economic Impact

Parks can have a significant economic impact on a community as well as improving health and well-being, property values, and overall quality of life. While events such as Latino Fest and 4th Fridays draw visitors from out of town, it is felt within City leadership that League Stadium and the parks are underutilized as a tourism draw outside of Dubois County Bombers games and residents agree. Survey takers ranked events and festivals (55%) at the most important programming activity to increase followed by concerts and movies (33%). Farmers Markets were a close third at 32%. All of these can be economic drivers, drawing visitors to Huntingburg as well as residents to attend and generating revenue for local businesses either directly or indirectly.

Stakeholders who were interviewed mentioned ideas such as lengthening the baseball season and promoting local businesses, such as restaurants and shops, during the baseball games. more program events like disc golf tournaments and increasing the number of festivals. Improved promotion of existing events to increase awareness is important for raising attendance and improving their economic impact.

Asset Management

Currently Huntingburg Parks & Recreation has no asset management plan or operations and maintenance plan in place. In park and recreation departments with budgetary constraints- which include almost all park and recreation agencies- it is critical to prioritize which assets receive routine preventative maintenance, repairs to maintain basic usability, or are removed from active service, retired, or discarded altogether. The construction of a wide variety of parks, open space, recreation facilities, and trails, is often undertaken without understanding the total cost of operation (TCO) over the life span of the asset. As an approach, TCO starts with a fundamental requirement that when constructing a new asset, the operational, preventive, and cyclic maintenance, as well as renovation costs are calculated and a reasonable method to fund these costs identified. Without a systematic process to plan for and prioritize the maintenance of assets, an agency risks the misallocation of resources where less vital assets deplete money and labor while more critical assets fall into disrepair, or a failure of an asset which may have significant impacts on park operations or even the safety of staff and visitors.

At its most basic level, asset management planning includes operations and maintenance planning. Critical to managing park operations and maintenance is the development of written and defined standards and levels of service. Operations and maintenance standards define and describe how a park asset (shelter, trail, etc.) is to be cared for. By developing a set of standards, a consistent and regular operation and maintenance plan for park assets can then be created in a systematic fashion.

In developing operations and maintenance management standards, the underlying approach must consider that operations and maintenance are related but different

functions. Operations is basically the performance of activities that allow the park, asset, facility, etc. to be opened and used daily. Maintenance activities, on the other hand, prolong the life cycle of the park, asset, or facility.

In developing an operations and maintenance implementation blueprint, it is critical to determine the assets at each park and recreation facility, their expected level of usage, the tasks necessary to operate and maintain each asset, and an expected frequency and time standard for each maintenance task. The result is a functional and flexible model that not only allows facility management to plan for and track periodic maintenance, but also allows for an accurate estimation of the staffing levels needed for operation on an annual basis. Accurate projections of staffing levels and costs are essential for the construction of an annual budget and to ensure that each facility can operate at the desired level of service.

The Operation Standards model contains the following components:

Recommended Service Standard- The recommended task for operations and periodic maintenance of an asset.

Frequency- The number of times per Frequency Unit the standard should be completed.

Frequency Unit- The periodic time frame for completing the standard.

Times per Year- The number of times the Frequency Unit occurs in a year.

Service Performance Rate- Calculates the total time required to complete the standard based on the number of items or units to be maintained.

- Time- The time expected to complete the standard once
- Unit- The measure of units to be maintained
- Unit Description- The specific unit being maintained

Site Specific Units Maintained- The quantity of assets, amenities, or items to be maintained.

Total Labor Hours- The total number of hours expected to be required to complete the standard on an annual basis. Calculated as (*Site Specific Units Maintained X Frequency X Times per Year X Time*)

An example section of an operations and maintenance model is below. The table contains the recommended service standards and a best estimate for the time required to fulfill various operations. The standards are based on the periodic activities expected to be required to maintain and operate assets and activities at the park. This model is inclusive of standards necessary for the normal operation of the park and its assets and may help PROS determine appropriate levels of staffing, paid or volunteer. The model is exclusive of supplies such as mulch, paint, or gravel, because cost and volume needed for these materials may vary greatly from year to year but should be included in the annual budget.

Recommended Service Standard	Frequency	Frequency Unit	Times per Year	Service Performance Rate			Site Specific Units Maintained	Total Labor Hours
				Time	Unit	Unit Description		
Building Maintenance (Park Office, Maintenance shed)								
Internal painting 4-7 years	1.00	4 years	0.25	20.00	1.00	Time	1.00	5.00
Touch up painting	1.00	Year	1.00	8.00	1.00	Year	1.00	8.00
General building repair including plumbing/electrical	1.00	Month	12.00	2.00	1.00	Year	1.00	24.00
Interior Cleaning, regular (not post-event)	1.00	Month	52.00	2.00	1.00	Time	1.00	104.00
Exterior Cleaning	1.00	Week	52.00	1.00	1.00	Time	1.00	52.00
Filter changing- A/C, water systems	2.00	Year	1.00	2.00	1.00	Time	1.00	4.00
Building Inspection (Roof, Structure)	1.00	Year	1.00	8.00	1.00	Time	1.00	8.00
Deck Cleaning	2.00	Year	1.00	2.00	1.00	Time	1.00	4.00
Total								209.00

For any task that is performed “as needed,” no consistent frequency can be established, therefore, an estimated amount of time per year is assigned. Some tasks are performed on a multi-year basis and were assigned a time per year based on estimated time and frequency (i.e. 8 hours time/every 4 years = 2 hours)

League Stadium is a model facility for benefitting from asset management and operations and maintenance planning. The importance of the stadium as a historic structure, recreation facility, event space, and revenue producer for the department and the City coupled with its construction method demand that a more systematic process for maintenance and operations be undertaken. The stadium as it stands today was constructed by Columbia Pictures largely as a movie set and was not intended to be standing as a fully functioning baseball stadium 30 or more years later. The wooden decking, posts, and seating, exposed to weather and rot require periodic replacement and the structure is prone to damage from flooding on a consistent basis. Over the previous 30 years, repairs and maintenance have been performed on an ad hoc basis and many sections of the stadium have deteriorated as a result.

Asset management planning, including maintenance and operations should be developed for the entire park system to preserve and conserve assets and control

costs over the long term. Public engagement indicated a strong desire by Huntingburg residents to preserve and upgrade existing facilities. 31% of survey respondents said that maintaining existing parks and trails was the most important use of funding. 24% said renovating facilities and amenities was most important. Adequate asset management planning would be of great benefit in accomplishing this.

Communication

When asked about how they learned about Huntingburg Parks and Recreation programs and services compared to how they would like to learn about them, residents indicated that they preferred increases in information from the City website (35% current vs. 43% preferred), social media (58% current) vs. 62% preferred), flyers and posters (21% current vs. 31% preferred), emails (4% current vs 41% preferred), newspaper articles (17% current vs. 21% preferred) and a seasonal program guide (none current vs. 58% preferred) and considerably less from friends and neighbors (70% current vs. 24% preferred) with social media being the most popular preferred way to receive information. This indicates a gap in communication from the Department and City about parks and recreation. Only 28% of survey respondents said they participated in programs and events offered by the Department while “lack of information” was the most common reason given for why they don’t participate more frequently. Participants in stakeholder interviews also indicated that communication about facility and program offerings could be improved.

The Department’s web page, a primary conduit for communication, is well organized but in need of updating and does not yet include Huntingburg’s two newest parks- Market Street Park, completed in 2018 and Northside Park, the current portion of which was constructed in 2018. It also does not include information about how to sign up for programs offered by the Department or the many partners that host events and programs in City parks.

A consistently maintained website with current and complete information on facilities; instructions with links, where applicable, to program and partner offered programming registration; and information about upcoming City and partner sponsored events would greatly improve the ability of Huntingburg residents and potential park and recreation service users from outside the City to visit city parks and participate in programs and events.

While production of a printed seasonal program guide may prohibitively expensive, other low-cost methods of outreach to promote Huntingburg parks and programs exist including social media and email. In addition to a department website, many people frequently view social media pages as a source of information and social media can be used to invite people to participate in events and programs. Program schedules and registration instructions can be sent in a regular email blast to a list of residents who opt in to marketing communications.

Lastly, providing brochures, flyers, signage, displays, and electronic communications in Spanish as well as English is inclusive of the prominent Hispanic population and makes Huntingburg parks more accessible and welcoming to them.

Park and Recreation Providers and Partners

Huntingburg Parks & Recreation is not the only entity which provides park and recreation facilities and programs in the City. Many community organizations offer recreation services and partner with the department to use City parks for programs including:

- ALASI
- Destination Huntingburg
- Dubois County Baseball, LLC. (Dubois County Bombers)
- Dubois County Chamber of Commerce
- Dubois County Disc Golf Club
- Hispanic-American Baseball
- Huntingburg Girls Softball League, Inc.
- Huntingburg Heritage Festival Committee
- Huntingburg Little League, Inc.
- Huntingburg Merchants Association
- Jasper City Park & Recreation Board
- Liberation Professional Baseball League
- Salem Christian Church & St. Mary's Catholic Church

Since this model works well to provide Huntingburg residents with an array of recreational, sports, and cultural programs and events and public input indicated a desire for more partnerships to increase programming, Huntingburg Parks and Recreation should continue to pursue partnership opportunities to bolster recreation opportunities in areas where it does not have capacity or expertise to create additional programs. Potential partners mentioned by stakeholders include:

- Girls on the Run- may operate fitness programs and events such as races
- Purdue Extension- can offer nutritional programs
- IU Health- can offer health programs and services including health check-ups, cardio classes, and health education
- Tri-County YMCA (located in Ferdinand)- can offer local fitness and health programs in Huntingburg parks
- Local Schools- School swimming pools and gymnasiums used to be available to City residents for use. The City could renew that partnership to improve indoor fitness opportunities, particularly in the winter

Gaps and Opportunities

Based on this analysis, the following opportunity areas exist for Huntingburg Parks & Recreation

1. *Spread the Word*- Improved communications can increase participation in programs and visitation at parks and events.
2. *Parks for Everyone*- Accessibility improvements not only bring parks into ADA compliance but make them more enjoyable for everyone. Outreach to all Huntingburg communities can makes parks and recreation more inclusive and welcoming to all.
3. *Celebrate Huntingburg*- Improved marketing and promotion of events, facilities, and programs in Huntingburg can increase attendance. Seeking new opportunities and partnerships to capitalize on the uniqueness of Huntingburg, including League Stadium and its movie history, can have significant economic impact for the community.
4. *Maintain and Improve*- Devote available resources to maintaining and improving existing parks while adding critical but targeted new amenities such as trails and accessible playgrounds.

