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Recreation, Parks, and Open Space Plan Update for Ferguson Township

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Introduction – RPOS Plan Update

> **Recreation, Parks and Open Space (RPOS) Plan:**

- RPOS Plan is a plan for the future of Parks, Recreation and Open Space within the Township
- RPOS Plan was last updated in 2009

> **RPOS Plan Update (2022) will encompass:**

- New inventory of Township parks and recreation facilities
- Fresh analysis of community needs and issues
- Review and update recommendations for:
 - Actions, Priorities, Implementation and Potential Costs
- Master Site Development Plans for two (2) parks:
 - Fairbrook Park
 - Greenbriar-Saybrook Park

Agenda

> Project Status to Date

– Public Input Process

- Winter Market - Complete
- Citizen Survey - Ongoing
- Virtual Community Meetings - Complete
- Stakeholder & Key Person Interviews - Ongoing

– Data Gathering - Ongoing

- Document Audit for Parks & Rec Committee
- Twp. Homework Assignments
- CRPR Homework, NRPA Metrics & Annual Snapshot

– Park Assessments - Ongoing

- All Township Parks

– Master Site Plans – Starting Soon

- Fairbrook Park and Greenbriar-Saybrook Park



Public Input – Winter Market 2021

> Winter Market 2021 Engagement Station



FERGUSON TOWNSHIP PARKS, RECREATION & OPEN SPACE SURVEY

1) Do you live in Ferguson Township? YES NO

2) Which is your favorite PARK TRAIL OPEN SPACE in the Township?
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3) Why? *so many things to do / look at*
 basketball.
 community garden
 dog park.
 wallet playground.

4) Do you typically WALK DRIVE BIKE WHEEL to get there?

5) How far? *I live across the road.*

6) Who do you go with? *sometimes self, sometimes w/ kids.*

7) What is your favorite activity to do there? *see the community garden.*

8) The most important feature to add or improve there would be: *splash park would be amazing!!!*

9) If you're interested in following the RPOS Plan Update progress, provide your name, address or email:

Public Input – Winter Market 2021

> Winter Market 2021 Engagement Station



Public Input – Winter Market 2021

> Winter Market 2021 Engagement Station

> S.W.O.T. Analysis of Township Parks

 MOST FAVORITE

 LEAST FAVORITE

 OPPORTUNITY

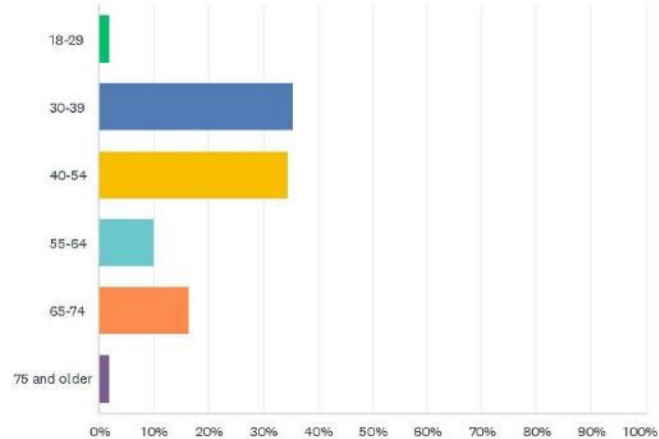


Public Input - Citizen Survey

Ferguson Parks questionnaire Feedback

Q1 What is your age group?

Answered: 110 Skipped: 0

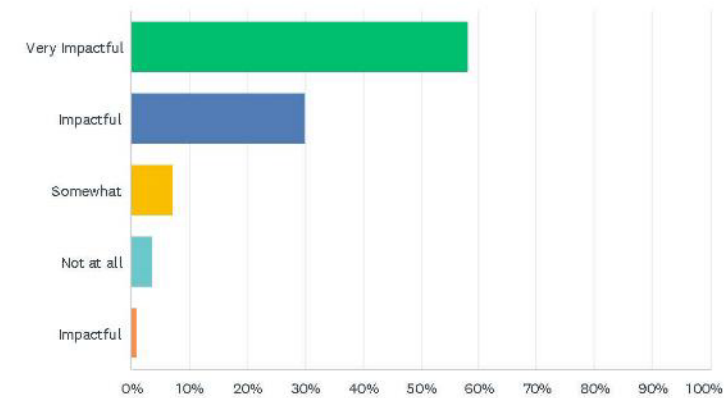


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
18-29	1.82%	2
30-39	35.45%	39
40-54	34.55%	38
55-64	10.00%	11
65-74	16.36%	18
75 and older	1.82%	2
TOTAL		110

Ferguson Parks questionnaire Feedback

Q3 How much does the availability of recreation and open space impact the quality of life for you and your family?

