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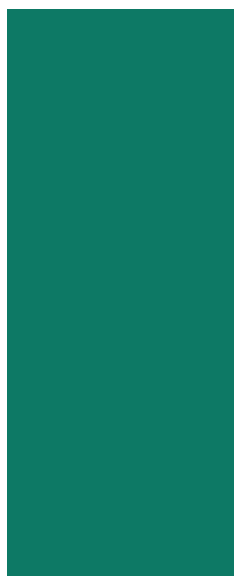
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INTRODUCTION



PROJECT PROCESS & SCHEDULE

COMMUNITY PROFILE

- Demographics
- Plan Review
- Rec Market Study

May 2022

August 2022

November 2022

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Master Plan Branding
- Website Development
- Social Pinpoint Launch
- Pop Up Events (4)
- Autumn Open Houses (3)
- Statistically Valid Survey

The Kansas City, Missouri Parks and Recreation Department selected the consultant team of Landworks Studio, Hoxie Collective, ETC Institute, SFS Architecture, and Ballard*King & Associates in December of 2021. Work commenced in May 2022. The master plan's scope included developing a community profile by studying previous KCMO planning studies and policies, demographic information, and a recreation market study. The process included

an extensive community engagement process to identify and refine community values, needs, and issues. The process employed multiple engagement tools to adequately reach all populations across the city. These tools included in-person open houses, a website with a virtual engagement tool, and a mailed community survey. A thorough inventory was conducted of park and recreation assets including all 221 parks, greenways, and athletic complexes, as well as 21



ASSET INVENTORY

- Park/Facility Inventory
- Partner Inventory
- Alternative Provider Inventory

February 2022

NEEDS ASSESSMENT

- LOS Analysis
- Rec Trend Analysis
- Benchmarking
- Financial Analysis

May 2022

IMPLEMENTATION

- Strategic Action Plan
- Staff Review
- Park Board Review
- Park Board Approval

April 2024

- Departmental Staff Survey
- Spring Open Houses (3)
- Virtual Open Houses (2)

indoor facilities. Exclusions from this scope were parkways, boulevards, golf courses, or aquatic facilities. Subsequently, the process involved a needs assessment phase where the team analyzed the park's level of service, recreation and leisure trends, benchmarking, and finances. After completing these phases, a draft of the strategic action plan was submitted for review by staff and subsequently by the Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners. An accompanying

diagram illustrates these work phases and their respective execution timelines.



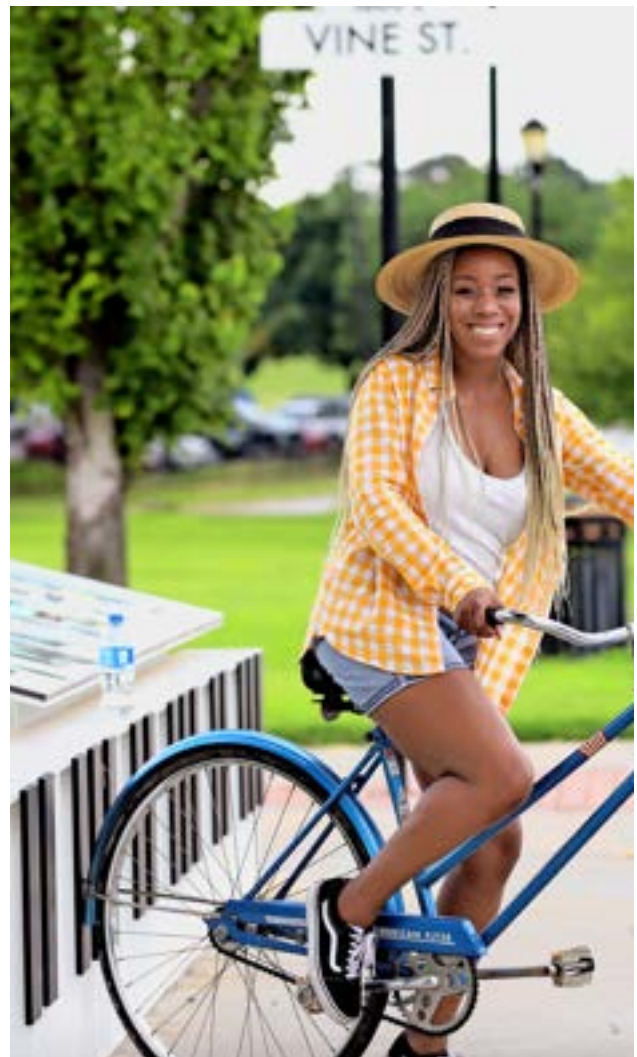
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY & FINDINGS

The consultant team spent 14 months executing the scope of work associated with this master planning effort. This period involved building a current profile of the community, engaging with the public, conducting a thorough inventory of the department's assets, assessing the needs of the park system, and devising strategies for implementation. Below is a summary of these findings:

COMMUNITY PROFILE

The consultant team reviewed over 20 years of previous municipal and regional planning documents relevant to the topic of parks and recreation. Included in this effort was tracking the progress associated with 6 other ongoing planning studies or design projects impacting park properties. The compilation of a demographic profile of Kansas City and its surrounding Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) region was followed by an extrapolation of a recreation market profile. Key findings are as follows:

- **Notable trends in park and recreation planning include sustainability, economic development, public health, and equity.**
- **The KCMO population is consistently younger than the region, state, and nation.**
- **While KCMO's average annual incomes are lower than the regional average, they align with Missouri's statewide average.**
- **Residents of KCMO generally allocate a smaller portion of their household budget to recreation compared to the national average.**
- **Regarding participation, Kansas City residents match the national index in most activities.**



70%

% of residents who rate condition of parks as “good” to “excellent”

57%

% of residents somewhat to very satisfied with the value they get from the parks and rec department

68%

% of residents indicated they would support a raise in the 1/2-cent parks sales to either 3/4 or 1-cent



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The engagement strategy for this master plan included 10 separate in-person events across the city, a custom website, a 10-month virtual engagement campaign, a staff survey, a statistically valid community survey, and monthly meetings with a steering committee of municipal staff. That process yielded the following trends:

- Department staff have a job satisfaction rating of 6.8 out of 10 and cite low staffing as the top challenge to their job
- Staff prefer that the department focus on neighborhood parks and youth programs in the next 10 years and invest funding towards maintaining and fixing existing assets
- 70% of residents rate the condition of parks as good to excellent
- 72% of residents use KCMO for parks and

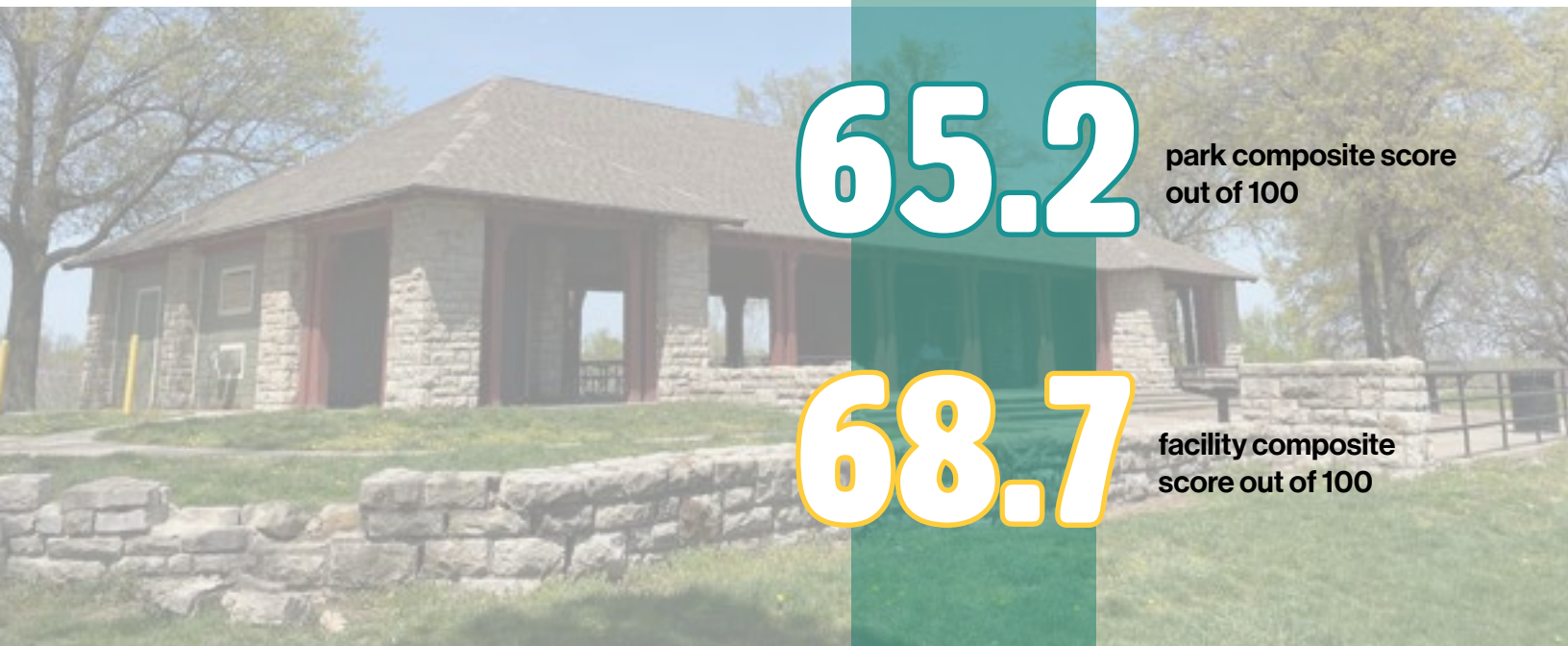
recreation, but 50% also use neighboring cities

- 68% of residents indicated they would support raising the current 1/2-cent parks sales tax to either 3/4 or a full cent
- Residents prefer extra funding go towards maintaining existing assets before any new development or acquisition
- Resident priorities for park investment are for walking trails, restrooms, and nature preserves
- Resident priorities for recreation investment are for adult health and wellness, history and culture, adult exercise, and senior activities

ASSET INVENTORY

The consultant team worked over a 4-month period to personally visit, inventory, and assess all 221 parks, greenways and athletic complexes, as well as 21 indoor facilities owned by the department. Additionally, we conducted a review of existing partnerships with outside agencies and the landscape of alternative providers in the KC metro region. Those findings include:

- **Parks, greenways, and athletic complexes achieved an average composite score of 65.2 out of 100.**
- **Parks scored lowest in the criterion of Usability.**
- **On a City Council District Basis, District #2 scored the lowest at a 61.2 and District #6 scored the highest at a 71.1. This master plan references the current (post-August 2023) council district boundaries.**
- **The 21 indoor facilities that the team visited achieved an average composite score of 68.7 out of 100.**
- **Community centers, as a rule, benefit from their strong durable exterior and interior materials but suffer from leaking roofs and need to find ways to bring more users into their doors.**
- **Buildings that have an active usership thrive while those that lie in vacancy decline.**
- **Partnerships are strong in youth sports in the far north and far south, but less so in the center.**
- **The alternative providers of recreation and open space that pose the greatest competition to the Department are adjacent cities.**



65.2

park composite score
out of 100

68.7

facility composite
score out of 100



NEEDS ASSESSMENT

The system needs assessment included conducting a recreation and leisure trend analysis, park level of service analysis, community benchmark analysis, and financial analysis. The findings of this examination were:

- **In 2022, the five most popular activities in Kansas City included exercise walking, exercise with equipment, hiking, aerobic exercise, and swimming.**
- **Kansas City’s park system generally meets or surpasses level of service standards for agencies of comparable size, with the notable exception of trail mileage.**
- **An update of the Trails KC Plan is**

recommended, along with pursuing revised target miles as outlined in the new plan.

- **Implementation of a dedicated fund for trail maintenance and replacement is advised.**
- **KCMO boasts a larger park system than its peers, evident in metrics like park acreage per resident and total park count.**
- **The Department heavily depends on park sales tax for covering its operating expenses.**

IMPLEMENTATION

This park master plan reaffirms the current department mission statement:

“To improve the quality of life, health, and wellness of our community by providing socially equitable, community-driven programming and environmentally sound natural resource management.”

The four pillars of the department which collectively serve to achieve the above mission are:

- 1. Social equity**
- 2. Health and wellness**
- 3. Conservation**
- 4. Organizational stability**

Based upon the findings learned during this process and detailed in this report, the consultant team has revised the objectives and strategies to serve these pillars and guide the department for the next 10 years. Those objectives are listed on the following page. A broader discussion of the objectives and their strategies is found in the Implementation chapter.

PILLAR 1: SOCIAL EQUITY

To improve equitable access through parks and recreation planning programming and maintenance

OBJECTIVE 1.1: Invest in the parks and facilities in Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Environmental Justice Tracts as well as the Quality of Life Improvement District (QLID) with asset inventory scores below 65

OBJECTIVE 1.2: Provide equitable and affordable programming focusing on building more recreation partnerships in EPA Environmental Justice Tracts in the specific focus areas of youth soccer, all ages swimming lessons and swimming, and senior programming including walking

OBJECTIVE 1.3: Begin more comprehensive tracking of programs that are taking place by location and adjust programming to fill gaps

PILLAR 2: HEALTH & WELLNESS

To improve health and wellness through parks and recreation planning, programming, and maintenance

OBJECTIVE 2.1: Improve and maintain parks and facilities to support and improve health and wellness

OBJECTIVE 2.2: Respond to strong desires for multi-use trails expressed by residents during the public involvement process and enhance accessibility

OBJECTIVE 2.3: Actively focus on access to health and wellness programming in the seasonal and annual programming, with an emphasis on community centers to maximize efficiencies

PILLAR 3: CONSERVATION

To protect green space, connect people to nature, and engage residents in conservation practices.

OBJECTIVE 3.1: Engage residents in conservation practices and activities that connect people to nature

OBJECTIVE 3.2: Maintain existing parks and natural areas to maximize public benefits and reduce or eliminate negative environmental impacts

OBJECTIVE 3.3: Maintain and grow the city's tree canopy and natural areas through sound management practices and implementation of the City's Administrative Regulation 5-7

PILLAR 4: ORGANIZATIONAL STABILITY

Ensuring the benefits of Parks and Recreation and its services are available to our community in perpetuity.

OBJECTIVE 4.1: Recruit and retain qualified employees.

OBJECTIVE 4.2: Focus on maximizing existing funding and capture of Parks & Recreation funding appropriated to items not associated with Parks & Recreation

OBJECTIVE 4.3: Strategically reduce administrative and staff load for tasks that are more efficient for other departments or organizations to manage such as road and sidewalk repair or construction, solid waste management, and services for the unhoused population

OBJECTIVE 4.4: Improve the financial performance of parks facilities to increase cost recovery and reduce operational subsidies

OBJECTIVE 4.5: Prepare a staff and community awareness and education plan for each pillar of the strategic action plan.

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COMMUNITY PROFILE



PREVIOUS PARK & OPEN SPACE PLANNING EFFORTS

Figure 2.1: The previous plans being reviewed impacting the Parks and Recreation community

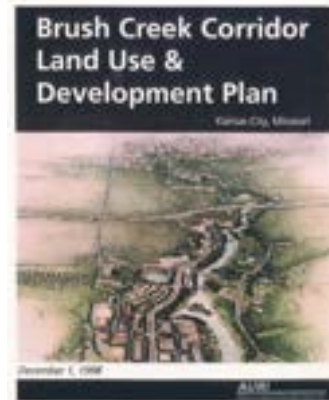
In developing a profile of the existing community, the consultant team reviewed relevant existing planning efforts for Kansas City, Missouri parks and recreation. This exercise aimed to identify similar trends and commonalities across documents from the past 20 years impacting the parks and recreation network. Figure 2.1 on the right enumerates all the plans considered by the team. Given the multifaceted impact of parks and recreation on the community, it was essential to examine plans from various disciplines and community aspects such as transportation, public health, public safety, and environmental sustainability, in addition to previous departmental documents. This report section summarizes the team's findings from these plans and their implications for the direction of parks and recreation in the city over the next decade.

PLAN NAME	DATE
FOCUS Comprehensive Plan	1997
Brush Creek Corridor Plan	1998
KC Stream Asset Inventory	2003
KC Walkability Plan	2003
Trails KC Plan	2008
KC Blueprint for Violence Prevention	2013
KCMO Parks & Rec Master Plan Update	2015
Smart Moves 3.0	2017
KCMO Urban Forest Master Plan	2018
KCMO Parks & Rec Sustainability Plan	2019
Bike KC Master Plan	2019
Blue River Action Plan	2020
KCMO Parks & Rec Strategic Business Plan	2020
Regional Climate Action Plan	2021
Imagine Downtown KC	2021
KC Physical Activity Plan	2021
Regional Climate Action Plan	2021
Imagine Downtown KC	2021
KC Physical Activity Plan	2021
KCMO Park Score Index	2022

PARKS

A great place to start in this plan review is on the topic of parks. One thing that has become a trend in the realm of park resource planning is





the concept of the “10-minute walk.” The work by the Trust for Public Land in their creation of the “Park Score Index” for hundreds of cities across the country perhaps solidified this notion that we need to be planning for parks so that folks need walk no more than 10 minutes (about a half mile) to reach one. Parks are vital civic infrastructure. The KC Walkability Plan and Trails KC Plan advocate for them as trail heads. KC Blueprint and the KC Physical Activity Plan advocated for them to help keep our neighborhoods more connected, healthy, and safe. These previous plans also urged us to plant more plants in our park spaces. Both the Urban Forest and Parks and Rec Sustainability Master Plan called for an expansion of sustainable resource management. The Regional Climate Action Plan established benchmarks for increasing urban tree canopies and healthy riparian areas to build resilience in the face of climate change. Lastly, these plans advocated for the activation of parks as the hallmark of a great city. The KC Physical Activity Plan specifically called for us to “Re-imagine parks as a “third choice” amenity, where they are recognized as a welcoming alternative place for families and communities to gather, other than their work or home.”

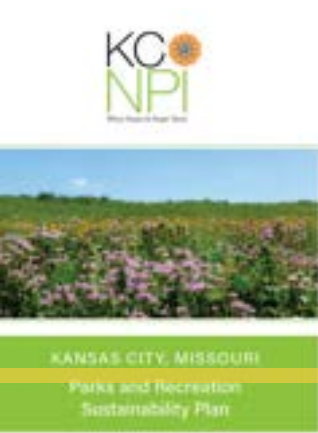
FACILITIES

Previous plans such as the Parks and Rec Sustainability Master Plan and the Blue River Action Plan recognized the power that our community centers have to educate our citizens. They advocated for indoor facilities

to incorporate green building practices in a visible way and also to tell the story of our natural environments. The documents that touched on indoor facilities most directly were the previous Parks and Rec Master Plan Update of 2015 and the Parks and Rec Strategic Business Plan of 2020. The former recommended adding over 480,000 square feet of new community center space by the year 2019 and specifically in the under-served areas of the city such as the far north. The later plan recommended improving the internal and external communications practices to improve the customer experience at these centers. Both plans urged the department to study the true cost of programming and other services offered to achieve better cost recovery. Both plans also advocated for developing partnerships to enhance the program offerings in these facilities.

TRAILS

Trails have been a hot topic in Kansas City ever since the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) published the MetroGreen Plan in 2001. Trails and the benefits they provide the city were mentioned in plans from across all sectors. The Regional Climate Action Plan calls for more trails because they reduce our carbon footprint by facilitating more non-motorized forms of transportation and build climate resiliency by preserving forested and riparian habitats. The KC Stream Asset Inventory and the more recent Blue River Action Plan also recognized the ability our trail corridors have to preserve riparian corridors from over



development and use. The Blue River Action Plan and the Brush Creek Corridor Plan from 1998 also called for trails in these respective corridors to tell the cultural history of these regions of the city. Multiple plans recognized the power of trails to improve the mental and physical health of citizens and spoke of them as public health infrastructure. The 2008 Trails KC Plan and the more recent 2015 Parks and Rec Master Plan Update spoke to specific benchmark mileage goals for the system. The Trails KC Plan advocated for creating a 230-mile network of interconnected trails out of a system that at that time had only 30 miles. The 2015 Master Plan Update, sought to add over 120 additional miles of trail which would have pushed the network closer to 270 total miles.

SUSTAINABILITY

Numerous plans focused on the ways in which this department can leverage partnerships, refine its management practices, and acquire land to promote sustainability in Kansas City. Both the Kansas City Walkability Plan and the KC Physical Activity Plan urged the city to work with local not-for-profit agencies to engage the community in sustainable practices on parkland. Groups like the Heartland Conservation Alliance, Bridging the Gap, and Urban Ranger Corps would have the ability to involve youth from the community in park restoration work. Plans advocated for department staff, as well, to engage in more restoration work such as along the Brush Creek and Blue River corridors. Plans like the 2019

Sustainability Plan called for the implementation of more pollinator species and more native grasses and the reduction of turf. These moves would reduce maintenance burden and reliance on fossil fuels while also increasing habitat and biodiversity within the system. The 2020 Blue River Action Plan also called for battling against invasive exotic species that run rampant through many parklands. The 2015 Master Plan Update called for the establishment of a tree canopy goal. The 2020 Strategic Business Plan established “Conservation” as one of the four pillars of the department and advocated for the department to improve the air and water quality for the citizens of Kansas City, promote environmentally sound practices, and serve as exceptional stewards of the natural resources being entrusted to it.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Many of these planning efforts spoke to the power of parks and open space to improve the local economy of their communities. The 2008 Trails KC Plan highlighted the success of other Missouri cities who have invested in trail infrastructure. Rocheport, Missouri along the Katy Trail at the time claimed trail related tourism had brought 350,000 visitors and injected \$1M annually into the local economy. The 2019 Bike KC Master Plan also encouraged the development of trails to promote bike tourism in the region. Trail and park development also help the economy by raising adjacent property values by as much as 7%, according to the 2019 Sustainability Master Plan.



THE 2015 MASTER PLAN SOUGHT TO CREATE A 270-MILE TRAIL NETWORK

That same plan, as well as the 2018 Urban Forest Plan and the 2021 Regional Climate Action Plan, emphasized how green infrastructure lowers the energy costs for businesses and residents in the city by providing shade and reducing urban temperatures. The Urban Forest Plan, as well as the KC Blueprint for Violence Prevention, also cited the economic and social benefits to neighborhoods when park departments hire local staff to manage their parkland.

PUBLIC HEALTH

The idea of parks as a form of public health infrastructure has been rediscovered in the United States, particularly in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. This understanding is evident in recent local planning efforts. The 2013 KC Blueprint advocated for parks because of their power to shape child development and establish foundation of healthy growth and learning. The mental health benefits from parks and trees were cited in the 2018 Urban Forest Plan as ways to increase community resilience in the face of adversity. Multiple plans also called for the department to develop stronger relationships with the schools and other not-for-profit agencies like the Health Forward Foundation to promote more activities for youth in park spaces.

According to the 2008 Trails KC Master Plan, 65% of Kansas City adults are either overweight or obese. And according to the 2021 KC Physical Activity Plan, only 43% of Kansas City youth were achieving the recommended daily levels of physical activity. Parks and trails have the ability to improve those metrics and save lives in the process.

EQUITY

Plans across disciplines have advocated for increased equity in the park system for more than a decade. The 2008 Trails KC Plan noted how trails provide greater access to parks and other amenities for the third of the population that cannot drive. The 2015 Master Plan Update advocated for partnering with local not-for-profits to provide more community gardens and access to healthy food. Other plans like the KC Blueprint for Violence Prevention have called on city departments like parks and recreation to practice inclusive hiring standards, and promote inclusive design creating safe parks and open spaces. Plans have advocated for the department to increase transparency of their board meetings and decision making processes. The call for equal access to park and open space for all neighborhoods has been mentioned consistently in multiple city planning documents. The 2020 Strategic Business Plan made equity one of the four pillars of the department solidifying this concept as central to the mission of the department.

TAKEAWAYS

The legacy of planning efforts over the last 20 years demonstrates how many different ways Kansas City has come to value their park and recreation system. These documents make many recommendations for the constituent parts of this system (parks, facilities, and trails). Perhaps even more important for today are the larger ideas about how parks can improve the sustainability, economy, wellness, and equity of this city.



ONGOING PARK & OPEN SPACE PLANNING EFFORTS

The Kansas City, Missouri Parks and Recreation Department is undertaking a number of dynamic planning and design exercises at this time. This master plan acknowledges these 6 on-going planning projects. Any approved recommendations from these plans will be incorporated into this master plan.

KESSLER PARK

Kessler Park is an approximately 300-acre green space comprised of seven smaller separate parks containing areas of active and passive recreation, natural splendor, and historic elements of George Kessler's original park and boulevard master plan for Kansas City. This master plan will create a coordinated community driven improvement plan for the park, an operations and maintenance plan, and connectivity plan, and conservation plan for improving health and resilience of natural resources. The multidisciplinary consultant team conducting this project employed a three-phase process of community engagement, site analysis, and design. The engagement process entailed regular interaction with an advisory committee, stakeholder interviews, online surveys, a project website, and 3 public meetings. The plan has resulted in a community vision and mission for the overall park, in addition to cost estimated design concepts for each of the seven constituent parks.

MARLBOROUGH PARK

A master plan for the 18-acre park in the heart of the Marlborough neighborhoods in southeast Kansas City is presently being undertaken. This planning process is being funded by monies disbursed by the Public Improvement Advisory Committee (PIAC) and is intended to generate an environmental conservation plan, an operations and maintenance plan, as well as cost estimates and a phasing strategy. The project has followed a three -phase process of discovery, then strategy, followed by final plan production. Close collaboration with a diverse advisory committee of neighborhood residents was paired with diverse engagement techniques to meet residents at the park and in their neighborhood. Final recommendations from this plan are still under review by the Department. The proposed design plans prioritize trail connections, removal of exotic species in the wooded areas, conversion of turf to native prairie, and park amenities that will bring more activity to the park.

BRUSH CREEK

KC Water and the United States Army Corps of Engineers, have partnered to create a Master Plan for Lower Brush Creek from The Paseo to its confluence with the Blue River near Coal Mine Road. The purpose of the master plan is to guide future projects that will improve recreational and cultural opportunities, as well as environmental conditions and aesthetics along the creek. It

is intended to establish a long-range vision for development and programming along the Lower Brush Creek corridor. As part of this Master Plan, the project team is collecting feedback from local stakeholders and public participants to better understand how improvements to the Lower Brush Creek corridor could enhance safety, resource sustainability, and quality of life for local residents. The master plan will lay the foundation for future improvements that will benefit all those who live, work, and play in the area.

BRUSH CREEK CULTURAL HERITAGE TRAIL

The Department is presently overseeing design for the Brush Creek Cultural Heritage Corridor Trail. This trail is envisioned to be a series of interconnected nodes that tell the story of the American Civil Rights Movement and the Black experience in Kansas City through art installations. Artwork will be a key component to convey this important historical record. Interpretative materials at the nodes will be designed and installed to help provide further education. The project team has hosted public meetings, given presentations and distributed info at events throughout the community, partnered with the KC Library on an event, distributed a call for Artists, engaged a steering committee and subcommittees.

NORTHLAND TRAILHEADS

Another trail driven design project currently underway is the Northland Trailhead Study. The department has engaged a consultant team to analyze 14 different potential trailhead sites along different stretches of 8 existing and partially developed trail corridors north of the river. The team conducted both in-person and virtual engagement to listen to local resident's feedback regarding trail access. Trailhead sites were evaluated using a matrix that considered access

to parking, adjacent park amenities, impact to surrounding habitat, among other factors. The final deliverables from the study will be schematic civil site design of up to 3 trailheads that could be implemented by the department.

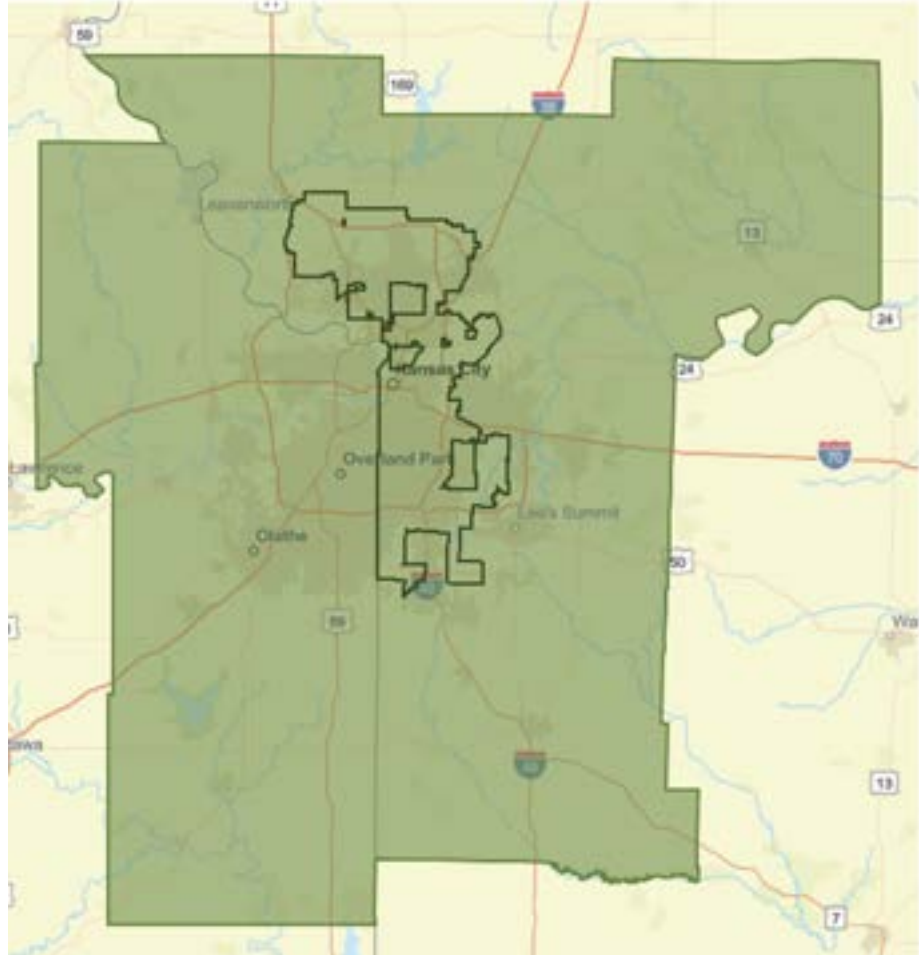
AQUATICS MASTER PLAN

KCMO operates 27 aquatic facilities. That system has experienced various challenges over time, including but not limited to low cost recovery and low utilization at the facilities. This planning effort has been initiated to better understand the challenges and needs for aquatics in the city. The City's hired consultant team is assessing current conditions and operating performance, evaluating current and future needs, gathering public input, and developing options and costs to address identified needs. Public engagement has included a combination of in-person meetings, focus group meetings, stakeholder phone calls, online surveys, and a project website.

DEMOGRAPHIC INVENTORY

Figure 2.2: The primary and secondary service areas considered in this demographic profile

Understanding the park and recreation needs of Kansas City begins with comprehending the demographics of the service area. Demographic information was sourced from the Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI), which uses 2020 Census data and projections for 2022-2027 by their demographers. In addition to demographics, ESRI also provides data on housing, recreation and entertainment spending, and adult participation in activities. Furthermore, data from the National Sporting Goods Association (NSGA) was overlaid onto the demographic profile to determine potential participation in various activities.



The provided information encompasses the demographics from Kansas City, Missouri (Primary Service Area) as well as the larger 9-County MARC Region (Secondary Service Area), along with comparison data for the State of Missouri and the United States.

Primary Service Areas are characterized as the distance people will travel on a regular basis (a minimum of once a week) to utilize recreation facilities. Use by individuals outside of this area will be much more limited and will focus more on special activities or events.

The size of service areas can adjust based on a facility's proximity to major thoroughfares. Other factors influencing usage relative to driving distance include the presence of alternative service providers within the service area. The size of service areas may also vary depending on the facility's components.

The 9-county area served by the metropolitan planning organization known as the Mid-America Regional Council (or MARC) comprises Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte, and Ray Counties in Missouri and Leavenworth, Wyandotte, Miami, and Johnson Counties in Kansas. The chart

Figure 2.3: A demographic summary of the primary and secondary service areas

	Kansas City	Secondary Service
Population:		
2020 Census	508,090	2,103,419
2022 Estimate	517,971	2,141,404
2027 Estimate	530,606	2,181,679
Households:		
2020 Census	216,452	833,443
2022 Estimate	221,976	850,100
2027 Estimate	228,527	868,522
Families:		
2020 Census	110,723	518,500
2022 Estimate	121,071	544,165
2027 Estimate	124,131	555,201
Average Household Size:		
2020 Census	2.31	2.49
2022 Estimate	2.29	2.48
2027 Estimate	2.28	2.48
Ethnicity (2022 Estimate):		
Hispanic	12.0%	10.9%
White	55.1%	69.1%
Black	26.0%	12.4%
American Indian	0.6%	0.6%
Asian	3.2%	3.2%
Pacific Islander	0.3%	0.2%
Other	5.6%	4.4%
Multiple	9.3%	9.5%
Median Age:		
2020 Census	34.7	36.3
2022 Estimate	36.8	38.3
2027 Estimate	37.4	38.9
Median Income:		
2022 Estimate	\$60,293	\$76,986
2027 Estimate	\$72,715	\$87,726

on the next page provides a summary of basic demographic parameters for both the primary and secondary service areas. We will delve into finer detail on the parameters of age and income on the following pages.

	2020 Census	2022 Projection	2027 Projection
Kansas City	34.7	36.8	37.4
Secondary Service Area	36.3	38.3	38.9
State of Missouri	37.8	39.6	40.5
Nationally	38.6	38.9	39.6

Figure 2.4: Median ages and projections across Kansas City, the MARC region, the State of Missouri, and the nation

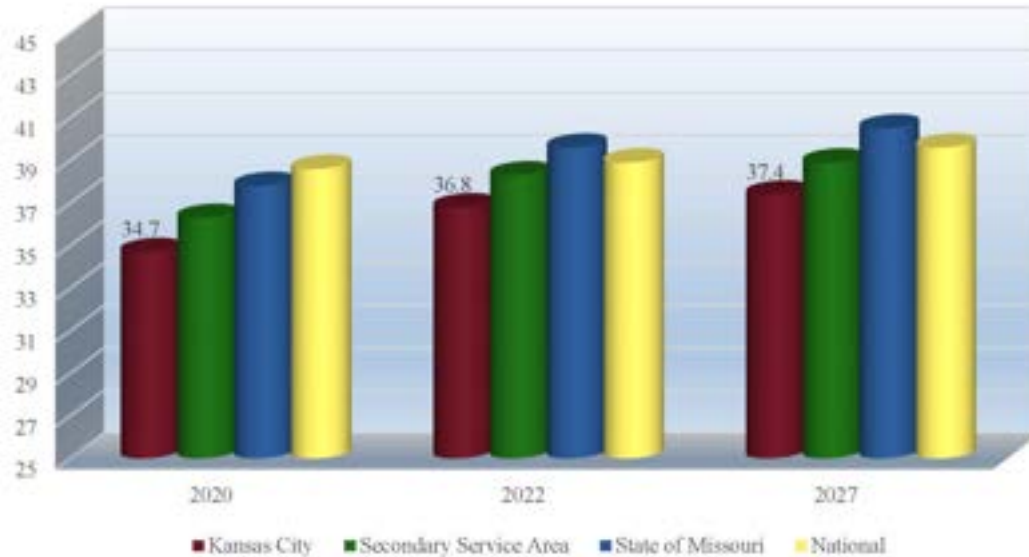


Figure 2.5: Median age

	Number of Households w/ Children	Percentage of Households w/ Children
Kansas City	55,363	26.8%
Secondary Service Area	254,148	31.5%
State of Missouri	-	29.5%

Figure 2.6: Households with children in Kansas City, the MARC region, and the state

AGE

Median age and household income levels are contrasted with national averages, as both are significant secondary factors influencing participation in recreation activities. Generally, lower median ages correlate with higher participation rates in most activities. Similarly, as median income levels rise, so does participation in recreational activities. Figures 2.3 and 2.4 illustrate that the median age in both Kansas City and the MARC Region is lower than state

and national averages. Lower median ages are typically indicative of a higher presence of families with children. While parks and recreation activities, programs, and events appeal to a broad demographic, they are especially popular among youth and their parents. Grandparents are becoming an increasingly significant part of the household, as they are often involved in caring for and participating in activities with their grandchildren. Figure 2.5 details the number and percentage of households in the Primary Service Area that have children.

The demographic makeup of Kansas City, compared to national population characteristics, reveals notable differences, with a larger representation in the -5, 5-17, and 25-44 age groups. Conversely, there is a smaller population in the 18-24, 45-54, 55-64, 65-74, and 75+ age groups. The greatest positive variance is in the 25-44 age group with a +2.9% difference, while the most significant negative variance is in the 65-74 age group at -1.3%.

Ages	Population	% of Total	Nat. Population	Difference
0-5	33,671	6.5%	5.8%	+0.7%
5-17	84,285	16.3%	15.9%	+0.4%
18-24	45,997	8.9%	9.2%	-0.3%
25-44	153,701	29.7%	26.8%	+2.9%
45-54	60,053	11.6%	12.0%	-0.4%
55-64	62,007	12.0%	12.8%	-0.8%
65-74	46,144	8.9%	10.2%	-1.3%
75+	32,113	6.2%	7.2%	-1.0%

Figure 2.7: Age distribution in Kansas City as well as nationwide

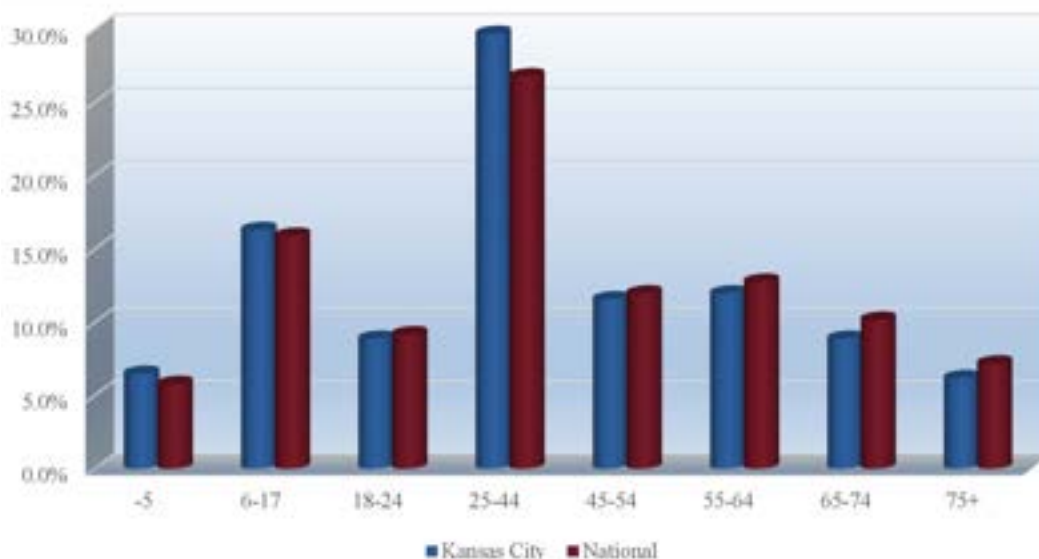


Figure 2.8: Age distribution in Kansas City as well as nationwide

Ages	2020 Census	2022 Projection	2027 Projection	Percent Change	Percent Change Nat'l
-5	38,158	33,671	34,733	-9.0%	-8.3%
5-17	84,444	84,285	85,384	+1.1%	-8.5%
18-24	50,656	45,997	47,693	-5.8%	-8.9%
25-44	150,446	153,701	154,884	+2.9%	+3.3%
45-54	71,945	60,053	61,724	-14.2%	-17.8%
55-64	56,246	62,007	57,269	+1.8%	+2.5%
65-74	29,571	46,144	50,645	+71.3%	+58.2%
75+	26,573	32,113	38,276	+44.0%	+46.3%

Figure 2.9: Population growth across various age ranges in Kansas City

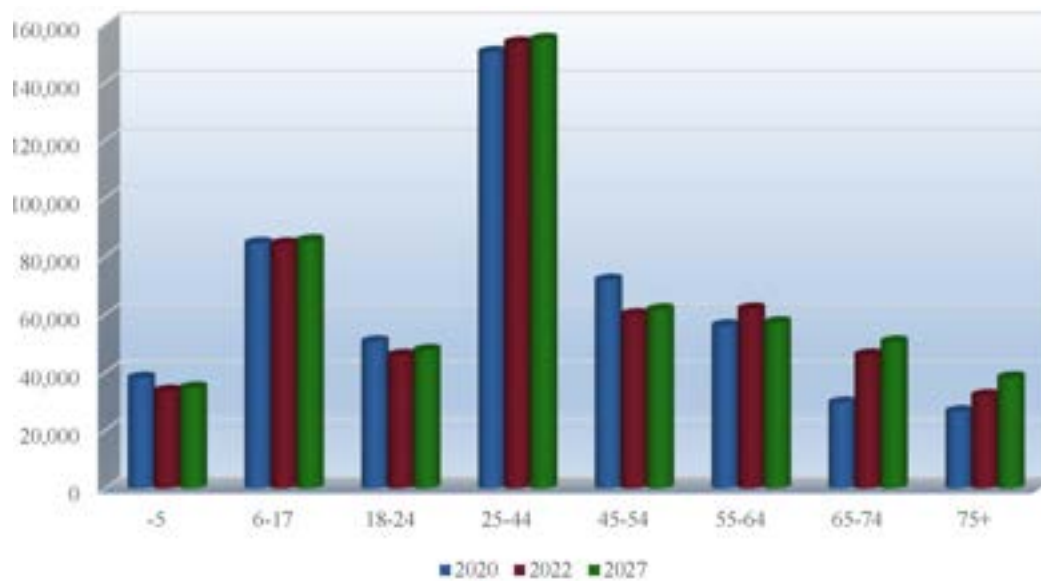
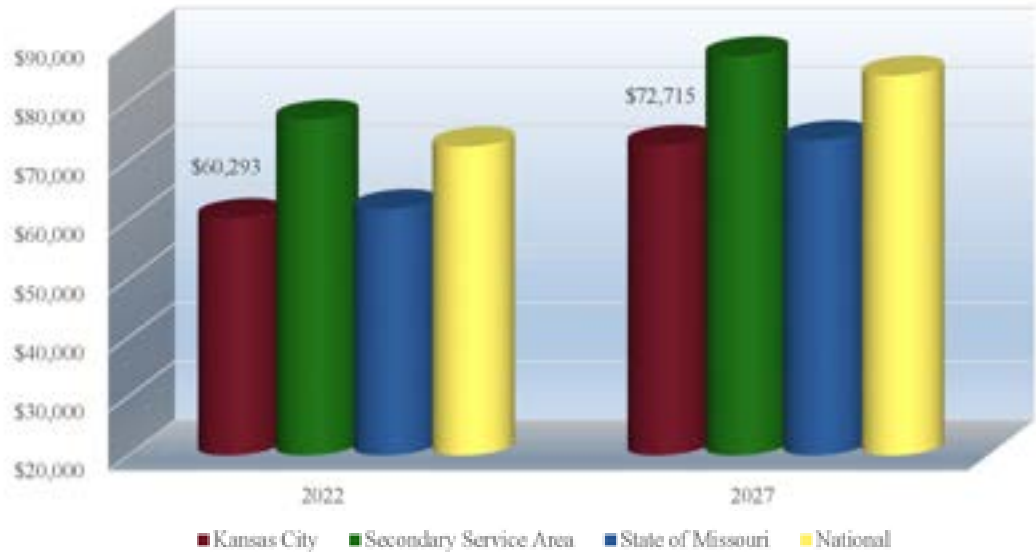


Figure 2.10: Population growth

Utilizing census information from the Primary Service Area, the comparisons in *Figures 2.6* and *2.7* are possible. Together they illustrate the growth or decline in age group numbers from the 2020 census until the year 2027. It is projected all age categories, except -5 and 45-54, will see an increase in population. The population of the United States is aging, and it is not unusual to find negative growth numbers in the younger age groups and significant net gains in the 45 plus age groupings in communities which are relatively stable in their population numbers.

Figure 2.11: Median household income in Kansas City the MARC region, the State, and nationwide



INCOME

In Kansas City, 58.9% of households have a median income exceeding \$50,000 per year, in contrast to the national figure of 61.6%. Additionally, 20.3% of households in the service area have a median income below \$25,000 annually, higher than the national rate of 18.0%.

Within the Secondary Service Area, 68.9% of households earn a median income above \$50,000 annually, surpassing the national average of 61.6%. Moreover, only 13.8% of

households in this area earn below \$25,000 annually, which is lower than the national average of 18.0%.

Although no single metric perfectly indicates parks and recreation facility usage, the proportion of households earning more than \$50,000 annually serves as a key indicator. Therefore, these numbers are significant and should be balanced with the overall cost of living.



Figure 2.12: Median household income distribution in Kansas City the MARC region, the State, and nationwide

RECREATION MARKET PROFILE

Beyond median age and income, examining household budget expenditures is crucial. Analyzing average household spending on items like shelter, utilities, fuel, public services, and entertainment offers insight into the cost of living and spending habits in the service areas. Figure 2.13 below compares this information across the service areas.

Consistency between median household income and household budget expenditures is noteworthy. It also indicates that, compared to the national level, spending in Kansas City is less, but similar to the state level. This suggests the potential affordability of programs and services at various recreation facilities.

Utilizing data from the 2018 and 2019 Consumer Expenditure Surveys by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, our team analyzed households' overall tendency to spend on recreation activities. This data is presented in Figure 2.14. Once more,

a significant consistency is observed among median household income, household budget expenditures, and recreation spending potential.

Based on data from the National Sporting Goods Association's 2020 Survey and the Spending Potential Index for Entertainment & Recreation, our team gathered information on Sports and Leisure Market Potential. The information in Figure 2.15 illustrates participation rates for adults in outdoor activities. This data shows that adults' overall propensity to participate in activities exceeds the national index of 100 in 10 out of 23 activities. Often, when a participation number is lower than the national average, primary factors include a lack of facilities or an inability to pay for services and programs.

Figure 2.13: Annual household budget expenditures and spending potential index (SPI)

Kansas City	SPI	Average Amount Spent	Percent
Housing	83	\$23,593.13	31.9%
Shelter	82	\$18,838.16	25.5%
Utilities, Fuel, Public Service	84	\$4,754.97	6.4%
Entertainment & Recreation	81	\$2,982.75	4.0%

Secondary Service Area	SPI	Average Amount Spent	Percent
Housing	98	\$28,115.41	31.6%
Shelter	98	\$22,471.43	25.3%
Utilities, Fuel, Public Service	100	\$5,643.99	6.3%
Entertainment & Recreation	99	\$3,639.60	4.1%

State of Missouri	SPI	Average Amount Spent	Percent
Housing	83	\$23,682.22	31.1%
Shelter	82	\$18,671.08	24.5%
Utilities, Fuel, Public Service	89	\$5,011.14	6.6%
Entertainment & Recreation	87	\$3,200.06	4.2%

Kansas City	SPI	Average Spent
Fees for Participant Sports	81	\$105.61
Fees for Recreational Lessons	75	\$119.96
Social, Recreation, Club Membership	80	\$226.39
Exercise Equipment/Game Tables	81	\$50.65
Other Sports Equipment	82	\$6.64

Secondary Service Area	SPI	Average Spent
Fees for Participant Sports	102	\$133.18
Fees for Recreational Lessons	96	\$153.47
Social, Recreation, Club Membership	100	\$281.01
Exercise Equipment/Game Tables	100	\$62.86
Other Sports Equipment	101	\$8.21

State of Missouri	SPI	Average Spent
Fees for Participant Sports	81	\$105.44
Fees for Recreational Lessons	75	\$119.54
Social, Recreation, Club Membership	81	\$228.26
Exercise Equipment/Game Tables	85	\$53.58
Other Sports Equipment	82	\$6.64

Figure 2.14: Annual recreation expenditures and spending potential index (SPI)

Figure 2.15: Market potential index (MPI) for participation activities in Kansas City, Missouri

Adults participated in:	Expected Number of Adults	Percent of Population	MPI
Aerobic Exercise	33,239	8.3%	99
Archery	9,771	2.4%	100
Baseball	11,536	2.9%	98
Basketball	27,860	7.0%	103
Bicycling (mountain)	14,749	3.7%	98
Bicycling (road)	43,047	10.8%	95
Football	12,944	3.2%	105
Frisbee	14,228	3.6%	98
Golf	27,673	6.9%	88
Hiking	57,455	14.4%	90
Ice Skating	9,695	2.4%	104
Jogging/Running	45,741	11.4%	103
Pilates	11,873	3.0%	95
Ping Pong	13,810	3.5%	99
Soccer	16,088	4.0%	103
Softball	7,325	1.8%	96
Swimming	59,040	14.8%	94
Tennis	14,516	3.6%	96
Volleyball	10,806	2.7%	103
Walking for Exercise	117,953	29.5%	95
Weightlifting	50,408	12.6%	100
Yoga	41,401	10.3%	100
Zumba	14,279	3.6%	109

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



IN-PERSON ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY

The consultant team employed many approaches to create a diverse public engagement strategy. It's difficult to access all of Kansas City's population, but by offering multiple platforms over a wide span of time, our hope was that all residents would have the opportunity to voice their feedback. Our team engaged the community continuously over a 9 month period. This section of the report summarizes the methods of in-person engagement we employed and the results we gathered.

POP-UP EVENTS

One way to collect input on park and recreation topics is to go to parks with a lot of folks and start conversations. Pop-up engagement events are a way to strategically put yourself into a broad mix of park users and collect quick and candid opinions. Our team selected four different popular events staged in parks across Kansas City during the fall of 2022: the Zoo Run for Sharks in Swope

Park, a Saturday morning at the soccer fields at Tiffany Hills Park, a Walktober event on Brush Creek Greenway, and a Saturday morning at City Market. At all four locations, we asked folks to participate in a quick visual preference survey by answering two questions: what programs do you want to see more of in KCMO parks, and what amenities do you want to see more of in KCMO parks. Over the 4 sessions we had over 150 interactions with individuals, couples, or families. The most popular recreation programs among respondents were community and cultural events followed by outdoor recreation, and environmental education. The most popular park amenities were: walking trails, followed by improved landscaping, and then adventure park.

OPEN HOUSES

Our team wanted to offer residents the traditional option of coming to an in-person public meeting. While the engagement method has not been highly successful ever since the pandemic, it is still the primary method for citizens that do not typically access digital content. As with pop-up events, we spread these out across locations and time. We ultimately provided 3 open houses in the November of 2022 (at Northland Neighborhoods, Inc., Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Heritage Center, and the South Metro Patrol Station) and 3 more in April of 2023 (Line Creek Community Center,



Figure 3.1: Pop-Up Event, Zoo Run for Sharks, September 2022



Figure 3.2: Pop-Up Event, Walktober, October 2022



Figure 3.3: Pop-Up Event, City Market, October 2022

IF GIVEN AN EXTRA \$100, WHERE WOULD YOU INVEST?

MASTER PLAN
OPEN HOUSE

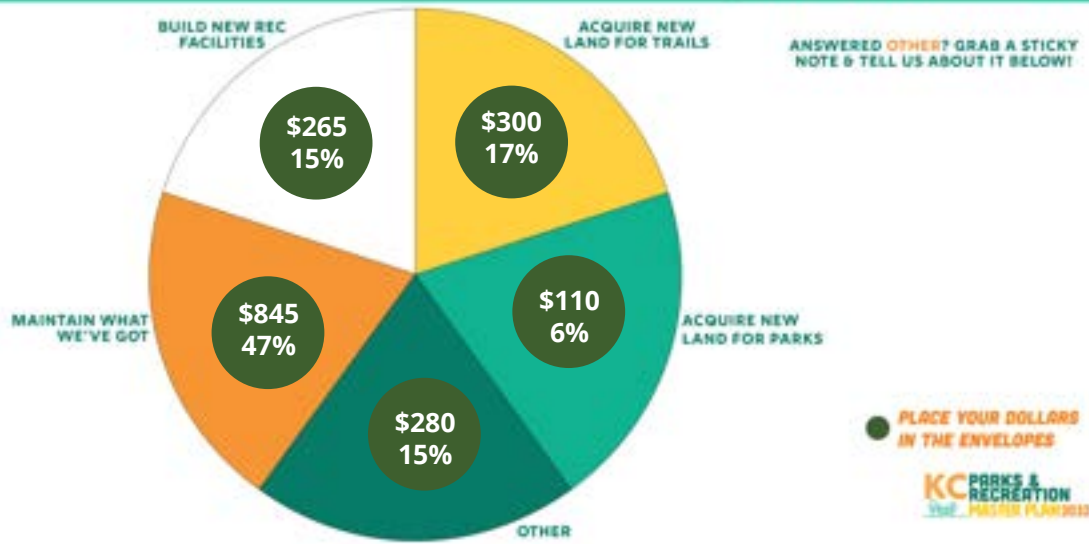


Figure 3.4: Results from November Open House Activity about Spending Priorities

the Trailside Center, and Brush Creek Community Center). Conducting the same presentation in three different locations in a single week allowed us to deliver similar information to audiences in the north, central, and south portions of the city. Conducting two separate rounds of meetings allowed the team to share different types of information and collect different feedback.

The November meetings focused on explaining the purpose behind the plan and encouraging folks to follow the process on the project website. The statistically valid survey instrument our team developed was circulating at that time so we asked folks to participate in dot activities which mimicked some of the survey questions. There was a lot of correlation between the two, especially on the question concerning park spending priorities. Just like survey respondents, open house attendees strongly favored the

choice “maintain what we’ve got” (47%) over acquire new land for trails (17%). The April open house meetings were structured to allow the consultant team to share preliminary data and for attendees to ask questions. Attendance at these meetings was stronger than those in the fall, but still not very robust.

TAKEAWAYS

It was challenging to get turnout for any one of the open houses above 15 people. The pop-ups provided more interaction with park users but due to their spontaneous nature, they are not as inclusive a means of engagement. The Fall open house meetings did provide some comparative data to check against the statistically valid survey sample.

VIRTUAL ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY

Even before the pandemic, the hot trend in community engagement was being able to conduct it virtually. The pandemic made it the routine for a couple years. Our team finds terrific value in it when done the right way. The more freedom and ease you can provide citizens, the more success you will have. The consultant team developed a digital brand and website specifically for this project. The website provided basic information about the planning process and also hosted an interactive mapping tool called Social Pinpoint. That tool was available to the general public from August 2022 until June 2023. This section of the report discusses the use of virtual engagement during this planning process and the results obtained.

SOCIAL PINPOINT

For this project, Social Pinpoint allowed visitors a chance to dive into an interactive map of Kansas City in which all the existing parks and greenways, and community centers were highlighted. As soon as a visitor enters this web site, they are given instructions on how to leave comments about parks, trails, community centers or whatever might be on their mind about parks and recreation. In order to leave a comment of any kind, a visitor drags a little “pin” onto the screen. They have a choice of four types of pins: “Things they like”, “Things they dislike,” “Ideas for improvement,” and “Causes for concern.” By setting up these options, our team effectively crowd sourced a Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) analysis of the Kansas City park system.

Over the 10 months that this tool was available, the website was visited by 1,213 unique users over 3,300 times. In the end, 214 unique users left 603 separate comments on the map. These comments tended to come in large batches, often when the department and consultant team were advertising for the more traditional in-person engagement sessions. Figure 3.6 below shows the most talked about words within social pinpoint. Figure 3.7 shows a heat map indicating the density of comments across the city’s geography. There’s more activity in the center of the city, where population and park density are the greatest. However certain parks in the farther north and south reaches of the city, still attracted comment. In terms of single Park properties, Swope received the most comments at 70, but Anne Garney up north was the second most commented park with 30, followed by Penn Valley with 29. The comments can be about most anything. The word cloud below in Figure 3.8 was generated by Social Pinpoint based on the collective content of the 603 comments. As it suggests in its anecdotal way, trails, connectivity, and access to green spaces were common topics. The



Figure 3.5: Project brand



Figure 3.6: Word cloud generated by Social PinPoint

consultant team spent some time distilling the comments based on City Council District and found some trends. Residents in District #1 expressed lots of appreciation for the nature in their parks but also demanded that trail segments be completed. District #2 consistently raved about the miniature railroad in Vaydik Park and begged for a dog park. District #3 asked for more landscaping in their parks as well as trash to be cleaned up on greenways. District #4 expressed concern about the homeless population and also safety at trail and street intersections. District #5 residents spoke of concern over invasive exotic species and also the lack of sidewalks in their neighborhoods. District #6 folks highly value natural spaces in their parks and have a clear desire for more native plant species.

ONLINE OPEN HOUSE

In May of 2023, KC Parks staff conducted two virtual open houses. City staff utilized a presentation that was developed for a series of in-person open houses conducted in April. Turnout for both open houses consisted of between 10 and 20 residents. The virtual platform for community engagement can provide more accessibility for diverse groups, a decreased burden on users and give users quick access to community members.

TAKEAWAYS

Keep in mind that the Social Pinpoint exercise is not statistically valid. It is a way for residents to quickly and conveniently leave input about park spaces near and dear to them. Participants were invited to give candid and specific park-level comments which can sometimes lead to validation of results seen in the other engagement methods.

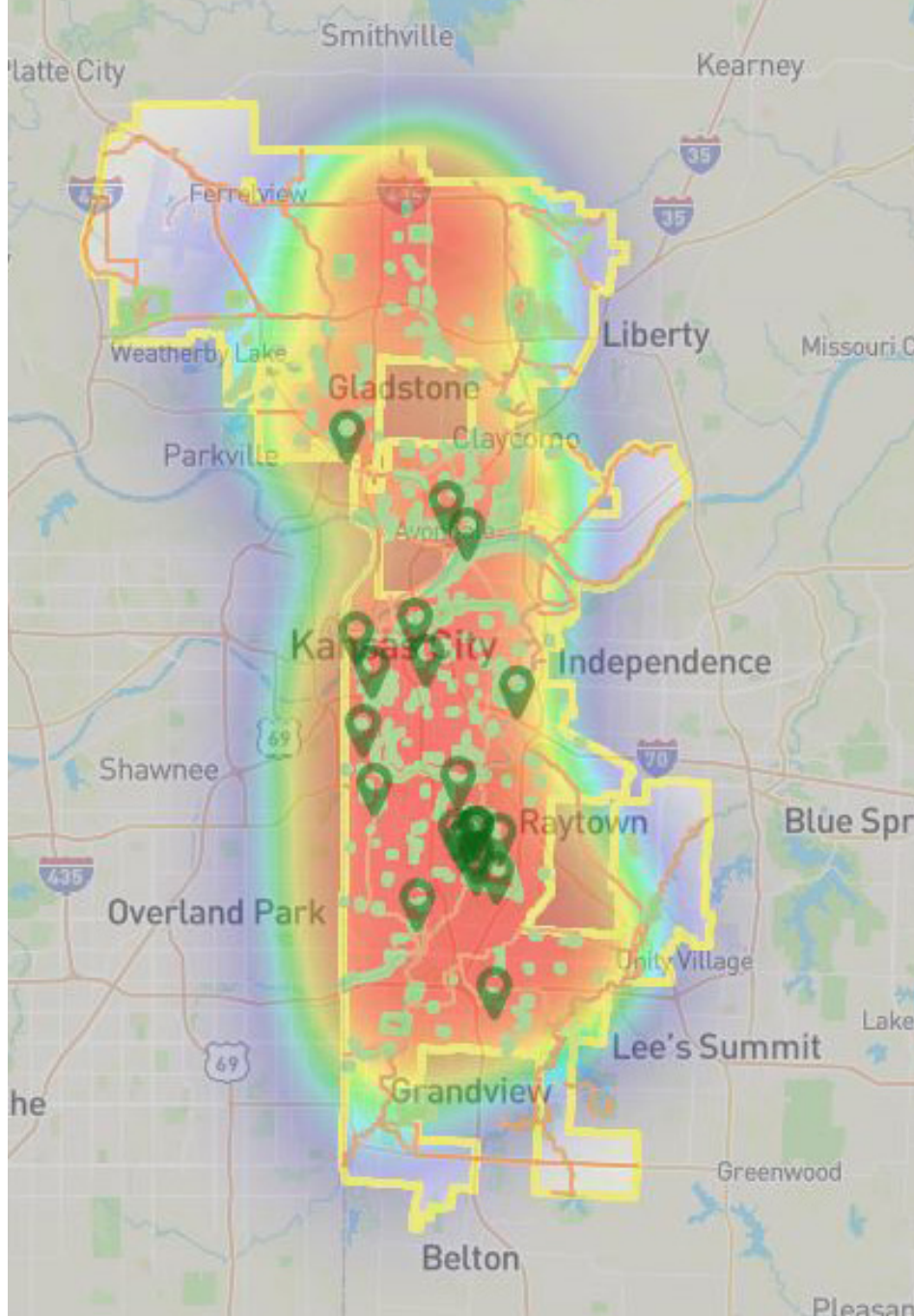


Figure 3.7: Comment heat map generated by Social PinPoint

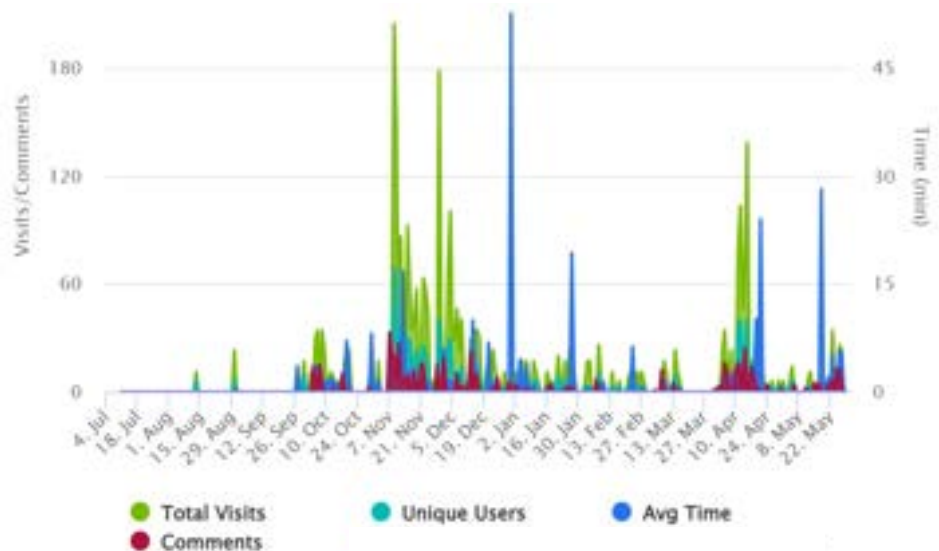


Figure 3.8: Social Pinpoint activity over time.

DEPARTMENTAL STAFF SURVEY SUMMARY

One of the most crucial stakeholders in a park master planning process is the department staff. They know the park system better than any other group and spend the better part of their waking hours making sure it operates as smoothly as possible. As part of this process, the consultant team developed a survey that all staff, both full time and part time, could take anonymously. The survey was administered through both paper and digital versions during January and February of 2023. During this period, 183 staff participated in the survey, approximately 43% of the total 428 department employees. While these results are not statistically valid and thus not reliably

indicative of overall staff opinion and sentiment, they do provide valuable insight.

Respondents indicated that their top three things they liked the most about working for the Department are:

- 1. Retirement/Benefits**
- 2. Working Environment**
- 3. Working Hours**

It is not uncommon for these three areas to be common motivators or areas of satisfaction for public parks and recreation departments.

In contrast, the top three challenges respondents identified are:

- 4. Not Enough Staff**
- 5. City Processes**
- 6. Budget Too Small**

Both city processes and budget are common challenges. Staffing shortages are a newer phenomenon that many agencies are struggling to overcome. A big challenge for parks and recreation agencies is the lack of work from home, or work location, flexibility. Whether



working maintenance, or administering programs, most parks and recreation positions require a physical presence. Some of that can be overcome with working hours flexibility, but it likely still requires a physical presence.

Respondents were asked to rate their level of satisfaction with their current position in the Department with a 0 being completely unsatisfied and a 10 being completely satisfied. The average response of respondents was a 6.8. The consulting team felt that this was a reasonable score given some of the concerns that were highlighted in the survey.

Approximately 80% of respondents indicated that they do interact with the public in their position. Those respondents indicated that frequent compliments they hear from the public include “good job,” “clean and quick responses to guests,” “great staff,” “keeping parks clean,” “parks are beautiful,” “thank you,” and “park workers are appreciated.” Those same respondents indicated the following common concerns or criticisms: trash, bathrooms, poor maintenance of parks or parkways, homeless population, funding, concerns about staff, timeliness of repairs, community centers need attention, reliability of services, and length of time for projects. The percentage of respondents that interact with residents in person, on the phone and through email underscores the previous comment about requiring a physical presence to complete many tasks. The challenge with what was reported back to the consulting team is that it can have a significant amount of recency bias prioritizing recent events over historical tendencies. Many departments and communities of this size often conduct resident satisfaction surveys. The data collected with that type of statistically representative instrument would provide better data in this area. Kansas City offers the Resident and Business Satisfaction Survey, this survey includes some questions focusing on the Parks & Recreation department.

Respondents were asked what the Department does well in the following areas, along with top responses:

- **Places: Parks**
- **Programs: Fitness**
- **Events: Seasonal/Holiday**

An important follow-up question to this would be, why do you think the Department does these things well? Based on previous responses, both staffing and lack of budgetary resources are concerns. It’s important to understand and maintain strengths in the system while addressing the shortcomings.

In contrast they were asked what they should do less of:

- **Places: Skate Parks & Dog Parks**
- **Programs: E-Sports**
- **Events: Plein Air Art**

Skate parks are a common dislike amongst staff because of the “other” uses and users it draws when not being used as a skate park. Many departments have engaged the users of skate parks to get them more involved and take ownership of the spaces, which has had a positive result. While dog parks are a favorite amenity of residents, they are typically disliked by staff because of the maintenance they require. Some departments have moved to an annual fee to use dog parks to help try and recover some of the costs associated with offering the amenity, while others have engaged “friends of” groups to help offset some of the maintenance time. Though many view E-Sports as contradictory to parks and recreation, most departments are exploring either offering the program or creating the space to do so.

Approximately 62% of respondents indicated that they felt the Department DOES NOT receive an appropriate level of support from City leadership and residents. This is another area where follow-up dialogue may be required to understand how

respondents define “support.” In many cases that correlates to financial support, but it can also mean different things, that may be easier to rectify.

When asked about community centers, the location and staff were identified as their favorite things, while maintenance and upkeep were identified as their least favorite things. Respondents were asked what changes they would recommend for the community centers, to which a wide variety of responses were received. A common response was the need for more staff.

The Department is in a challenging position regarding their community centers in part because they are surrounded by other municipalities with similar competitive facilities and also because of funding.

When respondents were asked what the Department should focus on the most, they indicated neighborhood parks. In most departments the size of Kansas City there can be a tendency to focus on the large-acreage or regional parks. For the staff to express their opinion that a focus should be made on neighborhood parks is interesting, as they can be time and labor intensive. This focus should be confirmed with residents, but also used to leverage additional financial support.

When asked if the department should focus on just two recreational programs, respondents felt that Youth Programs should be the focus. Youth

Programs was the overwhelming first choice favorite and had nearly the most second choices, as well. This is not an uncommon response. The challenge is that it is a VERY broad area with a wide variety of programs that can fall into the category. It will be important for the Department to understand their core services and ensure that youth programs are included.

Respondents were given eight different initiatives and asked to indicate their level of support (very supportive, somewhat supportive, not supportive, not sure) for each. The two initiatives with the highest level of support were:

- 1. Improving the maintenance/cleanliness, enhancing, upgrading, and renovating existing parks and outdoor recreation facilities to meet residents’ needs and priorities.**
- 2. Improving the maintenance/cleanliness, enhancing, upgrading, and renovating existing indoor community centers to meet resident needs and priorities.**

Given the scale of the Department it is not surprising that the top two areas of support were in existing indoor and outdoor spaces and were not on acquisition of new. This also points to staff that are very aware of areas where they feel they may not be meeting expectations, or could improve on existing conditions.

Respondents were asked to provide ideas of what

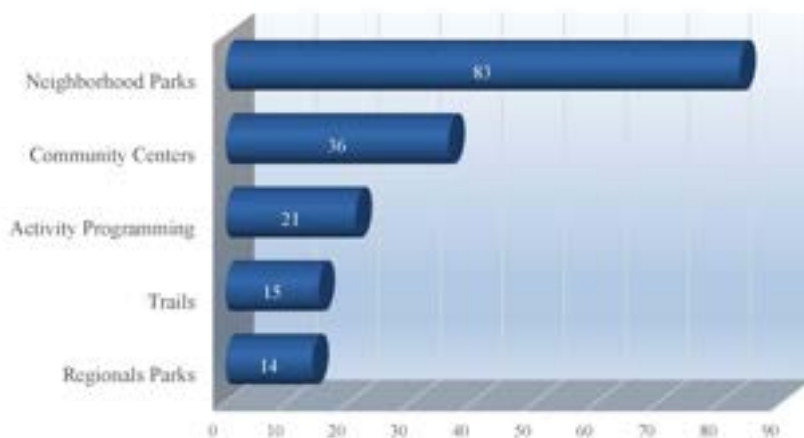


Figure 3.10: Which area do you think the department should focus on most?

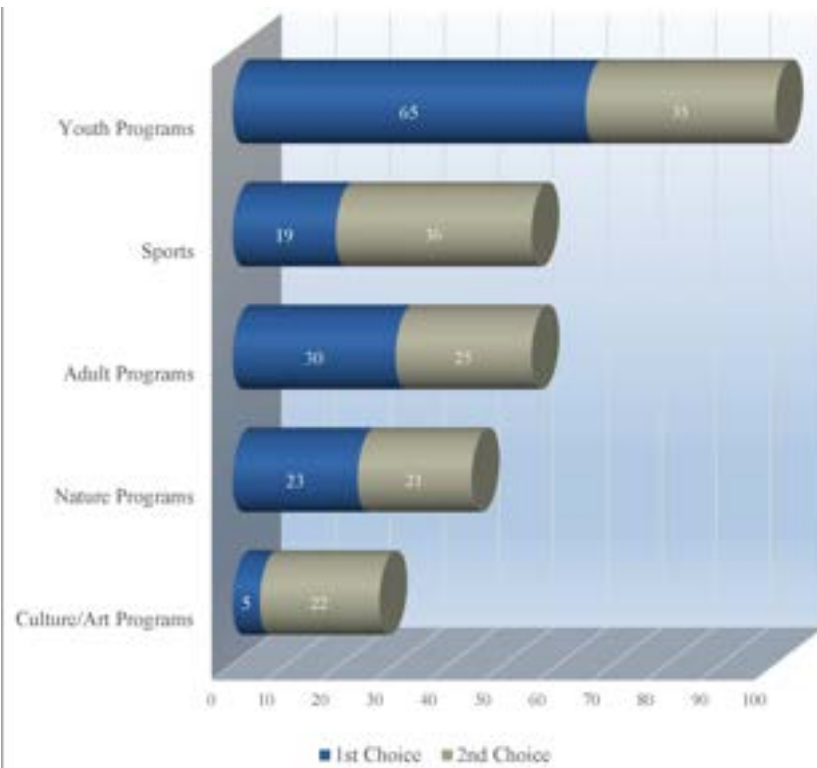
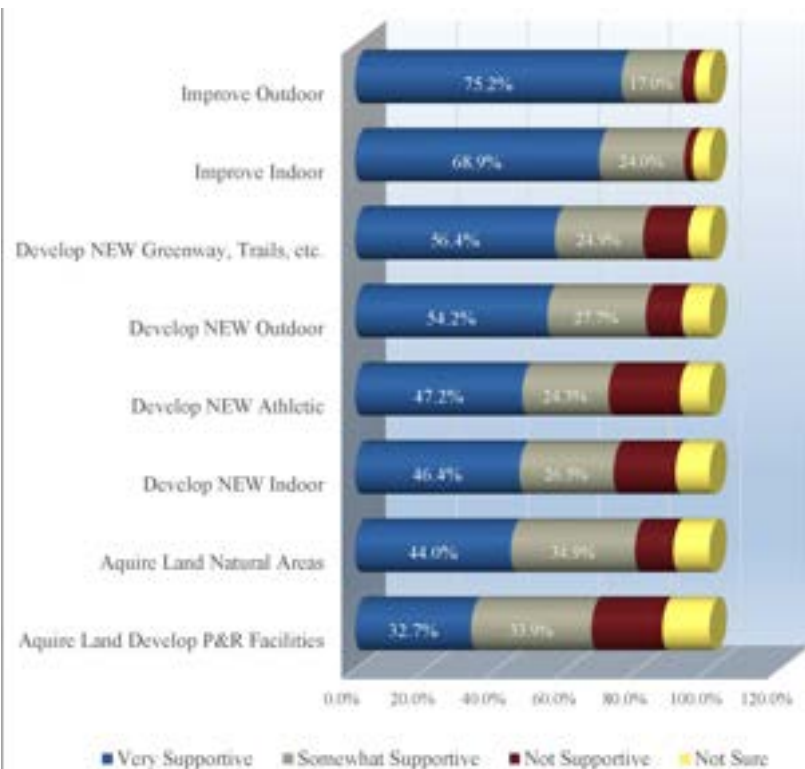


Figure 3.11: If the department focused on two recreational programs, what should they be?

Figure 3.12 How supportive are you of the following initiatives?



the Department’s mission should be. The following common responses were received:

- 1. First Choice: clean, community, fun, health, inclusive, maintain, natural, public.**
- 2. Second Choice: community, fun, health, inclusive, parks, programs, safe, wellness.**
- 3. Third Choice: community, environment, fun, health, inclusion.**

Respondents were asked to identify the most important words in the Department’s mission statement.

- 1. Most Important: Health, Life, Improve**
- 2. Second Most: Health**
- 3. Third Most: Wellness**

There is a trend within parks and recreation to focus on health and wellness. As the Department moves forward understanding what health and wellness mean to staff and residents will be essential. It will also be important to ensure that both health and wellness integrate with core services of the Department.

TAKEAWAYS

Certain trends from this survey exercise stand out from others. There is a strong sense of stress among the department, based on their moderate work satisfaction rating, their assertion that they are short staffed and that the city does not provide adequate support. Staff show clear preferences on where the department’s focus should be in terms of amenities (neighborhood parks), programming (youth) and initiatives (maintaining the existing assets).

STATISTICALLY VALID COMMUNITY SURVEY SUMMARY

The consultant team administered a needs assessment survey for Kansas City, Missouri Parks and Recreation Department during the months of November and December 2022. The survey will help KCMO Parks and Recreation Department plan for future recreation programs and facilities that meet the community's needs and preferences. This section of the report details the methods used as part of this survey effort and the primary findings. A full copy of the survey report is included in the appendix.

METHODOLOGY

Our survey partner ETC Institute mailed a survey packet to a random sample of 12,000 households in Kansas City, Missouri. Each survey packet contained a cover letter, a copy of the survey, and a postage-paid return envelope. Residents who received the survey were given the option of returning the survey by mail or completing it online at KCMOParksSurvey.org.

After the surveys were mailed, ETC Institute followed up by sending text messages and mailing postcards to encourage participation. The text messages and postcards contained a link to the online version of the survey to make it easy for residents to complete the survey. To prevent people who were not residents of KCMO from participating, everyone who completed the survey online was required to enter their home address prior to submitting the survey. ETC Institute then matched the addresses that were entered online with the addresses that were originally selected for the random sample. If the address from a survey completed online did not match one of the addresses selected for the sample, the online survey was not included in the final database for this report.