Action Plan

This Action Plan establishes priorities and goals for the planning period of 2023-2027 for the Huntingburg Parks & Recreation Department with anticipated completion timeframes, estimated cost, and potential funding sources for each action item.

An implementation timeframe is provided for each solution. These timeframes are intended to help the Park Board and Parks & Recreation Department transition from the planning process to implementing its action plan, recognizing that funding, staff, and other factors will likely impact the proposed timeframes. As such, the Park Board should review the strategic action plan and update timeframes and action items on an annual basis. The timeframes are as follows:

- Ongoing
- Immediate: less than 1 year
- Short-term: 1-2 years
- Mid-term: 3-7 years
- Long-term: more than 7 years

A variety of funding options exist for carrying out needed repairs, renovations, upgrades, and additions to MCPR parks and greenways. These funding options include:

- General Fund (GF): Parks & Recreation Department annual budget from tax appropriations, fees, and rental income
- Capital Budget (CB): Annual budget for capital expenditures
- General Obligation Bond (Bond): Bond issued to raised funds for a specific project and paid back over a certain length of time
- Donation: Gifts from private sources
- Grant: Grant funding applied for through various public, private, or non-profit sources such as Stellar Community (Stellar) grants, Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA), and others as identified

Spread the Word

Improved communications, including web pages, social media, email, and printed material, can increase participation in programs and visitation at parks and events,

increasing the economic impact of parks and welcoming all residents and visitors to Huntingburg parks.

Table 30: Spread the Word action plan table

Action Item	Time Frame	Estimated Cost	Funding Source
Update website with current information and links and maintain	Immediate	Staff time	GF
Create marketing plan to improve social media and email communications	Immediate	Staff time	GF
Create seasonal program guide for website and emails	Immediate	Staff time	GF
Print brochures and flyers in Spanish	Immediate	\$1,000	GF

Parks for Everyone

Accessibility improvements, needed throughout the park system, not only bring parks into ADA compliance but make them more enjoyable for everyone. Many of these improvements are simple and inexpensive but others will require significant planning and funding. Outreach to all Huntingburg communities, especially the large and growing Hispanic community, can makes parks and recreation more inclusive and welcoming to all.

Table 31: Parks for All action table

Action Item	Time Frame	Estimated Cost	Funding Source
Correct level change at storage garage door at Northside Park	Immediate	\$2,500	GF
Add one accessible parking space at Niehaus Park	Immediate	\$1,000	GF
Install accessible playground at Northside Park	Immediate	\$300,000	LWCF grant, CB
Designate accessible parking at Northside Park, City Park	Immediate	\$2,000	GF
Lower light switch at City Park basketball courts to an accessible height	Immediate	\$1,000	GF
Add accessible picnic tables to shade shelter at swimming pool	Immediate	\$1,000	GF

Add companion seating to accessible seating area at League Stadium	Immediate	\$5,000	GF/CB
Add programming focusing on Hispanic culture	Immediate	\$3,000	GF
Replace toilets and urinals with accessible fixtures in swimming pool changing rooms	Immediate	\$5,000	GF
Install signage designating accessible routes and amenities in all parks	Short-term	\$20,000	GF
Create or designate accessible seating at ballfields at City Park and Southside Park	Short-term	\$3,000	GF
Add accessible route to driving range at Niehaus Park	Short-term	\$5,000	GF
Install tactile components to interpretive signs and exhibits in Market Street Park	Short-term	\$20,000	Grant/GF
Construct accessible routes to and clear space around ADA required number of benches, picnic tables, waste receptacles, grills, and water spigots	Short-term	\$25,000	CB/GF/Grant
Install interpretative/historical/cultural park signs in Spanish	Mid-term	\$20,000	Grant/GF
Renovate swimming pool changing rooms for accessibility compliance	Mid-term	\$50,000	Grant/CB/GF
Renovate building for Senior Center	Mid-Term	\$200,000	OCRA/CB/In-kind
Renovate public restrooms for ADA compliance at League Stadium	Mid-term	\$50,000	Grant/CB
Construct accessible fishing pier/boat launch at Huntingburg Lake	Mid-term	\$25,000	Grant/GF
Add tactile and audio components to exhibits at League Stadium	Mid-term	\$20,000	Grant/GF
Renovate playgrounds with ADA compliant equipment and surfacing	Long-term	\$200,000	Grant/CB/GF

Celebrate Huntingburg

Recognizing and embracing Huntingburg's long history, unique facilities, and emerging culture increases community pride, draws visitors, and creates economic opportunities. Improved communications and marketing about events, facilities, and programs in Huntingburg can increase attendance. Seeking new opportunities and partnerships to capitalize on the uniqueness of Huntingburg, including League Stadium and its movie history and the historic downtown, can have significant economic impact for the community.

Table 32: Celebrate Huntingburg action plan table

Action Item	Time Frame	Estimated Cost	Funding Source
Seek additional opportunities for baseball tournaments and games at League Stadium	Ongoing	Staff time	CG
Explore potential partnerships for additional community and entertainment events at League Stadium	Ongoing	Staff time	CG
Collaborate with Dubois County Tourism Department to promote League Stadium tours and events	Ongoing	Staff time	CG
Create marketing plan for promoting cultural events and festivals	Immediate	Staff time	CG
Construct trail from Northside Park to Niehaus Park	Short-term	\$500,000	LWCF/CB
Complete Construction of Heritage Trail	Mid-term	\$9,000,000	Stellar/CB

Maintain and Improve

Huntingburg has enough park facilities to serve its population but ad hoc maintenance and upkeep over time has left many parks and amenities in need of repair and upgrade. Devoting available resources to maintaining and improving existing parks while adding critical but targeted new amenities such as trails and accessible playgrounds meets the current and emerging needs of the community and creates a foundation for economic growth.

Table 33: Maintain and Improve action table

Action Item	Time Frame	Estimated Cost	Funding Source
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Complete construction of three youth ballfields at City Park	Underway	\$110,000	LWCF/GF
Complete replacement of seating at League Stadium	Underway	\$224,000	CB
Complete replacement of deck board at League Stadium	Underway	\$86,000	CB
Replace/repair concrete under City Park shelters	Immediate	\$8,500	GF
Replace Girls' softball field scoreboard	Immediate	\$5,000	GF
Repaint restrooms at League Stadium	Immediate	\$5,000	GF
Resolve drainage issues at League Stadium	Immediate	\$20,000	GF
Repair or replace lifeguard chairs at swimming pool	Immediate	\$2,000 (repair) \$10,000 (replace)	GF
Address level changes at baseball dugouts at Southside Park	Immediate	\$3,000	GF
Renovate Visitor locker room at League Stadium	Short-term	\$50,000	CB
Construct pickleball courts at City Park	Short-term	\$17,300	GF
Replace roof on Main shelter at City Park	Short-term	\$50,000	CB
Add windscreen to Main shelter at City Park	Short-term	\$5,000	GF
Expand shade shelter with picnic tables at swimming pool	Short-term	\$10,000	GF
Install rip-rap to shore Southside Park ditch	Short-term	\$12,500	GF
Improve bridge/ditch crossing to Bark Park	Short-term	\$9,200	GF
Construct play area at Niehaus Park	Short-term	\$20,000	Donation- Kiwanis
Replace playground at City Park	Mid-term	\$150,000	Grant/CB/GF
Repair concrete at 4 playgrounds	Mid-term	\$50,000	Grant/GF

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Appendix A- Stakeholder Engagement

Stakeholder Meetings

Methodology:

Stakeholders were defined as individuals who were (1) associated with either the Parks & Recreation Department or (2) larger Huntingburg community because of their position, involvement, interest, or identity. These included park system partners that use or rent space frequently, Huntingburg residents who frequently use the park spaces or engage in programming, and community organization leaders, City staff, and Park Board members. The stakeholders of a community generally hold diverse perspectives and institutional affiliations and are interviewed to obtain a sense of opinion among core constituents.

Stakeholders were identified by the Parks & Recreation Department consulting with the Eppley Institute project team. The initial goal was to recruit approximately 20 stakeholders from outside of the Department to participate in the stakeholder interviews. Ultimately, 15 individuals participated in a series of three interviews held via Zoom conference call

Stakeholder interviews were conducted in September by Eppley staff members. Stakeholders were interviewed in small groups between 3 and 8 individuals in size and were facilitated in one-hour time slots. The limited group size is intended to give stakeholders an opportunity to speak more freely in semi-private conversations in contrast to what is possible in a large-group or public sessions.

All interviews were conducted in a structured format using a bespoke questionnaire developed by the Eppley Institute team in conjunction with the county's project team. At the beginning of each group interview, stakeholders will be assured that the information and perspectives they share during interviews will not be attributed to them nor identifiable in any reports or deliverables.

Extensive written notes were recorded at each interview. After interviews were concluded, a heuristic approach of identifying segments, or units, in the data begun. In accordance with Merriam and Tisdell (2015), units should be able to stand on their own and could be either very small (a word or phrase) or large (several pages) in size. Across the six interviews, more than 400 units of data were identified. Following this, units were categorized into codes based on an inductive approach which labeled units of data based on their heuristic content. Then, a process of grouping the open codes, i.e., axial coding, was completed to reflect interpretation and meaning and ultimately identify themes.

