

PARKS, RECREATION, TRAILS AND OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN - APPENDICES



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Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

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Advisory Committee Meeting #1

February 11, 2020 5:00pm, Park and Recreation Office



IN ATTENDANCE:

Dave Anderson	Community Development
Scott Aylett	Administration/Public Information Officer
Susan Barber	Parks & Recreation Committee
Karen Bradford	Assistant Parks & Recreation Director
Garry Briggs	Parks & Recreation Committee
Doug Brown	Parks & Recreation Committee
Linsey Duvall	Parks & Recreation Committee
Doug Ford	Parks & Recreation Committee
Mike Mendenhall	City Council
Terry Menlove	Parks & Recreation Committee
Bart Morrill	Parks Division Manager
Ryan Nielsen	Parks & Recreation Committee
Laura Olsen	Parks & Recreation Committee
Lisa Benson	Landmark Design
Madison Merrill	Landmark Design
Mark Vlasic	Landmark Design

SUMMARY

The meeting began with introductions, and was followed by a summary of the project purpose, scope of work and schedule. The committee discussed the community engagement process, including the survey and Social Pinpoint.

DISCUSSION/COMMENTS

The project website will be active throughout the project. Landmark Design will set up a web page hosted within their website, and Scott will acquire a URL through the City's website that will redirect people to the project webpage on Landmark's site.

SCOPE OF WORK

- Community Participation
 - Staff/Administration Coordination
 - Advisory Committee
 - Project Web Page
 - Social Pinpoint
 - Statistically-Valid Survey
 - Public Scoping Meeting
 - Focus Interviews (up to five)

- Draft Plan Public Open House
 - Briefings and Public Hearing Presentations
- Review Existing and Related Documentation
- Research and Analysis
 - Inventory and Evaluation of Existing and Proposed Facilities
 - Park and Recreation Needs Assessment and Analysis
 - Open Space and Natural Systems Analysis
 - Trail System Analysis
- Draft Plan Development
 - Park Acquisition, Construction, & Management Costs
 - Goals, Objectives, and Policies Development
- Adoption
- Final Product

SCOPING

- Pool – shared facility (Life Center) proposed for bond was defeated
 - Want pool/rec center combo
 - Too many kids using Vasa – only have to be 14 and only costs \$10/month
 - Want the full-range of typical amenities, plus tournament pickleball (indoor)
 - Why was bond turned down? They want it but don't want to pay for it.
 - Life Center was idea – birth to death: rec center/library/senior center/indoor and outdoor pool – residents thought it was too much, perhaps – will be looking at aging baby boomers (avoid Life Center term)
 - Library is now underway
 - Senior center still needs to be upgraded
 - Indoor practice space – City teams are only guaranteed 1 hour/week for practice time
 - Sports Park – bond failed but City funded it with other sources internally
- River Bottoms – how does that play into future parks, etc.?
 - South of City along river/trail
 - 1,800 acres, mostly in county but City hopes to annex it
 - City owns approximately 100 acres now, and has put a trail in
 - Planning process indicated the community don't want the river bottoms area to change
 - Challenge is how to do that in a way that is fair and equitable
 - Compensation
 - TDR's is the main focus
 - City has purchased +/- 100 acres, trailhead, etc.
 - Plan can be viewed at www.Spanishfork.org/riverbottoms
- Existing parks/recreation system
 - Think they have done a good job
 - Heard there is need for more practice space (outdoors)
 - Indoor space is in demand as well
 - Good relationship with Nebo School District

- Use the pool at the High School – will be going away with new school construction
 - City uses gyms at schools for rec programming
 - Schools use City fields, etc. and in exchange City gives them breaks on water, etc.
 - The School District represents multiple communities – access isn't guaranteed because the City could lose political sway
- Residents are spoiled – they have so much to begin with
- What about the future?
 - Has worked well for now, but the large developments with large impact fees are waning. Development in the future will come in smaller pieces, resulting in smaller open space possibilities.
 - Residents are anxious about growth, and think the growth should pay for all of the community's needs
- Trails
 - Get a lot of questions regarding equestrian trails. There are currently no trails just for horses.
 - Ask questions about equestrian trails and uses on the survey.
 - Have recently approved a couple of developments around the rodeo grounds (Bart will get copies for us).
 - 4-wheelers are not an issue
 - Most of multi-purpose system is paved, some unpaved in foothills, envisioned along the river, etc.
 - Think about capacity along River Bottoms and long-term need
 - Trails have no restrooms – would be helpful
 - Look at MAG South Valley Trail Plan (Jim Price)
- Recreation
 - Lots of outlying communities use Spanish Fork programs
 - Soccer is as big as baseball
 - Number of participants is growing exponentially
 - With pool going away, thousands of kids will have to be served elsewhere
 - City does a great job of offering anything your kids could be interested in
 - City doesn't have to turn people away except for swimming lessons
 - What recreational facilities are appropriate for the aging members of the population? Population is living longer – need to plan for the future.
 - School District offers lifelong learning classes, has mountain bike teams
 - RAP tax – City receives approximately \$700K to \$800,000 per year
 - Arts Council is part of Parks and Recreation Department and is very active
 - Youth Arts Festival +/- 1,500 participants
 - Lots of performing, etc.
 - Chorale group, etc.
 - Definite interest in it

ACTION ITEMS

- Landmark Design will set up the project web page and send the URL to Scott.
- Staff and Landmark Design will be meeting with Y2 Analytics as soon as possible to start crafting the survey questions. Once a draft is ready, it will be sent to the committee for review.
 - Ask questions about pools, rec centers, equestrians, seniors, etc. on survey.
- Bart will send info on developments south of rodeo grounds
- Email Karen about recreation programs, stats, etc.
- Landmark Design will look at MAG's South Valley Trail Plan and download the River Bottoms plan.
- A date for the Public Scoping Meeting will be set.
- Future committee meeting dates will be set according to plan progress.

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Advisory Committee Meeting #2

September 2, 2020 6:00pm, Online via Zoom



IN ATTENDANCE:

Karen Bradford	Assistant Parks & Recreation Director
Garry Briggs	Parks & Recreation Committee
Doug Brown	Parks & Recreation Committee
Linsey Duvall	Parks & Recreation Committee
Doug Ford	Parks & Recreation Committee
Terry Menlove	Parks & Recreation Committee
Bart Morrill	Parks Division Manager
Ryan Nielsen	Parks & Recreation Committee
Laura Olsen	Parks & Recreation Committee
Dale Robinson	Parks & Recreation Director
Lisa Benson	Landmark Design
Mark Vlasic	Landmark Design
Scott Riding	Y2 Analytics

SUMMARY

The meeting began with a quick update on the plan progress. Scott Riding with Y2 Analytics then presented the results of the statistically-valid survey. Landmark Design wrapped up with a summary of other community engagement methods and an overview of the current parks Level of Service and distribution analysis.

Survey results and the presentation will be uploaded to the project website.

DISCUSSION/COMMENTS

Survey

The survey had an extremely high response rate compared to similar surveys in other communities. Residents spent a longer time completing the survey than is typical. The overall response rate was approximately 20%, resulting in a margin of error of 2.56, which is much lower than is typical of similar surveys. Responses were well-distributed throughout the City.

The top 5 takeaways:

1. Spanish Fork residents are generally active and use City facilities at least once a month.
2. A recreation center and indoor pools are the top requests, and residents put \$20 towards a recreation facility and \$14 to indoor aquatics on average for the allocation of \$100 in hypothetical funds.

3. Residents are most likely to support a bond for a new recreation center and least likely to support a bond for arts and cultural programs.
4. Residents are willing to pay an average of \$67.30 a year in higher taxes to fund the types of parks, trails, open space and recreation facilities that are most important to their households.
5. Having a park within walking distance is important to residents, and is the most important factor that determines which parks residents indicated was the most significant factor determining which parks they visit most often.

Other key results:

- The vast majority of residents are pleased with the overall quality of parks, trails and recreation facilities in the City.
- Parks, playgrounds and trails are the most-used recreation facilities in the City or elsewhere.
- Most find facilities adequate, though recreation facilities show room for improvement.
- The Sports Park and Canyon View Park are visited by more than half of respondents.
- The vast majority of residents frequently use facilities – those who don't lack interest or time.
- Spanish Fork parks are generally well-maintained.
- Activities and proximity to home draw patrons to the Gun Club and new handgun and rifle ranges are the most requested improvements.
- A majority of respondents did not use City recreation programs.
- Recreation centers and pools in the region are the most commonly used amenities.
- Of new facilities, a recreation center with an indoor pool is most likely to draw patrons.
- Pools are the most popular request for potential recreation center amenities.
- Fiesta Days and the Festival of Lights are the highest attended cultural events.
- There is more willingness to fund new parks, trails and facilities than improve and upgrade existing facilities.
- The waterpark is popular among residents – nearly 49% visit a few times a month or more.
- Running and weightlifting are the most common fitness activities.
- The majority of residents do not participate in sporting activities.
- Hiking and trail uses are the most popular outdoor activities.
- Swimming, hiking, fishing and camping draw people from all of the different user groups, with hiking being the most popular among all groups.

Comments:

- It's great to see the large number of responses and good distribution. We didn't expect to see response percent so high.
- There has been a lot of growth bringing new residents.

- The Recreation center by itself is more popular – the past bond was broader in scope and included a library and senior center. \$200/year was the increase proposed in the old bond measure. The City is building a separate library now. The public wasn't ready to pay for all at one time.
- Likes the idea of a combined senior / recreation center – today's seniors are active.
- An opposition group will always have disproportionate impact.
- Y2 Analytics can run additional analyses if desired.

Other Public Involvement

The planning process was delayed by onset of the pandemic. The face-to-face public scoping meeting had to be cancelled and was held online instead. The next steps are to meet with focus groups, if desired, and to start developing the draft plan.

Social Pinpoint

There were 766 total visits, 266 unique users, and 222 comments, though more than half came from one respondent. There were 15 responses to the general questionnaire within Social Pinpoint.

PARKS & OPEN SPACE

- **Most participants are pleased** with the City's provision of parks and open space, though some existing parks could use additional amenities.
- There is support for expanding **parking and amenities at Spanish Oaks Reservoir**.
- Several parks need **upgraded restrooms** including the Sports Park and Canyon View Park.
- There was strong support for **developers** to provide parks.
- Some residents want to see the **Urban Forest** developed and improved, while others appreciate it as it is.

TRAILS

- Participants strongly desire **trail connections** to neighborhoods and also to community and regional destinations such as community parks, the hospital, nearby mountains and canyons, Utah Lake and to trails in surrounding communities.
- Trails that are **separated or protected** from major roadways are desired.
- **Filling the gaps** and creating an **interconnected trail network** are important.

- **Trail crossings** are a major concern, as are **safe routes to school**. Some **tunnels** have vandalism and flooding issues.
- **Restrooms at trailheads** are desired and **trash receptacles, benches and safe lighting** are desired along major trails in the community.
- More **signage** is desired at trailheads and along trails, including regulatory/rules signs and interpretive signage.
- There are some concerns about **trail maintenance and blind curves** for some existing trails.
- Participants would like to see the City **partner** with federal and state agencies to provide primitive trails in the foothills.

RECREATION

- There is support for providing a new **pool** to replace the one being demolished at the high school.

GENERAL

- There were a few general comments about **beautification** for particular areas in the City, where recent improvements have been or will be made soon.

QUESTIONNAIRE

Question 1: How are your recreation and leisure needs being currently met?

- Recreation **needs are generally well met** - pleased with the City's provision of parks, trails and open space
- **River Trail, Sports Park and Reservoir** are popular, though participants indicated use of a wide variety of City' facilities.

Question 2: Which City park does your household use most often and why? What improvements should be made to that park?

- **Sports Park** – restrooms could use an upgrade and park could use more pickleball courts. Would also like a basketball court, splash pad or smaller playgrounds throughout.
- **Legacy Farms Park** – grass is not well-established yet.
- **City Park** - more picnic tables are needed for food truck events.
- **Centennial Park** – needs swings.
- **North Park, East Park, Abbie Court and Parkside Estates Park** - no improvements are needed.
- **All Parks** - Perimeter pathways should be standard.

Question 3: What type of parks are needed most in Spanish Fork and why?

- **Larger Community Parks** with trees, open lawn areas and active fields
- **Playgrounds**, especially on west side of City - should be shaded whenever possible
- **Dog parks, baseball fields, walking trails** and a **recreation center** with a replacement pool
- **Train-themed rest stop park** on Highway 6
- **Cost** for building and maintaining new parks was a concern - City should just focus on maintaining what is already built

Question 4: Do existing recreational facilities meet your recreational needs? What facilities do you use most? What facilities are missing?

- Recreational needs are **generally well met**
- Sports Park and bike trails are great, but City should continue to develop additional **trails, pickleball courts and dog parks**
- More **tennis and basketball courts**
- **Connections** to the mountains are appreciated, though more **primitive trails** would be great (**BST**)
- **Recreation center** with a replacement pool
- **Train park**

Question 5: Do you or your family participate in City recreation programs? If so, which ones? Are there additional programs that you would like to see?

- Don't participate or plan to in the future
- **Popular programs include:** youth softball, soccer, wrestling, flag football, baseball and basketball; adult softball and basketball; and pickleball, swimming and summer art classes
- Interest in **women's volleyball, coed volleyball** and more **skills classes offered all summer** such as music lessons, pottery, etc.

Question 6: Which trails do you use most often and why?

- **River Trail** is one of the most popular trails because of its scenic quality, shade, easy access and length
- Mapleton Lateral Canal Trail and 1400 East Connector Trail are great **when used in conjunction with the River Trail** to provide connected stretches of trail for long distance biking
- Other trails are used because they are the **closest to home or feel safe**, including the Legacy Farm Trail, trails along Highway 6 and Sports Park

Question 7: Describe improvements, if any, that should be made to the trail system.

- **Complete planned trail network**, including community and regional connections

- **North end of the City** needs a nice trail
- **Wider trails**
- More **safe crossings** on busy roads
 - **Repair** damaged trails

Question 8: Do you have any additional comments regarding Spanish Fork's parks, recreation and trails system?

- Don't want an increase in **property taxes**
- **Restrooms** need to be located with women's restrooms facing playgrounds
- Improvements to the **Urban Forest**, including a unique playground
- **Amphitheater**
- More large shade **trees**
- Issues with trails shown through **private property**
- Plan for a replacement **pool** that includes a recreation center
- **Repair** damaged trails
- Build a **train park**

Visual Preference Survey

Conducted via Survey Monkey. Participants ranked Images based on their Visual Preference (Scale of -3 to 3). 30 Images were presented and there were 124 total responses.



Total Score: 309
Average Score: 2.5



Total Score: 305
Average Score: 2.5



Total Score: 297
Average Score: 2.4



Total Score: 276
Average Score: 2.2



Total Score: 273
Average Score: 2.2



Total Score: 24
Average Score: 0.2



Total Score: 27
Average Score: 0.2



Total Score: 53
Average Score: 0.4



Total Score: 68
Average Score: 0.5



Total Score: 94
Average Score: 0.8

Online Public Scoping Meeting

Conducted via Zoom July 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Attendance was relatively low.

PARKS

- New swimming **pool** - this plan will provide information for the Council to help inform the decision-making process
- **Positive comments** on the City's parks and amenities, particularly the quantity, variety and quality

- Mayor signed an initiative with a goal to provide **parks within a 10-minute walk of homes**

TRAILS

- Trail **connections** to adjacent communities, and providing connectivity (including loops)
- **Safe crossings** for the benefit of all users, including seniors
- **Positive comments** about the City's wide variety of trails, particularly the River Trail, and the positive impact trail development is having on the community
- Need to provide more **accurate up-to-date trail maps** online and at kiosks
- Desire for the roads to be **less car-centric** and accommodate bikes and pedestrians

RECREATION

- **Expanding and providing better notice** about opportunities for adults to participate in programs **as individuals**
- More effectively **getting the word out in general** about the City's programs
- Offering more **alternative organized activities** such as hiking or biking

Existing Conditions

Landmark Design discussed the preliminary demographics analysis. The population is expected to increase from 44,793 in 2020 to 93,509 in 2050 (buildout). The median age has gradually increased over time, from 24.1 in 2000 to an estimated 25.4 in 2018. Spanish Fork is slightly older than the county, but younger than the state and nation. Average household size has increased from 3.59 in 2000 to an estimated 3.78 in 2018.

Existing and planned parks have been mapped, amenities have been inventoried, parks have been classified by type the service areas of existing parks have been analyzed. The City's current level of service is 4.19 acres of park land per 1,000 residents.

Comments:

The City wants to move forward with a higher recommended level of service – at the same Future LOS as the last plan recommended. Landmark Design will look back at the previous plan and ensure that the same parks are being included that were included in the last plan, double checking park categories as well. They will analyze what the City should have been at, what population the projected population was, and what it is really at.

ACTION ITEMS

- Landmark Design will forward the results of the survey to the committee.
- Landmark Design will compare the park classifications and the level of service in the last plan to the current planning direction. This information will be sent to staff for direction and input.

Public Scoping Meeting Notes

- Dale and Karen will organize focus groups for interview by Landmark Design.
- Landmark Design will start to move forward with the development of the draft plan once staff has given direction on classifications and LOS.

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Public Scoping Meeting

July 13, 6:00pm
Online Zoom Meeting

ATTENDANCE: 5 members of the public participated

7 staff and committee members participated

SUMMARY

The meeting began with a discussion and PowerPoint summary of the planning process. Public involvement opportunities were discussed. Audio and video recordings of the meeting are available on the project webpage (www.SpanishFork.org/ParksPlan) under Public Meetings. The presentation was followed by a discussion about what the public's needs and desires for Spanish Fork's parks, recreation, and trails.

DISCUSSION/COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

The notes from the meeting follow.

Parks

- Staff says a new swimming pool up in the air. The existing pool will remain open for one more year after this summer. It was built on school district property. The school district will be building a new high school which means the pool will be closed and demolished.
 - Council waiting for input from this plan to move forward
- Love the different sizes of parks
 - Little park for toddlers and big parks available within walking distance
 - Likes the variety
 - Likes a little bit of everything for everybody
- Mayor has signed an initiative with a goal to provide a park within 10 min walk.
- City Park will remain as-is when library moves.
 - Building may be reused for other purposes.
- Not a dog owner, but the dog parks are popular and well utilized.
- Appreciate and love the new pickleball courts.
- Love the variety and number of parks.

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Recreation

- Wants to participate in adult recreation without pulling together a team
 - City takes list of individuals to teams to fill rosters.
 - The City has some individual instructional recreation programs such as pickleball.
 - Interested in getting involved in pickleball.
- The City would like to provide more prominent publicity for recreation programs and opportunities.
- The City could explore how to connect people that want to recreate but don't have family to participate with.
- Are there plans for organized bike rides or hikes?
 - City has not explored too much

Trails

- Need a connection to Mapleton Canal Trail (Currently no safe route to Springville)– is a connection planned?
 - Has been approved for MAG funding and will be implemented in the next couple of years.
- Seniors love walking trails – need connectivity and safe crossings.
- Appreciates the variety of walking and biking trails.
- Impressed by river trail.
 - Feels safe and pleasant – wasn't always that way.
 - The new connection is great.
- Poplar Lane was dangerous before trail
- Trailhead is being constructed at Poplar Lane and River Trail. Lots of cars were parking on Poplar Lane before. The trailhead will have a restroom as well.
- Trail maps at trailheads are out of date – need to know where to find a current trails map.
 - The City is in the process of updating trail maps at kiosk. The trails map is currently challenging to find on the City's website.
 - Existing trail map has different trail types. Types A-E are paved.
 - This plan will generate an updated trails map and will show planned connections to surrounding communities.
- Enjoy riding to the golf course on the river trail – would be nice for it to be a loop.
- The River Trail up to the reservoir is a nice addition.
- Would like to see improved active transportation to be able to get around the City without a car.
 - Consider bike thoroughfares, bike boulevards, etc.
 - Planning Team and City will check with Engineering to see what the plans are right now.
- Would like to see Canyon Creek less car centric.
 - Trail is located around IHC and Canyon Creek Parkways - cuts through newer buildings.
 - It is intended to be connected and will be eventually.

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- The City is just starting to implement bike lanes and acknowledges they are behind a little on bike facilities.
- The City is working on the Rocky Mountain Power Corridor trail.
 - Will have wider trails and linear parks in the RMP Corridor.
- Spanish Fork Parkway will ease car traffic in the City. RMP Corridor will help east side and connect to the River Bottoms.
- The City trails may appear to dead-end in certain areas, or be disjointed, but the idea is to get trail segments installed as development happens and they will all eventually connect together.

Focus Group Interviews

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Focus Interview #3: Arts Council

October 15, 2020, 8:00 PM Zoom Online

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ken Jensen	Arts Council President, Arts Council Board
Cami Jensen	Arts Council Board
Gladis Higginbotham	Arts Council Board
Sandy Coxson	Arts Council Board
Angela Eckhardt	Arts Council Board
Connie Manwaring	Arts Council Board
Keir Scoubes	City Council, Arts Council Board
Kelly Wiltermood	Arts Council Board
Karen Bradford	Assistant Parks & Recreation Director
Dale Robinson	Parks & Recreation Director
Lisa Benson	Landmark Design



SUMMARY

The meeting began with introductions and discussion of the project's purpose. This was followed by a discussion of the Arts Council and arts activities in the City, and the needs and desires of the art community as they relate to the Master Plan update. The notes from the meeting follow.

DISCUSSION/COMMENTS

- Arts Council (AC) programs include:
 - Community Theater
 - Youth Theater
 - Chorale
 - Youth Arts Festival (2 weeks of workshops, serves 1,300+ youth)
 - Harvest Moon Hurrah (booths, live entertainment, food in the park, community theater one-act play)
 - Adult Arts Education
- City passed a RAP tax which has provided more funding options. The arts programs are usually largely self-funded. The RAP funds help ease the ups and downs. We also able to purchase some special effects equipment to increase the quality of the events, such as lighting, flash pots, fog machines, flameless fireworks, etc. Have been able to fund some scholarships, assist the choir, and bring in professionals for Handel's Messiah.
- The AC is excited to grow arts programs in the community.
- The major difficulties the AC faces are:

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- Space for productions – use school space and they have been expanding their programs as well. High school has two stages right now and the AC typically uses the small stage. This will be going away with the construction of the new school. Chorale, Harvest Moon Hurrah and the Community Theater all use this small stage.
 - Storage – increasing the number of costumes, props, set pieces, etc. as programs grow. Rent space at private storage facilities. Also use some City-provided space and space at AC members' homes.
 - Volunteers – always need more volunteers for events and AC
 - Outreach – one of the big challenges is getting the word out about events and programs
- Need a dedicated theater venue with big and little theater, as well as classrooms. Have been talking about a cultural arts center for years. Could partner with the school district on it. It would be a boon for the community.
 - Are the plans complete for the high school? Yes – it has already been designed. They have a template for most of their new schools. It would be nice to have a facility like Park City where the arts venue is on one end of the school and has separate entrances for the school and the public. It isn't the only venue in the school.
 - Space on the site is limited.
 - City has talked with the school district in the past about it. Needs to be close to the junior high so the students can easily access it – most likely on school district property.
 - City has to balance a wide range of community needs with all of the new growth.
 - City has had an interlocal agreement with the school district for 50 years, which is why AC currently has access to the schools.
 - The City and school district can do more together than individually. It will still come with some challenges to meet everyone's scheduling needs.
 - Property close to River Trail would be beautiful for a performance venue, but wouldn't work for the school district. Adjacency to the junior high is key for them.
- Ballot initiative five years ago was for a recreation center, senior center and library. It did not include a performance venue.
- Dance studios are also looking for places to hold recitals. Income from rentals to these kinds of user groups could help offset the cost.
- Karen will send Landmark Design the AC's annual report which has details on the group's programs and events. Also check out the City's Facebook page.
- The AC is hoping to continue to improve the quality and reach of its programs. New possibilities include Shakespeare in the Park, Utah Children's Choir Living Nativity and digital media classes.
 - Digital media offers a great opportunity for crossover. So many backdrops are now going digital and being projected instead of physically constructed. Borrow a screen for productions when they need one – it would be helpful to own one.
 - The digital media program could provide animation and images for the sets.

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Focus Interview #1: Senior Board

October 6, 2020, Spanish Fork Senior Center and Zoom Online

IN ATTENDANCE:

Janice Orr	Senior Board
Beverly Schofield	Senior Center Receptionist
Mary Lou Brandon	Senior Board
Maureen Rindlisbacher	Senior Board
Marsha Steggell	Senior Board
Verna Jo Hollingshead	Senior Center Director
Karen Bradford	Assistant Parks & Recreation Director
Dale Robinson	Parks & Recreation Director
Bart Morrill	Parks Division Manager
Lisa Benson	Landmark Design

SUMMARY

The meeting began with introductions and discussion of the project's purpose. This was followed by a discussion of the Senior Center and Senior activities in the City, and the needs and desires of seniors as they relate to the Master Plan update. The notes from the meeting follow.

DISCUSSION/COMMENTS

Parks and Trails

- The All Abilities Park is such a great addition.
- The community could use more neighborhood parks where housing is being developed.
- Dale is doing a great job as are other City staff. New park is fantastic – has a daughter that teaches the disabled, and this park is much needed.
- Walking groups would be great– the City has so many trails.
- Benches along trails are extremely helpful for seniors.
- There is a need park near existing restaurants for residents and workers to be able to dine in a pleasant environment.
- Lives a block from new park – my family travels from Gunnison area to go to our new park. It's the most amazing park. The grandkids love it and it's a regional draw. Adults and kids are having fun at it – there are spots for all of us.
- Seniors need to have access to a park they can walk to, even just to sit on a bench and watch the birds. It can't be a great distance though because many can't walk very far.
- Just having a trail nearby is important too.