Answered: 110 Skipped: 0



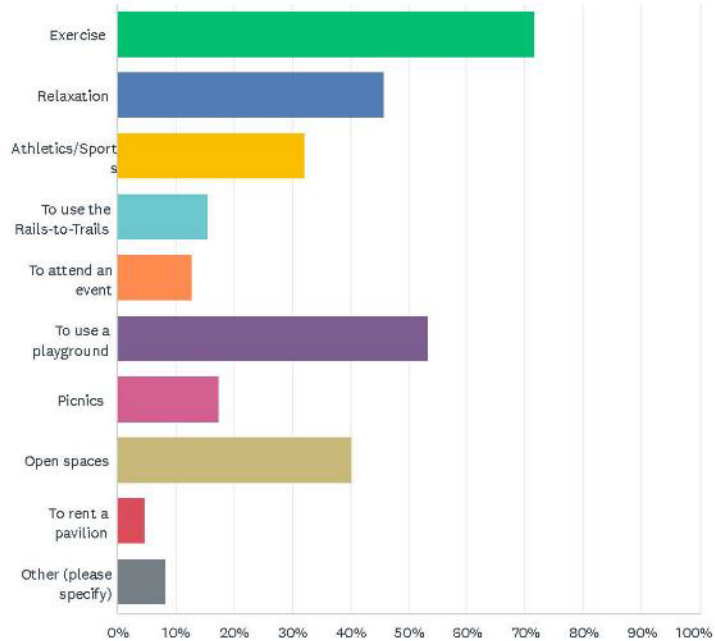
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very Impactful	58.18%	64
Impactful	30.00%	33
Somewhat	7.27%	8
Not at all	3.64%	4
Impactful	0.91%	1
TOTAL		110

Public Input - Citizen Survey

Ferguson Parks questionnaire Feedback

Q10 What are your top three reasons for you or a family member visiting the Ferguson Township park system?

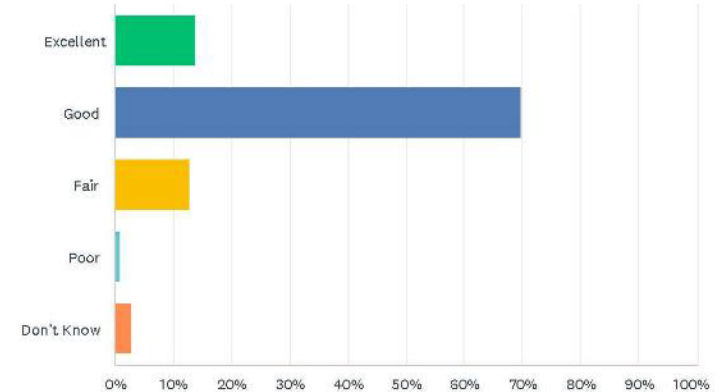
Answered: 109 Skipped: 1



Ferguson Parks questionnaire Feedback

Q13 Overall, how would you rate the physical condition of the Ferguson Township park system?

Answered: 109 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Excellent	13.76%	15
Good	69.72%	76
Fair	12.84%	14
Poor	0.92%	1
Don't Know	2.75%	3
TOTAL		109

Public Input - Virtual Community Meetings

> January 2022 –

- In Person and Zoom Public Input Meetings
- Activities converted to interactive online versions

Fairbrook Park Mapping Exercise



Fairbrook Park
Ferguson Township
Carter County, Tennessee

Green: City Parks
Local Parks
Parks Boundaries

DIRECTIONS

Drag and drop post-its to places on the map that you identify as either a strength, opportunity, or threat using the corresponding colors. Double click post-its to type in a label or reason for the note.