Discussion questions:

1. What are your impressions of Huntingburg Parks?

2. What are your opinions about the Department's programs? Quality? Overall program mix and quantity? Cost?
3. What are your opinions on the quality of the parks and recreation facilities provided by the Department and why?
4. In what ways do you think the Parks & Recreation Department can improve the community's overall health and wellness?
5. Are there other partnership opportunities- for programming, facilities, or funding, for example- you are aware of that would benefit Huntingburg Parks (public, private, Not-for-profit)?
6. Are there partnerships with health agencies that could be beneficial for the community?
7. Are there specific programs, events, or facilities that you think could improve the quality of life for community members?
8. Should the county focus more on maintaining current parks and facilities or on building new parks and facilities? Why?
9. If YOU were in charge of Huntingburg Parks & Recreation, what would you do differently? What would you make sure to do that's the same?

Huntingburg stakeholder interview attendees with affiliation (when known):

Meeting 1- September 19, 2022. 1:00 pm ET via Zoom

Steve Schwinghamer- Mayor, Huntingburg

Justin Reed – City of Huntingburg Program & Events Manager

Dale Payne – City of Huntingburg Parks & Recreation Superintendent

Dustin Schmett – Huntingburg Park Board President

Mike Fulkerson - Huntingburg Park Board Vice President

Shannon Fuhs – Huntingburg Park Board Secretary

Abby Fink – Huntingburg Park Board Member

Meeting 2- September 22, 2022. 1:30 pm ET via Zoom

Sarah Flamion- Destination Huntingburg

Helen Camacho- Destination Huntingburg and ALASI

Evelyn Rivas- ALASI

Public Plan Presentation

The Huntingburg Parks & Recreation System Master Plan was presented to the public by Eppley Institute Project Manager Layne Elliott at the Huntingburg Park Board meeting at Old Town Hall on December 19, 2022. 2 members of the public were present along with City of Huntingburg representatives.

Questions asked and answers given by the planning team included:

No additional comments or questions

The draft plan document was also made available on the project website- <http://huntingburgmasterplan.com> and meeting attendees were informed that they were welcome to download the document and make additional comments through the Contact Us page of the website until January 31, 2023.

Survey

Detailed Description of Survey Methods

Objective & Overview

The primary objective for the survey was to systematically gather data on public opinion, interests, and perceptions regarding the current recreation and park system in Huntingburg. The survey instrument sought to collect data on a variety of measures relevant to park system master planning, including:

Demographics, including characteristics such as gender, age, and income

Awareness of the community park and recreation resources, including current & preferred modes of recreation opportunity information

Usage of the existing sites

Barriers to the use of parks and recreation resources

Perceived benefits of parks and recreation resources to public health outcomes, environmental sustainability, economic sustainability, and social sustainability

Importance of having certain parks and recreation resources in the community

Satisfaction with community parks and recreation resources, particularly the existing site

Opinion about desired park funding budget allocations

Special Topics regarding transportation modes, Huntingburg Lake planning, and winter programming

Two sampling strategies were employed: Random and convenience sampling. The two-method strategy sought to ensure that survey responses remain representative of the Huntingburg population (random sampling) while also allowing for any member of the public to access and take the survey (convenience sampling). This latter group, those included in the convenience sample, can represent some of the most invested or engaged park stakeholders. Responses from the convenience sample were generally analyzed separately from those in the random sample.

Methodology

Sampling

Random Sample

The targeted population was defined as all individuals with a residence in the Huntingburg, Indiana. The U.S. Census Bureau reported that the 2021 population of

Huntingburg, Indiana, was 6,422 (estimate), and the number aged 18 years or older (i.e., the survey population) is estimated to be 4,656, or 72.5% of the total population. There are 2,468 households in Huntingburg (2016-2020). Seeking to yield findings that are generalizable to the entire study population with a 95% confidence level and a 5% margin of error, a sample size of 383 was targeted.

Residential addresses were provided by city officials and initially included 4,669 residential addresses. However, after removing duplicates and targeting addresses within the City of Huntingburg only, 2,895 residential addresses were ultimately included in the random sample strategy. The entire sampling frame—residential addresses provided by the City—was ultimately used due to the population of Huntingburg: Inviting all households to participate would help ensure as large of a sample as possible. Accordingly, while this survey was called the “random” survey throughout planning and data collection, its sampling frame is better characterized as a survey of the entire eligible population.

Households included in the random sample were recruited via a mailed postcard with a QR code and link to the survey (Appendix, Figure 7). The postcard also included instructions for requesting a paper survey in case the recipient did not have internet access. Each postcard featured a unique identifier code to ensure that codes were not shared. Respondents completing the web-based survey were prompted to enter the unique identifier.

After the conclusion of random sampling, 131 responses were collected, which is best represented by a response rate of 4.0% and corresponds with a $\pm 8\%$ margin of error, a margin of error larger than anticipated. While short of the ideal margin of error of 5% or less, the triangulation of data from the two surveys, stakeholder interviews, and public comments gives decision makers in the City and the Department sufficient and strong data to confidently gauge the needs and desires of city residents.

Convenience Sample

In addition to the random sampling strategy, a convenience-based sampling strategy was conducted with a identical survey made available to all Huntingburg park residents and stakeholders. City of Huntingburg staff were predominantly responsible for promoting and making available the convenience survey. The convenience survey was administered online via a Qualtrics survey and predominantly shared via html link. If requested on the website, a paper survey was made available. Mechanisms for distributing this version included:

- Social media – The department posted the link to relevant community Facebook groups and encouraged survey participation.
- Planning Website – The Eppley Institute posted the link on the project’s website.
- Word of mouth.

Data collection ultimately occurred over a one-month period beginning August 31, 2022, through September 30, 2022.

Design & Analysis

The target length of the survey was not to exceed 15 minutes. The survey was offered in both English and Spanish—ultimately one respondent via random sampling completed the survey in Spanish. Data was analyzed for key findings, relying on predominantly on relevant descriptive analysis (e.g., counts, distributions, percentages, means). Results summarized in this report are at times broken out by sampling strategy (e.g., convenience, random, and all), and sometimes combined and/or omitted where substantively relevant. For example, the results of the convenience sample survey regarding usage or satisfaction may best reflect active and frequent city park system users; however, the results of the “awareness” items, which evaluate how respondents would like to hear about the city park system, may be particularly relevant among the random sample if Huntingburg is seeking to grow its park system user group among current non-users. Free-response comments to some question prompts were analyzed among the random sample.

Initial analysis of the data included evaluation of the random sample survey response rate. Generally, respondents varied in the number of questions answered, sometimes skipping items. If a respondent completed at least one substantive question beyond the introductory questions at the beginning of the survey, their responses were included. However, while this strategy, maximized the number of participants, it also resulted in differing numbers of responses to individual items. Where percentages of totals are reported, the total value reflects the number of responses to the individual item, rather than the total number of survey responses overall. Demographic items in which respondents selected “prefer not to say” were excluded.

Survey Instrument

The target length of the survey is not to exceed 15 minutes to complete. The survey instrument sought to collect data on a variety of measures relevant to park system master planning, including:

- **Demographics**, particularly stakeholder relationship to Monroe County/the city, age, and income

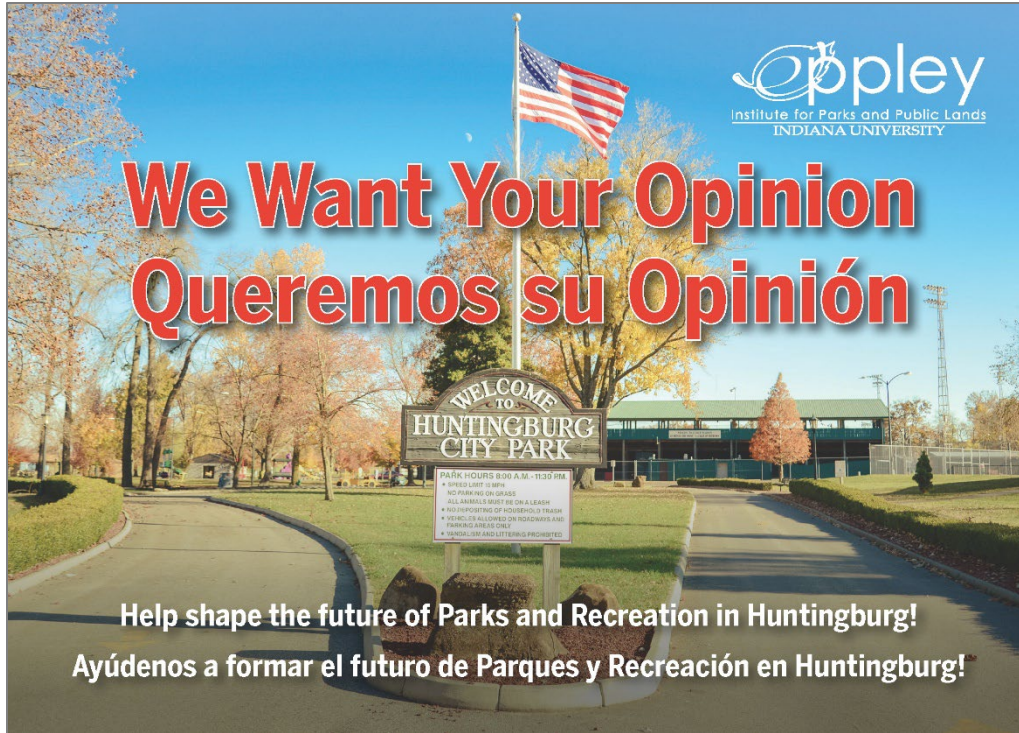
- **Awareness** of the community park and recreation resources, including current & preferred modes of recreation opportunity information
- **Usage** of the existing sites
- **Barriers** to the use of parks and recreation resources
- **Perceived Benefits** of parks and recreation resources to public health outcomes, environmental sustainability, economic sustainability, and social sustainability
- **Importance** of having certain parks and recreation resources in the community
- **Satisfaction** with community parks and recreation resources, particularly the existing site
- **Opinion** about desired park funding budget allocations
- **Trends Over Time**

Analysis

Initial analysis of the data included evaluation of the random sample survey response rate. Data was then analyzed for key findings, relying on relevant descriptive analysis (e.g., counts, distributions, percentages, means).