- Wayfinding would be helpful to ensure people know which parks are public and which are private. The “park” on Canyon Road and 24th East is part of a private residence.

Existing Senior Center and Programming

- Most programs were cancelled over the summer because instructors and participants are all in at-risk age group. Going to start Tai Chi next week though.
- Verna Jo does a great job. Loves the newsletter. The recipes are too big, have to cut them down a bit.
- Loves watching the City's senior show in the morning.
- Loves Tai Chi and cowboy poetry.
- Enjoys the meals, but wants them to be prepared from scratch/be home-cooked.
- The Center offers meals, Tai Chi, sit and dance classes, Zumba, presentation on health, entertainment during lunch, games, talent show. Seniors also go on trips such as cruises.
- The Center offers a sense of comradery – that's where we get together, do ceramics and other activities.
- Looks forward to events at the Center. Was afraid at first - thought it would be like a rest home. Wishes people knew how great the Center, its programs and the senior community really are.
- The Center reaches out to those that don't come in, seniors that are home bound.
- Pete, who does the senior TV show is amazing. He goes to people's homes who can't make it in.

New Senior Center & Programming

- Some senior centers have craft stores in them.
- Some of the exercises are too fast – maybe a more gentle / slower paced option would be good from some of the seniors.
- Enjoys the plays that the seniors attend – loves BYU performances but high schools also put on great performances which would also be more affordable.
- Need some health fairs and classes to help seniors lose some weight.
- Need a new senior center with warm and comfortable restrooms.
- Check out the senior centers in St. George and Provo. Orem has a nice one as well.
- Provo didn't seem as accessible and welcoming, have seen decrease in attendance as well. Dale loves Provo model because newer seniors are active and their model offers more active options for all seniors. The comradery of Spanish Fork's Center is its main draw – a new center modeled after Provo's could potentially draw in even more seniors with active its component.
- Parking is a challenge for seniors. Needs to be considered in the design of a new Center.
- Many seniors participate in the aquatic classes at the pool, but there aren't specific classes just for seniors. There aren't any options for year-round classes since pool is outdoors, and it will be going away.
- What would location for a new Senior Center be? Needs to be centrally located for senior to walk or get there. Former study had 2 to 3 locations including the Sports Park

or the Justice Center. Dale is eyeing a few other locations, but nothing specific has been determined yet.

General Comments

- Commend Parks and Recreation department – loves new park.
- The community should be proud of what we have here. The City is amazing. There is a strong sense of comradery. Staff are always available. It's a great team effort and an amazing city.
- The City is very supportive and ingenious with making the best use of resources. They also have an open-door policy.
- Chad Argyle made great contributions when he was on the Board. He is missed, but Mike Mendenhall is doing a good job as his replacement.
- Survey those who will be seniors in 10 years. They are a different group with different priorities.
- Some people are intimidated by "old people", which is also associated with senior centers in general.
- The City offers transportation to the Senior Center if they can't drive there. Marsha is the driver. It would be great to expand that a little.
- Thankful to live here and appreciates being asked to provide input for the Master Plan.
- Verna Jo said she received compliments about the City and its management by someone doing an inspection of the Senior Center a while back. He was very complimentary of staff.

Spanish Fork Parks, Recreation and Trails Master Plan

NOTES

Focus Interview #2: Water Park/Swimming

October 14, 2020, 7:00 PM, Zoom Online

IN ATTENDANCE:

Neal Fraser	
Ashley Christiansen	
Geneva Feland	
Jerald Chapple	
Shanon Dowling	
Tyler Knudsen	
Kera Kilpatrick	
Jamie Sayre	
Karen Bradford	Assistant Parks & Recreation Director
Dale Robinson	Parks & Recreation Director
Lisa Benson	Landmark Design
Mark Vlasic	Landmark Design

SUMMARY

The meeting began with introductions and discussion of the project's purpose. This was followed by a discussion of the Water Park and aquatics activities in the City, and the needs and desires of swimmers and pool users as they relate to the Master Plan update. The notes from the meeting follow.

DISCUSSION/COMMENTS

Water Park/Pool

- Dale discussed the background of the pool situation. He said that the City was originally told that the pool would be around much longer, which is why it opted to invest more in the existing facility. The school district then shifted the City's high school to the next in line – which left the City with little notice and little time to do planning for a replacement. They have constructed another parking lot on the south side of the pool so that the community could still have access in the summer of 2021 after construction on the new school starts.
- So many families have kids that have grown up using the pool. Younger children may not have that opportunity if the pool goes away and the City doesn't do anything to replace it.
- Pool is well-used by the community.
- Concerned about the community not having a place to offer swimming lessons. Safety is a real concern because there are several reservoirs nearby, including the City's own



reservoir, and kids need to know how to swim to be safe. The reservoirs were packed this year because of the pandemic and the travel restrictions.

- Not everyone can afford private lessons and there's aren't a lot of options to begin with.
- Swim teams drive all over the region to find enough space to practice. If Spanish Fork built an indoor pool, more people would participate in programs and teams.
- Acknowledge the great expense this will entail, but hopefully fees from meets and rentals can help offset the costs.
- A new pool would be amazing. Space is already so limited and hard to come by. It would benefit surrounding communities as well.
- Rentals are a big source of revenue.
- The pool is rented out for family, work and church parties, and this would really be missed. These are some of the most well-attended events for some of these groups.
- All our kids are active and two are on City's swim team. Family buys a seasons pass every year. The community has grown significantly since the last bond measure five years ago. Hopefully there are enough additional people to help pay for it, and hopefully many of those new community members are willing to help fund and use it.
- Family has used the pool for years – swim team, swim lessons, pool parties, teenagers worked as life guards.
- Would love to see a long-course pool. There are not many in the state. The closest is in Orem. It would be so helpful for swim teams and competitions.
- Talked to the Council in February about the pool. Agree that it's one of the best sports for kids. Would advise carefully planning the new facility so it's not undersized to begin with like facilities in neighboring communities. It needs to handle both the current and future population.
- Has the fact that the pool will be gone after next summer been shared widely? Have talked to numerous people who knew nothing about it going away with the construction of the new high school.
- An indoor and outdoor pool would be great and would be popular.
- Used to be on the City Council. The City has had a pool continuously since 1961. Was on the Council in the '90s when the water park was built. As Dale said, the City was blindsided by the school district's decision, and can't imagine the City without the pool. Family has rented the pool for a family party every year for the last 20 years.
- Kids have been using the pool and participating in teams, programs, and jobs as lifeguards for years. Kids want to stay fit too to remain competitive. It will be sad if it's all for naught.
- Work as a swim official. Kearns, American Fork, Orem and Cedar City are the only locations in the state with a 50 meter pool. Kids and adults need to have access to 50 meter pools to train for that higher level of competition, particularly for the Olympics.
- Do it right with 8 lanes x 50 meters do it can be divided to maximize use, but also offer the long-course training.
- Also have adequate spectator seating and parking. No facility in the state had enough parking for large meets.
- 50 meter pool would make us a regional destination and would be a good fit for the community and region. "Build it and they will come."

- Mentioned funding options to the City Council. Spanish Fork doesn't qualify for this particular federal grant, but Salem might. City should consider partnering with Salem on a facility that's close to Spanish Fork to serve both communities. If Salem does it alone, they may build it too small.
- As a kid in the City, really want to see a new pool in Spanish Fork. It would be more convenient and would help with exercise. Want to become an Olympic swimmer and a close pool would be so helpful, especially during the pandemic.
- The school district contributed to Springville's pool construction and are guaranteed access for their swim teams.
- Remember that the general community needs a pool too, including little kids. Important for summer memories. Young kids may not have the opportunity to have the same experiences as their older siblings if we don't get a new pool.
- According to an aquatics expert that Landmark Design worked with in Park City, the leisure pool component is essential to make an aquatics center pencil out. The pool temperatures are also different for different uses. Comp pools are usually kept much cooler, which is not preferable for leisure swimmers.
- Many people want a pool but aren't willing to pay for it. You also have to consider the residents that don't want their taxes to go up, no matter what. The Council is waiting to see the results of the survey and this master plan. City has to balance the cost of the facility with people's willingness and ability to pay for it. Don't want to have the same thing that happened five years ago with the bond defeat for the construction of a new recreation center/senior center/library facility.

Programs/Teams

- During the pandemic, the City has had to turn away participants in youth swim teams in order to maintain proper social distancing. Same with swim lessons – season was postponed because of COVID.
- In the past, swim lessons have always had high levels of participation. Used to have waiting lists for lessons until the City added some evening class options, which helped working families.
- Coaches UV Rays and teaches at the pool. The lessons help generate a lot of revenue.
- Spanish Fork follows the American Red Cross recommendations/programs, which is appealing to a lot of people. Not every aquatic center does that.
- One of those sports that can be individual or team. Don't have to be "the best" at it to participate. Personally fulfilling and more affordable than many competitive sports.
- People drive from as far away as Nephi to participate on swim teams.
- Kids swim six days a week, but options have become limited with the pandemic. Some kids have Olympic potential but don't have access to water for training at that high level.
- During the high school swim season, other swim programs lose pool time to the schools. Everyone is so limited.

General Comments

- Used to be a social worker, and saw the kinds of trouble kids could get into if they didn't have good activities to keep them occupied. Swimming is a great activity that gets kids off their devices, keep them active, allows them to interact with their peers and it is a year-round sport with an indoor facility. It's important for the community and the kids.
- Have a neighbor with mental health issues, and the pool has been such a help by providing a job for this person. It's good for kids of all ages. Where will they go without a pool?
- Spanish Fork is an active community. It would be nice to balance the outdoor (rodeo, hunting, hiking, biking, camping, etc.) with other activities like swimming.
- Like the St. George approach to recreation with larger facilities that can host big tournaments. It's a real economic driver for them.
- Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.
- What can we do to help get a pool/rec center? Help get the word out and drum up support. Contact City leaders and be kind in your communications. The dynamics have been changing in the City.
- Inspire kids and the next generation.
- Can be a long-term part of your life. There are many older active swimmers. People of all ages can participate.
- This is an opportunity to build the kind of community we want to live in. Love the River Trail and run it every morning. Pool and library are also awesome. Swimming give families a wholesome way to recreate together.



SPANISH FORK
PRIDE & PROGRESS

2020 PARKS MASTER PLAN SURVEY

COMMUNITY PUBLIC OPINION RESEARCH



SURVEY METHODOLOGY

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Sample of Spanish Fork residents consisted of a universe of Spanish Fork residents sampled from the city utility billing contact database. Invitations were sent via email, and responses were collected from June 12-19, 2020.

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The average Spanish Fork resident took 32 minutes to complete the survey.

10%

Of the 7,992 delivered invitations, 1,418 citizens responded by completing online surveys. This results in a response rate of approximately 20% overall. Each email address could respond only once.

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- 2.56

1,418 interviews among an estimated adult population of 35,000 results in a margin of error for the survey of plus or minus 2.56 percentage points. Responses were weighted by age, gender, and home ownership to better approximate the City's demographic composition.



1. Spanish Fork residents are generally active. **Most residents use Spanish Fork parks, fields, or recreational facilities at least once a month.** However, over half did not participate in Spanish Fork City recreation programs such as organized sports for youth and adults.
2. A **recreation center and indoor pools are the top requests** for new recreation amenities. When asked to allocate \$100 in hypothetical funds, respondents put **\$20 towards a recreation facility and \$14 to indoor aquatics facilities, on average.** New trails/trailheads are also a popular request.
3. Residents are **most likely to support a bond for a new recreation center,** and least likely to support a bond for arts and cultural programs.
4. Residents report a willingness to pay an average of \$67.30 a year in higher taxes to fund the types of trails, parks, open space, and recreation facilities that are the most important to their households.
5. Having **a park within walking distance from home is important to residents.** It is the most significant factor that determines which parks residents visit the most often.

FINDINGS TO REMEMBER

GEOCODED RESPONSES



Sample consists of Spanish Fork residents from all areas of the city with no clear geographic nonresponse bias patterns.

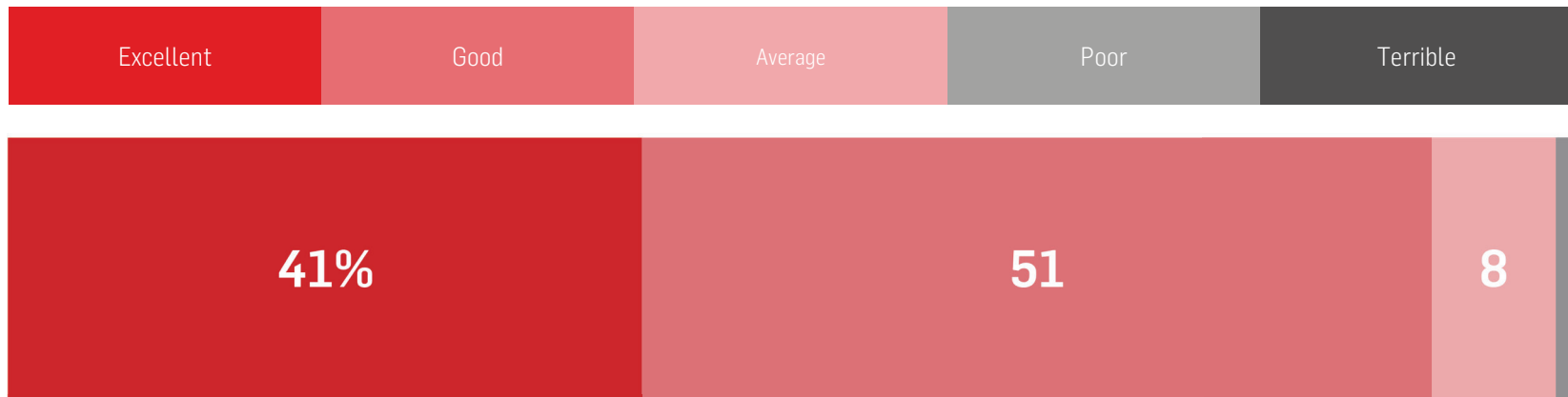
Neighborhood- or planning area-level analysis can be conducted on our response data as a follow-up to this overall report as needed.

VAST MAJORITY PLEASED WITH OVERALL QUALITY OF PARKS, TRAILS, REC FACILITIES

92% of respondents consider the overall quality of parks, trails, open spaces, and recreation facilities in Spanish Fork as either excellent or good. Only 1% of respondents considered them poor quality, and zero respondents described them as terrible.



All things considered, how would you rate the overall quality of parks, trails, open spaces, and recreation facilities / programs in Spanish Fork City?

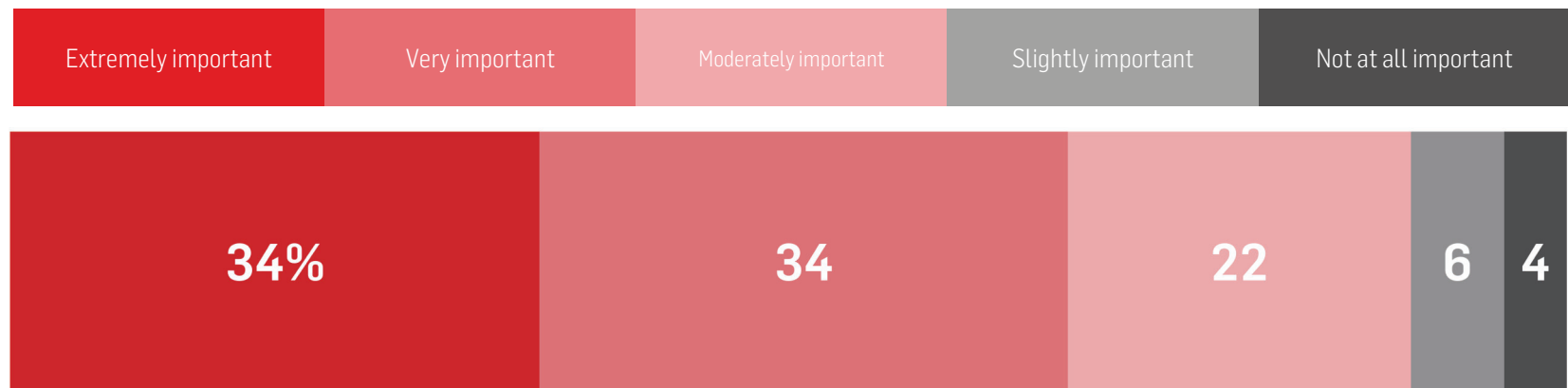


PARKS WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE IMPORTANT TO RESIDENTS

Almost all respondents think having a public park within walking distance of their home is at least slightly important. An equal proportion of respondents say it is extremely or very important, with 34% of respondents falling into each category. 4% say it is not at all important.



Thinking generally, in your opinion how important is it to you to have a public park within walking distance of your home (i.e. within half a mile or 10 minutes)?





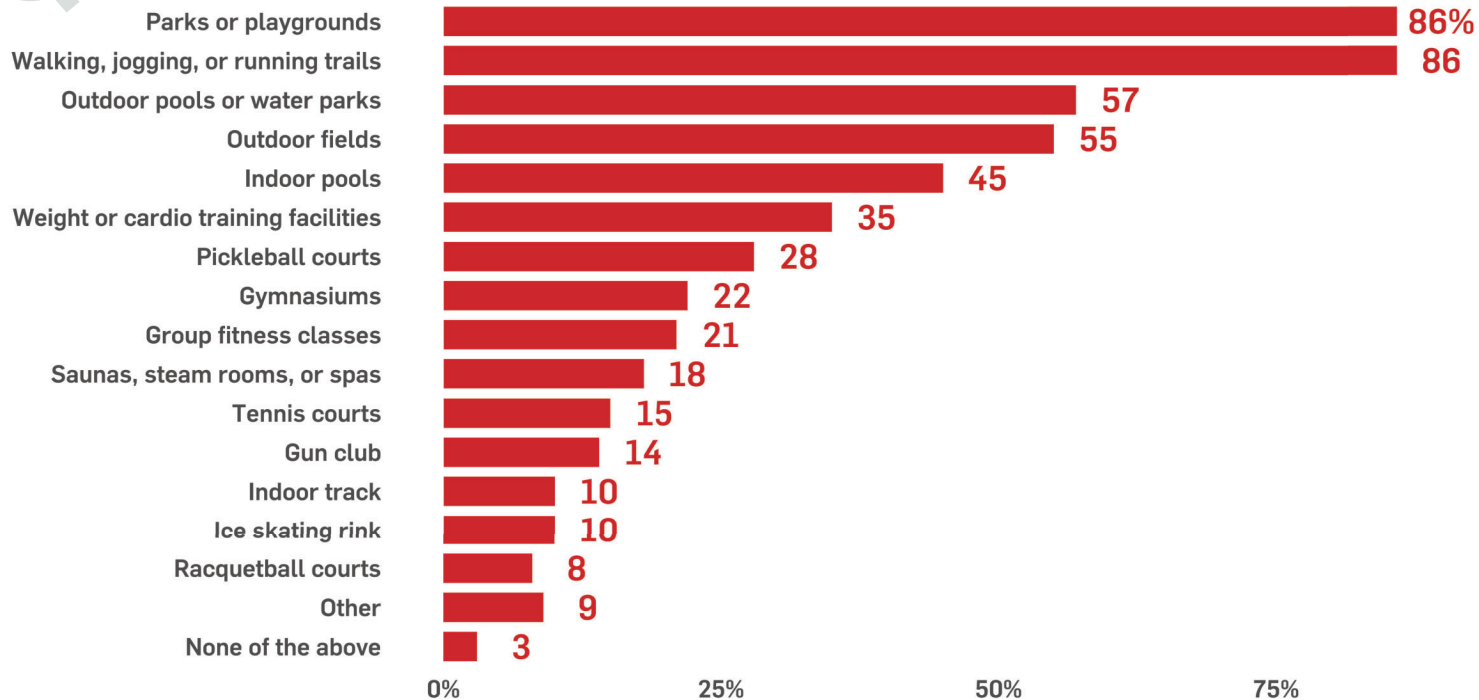
RECREATION ACTIVITIES

PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS, TRAILS MOST USED RECREATION FACILITIES

86% of respondents use parks/playgrounds and walking, jogging, or running trails. Over half of respondents also utilize the outdoor pools and fields. The indoor track, ice skating rink, and racquetball courts are the least used amenities.



In the past 12 months, what types of recreation facilities, if any, have you or members of your household used or visited, whether in Spanish Fork City or elsewhere? Select all that apply.

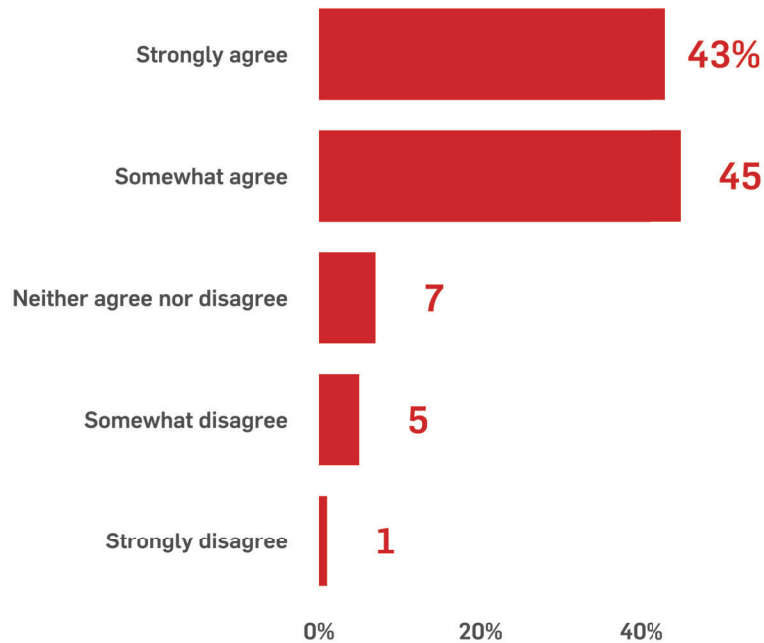


MOST FIND FACILITIES ADEQUATE, REC FACILITIES SHOW ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT

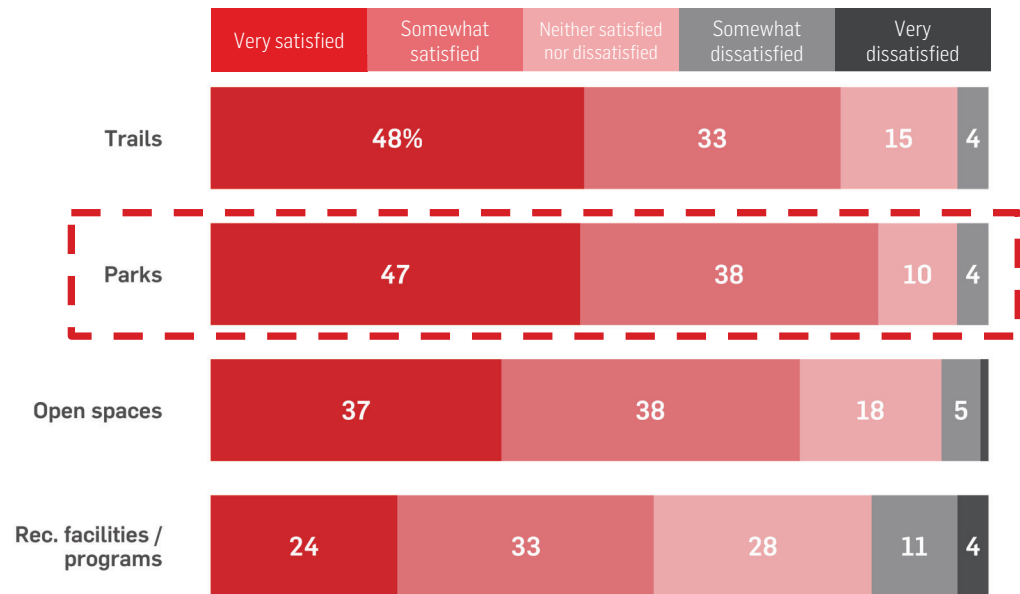
88% of all respondents either strongly or somewhat agree that current park, recreation, open space, and trail offerings are adequate. 85% are satisfied with parks, and 81% are satisfied with trails. 15% of respondents are dissatisfied with recreation facilities and programs.



To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Spanish Fork City currently provides adequate park, recreation, open space, and trail opportunities.



How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the overall value your household receives from parks, trails, open spaces, and recreational facilities and programs in Spanish Fork City?