STRENGTH POST-ITS



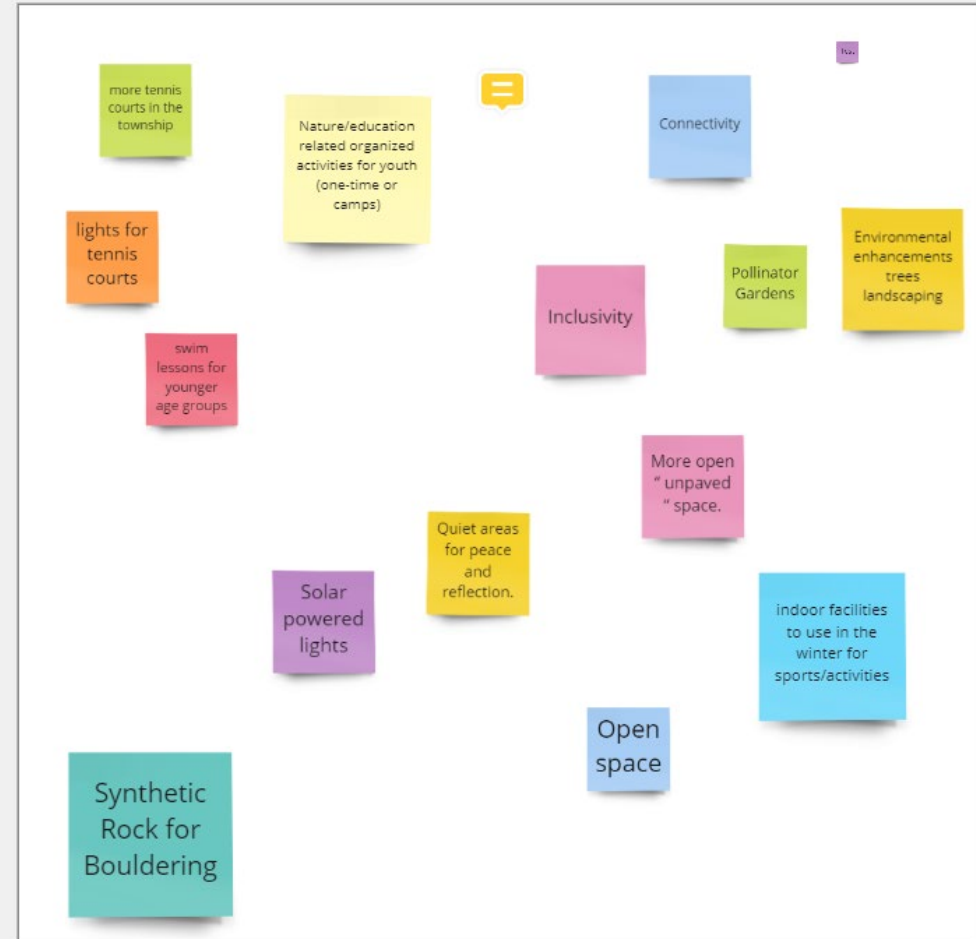
WEAKNESSES/OPPORTUNITIES POST-ITS



THREATS POST-ITS



Ferguson Township Parks Idea Wall



Data Gathering

> Data Gathering - Ongoing

– Document Audit

- Parks & Recreation Committee reviewing previous goals and recommendations to assess current and future applicability, viability, and priorities

- **2009 RPOS Plan**
- **CRPR PROS Plan**
- **Capital Improvement Plan**
- **2017 Township Strategic Plan**
- **Northland Area Mobility Study**

– “Homework”

- Township - assisting with providing updated information about agency personnel, administration, financing, facilities maintenance, equipment, etc.
- CRPR – providing additional data, along with current NRPA Metrics and upcoming Annual Snapshot report