Generally, respondents varied in the number of questions answered, sometimes skipping items. If a respondent completed at least one substantive question beyond the introductory questions at the beginning of the survey instrument (i.e., collecting unique identifier), their responses were included. However, this strategy, while maximizing the number of participants, also results in differing numbers of responses to individual items (e.g., 1,018 total responses to one item, vs. 1,047 items to a subsequent item). Where percentages of totals are reported, the total value reflects the number of responses to the individual item, rather than the total number of survey responses overall (n = 1,073). On demographic items in which respondents selected “prefer not to say,” these individuals were excluded from analysis. Additionally, items which allowed for multiple selection feature percentages that sum to a total value greater than 100%.

Results summarized in this report are at times broken out by sampling strategy (e.g., convenience, random, and all), and sometimes combined and/or omitted where substantively relevant. For example, we expect that the results of the convenience sample survey regarding usage, importance, and satisfaction, may best reflect active and frequent county park system users and so this data was separated in results. However, the results of the “awareness” items, which evaluate how respondents would like to hear about the county park system, may be particularly relevant among the random sample if the county is seeking to grow its park system user group among current non-users. To that end, free-response



comments to

Your Input is Needed! Su Aporte es Necesario!

Huntingburg is conducting research for a new parks and recreation master plan. You have been selected to participate in a survey, which will guide the city's parks and recreation activities for years to come. Huntingburg está realizando una investigación para el nuevo plan maestro de parques y recreación. Usted ha sido escogido para participar en una encuesta, que guiará las actividades recreativas de los parques de la ciudad en los próximos años.

To take the survey: Para hacer la encuesta:

1. Scan the QR code with your smartphone or enter this link into a web browser. Escanee el código QR con su teléfono celular o entre a este enlace a una página de internet.
[www.go.iu.edu/Huntingburg]



2. When prompted, type in this 4-digit verification code. Cuando aparezca, escriba este código de verificación:

If you would prefer a paper copy (with stamped return envelope), please contact the Eppley Institute. Si usted prefiere una copia en papel (con un sobre estampillado para devolverlo), por favor contáctele el Eppley Institute.
(812) 855-3095 | eppley@indiana.edu

The survey will end soon! Please complete ASAP. Esta encuesta terminará pronto! Por favor completarla lo más rápido posible.

Please disregard this notice if you have already completed the survey (and thank you for participating!)
Por favor ignore esta nota si ya ha completado la encuesta (y gracias por su participación!)

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Bloomington, IN 47408

Figure 27: Survey recruitment postcard, for mailed survey (random sample)

“Other: _____” prompts were analyzed only among the random sample, as qualitative open-ended feedback such as this has already been collected via another, non-random data collection strategy—stakeholder interviews.

Additional survey results

Table 34: Usage by Site

	Charles C. Niehaus Park	City Park	Huntingburg Lake	League Stadium	Market Street Park	Northside Park	Southside Park
All (n)	173	174	170	172	174	169	170
Did not visit	29%	11%	55%	25%	24%	78%	55%
1-5 visits	25%	33%	32%	44%	37%	17%	32%
6-10 visits	14%	20%	5%	12%	20%	2%	8%
11-20 visits	10%	13%	3%	6%	9%	1%	2%
More than 20 visits	21%	22%	5%	13%	11%	2%	3%
Convenience (n)	55	55	54	55	55	54	54
Did not visit	29%	18%	59%	22%	35%	80%	57%
1-5 visits	25%	33%	28%	49%	38%	17%	35%
6-10 visits	11%	16%	6%	13%	7%	2%	6%
11-20 visits	11%	15%	4%	4%	11%	0%	2%
More than 20 visits	24%	18%	4%	13%	9%	2%	0%
Random (n)	118	119	116	117	119	115	116
Did not visit	30%	8%	53%	26%	19%	77%	54%
1-5 visits	25%	34%	34%	42%	36%	17%	30%
6-10 visits	15%	22%	5%	11%	25%	2%	9%
11-20 visits	10%	13%	3%	8%	8%	1%	2%
More than 20 visits	19%	24%	5%	13%	12%	3%	4%

Note. Cells highlighted in blue indicate those in which the absolute value of the difference between the convenience sample and random sample was greater than or equal to 10.

Table 35: Perceived Importance of Facilities and Amenities

Facility or Amenity	Convenience	Random	All
n	41	108	149
Accessible Facilities (for people with disabilities)	7%	15%	13%
Archery Range	5%	5%	5%
Athletic Fields (Indoor)	5%	4%	4%
Athletic Fields (Multipurpose)	7%	4%	5%
Athletic Fields (Soccer)	7%	2%	3%
Athletic Fields (Softball/Baseball)	12%	5%	7%
Bike Racks	2%	0%	1%
Bike Paths	10%	21%	18%
Community Gardens	0%	6%	5%
Courts (Basketball)	5%	2%	3%
Courts (Pickleball)	12%	7%	9%
Courts (Tennis)	2%	2%	2%
Disc Golf Courses	34%	2%	11%
Dog Parks	7%	11%	10%
Driving Range (golf)	0%	6%	4%
Environmental/Historical/Educational Displays	0%	5%	3%
Equestrian Facilities	0%	1%	1%
Fishing Piers/Areas	5%	10%	9%
Fitness Equipment (along trails)	0%	4%	3%
Green Space/Open Field	0%	6%	4%
Golf Courses	2%	6%	5%
Habitat- Prairie/meadow	2%	1%	1%
Habitat- Forest/woodland	2%	4%	3%
Horseshoe Pits	0%	0%	0%
Nature Center	2%	6%	5%

Picnic Tables and BBQ Grills	2%	5%	4%
Playgrounds	29%	22%	24%
Pool (Outdoor)	10%	8%	9%
Restrooms	24%	21%	22%
Shelters (open air)	2%	7%	6%
Shelters (climate controlled)	2%	4%	3%
Shooting/Gun Range	10%	6%	7%
Splash Pads	10%	4%	5%
Technology- based programming (drones, rockets, geocaching, etc.)	0%	0%	0%
Trails (Paved)	44%	51%	49%
Trails (Natural)	20%	25%	23%
Other	0%	3%	2%
Other (text)	0%	0%	0%

Note. Cells highlighted in blue indicate those in approximately the top 25% of values for that column.

Table 36: Perceived Importance of Programs

	Convenience	Random	All
n	24	90	114
Accessible programs (for people with disabilities)	8%	19%	17%
Adult programs and day trips	8%	13%	12%
Adult sports leagues/clubs/programs	17%	7%	9%
After school programs	21%	10%	12%
Concerts, movies, etc.	21%	37%	33%
Public events/festivals/picnics	50%	57%	55%
Family Nights	21%	18%	18%
Farmers' Market	25%	34%	32%
Fitness, health, and wellness programs	8%	21%	18%
Gardening Programs	4%	8%	7%
Healthy cooking/nutrition programs	0%	4%	4%
Nature programs/environmental education	8%	11%	11%

Programs for people with disabilities	4%	7%	6%
Programs with your pets	4%	9%	8%
Senior or older adult programs	8%	11%	11%
Technology-based programs (drones, rockets, geocaching, etc.)	4%	2%	3%
Teen Outback	8%	9%	9%
Teen programs	17%	8%	10%
Youth sports leagues/programs	58%	12%	22%
Youth summer day camps	4%	6%	5%

Note. Cells highlighted in blue indicate those in approximately the top 25% of values for that column.

Table 37: Non-participation reason - "If you HAVE NOT used the following sports or recreation programs in the past year, please indicate why not."

	Adult programs, day trips	Adult sports leagues	After school programs	Fitness, health, programs	Gardening Programs	Nature programs, enviro ed.	Events, festivals, picnics	Senior or older adult programs	Teen Outback	Teen programs	Youth sports programs	Youth summer day camps
All (n)	102	101	102	101	103	100	64	91	91	90	88	89
Didn't know it existed	56%	42%	21%	69%	65%	69%	22%	34%	5%	9%	6%	12%
Too far away	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	2%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%
Not interested	16%	29%	25%	14%	15%	17%	25%	26%	29%	28%	26%	25%
Dissatisfied with quality	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	6%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%
Too expensive	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	6%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Health reasons	4%	6%	1%	2%	3%	2%	11%	4%	1%	1%	2%	2%
Not relevant to me	19%	17%	47%	10%	14%	10%	8%	31%	57%	57%	55%	53%
Other	3%	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%	20%	3%	8%	4%	10%	7%
Convenience (n)	24	25	24	25	25	25	20	24	24	24	21	22
Didn't know it existed	54%	48%	21%	72%	60%	64%	30%	29%	8%	13%	14%	23%
Too far away	4%	0%	4%	0%	4%	0%	5%	0%	0%	0%	5%	0%
Not interested	17%	28%	33%	16%	16%	20%	20%	38%	46%	46%	33%	36%
Dissatisfied with quality	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	15%	0%	0%	4%	0%	5%
Too expensive	4%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	10%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

Health reasons	4%	8%	0%	4%	4%	4%	10%	4%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Not relevant to me	17%	16%	42%	8%	16%	12%	5%	29%	38%	33%	38%	36%
Other	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5%	0%	8%	4%	10%	0%
Random (n)	78	76	78	76	78	75	44	67	67	66	67	67
Didn't know it existed	73%	55%	27%	92%	86%	92%	32%	46%	7%	12%	7%	16%
Too far away	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	2%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%
Not interested	21%	38%	32%	18%	19%	23%	36%	36%	39%	38%	34%	33%
Dissatisfied with quality	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	9%	0%	0%	2%	0%	1%
Too expensive	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	9%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Health reasons	5%	8%	1%	3%	4%	3%	16%	6%	1%	2%	3%	3%
Not relevant to me	24%	22%	62%	13%	18%	13%	11%	42%	78%	77%	72%	70%
Other	4%	8%	6%	5%	4%	3%	30%	4%	10%	6%	13%	9%

Survey Instruments

Huntingburg Parks & Recreation Department Master Plan Survey

The City of Huntingburg would like your input to help determine parks and recreation priorities for its new five-year master plan. This survey will take 10-15 minutes to complete and is scheduled to remain open until September 1, 2022. The results of this survey will be used to guide the Parks and Recreation Department in the management, operation, and development of park assets for years to come. Your participation is valued and appreciated!