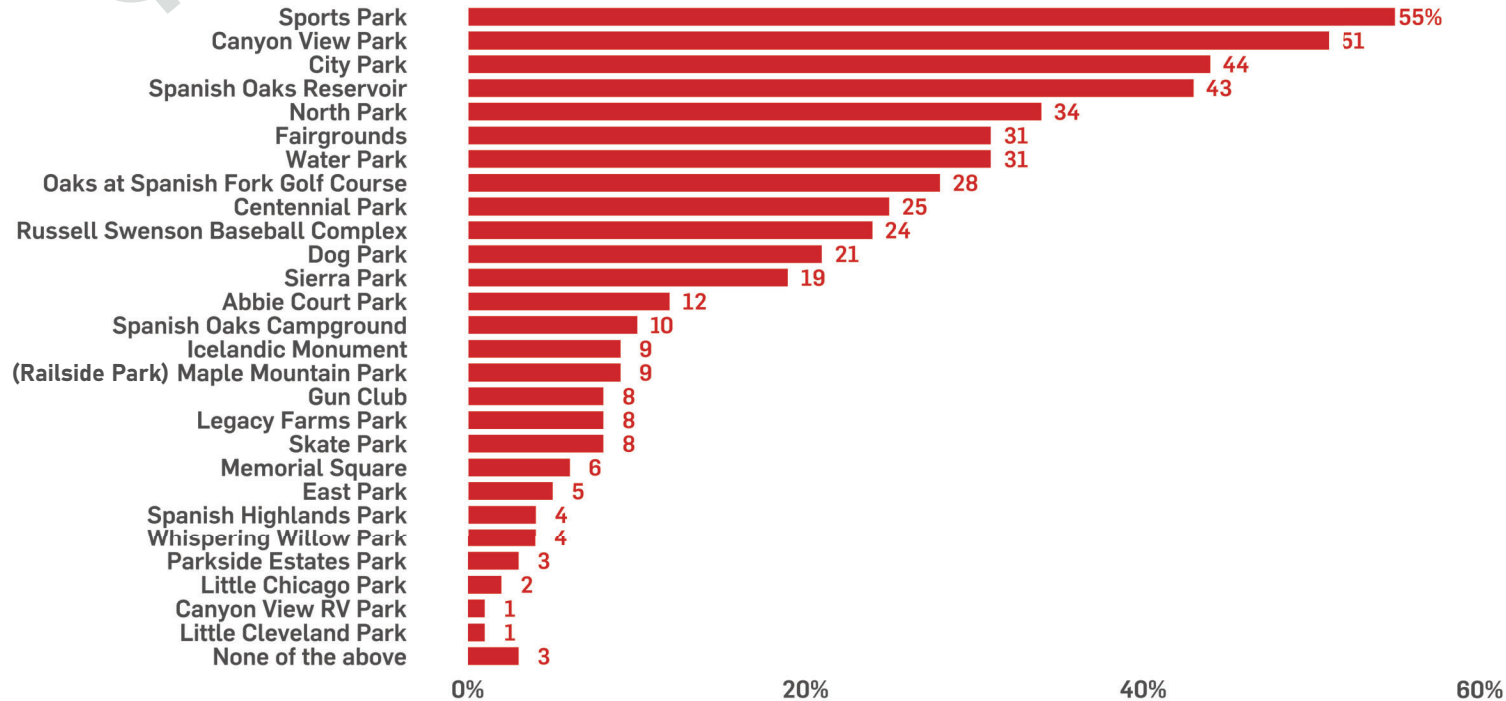
EXISTING FACILITIES

SPORTS PARK, CANYON VIEW PARK VISITED BY MORE THAN HALF OF RESPONDENTS

55% of respondents used the Sports Park and 51% visited Canyon View Park within the last year. Only 1% visited the Canyon View RV Park and Little Cleveland Park. 3% of respondents visited none of the listed parks.



In the past 12 months, which of the following Spanish Fork Recreation facilities have you or members of your household used? Select all that apply.



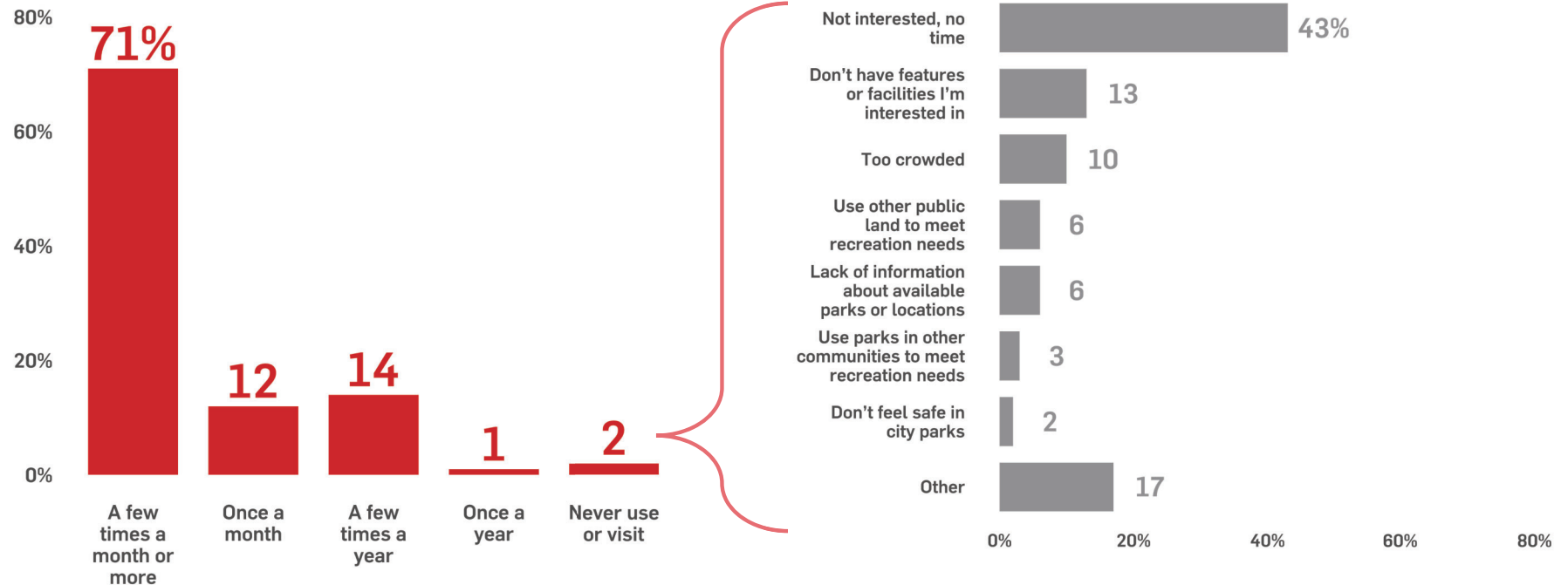
VAST MAJORITY FREQUENTLY USE FACILITIES - THOSE WHO DON'T LACK INTEREST/TIME

83% of respondents use Spanish Fork parks, fields, or recreation facilities at least once a month. Among those who never use or visit the facilities, lack of interest or time was the main reason. 13% of those respondents said the facilities lacked features they are interested in.



How often do you use or visit Spanish Fork City parks, fields, or recreation facilities?

Which of the following reasons best explains why you do not use or visit Spanish Fork City parks?

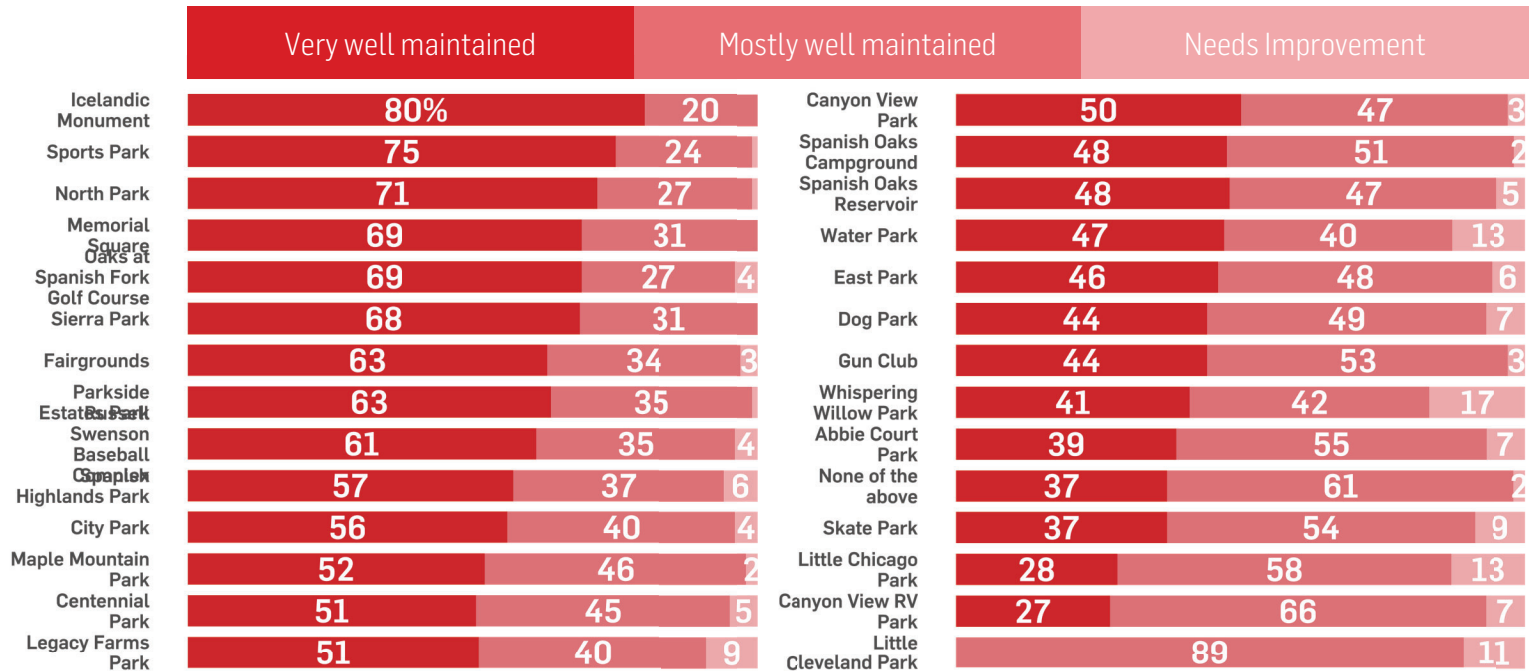


SPANISH FORK PARKS GENERALLY WELL MAINTAINED

Overall, all parks are considered very well or mostly well maintained by a majority of residents. The Icelandic Monument is considered very well maintained by 80% of respondents. 17% of respondents say Whispering Willow Park needs improvement.



In your opinion, how well maintained are each of these parks and facilities?

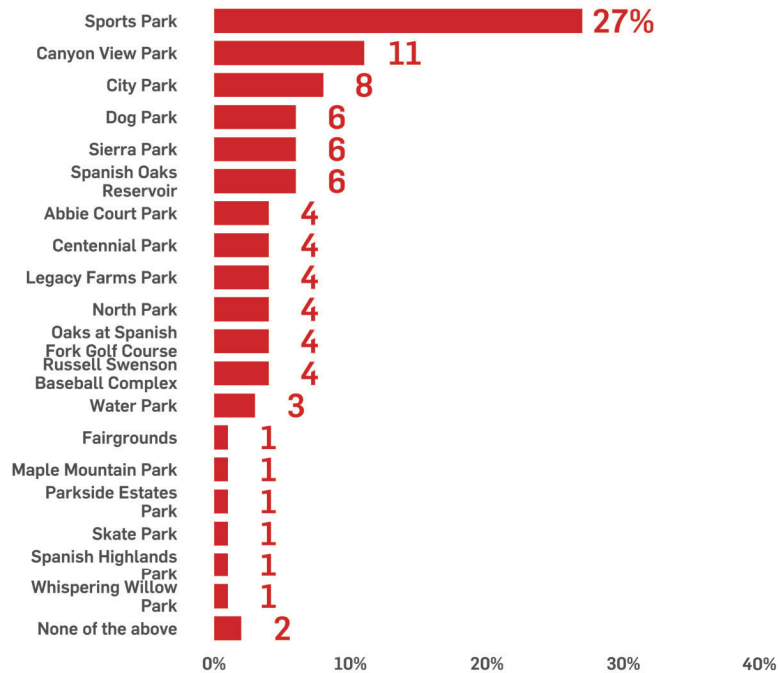


PROXIMITY TO HOME MOST CRUCIAL FOR PARK USAGE

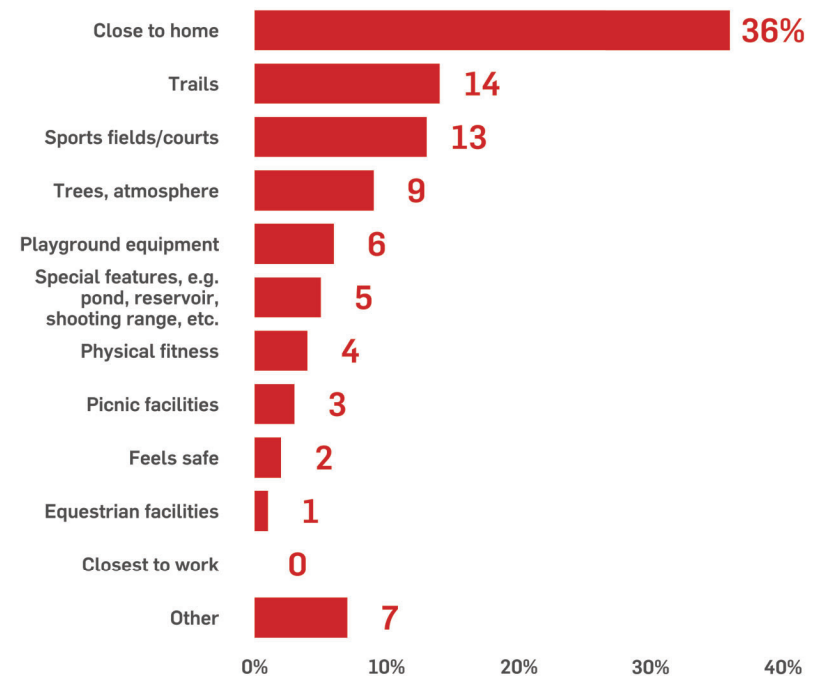
27% of respondents use the Sports Park most often, followed by Canyon View Park (11%) and City Park (8%). 36% of respondents say proximity to home is the most important reason for visiting their park of choice, but proximity to work has no influence on park choice.



Which Spanish Fork City park, field, or recreational facility does your household use most often?



What is the most important reason that your household uses or visits [selected choice] most often?





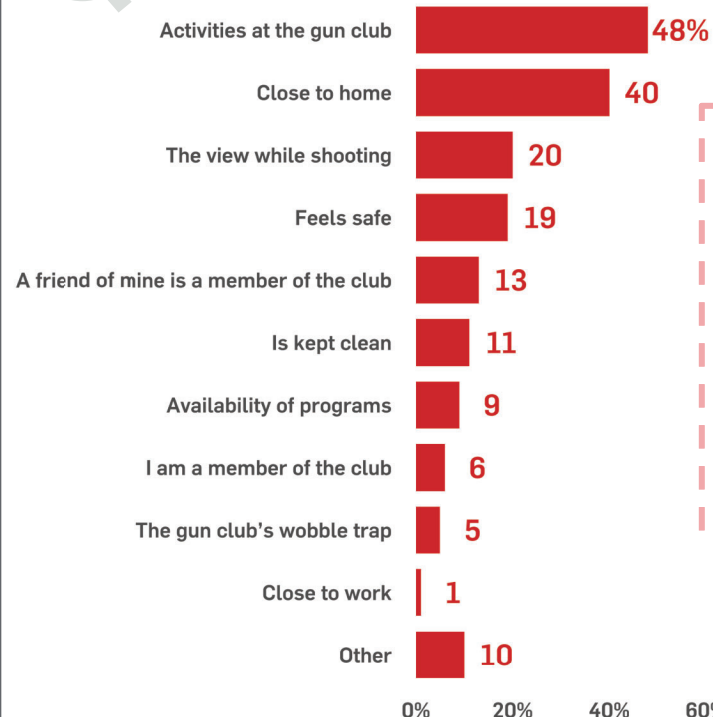
GUN CLUB

ACTIVITIES, PROXIMITY TO HOME DRAW PATRONS TO GUN CLUB

Of those who use the gun club, 48% do so because of the activities. 40% of patrons identify proximity to their home as another reason to use the gun club. Of those who do not use the club, 44% say it's because they are not members, and 30% are not interested in activities at the club.



What are the reasons that you have used the Spanish Fork Gun Club? Select all that apply.



19%

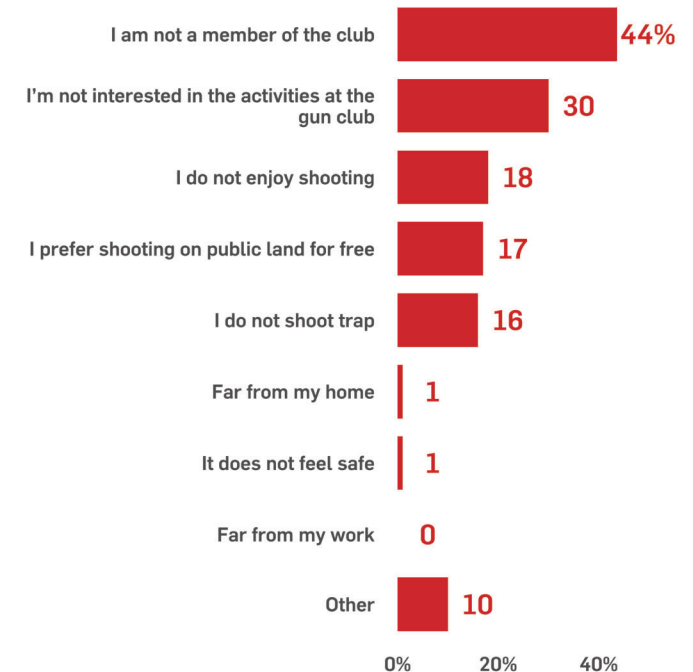
of respondents have used the gun club.

81%

have never used the gun club.



What are the reasons that you haven't used the Spanish Fork Gun Club? Select all that apply.

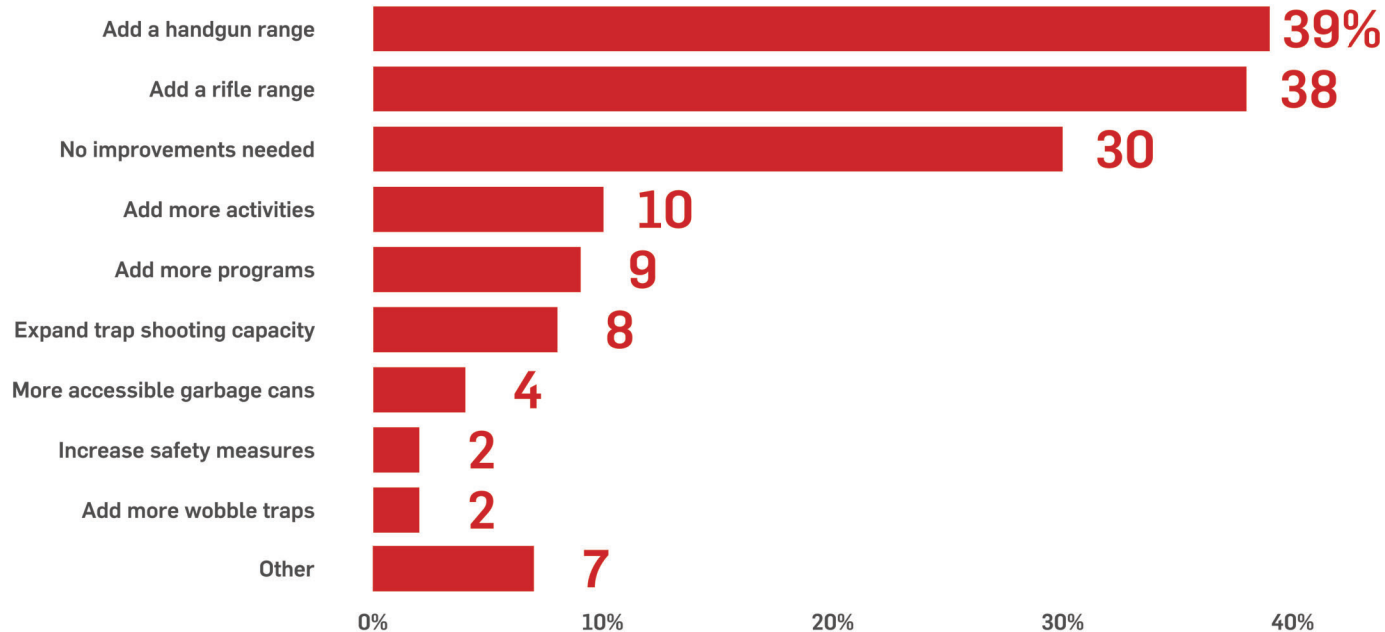


NEW HANDGUN, RIFLE RANGES MOST REQUESTED IMPROVEMENTS

39% of respondents request adding a handgun range and 38% request adding a rifle range. 30% say no improvements are needed.



What improvements, if any, should be made to the Spanish Fork Gun Club? Select up to three.





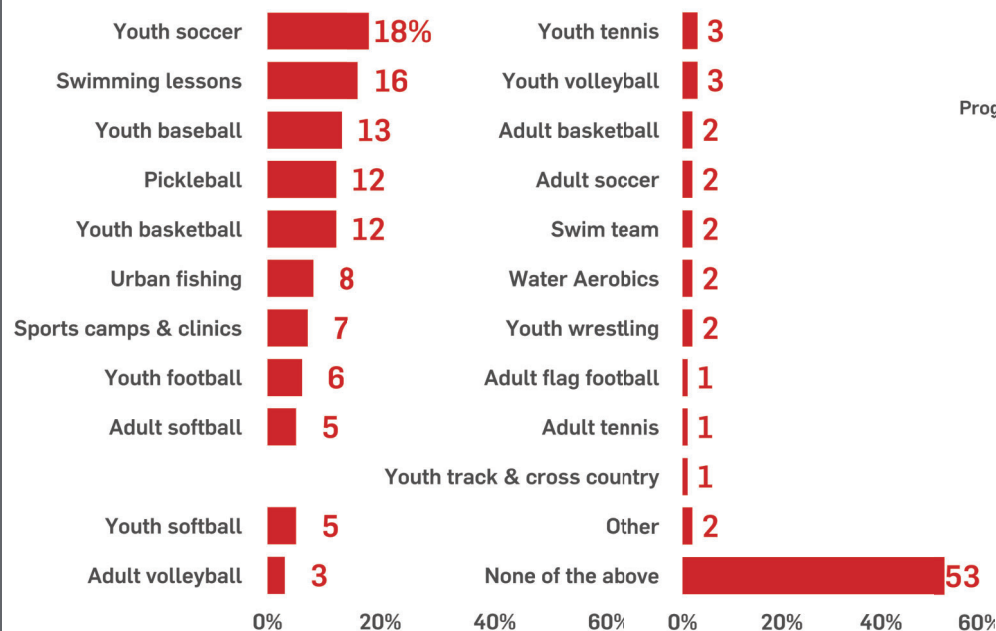
CURRENT PROGRAMS

MAJORITY OF RESPONDENTS DID NOT USE CITY RECREATION PROGRAMS

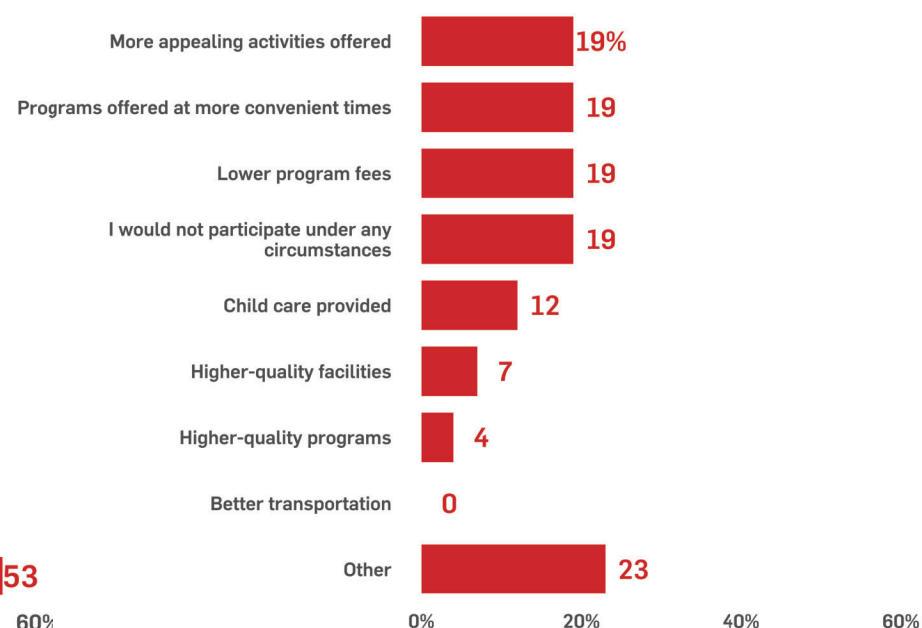
In the past year, 18% of respondents participated in youth soccer programs, and 16% took swimming lessons. However, 53% did not use any of the listed city programs. More appealing activities, more convenient activity times, and lower fees are changes that may encourage more residents to participate in city recreation programs. 19% will not participate under any circumstances.



In the past 12 months, which of the following Spanish Fork City recreation programs, if any, have you or members of your household used? Select all that apply.



Which, if any, of the following offerings or improvements would be most likely to cause you to participate in sports or recreation programs in Spanish Fork City? Select up to three.



*Pickleball was the most popular program for residents over 55.