Park Facilities Assessments

> All Township Owned Parks



Park Facilities Assessments

> Assessment Example



FACILITY NAME: Fairbrook Park
SIZE: 29 Acres

AMENITIES	CONDITION	AGE SERVED	ADA ACCESS	ISSUES OBSERVED
Baseball 1	Fair	Youth	No	No companion seating at benches, no compliant access.
Baseball 2	Good/Fair	Youth	No	*Is this field needed? Rusted fencing and drainage issues.
Multi-Use Field	Good/Fair	All	No	Surrounded by Japanese honeysuckle and other invasive plant species, at the time of assessment, no sports were allowed due to turf/field conditions.
Paved Paths	Good	All	Yes	8'-6" wide.
Playground 1	Good	5-12 Years	No	Surrounding slopes makes access difficult, turn radius at the entrance not suitable for wheel chairs, lack of accessible play equipment, few pieces of ADA enrichment.
No Mow Zone	Good	All	Yes*	Seems to be properly maintained for the assessment time of year, access/experience from compliant trail.
Basketball Court	Good	All	Yes*	Gravel trail is rugged and needs maintenance. 84'-4" post to post, Over run area is 4' wide at most. Questionable location for a bike rack.
Gravel Paths	Fair	All	Yes*	Gravel trail is mostly rugged and needs maintenance. ~8' wide, but varies due to vegetation encroachment, etc.
Pavilion	Good	All	Yes*	Gravel path leads to it, but sections are too steep.
Playground 2	Fair	5-12 Years	No	Paths do not connect. Mulch needs replenished behind swings and to ensure proper depth.
Port-a-potty	Good	All	No	Well maintained, however, no ADA access.
Drinking Fountains^	Good	All	Yes	Well maintained and completely accessible.
Park Benches^	Fair	All	No	Park benches do not have companion seating and are often setback from the paths.
Trash Cans^	Fair	All	Yes*	A slight mix of old style and look-a-like, upgraded replacements. Most off of the path making them inaccessible.

* denotes an ADA caveat in the Issues Observed section.
^ denotes an amenity not shown on the inventory map.

General Notes: A check is needed on the number of parking spots for large gatherings.

Park Master Site Development Plans

Fairbrook Park



Greenbriar-Saybrook Park



Park Master Site Development Plans

> Neighborhood & User Group Meetings Needed

> Discuss Specific Park Amenities

- Do all Township Parks need to have identical amenities?
- Can they differ based on site context, neighborhood needs and trends?
- Can their differences expand the Township's ability to provide diverse activities and facilities?



FORMS OF RECREATION	
<i>Active Recreation</i>	<i>Passive Recreation</i>
Sports (Baseball, Golf, Tennis, etc.)	Fishing
Hiking	Gardening
Jogging	Bird Watching
Rock Climbing	Nature Photography
Skateboarding	Historic Site Exploration



Park Master Site Development Plans

> Specific Park Amenities – From 2009 RPOS Plan Update

PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE

1. The Township should adopt a minimum set of standards for parkland development. The recommendations for minimum development of parkland are:
 - a. Each park which has been only partially developed should be fully developed to meet the master plan recommendations.
 - b. Each park which has not been developed should have a master plan completed and development started in incremental stages.
 - c. During the master planning process the Township should ensure that there is an appropriate mix of active and passive recreation areas in each park to meet the needs of the park users. In addition, the public should be actively involved in determining the facilities that are constructed within the park.
 - d. The minimum facilities within each park should include a playground, picnic area, active recreation area and a park trail that connects to adjacent bikepaths.
 - e. The facilities planned in each park should be flexible in use (ie. Dual soccer and ballfield) and should be able to be converted to meet changing needs.
 - f. The Township should provide CIP funding each year to develop portions of the parks.

- **Mix of Active & Passive Recreation Areas**
- **Playground**
- **Picnic Area**
- **Active Recreation Area**
- **Park Trail**
- **Flexible Fields**
- **Convert to Meet Changing Needs**



Park Master Site Development Plans

> Input Exercise – Cast Your Vote

- Sensory Gardens & Nature Play
- Specialty Sports Areas (Disc Golf, Tennis Wall)
- Natural Areas & Passive Recreation Zones
- ADA Play / Enrichment Equipment
- Activities for Seniors



Park Master Site Development Plans

> Input Exercise - Character Preference

- ADA & Future Play Equipment
- ADA & Adaptive Active Recreation
- Passive Recreation & Natural Areas
- Nature Play



Next Steps

- > **Key Person & Stakeholder Interviews**

- Ongoing

- > **Parks Assessments & Data Gathering**

- Ongoing
- Fairbrook and Greenbriar-Saybrook Park
 - Neighborhood / User Group meetings to be set up

- > **Board of Supervisors - Work Session in May (??)**

- Provide input on RPOS Plan Update
- Provide input on Fairbrook Park and Greenbriar-Saybrook Park