This master planning process is being conducted by:

The Eppley Institute for Parks and Public Lands at Indiana University.

Please return this survey by September 1, 2022.

1. Do you live within Huntingburg city limits?

- Yes No

2. Which area of Huntingburg do you live in?

- Northeast side Southeast side I'm not sure
- Northwest side Southwest side

3. How long have you lived in Huntingburg?

- Less than one year
- 1-5 years
- 6-10 years
- 11-15 years
- 16 or more years

4. Counting yourself, how many people are in your household?

- | | | |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| _____ Under age 5 | _____ Ages 20-24 | _____ Ages 55-64 |
| _____ Ages 5-9 | _____ Ages 25-34 | _____ Ages 65-74 |
| _____ Ages 10-14 | _____ Ages 35-44 | _____ Ages 75+ |
| _____ Ages 15-19 | _____ Ages 45-54 | |

5. From the following list of Huntingburg parks, please identify how often you or a member of your household visited each park over the past year.

Name of Park	How often have you or a member of your household used each park over the past year				
	Did not visit	1 – 5 visits	6 – 10 visits	11 – 20 visits	More than 20 visits
Charles C. Niehaus Park - 403 W. 6th St	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Huntingburg City Park- 1009 E. 1st St.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Huntingburg Lake - W. 6th St. and S 400 W	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Huntingburg League Stadium - 203 S. Cherry St. (inside Huntingburg City Park)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Market Street Park N. Geiger St and Market St.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Northside Park - 415 W. 450 S.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Southside Park - S. Park Dr. and Parkview Dr.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

6. For any parks that you and members of your household have not used, please indicate whether or not you were aware the park existed.

Name of Park	Aware of park but do not use	Unaware park existed	My household uses this park
Charles C. Niehaus Park - 403 W. 6th St	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Huntingburg City Park- 1009 E. 1st St.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Huntingburg Lake - W. 6th St. and S 400 W	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Huntingburg League Stadium - 203 S. Cherry St. (inside Huntingburg City Park)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Market Street Park N. Geiger St and Market St.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Northside Park - 415 W. 450 S.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Southside Park - S. Park Dr. and Parkview Dr.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

7. From the following list of Huntingburg parks, please rate the condition of each of the parks that you and members of your household have used during the past year.

Name of Park	How would you rate the condition of the park?					
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	Didn't use/Don't Know
Charles C. Niehaus Park	1	2	3	4	5	<input type="radio"/>
Huntingburg City Park	1	2	3	4	5	<input type="radio"/>
Huntingburg Lake	1	2	3	4	5	<input type="radio"/>
Huntingburg League Stadium	1	2	3	4	5	<input type="radio"/>
Market Street Park	1	2	3	4	5	<input type="radio"/>
Northside Park	1	2	3	4	5	<input type="radio"/>
Southside Park	1	2	3	4	5	<input type="radio"/>

8. For any park or trail you rated "Fair" or lower, please describe how you would improve the park/trail.

Name of Park or Greenway rating 'Fair' or lower	How can the Park or Greenway be improved to better meet your satisfaction?
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1. Charles C. Niehaus Park	
2. Huntingburg City Park	
3. Huntingburg Lake	
4. Huntingburg League Stadium	
5. Market Street Park	
6. Northside Park	
7. Southside Park	

Name of Facility		Very Important	Important	Moderately Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Did not use
a	Baseball Fields	1	2	3	4	5	6
b	Basketball Courts	1	2	3	4	5	6
c	Disc Golf Courses	1	2	3	4	5	6
d	Disc Golf Course	1	2	3	4	5	6
e	Dog Park	1	2	3	4	5	6
f	Driving Range (Golf)	1	2	3	4	5	6
g	Gazebo	1	2	3	4	5	6
h	Green Space/Open Fields	1	2	3	4	5	6
i	Horseshoe Pits	1	2	3	4	5	6
j	League Stadium	1	2	3	4	5	6
k	Old Town Hall (Event Venue)	1	2	3	4	5	6
l	Performance Pavilion (Market Street Park)	1	2	3	4	5	6
m	Pickleball Courts	1	2	3	4	5	6
n	Playgrounds	1	2	3	4	5	6

o	Pool	1	2	3	4	5	6
p	Restrooms	1	2	3	4	5	6
q	Shelter Houses	1	2	3	4	5	6
r	Softball Fields	1	2	3	4	5	6
s	Splash Pad	1	2	3	4	5	6
t	Tennis Courts	1	2	3	4	5	6
u	Walking Trails (within Parks)	1	2	3	4	5	6

9. Please indicate if you or members of your household have used any of the recreation facilities offered by the City of Huntingburg listed below in the past year. If you or members of your household have used a facility in the past year, please indicate how important the facility is to your family’s recreational needs.

10. Which **THREE** facilities from the previous question have you or members of your household used the most during the past year?

Most: _____ (enter a – u)

2nd Most: _____ (enter a – u)

3rd Most: _____ (enter a – u)

11. From the list in Question #9 above, which **THREE** facilities contribute the most to your health and wellness?

Most: _____ (enter a – u)

2nd Most: _____ (enter a – u)

3rd Most: _____ (enter a – u)

12. Below is a list of recreation **FACILITIES** and **AMENITIES**. Some of the resources are currently provided by the City of Huntingburg; others are not. Please rate how important you it is to **YOU** for Huntingburg to **INCREASE** availability to the facilities and amenities listed below.

Name of Facility or Amenity		How Important is it to <u>YOU</u> to have the following in Huntingburg?				
		Very Important	Important	Moderately Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important
a	Accessible Facilities (for people with disabilities)	1	2	3	4	5
b	Archery Range	1	2	3	4	5
c	Athletic Fields (Indoor)	1	2	3	4	5

d	Athletic Fields (Multipurpose)	1	2	3	4	5
e	Athletic Fields (Soccer)	1	2	3	4	5
f	Athletic Fields (Softball/Baseball)	1	2	3	4	5
g	Bike Racks	1	2	3	4	5
h	Bike Paths	1	2	3	4	5
i	Community Gardens	1	2	3	4	5
j	Courts (Basketball)	1	2	3	4	5
k	Courts (Pickleball)	1	2	3	4	5
l	Courts (Tennis)	1	2	3	4	5
m	Disc Golf Courses	1	2	3	4	5
n	Dog Parks	1	2	3	4	5
o	Driving Range (Golf)	1	2	3	4	5
p	Environmental/Historical/Educational Displays	1	2	3	4	5
q	Equestrian Facilities	1	2	3	4	5
r	Fishing Piers/Areas	1	2	3	4	5
s	Fitness Equipment (along trails)	1	2	3	4	5
t	Green Space/Open Field	1	2	3	4	5
u	Golf Courses	1	2	3	4	5
v	Habitat- Prairie/meadow	1	2	3	4	5
w	Habitat- Forest/woodland	1	2	3	4	5
x	Horseshoe Pits	1	2	3	4	5
y	Nature Center	1	2	3	4	5
z	Picnic Tables and BBQ Grills	1	2	3	4	5
aa	Playgrounds	1	2	3	4	5
bb	Pool (Outdoor)	1	2	3	4	5
cc	Restrooms	1	2	3	4	5
dd	Shelters (open air)	1	2	3	4	5
ee	Shelters (climate controlled)	1	2	3	4	5
ff	Shooting/Gun Range	1	2	3	4	5
gg	Splash Pads	1	2	3	4	5
hh	Tech-based programs (drones, geocaching, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5
ii	Trails (Paved)	1	2	3	4	5
jj	Trails (Natural)	1	2	3	4	5
kk	Other (please list): _____	1	2	3	4	5

13. Which THREE facilities from Question #12 are the most important to you?

Most: _____ (enter a – kk)

2nd Most: _____ (enter a – kk)

3rd Most: _____ (enter a – kk)

14. Have you or other members of your household participated in any recreation programs and services provided by Huntingburg Parks & Recreation during the past year?

Yes No

15. For each program listed below that you have used in the past year, please rate your level of satisfaction.

Type of Program		Very satisfied	Satisfied	Moderately Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Not Satisfied
a	Adult programs and day trips	1	2	3	4	5
b	Adult sports leagues, clubs	1	2	3	4	5
c	After-school programs	1	2	3	4	5
d	Fitness, health, and wellness programs	1	2	3	4	5
e	Gardening programs	1	2	3	4	5
f	Nature programs, environmental education	1	2	3	4	5
g	Public events, festivals, picnics	1	2	3	4	5
h	Senior or older adult programs	1	2	3	4	5
i	Teen Outback	1	2	3	4	5
j	Teen programs	1	2	3	4	5
k	Youth sports leagues, programs	1	2	3	4	5
l	Youth summer day camp programs	1	2	3	4	5
m	Other (please specify):	1	2	3	4	5

16. If you HAVE NOT used the following sports or recreation programs in the past year, please indicate why not.

What is the main reason you do not use these programs?

Type of Program		Didn't know it existed	Too far away	Not interested	Dissatisfied with quality	Too expensive	Health reasons	Not relevant to me (e.g., No children)	Other
a	Adult programs and day trips	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b	Adult sports leagues/clubs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c	After school programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d	Fitness, health, and wellness programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e	Gardening programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f	Nature programs/environmental education	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g	Public events, festivals, picnics	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h	Senior or older adult programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
i	Teen Outback	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
j	Teen programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
k	Youth sports leagues/programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
l	Youth summer day camp programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
m	Other (please specify):	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

17. Below is a list of sports and recreation PROGRAMS. Some are currently provided by the City of Huntingburg; others are not. Please rate how important it is for YOU that Huntingburg INCREASE availability to the programs listed below.