RECREATION CENTERS, POOLS MOST COMMONLY-USED AMENITIES

Recreation centers, including Provo Recreation Center and Springville Recreation Center, were among the most frequently mentioned amenities. Mountain biking, indoor pool, and swimming pool were also in the top 10 most common answers.

What recreational activities, facilities, or programs do you use or participate in besides those previously mentioned, if any (including any outside of Spanish Fork City)?





INTERESTS & IMPROVEMENTS

RECREATION CENTERS, POOLS AMONG TOP DESIRED AMENITIES

What programs or facilities would you be interested in using or participating in that are not currently offered by the Spanish Fork City?

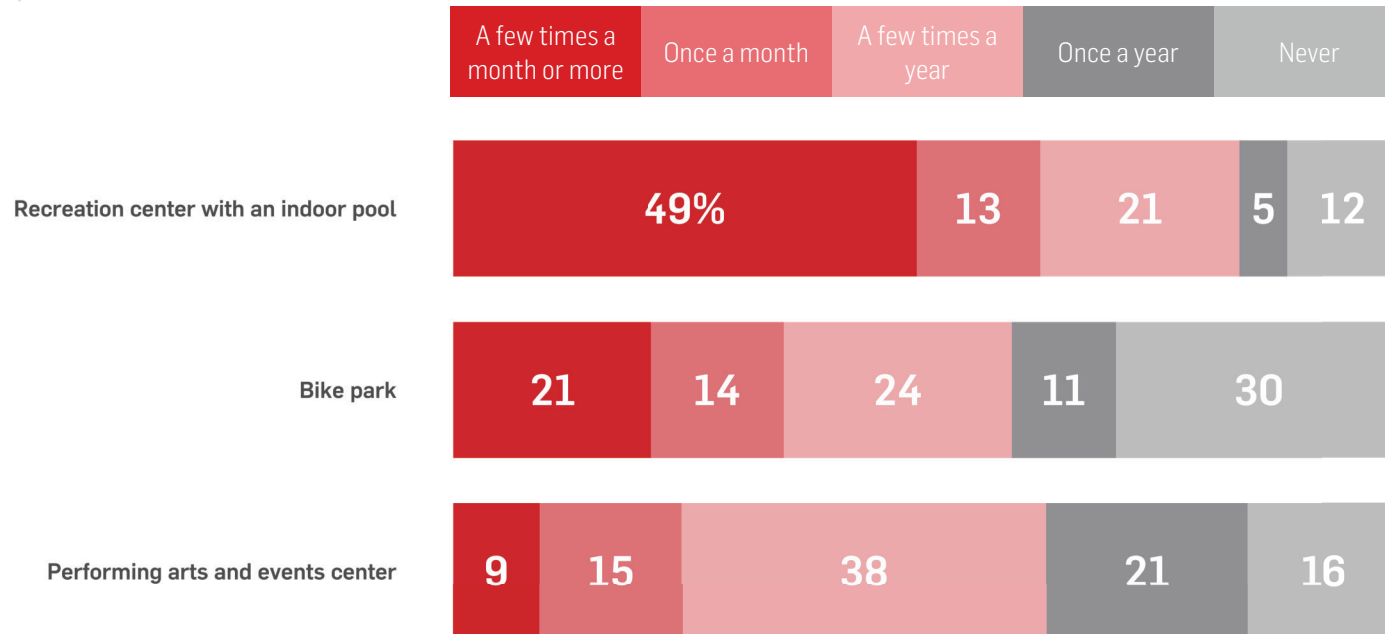


RECREATION CENTER WITH INDOOR POOL MOST LIKELY TO DRAW PATRONS

A plurality of respondents indicate they would use a recreation center with an indoor pool a few times a month or more. Support for a bike park is mixed, with 21% saying they would use it often, but 30% saying they would never visit. 38% of respondents say they would visit a performing arts and events center a few times a year.



How often would you or members of your household use or visit each of the following potential Spanish Fork City parks and recreational or cultural facilities?

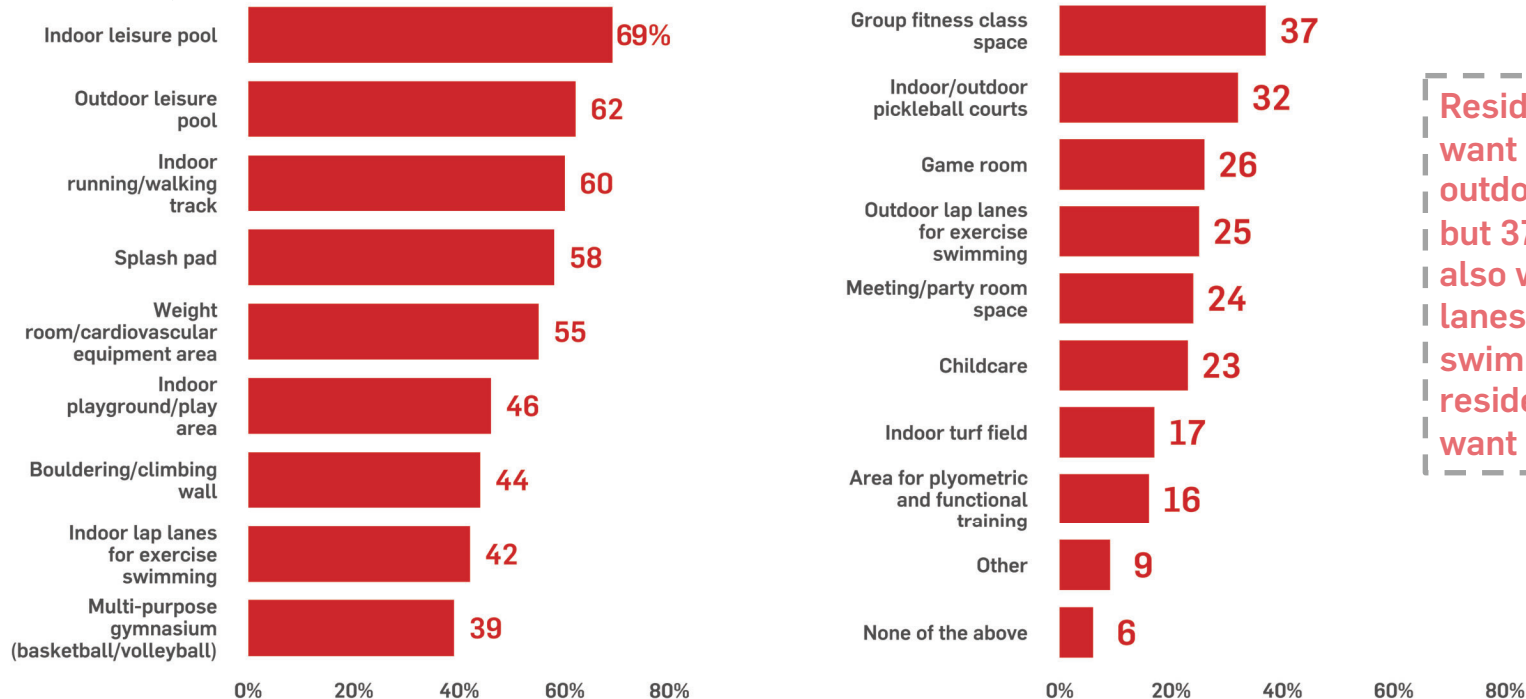


POOLS MOST POPULAR REQUEST FOR POTENTIAL REC CENTER AMENITIES

If a new recreation center is built, 69% of respondents want an indoor leisure pool and 62% request an outdoor leisure pool. Respondents are least enthusiastic about a potential indoor turf field and areas for plyometric and functional training.



If Spanish Fork City were to build a new Recreation Center, which of the following offerings would you or members of your household use? Select all that apply.



Residents of all ages want indoor and outdoor leisure pools, but 37% of seniors also want indoor lap lanes for exercise swimming. 63% of residents under 54 want a splash pad.



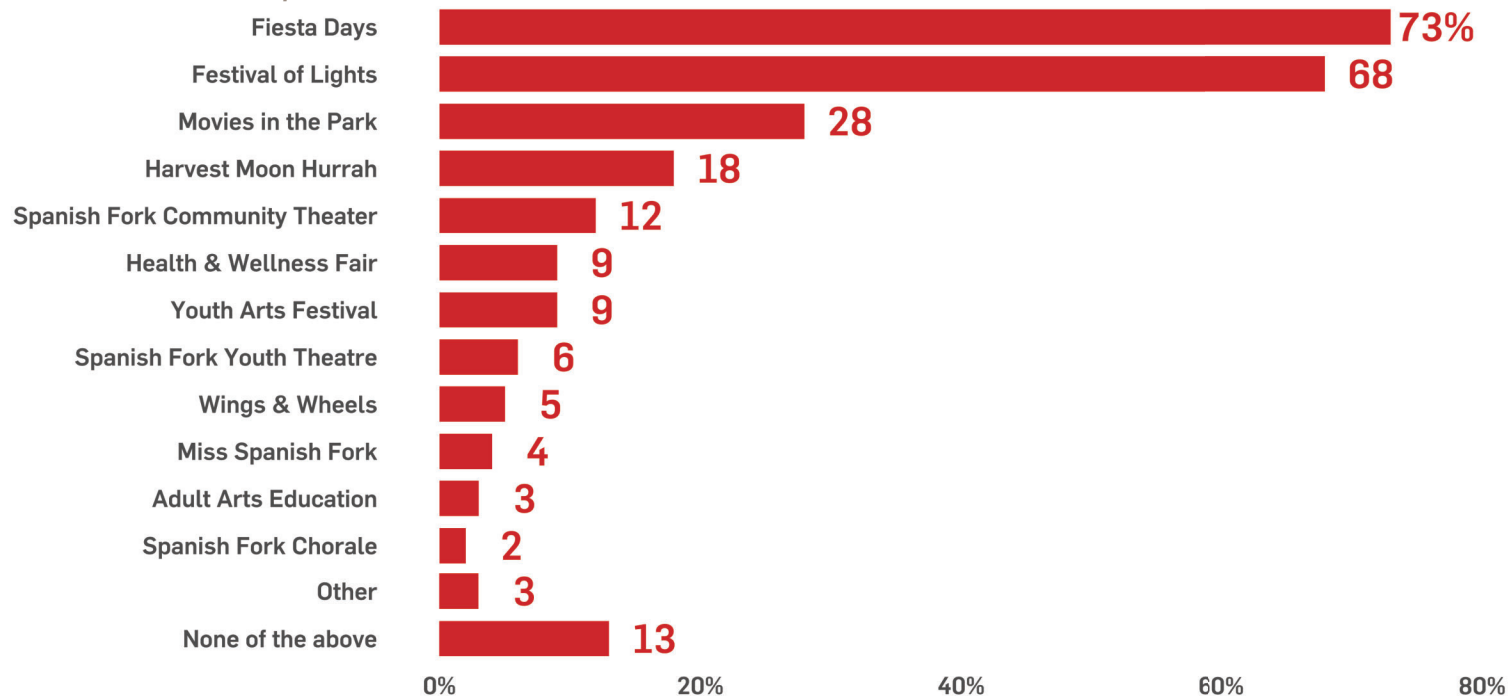
ARTS & CULTURE

FIESTA DAYS, FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS HIGHEST ATTENDED CULTURAL EVENTS

A majority of respondents attended Fiesta Days (73%) and the Festival of Lights (68%). Adult Arts Education and Spanish Fork Chorale had the lowest attendance, and 13% said they attended none of the arts and cultural events.



Which, if any, of the following Spanish Fork City arts and cultural events have you or members of your household participated in or attended in the past 12 months?





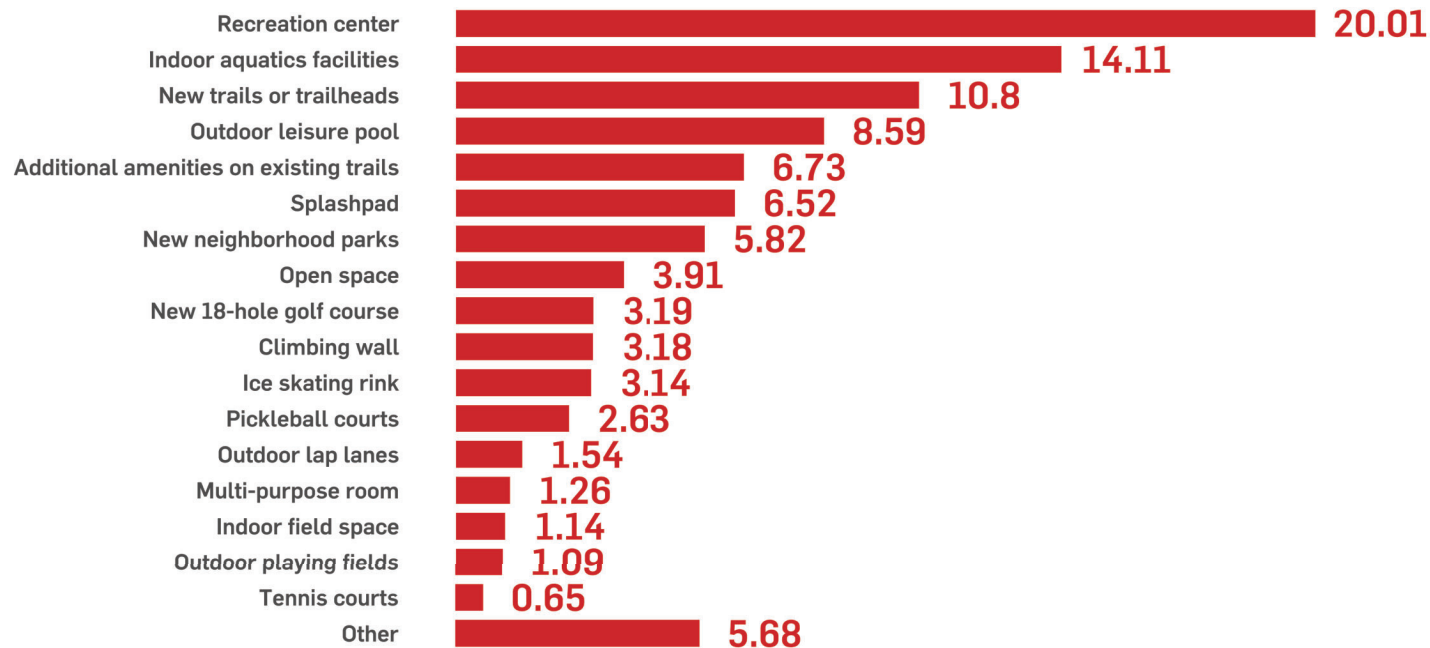
PRIORITIES

RECREATION CENTER, INDOOR AQUATICS FACILITY GIVEN MOST FUNDING

A plurality of funds for additional programs (\$20.01) goes towards a new recreation center. Resident would allocate \$14.11 towards an indoor aquatic facility. Tennis courts received the lowest amount of funding at \$0.65.



Suppose you had \$100 to spend on additional parks, recreational programs, facilities, open space, or trails the Spanish Fork city boundaries. How would you divide your \$100 among the various projects that could be funded?



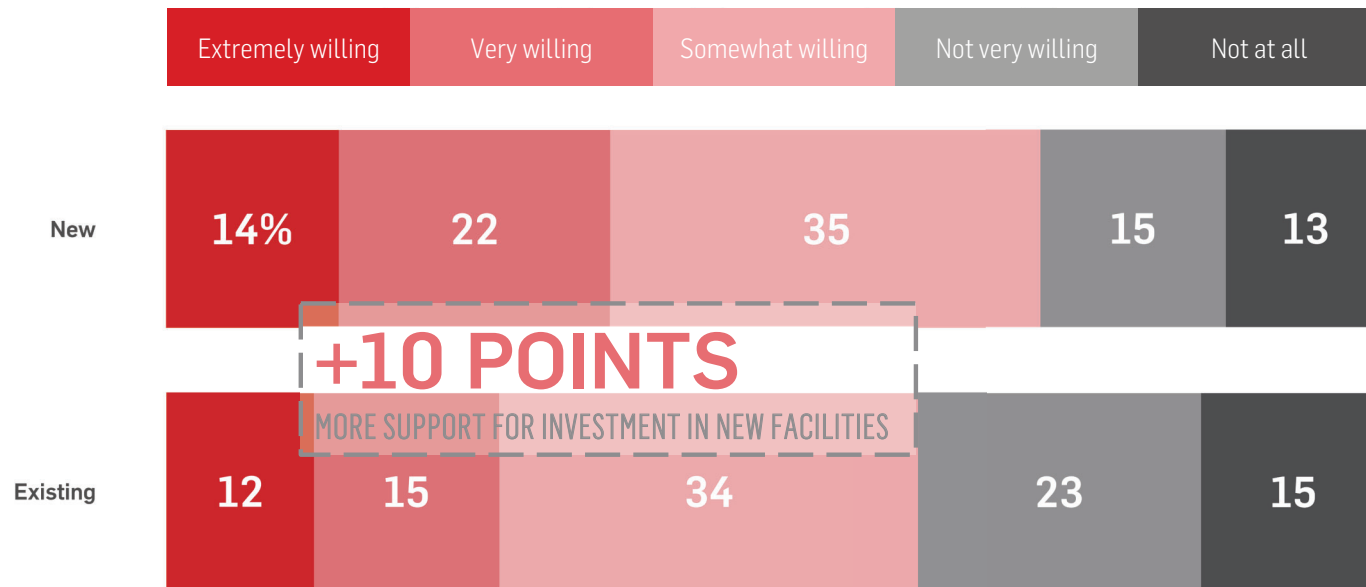
MORE WILLINGNESS TO FUND NEW PARKS, TRAILS, & FACILITIES

71% of respondents are at least somewhat willing to pay a \$10 monthly usage fee to support the acquisition/development of new parks projects, and 61% are at least somewhat willing to financially support improvements at existing facilities, but more than half of the support for each potential fee is “soft” support. 38% express unwillingness to pay a fee towards improving existing facilities.



Please indicate how willing you would be to pay a monthly usage fee of \$10 that would fund maintenance and upgrades to existing parks, facilities, or trails in Spanish Fork.

Please indicate how willing you would be to pay a monthly usage fee of \$10 that would fund the acquisition, development, and maintenance of new parks, facilities, or trails in Spanish Fork.



RESIDENTS WILL PAY ~\$67 MORE ANNUALLY FOR RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

On average, residents are willing to pay \$67.30 in additional property taxes to fund the types of parks, trails, open space, and recreation facilities that are most important to them. A plurality of respondents (18%) were only willing to pay \$50. The next largest group was the 13% of respondents who were willing to pay \$100 per year. 9% said they don't want to pay higher taxes.



What is the maximum amount of additional annual property taxes you would be willing to pay to fund the development and operations of the types of parks, trails, open space, and recreation facilities that are most important to you and members of your household?

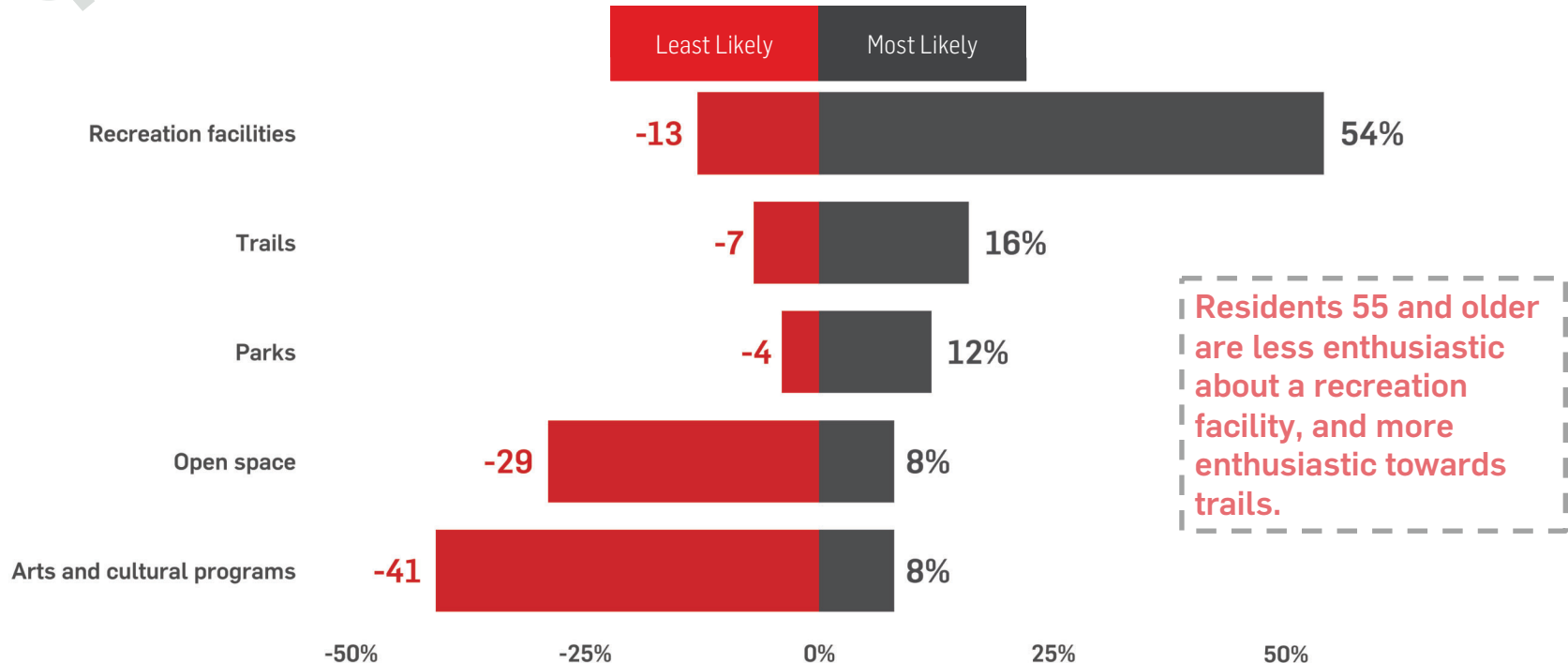


RESIDENTS MOST LIKELY TO SUPPORT BOND FOR RECREATION FACILITIES

A majority of respondents (54%) indicate they are most likely to support a bond for recreation facilities. 41% are least likely to support a bond funding arts and cultural programs, and 29% are least likely to support a bond for open space.



If a bond were issued and property taxes were to be increased, which of the following would you be **MOST** likely to support? Which would you be **LEAST** likely to support?



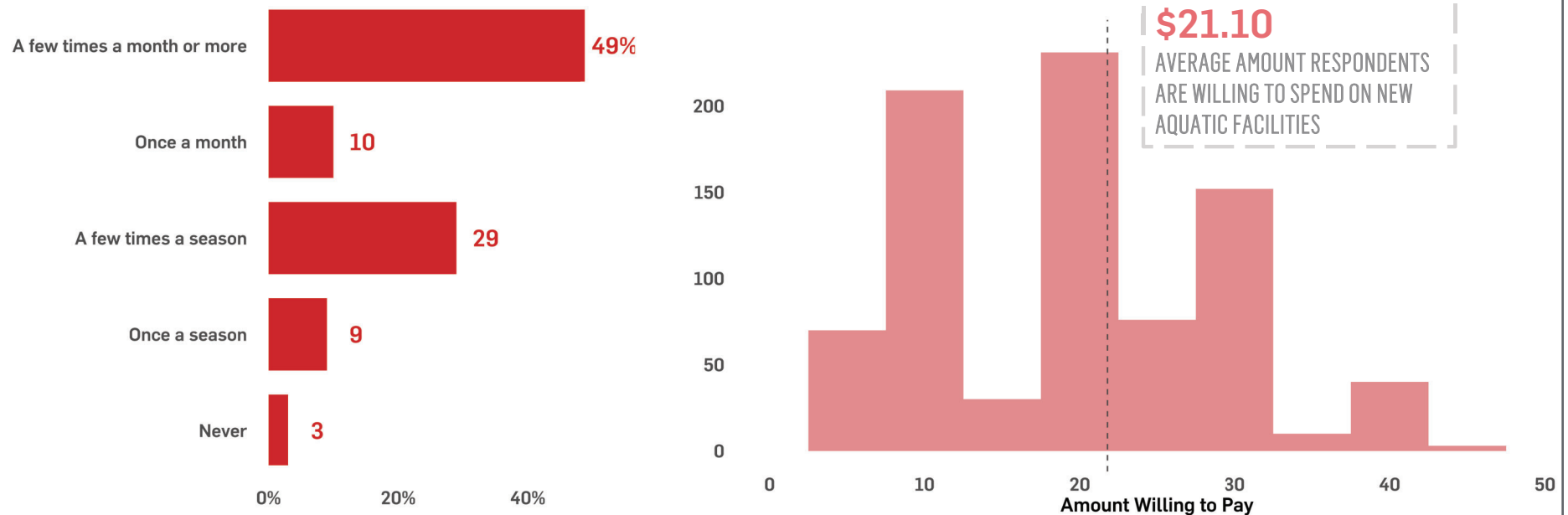
WATERPARK POPULAR AMONG RESIDENTS

Nearly half of all respondents (49%) visit the waterpark a few times a month or more. 29% visit a few times a season, and only 3% never visit. Residents are willing to pay \$21.10 on average in annual property taxes to replace the current aquatic facilities.



How often do you or members of your household visit Spanish Fork Water Park?

After Spanish Fork High School is rebuilt and the current outdoor pool facilities are no longer available, how much would you be willing to pay in annual property taxes for Spanish Fork City to replace those aquatic facilities elsewhere in the city?