The goal was to obtain a minimum of 600 completed surveys from residents, with no fewer than 100 from each of the city council districts. The goal was met with 617 completed surveys collected: 100 from District 1, 101 from each of Districts 2, 3, and

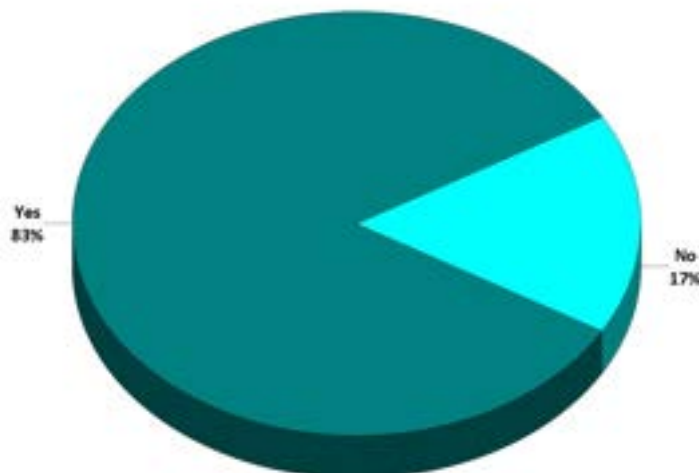
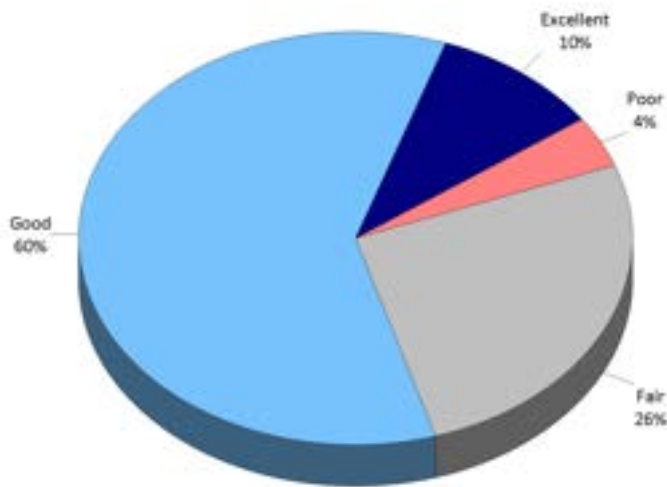


Figure 3.13 In the past 12 months have you or any members of your house visited any of the KCMO Parks and Recreation Department parks?

Figure 3.14: Overall, how would you rate the physical condition of all the KCMO Parks and Recreation Department parks you have visited?



4, 103 from District 5, and 111 from District 6. The overall results for the sample of 617 households have a precision of at least ± 3.9 at the 95% level of confidence.

PARK & FACILITY USE

Respondents were asked if they had visited any KCMO Parks and Recreation Department parks in the past year. Eighty-three percent (83%) of respondents said someone in their household had visited. Of those respondents, the highest number (33%) estimated they had visited 20+ times followed by 1-5 visits (32%). Those same respondents were asked to rate

the overall physical condition of those parks: the highest number of respondents (60%) rated them good, 26% said fair, 10% said excellent, and 4% said poor. Most respondents (52%) said they live within a 10-minute walk from a KCMO Parks and Recreation Department park. Of those who live more than a 10-minute walk away, 48% must walk 30 minutes or more and 23% are within a 21-30-minute walk.

Respondents were asked to select all the improvements they would like to have made to the park they visit most often. The improvements most desired by respondents were to the restrooms (56%), trash cans (47%), lighting (45%),

Figure 3.15: Do you live within a 10-minute walk from a KCMO Parks and Recreation Department park?

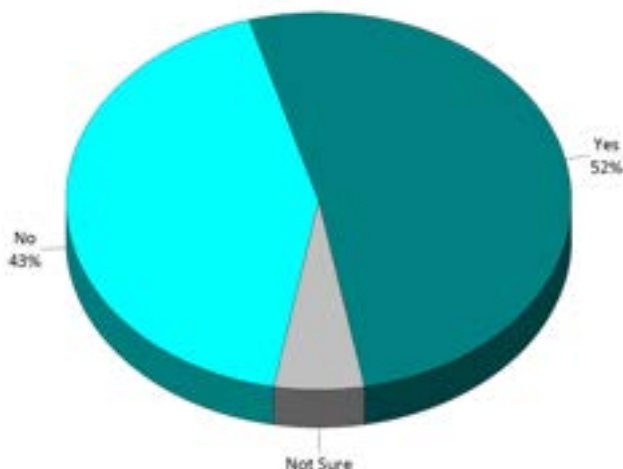
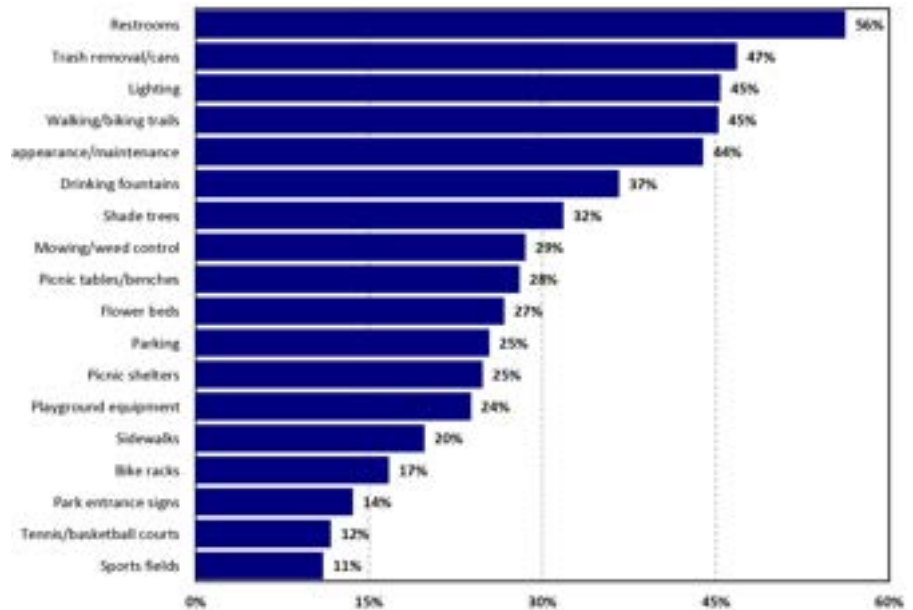


Figure 3.16: Please check ALL the improvements you would most like to have made to the park you visit the MOST often



and walking/biking trails (45%).

Respondents were asked to indicate the reasons why they didn't use facilities or programs or didn't use them more often. The highest number of respondents said they were not aware of what was being offered (33%), the unhoused population (22%), parks/facilities too far from residence (19%), or not being aware of the locations of parks/facilities (19%).

Based on discussion with department staff, our team wanted to learn more about how safety, and feelings of safety, play a role in residents' usage of parks. Respondents were asked to rate how safe they feel at four types of locations: community centers, parks, trails, and boulevards. Over half of respondents felt safe (rating either "very safe" or "safe") at community centers (59%) and parks (51%). Respondents who indicated they did not feel safe were asked to select the reasons they felt that way. The highest number of respondents

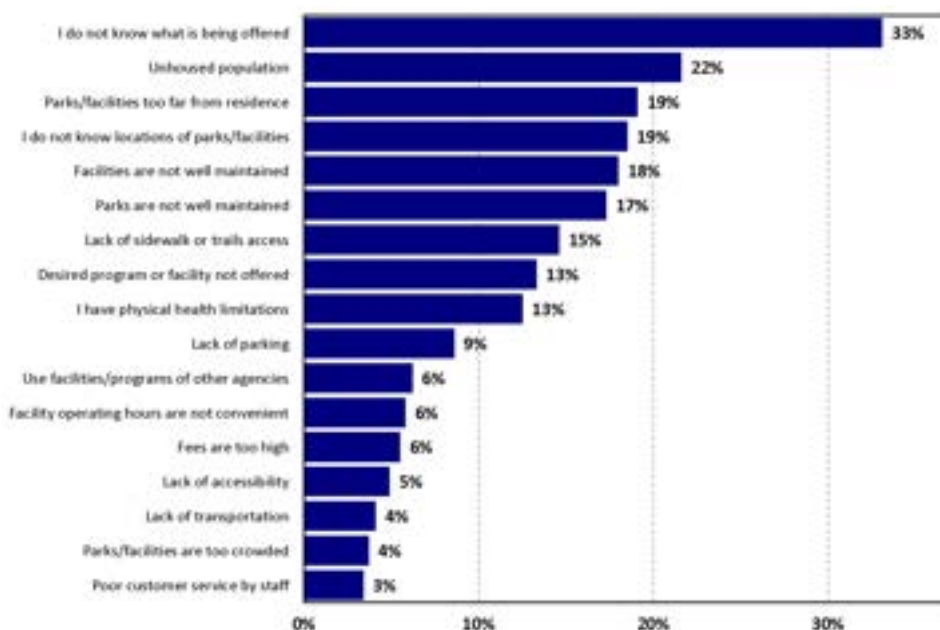


Figure 3.17: Barriers to parks, trails, recreation facilities, or program use

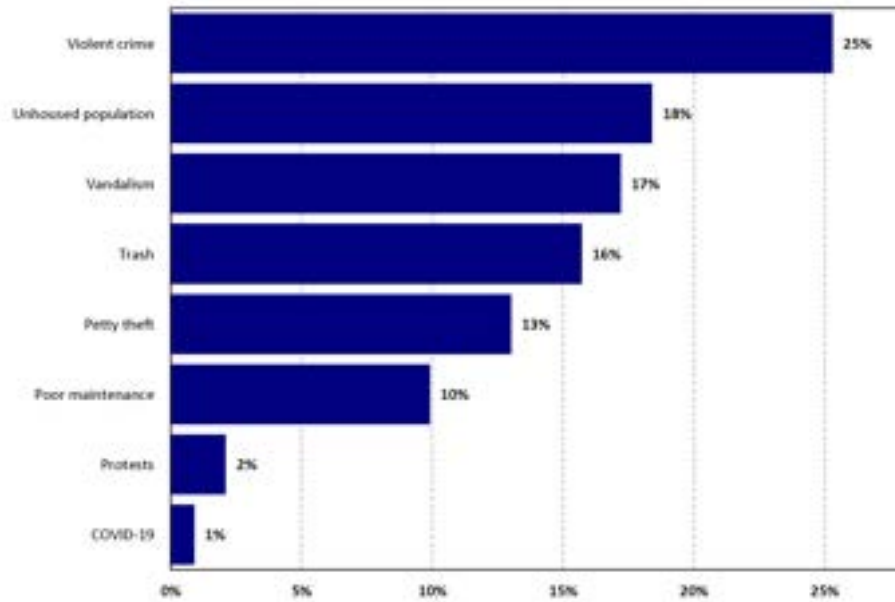


Figure 3.18: If you answered “not safe” to any of the park place types listed in the previous question, what are the reasons you feel that way?

(25%) said violent crime followed by the unhoused population (18%) and vandalism (17%).

excellent, and 17% said either fair (16%) or poor (1%).

RECREATION PARTICIPATION

Respondents were asked if they had participated in any KCMO Parks and Recreation Department programs in the past two years. Sixteen percent (16%) of respondents said someone in their household had participated. Of those respondents, the highest number (74%) said they participated in 1-3 programs. Those same respondents were then asked to rate the overall quality of those programs: the highest number of respondents (62%) rated them good, 21% said

Respondents were asked to rate their level of satisfaction regarding 10 aspects of recreation program services. Respondents were most satisfied (rating either “satisfied” or “very satisfied”) with the quality of instructors (90%), the times programs are offered (87%), and the quality of facility where the program is offered (85%).

Respondents most often learned about recreation programs and activities from social media (46%), the park and recreation website (37%), or the local news (37%). These

Figure 3.19: Approximately how many different recreation programs offered by the KCMO Parks and Recreation Department have you or members of your household participated in over the past two years?

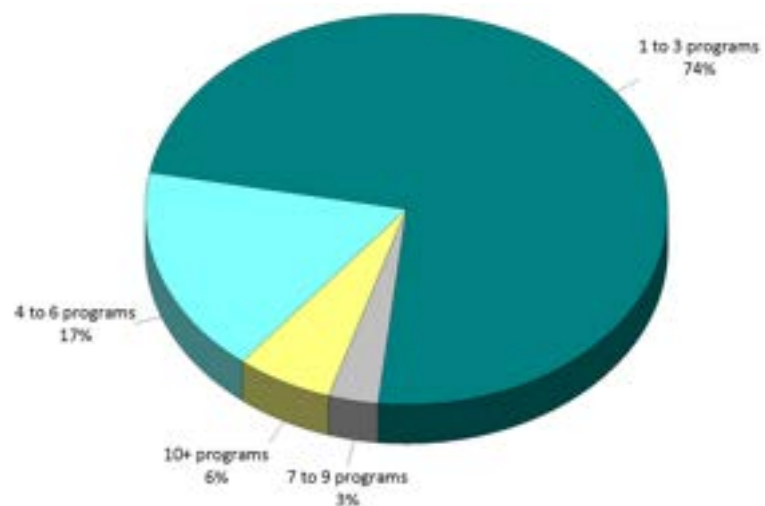
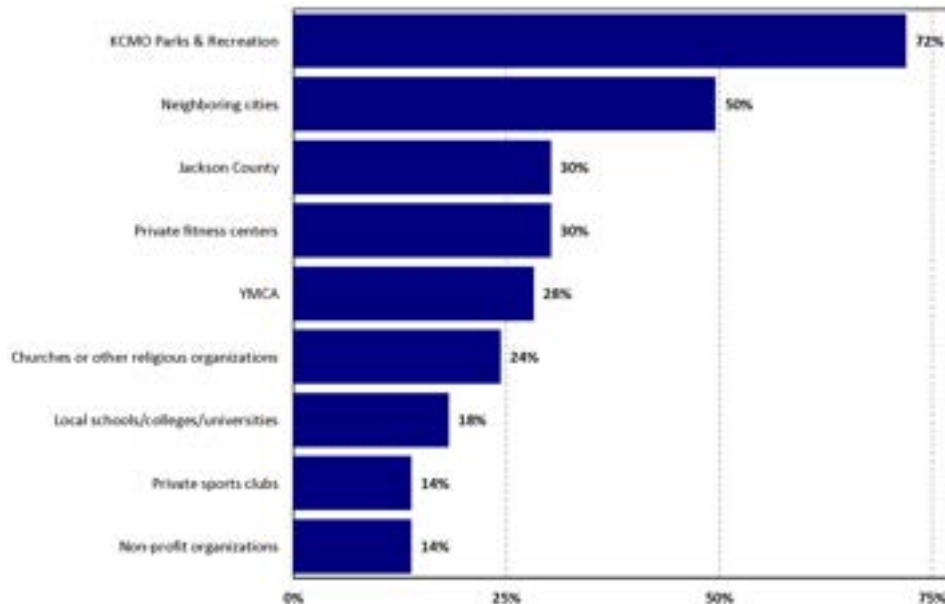


Figure 3.20: Check all of the following organizations you or members of your household use for recreation programs and facilities.



are also the three methods respondents most prefer. Respondents were asked to select all the organizations their household used for recreation programs and facilities. Most common were KCMO Parks and Recreation (72%), neighboring cities (50%), Jackson County (30%), and private fitness centers (30%).

VALUE & FUNDING

Respondents were asked to rate their level of satisfaction with the overall value they received from the Parks and Recreation Department.

The highest percentage of respondents (44%) felt somewhat satisfied, followed by neutral (23%). In general, most respondents (80%) feel it is very important for KCMO to provide high quality parks and recreation programs and facilities. Households were then asked if their perception of value had changed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The highest number of respondents (33%) said there was no change or a significant increase and 30% said it somewhat increased. Fifty-six percent (56%) of respondents felt funding should increase based on their perception of value and 33% thought it should stay the same.

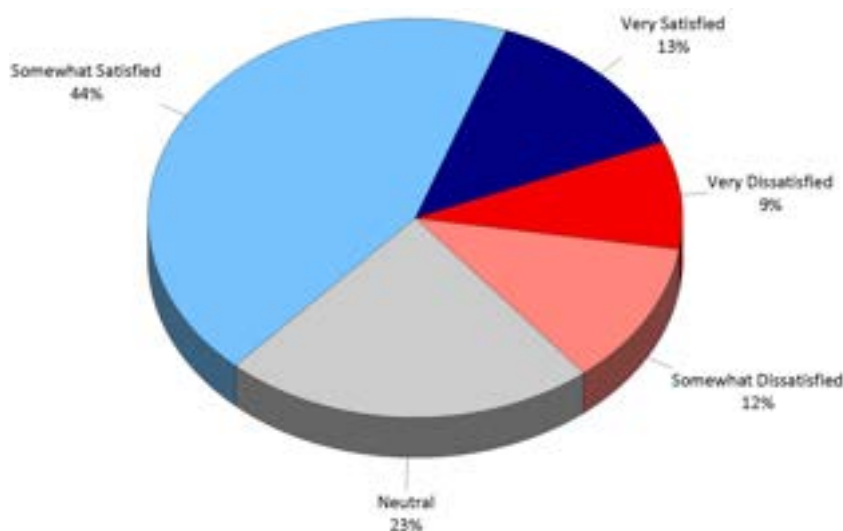
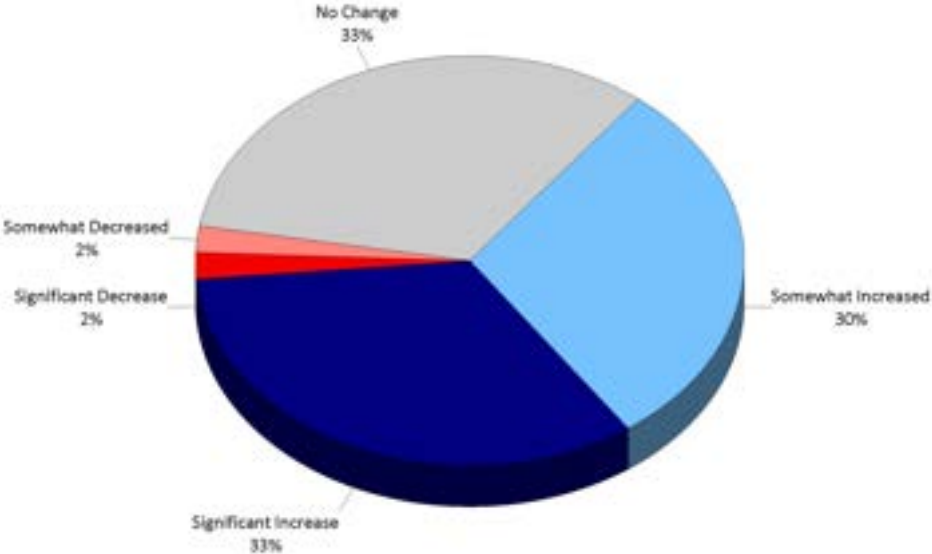


Figure 3.21: What is your level of satisfaction with the overall value your household receives from the KCMO Parks and Recreation Department?

Figure 3.22: Given the COVID_19/Coronavirus Pandemic, how has your, and your household's perception, of the value of parks, trails, open spaces, and recreation changed?



Respondents were asked to allocate a hypothetical \$100 budget for Parks and Recreation. The highest amount of funding (\$40.07) went to improvements/maintenance of existing parks and recreation facilities followed by \$23.10 for the acquisition and development of walking and biking trails/greenways and \$16.87 for the construction of new recreation facilities. Respondents were also asked if they would support an increase to the existing 1/2-cent parks sales tax and, if so, what that increase might be. A full 68% of respondents indicated that they would support an increase to that tax. They most often said the maximum increase in sales tax they

would support would be from a 1/2 cent to 1 cent (46%).

Respondents were provided a list of 8 potential actions to improve parks and recreation. Respondents were most supportive (selecting “very supportive” or “somewhat supportive”) of the items listed below:

- 1. Improving maintenance/cleanliness, enhancing, upgrading, & renovating existing parks & outdoor recreation facilities to meet resident needs & priorities (93%)**
- 2. Developing new greenway trails, high quality bicycle facilities, lighting, shaded**



Figure 3.23: If you had an extra \$100, how would you allocate the funds among the parks and recreation categories listed below?

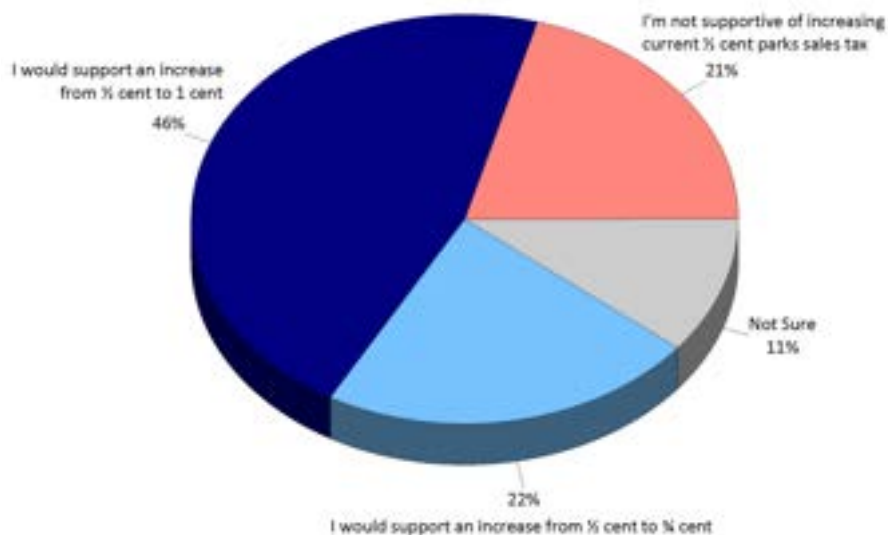


Figure 3.24: What is the maximum increase you would support if it included the types of improvements that are important to your household?

- sidewalks, and benches & shelters that enhance connectivity (85%)
- 3. Improving maintenance/cleanliness, enhancing, upgrading, & renovating existing indoor community centers to meet resident needs & priorities (84%)

1. Improving maintenance/ cleanliness, enhancing, upgrading, & renovating existing parks & outdoor recreation facilities to meet resident needs & priorities (69%)
2. Developing new greenway trails, high quality bicycle facilities, lighting, shaded sidewalks, and benches & shelters that enhance connectivity (55%)
3. Acquiring land for preservation of natural areas for public access (46%)

Respondents were then asked to select the four improvements that would be most important to their household. These were the four items selected most often:

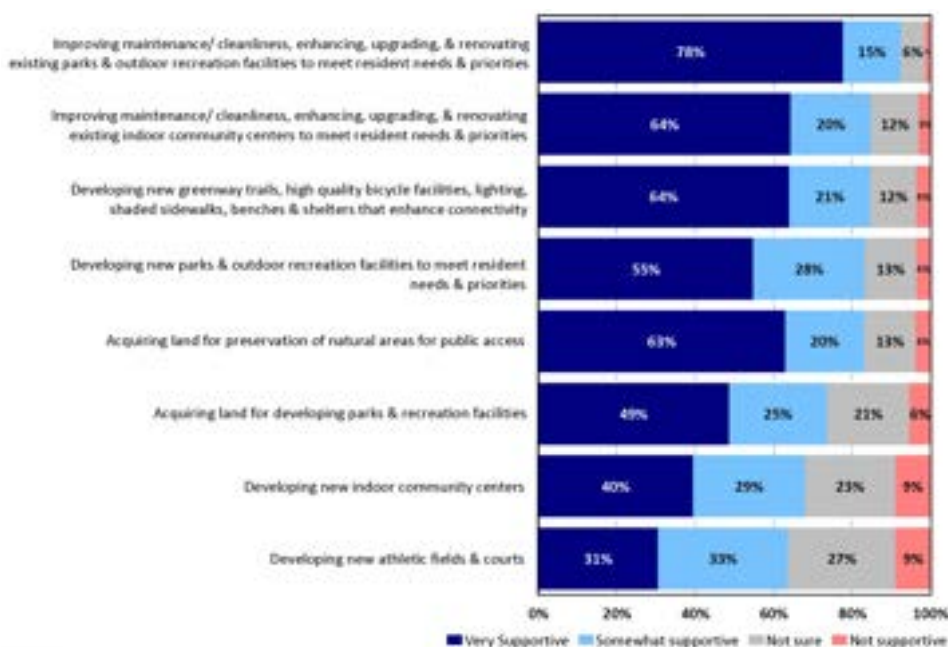


Figure 3.25: Level of Support for Actions to Improve Parks and Recreation

4. Improving maintenance/ cleanliness, enhancing, upgrading, & renovating existing indoor community centers to meet resident needs & priorities (44%)

PRIORITY INVESTMENTS

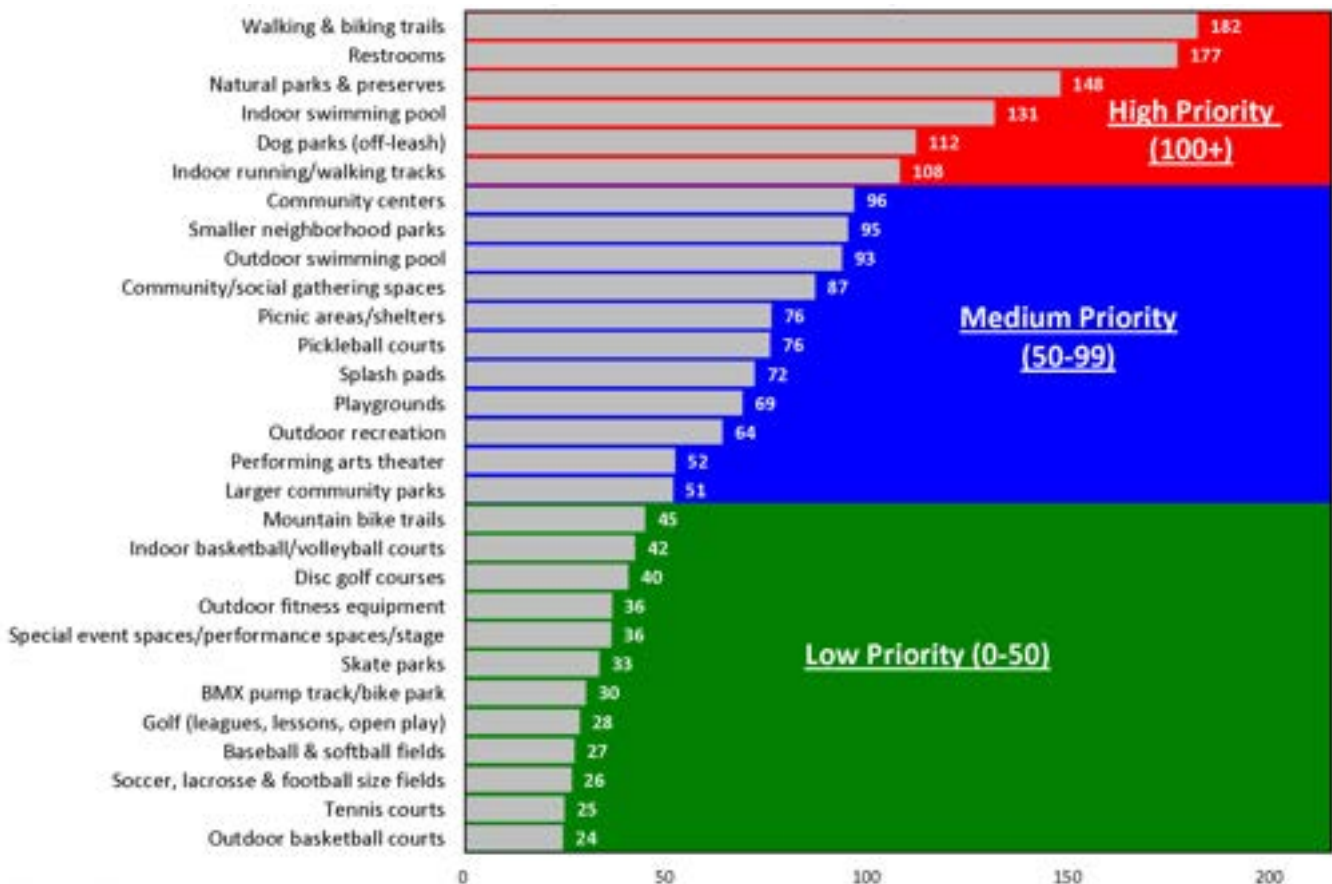
The Priority Investment Rating (PIR) was developed by ETC Institute to provide organizations with an objective tool for evaluating the priority that should be placed on recreation and parks investments. The Priority Investment Rating (PIR) equally weighs (1) the importance that residents place on amenities/facilities and (2) how many residents have unmet needs for the facility/amenity. Based upon the Priority Investment Rating (PIR), the following parks and recreation facilities/amenities were rated as high priorities for

investment:

1. **Walking and biking trails (PIR=182)**
2. **Restrooms (PIR=177)**
3. **Natural parks and preserves (PIR=148)**
4. **Indoor swimming pool (PIR=131)**
5. **Dog parks (off-leash) (PIR=112)**
6. **Indoor running/walking tracks (PIR=108)**

The chart below shows the Priority Investment Rating for each of the 29 facilities/amenities assessed on the survey. Just as interesting as the high priority choices are some of the low priority items. In this case, Kansas City residents seem to be either very satisfied with the amount of ball fields and sports courts, or they simply don't see these amenities as a high need item at this time.

Figure 3.26: Priority Investment Ratings for Park Facilities and Amenities



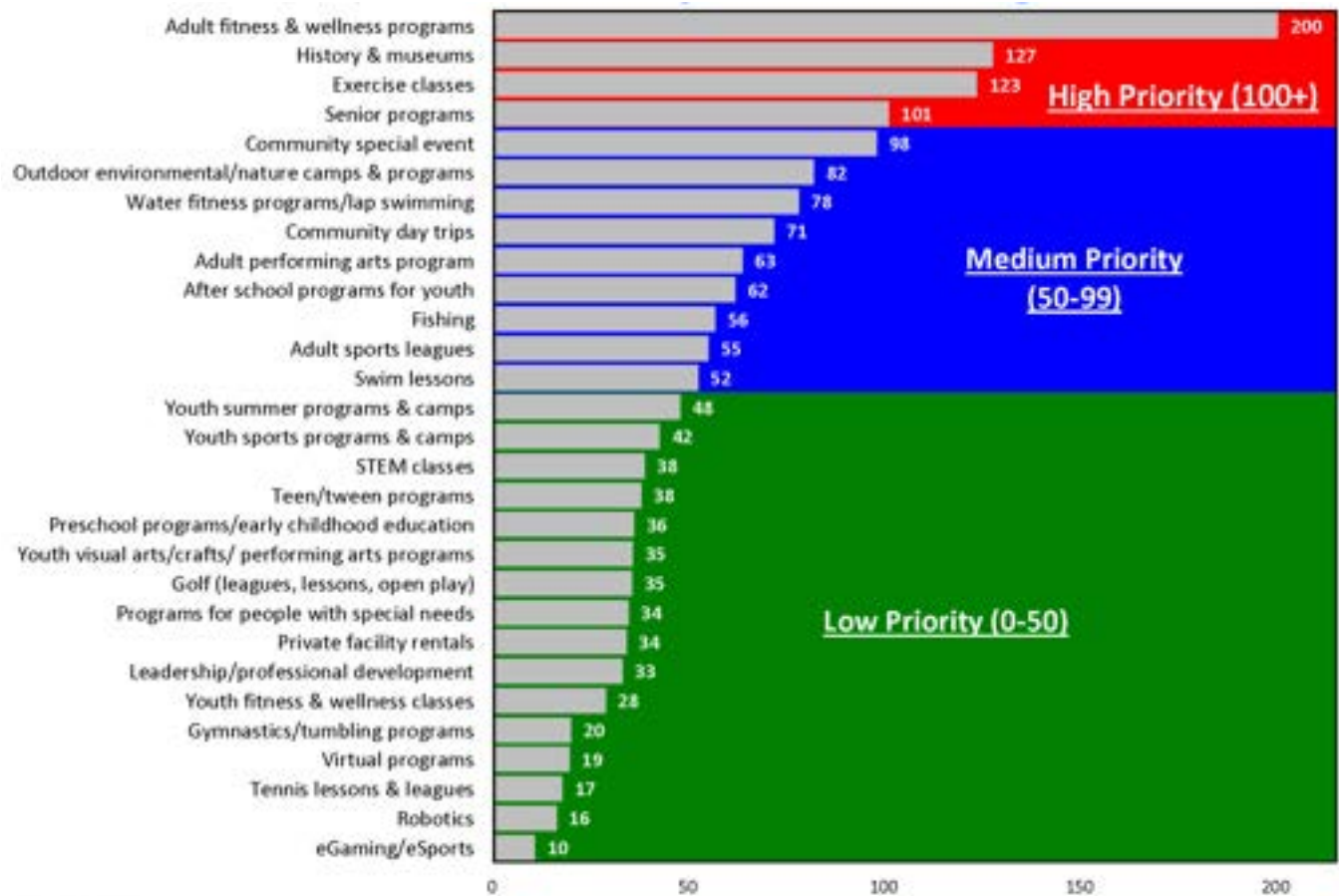


Figure 3.27: Priority Investment Ratings for Recreation Programming

A similar exercise was performed for recreation programming. The chart above shows the Priority Investment Rating for each of 29 programs assessed. Based upon the Priority Investment Rating (PIR), the following recreation programs were rated as high priorities for investment:

1. **Adult fitness & wellness programs (PIR=200)**
2. **History and museums (PIR=127)**
3. **Exercise classes (PIR=123)**
4. **Senior programs (PIR=101)**

TAKEAWAYS

This statistically valid community survey is one of the most useful sets of data in the entire report. What is interesting is how much similarity exists between the responses provided in this community survey and those provided in

some of the other engagement methods. Trail development has been a consistent favorite among citizens at in-person engagements, on Social Pinpoint and in this survey. The strong priority for nature preserves seen in this survey also aligns with many comments across Social Pinpoint praising the nature and native plant communities in specific KCMO parks. It also lines up with the preference seen for outdoor rec and environmental ed programs by pop-up event participants. Residents, as well as departmental staff, have also shown a strong preference for spending dollars on existing park and recreation infrastructure. It appears that if capital dollars are to be spent in this next planning horizon, the people who play in and maintain these parks hope to see a large plurality of those funds go towards fixing the great parks and community centers that already exist across the city. The only interest for new development concerns trails.

04

ASSET

INVENTORY



PARK, GREENWAY, & ATHLETIC COMPLEX ASSESSMENTS

The Kansas City, Missouri park system consists of 221 parks, greenways, and athletic complexes and is comprised of over 10,500 acres. The consultant team visited every single one at least once during this process and conducted a detailed inventory and assessment. At the direction of City staff, the team did not conduct assessments of pools and golf courses. This section of the report explains the process we used, brief descriptions of our findings in each council district, and the strengths and weaknesses of the overall system.

PROCESS

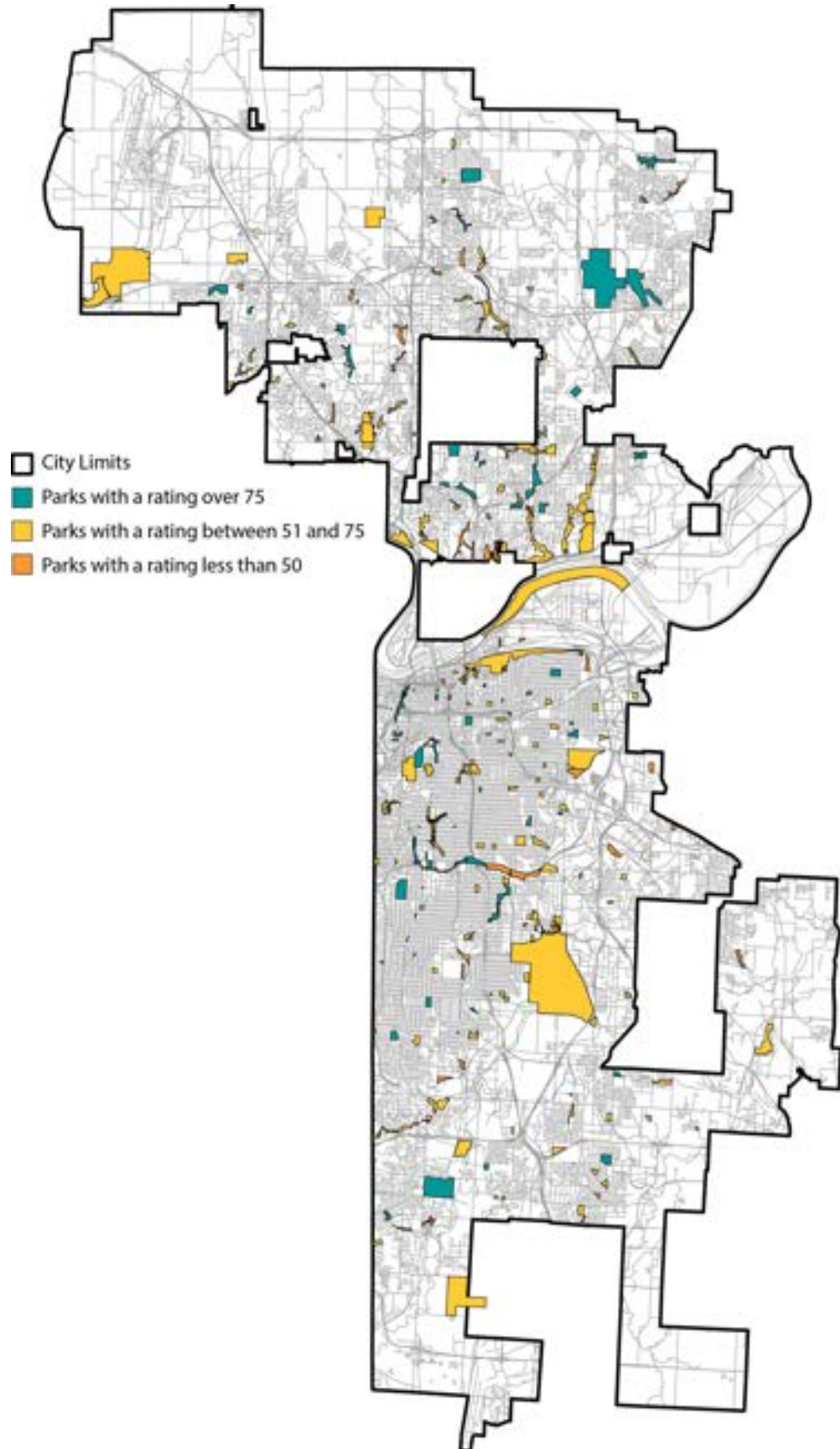
The department placed a high degree of importance on this aspect of the master planning process. The consultant team worked with staff to develop a consistent assessment tool that it could employ on every park property in the system. After several weeks of discussion and coordination, the department and consultant team had a rubric that allowed the team to effectively inventory and assess every park property from parks to greenways and athletic complexes to undeveloped tracts of parkland. The consultant team visited all park properties during March and April of 2023. Upon each visit, the team accomplished two objectives: an inventory of the amenities present, and an assessment of the existing conditions of the park. As part of the inventory, our team members counted up everything present on site from benches to picnic shelters and restrooms. The conditions assessment involved the asking and answering of 20 questions at each

property across 4 broad criteria listed to the right. In terms of “Accessibility,” the team asked questions concerning walkability, signage, ADA (Americans With Disabilities Act) compliance, and shade. Each question resulted in a score of 1-5 points, thereby providing a total possible score of 20 points. The “Comfort & Character” criterion featured 7 questions on topics such as attractiveness, maintenance, ambient noise and odors for a total possible score of 35 points. The “Usability” criterion asked 3 questions about the



Figure 4.1: Park assessment scores across Kansas City

mix of things to do, the appropriateness of uses witnessed, and opportunities for revenue generation at a given park property. The “Amenities” criterion examined the conditions of physical features at the parks such as playground and sports equipment, landscaping, stormwater management, shelters or restroom buildings, site furnishings or fences, and mechanical or electrical systems such as lighting or irrigation. For any question where a park simply did not offer such amenities, it earned a score of 3 out of 5. The idea here was to avoid penalizing a park for having natural areas or being a natural park or preserve. In many cases, a park needed to go “above and beyond” to earn a score of 4 or 5 on any question. Similarly, earning a 1 or 2 usually meant a park exhibited signs of neglect and disrepair rather than simplicity. Upon going through the entire rubric, a park achieved a score of somewhere between 0 and 100



points. Parks that were rated below 25 would be deemed “Unacceptable,” though no park earned such a low score. Parks scoring between 26 and 50 were considered “Poor.” Scores between 51 and 75 were deemed “Good.” And scores between 76 and 100 were deemed “Excellent.” The map on the previous page depicts the scores by color for each property within the system. Individual pages for each park with a breakdown of the inventory and assessment are provided in the appendix. What follows is a summary of the park assessments findings on the basis of City Council Districts followed by an overview of a system-wide summary.

COUNCIL DISTRICT #1

Even though the department has its own separate district map for the express purpose of park maintenance and operations, this report will break park scores by City Council district. The reasoning behind this organizational decision has everything to do with the political means by which capital improvement funding is typically allocated to the department. Whether through the Public Improvement Advisory Council (PIAC) or the

upcoming General Obligations (GO) bonds, these dollars are often distributed on a district-by-district basis.

The 21 park properties, which total 2,589 acres, located in Council District #1 had an average score of 66.5. Its highest scoring properties were Anne Garney and Robert Hodge Parks, both receiving scores of 87 out of 100. Its lowest scoring property was Quailridge Park, a natural park or greenway between subdivisions near NE 108th Street and Cookingham Drive, received a score of 41. This area within the Northland is distinguished by some of the department’s more vast regional parks such as Mark McHenry Park, Hodge Park, and Tiffany Hills Park. These are pieces of parkland that in many cases serve as destinations for youth and adult sports as well as outdoor recreation and they all scored reasonably high. What this area lacks are more of the developed neighborhood level parks in walking distance to some of the newer residential subdivisions. However, there are multiple tracts of parkland that could serve as quality neighborhood parks if provided a few amenities, such as signage, walking trails, and a shelter or playground. Parks that would fit this



Figure 4.2: Anne Garney Park

Figure 4.3: Line Creek Greenway



bill are Essex, North Brook, and Quailridge Parks. The parks could provide additional connectivity to residential neighborhoods that already benefit from sidewalks. If lightly developed, they could provide residents with that connection to nature they seem to be asking for, without adding significant maintenance burden to the department.

COUNCIL DISTRICT #2

The 31 park properties, totaling 1,160 acres, located in Council District #2 featured an average score of 61.2. The highest scoring properties were the neighborhood parks San Raphael (89), Winnwood, (86) and Barry Road Park (84). The lowest scoring property was Morgan Tract, a natural park or greenway between a shopping center and MO Route 169, scoring a 38 out of 100. Following closely behind were Wood Bridge Park and Old State Line Greenway, both natural parks or greenways of riparian land and both scoring 43. This council district abuts suburbs such as Liberty, Gladstone, North Kansas City, and Parkville and is distinguished by many mature neighborhood parks. It features the much beloved Penguin Park, which scored well at 82 and several well traveled greenways such

as Big Shoal and Line Creek, scoring 75 and 77, respectively. The highest scoring parks are examples of parks that do several things well, be that walking trails, sport courts, playgrounds, or shelters. These parks serve their adjacent neighborhoods well, have no significant maintenance challenges, and provide multiple safe outdoor opportunities to local residents, even if they do not attract folks from across the metro like Penguin Park and Line Creek Park. The 8 lowest scoring properties all scored below 50 and all of them are natural parks or greenways nestled between single-family or multi-family residential developments. Many of these tracts such as Green Hill, Creekwood, and Wood Bridge have been under the ownership of the city for 40 or more years. In their present condition, they serve ecosystem functions, such as being carbon sinks and habitat for urban wildlife. While they help to protect water quality and air quality for nearby Kansas City residents, they do not provide other health and wellness benefits since they provide limited access to their natural features. When one visits these steep and heavily wooded tracts of land, it is easy to understand why, in several cases, they remain difficult to access. However, where possible, providing amenities and access to natural areas like North Congress

Figure 4.4: Cypress Park



Greenway or Sherrydale Park could provide valuable connectivity between neighborhoods. Investment in some of the older or lightly developed parks such as Clayton or Frank Vaydik Park could boost the activity in these valuable existing green spaces.

COUNCIL DISTRICT #3

The 48 park properties, totaling 1,057 acres, located in Council District #3 featured an average score of 61.8 out of 100. Despite scoring at a very similar level to the parks in District #2, the make up of parks in Council District #3 is radically different from its Northland neighbor across the river. Almost all the park properties in this central portion of the city are developed and probably the most urbanized of any district in Kansas City. The highest scoring park property in all of Kansas City, The Parade, with a score of 94, can be found here. Other notable high performing properties include Independence Plaza, (84), Seven Oaks Park (83) and Dunbar Park (78). The lowest performing properties in this district were Raytown Road Athletic Field (33), Belvidere Park (34), and Eastwood Park (35). The former two properties

appear to be closed to park uses and perhaps even sold or leased. The latter, Eastwood Park, is one of the district's natural parks or greenways. The majority of this district's parks rest in that "Fair" category between 51 and 75 points and provide a mix of both iconic and blighted spaces with problems such as litter, illegal dumping, and vandalism. They include park properties with high visibility and occasional heavy use such as Satchel Paige Memorial Stadium (62), Brush Creek Park (49) Blue Valley Park (59), Cypress Park (58), Lykins Square (67), and Van Brunt Park (73). With few exceptions, these parks serve existing nearby neighborhoods with a need for vibrant green spaces. In this district, maintenance is not prioritized. This area would benefit from more money and focus towards upkeep. Not all of these parks are going to receive the injection of funding that The Parade did when it became the site of the MLB-financed Kansas City Urban Youth Academy. However, not all of these parks need that infusion of money. There are on-going master plan efforts that will propose improvements to the Brush Creek Greenway and Blue Valley Park. However, neighborhood parks such as Chelsea, Harmony, Ivanhoe, Lykins,

Skiles, and Spring Valley would benefit from a new loop trail or playground replacement. While such improvements are not free, they are within reach for this department in the upcoming planning horizon.

COUNCIL DISTRICT #4

The 57 park properties, totaling 20,960 acres, in Council District #4 have an average composite score of 66.5. This district spans both sides of the Missouri River and features some of the most historic green spaces in Kansas City. It's highest scoring park, Memorial Hill, the site of the Liberty Memorial and World War I Museum (90), boasts arguably the most famous view of the city. It is closely followed by three adjacent parks properties on the west bluffs of downtown: Ermine Case Jr. Park (87), West Terrace Park (84), and Garment District Place (83). This district witnessed the lowest scoring parks in the system: Prather Park (32), and Northeast Athletic Field (37). These are not natural parks or greenways, but rather developed parks that are in poor condition and in need of attention and reinvestment. It is truly a district of extremes. If

you want a view of Kansas City, this is where you will find it, be that atop Indian Mound, Memorial Hill, Union Cemetery, West Terrace, or Waterworks Park. It's also got a collection of lush green valleys such a Roanoke Park, Gilham Park, and Penn Valley Park. It features parks where history is proudly displayed such as West Terrace and Union Cemetery, and others like Jeremiah Case Park where the stories are yet to be told. It provides ball fields and diamonds where the young and the old play organized sports such as Waterwell Athletic Complex, Heim's Electric Park, and Penn Valley Park. Many of the more visible and active parks in this district scored well. The parks that are bringing down the average could in many cases be largely improved with new sidewalks, pathways, and trails that would give more folks a reason to come and stay longer. These parks include Prather Park (32), Riverview Greenway, (46), North Hills Park (47), Heim's Electric Park (52), and Crestview Park (54). Some park spaces, due to their topography or inaccessibility from more populated parts of town, are probably best left as natural parks or greenways over this next planning horizon, such as Sunset Park (50) and one the largest pieces of



Figure 4.5: Ermine Case, Jr. Park

parkland in the system, the 955-acre Riverfront Park (55). One of the most challenging issues the department faces overall, and in this district especially, is the plight of the unhoused. This is a city-wide, and arguably region-wide, issue that will require more than one department to solve.

COUNCIL DISTRICT #5

This council district features 38 park properties, totaling 42,924 acres, with an average score of 66.5. It's highest performing park properties are ones that have seen recent and significant investment, such as Martin Luther King Jr. Square (84), Town Fork Creek Greenway (83), and Arleta Park (78). It's lowest scoring parks are all natural parks or greenways like Ingles Park (40), French Tract (44), and Legacy West and Legacy East Parks (42 and 46, respectively). This is a district that contains many natural parks or greenway spaces on the city's southeast side and that's not at all a bad thing when managed properly. Not all lightly developed parks in this district scored low. Little Blue Valley Park (75) on the east side of Raytown provides visitors with a new playground, a safe parking lot, and ample trails through an otherwise natural area of grasslands and riparian forest. Swope Park (75) is the flagship property of the system and while it faces a list of deferred maintenance projects, this means that the district doesn't have the resources readily available to maintain all of their properties. There's more than 1,000 acres of natural terrain offering some of the best hiking and mountain biking available in northwestern Missouri.

COUNCIL DISTRICT #6

The 26 parks located in this council district scored a composite average of 71.1, the highest of any district. It features Jacob Loose Park which, with

a 93, was the highest scoring park not funded by a major league sports team. Other parks in the Ward Parkway corridor and Brookside neighborhood also scored in the 80s and high 70s. The lowest scoring property was Sante Fe Trace Park Greenway (46) which could be turned into a high functioning greenway with a walkway, signage, and the occasional seat. Other park spaces that lack easy access or amenities such as Klappmeyer (59), Terrace (58), and Warford Park (61), lowered the average score slightly. These parks too, could be improved with paved trails, a single amenity, and optimization of mowing areas.



Figure 4.6: Roanoke Park

TAKEAWAYS

The average criteria and composite scores for the overall park system are shown on page 51. The overall score was 65.2. The criteria scores provide a breakdown of what contributes to this number. The areas where this system scored relatively well were in the comfort and character and the amenities criteria. As a whole, KCMO parks earned 72% of the possible points for their comfort and character and 67% of the possible points for their amenities. What this means is that, in the average Kansas City, Missouri park,

Figure 4.7: Minor Park



you will find a reasonably attractive green space with playgrounds, benches, restrooms, and picnic shelters. These numbers can be improved but are not cause for alarm. The areas that need more focused attention are the accessibility and usability, criteria in which the system picked up only 57% and 58% of the possible points, respectively. If we were to look at individual questions, you will recall that the rubric asked 20 of these, the ones on which KC Parks scored the lowest concerned opportunities for revenue (2.38 out of 5), opportunities for things to do (2.53), protection from weather (2.57), signage (2.81), and walkability (2.87). The story is the same in all six city council districts: the lowest scoring parks are the ones that provide no feasible or safe access to residents an outdoor space can have value in itself if there is access. Natural areas and greenways which do not offer so much as a sign, a walking path, or a place to get out of the rain or summer sun is not going to provide Kansas City residents the same health and wellness benefits as developed parks. We know that 88% of Kansas City residents live within a 10-minute walk of a KCMO park, but how usable or accessible is that KCMO park?

11.3

Average Accessibility Score
Out of 20 Possible Points

25.1

Average Comfort & Character Score
Out of 35 Possible Points

8.7

Average Usability Score
Out of 15 Possible Points

20.1

Average Amenity Score
Out of 30 Possible Points

65.2

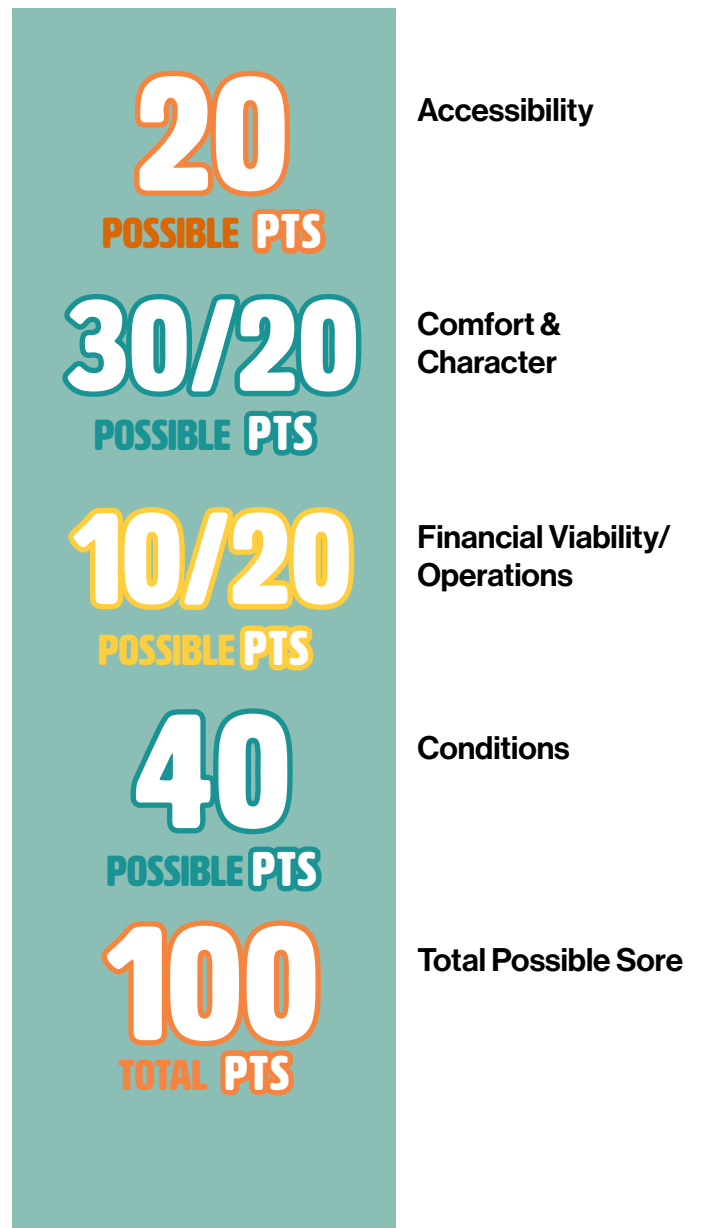
Average Composite Score
Out of 100 Possible Points

FACILITY ASSESSMENTS

The Kansas City Department of Parks and Recreation owns 41 buildings or facilities as part of its system. This list is separate from the numerous small restroom and picnic shelters within its parks. This number does not include the bathhouses associated with outdoor swimming pools or the clubhouses associated with the five municipal golf courses. These 41 facilities house the community, cultural, operations and maintenance, and other operational divisions of the department. They can be considered in four different categories. There are 10 community centers directly operated by department staff which facilitate all indoor recreation programming provided by the department. There are 5 operations buildings across the city which house the department's operations and maintenance, planning, and administration staff, as well as its fleet of vehicles. There are 13 museums and other cultural facilities buildings which the department owns but, in no case, does it directly operate. These include institutions such as the Kansas City Museum in Corinthian Hall, the Kansas City Zoo, Starlight Theater, the Black Archives of Mid-America, and the World War I Museum, just to name a few. These facilities are primarily operated and maintained by the not-for-profit organizations which inhabit them. Lastly, the department possesses 13 other facilities which serve a variety of recreation purposes and partners. Some of these are leased to other organizations such as the Ronald McDonald House or the Blue Valley Recreation Center. Some serve interpretive purposes like the Lakeside Nature Center or the Loose Park Garden Center. A few others are closed buildings that have a purpose yet to be redefined. The department asked the team to inventory and assess 21 of these structures: the 10 community centers, 5 operations facilities, and 6 of the other facilities.

PROCESS

The consultant team toured all 21 of these facilities during the months of March, April, and May 2023. As was done for the parks, the consultant team worked with department staff to create an assessment tool which could be utilized effectively for these different structures. As with the parks, this process involved taking numeric inventory of items, amenities, and functions found on-site at each of the buildings, as well as



conducting an assessment which would result in a score of 0-100 points for each structure. Due to the difference in the functions between these 3 facility categories, the team ultimately created 3 different assessment tools. This section of the report will explain those different methods employed and the findings uncovered for each of the 3 facility categories.

COMMUNITY CENTERS

The conditions assessment for Community Centers involved the asking and answering of 19 questions at each property, across 4 broad criteria listed here to the left: Accessibility (4 questions worth 20 points), Comfort and Character (6 questions worth 30 points), Financial Viability (1 question worth 10 points), and Conditions (8 questions worth 40 points). As was the case with parks, any facility scoring 25 or fewer points would be deemed “Unacceptable.” Facilities scoring between 26 and 50 were “Poor;” 51 to 75 was “Good;” and 76-100 points was “Excellent.”



Figure 4.8: Gregg/Klice Community Center

The 10 community centers scored on average 74.9 out of 100 points. The highest scoring in the

bunch were Southeast at 82, followed closely by Gregg/Klice at 80. Southeast happens to be the newest community center, built in 2008. Gregg/Klice is over 25 years old, but resides on the edge of The Parade and next to the KC Urban Youth Academy which was a major public private partnership constructed in 2017. Coincidentally the lowest scoring were Garrison at 66 and North Kansas City at 67. These happen to be the two oldest community centers with Garrison originally built in 1913 and Kansas City North built in 1955. All 6 other centers had scores ranging between 72 and 78.

Overall, the consultant team found each of these structures to be extremely well built and unique assets to the department. As a whole, these structures exhibit sound and durable exterior materials and finishes. In all cases the buildings have interior finishes which are holding up well. Many of the centers, such as Marlborough, Brush Creek, KC North, Line Creek and Westport-Roanoke are graced by murals or community art. Many of the community centers are remarkable

in their capacity to use natural light through solar orientation, glazing, and use of clerestory windows. None of the structures present ADA or other concerning code compliance issues. Furthermore, the department has allowed these centers to develop their own unique character and recreation specialties over the many decades. Between these buildings, you can conduct programming for any avocation from figure skating to pottery and

boxing to pickleball. The only thing some of them seemed to be missing were regular users.

This is not to say that each of these buildings does not have its unique issues. Before going into more detail, it should be noted that all 10 centers suffer from some level of water damage either due to penetration through ground walls, leaks in the roof, or clogged downspout systems. While such leaks are present in each of the 10 centers, they do not appear to have caused structural damage in any case. The greatest needs at Southeast Community Center have been in its indoor pool, which is now undergoing a complete renovation. Damage from a vehicle that drove into the building through staff offices into the visitor lobby in 2022 has been fully repaired. Gregg/Klice needs to have its mechanical systems replaced and likely its roof which has an abundance of small leaks. Line Creek, which scored a 78, also has an aging roof with many leaks that will likely need to be replaced soon. This center has one of only three indoor ice rinks in the KC metro, a very coveted space by skaters. The concrete slab under the ice has exhibited cracking and movement and should be assessed in greater detail. Marlborough also scored a 78 and could benefit from better maintenance of surrounding

landscape, downspout systems, and cleaning of the exterior masonry. Hillcrest scored a 77 and sits within the wooded setting of Jerry Darter Park just north of the Grandview Triangle. As it approaches 30 years in age, it has shown numerous roof leaks both over the gymnasium and the central desk and offices. As with its other companion centers built in the mid-1990s, its roof should be considered for replacement. The tall wall in the gymnasium is exhibiting signs of structural movement, both with cracking and doors not opening or closing easily. Westport-Roanoke scored a 75 and is also distinguished by its lush and hilly surroundings. This building has downspout systems that frequently clog with leaves, thereby causing water leaks. This center is frequented by the unhoused population who will use the building's unsecured WiFi network after hours and sometimes break the fencing around the exterior mechanical equipment to spend the night. Tony Aguirre, which scored a 72 and sits not far from Westport-Roanoke in Council District #4, experiences similar conflicts with the homeless population. This center is one of three with indoor water and is experiencing issues where water migrates from the pool into the pool



Figure 4.9: Line Creek Community Center

Figure 4.10: Southeast Community Center



deck, leaving traces of mud in the pool. Brush Creek, which scored a 74, is nearing 50 years in age, but is largely still in great shape. The exterior masonry and EIFS (exterior insulation finishing system) need cleaning, the roof has leaks and the window finish is failing. This center, like Line Creek in the Northland, features an exterior pool that is inoperable, an issue being addressed in greater detail in the forthcoming Aquatics Master Plan. Both Garrison and Kansas City North are plagued by issues seen in older buildings that have seen multiple renovations or expansions: disorganized space. Garrison could benefit from some reorganization of the rooms in the original gym to maximize efficiency. Kansas City North features a labyrinthine flow of narrow corridors between spaces which restrict views from the central desk and entryway. Finding a way to strengthen the connections between the amenity areas and the central desk would make this space inviting and user friendly. Both of these centers also deal with moisture penetration in basement walls which damages carpet or casework and hinders their use and revenue generation.

The 10 community centers are dispersed across

Kansas City, though primarily more in the central part of town. There are only 2 in the Northland: Line Creek in Council District #2 and Kansas City North in District #4. There has long been a demand for an additional community center in the Northland. The need is now highlighted by the newly drawn District #1 having no indoor facilities of any type serving its residents. The others in District #4 south of the river are Garrison, Tony Aguirre, and Westport-Roanoke. Those located in Council District #3 are Gregg/Klice and Brush Creek. Southeast, Marlborough, and Hillcrest Community Centers are located in Council District #5. Hillcrest is the one located furthest south. There are no community centers located in the newly drawn Council District #6.

DISTRICT OFFICES

The team toured and assessed 5 district office facilities: the North, Central, South, and QLID District Offices, as well as the Terry R. Dopson Parks and Recreation Administration Building. These facilities serve as the home bases for all the department's operations and maintenance, planning, design, and administration staff. They

Figure 4.11: Former Swope Interpretive Center



were assessed using a slightly different rubric from the community centers featuring 20 questions across the following across 4 broad criteria listed here to the left: Accessibility (4 questions worth 20 points), Comfort and Character (4 questions worth 20 points), Operations (4 questions worth 20 points), and Conditions (8 questions worth 40 points). These structures are each quite different and present their own strengths and weaknesses. For a detailed description of each, please refer to their individual assessment pages in the Appendix. The Dopson Administration Building scored a 73. The Quality of Life Investment District (QLID) is a fourth parks maintenance district created in 2021 to focus on improving 38 parks across 6 KCMO ZIP codes with the lowest life expectancy ratings.

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Its offices are housed within the Dopson Building and it scored a 61. The North, Central, and South Park Maintenance District Offices scored 65, 57, and 76, respectively.

OTHER FACILITIES

The consultant team toured and assessed 6 other facilities owned by the department and, in most cases, rented or leased out to private groups. These facilities were assessed using a rubric nearly identical to that used for park district offices. These structures are all very unique and, like all facilities, have detailed descriptions in the appendix. The former Southeast Community Center is a 9,300-SF mid century recreation building currently rented out to the Church of Faith and scored 59. The Blue Valley Recreation Center has been leased to Police Athletic League of Kansas City since 2000 and provides recreation programs for residents in the Blue Valley neighborhood. They maintain the structure and have made improvements. It scored a 70. The Loose Park Garden Center is a 6,500-SF 2-story structure in the center of Loose Park and it scored a 72. It houses the Kansas City Rose Society and features multiple spaces available to outside groups for rent. Camp Lake of the Woods within Swope Park is a campus of historic structures once utilized as a summer camp. Scoring a 53, the camp buildings are either leased to outside organizations, available for occasional rental, used for storage, or vacant. The

Figure 4.12: Gregg/Klice Community Center



former Swope Interpretive Center is presently between uses though still in great shape having been extensively renovated in the 1990s. It featured the highest score (73) among this group. The Former Lakeside Nature Center at the corner of Gregory Boulevard and Oldham Road scored the lowest within this group at 39. Given the damage originally caused by a roof fire and the subsequent decline of the structure, it may already be past the point of saving.

TAKEAWAYS

Facilities with an active and vibrant usership tend to remain in better care and live a longer life. The 21 buildings that the consultant team had the pleasure of touring and evaluating almost all share the same characteristics of strong and durable exterior materials, indicative of civic architecture. The interior finishes in the community centers are still holding up well. The building systems that need immediate attention are those which require periodic replacement: roofing and mechanicals. The facilities which have been consistently utilized and appreciated over the decades are the ones that scored highest. The department can make strategic upgrades to its 10 community centers and 5 offices which will allow them to continue to serve the community for many more decades. It must make strategic decisions on how to manage or lease the other 6 facilities, if they are to survive.

13.9

Average Accessibility Score
out of 20 Points

22.6/13.3

Average Comfort & Character Scores
out of 30/20 Points

8.9/13.7

Average Financial Viability/ Operations Scores
out of 10/20 Points

25.6

Average Conditions Score
out of 40 Points

68.7

Average Composite Score
out of 100 Points

RECREATION & OPEN SPACE

PARTNER SUMMARY

Partnerships with local community organizations are the hallmark of a strong parks and recreation agency. No agency or department can do it all by themselves, nor should they. Creating partnerships with recreation specialty groups allows a department to diversify its program offerings while also building deeper relationships with the recreation community. Typically, departments choose to enter into partnerships through multiple agreement types: they hire programmers on contract to run programming on park property; they work with other community organizations to run programming off park property; they may rent their facilities to a programmer and let them run their own programs on park property; or they may work with organizations to develop unique facilities on park property. This section of the report briefly summarizes the partnerships this department is actively cultivating.

ADULT SPORTS

Based on the information made available by the department, KCMO Parks and Recreation has multiple partnerships with local athletic organizations to run adult sports programming on park property. The table on page 59 lists the active recreation partners of the department. There are no fewer than 3 organizations that offer adult kickball and two that offer adult softball. KC Crew is an organization that has found a niche running adult sports of all types throughout locations in the metro. The team was not able to get a detailed list of all the programs the KC Crew facilitates on KCMO property. It is notable that nearly all these adult sports activities take place in just two parks: Penn Valley and Gillham. However, other notable partnerships that were not listed in the material provided by the department are those with the Kansas City Disc Golf Club

(KCDG) and Urban Trail Co (UTC). KCDG helps to maintain 5 disc golf courses across the city at Waterworks, Swope, Hidden Valley, Blue Valley, and Kessler Parks. While UTC works to maintain mountain biking and hiking trail systems at 4 parks: Hidden Valley, Hodge, Kessler, and Swope Park. Anyone who has mountain biked the trails at Swope Park or played the 18 holes at Water Works Park knows how popular these two sports are with adults across KC and the metro.

YOUTH SPORTS

Traditional youth field sports (soccer, football, baseball) are all very popular in the metro and the department relies heavily on outside partners to facilitate this programming. This programming is somewhat distributed throughout the geography of the city, though many more opportunities abound in the Northland at the large regional parks Mark McHenry, Tiffany Hills, and Hodge.

TAKEAWAYS

The list on page 59 includes several major partnerships that help to augment the recreation and programming opportunities in this department. This list focuses on significant partnerships that are defining the KC's park usage. This suggests broad gaps in partnerships that could more equitably serve the population of the city. It is good to see that the ball diamonds and fields at Tiffany Hills and Penn Valley Park are busy, but not the fields at Cleveland Park or Blue Valley Park or the many other community parks in Council Districts 3 and 5. There are not the community organizers ready to help activate these parks in the heart of the city. Such partnerships could help revitalize these indoor spaces.

Figure 4.13: Recreation programming partners of the Kansas City Department of Parks and Recreation

PARTNER	ACTIVITY	PARK	COUNCIL DISTRICT
Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater KC	youth baseball, softball	Satchel Paige Memorial Stadium	3
Catholic Challenge Sports	adult kickball	Penn Valley Park	4
Dynasty Youth Sports	youth football	Blue River Park & Athletic Fields	6
Glory Bible Fellowship	special event	Central Park	3
Guadalupe Centers	youth baseball	Mulkey Square Park	4
Inner City Sports	youth football	Blues Park	3
Kansas City Sports, LLC	youth baseball	Tiffany Hills Park	1
KC Crew	adult sports	various	various
KC Kickball	adult kickball	Penn Valley Park	4
KC Softball	adult softball	Penn Valley Park	4
La Liga KC	youth soccer	Hodge Park	1
Midwest Cricket League	adult cricket	Minor Park	6
Missouri Wolverines	youth football	Heim's Electric Park	4
NKCA Baseball	youth baseball	Platte Purchase Park	1
North Suburban Youth Football League	youth football	Waterwell Athletic Complex	4
Northland Sports Alliance	youth soccer, baseball, softball	Tiffany Hills Park	1
Sharks Youth Athletic Organization	youth football, cheer	Hodge Park	1
SOAR Athletics	youth baseball	Pleasant Valley Road Athletic Complex	1
South Suburban Junior Football	youth football	Longview Tract	5
Southern Platte County Athletic Association	youth soccer, baseball, softball	Mark L. McHenry Park	1
Stonewall Sports	adult kickball	Robert Gilham Park	4
Westside Softball	adult softball	Penn Valley Park	4

ALTERNATIVE RECREATION & OPEN SPACE PROVIDER SUMMARY

Recreation and open space may be deemed a public good, but because they are in great demand, they are also a commodity or consumer good. In any given market, a municipal department is just one of several providers of recreation and open space services, effectively in competition with other public agencies like school districts or counties as well as private providers like YMCAs, fitness centers, and sport clubs. It behooves an agency like the Kansas City Parks and Recreation Department to know its competition as it plans for capital improvements to its system.

PUBLIC

Often one of the largest alternative providers of recreation and open space in any city are the public schools. KCMO is served by over 10 separate school districts and has hundreds of school sites within its city limits. The map on page 61 depicts all the KCMO park properties in green, the 10 community centers as gray dots and public schools as orange dots. One can imagine how many playgrounds, basketball courts, and walking tracks these dots might represent. However, public schools are only semi-public as they are not available to the general population but for a fraction of any given day. In fact, when asked as part of the statistically valid community survey what organizations KCMO household used for recreation programs and facilities, only 18% of respondents indicated local schools, colleges, and universities. KCMO Parks and Recreation was the runaway winner in this question at 72%. The runner up was a public competitor, but it was

not schools, the State, or even the local counties. Neighboring cities was the choice of 50% of respondents. It is true that just on the Missouri side of the State line cities like Grandview, Lee's Summit, Blue Springs, Liberty, Raytown, and Gladstone all have park systems which attract Kansas City residents with their parks and indoor recreation centers.

PRIVATE

Private fitness centers, sport clubs, climbing gyms, and yoga studios are numerous across KCMO. The Greater YMCA of Kansas City also has no fewer than 5 locations in Kansas City proper. These types of facilities certainly compete with the city's 10 community centers for users and memberships. When asked in the survey, 30% of respondents indicated they use private fitness centers, 28% indicated the YMCA, and another 14% indicated private sport clubs. The City must be mindful of such competition as it prepares to upgrade their existing community centers.

TAKEAWAYS

Alternative options are plentiful for indoor recreation, both among private providers in the city limits, and public providers just over the city limit line. KCMO Parks and Recreation needs to know its core constituencies, seek them out, and listen to them as it considers improvements to the 10 community centers. Reactivating these buildings cannot be done in a vacuum. The local recreation market is much too fluid.

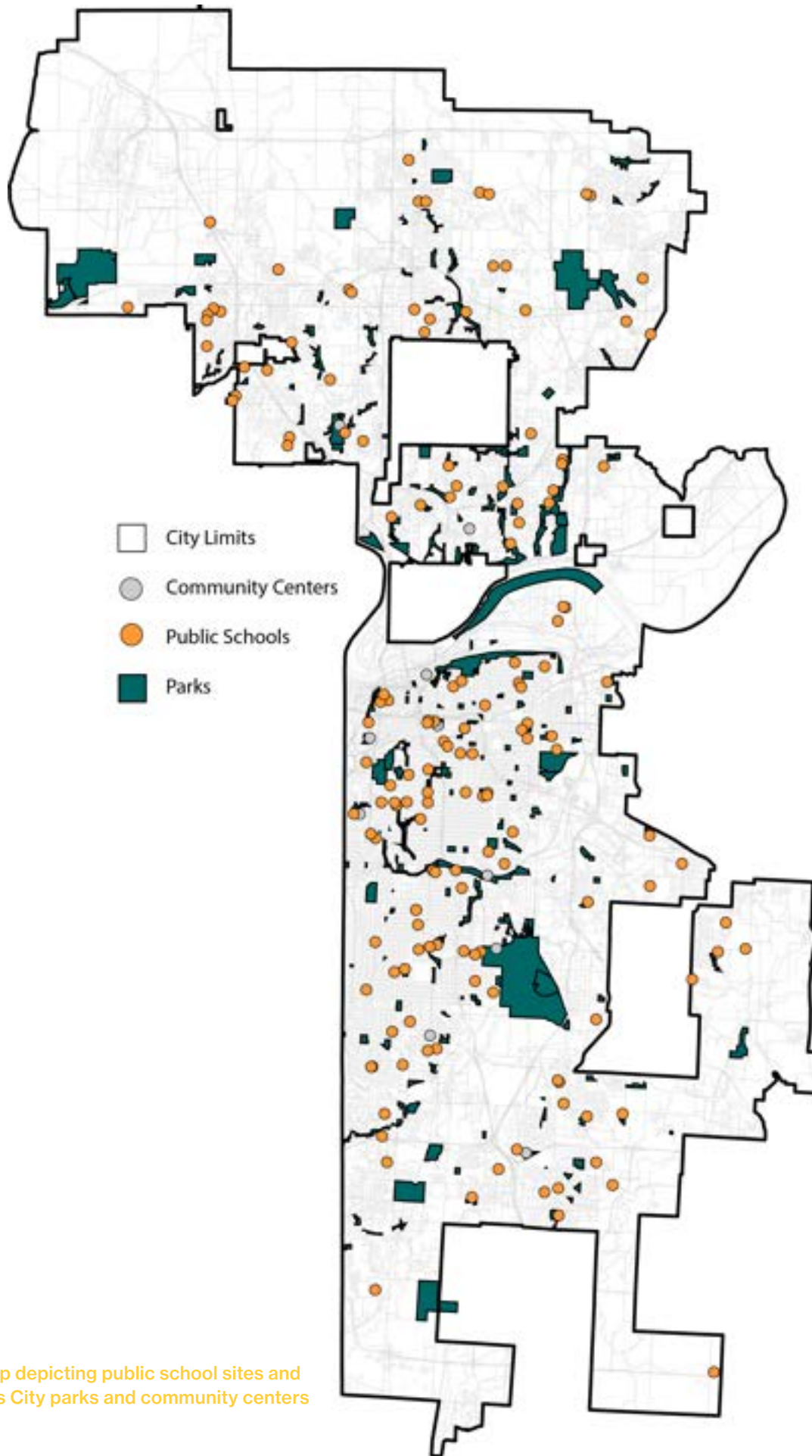


Figure 4.14: Map depicting public school sites and existing Kansas City parks and community centers

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NEEDS

ASSESSMENT



RECREATION & LEISURE TREND ANALYSIS

While the previous chapter of this report assesses the *health* of the existing parks and recreation system, this chapter examines the *needs* of that system.

One way in which the consultant team has looked to determine needs of the system is to look at the recreation and leisure trends in, and around, Kansas City. A great source for this type of data is the National Sporting Goods Association (NSGA). Each year, the NSGA conducts a study of how Americans spend their time by pulling consumer data from retailers and suppliers across the nation. This data allows the NSGA to gauge participation in a wide array of indoor and outdoor activities at a national, regional, and local level. The chart on the right provides national participation data for a selection of activities in 2013, in 2022, and the percentage of growth or decline. If we

think back to what the residents of Kansas City told us they wanted to see more of in Chapter 2 of this report, we might focus on the growth of activities like hiking (38.1%), bicycle riding (25.3%), exercise walking (18.3%), or exercise with equipment (9.6%). The decline in certain activities like basketball and baseball also correlates with public engagement data where residents placed these and other traditional field and court sports as low priority items in future park improvements. However, these are based on nationwide data standards. Not the community engagement feedback.