How Important is it to <u>YOU</u> to have this program in Huntingburg?					
Type of Program	Very Important	Important	Moderately Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important
A. Accessible programs (for people with disabilities)	1	2	3	4	5
B. Adult programs and day trips	1	2	3	4	5
C. Adult sports leagues/clubs/programs	1	2	3	4	5
D. After school programs	1	2	3	4	5
E. Concerts, movies, etc.	1	2	3	4	5
F. Public events/festivals/picnics	1	2	3	4	5
G. Family Nights	1	2	3	4	5
H. Farmers' Market	1	2	3	4	5
I. Fitness, health, and wellness programs	1	2	3	4	5
J. Gardening Programs	1	2	3	4	5
K. Healthy cooking/nutrition programs	1	2	3	4	5
L. Nature programs/environmental education	1	2	3	4	5
M. Programs for people with disabilities	1	2	3	4	5
N. Programs with your pets	1	2	3	4	5
O. Senior or older adult programs	1	2	3	4	5
P. Technology-based programs (drones, rockets, geocaching, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5
Q. Teen Outback	1	2	3	4	5
R. Teen programs	1	2	3	4	5
S. Youth sports leagues/programs	1	2	3	4	5
T. Youth summer day camps	1	2	3	4	5

U. Other	1	2	3	4	5
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18. Which THREE programs from Question #17 are the most important to you?

Most: _____ (enter A – U)

2nd Most: _____ (enter A – U)

3rd Most: _____ (enter A – U)

19. If the city were to fund additional facilities and recreational options for Huntingburg Lake, how important would YOU rate the following potential features?

Type of Program	Very Important		Moderately Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important
	1	2	3	4	5
A. Boat ramp improvements	1	2	3	4	5
B. Boat Rental	1	2	3	4	5
C. Fishing Pier	1	2	3	4	5
D. Kayak or canoe rental	1	2	3	4	5
E. Kayak launch or dock	1	2	3	4	5
F. Playground	1	2	3	4	5
G. Picnic areas	1	2	3	4	5
H. Shelter house improvements	1	2	3	4	5
I. Trails	1	2	3	4	5

20. If the city were to increase parks-related programming during the winter, how important would YOU rate the following potential programs?

Type of Program	Very Important		Moderately Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important
	1	2	3	4	5

A. Ice skating	1	2	3	4	5
B. Organized sledding	1	2	3	4	5
C. Winter farmer's market	1	2	3	4	5
D. Winter hikes	1	2	3	4	5
E. Winter festivals	1	2	3	4	5

21. In general, if additional funding were available for the City of Huntingburg to fund parks and trails, how would you allocate the funding among the competing categories below? Enter as much or as little as you wish, but please make your total allocation equal 100%.

Category	Allocation
Maintaining existing parks and trails	%
Renovating (updating/improving) the grounds, facilities, and amenities in existing parks and trails	%
Facilitating/Providing additional recreation programs to the community	%
Acquiring new land	%
Increasing natural areas (streams, open spaces, green spaces, or forests)	%
Constructing new walking and biking trails	%
Constructing new parks	%
Conservation efforts/habitat management	%
Other (Please describe.)	%
TOTAL (should equal 100%)	%

22. Please select ALL of the ways that you CURRENTLY learn about Huntingburg Parks & Recreation services and programs within the parks.

- City of Huntingburg website
- From friends and neighbors
- Flyers/posters at parks and rec facilities
- Conversations with parks and rec staff
- Parks and Rec Department e-mail bulletins
- Newspaper articles
- Blogs
- Social Media
- Newspaper Advertisements
- Other: _____
- I do not receive any information

23. Please select all of the ways that you WOULD PREFER to learn about Huntingburg Parks & Recreation services and programs within the parks.

- City of Huntingburg website
- From friends and neighbors
- Flyers/posters at parks and rec facilities
- Conversations with parks and rec staff
- Parks and Rec Department e-mail bulletins
- Television
- Newspaper articles
- Blogs
- Social Media
- Newspaper advertisements
- Seasonal program guide
- Radio
- Other: _____

24. The following are some of the benefits that you, members of your household, or the community in general may receive from parks, trails, recreation facilities, programs, and services. For each potential benefit, please indicate your level of agreement.

Benefits		Strongly Agree	Agree	Uncertain	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
a	Enhance community appearance	1	2	3	4	5
b	Help attract new residents and businesses	1	2	3	4	5
c	Help reduce crime	1	2	3	4	5
d	Improve diet and nutrition	1	2	3	4	5
e	Improve mental health and reduce stress	1	2	3	4	5
f	Improve physical health and fitness	1	2	3	4	5
g	Improve social connections	1	2	3	4	5
h	Increase opportunities for people of different cultures to interact	1	2	3	4	5
i	Increase property values in surrounding area	1	2	3	4	5
j	Make Huntingburg a more desirable place to live	1	2	3	4	5
k	Strengthen sense of community	1	2	3	4	5
l	Preserve open space and the environment	1	2	3	4	5
m	Promote tourism in the county	1	2	3	4	5
n	Provide access to the outdoors and nature	1	2	3	4	5
o	Protect the county's historical attributes	1	2	3	4	5
p	Other (Please describe.)_____	1	2	3	4	5

25. From Question #23, which THREE benefits are the most important to you or members of your household?

Most: _____ (enter a – p)

2nd Most: _____ (enter a – p)

3rd Most: _____ (enter a – p)

26. How do you usually travel in order to visit the park facilities you visit the most?

- Bicycle, scooter, or non-motorized wheeled device

- Car or other personal motorized vehicle
- Public transport (e.g., bus)
- Walk
- Other (please list): _____

27. Please check any of the following circumstances that prevent you from using parks or attending programs within parks as often as you would like. You may select more than one.

- Lack of time
- Health/mobility concerns
- Lack of access
- Parks are too far away
- Don't know where parks are
- Don't know about programs
- Lack of nearby bus route
- Other (please list): _____

28. Please indicate which of the following circumstances (if any) prevent you or members of your household from using parks and recreation services. Check all that apply.

- Inadequate or poorly maintained facilities
- Lack of information regarding Huntingburg's parks and recreation services
- My neighborhood does not have a park, recreation facility, or trail within a 10-minute walk
- Not enough time
- Not enough money
- Personal safety concern - the walk to the park or trail is not safe due to traffic or roadways
- Personal safety concern - the park or trail is not safe
- Personal health problem
- Programs that the Department offers do not interest me
- The Department's programs, parks, or facilities are not accessible to people with disabilities
- None of these apply to me
- Other (please list): _____

29. Would you say that in general your health is:

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair

Poor

30. During the past 30 days, approximately how many days did your poor physical or mental health keep you from doing your usual activities, such as self-care, work, or recreation?

0-3 days

4-7 days

8-14 days

15-21 days

22-30 days

31. What is your gender?

Female

Male

Non-binary

Prefer not to answer

The final three questions are optional. Your answers will be used to help us learn more about our park users, community members, and to help us create more equitable and inclusive offerings.

32. Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?

No, not of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin

Yes, Mexican, Mexican Am., Chicano

Yes, Puerto Rican

Yes, Cuban

Yes, another Hispanic Latino or Spanish origin: _____

Prefer not to answer

33. What is your race? (Check all that apply)

American Indian or Alaska Native

Asian

- Black or African American
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- White
- Some Other Race: _____
- Prefer not to answer

34. What is your household income?

- Under \$25,000
- \$25,000-\$49,999
- \$50,000-\$74,999
- \$75,000-\$99,999
- \$100,00-\$199,999
- \$200,000 or more

Conclusion

Thank you for completing this survey for the City of Huntingburg’s Park System Master Plan. Your responses will remain confidential and will be used by Huntingburg to help plan for a successful future for our community.

El Departamento de Parques y Recreación de la Ciudad de Huntingburg

El Departamento de Parques y Recreación de la Ciudad de Huntingburg quisiera su opinión para ayudar a determinar las prioridades de parques y recreación para su nuevo plan maestro de cinco años. Completar esta encuesta tomará de 10 a 15 minutos y está programada para permanecer abierta hasta el 1ro de septiembre del 2022. Los resultados de esta encuesta se utilizarán para guiar al Departamento de Parques y Recreación en la administración, operación y desarrollo de los recursos del parque durante los años a venir. ¡Su participación es valorada y apreciada!

Este proceso de planificación maestro se está llevando a cabo por:

el Eppley Institute for Parks and Public Lands at Indiana University (Eppley instituto de Parques y Tierras Públicas de la Universidad de Indiana.).

1. ¿Vive dentro de los límites de la ciudad de Huntingburg?

- Si No

2. ¿En qué área de Huntingburg vive?

- Lado Noreste Lado Sudeste No estoy seguro
- Lado Noroeste Lado Suroeste

3. ¿Cuánto tiempo ha vivido en Huntingburg?

- Menos de un año
- 1-5 años
- 6-10 años
- 11-15 años
- 16 o más años

4. Contándose a sí mismo, ¿Cuántas personas hay en su hogar?

_____ Menor de 5 años	_____ Edad 20-24	_____ Edad 55-64
_____ Edad 5-9	_____ Edad 25-34	_____ Edad 65-74
_____ Edad 10-14	_____ Edad 35-44	_____ Edad 75+
_____ Edad 15-19	_____ Edad 45-54	

5. De la siguiente lista de los parques de Huntingburg, identifique con qué frecuencia usted o un miembro de su hogar usó cada parque durante el último año.

identifique con qué frecuencia usted o un miembro de su hogar usó cada parque durante el último año

	No lo visitó	1 – 5 visitas	6 – 10 visitas	11 – 20 visitas	Mas de 20 visitas
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Parque Charles C. Niehaus - 403 W. 6th St	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parque Huntingburg City - 1009 E. 1st St.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lago Huntingburg - W. 6th St. and S 400 W	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Huntingburg Estadio Liga - 203 S. Cherry St.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parque Market Street N. Geiger St and Market St.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parque Lado Norte- 415 W. 450 S.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parque Lado Sur - S. Park Dr. and Parkview Dr.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

6. Si hay algún parque que usted y los miembros de su hogar no hayan utilizado, indique si sabía o no que existía el parque.

	Sabia del parque, pero no lo uso	No sabía que el parque existía	Los miembros de mi hogar usan el parque
Parque Charles C. Niehaus - 403 W. 6th St	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parque Huntingburg City - 1009 E. 1st St.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lago Huntingburg - W. 6th St. and S 400 W	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Huntingburg Estadio de Liga - 203 S. Cherry St.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parque Market Street N. Geiger St and Market St.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parque del lado Sur - 415 W. 450 S.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parque del lado Norte - S. Park Dr. and Parkview Dr.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

7. De la siguiente lista de parques de Huntingburg, califique la condición de cada uno de los parques que usted y los miembros de su hogar han utilizado durante el año pasado.