LIFESTYLE

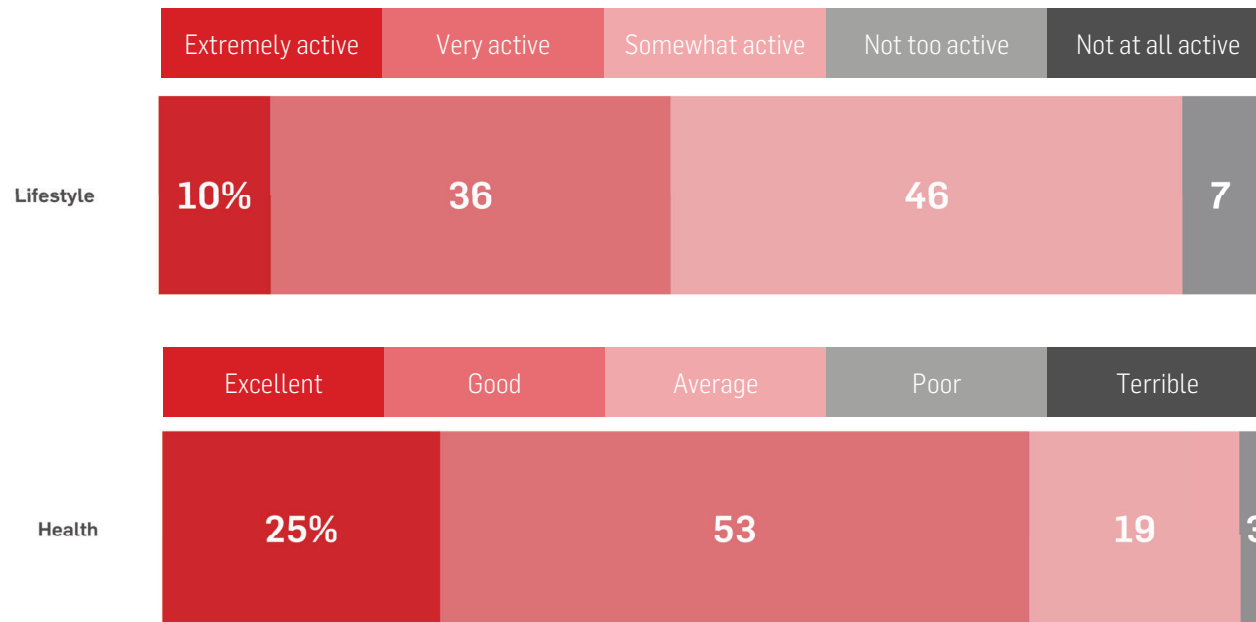
SPANISH FORK RESIDENTS GENERALLY ACTIVE, HEALTHY

92% of respondents are at least somewhat active, with 46% saying they are very or extremely active. A majority have good health, with only 3% indicating poor or terrible health.



How would you rate your own lifestyle?

Would you say your health in general is:



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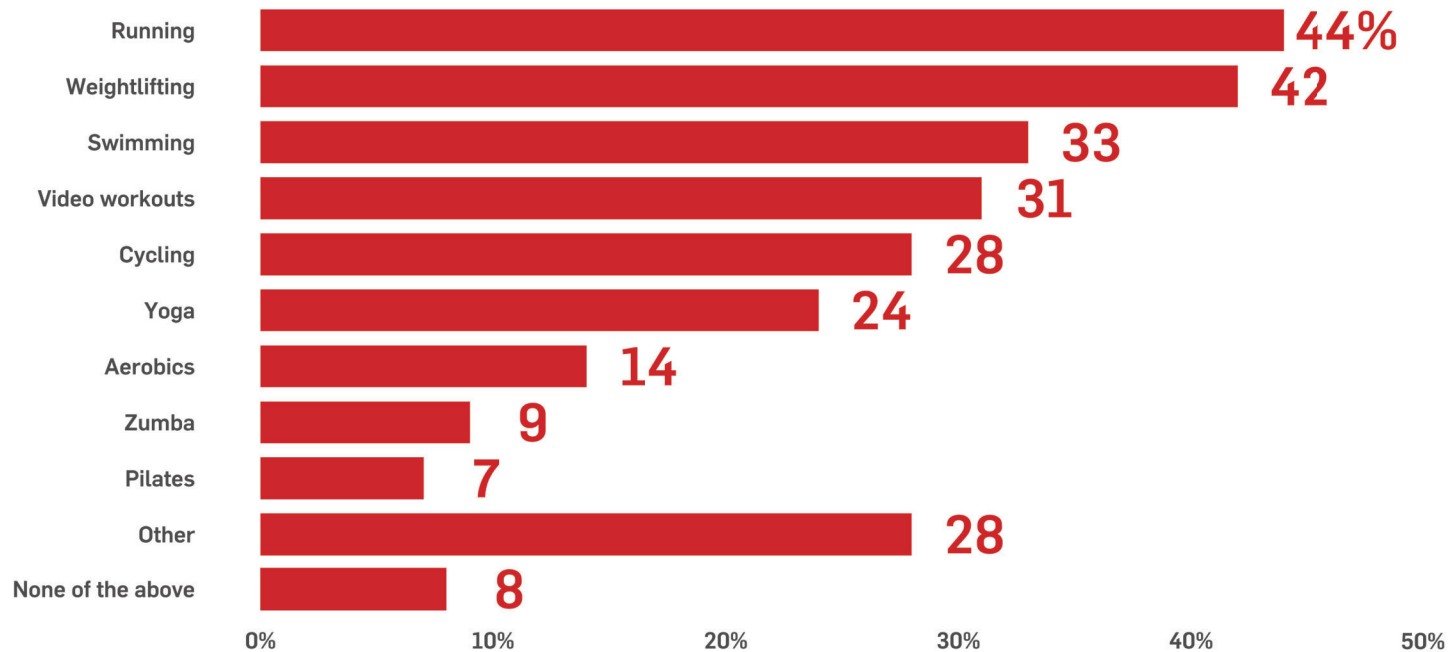
AVERAGE NUMBER
OF DAYS RESPONDENTS
EXERCISED FOR AT LEAST
20 MINUTES WITHIN THE
LAST MONTH

RUNNING, WEIGHTLIFTING MOST COMMON FITNESS ACTIVITIES

44% of respondents participated in running within the past 6 months, and 42% weightlifted. Only 7% participated in Pilates, and 8% did none of the listed activities.



Which of the following fitness activities, if any, have you participated in within the past 6 months? Select all that apply.

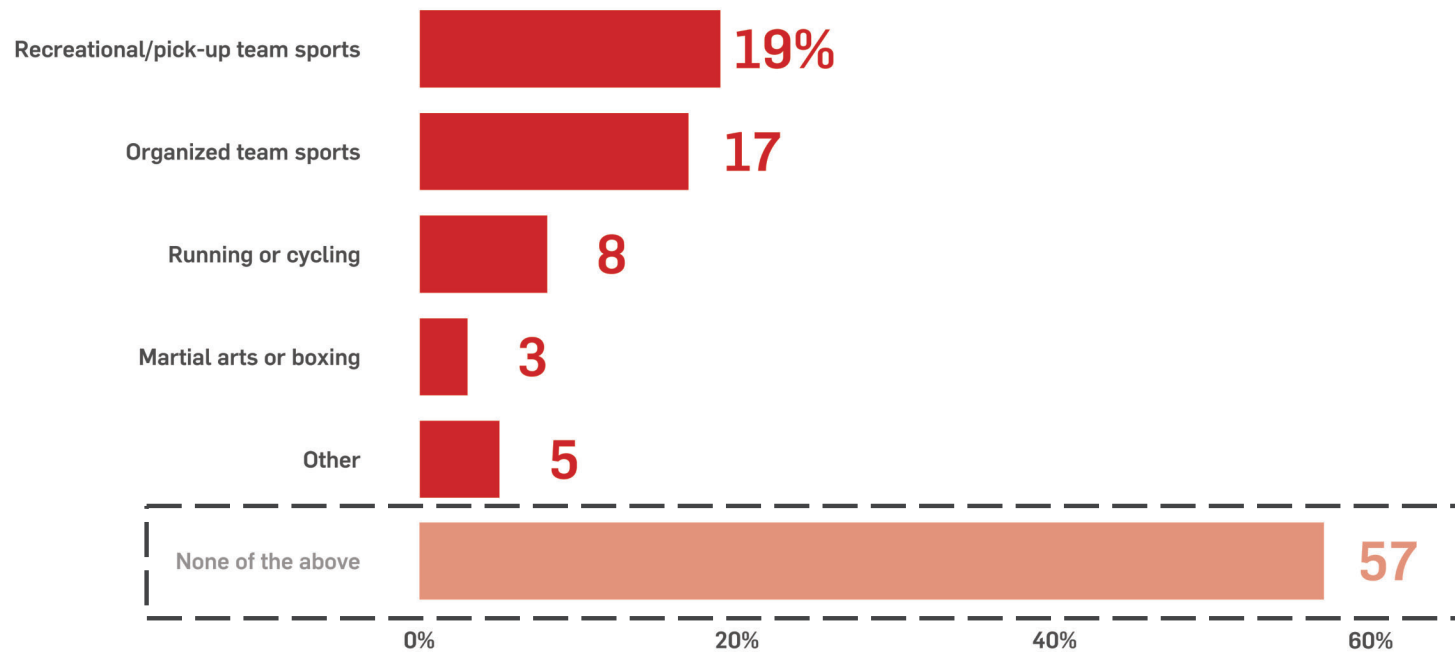


MAJORITY DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN SPORTING ACTIVITIES

19% of respondents played on recreational/pick-up team sports within the past 6 months, and 17% did organized team sports. However, 57% of respondents participated in none of the listed sporting activities.



Which of the following sporting activities, if any, have you participated in within the past 6 months? Select all that apply.

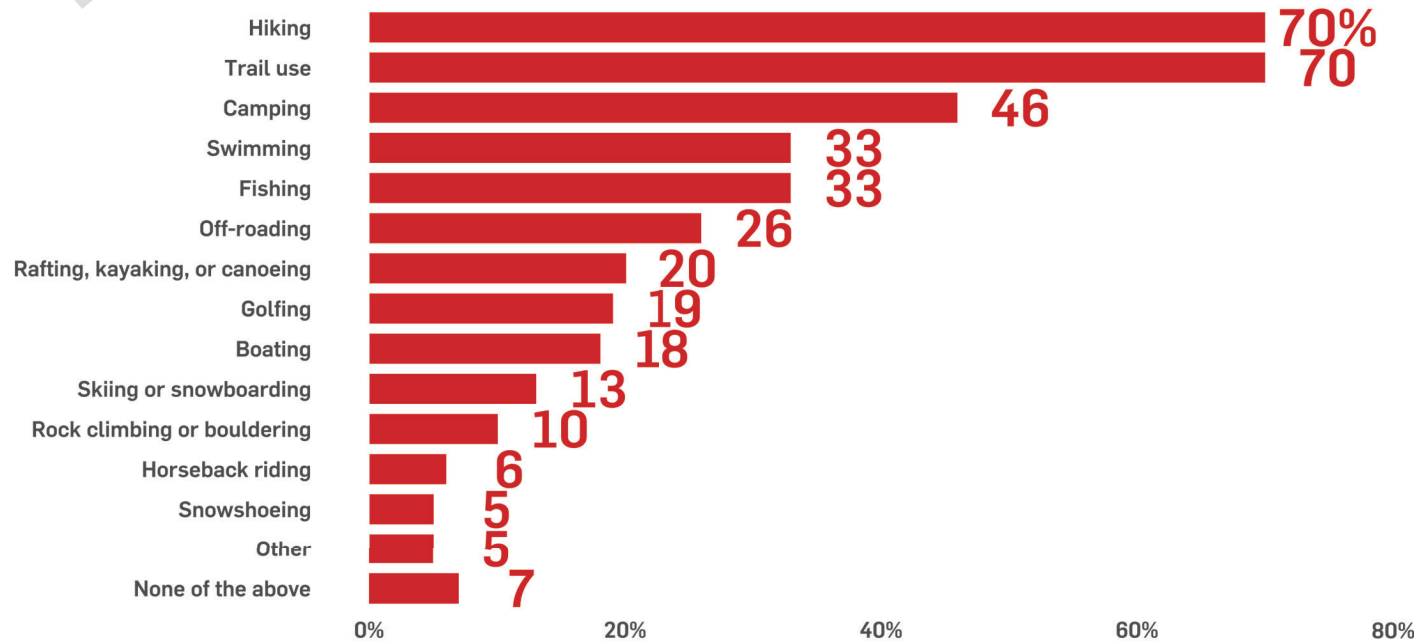


HIKING, TRAIL USE MOST POPULAR OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Hiking and trail use are the most common outdoor activities, with 70% of respondents participating in each. The least popular activities are horseback riding and snowshoeing.



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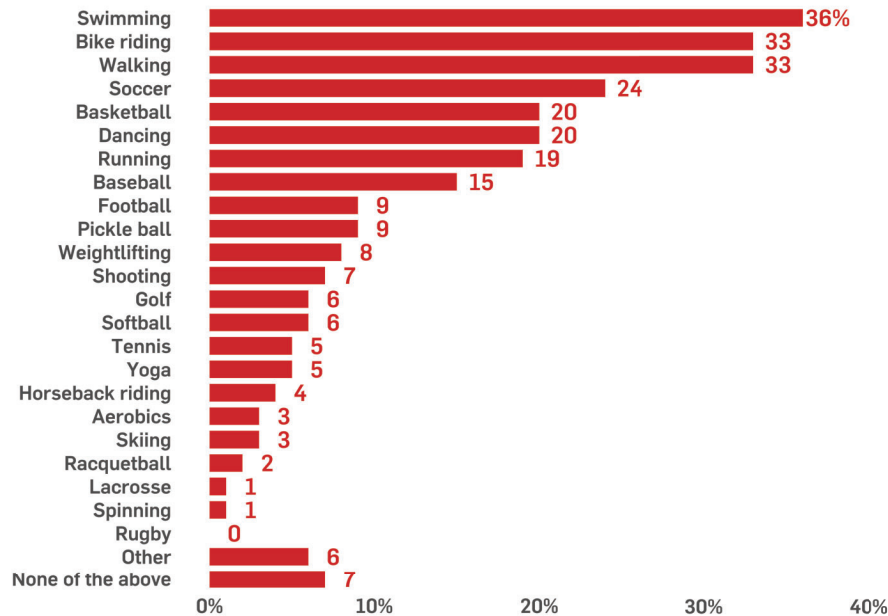


MOST POPULAR ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS

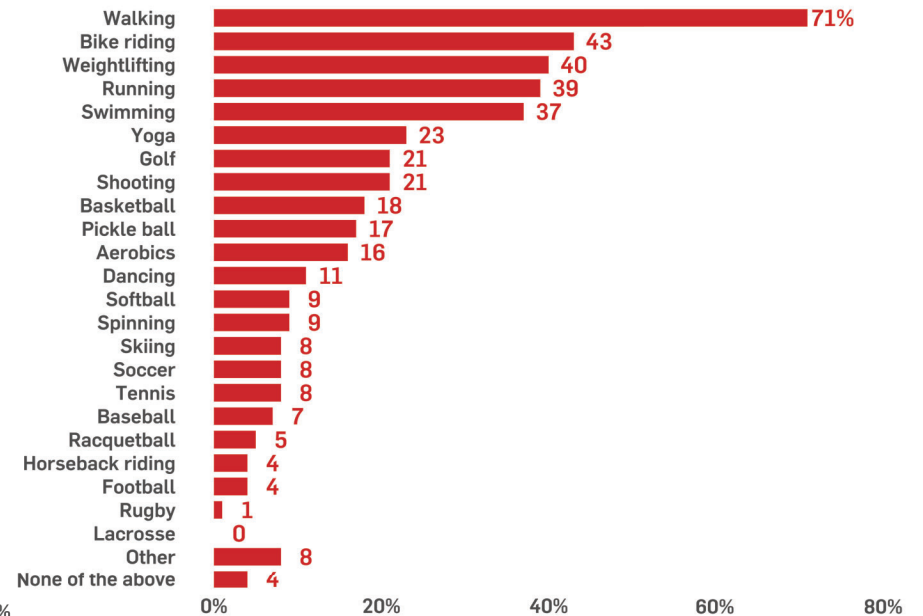
For children under 18, swimming, bike riding, and walking are the most common exercise and recreation activities. Among adults, a majority enjoy walking. Bike riding and weightlifting are also popular.



For the children under the age of 18 in your household, what sports or other activities do they regularly do for exercise or recreation? Please select all that apply.



For the adults in your household, what sports or other activities do they regularly do for exercise or recreation? Please select all that apply.



FITNESS GROUPS

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Respondents were grouped based on their responses to questions concerning health, activity levels, exercise days per month, and what types of activities they participate in.

Four groups emerged corresponding to different health and activity levels.

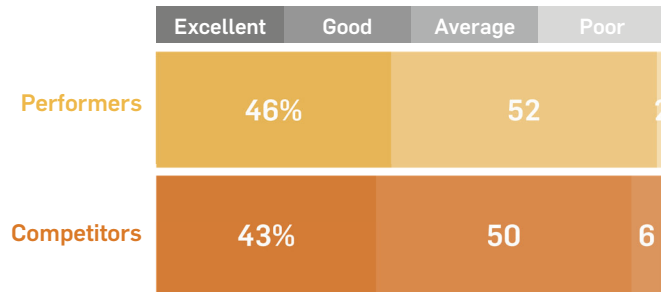
Groups were formed using a k-means clustering algorithm.



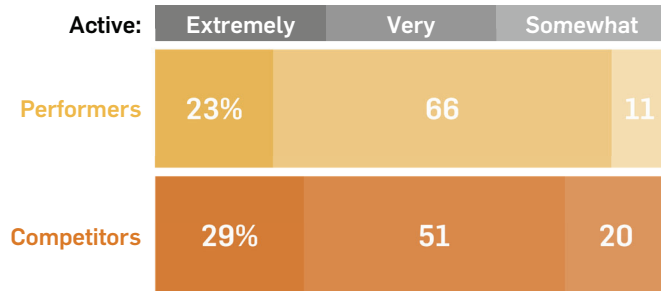
PERFORMERS AND COMPETITORS

Performers and Competitors are healthy, active groups. 98% of performers and 93% of competitors have good or excellent health. Both groups exercise at least 20 days per month. The feature that distinguishes Competitors from Performers is that they regularly participate in organized sporting activities.

Health



Lifestyle



The defining distinction between these groups is the extent to which Competitors regularly participate in organized sporting activities

Performers

Competitors

3.9

Fitness activities

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Sporting activities

2.2

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Outdoors activities

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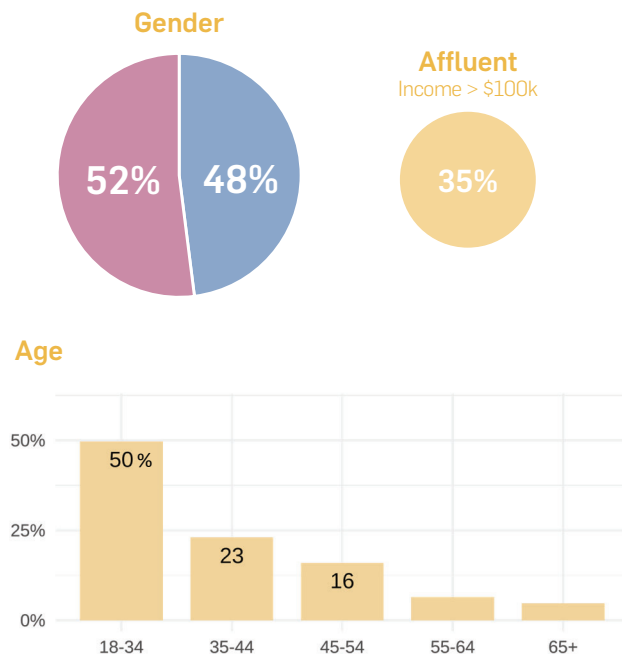
Number of exercise days per month

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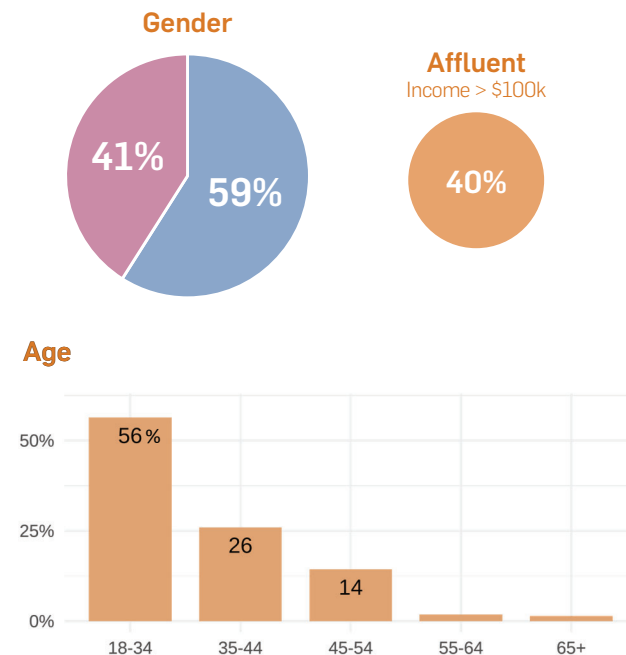
PERFORMERS AND COMPETITORS

49% of Performers and 56% of Competitors are between the ages of 18 and 34. Competitors are more affluent, with 40% earning more than \$100,000 annually compared to 35% of Performers. A majority of Competitors are men, while the Performers are more evenly divided between females and males.

Performers



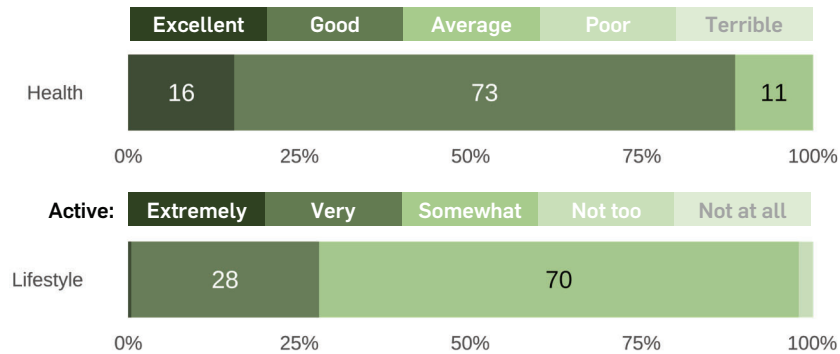
Competitors



MOVERS

Movers are the largest segment in Spanish Fork and are composed primarily of residents who describe themselves as being in “Good” health and who are “Somewhat active.” There are many more Movers who are senior than Performers or Competitors, but Movers still report exercising more days than not in a month, and typically participate in some fitness and outdoor activities (5 different activities per person, on average).

Health and Lifestyle



17.6

Number of exercise days per month

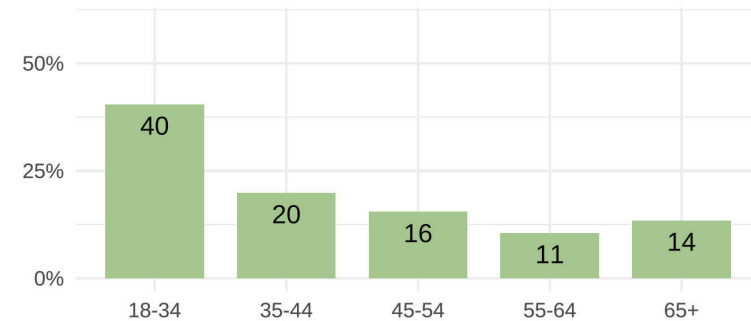
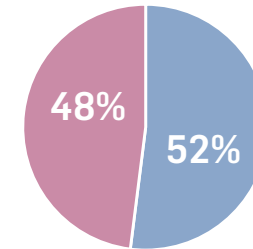
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Number of outdoor activities

22%

Affluent
Income > \$100k

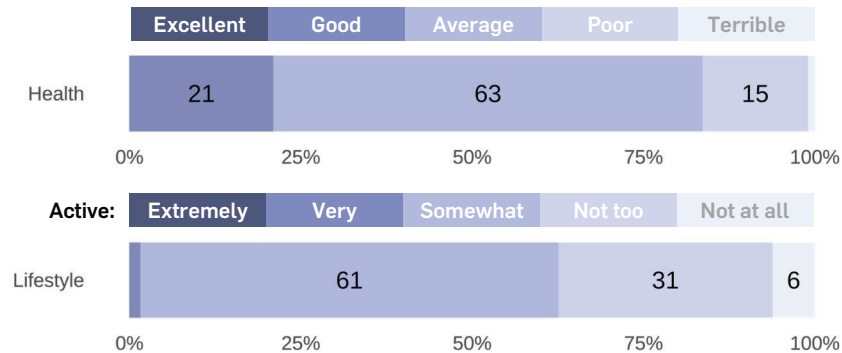
Gender



RECREATORS

Recreators include all residents who described themselves as “Not too active” or “Not at all active.” However, most Recreators are still “Somewhat active” or of “Average” health. Furthermore, on average Recreators say they exercise 7 days out of the month, reflecting the high baseline of activity for Spanish Fork residents. While Recreators typically do not participate in most fitness or sporting activities, 4 out of 5 still actively participate in at least one outdoor activity, such as hiking, for example.