	2013 Participation	2022 Participation	Percent Increase
Pickleball	1.7	6.4	267.5%
Hiking	39.4	54.4	38.1%
Skateboarding	5.0	6.5	30.0
Table Tennis/Ping Pong	9.8	12.5	27.6
Bicycle Riding	35.6	44.6	25.3
Weightlifting	31.3	38.8	24.0
Mountain Biking (off-road)	5.2	6.4	23.1
Yoga	25.9	31.7	22.4
Boxing	3.8	4.6	21.1
Canoeing	6.7	8.0	19.4
Exercise Walking	96.3	113.9	18.3
Volleyball	10.1	11.7	15.8
Ice/Figure Skating	7.2	8.3	15.3
Billiards/Pool	19.5	22.3	14.4
Pilates	5.5	6.2	12.7
Tennis	12.6	14.2	12.7
Fishing (fresh water)	27.0	30.2	11.9
Swimming	45.5	50.2	10.3
Soccer	12.8	14.1	10.2
Exercise w/ Equipment	53.1	58.2	9.6
Running/Jogging	42.0	45.0	7.1
Golf	18.9	19.7	4.2
Gymnastics	5.1	5.3	3.9
Wrestling	3.1	3.1	0.0
Baseball	11.7	11.2	-4.3%
Softball	1.0	9.4	6.0%
Football (touch)	8.8	8.1	-8.0%
Hockey (ice)	3.5	3.2	-8.6%
Basketball	25.5	23.2	-9.0%
Lacrosse	2.8	2.5	-10.7%
Cheerleading	3.5	3.1	-11.4%
Workout @ Club	34.1	29.6	-13.2%
Football (flag)	6.8	5.7	-16.2%
Martial Arts/MMA	6.4	5.3	-17.2%
In-Line Roller skating	5.7	4.7	-17.5%
Archery (target)	8.3	11.9	33.7%

Figure 5.1: National Activity Trend, with participation figures in millions

Indoor Activities	Average	2020 Population	2022 Population	2027 Population	Difference
Aerobic Exercise	17.6%	80,242	82,825	84,873	4,631
Basketball	7.3%	33,326	34,399	35,250	1,923
Billiards/Pool	7.7%	35,041	36,169	37,063	2,022
Boxing	1.4%	6,512	6,721	6,888	376
Cheerleading	1.3%	5,907	6,097	6,247	341
Exercise w/ Equipment	18.9%	86,040	88,810	91,005	4,965
Gymnastics	1.7%	7,748	7,998	8,195	447
Martial Arts/MMA	1.6%	7,281	7,516	7,702	420
Pilates	1.8%	8,409	8,679	8,894	485
Table Tennis/Ping Pong	4.2%	19,380	20,004	20,498	1,118
Volleyball	4.1%	18,569	19,167	19,640	1,072
Weightlifting	12.6%	57,499	59,350	60,817	3,318
Workout @ Club	9.9%	45,336	46,795	47,952	2,616
Wrestling	1.0%	4,496	4,641	4,756	259
Yoga	9.9%	45,281	46,739	47,895	2,613

Outdoor Activities	Average	2020 Population	2022 Population	2027 Population	Difference
Archery (target)	2.2%	10,181	10,509	10,769	588
Baseball	3.8%	17,413	17,973	18,418	1,005
Bicycle Riding	15.1%	68,666	70,877	72,629	3,963
Canoeing	3.0%	13,728	14,170	14,521	792
Exercise Walking	38.1%	173,873	179,470	183,907	10,034
Fishing (freshwater)	12.2%	55,521	57,309	58,726	3,204
Football (flag)	1.7%	7,825	8,076	8,276	452
Football (touch)	2.9%	13,290	13,718	14,057	767
Golf	7.0%	32,085	33,118	33,937	1,852
Hiking	18.3%	83,653	86,346	88,481	4,828
In-Line Roller Skating	1.5%	6,828	7,048	7,222	394
Lacrosse	0.8%	3,449	3,560	3,648	199
Mountain Biking	1.9%	8,451	8,723	8,938	488
Pickleball	2.5%	11,628	12,002	12,299	671
Running/Jogging	15.3%	69,671	71,914	73,692	4,021
Skateboarding	2.2%	10,018	10,340	10,596	578
Soccer	4.7%	21,281	21,966	22,509	1,228
Softball	3.3%	14,854	15,332	15,712	857
Tennis	4.2%	19,041	19,654	20,140	1,099

Specialty	Average	2020 Population	2022 Population	2027 Population	Difference
Hockey (ice)	1.4%	6,597	6,809	6,978	381
Ice/Figure Skating	2.8%	12,988	13,406	13,738	750
Swimming	17.2%	78,633	81,165	83,171	4,538

	Average	2020 Population	2022 Population	2027 Population	Difference
Did Not Participate	20.4%	92,962	95,955	98,327	5,365

In the chart on the right, the consultant team utilized NSGA data for participation in each of these indoor, outdoor, and specialty activities and developed a unique participation percentage for Kansas City. That unique participation percentage accounts for nationwide and regional trends, as well as median age and income in KCMO. When that participation percentage is then applied to U.S. Census population figures, one can see the anticipated growth for each of these activities over the next 5 years. The top five most popular activities in Kansas City, according to the NSGA (exercise walking, exercise with equipment, hiking, aerobic exercise, and swimming) are all activities which residents prioritized in the statistically valid community survey and the online Social Pinpoint mapping.

TAKEAWAYS

Kansas City residents are gravitating towards activities that are health and wellness driven. Improvements to the trail network and the community centers must be considered.

Figure 5.2: Participation Growth for Activities in Kansas City, Missouri

PARK & FACILITY LEVEL OF SERVICE ANALYSIS

Having spent time visiting, inventorying, and assessing all of Kansas City's parks, trails, and facilities, the consultant team was able to determine what level of service the system is providing to its constituency. This type of analysis

examines whether the system is meeting the needs of its residents based on standards set within the park and recreation industry and adjusted for local needs. The team assessed the level of service the park system is providing through both the lens of quantity and distribution. In other words, we wanted to determine not only if the park system had all the right parts, but also if those parts are distributed equitably across the city's geography.

2023 Inventory - Developed Facilities								Current Facility Standards	
Amenities	KCMO Inventory	Current Service Level based upon population			Recommended Service Levels; Revised for Local Service Area			Meet Standard/ Need Exists	Additional Facilities/ Amenities Needed
PARK TYPE:									
Mini/Pocket Parks	25.00	0.05	acres per	1,000	0.00	acres per	1,000	Meets Standard	- Acre(s)
Neighborhood Parks	1,298.00	2.55	acres per	1,000	2.00	acres per	1,000	Meets Standard	- Acre(s)
Community Parks	2,796.00	5.50	acres per	1,000	5.00	acres per	1,000	Meets Standard	- Acre(s)
Regional Parks	6,055.00	11.91	acres per	1,000	9.00	acres per	1,000	Meets Standard	- Acre(s)
School Parks	-	-	acres per	1,000	0.00	acres per	1,000	Meets Standard	- Acre(s)
Total Developed Park Acres	10,174.00	20.01	acres per	1,000	16.00	acres per	1,000	Meets Standard	- Acre(s)
Natural Parks and Greenways	364.00	0.72	acres per	1,000	1.00	acres per	1,000	Need Exists	144.39 Acre(s)
Total Park Acres	10,538.00	20.73	acres per	1,000	17.00	acres per	1,000	Meets Standard	- Acre(s)
TRAILS:									
Paved Park Trails	110.60	0.22	miles per	1,000	0.30	miles per	1,000	Need Exists	41.92 Mile(s)
Natural Park Trails	32.80	0.06	miles per	1,000	0.10	miles per	1,000	Need Exists	18.04 Mile(s)
Total Park Trail Miles	143.40	0.28	miles per	1,000	0.40	miles per	1,000	Need Exists	59.96 Mile(s)
On Street Bicycle Trail Miles	50.90	0.10	miles per	1,000	0.10	miles per	1,000	Meets Standard	- Mile(s)
OUTDOOR AMENITIES:									
Small Shelters	60.00	1.00	site per	8,473	1.00	site per	10,000	Meets Standard	- Site(s)
Reservable Shelters	27.00	1.00	site per	18,829	1.00	site per	15,000	Need Exists	7 Sites(s)
Youth Baseball Fields	86.00	1.00	field per	5,912	1.00	field per	25,000	Meets Standard	- Field(s)
Adult Baseball Fields	12.00	1.00	field per	42,366	1.00	field per	50,000	Meets Standard	- Field(s)
Softball Fields	15.00	1.00	field per	33,893	1.00	field per	40,000	Meets Standard	- Field(s)
Rectangular Multi-Purpose Fields	59.00	1.00	field per	8,617	1.00	field per	25,000	Meets Standard	- Field(s)
Basketball Courts	76.00	1.00	court per	6,689	1.00	court per	15,000	Meets Standard	- Court(s)
Tennis Courts	95.00	1.00	court per	5,352	1.00	court per	12,000	Meets Standard	- Court(s)
Playgrounds	121.00	1.00	site per	4,202	1.00	site per	10,000	Meets Standard	- Site(s)
Pickleball Courts	15.00	1.00	court per	33,893	1.00	court per	45,000	Meets Standard	- Court(s)
Dog Parks	5.00	1.00	site per	101,679	1.00	site per	125,000	Meets Standard	- Site(s)
Skateparks	2.00	1.00	site per	254,197	1.00	site per	250,000	Meets Standard	- Site(s)
Splashpads	16.00	1.00	site per	31,775	1.00	site per	75,000	Meets Standard	- Site(s)
Outdoor Pools	10.00	1.00	site per	50,839	1.00	site per	100,000	Meets Standard	- Site(s)
INDOOR AMENITIES:									
Indoor Recreation Space (Square Feet)	218,420.00	0.43	SF per	person	0.40	SF per	person	Meets Standard	- Square Feet
Indoor Special Use Space (Square Feet)	-	-	SF per	person	0.00	SF per	person	Meets Standard	- Square Feet
Indoor Aquatic Space (Square Feet)	21,100.00	0.04	SF per	person	0.03	SF per	person	Meets Standard	- Square Feet
Current Estimated Population	508,384								
7-Year Projected Population	535,678								
17-Year Project Population	588,427								

Figure 5.3: Kansas City, Missouri Park and Facility Level of Service Matrix (continued on next page)

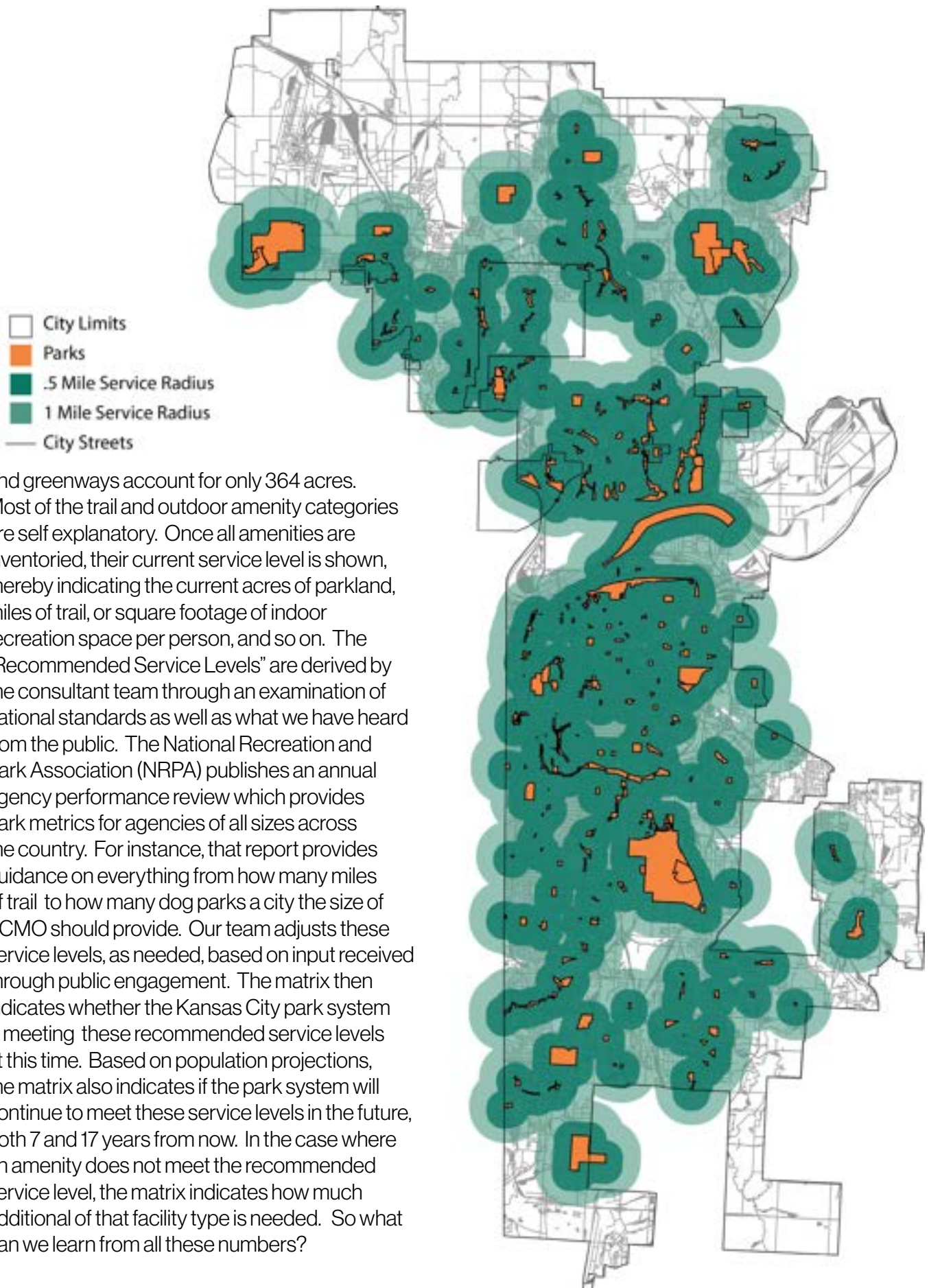
INVENTORY

In order to assess the level of service that a park system provides to its people, it's first necessary to break down the inventory of that system by all its constituent amenities. The matrix below does that for Kansas City by providing an inventory of all the different types of parkland, trails, outdoor amenities, and indoor facilities. A few terms deserve some definition. "Mini" or "Pocket Parks" are any developed park less than 2 acres in size. A good example is Brookside Triangle Park. Kansas City has 25 acres of such parks. A "Neighborhood Park" is any developed park

between 2 and 30 acres in area. The majority of parks in the system are neighborhood parks from Cypress Park to Gambriel Tract and they account for 1,296 acres. "Community Parks" are developed parks between 30 and 200 acres, prominent examples of which are Town Fork Creek Greenway and Anne Garney Park. A "Regional Park" is any developed park greater than 200 acres, such as Swope and Hodge Park. The "Natural Parks and Greenways" category include any piece of parkland, regardless of size, that is 100% undeveloped. While the KCMO system is distinguished by many natural areas within its parks, these completely natural parks

2023 Inventory - Developed Facilities		Seven Year Projected Facility Standards			17-Year Projected Facility Standards		
Amenities	KCMO Inventory	Meet Standard/ Need Exists	Additional Facilities/ Amenities Needed		Meet Standard/ Need Exists	Additional Facilities/ Amenities Needed	
PARK TYPE:							
MiniPocket Parks	25.00	Meets Standard	-	Acre(s)	Meets Standard	-	Acre(s)
Neighborhood Parks	1,296.00	Meets Standard	-	Acre(s)	Meets Standard	-	Acre(s)
Community Parks	2,796.00	Meets Standard	-	Acre(s)	Need Exists	146.14	Acre(s)
Regional Parks	6,055.00	Meets Standard	-	Acre(s)	Meets Standard	-	Acre(s)
School Parks		Meets Standard	-	Acre(s)	Meets Standard	-	Acre(s)
Total Developed Park Acres	10,174.00	Meets Standard	-	Acre(s)	Meets Standard	-	Acre(s)
Natural Parks and Greenways	364.00	Need Exists	171.68	Acre(s)	Need Exists	224.43	Acre(s)
Total Park Acres	10,538.00	Meets Standard	-	Acre(s)	Meets Standard	-	Acre(s)
TRAILS:							
Paved Park Trails	110.60	Need Exists	50.10	Mile(s)	Need Exists	65.93	Mile(s)
Natural Park Trails	32.80	Need Exists	20.77	Mile(s)	Need Exists	26.04	Mile(s)
Total Park Trail Miles	143.40	Need Exists	70.87	Mile(s)	Need Exists	91.97	Mile(s)
On Street Bicycle Trail Miles	50.90	Need Exists	2.67	Mile(s)	Meets Standard	7.94	Mile(s)
OUTDOOR AMENITIES:							
Small Shelters	60.00	Meets Standard	-	Sites(s)	Meets Standard	-	Sites(s)
Reservable Shelters	27.00	Need Exists	9	Sites(s)	Need Exists	12	Sites(s)
Youth Baseball Fields	86.00	Meets Standard	-	Field(s)	Meets Standard	-	Field(s)
Adult Baseball Fields	12.00	Meets Standard	-	Field(s)	Meets Standard	-	Field(s)
Softball Fields	15.00	Meets Standard	-	Field(s)	Meets Standard	-	Field(s)
Rectangular Multi-Purpose Fields	59.00	Meets Standard	-	Field(s)	Meets Standard	-	Field(s)
Basketball Courts	76.00	Meets Standard	-	Court(s)	Meets Standard	-	Court(s)
Tennis Courts	95.00	Meets Standard	-	Court(s)	Meets Standard	-	Court(s)
Playgrounds	121.00	Meets Standard	-	Site(s)	Meets Standard	-	Site(s)
Pickleball Courts	15.00	Meets Standard	-	Court(s)	Meets Standard	-	Court(s)
Dog Parks	5.00	Meets Standard	-	Site(s)	Meets Standard	-	Site(s)
Skateparks	2.00	Meets Standard	-	Site(s)	Meets Standard	-	Site(s)
Splashpads	16.00	Meets Standard	-	Site(s)	Meets Standard	-	Site(s)
Outdoor Pools	10.00	Meets Standard	-	Site(s)	Meets Standard	-	Site(s)
INDOOR AMENITIES:							
Indoor Recreation Space (Square Feet)	218,420.00	Meets Standard	-	Square Feet	Need Exists	16,951	Square Feet
Indoor Special Use Space (Square Feet)		Meets Standard	-	Square Feet	Meets Standard	-	Square Feet
Indoor Aquatic Space (Square Feet)	21,100.00	Meets Standard	-	Square Feet	Meets Standard	-	Square Feet

Figure 5.3: Kansas City, Missouri Park and Facility Level of Service Matrix



and greenways account for only 364 acres. Most of the trail and outdoor amenity categories are self explanatory. Once all amenities are inventoried, their current service level is shown, thereby indicating the current acres of parkland, miles of trail, or square footage of indoor recreation space per person, and so on. The “Recommended Service Levels” are derived by the consultant team through an examination of national standards as well as what we have heard from the public. The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) publishes an annual agency performance review which provides park metrics for agencies of all sizes across the country. For instance, that report provides guidance on everything from how many miles of trail to how many dog parks a city the size of KCMO should provide. Our team adjusts these service levels, as needed, based on input received through public engagement. The matrix then indicates whether the Kansas City park system is meeting these recommended service levels at this time. Based on population projections, the matrix also indicates if the park system will continue to meet these service levels in the future, both 7 and 17 years from now. In the case where an amenity does not meet the recommended service level, the matrix indicates how much additional of that facility type is needed. So what can we learn from all these numbers?

Figure 5.4: Kansas City, Missouri Level of Service

It's clear that KCMO has a very large and developed park system. There are few amenities listed in Figure 5.3 that show shortcomings now or in the future. Natural parks or greenways show a shortage, but when one considers the many hundreds of acres of natural and wild spaces in developed parks around the city, this is not a concern. If anything, the department should consider adding access and limited amenities in some of these spaces to handle other shortcomings. For instance, the system shows a shortfall in both paved and natural trails, to the tune of 60 miles. Perhaps some of the 364 acres of natural parks or greenways can help satisfy that need. The matrix suggests that the system needs more large shelters. Perhaps some of the existing "small" shelters can be renovated, if necessary, and turned into reservable "large" shelters.

DISTRIBUTION

The level of service matrix can only examine the system as a whole based on raw numbers. It does not account for the quality of existing amenities or their distribution across the broad and diverse geography of Kansas City. The map shown in figure 5.4 highlights all parkland in the city (orange) and provides 1/2-mile and 1-mile service radii for each. The 1/2-mile service radius in the dark teal color most closely represents the 10-minute walk. This 10-minute walk figure has become the standard KCMO and other cities across America now strive to achieve in terms of park equity. Currently, 88% of Kansas City residents live within a 10-minute walk from a KCMO park, trail or facility. That is an impressive statistic and not hard to believe when viewing this map. The largest gaps on the map are found in areas of very low population density. There is not a need to expand the geographical footprint of the system. As maps in previous sections of the report suggest, the need will be to improve the existing system with the assets already on hand.

TAKEAWAYS

The level of service provided by the current Kansas City, Missouri park system meets most all standards across amenity types now and well into the future. The only areas of concern from a quantity standpoint are trails and large shelters. The department should consider converting small shelters into larger shelters that residents can reserve. Such picnic shelters will be a welcome amenity to adjacent neighborhoods and will provide additional revenue to the department. The department should focus on developing more trail miles. Many of these could come within existing neighborhood and community parks. Survey results indicate that residents want the department to prioritize development of trails and nature preserves. A focus on the selective development of trails in the many acres of natural parks or greenways could be the answer to these needs.

88%

portion of the KCMO population living within a 10-minute walk of a park

364

acres of completely undeveloped parkland

60

additional miles of trail needed to bring the system up to standard

COMMUNITY BENCHMARKING ANALYSIS

Benchmarking analysis is an exercise often employed in park master planning because it offers a quick way to compare peer agencies through a set of established park metrics. For this study, the consultant team worked closely with KCMO department staff to select 5 peer cities with some common, and some unique, parallels to Kansas City. The consultant team collected comparable data for each of these 6 cities including both demographic and park and recreation statistics.

Baltimore compares very well to Kansas City in terms of demographics like population, median age, and income. It also provides a historic east coast city. While slightly small in population, Cincinnati is another major league city located in the Midwest at the heart of a large metropolitan area spanning two states. It also traces its foundational roots to a master plan by the noted landscape architect George Kessler. Dallas is clearly a much larger city in terms of population, but, like Kansas City, also manages a park system that serves a diverse population across a large

geographic area. Des Moines features the largest park system in the neighboring state of Iowa. And Overland Park, while also much smaller in population provides the study with a neighboring system serving the second largest city in the KC metropolitan area.

It is easy to draw conclusions from these data samples to attempt to formulate recommendations based thereupon. This analysis must be viewed with a measure of caution. The benchmarking tool is used to spot outliers in the Parks and Recreation system. Every department has its own staffing, operational, and financial complexities. While these charts and graphs do not provide all of that back story, they still give us one more guidepost, in addition to the many others in this study, to use in evaluating this department.

PARKS AND TRAILS

As is depicted in the charts on the next page, Kansas City has one of the largest systems within this peer group of cities. Its total acreage of parkland of 10,500 is second only to Dallas with 20,812 acres. Keep in mind, Dallas is a much larger city in land area and population. When these park acreages are normalized by population, the comparisons change. Within this group, Kansas City actually offers up the most park acreage per 1,000 residents at 20.62



Figure 5.7: Kansas City, MO
Population 509,297



Figure 5.8: Baltimore, MD
Population 569,931



Figure 5.9: Cincinnati, OH
Population 309,513



Figure 5.10: Dallas, TX
Population 1,299,544



Figure 5.11: Des Moines, IA
Population 211,034



Figure 5.12: Overland Park, KS
Population 197,726

acres. Des Moines, with its very large system, comes in at a close second with 19.62 acres per 1,000 residents and Dallas drops to fourth. Not coincidentally, KCMO also has the second largest raw number of parks at 221 behind Dallas with 397. However, if we normalize those numbers by population and look at residents per park, we see that Kansas City serves fewer residents per park than any other city in this peer group with 2,294 resident per park. This metric can be spun a couple of ways. On one hand, Kansas City residents are afforded more parkland per capita than their peers in these other five cities. On the other hand, KCMO must find a way to manage equity and stewardship across a vast system that is anything but dense. In terms of other significant park system elements, the team looked at a number of indoor community or recreation centers in each system. With 10 such centers, Kansas City comes in at 4th behind the

other three major league cities of Dallas (45), Baltimore (43), and Cincinnati (23). When those numbers are normalized by population, Kansas City finds itself serving 50,929 per community center, the second largest constituency behind only its neighbor Overland Park (98,663 residents per community center). Again, the question can be asked: is Kansas City not providing its citizens with enough indoor recreation opportunities, or is it in a great position to maximize its recreation resources? As discussed previously in this report, Kansas City exists in a metro area with numerous indoor recreation centers in adjacent municipalities. What KCMO Parks and Recreation does manage and provide its residents that none of these peer cities do is a collection of cultural facilities. None of the five peer cities manage, partner, and budget for the same slate of museums that Kansas City offers. The last aspect of physical park system this

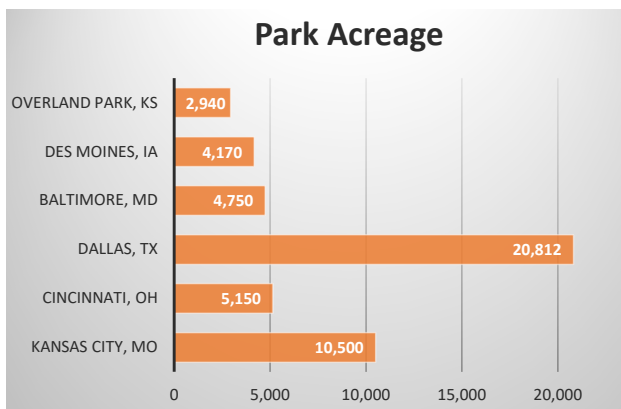


Figure 5.13: Parks Acreage among the 6 peer cities

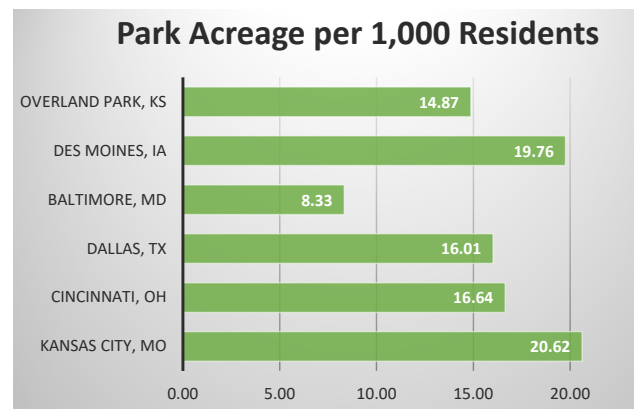


Figure 5.14: KCMO Parks & Recreation Department Expenditures 2023-2024

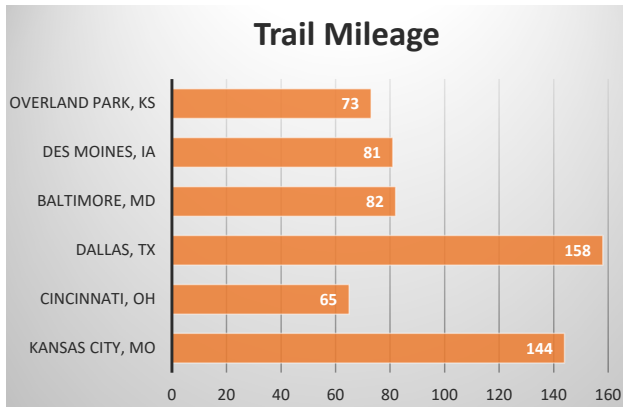


Figure 5.9: Trail mileage among the 6 peer cities

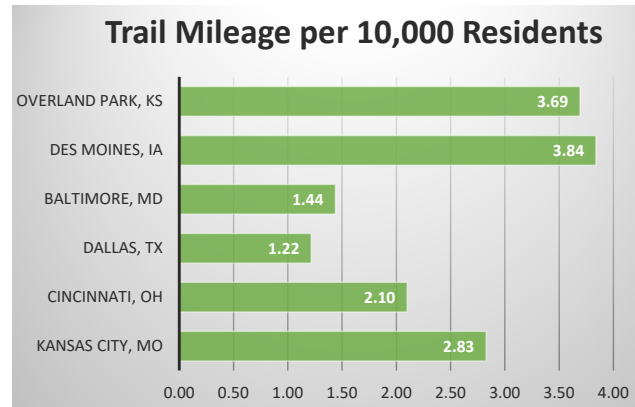


Figure 5.10: Trail mileage per 10,000 residents

report examined was the trail system. Kansas City residents have voiced their desire for walking and biking trails. The Level of Service Analysis suggests that this system needs expansion. In terms of raw mileage, Kansas City, with 143 miles of park trails, comes in a close second to Dallas with 158 miles. When normalized by population, Kansas City falls to third place with 2.83 miles per 10,000 residents behind Des Moines (3.84 miles) and Overland Park (3.69 miles). Both cities are able to take advantage of smaller populations and geography to achieve greater levels of connectivity. If Kansas City added the trail mileage recommended by the LOS Analysis (60 miles), it would find itself at the top of its peer city group in both of these trail metrics.

STAFFING

In terms of its staffing, Kansas City Parks and Recreation has the third highest number of full-time equivalent staff at 399 FTEs behind Baltimore (424) and Dallas (790). As mentioned earlier, these systems have a significantly higher number of indoor recreation facilities. Dallas is just a vastly larger city and park system. When normalized by population, Kansas City has the highest number of staff per 10,000 residents. This number isn't surprising when one considers that KCMO also has the greatest amount of parkland per 10,000 residents. One data point this study did not uncover was the breakdown of true full-time to part-time employees within each of these

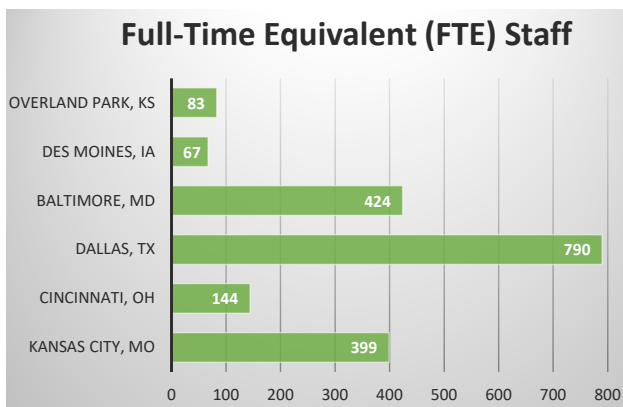


Figure 5.11: Full-time equivalent (FTE) staff among the 6 peer cities

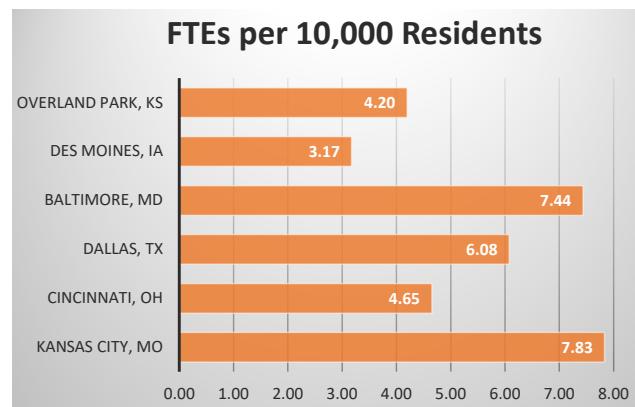


Figure 5.12: FTE staff per 10,000 residents

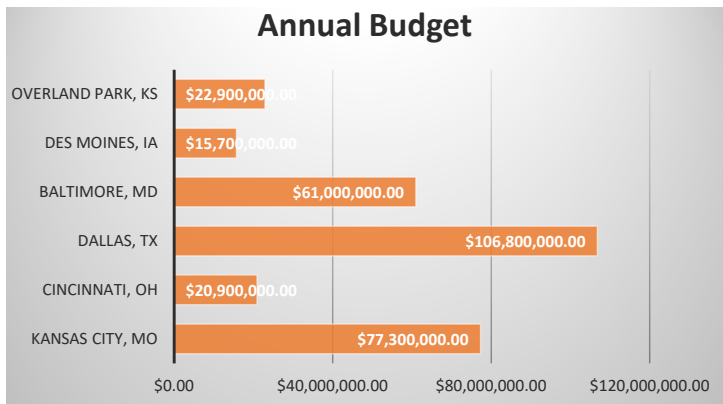


Figure 5.13: Annual park department budgets among the 6 peer cities

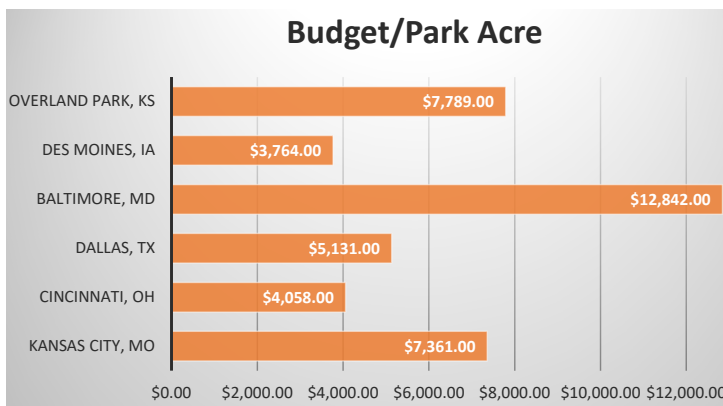


Figure 5.15: Annual budget per acre of parkland

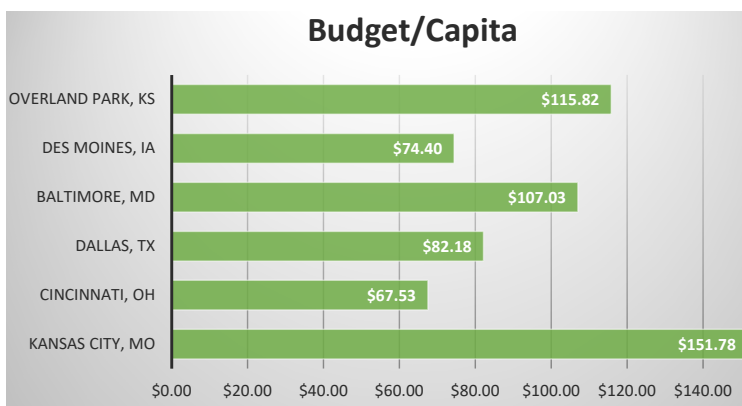


Figure 5.15: Annual budget per capita

full-time equivalent figures.

BUDGET

The examination of annual park system budgets starts to solidify a few trends seen elsewhere in this benchmark comparison analysis. In terms of raw annual budget, KCMO again shows up second to only Dallas. As seen before, Kansas City has the second most park acres, the second most trail miles, and nearly the second largest staff. If the budget is normalized by park acres, KCMO, with \$7,361 per acre, is a close third behind Overland Park (\$7,789) and Baltimore (\$12,842). When the budget is normalized by population, Kansas City jumps up to first place with \$151.78 of park expenditures per resident. Overland Park is second at \$115.82 per resident. This high dollar per capita figure should be viewed with the understanding that Kansas City has the least dense park system in this study and the only system with a suite of cultural facilities. With the blessing of providing more parkland and cultural facilities per capita comes the requirement for a higher budget.

TAKEAWAYS

What Kansas City needs to consider is how to accomplish more and spend less with the land and human resources it already has on hand. Residents have indicated they value the parkland the city possesses, they just want to see it activated and safe. Opportunities to expand the trail network exist within existing, but largely natural, parks both large and small. Partnerships with local providers could be leveraged to activate community centers and maximize the use of these 10 buildings without adding significant staff. Doing more with its park wealth will be the name of the game.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

As part of assessing the overall health and stability of the department, the consultant team needed to examine the finances of the department. There are a number of questions that one asks in this endeavor. How does the department spend its budget? How is it typically funded? What trends exist over the past several fiscal years? These historical trends often paint part of the financial picture for a department over its upcoming planning horizon.

EXPENDITURES

The consultant team examined 14 years of departmental budgets, starting in fiscal year 2011 and up through the recently adopted budget for fiscal year 2024. In all cases, the source material was the annual Kansas City activity budget book publicly available on the city's Office of Budget website. During this time, the department's overall budget has increased by roughly 30% from \$56.6M to \$77.3M. However, its size, relative to the overall city budget, has diminished, dropping from 4.77% of the city's budget to just 3.75%. The doughnut charts

below look at how the department has divided its budget among its seven typical allocations. We can almost think of these allocations as divisions of service, each achieving a critical aim or service of the department. Natural Resources comprises all the routine maintenance operations that keep KCMO parks in working order such as mowing, tree trimming, and even minor repairs to facilities. Capital improvements refer to large dollar expenditures for new vehicles, equipment, and amenities in parks or community centers. They can also include significant renovations to existing park or facility amenities. Community Services includes the costs put towards the city's ten community centers and all of the recreational programming that takes place therein. Cultural Facilities refers to the payments made to operate the many museums and cultural centers with whom the department partners such as the Kansas City Zoo, the World War I Museum and Liberty Memorial, and Starlight Theater. Golf Course Operations cover all costs associated with the maintenance and upkeep of the department's five municipal courses. Planning and Design costs include the professional staff within the department, as well as outside consultants hired to plan and design improvements to the parks and facilities. Finally, Parks and Recreation Administration refers to the costs necessary to manage the department.

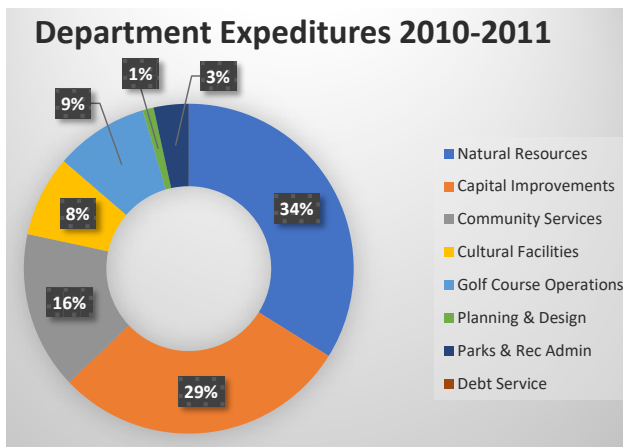


Figure 5.6: KCMO Parks & Recreation Department Expenditures 2010-2011

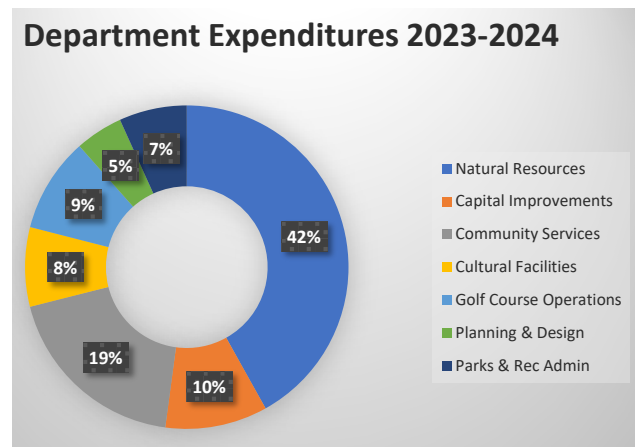


Figure 5.7: KCMO Parks & Recreation Department Expenditures 2023-2024

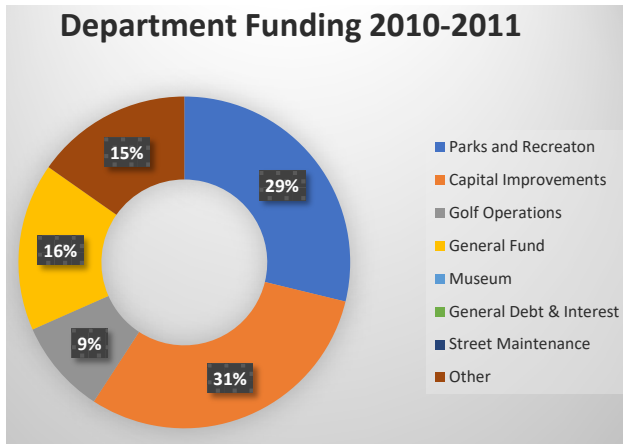


Figure 5.8: KCMO Parks & Recreation Department Funding 2010-2011

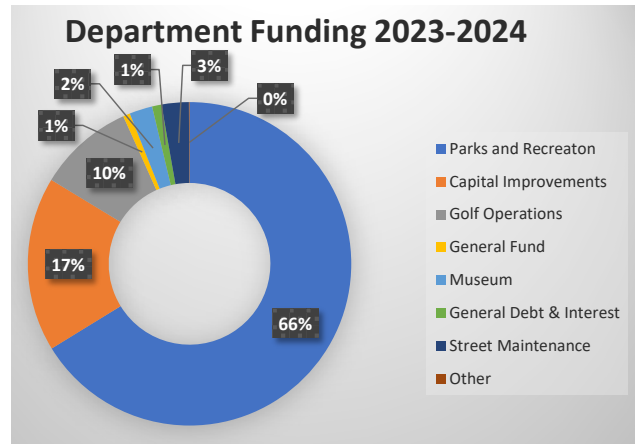


Figure 5.9: KCMO Parks & Recreation Department Funding 2023-2024

These spending allocations have remained consistent over the 14 fiscal years examined by the consultant team. In a few cases, the monies devoted to these allocations have also remained consistent, such as Cultural Facilities and Golf. However, the slices of the doughnut have changed for several reasons. Together, the planning and design and parks and rec admin allocations have tripled in size from a collective 4% in FY2011 to 12% in FY2024. Natural Resources has always been the largest slice of the doughnut, mainly due to the massive size of the department’s land holdings. Nonetheless, this allocation has grown from a third of the department’s budget in FY2011 to nearly half in the present day. The only allocation to shrink has been that associated with Capital Improvements. In FY2011, the department spent over \$17M on capital improvements while in FY2024, it’s budgeted to spend just \$7.9M. Over the past five years, the department has averaged just under \$8.9M in capital improvement spending, a trend that is concerning considering how the great the need is for improvements to parks and facilities across the system.

FUNDING

The above doughnuts together show how the funding of this department has evolved in the

past 14 years. It is important to understand some basics about how the City of Kansas City, Missouri organizes its budget. Governmental activities in KCMO are funded by one of four types of funds. The General Fund is the largest - it comprises about 30% of the city’s annual budget and is mostly funded by property taxes and fees. Special Revenue Funds are a constellation of 53 separate funds established for specific purposes, often by the vote of citizens, and they comprise another 23% of the city budget. Then you have Debt Funds which help pay for resources through accumulated debt such as general obligation bonds. Lastly, is the Capital Improvement Fund which is supported by grants and taxes and pays for capital improvements not otherwise financed by special revenue funds or debt.

The Parks and Recreation Department has traditionally received funding from three of those sources: the General Fund, the Capital Improvement Fund, and a handful of Special Revenue Funds, such as the Museum, Golf Course Operations, and Parks and Recreation Special Revenue Funds. The balance of that funding has shifted dramatically in the last 14 years. In FY2011, the largest amount of funding for the department came from the Capital Improvement Fund at 31%, closely followed by the Parks and Recreation Special Revenue Fund at

29%. The other 40% of the department's budget was funded by the General Fund at 16% and then a smattering of other special revenue funds such as Golf Course Operations. It is important to note that this budget predates the 1/2-cent parks and recreation sales tax approved by Kansas City voters in 2012. That sales tax now goes directly towards the Parks and Recreation Special Revenue Fund. Now shifting to the recently adopted FY2024 budget, the department gets a full two thirds of its funding from that Parks and Rec Special Revenue Fund. The second largest slice of the doughnut still comes from the Capital Improvement Fund. The remaining 17 % comes mostly from other special revenue funds such as golf course operations, museum, and street maintenance. The General Fund now comprises less than 1% of the department's funding at a little over \$500,000. This erosion of General Fund support is not surprising. Many departments that receive support from a voter-approved parks and recreation sales tax often see their general fund support dwindle. Funding from the Capital Improvement Fund is still strong at \$13.5M or 17% of the budget, but still reduced since the expectation is that the sales tax supported parks and rec fund will pick up the slack. Funding from the Golf Course Operations Special Revenue Fund has remained very consistent over the last

14 years. Other special revenue funds such as Museum and Street Maintenance balance out the rest of the budget.

PARKS & REC FUND

Given its critical position in the department's financial outlook, the consultant team examined the Parks and Recreation Special Revenue Fund more closely. This special revenue fund has, for many years, been where any direct parks and recreation revenues land such as user fees for recreation programming, lease or rental payments on facilities, and grants. Since FY2013, it has been largely funded by a 1/2-cent parks sales tax. The doughnut charts below examine this fund's expenditures and revenues in the latest adopted budget for FY2024.

As this data shows, this fund is called upon to cover many operational expenses of the department. Roughly 41% of the expenditures are associated with personnel costs like wages, health insurance, and pensions. Another 45% of the expenses of this fund cover contractual obligations as well as fixed (i.e. operational) costs and commodities (i.e. supplies). These expenses include, among other things, \$3.4M in payments to cultural facility partners like Starlight Theater,

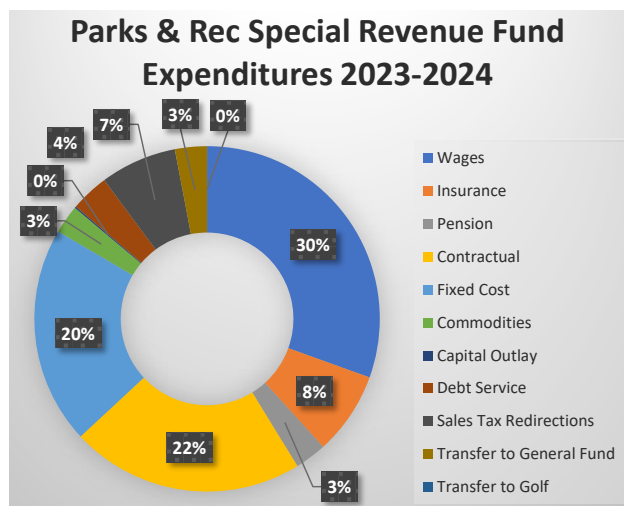


Figure 5.10: Parks & Recreation Special Revenue Fund Expenditures 2023-2024

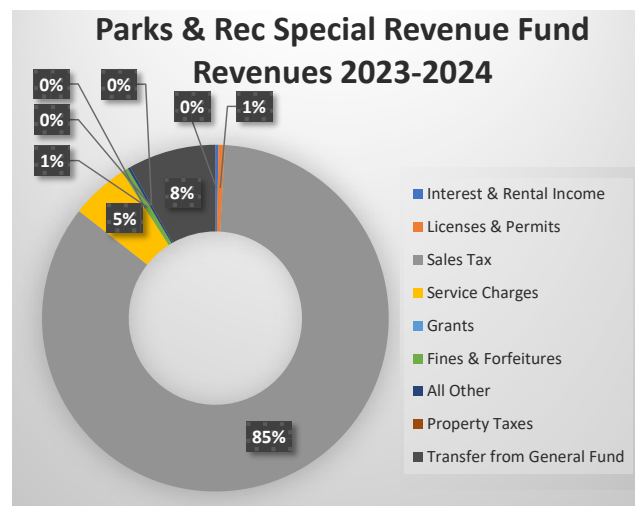


Figure 5.11: Parks & Recreation Special Revenue Fund Funding 2023-2024

Friends of the Zoo, and the Black Archives of Mid-America who operate these cultural institutions for KCMO. About 4% or \$2.1M will finance debt obligations of the department such as the Swope Soccer Village or projects from the last round of general obligation bonds. Unfortunately, a 7% slice of this doughnut consists of sales tax redirections, i.e. sales tax money, that the department never sees. These redirections are for sales tax dollars generated in one of the city's many tax increment financing (TIF) districts, where infrastructure was paid for through tax incremental financing. Thus in FY2024, the department must watch over \$4.1M of its park sales tax dollars go back to finance those existing TIF projects. A 3% slice (\$1.7M) also gets transferred to the General Fund and is funneled into various divisions within City Hall. As the doughnut shows, these obligations leave virtually nothing left in the special revenue fund for capital outlay. In FY2024, only \$82,751 is budgeted for capital spending.

This fund is financed almost entirely (85%) by the 1/2-cent parks sales tax. The second largest chunk of revenue comes in the form of \$4.6M transfer from the General Fund. Perhaps this is meant to partially offset the other transfer out and the sales tax redirections. Roughly 5% of the funding, or a little over \$3M comes from service charges. These \$3M equate to all the revenue generated by recreation programming at parks and community centers, also known as the community services division. Keep in mind that this is a division which spends 19% (\$14.6M) of the department budget, thereby achieving a cost recovery of about 21%. Unfortunately, one source of revenue that has dropped off in recent years is grant funding. While grants are never going to fund a significant portion of a department's budget, they have yielded over \$300,000 in 5 out of the last 10 fiscal years. In FY2024, they are budgeted to bring in \$0. If this department is going to successfully implement this master plan, it will need to maximize its sales tax revenues as well as diversify its revenue base.

OTHER FUNDING SOURCES

This plan will examine potential outside funding sources in greater detail in the organizational stability subheading in the Implementation chapter. However, the process of examining 14 years of KCMO adopted budgets has generated questions about other governmental funds that could be available to the Parks and Recreation Department. For instance, Local Use Tax revenues seem to be absent from all Parks and Recreation Department funding. Why is this? Local use taxes, which are levied on the sales of online goods and services to KCMO residents, are supposed to be dispersed to governmental agencies at rates identical to sales tax. Therefore, 1/2-cent should go to parks and rec. Local use taxes fund almost exclusively the General Fund. In FY2024, the city expects to see \$67M in local use tax revenue which would equate to almost \$6.5M for parks. However, the department will not see that amount of money from the General Fund in FY2024. So where are these use tax dollars going? Another source of public tax revenue that the Parks and Recreation Department misses out on is Convention and Tourism Tax revenue. In FY2024, the City expects to see these revenues top pre-pandemic totals at \$59.5M. These monies go almost exclusively to special revenue funds, however none of them are ones (like Golf or Museum or Parks and Rec) that fund this department. Why is this? Does this great park system and all its facilities not help to attract visitors to the City of Fountains?

TAKEAWAYS

The department must consider ways to trim the largest portion of its budget, natural resources. It must make strategic decisions on how to maximize its limited capital outlay in the face of mounting deferred maintenance. It should focus on improving the cost recovery of its community centers and restoring grant funding. Additional funding through local use tax and convention and tourism tax dollars should also be sought.

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IMPLEMENTATION



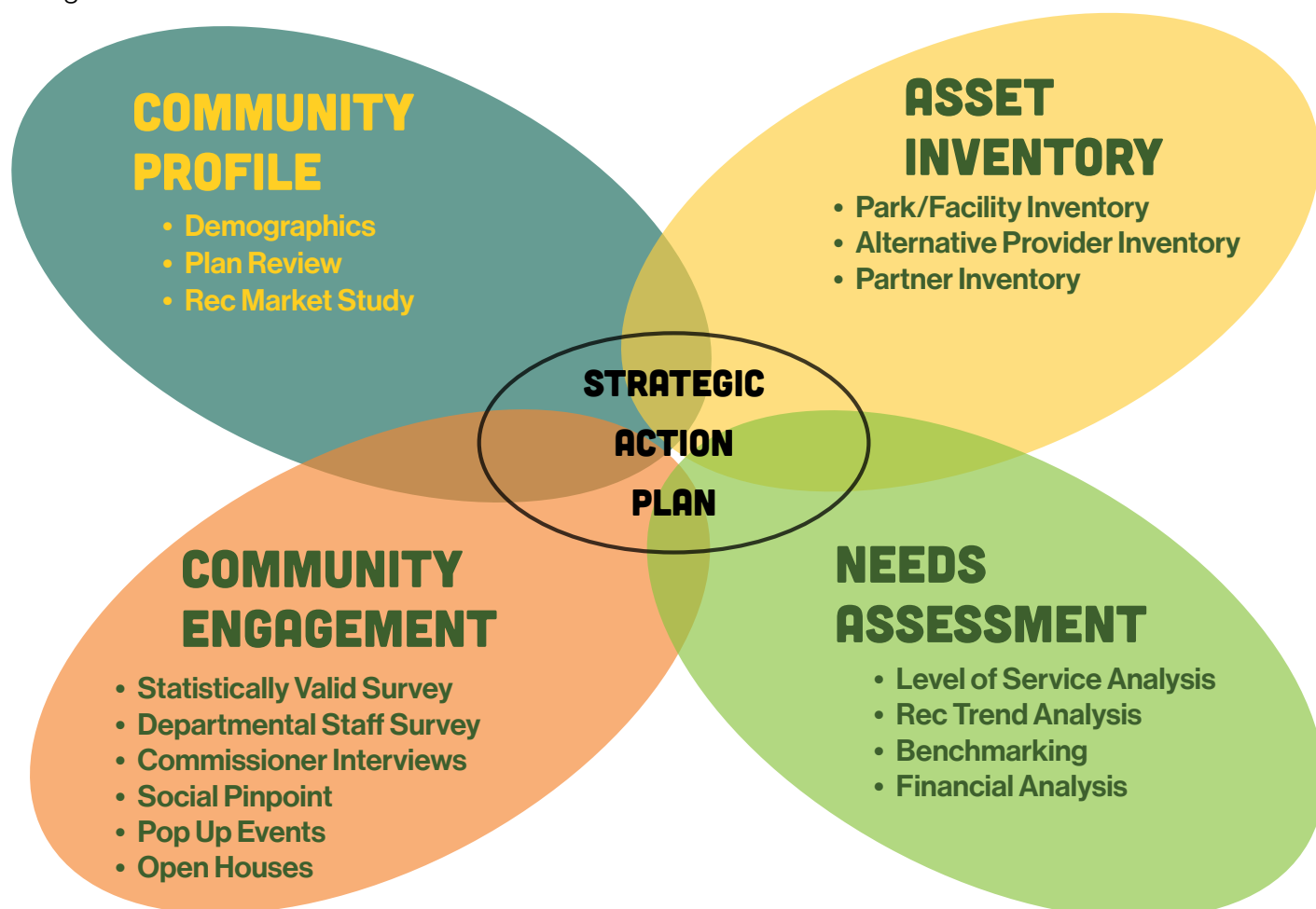
ANALYSIS OF THE FINDINGS

The consultant team was tasked with assembling a profile of the existing Kansas City parks and recreation community, critically evaluating the existing park assets, assessing the community need, and ultimately developing a road map for the department to follow for the next 10 years. The process by which the team analyzed these findings is loosely represented by the Venn diagram below.

Essentially each of the previous chapters in this report represent different families of data that lend their own unique flavor and value to this social science exercise. For instance the Community Profile offers macroscopic statistical data on the Kansas City population which reinforces more granular and anecdotal found in other areas of

the report. The asset Inventory provides a wealth of field collected data on all park properties. The Community Engagement process yielded several distinct and separate buckets of data, some of which carry statistical validity and others which are candid and personal. The Needs Assessment provided analytical data on multiple facets of the department's operations.

At the outset of this exercise, the consultant team understood it needed to utilize this new and fresh data set to establish objectives and strategic actions the department could take to reinforce and achieve its existing mission. The team pulled data and conclusions from each of these families of data to develop that strategic action plan. This section of the report begins to lay out the steps the department will take to implement that plan.



THE MISSION & PILLARS

Implementation of this plan begins with a mission for the department and the foundational pillars that support that make it achievable. The mission and the four pillars of the Kansas City Parks and Recreation Department were established as part of in the 2020 Strategic Business Plan. Throughout the planning process, it was clear to the consultant team that this mission and its pillar still resonate with the system and its constituents.

THE MISSION

This plan reaffirms the department's existing mission statement:

To improve the quality of life, health, and wellness of our community by providing socially equitable, community-driven programming and environmentally sound natural resource management.

As the consultant team spent time with citizens at 10 different engagement sessions, reviewed over 600 comments posited online, and reviewed 20 years worth of planning policy, it became clear that this mission and the four pillars that uphold it still make sense for Kansas City. This population loves its park system and is not seeking to reinvent it. They want to fix what they already have. They want to activate the green spaces that they have loved for generations and yet continue to watch decline. They want to be able to get out and visit those parks so close to their homes yet maybe not as clean, as accessible, or as safe as they wish them to be. This plan re-examines that mission statement and its four pillars and provides many new objectives and strategies in line with what the residents of Kansas City have told us during this planning process.

SOCIAL EQUITY

Kansas City has an amazingly vast park system with over 10,500 acres of parkland spread across nearly all neighborhoods in the city. While more than 80% of residents live within a 10-minute





walk of a park, not all of those parks are equally accessible or appealing. The first pillar is social equity and it has the following goal statement:

To improve equitable access through parks and recreation planning, programming, and maintenance.

There are many measures that the department can take as it continues to strive towards an equitable park system. It will involve strategically funding park improvements based on the true need of its communities and neighborhoods. It will involve the deeper discussions with citizens in those neighborhoods, and tracking the parks and programs they actually use. There are stories here that can be told within our parks and open spaces through signage, special events, and public art. Additionally, there are new partnerships that can be forged which will enrich the department's offerings and create more connections with neighborhoods that have long looked to have a seat at the table.



HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Kansas City residents made it clear during the community engagement process that they want to get outside, enjoy nature, and do so in their city parks. Through the surveys and open houses, we consistently how important walking and bike infrastructure is. Also there is a desire for more opportunities in outdoor recreation and stronger connections to nature. This strong desire for healthy activity and mental well-being speaks to the department's second pillar of health and wellness:

To improve health and wellness through parks and recreation planning, programming, and maintenance.

The department must devote its energies to making health and wellness a focus of their recreation programming across the





generations. The department can serve a vital role in promoting healthier living practices and incentivizing such behavior. There are strategies the department can use to harness technology in this effort. The data collected in the process could be leveraged to generate more funding for park improvements. Improving health metrics can be used as a tool for prioritizing park improvement funding and making health and wellness a focus in the community should extend to the department as well. Staff deserve to benefit from this pillar just like the rest of the community.

CONSERVATION

With such a large portion of the city under their care, it makes sense that conservation remains at the forefront of many citizens' minds. The goal statement for this pillar of the plan reads:

To protect green space, connect people to nature, and engage residents in conservation practices.

There are so many ways to connect this population to its parks and green spaces and the

partnerships are just waiting to be made. There are school-aged children looking for chances to visit their parks, environmental experts waiting to share their knowledge, and neighborhood organizers looking to get volunteers involved in conservation efforts. Due to the sheer size of this system, there is tremendous potential for environmental benefits if the department can establish clear benefits for the draw-down of fossil fuels, removal of invasive exotics, and the expansion of natural habitats. The city can become a leader in sustainable land management practices. Whether large or small, the department needs to prioritize natural spaces as it moves forward with capital improvements. Vast expanses of turf are not what residents are yearning for. They want nature preserves and a connection to natural environments. The department must focus on the spaces it already has in its system (and it has many) that exhibit natural beauty and take advantage of them. Add segments of trail in those wooded, undeveloped acres of parkland and consider decommissioning properties that have little natural or ecosystem value, but which could be developed.

ORGANIZATIONAL STABILITY

This department has a responsibility to its citizens and staff to remain a viable arm of the KCMO government. The goal statement for this fourth and crucial pillar reads:

Ensuring the benefits of Parks and Recreation and its services are available to our community in perpetuity.

Improving the health and stability of the department needs to happen on multiple fronts. They must be able to recruit, hire, and retain great staff. The top challenge listed by department staff during our engagement with them was the lack of staff. Job satisfaction is also a concern, registering a 6.8 out of 10 during that same survey. Parks and Rec needs to let its employees know they are valued and make its workplace one of the most desirable in the region. The department can also expand its volunteer programs through not only the Ambassadors program, but through partnerships with local not-for-profits as well. There is a need to improve relationships with

City hall. Not only to better coordinate with allied departments such as KC Water Services and the Department of Public Works, but also to make sure park budgets are spent on park priorities. The department must find ways to increase its budget. In spite of the recent passage of \$80M in Park GO Bonds, these funds will quickly be swallowed up by the long list of capital improvements waiting to be made across the system. The department is heavily reliant on its 1/2-cent sales tax. Inflation has kept sales tax numbers high - it will not continue. Unless the population grows, the sales tax dollars will stay flat. The department needs to do what it can to control costs and improve cost recovery at its rec centers. It can also look at alternative measures of funding such as grants, which have dropped off steeply in the last few fiscal years. Park conservancies and friends-of-park groups are also an option on which Kansas City has barely scratched the surface. These housekeeping matters are perhaps the most crucial so that this department has the resiliency and strength to continue to care for this park system with needs that parallel its gargantuan size.



STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN

The strategic action plan is the road map that the department will use over the coming 10-year planning horizon to guide its decisions and evolution. These pages break down each of the department's four "pillars" into a series of actionable "objectives." Those objectives are further broken down into distinct and

finite "strategies." As the department begins to put these strategies into action in the coming years, the objectives will soon become a reality. As the department realizes these objectives, they will strengthen the pillars and thereby achieve their mission. This strategic action plan is a living document. It will be up to the discretion of the Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners as to how and when strategies are implemented.

PILLAR 1: SOCIAL EQUITY

To improve equitable access through parks and recreation planning programming and maintenance

OBJECTIVE 1.1: Invest in the parks and facilities in Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Environmental Justice Tracts as well as the Quality of Life Improvement District (QLID) with asset inventory scores below 65

Strategy 1.1a: Include a community engagement strategy for all park and facility improvement projects which includes involvement from and communication with local neighborhood residents.

Strategy 1.1b: Increase annual maintenance cycles at these parks and facilities by one additional cycle over the life of this plan

Strategy 1.1c: Improve walking access to the QLID parks

OBJECTIVE 1.2: Provide equitable and affordable programming focusing on building more recreation partnerships in EPA Environmental Justice Tracts in the specific focus areas of youth soccer, all ages swimming lessons and swimming, and senior programming including walking

Strategy 1.2a: Address the anticipated increased interest in soccer from the 2026 World Cup event by focusing on upgrading spaces for soccer activities and youth soccer programming

Strategy 1.2b: Focus on providing all ages swimming lessons and swimming during the summer aquatics seasons and during the winters for indoor facilities

Strategy 1.2c: Focus on providing programming for adults including health and wellness, history and culture, exercise, and senior activities to address areas identified on surveys

OBJECTIVE 1.3: Begin more comprehensive tracking of programs that are taking place by location and adjust programming to fill gaps

Strategy 1.3a: Track the participation and cancellation rates of programs by facility and report annually to Park Board

Strategy 1.3b: Use annual reports to better understand the true department-wide programming services and fill identified gaps in programming in the next calendar year

PILLAR 2: HEALTH & WELLNESS

To improve health and wellness through parks and recreation planning, programming, and maintenance

OBJECTIVE 2.1: Improve and maintain parks and facilities to support and improve health and wellness

Strategy 2.1a: Build restrooms strategically in parks where there are sufficient users to justify the high staffing requirement to maintain restrooms and provide for cleaning 2 times per day

Strategy 2.1b: Focus more capital expenditures at Community Centers and Pools that rated below 65 on the asset inventory

Strategy 2.1c: Create and follow regular schedules for sports court sealing and resurfacing, parking lot sealing and resurfacing, and a preventative maintenance program for roof surfaces to extend useful lifespans. Place the locations that rated below 65 on the asset inventory at the top of the list

Strategy 2.1d: Create and follow regular schedules for fountain and monument preventative maintenance to extend useful lifespans and set service level expectations for repair timeframes. Place the locations that rated below 65 on the asset inventory at the top of the list

Strategy 2.1e: Include a community engagement strategy for all park and facility improvement projects which includes involvement from and communication with local neighborhood residents.

OBJECTIVE 2.2: Respond to strong desires for multi-use trails expressed by residents during the public involvement process and enhance accessibility

Strategy 2.2a: Update the Trails KC Plan and pursue revised target miles constructed in the new plan in partnership with other City departments

Strategy 2.2b: Implement a dedicated trail maintenance and replacement fund together with other City departments with an emphasis on accessibility

Strategy 2.2c: Build regional trails to connect parks and loop trails within parks with an emphasis on accessibility

Strategy 2.2d: Build trails to connect high use areas with parks with an emphasis on accessibility

OBJECTIVE 2.3: Actively focus on access to health and wellness programming in the seasonal and annual programming, with an emphasis on community centers to maximize efficiencies

Strategy 2.3a: Focus on highest priority programming from resident surveys including adult health and wellness, history and culture, adult exercise, and senior activities

Strategy 2.3b: Redefine community centers as community health and wellness hubs that provide existing services and act as a source from which community members can learn and be referred to other community resources, such as those offered by the City's Health Department

PILLAR 3: CONSERVATION

To protect green space, connect people to nature, and engage residents in conservation practices

OBJECTIVE 3.1: Engage residents in conservation practices and activities that connect people to nature

Strategy 3.1a: Expand the Ambassador program and Conservation program to provide training in improvements related to environmental such as turf conversion, tree stewardship, and green infrastructure installations

Strategy 3.1b: Program tours of parks for K-12 field trips/science curricula and community groups to highlight natural resources with partners from organizations like the Missouri Department of Conservation

OBJECTIVE 3.2: Maintain existing parks and natural areas to maximize public benefits and reduce or eliminate negative environmental impacts

Strategy 3.2a: Increase trash, litter, and illegal dumping collection efficiencies

Strategy 3.2b: Manage invasive plant species in all of the parks that have recent conservation plans in place

Strategy 3.2c: Reduce fossil fuel use by purchasing fuel efficient vehicle and equipment replacements at end of lifespans and maximize fuel efficiency of existing equipment through maintenance

OBJECTIVE 3.3: Maintain and grow the city's tree canopy and natural areas through sound management practices and implementation of the City's Administrative Regulation 5-7

Strategy 3.3a: Plant more trees and increase maintenance of existing trees

Strategy 3.3b: Convert unused lawn areas, especially steep slopes where mowing causes unnecessary risk to staff, to native plantings and provide for maintenance of them

Strategy 3.3c: Develop a minimum of 1 new conservation easement annually on park property to create designated nature preserves

Strategy 3.3d: Identify and develop time lines to acquire places of significant beauty and natural resource quality to establish medium to small sized parks within areas of the City outside of the 1 mile service radius from KC Parks or neighboring municipality/county/state parks

Strategy 3.3e: Include a community engagement strategy for all parkland acquisitions which includes communication with local neighborhood residents to the extent that they occur as needed to meet other objectives

PILLAR 4: ORGANIZATIONAL STABILITY

Ensuring the benefits of Parks and Recreation and its services are available to our community in perpetuity.

OBJECTIVE 4.1: Recruit and retain qualified employees.

Strategy 4.1a: Ensure employee success by creating a comprehensive employee development plan to include, but not limited to, on-boarding, continuing education, and workforce advancement models. Develop and implement a succession plan

Strategy 4.1b: Use new and innovative recruitment method

Strategy 4.1c: Enhance opportunities to reward employee performance with the goals to increase employee morale, create ownership in the organization's success, engage employees and increase retention rates

Strategy 4.1d: Engage staff on a regular basis on how the working environment could be adjusted to positively impact employee performance and create a feedback loop to determine if appropriate impact is achieved

OBJECTIVE 4.2: Focus on capturing the maximizing funding possible for all Departmental assets

Strategy 4.2a: Strategically allocate equitable funding for museums and other not-for-profit partners with building governance boards and fundraising tools specifically including, but not limited to, The Black Archives of Mid-America and the Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Heritage Center and Museum

Strategy 4.2b: Align programming with annual leisure trends to increase cost recovery potential including the most popular activities from the 2022 leisure trend analysis for the Kansas City metropolitan area of exercise walking, exercise with equipment, hiking, aerobic exercise, and swimming

Strategy 4.2c: Increase Parks & Recreation sales tax with a focus on capturing online use tax

Strategy 4.2d: Decrease and eventually eliminate Parks & Recreation funding appropriated to items not directly associated with the Department of Parks and Recreation

Strategy 4.2e: Pursue and support existing "Friends Of" groups and Conservancies for large Regional Parks including Swope Park, Penn Valley Park, Blue Valley Park, Roanoke Park, Mark McHenry Park, Hodge Park, Anne Garney Park, James A. Reed Park, Indian Creek Greenway, Buckeye Greenway, or others

Strategy 4.2f: Strategically pursue grants that align with the four pillars of this plan: Social Equity, Health and Wellness, Conservation, and Organizational Stability

OBJECTIVE 4.3: Strategically reduce administrative and staff load for tasks that are more efficient for other departments or organizations to manage such as solid waste management and services for the unhoused population

Strategy 4.3a: Optimize capital investments by implementing the newly developed rating system for capital projects that prioritizes equity considerations, parks with adopted master plans, and parks with low asset inventory scoring

Strategy 4.3b: Enhance existing Safe Healthy Attractive Public Environments (SHAPE) inspection program and Park Ranger Program to improve park safety

Strategy 4.3c: Implement asset data recording, work order data collection, adoption of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), and monthly KPI reporting for operations and maintenance

Strategy 4.3d: Develop and/or implement existing Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for frequent tasks and cross-training policies to reduce or eliminate risks from single points of failure

OBJECTIVE 4.4: Improve the financial performance of parks facilities to increase cost recovery and reduce operational subsidies

Strategy 4.4a: Engage the local community adjacent to each community center to evaluate their programming needs then provide programming or facility modifications, improvements, or new construction in response

Strategy 4.4b: Critically evaluate facilities that require significant investment and determine if replacement is most effective for long-term financial feasibility

OBJECTIVE 4.5: Prepare a staff and community awareness and education plan for each pillar of the strategic action plan

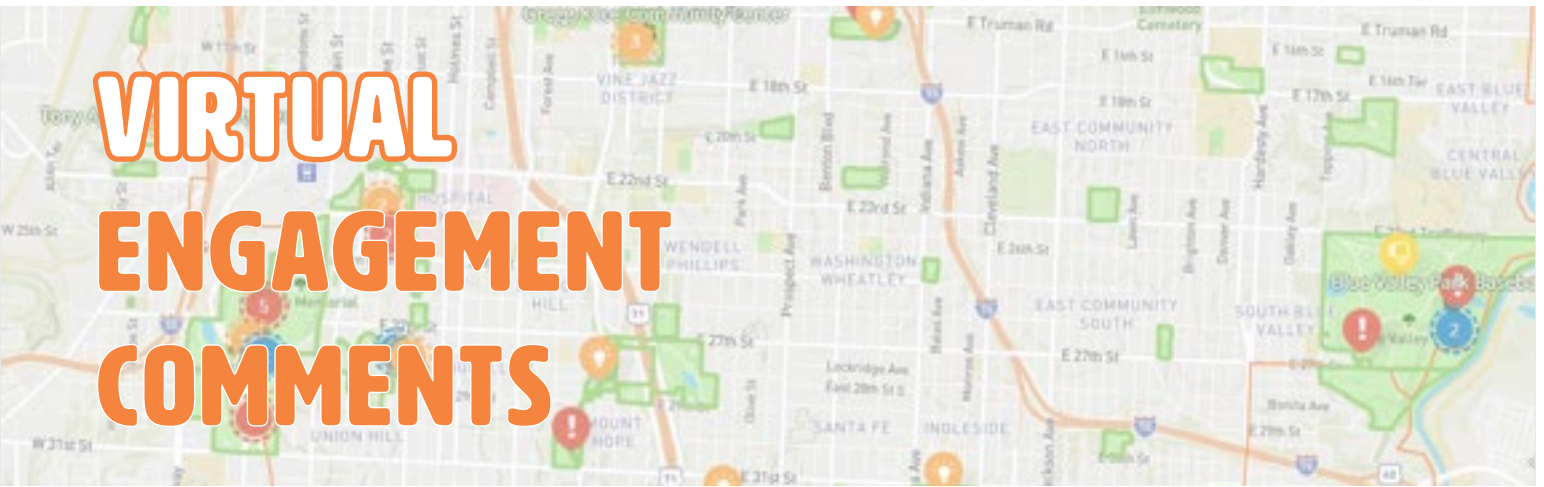


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APPENDIX



VIRTUAL ENGAGEMENT COMMENTS



During this master planning effort, the consultant team utilized an online community engagement platform known as Social Pinpoint to collect feedback from residents about the park and recreation system. The team created and published a custom website (www.kcparks2032.com) and with the help of Kansas City Parks and Recreation staff, the launched the website in August, 2022. The website, among other features, provided visitors a direct portal to the Social Pinpoint website for the project. Once in the Social Pinpoint website, visitors could navigate an interactive map of Kansas City, Missouri with all existing parks, trails, and community centers highlighted. Visitors could leave comments by dropping a “pin” on the location of their choice. Visitors were instructed to leave comments that fit one of four different types::

- Things You Like
- Things You Dislike
- Ideas for Improvements
- Causes for Concerns

In addition to leaving their own unique comments, visitors could also view the comments of others and even “like” or “dislike” them. Between August 31, 2022 and May 27, 2023, the website received 3,394 visits from 1,213 unique users. Ultimately 214 unique stakeholders left 603 distinct comments. Those comments are provided on the following pages. This chart provides the date and time the comment was left, the type of comment, the full text of the comment itself, the number of “likes” or “dislikes” it may have received, and the park, trail, or facility to which it pertains.