	Excelente	Buena	Regular	Mala	Muy Mala	No lo usé/ No sé
Parque Charles C. Niehaus	1	2	3	4	5	<input type="radio"/>
Parque Huntingburg City	1	2	3	4	5	<input type="radio"/>
Lago Huntingburg	1	2	3	4	5	<input type="radio"/>
Huntingburg Estadio de Liga	1	2	3	4	5	<input type="radio"/>
Parque Market Street	1	2	3	4	5	<input type="radio"/>
Parque del Lado Norte	1	2	3	4	5	<input type="radio"/>
Parque del Lado Sur	1	2	3	4	5	<input type="radio"/>

8. Para cualquier parque o sendero que calificó como "Regular" o inferior, describa cómo mejoraría el parque/sendero

¿Cómo se puede mejorar el parque o camino verde para satisfacer mejor sus expectativas?	
1. Parque Charles C. Niehaus	
2. Parque Huntingburg City	
3. Lago Huntingburg	
4. Huntingburg Estadio de Liga	
5. Parque Market Street	
6. Parque del Lado Norte	
7. Parque del Lado Sur	

9. Indique si en el último año usted o los miembros de su hogar, han utilizado alguna de las instalaciones recreativas ofrecidas por la ciudad de Huntingburg que se enumeran a continuación. Si usted o los miembros de su hogar han utilizado una instalación en el último año, indique qué tan importante es la instalación para las necesidades recreativas de su familia.

		Muy Importante	Importante	Moderadamente Importante	Algo Importante	No Importante	No lo he usado
a	Campos de Beisbol	1	2	3	4	5	6
b	Canchas de Baloncesto	1	2	3	4	5	6
c	Campos de Golf de disco	1	2	3	4	5	6
d	Área de Manejo (Golf)	1	2	3	4	5	6
e	Parque de Perros	1	2	3	4	5	6
f	Farmers Market Pavilion	1	2	3	4	5	6
g	Quiosco	1	2	3	4	5	6
h	Espacio verde/campos	1	2	3	4	5	6
i	Pista para lanzamiento de	1	2	3	4	5	6
j	League Stadium	1	2	3	4	5	6
k	Old Town Hall (Event Venue)	1	2	3	4	5	6
l	Performance Pavilion (Market Street Park)	1	2	3	4	5	6
m	Canchas de Pickleball	1	2	3	4	5	6
n	Parques Infantiles	1	2	3	4	5	6
o	Piscina	1	2	3	4	5	6
p	Baños	1	2	3	4	5	6
q	Casas de Refugio	1	2	3	4	5	6
r	Canchas de Softball	1	2	3	4	5	6
s	Deslizadero de piscina	1	2	3	4	5	6
t	Canchas de Tenis	1	2	3	4	5	6
u	Senderos para caminar (dentro de los parques)	1	2	3	4	5	6

10. ¿De la lista de la pregunta anterior cuáles son las TRES instalaciones que más han usado durante el año anterior?

¿Y de las tres cuál es la más importante?: _____ (enter a – u)

¿Cuál es la segunda más importante?: _____ (enter a – u)

¿Cuál es la tercera más importante?: _____ (enter a – u)

11. ¿De la lista de la pregunta anterior cuáles son las TRES instalaciones que más han contribuido a su salud?

¿Y de las tres cuál es la más importante?: _____ (enter a – u)

¿Cuál es la segunda más importante?: _____ (enter a – u)

¿Cuál es la tercera más importante?: _____ (enter a – u)

12. A continuación, se muestra una lista de INSTALACIONES y SERVICIOS de recreación. Algunos de los recursos son proporcionados actualmente por la Ciudad de Huntingburg; otros no lo son. Califique qué tan importante es para USTED que Huntingburg AUMENTE la disponibilidad de las instalaciones y servicios que se enumeran a continuación.

		Muy Importante	Importante	Moderadamente Importante	Algo Importante	No Importante
a	Instalaciones Accesibles (para personas con discapacidad)	1	2	3	4	5
b	Espacios para Arquería	1	2	3	4	5
c	Campos Deportivos (Techados)	1	2	3	4	5
d	Campos Deportivos (Multipropósito)	1	2	3	4	5
e	Campos Deportivos (Futbol)	1	2	3	4	5
f	Campos Deportivos (Softball/Béisbol)	1	2	3	4	5
g	Bicicleteros	1	2	3	4	5
h	Ciclo Vías	1	2	3	4	5
i	Jardines Comunitarios	1	2	3	4	5
j	Canchas (Basquetbol)	1	2	3	4	5
k	Canchas (Pickleball)	1	2	3	4	5
l	Canchas (Tenis)	1	2	3	4	5
m	Campos de Golf de Disco	1	2	3	4	5
n	Parques para Perros	1	2	3	4	5
o	Área de manejo (Golf)	1	2	3	4	5
p	Exhibiciones ambientales/históricas/educativas	1	2	3	4	5
q	Instalaciones Ecuestres	1	2	3	4	5
r	Muelles/áreas de pesca	1	2	3	4	5
s	Equipo de gimnasio (a lo largo de los senderos)	1	2	3	4	5

t	Espacio verde/campo abierto	1	2	3	4	5
u	Campos de Golf	1	2	3	4	5
v	Hábitat- pradera/prado	1	2	3	4	5
w	Hábitat- Bosque/ Arboles	1	2	3	4	5
x	Pista lanzamiento de herradura	1	2	3	4	5
y	Centro de la Naturaleza	1	2	3	4	5
z	Mesas de pícnic y parrillas para barbacoa	1	2	3	4	5
aa	Parques Infantiles	1	2	3	4	5
bb	Piscina (Exterior)	1	2	3	4	5
cc	Baños	1	2	3	4	5
dd	Quioscos (Campo Abierto)	1	2	3	4	5
ee	Quioscos (Clima controlado)	1	2	3	4	5
ff	Campo de tiro/polígono	1	2	3	4	5
gg	Deslizadero de piscina	1	2	3	4	5
hh	Programación basada en tecnología (drones, cohetes, geocaching, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5
ii	Senderos (Pavimentados)	1	2	3	4	5
jj	Senderos (Rústicos)	1	2	3	4	5
kk	Otros: _____	1	2	3	4	5

13. ¿Cuáles TRES instalaciones de la pregunta anterior son las más importantes para usted?

¿Y de las tres cuál es la más importante?: _____ (enter a – kk)

¿Cuál es la segunda más importante?: _____ (enter a – kk)

¿Cuál es la tercera más importante?: _____ (enter a – kk)

14. ¿Usted u otros miembros de su hogar han participado en algún programa y servicio de recreación proporcionado por Huntingburg Parks & Recreation durante el año pasado?

Sí

No

15. Para cada uno de los programas enumerados a continuación que haya utilizado en el último año, califique su nivel de satisfacción.

		Muy satisfecho	Satisfecho	Moderadamente satisfecho	Algo satisfecho	No satisfecho
a	Programas para adultos y excursiones	1	2	3	4	5

	de un día					
b	Ligas deportivas para adultos, clubes	1	2	3	4	5
c	Programas después de la escuela	1	2	3	4	5
d	Programas de acondicionamiento físico, salud y bienestar	1	2	3	4	5
e	Programas de jardinería	1	2	3	4	5
f	Programas de naturaleza, educación ambiental	1	2	3	4	5
g	Eventos públicos, festivales, picnics	1	2	3	4	5
h	Programas para ancianos o adultos mayores	1	2	3	4	5
i	Teen Outback (Programas para adolescentes)	1	2	3	4	5
j	Programas para Adolescentes	1	2	3	4	5
k	Ligas deportivas juveniles, programas	1	2	3	4	5
l	Programas de campamento de verano para jóvenes	1	2	3	4	5
m	Otra (por favor especifique):	1	2	3	4	5

16. Si NO HA utilizado los siguientes programas deportivos o recreativos en el último año, por favor indique por qué no.

	No sabía que existía	Demasiado lejos	No, me interesa	Insatisfecha con la calidad	Muy Costoso	Razones de Salud	No es relevante para mi (ej. no Hijos)	Otro
a	Programas para adultos y excursiones de un día	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b	Ligas deportivas para adultos, clubes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c	Programas después de la	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	escuela								
d	Programas de acondicionamiento físico, salud y bienestar	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e	Programas de jardinería	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f	Programas de naturaleza, educación ambiental	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g	Eventos públicos, festivales, picnics	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h	Programas ancianos o adultos mayores	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
i	Teen Outback (Programas para adolescentes)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
j	Programas para Adolescentes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
k	ligas deportivas juveniles, programas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
l	Programas de campamento de verano para jóvenes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
m	Otra (por favor especifique):	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

17. A continuación se muestra una lista de PROGRAMAS de recreación y deporte. Algunos son proporcionados actualmente por la Ciudad de Huntingburg; otros no lo son. Califique qué tan importante es para USTED que Huntingburg AUMENTE la disponibilidad de los programas que se enumeran a continuación.

	Muy Importante	Importante	Moderadamente Importante	Algo Importante	No Importante
V. Programas accesibles (para personas con discapacidades)	1	2	3	4	5
W. Programas para adultos y	1	2	3	4	5

excursiones de un día					
X. Programas/clubes/ligas deportivas para adultos	1	2	3	4	5
Y. Programas después de la escuela	1	2	3	4	5
Z. Conciertos, cine, etc.	1	2	3	4	5
AA. Eventos públicos/festivales/picnics	1	2	3	4	5
BB. Noches Familiares	1	2	3	4	5
CC. Mercado de agricultores	1	2	3	4	5
DD. Programas de acondicionamiento físico, salud y bienestar	1	2	3	4	5
EE. Programas de jardinería	1	2	3	4	5
FF. Programas de cocina/nutrición saludable	1	2	3	4	5
GG. Programas de naturaleza/educación ambiental	1	2	3	4	5
HH. Programas para personas con discapacidad	1	2	3	4	5
II. Programas con tus mascotas	1	2	3	4	5
JJ. Programas para ancianos o adultos mayores	1	2	3	4	5
KK. Programas de base tecnológica (drones, cohetes, geocaching, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5
LL. Teen Outback (Programas para adolescentes)	1	2	3	4	5
MM. Programas para adolescentes	1	2	3	4	5
NN. Programas/ligas deportivas juveniles	1	2	3	4	5
OO. Campamentos de verano para jóvenes	1	2	3	4	5
PP. Otro	1	2	3	4	5

18. ¿Cuáles tres programas de la pregunta anterior son más importantes para usted?