Health and Lifestyle



7.3

Number of
exercise days
per month

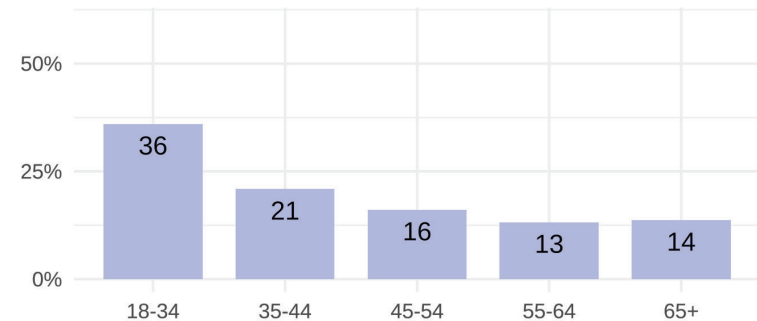
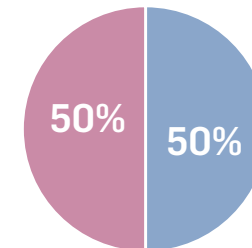
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Number of
outdoor
activities

18%

Affluent
Income > \$100k

Gender

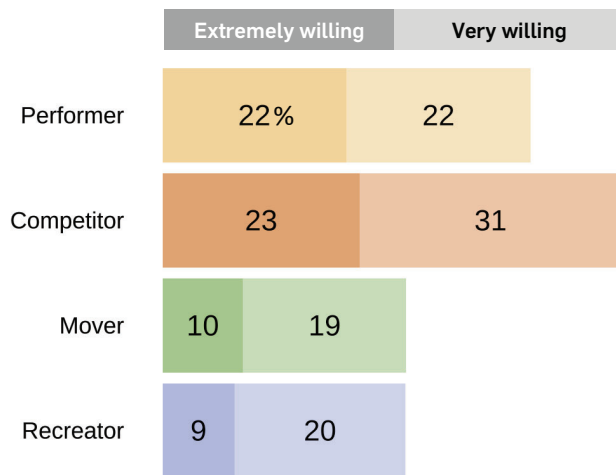


IMPLICATIONS

Performers and Competitors are much more receptive to paying more in usage fees or property taxes in order to fund Parks and Recreation initiatives. Notably, while both groups stand out from Movers and Recreators, Competitors are willing to pay much more (+27%) than Performers in order to fund such operations. The groups strongly suggest that this higher willingness relates to participation in organized sports activities (ostensibly sponsored by the city).

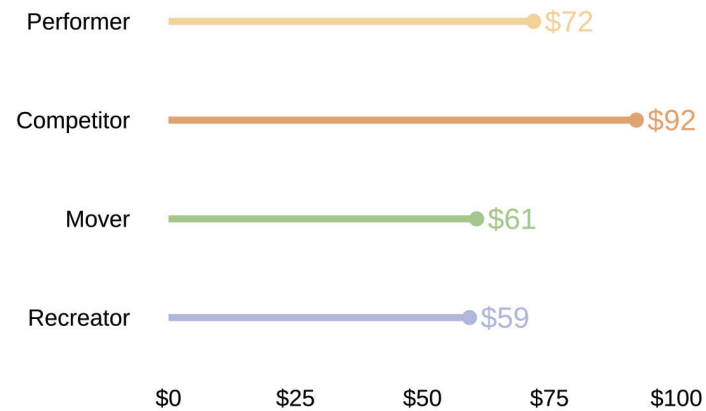


Please indicate how willing you would be to pay a monthly usage fee of \$10 that would fund the acquisition, development, and maintenance of new parks, facilities, or trails in Spanish Fork.



What is the maximum amount of additional annual property taxes you would be willing to pay to fund the development and operations of...parks, trails, open space, and recreation facilities?

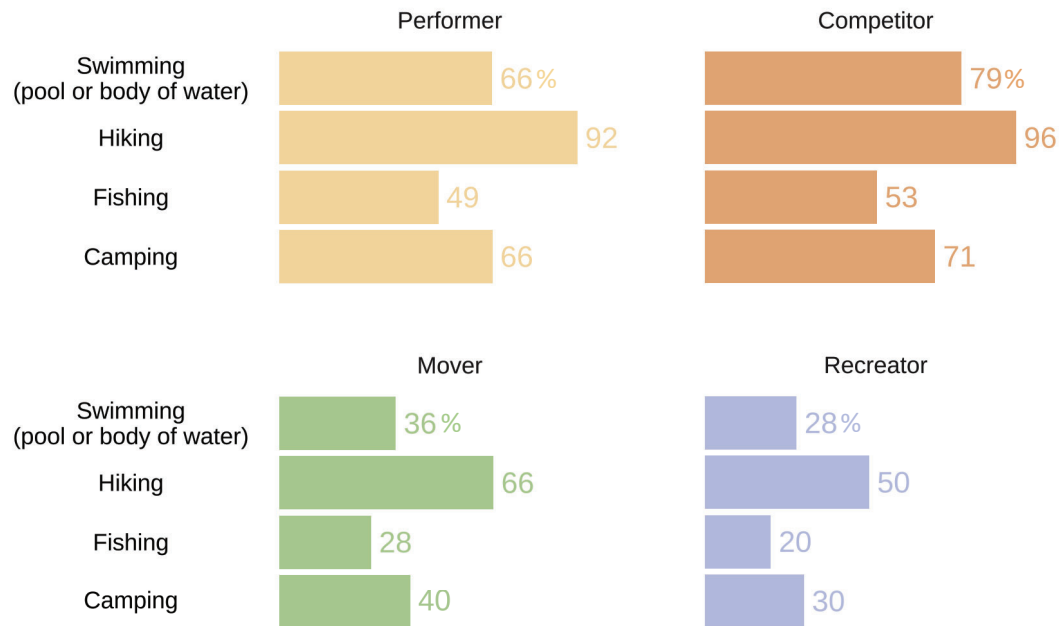
Average additional amount willing to pay



COMMON GROUND

There are several activities which draw more than 20% of all groups in Spanish Fork, which suggests that there exists common ground for the city to pursue that would be appealing for a broad subset of residents. These activities are primarily outdoors—highlighted by hiking, which at least half of all groups report participating in recently. Overall, 70% of all residents said they have been hiking in the last 6 months.

Reported participation in last 6 months



SAMPLE COMPOSITION

DEMOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN OF SAMPLE

Responses are weighted to match region demographics. Respondents are roughly equal proportions male and female. On average, a household has 5 children under 18. The average age is 44 years.

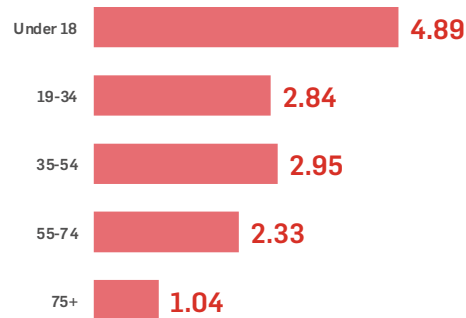


Which of the following best describes how you think of yourself?

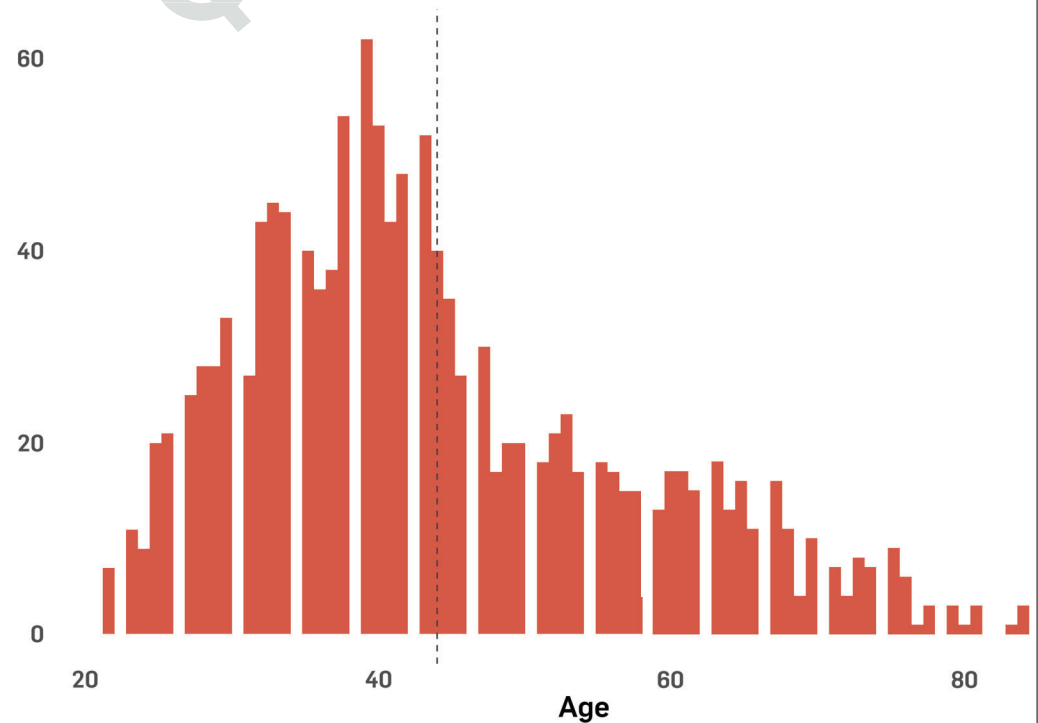
51% **49%**
MALE **FEMALE**



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



What year were you born?

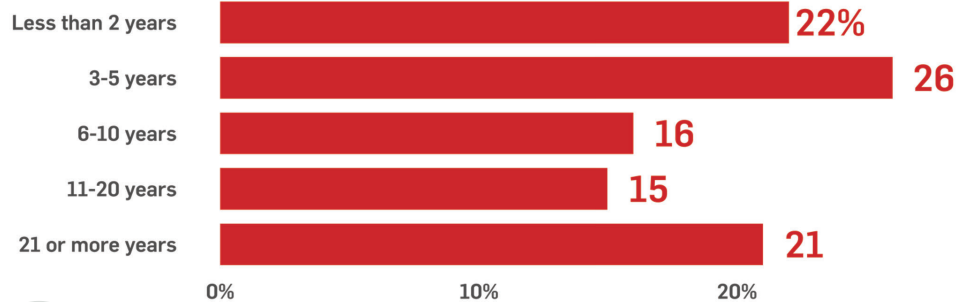


INCOME, HOME OWNERSHIP INFORMATION

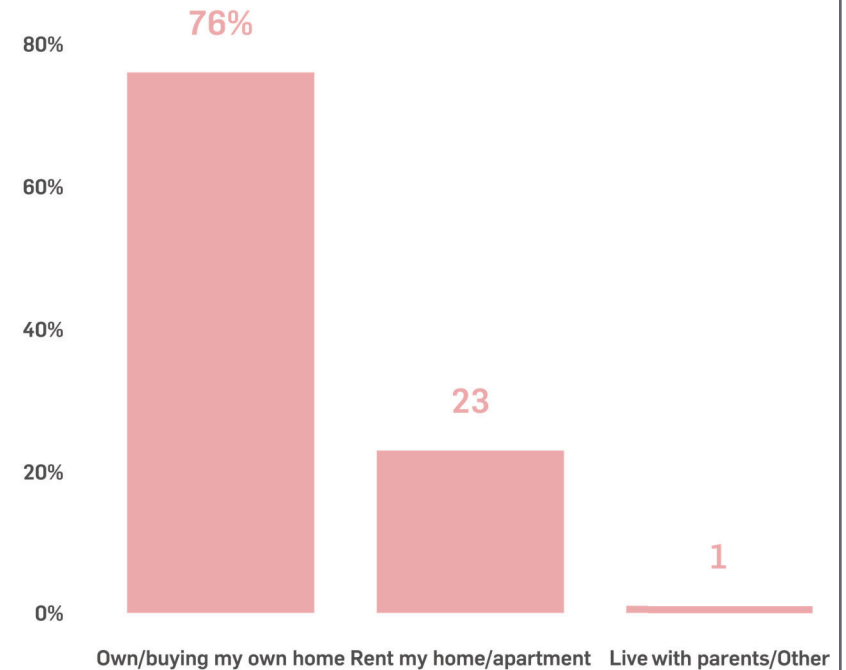
A plurality of respondents (26%) are 3-5 year residents. 22% are less than 2-year residents, and 21% are 21+ year residents. Just over half of all residents expect to make between \$50,000 and \$99,999 in 2020. 76% are homeowners.



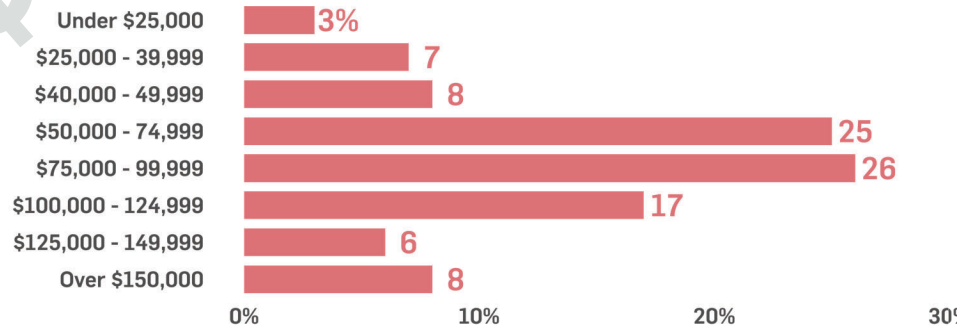
How long have you lived in Spanish Fork City?



Which of the following best describes where you are currently living?



What do you expect your 2020 family income to be?



Online Questionnaire Results

15 Respondents

Q1 - How are your recreation and leisure needs being currently met?

- I really love the river trail and am excited for any addition to it. I love the reservoir, pickleball courts, etc. as well.
- It's adequate and I love the future plans!
- very well
- Fairly well. We frequent the river bottoms trail often with our dogs
- Walking with friends on lesser used neighborhood streets, park visits, hikes
- Mostly adequate.
- I love the bike trails and use them often. I'm always happy to see them constantly expanding.
- Honestly, SF does amazing. We LOVE the sports park and trails.
- Pretty well.
- The trail enhancements (including bridges under main, etc.) and extensions have been awesome!
- Pretty Well go on bikerides all the time on the River Trail, love going to all of the City's beautiful Parks. GO SPANISH FORK!
- Golf, Pickle Ball, Trails, Parks, Open Space, Swimming

"Q2 - Which City park does your household use most often and why? What improvements should be made to that park?"

- Sports park, it is really great.
- Legacy Farms Park. The grass needs to be thicker but it's fairly new so hopefully it'll grow in
- we use the park near Costco and love it--no need for improvement
- City Park; more picnic tables might be nice for when the food trucks come
- Centennial Park - it needs swings! All of our parks need a nice walking trail/loop around them!

- Sports Park for Pickleball. Add more pickleball and/or outdoor basketball courts on undeveloped the west end.
- Sometimes we will use the baseball field at East Park because it is so close to our house.
- SF Sports park, we live close by. It would be cool if there were basketball courts, a splash pad, or smaller playgrounds throughout (we love the current one though!)
- Sports park for tennis and pickleball. Abby court to just play.
- We use the Sports Park playground, because it is the closest to our home, but it is really far away for kids and often very crowded.
- Parkside Estates Ret. Basin, always gone to this Park, down the street from my house has a pavilion, walking path, open space, basketball court, and playground. Great place to play Frisbee. Doesn't need much improvement.
- Sports Park - upgraded restrooms

Q3 - What type of parks are needed most in Spanish Fork and why?

- I like covered playgrounds because they don't get as hot. There are lots of kids in Spanish Fork. Lots of ball parks too because everyone seems to love sports.
- Family parks with trees, open areas, sporting areas, dog parks, etc.
- I feel the city has done an excellent job of providing parks; let's just maintain what we have
- cheap parks
- Walking trails - for people who don't want to walk on the streets and can't easily get down to the river trail. I love the new all abilities park that is being built.
- A pool that will replace the current one after it is removed by the school district.
- Anything with a lot of open space. We need neighborhood parks that bring the community together. Those little water retention basin parks they put in new neighborhoods are not enough space to run around, fly a kite, or play a game of soccer. I love Abby Court because it's pretty close to my house, there is lots of open space, and it's not covered in dog poop. We need more parks like that in our neighborhoods.

- swim park, rec center (not technically a park, I guess)
- Kids' playgrounds (especially on the west end of the city).
- Sorry Didn't Finish, A Train Themed Rest Stop Park, Lots of families and travelers come through Spanish Fork on Hwy 6, not a great place easily accessible for them to stop rest their legs eat lunch ect,

Q4 - Do existing recreational facilities meet your recreational needs? What facilities do you use most? What facilities are missing?

- yes, it was one of the reasons we built where we did.
- Love the sports complex and the bike trails. Need to continue to develop bike trails and dog parks
- yes, existing facilities meet my needs
- Generally, yes. I have the means to reach the mountains
- Spanish Fork swimming pool is great. I'd love to see that rebuilt in another spot after it closes due to SFHS construction.
- We need more primitive trails; especially our city's part of the BST to be completed.
- With the new high school being built, I would like to see the city get a new pool. I don't think it's the highest priority right now, but I hope we build another one in the future. Specifically, an indoor pool would be nice. I would also like to see tennis courts and public basketball courts in multiple locations around the city.
- Yes! We use the trails around the sports parks, playground, pickleball, tennis.
- We have a lot of great facilities, just not enough or big enough for the growing population.
- LOVE the pickleball courts. Seriously an awesome job by the city. Would like to see these enhanced and grow.
- Yes they meet my needs, I would like to see a Train Park. I use the trail system and Parks the Most.

Q5 - Do you or your family participate in City recreation programs? If so, which ones? Are there additional programs that you would like to see?

- Yes, softball, soccer, baseball.
- Not yet, just moved here but we plan to in the future
- we don't participate in recreation programs
- women's Volleyball, coed volleyball
- Yes, we love the two weeks of art classes each summer. We'd love to see more skills classes offered all summer instead of just the first 2 weeks (musical lessons, pottery, etc.)
- Yes. pickleball, soccer, etc.
- Growing up, we participated in city league soccer.
- Swimming, soccer, tennis, (Prev. Baseball, wrestling, basketball, flag football)
- Yes. Soccer and pickleball mostly.
- Yes my family has always done City Soccer, Lots of Fun, great memories.
- Yes. Adult Softball & basketball, youth basketball & baseball

Q6 - Which trails do you use most often and why?

- River Trail, because it is beautiful, safe and long.
- The legacy farms trails, since that's where we live
- we use the walking trails near highway 6 frequently because they are close to home and allow for safe walking
- river bottoms; it's shaded (mostly), the river is fun, and it is easy to access
- The river trail when we have time to drive down and park and walk. We like to hike up by the grotto and to the cross as well.
- River Trail. We live 0.1 mile from the trail.
- I use the river trail often. It's close enough that it's convenient, but feels far away from the city.

- The ones around the sports park because they're close to home.
- River trail; close to the house
- I very often will use the trail that connects from West of the Sports Park (by the pallet factory) all the way up to the golf course.
- River trail, 1400 East connector, Maple Lateral Canal Trail, Long continues stretch of trail great for long distance biking.
- River Trail. We like to bike and it is a longer and safer place to ride

Q7 - Describe improvements, if any, that should be made to the trail system.

- Keep up the great work, just can't wait till all the future/planned trails are complete!
- It would be nice if the walking trail along highway 6 extended south past Center Street, rather than stopping at Center
- There needs to be an upper trail portion (by the new fire station/neighborhood walmart) for everyone who can't easily get down to the river trail and who don't want to walk on busy roads like Canyon Road.
- Connect to the Mapleton Lateral Canal Trail and encourage other pipe/pavement for other canals (Highline, Salem, etc.)
- I hope you connect our trails to Mapleton's trail system. Also, if the trail went up the canyon to the Spanish Fork River Park sometime in the future, that would be awesome.
- n/a
- Trails should be wider, IMO. Also need more to connect through town and provide safe crossings at busy roads
- Really need: 1) A trail connection from the golf course to Mapleton, and 2) A trail connection from the pallet factory along the west end of the city heading North, 3) third priority would be extending the trail west to the lake.
- Connections to other Trails, primarily the Mapleton Lateral Canal Trail.
- Less bumps, shaving down, filling in and replacing old and aging trail segments.

- continue to make trail connections when funds are available - start development of the rocky mountain power corridor trail to connect the north east side of the city with the river trail

Q8 - Do you have any additional comments regarding Spanish Fork's parks, recreation and trails system?

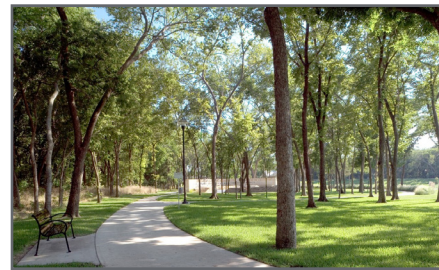
- We moved here from Springville and the parks and rec here is way better than springville so it's been a nice change, keep up the great work!
- We love what Spanish Fork offers and are very happy living here.
- Do whatever you want, so long as my taxes don't go up. Also, I believe many citizens would like to keep SF small-ish
- Yes! When you build bathrooms at a park, PLEASE talk to some moms. The bathrooms down by the city library were a GREAT addition years ago, but they were built with the men's bathroom on the playground side. And yet it is mostly women who use this park during the day with little kids and the moms need to be able to stand by the door of the bathroom with one child inside, while watching other kids on the playground. Future bathrooms could be built with the entrances on the sides (so parents don't have to lose line of sight with the playground while keeping an eye on the bathroom door).
- The improvement of the west end of the Urban Forest park would be nice. A unique playground on the west end with restrooms and parking to the north would be nice. The frisbee golf seems to have been haphazardly put in and there was little to no mention of it.
- I would love to see an amphitheater added to the city! Many of our parks could use some large shade trees.
- It's really frustrating to see "Planned Trails" going through people's property when the city hasn't even contacted the property owners. These properties aren't even annexed into Spanish Fork. Maybe you should talk with property owners first before making plans for their land and before asking the public what they would like you to do with other people's land.
- We are passionate about swimming facility in Spanish Fork. Knowing that the current pool is going to close is devastating. We need to plan and start design

immediately.

- I really appreciate that the city is putting so much emphasis on this. It really is beautifying the area and making it a nice place to live.
- It's awesome, but is aging and some parts need to be repaved, grinded down, filled in or Replaced entirely.
- Let's build a train Park.
- Outstanding facilities all the way around. Just need a recreation center

Visual Preference Survey Results

A virtual visual preference survey was conducted to help gauge public preference for different features and activities. A minority of the images are of existing sites and uses in and around Spanish Fork with the bulk of images from other areas, highlighting potential parks, trails, open space, and recreation features. Respondant were asked to score a series of 30 images between +3 (if highly liked) and -3 (if highly disliked). There were 124 responses.