DATE & TIME	TYPE	COMMENT	"LIKES"	"DISLIKES"	PARK
8/31/2022 9:27	Things You Like	Love the walking trails at this park!	2	0	Memorial Hill
10/4/2022 19:06	Ideas for Improvements	Haven't seen this connection point at all for the bike trails or the bike trails themselves for that matter. What's going on here? If there's something to focus on I'd say that just building the paths that are already on the map would be a good start.	7	0	Brush Creek Greenway
10/4/2022 19:09	Things You Like	This bit of trail around coal mine road is good. A shame google maps won't let me add it. Could use some trees but otherwise good job.	8	0	Blue River Trail
10/4/2022 20:00	Ideas for Improvements	The western and eastern portions of brush creek has always seemed like a poorly utilized space. No one really even walks on the nice parts of it as much as you would expect since it's isolated, short, and doesn't have many attractions or connections for crossing and coming on and off the creek front. An attraction in the grassy area near the school to the west and in the wide open green areas of mlk park area would make ideal anchors. And better connectivity would encourage walking to the plaza	8	0	Brush Creek Greenway
10/4/2022 20:01	Ideas for Improvements	Minor Park is the closest park to many families. The trails are heavily used and people frequent the park. It would be good if more trees could be planted for shade as well as new/bigger playground equipment for the kids. It would be nice to try to redesign the park with nature as a new focus. Something like Franklin Park in Kansas would benefit the residential communities and families that rely on this park for recreation, exercise, and leisure.	230	2	Minor Park
10/4/2022 20:10	Ideas for Improvements	There needs to be a better way to cross Broadway, it's a dangerous road to cross as it stands now.	17	0	Penn Valley Park
10/4/2022 20:17	Ideas for Improvements	The western valley part of Penn Valley is in disrepair. I walked it just two days ago and the paths are busted up, trash everywhere and the brush is overgrown. These issues coupled with the isolated nature of this section of the park has created an environment that doesn't feel safe to be in alone.	11	0	Penn Valley Park
10/4/2022 20:32	Ideas for Improvements	Disc golf or other low-maintenance amenities would be an amazing addition to Minor Park	22	1	Minor Park
10/4/2022 23:21	Things You Like	The future plans to improve cliff drive and kessler park is my number one priority	13	0	Kessler Park
10/4/2022 23:23	Causes for Concerns	There is not a safe crossing between the north and south side of independence ace	9	0	Independence Plaza
10/4/2022 23:23	Causes for Concerns	The fountains have been shutoff	1	3	The Concourse
10/4/2022 23:26	Causes for Concerns	There is no safe way to get here from the Gilliam cycle track or Gilliam park	10	0	Robert Gilliam Park
10/4/2022 23:30	Ideas for Improvements	Would love to see a pickleball court added and maybe some free classes for the neighborhood kids to learn.	4	0	Prospect Plaza Park
10/4/2022 23:31	Ideas for Improvements	Would love to see a pickleball court here	5	1	The Parade
10/4/2022 23:55	Things You Like	I really like the spacious rink here and I consistently see it get used	8	0	Holmes Park
10/5/2022 6:24	Ideas for Improvements	Bike lane or wide sidewalk that goes straight down the middle of ward parkway in the grass area between the lanes.	6	16	Ward Parkway

DATE & TIME	TYPE	COMMENT	"LIKES"	"DISLIKES"	PARK
10/5/2022 8:14	Ideas for Improvements	While there are several parks nearby and along the Trolley Track Trail, there are really no dog parks that are close enough to the Waldo area to be convenient. For the amount of dogs I see on the trail and around the neighborhood, I think an off-leash dog park would be very successful around here.	7	3	Harry Wiggins Trolley Track Trail
10/5/2022 8:57	Causes for Concerns	Why does the path just end?	2	0	Penn Valley Park
10/5/2022 9:30	Causes for Concerns	Invasive Tree of Heaven is quickly taking over the wooded area of this park. This highly invasive and toxic plant also hosts a very destructive, also invasive, insect, the Spotted Lanternfly. Please act quickly to prevent further damage to the ecosystem. The west side of Gillham Park also has this tree, and likely many other parks. Could kcpr start an invasive species task force? Also consider planting native plants in parks.	6	0	Hyde Park
10/5/2022 9:46	Causes for Concerns	Placed a marker in the wrong place initially. This is the right spot. Invasive Tree of Heaven is quickly taking over the wooded area of this park. This highly invasive and toxic plant also hosts a very destructive, also invasive, insect, the Spotted Lanternfly. Please act quickly to prevent further damage to the ecosystem. The west side of Gillham Park also has this tree, and likely many other parks. Could kcpr start an invasive species task force? Also consider planting native plants in parks.	6	0	South Oak Park
10/5/2022 9:50	Ideas for Improvements	Cars drive through and park on the grassy parts of this park regularly (weekly basis minimum). A way to prevent this would be to either increase the amount of barriers or add a path for cars to the shelter houses.	6	0	Tower Park
10/5/2022 9:53	Ideas for Improvements	Accessibility could be improved with a consistent sidewalk on Holmes to be able to reach the park on foot or wheelchair without having to cross Holmes twice. From the south, regardless of which side you start on, the sidewalk disappears and you must cross Holmes or walk through private yards to reach the park.	6	0	Holmes Park
10/5/2022 14:57	Ideas for Improvements	Make a short disc golf course here that is kids and family friendly. So much of this space is underutilized and already maintained. Nearly no maintenance costs and attract family's.	5	2	Penn Valley Park
10/7/2022 10:29	Ideas for Improvements	This is a nice little green space in close proximity to several neighborhoods of South KC. The paved trails are great access for multiple uses as are the dirt trails that split off near Redbridge. More miles of accessible natural surface trails could be a good addition. More trails that are not as technical as the more difficult trails would be a fun addition to an already robust and fun little park.	8	0	Minor Park
10/7/2022 12:32	Ideas for Improvements	Continue developing Anne Garney!	7	2	Anne Garney Park
10/7/2022 14:17	Causes for Concerns	LACK OF TREE/ BRUSH TRIMMING AND TRASH DUMPING ON ENTRANCE INTO SWOPE BY GOLF COURSES.	2	1	Swope Park

DATE & TIME	TYPE	COMMENT	"LIKES"	"DISLIKES"	PARK
10/7/2022 14:49	Ideas for Improvements	At Penn Valley, repair and maintain stone walls and staircases - consider a partnership to teach youth stone masonry. Bridge that connects Wyandotte and Park - consider a mural depicting history of park (on the national register of historic places!) Get community involved! Is there not a conservancy associated with Penn Valley?	3	0	Penn Valley Park
10/7/2022 15:42	Causes for Concerns	Need to work on ground surface to make it smother for sledding in the winter. Better mark the volleyball court, many don't know it exists. Set up teams & games.	5	0	Brookside Park
10/7/2022 15:46	Causes for Concerns	Trolley Trail often is neglected.	5	1	Trolley Track Trail
10/7/2022 15:57	Causes for Concerns	52nd St & Brookside Blvd, west side, small triangular park & N of this park, trees need trimming they are blocking the view for safe entrance from 52nd St to Brookside Blvd, both N & S bound entrances.	2	0	Harry Wiggins Trolley Track Trail
10/7/2022 16:01	Ideas for Improvements	It can't have escaped the attention of many to know that our birds and pollinators are declining at a dangerous rate. The reasons are many but with all of the park land that the city owns it would be of benefit these creatures if areas were set aside for creatures and be left unmown and untreated by chemicals. Meadow areas don't just happen but neither do the extensive lawns that are found all over our parks and boulevards. Pls consider this as you plan ahead. Thanks!	2	3	James A. Reed Park
10/7/2022 16:04	Ideas for Improvements	Suggestion: Tennis Court installation. None in area.	2	0	James A. Reed Park
10/7/2022 16:08	Causes for Concerns	Need a safer alternative for bikers & walkers with the Trolley Trail stops & now you are going through busy parking lots or streets.	14	0	Harry Wiggins Trolley Track Trail
10/7/2022 16:08	Things You Like	Love the park. Great walking path. Nice spread of benches and trash receptacles. Beautiful green space.	2	0	James A. Reed Park
10/7/2022 16:29	Causes for Concerns	The new basketball court is nice but some type of barrier needs to be around the court to stop the ball from going out into the street and missed shots rolling down the hill away from the court. Also, trash cans throughout the park are needed. Currently there are NONE. Empty water bottles are often left around basketball court	8	0	Troost Park
10/7/2022 21:07	Things You Like	We love having the disposal bags for dog walkers.	1	0	James A. Reed Park
10/7/2022 21:14	Ideas for Improvements	Add a Crosswalk by James A Reed park for safety reasons. Also adding a bike lane along James A Reed and bike racks in front of the park would be nice.	3	0	James A. Reed Park
10/7/2022 21:19	Causes for Concerns	There are NO sidewalks on Bannister Rd from James A Reed to Raytown Rd. There is a pre-k school and every single day so see pedestrians walking dangerously alongside Bannister. Sidewalks are needed.	4	0	James A. Reed Park
10/8/2022 8:12	Ideas for Improvements	Westport Roanoke used to have a pottery program that my husband and I participated in for over 35 years. There is a dedicated pottery studio there that has not been used for 3 years. An instructor needs to be hired and the program reinstated. It was one of the best, profitable, and most successful programs for Parks & Rec. We have been patiently waiting to return to our weekly pottery class at Westport.	8	0	Westport Roanoke Community Center

DATE & TIME	TYPE	COMMENT	"LIKES"	"DISLIKES"	PARK
10/8/2022 19:26	Ideas for Improvements	Penn Valley Park West of Broadway needs (1) safe access across Broadway to the east half of the park; (2) safe access the Crossroads District and downtown and (3) a repair / upgrade of the Summit crossover to the westside. The parking lot by the skate park and the tennis courts needs to be closed at night per city ordinance. Pickleball courts or disk golf and/or small soccer fields could be added -- and the Scout area needs to be repaired.	5	0	Penn Valley Park
10/8/2022 23:43	Ideas for Improvements	Most of the Parkways and Boulevards within Kansas City currently prioritize moving vehicle traffic over parks and recreation. This is a huge missed opportunity, as finding a connected network for recreation is otherwise difficult. With our efforts toward Vision Zero, make moves to prioritize parks and recreation, not simply more lanes of traffic.	5	0	Penn Valley Park
10/9/2022 13:39	Things You Like	Brush Creek Community Center has a great outdoor workout space and access to the trail along Brush Creek.	3	0	Mary Williams-Neal Community Center
10/13/2022 20:03	Ideas for Improvements	+1 for Disc Golf in Minor Park. It's the perfect location. If one looks at the maps of courses, there's a big open area on the south side of town where no courses exist. Minor Park is basically right in the middle of that area. It's also extremely cheap to build and maintain, and is floodplain-friendly, as it requires nothing more than some concrete pads and steel baskets. Lastly, as a long-time player, I think it would make for an amazingly technical and fun course through the river valley	12	1	Minor Park
10/13/2022 22:33	Causes for Concerns	The Gillham Cycle Track needs additional traffic safety features for areas where cycle and auto traffic intersect. Many of these intersections are not adequately controlled, and are up to wariness of motorists and cyclists. I've personally been almost puled in front of by someone who did not see me, or was not expecting the need to check the cycle track before turning.	14	0	Robert Gillham Park
10/17/2022 9:07	Ideas for Improvements	Put the bike lanes in the park instead of on the street. The aesthetics of our historic boulevard system is greatly diminished by the current design. Would love to see better integration of bike plan with existing parks.	0	14	Robert Gillham Park
10/17/2022 9:38	Ideas for Improvements	Can old horsebarn be improved and rented out to a local restaurant/cafe? If so it would be a huge net-positive benefit to Hyde Park neighbors and guests given the central location and access to Bike Lanes. See image attached of similar restaurant in a park in Amsterdam. No car parking required.	10	0	Robert Gillham Park
10/17/2022 9:41	Ideas for Improvements	There needs to be a playground for kids north of 39th street given that 39th street is a barrier for Hyde Park neighbors on foot/bike. I suggest locating it here but anywhere north of 39th is acceptable. Of course a more cost effective solution might just be TO FIX 39th STREET so parents and kids don't have to deal with the death trap that it is.	6	2	Hyde Park

DATE & TIME	TYPE	COMMENT	"LIKES"	"DISLIKES"	PARK
10/17/2022 9:47	Causes for Concerns	Safe Pedestrian access across 39th street is needed. Parents don't feel comfortable allowing their children to cross without adults. Please find a solution so all of Hyde Park residents can enjoy the amenities in the area without needing a car to safely cross a street. I suggest a road diet on 39th as per the Midtown Complete Streets plan and a raised crossing across 39th.	11	0	Hyde Park
10/17/2022 11:19	Things You Like	There are a string of urban gardens here that are great at engaging the community and offering fresh produce. Partnerships?	1	0	Ivanhoe Park
10/17/2022 11:21	Ideas for Improvements	Need an updated, bigger shelter that's rentable for parties. Improve grading issues	3	0	Oak Park
10/17/2022 11:22	Ideas for Improvements	Consider making part of this an actual plaza. There are so many vendors selling goods along Prospect that providing a plaza space to do so would be great. Possible farmers market space as well	3	0	Sanford Brown Plaza
10/17/2022 11:32	Things You Like	I like the running path; wish there were more areas like this in town	10	0	Robert Gillham Park
10/17/2022 11:35	Things You Like	Great playground. I really like that there is a loop running/walking trail adjacent to the park. The whole family is able to use the park when visiting.	1	0	Penguin Park
10/17/2022 11:52	Ideas for Improvements	This is a great neighborhood park to walk to, but I wish it had a few lights along the trail as it is too far from the streetlights to see the trail pavement in the evenings (fall-winter).	4	0	Holmes Park
10/18/2022 8:48	Ideas for Improvements	Incorporate native plantings into Gillham park! There are areas that saw mud slide onto the paths and standing water with rains - would be perfect to create patches to increase beauty, encourage biodiversity, and preserve ground integrity.	10	0	Robert Gillham Park
10/18/2022 8:50	Ideas for Improvements	Full sun grass-covered slope is not possible for development - would be a good site for a native prairie planting.	3	0	Robert Gillham Park
10/20/2022 9:47	Things You Like	My family and I really enjoy the park here and the trail along Line Creek. We also like watching the seasons of the food garden at the Thidaware Native American Garden at this park.	3	0	Frank Vaydik Park
10/29/2022 11:16	Ideas for Improvements	Add a water slide to Gorman Pool	1	0	Gorman Park
10/29/2022 11:18	Ideas for Improvements	Add a water slide to Gorman Pool! Many facilities of similar size throughout the metro have slides.	1	0	Anita B. Gorman Park
11/6/2022 10:40	Things You Like	Excellent job on the trail extension toward Waterworks.	1	0	Briarcliff Greenway
11/7/2022 12:34	Causes for Concerns	There is no way to get around swope park safely other than in a car. Where are the paths, sidewalks and trails (outside of mtb trails) to see all this park has to offer? Anyone who lives near this park must drive to it. There should be paths connecting it to the surrounding areas and neighborhoods.	12	0	Swope Park
11/7/2022 12:35	Ideas for Improvements	Lakeside drive should be reopened to non motor-vehicle traffic(or adjacent trail created) to connect the soccer fields and existing trail to the rest of swope park.	10	0	Swope Park
11/7/2022 12:37	Ideas for Improvements	This intersection should be a roundabout with protected sidewalk/trail access. Cars should slow as they enter the park	10	0	Swope Park
11/7/2022 12:39	Ideas for Improvements	Make glamping sites and rent them to MTB tourists like Cohler down in Bentonville. The swope/blue river trail system has well over 30 miles of mtb trails. We should be capitalizing on the volunteer efforts that have taken place here.	7	2	Swope Park

DATE & TIME	TYPE	COMMENT	"LIKES"	"DISLIKES"	PARK
11/7/2022 12:39	Ideas for Improvements	This should be a roundabout to slow motor vehicle traffic	5	0	Swope Park
11/7/2022 12:42	Ideas for Improvements	There should be safer crossing for pedestrians here. Brush creek could be extended and this could server as a nice neighborhood access point. Much less stressful to access with children here then having to navigate the plaza.	4	0	Brush Creek Greenway
11/7/2022 14:15	Things You Like	Love this trail! It's one of KC's best kept secrets	1	0	Hidden Valley Park
11/7/2022 14:20	Ideas for Improvements	Six years ago Parks and Rec came to our neighborhood and said they wanted to put a trail here. Our neighborhood got excited- it would connect to Topping Elementary which currently cannot be walked to because the road is narrow with no sidewalks, connect to Maple Woods Elementary School and Maple Park Middle School, connecting all those kids to their schools AND lead to Hidden Valley to make a longer trail in the northland! My neighborhood association is hoping it happens!	4	0	Searcy Creek Greenway
11/7/2022 14:23	Ideas for Improvements	This pond used to be so beautiful, but in recent years (even before the drought this year) it has decreased in size to almost half of what it used to be. If there was a park here, I think doing some pond maintenance would be great. I am one of the 2 neighbors whose land is near this pond.	0	0	Lakewood Greenway
11/7/2022 14:24	Things You Like	Love this new trail!!! I like how your connecting so many trails in the northland and making things more accessible!	1	0	Big Shoal Greenway
11/7/2022 14:26	Ideas for Improvements	The playground here has a broken teeter totter. I would love to see this playground expanded.	0	0	Hidden Valley Park
11/7/2022 14:28	Things You Like	I love the new developments you have put here! I love that it is helping connecting more of the northland and makes it easier to cross under the highway.	0	0	Chouteau Greenway
11/7/2022 14:29	Things You Like	I love the adjacent running/ walking loop! My kids love biking and playing on the playground.	0	0	Lakewood Greenway
11/7/2022 14:31	Things You Like	Love the new improvements here to the playground and trails and the fence around the playground!!	0	0	Englewood Park
11/7/2022 14:32	Ideas for Improvements	More police presence may be good here. Some people sleep in their cars in the parking lot and others hot box in their cars here.	1	1	Englewood Park
11/7/2022 14:34	Things You Like	This is one of our favorite spots! We love KC Northern Railroad, the Community Center, and the trail.	3	0	Frank Vaydik Park
11/7/2022 14:35	Ideas for Improvements	I wish there were b-cycles for rent here. I think the community would love them!	4	1	Frank Vaydik Park
11/7/2022 14:36	Things You Like	Love this area! It is a great place to hike and explore with small children!	2	0	Amity Woods Nature Park
11/7/2022 20:40	Things You Like	Really enjoy bike bath on my bicycle.	4	0	Swope Park
11/7/2022 21:18	Ideas for Improvements	Leverage existing historic trail and steps to create pedestrian hiking connector to Lakeside, Pool, Soccer to north and Lake of the Woods, MTB trails to south	10	0	Swope Park
11/7/2022 21:25	Ideas for Improvements	Relight the Swope Memorial and trim the tree canopy below fountain to showcase and encourage visits	5	0	Swope Park
11/7/2022 21:28	Ideas for Improvements	Add bike lane stripe/signage to the Memorial drive. Super cheap, immediate improvement, added safety/awareness	6	1	Swope Park

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11/7/2022 21:30	Ideas for Improvements	Add a trash can to every major parking area. No can? Don't be surprised there is trash everywhere.	10	0	Swope Park
11/7/2022 21:34	Ideas for Improvements	Add permanent MTB signage, wayfinding, and ideally bike repair station and year-round portable restroom access	13	0	Swope Park
11/7/2022 21:42	Ideas for Improvements	Add multi-use pedestrian bicycle trail to provide access from lake to dog park and KC Pet Project	3	1	Swope Park
11/7/2022 21:45	Ideas for Improvements	Add significant traffic calming, speed control, protected bike lane on Gregory	6	0	Swope Park
11/7/2022 21:47	Ideas for Improvements	Rejuvenate sunken garden with seasonal flowers	5	0	Swope Park
11/7/2022 21:50	Ideas for Improvements	Add RideBikeKC Hub or private bike rentals for use in park on new crushed chat or paved trails	7	0	Swope Park
11/7/2022 21:53	Causes for Concerns	Improve this dangerous turn with a roundabout or revised lane that doesn't require a sharp left turn	1	1	Swope Park
11/7/2022 21:56	Ideas for Improvements	Consider making this drive one-way to the west to limit traffic cut-throughs into park	1	0	Swope Park
11/7/2022 21:59	Ideas for Improvements	Really require a major sign for zoo here (and exit to 63rd St sign). Visitors always miss turn	4	0	Swope Park
11/7/2022 22:02	Ideas for Improvements	Multi-use trail to connect community center, shelters, zoo, starlight. Walkable and rideable	5	0	Swope Park
11/7/2022 22:08	Ideas for Improvements	Allow Veterans Community Project to redevelop portions of Legacy West if no plan to use as a park	2	0	Legacy West Park
11/8/2022 5:34	Ideas for Improvements	Pickleball courts need resurfacing. Tennis court is only ever used for PB so turn it into two Dedicated PB courts.	6	1	Brookside Park
11/8/2022 7:41	Ideas for Improvements	This area should connect to 115th St where it dead-end just past Troost so that walkers and bike riders can connect to the trail along the Blue River	10	0	Minor Park
11/8/2022 11:43	Ideas for Improvements	Central Park needs quality park shelters with shade structures and seating. As well as a working water fountain.	2	0	Central Park
11/8/2022 11:46	Causes for Concerns	The trash in the creek is concerning.	7	0	Brush Creek Greenway
11/8/2022 11:49	Things You Like	Playground improvements are phenomenall	7	0	Independence Plaza
11/8/2022 15:36	Ideas for Improvements	Love the master plan for this park. Can't wait for more to be implemented.	5	1	Anne Garney Park
11/8/2022 15:37	Causes for Concerns	Trail is deteriorating. Very uneven and dangerous for young bike riders.	5	0	Anne Garney Park
11/8/2022 16:09	Ideas for Improvements	Anne Garney parks at the least needs amenities for biological function, i.e. bathrooms! However, there was a glorious plan for the original master approved in 2012 and the city has failed the Northland to complete this park. We deserve nice parks too, like the parks south of the river.	6	2	Anne Garney Park
11/8/2022 16:15	Ideas for Improvements	This park had such a wonderful master plan that I very much wish would be implemented. As of now, this is simply a trail surrounding a playground riddled with trash (alcohol, tobacco, drugs) being used as a meet up/hang out due to its isolated nature. Restrooms, running water, and a sports field would be a great start.	3	2	Anne Garney Park
11/8/2022 17:15	Ideas for Improvements	Would love to see this park come to life!	3	0	Anne Garney Park
11/8/2022 17:25	Ideas for Improvements	Complete "master plan" add restrooms	3	0	Anne Garney Park
11/8/2022 17:27	Ideas for Improvements	I would love for tennis courts and lights along the trail. It has so much potential that is being wasted.	4	3	Anne Garney Park
11/8/2022 18:13	Ideas for Improvements	Disc golf opportunities abound here! Let's make an 18 hole course happen!	2	0	Anne Garney Park

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11/8/2022 18:17	Ideas for Improvements	There is ample opportunity for an Enclosed dog park in this location. Many dog owners use this park today and local residents would benefit from a designated park with amenities.	1	0	Anne Garney Park
11/8/2022 19:20	Things You Dislike	Slow progress. Would like to see the master plan implemented more.	1	1	Anne Garney Park
11/8/2022 19:22	Things You Like	We love this park as it is currently with wildlife thriving. It's beautiful and my kids love to see the deer, humming birds and rabbits that roam in the natural habitat. I hope the city doesn't destroy this natural park by adding unnecessary roads, baseball fields, parking lots etc. There are plenty of other nearby parks for recreational sports fields, picnic areas etc. Preserve the lovely, peaceful atmosphere in this park!	5	0	Anne Garney Park
11/8/2022 19:22	Ideas for Improvements	Please continue to make improvements as designed in the master plan. A very nice resource for us in the northland.	0	1	Anne Garney Park
11/8/2022 21:20	Ideas for Improvements	Please please please do not put more parking lot here than necessary. The last thing we need is replacing natural prairie, native wildflowers, and grasses with more asphalt.	2	1	Anne Garney Park
11/8/2022 23:51	Causes for Concerns	Playground and "turf" is in need of repair. An underdog of playgrounds. This is under utilized due to the quality of the equipment. Could be an amazing area and playground.	2	0	Anne Garney Park
11/8/2022 23:59	Ideas for Improvements	Love the preserved wild-grass and natural habitat. Bird watching/walks are amazing and quiet. Not every "park" needs to be paved over. The playground could be more inclusive and accessible. This playground is for older mobile children and I am unable to take my toddler here as the equipment is too dangerous.	1	0	Anne Garney Park
11/9/2022 2:54	Things You Like	I love all of Hodge, especially the dirt trails. The living history museum and concrete trails are great, too.	4	0	Hodge Park
11/9/2022 12:26	Things You Like	The park is a peaceful getaway from hustle and bustle. I hope it's not destroyed for something generic like sports fields.	3	1	Anne Garney Park
11/9/2022 12:28	Things You Like	I love this park and the trail! It's beautiful and serene.	1	0	Anne Garney Park
11/9/2022 12:29	Things You Like	I love walking on the trail and seeing all the plant and animal life.	2	0	Anne Garney Park
11/9/2022 16:34	Ideas for Improvements	Would love to see bathrooms here, having to run out last minute because my toddler has to potty is not fun.	2	0	Anne Garney Park
11/9/2022 16:43	Things You Like	I love how people can enjoy nature here! We see families of deer, rabbits, and even coyotes. The trees and landscape are just beautiful year round! I feel like adding buildings and parking lots would be a shame.	2	1	Anne Garney Park
11/9/2022 17:07	Ideas for Improvements	It would be so wonderful to see the addition or restrooms in this area. There is so much potential with the amazing playground, shelter house and sports fields.	2	0	Hodge Park
11/9/2022 17:49	Ideas for Improvements	We need more bathrooms in parks in general, more benches, keep them clean and well-kept	5	0	Hodge Park
11/9/2022 17:55	Causes for Concerns	The airfield for the KC Northern Knights RC Club is being relocated due to the new school being built on its current airfield. They'd like to relocate to the area around the rugby field. Are there other park locations where they could relocate?	0	0	Hodge Park

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11/9/2022 18:06	Things You Like	Just testing the map. I like parks!	0	0	Hodge Park
11/9/2022 18:36	Ideas for Improvements	Love the trails and looking forward to more.	1	0	Big Shoal Greenway
11/9/2022 18:41	Ideas for Improvements	A concrete pad for basketball or four square would be very helpful in this area. Futsal court would be helpful here as well. A large minority population would benefit.	2	0	Park Forest Park
11/9/2022 18:59	Ideas for Improvements	Add a water slide to the indoor pool at Gregg/Klice Community Center! The cities of Belton, Gladstone, Grandview, Lee's Summit, Lenexa, Olathe, and Overland Park all have community centers with water slides in their indoor pools - why can't we?	3	1	The Parade
11/9/2022 19:00	Ideas for Improvements	Add a water slide to the indoor pool at Tony Aguirre Community Center! The cities of Belton, Gladstone, Grandview, Lee's Summit, Lenexa, Olathe, and Overland Park all have community centers with water slides in their indoor pools - why can't we?	3	0	Tony Aguirre Community Center
11/9/2022 19:01	Ideas for Improvements	Add a water slide to the indoor pool at Southeast Community Center! The cities of Belton, Gladstone, Grandview, Lee's Summit, Lenexa, Olathe, and Overland Park all have community centers with water slides in their indoor pools - why can't we?	8	0	Swope Park
11/9/2022 19:06	Ideas for Improvements	Turn Grove Park Pool into Grove Park Aquatic Center! Add a couple water slides (I'm talking regular-sized ones, not the tiny ones they have there now), as well as a lazy river. KCMO has Tiffany Springs in the north and The Bay in the south - how about another such facility right near downtown? There seems to be a lot of room to expand, and the pool is in bad need of repair anyway - why not make it into a waterpark? Driving by on I-70, people would notice. It would be very popular. Bring it on!	3	0	The Grove Park
11/9/2022 19:14	Ideas for Improvements	Add a water slide at Brush Creek Pool!	2	0	Brush Creek
11/9/2022 19:17	Ideas for Improvements	The Trolley Track Trail could be a lot better - especially for residents of the neighborhood, but really for every trail user - if signs were posted along the trail marking the streets that the trail crosses!	3	0	Harry Wiggins Trolley Track Trail
11/9/2022 19:39	Ideas for Improvements	Would love to have Pickleball/ tennis courts- restroom and shelters that could be built for summer events . A basketball courts for the teens to be active around the neighborhood.	1	2	Anne Garney Park
11/9/2022 21:00	Ideas for Improvements	I really wish the community center with the gym and pool would be built. It was approved and would address many of the suggestions for bathrooms, more things to do, etc It would be nice to see the city follow through with the plan.	2	2	Anne Garney Park
11/10/2022 7:42	Ideas for Improvements	Would love a small mountain bike trail in this park, with little to medium hills to practice skills.	0	0	Anne Garney Park
11/10/2022 8:53	Things You Like	Our family loves this park as it is! It's peaceful and full of wildlife. There are many parks around here that have the things other poster are requesting like additional parking lots, roads and soccer fields. It'd be a shame for the city to spend money to add those things and destroy the beauty of this park.	2	1	Anne Garney Park
11/10/2022 8:55	Things You Like	I think more trees along the trail would be nice for this park, but otherwise love it as it is. I wouldn't want it ruined with loud soccer fields, roads etc. If you want to use a field, there are many other parks in the area for you.	3	1	Anne Garney Park

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11/10/2022 11:37	Ideas for Improvements	develop trails system in Searcy Creek Greenway to connect the numerous NKC School District schools to the greenway in that there are no sidewalks in this area. Also way to develop educational and conservation opportunities.	2	0	Searcy Creek Greenway
11/10/2022 18:21	Causes for Concerns	"watch for bikes" signage would be helpful for cross streets along the bike lane but this intersection feels particularly dangerous as a cyclist on the Gillham cycle track	4	0	Longfellow Park
11/10/2022 19:06	Causes for Concerns	This park is convenient for the neighborhood. But, it lacks any interest or amenities. There is nowhere to take a rest break if you are not at the beginning of the trail. What if older people are walking the path for exercise and get tired? They can't rest along the way. There is not any shade in this park nor does it have an eating section.	0	0	Bannister Park
11/11/2022 7:34	Ideas for Improvements	Please include a dedicated bike/walking path that safely and easily connects the Line Creek trail and North KC under the 169 highway and Vivion Road. This would allow for safe passage to downtown Kansas City from the N Barry Road region, Riverside, Gladstone, Parkville etc.	1	0	Line Creek Greenway
11/11/2022 7:38	Ideas for Improvements	An east-west bike/walking path which would connect Zona Rosa, N Barry Road, Gladstone, Northern KCMO to Liberty would be fantastic	2	1	Line Creek Greenway
11/11/2022 7:43	Causes for Concerns	Please improve the lighting along the bike path over the HoA bridge, the light from the street lamps is not enough.	4	0	Berkley Riverfront
11/11/2022 16:02	Ideas for Improvements	Need more children activities a bigger playground.	1	0	Blue Valley Park
11/11/2022 16:05	Causes for Concerns	Safety need more lighting and more rangers.Murders have been found in this park.	2	0	Blue Valley Park
11/11/2022 17:26	Ideas for Improvements	This is a completely inaccessible and seemingly abandoned park. What's the history of this place? Being so close to the Trolley Track Trail, might there be a way to connect this park to the trail and create access via additional wooded hiking/biking trail here? Overall, I think it's important to retain the tree canopy that already exists here, but add access.	3	0	Legacy West Park
11/11/2022 17:38	Ideas for Improvements	Ask that Urban Trail Co plan & build hiking/biking trail from the Old Red Bridge to the existing trails on the west side of the Blue River. The existing trails are on Jackson County land, but I think as a community we could really use more collaboration between the County and the City since so much of this area passes in-and-out of lands owned by one or the other. Collaboration to connect park facilities - regardless of whether the City or County owns them - would benefit all residents.	10	0	Minor Park
11/11/2022 17:46	Ideas for Improvements	The Blue River Greenway as a whole: LOVE the greenway and excited to see it's continued expansion. However, I am concerned about the maintenance schedule for the bridges - some of the bridges are missing wood treads or will need wood replaced very soon. There is often graffiti and/or stickers on the bridges and signage. Some of the signage is worn and illegible in spots. Invasive/noxious weeds are abundant along the greenway - including LOTS of poison hemlock which can be deadly for children.	7	0	Blue River Athletic Field

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11/11/2022 17:53	Ideas for Improvements	Our only remnant prairie and it's grossly mismanaged. We can do better! JSP is a beautiful place, but we have to put more towards invasive species removal and erosion repair of the trail that circles the park. The grassy part of the trail goes long periods without being mowed which makes access difficult. The park used to have a porta potty, but that is also gone. Please, we need bathroom facilities at the park to keep toilet paper and human waste from appearing next to the trail.	10	0	Jerry Smith Park
11/11/2022 17:57	Ideas for Improvements	This park is great!! But a bit disconnected. Does the city own an easement or the 3-Trails corridor that runs from this park to the West down to Blue River Rd? I'd love to see this park and St. Catherine's neighborhood have a connection down to Blue River Rd so that the community can access the Greenway, Alex George, and other park spaces.	4	0	Gambriel Tract
11/11/2022 18:02	Ideas for Improvements	The entrance gate is open or locked at unpredictable times. Can we not have standard dawn-to-dusk open hours 7 days a week here? Perhaps a more modern gate that can be set to a timer would alleviate the issue? Of course whoever has keys to the gate now could have a remote or override access to come and go when they need to.	10	0	Swope Park
11/11/2022 18:12	Ideas for Improvements	I'd like to reimagine Camp Lake of the Woods as a community asset and a destination for tourists. We need to be smart/strategic and look to models like Base Camp in Humboldt, KS and the Coler Preserve Campground in Bentonville, AR for inspiration. I'd like to see a reimagining of the Camp that is community-driven and NOT developer/investor driven. We can generate revenue for Parks AND provide nature experiences for community members who live in the immediate area. I'd love to help!	18	0	Swope Park
11/11/2022 18:15	Causes for Concerns	We desperately need a way to S-L-O-W traffic on Oldham Rd. Many folks are out enjoying the amenities of the park, crossing this road and/or cycling the road (it's very scenic), but cars are zooming by at dangerous speeds and there is no sidewalk or shoulder on this road. A protected bike lane would be great too!	13	0	Swope Park
11/11/2022 18:21	Causes for Concerns	Need a way to S-L-O-W traffic on Blue River Rd, maybe some traffic calming devices, especially where the hiking/biking trails cross the road and where people park to access the Blue River Glades and the Eddy Ballentine Trail. People are speeding down this road and not paying attention.	15	1	Swope Park
11/11/2022 18:24	Things You Like	The work that Heartland Conservation Alliance has completed here is phenomenal! We need more efforts like this please!	3	0	Blue Valley Park
11/11/2022 18:30	Things You Like	Such a cool section of the Blue River Greenway through here! More of this please!	2	0	Big Blue Battlefield Park
11/11/2022 18:34	Things You Like	Randomly discovered this little pedestrian bridge that crosses over the railroad tracks and connects the neighborhoods on either side... but it's overgrown/neglected. What's the history on this? Can we get it cleaned up and properly marked so that it's clear that folks can use it to access the Blue River Greenway to the west or other destinations?	0	0	Blue River Trail

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11/11/2022 18:57	Ideas for Improvements	Please bring back Swope Park Pool! It wasn't that long ago that we invested money into this facility, why has it been allowed to fall into disrepair and be closed??? The stone building exterior looks great. Don't know what's going on with the inside or what issues the pool itself is having, but please make this a priority. This is the only public pool in the area (I think).	9	0	Swope Park
11/11/2022 19:10	Ideas for Improvements	The Blue River Greenway's most southern point ends here. But when I look at the MetroGreen map on MARC's website, it shows "existing MetroGreen corridors" continuing south... but the paved path is not there in real life. Is there a document accessible to the public online somewhere explaining when/where/how the MetroGreen plan is implemented?	10	0	Minor Park
11/11/2022 19:19	Ideas for Improvements	South KC has no dog park (closest is Swope) - why couldn't this park have one? It's nice, it's an open area, there's a walking path - seems like a perfect area for an off-leash dog park!	0	0	Bannister Park
11/11/2022 19:20	Things You Like	Underrated gem of a park. Needs a parking lot, however.	1	0	White Oak Park
11/11/2022 19:21	Ideas for Improvements	White Oak really needs to have a small parking lot to be more trafficked - right now there's no accessibility.	1	0	White Oak Park
11/11/2022 20:38	Causes for Concerns	The Trolley Trail technically ends at Prospect and 85th, however many people continue on to the Blue River trail system via Prospect and Blue River Road. Prospect and Blue River Road is heavily trafficked at times and there is no sidewalk or bike path for safe travel to connect these two trail systems. Would be great for long distance bike rides. There's also poor lighting in these areas for dusk/evening hours.	8	0	Blue River Trail
11/11/2022 22:30	Ideas for Improvements	This part of the trolley trail needs more beautification. It seems to be forgotten and isn't an inviting atmosphere for trailer users. Lighting along the trail would also improve safety.	4	0	Harry Wiggins Trolley Track Trail
11/11/2022 22:32	Ideas for Improvements	More native plant landscape along the trail would add to the already existing landscape and help beautify the surrounding areas.	4	0	Harry Wiggins Trolley Track Trail
11/11/2022 22:37	Causes for Concerns	This area of the trail is constantly littered with debris and other items (couches, tires, bulky items. It is unsightly and causes trail users to want to avoid this area of the trail. Removing this road (seems abandoned) or creating a natural barrier could help reduce dumping in this area.	7	0	Harry Wiggins Trolley Track Trail
11/11/2022 22:45	Ideas for Improvements	Continuation of river front trail along river bank. Love the pathway leading from river market to Bally's Casino- wish it were longer and extended past the casino.	4	0	Berkley Riverfront
11/12/2022 9:15	Things You Like	Hidden Valley Park is beautiful! The trails are great, the conservation efforts are working and park visitors LOVE it. Keep up the good work!	3	0	Hidden Valley Park
11/12/2022 9:32	Things You Like	The Urban Trail Co trail stewards at Kessler Park have done amazing work with the dirt hiking/biking trails and honeysuckle removal. The City could provide additional support with invasive species removal, trash clean-up and the houseless folks living in the park.	13	0	Kessler Park

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11/12/2022 9:36	Causes for Concerns	There is A LOT of poison hemlock along large portions of the paved path following Brush Creek. This can be deadly to children if they touch it or ingest it. Too many invasive and dangerous plants left to grow out of control across the metro Parks system!	5	0	Brush Creek Greenway
11/12/2022 9:41	Ideas for Improvements	Another cool stone building from the 1930s-40s that has been neglected and abandoned. Why not work with the surrounding community on ideas for bringing it back to life? Many people fish at the Lake, this could be a spot selling fishing supplies, snacks/drinks, etc. and operated by youth groups or young entrepreneurs from nearby neighborhood.	7	1	Swope Park
11/12/2022 9:44	Ideas for Improvements	I love this little building! I could see a seasonal shaved ice shop here - again, have youth groups from surrounding neighborhoods operate it. All the hikers, bikers, fishermen, etc. could pop by all summer long and enjoy a cold treat.	7	0	Swope Park
11/12/2022 15:36	Ideas for Improvements	Need more trash receptacles.	4	0	Troost Park
11/12/2022 16:26	Ideas for Improvements	No sidewalks along Ward Pkwy this far south. Only ruts from previous walkers which turns to mud.	3	0	Russell Majors Waddell Park
11/12/2022 16:27	Causes for Concerns	Homeless encampments make for a lot of trash at Indian Creek and beyond.	7	0	Indian Creek Greenway
11/12/2022 16:29	Things You Dislike	Having to walk in the street for lack of sidewalks.	0	0	Jarboe Park
11/13/2022 8:09	Ideas for Improvements	There used to be a port-a-potty here, but it was removed about a year ago. This seems a good place to have one, for park and trail users alike.	0	0	Blue River Athletic Field
11/13/2022 8:14	Causes for Concerns	The underpass on the Indian Creek Trail is not well maintained and feels sketchy. It feels safer to walk across Wornall Road rather than go under it.	7	0	Indian Creek Greenway
11/13/2022 8:16	Causes for Concerns	The underpass on Indian Creek Trail is very sketchy with homeless activity. It feels safer to cross 103rd Street at the surface level.	6	0	Indian Creek Greenway
11/13/2022 8:20	Things You Like	The soft, rubberized outer path loop is easy on the joints.	9	0	Loose Park
11/14/2022 9:36	Ideas for Improvements	Repurpose Jarboe Park ballfield - it is underused. Dog Park? Pickleball courts?	5	7	Jarboe Park
11/14/2022 9:37	Ideas for Improvements	Please implement the West Pennway Redesign plan! Everyone drives entirely too fast. Add lighting and fix the sidewalks on the east side. It sees a lot of use by everyone.	9	0	West Pennway Park
11/14/2022 9:40	Things You Dislike	Swope Park is such a beautiful park - it's too bad it is neglected.	1	1	Swope Park
11/14/2022 14:39	Things You Like	Fun park for the kids to play at	0	0	Sheila Kemper-Detrich Park
11/14/2022 14:41	Things You Like	Peaceful location, in warm months full of squirrels. Graves go back 125+ years. Great to walk dogs or yourself.	2	0	Union Cemetery
11/14/2022 14:41	Ideas for Improvements	Light allows for people to take a left	0	0	Hospital Hill Park
11/15/2022 6:05	Ideas for Improvements	It would be great to have bike share in the Northland, especially on the Line Creek Trail!	1	1	Line Creek Greenway
11/15/2022 6:06	Ideas for Improvements	Let's get bike share at Swope Park!	4	1	Swope Park
11/15/2022 6:08	Things You Like	LOVE the Gillham cycle track, we should do this on ALL of the boulevards!	9	0	Robert Gillham Park
11/15/2022 6:56	Causes for Concerns	We have so few good park spaces downtown, and the ones we do have are seriously neglected. There is no positive programming or active engagement in places like Washington Square Park so it's overrun with negative activities.	7	0	Washington Square Park

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11/15/2022 17:00	Causes for Concerns	The intersection is poorly designed, when at light in right lane WEST bound you have to jog over to miss the curb next to the church property, I have had drivers in left lane cut me off thinking their left lane was the right lane going west. The road surface is really bumpy also from James Reed to raytown road. Side walks should be incorporated due to high volume of foot traffic in location, winter is especially dangerous when road is plowed and folks (kids) need to walk from bus to home.	1	0	James A. Reed Park
11/15/2022 17:09	Causes for Concerns	Poorly maintained road, feels like a third world location, dangerous to drive on with heavy truck traffic, center lane (turn lane) is dirt in places with deep holes, intersections are too small for trucking, curbs broken and dirt wallered out where countless trailers have gone over.	1	2	James A. Reed Park
11/15/2022 17:14	Causes for Concerns	Comment 52E6B3 should have been placed here, could not edit location of pin.	0	0	James A. Reed Park
11/15/2022 17:29	Things You Like	Love the new walking trails and the additional recreation opportunities they added to the park.	3	1	White Oak Park
11/15/2022 20:48	Ideas for Improvements	Would love to see some Pickleball courts available	4	0	Tiffany Hills Park
11/17/2022 12:59	Things You Dislike	This park is such an underutilized resource for this community. KCP&R should focus on making it more user friendly by adding well lit, asphalt paved walking paths the neighborhood can use. Think Loose Park in terms of paths and lighting. It can easily support more amenities, such as basketball courts, pickleball courts, and more modernized play areas for children. The large open spaces make it uninviting for anyone other than people who spend all day parked on its empty interior roads.	4	0	Blue Valley Park
11/17/2022 13:02	Things You Like	It's a nice little park in a part of town that desperately needs public green spaces. It would be nice to have an interior walking path and amenities similar to the ones in Hidden Valley Park.	3	0	Sheffield Park
11/17/2022 13:04	Things You Dislike	Love the new courts that were recently added to this park, but there is little to no parking and there isn't a safe crosswalk to get to the park across the street.	2	4	Independence Plaza
11/17/2022 17:58	Things You Like	This park and trail are great as is! No need to waste money destroying it for soccer fields when there's one less than half mile away.	1	0	Anne Garney Park
11/18/2022 6:23	Ideas for Improvements	We'd love to expand the playground equipment here. It is often crowded with several families on good weather days so more space would be awesome!	3	0	Holmes Park
11/18/2022 8:19	Things You Dislike	Always so much trash along here around the dumpster behind the strip mall.	5	1	Indian Creek Greenway
11/18/2022 8:20	Things You Like	Nice bridge with a beautiful view.	1	0	Indian Creek
11/18/2022 9:06	Ideas for Improvements	Highway access on broadway ensures that broadway functions like a highway. Remove the on/off ramp on broadway. Traffic counts don't likely warrant it and creates to the danger and congestion on I35. Let's turn broadway back into a street. Not the road/stroad that it currently is.	5	0	Penn Valley Park

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11/18/2022 9:14	Ideas for Improvements	This tennis/pickleball court gets constant use. The addition of lighting would be a great investment to stretch its usefulness for the neighborhood. Put it on a timer, that users can click on for an hour at a time, but is disabled during off-park hours.	7	0	Roanoke Park
11/18/2022 10:10	Ideas for Improvements	Trash cans; dog poop bags	1	0	Lakewood Greenway
11/18/2022 10:13	Causes for Concerns	Sinkhole along the sidewalk has been filled incorrectly	0	0	Lakewood Greenway
11/18/2022 11:25	Ideas for Improvements	Sunnyside is very run down and yet very busy! People want this park and we're willing to use it even though it's almost unusable and feels unsafe at times. The basketball courts and tennis courts are in unusable condition. Turning the tennis courts into pickleball would revitalize that area of the park. The basketball court just needs new backboards, rims and nets that actually work and that would bring more people as well.	3	1	South Oak Park
11/18/2022 11:26	Ideas for Improvements	Sunnyside is very run down and yet very busy! People want this park and we're willing to use it even though it's almost unusable and feels unsafe at times. The basketball courts and tennis courts are in unusable condition. Turning the tennis courts into pickleball would revitalize that area of the park. The basketball court just needs new backboards, rims and nets that actually work and that would bring more people as well.	3	0	Sunnyside Park
11/18/2022 11:37	Ideas for Improvements	Needs a permanent restroom facility to increase usability	4	0	Robert Gilliam Park
11/18/2022 11:38	Ideas for Improvements	Playground is heavily used but outdated and non-inclusive	3	1	Hyde Park
11/18/2022 11:39	Things You Like	Updated playground is great!	1	0	Roanoke Park
11/20/2022 14:50	Causes for Concerns	Park really has nothing to provide. Sketchy groups from bus stop / 3 surrounding gas stations Cars driving near playground equipment Would not take my daughter here and I live down the street - I instead drive to Holmes park	0	0	Tower Park
11/21/2022 11:03	Ideas for Improvements	Allow MY REGION WINS! (MRW)! Kansas City's creative 501-c3 nonprofit organization to create the Recreational Power Park at the entrance of Swope Park. This will be a collaboration with the neighborhoods, businesses, and residents of the west side of District 5. Please visit www.myregionwins.org	69	0	Swope Park
11/21/2022 11:06	Ideas for Improvements	Allow MY REGION WINS! (MRW)! Kansas City's creative 501-c3 nonprofit organization install native plants and art stations at Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park.	40	0	Brush Creek Greenway
11/21/2022 11:09	Ideas for Improvements	Plant Buffalo grass and other native plants on the disc golf course that is in a water shed to address the soggy ground days after a heavy rain.	7	0	Swope Park
11/21/2022 11:30	Things You Like	Westmoreland Park has been underutilized and often looks completely abandoned when mowing doesn't occur.	0	0	Westmoreland Park
11/21/2022 11:31	Ideas for Improvements	Working water fountain would improve usability of the park, as would an updated playground for kids.	2	0	Southmoreland Park
11/21/2022 11:31	Things You Like	This Park is GREAT FOR WALKING! and we love the slope to Brush Creek.	2	0	Frank A.Thies Park
11/21/2022 11:32	Causes for Concerns	Path along creek is often covered in mud from rain and flooding. Path then becomes dangerous.	2	0	Frank A.Thies Park

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11/21/2022 11:33	Things You Like	The Sculpture Garden, while not a city park, is a national treasure!	1	0	Southmoreland Park
11/21/2022 11:34	Things You Like	Love to walk the great jogging trail around the park. Entrance from Main is critical when streetcar arrives.	3	0	Mill Creek Park
11/21/2022 11:35	Causes for Concerns	Hate to say this, but homeless overnights can be a concern. Something needs to be done, too, with all the panhandling on the Plaza and neighboring green spaces.	4	0	Mill Creek Park
11/21/2022 11:36	Causes for Concerns	This green space is in terrible shape all the time.	0	0	Mill Creek Park
11/21/2022 11:37	Things You Like	The memorial deserves our respect and upkeep, both of which seem to be lacking at times.	2	0	Mill Creek Park
11/21/2022 11:37	Causes for Concerns	Street and sidewalk repairs are needed. Large potholes keep reappearing on the Broadway side of the memorial.	2	0	Mill Creek Park
11/21/2022 11:39	Things You Like	I love to walk thru here. Let's keep the fountains going and the mud off the sidewalks.	2	0	Brush Creek Greenway
11/21/2022 13:28	Ideas for Improvements	Please find a way to connect this trail to the Breen Hills neighborhood to the east! Via NW Westwood Ln for instance. This is basically a private park for anyone that lives off of Strathbury, as no one else can access it. Lots of families walk through Breen Hills which has no sidewalks and lots of hills/curves. Would be so great to be able to walk nearby without worrying about careless drivers.	2	0	Strathbury Park
11/21/2022 13:33	Ideas for Improvements	A dog park here would be super cool! The Waggin Trail dog park is great but it's the only KCMO dog park in the northland, and it's not even in KCMO.	6	2	Frank Vaydik Park
11/22/2022 10:28	Ideas for Improvements	Fencing to separate parking lot. Concern of cleanliness inside statues.	1	0	Penguin Park
11/22/2022 10:30	Ideas for Improvements	Would love to see youth/family/homeschool art classes again. Hope the the coterie theatre homeschool class is brought back. Offer more 4H classes to include youth under age 9.	0	0	Westport Roanoke Community Center
11/22/2022 10:53	Ideas for Improvements	Complete this trail segment. There are very few trail options in this area	1	0	North Hampton Park
11/22/2022 10:57	Things You Dislike	Please quit locking this gate. It restricts access to a publicly improved park and trailhead.	2	0	Hodge Park
11/22/2022 10:58	Ideas for Improvements	Add a Community Center in this Park	0	0	Hodge Park
11/22/2022 14:04	Ideas for Improvements	The dump has good elevation and could be used for a bike park. Good use of old land that would add an awesome new style of trail to the region	1	1	Blue River Trail
11/22/2022 14:06	Ideas for Improvements	Singletrack on both sides of the river between Swope and Minor park would allow for a trail loop that all trail users would benefit from	2	0	Blue River Trail
11/22/2022 14:34	Ideas for Improvements	This is a needed trailhead parking spot for the new Martin City trails	11	0	Blue River Trail
11/22/2022 14:41	Ideas for Improvements	More FUNCTIONING restrooms spread over the park, not just the playground.	8	1	Loose Park
11/22/2022 14:58	Causes for Concerns	The Country Club has little concern for what it destroys as they expand their facility. We regularly have to move the clear cut debris that they push over the trails. Seeing their barbwire fence at the edge of the treeline is less than ideal. Their trucks move up and down the bluff from blue river road and do not care what they damage along the way. In short they are not being good neighbors. Their private club does not benefit the community in the river corridor, they only take and consume	5	1	Blue River Trail
11/22/2022 15:22	Things You Dislike	All of the roads in Swope are terrifying to ride bikes, walk, or run on. It feels like such a miss to cut the park into sections by making the roads so unsafe for anything other than cars.	8	0	Swope Park

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11/22/2022 15:45	Causes for Concerns	The invasive honey suckle and winter creeper is next level terrible in cave springs. This is a neat little park that would be fun to have more accessible and useable	1	0	Cave Springs Park
11/22/2022 15:48	Ideas for Improvements	This park could be a key connection for neighborhoods to have safe access into the Blue River corridor. Allow the Veterans community to build and maintain trail and we can have a nice off road route into the river network	3	0	Legacy West Park
11/22/2022 16:52	Things You Like	The trails at Swope are truly world class!	13	0	Swope Park
11/23/2022 17:30	Ideas for Improvements	The walking trail could use some TLC. It's still usable, but slowly disintegrating and it would be nice if it were replaced before it becomes unusable.	1	0	Tower Park
11/28/2022 10:31	Things You Like	The trail and playground are great! My family enjoys walking on the trail and seeing all the wildlife. This is a beautiful, peaceful park. We wouldn't change a thing!	0	0	Anne Garney Park
11/28/2022 10:33	Things You Like	Serene Park with lovely trail. I enjoy going bird watching in the early morning.	0	0	Anne Garney Park
11/28/2022 15:19	Ideas for Improvements	This entrance could be more formalized. Can you work with the business owner for an improvement around or through their parking lot? It's the only way through on a bike from the neighborhoods north down to the Plaza that doesn't involve Main or Broadway/Mill Creek Pkwy.	3	0	Dr. Jeremiah Cameron Park
11/28/2022 15:23	Causes for Concerns	The trail around the dog park is in terrible shape. There are waves of buckled asphalt that are a significant trip hazard to walkers and cyclists.	1	0	Penn Valley Park
11/28/2022 15:26	Ideas for Improvements	I wasn't aware that this is a public park and not the hospital's lawn. It needs something to make it its own thing.	7	0	Hospital Hill Park
11/28/2022 15:29	Things You Like	This is a great connection for group bike rides. Please preserve it as the soccer stadium gets built.	1	0	Berkley Riverfront
11/28/2022 15:30	Things You Like	Beautiful, out-of-the-way place to see the skyline across the river's water.	0	0	Riverfront Park
11/28/2022 15:34	Ideas for Improvements	Connections are extremely limited between NKC and the Northland. I see the hillside as a barrier on my bike as I don't want to climb narrow roads with car traffic. The protected sidewalk on N Oak Trfy is something, but a separate trail connection here somewhere would be amazing.	0	0	Riverview Greenway
11/28/2022 15:44	Ideas for Improvements	A pedestrian connection here from the neighborhood into Zona Rosa (avoiding N Congress) would be cool.	3	0	Wildberry Park
11/28/2022 15:46	Things You Like	I'm looking forward to the protected river crossing alongside the new bridge.	0	0	Berkley Riverfront
11/28/2022 15:51	Things You Dislike	The disconnected paths are frustrating. From Oak Street, there's no good way to the creek trail or across the middle to the Kauffman Memorial Garden.	3	0	Frank A. Thies Park
11/28/2022 15:52	Things You Like	The pond is gorgeous.	3	0	Loose Park
11/28/2022 15:55	Ideas for Improvements	Please restore this trail. I haven't been down in a while, but the last I knew it was gated off.	2	0	Swope Park
11/28/2022 15:59	Things You Like	This tiny plaza is one of my favorite parks. The space is stunning, framed by the old buildings and trees. Great place to bring a meal to the picnic tables.	0	0	Garment District Place
11/28/2022 16:09	Things You Dislike	The Trolley Track Trail bending from its course to hit every intersection along Brookside Blvd is asinine. It'd be a lot safer for trail users to cross neighborhood streets at a distance from the Boulevard, instead of literally being surrounded by four directions of incoming cars.	3	4	Harry Wiggins Trolley Track Trail

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11/29/2022 10:48	Causes for Concerns	Little Blue River Watershed coalition has spent 5 years removing honeysuckle from approximately 20 acres on the west side of the oxbow and inside the curve of the oxbow. Along with the work Heartland Conservation Alliance has done on the top of the hill these sites need continued maintenance. Partner with non-profits for invasive removal and add invasive plant maintenance to park budget. Add trail to inside of oxbow.	1	0	Blue Valley Park
11/29/2022 11:13	Causes for Concerns	need invasive plant management plan. Honeysuckle along river. Other invasives starting to multiply in interior field. Perfect spot for wetland plantings. Don't need archery range in field surrounded by heavily used paved trail. field by road in good native condition.	0	0	Little Blue Valley Park
11/30/2022 7:29	Ideas for Improvements	A butterfly roof that covers the basketball courts. The roof will collect rain water, store it in a ferro-cement water tank. That water then will be used to water the native plants at the community, for residents to fill up their gardening buckets, and this process being publicly displayed will demonstrate a best practice that will be educational. Add heat lamps to the butterfly roof to push heat down onto the court. Allow MY REGION WINS! to create the design for this functional art piece.	5	0	Swope Park
12/1/2022 9:35	Causes for Concerns	Broken stairs in the park make it risky to walk.	1	0	Robert Gillham
12/1/2022 9:36	Causes for Concerns	39th Street is dangerous to cross on foot or by bike. Road diet please and make some crosswalks.	6	0	Hyde Park
12/1/2022 9:38	Ideas for Improvements	We really need a dog park that can be walked to by residents. I believe the current rules for dog park size are outdated as there are many smaller dog parks in other cities like Chicago. Dog parks make for neighborhood cohesion and community.	5	0	Robert Gillham Park
12/1/2022 11:27	Causes for Concerns	Frequently there's water pouring over the trail. The water causes slim to grow and is very dangerous/slippery. I believe it comes from a faulty irrigation system.	2	0	Brush Creek Greenway
12/1/2022 11:28	Causes for Concerns	Lots of dirt gathers here and becomes muddy. Please clean up the trail more often. The mud is in various spots along the trail.	2	0	Brush Creek Greenway
12/1/2022 11:30	Causes for Concerns	The trail east of Troost gets really trashy. Please clean it! Also, there are some uneven concrete slabs along the trail that need ramps for bike use. The trail east of Troost needs cleaning and the creek is full of trash too.	2	0	Brush Creek Greenway
12/1/2022 11:31	Causes for Concerns	Please clean the mud off the trail.	1	0	Brush Creek Greenway
12/1/2022 11:36	Ideas for Improvements	Can bikes use this sidewalk? We need a connector from Walnut Ridge to the Community Center	3	0	Swope Park
12/1/2022 11:38	Things You Like	Really like the dog park though I wish someone would fill the mud hole.	0	0	Swope Park
12/1/2022 11:43	Causes for Concerns	Traffic is way too fast on Gregory. Hard to cross by foot and dangerous for biking.	2	0	Swope Park
12/1/2022 11:45	Ideas for Improvements	We need crosswalks to every park in town at least to tell people to look out for walkers. Swope Pkwy needs a road diet though the stop signs at the entrance are helpful, the road is intimidating to cross by foot or bike.	3	0	Swope Park
12/1/2022 11:47	Ideas for Improvements	Bike parking is needed throughout the park and every KCMO park. The pavilion needs it for the Ethnic festival.	3	0	Swope Park

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12/1/2022 11:54	Ideas for Improvements	Please connect the open portion of Blue River Rd. with the Trolley trail and the Indian creek trails. It would be a great bike ride!	7	0	Blue River Trail
12/1/2022 13:16	Causes for Concerns	The DiCapo fountain needs to be fixed.	1	0	Kessler Park
12/1/2022 13:24	Causes for Concerns	Right now I'm unclear as to how to ride a bike into cliff dr. from Paseo as we have always done. To use Maple requires getting on Independence and it's dangerous. Will there be a trail from Independence to Cliff Dr.?	2	0	Kessler Park
12/1/2022 13:29	Ideas for Improvements	Please plant more trees along the whole of the Brush Creek trail. There is no shade. I believe bald cypress can take some flooding.	2	0	Frank A. Thies Park
12/1/2022 13:31	Ideas for Improvements	We need a lot more trees to provide shade on the trail and to clean the air.	1	0	Brush Creek Greenway
12/1/2022 13:33	Things You Like	We like some of the wilder areas along here as it provides homes for wildlife and some shade.	0	0	Brush Creek Greenway
12/1/2022 14:22	Things You Dislike	This trail intersection is really hard to maneuver with a bike. The corners of the trail/sidewalk need to have a larger turning radius on the south side. It's just a mess for biking.	3	0	Brush Creek Greenway
12/2/2022 10:01	Ideas for Improvements	Love the ideas from MY REGION WINS! and would definitely support working with Carl's organization and the surrounding neighborhoods. I would also suggest adding an asphalt pump track to Swope Park - a pump track is like a playground for roller skaters, scooter riders, skateboarders and bikers! Velo Solutions is building tracks like this in other major cities, check out their website here: https://velosolutions.com/asphalt-pump-tracks/	10	0	Swope Park
12/3/2022 16:25	Things You Like	This is awesome!!!	0	0	Arno Park
12/6/2022 14:09	Ideas for Improvements	What a cool historic building! I could see this being a sought after secluded event venue for nature retreats, yoga classes, youth groups, weddings/receptions, etc. if cleaned up and properly marketed to the public.	2	0	Swope Park
12/6/2022 14:12	Ideas for Improvements	There's an old stone building back here that's not on the map -- what is the building and is it currently being used for anything? There are so many cool historic structures scattered across this hilltop that I could see being event venues for nature retreats, yoga classes, youth groups, weddings/receptions, community meetings, etc. if cleaned up and properly marketed to the public.	3	0	Swope Park
12/7/2022 13:02	Ideas for Improvements	Activate green space. The field was torn up by wreckless drivers a couple of years ago and the field/green space isn't really usable. Someone mentioned tennis courts. Pickleball would be a great addition to this park with plenty of open space to add courts	1	0	James A. Reed Park
12/7/2022 13:04	Ideas for Improvements	Bring back the Parade of Pumpkins! I don't know who hosted this event, but we went once and the COVID struck and they haven't held the festival again. It was a great event for all ages	2	0	Cave Springs Park
12/7/2022 13:09	Causes for Concerns	Implement 3-way stop at Gregory and Elmwood. Traffic comes EB on Gregory very fast making it dangerous/unsafe for vehicles turning left from Elmwood to Gregory. As the KC Zoo continues to expand attractions and the zoo gets busier traffic will become more of a problem than it already is.	2	0	Swope Park

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12/7/2022 13:16	Causes for Concerns	Upper part of the pond at Loose Park is always scummy and filled with trash. Could we install a pump to improve water movement to make it less disgusting?	8	0	Loose Park
12/7/2022 13:20	Ideas for Improvements	Riverfront Park is attracting a lot of attention. First with the volleyball courts, then apartments, and now KC Current Stadium. If we want this area to attract families we need to add programming for children. Please consider installing a truly unique and iconic playground for children of all ages to enjoy to make the park feel more welcoming for families	5	0	Berkley Riverfront
12/7/2022 13:23	Causes for Concerns	The Trolley Trail is very confusing through here and a ton of pedestrians cross Meyer illegally - which causes concern and back ups during rush hour.	6	0	Harry Wiggins Trolley Track Trail
12/7/2022 21:37	Ideas for Improvements	Please add street lights to parking area. Can feel unsafe at night.	2	0	Penn Valley Park
12/7/2022 21:39	Things You Like	Love this trail!!	1	0	Big Blue Battlefield Park
12/7/2022 21:40	Causes for Concerns	Lots of illegal dumping. Would benefit significantly from a clean-up.	2	0	Big Blue Battlefield Park
12/7/2022 21:41	Ideas for Improvements	Recommend occasional dog-waste stations.	1	0	Big Blue Battlefield Park
12/9/2022 9:57	Ideas for Improvements	Make Sunset Park and Rock Creek Parks REAL Parks and not just wooded land! Add playground equipment here to connect parks. Add walking trails to parks. Right now there is a sign that says Private Property but the City Owns this piece of land.	0	0	Rock Creek Park
12/9/2022 10:01	Things You Like	This Trail is really nice. It is a great addition to the Northland area.	1	0	Frank Vaydik Park
12/9/2022 11:18	Ideas for Improvements	Please add a Handicap accessible water, bottle and hose station at the east end and of the dog park. This will allow us to easily fill up water bottles for our dogs and we will be able to wash them off when muddy or fill a pool when it's hot.	0	0	Penn Valley Park
12/10/2022 6:12	Ideas for Improvements	The Greg Center Would Be Amazing If It Had Child Care Like Other Gyms. Also affordability could also be better for single low income mothers who wish to lead healthier lifestyles.	1	0	The Parade
12/10/2022 6:16	Causes for Concerns	There is not a lot of trees or shade at this park, also there isn't enough for the children to play on. It would be really nice to see improvements to the pool and the park because there are so many children that live in the complex right across from it that would benefit if the park was better quality.	2	0	The Grove
12/12/2022 15:11	Ideas for Improvements	I think Maple Park could be a great place for a covered pavilion/shelter, nature playground, native plantings and community garden beds. It's relatively quiet, and this section in particular is under-utilized. We have strong interest in our nature programming from this neighborhood.	3	0	Maple Park
12/12/2022 15:15	Ideas for Improvements	It would be nice to have a north entrance to this park!	0	0	Southmoreland Park
12/12/2022 17:10	Causes for Concerns	Add Signage: Please keep children within a safe distance of an adult, not all dogs maybe child friendly. Enter at your own risk.	1	0	Penn Valley Park

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12/12/2022 22:53	Things You Like	What makes the Gilliam Park Sprayground the best one in KCMO is the gentle river that flows through it. All the kids and even adults love it. The only thing needed is more seating, picnic tables, and more shade. Also there are some maintenance tasks that need to be done on this park - Sunsail has been ripped down, and one of the spray features is not working. 311 tickets were submitted about this in summer 2022.	3	0	Robert Gilliam Park
12/12/2022 23:01	Ideas for Improvements	Ideas - Pickle ball court, sprayground (with a tiny little river flowing through it), playground, boardwalk trail through woods. There are no spraygrounds in Marlborough (Gregory south to 89th, between Troost and 71 highway).	2	0	Marlborough Park
12/13/2022 21:48	Ideas for Improvements	Needs a parking lot to access the trail and the park.	0	0	Legacy East Park
12/13/2022 21:49	Ideas for Improvements	Add land bank property to the park and create a parking lot and additional walking trail to connect to 87th Street.	0	0	Legacy East Park
12/13/2022 21:49	Things You Dislike	No parking no proper access to the park	0	0	Legacy East Park
12/13/2022 21:50	Ideas for Improvements	Find another use for the baseball diamond or add a playground	0	0	White Oak Park
12/13/2022 21:51	Causes for Concerns	During heavy spring rain this section of the trail floods	0	0	White Oak Park
12/13/2022 21:51	Ideas for Improvements	Add rain gardens to help reduce flooding on the trail	0	0	White Oak Park
12/13/2022 21:54	Things You Like	Beautiful water feature on east side of trail. Add bike trail to follow creek to Raytown Road	0	0	White Oak Park
12/13/2022 21:57	Ideas for Improvements	Expand Trail to Booth Ave to connect to Springhaven Gardens and White Oak West neighborhoods	0	0	James A. Reed Park
12/13/2022 21:58	Things You Dislike	No neighborhood connection to the homes on the east	0	0	James A. Reed Park
12/13/2022 22:00	Ideas for Improvements	Add spray park water feature to the park the only pool in the area is The Bay on Longview Road	1	0	James A. Reed Park
12/13/2022 22:04	Ideas for Improvements	Install Rain Gardens by the small ravine in the park	0	0	Bannister Park
12/13/2022 22:04	Ideas for Improvements	Add Tennis/pickleball courts to this park	0	0	Bannister Park
12/13/2022 22:05	Ideas for Improvements	Add this property to the park make it a true neighborhood park	0	0	Bannister Park
12/13/2022 22:21	Ideas for Improvements	Make Blue River Road a bike trail	6	1	Blue River Trail
12/13/2022 22:22	Causes for Concerns	Its a waste to have two football and /or soccer fields that no one can get to	1	0	Blue River Park & Athletic Fields
12/13/2022 22:23	Ideas for Improvements	Make Blue River Road a bike trail	2	0	Blue River Trail
12/13/2022 22:24	Ideas for Improvements	Add a small playground for neighborhood kids	0	0	Ewing Park
12/13/2022 22:26	Ideas for Improvements	Add a walking trail for the residents of Fairlane	0	0	French Tract
12/13/2022 22:28	Causes for Concerns	No trail signage and trail is in the middle of a parking lot!	2	0	Noble Park
12/13/2022 22:30	Causes for Concerns	Much like the area north of 75th Street No Trail signage and again trail is in the middle of a parking lot!	3	0	Tower Park
12/13/2022 22:34	Causes for Concerns	Swope Park is a perfect example of wasted opportunities and unfulfilled promises. You have a 1,800 acre park that the city continually fills with buildings (i.e. animal shelter) while it has dilapidated buildings and structures in the park. Park land in Swope Park should go towards enrichment and education.	3	0	Swope Park
12/13/2022 22:37	Causes for Concerns	Swope Park – Run down buildings, acres of empty unmaintained park space	1	2	Swope Park
12/15/2022 11:14	Ideas for Improvements	Needs trails and beautification around premises.	1	0	Northwood Park

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12/15/2022 11:16	Ideas for Improvements	Improve and update playground space.	2	0	Penn Valley Park
12/15/2022 11:18	Ideas for Improvements	Improve landscaping for green space to play and picnic.	1	0	Penn Valley Park
12/15/2022 11:22	Causes for Concerns	Chainlink fence damage around ball fields with holes, gaps, and sharp edging and loose fence wire exposed.	2	0	Penn Valley Park
12/15/2022 11:29	Ideas for Improvements	Aeration and over-seeding needed in outfield and surrounding areas around ball fields.	1	0	Penn Valley Park
12/15/2022 11:32	Ideas for Improvements	Leveling of field and possible aeration system instillation.	1	0	Penn Valley Park
12/15/2022 11:33	Ideas for Improvements	Needs recycling bins, particularly for aluminum cans.	2	0	Penn Valley Park
12/15/2022 11:35	Causes for Concerns	Light above first base not working and makes buzz sound. Possible place for solar panels for power? Also overgrowth of tree branches onto field.	8	2	Penn Valley Park
12/15/2022 11:37	Causes for Concerns	Bathroom handle broke and lock people in from inside.	0	0	Penn Valley Park
12/15/2022 11:39	Causes for Concerns	Hanging tree limb overgrowth could be concerning for cars and patrons underneath if damaged.	0	0	Penn Valley Park
12/16/2022 14:24	Causes for Concerns	Litter and fallen tree branches have become a problem along this stretch. Lawn mowing contractors need to pick up trash as they mow and regular, weekly attention to litter needs to be given in the colder months.	0	0	Ward Parkway
12/16/2022 14:28	Things You Dislike	There is a flower bed that was put in place here a number of years ago. It is no longer being maintained and is an eyesore. All of the beds along Ward Parkway have been neglected and need attention.	0	0	Ward Parkway
12/16/2022 14:30	Things You Dislike	The flower bed here has been neglected and not maintained for many years. It needs regular attention and maintenance.	0	0	Ward Parkway
12/16/2022 14:31	Ideas for Improvements	add some landscaping to this pool and regularly clean it	0	0	Ward Parkway
12/16/2022 14:32	Ideas for Improvements	Add nice landscaping to this area to highlight the feature.	0	0	Ward Parkway
12/16/2022 14:35	Ideas for Improvements	The fence line is overgrown and in disrepair. It needs to be properl	0	0	Arno Park
12/16/2022 15:00	Causes for Concerns	This area is plagued by illegal "bandit" signs that are placed in the median on a regular basis. The Parks Dept needs permanent signage along Ward Parkway stating that marketing and political signs are prohibited. Offenders need to be fined.	0	0	Ward Parkway
12/16/2022 15:22	Things You Like	The boulevards are a beautiful asset to the city. They must be continually enhanced and maintained.	0	0	Ward Parkway
12/22/2022 18:29	Things You Dislike	There is no sign for the park	0	0	White Oak Park
12/23/2022 10:35	Ideas for Improvements	Trail in park does not connect to sidewalk along Wornall Rd. Instead the trail dumps right into the street just short of reaching the sidewalk. Trail and sidewalk need to be connected.	1	0	Jacob Loose Park
12/23/2022 10:43	Ideas for Improvements	Santa Fe Trace Park trail needs to be connected from the east side of Holmes Rd to the western segment of the trail that is in the park near Wornall and Martha Truman Rds. This would be a fantastic neighborhood park if these trails were connected making it accessible to the surrounding neighborhoods.	2	0	Santa Fe Trace Park

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12/24/2022 13:51	Causes for Concerns	As traffic increases with proposed development on the 39th Street Corridor, it would be nice to see the Roanoke Historic boulevard extended to 39th St, and 38th Street removed from the boulevards system and a permanent closure at 38th and Summit to discourage non-local traffic from using 38th as a cut-through. This should save the city money in mowing costs on 38th Street, and promote a safer landscape for residents.	2	0	Roanoke Park
12/25/2022 9:16	Causes for Concerns	Crossing this intersection is not safe for peds and the sidewalks are insufficient Ku designed for wheelchair access	1	0	Ward Parkway
12/25/2022 9:18	Things You Like	I love the wildness of this park and the grand views that the south side offers	5	0	Loose Park
12/25/2022 9:24	Causes for Concerns	I am a woman and often don't feel safe using this park because there aren't many people in it or walking on the mill creek sidewalk. I think the presence of homeless people helps in this regard and am grateful for them	2	1	Mill Creek Park
12/25/2022 9:27	Ideas for Improvements	I don't use the brush creek system because it's not used enough to feel safe by myself as a woman. Suggest increasing zoning densities, improve lighting and increase opportunities for "eyes on the street"	4	0	Brush Creek Greenway
12/25/2022 9:30	Causes for Concerns	Crossing 31st as a pedestrian or cyclist is dangerous. Need crossing infrastructure that's safe.	1	0	Penn Valley Park
12/25/2022 9:34	Ideas for Improvements	Agree w/ the comment on ramp closure and want to add that this is another access point needed for cyclists and pedestrians from the northeast side of the park and to Broadway that is safe	3	0	Penn Valley Park
12/25/2022 9:37	Things You Like	I like that people feel they have a place along this road to park and relax or find refuge overnight	0	2	Penn Valley Park
12/25/2022 9:42	Things You Like	My comment applies to all parks and is not location specific: I want homeless people to be able to stay in parks because they need a place to stay and they make me feel safer as a woman when often they are the only other people presence in the park to make it feel safer. I don't think homeless people are dangerous, and their "nuisance" could be lessened by more accommodation and social programs rather than their removal.	0	0	Penn Valley Park
12/30/2022 8:36	Ideas for Improvements	Add signs in parks acknowledging the role of the parks and boulevards system in segregating the city. Actively work to promote social equity in the system, its policies, and its planning.	1	0	Terry R Dopson Administration Building Grounds
12/30/2022 8:40	Ideas for Improvements	I love hiking on these trails--they're so peaceful and just what I need when I need to get out and enjoy some nature. However, they really, REALLY need new/updated markers. There are very few signs (and some are so faded they're unreadable), and no blazes. It's really easy to get lost out here, and this could be a barrier to people who may be new to the outdoors.	4	0	Swope Park
12/30/2022 8:44	Causes for Concerns	Too many irresponsible dog owners who don't seem to realize they need to put their pups on leashes. I don't feel safe bringing my kid to play here.	2	1	Westwood Park
12/30/2022 8:45	Things You Like	This park is an absolutely beautiful Midtown treasure.	1	0	Roanoke Park
12/30/2022 11:33	Ideas for Improvements	This should be a roundabout. Slow the cars	0	0	Swope Park

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1/2/2023 11:51	Ideas for Improvements	Lake needs an overhaul. Add boardwalk fishing and a trail all the way around, foot access to lake of the woods trails above. Should be fishing and family friendly, but really needs heavy traffic calming and safe paths for pedestrians/bicycles to navigate the full lake	3	0	Swope Park
1/2/2023 11:55	Ideas for Improvements	Direct Shirling Sanctuary conservation resources and open to educational and non-profit organizations. Lakeside should provide regular visits to this gem within the park	0	0	Swope Park
1/2/2023 11:58	Ideas for Improvements	Consider resale of this disconnected block to develop nice Senior Housing	0	0	Swope Park
1/2/2023 12:00	Ideas for Improvements	Repurpose closed drive for pedestrian and bicycle access to reach Zoo and Starlight	0	0	Swope Park
1/3/2023 9:51	Ideas for Improvements	There is not currently a community gathering area (like a playground) within the Martin City district outside of the school. It would be wonderful to have an area where young families could gather for play and to build community.	0	0	Jerry Smith Park
1/6/2023 9:46	Ideas for Improvements	Need to make the historic shelter accessible again	1	0	Budd Park
1/7/2023 18:29	Ideas for Improvements	It would be great to have a soccer field with some goals here. My kids play in this park often and ride their bikes here during the summer.	0	0	Tower Park
1/7/2023 18:33	Causes for Concerns	There is always garbage everywhere. People do not clean up after themselves and it can get really disgusting. The garbage cans are always overflowing in the summer.	0	0	Tower Park
1/10/2023 15:31	Things You Like	It is amazing that we have an ice rink as an amenity in our Kansas City Parks.	3	0	Frank Vaydik Park
1/17/2023 15:59	Ideas for Improvements	Would love to see something more community-focused/open to the public happen at the stables and horse barn. It is such a great location for community connection and would be a good gathering spot. Maybe a non-profit partner(s) would like to discuss ideas for getting the space back in shape?	10	0	Robert Gillham Park
1/17/2023 16:21	Ideas for Improvements	Need for a community gathering space. Let's reuse the infrastructure to bring in a community building organization. perhaps with education and community resources.	2	0	Robert Gillham Park
1/17/2023 16:26	Ideas for Improvements	This could be a great location for a community garden or leased land for local farmers to utilize. maybe orchard space	1	0	Maple Park
1/17/2023 18:51	Ideas for Improvements	Provide buffer to busy road. Maybe a road diet.	0	0	Golden Oaks Park
1/18/2023 9:51	Ideas for Improvements	old building would be nice place for community workshop or meeting space for classes. Beautiful land surrounding could be better maintained, or helpful to surrounding communities, such as a garden.	2	0	Robert Gillham Park
1/18/2023 10:45	Ideas for Improvements	I would love to see this area maintain it's agricultural history. This former horse barn could be used as a community gathering and educational space to learn about agriculture and food production.	1	0	Robert Gillham Park
1/24/2023 15:07	Ideas for Improvements	I'd love a light or two on this path - it's great for running but gets super dark at night. One or two lights at some of the locations where the path crosses to the other side would make a huge difference.	6	0	Robert Gillham Park
1/24/2023 15:09	Ideas for Improvements	it would be nice to connect the path below to the one above this point	0	0	Southmoreland Park