¿Y de las tres cuál es la más importante?: _____ (enter A – U)

¿Cuál es la segunda más importante?: _____ (enter A – U)

¿Cuál es la tercera más importante?: _____ (enter A – U)

19. Si la ciudad fuese a financiar instalaciones adicionales y opciones recreativas para el lago de Huntingburg, ¿En qué nivel de importancia calificaría USTED las siguientes opciones?

	Muy Importante	Importante	Moderadamente Importante	Algo Importante	No Importa
J. Mejoras en la rampa para botes	1	2	3	4	5
K. Renta de Botes	1	2	3	4	5
L. Muelle de pesca	1	2	3	4	5
M. Renta de Kayak o canoa	1	2	3	4	5
N. Pista de lanzamiento de kayak o muelle	1	2	3	4	5
O. Parques infantiles	1	2	3	4	5
P. Áreas para Picnic	1	2	3	4	5
Q. Mejoras a los Quioscos	1	2	3	4	5
R. Senderos	1	2	3	4	5

20. Si la ciudad aumentara la programación relacionada con los parques durante el invierno, ¿En qué nivel de importancia calificaría USTED los siguientes posibles programas?

	Muy Importante	Importante	Moderadamente Importante	Algo Importante	No Importa
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A. Patinaje sobre hielo	1	2	3	4	5
B. Trineo organizado	1	2	3	4	5
C. Mercado de agricultores de invierno	1	2	3	4	5
D. Caminatas de invierno	1	2	3	4	5
E. Festivales de Invierno	1	2	3	4	5

21. En general, si hubiera fondos adicionales disponibles para que la ciudad de Huntingburg financiara parques y senderos, ¿Cómo asignaría usted los fondos entre las categorías que siguen a continuación?

Ingrese tanto o tan poco como desee, pero haga que su asignación total sea igual al 100%.

Category	Allocation
Mantenimiento de parques y senderos existentes:	%
Renovación (actualización/mejora) de los terrenos, instalaciones y servicios en parques y senderos existentes	%
Facilitar/proporcionar programas de recreación adicionales a la comunidad	%
Adquisición de nuevos terrenos	%
Aumento de áreas naturales (arroyos, espacios abiertos, espacios verdes o bosques)	%
Construcción de nuevos senderos para caminar y montar en bicicleta	%
Construcción de nuevos parques	%
Esfuerzos de conservación/gestión del hábitat	%
Otro (Por favor describa.)	%
TOTAL (sea igual al 100%)	%

22. Seleccione TODAS las formas en las que usted ACTUALMENTE se entera de los servicios y programas del Huntingburg Parks & Recreation

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| <input type="radio"/> Página web de la ciudad de Huntingburg | <input type="radio"/> Artículos de prensa |
| <input type="radio"/> De amigos y vecinos | <input type="radio"/> Blogs |
| <input type="radio"/> Volantes/carteles en parques e | <input type="radio"/> Redes Sociales |

instalaciones recreativas

- Conversaciones con el personal de los parques recreativos
- Boletines por correo electrónico del Departamento de Parques y Recreación
- Publicidad en prensa
- Other: _____
- No recibo ninguna información

23. Seleccione todas las formas en que USTED PREFERIRÍA obtener información sobre los servicios y programas, dentro de los parques, de Huntingburg Parks & Recreation

- Página web ciudad de Huntingburg
- De amigos y vecinos
- Conversaciones con el personal de parques y recreación
- Volantes/carteles en parques e instalaciones recreativas
- Boletines por correo electrónico del Departamento de Parques y Recreación
- Artículos de prensa
- Other: _____
- Blogs
- Redes Sociales
- Anuncios en la prensa
- Guía de programas de temporada
- Radio
- Televisión

24. Los siguientes son algunos de los beneficios que usted, los miembros de su hogar o la comunidad en general pueden recibir de los parques, senderos, instalaciones recreativas, programas y servicios. Para cada beneficio potencial, indique su nivel de acuerdo.

		Totalmente de Acuerdo				Totalmente en desacuerdo
		De acuerdo	Incierto	Desacuerdo		
a	Mejorar la apariencia de la comunidad	1	2	3	4	5
b	Ayuda a atraer nuevos residentes y negocios	1	2	3	4	5
c	Ayuda a reducir el crimen	1	2	3	4	5
d	Mejorar la dieta y la nutrición	1	2	3	4	5
e	Mejorar la salud mental y reducir el estrés	1	2	3	4	5

f	Mejora la salud y el estado físico	1	2	3	4	5
g	Mejora las conexiones sociales	1	2	3	4	5
h	Aumenta las posibilidades para que personas de diferentes culturas interactúen	1	2	3	4	5
i	Aumenta el valor de las propiedades en el área circundante	1	2	3	4	5
j	Hace de Huntingburg un lugar más deseable para vivir	1	2	3	4	5
k	Fortalece el sentido de comunidad	1	2	3	4	5
l	Preserva el espacio abierto y el medio ambiente	1	2	3	4	5
m	Promueve el turismo en el condado	1	2	3	4	5
n	Proporciona acceso al aire libre y a la naturaleza	1	2	3	4	5
o	Protege los atributos históricos de la ciudad	1	2	3	4	5
p	Otro: _____	1	2	3	4	5

25. De los posibles beneficios enumerados en la pregunta anterior, ¿Cuáles TRES beneficios son los más importantes para usted o los miembros de su hogar?

¿Y de las tres cuál es la más importante?: _____ (enter a – p)

¿Cuál es la segunda más importante?: _____ (enter a – p)

¿Cuál es la tercera más importante?: _____ (enter a – p)

26. ¿Cómo usted usualmente viaja para visitar las instalaciones del parque que más visita?

- Bicicleta, scooter o dispositivo con ruedas no motorizado
- Automóvil u otro vehículo motorizado
- Transporte público (por ejemplo, autobús)
- A pie
- Otro: _____

27. Marque cualquiera de las siguientes circunstancias que le impiden usar los parques o asistir a programas dentro de los parques con la frecuencia que le gustaría.

- No dispongo de tiempo
- Problemas de salud/movilidad
- Falta de acceso
- Los parques están muy lejos
- No sé dónde están los parques
- No sé acerca de los programas
- Falta de una ruta cercana de autobús
- Otro (Por favor enliste) _____

28. Indique cuál de las siguientes circunstancias (si se presentan) impiden que usted o los miembros de su hogar utilicen los servicios de recreación y parques. Marque todo lo que aplique.

- Instalaciones inadecuadas o mal mantenidas
- Falta de información sobre los parques y servicios recreativos de Huntingburg
- Mi vecindario no tiene un parque, una instalación recreativa o un sendero dentro de un radio de 10 minutos a pie
- No tengo tiempo
- No tengo suficiente dinero
- Preocupación por la seguridad personal: la caminata al parque o sendero no es segura debido al tráfico o las carreteras
- Preocupación por la seguridad personal: El parque o sendero no es seguro
- Problemas de salud personal
- Los programas que ofrecen el Departamento no me interesan
- Los programas del Departamento, parques o instalaciones no son accesibles para personas con discapacidades
- Ninguna de estas se aplica a mí me
- Otras: _____

29. Diría que su salud en general es:

- Excelente
- Buena
- Regular
- Mala

30. Durante los últimos 30 días, por cuántos días aproximadamente su mal estado físico o mental le impidió realizar sus actividades habituales?, como el cuidado personal, el trabajo o la recreación

- 0-3 días
- 4-7 días
- 8-14 días
- 15-21 días
- 22-30 días

31.Cuál es su Genero?

- Femenino
- Masculino
- No-binario
- Prefiere no responder

Las últimas tres preguntas son opcionales. Sus respuestas se utilizarán para ayudarnos a aprender más sobre los usuarios de nuestro parque, los miembros de la comunidad y para ayudarnos a crear ofertas más equitativas e inclusivas.

32. ¿Es usted Hispano, Latino o de origen español?

- No, no de origen hispano, latino o español
- Sí, mexicano, Mexicano Am., Chicano
- Si, puertorriqueño
- Si, cubano
- Sí, otro latino hispano, o de origen español: _____
- Prefiero no responder

33. ¿Cuál es su raza? (Marque todo lo que corresponda)

- Americano Indio o Nativo de Alaska
- Asiático
- Negro o afroamericano

- Nativo hawaiano u otro isleño del Pacífico
- Blanco
- Alguna otra Raza: _____
- Prefiero no responder

34. ¿Cuál es el ingreso anual de su hogar?

- Debajo \$25,000
- \$25,000-\$49,999
- \$50,000-\$74,999
- \$75,000-\$99,999
- \$100,00-\$199,999
- \$200,000 or más

Conclusión

Gracias por completar esta encuesta para el Plan Maestro del Sistema de Parques de la Ciudad de Huntingburg. Sus respuestas permanecerán confidenciales y serán utilizadas por Huntingburg para ayudar a planificar un futuro exitoso para nuestra comunidad.

Appendix B- ADA/Accessibility

City of Huntingburg – ADA Public Input/Action Form

The City of Huntingburg is committed to establishing and maintaining an accessible community. We want all of our community members to enjoy the benefits of our programs, services and activities. It is a priority of the City to provide accessibility for all citizens. If there is an impediment, we want to know about it. If you would like to share an area of concern with us regarding the conditions of a sidewalk, ramp, building or other public facility-program or any ADA related issue please fill in the following information.

Date: _____

Name: _____

Phone #: _____ Best time to be contacted: _____

Address: _____

Issue/Concern: _____

Location of concern: Give address or nearest intersection/street for a sidewalk issue. _____