#1

Mean Score: 2.5



#2

Mean Score: 2.5



#3

Mean Score: 2.4



#4

Mean Score: 2.2



#5
Mean Score: 2.2



#6
Mean Score: 2.2



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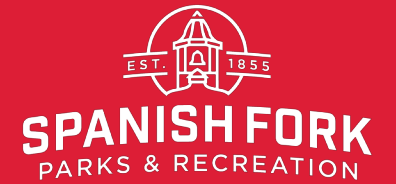
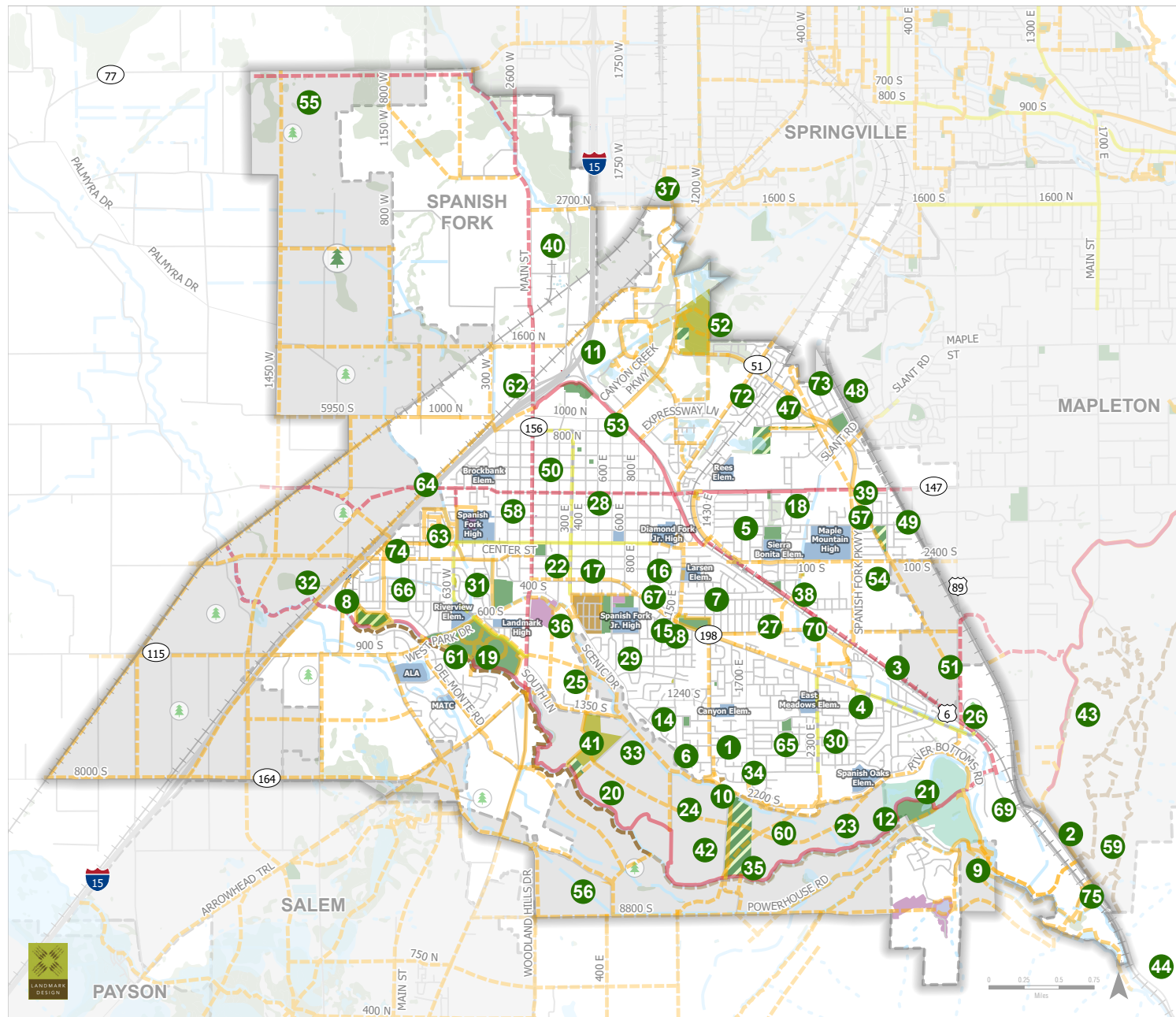


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Social Pinpoint Online Mapping Results



Parks, Recreation, and Trails Master Plan

Social Pinpoint Results: I Like This

- T** Existing Trailheads
- Existing Bike Lane
- Existing Regional Shared Use Path
- Existing Local Shared Use Path
- Planned Bike Lane
- Planned Regional Shared Use Path
- Planned Local Shared Use Path
- Planned Unpaved Shared Use Path
- Proposed Neighborhood Park
- Proposed Community Park
- Existing Public Park
- Existing Special Use Park
- Existing Private Park
- Existing Golf Course
- Existing Cemetery
- Existing Open Space
- Currently Planned Park
- Existing Park Outside of City
- Schools
- Wetlands
- Lake or Pond
- Canal
- Perennial Stream
- Ephemeral/Intermittent Drainage
- Annexation Areas

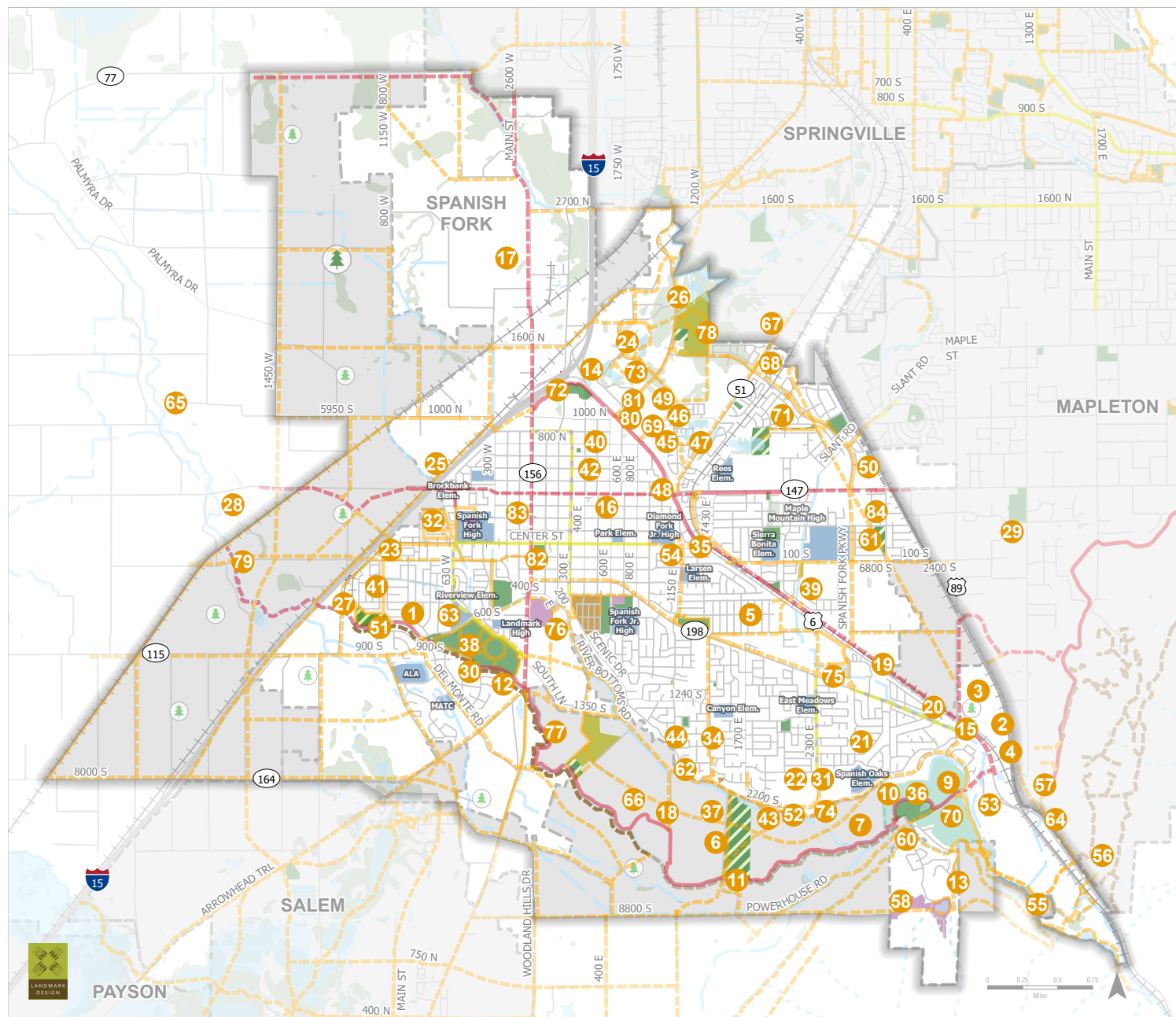
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I Like This

1. It would be awesome to have a paved trail on 1400 East, go biking all time on this road from my house to get to the River Trail.
2. It would be great to have the River Trail Connect to the Mapleton Lateral Canal Trail. Always biking from my house out to Mapleton. At the moment I take a somewhat dangerous route that involves crossing Hwy 6 at the neighborhood market. Actually have looked at a way that the river trail could connect and it looks I'm on the same Page as the City. By utilizing the old railroad spur underpass that used to serve Trojan Chemical the trail could pass under Hwy 6 with safety. Awesome.
3. A bike lane on Canyon road would be awesome. Always biking on Canyon to get back to my house after riding the Mapleton Lateral Canal Trail. Biking on Canyon at the moment is slightly dangerous, very narrow roadsides and no suicide lane on portions for traffic to get around bikers.
4. A bike lane on Canyon road would be really helpful.
5. A trail here would be great, allowing bikes to get around fast by following Hwy. 6 through the City. Also watching trains while riding your bike is a ton of fun.
6. I love the trail the City put in here at the end of 1400E, allows me to access the river trail from my house. Super awesome.
7. THE ALL ABILITIES PARK is AWESOME!
8. It's nice having some open space with a trail around it. Also a great place for Frisby Golf, fun course with lots of obstacles (trees).
9. A trail up to the Reservoir would be great, make for some nice costing downhill, not to much fun going up, real steep.
10. The Pioneer Cemetery is a great place to learn about and pay tribute to Spanish Fork's Original Settlers.
11. I Love North Park, it is an awesome secluded place behind Costco and Surrounded by the Freeway Lots of Fun.
12. "Canyon View Park is Awesome always love coming here to have BBQ's and play games. The Festival of Lights is also one of the best things that happens in the County at Christmas Time.
GO SPANISH FORK!"
13. I love the Spanish Fork River Park, great place to go camping, the nicest camp hosts, awesome place to see the Fall Colors, Great place to stake out and watch Trains, one of my favorite places.
14. I live just down the street from this Park, it is great I love it, really nice and well kept up by the City.
15. It's great that the City has two places for People to take their dogs, nice park, the City just did a big renovation of the fences and and drainage.
16. "Our City does a great job at preserving our Heritage,
GO ICELAND!
GO SPANISH FORK!"
17. Fun Park, always come here each Spring and Fall to watch my little Brothers and Sister Play Little League City Soccer. Great place for kids to roll down hills and allot of fun.
18. The City did a great job on this New Park, lots of fun, great playground, One for big kids and one for younger ages, lots of Grass Space, Super Awesome.
19. The Sports Park is One of Spanish Fork's biggest assets, brings people from all over. Great place to come have some fun, watch some baseball, play soccer ect. Great Park.
20. The River Trail is awesome, Rivals the Provo River Trail, Never too busy a great place to go for a peaceful walk, bike ride, or run. Tons of Fun. Super Awesome.
21. The City does a great Job maintaining the Golf Course, great place to Play, and always so Beautiful.
22. I love the City Park, great place to go to eat lunch, play games, Ect. Always fun to come to all the Food Vendors during Fiesta Days, and the Harvest Moon Hurra, which is also awesome. The City always does a great job with it. So much fun. Also it's always lit up nice during Christmas, Really Nice.
23. It would be good to have more connector trails to the River Trail from the Populated Portion of the City, it makes the River Trail more accessible.
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26. A paved trail here would be nice, I'm always biking up and down this hill, really steep though.

27. More Bike Lanes in the City would be nice, a designated place for the bikes to go, not just on the side of the road.
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31. "Spanish Fork, basically the home of Baseball, or at least the capital of it in the Western U.S. It's awesome the the the Community has such a large shared passion for the Sport.
GO SPANISH FORK!"
32. A continuation of the River Trail would Be nice, If it went all the way out to the Lake that would be cool, but probably not feasible, (Expensive) (Farmers Land Acss).
33. Always People Runnin, biking and joggin on this road, Dangerous, very narrow road 2 cars side by side only and when you through a person in their , yikes.
34. The city did a great job installing a Safe Crosswalk for people to get across the river Bottoms Road, lots of Sinage, lights really great.
35. I'm excited for the new parking area the city is going to install at the end of Poplar Lane, will give everyone who parks on the side of the road a real place to park.
36. The City has one of the Best Fairgrounds in the State, it's really awesome. Love coming to the County Fair and going to the Rodeo during Fiesta Days.
37. This would be great. The road here is extreyly narrow on the sides, making it very hard for bikes to get through. A trail that connects to the Springviille area would be great.
38. A crossing or underpass over Highway 6 would be great. The highway really prevents any foot traffic from getting across thte two halves of the City, Its like a giant wall with moving objects going 60mph.
39. Nice proposed name (Triangle Park) very fitting
40. A trail on North Main would be nice, few to no sidewalks in some places at the moment, makes it hard to bike with dirty gravelly roads with glass and dirt on the shoulder.
41. It's good that the city has decided to place some porta potties on the trail, when you're "secluded from civiilation" it's good to have a place to go.
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43. The Mapleton Lateral Canal Train is great, It's allot of fun to ride, A perk about it is that there are not trees dierectly adjacent to it so there is not a problem with trees roots pushing the trail up and causing bumps, cracks, and pot holes.
44. River trail extension up the Canyon would be fun.
45. The Hobble Creek Canyon Trail is also a great place to for a ride, it's allot of fun.
46. The Wayne Bartholomew Family Park is a a great place to go to, if Spanish Fork could modify the Reservoir to be similar that would be awesome.
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51. I Like the idea of a connector Trail that continuously runs between North Park and the River Trail.
52. I like the Idea of a connector trail between Highway 51 and the Hospital.
53. I like the idea of replacing the sidewalk between Burger King and Walmart with a paved trail.
54. I like the idea of a continuous trail along Spanish Fork Parkway
55. A perimeter Trail around the Spanish Fork Authoritative line would be nice.

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57. A continuation of the trail already existing along 6800S
58. The City did a great job renovating this memorial, It is awesome.
59. Really want this! I run on the trail usually 4-5x/week and in summer routinely do 10+ miles and it would be great to have more locations to branch off and connect to other cities.
60. It would be great to have a dedicated trail here!
61. THANK YOU for putting in a lot of pickleball courts. The only downside is that they are already completely full almost all the time. What is the plan for getting more in the city. What is the city going to do with the extra land immediately west of the courts?
62. I'm really looking forward to a trail here down to the baseball park. I want a safer trail down there for my kids to ride on.
63. Much needed trail connection!
64. It would be so nice to have a trail connect this side of the city!
65. I love the amount of open space here!
66. I love all the trees here. More "urban forests" around town would be amazing!
67. Nice baseball field close to home
68. This corner looks way nicer than it used to. Nice job
69. The new bridges on Dripping Rock Trail are amazing!
70. This would be a nice connector to get to the rest of the proposed trail system and have a safer way to Walmart without having to use the scary 2550 East
71. This looks like it would be a great trail, im assuming a summit?!?
72. So great to see the city of SF building many parks close to homes!
73. Beautiful park! Love the farm theme and keeping in line with the history of legacy farms area
74. I like this area as well, for frisby golf or just exploring feeling like you are away from everything.
75. It would be amazing to have a trail through the Windmills, Iconic Spanish Fork, not to mention they are some the most recognized things in the County, You can see them from Orem! Love this.



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Ideas and Suggestions

1. On the Provo River Trail a fully encased tunnel allows bikers to travel under bridges even when water is high in the spring.
2. This property used to be the Disc Golf Course, It was removed so the City could use it as a dump for dirt and materials, What if the City Turned it into a Train Themed Rest Stop Park, I made a design of a possible park that is included. This would be a great use of the Space and I think it would be allot of fun, It would include a ride on train around the perimeter of the property, the park would only be 21 acers of the roughly 50 and only 6 of those twenty would be fully developed.
3. "Second comment on the Property, click on the other for more info.

The Park would include a 7.5"" ride on train that would circle the Perimeter of the Property, a place for Semi's and RV's to Park, roughly 70 parking stalls, a playground, 14 pavilions, multiple restroom buildings and lots of grass space. There would still be half the property to be as a dump. This an awesome place to watch trains from as well. Easily accessible off Hwy. 6 for travelers and on City Owned Property."

4. "Comment #3

Sorry, the photo doesn't share in the Comment Box so the Public can't see it."

5. It would be good to propose trails in these gaps.
6. When the City istalled the trail down Poplar lane and removed all the Poplars they said they would replace them, just wondering if that is still going to happen?
7. The Trail should probabbly be overlayed with at least 1" asphalt because of the tree root problems.
8. Extension of the River Trail to the Spanish Fork River Park would be neet.
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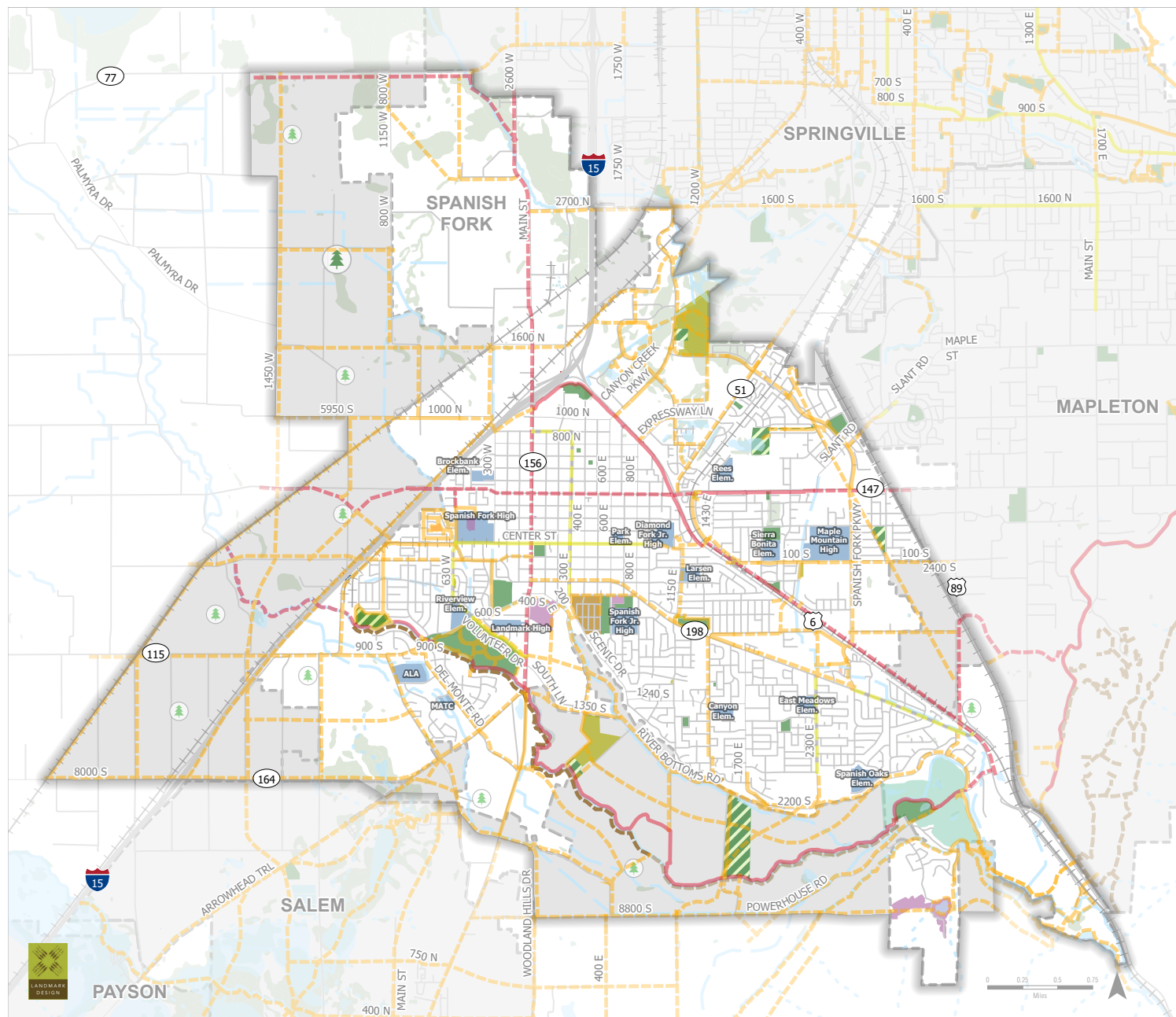
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Hard spot to do so, up on a hill, not a ton of aces."

14. More parking at North Park would be great, possibly could use the land adjacent to the Park.
15. This would be a great place to put a Train Themed Rest Stop Park with a Ride on Train.
16. More Parks in the older part of town, would require demolition.
17. Installation of Industrial Parks for workers and employees of Industries.
18. A Park in the Middle of the River Trail System would be nice.
19. Possible Installation of a neighborhood Park
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22. Possible Future Installation of Neighborhood, when Neighborhood becomes a thing.
23. Possible Installation of a neighborhood Park
24. Installation of a Park as a Part of Canyon Creek
25. Installation of a Connector Trail Between Spanish Police Station and North Park
26. Connector Trail between Hospital and Spanish Fork Parkway Trail

27. Future Development of The Urban Forest into something more presentable
28. A continuation of the River trail to Utah Lake and the creation of a Marina
29. A connector Trail Between 6800S and the Mapleton Lateral Canal Trail
30. We need a playground by the Pickleball Courts. May also need additional pickleball courts in the future.
31. Future installation of a neighborhood park when the neighborhood here becomes a thing.
32. Connect the trail between this neighborhood and the Police Station
33. Installation of hiking trails in Partnership with the U.S Forest Service around the Spanish Fork Area to tops of mountains into canyons ect.
34. Acquisition of this property from the Catholic Church and turning it into a City Park would be great and lots of fun.
35. When the City finishes its expansion of Center Street their is going to be some open space, it would be nice if the City could put some grass and trees in right here to beautify the area.
36. Year round bathrooms or port-o-potty would be great on this end of the trail. The two further west are life savers in the winter, but there's nothing east of poplar lane and we could use one here, or up dripping rock trail when both the oaks and the park are closed!
37. The new lights are great here- however they are really dim and don't provide much light when it's dark. I have noticed they get a little brighter when approached, but it's still quite dim. Are there plans to improve this and/or add more lights?
38. Having access to bathrooms 365 days a year would be great from at least one location in the park! If you're on the river trail, the nearest port-o-potty is >1.5 miles east of here, with nothing further west.
39. extend the path that ends at the field to go all the way to 2550 East. It can go right behind the houses.
40. Add a small playground near the trees. And a bench under the trees.
41. It would be really nice to have a grassy area here with a playground. There are a lot of homes in this neighborhood and the closest playground is in the Sports Park.
42. Pave or improve the trail into it. It's too muddy and has tire divots. Perhaps designate it as a dog park.
43. I think it would be great to have a sidewalk here. There is one but it stops and then walkers/runners/bikers have to be in the street and it can be dangerous!
44. Maybe add some kind of sidewalk or shoulder for walkers, bikers, and joggers to have space. It gets a little tight with cars and people and geese in the road! :) Love the geese!
45. Such a hard intersection to turn left on. A round a bout could be great here.
46. This area would be great for a park!
47. There is an existing paved trail here. It's open on the east side and would connect to the trail proposed there. But a gate blocks the north exit, if there was some way to open that then it would be even better as a thru path.
48. The west sidewalk feels scary to walk on, cars are SO close and going so fast up to the stop sign. Kids walk on here to school...doesn't seem safe. Maybe a concrete barrier could be put up to protect pedestrians?
49. TARGET! TARGET! TARGET! ;)
50. Continue the path from the legacy farms area across 400 N down past MMHS
51. It would be nice to prune back some of the trees on the trail so when running in the dark we don't get hurt. It would have to be done more than once too.
52. This would be a beautiful spot for a park!
53. Some kind of amphitheater with easy access to HWY 6 and canyon views would be awesome!
54. I would love to see shade trees planted in this future park. Specifically, I hope you don't put in flowering pear trees- those are way overused. Also plenty of benches would be nice.
55. This is a beautiful trail, perfect for BST (as is, don't try to "improve" it). Permission would need to be secured from the landowner.
56. The old underpass is great for crossing highway 6, but runs straight into the railroad, which would require an expensive under/overpass.
57. This intersection+rail overpass is probably the only feasible place for the Mapleton Canal Trail to cross. Good place for a trailhead too.
58. Excellent place for new Bonneville Shoreline Trail segment, through city and state land. Connecting all the way to Salem would go through BYU and private land, though.

59. This is a state WMA, not Forest Service
60. It would be awesome if there was better river access at different locations along the river where we could get in and out with kayaks.
61. The name Triangle Park is not even relevant to the shape that this land is. I speak for several people in the neighborhood that surrounds the park area and we think it would be better to name it Canyon Vista Park or Maple Vista Park.
62. I love this new addition to the trail! It would be nice if there were places to sit on the halfway point up the bench. Some trees for shade would also be nice.
63. It would be great to have outdoor basketball courts built in the west edge of the Sports Park between the pickleball court parking lot, and the convergence of the two trails. Or, additional pickleball courts as they are nearly always fully utilized.
64. Open up this area to travel now. We don't have to have it paved right away. We just want a safe way to commute through to Provo, Springville and Orem without worrying about cars. Take down the fence and unlock the gate connecting to the Mapleton Canal trail.
65. Continue the trail all the way to the lake and connect to Provo City trails
66. There is a need for a few more garbage cans along the River Trail. Cans a mile apart would be helpful for those with dogs and would keep the trail cleaner and more pleasant for all.
67. Common area with a slide and swing set for kids?
68. Common lane for turning left
69. A dog park would be nice here. It's close to petco and it would be close for people that live on the north side of Spanish Fork
70. I wish there was a plaque or something explaining why dripping rock drips. I have always wondered why, but can't find anything online that explains it.
71. Any chance to include a dog park with this new park area? It's a big space so there should be plenty of room to build a fenced off dog park area
72. More shaded benches for parents would be great.
73. This would be a great place for a park
74. It would be best to have a park here, preserving the open view area.
75. Great place for a corner park, may be a memorial park.
76. The City owns this property it might be interesting to see if it could be turned into an extension of the fairgrounds, but rather than more parking lot a park with pic-nic tables, big shade trees pavilions, possibly playground. Could be a perk to the county fair, a nice park to hang out at while having fun with the festivities.
77. The bees in this area are really bad, 4 of us were recently stung at the same time passing through. I noticed them last spring as well. I don't know what could be done but it would be nice not to worry about them.
78. The City's Master Plan calls for this to be a future Park, good use of the space, there could be a pond or something with the creek that flows through here,
79. Continue a trail that would go all the way around West Mountain!
80. This intersection would be a great place for a roundabout.
81. Spanish fork desperately needs a Hispanic market. I hate having to drive to Provo whenever I need specialty Hispanic food products. This would be a great place for a Rancho market.
82. I would love for the new library to have some book club sets. I've been wanting to start a neighborhood book club for years, but without any sets available at the library, it's very difficult. Springville has a great selection, but it's too expensive to get a card if you don't live there.
83. I'm not sure this exactly falls under the parks and rec department... But some murals on walls downtown would be amazing!
84. I think it would be great if they could do a little splash pad for the kids for the summer. It gets so hot and something like that is a great way to have the kids be outside but stay cool.