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1/26/2023 16:42	Ideas for Improvements	Roanoke Park is a tremendous asset. However, there is no accessible route or sidewalk connection to the park from this side. Would love to see something added here (sidewalk, side path etc) that improves access for park neighbors to the west. Perhaps some traffic calming on Karnes as well?	1	0	Roanoke Park
1/26/2023 16:46	Ideas for Improvements	Disappointed that the exercise equipment was removed from the Westport Community Center. Please bring it back! Nice facility otherwise	20	0	Roanoke Park
1/26/2023 21:56	Ideas for Improvements	Trolley trail should have same surface as Loose Park. It is one of the most used park in KC. Please update the trail with signage and invest money to clean up one of the best/only trails in KC! This HAS to be done with all the money these neighborhoods contribute to the vitality of the city. Also, please find some other uses/beautification for Brookside Park.	3	4	Harry Wiggins Trolley Track Trail
1/27/2023 20:08	Causes for Concerns	We would love sidewalks along both sides of James A Reed Rd. from Bannister to 87th street.	0	0	James A. Reed Park
1/27/2023 20:11	Ideas for Improvements	Adding sidewalks to the areas without them and adding a bike lane would be great improvements.	0	0	Bannister Park
2/7/2023 21:57	Ideas for Improvements	This is a dog park that isn't currently open. It should be adopted by the KC P&R Dept. and added to the Cancer Survivor's Park. This park was shut down due to some sort of legality, and it has truly devastated the dog owners in the area. PLEASE help save it! There's another one owned by the same people that's been shut down too and could be added.	1	0	Bloch Cancer Survivors Park
2/7/2023 22:00	Causes for Concerns	I definitely don't feel safe alone as a woman in East Plaza in the evenings. It would be great to make this area safer!	0	2	Mill Creek Park
2/7/2023 22:02	Ideas for Improvements	This could be a great location for another dog park!	0	0	Mill Creek Park
2/7/2023 22:03	Causes for Concerns	There's some homeless people who hang around the creek and ask for money at the intersection, so I don't feel safe to walk around.	0	1	Brush Creek Greenway
2/7/2023 22:05	Ideas for Improvements	To go off the idea of sprucing this area up, what about a dog park next to the tennis courts.	2	0	Brush Creek Greenway
2/7/2023 22:09	Causes for Concerns	There's several panhandlers/homeless folks who hang around this park and intersection.	0	0	Bloch Cancer Survivors' Park
2/7/2023 22:10	Things You Dislike	The creek overall could be cleaned up better. Sidewalks and in the water.	2	0	Brush Creek Greenway
2/27/2023 14:24	Ideas for Improvements	This path was largely improved with the expansion of the parking lot. However there is a large amount of honeysuckle that walls many parts of the path making it feel claustrophobic. With the newer power lines over part of the trail that required some land to be cleared I fear that will allow room for more undesirable invasive plants.	0	1	Maplewoods Greenway
3/5/2023 21:04	Causes for Concerns	The trail that goes under I 29 is dangerous to navigate from Sprouts to the apartments on the east side. A lot of lights and traffic to navigate through. Would love to have tunnels that go under intersections	2	0	Southern Platte Pass Trail
3/8/2023 12:11	Causes for Concerns	Sunnyside park is a magnet for homeless people to live in long-term and intermittent basis. I realize this is a much larger, overall problem within our metro area.	1	0	Sunnyside Park

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3/8/2023 12:17	Causes for Concerns	This driveway is a real problem for myself and residents of Summit Street. All year round people park on this driveway overnight spending the night in their cars. Some have made it their overnight home for days and months at a time. This of course is in direct violation of the signs that are posted. In addition during the day and evening hours there are vehicles that park in that driveway and play loud bass music. I have no doubt the park and driveways are meeting places for drug deals.	0	0	Sunnyside Park
3/8/2023 12:19	Ideas for Improvements	Install speed bumps and signs announcing them beginning at the north driveway entrance of the park leading south on Summit Street. The speed bumps should begin at approximately 8218 Summit St moving south and end at the corner of 84th and Summit. They should then start again on 84th St moving east to Wornall Road.	0	0	Sunnyside Park
3/8/2023 12:21	Things You Dislike	I have walked the paths in the park quite a few times. They need work. They are uneven and crumbling in many places and need repaving.	0	0	Sunnyside Park
3/8/2023 12:24	Ideas for Improvements	Consider eliminating or reconfiguring the on-street parking located on the west side of the park on Summit St. These spaces are a magnet for people that stay there overnight, make noise, and congregate in groups that disturb neighboring home owners. Suggest using some of the grassy area within the park for a parking lot to replace this on-street parking area on Summit Street.	0	0	Sunnyside Park
3/8/2023 12:27	Causes for Concerns	In warm months the shelter in the NE corner of the park is often used for cookouts and other party-type events. I don't see it as a problem but always wonder whether the users have a permit or permission from Parks & Rec to do this. There is also typically loud music associated with these events which can be somewhat annoying although not nearly as bad as the vehicles playing music and sitting Summit Street.	0	0	Sunnyside Park
3/8/2023 12:28	Ideas for Improvements	Take a look at the north driveway configuration and decide along with the various uses of the park by patrons and overall parking needs and determine whether its design is optimum for the park in the future.	1	0	Sunnyside Park
3/8/2023 12:29	Ideas for Improvements	I see a lot of people with dogs walking in the park. This seems to be a very popular thing. Think about things that dog-walkers and regular exercise walkers need to make their experience pleasant. Carefully place rest areas and especially park benches as I've frequently seen those used by homeless people sitting or sleeping on them.	0	1	Sunnyside Park
3/8/2023 12:42	Causes for Concerns	There are trash barrels placed in the park directly adjacent to the driveway fronting on Summit street. These are frequently overfilled especially on the weekends when there is no pickup by Parks & Rec. That pickup usually happens early in the workweek. Thus, trash accumulated in those barrels typically overflows and blows onto the park driveway, onto Summit street and into the yards of neighbors homes west of the park. There needs to be a way to place those barrels more strategically.	1	0	Sunnyside Park

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3/8/2023 12:43	Ideas for Improvements	There are three baseball diamonds. Maybe parking for the users of those diamonds could be a central location within what is now the grassy area of the park behind or centrally-located to all three diamonds. This may or may not discourage night-time or overnight people from parking in those same lots and creating noise. Deserves some study.	0	0	Sunnyside Park
3/8/2023 12:45	Ideas for Improvements	Post a sign with rules encompassing all parks and rec regulations. Make multiple signs that have large font and are easy to read; not a dark brown sign with black lettering. It has to pop! Also, if there are too many lines of text on the sign it will be ignored. Post a number of them at key places in the park. Maybe instead of 3-5 long ones, make more small ones that pertain to specific areas like the shelter, ball diamonds, walking paths, parking areas, etc. Make them sturdy and vandal-proof.	0	0	Sunnyside Park
3/8/2023 12:47	Causes for Concerns	July 4 and the days leading up to it are always noisy at the park with people using illegal fireworks. This is annoying and hard to control because it happens at a time when the KCPD is busy all over the metro. From past experience their presence seems to quiet things down but they can't be there all the time. I don't know what to propose that might discourage this behavior.	0	0	Sunnyside Park
3/13/2023 20:25	Things You Like	Me and my pup are regular users of these trails, we love them!	0	0	Swope Park
3/13/2023 20:26	Ideas for Improvements	The trash cans here are often overflowing, I wonder if more frequent stops to empty these would be possible?	0	0	Swope Park
3/13/2023 20:28	Things You Like	Love the trails, my dog and I come here all the time!	0	0	Minor Park
3/13/2023 20:33	Things You Like	Such a lovely spot in the summer. This whole park is really beautiful - one of my favorites in KCI	5	0	Loose Park
3/13/2023 20:39	Causes for Concerns	There is a lot of litter/broken glass along this trail and the trash cans along it are often overflowing. The wooded areas and stream have a lot of trash in them too and can be difficult to get to for an average citizen picking up trash as they walk.	2	0	Indian Creek Greenway
3/16/2023 14:40	Causes for Concerns	No Trash receptacles or Cleanup after your dog aids.	0	0	Indian Creek Greenway
3/31/2023 11:51	Ideas for Improvements	Use Legacy Park as a connector between the Indian Creek and Trolley Track Trail. The park still has existing trolley track rail bed in place and the levee around the old complex is sufficient to support bike traffic.	3	0	Legacy East Park
4/1/2023 8:03	Ideas for Improvements	The parks natural scenery is so beautiful! The community's children would greatly benefit from a new playground. There are many things for adults, but the children's park is worn down and dated.	1	0	Minor Park
4/2/2023 0:26	Ideas for Improvements	Add a facility and launch area for pedal boats along brush creek. Boats can launch from this area and can pedal all the way down to brush creek community center lake area and back.	0	0	Brush Creek Greenway
4/2/2023 0:28	Ideas for Improvements	Add a facility and launch area for pedal boats along brush creek. Boats can launch from this area and can pedal all around the lake area and also add fountains to this lake to circulate water	0	0	Brush Creek Greenway

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4/3/2023 12:36	Ideas for Improvements	Garrison has terrible hours in comparison to other community centers and almost no marketing or outreach. I don't anyone in the River Market remembers it's there. I wish we had an aquatic center like other community centers. I don't get a membership simply because I can't go in the morning, and it's filled with kids in the afternoon evening. It's great for the kids, but it's a little weird to work out in their space.	0	0	Garrison Community Center
4/3/2023 14:07	Ideas for Improvements	Expand "linear parks" such as pedestrian and bike trails, which improve public physical and mental health through exercise and access to nature. The best chance to do that is by connecting the fragments of the Blue River Trail from the Overland Park Arboretum to KCMO's Corrington Park, just as the recently-approved Jackson County Parks Master Plan commits to doing. A remaining gap is through Swope Park where building a trail along the Blue River riparian corridor would benefit many citizens.	0	0	Blue River Trail
4/3/2023 18:43	Ideas for Improvements	Repurpose field area of this park for a dog park or pickleball courts/multiuse courts	3	4	Mulkey Square
4/4/2023 4:14	Causes for Concerns	Pick up the trash and keep it picked up.	0	0	Kessler Park
4/4/2023 4:16	Ideas for Improvements	Best terrain and most underutilized area for nature trails and mountain bike specific downhill trails.	4	0	Kessler Park
4/5/2023 10:59	Ideas for Improvements	This entrance to brush creek is not good. Cars move quickly along ward. There are no bike racks, or even an ADA ramp to access the trail. Crossing could be added with some traffic calming. And maybe signage!? Denote on street parking better in this stretch too. Right now its the bare minimum. Lets make it look like a proper trail entrance!	2	0	Brush Creek Greenway
4/5/2023 11:02	Ideas for Improvements	A trail entrance/terminus off of ward parkway. gee... I wonder why it's not utilized more.... If the trail is going to stop here at least make it accessible to the neighborhoods across the street. There is a bike route on summit street the you could tie into at 49th with some sort of safer crossing there. Again bare minimum for a trail terminus. We can do better.	2	0	Brush Creek Greenway
4/5/2023 15:13	Causes for Concerns	Spray Park has not worked for the last 5 years as far as I know. Will this ever be functional again?	2	0	Loose Park
4/5/2023 15:16	Causes for Concerns	The audio recorded message available at the Churchill statue has not worked for years. Perhaps the sign and button should be removed.	0	0	Brush Creek Greenway
4/5/2023 15:21	Ideas for Improvements	What about a couple of paved parking spaces for the tennis courts?	0	0	Brush Creek Greenway
4/5/2023 16:48	Things You Like	Great habitat for wetland species	0	0	Swope Park
4/5/2023 16:50	Ideas for Improvements	Trails are great for access, but almost out of control. Less trail, more habitat would be better	0	1	Swope Park
4/5/2023 16:52	Ideas for Improvements	Many plant species including Trillium. Preserve this natural area, remove invasive honeysuckle	0	0	Swope Park
4/5/2023 16:53	Things You Like	Pileated Woodpecker nesting in this area.	0	0	Swope Park
4/5/2023 16:56	Causes for Concerns	Stream degradation from litter, invasive honeysuckle, and mowing too close to bank. Still, however, an attractive part of the park and home to aquatic species and birds such as Louisiana Waterthrush.	1	0	Swope Park

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4/5/2023 16:58	Things You Like	Great area after extensive recovery by removing invasives by cutting, treating and burning	0	0	Swope Park
4/5/2023 17:00	Ideas for Improvements	Potential as a natural area, already home to sparrow species and flora that support wildlife.	0	0	Swope Park
4/5/2023 17:02	Causes for Concerns	The dog rescue structure is a much needed resource, but why was it put in a park at the sacrifice of nature habit including mature trees that support vital insects and other species? The barking also disturbs the tranquility of adjacent areas.	1	0	Swope Park
4/5/2023 17:04	Ideas for Improvements	Could much of this area be converted to native flora? After the initial expense, there is savings on maintenance. Also it would provide critical habitat for stressed pollinators and other species.	2	0	Swope Park
4/5/2023 20:48	Things You Like	Beautiful natural resource. Well used trails. Great views. Plants and animals found here are rare in the city and unusual even in the state	0	0	Jerry Smith Park
4/5/2023 20:55	Things You Like	Great woodlot with mature trees. Small tributary to the Blue River. I enjoy walking this area. The woods continue east of Lewis Road	0	0	Swope Park
4/6/2023 11:42	Ideas for Improvements	Maintaining and replacing burned out light bulbs! Without proper lighting and/or maintenance, we're creating crime stumping grounds and an unsafe community.	1	0	Washington Square Park
4/6/2023 12:49	Things You Dislike	the "new" disc golf course after it was relocated to make way for the animal shelter is so boring and lacks any creativity. I know disc golf isn't revenue generating, but can we make something besides just hills and grass?	1	0	Swope Park
4/6/2023 12:52	Things You Dislike	Love the idea of adding bike lanes to James A Reed, but doing so would remove the only street parking available to access this park.	0	0	James A. Reed Park
4/6/2023 12:57	Ideas for Improvements	SHADE!!! My kids love this park, but there's no shade available on hot days. Also, a wind barrier with the park kind of being on a will it's incredibly windy and any kind of relief would be appreciated.	2	0	Brush Creek Greenway
4/6/2023 13:02	Things You Dislike	The beer garden is another great addition to the river front area, but the only exciting activity for kids is to stare at the river. A playground would make this truly a destination.	0	2	Berkley Riverfront
4/6/2023 13:35	Causes for Concerns	Crossing 39th street to enjoy the park is dangerous. Slow down traffic and add crosswalks	0	0	Robert Gillham Park
4/6/2023 13:36	Ideas for Improvements	Would love to see community garden and more comprehensive use of the barn. Carriage co has maintained the property but not improved it. What happened to the community events they were supposed to put on? The pumpkin patch? Would love to see more of what was promised.	2	0	Robert Gillham Park
4/6/2023 13:37	Causes for Concerns	Dangerous to cross between playground and park. Need speed bumps and 4 way stop at 41st & Kenwood	3	0	Robert Gillham Park
4/6/2023 13:38	Things You Like	Love that the slabs have been left to be enjoyed as they are :)	0	0	Robert Gillham Park
4/6/2023 13:41	Things You Like	The discovery center trails are a great place to take kids and get in to nature! More play areas like Sycamore Station would be great to see in other parks.	0	0	Anita B. Gorman Discovery Center
4/6/2023 13:43	Things You Like	LOVE the trails at Lakeside Nature Center	1	0	Swope Park
4/7/2023 16:48	Things You Like	Love the native plants in this park. Love the wooded trails. I'm sorry for the homeless but also wish they didn't leave messes in the woods.	0	0	Roanoke Park

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4/7/2023 16:50	Ideas for Improvements	Miss the exercise equipment and the ceramics program.	3	0	Roanoke Park
4/8/2023 19:07	Things You Dislike	This monument is falling apart or being demolished by the neighborhood. But NOT preserved as it should be to show history to not be repeated in the future. Historical landmarks are important.	3	0	Big Blue Battlefield Park
4/10/2023 8:35	Things You Like	I like protected bicycle lanes on parkways and boulevards in order to have safer and better connections to parks.	1	0	Maplewoods Greenway
4/10/2023 8:45	Causes for Concerns	so few parks in the northland- very little opportunity for children to play and walking trails	1	0	Maplewoods Greenway
4/10/2023 9:30	Things You Like	I like the protected bicycle lanes along the Boulevard.	4	0	Maplewoods Greenway
4/10/2023 9:30	Ideas for Improvements	I would like to see a Bike share hub at this location.	5	0	Anne Garney Park
4/10/2023 9:32	Causes for Concerns	the crossing from this trail to Maplewoods Pkwy is very dangerous. Please provide a safe pedestrian connection between these facilities. It will greatly provide safe access to a great trail.	3	0	Maplewoods Greenway
4/10/2023 11:13	Ideas for Improvements	Lighting in West Terrace Dog Park would be a worthwhile and welcome improvement.	2	0	West Terrace Park
4/10/2023 11:14	Ideas for Improvements	The old West Terrace Park towers would make a great starting point for a pedestrian bridge leading over the highway and into the West Bottoms.	2	1	West Terrace Park
4/10/2023 11:16	Ideas for Improvements	I think it's time for the old River Front Park site to be redeveloped. It's connectivity to Berkley Riverfront Park should be taken advantage of.	1	0	Riverfront Park
4/10/2023 11:17	Things You Like	I like seeing youth sporting events here.	0	0	Heim's Electric
4/10/2023 11:19	Causes for Concerns	This area DOES NOT FEEL SAFE to walk on because of the speed of the cars. I would love to cross from the East side of the park and run around the pond, or run up the trail along Broadway. But the speed of the cars and the amount of damage to the wall along Broadway is scary. Not much protection for people walking there. Really the only thing that would truly fix the problem is removing the highway on/off ramps here. Just have people exit the highway at 31st st.	3	0	Penn Valley Park
4/10/2023 11:19	Ideas for Improvements	A dedicated parking area for the dog park would be a big help.	0	0	Margaret Kemp Park
4/10/2023 14:28	Causes for Concerns	I would love to more about the plans for this park and access to the park, since it is right next to our house. I would not want the entry here and am concerned about trees being removed as well. What kind of park is this intended to be?	5	0	
4/10/2023 21:05	Ideas for Improvements	It is quite generous for this to be labeled as a "park"; it's nothing but undeveloped land. There are a lot of neighborhoods surrounding that area that would benefit from it actually becoming a park. Right now, all the parks local to us require driving to them; a walkable park would be fantastic.	3	0	North St. Clair Park
4/11/2023 11:04	Ideas for Improvements	I think this park would be a great place to have a splash pad for kids, since the railroad is here and that is such a huge draw for families.	1	1	Frank Vaydik Park
4/11/2023 13:53	Causes for Concerns	very concerning! This area is beautiful and full of established trees. Knocking down trees in urban forests has a devastating impact on the wildlife that depends on the trees for shelter and food. In addition, urban forests help improve our air quality.	3	1	Line Creek Greenway

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4/11/2023 14:47	Ideas for Improvements	The building here is closed most of the time. I would love to see it open more times of the year for people to view the features of it.	2	0	Loose Park
4/11/2023 16:13	Ideas for Improvements	Grand Blvd could really do with protected bike lanes and traffic calming.	5	1	Washington Square Park
4/11/2023 16:24	Causes for Concerns	Penn Valley Dr/Broadway are killing the potential for utilizing the entire park.	3	0	Penn Valley Park
4/11/2023 16:29	Ideas for Improvements	Updates to changing spaces and other amenities are essential in keeping this facility attractive for multiple different types of uses.	2	0	Frank Vaydik Park
4/11/2023 17:56	Causes for Concerns	This area may serve an acceptable place for a trail but absolutely not a park. It is extremely hilly and has natural springs under much of the ground making it marshy. There is a natural waterway going through it. Also erosion and wildlife habitat decline would be a concern. There are eagles, hawks, herons, turkey, coyote, owls, etc in this area. There is ample flat ground already designated as park land around line creek community center and trail that could be improved.	0	2	Clayton Park
4/11/2023 18:38	Things You Like	I think a park would be great in this area. With the idea in mind the nature and beauty the area has to offer.	0	1	Clayton Park
4/11/2023 18:57	Ideas for Improvements	Add some green plant letters like Buenos Aires has on their main boulevard.	0	0	Washington Square Park
4/11/2023 19:09	Ideas for Improvements	Klapmeyer park has no access from the adjacent neighborhood. Seems some arrangement with a property owner to place a sidewalk into the park from other than state line.	0	0	Klapmeyer Park
4/11/2023 20:21	Ideas for Improvements	The work on Brighton South of Pleasant Valley Road has been great for pedestrian and bicycle access to Vivion. I'd love to see that access expanded North to Barry Road. Currently, this stretch of Brighton is unsafe for bikers and pedestrians.	2	1	Big Shoal Greenway
4/11/2023 20:28	Ideas for Improvements	It would be lovely to have more events here, or repurpose the diner to be a sort of community center.	1	0	West Terrace Park
4/11/2023 20:31	Things You Like	I love the playground here, it's great for kids and I've played on parts of it myself as an adult.	3	0	Ermine Case Jr. Park
4/11/2023 20:36	Things You Dislike	Newly paved shared use path dead-ends here at Chouteau Trafficway with nowhere to go. There are no sidewalks on this stretch of Chouteau. Would love to see the trail connect back to Antioch and Vivion with sidewalk or bike lines in both directions. Currently, the sidewalks on Vivion from Chouteau to Brighton are sporadic, and the ones that do exist are in bad shape or have a giant telephone/electric pole right in the middle of them.	0	0	Big Shoal Greenway
4/11/2023 21:26	Causes for Concerns	Leave the green space for the wildlife and nature. Already have too many parks and bike trails. Leave something for Mother Nature.	1	0	Riverview Greenway
4/11/2023 21:45	Causes for Concerns	The spray park used to have tarps that have shade to the park but they haven't been up since I moved here years ago.	2	0	Robert Gillham Park
4/12/2023 10:07	Ideas for Improvements	This winding sidewalk down the hill would be more interesting if native shrubs were planted along the sidewalk. They would help with erosion and make the winding path more interesting.	0	0	Roanoke Park

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4/12/2023 10:37	Ideas for Improvements	Easy and protected access from the end of the Trolley Trail to the protected bike lane on Gilham would be nice	2	0	Harry Wiggins Trollet Track Trail
4/12/2023 10:45	Ideas for Improvements	Should add a kiosk to sell snacks and drinks during the popular months.	1	0	Loose Park
4/12/2023 10:45	Causes for Concerns	Port-a-pottys were overflowing the last time I was here.	1	0	Loose Park
4/12/2023 10:47	Ideas for Improvements	A sign and/or obvious trail leading from Trolley Trail to Loose Park would be nice	2	0	Harry Wiggins Trollet Track Trail
4/12/2023 10:54	Things You Like	With some investment and TLC, Swope GC could be one of the best Golden Age munis in the country	0	0	Swope Park Memorial Golf Course
4/12/2023 10:55	Ideas for Improvements	More and better parking pullouts along this road for access to the bike trails and boulders	0	0	Swope Park
4/12/2023 13:26	Ideas for Improvements	Love this loop trail but next time it is resurfaced, it would be great if it could be widened an additional 2-3'.	1	0	Loose Park
4/13/2023 19:07	Causes for Concerns	The Colonnade is beginning to show signs of disrepair and minor structural/aesthetic deficiencies. Most notably, stones in need of repointing and crack stabilization in order to strengthen lifespan.	0	0	Kessler Park
4/14/2023 7:27	Causes for Concerns	The grass field is full of holes and is not safe. Hundreds of people play here and the grass area needs significant improvements.	6	0	9th & Van Brunt Athletic Fields
4/14/2023 7:49	Causes for Concerns	There is no water fountain. There is no restroom boys go across to the woods but what about girls. Is becoming a very nice park there is no destruction like in the pass.	2	0	The Concourse
4/14/2023 7:56	Ideas for Improvements	A bike lane along 75th linking up with the bike lanes on Paseo would be a great way to connect neighborhoods and parks on both sides of 71.	1	0	75th Street
4/14/2023 8:10	Ideas for Improvements	The playground could be expanded to include items for older children. The park is great for little ones, but would like to see something for the 6-12 range. It is pretty small and often very busy.	1	0	Holmes Park
4/14/2023 11:31	Things You Like	It is a very big field a lot of people go to the field around 4 PM and there are about 100-200 people that hand out and play there	3	0	9th & Van Brunt Athletic Fields
4/14/2023 11:33	Things You Like	This is unequivocally immaculate. I'm here almost every single day. I love this place so much.	1	0	9th & Van Brunt Athletic Fields
4/14/2023 11:34	Ideas for Improvements	Fix the futsal goals because the nets are ripped. Fix the Floors because they are cracked and dangerous.	0	0	9th & Van Brunt Athletic Fields
4/14/2023 11:35	Causes for Concerns	9th Van Brunt has a lot of broken glass around the field, it is dangerous for young kids and babies.	2	0	9th & Van Brunt Athletic Fields
4/14/2023 11:35	Causes for Concerns	This field needs a lot of work. Hundreds of people play and practice here every day. The grass field is not taken care of at all, and the turf is very old and not taken care of.	1	0	9th & Van Brunt Athletic Fields
4/14/2023 11:38	Ideas for Improvements	This place definitely needs to be renovated. An 11 v 11 should be added. There should also be two smaller fields in the grass area. Also, there is a building that is not open to the public, and it needs to be used to its fullest potential.	1	0	9th & Van Brunt Athletic Fields

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4/14/2023 11:39	Ideas for Improvements	Fix the turf.	2	0	9th & Van Brunt Athletic Fields
4/14/2023 11:40	Causes for Concerns	The field needs serious renovation. 100s of people come here every day when the weather is nice and the field has lots of holes in the turf and trash and broken glass all around the field. I feel like it is worth the money to renovate or upgrade the turf. The grass field is very bad and is filled with bumps.	2	0	9th & Van Brunt Athletic Fields
4/14/2023 11:42	Causes for Concerns	There is tons broken glass everywhere and is dangerous for children, the bleachers aren't stable and could be dangorus for people who want to watch a match.	2	0	9th & Van Brunt Athletic Fields
4/14/2023 11:42	Ideas for Improvements	There are trains that pass by 9st and that can cause air pollution and there are always about 100-200 people there most days. My idea is to put green walls on the brick walls. The plants can capture airborne particles on their foliage.	2	0	9th & Van Brunt Athletic Fields
4/14/2023 11:44	Causes for Concerns	I feel 9th street is a great place to connect with many people from many different backgrounds, but I believe we are not using the field to its full potential! The turf is old and filled with holes, the grass fields are very bad, and the playground looks very unsafe.	0	0	9th & Van Brunt Athletic Fields
4/14/2023 11:44	Ideas for Improvements	I think they should put new turf down, also, there should be more water fountains.	1	0	9th & Van Brunt Athletic Fields
4/14/2023 11:48	Things You Like	me gusta la estetica y que el parque no este sucio aparte los juegos son divertidos y la cancha lo recomiendo para que vallan con sus hijos	1	0	The Concourse
4/14/2023 11:48	Ideas for Improvements	The soccer fields should be redone, and the area where the turf is has lots of bumps and is not flat. the goals also need help they have a bunch of holes.	1	0	9th & Van Brunt Athletic Fields
4/14/2023 11:51	Ideas for Improvements	I think the concrete needs to be fix and repaint the park and maybe add more water fountains.	0	0	The Concourse
4/14/2023 13:06	Causes for Concerns	The pavement on the trail is buckling and washing out in places	0	0	Platte Purchase Park
4/14/2023 13:09	Ideas for Improvements	We love this walking trail. I would love to see the honeysuckle dealt with (would even love to volunteer to help) along the pathway. Where they cleared to do the powerlines, the creek bed needs some major work to put it back the way it was. The trail is starting to wash out there too.	0	0	Maplewoods Greenway
4/14/2023 13:11	Ideas for Improvements	If the parking area could be improved on the side of 291, that would be really great. Also, we go off the trail into the woods where the trail ends and find trash and home made camps/set ups there.	0	0	Hodge Park
4/14/2023 13:12	Ideas for Improvements	Trash cans at the trailhead in the Maple Woods parking lot.	0	0	Maplewoods Greenway
4/14/2023 15:40	Causes for Concerns	The field is dangerous to play on with the gravel coming up from underneath the turf.	1	0	9th & Van Brunt Athletic Fields
4/16/2023 8:49	Ideas for Improvements	A Ride KC Bike hub here or elsewhere in the park would provided an added opportunity for people who want to enjoy the park and nearby trails.	0	0	Loose Park
4/16/2023 9:05	Ideas for Improvements	Any way to add a path/bridge here to access the park from the sidewalk?	0	0	Frank Vaydik Park

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4/16/2023 16:05	Things You Like	A unique attraction among large cities - a park train operation open to the public in a city park. The Park Partner program makes this miniature railway possible for the enjoyment of kids of all ages. Future plans hope to double the length of track and make a more enjoyable train ride as well as develop unused park land into a picnic grove. A hidden gem!	1	0	Frank Vaydik Park
4/16/2023 16:17	Ideas for Improvements	This former house site would make a great picnic grove. It has mature trees, has been raised above the flood plain and has road access. The KCN miniature railroad has expansion plans to circle the site with track. If the bridge across the creek could be made dual-use for pedestrians as well as trains then a neighborhood access route could connect Waukomis Drive to the Line Creek Trail. A win for everyone!	1	0	Frank Vaydik Park
4/17/2023 14:32	Ideas for Improvements	An elongated FitLot Outdoor Fitness Park between the tennis and basketball courts.	0	0	Swope Park
4/17/2023 14:41	Ideas for Improvements	Allow MY REGION WINS! to work with the residents of Citadel on a Vision Design of what could be. Walking and biking trails, dog park, native plants, art stations, water amenities, outdoor library.	0	0	Daniel Morgan Boone Park
4/17/2023 14:55	Ideas for Improvements	A ferro cement water tank, butterfly roof w/ solar panels & a wind turbine on top of two power storage pillars. This environmental, nature-base, interactive, functional art installation will capture storm water to water the native plants planted in the park, provide power to those plugin into one of the two power storage pillars, power the park lights. Create 2 to 5 art stations & display areas for Artist to create work. And allow MY REGION WINS! to be the curator of the park's artwork.	0	0	Wilbur H. Dunn Park
4/17/2023 14:56	Ideas for Improvements	A ferro cement water tank, butterfly roof w/ solar panels & a wind turbine on top of two power storage pillars. This environmental, nature-base, interactive, functional art installation will capture storm water to water the native plants planted in the park, provide power to those plugin into one of the two power storage pillars, power the park lights. Create 2 to 5 art stations & display areas for Artist to create work. And allow MY REGION WINS! to be the curator of the park's artwork.	0	0	Daniel Morgan Boone Park
4/17/2023 14:57	Ideas for Improvements	A ferro cement water tank, butterfly roof w/ solar panels & a wind turbine on top of two power storage pillars. This environmental, nature-base, interactive, functional art installation will capture storm water to water the native plants planted in the park, provide power to those plugin into one of the two power storage pillars, power the park lights. Create 2 to 5 art stations & display areas for Artist to create work. And allow MY REGION WINS! to be the curator of the park's artwork.	0	0	Tower Park
4/17/2023 14:58	Ideas for Improvements	A ferro cement water tank, butterfly roof w/ solar panels & a wind turbine on top of two power storage pillars. This environmental, nature-base, interactive, functional art installation will capture storm water to water the native plants planted in the park, provide power to those plugin into one of the two power storage pillars, power the park lights. Create 2 to 5 art stations & display areas for Artist to create work. And allow MY REGION WINS! to be the curator of the park's artwork.	0	0	Brush Creek Greenway

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4/17/2023 14:59	Ideas for Improvements	A ferro cement water tank, butterfly roof w/ solar panels & a wind turbine on top of two power storage pillars. This environmental, nature-base, interactive, functional art installation will capture storm water to water the native plants planted in the park, provide power to those plugin into one of the two power storage pillars, power the park lights. Create 2 to 5 art stations & display areas for Artist to create work. And allow MY REGION WINSI to be the curator of the park's artwork.	0	0	Blue Hills Park
4/17/2023 15:00	Ideas for Improvements	A ferro cement water tank, butterfly roof w/ solar panels & a wind turbine on top of two power storage pillars. This environmental, nature-base, interactive, functional art installation will capture storm water to water the native plants planted in the park, provide power to those plugin into one of the two power storage pillars, power the park lights. Create 2 to 5 art stations & display areas for Artist to create work. And allow MY REGION WINSI to be the curator of the park's artwork.	0	0	Town Fork Creek Greenway
4/17/2023 15:00	Ideas for Improvements	A ferro cement water tank, butterfly roof w/ solar panels & a wind turbine on top of two power storage pillars. This environmental, nature-base, interactive, functional art installation will capture storm water to water the native plants planted in the park, provide power to those plugin into one of the two power storage pillars, power the park lights. Create 2 to 5 art stations & display areas for Artist to create work. And allow MY REGION WINSI to be the curator of the park's artwork.	0	0	Big Blue Battlefield Park
4/17/2023 15:01	Ideas for Improvements	A ferro cement water tank, butterfly roof w/ solar panels & a wind turbine on top of two power storage pillars. This environmental, nature-base, interactive, functional art installation will capture storm water to water the native plants planted in the park, provide power to those plugin into one of the two power storage pillars, power the park lights. Create 2 to 5 art stations & display areas for Artist to create work. And allow MY REGION WINSI to be the curator of the park's artwork.	0	0	Agnes Park
4/17/2023 15:03	Ideas for Improvements	A ferro cement water tank, butterfly roof w/ solar panels & a wind turbine on top of two power storage pillars. This environmental, nature-base, interactive, functional art installation will capture storm water to water the native plants planted in the park, provide power to those plugin into one of the two power storage pillars, power the park lights. Create 2 to 5 art stations & display areas for Artist to create work. And allow MY REGION WINSI to be the curator of the park's artwork.	0	0	Cave Springs Park
4/17/2023 15:09	Ideas for Improvements	A ferro cement water tank, butterfly roof w/ solar panels & a wind turbine on top of two power storage pillars. This environmental, nature-base, interactive, functional art installation will capture storm water to water the native plants planted in the park, provide power to those plugin into one of the two power storage pillars, power the park lights. Create 2 to 5 art stations & display areas for Artist to create work. And allow MY REGION WINSI to be the curator of the park's artwork.	0	0	Noble Park

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4/17/2023 15:09	Ideas for Improvements	A ferro cement water tank, butterfly roof w/ solar panels & a wind turbine on top of two power storage pillars. This environmental, nature-base, interactive, functional art installation will capture storm water to water the native plants planted in the park, provide power to those plugin into one of the two power storage pillars, power the park lights. Create 2 to 5 art stations & display areas for Artist to create work. And allow MY REGION WINSI to be the curator of the park's artwork.	0	0	Arleta Park
4/17/2023 15:10	Ideas for Improvements	A ferro cement water tank, butterfly roof w/ solar panels & a wind turbine on top of two power storage pillars. This environmental, nature-base, interactive, functional art installation will capture storm water to water the native plants planted in the park, provide power to those plugin into one of the two power storage pillars, power the park lights. Create 2 to 5 art stations & display areas for Artist to create work. And allow MY REGION WINSI to be the curator of the park's artwork.	0	0	Marlborough Park
4/18/2023 9:29	Things You Dislike	Don't likes: Parking lot is a muddy mess and needs black top. No lighting contributes to safety and vandalism concerns.. No outdoor shelters for the public. No rest public rooms. All of the above comments apply to the KCNRR area of the Frank Vaydik Park at Line Creek Recreation area. located at 6060 NW Waukomis Drive	1	0	Frank Vaydik Park
4/18/2023 9:38	Things You Like	Likes: Best attraction for children and lowest admission cost (0.75) of anything in KC. Over 30 years in operation serving the greater KC area. Best one day family outing. Supported by KC Parks Dept. and without that support KCNRR would not be what it is today. Needs continued KC Parks support to operate and expand for future generations.	0	0	Frank Vaydik Park
4/18/2023 9:52	Ideas for Improvements	Parking lot is a muddy mess and needs black topped. No area security lighting which promotes vandalism and break ins. Add lighting. No public restrooms for when the community center is closed. Add rest rooms for area visitors. No drinking fountains for the public. Add drinking facilities. No public picnic shelters. Add facilities for the public.	2	0	Frank Vaydik Park
4/18/2023 18:38	Things You Like	The Kansas City Northern Miniature Railroad is a WONDERFUL , UNIQUE amusement. I took my children there and now I'm taking my grandchildren. Ther is nothing like this safe, family-friendly train	0	0	Frank Vaydik Park
4/18/2023 18:41	Ideas for Improvements	Please add picnic table shelters to KC Northern Miniature Railroad for this wonderful family destination	0	0	Frank Vaydik Park
4/18/2023 18:45	Things You Like	Please support Kansas City Northern Miniature Railroad in their expansion plan onto the lot to the north. This will make an already wonderful family destination even better for generations to come I	2	0	Frank Vaydik Park

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4/18/2023 20:37	Ideas for Improvements	KCMO's PM for the Redbridge Road construction project said this evening that the road is estimated to be completed by the end of this year. Along with the road, the city is putting in a 10ft wide trail from Wornall to Minor Park. The park is already popular, but now will become even more so. The park needs a new playground similar to Franklin Park in KS. It needs more seating and more trees.	1	0	Minor Park
4/18/2023 21:54	Causes for Concerns	The swing set doesn't feel safe anymore. It needs replaced. A bench or two would be nice for the parents.	0	0	Gambriel Tract
4/19/2023 21:54	Ideas for Improvements	I love this new park. But it does seem difficult for the communities just north of the park across brush creek and Emanuel Cleaver II Blvd to access. Making the park accessible with a crosswalk on Emmanuel and a pedestrian bridge over brush creek would be so wonderful for the kids in that neighborhood - giving them a much nicer, quicker and safer walk to the park. This could also tie into the brush creek trail.	0	0	Brush Creek Greenway
4/20/2023 11:09	Causes for Concerns	This is my neighborhood park and I would love to walk or bike my kids here, but I have not been in the last nine months (so this may have changed) as a unhoused population had taken residence in the pavilion and playground area. We have not had any physical threats yet but have experienced verbal threats with a violent implication, slurs, and have witnessed other families experiencing the same. I understand the unhoused need a place to go, it should not be where our kids are supposed to play.	1	0	Sunnyside Park
4/20/2023 11:12	Things You Like	Connecting this park to the Trail should be heralded as the prototype for future trail and park plans. Most families visiting the park now enter through the trail entrance and is being well used by the wider neighborhood. Modernization and upkeep is needed within the playground area to be fully appreciated, but for now it's a quaint neighborhood park with easy access for families. Please keep the trail connection safe, well maintained and clean and it will continue its use!	0	0	South Oak Park
4/24/2023 14:23	Causes for Concerns	Dr. Jeremiah Cameron Park is important for two reasons. 1. Just above it on the bluff was the site of the Penn School, the oldest African American school west of the Mississippi. There is a community movement to use the park as a place to commemorate the Penn School. 2. Dr. Jeremiah Cameron was an important educator and leader in the African American Community. The park should contain a marker explaining his importance to the community and highlighting his accomplishments.	0	0	Mill Creek Park
4/24/2023 14:27	Ideas for Improvements	Step toe Lives, a coalition of people who lived in and are interested in the former Steptoe neighborhood, consider Dr. Jeremiah Cameron park a very important site. Steptoe was a neighborhood formed by freed slaves around the time of the Civil War and most of the homes in Steptoe have been demolished. Steptoe Lives hopes that, once the Westport Stormwater project is completed and the park has been rebuilt in 2025, it will be greatly improved and become a center for the commemoration of Steptoe.	0	0	Mill Creek Park

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4/24/2023 14:52	Things You Dislike	The park is uninviting. There is nothing to tell visitors that it is even a park. Litter and graffiti at the park make it feel unsafe.	0	0	Mill Creek Park
4/24/2023 14:52	Things You Dislike	There is graffiti on the stone wall where the historical marker for the Penn School once stood.	0	0	Mill Creek Park
4/30/2023 17:15	Things You Like	I love this park! It's such a nice escape from the loud hustle and bustle. Last week I saw a mom quail with her babies. So sweet!	1	0	Anne Garney Park
4/30/2023 17:18	Things You Like	This is one of my favorite parks in the northland because it has a two mile trail and is peaceful. I don't think it needs to be destroyed to create yet another soccer stadium or baseball field for this area.	1	0	Anne Garney Park
5/6/2023 17:05	Causes for Concerns	500PM May 6 2023. Four-wheeler being driven quickly around the ball diamond at the SW corner. Doubt this is permitted. Stirring up dirt, tearing up surface of diamond. No one here to show it to or report it.	0	0	Sunnyside Park
5/6/2023 19:12	Causes for Concerns	With warm weather comes more noise. Motorcycles and smaller two-wheel motorized vehicles that are unlicensed race up and down Summit St across from the park. They routinely go over the speed limit endangering walkers, other vehicles that are parked and attempting to enter the park property. Need speed bumps and some kind of control from the PD or park rangers or whomever to control this better. There has never been any control of offenders inside or near the park. Need to change.	0	0	Sunnyside Park
5/6/2023 19:55	Causes for Concerns	5-6-23 745PM. Observed an adult get on an ATV with a small child of 8-10 years sitting in front of him driving throughout the park at high speed. Dangerous and according to park rules not allowed. This is very common, goes unchecked by anyone. Do not ride on sidewalks. Riding a scooter (classified as a motorized vehicle) on a sidewalk is in violation of KCMO ordinance 70-253: No person shall drive any vehicle other than by human power upon a sidewalk, sidewalk area, park or public property, ex	0	0	Sunnyside Park
5/6/2023 19:57	Causes for Concerns	745PM 5-6-23. Larger crowd at NE corner of park near shelter congregating. Can't see any particular activities. Can hear booming bass sounds. Do they have a permit? Doubtful. Very common during warm months. This is yet another unchecked situation that is common and not regulated by anyone.	0	0	Sunnyside Park
5/11/2023 16:20	Things You Like	Love the improvement of the football field for youth sports	0	0	Heim's Electric Park
5/11/2023 16:21	Ideas for Improvements	Playground is in need for an update.	0	0	Heim's Electric
5/15/2023 12:44	Causes for Concerns	Does the ac unit work? It's always HOT in there	1	0	Observation Park
5/15/2023 12:51	Ideas for Improvements	Maybe some flashing lights for crossing the street. Speed bumps maybe?	1	0	Observation Park
5/15/2023 12:53	Causes for Concerns	This park needs TONS of improvement. Newer equipment and a good clean up.	1	0	Gage Park
5/15/2023 12:54	Causes for Concerns	Bring the baseball field back.	0	0	Observation Park
5/15/2023 12:58	Ideas for Improvements	Maybe a grill. Need more benches near play area. Bring the baseball diamond back?!	1	0	Observation Park
5/17/2023 13:30	Ideas for Improvements	This is a great park for kids but it could really use a bathroom. Thankfully there is enough tree coverage that people can find a private place to go when need, but we shouldn't have to resort to that.	1	0	South Oak Park

DATE & TIME	TYPE	COMMENT	"LIKES"	"DISLIKES"	PARK
5/17/2023 13:34	Things You Like	I like the visibility in this park. While I wish there was more shade in the heat of the day near the playground, I am thankful for the fact that I can see my kids riding their bikes the whole way around the track from even a great distance, and can even keep an eye on the playground. There is a lot for different ages here, which is nice.	1	0	South Oak Park
5/17/2023 13:46	Ideas for Improvements	This is such a pretty walkway that feels so unsafe I never walk there without another adult. It could use more regular maintenance and maybe security cameras or something. It is so secluded it is used for bad things. One time I came across a decaying dog in a cage, another time a car actually drove down into this park area (which is pretty narrow)! The side that comes out at the back of an apartment building always has trash and broken glass. Maybe a better fence/divider would help.	0	0	Town Fork Creek Greenway
5/17/2023 13:48	Ideas for Improvements	I agree with needing more shade!!!! It's a great park and I never want to come because the sun is brutal in the summer.	0	0	Brush Creek Greenway
5/17/2023 13:56	Ideas for Improvements	The Tennis Court bathrooms need maintenance. The women's doesn't lock from the inside. In general, the bathrooms at Loose Park need to be better staffed and maintained. This is an extremely popular park. Look ahead at the weather and plan accordingly. If it is likely to be a nice day, make sure it has extra staffing/maintenance and make sure the bathrooms aren't locked! Make sure they are being maintained all the way till sundown on busy days.	1	0	Loose Park
5/21/2023 15:50	Ideas for Improvements	connect from the sidewalk to the tennis courts	0	0	Loose Park
5/21/2023 19:23	Ideas for Improvements	Now tall grass or have native grass in select areas. Or shorter plants that don't require as much upkeep. Difficult to walk through grassy areas	0	0	Robert Gilliam Park
5/21/2023 19:25	Ideas for Improvements	Lights for evenings when it starts getting dark at 5pm around the walking path would be great	1	0	Loose Park
5/22/2023 13:39	Ideas for Improvements	This park needs to have various levels of its sidewalks repaired. Also, a walking trail around the park would be beneficial to the community.	0	0	Goin' to Kansas City Plaza
5/22/2023 13:42	Ideas for Improvements	Complete the walking trail to make one continuous circle	4	0	The Parade
5/22/2023 13:44	Things You Dislike	The landscaping in the flower bed at the corner of Truman Rd and the Paseo Blvd needs to be updated and cleaned out. It does not look manicured at such a high visible area.	1	0	The Parade
5/22/2023 13:46	Causes for Concerns	It was not a good idea to place a walking trail behind a retaining wall where people can't be seen from the street, especially those walking alone.	1	0	The Parade
5/22/2023 13:47	Things You Dislike	The flower beds have been removed from this park.	1	0	Goin' to Kansas City Plaza
5/23/2023 12:03	Things You Like	Love the pickleball and soccer courts.	1	0	Independence
5/23/2023 12:15	Ideas for Improvements	The park between the north and southbound lanes of the paseo are gorgeous but every hard to get to with 6 lanes of traffic. Removing a lane on each side of Paseo would reduce the noise in the park, give a buffer between the people in the park and the cars. Pedestrian prioritized crosswalk lights would also help. Especially around the Gregg Klice center. Providing a safe path for children to walk or bike to the community center on their own would be amazing.	3	0	The Paseo

DATE & TIME	TYPE	COMMENT	"LIKES"	"DISLIKES"	PARK
5/23/2023 12:22	Ideas for Improvements	Would like to see the north west section of this park utilized better. Either planting a lot more trees to have a shaded grove, dog park, out door gym equipment, public pool etc.	0	0	Prospect Plaza Park
5/23/2023 12:23	Ideas for Improvements	Would love to see this place utilized. Either a playground, dog park, or plant a bunch of trees to make a grove. I realize its owned by the department of housing and would even love to see more housing and a park added.	1	0	Prospect Plaza Park
5/23/2023 12:24	Ideas for Improvements	Crosswalk to connect housing to the park. And allow people to safely cross the street as there is a bus stop here.	0	0	Prospect Plaza Park
5/23/2023 21:36	Causes for Concerns	The tennis courts are busted and cracked. It would be nice to add pickleball lines—after the courts get repaired.	1	0	Penn Valley Park
5/25/2023 12:50	Ideas for Improvements	Would like to see an "all-abilities" park that is fenced-in to give parent of children that are "runners" the ability to enjoy a park that minimizes the likelihood their child will run into the street.	0	0	Roanoke Park
5/25/2023 12:50	Ideas for Improvements	Would like to see an "all-abilities" park that is fenced-in to give parent of children that are "runners" the ability to enjoy a park that minimizes the likelihood their child will run into the street.	0	0	Roanoke Park
5/25/2023 12:52	Ideas for Improvements	This park should be expanded to include additional climbing features (e.g., a "rock wall") as well as more play features for the younger set that are under 5 years of age. Additional seating and/or a pavilion would be nice. A shade structure over the reflective slide would make it usable during the summer months.	0	0	Roanoke Park
5/25/2023 12:55	Ideas for Improvements	So much green space for playgrounds! Would love to this area developed into a "mall" like space similar to the National Mall in DC or Hermann Park in Houston, TX.	1	0	Penn Valley Park
5/25/2023 12:57	Ideas for Improvements	It would be cool to have an outdoor theater in midtown like the Miller Outdoor Theater in Houston, TX	1	0	Penn Valley Park
5/25/2023 13:00	Ideas for Improvements	It would be cool to have an outdoor theater in midtown like the Miller Outdoor Theater in Houston, TX	0	0	Mill Creek Park
5/25/2023 13:03	Ideas for Improvements	Would love a walking/jogging path down the middle of the grassy space between north and south Ward parkway.	0	0	Ward Parkway
5/25/2023 13:09	Ideas for Improvements	There is enough green space here to create something like the Maggie Daley Park in Chicago, IL	0	0	Swope Park
5/25/2023 18:53	Causes for Concerns	There is not enough green space in the River market neighborhood-even as density is burgeoning, the amount of green space is static. Green space acquisition/expansion will be a continuing problem. Designating the River Market a local historic district or an overlay may mitigate this problem by requiring public or quasi-public green space for proposed projects, with local community input. Preservation and maintenance of the current park/green space is currently suboptimal.	3	0	City Market Park
5/25/2023 19:00	Ideas for Improvements	We need a way to connect the riverfront to the West Bottoms. The existing bike trail is too short and staggered.	1	0	West Terrace Park
5/25/2023 22:04	Ideas for Improvements	Keep Harrison St DIY safe from developers. Harrison is a true community effort and a destination for skateboarders nationwide	1	0	Harrison Street DIY Skate Park
5/25/2023 22:06	Ideas for Improvements	Upgrade and repair Penn Valley skatepark	0	0	Penn Valley Park

DATE & TIME	TYPE	COMMENT	"LIKES"	"DISLIKES"	PARK
5/25/2023 22:13	Ideas for Improvements	Add a skatepark	0	0	Big Shoal
5/26/2023 10:40	Things You Like	City Market Park is the heart and soul of the River Market Neighborhood. It is a place to meet, to relax, to play with dogs, and children. It hosts art fairs, and movies under the stars. The mature trees are something special as well. As development continues in the neighborhood, it is very important to preserve this space, it's mature trees, and the people first/people centric nature of this area.	2	0	City Market Park
5/26/2023 10:42	Things You Like	Garment District Park is like no other park in the system. It's urban charm and it's mature trees provide shade in the summer, with excellent bird watching opportunities. Garment District has such a great history, and the Garment District Grooves Music series is exceptional.	0	0	Garment District Park
5/26/2023 10:44	Ideas for Improvements	Garment District Park needs a lot of upkeep. The hardscape is failing, multiple retaining walls have bricks in them where the bricks have shifted, the tuck pointing is missing the broken bricks making up the walking area a danger to anyone with mobility issues, or users of mobility devices. Our lovely fountain hasn't worked in years and is a real shame it hasn't been fixed. Work with the CID and Downtown Neighborhood Association to restore this park	0	0	Garment District Park
5/26/2023 10:46	Things You Like	The River overlook is a special place for the neighborhood. It is a bit out of the way but with the new Riverfront Heritage Trail rebuild connecting the River Market to this it is going to be great, but requires upkeep.	0	0	Berkley Riverfront
5/26/2023 10:48	Things You Dislike	Dislike the idea of a corporate beer garden taking public park space and turning it into privatized space. This area is used by so many families for picnics, birthdays, relaxing etc. Families come down and use the trees to hang hammocks. All of that is at risk with privatization of public space. With this comes increased noise, increases inebriation, and problems.	0	0	Berkley Riverfront
5/26/2023 10:52	Ideas for Improvements	Extending the Riverfront trail along the Levee connecting with the Riverfront Heritage Trail in the West Bottoms will be a great upgrade to area facilities.	0	0	Berkley Riverfront
5/26/2023 10:53	Ideas for Improvements	Extending the Riverfront Heritage Trail along the Levee to connect to the Green Belt Trail Project will be a game changer for the area and will open up so much space for people. Connecting in the River Front Park/Boat ramps will be amazing as well.	0	0	Berkley Riverfront
5/26/2023 10:54	Ideas for Improvements	Needs more activation from Parks by way of programming.	0	0	Illus W. Davis Park
5/26/2023 10:57	Things You Like	I love living on the Riverfront Heritage Trail. I'm also a board member, and Would love to see more support from the Parks Department along the downtown segments that are also parts of the sidewalk.	0	0	Berkley Riverfront
5/26/2023 12:22	Ideas for Improvements	Big open field looks ideal for a dog park	0	0	Troost Park
5/26/2023 13:42	Things You Like	The tree canopy here provides a natural refuge from the harsh summertime sun.	0	0	Washington Square Park

DATE & TIME	TYPE	COMMENT	"LIKES"	"DISLIKES"	PARK
5/26/2023 22:35	Causes for Concerns	While I love the trails, they are not very well maintained and the amount of trash on the trails is disappointing. It's often hard to find where the trail starts again at the creek and other areas especially in the summer when things get overgrown.	0	0	Swope Park
5/27/2023 17:39	Ideas for Improvements	Could native wildflowers be planted here to help the beneficial insects? (Bees, butterflies, etc)	1	0	Chouteau Greenway
5/27/2023 17:47	Ideas for Improvements	Could native rain garden plants be planted in the ditch on the northwest corner (south side of the sidewalk)? I think it would help with keeping it from being swampy & would help conservation efforts especially for butterflies. https://mdc.mo.gov/trees-plants/native-plants-your-landscape/plants-rain-gardens	0	0	Chouteau Greenway Park
5/27/2023 17:49	Things You Like	Nice walking paths	1	0	Chouteau Greenway Park



PARK ASSESSMENTS

Between March, and May of 2023, the consultant team visited and assessed all 220 parks, greenways, and athletic complexes owned and maintained by the Kansas City, Missouri Department of Parks and Recreation. Those visits included taking photos of each property, creating an inventory of amenities, and evaluating each park based on the questionnaire detailed in the following pages.

The assessment was based on four criteria: accessibility, comfort and character, usability, and amenities. Those criteria were further broken down into 20 measurements of success, each worth 5 points. The assessment produced a total score between 20 and 100 points and a rating of either poor (0-24 points), fair 25-49 points), good (50-74 points), or excellent (75-100 points).

Where warranted, the team then made recommendations for park improvements based on a variety of data. That data included these park assessments, previous park planning efforts, park level of service analysis, and feedback gathered through community engagement.

QUESTIONNAIRE

EASE IN WALKING TO THE PARK

1 being a park with poor access to and from adjacent streets or neighborhoods due to lack of sidewalks, shade trees, or limited street crossings, versus 5 being a park that is fully accessible via shaded sidewalks with pedestrian street crossings, an interconnected park sidewalk system, and multiple street frontages.

CLARITY OF SIGNAGE

1 being a park without any signage identifying it as a KC Park, versus 5 a park utilizing new signage clearly identifying it as a KC Park.

REDUCTION OF WEATHER IMPACTS

1 being a park which provides no structures, natural shade, or protection from the wind, rain, and sun, versus 5 being a park which offers an easily accessible covered structure, shaded playground equipment or bleachers, or numerous shade trees providing complete coverage and protection from the elements

ADA COMPLIANCE

1 being a park that offers no accessible routes between the public right-of-way and the amenities, versus 5 being a park that offers clear ADA-compliant routes to and between all amenities.

OVERALL ATTRACTIVENESS

1 being a park which is perceived to be uninviting, unsafe, abandoned, and dilapidated, versus 5 being a park which is perceived to be inviting, safe, and impeccably well-maintained.

OVERALL MAINTENANCE

1 being a park distinguished by dirty or damaged structures, pavements, and site furnishings; damaged and unmaintained landscaping; plainly visible bait stations or traps, and the presence of litter, versus 5 being a park which features impeccably maintained structures, pavements, and furnishings; healthy landscaping; and no litter.

VISIBILITY OF ENTRANCES AND USE AREAS

1 being a park with poor visibility to the main

entrance(s) from surrounding streets and having major zones of activity which are difficult to find, versus 5 a park which offers clear lines of sight to all entrances and major areas of use and activity which are easy to find and access from surrounding streets and neighborhoods.

PLEASANT PLACES TO SIT

1 being a park which offers no seating or that which is uninviting, dirty or damaged, versus 5 being a park which provides inviting, tidy, and attractive seating options.

FEELING OF SAFETY

1 being a park which induces the feeling of danger due to poor visibility, limited access, tall and opaque fences, and unmaintained spaces, versus 5 being a park that evokes feelings of safety through the promotion of “eyes on the park,” well-positioned access points, low and transparent fencing, and well-maintained spaces.

AMBIENT NOISE

1 being a park with average decibel levels at or above 100dB (based on a minimum of three (3) separate readings across the park), versus 5 being a park with average decible readings at or below 40dB

PERCEPTIBLE ODORS

1 being a park marked by strong perceptible negative odors that makes pending time in the park uncomfortable versus 5 being a park with no noticeable negative odors.

EXISTING OPPORTUNITIES

1 being a single-use park that can currently be used only under specific weather conditions or for specific recreational pursuits, versus 5 being a park that currently offers activities for a variety of users throughout the year.

APPROPRIATE PARK ACTIVITY

1 being a park that shows evidence of limited use or unintended or illicit uses such as encampments, drug use, or vandalism, verses 5 being a park that shows evidence of attracting its intended use

OPPORTUNITIES FOR REVENUE

1 being a park which offers no existing or potential opportunities to generate revenue either due to poor location or appearance or lack of recreational programming, rentable shelters, or space for special events, versus 5 being a park which offers high potential for revenue generation through its location, appearance, or recreational programming, space, and event offerings.

PAVEMENTS

1 being a park with damaged or decaying parking lot and sidewalk pavements versus 5 being a park with well-maintained paved surfaces appropriately designed to serve the park and its users

LANDSCAPING

1 being a park with unhealthy and poorly maintained landscaping, invasive exotic plant communities, and a heavy demand for traditional mowing and maintenance, versus 5 being a park marked by attractive landscaping and/or healthy native plant communities, that can be cared for through efficient and sustainable management practices.

STORMWATER QUALITY & MANAGEMENT

1 being a park that features areas of unmitigated erosion and sedimentation, brackish pond water, evidence of flash flooding, and persistent puddles in low lying areas, versus 5 being a park that features properly designed and maintained stormwater quality BMPs, healthy aquatic environments, and no signs of erosion or flash flooding.

PLAYGROUND, ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT, AND SITE FURNISHINGS

1 being a park with damaged, dirty, or dilapidated playground, athletic equipment, or site furnishings, versus 5 being a park with clean, attractive, and well-maintained equipment and furnishings. Parks with none receive a 3.

PARK STRUCTURES

1 being a park with restrooms, shelters, walls, or fences in obvious visual need of repair, versus 5 being a park with structures, walls, and fences that appear well-maintained and in good condition. Parks with none receive a 3.

LIGHTING

1 being a park which features outdated and poorly functioning lighting, or lighting levels inappropriate for intended park use, versus 5 being a park which features an appropriate amount of well-functioning and sustainable LED lighting fixtures shielded to prevent glare and light trespass on adjacent properties and up into the night sky. Parks with none receive a 3.

COUNCIL DISTRICT #1

PARK SCORES

PARK NAME	ACCESSIBILITY (MAX. 20)					COMFORT & CHARACTER (MAX. 35)					USABILITY (MAX. 15)					AMENITIES (MAX. 30)					COMPOSITE SCORE (MAX. 100)				
	Ease in Walking to Park (Max. 5)	Clarity of Signage (Max. 5)	Reduction of Weather Impacts (Max. 5)	ADA Compliance (Max. 5)	Overall Attractiveness (Max. 5)	Overall Maintenance (Max. 5)	Visibility of Entrances and Use Areas (Max. 5)	Pleasant Places to Sit (Max. 5)	Feeling of Safety (Max. 5)	Ambient Noise (Max. 5)	Perceptible Odor (Max. 5)	Existing Opportunities (Max. 5)	Appropriate Park Activity (Max. 5)	Opportunities for Revenue (Max. 5)	Pavements (Max. 5)	Landscaping (Max. 5)	Stormwater Quality & Management (Max. 5)	Equipment (Max. 5)	Park Structures (Max. 5)	Lighting (Max. 5)					
Amity Woods Nature Park	16	4	4	3	5	26	4	4	5	2	3	3	5	9	3	5	1	25	5	5	4	4	3	4	76
Anne Garney Park	16	4	5	2	5	32	5	5	4	5	4	4	5	13	4	5	4	26	4	4	3	5	4	5	87
Essex Park	13	4	5	1	3	31	4	4	5	4	5	4	5	8	1	5	2	19	5	2	2	4	3	3	71
Fairfield Park	14	3	4	4	3	29	4	4	4	4	4	4	5	10	3	5	2	19	4	4	2	4	3	3	73
Fishing River Greenway	9	3	1	4	1	19	1	1	1	3	4	4	5	6	1	4	1	16	3	2	2	3	3	3	50
Fox Hill Park	9	3	1	2	3	34	5	5	5	5	5	4	5	11	3	5	3	23	5	3	4	5	3	3	77
Lakewood Greenway	14	2	5	3	4	30	4	4	4	5	5	3	5	14	5	4	5	26	4	4	4	5	4	5	84
Line Creek Meadows	8	4	1	2	1	20	3	2	3	1	3	3	5	5	1	3	1	20	5	4	2	3	3	3	53
Maplewoods Greenway	13	4	2	2	5	29	4	4	5	2	5	4	5	9	2	5	2	20	5	3	3	3	3	3	71
Mark L. McHenry Park	13	1	3	3	5	25	4	4	3	2	3	4	5	10	3	4	3	19	3	4	3	2	3	4	67
Nashua Water Tower Playground	9	2	1	2	4	29	4	4	2	5	5	4	5	7	3	3	1	21	4	3	4	4	3	3	66
North Brook Park	7	3	1	2	1	25	2	2	4	3	5	4	5	7	1	5	1	16	3	2	2	3	3	3	55
North Hampton Park	14	3	4	3	4	32	5	4	5	4	5	4	5	8	1	5	2	22	5	3	4	4	3	3	76
Platte Purchase Park	11	1	3	5	2	26	3	3	4	3	4	4	5	13	4	4	5	21	3	3	3	4	4	4	71
Quailridge Park	5	2	1	1	1	17	1	1	1	1	4	4	5	4	1	2	1	15	3	1	2	3	3	3	41
Robert H. Hodge Park	16	3	4	4	5	31	4	4	4	5	5	4	5	14	4	5	5	26	4	4	3	5	5	5	87
Romney Hills Park	14	3	4	4	3	25	3	1	4	4	4	4	5	8	2	5	1	15	2	3	2	2	3	3	62
Sycamore Knoll Park	5	1	1	2	1	17	2	2	1	1	2	4	5	4	1	2	1	17	3	3	2	3	3	3	43
Tiffany Hills Park	13	2	1	5	5	29	4	4	5	4	4	3	5	14	4	5	5	18	4	1	2	4	4	3	74
Wildberry Park	13	4	4	3	2	29	4	3	5	4	4	4	5	6	2	3	1	22	4	4	3	5	3	3	70
Willow Brooke Park	6	1	1	3	1	22	1	1	3	3	5	4	5	6	1	4	1	14	3	1	1	3	3	3	48
DISTRICT AVERAGES	11.3					26.5								8.9				20.1							66.8
Total Acreage						Avg. Developed Acreage					Avg. Natural Acreage					Avg. Year of Acquisition									
	2589.21					31.43					68.67					1990									

AMITY WOODS NATURE PARK



SITE LOCATION: MO Hwy. 152 & N. Amity Rd. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 1
PARK DISTRICT: North
ESTABLISHED: 2000
ACREAGE: 48.41 acres

PARK AMENITIES

- Bench (1)
- Bridge (1)
- Mountain Bike Trail (1)
- MultiUse Trail (1)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Parking Lighting (4)
- Parking Lot (1)
- Regulatory Sign (2)
- Stream/Creek (1)
- Trash Receptacles (2)

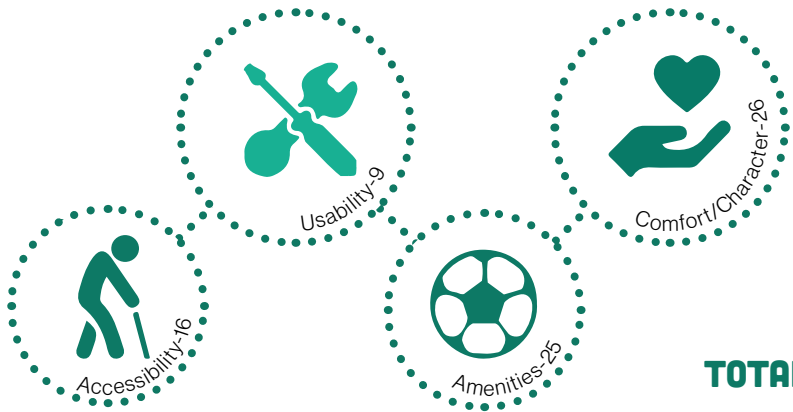
Amity Woods Nature Park preserves a woodland and riparian corridor in the Rush Creek watershed. It also provides a natural buffer between existing single family homes and Missouri Route 152. Strengths of this park include well maintained trails, both paved and natural surface, as well as a parking lot to accommodate visitors. The size of the property allows it to provide significant habitat for wildlife as well as water quality benefits for Rush Creek. Opportunities for improvement include:

- New updated KC Parks signage
- Replacing and adding seating
- Installing a rentable shelter

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● ✓ EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
76

ANNE GARNEY PARK



SITE LOCATION: N. Woodland Ave. & N.E. 110th St. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 1
PARK DISTRICT: North
ESTABLISHED: 1999
ACREAGE: 103.14 acres

Anne Garney Park is located at the northern end, west of Maplewoods Parkway and is one of the most northern properties in the entire system. The park enjoys strong support and usership from surrounding neighborhoods. The park provides a variety of recreation opportunities including a looped walking trail, playgrounds, and varied natural habitats. The park also offers a parking lot as well as direct pedestrian connections to adjacent neighborhoods and the Maplewoods Greenway. The playground provides activities for all ages, with climbing elements for older users and balancing elements for younger ones. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Replacing degraded stretches of the walking trail.

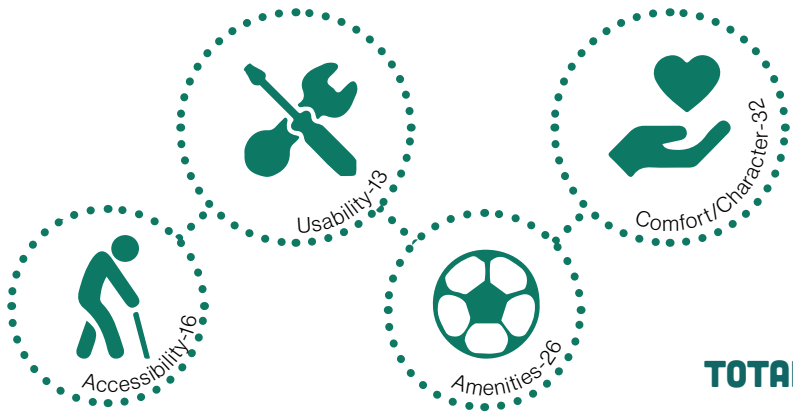
PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (5)
- New Park Sign (1)
- Park Loop Trail (1)
- Parking Lighting (2)
- Parking Lot (2)
- Picnic Shelter (1)
- Picnic Tables (6)
- Playground (2)
- Regulatory Sign (2)
- Trash Receptacles (3)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● ✓ EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
87

ESSEX PARK



SITE LOCATION: 8700 N. Mersington Ave. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 1
PARK DISTRICT: North
ESTABLISHED: 2001
ACREAGE: 5.97 acres

Essex Park is a newer park in a developing area surrounded by single and multi-family housing. This park and its amenities are well-maintained. The park provides ample open space for additional future park development. The park also includes numerous young trees with informative signage that will provide valuable future shade. Opportunities for improvement include:

- New updated KC Parks signage
- Adding a paved loop trail

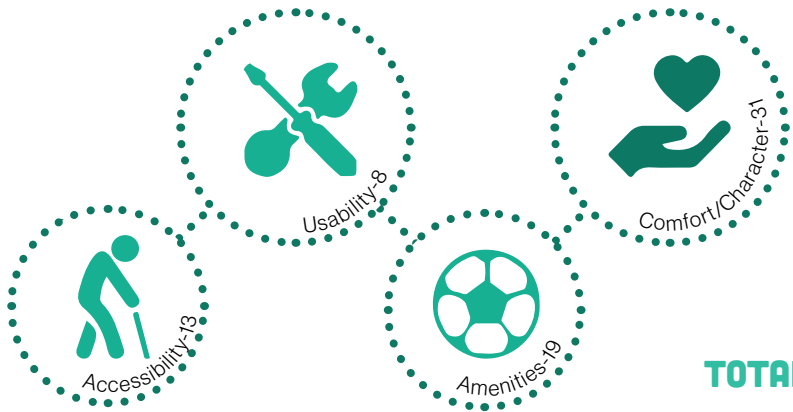
PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (3)
- Disc Golf (2)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Picnic Tables (2)
- Playground (1)
- Trash Receptacles (2)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
71

FAIRFIELD PARK



SITE LOCATION: 700 N.E. Cookingham Dr. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 1
PARK DISTRICT: North
ESTABLISHED: 1998
ACREAGE: 10.70 acres

Fairfield Park is nestled on the west side of the single family Fairfield neighborhood north of Cookingham Drive. This park provides an attractive natural park setting for nearby users with a paved pathway that follows a riparian corridor in the Rocky Branch watershed. The pathway and as well as an attractive wooden bridge provide scenic views of the creek and woodland. A picnic area provides uncovered but shaded seating. Opportunities for improvement include:

- New updated KC Parks signage
- Adding a small shelter at the picnic area

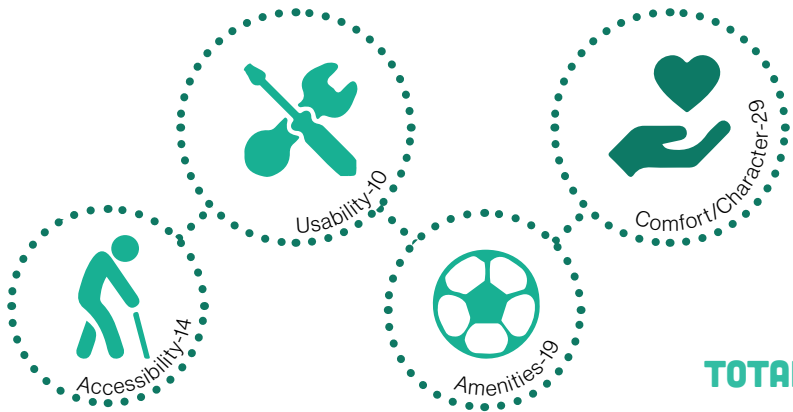
PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (3)
- Bridge (1)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Parking Lot (1)
- Picnic Tables (2)
- Stream/Creek (1)
- Trash Receptacles (1)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
73

FISHING RIVER GREENWAY



SITE LOCATION: N.E. 109th St. & N. Ditzler Ave. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Greenway
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 1
PARK DISTRICT: North
ESTABLISHED: 1999
ACREAGE: 32.54 acres

Fishing River Greenway is an inaccessible and unmarked piece of parkland that preserves over 30 acres of riparian corridor in the Fishing River watershed in northeast Kansas City. The land is generally located behind single-family homes on the southeastern perimeter of the Shoal Creek neighborhood north of Cookingham Drive and south of N.E. 112th Street. Should the undeveloped property to the southeast develop into more single-family homes, it is possible that additional land could be acquired and a proper greenway could be developed in this corridor. Until that time additional investment is unwarranted.

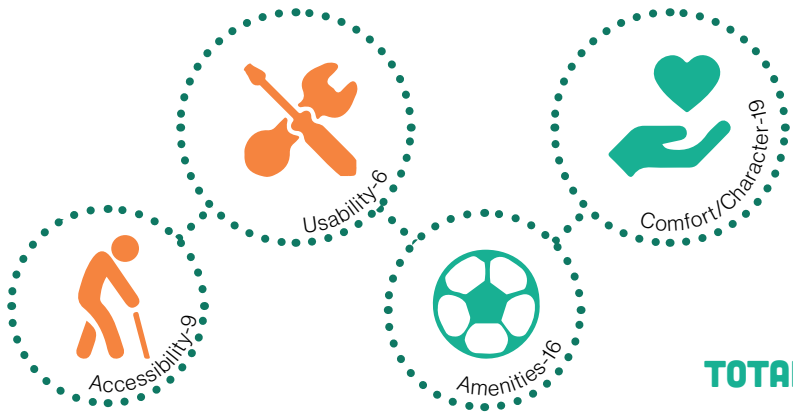
PARK AMENITIES

- Stream/Creek (1)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
50

FOX HILL PARK



SITE LOCATION: 1201 N.E. Chowning Dr. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 1
PARK DISTRICT: North
ESTABLISHED: 1979
ACREAGE: 15.20 acres

Fox Hill Park is a newly renovated park in the Fox Hill Neighborhood. The playground is bright, fun, and inviting for all ages. This park has ample green space for other recreation, such as picnicking, throwing a football, or kicking a soccer ball. There is also a sand volleyball court which is a unique feature for a neighborhood park. The parkland also preserves over 15 acres of riparian corridor in the Upper Shoal Creek watershed. Potential improvements include:

- Providing sidewalk access to the picnic area and volleyball court

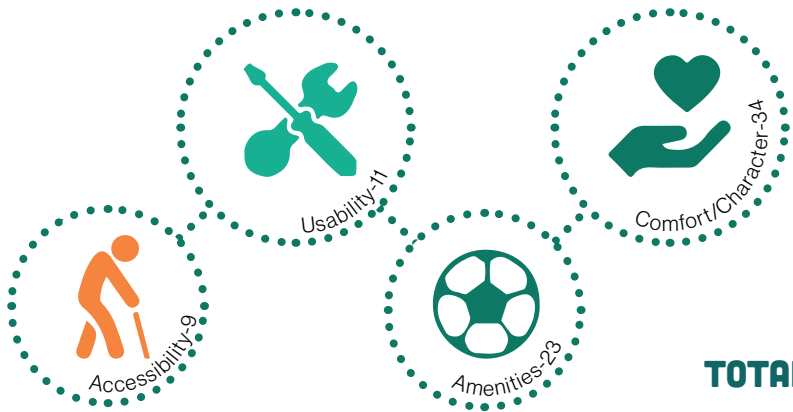
PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (2)
- Picnic Tables (2)
- Playground (1)
- Sand Volleyball (1)
- Stream/Creek (1)
- Trash Receptacles (1)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● ✓ EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
77

LINE CREEK MEADOWS



SITE LOCATION: Line Creek Pkwy. & N.W. 85th St. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 1
PARK DISTRICT: North
ESTABLISHED: 1997
ACREAGE: 17.7 acres

PARK AMENITIES

- Multi-Use Trail (1)
- Stream/Creek (1)

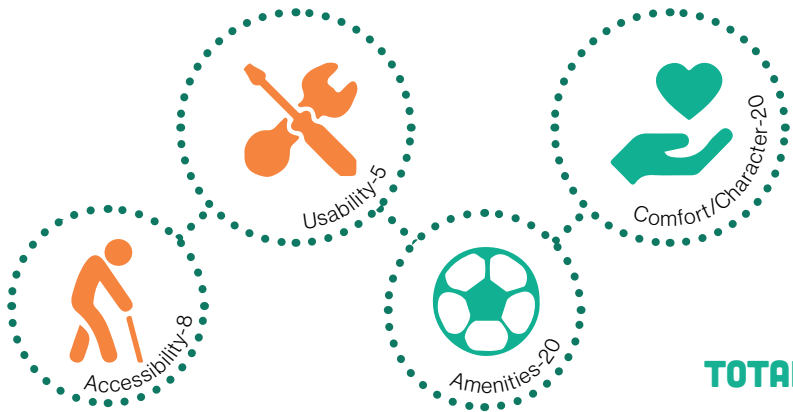
Line Creek Meadows is a tract of land that preserves just over 17 acres of riparian corridor on the very uppermost reaches of the Line Creek watershed. The tract sits on the west side of North Line Creek Parkway between N.W. 8th Street and N.W. 87th Street. This property includes a multi-use trail, and is not signed as a piece of parkland. It provides a small measure of habitat preservation between the much larger stretches of habitat south of Barry Road and north of Missouri Route 152. It also provides a wooded buffer between residences in the Line Creek Meadows subdivision and Line Creek Parkway. Opportunities for improvement could include:

- New updated KC Parks signage
- Providing seating

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
53

MAPLEWOODS GREENWAY



SITE LOCATION: N.E. 96th St. & N. Lydia

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

CLASSIFICATION: Greenway
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 1
PARK DISTRICT: North
ESTABLISHED: 1957
ACREAGE: 103.08 acres

Maplewoods Greenway includes a multi-use trail that follows Maplewoods Parkway from the Gladstone city limits on the south to Anne Garney Park on the north. It provides pedestrian and bicycle connections to numerous neighborhoods in the northland as well as Anne Garney Park and the Maple Woods campus of the Metropolitan Community College. It also preserves a wooded riparian corridor in the Upper Shoal Creek watershed. Much of this trail is less than 5 years old and features wide sidewalks and bike lanes on the parkway. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Adding wayfinding signage
- Adding seating
- Adding a drinking fountain

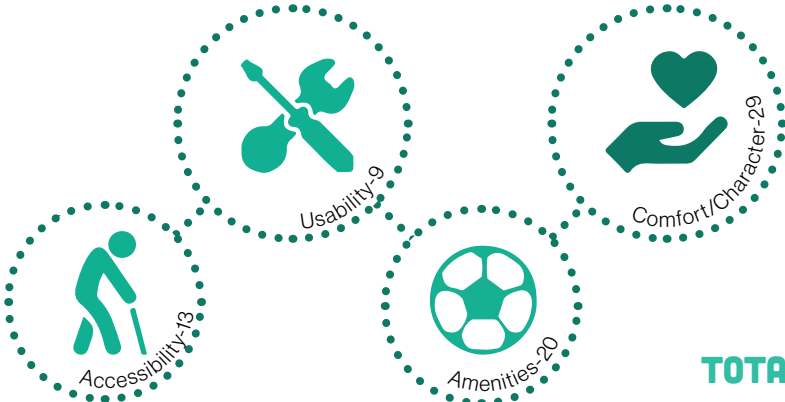
PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (1)
- Bridge (3)
- Multi-Use Trail (1)
- New Park Sign (1)
- New Wayfinding Sign (4)
- Parking Lot (1)
- Stream/Creek (1)
- Trash Receptacles (2)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
71

MARK L. MCHENRY PARK



SITE LOCATION: N.W. 88th St. & N. Hampton **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 1
PARK DISTRICT: North
ESTABLISHED: 1966
ACREAGE: 838.46 acres

Mark McHenry Park (formerly named Tiffany Springs Park) is one of the largest parks in Council District #1. The park has long served Northland communities as an athletic venue with numerous ball diamonds and soccer fields. Vandalism including off road driving has been an issue at this park. The vast acreage also preserves woodland habitat and the North Brush Creek riparian corridor. In addition to the many ballfields, the park also features nearly 3.5 miles of natural surface trail. This park would benefit most by providing:

- Upgrades to shelters, seating, and amenity areas for visitors at the two ballfield areas
- Providing added pedestrian infrastructure and signage throughout to make the park a more connected destination

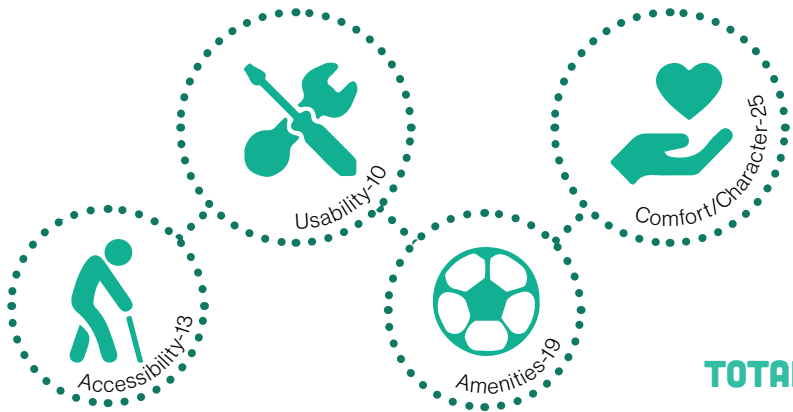
PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (2)
- Bleachers/Grandstands (17)
- Concession Stands (1)
- Diamond Fields (7)
- Dugouts (10)
- Multi-Use Trail (1)
- New Park Sign (1)
- Parking Lot (2)
- Picnic Shelter (4)
- Picnic Tables (5)
- Playground (1)
- Rectangular Fields (16)
- Restrooms (Portable) (3)
- Scoreboard (5)
- Sports Lighting (280)
- Stream/Creek (1)
- Trash Receptacles (20)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE ● POOR ● GOOD ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
67

NASHUA WATER TOWER PLAYGROUND



SITE LOCATION: 10945 N. Oak Trfwy.

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 1
PARK DISTRICT: North
ESTABLISHED: 2007
ACREAGE: 3.90 acres

Nashua Water Tower Playground is nestled in between its namesake water tower and a single-family residential subdivision. This is a property owned by KCMO Water Services Department and is operated by KC Parks. This park features a well-maintained playground, picnic tables, mature trees, and open lawn space within a short walk of many homes. The surrounding lawn space is in great condition, with a handful of tall evergreen trees for shade in the summer months. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Providing new updated KC Parks signage

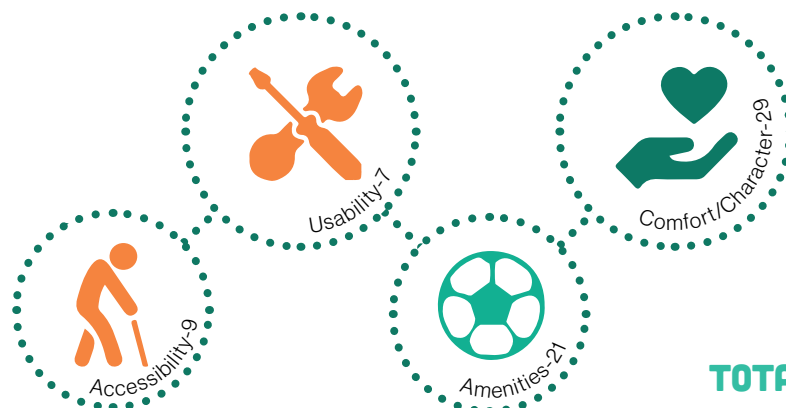
PARK AMENITIES

- Fountain (1)
- Futsal Courts (1)
- Shade Structures (2)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
66

NORTH BROOK PARK



SITE LOCATION: N.E. 79th St. Terr. & N. Sycamore Dr. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 1
PARK DISTRICT: North
ESTABLISHED: 1997
ACREAGE: 17.85 acres

North Brook Park is located within the North Brook subdivisions. This park property consists primarily of a natural area and has no signage present. It preserves a riparian corridor in the Lower Shoal Creek watershed and has little acreage available for significant park development. Potential opportunities for improvement include:

- Providing new updated KC Parks signage
- Developing a small playground on the north side of N.E. 74th Terrace.

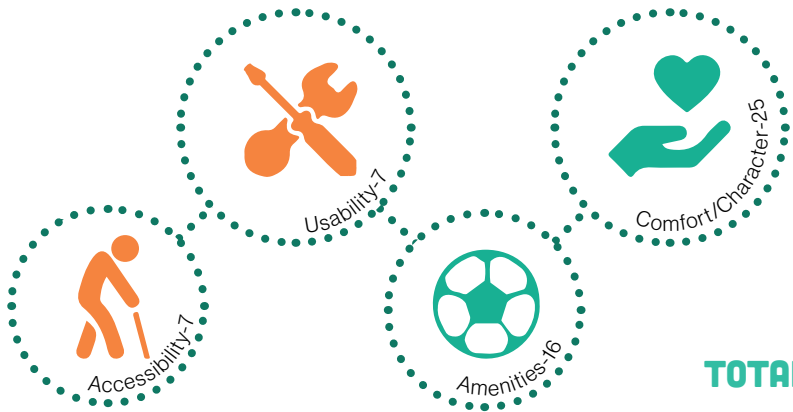
PARK AMENITIES

- Stream/Creek (1)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
55

NORTH HAMPTON PARK



SITE LOCATION: N.E. 116th St. & N. Stark Ave. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 1
PARK DISTRICT: North
ESTABLISHED: 1990
ACREAGE: 42.40 acres

North Hampton Park preserves over 40 acres of riparian corridor in the Fishing River watershed between subdivisions north of N.E. 112th Street. A portion of the parkland features new playground equipment with a nature theme. The new equipment and associated sidewalk have proven to be popular new amenities. As adjacent rural parcels transition to residential development, the city could aim to acquire more land in this corridor to create a proper greenway that connects with the nearby Fishing River greenway. In the meantime, opportunities for improvement include:

PARK AMENITIES

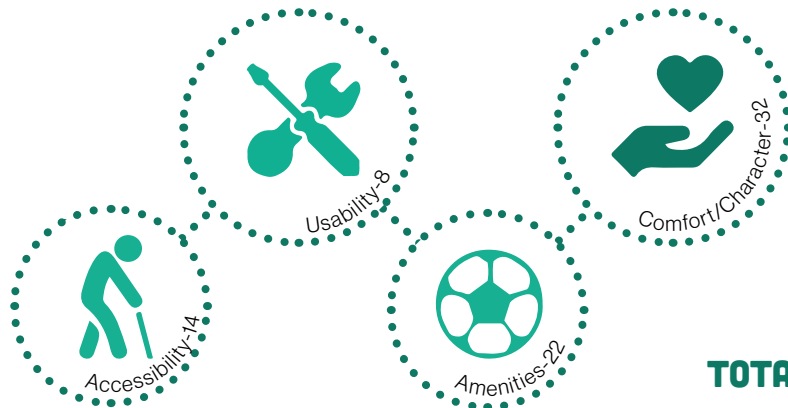
- Benches (1)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Playground (1)
- Stream/Creek (1)
- Trash Receptacles (1)

- Adding a picnic shelter, seating, and grill
- New and updated signage

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 UNACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● ✓ EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
76

PLATTE PURCHASE PARK



SITE LOCATION: N.W. 100th St. & Platte Purchase Dr. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Athletic Complex
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 1
PARK DISTRICT: North
ESTABLISHED: 2004
ACREAGE: 140.00 acres

Platte Purchase Park is designed around baseball and softball. The complex features 13 diamond fields. The northern four fields are in newer condition and offer a central concession stand and restrooms. This portion of the park also includes a multi-use trail. The southern portion includes an unpaved parking lot, 9 diamond fields and a playground. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Replacing the safety surfacing in the playground
- Paving the southern parking lot
- Providing shade for bleachers and grandstands
- Providing a pedestrian connection between the southern and northern half of the park

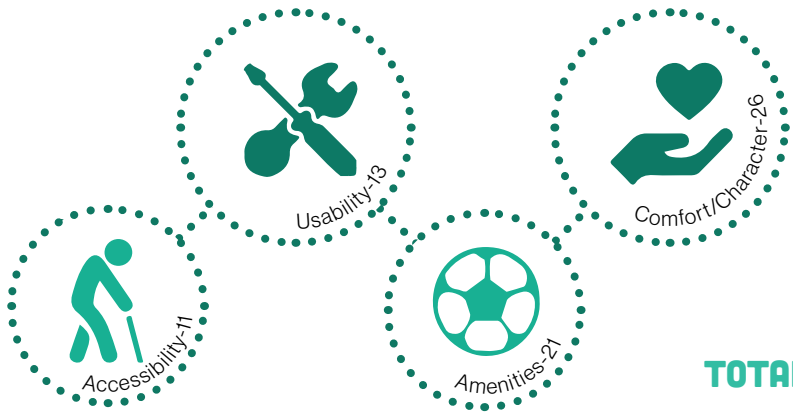
PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (2)
- Bleachers/Grandstands (24)
- Concession Stands (1)
- Diamond Fields (13)
- Dugouts (26)
- Grills (2)
- Multi-Use Trail (1)
- New Park Sign (1)
- Parking Lot (3)
- Picnic Shelter (2)
- Picnic Tables (11)
- Playground (1)
- Restrooms (Permanent) (2)
- Shade Structures (1)
- Sports Lighting (36)
- Stream/Creek (1)
- Trash Receptacles (45)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
71

QUAILRIDGE PARK



SITE LOCATION: 10509 N. Wallace Ave.

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 1
PARK DISTRICT: North
ESTABLISHED: 1998
ACREAGE: 14.00 acres

This primarily natural area preserves 14 acres of riparian corridor in the Fishing River watershed between the Quailridge and Kellybrook subdivisions south of N.E. 108th Street. It currently provides no signage or park amenities. As adjacent rural properties downstream transition to single-family subdivisions, the City could prioritize land acquisition surrounding the existing parkland. It's possible that this parkland could one day provide pedestrian connectivity with the nearby Fishing River Greenway and North Hampton Park. At this time additional investment in unwarranted.

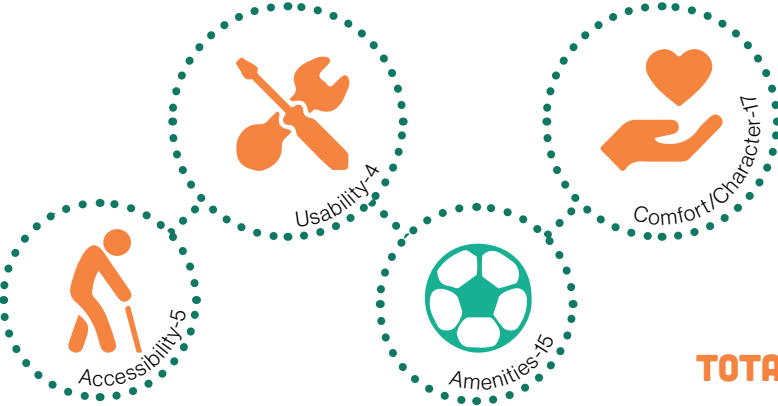
PARK AMENITIES

- Stream/Creek (1)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● ✓ POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
41

ROBERT H. HODGE PARK



SITE LOCATION: 7000 N.E. Barry Rd. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 1
PARK DISTRICT: North
ESTABLISHED: 1967
ACREAGE: 1029.05 acres

Hodge Park is the largest park property in Council District #1 and one of the largest in the entire system. This park is also one of the higher scoring parks with a wide range of recreation options and high quality amenities. Vandalism including off road driving has been an issue at this park. The trails here are regularly visited and in great condition. This assessment did not include the golf course and the Shoal Creek Living History Museum. The easiest way to make this park more accessible and keep visitors here longer would be to include:

- New permanent restrooms by the shelter and destination playground
- New restrooms by the athletic fields

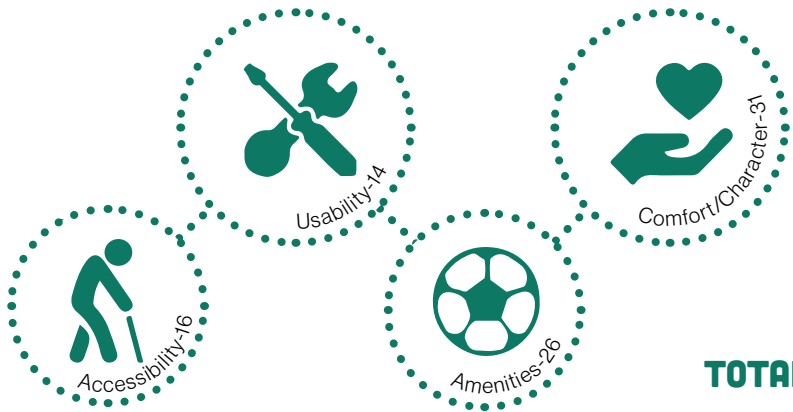
PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (6)
- Bridge (1)
- Diamond Fields (3)
- Drinking Fountain (1)
- Grills (2)
- Mountain Bike Trail (1)
- Multi-Use Trail (1)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Parking Lighting (12)
- Parking Lot (2)
- Picnic Shelter (2)
- Picnic Tables (11)
- Playground (1)
- Rectangular Fields (4)
- Scoreboard (1)
- Shade Structures (2)
- Stream/Creek (1)
- Trash Receptacles (17)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● ✓ EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
87

ROMEY HILLS PARK



SITE LOCATION: 99 N.E. 101st Pl. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 1
PARK DISTRICT: North
ESTABLISHED: 1979
ACREAGE: 5.27 acres

Romey Hills Park serves the Meadowbrook Heights neighborhood between N. Oak Trafficway and U.S. Highway 169. The key features are the playground, a small loop trail, and mature shade trees. The park is well used and the condition of the amenities is poor. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Installing new updated KC Parks signage
- Repairing segments of trail that are degraded and no longer ADA compliant
- Updating the playground with inclusive equipment and new safety surfacing

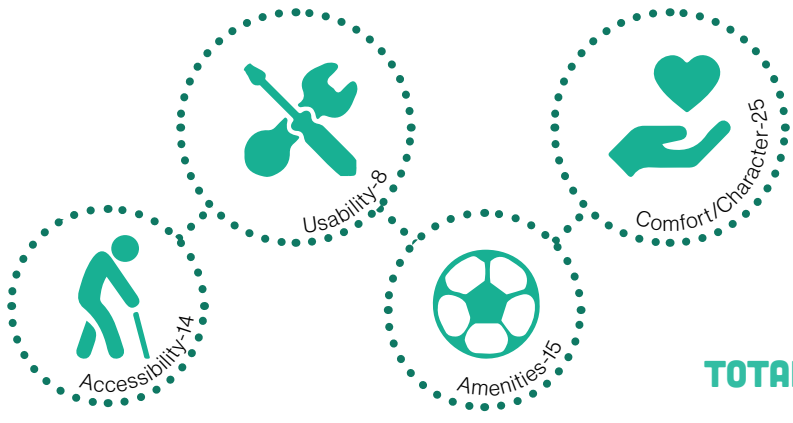
PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (3)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Park Loop Trail (1)
- Picnic Tables (2)
- Playground (1)
- Trash Receptacles (1)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

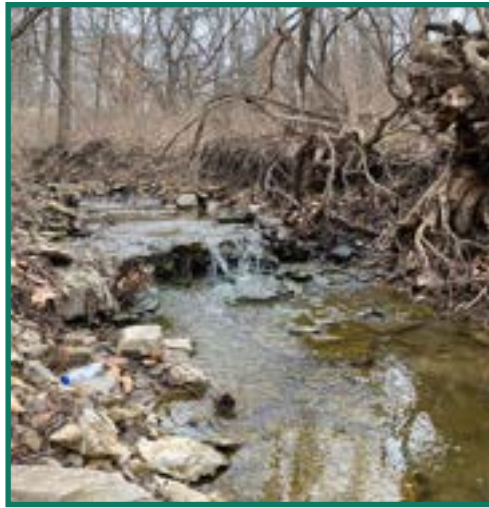
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● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
62

SYCAMORE KNOLL PARK



SITE LOCATION: 3098 N.W. Barry Rd.

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 1
PARK DISTRICT: North
ESTABLISHED: 1978
ACREAGE: 1.4 acres

This is primarily natural area near the northeast corner of N.W. Barry Road and N. Line Creek Parkway. It preserves a little less than 1.5 acres of woodland and stream in the Line Creek watershed. It is sandwiched between the Primrose Retirement Community and another large single-family residential land holding. The property does not feature KC Parks signage and does not have access to a public street. The property is adjacent to the northern trailhead of the Line Creek Greenway. However, until the department is able to acquire additional contiguous land, there is not reason to invest further in this park.

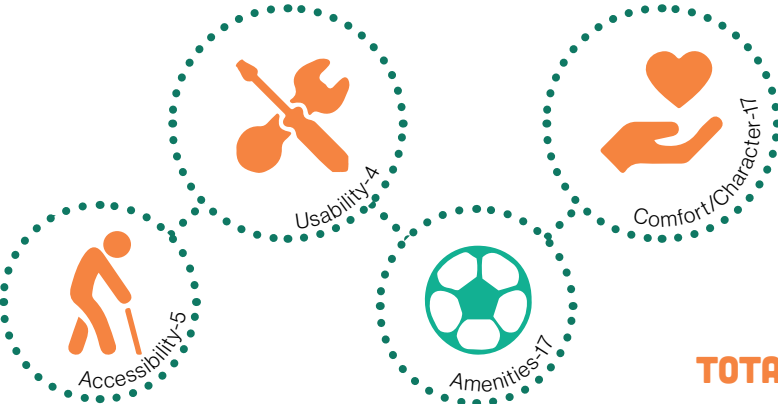
PARK AMENITIES

- Stream/Creek (1)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ✓ POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
43

TIFFANY HILLS PARK



SITE LOCATION: N. Congress Ave. & Tiffany Springs Rd.

CLASSIFICATION: Athletics Complex

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 2

PARK DISTRICT: North

ESTABLISHED: 2000

ACREAGE: 71.9 acres

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

Tiffany Hills Park is a large athletic complex with numerous amenities. It is located at the northwest corner of NW. Old Tiffany Springs Road and N. Congress Avenue. This assessment did not include an inventory of the Springs Aquatic Center. But it did examine the athletic fields, the inclusive playground, and the associated parking lots, walkways, and shelters. This park has a ton to offer its visitors, especially those attending for soccer, baseball, or softball. Opportunities for improvement include:

- A permanent restroom on the soccer side of the complex
- A shelter or other shade structure on the soccer side of the complex
- A loop park trail in the northwest corner
- New and updated signage

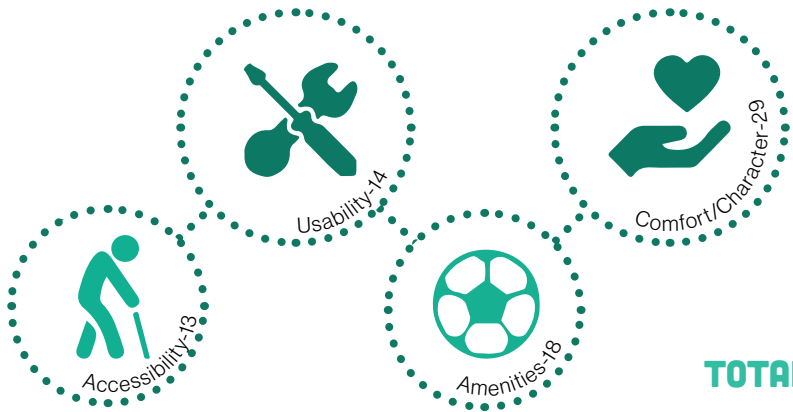
PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (6)
- Bleachers/Grandstands (24)
- Concession Stands (2)
- Diamond Fields (8)
- Drinking Fountain (6)
- Dugouts (16)
- Park Loop Trail (1)
- Parking Lighting (17)
- Parking Lot (2)
- Picnic Shelter (2)
- Picnic Tables (22)
- Playground (1)
- Pond (1)
- Rectangular Fields (3)
- Restrooms (Permanent) (6)
- Restrooms (Portable) (3)
- Scoreboard (8)
- Shade Structures (16)
- Sports Lighting (272)
- Trash Receptacles (70)
- Variety KC Signage (1)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

- UNACCEPTABLE
- POOR
- GOOD
- EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
74

WILDBERRY PARK



SITE LOCATION: 7790 N.W. 96th Terr. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 2
PARK DISTRICT: North
ESTABLISHED: 1979
ACREAGE: 7.25 acres

Wildberry Park serves as a neighborhood park at the northern edge of the Wildberry neighborhood. It preserves over 7 acres of woodland in the Rush Creek watershed and also provides a wooded buffer between the neighborhood and Missouri Route 152. It features a small playground and seating a few picnic tables scattered further into the woods. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Replacing the playground and safety surfacing
- Repairing sections of sidewalk pavement
- Providing a paved trail to the picnic areas
- New and updated park signage

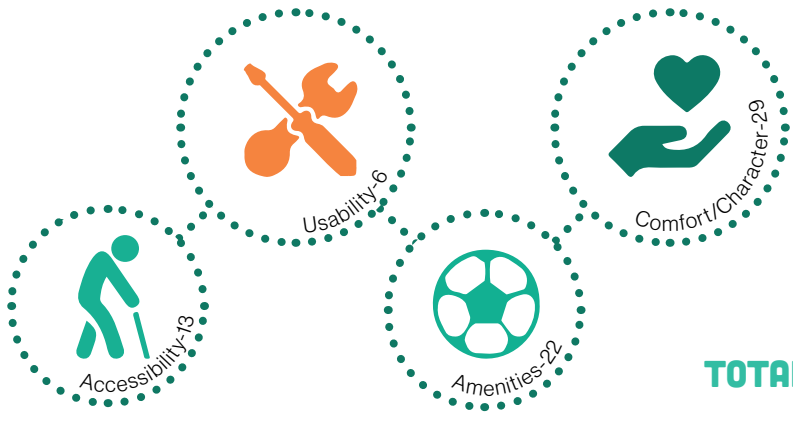
PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (2)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Picnic Tables (2)
- Playground (1)
- Stream/Creek (1)
- Trash Receptacles (1)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
70

WILLOW BROOKE PARK



SITE LOCATION: N.E. 96th St. East of N. Oak **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 1
PARK DISTRICT: North
ESTABLISHED: 1993
ACREAGE: 23.82 acres

Willow Brooke Park is a natural area between the Park Ridge and Willow Brooke neighborhoods north of Missouri Route 152. It preserves over 23 acres of riparian corridor in the Upper Shoal Creek watershed. Beyond providing numerous ecosystem services, this property does not carry great potential for park development. The adjoining neighborhoods are not developed in a way to facilitate future access and the topography is steep. At this time additional investment is unwarranted.

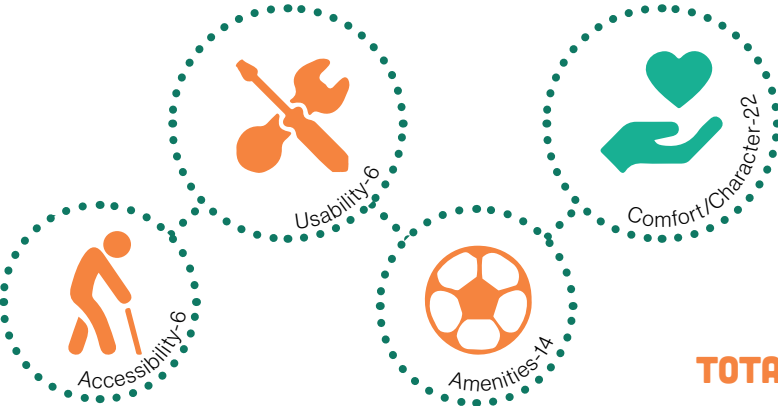
PARK AMENITIES

- Stream/Creek (1)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● ✓ POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
48

COUNCIL DISTRICT #2

PARK SCORES

PARK NAME	ACCESSIBILITY (MAX. 20)					COMFORT & CHARACTER (MAX. 35)					USABILITY (MAX. 15)					AMENITIES (MAX. 30)					COMPOSITE SCORE (MAX. 100)				
	Ease in Walking to Park (Max. 5)	Clarity of Signage (Max. 5)	Reduction of Weather Impacts (Max. 5)	ADA Compliance (Max. 5)	Overall Attractiveness (Max. 5)	Overall Maintenance (Max. 5)	Visibility of Entrances and Use Areas (Max. 5)	Pleasant Places to Sit (Max. 5)	Feeling of Safety (Max. 5)	Ambient Noise (Max. 5)	Perceptible Odor (Max. 5)	Existing Opportunities (Max. 5)	Appropriate Park Activity (Max. 5)	Opportunities for Revenue (Max. 5)	Pavements (Max. 5)	Landscaping (Max. 5)	Stormwater Quality & Management (Max. 5)	Equipment (Max. 5)	Park Structures (Max. 5)	Lighting (Max. 5)					
Barry Road Park	15	4	4	3	4	33	5	5	5	5	5	3	5	12	4	4	4	24	4	3	4	5	4	4	84
Big Shoal Greenway	12	4	1	2	5	31	4	4	4	5	5	4	5	10	2	5	3	22	5	3	3	5	3	3	75
Brookhill Park	9	4	1	2	2	18	2	2	1	1	3	4	5	6	1	4	1	18	3	3	3	3	3	3	51
Buckeye Greenway	11	3	4	3	1	25	4	4	3	1	3	5	5	8	2	4	2	16	2	3	2	3	3	3	60
Chouteau Greenway	8	1	1	1	5	26	4	4	5	3	3	2	5	9	2	5	2	21	5	4	4	3	3	2	64
Clayton Park	6	3	1	1	1	30	4	4	5	4	5	3	5	6	1	4	1	23	5	3	4	5	3	3	65
Cooley Park	7	1	3	2	1	25	2	2	4	3	4	5	5	7	1	4	2	13	3	2	2	2	3	1	52
Creekwood Park	6	2	1	2	1	17	2	2	1	1	2	4	5	4	1	2	1	18	3	3	3	3	3	3	45
Frank Vaydik Park	8	1	2	3	2	22	2	3	3	2	3	4	5	11	3	4	4	16	3	3	3	2	2	3	57
Green Hills Park	5	1	1	2	1	18	2	3	1	1	2	4	5	6	1	4	1	18	3	3	3	3	3	3	47
Hidden Valley Park	9	1	2	3	3	29	3	3	4	5	5	4	5	13	3	5	5	23	5	3	4	3	3	5	74
Highland View Park	15	3	5	4	3	24	3	2	3	3	4	4	5	6	2	3	1	14	3	2	1	2	3	3	59
Kirby Creek Park	7	3	1	2	1	25	1	1	5	3	5	5	5	6	1	4	1	18	3	3	3	3	3	3	56
Line Creek Greenway	15	4	3	3	5	29	5	5	3	3	4	4	5	9	3	5	1	24	5	5	5	3	3	3	77
Morgan Tract	5	1	1	2	1	13	1	1	1	1	1	3	5	5	1	3	1	15	3	1	2	3	3	3	38
North Congress Greenway	8	1	2	2	3	23	4	2	1	3	4	4	5	7	3	3	1	19	3	3	3	4	3	3	57
North St. Clair Park	10	5	1	3	1	25	4	4	4	1	3	4	5	7	1	5	1	21	3	5	4	3	3	3	63
Northwood Park	7	3	1	2	1	16	2	2	1	1	2	3	5	4	1	2	1	17	3	2	3	3	3	3	44
Old State Line Greenway	5	1	1	2	1	17	2	2	1	1	2	4	5	4	1	2	1	17	3	3	2	3	3	3	43
Park Forest Park	9	2	2	3	2	24	4	4	2	2	3	4	5	8	3	4	1	20	3	3	3	4	3	4	61
Penguin Park	13	2	4	2	5	33	5	5	5	5	5	3	5	9	1	5	3	27	5	3	4	5	5	5	82
Pleasant Valley Road Athletic Complex	12	1	5	2	4	28	4	4	5	3	4	3	5	12	4	4	4	25	3	3	4	5	5	5	77
Robinhood Park	10	3	1	2	4	30	4	4	4	5	4	4	5	7	1	5	1	22	5	4	4	3	3	3	69
San Rafael Park	16	4	4	4	4	33	5	5	5	5	5	3	5	13	4	5	4	27	5	4	4	5	5	4	89

COUNCIL DISTRICT #2

PARK SCORES

PARK NAME	ACCESSIBILITY (MAX. 20)					COMFORT & CHARACTER (MAX. 35)					USABILITY (MAX. 15)					AMENITIES (MAX. 30)					COMPOSITE SCORE (MAX. 100)				
	Ease in Walking to Park (Max. 5)	Clarity of Signage (Max. 5)	Reduction of Weather Impacts (Max. 5)	ADA Compliance (Max. 5)		Overall Attractiveness (Max. 5)	Overall Maintenance (Max. 5)	Visibility of Entrances and Use Areas (Max. 5)	Pleasant Places to Sit (Max. 5)	Feeling of Safety (Max. 5)	Ambient Noise (Max. 5)	Perceptible Odor (Max. 5)	Existing Opportunities (Max. 5)	Appropriate Park Activity (Max. 5)	Opportunities for Revenue (Max. 5)	Pavements (Max. 5)	Landscaping (Max. 5)	Stormwater Quality & Management (Max. 5)	Equipment (Max. 5)	Park Structures (Max. 5)		Lighting (Max. 5)			
Searcy Creek Greenway Park	12	4	4	3	1	29	4	4	4	4	4	4	5	10	2	5	3	19	3	3	2	4	4	3	70
Sherrydale Park	6	2	1	2	1	19	2	2	2	1	4	4	4	7	1	5	1	17	4	2	2	3	3	3	49
Strathbury Park	8	2	1	2	3	17	1	1	2	2	3	3	5	7	3	3	1	13	1	2	1	3	3	3	45
Winnwood Park	13	1	5	3	4	34	5	5	5	5	5	4	5	14	4	5	5	25	5	4	3	4	4	5	86
Woodbridge Park	5	1	1	2	1	17	2	2	1	1	2	4	5	4	1	2	1	17	3	2	3	3	3	3	43
Woodbrooke Park	7	2	1	3	1	19	3	1	1	4	3	3	4	6	1	4	1	16	3	1	3	3	3	3	48
Woodsmoke Park	6	1	1	3	1	29	4	4	5	3	4	4	5	9	3	5	1	23	4	4	3	4	4	4	67
DISTRICT AVERAGES	9.2					24.5							7.9				19.6							61.2	
Total Acreage	Avg. Developed Acreage					Avg. Natural Acreage					Avg. Year of Acquisition														
1160.18	21.94					74.38					1977														

BARRY ROAD PARK



SITE LOCATION: 8290 N. Congress Ave. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 2
PARK DISTRICT: North
ESTABLISHED: 1967
ACREAGE: 10.96 acres

Barry Road Park is located just southeast of the intersection of Barry Road and N. Congress Avenue and is bordered by schools, businesses, townhomes, and a church. It provides this community of users with a wide variety of park and recreation amenities, many of which are in very good condition including the picnic shelter and tennis courts. Opportunities for improvement include:

- New updated KC Parks signage
- Replacing the playground and safety surfacing

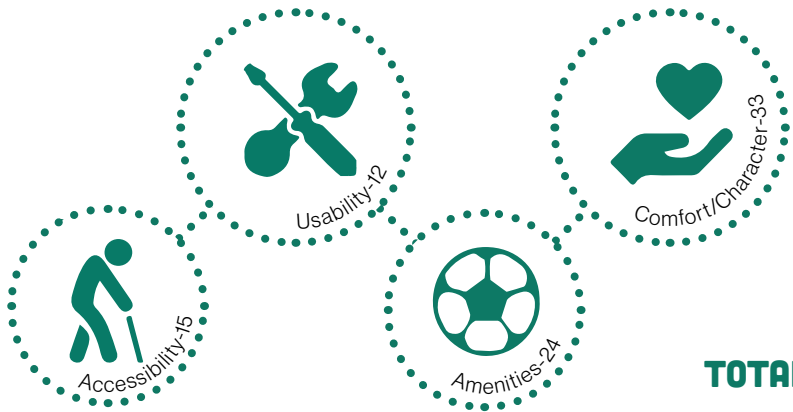
PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (7)
- Bleachers/Grandstands (4)
- Drinking Fountain (1)
- Grills (3)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Park Loop Trail (1)
- Parking Lighting (1)
- Parking Lot (1)
- Picnic Shelter (1)
- Picnic Tables (4)
- Playground (1)
- Rain Garden (1)
- Regulatory Sign (5)
- Sports Lighting (22)
- Stream/Creek (1)
- Tennis Courts (8)
- Trash Receptacles (2)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● ✓ EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
84

BIG SHOAL GREENWAY



SITE LOCATION: 5401 N.E. Chouteau Trfwy. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Greenway
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 2
PARK DISTRICT: North
ESTABLISHED: 1957
ACREAGE: 103.08 acres

Big Shoal Creek Greenway stretches between N. Antioch Road on the west to N. Brighton Avenue on the east, just south of the Gladstone city limits. It features a wide multi-use trail connecting commercial and residential areas. In addition to this well-maintained trail, the greenway offers a parking and a diamond field on the east side of N. Indiana Avenue. Opportunities for improvement include:

- New updated KC Parks signage
- Trail map or other wayfinding signage
- Small playground near the ballfield

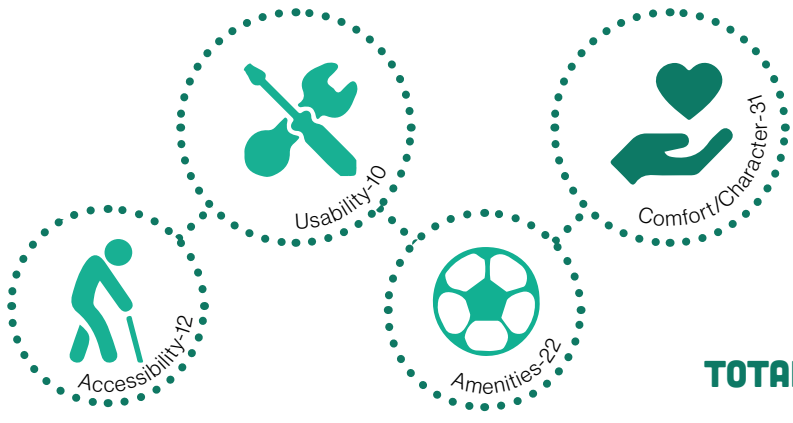
PARK AMENITIES

- Bridge (1)
- Diamond Fields (1)
- Multi-Use Trail (1)
- Parking Lot (1)
- Picnic Tables (1)
- Stream/Creek (1)
- Trash Receptacles (2)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● ✓ EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
75

BROOKHILL PARK



SITE LOCATION: 5735 N. Jackson Ave. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 2
PARK DISTRICT: North
ESTABLISHED: 1985
ACREAGE: 13.86 acres

Brookhill Park is a primarily natural area in the Brookhill neighborhood. This park property preserves over 13 acres of stream corridor in the Mill Creek watershed. The property is contiguous with a tract of land owned and maintained by the Brookhill Homes Association that features a swimming pool and tennis court. If the City were able to acquire adjacent property to the east and southeast, it is possible that a trail connection could be made with the Big Shoal Greenway. Aside from future trail development, additional investment in this property is not warranted.

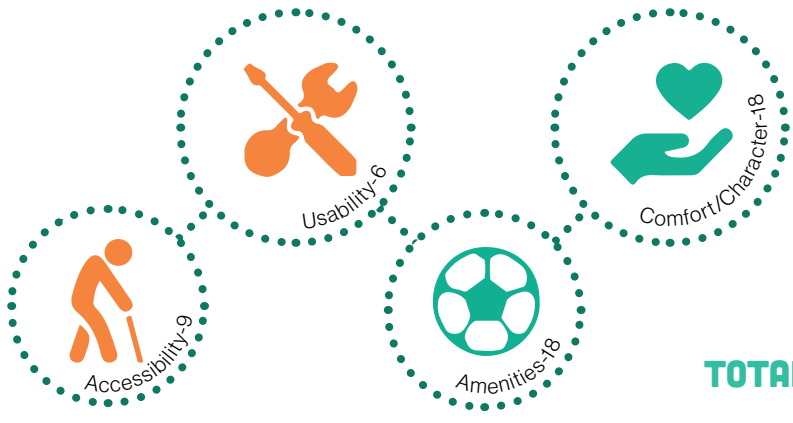
PARK AMENITIES

- Stream/Creek (1)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
51

BUCKEYE GREENWAY



SITE LOCATION: Mo. Hwy. 210 & N. Brighton to N.E. 37th St. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Greenway
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 2
PARK DISTRICT: North
ESTABLISHED: 1957
ACREAGE: 72.40 acres

The Buckeye Greenway preserves over 70 acres of forest and riparian corridor in the lower Buckeye Creek watershed. The mature forest within this park property harbors wildlife and forms a buffer between industrial, land uses, Missouri Route 210 and single-family homes in the Chouteau Estates neighborhood. The greenway is marked with an old park sign and features a nice pedestrian bridge. However, there is no paved trail within this property leaving it relatively inaccessible. If the department wishes to develop trail amenities in this property it should consider:

PARK AMENITIES

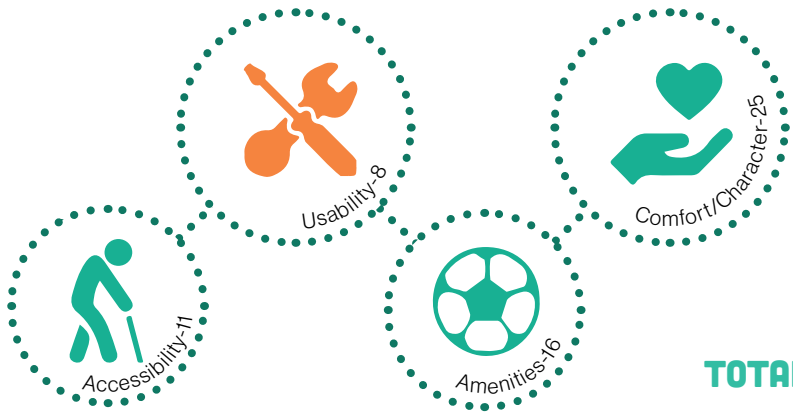
- Bridge (1)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Stream/Creek (1)

- Trail heads on either N.E. 33rd Terrace, N. Jackson Avenue, or N. Lister Drive
- An additional pedestrian bridge
- Paved concrete trail and seating

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
60

CHOUTEAU GREENWAY



SITE LOCATION: N.E. Parvin Rd. to N. Cleveland Ave. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Greenway
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 2
PARK DISTRICT: North
ESTABLISHED: 1957
ACREAGE: 26.98 acres

Chouteau Greenway graces N.E. Chouteau Trafficway between N.E. Parvin Road and Interstate 35 with broad pavement, ample landscaping, and sculpture. The Francois Chouteau and Native American Heritage Monument is a great place to stop along the way. The pavement is in good condition. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Trail map and wayfinding signage
- Seating
- Street trees or shade

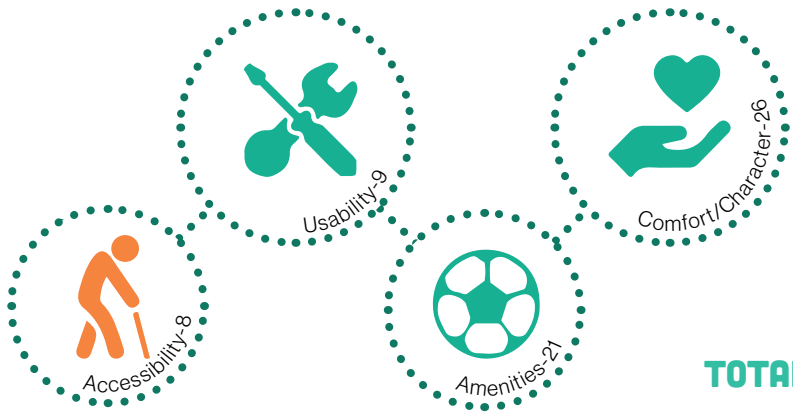
PARK AMENITIES

- Landmark (2)
- Pedestrian Lighting (2)
- Stream/Creek (1)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
64

CLAYTON PARK



SITE LOCATION: N.E. 64th Terr. & N. Belleview St. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 2
PARK DISTRICT: North
ESTABLISHED: 1986
ACREAGE: 33.01 acres

This park property exists in a multiple tracts totaling over 33 acres of land, much of which is natural area. It preserves forest and stream in the Line Creek watershed between U.S. Highway 169 on the east and NW. Waukomis Drive on the west. The one developed portion at the dead end of N.W. 64th Terrace features a small playground, a swing set, a picnic table, and open lawn. The playground is in good condition. The swings and a single picnic table lack an accessible paved pathway. With additional land acquisition and trail development, this park could connect with Frank Vaydik Park to the west. Aside from future trail development, opportunities for improvement include:

PARK AMENITIES

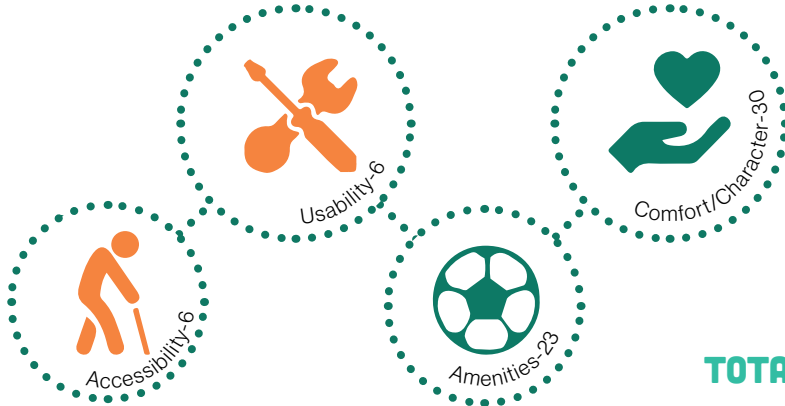
- Landmark (2)
- Pedestrian Lighting (2)
- Stream/Creek (1)

- New updated KC Parks signage
- Shade structure
- Sidewalk

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE ● POOR ● GOOD ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
65

COOLEY PARK



SITE LOCATION: N. Antioch Rd. & Winn Rd. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 2
PARK DISTRICT: North
ESTABLISHED: 1957
ACREAGE: 18.26 acres

Located at the southeast corner of N. Antioch Road and N.E. Winn Road, Cooley Park features two diamond fields, a parking lot, a playground, and ample green space. Since completing this inventory, the ball diamonds and sports lighting were removed and replaced by one adult soccer field, two youth soccer fields, and a loop trail per the approved master plan for this park. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Continue following the vision put forward by this park's master plan
- Expansion of park loop trail with pedestrian bridge to cross Rock Creek

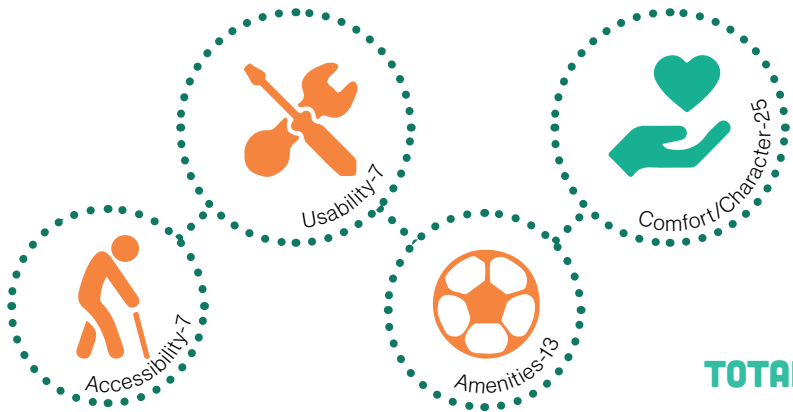
PARK AMENITIES

- Old Park Sign (1)
- Picnic Tables (2)
- Playground (1)
- Trash Receptacles (2)
- Rectangular Field (3)
- Park Loop Trail (1)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
52

CREEKWOOD PARK



SITE LOCATION: 1271 N.W. 77th St.

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 2
PARK DISTRICT: North
ESTABLISHED: 1999
ACREAGE: 4.8 acres

Creekwood Park preserves 4 acres of woodland and stream in the Line Creek watershed. It is a natural area and sits between apartment complexes on N. Holly Street and a single-family neighborhood off N. Platte Purchase Drive. The property is virtually inaccessible from adjoining development. With additional land acquisition, future trail development could potentially link this property with Wood Bridge Park to the north and Old State Line Greenway to the south. Until trail development is possible, additional investment in this property is unwarranted.

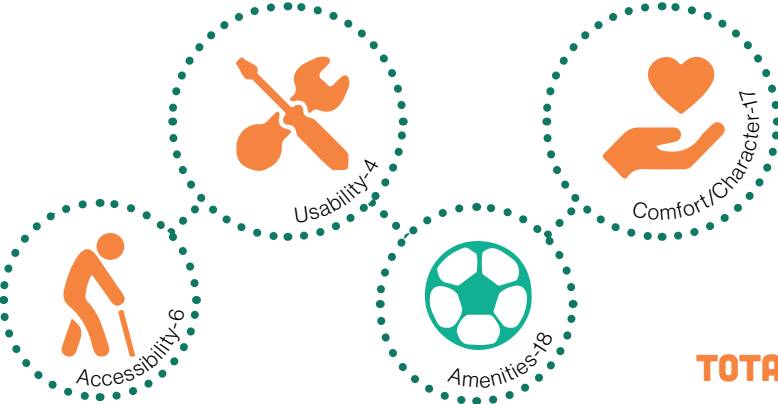
PARK AMENITIES

- Stream/Creek (1)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ✓ POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
45

FRANK VAYDIK PARK



SITE LOCATION: N.W. 56th St. & N.W. Waukomis Dr. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 2
PARK DISTRICT: North
ESTABLISHED: 1966
ACREAGE: 176 acres

Vaydik Park is a large park with a variety of unique amenities and historical significance. This park was acquired in the early 1960s in an effort to save the property and its archaeological artifacts from development. The property has special significance to members of the Hopewell tribe. A garden in the park demonstrates native plants and indigenous gardening techniques. The park is also a trailhead for the Line Creek Greenway, and home to the Line Creek Community Center and the Kansas City Northern Miniature Railroad. The park suffers from a lack of connectivity between its northern and southern sections. The athletic facilities in the southern portion are in poor condition. Opportunities for improvement include:

- A looped park walkway connecting all park amenities
- Renovated restroom and concession building in the southern half
- Maintenance to the diamond and rectangular fields

PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (3)
- Bicycle Racks (1)
- Bleachers/Grandstands (4)
- Concession Stands (1)
- Diamond Fields (3)
- Drinking Fountain (1)
- Dugouts (6)
- Landmark (1)
- Multi-Use Trail (1)
- Old Park Sign (2)
- Parking Lighting (9)
- Parking Lot (2)
- Picnic Shelter (1)
- Picnic Tables (20)
- Playground (2)
- Rectangular Fields (2)
- Restrooms (Permanent) (1)
- Sports Lighting (114)
- Stream/Creek (1)
- Trash Receptacles (16)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✔ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
57

GREEN HILLS PARK



SITE LOCATION: 6666 N. Green Hills Rd.

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

CLASSIFICATION: Park

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 2

PARK DISTRICT: North

ESTABLISHED: 1977

ACREAGE: 5.8 acres

Green Hills Park is a natural area that preserves 5 acres of forest and stream in the Line Creek watershed. The park offers limited access to public streets with just a small amount of frontage on N. Green Hills Road. If the department wishes to develop this land into a neighborhood park, opportunities for improvement would include:

- Sidewalk on N. Green Hills Road and N.W. Bryan Avenue
- Small playground
- Loop park trail with site furnishings

PARK AMENITIES

- Stream/Creek (1)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ✓ POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
47

HIDDEN VALLEY PARK



SITE LOCATION: N.E. Russell Rd. & N. Bennington Ave. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 2
PARK DISTRICT: North
ESTABLISHED: 1957
ACREAGE: 193.20 acres

Hidden Valley Park preserves over 190 acres of forest and stream in the Randolph Creek watershed. The developed portion of the park sits on the northwest corner of N.E. Russell Road and N. Bennington Avenue. This area features a disc golf course, playground, picnic shelter, diamond field, open lawn space, and includes extensive unpaved hiking trails. The park is a popular destination with disc golfers. Opportunities for improvement include:

- New updated KC parks signage
- Renovated playground
- Removal of the ball diamond and backstop

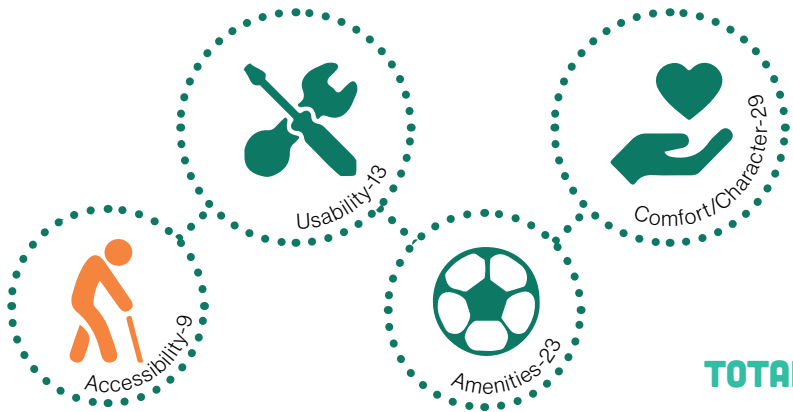
PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (5)
- Diamond Fields (1)
- Disc Golf (1)
- Drinking Fountain (1)
- Grills (2)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Park Loop Trail (1)
- Parking Lighting (5)
- Parking Lot (1)
- Pedestrian Lighting (34)
- Picnic Shelter (1)
- Picnic Tables (6)
- Playground (1)
- Shade Structures (1)
- Trash Receptacles (8)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
74

HIGHLAND VIEW



SITE LOCATION: 1301 N.E. 85th Terr.

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 2
PARK DISTRICT: North
ESTABLISHED: 1977
ACREAGE: 13.11 acres

Highland View Park is an attractive linear park that stretches along the south side of N.E. 85th Terrace in the Bridge Pointe neighborhood. It features a playground, multi-use trail, and a stream. The stream and trails comprise most of this park, with the playground separated into two distinct areas. The City could acquire land in the future to facilitate a connection with Maplewoods Greenway to the west. Opportunities for improvement include:

- New updated KC parks signage
- Replacement of the swingset and safety surfacing

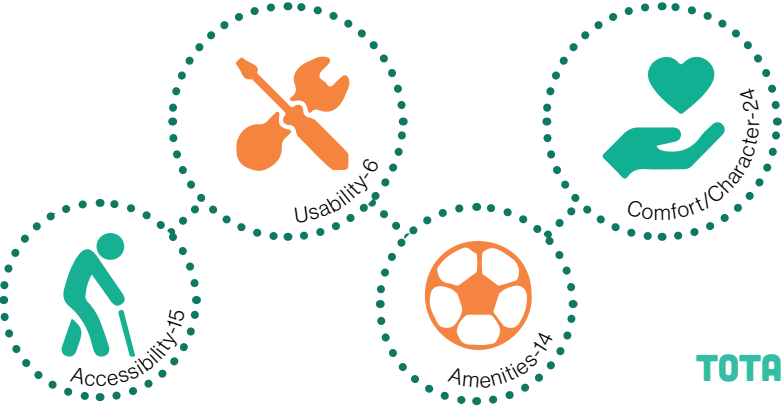
PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (1)
- Multi-Use Trail (1)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Picnic Tables (1)
- Playground (1)
- Stream/Creek (1)
- Trash Receptacles (2)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
59

KIRBY CREEK PARK



SITE LOCATION: W. 83rd St. & Oak St. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 1
PARK DISTRICT: North
ESTABLISHED: 1978
ACREAGE: 4.9 acres

Kirby Creek Park preserves almost 5 acres of woodland and stream in the Upper Shoal Creek watershed. It is a natural area and sits between single-family homes in the Bridge Pointe neighborhood. The property has limited access to public right-of-way. The property does adjoin Maplewoods Greenway land and future trail development could potentially link this property and nearby homes with Maplewoods Greenway trails to the northeast. Until trail development is possible, additional investment in this property is unwarranted.

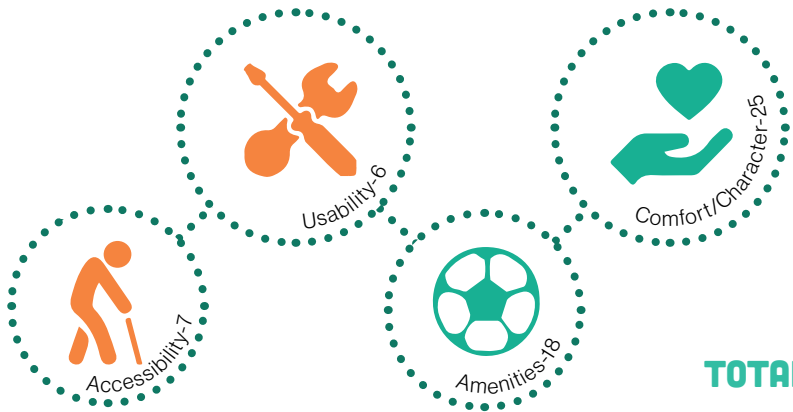
PARK AMENITIES

- Stream/Creek (1)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
56

LAKWOOD GREENWAY



SITE LOCATION: I-35 to Penguin Park, parallel to N. Norton Ave.

CLASSIFICATION: Greenway
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 2
PARK DISTRICT: North
ESTABLISHED: 1957
ACREAGE: 63.55 acres

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

Lakewood Greenway includes a multi-use trail that features a loop trail around a pond and other amenities such as a baseball diamond, basketball court, and benches. This greenway also provides a pedestrian connection between multiple neighborhoods and schools to Penguin Park, an extremely popular park due to its unique play equipment. This greenway provides strong pedestrian connections for the neighborhoods between I-35 and Vivion Road. It also provides stormwater quality management in the upper portion of the Buckeye Creek watershed. It is among the highest scoring greenways in the system. Potential opportunities for improvement include:

- Adding a shade structure
- Adding a fitness playground

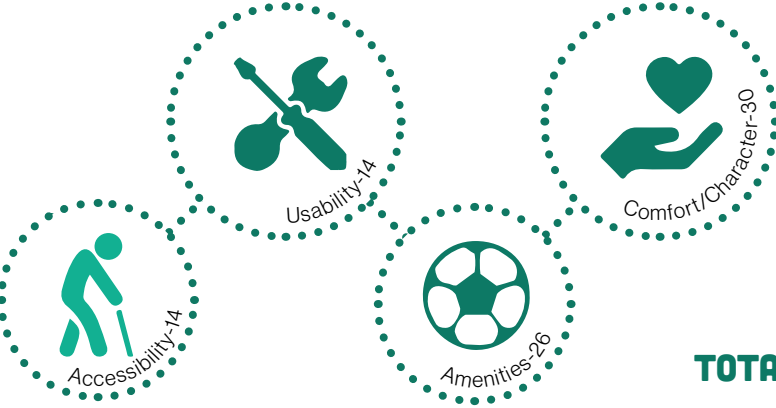
PARK AMENITIES

- Basketball Courts (1)
- Benches (4)
- Bridge (1)
- Diamond Fields (1)
- Multi-Use Trail (1)
- New Park Sign (1)
- Old Wayfinding Sign (2)
- Parking Lot (4)
- Pedestrian Lighting (25)
- Pond (1)
- Stream/Creek (1)
- Trash Receptacles (7)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

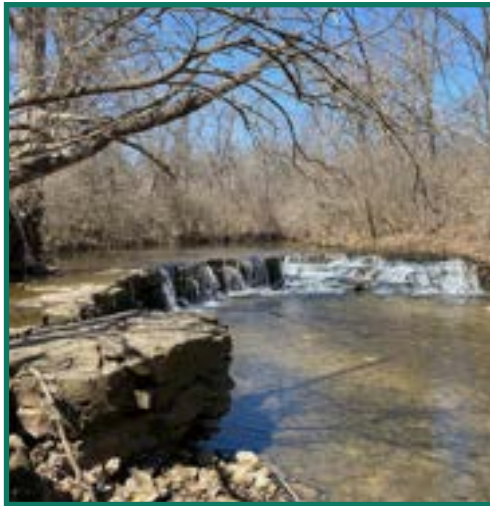
RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● ✓ EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
84

LINE CREEK GREENWAY



SITE LOCATION: N.W. 70th St. to N.W. Barry **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Greenway
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 2
PARK DISTRICT: North
ESTABLISHED: 1975
ACREAGE: 75.06 acres

The Line Creek Greenway travels over 8 miles from Barry Road in the north to the city limit line with Riverside on the south and preserves over 75 acres of riparian corridor. The pavement is in excellent condition throughout and the experience is one of the most scenic you will find in the entire system. Multiple connections along the way provide access to adjacent residential neighborhoods. Parking is available in multiple locations. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Providing additional seating
- Adding trail maps and wayfinding signage

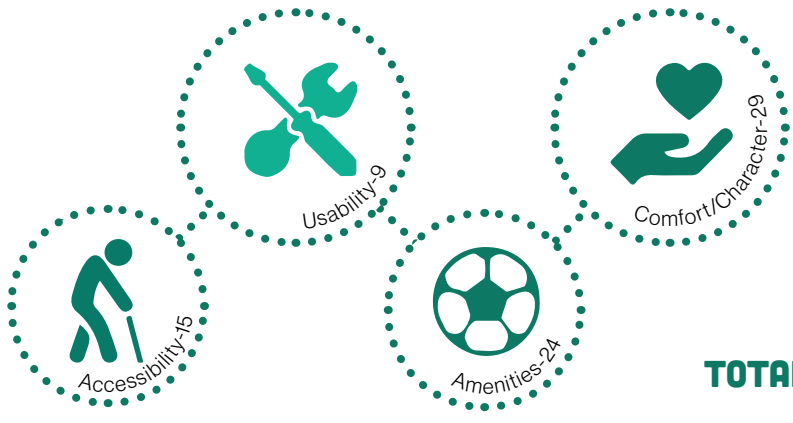
PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (2)
- Bridge (1)
- Landmark (1)
- Multi-Use Trail (1)
- Parking Lot (1)
- Regulatory Sign (2)
- Stream/Creek (1)
- Trash Receptacles (2)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● ✓ EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
77

MORGAN TRACT



SITE LOCATION: 5780 N. Broadway

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 2
PARK DISTRICT: North
ESTABLISHED: 1981
ACREAGE: 9.25 acres

Morgan Tract is a natural area sandwiched between U.S. Highway 169 and N. Broadway. Situated on the city limit line with Gladstone, it is bordered by multi-family and single-family residential as well as commercial businesses and a highway. The park land is completely forested with a small stream but provides no signage or recreational amenities. Topography would make traditional park development of this property challenging. Based on its proximity to other parks like Vydik and Englewood, further investment in this park is not warranted at this time.

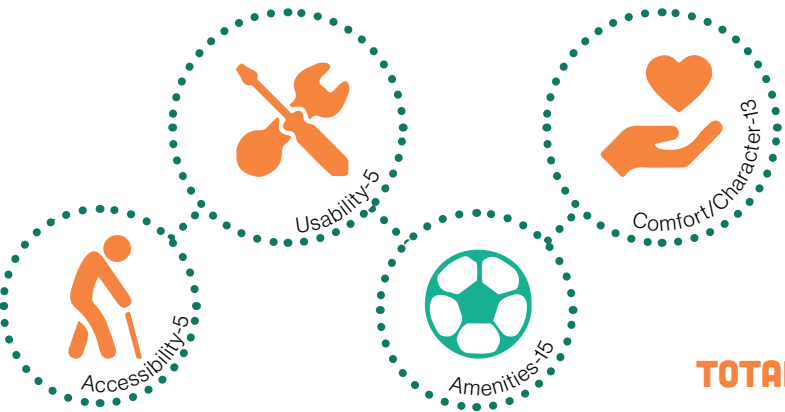
PARK AMENITIES

- Stream/Creek (1)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE ● POOR ● GOOD ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
38

NORTH CONGRESS GREENWAY



SITE LOCATION: N.W. 68th St. & Mace Rd. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 2
PARK DISTRICT: North
ESTABLISHED: 1974
ACREAGE: 31.68 acres

North Congress Greenway preserves over 30 acres of woodland and stream corridor in the Walnut Creek watershed just north of Parkville. In its present condition, the greenway provides a trail head with a parking lot and playground near the corner of N.W. 70th Street and N. Congress Avenue. These amenities are in good condition. The greenway is comprised of several non-contiguous tax parcels, most of which are not large enough to support full greenway development. With additional land acquisition, future trail development could potentially link this greenway with Park Forest Park to the north. Until trail development is possible, additional investment in this property is unwarranted.

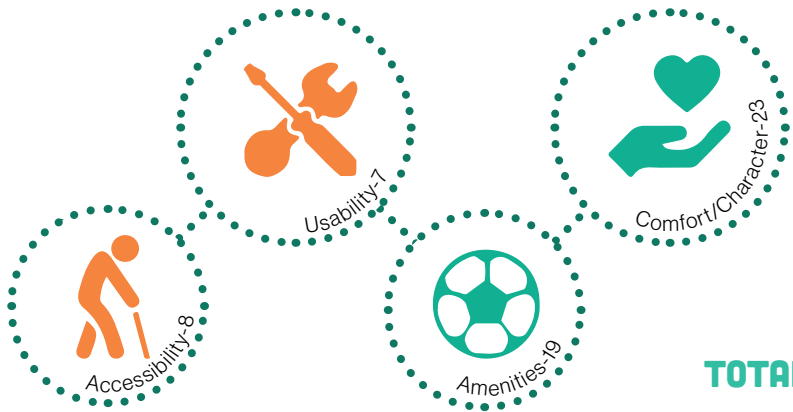
PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (3)
- Multi-Use Trail (1)
- Old Park Sign (2)
- Parking Lighting (1)
- Parking Lot (1)
- Pedestrian Lighting (2)
- Picnic Tables (2)
- Playground (1)
- Regulatory Sign (2)
- Stream/Creek (1)
- Trash Receptacles (2)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

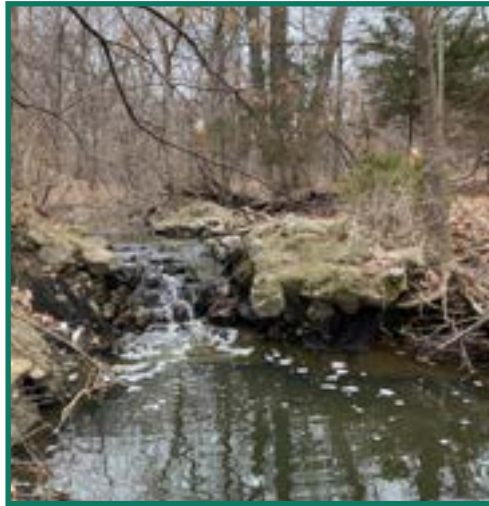
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● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
57

NORTH ST. CLAIR PARK



SITE LOCATION: 8060 N. St. Clair Ave.

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 2
PARK DISTRICT: North
ESTABLISHED: 1998
ACREAGE: 12.4 acres

North St. Clair Park is a natural area tucked between N. St. Clair Avenue and N.W. 79th Street. It preserves over 12 acres of beautiful woodland and stream corridor in the Line Creek watershed. The park property sits in a valley and the topography presents challenges to park development. Should the City invest in developing this parcel into a neighborhood park, potential improvements could include:

- New updated KC parks signage
- A small playground and seating
- A park loop trail connecting the amenities with adjacent streets

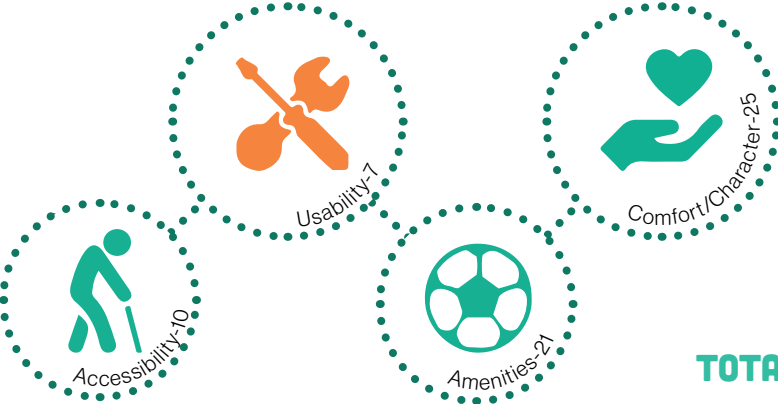
PARK AMENITIES

- Stream/Creek (1)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
63

NORTHWOOD PARK



SITE LOCATION: 4829 N.W. 57th Ct.

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 2
PARK DISTRICT: North
ESTABLISHED: 1988
ACREAGE: 5.6 acres

Northwood Park is a natural area on the north side N.W. 56th Street just west of N. Northwood Road. It rests between single-family and multi-family residential and two schools. In its present condition, the property provides no signage or park amenities. Its topography presents challenges to park development. Should the City invest in developing this parcel into a neighborhood park, potential improvements could include:

PARK AMENITIES

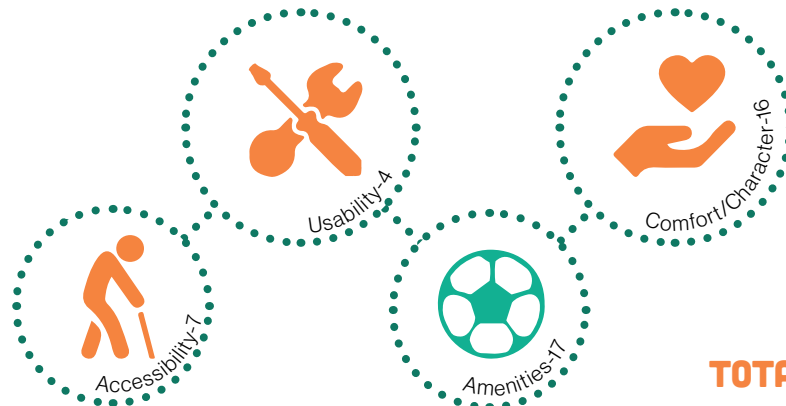
- Stream/Creek (1)

- New updated KC parks signage
- A small playground and seating
- Sidewalks to connect the playground to adjacent rights-of-way

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ✓ POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
44

OLD STATE LINE GREENWAY



SITE LOCATION: 7002 N. Hickory St.

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 2
PARK DISTRICT: North
ESTABLISHED: 1994
ACREAGE: 24.52 acres

Old State Line Greenway preserves over 24 acres of woodland and stream in the Line Creek watershed. It is a natural area and is comprised of several tax parcels behind single family homes near Hickory Street between N.W. 70th and N.W. 75th Streets. The existing property harbors mature trees and offers great access to the creek but is not large enough to support trail development. With additional land acquisition, future trail development could potentially link this property with Creekwood Park and Wood Bridge Park to the north. Until trail development is possible, additional investment in this property is unwarranted.

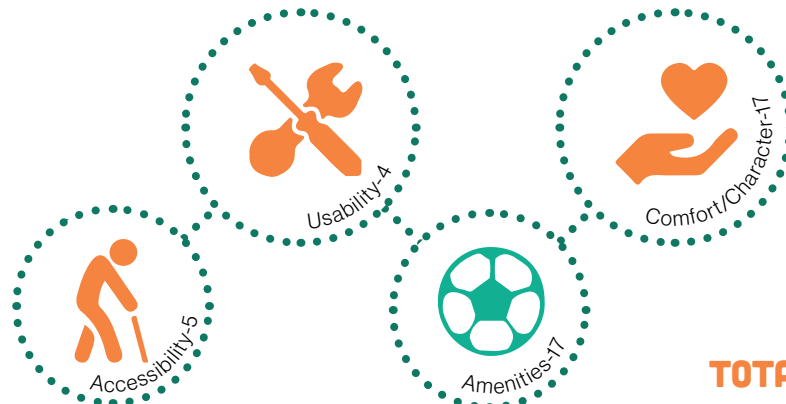
PARK AMENITIES

- Stream/Creek (1)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ✓ POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
43

PARK FOREST PARK



SITE LOCATION: 7301 N.W. 75th St.