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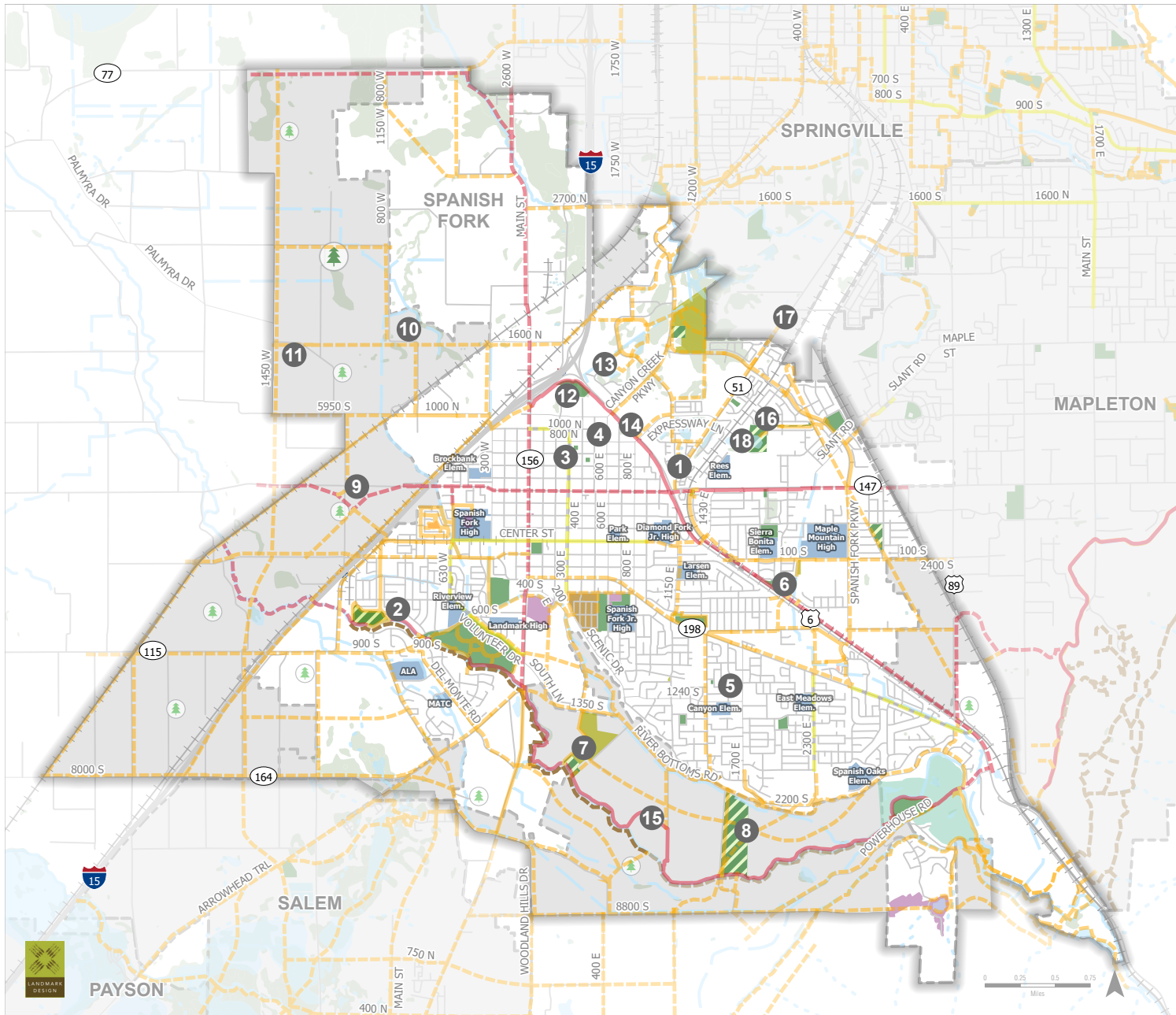
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I Have a Concern

1. Not sure how this would work, this is where Frontrunner is supposed to run if UTA ever gets the funding (:
2. A bike lane on Main Street may be dangerous, unsuspecting Drivers hitting bikes, ect.
3. The trail back here is always somewhat rough looking, broken glass, vandalism, run down properties, narrow space.
4. The pass through polls here are extremely narrow, I have to be careful when riding my bike not to hit them. The multiple poles could be replaced with the newer pole that can be taken in and out of the ground.
5. The pass through polls here are somewhat hard to pass through, I have to slow down on my bike so I don't hit them.
6. Eventually the Cemetery is going to run out of Space, most likely it will overtake Centennial Park, or a second Cemetery will be constructed in another location, won't run out of space for a while.
7. The City Pool is going away, it would be nice to have a new one constructed, this one is starting to show its age anyways.
8. The City needs to add some more parking at the Reservoir, gets congested, current Parking Lot is Small and hard to get in and out of.
9. This Park is mainly used as a retention basin when It rains hard, the water always backflows out of the Storm Water System onto the Street, every year. Something should be done. Not much of a Parks Department Issue, more something to talk about with Engineering but a problem.
10. There are always people running and biking on this road, either it needs to be widened or something needs to happen, it's dangerous.
11. A contention area when it comes to the people crossing Poplar Lane on the River trail, the blindspot with the curved road and fast traffic, might be good to put up a yield sign, rather than just a cross walk, just to be safe.
12. There is no good path for the right side of 2550 East, there is a trail on the other side but users who don't want to risk life and limb getting across the Roundabout don't have much a choice but to trudge through weeds.
13. The Busiest if not one of the Busiest intersections in the City, It's a dangerous place to be crossing the street when riding the trail.
14. When coming down this hill it can be dangerous if bikes don't slow down. There is a blind spot and people can easily get hit.
15. There is a bad blind spot at this location, patrons can easily be hit by fast moving bikes, or other objects, ect.
16. slight problem with installing a unpaved trail through developed neighborhood.
17. The speed limit is 25mph. People do at least 40 on Powerhouse Road. Either this road needs to be monitored more or speed limit signs need to have flashing lights. There are lots of kids on this road and at least 3 bus stops. There is no lighting at night and lots of wildlife. At that speed you can really hurt someone or yourself if you hit a deer.
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19. This also has no sidewalk and there are many people walking, biking, or running down it. The cars have a hard time passing each other but when there is someone walking it gets dangerous. Some attention to this area might be good as well.
20. Usually too muddy. Also, people like to use it as a dog park so you have to watch your step
21. As the landowner and taxpayer of the ground that your proposed trail would go through, we are not interested in a trail through our property. Our cattle grazing would be disrupted and we have safety concerns of livestock and human interaction. We have friends that gave access to their property in the River bottoms and wish that they had never done it.
22. Politicians who do not live here do not know how fast the traffic is on Powerhouse Rd. The speed limit is marked at 25 MPH, but NO ONE travels this road at that speed. I suggest that a surveillance be done on this road that includes the number of vehicles travelling and the speed of each vehicle at various points on the road. The results should be publicly released and mitigation for the speeding should also be publicly released.
23. This trail construction destroyed this scenic ravine, and it is still too steep for most paved trail users. Please don't over-engineer future trails in this area.

24. Isn't this trail supposed to go north at this point, along the edge of the Southgate community rather than through it?
25. My son has to ride his bike to the high school sometimes and we live on the south side of Highway 6. It is extremely scary because there are no sidewalks on 2550 East just north of the highway and the road is narrow and cars drive very fast. We need to install a safe path for kids walking and riding bikes to and from Maple Mountain High School!
26. Not a parks issue, but there needs to be a dedicated turn lane here for westbound traffic turning onto 2300 E
27. There needs to be something done to address the issue of all the walkers/runners on this street. The street is narrow, and mostly without a sidewalk. It can be very dangerous for people when cars need to pass them.
28. This area is very dangerous for kids crossing the street during school drop off and pick up times, and is incredibly congested. There really needs to be some sort of traffic control device installed at this intersection. A roundabout would probably work best. There also needs to be a dedicated drop off/pick-up lane built along that road, so that cars that are waiting to pick their kids up aren't blocking traffic that needs to pass through.



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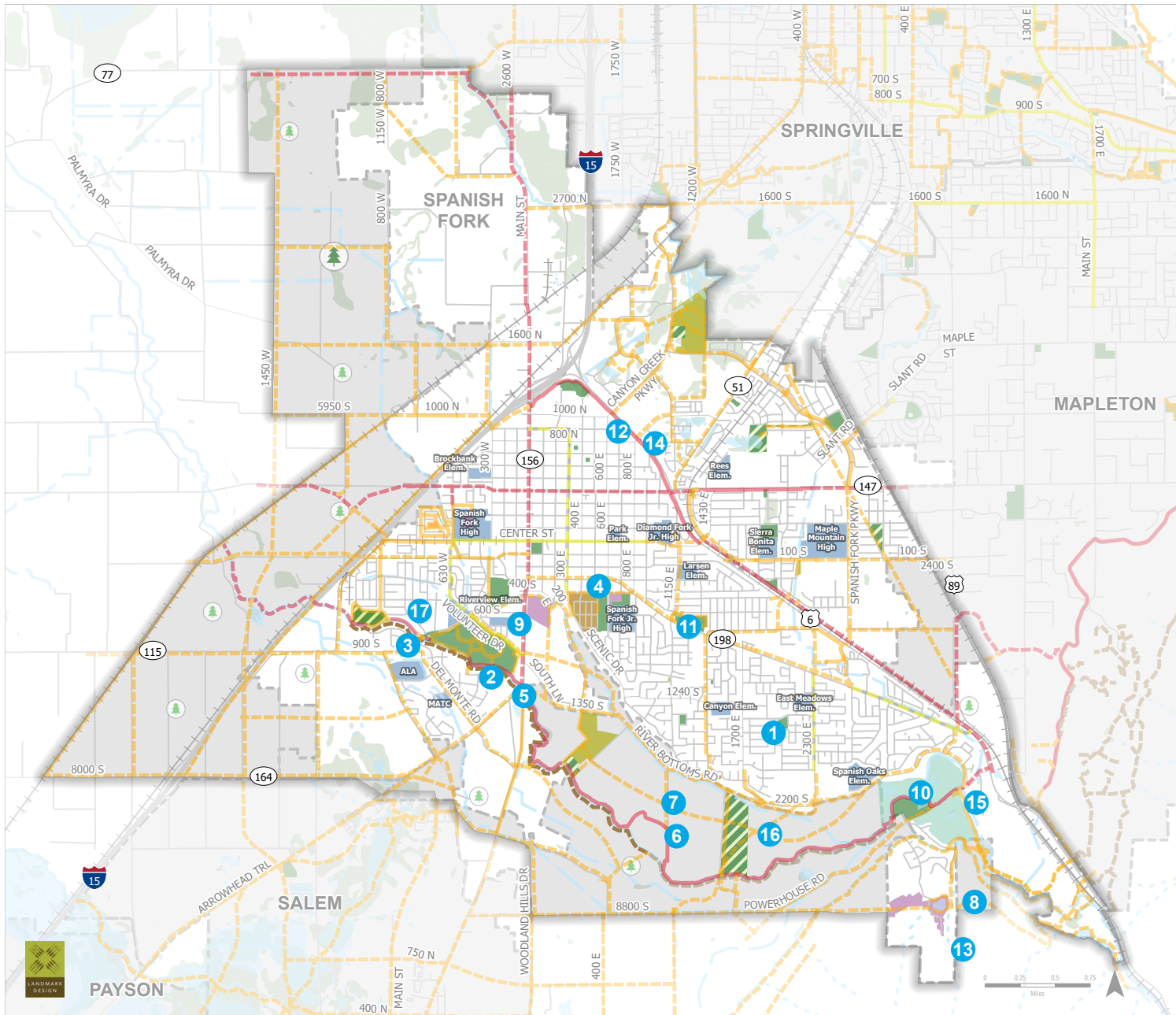
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I Have a Question

1. Thought there already was a trail here.
2. Not sure how you can have an unpaved trail through a developed neighborhood.
3. I've never understood the purpose of Little Chicago and Little Cleveland, hard to access, awkward and out of the way.
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5. Not to much of a Park, mainly just an addition to the Grass Space of Canyon Elementary for Recess and stuff like that, always super muddy can't do much with it because of the mud, (it is a retention basin)
6. At the moment not to much of a Park, Just Grass with Trees, the city will probably install a playground or something in the future, nice spot but not much at the moment.
7. I don't believe that this trail is paved, Gravel I think.
8. I'm assuming this is the future path of the Road that the City plans to install as a part of the River Bottoms Project, otherwise strange place for a trail.
9. I'm assuming this is were the City plans to bring an intersection of 4th North and Center Street together. Most Likely why there is proposed trails here.
10. Trails out into farm country may not be needed, if houses and developments ever get built then heck yes this a great place for a trail.
11. Most Likely all these trails out in the Fields are were the City Plans on Putting Major Roadways in the Future.
12. I think someone clicked the dash button instead of the full line button because there is trail here, road it today.
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15. What would the the Unpaved Trail System be used for, ATV's, Mountain Bikes, Trail Runners?
16. If there will be a park here, will there be access from Rees Avenue?
17. Is Springville going to connect to this trail at the boundary? It would be awesome to have a way to bike to work that didn't involve riding the shoulder along HWY 51
18. What is the timeline for the completion of this park?
19. This area is very dangerous for kids crossing the street during school drop off and pick up times, and is incredibly congested. There really needs to be some sort of traffic control device installed at this intersection. A roundabout would probably work best. There also needs to be a dedicated drop off/pick-up lane built along that road, so that cars that are waiting to pick their kids up aren't blocking traffic that needs to pass through.



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1. Abbie Court now a days is looking slightly run down, pavilion is vandalized, pic-nic tables somewhat nasty (thats what happens everywhere)
2. Old trail through the Sports Park, Bumpy rough to ride on when riding on a road bike.
3. This underpass always floods, is covered with mood in the Spring and Is vandalized.
4. This Skate Park looks a little down most of the time. Maybe because it's just strait concrete, could something be done to color it up?
5. On the Provo River Trail they have water tight concrete tunnels so Patrons can use the Trail even in high water, this also means that the issue with the trail being covered in mud every spring could be resolved. The Cross Walk works but it takes a while, especially when you have to cross twice, not to mention it's a super busy intersection. Just a thought.
6. The River Trail makes some sharp bends here, when zoomin down the trail going 15mph on a bike it's a little rough having to slow down to make these maneuvers.
7. The Curve here could be made a little more graceful so bikers can get around the corner easier.
8. Allot of the Mountain Biking Trails above and around the Reservoir could use some grooming and maintenace.
9. Renovations of Sports Park Restroom Facilities
10. Renovation/ Installation or replacement of the Pavilion and Restroom facilities at canyon view park would be nice.
11. You know all those trees and bushes you planted here last year? They're dead
12. currently has no sidewalk, putting pedestrians at risk, as they end up walking in traffic lanes.
13. Trail system is nice, but needs lots more miles and should really allow you to get further away from the campgrounds the one trail that goes up the canyon is overgrown and needs more switchbacks.
14. Now that Gold's Gym has been razed, it would be a good time to fix the US6/800 East/800 North intersection.
15. Dripping Rock trail and other bike trails really need trash cans. We picked up a lot of trash when walking this trail and there was nowhere to put it. No wonder there's so much garbage.
16. Yes I agree that more paved paths need to be made here next to the road as it's dangerous to walk or run or bike without a designated path. This road gets so busy with cars and traffic too. I live off 1700E. so this is the way I walk to River Bottoms and I wish it was safer.
17. Even after the river levels have gone down, there is STILL lots of standing water that make this underpass unuseable. At the very least, please put in a drain!

Comments Received via Web Page

- To whom it may concern in the Spanish fork park committee, I've been going to the trail by the Canyon View Park often, for a few years now. After my jog my kids like to play at the small playground there.

I noticed all 4 of the swings are for infants and there are no other swings for older kids. Would you please consider adding some "normal" swings there?

I've seen older kids climb into the infant ones and swing.. it's quite the site. My older kids want to swing but can't when we go there.

Ideally there would be more swings overall but nonetheless my minimum request is to keep 2 infant swings and then just switch out 2 older kid swings so more ages can enjoy swinging. The chains also likely need lengthened or switched out for those big kid swings, because the infant swings are higher up.

I'm also curious if there are plans to make a larger playground with how much grass is available especially on the other side just across from the playground near the golf course.

Thanks for the assistance!

- Please make some public basketball courts!

Open Space Preservation Tools

The following are options for acquiring agricultural land in perpetuity, which could help broaden and enrich the Spanish Fork open space system.

Open Space Design Standards/Clustered Development

Open Space Design Standards (OSDS) can be used to preserve agricultural land, wildlife habitat and open spaces while allowing an equal or higher level of development on a smaller area of land. OSDS's may establish the preservation of sites such as sensitive lands, farmlands, stream corridors, rural road buffers, view corridors and other open space identified by the community as important. OSDS's generally require the "clustering" of development as part of Conservation Subdivisions, helping to preserve open space and protect property rights. Open space preservation in new development areas can be encouraged through incentives, such as allowing full density with clustering or reduced density without clustering.

These mechanisms are not considered a "taking" because there is still reasonable and beneficial use of the property. They do not regulate density per se, just the pattern of development. To encourage and facilitate Conservation Subdivision development, it is important to: 1) treat cluster developments equally with conventional subdivisions in the development review process; 2) favor clustering in special areas; and 3) encourage cluster development as a standard, specifically for the preservation of open space. As a general rule, OSDS's are part of an overlay or special district.

As described below, Open Space Design Standards have several advantages over other means of preserving open space.

- They do not require public expenditure of funds, such as the purchase of property;
- They do not depend on landowner charity or benevolence, such as land or easement donations;
- They do not need a high-end market to be affordable;
- They do not involve complicated regulations for transfer of development rights; and
- They do not depend on cooperation between two or more adjoining property owners.

Open Space Design Standards and Clustered Development can simulate a transfer of development rights (see TDR discussion later in this section) by allowing the transfer of development density between non-adjacent parcels.

Most cluster subdivision ordinances specify that multiple parcels may participate in a clustered development, provided the parcels are adjacent to each other. This allows the transfer of density from one or more parcels onto a single parcel or portion of a single parcel. Similarly, non-adjacent parcels could be allowed to combine density and transfer it onto a concentrated site where services, such as sewer and culinary water, may be available. This technique allows land owners to seek development partnerships that may not have otherwise been available, encourages the free market to preserve more continuous greenbelts of open space, and concentrates development of new homes and businesses into a more compact growth pattern. The advantages of this development pattern include reduced costs to service growth, greater opportunities for farming or wildlife habitat activities, and larger, more contiguous open space areas.

Zoning and Development Restrictions: Sensitive Lands Overlay

This tool requires additional regulation on underlying zoning districts, with special restrictions on unique resources, hazards or sensitive lands. However, a Sensitive Lands Overlay does not provide complete control of the land. Such overlays might be applied over core habitats, grazing land, stream and river corridors and other sensitive lands described in a corresponding Sensitive Lands Overlay Zone. Specific measures are then created to protect these areas. Within each category of protected land, specific regulations can be devised to treat specific density, open space, site design and building design requirements.

Fee Simple (Outright Purchase)

Desirable open space properties (recreational or agricultural) may be purchased and held by a responsible agency or organization for that purpose. Because of the potential for a very high cost of acquisition, fee simple acquisition should be reserved for highly important, critical parcels for which no other strategy can feasibly be used. Although fee simple title or out-right purchase can be the most expensive option, there are other opportunities that are available to help recover some of the initial investment.

Purchase and Sellback or Leaseback

Purchase and Sellback enables a government agency to purchase a piece of land, along with all the rights inherent in full ownership, then sell the same piece of land without certain development rights, depending on the preservation objective related to that parcel of land. The restrictions placed on development can range from no development to requiring clustered development. Purchase and Leaseback is similar, although instead of selling the land, the agency leases it with restrictions in place. In this manner the agency is able to recoup some of its investment in the form of rent.

Conservation Easements

Conservation Easements have gained favor and popularity with property owners and preservation groups in recent years. These easements remove the right to develop from the usual bundle of property rights. This separation of development rights is accomplished in three ways:

Donations: The property owner willingly donates the development value of the property to a land trust or other organization and agrees that the property will never be developed. Tax incentives are available for such donations.

Purchases: The property owner sells the right to develop the property to a land trust or other organization, which agrees that the property will never be developed.

Transfers: The property owner transfers or trades the right to develop the property to another entity. The owner may then use that right on another property agreed upon by the jurisdiction administering the trade.

Conservation Agreements prevent alterations to a designated piece of land. Most land uses are prohibited, although certain uses such as farming, nature conservation, passive recreation and other “open space” uses may be allowed. Of the three methods (donations, purchases and transfers), transfers are the most complicated.

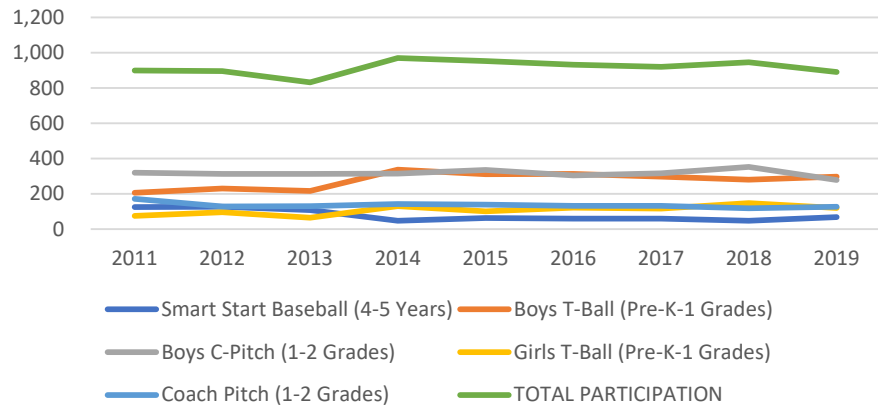
The conservation easement “runs” with the land and is recorded with the deed. Typically, the easement is granted to a land trust, land conservancy, or a government entity. The easement is typically agreed upon with the property owner who retains ownership of the property but gives up the right to develop it or to use it in ways that are incompatible with the open space goal. The entity receiving the development rights agrees to hold the development rights in order to maintain the area as open space. Often there are IRS tax advantages to the benefactor for the value of the donated development rights.

Land Banking

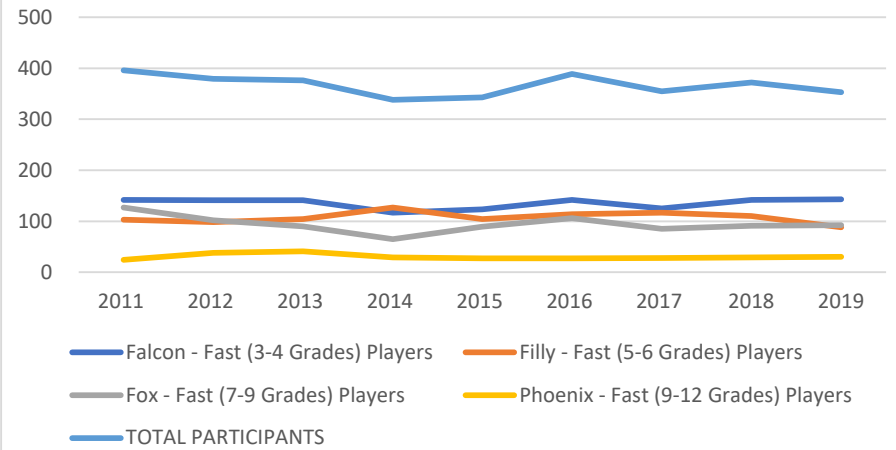
Local governments have used this option only rarely as a means for preserving land, primarily due to its often-prohibitive costs. This tool involves the purchase of land and holding it for possible future development. Often the land is purchased and leased back to the original owners so as to continue its immediate use, such as agricultural production. Agencies interested in this option should have the ability to purchase and condemn land, hold and lease land, and to obtain debt financing for its purchase.

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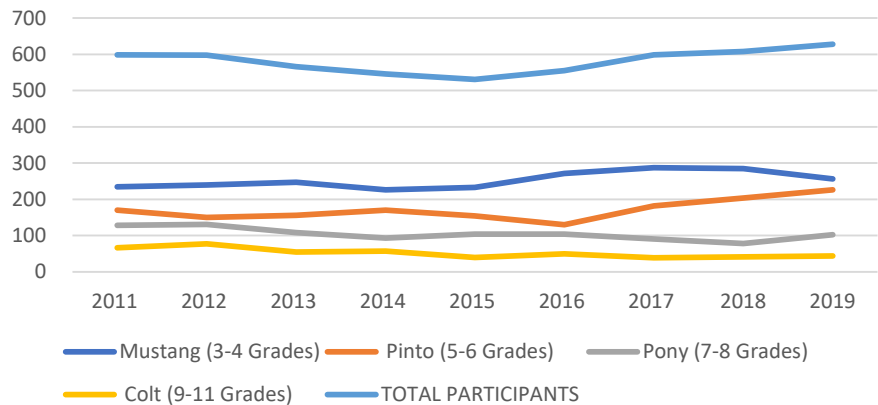
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Youth Softball



Youth Baseball
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