CLASSIFICATION: Park

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 2

PARK DISTRICT: North

ESTABLISHED: 1983

ACREAGE: 10 acres

PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (2)
- Multi-Use Trail (1)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Pedestrian Lighting (4)
- Picnic Tables (3)
- Playground (1)
- Stream/Creek (1)
- Trash Receptacles (1)

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

Park Forest Park preserves 10 acres of land in the Walnut Creek watershed. It provides a new playground and a trail that meanders between homes and along a creek between N.W. 75th Street and N.W. 73rd Street. The scenery on this corridor is attractive and an underpass beneath 73rd Street eliminates a street crossing. With additional land acquisition, this park could someday connect with the North Congress Greenway. At this time, possible improvements include:

- New updated KC Parks signage
- Filling in missing segments of trail pavement
- Providing a shade structure near the playground

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
61

PENGUIN PARK



SITE LOCATION: 4101 N.E. Vivion Rd. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 2
PARK DISTRICT: North
ESTABLISHED: 1998
ACREAGE: 3.42 acres

Penguin Park is one of the most popular parks in the city and known across the region for its unique and massive animal play structures. Circus elephants, kangaroos, penguins, and giraffes provide visitors with opportunities to climb, hide, slide, and escape into their imagination. The park takes advantage of every bit of its 3.4 acres. Improvements that could be implemented at this park are:

- Repairing sections of turf safety surfacing
- Providing restrooms

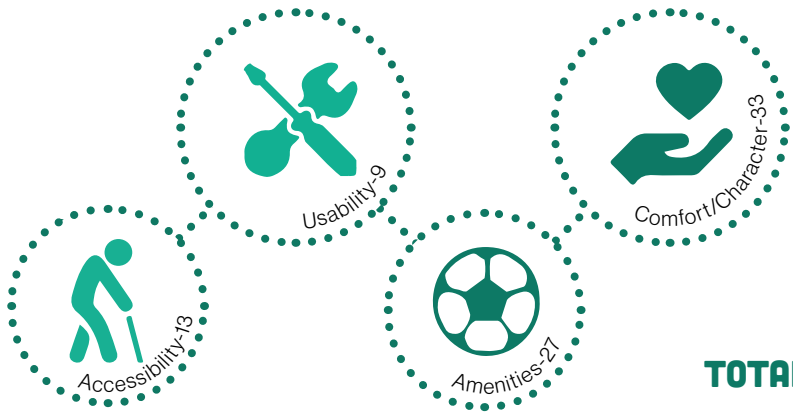
PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (9)
- Drinking Fountain (2)
- Grills (2)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Parking Lighting (5)
- Parking Lot (1)
- Pedestrian Lighting (20)
- Picnic Shelter (1)
- Picnic Tables (22)
- Playground (1)
- Trash Receptacles (9)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● ✓ EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
82

PLEASANT VALLEY ATHLETIC COMPLEX



SITE LOCATION: 6401 N.E. Pleasant Valley Rd. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Athletic Complex
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 2
PARK DISTRICT: North
ESTABLISHED: 1992
ACREAGE: 27.00 acres

Pleasant Valley Athletic Complex sits on city land that adjoins the Shoal Creek Patrol campus of the Kansas City Police. The park offers diamond fields, rectangular fields, multiple parking lots, natural trails, and one of the few skate parks in the entire system. The four diamond fields are in very good shape but not accessible outside of programmed game events. The skate park pavement is in good condition and very well used. The natural surface trails offer visitors a way to explore some of the more natural parts of the acreage. Potential improvements to this park include:

- Providing new updated KC Parks signage
- Replacing site furnishings throughout
- Installing a playground

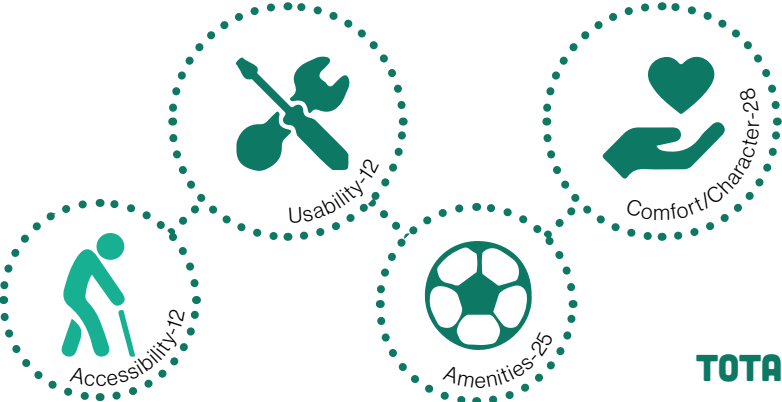
PARK AMENITIES

- Bleachers/Grandstands (15)
- Concession Stands (2)
- Diamond Fields (5)
- Dugouts (10)
- Multi-Use Trail (1)
- Old Park Sign (2)
- Parking Lighting (15)
- Parking Lot (3)
- Rectangular Fields (4)
- Restrooms (Permanent) (2)
- Skate Park (1)
- Sports Lighting (34)
- Trash Receptacles (25)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● ✓ EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
77

ROBINHOOD PARK



SITE LOCATION: N.W. 72nd St. & Robinhood Ln. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 2
PARK DISTRICT: North
ESTABLISHED: 1975
ACREAGE: 8.4 acres

PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (1)
- Multi-Use Trail (1)
- Picnic Tables (1)
- Stream/Creek (1)

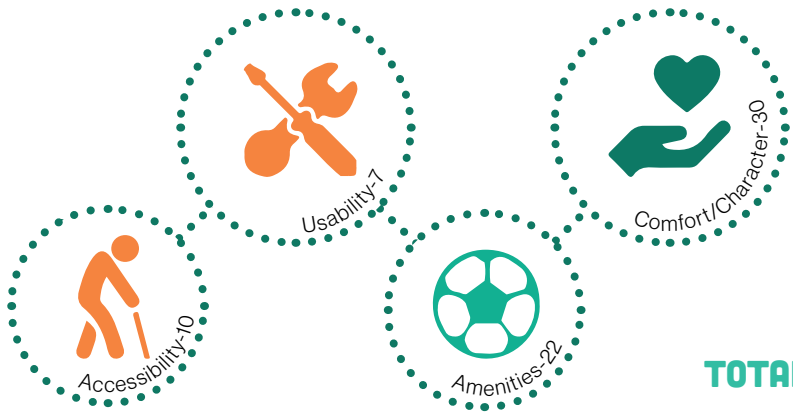
Robinhood Park appears to be nothing more than a seating area on a picturesque bend in the Line Creek Greenway just west of the trail connection off N. Line Creek Parkway. There is a bench, a picnic table, and pedestrian access to the stream bank. If the department chooses to make this a more desirable stopping point for users of this popular trail, potential opportunities for improvement include:

- New updated KC Parks signage
- A permanent restroom
- A drinking fountain and trash receptacle
- A trail map and wayfinding signage
- Paved access between all amenities

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
69

SAN RAFAEL PARK



SITE LOCATION: N.E. 53rd St. & San Rafael Dr. STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 2
PARK DISTRICT: North
ESTABLISHED: 1968
ACREAGE: 26.17 acres

San Rafael Park serves the Gracemor-Randolf neighborhood and is the only park in the Northland east of Interstate 435. It is split into eastern and western halves on either side of N.E. San Rafael Drive. The western half of the park has newer amenities including a playground, picnic shelter and loop trail. The eastern half is older and also includes a picnic shelter, playground, and football field which is maintained under a shared usage agreement. Both halves of the park are in good condition and feature adequate signage. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Repairing the older shelter in the eastern half
- Installation of a park loop trail in the eastern half with a pedestrian crossing across San Rafael Drive.

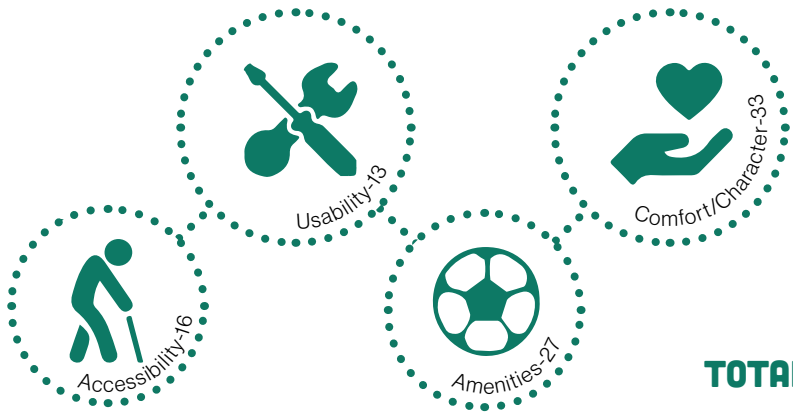
PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (5)
- Drinking Fountain (1)
- Grills (2)
- New Park Sign (1)
- Old Wayfinding Sign (3)
- Park Loop Trail (1)
- Pedestrian Lighting (1)
- Picnic Shelter (2)
- Picnic Tables (6)
- Playgrounds (2)
- Stream/Creek (1)
- Trash Receptacles (2)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● ✓ EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
89

SEARCY CREEK GREENWAY



SITE LOCATION: N.E. Parvin Rd. to N.E. 56th St. Along Searcy Creek

CLASSIFICATION: Greenway
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 2
PARK DISTRICT: North
ESTABLISHED: 1957
ACREAGE: 177.02 acres

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

The Searcy Creek Greenway preserves over 175 acres of forested riparian corridor in the Searcy Creek watershed and stretches through the Northland from the city limits with Claycomo down to Missouri Route 210 by the river. The property adjoins numerous residential neighborhoods as well as four separate school yards. There are pockets of park development scattered across this acreage, including two diamond fields, a playground, and picnic shelter. But there is no multi-use trail that provides access to these elements or the beautiful nature preserved by this greenway. Should the City invest in this greenway, necessary improvements would include:

- New updated KC Parks signage
- Multi-use paved trail
- Restrooms and other pedestrian amenities

PARK AMENITIES

- Diamond Fields (2)
- Benches (1)
- Grills (2)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Picnic Shelter (1)
- Picnic Tables (7)
- Playground (1)
- Trash Receptacles (1)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
70

SHERRYDALE PARK



SITE LOCATION: 9098 N. Oak Trfwy.

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 2
PARK DISTRICT: North
ESTABLISHED: 1976
ACREAGE: 8.82 acres

Sherrydale Park is an undeveloped piece of parkland that preserves 8 acres of riparian corridor in the Upper Shoal Creek watershed. It is sandwiched between the backs of single family homes on N.E. 90th Terrace and a retail commercial center on N. Oak Trafficway. The size of the parcel combined with the topography and meander of the stream limit the opportunities for traditional park development on this property. At this time further investment is unwarranted.

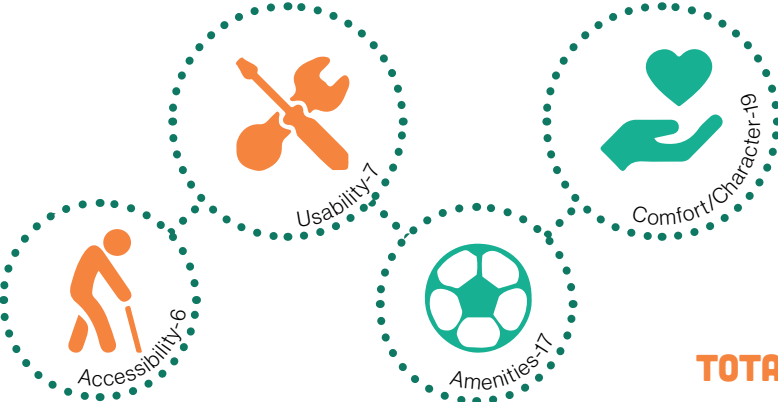
PARK AMENITIES

- Stream/Creek (1)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ✓ POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
49

STRATHBURY PARK



SITE LOCATION: 6161 N. Amoret Ave.

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 2
PARK DISTRICT: North
ESTABLISHED: 1977
ACREAGE: 14.52 acres

Strathbury Park preserves over 14 acres of forest and wetland between backyards of single-family homes in northwest Kansas City. The setting is attractive and there is an accessible paved entrance on Amoret Avenue. However, the park provides no signage or a map to let you know that the space is a park and where the trail may take you. Sections of the pavement are in very poor condition and under water in wet periods of the year. Potential improvements include:

- New updated KC Parks signage
- Providing a trail map
- Replacing segments of trail pavement
- Improving drainage under the trail
- Providing additional seating

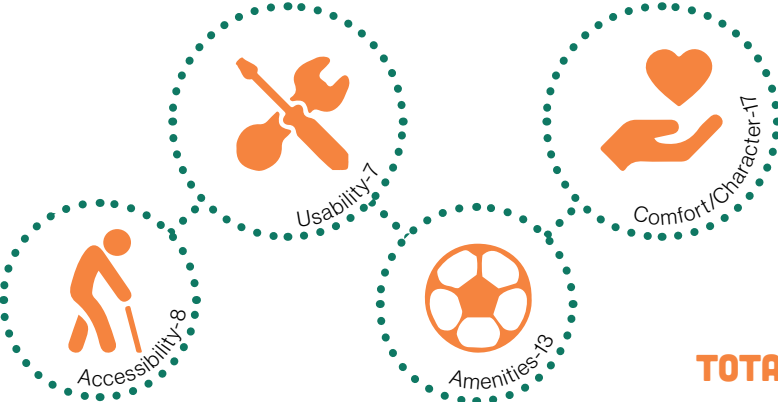
PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (1)
- Multi-Use Trail (1)
- Stream/Creek (1)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● ✓ POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
45

WINNWOOD PARK



SITE LOCATION: N.E. 44th St. & N. Cypress Ave. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 2
PARK DISTRICT: North
ESTABLISHED: 1957
ACREAGE: 19.85 acres

Located on the south side of N.E. 44th Street, Winnwood Park serves the Winnwood Sunnybrook neighborhood. It features a host of amenities that are in good condition and keep the park active, including tennis courts, a basketball court, a park loop trail, two playgrounds, and a new parking lot. The park is across the street from Winnwood Elementary but new KC Parks signage helps to distinguish this green space as a public park open to all. No additional improvements are needed at this time.

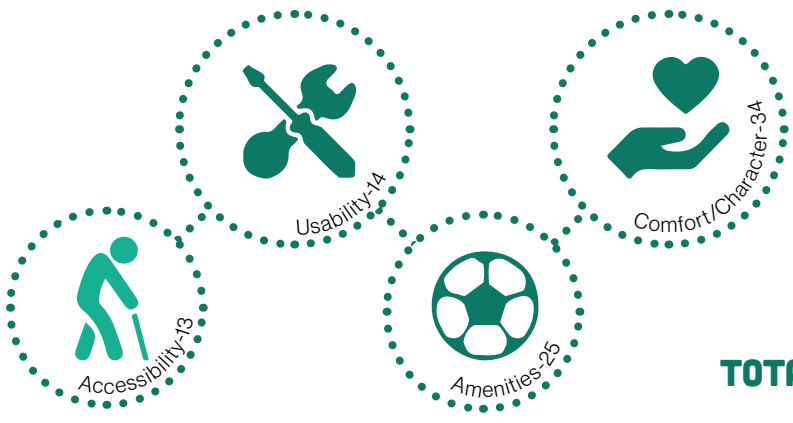
PARK AMENITIES

- Diamond Field (1)
- Basketball Court (1)
- Benches (4)
- Drinking Fountain (1)
- Grills (1)
- New Park Sign (1)
- Park Loop Trail (1)
- Parking Lighting (2)
- Parking Lot (1)
- Pedestrian Lighting (1)
- Picnic Shelter (1)
- Picnic Tables (2)
- Playgrounds (2)
- Tennis Courts (2)
- Trash Receptacles (2)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE ● POOR ● GOOD ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
86

WOOD BRIDGE PARK



SITE LOCATION: 7920 N Hickory St.

CLASSIFICATION: Park

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 2

PARK DISTRICT: North

ESTABLISHED: 1987

ACREAGE: 13.2 acres

PARK AMENITIES

- Stream/Creek (1)

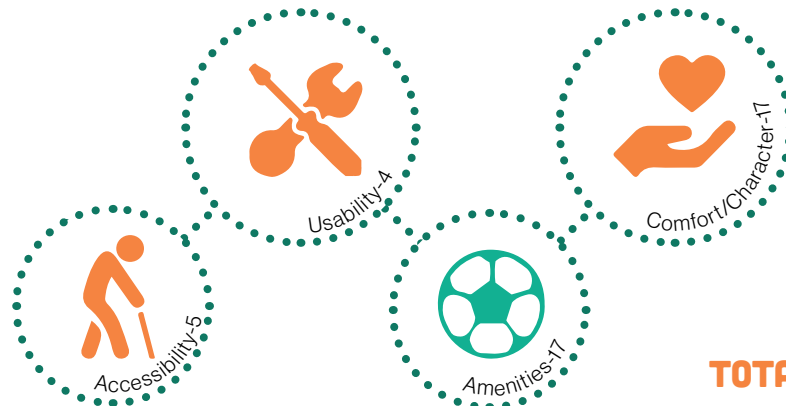
STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

Wood Bridge Park preserves 13 acres of woodland and stream in the Line Creek watershed. It is a natural area laying between apartment complexes off N. Hickory Street and a single-family neighborhood off N. Platte Purchase Drive. The landscape is beautiful but virtually inaccessible from adjoining properties. With additional land acquisition, future trail development could potentially link this property with Creekwood Park and Old State Line Greenway. Until trail development is possible, additional investment in this property is unwarranted.

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

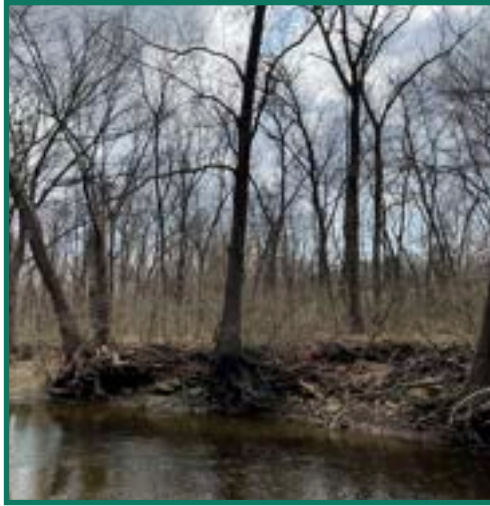
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● UNACCEPTABLE
 ✓ POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
43

WOODBROOKE PARK



SITE LOCATION: N.E. 72nd St. & N. Kensington Ave. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 2
PARK DISTRICT: North
ESTABLISHED: 2002
ACREAGE: 16.72 acres

Woodbrooke Park is a primarily natural area that sits between the Woodbrooke townhomes off N.E. 72nd Street and the Gladstone city limits. It adjoins Happy Rock Park to the north and west, which is the flagship park of Gladstone. The property preserves over 16 acres of forested riparian corridor in the upper Shoal Creek watershed. It also provides a buffer between the townhomes to the south and the athletic complex to the north. A portion of the concrete multi-use trail that connects Happy Rock Park to N. Brighton Avenue passes through this park property. Opportunities for improvement include:

- New updated KC Parks signage

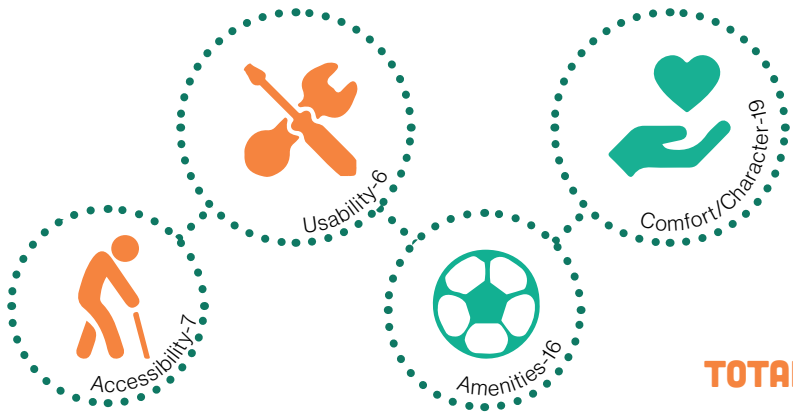
PARK AMENITIES

- Stream/Creek (1)
- Benches (1)
- Multi-use trail (1)
- Trash Receptacles (1)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ✓ POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
48

WOODSMOKE PARK



SITE LOCATION: 9363 N.W. 70th St.

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 2
PARK DISTRICT: North
ESTABLISHED: 1978
ACREAGE: 8.1 acres

Woodsmoke Park preserves 8 acres of woodland as well as a portion of stream in the Rush Creek watershed. It is surrounded by single-family and multi-family homes on the south side of N.W. 70th Street just west of Interstate 29. The developed portion of the park rests at the top of a hill overlooking the street and surrounding neighbors. The park has magnificent shade but lacks signage and ADA-compliant walkways. Future opportunities for improvement include:

- New updated KC Parks signage
- Replacing the surfacing under the playground
- Providing sidewalk on the south side of N.W. 70th Street
- Providing ADA compliant walkways between the street and park amenities

PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (2)
- Pedestrian Lighting (3)
- Picnic Tables (4)
- Playground (1)
- Regulatory Sign (1)
- Stream/Creek (1)
- Trash Receptacles (1)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
67

COUNCIL DISTRICT #3

PARK SCORES

PARK NAME	ACCESSIBILITY (MAX. 20)					COMFORT & CHARACTER (MAX. 35)					USABILITY (MAX. 15)					AMENITIES (MAX. 30)					COMPOSITE SCORE (MAX. 100)				
	Ease in Walking to Park (Max. 5)	Clarity of Signage (Max. 5)	Reduction of Weather Impacts (Max. 5)	ADA Compliance (Max. 5)	Overall Attractiveness (Max. 5)	Overall Maintenance (Max. 5)	Visibility of Entrances and Use Areas (Max. 5)	Pleasant Places to Sit (Max. 5)	Feeling of Safety (Max. 5)	Ambient Noise (Max. 5)	Perceptible Odor (Max. 5)	Existing Opportunities (Max. 5)	Appropriate Park Activity (Max. 5)	Opportunities for Revenue (Max. 5)	Pavements (Max. 5)	Landscaping (Max. 5)	Stormwater Quality & Management (Max. 5)	Equipment (Max. 5)	Park Structures (Max. 5)	Lighting (Max. 5)					
9th & Van Brundt Athletic Fields Park	12	2	3	2	5	25	3	2	4	4	4	3	5	9	3	3	3	21	4	4	3	3	3	4	67
Ashland Square	14	3	4	4	3	24	3	2	4	3	3	4	5	12	4	4	4	18	3	3	2	3	2	5	68
Blue Banks Park	9	2	1	2	4	17	2	2	1	1	2	4	5	5	1	3	1	22	5	3	3	3	5	3	53
Blue Valley Park	6	1	2	2	1	25	3	2	5	3	4	3	5	12	5	4	3	16	2	2	3	3	2	4	59
Blue Valley Recreation Center Park	14	3	5	2	4	32	4	4	5	5	5	4	5	9	3	4	2	21	3	3	3	4	4	4	76
Blues Park	8	1	5	1	1	26	4	4	4	4	3	2	5	8	1	5	2	15	1	3	3	4	3	1	57
Brush Creek Greenway	10	4	1	2	3	17	2	3	2	2	3	4	1	5	2	2	1	17	3	2	1	3	4	4	49
Central Park	13	4	3	3	3	25	3	4	4	3	3	3	5	12	4	4	4	21	3	3	3	4	4	4	71
Chelsea Park	12	3	4	2	3	26	2	3	4	4	4	4	5	10	3	4	3	16	3	3	2	2	3	3	64
Cleveland Park	10	3	3	1	3	20	2	2	3	2	2	4	5	7	2	3	2	18	3	3	2	3	4	3	55
Corrington Park	5	2	1	1	1	23	2	3	3	3	3	4	5	6	2	3	1	18	2	3	2	4	4	3	52
Cypress Park	10	2	4	2	2	24	2	3	3	4	3	4	5	7	2	3	2	17	3	2	3	2	4	3	58
Dr. Johnstone Lykins Square	12	3	2	4	3	26	3	2	4	4	4	4	5	10	4	3	3	19	4	3	3	2	4	3	67
Dunbar Park	14	1	4	4	5	28	4	4	3	5	3	4	5	12	4	4	4	24	5	3	3	5	4	4	78
Eastwood Park	4	1	1	1	1	13	1	1	1	1	3	4	2	4	1	2	1	14	3	1	1	3	3	3	35
Fairview Park	7	1	4	1	1	16	2	2	1	1	2	3	5	3	1	1	1	16	3	2	2	3	3	3	42
Freeway Park & Gardens	9	3	4	1	1	15	1	2	3	1	2	3	3	7	1	3	3	15	1	2	3	3	3	3	46
Goin' to Kansas City Plaza	14	5	3	1	5	27	3	4	4	3	5	3	5	9	1	5	3	20	4	3	3	3	3	4	70
Harmony Park	10	3	3	2	2	26	4	4	4	3	3	3	5	11	4	4	3	22	4	3	4	5	3	3	69
Independence Plaza	16	4	5	2	5	31	5	5	5	4	4	3	5	12	4	4	4	25	5	3	3	5	5	4	84
Indiana Park	11	3	3	2	3	23	3	3	4	2	3	3	5	7	2	4	1	21	4	3	4	4	3	3	62
Ivanhoe Park	14	4	4	3	3	27	4	3	3	4	4	4	5	11	4	4	3	21	5	3	3	3	3	4	73
Lafayette Traber Garden	8	5	1	1	1	25	3	3	5	1	5	3	5	7	1	5	1	16	3	1	3	3	3	3	56

PARK NAME	ACCESSIBILITY (MAX. 20)					COMFORT & CHARACTER (MAX. 35)					USABILITY (MAX. 15)					AMENITIES (MAX. 30)					COMPOSITE SCORE (MAX. 100)					
	Ease in Walking to Park (Max. 5)	Clarity of Signage (Max. 5)	Reduction of Weather Impacts (Max. 5)	ADA Compliance (Max. 5)		Overall Attractiveness (Max. 5)	Overall Maintenance (Max. 5)	Visibility of Entrances and Use Areas (Max. 5)	Pleasant Places to Sit (Max. 5)	Feeling of Safety (Max. 5)	Ambient Noise (Max. 5)	Perceptible Odor (Max. 5)	Existing Opportunities (Max. 5)	Appropriate Park Activity (Max. 5)	Opportunities for Revenue (Max. 5)	Pavements (Max. 5)	Landscaping (Max. 5)	Stormwater Quality & Management (Max. 5)	Equipment (Max. 5)	Park Structures (Max. 5)		Lighting (Max. 5)				
Linwood Green Park	11	4	1	1	5	28	5	4	4	1	5	4	5	7	1	5	1	25	5	5	4	5	3	3	71	
Manheim Green	11	4	3	2	2	26	3	4	3	3	4	4	5	8	3	4	1	20	5	3	4	3	2	3	65	
Maple Park	7	2	3	1	1	26	3	3	5	2	5	3	5	11	3	5	3	15	3	1	3	2	3	3	59	
Margaret Kemp Park	10	3	2	2	3	26	4	3	3	4	4	3	5	12	3	5	4	21	4	3	3	4	4	3	69	
Montgall Park	13	3	3	4	3	28	4	4	4	4	4	3	5	7	3	2	2	20	2	3	4	4	4	3	68	
Nelson C. Crews Square	8	3	2	1	2	23	2	3	3	4	3	3	5	8	3	3	2	21	4	3	2	3	5	4	60	
Oak Park	14	3	4	3	4	28	4	4	4	3	4	4	5	10	3	5	2	22	5	3	2	5	3	4	74	
Palmer Park	7	1	4	1	1	18	2	2	2	2	2	3	5	4	1	2	1	18	3	3	3	3	3	3	47	
Prospect Plaza Park	13	4	4	1	4	27	4	4	4	3	4	3	5	11	4	3	4	23	4	4	4	3	4	4	74	
Raytown Road Athletic Field	4	1	1	1	1	13	1	1	1	1	1	4	4	4	1	2	1	12	1	1	1	3	3	3	33	
Santa Fe Trail Park	5	1	2	1	1	14	1	1	1	1	2	3	5	3	1	1	1	18	3	3	3	3	3	3	40	
Sanford Brown Plaza	5	2	1	1	1	25	3	4	4	2	4	3	5	6	1	4	1	22	5	3	3	5	3	3	58	
Satchel Paige Memorial Stadium	12	4	1	5	2	25	3	3	4	4	4	3	4	9	1	4	4	16	3	2	2	3	3	3	62	
Seven Oaks Park	18	5	4	4	5	32	4	4	5	5	5	4	5	12	4	5	3	21	5	3	2	4	4	3	83	
Skiles Park	9	1	4	2	2	24	3	2	2	5	3	4	5	6	2	3	1	16	3	3	2	2	3	3	55	
Spring Valley Park & Plaza	13	4	1	4	4	20	3	3	3	3	3	2	3	10	4	4	2	19	4	3	3	3	3	3	62	
The Concourse	14	5	2	2	5	28	4	3	5	5	5	3	3	13	3	5	5	19	4	2	3	4	3	3	74	
The Grove	14	4	3	4	3	24	3	3	4	4	3	3	4	10	3	4	3	18	3	3	3	3	3	3	66	
The Parade	19	4	5	5	5	32	5	4	5	5	5	3	5	15	5	5	5	28	5	4	4	5	5	5	94	
Troost Park	9	3	3	1	2	23	3	4	3	1	4	3	5	7	2	4	1	20	3	3	3	5	3	3	59	
Van Brunt Park	15	4	4	3	4	30	4	4	4	5	4	4	5	7	2	4	1	21	5	3	3	4	3	3	73	
Vineyard Park	14	2	4	4	4	30	4	4	4	5	4	4	5	11	4	4	3	20	4	3	3	3	3	4	75	
West Rock Creek Park	6	1	3	1	1	16	2	3	1	1	1	3	5	3	1	1	1	17	3	2	3	3	3	3	42	
Yvonne Starks Wilson Park	12	1	5	3	3	24	2	3	4	3	3	4	5	7	3	1	3	15	2	3	2	3	4	1	58	
DISTRICT AVERAGES	10.7					26								8.4				19.1								62.4
Total Acreage	Avg. Developed Acreage					Avg. Natural Acreage					Avg. Year of Acquisition															
1056.91	78.02					21.74					1949															

9TH & VAN BRUNT ATHLETIC FIELDS



SITE LOCATION: E. 9th St. & Van Brunt Blvd. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Athletic Complex
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3
PARK DISTRICT: QLID
ESTABLISHED: 2007
ACREAGE: 12.4 Acres

This park is a very popular soccer venue in the Lykins neighborhood. It is surrounded by single-family residential, commercial uses, and a railroad on the south side. The park is very accessible and the pavements are in great condition. The entrances from surrounding streets are highly visible and evoke a strong sense of safety. There are pleasant places to sit and a variety of amenities besides the soccer complex. It is very well-used, the point that it suffers from overflowing trash receptacles and litter. UMKC's Center for Neighborhood studies informed the evaluation of this park.

Opportunities for improvement include:

- Adding a rentable shelter
- Adding additional seating
- Consider replacing the synthetic turf at the main soccer field in the next 10 years

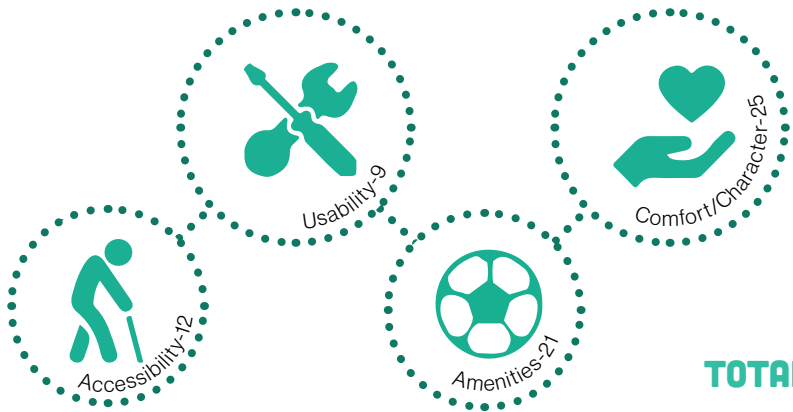
PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (3)
- Bicycle Racks (6)
- Bleachers/Grandstands (8)
- Concession Stands (1)
- Drinking Fountain (2)
- Multi-Use Trail (1)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Park Loop Trail (1)
- Parking Lighting (8)
- Parking Lot (1)
- Pedestrian Lighting (33)
- Picnic Tables (6)
- Playground (1)
- Public Art (1)
- Rain Garden (1)
- Rectangular Fields (3)
- Regulatory Sign (1)
- Restrooms (Permanent) (2)
- Sports Lighting (44)
- Trash Receptacles (16)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
67

ASHLAND SQUARE



SITE LOCATION: 4507 E. 23rd St. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3
PARK DISTRICT: QLID
ESTABLISHED: 1913
ACREAGE: 7.53 acres

Ashland Square is surrounded on all sides with single-family residential. It is easy to access from the neighborhood, offers great visibility, and a nice picnic shelter. Recent improvements include the futsal court and a renovated baseball field with new dugouts, fencing and backstop. The pool was last used before 2020. In 2022 the neighborhood approved changing the pool to a sprayground, which is planned to be operational in 2025. UMKC's Center for Neighborhood studies informed the evaluation of this park. Future upgrades could include:

- modern play equipment
- renovated sport courts (tennis and basketball)

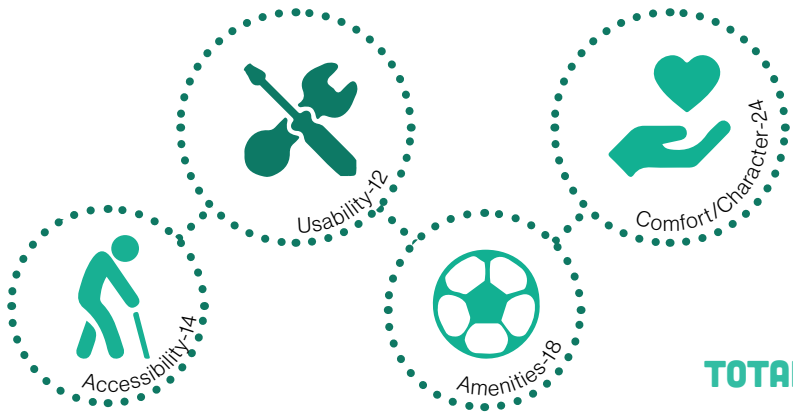
PARK AMENITIES

- Basketball Courts (1)
- Benches (13)
- Bicycle Racks (2)
- Diamond Fields (1)
- Drinking Fountain (2)
- Dugouts (2)
- Grills (2)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Picnic Shelter (1)
- Picnic Tables (2)
- Shade Structures (2)
- Sports Lighting (2)
- Tennis Courts (1)
- Trash Receptacles (2)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
68

BLUE BANKS PARK



SITE LOCATION: 4800 Colorado Ave.

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3
PARK DISTRICT: Central
ESTABLISHED: 1931
ACREAGE: 37.84 acres

Blue Banks Park provides a trail connection over the Blue River to connect the eastern terminus of the trail along Brush Creek to the Blue River trail. This park is located adjacent to industrial land uses, train tracks, and the river. The concrete trail and pedestrian bridge are in very good condition and ADA compliant. This park does not have any signage to identify it as a KC Park, is not easy to get to, doesn't have any places to sit, and the entrance is not visible from either trail connection. Although secluded, the park didn't show much evidence of unintended uses or vandalism. Opportunities for improvement include:

PARK AMENITIES

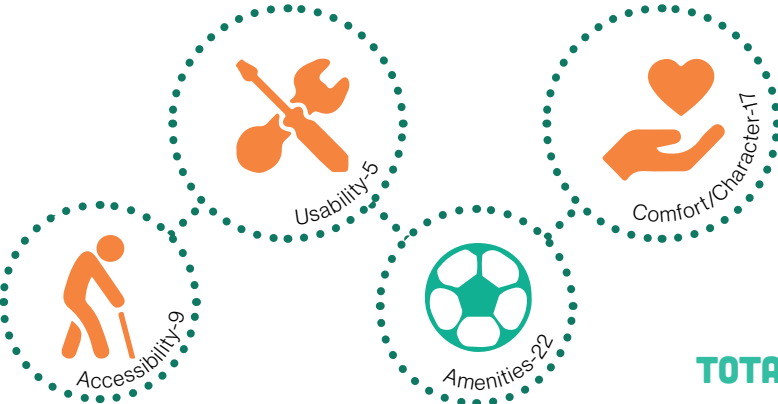
- Bridge (1)
- Multi-Use Trail (1)
- Stream/Creek (1)

- New updated park and wayfinding signage throughout
- Adding bike repair stations
- Create pleasant places to sit with shade options

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
53

BLUE VALLEY PARK



SITE LOCATION: E. 23rd St. & Topping Ave. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3
PARK DISTRICT: QLID
ESTABLISHED: 1943
ACREAGE: 238.50 acres

PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (13)
- Bleachers/Grandstands (4)
- Concession Stand (1)
- Diamond Fields (2)
- Disc Golf (1)
- Drinking Fountain (5)
- Dugouts (4)
- Fishing
- Access (1)
- Grills (2)
- New Park Sign (1)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Old Wayfinding Sign (2)
- Parking Lighting (8)
- Parking Lot (5)
- Picnic Shelter (2)
- Picnic Tables (22)
- Playground (1)
- Pond (1)
- Rectangular Field (1)
- Regulatory Sign (1)
- Restrooms (Permanent) (4)
- Shade Structure (1)

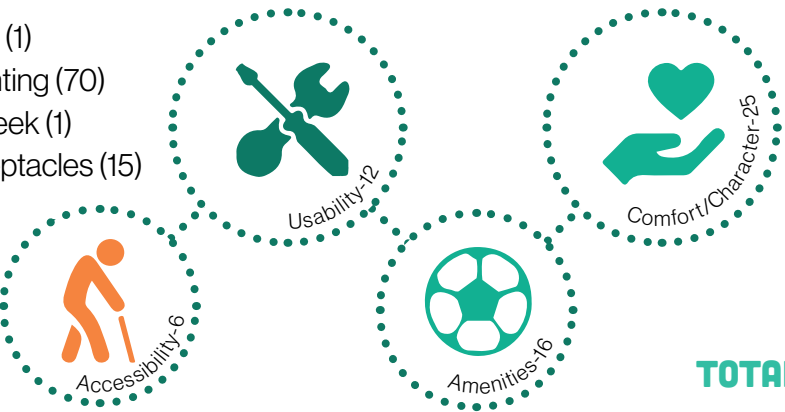
Blue Valley Park is a beautiful piece of land on the west bank of the Blue Valley River in the Blue Valley neighborhood in east Kansas City. Situated at the southwest corner of E. 23rd Street and Topping Avenue, it is bordered by single-family homes and J.A. Rogers Elementary School. Much of the park's perimeter is defined by the Blue Valley riparian corridor. Due to numerous vacant lots and the lack of nearby sidewalk infrastructure, this park has an isolated feel. It offers up a wide variety of amenities including fishing access, disc golf, a splash pad, and athletic fields. Park improvements are being considered by an on-going master plan. Our consultant team would recommend:

- Sidewalk infrastructure linking the park amenities
- Street lights along the internal park roadways
- Repairs to existing park shelters
- New updated KC Parks signage and public art or landscaping at entry points
- Conversion of large portions of turf to native meadow

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✔ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
59

BLUE VALLEY REC CENTER PARK



SITE LOCATION: 1801 White Ave. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3
PARK DISTRICT: QLID
ESTABLISHED: 1970
ACREAGE: 24.04 acres

Blue Valley Recreation Center Park is located in Northeast Kansas City and is adjacent to single-family residential and Trailwoods Elementary School. It is associated with the Police Athletic League of Kansas City. This park is overall attractive and well maintained, shows evidence of attracting appropriate park activity, has good visibility into the site, offers a strong sense of safety, and provides various pleasant places to sit. Although this is a KC Parks property, it doesn't seem like it is open to the public, even with a new sign. There are a variety of amenities in the park and most seem to be in above average condition. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Adding shade structures

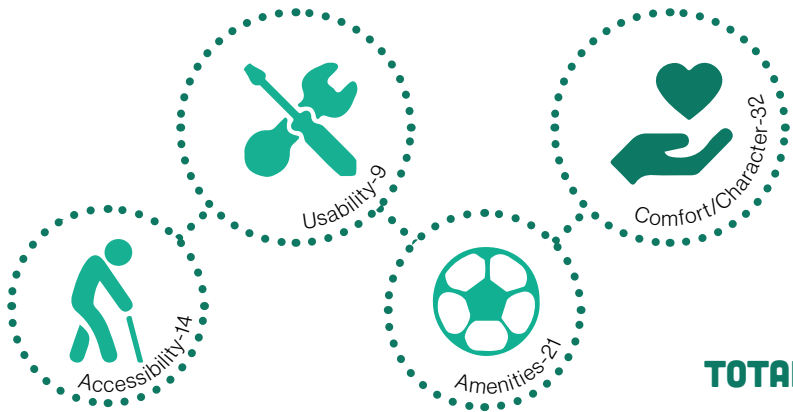
PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (3)
- Bicycle Racks (1)
- Bleachers/Grandstands (2)
- Diamond Fields (1)
- New Park Sign (1)
- Parking Lighting (26)
- Parking Lot (2)
- Pedestrian Lighting (5)
- Pickleball Courts (2)
- Picnic Tables (4)
- Rectangular Fields (1)
- Regulatory Sign (1)
- Scoreboard (1)
- Sports Lighting (34)
- Trash Receptacles (5)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● ✓ EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
76

BLUES PARK



SITE LOCATION: 2400 E. 20th St.

CLASSIFICATION: Park

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3

PARK DISTRICT: QLID

ESTABLISHED: 1967

ACREAGE: 4.75 Acres

PARK AMENITIES

- Basketball Courts (1)
- Benches (3)
- New Park Sign (1)
- Pedestrian Lighting (2)
- Playground (1)
- Regulatory Sign (1)

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

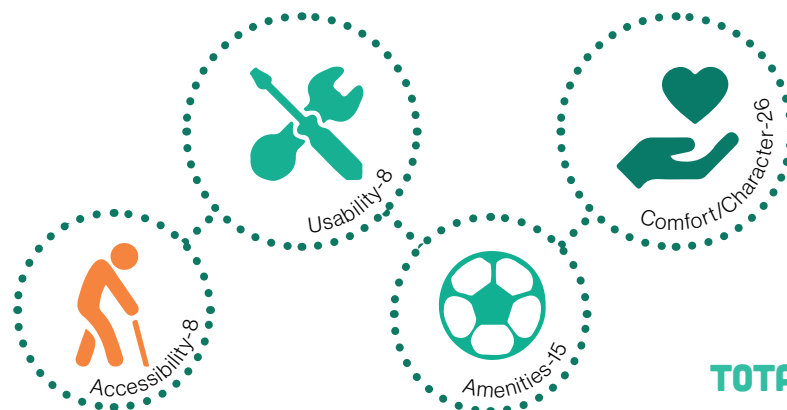
Blues Park sits at the northwest corner of E. 20th Street and Prospect Avenue amidst single family homes and adjacent to an active railway. It provides open green space and a colorful playground and basketball court. However, the park provides virtually no sidewalks or accessible routes between amenities. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Providing a loop park trail with connections between park amenities and the public rights-of-way
- Installing a shade structure and picnic tables
- Resurfacing the basketball court
- Updating the playground equipment and surfacing

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
57

BRUSH CREEK GREENWAY



SITE LOCATION: Brookside Blvd. to Blue River **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Greenway
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4
PARK DISTRICT: Central
ESTABLISHED: 1917
ACREAGE: 285.85 acres

Brush Creek Greenway Park is a linear park that runs west to east and ultimately into the Blue River. Adjacent land uses include single and multi-family residential, commercial/retail, civic/institutional and industrial. This park is easy to walk to from adjacent streets and neighborhoods, the pavements are in average condition, and features an appropriate amount of lighting. Brush Creek Greenway doesn't have any signage identifying it as a KC Park, exhibits strong perceptible negative odors, and shows evidence of vandalism and encampments. The Lake of the Enshriners area displays a lot of sedimentation, stagnant water, and erosion. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Increased regular maintenance
- Removing invasive species
- installing updated park and wayfinding signage
- Remove the sediment build-up and include the addition of an aeration system/structure.
- Improve ADA accessibility throughout park

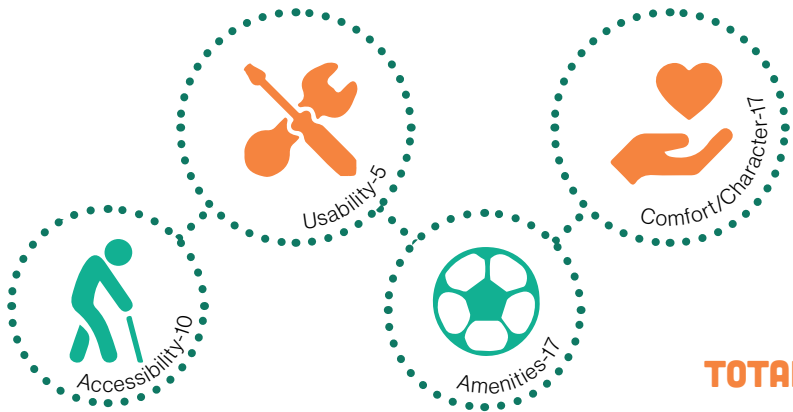
PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (40)
- Boat Access (7)
- Bridge (1)
- Fountain (2)
- Landmark (1)
- Multi-Use Trail (2)
- Pedestrian Lighting (202)
- Picnic Tables (1)
- Public Art (1)
- Rain Garden (1)
- Regulatory Sign (14)
- Shade Structures (2)
- Stream/Creek (1)
- Trash Receptacles (4)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ✓ POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
49

CENTRAL PARK



SITE LOCATION: 3409 E. 31st St. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3
PARK DISTRICT: QLID
ESTABLISHED: 1930
ACREAGE: 11.89 Acres

Located in the South Round Top neighborhood at the southwest corner of E. 31st Street and Indiana Avenue, Central Park is a large park that is operated and maintained under a partnership with Kansas City Public Schools. Located adjacent to single-family homes, a fire station and Central High School, this green space serves many users and purposes. The portion of the park generally maintained by the department includes a playground, spray ground, tennis courts and a new futsal court, a shelter building with restrooms, as well as a large open green space. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Replacement of the sprayground
- Shade structure near the playground
- Loop park path in the large green space
- Public art or signage that tells the story of this neighborhood

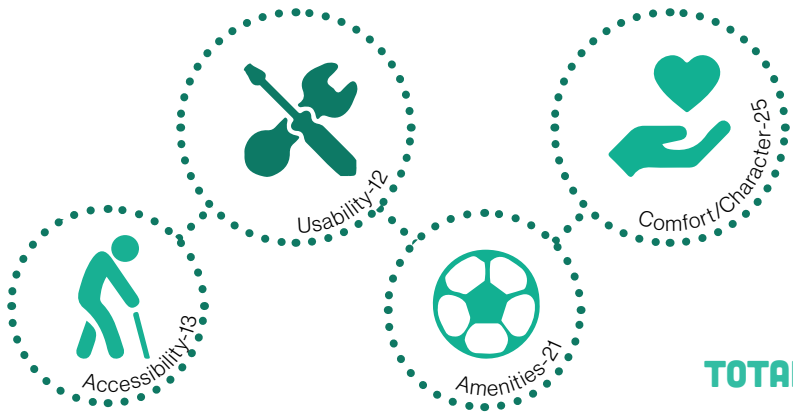
PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (13)
- Futsal Court (1)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Picnic Shelter (1)
- Picnic Tables (2)
- Playground (1)
- Public Art (1)
- Rectangular Field (1)
- Restrooms (Permanent) (2)
- Splash Pad (1)
- Sports Lighting (18)
- Tennis Courts (2)
- Trash Receptacle (1)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
71

CHELSEA PARK



SITE LOCATION: 2601 Chelsea Ave.

CLASSIFICATION: Park

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3

PARK DISTRICT: QLID

ESTABLISHED: 1948

ACREAGE: 3.19 Acres

PARK AMENITIES

- Basketball Courts (1)
- Benches (1)
- Bleachers/Grandstands (4)
- Diamond Fields (1)
- Dugouts (2)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Playground (1)
- Tennis Courts (1)
- Trash Receptacles (1)

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

Chelsea Park is surrounded by single-family residential homes at the southeast corner of E. 26th Street and Chelsea Avenue. It features great visibility but very limited pedestrian access. It offers a variety of amenities from a playground to tennis and basketball courts to a baseball field but all of them could benefit from an update. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Park loop trail with access to amenities and public rights-of-way
- Renovated playground
- Resurfaced sport courts
- A shade structure and picnic table or bench
- Removal of the baseball backstop

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
64

CLEVELAND PARK



SITE LOCATION: E. 43rd St. & Cleveland Ave. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Athletic Complex
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3
PARK DISTRICT: QLID
ESTABLISHED: 1956
ACREAGE: 29.04 Acres

This athletic complex sits on the northeast corner of E. 43rd Street and Cleveland Avenue and features four ball diamonds and associated appurtenances. It also preserves 15 acres of woodland in the Blue River watershed. The park is adjacent to multiple schools and homes in the heart of the Vineyard neighborhood. The parking lots are in good condition as are the sidewalks leading up to the ball diamonds. Much of the amenities at this park are within the secured fences of the ball diamonds. There is a playground and basketball court on the east side of the park on Jackson Avenue. Possible opportunities for improvement include:

- Providing a shelter and picnic tables on Jackson Avenue
- Providing a sidewalk on the east side of Cleveland Avenue
- Renovating the playground
- Repairing the pavement within the ballfield complex

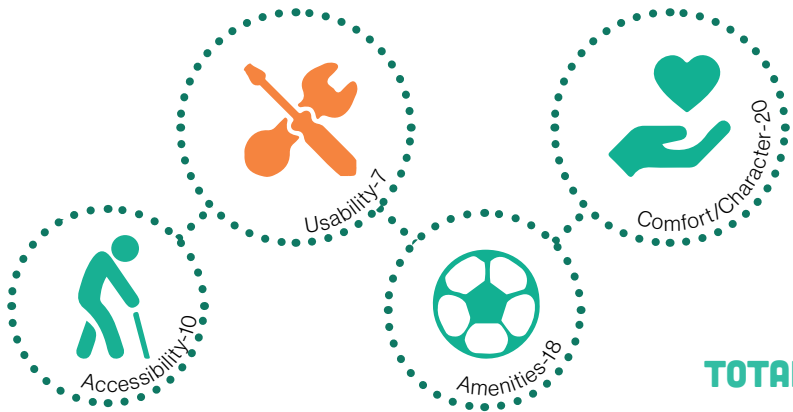
PARK AMENITIES

- Basketball Court (1)
- Bench (1)
- Bleachers/Grandstands (12)
- Concession Stands (1)
- Diamond Fields (4)
- Dugouts (8)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Parking Lighting (4)
- Parking Lot (2)
- Picnic Tables (8)
- Playground (2)
- Regulatory Sign (2)
- Scoreboard (4)
- Sports Lighting (75)
- Trash Receptacles (4)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
55

CORRINGTON PARK



SITE LOCATION: 7101 E. 19th St.

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3
PARK DISTRICT: QLID
ESTABLISHED: 1967
ACREAGE: 9.85 acres

Corrington Park overlooks the Blue River at the southwest corner of E. 18th Street and Bristol Avenue. It is adjacent to single-family residential with some industrial uses to the east. The park is not easily accessible due to lack of neighborhood sidewalks and ADA routes to the amenities within. The swings, baseball backstop, and bleachers appear to be in good condition but the actual baseball field and open turf areas need to be regraded to prevent water ponding and drainage issues. Potential improvements include:

- Park loop trail
- New updated KC Parks signage
- Ballfield improvements to eliminate drainage issues
- A shade structure and seating

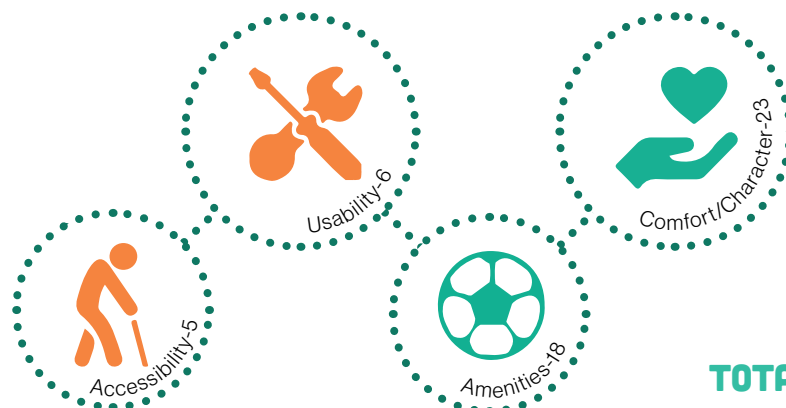
PARK AMENITIES

- Bleachers/Grandstands (1)
- Diamond Fields (1)
- Drinking Fountain (1)
- Playground (1)
- Regulatory Sign (2)
- Trash Receptacles (1)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

- UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
52

CYPRESS PARK



SITE LOCATION: 2943 Elmwood Ave.

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

CLASSIFICATION: Park

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3

PARK DISTRICT: QLID

ESTABLISHED: 1967

ACREAGE: 5.19 Acres

Located in the South Round Top neighborhood, Cypress park is located on 5 acres sandwiched between E. 30th Street and Interstate 70. It features notable sculptures by the late Dale Eldred, as well as a playground and basketball court. While the park is well-maintained, it lacks basic amenities such as shade and sidewalk connections between its amenities. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Shade trees
- Picnic shelter and seating
- Sidewalks connecting park amenities
- Updated playground with inclusive features
- Resurfaced basketball court
- New KC Parks signage
- Interpretive signage telling the story of this neighborhood prior to I-70 construction

PARK AMENITIES

- Basketball Courts(1)
- Benches (2)
- Grills (1)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Picnic Tables (4)
- Playground (1)
- Public Art (1)
- Trash Receptacles (1)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
58

DR. JOHNSTONE LYKINS SQUARE



SITE LOCATION: E. 8th St. & Myrtle Ave.

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3
PARK DISTRICT: Central
ESTABLISHED: 1913
ACREAGE: 4.95 acres

Lykins Square is a neighborhood park in an urban area, surrounded by single-family residential land uses. Recent improvements to this park include regraded turf soccer fields and a concrete trail that provides accessible routes to all park elements. It is inviting and perceived to be safe with good visibility into the park from all four sides. The amenities are showing areas of wear and tear, especially the playground and basketball court. The stone walls and shade structure appear to be in good condition. Opportunities for improvement include:

- New updated park sign
- Upgrade lighting fixtures to LED fixtures
- Replace and relocate the playground closer to the sprayground
- Resurface the basketball court
- Add fencing behind the goals to prevent basketballs from rolling into the street

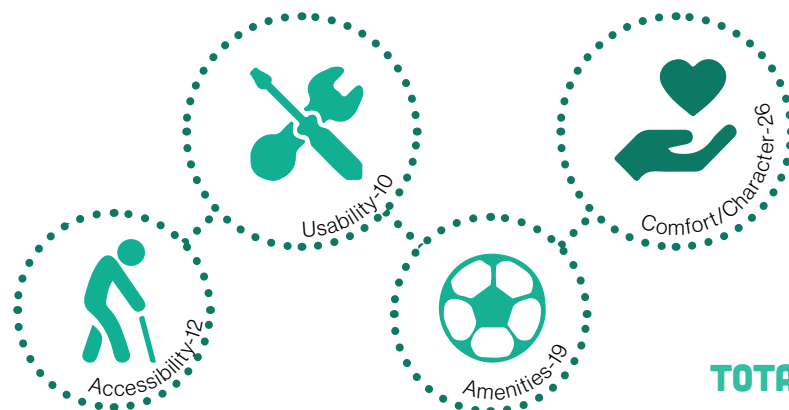
PARK AMENITIES

- Basketball Courts (1)
- Benches (12)
- Drinking Fountain (1)
- Multi-Use Trail (1)
- Park Loop Trail (1)
- Pedestrian Lighting (11)
- Playground (1)
- Public Art (1)
- Rectangular Fields (2)
- Regulatory Sign (2)
- Shade Structures (1)
- Splash Pad (1)
- Trash Receptacles (10)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
67

DUNBAR PARK



SITE LOCATION: E. 36th St. & Oakley Ave. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3
PARK DISTRICT: QLID
ESTABLISHED: 1943
ACREAGE: 2.94 acres

Dunbar Park is adjacent to single-family residential, vacant lots, and an adult day care center. This park features great ADA access throughout with routes between all amenities, pleasant places to sit, and is very well-maintained. The pavements and site furnishings are newer, the playground has recently been replaced, and the older shelter is unique and in good shape. Potential improvements include:

- Painting the shelter
- New updated KC Parks signage

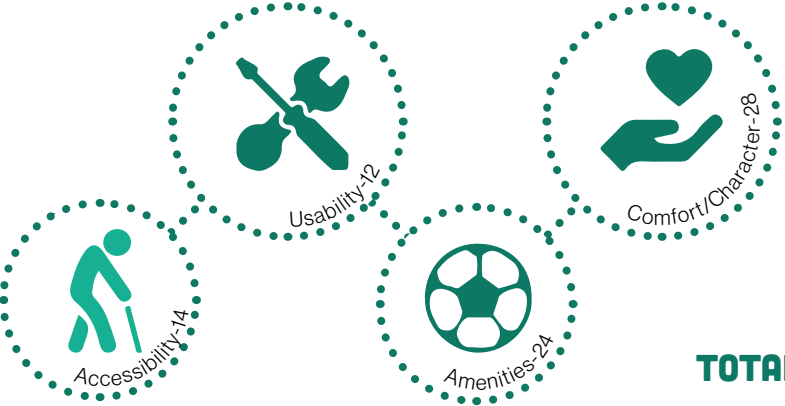
PARK AMENITIES

- Basketball Courts (1)
- Benches (14)
- Grills (2)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Park Loop Trail (2)
- Parking Lot (1)
- Picnic Shelter (1)
- Picnic Tables (6)
- Playground (1)
- Sports Lighting (2)
- Trash Receptacles (6)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● ✓ EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
78

EASTWOOD PARK



SITE LOCATION: Sni-A-Bar Rd. & Bennington Ave.

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3
PARK DISTRICT: QLID
ESTABLISHED: 1979
ACREAGE: 3.8 acres

PARK AMENITIES

- Pond (3)

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

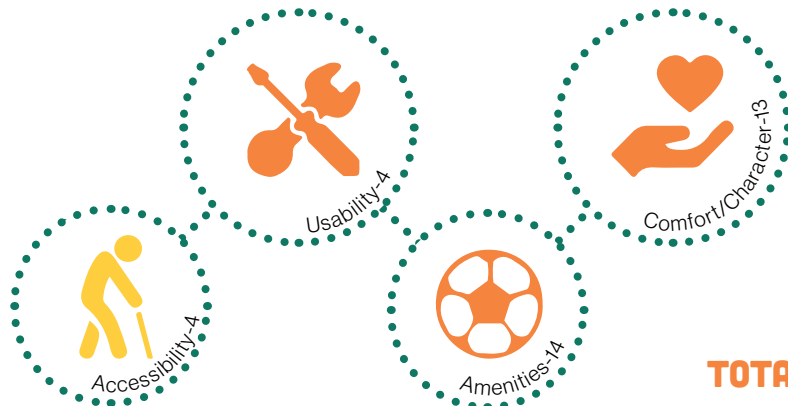
This primarily natural area in the Eastwood Hills neighborhood provides no signage or amenities to indicate it is a KC Parks property. Access to the site is discouraged by multiple gates and barriers. There are several pull-offs along Manchester Trafficway where one could park their car and walk to one of the ponds to fish. There is a lot of illegal dumping inside the park and along the road. Despite being in an area with limited parks, this space is not accessible in any manner, is not attractive, feels unsafe and abandoned, and had a strong perceptible odor of trash/garbage. Opportunities for improvement include:

- New updated KC Parks signage
- A community garden
- A park loop trail and interpretive signage

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ✓ POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
35

FAIRVIEW PARK



SITE LOCATION: E. 38th St. & Arlington Ave. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3
PARK DISTRICT: Central
ESTABLISHED: 1982
ACREAGE: 9.6 acres

PARK AMENITIES

- Old Park Sign (1)
- Stream / Creek (1)

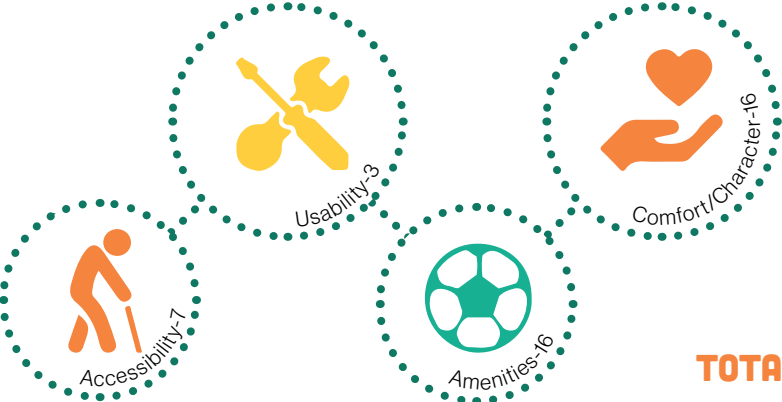
Fairview Park is a primarily natural area with a park sign. It is located adjacent to single-family residential and industrial land uses, and Pitcher Elementary School. All areas of access were overgrown with a lot of litter except where 38th street dead-ends. Citizens have indicated that there are multiple encampments deep in the park property. This park is in a accessible area and has potential to be a valuable asset to the system. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Regularly scheduled patrolling and maintenance with management of invasive species
- A master plan process could be completed for Fairview Park to determine the best uses for the space

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ✓ POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
42

FREEWAY PARK & GARDENS



SITE LOCATION: E. 14th St. & Indiana Ave. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3
PARK DISTRICT: QLID
ESTABLISHED: 1970
ACREAGE: 2.27 Acres

Located between Indiana Avenue and Interstate-70, this park space is devoted to a set of community gardens and relatively inaccessible to the general public. Opportunities for improvement include:

- New updated KC Parks signage
- Sidewalk infrastructure
- Interpretive signage explaining the benefits of gardening

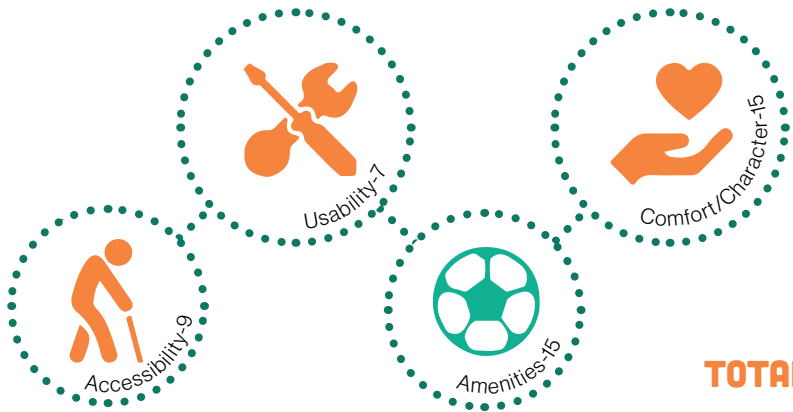
PARK AMENITIES

- Community Gardens (1)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Regulatory Sign (3)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● ✓ POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
46

GEORGE E. KESSLER PARK



SITE LOCATION: Chestnut Trfwy. & Cliff Dr. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3
PARK DISTRICT: Central
ESTABLISHED: 1895
ACREAGE: 303.51 acres

Kessler Park is named for the landscape architect who guided the planning and design Kansas City's early park and boulevard system. The park's boundary includes much of the bluffs on the north and northeast side of the city that overlook the Missouri River. The 300 acres include several smaller park properties detailed in this report: Maple Park, Lafayette Traber Garden, The Concourse, Indian Mound, and Northeast Athletic Fields. The overall park is characterized by iconic structures and fountains, grand open spaces that offer stunning views, and trails through the thickly vegetated slopes. The park underwent a master planning process during 2023. General improvements mentioned throughout that report include:

- Restoration and management of the landscape
- Connectivity between the amenities and neighborhoods
- Activation of the many great spaces that have fallen into decline

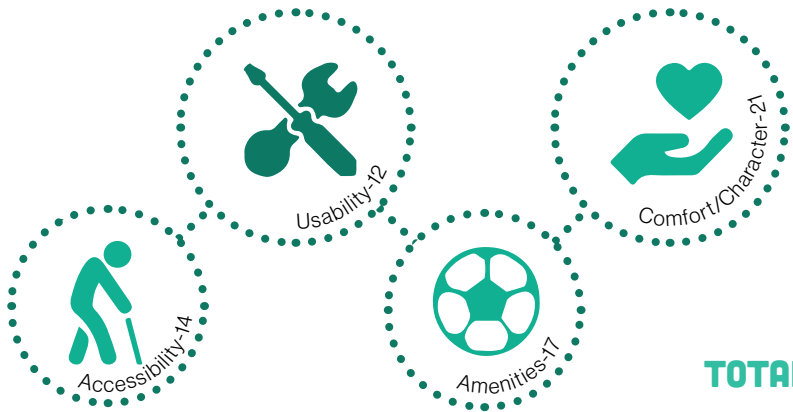
PARK AMENITIES

- Basketball Courts (5)
- Benches (10)
- Bridge (2)
- Disc Golf (1)
- Drinking Fountain (3)
- Fishing Access (1)
- Fountain (1)
- Futsal Courts (2)
- Landmark (3)
- Multi-Use Trail (1)
- Outdoor Fitness Equip. (4)
- Parking Lighting (21)
- Pedestrian Lighting (8)
- Picnic Tables (5)
- Playground (1)
- Pond (1)
- Restrooms (Portable) (1)
- Shade Structures (2)
- Sports Lighting (18)
- Trash Receptacles (10)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✔ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
64

GOIN' TO KANSAS CITY PLAZA



SITE LOCATION: 1111 The Paseo STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3
PARK DISTRICT: Central
ESTABLISHED: 1977
ACREAGE: 4.8 Acres

PARK AMENITIES

- Old Park Sign (1)
- Parking Lot (1)
- Pedestrian Lighting (23)
- Trash Receptacles (3)

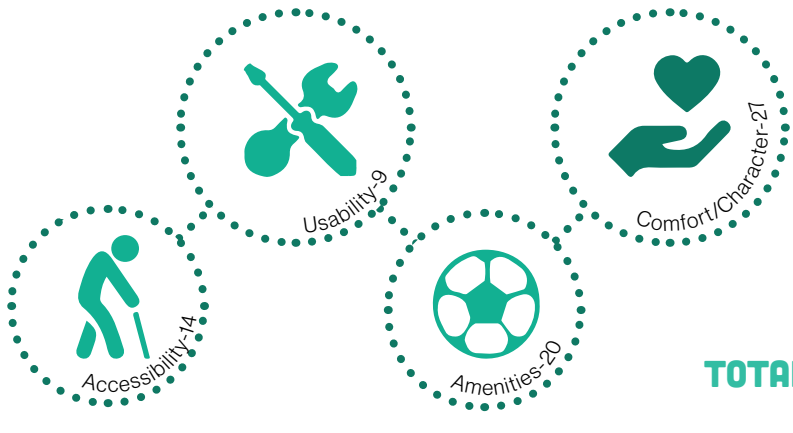
Set amidst a multi-family residential area Goin' to Kansas City Plaza, is an urban haven offering 20 spaces of parking, making it accessible for families from nearby locations. This area can be enhanced with opportunities for shade, and more options for seating. This park has little to no flexibility in use, or programmable area. Opportunities for improvement include:

- More landscaping, green infrastructure, and vertical structures
- This area can expand to a wider demographic with a themed playground or shelter

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



HARMONY PARK



SITE LOCATION: 700 Locust St. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3
PARK DISTRICT: QLID
ESTABLISHED: 1971
ACREAGE: 1.4 Acres

PARK AMENITIES

- Basketball Courts (1)
- Benches (3)
- Drinking Fountain (1)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Pedestrian Lighting (3)
- Picnic Tables (2)
- Playground (1)
- Regulatory Sign (2)
- Splash Pad (1)
- Trash Receptacles (3)

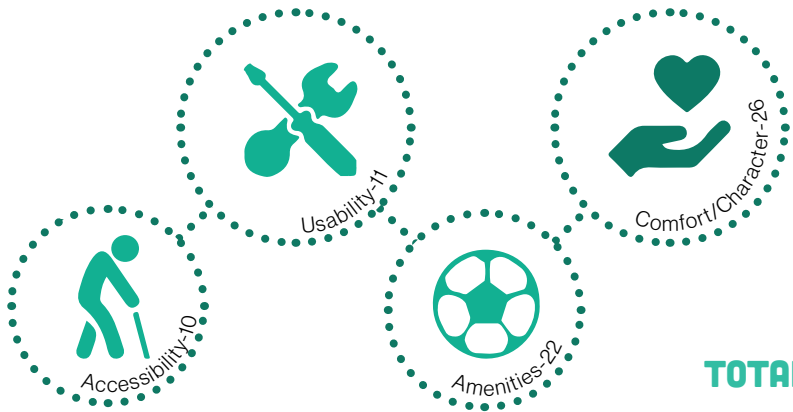
Located in the Washington Wheatley neighborhood surrounded by single, and multi-family houses, this park has sidewalks within the neighborhood around it and a bus stop nearby on Indiana St. The park offers accessible on-street parking and several trees providing shade near the basketball and baseball areas. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Crosswalks are needed on every corner of the park.
- The implementation of tables and eating areas would help to activate some of the unused space that exists, and contribute to an enhanced feeling of safety.
- Work to maintain and repair structures, lighting, fences, playground, and basketball court as well as promote usage of baseball diamond.

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
69

INDEPENDENCE PLAZA



SITE LOCATION: 2200 Independence Blvd. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3
PARK DISTRICT: Central
ESTABLISHED: 1896
ACREAGE: 1.73 Acres

Independence Plaza is a small park surrounded by single, and multi-family residential, mixed-use, and commercial/retail areas. This park has pickle ball courts, futsal courts, and a playground, making it appealing to users of all ages. This park does a good job of promoting accessibility, and it is well maintained. Opportunities for improvement include:

- More weather mitigating structures, like trees for shade/screening or shade structures
- Adding landscaping and storm water management practices to create a more inviting area

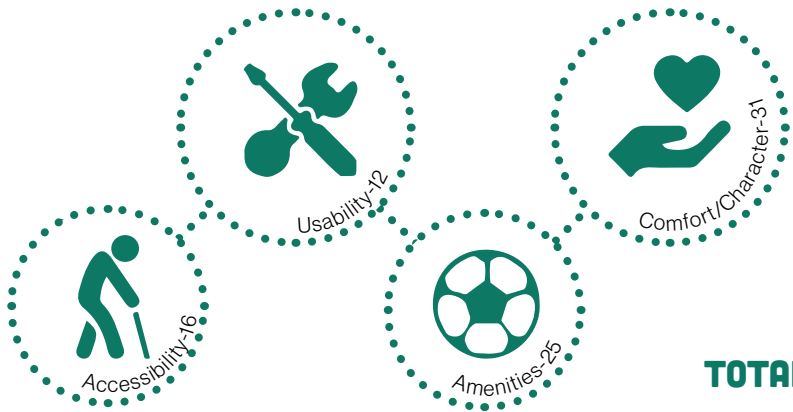
PARK AMENITIES

- Drinking Fountain (1)
- Futsal Courts (1)
- Park Loop Trail (1)
- Pedestrian Lighting (21)
- Pickleball Courts (1)
- Playground (1)
- Public Art (1)
- Trash Receptacles (1)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● ✓ EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
84

INDIANA PARK



SITE LOCATION: 400 E. 11th St. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3
PARK DISTRICT: QLID
ESTABLISHED: 1967
ACREAGE: 2.38 Acres

Indiana park is surrounded by single-family residences, commercial/retail, and civic/institutional land uses. It provides residents with a diamond field, basketball court, and a playground. This park is used frequently and excels in the clarity of signage, as well as site furnishings. Opportunities for improvement include:

- More seating, and programmable space
- Create a large shelter to contribute to the park's opportunities for revenue

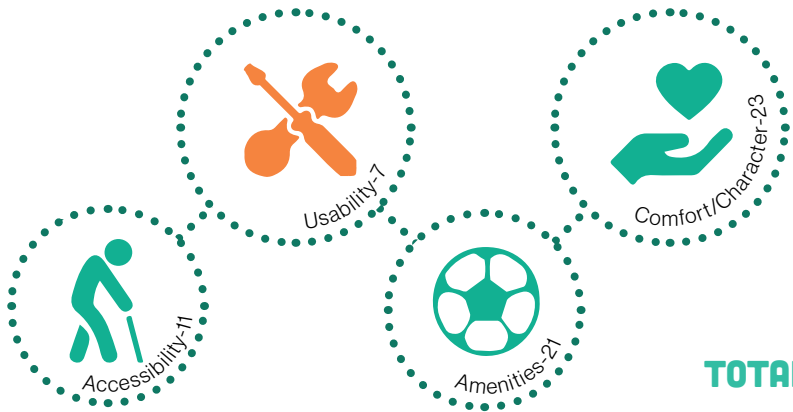
PARK AMENITIES

- Basketball Courts (1)
- Benches (2)
- Bleachers/Grandstands (1)
- Diamond Fields (1)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Playground (1)
- Trash Receptacles (2)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
62

IVANHOE PARK



SITE LOCATION: 4308 Park Ave. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3
PARK DISTRICT: QLID
ESTABLISHED: 1956
ACREAGE: 11.56 acres

Located in the Ivanhoe Southeast neighborhood, this park was formerly referred to as Brooklyn Park. In a past life, The Parks Department had used the property as temporary housing for WW2 Veterans. This park has sidewalks, signage, and accessible parking that are all in good condition. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Ongoing maintenance like resurfacing the playground and basketball court
- updating the playground equipment, repairing/replace the bleachers near the kickball area, and repairing the dog drinking fountain
- Create more internal connection routes to amenities in the park promoting accessibility for all
- There is a need to create more pleasant areas for sitting and add more native grass/wildflower in order to reduce the need for regular mowing

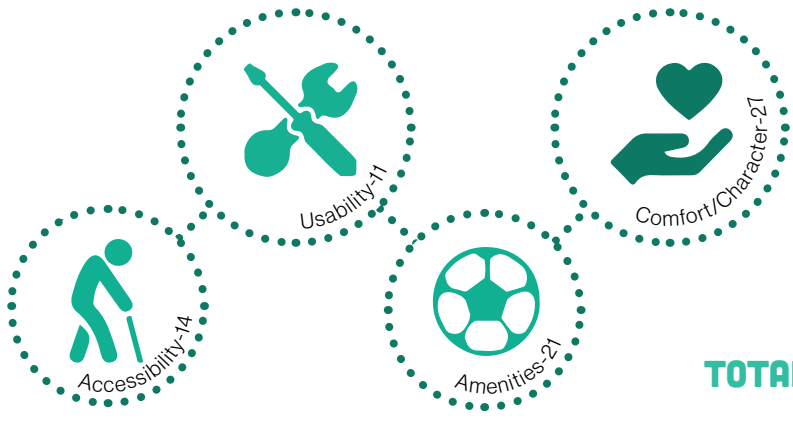
PARK AMENITIES

- Basketball Courts (1)
- Benches (4)
- Bleachers/Grandstands (3)
- Diamond Fields (2)
- Drinking Fountain (1)
- Dugouts (4)
- Grills (1)
- Multi-Use Trail (1)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Parking Lot (1)
- Pedestrian Lighting (8)
- Picnic Shelter (1)
- Picnic Tables (5)
- Playground (1)
- Regulatory Sign (2)
- Trash Receptacles (4)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
73

LAFAYETTE TRABER GARDEN



SITE LOCATION: Pendleton Ave. & Lexington Ave. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3
PARK DISTRICT: Central
ESTABLISHED: 1956
ACREAGE: 0.78 acres

The Lafayette Traber Garden is a grassy median at the far west end of Pendleton Avenue. It is one of the smallest park properties in the system. In its present condition, it provides no park or recreation amenities. It provides public open green space within the street right-of-way in the vicinity of about a dozen homes. As a park and recreation property in the Pendleton Heights neighborhood, it is a small component of the much larger Kessler Park district. Improvements could include:

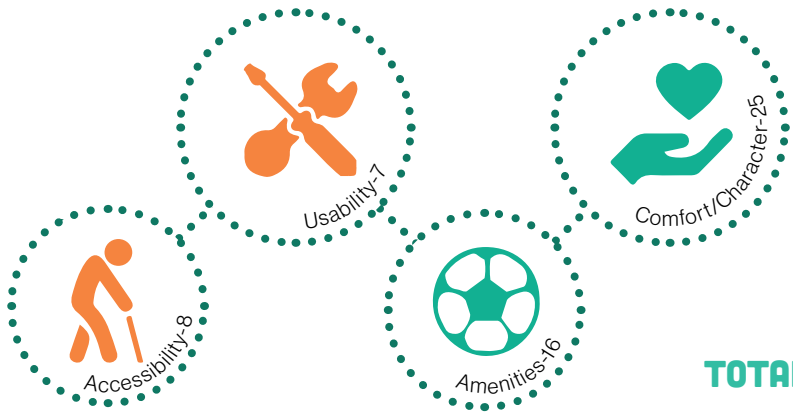
- Seating
- Interpretive signage telling the story of Lafayette Traber
- A community garden

PARK AMENITIES

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
56

LINWOOD GREEN PARK



SITE LOCATION: Linwood Blvd. & Poplar Ave. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3
PARK DISTRICT: QLID
ESTABLISHED: 1974
ACREAGE: 17.7 acres

Linwood Green Park is located near the VA Hospital and adjacent to both single- and multi-family residential. The park features multiple raingardens and green infrastructure solutions installed and maintained by the KC Water Department that are relatively new. This space is easy to access from surrounding neighborhoods, is ADA-compliant, is perceived to be inviting, safe and attractive, and has well-maintained pavements and landscaping. Linwood Green doesn't offer a variety of activities or opportunities for revenue but could be used as an educational/learning opportunity for nearby neighbors, students, and veterans. Opportunities for improvement include:

- New updated KC Parks signage
- More interpretive signage to educate the public about the green infrastructure solutions found on site

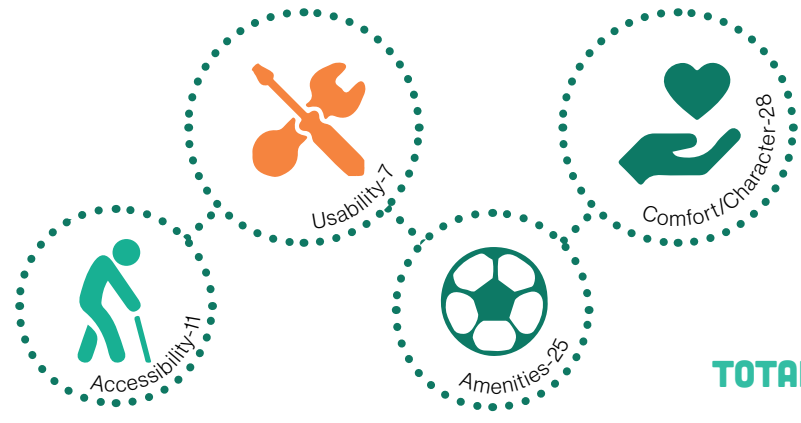
PARK AMENITIES

- Interpretive Sign (1)
- Multi-Use Trail (1)
- Rain Garden (3)
- Regulatory Sign (1)
- Trash Receptacles (2)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
71

MANHEIM GREEN



SITE LOCATION: 3930 Manheim Rd.

CLASSIFICATION: Park

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3

PARK DISTRICT: Central

ESTABLISHED: 1983

ACREAGE: .99 acres

PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (2)
- Grills (2)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Pedestrian Lighting (4)
- Picnic Tables (2)
- Playground (1)
- Trash Receptacles (2)

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

Located in midtown, this neighborhood park is fully developed and surrounded by single-family residential. Manheim Green has easy access to and from the adjacent streets and neighborhood with sidewalks and ADA ramps. Overall, the park is well-maintained, evokes feelings of safety, and displays appropriate park activity. The existing pavements are in good condition but not all amenities have a clear ADA compliant pathway to them including picnic tables and grills. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Adding protection from the weather
- Repair and patch large stone retaining walls on site

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
65

MAPLE PARK



SITE LOCATION: 201 Lexington Ave. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3
PARK DISTRICT: Central
ESTABLISHED: 1946
ACREAGE: 15.52 acres

Maple Park is a part of the much larger Kessler Park and provides valuable green space to the Pendleton Heights neighborhood. It is located between single-family homes, a large multi-family residential complex and Kansas City University. Its playground and sport fields and courts are often busy on sunny afternoons throughout the year. It is an active park with fields and courts for soccer, sand volleyball, and basketball. This park underwent a master planning process in 2023. Proposed improvements include:

- Playground
- Sprayground
- Rentable shelter and permanent restrooms
- A park loop trail
- Improved athletic fields
- An orchard operated by The Giving Grove

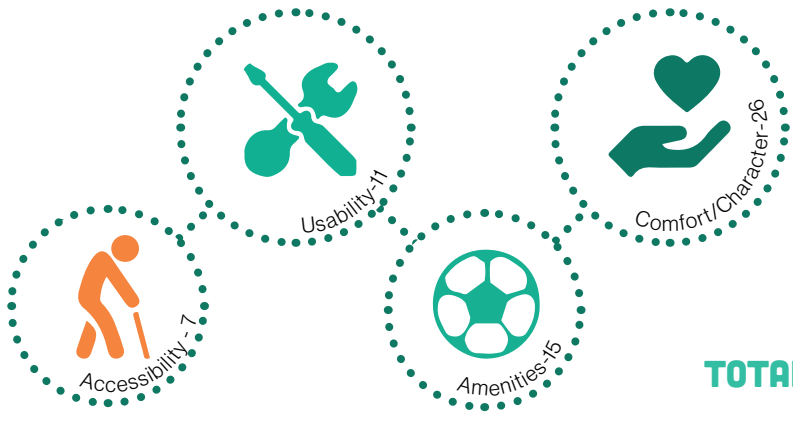
PARK AMENITIES

- Basketball Courts (1)
- Benches (1)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Parking Lighting (10)
- Picnic Tables (2)
- Playground (1)
- Rectangular Fields (2)
- Sand Volleyball (1)
- Trash Receptacles (8)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
59

MONTGALL PARK



SITE LOCATION: 2100 Walrond Ave.

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3
PARK DISTRICT: QLID
ESTABLISHED: 1920
ACREAGE: 6.1 Acres

Located in the Washington Wheatley neighborhood, this park is fairly accessible with several entrances a sidewalk surrounding the park, on-street parking around the park, and crosswalks around the edges of the park. Montgall park has a large open space and several trees providing shade throughout the park. This park has issues with safety and security, as it has been used as a camp for homeless/drug users. Opportunities for improvement include:

- It is a priority to clear out the homeless camp that exists in the park, this will enhance the park in so many ways making it much more usable and safe for patrons
- Continue ongoing park maintenance and add more trash/recycle bins

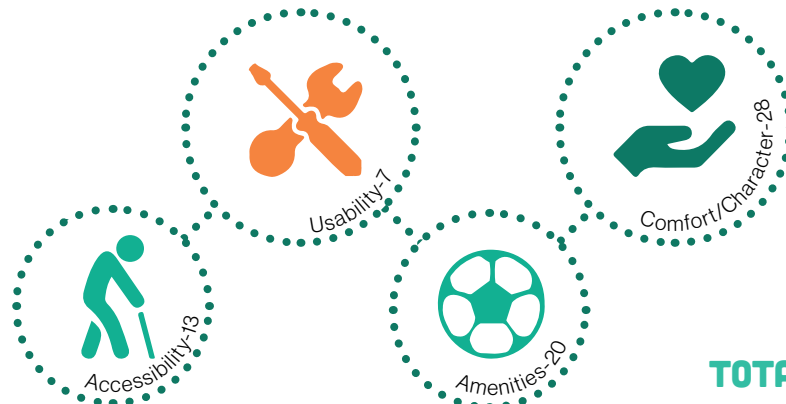
PARK AMENITIES

- Basketball Courts (2)
- Benches (4)
- Drinking Fountain (1)
- Grills (1)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Park Loop Trail (1)
- Pedestrian Lighting (11)
- Picnic Shelter (1)
- Picnic Tables (3)
- Playground (2)
- Regulatory Sign (1)
- Trash Receptacles (5)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
68

MARGARET KEMP PARK



SITE LOCATION: 900 Harrison St.

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3
PARK DISTRICT: Central
ESTABLISHED: 1967
ACREAGE: 2.94 Acres

Located on each side of E. 10th st. just East of I70 sits Margaret Kemp Park. The park includes a loop trail, playground to the North. On the South side of E. 10 St. is the large dog park that includes areas for both small and large dogs. Sparce trees provide limited shade opportunities and there are no covered seating options. benches are located around the loop trail and in the dog park. Overall the park was clean and well maintained. Proximity to I-70 makes this one of the louder parks in the downtown region. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Covered seating
- New updated KC parks signage
- sound and visual mitigation of I70, possibly though plantings of evergreens to the West of the park

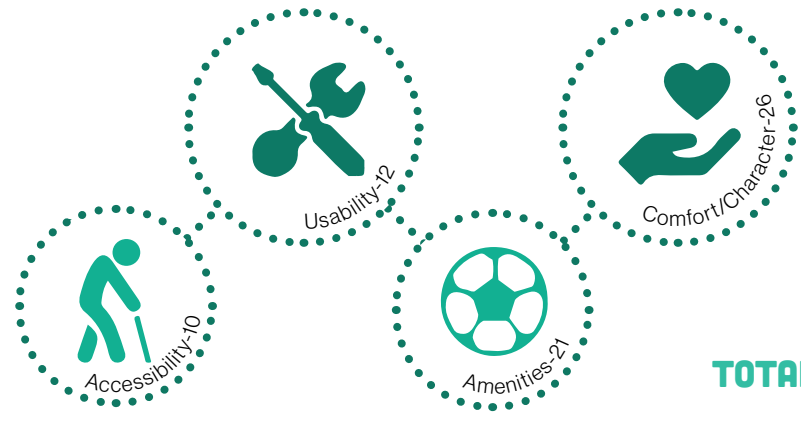
PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (7)
- Dog Park (1)
- Drinking Fountain (1)
- Park Loop Trail (1)
- Pedestrian Lighting (16)
- Picnic Tables (1)
- Playground (1)
- Regulatory Sign (1)
- Trash Receptacles (6)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
69

NELSON C. CREWS SQUARE



SITE LOCATION: 2601 Woodland Ave. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3
PARK DISTRICT: QLID
ESTABLISHED: 1902
ACREAGE: 6.29 Acres

PARK AMENITIES

- Basketball Courts (1)
- Benches (1)
- Bleachers/Grandstands (1)
- Grills (2)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Park Loop Trail (1)
- Picnic Tables (1)
- Rectangular Fields (1)
- Sports Lighting (4)
- Tennis Courts (1)
- Trash Receptacles (2)

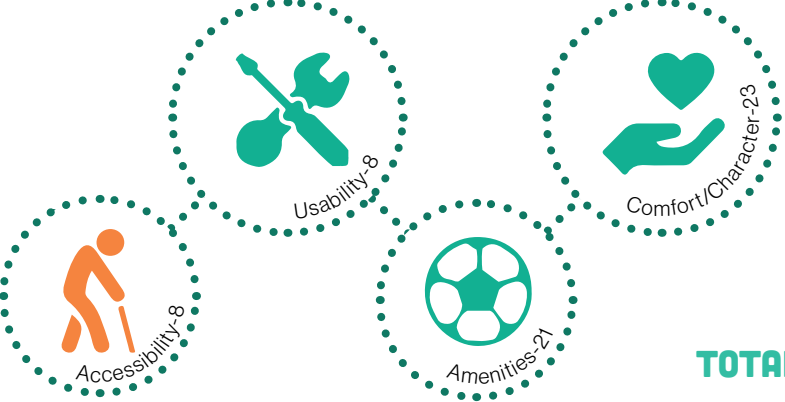
Located just to the East of Hwy 71 along E. 27th St. is Nelson C. Crews Square. The park's newest feature is a nicely fenced and lighted basketball court and tennis court located at the northwest corner of the park along E. 26th St. There is no off street parking, however the sports courts are ADA accessible. Two trails run through the park North to South and there is a significant topographic change West to East though the park. Seating opportunities are sparse and outdoor cooking amenities are outdated. There are no covered seating areas in the park, however there are mature trees that provide some shade. Improvements could include:

- Additional seating areas, covered
- Drinking fountain at sports courts
- Updated grills
- New updated KC park signage

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
60

OAK PARK



SITE LOCATION: E. 43rd St. & Agnes Ave. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3
PARK DISTRICT: QLID
ESTABLISHED: 1945
ACREAGE: 6.49 acres

Oak Park is located in midtown Kansas City and surrounded by single-family residential. This park offers a variety of amenities, clear ADA-compliant routes between uses, exhibits appropriate park activity, well-maintained pavements, playground equipment, and basketball facilities. It is an attractive and well maintained park and has appropriate lighting for the space. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Repairing (or removing) the ball diamond dugouts and seating
- Providing interpretive signage telling the story of the neighborhood
- Adding a rentable shelter, picnic tables, and a grill

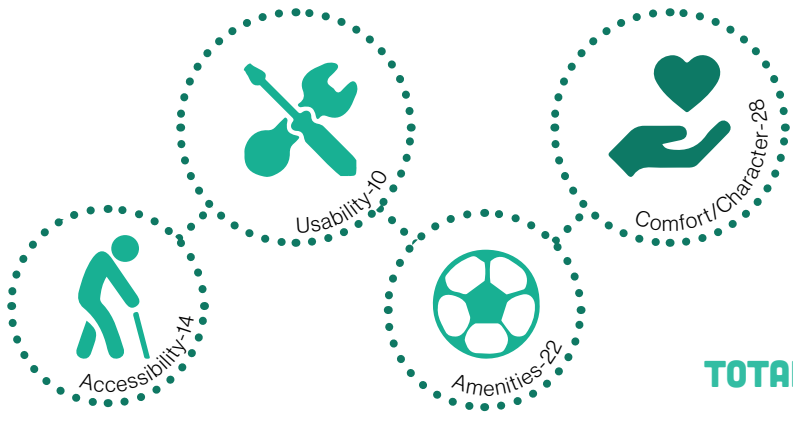
PARK AMENITIES

- Basketball Courts (4)
- Benches (5)
- Bleachers/Grandstands (4)
- Diamond Field (1)
- Drinking Fountain (2)
- Dugouts (2)
- Grills (1)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Park Loop Trail (1)
- Playground (1)
- Scoreboard (1)
- Sports Lighting (6)
- Trash Receptacles (6)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
74

PALMER PARK



SITE LOCATION: E. 53rd St. & Smalley Ave. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3
PARK DISTRICT: QLID
ESTABLISHED: 1977
ACREAGE: 6.15 acres

PARK AMENITIES

- Old Park Sign (1)
- Outdoor Classroom (1)

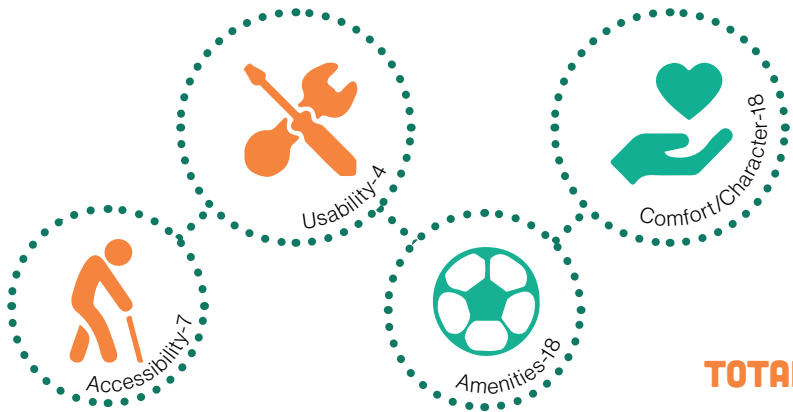
Located in the Eastwood Hills neighborhood adjacent to the elementary school, this park is secluded from the public and was created with the idea of nature play and study in mind. The park has a small parking space, with signage and natural landscapes that are conducive to passive recreation and an outdoor classroom area. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Create a clear route from the elementary school to the park, make clear paths of sight throughout the space, and locate facilities near roads for safety and visibility
- There are opportunities to manage invasive species in the park, improve the seating areas in the outdoor classroom and create more usable space within the park
- Promote community involvement with local organizations, libraries, community churches, local businesses, and Missouri conservation organizations

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● ✓ POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
47

PROSPECT PLAZA PARK



SITE LOCATION: 1100 Prospect Ave.

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3
PARK DISTRICT: QLID
ESTABLISHED: 1973
ACREAGE: 7.2 Acres

Located in the Independence Plaza neighborhood, surrounded by single-family residential, commercial/retail uses, and railroad track and industrial uses. This park is very accessible with the pavements in good condition, near a bus stop on the 12th St. bus line and has pleasant walking trails around and through the park. This park has quite a few amenities with pleasant places to sit, a large well-kept soccer field, and lots of open space. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Adding more sports fields in the large open space, the park has demonstrated a demand for more fields to accommodate youth and adults
- Plant new trees around the perimeter of the park to provide shade along the path and picnic areas
- Add smaller picnic shelters throughout the park with seating and trees to increase the usability of the area

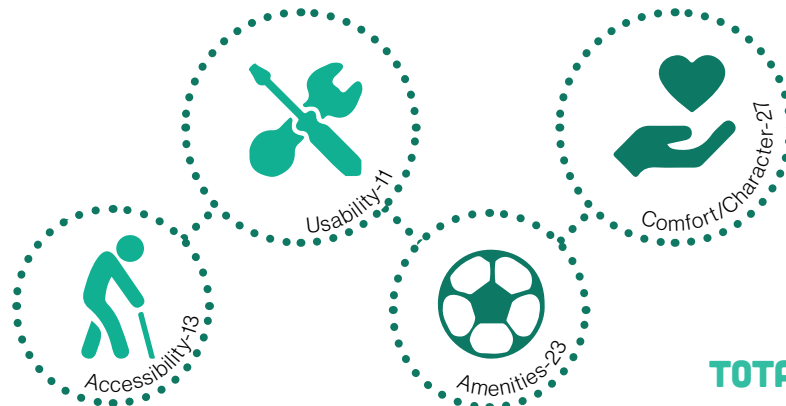
PARK AMENITIES

- Basketball Courts (1)
- Benches (3)
- Bleachers/Grandstands (2)
- Drinking Fountain (1)
- Futsal Courts (2)
- Park Loop Trail (1)
- Pedestrian Lighting (30)
- Regulatory Sign (1)
- Trash Receptacles (5)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
74

RAYTOWN ROAD ATHLETIC COMPLEX



SITE LOCATION: Eastern Trfwy. & Raytown Rd. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Athletic Complex
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3
PARK DISTRICT: Central
ESTABLISHED: 1973
ACREAGE: 32.7 acres

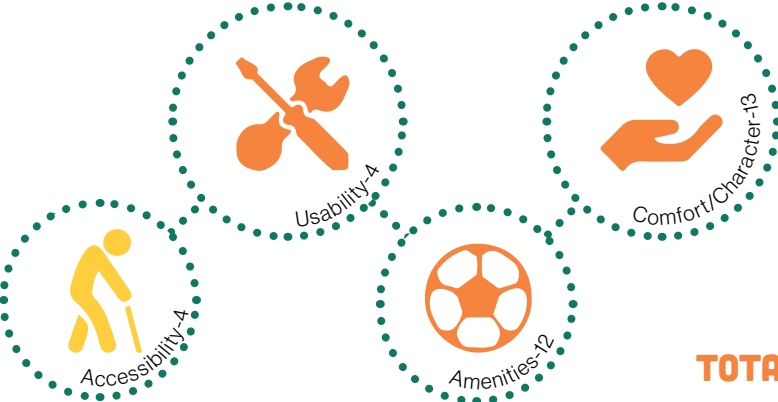
In its current state, this park property gives no indication that it is a KC Parks property. Located south of the Truman Sports Complex, the Raytown Road Athletic Complex is adjacent to industrial uses including an Evergy laydown area. This property is part of Municipal Farm and any improvements should be planned in accordance with improvements to Municipal Farm. This property is adjacent to the Rock Island Trail. No improvements are recommended at this time.

PARK AMENITIES

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● ✓ POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
33

SANTA FE TRAIL PARK



SITE LOCATION: E. 23rd St. & Topping Ave. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Athletic Complex
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3
PARK DISTRICT: Central
ESTABLISHED: 1967
ACREAGE: 34.89 acres

PARK AMENITIES

- Old Park Sign
- Stream/Creek (1)

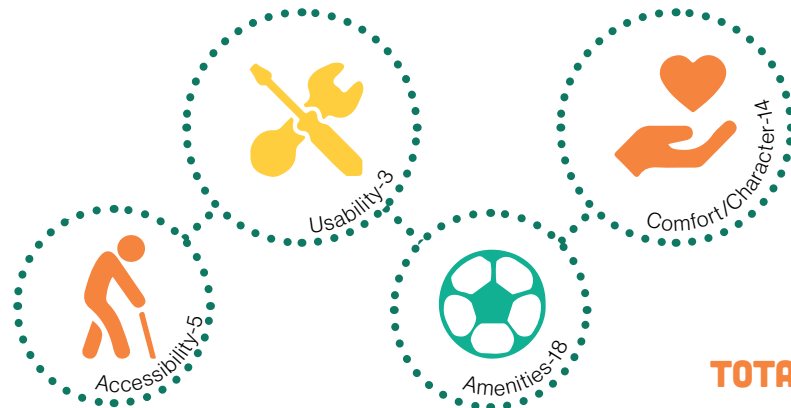
While there is a sign on this property which denotes it as the Santa Fe Trail Historic Site, there is nothing else about this property which suggests that it is a park and recreation property. It provides no park amenities or pathways into its 30 some acres. This piece of land is a location where the Santa Fe Trail once crossed on the west banks of the Blue River. It lies adjacent to Blue Valley Park and numerous homes in the Blue Valley neighborhood. This location is included in the Blue Valley Master Plan project. The park suffers from vacant residential properties on the surrounding streets. There are wagon wheel ruts on this tract of land so sensitivity is needed with improvements. Potential opportunities for improvement include:

- New updated KC Parks signage
- Interpretive signage that tells the history of this space
- Incorporating this park into programming of the adjacent Blue Valley Park

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ✓ POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
40

SANFORD BROWN PLAZA



SITE LOCATION: 2001 Holly St. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3
PARK DISTRICT: Central
ESTABLISHED: 1908
ACREAGE: 3.09 Acres

Located on Linwood Blvd., Stanford Brown Plaza is split to the North and South along Brooklyn Ave. A small but newer playground sits in the center of the Northern section and contains one play structure. It is flanked by 4 benches and a single water fountain with additional play structures situated in the surrounding lawn. The south section of the park contains several small basketball courts and area for field sports. The sidewalks surrounding the park are in poor condition and could pose a challenge for accessibility. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Adding a shade structure or covered seating.
- new sidewalks around the park.
- New updated KC park signage.

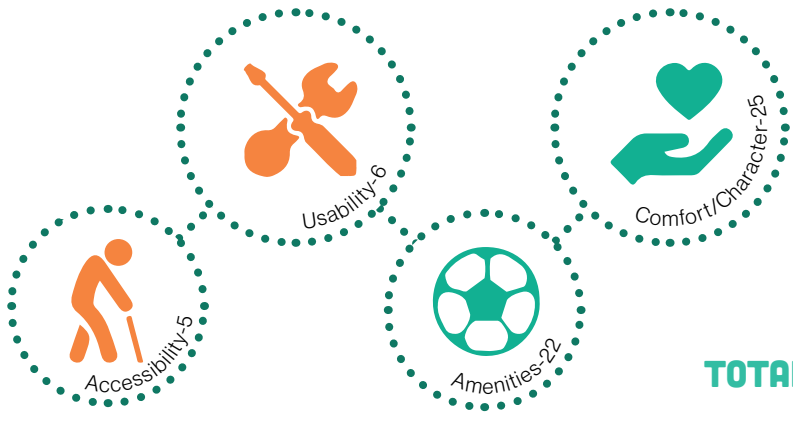
PARK AMENITIES

- Basketball Courts (2)
- Bleachers/Grandstands (1)
- Drinking Fountain (1)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Pedestrian Lighting (8)
- Playground (1)
- Trash Receptacles (2)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
58

SATCHEL PAIGE STADIUM



SITE LOCATION: E. 51st & Indiana Ave.

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3
PARK DISTRICT: QLID
ESTABLISHED: 1985
ACREAGE: 12.7 acres

PARK AMENITIES

- Bleachers/Grandstands (1)
- Bridge (1)
- Concession Stands (2)
- Diamond Fields (1)
- Dugouts (2)
- Parking Lot (1)
- Restrooms (Permanent) (1)
- Scoreboard (1)
- Sports Lighting (48)
- Stream/Creek (1)
- Trash Receptacles (9)

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

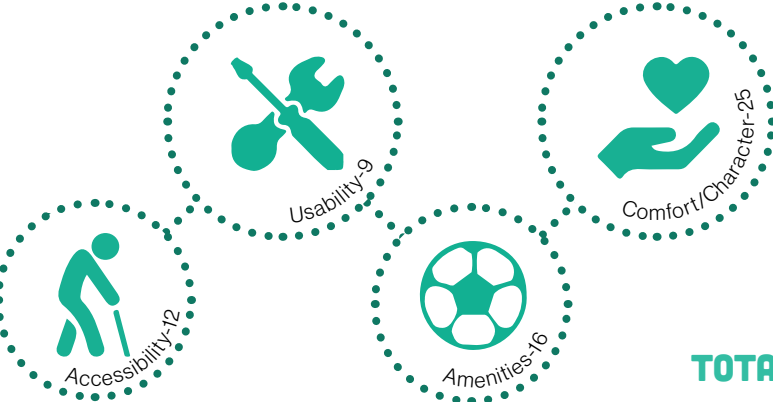
Located in North Town Fork Creek, this park is in a highly accessible location. The park is surrounded by a diverse core of homeowners and renters. The stadium's current condition creates many safety concerns, the lights no longer work, the retaining walls are caving in, and the bleachers are no longer safe. This stadium could be used to host a variety of community events. The park is within a FEMA floodway, all improvements must be vetted through the Corps of engineers and KC Water Services. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Stadium renovation, the entire stadium has felt the effects of time. All facilities (besides the field replaced in 2012) need major changes to ensure safety
- Incorporating art throughout the park, many opportunities for outdoor education areas that could teach youth about Kansas City's influence on the Negro baseball league and jazz music
- This park also provides an opportunity to work with partners and community sponsors

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
62

SEVEN OAKS PARK



SITE LOCATION: 3700 Kensington Ave.

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3
PARK DISTRICT: QLID
ESTABLISHED: 1949
ACREAGE: 11.23 acres

Located in the Knoches Park neighborhood, this park is next to single and multi-family residential and commercial land uses. The park offers clear ADA-accessible sidewalks and a playground with accessible playground equipment. This park offers several active amenities with multiple basketball surfaces, tennis courts, and a spray ground. This park is attractive, well-maintained, and offers a strong sense of safety with clear lines of sight to all activity areas. Opportunities for improvement include:

PARK AMENITIES

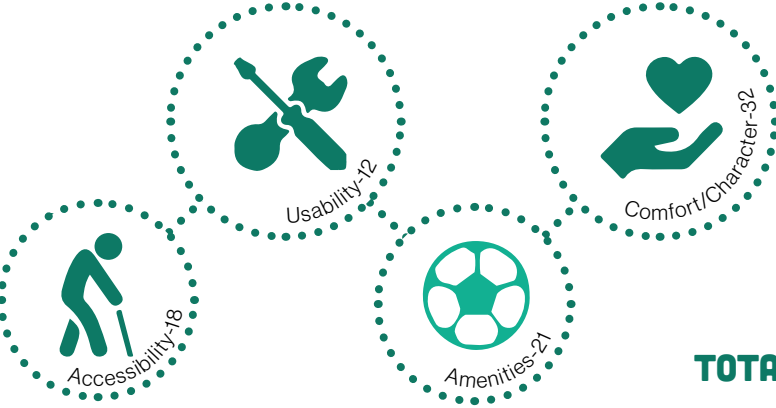
- Basketball Courts (2)
- Benches (9)
- Bleachers/Grandstands (2)
- Diamond Fields (1)
- Drinking Fountain (1)
- Grills (1)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Pedestrian Lighting (2)
- Picnic Shelter (1)
- Picnic Tables (6)
- Playground (2)
- Regulatory Sign (3)
- Splash Pad (1)
- Tennis Courts (2)
- Trash Receptacles (7)

- This park would benefit from an outdoor exercise area near the new playground and a small rentable shelter with picnic tables and a grill west of the splash pad
- A perimeter loop trail around the outside of the park would promote usability and create more diverse recreation opportunities throughout the park
- More landscaping would help to enhance the park and improve drainage

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● ✓ EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
83

SKILES PARK



SITE LOCATION: E. 47th St. & Skiles Ave.

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3
PARK DISTRICT: QLID
ESTABLISHED: 1979
ACREAGE: 10.36 acres

Located in the Eastwood Hills neighborhood, this park is surrounded by single-family residential neighborhoods. The park is mostly secluded from the public and offers a playground park sign where Marsh Avenue dead-ends. The park offers a lot of green space and many mature trees that help to screen the edges of the park and create shade. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Create opportunities for picnic areas with a shelter, picnic tables, and seating throughout the park
- Continue Park maintenance and upkeep, the playground appears to be well maintained except for the broken slide on the playground that has been tagged to alert users of its state of disrepair
- Adding a loop trail would help enhance the diversity of amenities throughout the park

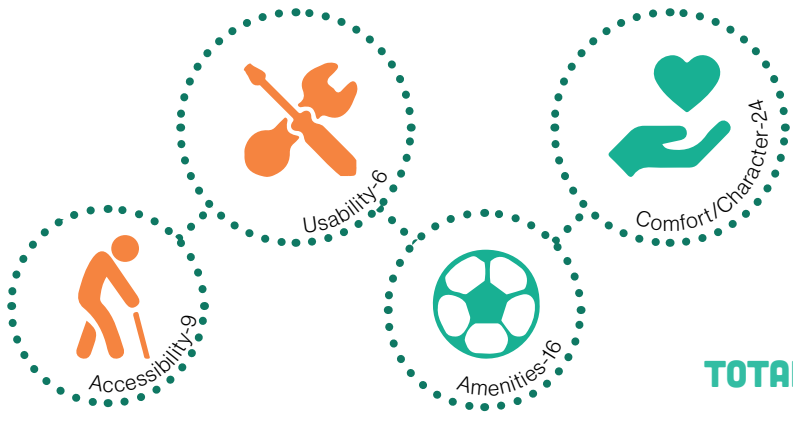
PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (2)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Playground (1)
- Regulatory Sign (1)
- Trash Receptacles (2)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
55

SPRING VALLEY PARK & PLAZA



SITE LOCATION: E. 27th St. & Woodland Ave. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3
PARK DISTRICT: Central
ESTABLISHED: 1902
ACREAGE: 26.43 Acres

Spring Valley Park and Plaza is a large park just East of Hwy 71. along E. 29th St. The park is bisected by Spring Valley Park Rd. which provides street parking opportunities. The topography changes through the park East to West and includes several sports fields, playgrounds, covered seating/shelters, pond and splashpad. the Bernard Powell Memorial Fountain is located at the East corner of the park. The park is in good overall condition, clean and well maintained with several families enjoying the park at time of visit. Two of the shelters are however showing their age and could use replacement. The playground surfacing is also showing signs of wear and has already been patched in several places. Since park assessments a fire occurred at the shelter and it is now being evaluated for structural stability. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Repairing/replacing the shelter, depending on structural recommendations
- Replacement of the playground surfacing

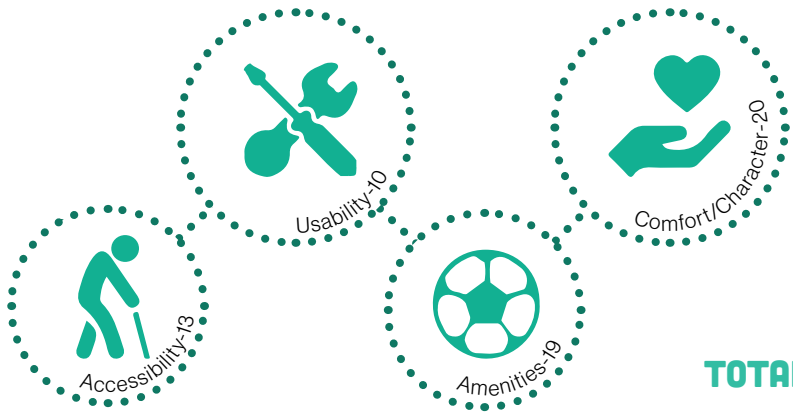
PARK AMENITIES

- Basketball Courts (2)
- Benches (14)
- Bleachers/Grandstands (1)
- Diamond Fields (2)
- Drinking Fountain (2)
- Dugouts (2)
- Fishing Access (1)
- Grills (2)
- Park Loop Trail (1)
- Picnic Shelter (2)
- Picnic Tables (19)
- Playground (2)
- Pond (1)
- Shade Structures (1)
- Trash Receptacles (16)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✔ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
62

THE CONCOURSE



SITE LOCATION: E. 27th St. & Woodland Ave. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3
PARK DISTRICT: Central
ESTABLISHED: 1902
ACREAGE: 26.43 Acres

The Concourse is home to one of many iconic Kansas City fountains. This prominent green space in the heart of Kessler Park, at the corner of Benton Boulevard and St. John Avenue provides attractive green space in the Pendleton Heights and Scarritt Renaissance neighborhoods. The fountain, public art, mature trees, and loop pathway make it a popular destination. This park is a component of the larger Kessler Park and underwent a master planning process in 2023. Proposed improvements include:

- Converting Gladstone Boulevard into a pedestrian plaza
- Revitalizing the fountain
- Adding shade structures
- Restoring the existing restrooms
- Ecological restoration of the landscape north of the colonnade
- New updated KC Parks signage

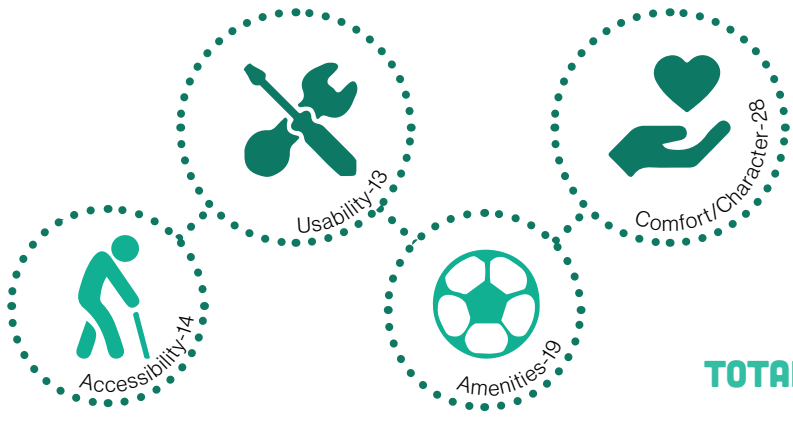
PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (10)
- Drinking Fountain (1)
- Fountain (1)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Park Loop Trail (1)
- Parking Lighting (12)
- Pedestrian Lighting (3)
- Picnic Tables (3)
- Public Art (1)
- Restrooms (Permanent) (2)
- Trash Receptacles (13)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE ● POOR ● GOOD ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
74

THE GROVE



SITE LOCATION: 3001 E. Truman Rd. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3
PARK DISTRICT: QLID
ESTABLISHED: 1898
ACREAGE: 11.33 Acres

The Grove is a park with more than a 120 years of history at its location on the southeast corner of Truman Road and Chetsnut Avenue. Today it provides two ball diamonds, a small basketball court, a playground with an adjacent shelter and restroom building, and a pool complex. A few remnants from its past exist in the form of stair entry ways on the south perimeter and an old wading pool that has been non-operational for many years. Decisions about the aquatic elements in the forthcoming aquatic master plan will have significant ramifications on this park. Other opportunities for improvement include:

- Sidewalk on the east side of Chestnut Avenue to complete a park loop
- The addition of more street trees along the loop trail
- Renovated sport court with sidewalk access

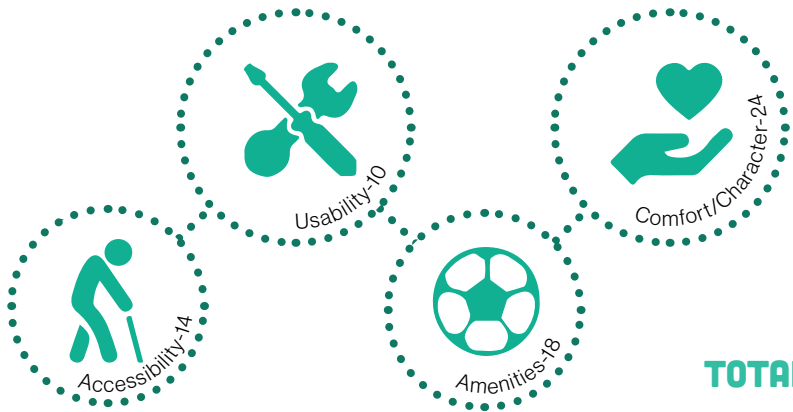
PARK AMENITIES

- Basketball Court(1)
- Benches (6)
- Bleachers/Grandstand (1)
- Diamond Fields (2)
- Drinking Fountain (1)
- Dugouts (4)
- Grills (2)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Picnic Shelter (1)
- Picnic Tables (3)
- Playground (2)
- Regulatory Sign (1)
- Restrooms (Permanent) (1)
- Trash Receptacles (7)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✔ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
66

THE PARADE



SITE LOCATION: The Paseo & Truman Rd. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3
PARK DISTRICT: Central
ESTABLISHED: 1900
ACREAGE: 20.99 Acres

Located just South of E. Truman Rd. along the Paseo is the Parade. Along with the Gregg/Klice Community Center and the Kansas City Major League Baseball Urban Youth Academy this park contains four baseball diamonds, two tennis courts, a playground and loop trail. This is a lively park with onsite parking and good connections to the surrounding neighborhoods. This park property earned the highest score of any in the system and no additional improvements are necessary at this time.

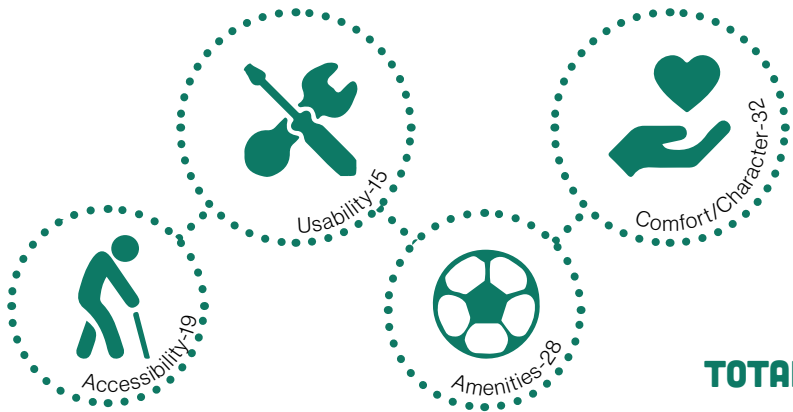
PARK AMENITIES

- Basketball Courts (2)
- Benches (5)
- Bicycle Racks (3)
- Bleachers/Grandstands (8)
- Concession Stands (1)
- Diamond Fields (4)
- Dugouts (8)
- New Park Sign (1)
- Park Loop Trail (1)
- Parking Lighting (11)
- Parking Lot (2)
- Pedestrian Lighting (22)
- Picnic Tables (3)
- Regulatory Sign (4)
- Scoreboard (4)
- Splash Pad (1)
- Sports Lighting (160)
- Trash Receptacles (27)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● ✓ EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
94

TOWN FORK CREEK GREENWAY



SITE LOCATION: Blue Pkwy. & Cleveland Ave., South to E. 59th St. & S. Benton Ave.

CLASSIFICATION: Greenway
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3
PARK DISTRICT: QLID
ESTABLISHED: 1970
ACREAGE: 68.19 acres

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

Located in the North Town Fork Creek neighborhood, this park is one of the highest-ranked greenways in the system. It features full and half basketball courts, a diamond field, playground structures, a walking trail, and permanent restrooms. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Updating areas along the greenway should be a priority, some areas were recently renovated, and updating the remaining park to match this aesthetic would help the greenway to be a more complete, connected park
- The community would like to see a more friendly park for children under 12. This can be accomplished by moving the full-court basketball court and implementing a splash park and a playground geared towards younger kids
- This park has proven to be a safety issue, to improve, the trees can get pruned higher so that there are more clear sightlines through the park and locate amenities closer to the trafficked streets

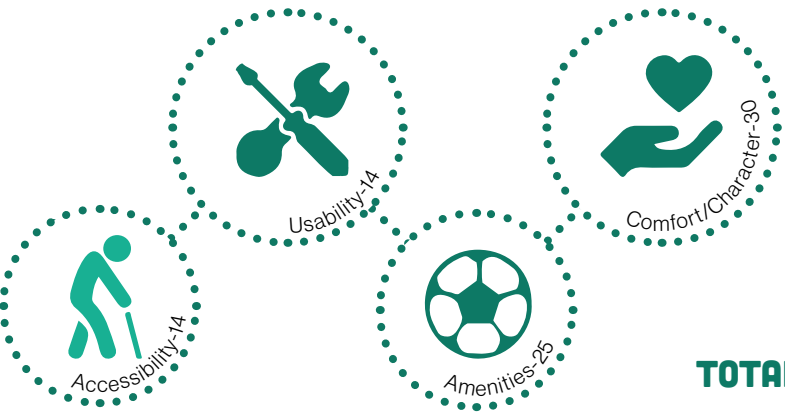
PARK AMENITIES

- Basketball Courts (5)
- Benches (5)
- Bleachers/Grandstands (3)
- Bridge (1)
- Diamond Fields (1)
- Drinking Fountain (2)
- Dugouts (2)
- Grills (2)
- Multi-Use Trail (1)
- New Park Sign (1)
- Park Loop Trail (1)
- Parking Lot (1)
- Pedestrian Lighting (16)
- Picnic Shelter (1)
- Picnic Tables (4)
- Playground (1)
- Regulatory Sign (1)
- Restrooms (Permanent) (2)
- Stream/Creek (1)
- Trash Receptacles (6)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● ✓ EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
83

TROOST PARK



SITE LOCATION: 3036 The Paseo **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3
PARK DISTRICT: Central
ESTABLISHED: 1901
ACREAGE: 8.75 Acres

Located along the Paseo and E 31st St. Troost park is bordered by single and multifamily housing on three sides. It includes a new turfed playground containing multiple play equipment, pathways leading to several small basketball courts and a larger newly refinished court in the Northwest corner of the park. Mature trees on site are the only shade, with seating throughout. Overall a clean park, but further updates are needed. The sidewalks around the park are failing and could cause difficult access the park. All signage is outdated and could use updating. Opportunities for improvement are as follows:

- New updated KC park signage
- New sidewalk connections
- Shaded seating

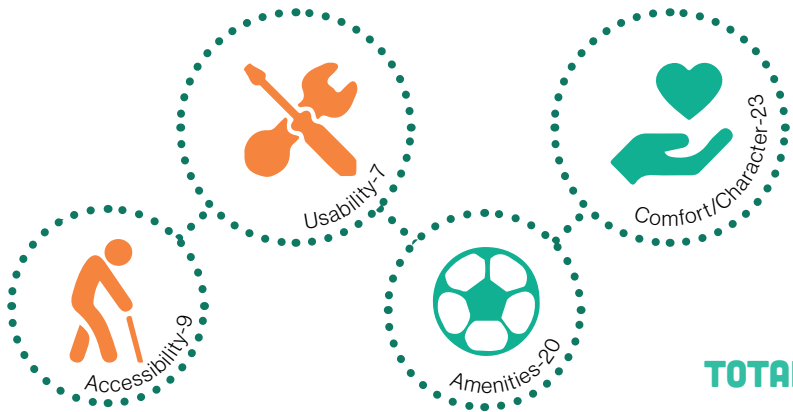
PARK AMENITIES

- Basketball Courts (3)
- Benches (1)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Trash Receptacles (1)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
59

VAN BRUNT PARK



SITE LOCATION: Van Brunt Blvd & E. 16th St. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3
PARK DISTRICT: QLID
ESTABLISHED: 1911
ACREAGE: 13.2 acres

PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (5)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Parking Lot (1)
- Playground (1)
- Trash Receptacles (2)

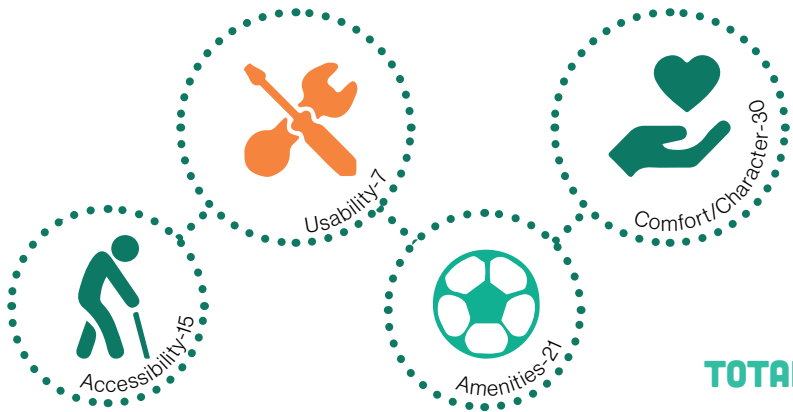
Located near East High School and the Guadalupe Center Elementary School, Van Brunt Park is a rather large park consisting of mostly turf grass and a playground in the southeast corner of the site. It is overall attractive and well-maintained, easy to walk to, offers pleasant places to sit, and the playground and pavements are in good condition. Due to the topography of the site, the park doesn't offer a wide variety of uses or opportunities for revenue. Opportunities for improvement include:

- A park loop trail with seating
- Picnic shelter and tables
- Conversion of large swaths of turf into native meadow

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
73

VINEYARD PARK



SITE LOCATION: The Paseo & Volker Blvd. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3
PARK DISTRICT: QLID
ESTABLISHED: 1975
ACREAGE: 30.5 acres

Located in the Vineyard Neighborhood, this linear park is just north of the Brush Creek Greenway and surrounded by single-family residential neighborhoods. This park is partly natural area and provides an appropriate number of activities for users. The park is overall well maintained and attractive, it has ADA-compliant routes to most amenities and offers pleasant places to sit with pavement in average condition. Opportunities for improvement include:

- New amenities like a shade structure, more picnic tables, and grills would help make this park more usable for a more diverse group of people
- More trees and additional areas of shade along the walking path and playground in addition to landscaping to improve the aesthetics
- Updating the playground to be more accessible and have inclusive equipment

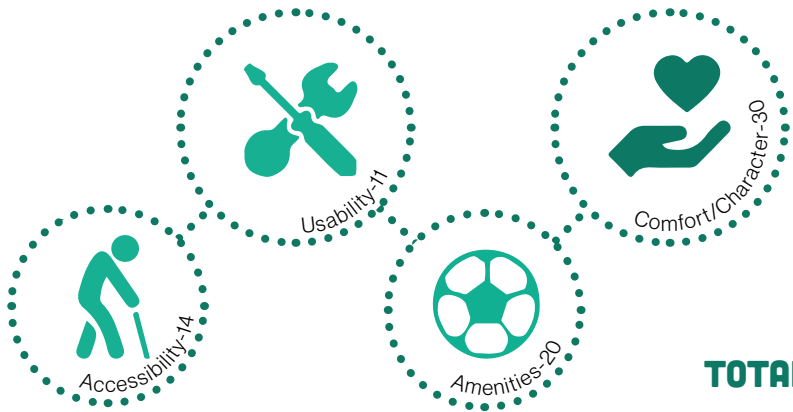
PARK AMENITIES

- Basketball Courts (1)
- Benches (5)
- Drinking Fountain (1)
- Grills (1)
- Multi-Use Trail (1)
- Old Park Sign (2)
- Park Loop Trail (1)
- Pedestrian Lighting (16)
- Picnic Shelter (1)
- Picnic Tables (3)
- Playground (1)
- Trash Receptacles (4)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● ✓ EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
75

WEST ROCK CREEK PARK



SITE LOCATION: E. 27th St. & Hunter Ave. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3
PARK DISTRICT: QLID
ESTABLISHED: 1980
ACREAGE: 18.48 Acres

PARK AMENITIES

- Old Park Sign (1)

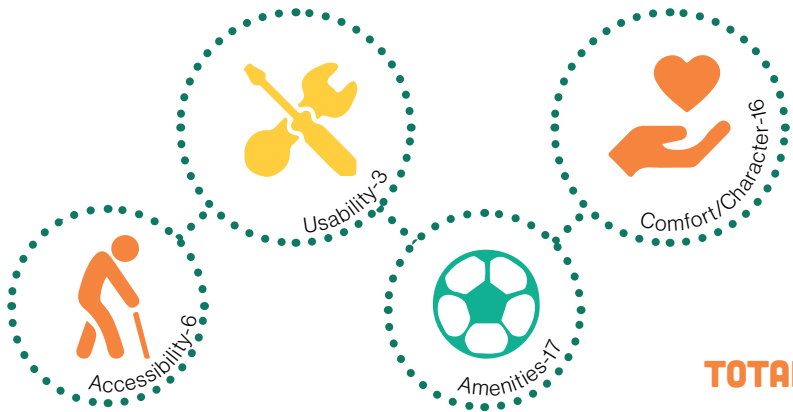
Located in Western Blue Township, this park is not easily accessible. There is little to no access and sidewalks are also infrequent with no crosswalks and no parking. There are several mature trees to provide shade throughout the park. Opportunities for improvement include:

- This park would benefit greatly from more programmed areas to activate all areas in the park. This will help increase usability as well as enhance the safety of the park
- Clusters of picnic tables and seating areas with shade would help to improve the park as well
- There is a large open space in the park, this is an opportunity to implement a flexible sports field in the central area of the park
- A master plan process would benefit this park to determine community preferences for improvements

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

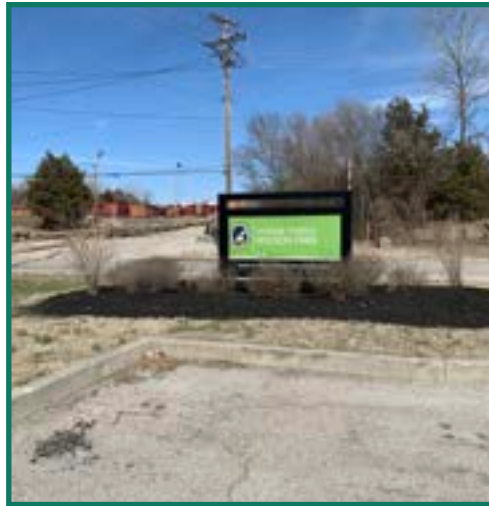
RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● ✓ POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
42

YVONNE STARKS WILSON PARK



SITE LOCATION: E. 34th Terr. & Stadium Dr. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3
PARK DISTRICT: QLID
ESTABLISHED: 1943
ACREAGE: 2.94 acres

PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (1)
- Grills (1)
- New Park Sign (1)
- Picnic Shelter (1)
- Picnic Tables (4)
- Playground (1)
- Trash Receptacles (4)

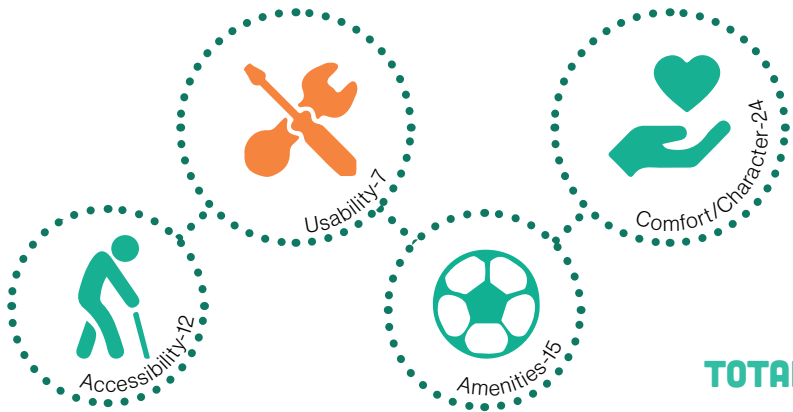
Yvonne Starks Wilson Park is located on the east side of Kansas City adjacent to single-family residential and industrial land uses. Although it is highly visible from Stadium Drive, it is not walkable from the nearby neighborhoods due to topography and lack of sidewalks. The pavements are less than average, there was standing water along the gravel road and in grassy open areas and there was a lot of litter and illegal dumping in the park. The shelter is new and there is an appropriate amount of parking. Since assessments lights have been replaced within this park. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Loop trail with seating
- Renovated and expanded playground
- Restroom
- Sport court (either basketball or pickleball)
- Amphitheater

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
58

COUNCIL DISTRICT #4

PARK SCORES

PARK NAME	ACCESSIBILITY (MAX. 20)					COMFORT & CHARACTER (MAX. 35)					USABILITY (MAX. 15)					AMENITIES (MAX. 30)					COMPOSITE SCORE (MAX. 100)				
	Ease in Walking to Park (Max. 5)	Clarity of Signage (Max. 5)	Reduction of Weather Impacts (Max. 5)	ADA Compliance (Max. 5)	Overall Attractiveness (Max. 5)	Overall Maintenance (Max. 5)	Visibility of Entrances and Use Areas (Max. 5)	Pleasant Places to Sit (Max. 5)	Feeling of Safety (Max. 5)	Ambient Noise (Max. 5)	Perceptible Odor (Max. 5)	Existing Opportunities (Max. 5)	Appropriate Park Activity (Max. 5)	Opportunities for Revenue (Max. 5)	Pavements (Max. 5)	Landscaping (Max. 5)	Stormwater Quality & Management (Max. 5)	Equipment (Max. 5)	Park Structures (Max. 5)	Lighting (Max. 5)					
Admiral Plaza	7	4	1	1	1	19	3	3	1	2	4	3	3	6	1	4	1	18	3	3	3	3	3	50	
Andrew Drips Park	8	5	1	1	1	29	5	5	5	1	5	3	5	7	1	5	1	20	3	3	3	3	5	3	64
Anita B. Gorman Park	17	4	5	3	5	28	4	4	4	5	4	2	5	12	3	5	4	20	2	3	3	4	3	5	77
Briarcliff Greenway	8	3	1	2	2	24	4	3	2	3	3	4	5	9	2	5	2	19	3	2	2	3	5	4	60
Budd Park	17	4	4	5	4	30	4	4	5	4	4	4	5	13	5	4	4	22	4	3	3	4	4	4	82
Chaumiere Woods Park	11	1	4	2	4	32	5	5	5	5	5	2	5	10	2	5	3	26	5	4	4	5	5	3	79
Chouteau Greenway Park	13	2	4	3	4	29	5	4	5	4	4	2	5	12	5	2	5	21	5	3	3	3	3	4	75
Chouteau Park	6	1	2	2	1	23	4	4	4	1	3	2	5	8	1	5	2	17	3	2	3	3	3	3	57
Columbus Square	10	4	2	1	3	27	4	4	3	4	5	3	4	6	1	4	1	22	5	4	3	4	3	3	65
Commonwealth Green	9	5	1	2	1	26	3	3	4	4	4	3	5	6	1	4	1	22	5	3	3	5	3	3	63
Crestview Park	8	1	4	2	1	23	3	2	3	1	5	4	5	7	1	5	1	16	3	2	2	3	3	3	54
Davidson Park	14	3	5	2	4	34	5	5	5	5	5	4	5	9	2	5	2	23	5	3	4	5	3	3	80
Dr. Jeremiah Cameron Park	9	4	1	1	3	16	1	2	3	1	2	3	4	4	1	2	1	18	3	3	3	3	3	3	47
Douglass Sprayground at Grace Williams Nicholl Park	18	4	5	4	5	30	5	4	5	5	5	3	3	11	3	5	3	24	5	3	4	5	4	3	83
Englewood Park	14	2	5	3	4	28	4	4	4	4	4	3	5	14	5	4	5	24	4	3	4	4	5	4	80
Ermine Case Jr. Park	17	5	4	4	4	32	5	4	5	5	5	3	5	12	4	5	3	26	5	4	3	5	4	5	87
Frank A. Theis Park	13	4	3	3	3	31	5	4	4	5	5	3	5	12	3	4	5	23	5	4	3	5	3	3	79
Gage Park	6	1	1	1	3	21	3	3	2	3	2	3	5	8	2	4	2	14	3	3	2	3	2	1	49
Garment District Place	18	5	4	4	5	31	4	4	4	5	5	4	5	10	3	4	3	24	4	4	5	3	3	5	83
Garrison Square	11	3	3	1	4	23	4	2	3	2	4	3	5	11	3	4	4	17	3	3	2	3	3	3	62
George E. Kessler Park	14	5	1	3	5	21	3	2	2	2	4	3	5	12	4	4	4	17	3	2	2	5	4	1	64
Golden Oaks Park	9	2	3	3	1	24	4	4	1	3	4	3	5	8	2	4	2	18	3	2	3	4	3	3	59
Heim's Electric Park	8	1	5	1	1	20	2	3	2	3	3	3	4	6	1	4	1	18	3	3	3	3	3	3	52

COUNCIL DISTRICT #4

PARK SCORES

PARK NAME	ACCESSIBILITY (MAX. 20)					COMFORT & CHARACTER (MAX. 35)					USABILITY (MAX. 15)					AMENITIES (MAX. 30)					COMPOSITE SCORE (MAX. 100)				
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Hospital Hill Park	17	4	3	5	5	30	5	5	3	4	5	3	5	9	3	4	2	26	5	4	3	5	5	4	82
Hyde Park	13	4	3	2	4	26	4	3	3	4	4	3	5	11	3	5	3	19	4	3	2	4	2	4	69
Illus W. Davis Park	14	4	3	2	5	30	4	5	3	5	5	3	5	11	3	5	3	25	5	4	4	4	3	5	80
Indian Mound	8	4	1	2	1	30	4	4	5	4	5	3	5	10	3	5	2	19	3	2	3	4	4	3	67
Jarboe Park	15	4	4	3	4	28	3	3	5	4	5	4	5	13	4	5	4	20	4	2	3	5	4	2	76
Longfellow Park	14	4	4	2	4	28	5	5	3	3	4	3	5	10	2	5	3	24	5	5	5	3	3	3	76
McCoy Park	16	4	5	2	5	32	5	5	4	5	4	4	5	11	3	5	3	24	5	3	3	5	5	3	83
Memorial Hill	14	5	2	3	4	29	5	4	4	5	4	2	5	13	4	5	4	25	4	5	4	3	4	5	81
Mulkey Square	16	4	4	4	4	30	4	4	5	5	4	3	5	11	4	4	3	22	5	1	3	5	4	4	79
Murray Davis Park	12	3	2	2	5	29	4	4	5	5	4	2	4	8	2	4	2	26	5	5	5	3	3	5	75
Nicholson Park	10	1	4	1	4	20	3	4	3	1	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	23	5	4	5	3	3	3	56
North Hills Park	5	1	1	2	1	15	1	1	1	1	3	3	5	5	1	3	1	14	3	1	1	3	3	3	39
Northeast Athletic Field	6	1	3	1	1	18	1	1	5	1	3	2	5	3	1	1	1	10	1	1	3	1	3	1	37
Observation Park	16	4	4	4	4	27	4	4	3	4	4	3	5	13	4	5	4	23	4	4	4	5	3	3	79
Penn Valley Park	15	4	3	4	4	23	3	2	3	3	3	4	5	10	4	1	5	18	2	3	4	2	3	4	66
Pioneer Park	13	3	3	2	5	27	4	4	5	4	4	2	4	6	3	2	1	25	5	5	5	3	3	4	71
Prather Park	6	2	2	1	1	13	1	1	1	1	1	3	5	4	1	2	1	9	1	1	1	1	2	3	32
Riverfront Park	8	1	3	1	3	17	2	3	1	1	3	3	4	10	2	5	3	20	5	3	3	3	3	3	55
Riverview Greenway	8	4	1	1	2	18	2	2	2	1	2	4	5	5	1	3	1	15	2	2	2	3	3	3	46
Roanoke Prk	13	3	3	3	4	25	4	4	2	4	2	4	5	9	4	2	3	20	4	4	2	4	3	3	67
Robert Gillham Park	9	3	1	2	3	27	3	3	4	4	4	4	5	11	5	2	4	20	3	3	3	3	4	4	67
Rock Creek Park	8	4	1	2	1	20	1	1	1	3	5	4	5	5	1	3	1	16	3	2	2	3	3	3	49
Sheffield Park	14	3	4	4	3	26	3	2	4	4	4	4	5	10	4	3	3	17	3	3	3	2	3	3	67
Sheila Kemper Dietrich Park	16	4	3	4	5	29	4	4	5	5	4	2	5	12	4	4	4	23	3	4	5	4	4	3	80
Southmoreland Park	13	4	3	3	3	25	3	4	4	3	3	3	5	7	2	3	2	23	4	4	5	4	3	3	68

COUNCIL DISTRICT #4

PARK SCORES

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Sunset Park	8	4	1	2	1	21	1	1	1	3	5	2	5	5	1	3	1	16	3	2	2	3	3	3	50
Union Cemetery	8	2	4	1	1	28	3	5	3	4	4	4	5	8	1	5	2	18	3	3	3	3	3	3	62
Vivion Road Backyard Wildlife Demonstration Garden	15	3	4	5	3	28	3	3	4	5	5	3	5	8	1	4	3	16	1	2	2	4	4	3	67
Washington Square Park	10	3	1	1	5	18	2	2	3	3	2	2	4	3	1	1	1	16	3	2	2	3	3	3	47
Waterwell Athletic Complex	15	1	4	5	5	25	4	4	2	4	4	2	5	12	3	5	4	23	4	3	3	4	4	5	75
Waterworks Park	10	2	3	3	2	22	3	3	2	3	3	3	5	11	3	4	4	21	4	3	3	3	4	4	64
West Pennway Park	11	3	1	2	5	30	3	4	5	4	5	4	5	6	1	4	1	22	5	4	4	3	3	3	69
West Terrace Park	15	5	3	3	4	32	5	4	5	5	5	3	5	12	3	5	4	25	5	2	3	5	5	5	84
Winner Park	17	3	4	5	5	29	4	3	4	5	4	4	5	10	3	4	3	18	3	3	3	4	2	3	74
DISTRICT AVERAGES	11.9					25.5								8.9				20.2							66.5
Total Acreage	Avg. Developed Acreage					Avg. Natural Acreage					Avg. Year of Acquisition														
2235.8	73.86					24.06					1945														

ADMIRAL PLAZA



SITE LOCATION: 700 Locust St.

CLASSIFICATION: Park

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4

PARK DISTRICT: Central

ESTABLISHED: 1981

ACREAGE: 1 Acre

PARK AMENITIES

- Bench (1)
- Picnic Table (1)

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

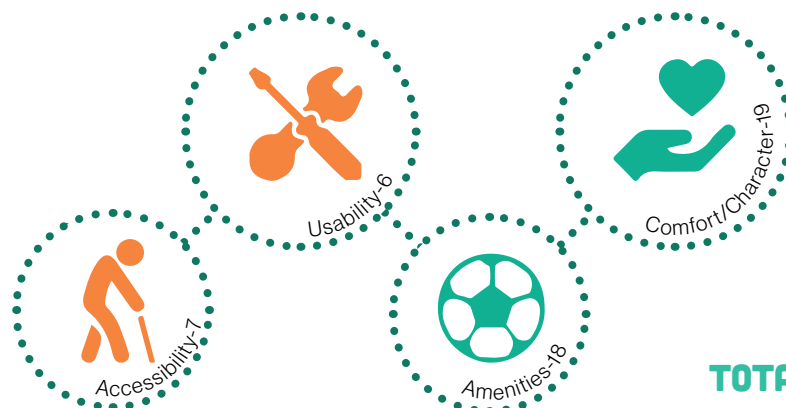
Enveloped within a civic and institutional setting, Admiral Plaza offers a tranquil space with its strategically placed benches, serving as a haven for those seeking respite. The technical assessment points towards a need for enhanced landscaping efforts, integrating more amenities, such as a loop trail, and a focus on a more welcoming atmosphere. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Creating ADA accessibility
- Incorporating native plants, landscaping, and shaded areas
- consider the installation of interactive elements or public art

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
50

ANDREW DRIPS PARK



SITE LOCATION: 1000 W. 16th St. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4
PARK DISTRICT: Central
ESTABLISHED: 1882
ACREAGE: 0.16 Acres

This park provides a small green traffic circle in the cul-de-sac at the west end of W. 16th Street in the Westside neighborhood. This space which is both one of the oldest and smallest park spaces in the entire system is home to several trees and the Andrew Drips monument which tells the story of this 19th century fur trading agent. The park borders half a dozen single-family homes and Primitivo Garcia Elementary School. It is one small component of the larger West Terrace Park that stretches along the west bluffs overlooking the West Bottoms. Potential improvements could include:

- seating and a trash receptacle

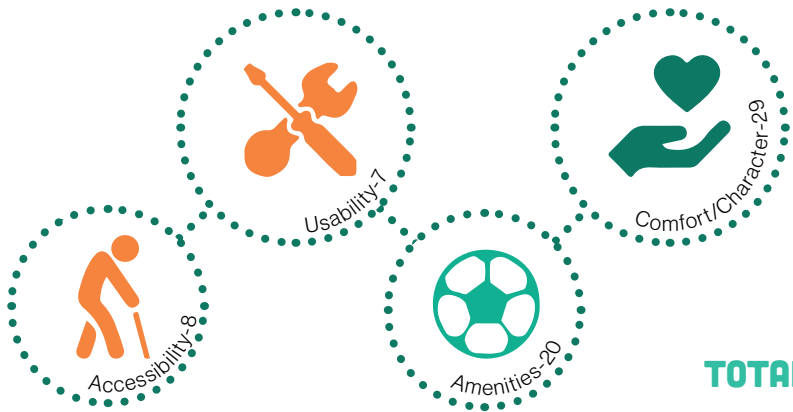
PARK AMENITIES

- Landmark (1)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
64

ANITA B. GORMAN PARK



SITE LOCATION: N. Holmes St. at N.E. Vivion Rd.

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4
PARK DISTRICT: North
ESTABLISHED: 1957
ACREAGE: 51.89 acres

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

Anita B. Gorman Park (formerly known as Northgate Park) comprises over 50 acres of parkland on N. Oak Trafficway and N. E. Vivion Road. This park sits amidst commercial, and civic land uses with an interstate along the southern border. This property is home to the Northgate fountain, a large water feature that is seen when exiting Highway 71 onto N. Oak Trafficway. The park excels in signage and features ADA accessibility throughout, with many pleasant places to sit shaded by large trees. The park is located in a high traffic area and is heavily used. Challenges include the park's proximity to the interstate which creates unpleasant amounts of noise for both park users and wildlife. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Attractive vegetated stormwater BMPs to reduce the impacts of erosion and improve water quality

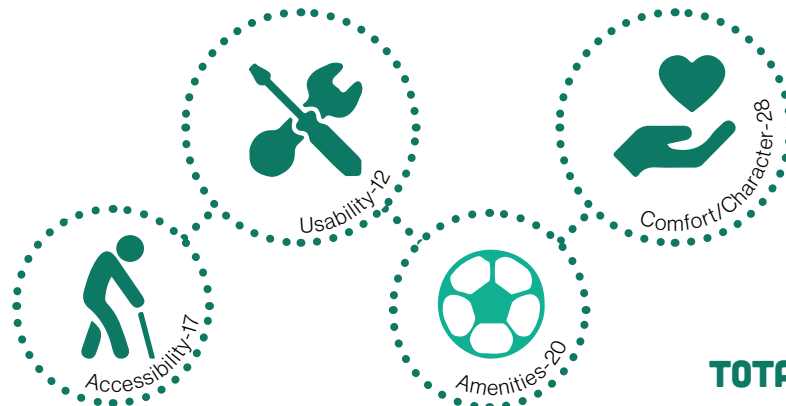
PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (17)
- Drinking Fountain (1)
- Fountain (1)
- Landmark (1)
- New Park Sign (2)
- Old Wayfinding Sign (1)
- Parking Lighting (10)
- Parking Lot (2)
- Pedestrian Lighting (6)
- Picnic Tables (1)
- Playground (1)
- Stream/Creek (1)
- Trash Receptacles (7)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● ✓ EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
77

BRIARCLIFF GREENWAY



SITE LOCATION: W. 83rd St. & Oak St.

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

CLASSIFICATION: Undeveloped
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4
PARK DISTRICT: South
ESTABLISHED: 1949
ACREAGE: 21.25 acres

The Briarcliff Greenway is a natural area that promotes human nature interaction as well as a natural habitat for native species. This greenway meanders through wooded and residential areas. The timber fencing and bridges are in excellent condition, quite aesthetically pleasing, and match the surrounding area. There are newer parts of this greenway, but they feel disconnected from the older parts regarding materials and character. This greenway is a great option if you like to be in nature. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Connecting this greenway to the Briarcliff Elementary School
- Further advancing nature play and education

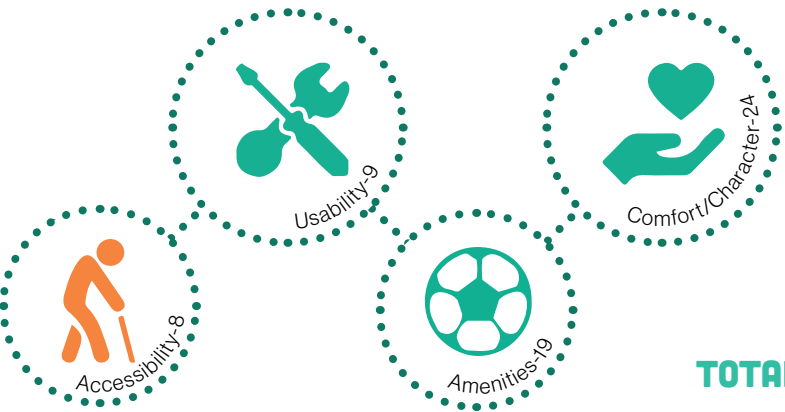
PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (10)
- Bridge (5)
- Multi-Use Trail (1)
- Regulatory Sign (6)
- Stream/Creek (1)
- Trash Receptacles (2)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
60

BUDD PARK



SITE LOCATION: Brookside Blvd. to Blue River **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4
PARK DISTRICT: Central
ESTABLISHED: 1890
ACREAGE: 26.39 acres

Budd Park is located in the northeast part of Kansas City and adjacent to single-family residential, commercial/retail, and civic/institutional land uses. This urban park has an abundance of amenities, is easy to walk to, has multiple structures to provide protection from the weather, is highly ADA compliant, well maintained and attractive and evokes a feeling of safety. Budd Park offers clear lines of sight to all entrances and offers activities for a variety of users throughout the year. Due to its size and variety of amenities, this park offers potential for revenue generation and is located in a densely populated part of the city. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Re-purpose the older stone building
- Add new updated park sign

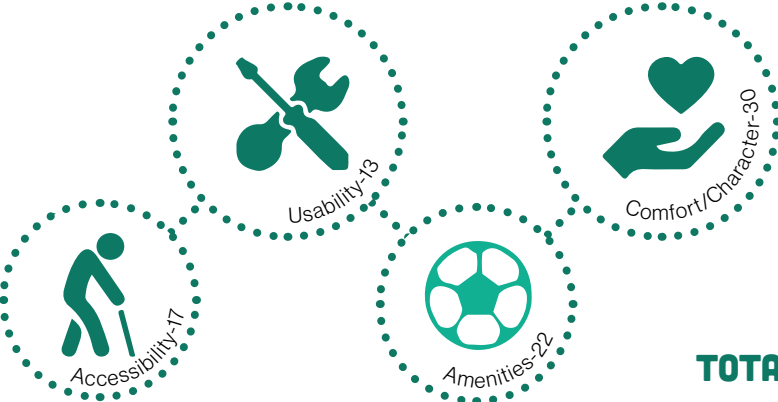
PARK AMENITIES

- Basketball Courts (2)
- Benches (21)
- Diamond Fields (1)
- Drinking Fountain (1)
- Multi-Use Trail (1)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Park Loop Trail (1)
- Pedestrian Lighting (8)
- Picnic Shelter (3)
- Picnic Tables (3)
- Playground (2)
- Rectangular Fields (1)
- Regulatory Sign (2)
- Sports Lighting (2)
- Tennis Courts (1)
- Trash Receptacles (6)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● ✓ EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
82

CHAUMIERE WOODS PARK



SITE LOCATION: 3400 N.E. 43rd Terr. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4
PARK DISTRICT: North
ESTABLISHED: 1957
ACREAGE: 15.40 acres

Chaumiere Woods Park is a fishing hot spot for the community to come and enjoy. This park has renovations going on that are enhancing the programming of the park. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Continuing the trail to complete the loop around the pond
- Add more seating, not only benches but picnic tables as well
- Creating a shelter would be nice at this park for covered seating and protection from the weather.
- Add sidewalks around the park

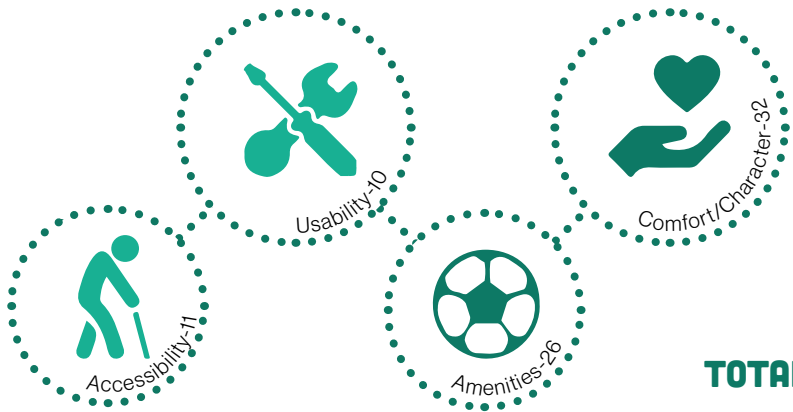
PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (4)
- Fishing Access (1)
- New Park Sign (1)
- Parking Lighting (1)
- Parking Lot (2)
- Pond (1)
- Regulatory Sign (2)
- Stream/Creek (1)
- Trash Receptacles (5)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● ✓ EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
79

CHOUTEAU GREENWAY PARK



SITE LOCATION: 4299 N.E. Chouteau Pkwy. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4
PARK DISTRICT: North
ESTABLISHED: 1957
ACREAGE: 6.50 acres

Chouteau Greenway Park provides a place for people and animals to enjoy nature in a rather busy area. With adjacent commercial and residential land uses, Chouteau Park gets a variety of users. With this park's daily traffic, wear and tear is expected. The shelter at this park is large and provides a space for people of all types to seek shade. Unfortunately, this park did show signs of illicit use regarding the picnic shelter. This park has two properties. The second property has limited access due to a lack of parking, visibility from the road, and lack of visibility to other playground. If it is being used, it would be by the residents that live in the houses nearby. Overall this park is an important place to have in a more urbanized area. Opportunities for improvement include:

- The playground at this park needs replacement and updated safety surfacing

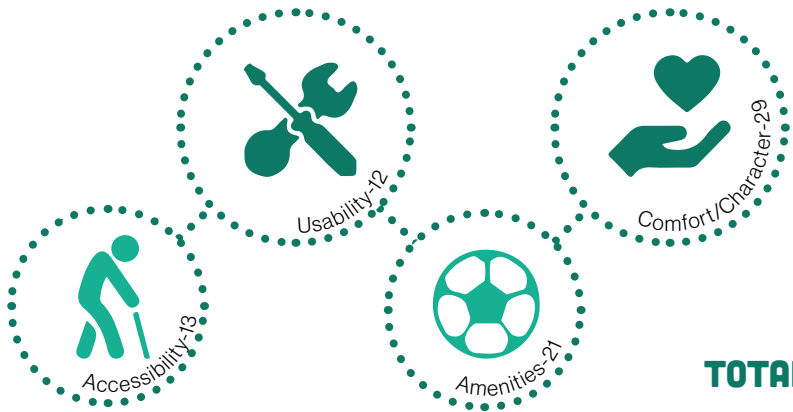
PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (5)
- Diamond Fields (1)
- Drinking Fountain (1)
- Dugouts (2)
- Grills (1)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Park Loop Trail (1)
- Parking Lighting (3)
- Parking Lot (1)
- Pedestrian Lighting (3)
- Picnic Shelter (2)
- Picnic Tables (7)
- Playground (2)
- Trash Receptacles (6)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

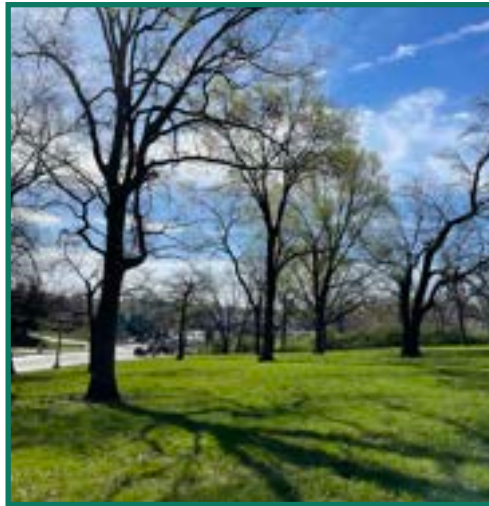
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● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● ✓ EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
75

CHOUTEAU PARK



SITE LOCATION: 4501 N. Indiana Ave.

CLASSIFICATION: Park

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4

PARK DISTRICT: North

ESTABLISHED: 1957

ACREAGE: 7.38 acres

PARK AMENITIES

- Stream/Creek (1)
- Old Park Sign (1)

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

Chouteau Park is a part of the Chouteau Park series. This park is towards the north with an old park sign designating it as a KCMO park. This property is an open mowed lawn with trees. The topography and traffic make this space a challenging spot for future development. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Adding a new updated KC parks sign

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
57

COLUMBUS SQUARE



SITE LOCATION: 554 Charlotte St.

CLASSIFICATION: Park

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4

PARK DISTRICT: Central

ESTABLISHED: 1909

ACREAGE: 4.18 Acres

PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (13)
- Drinking Fountain (1)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Park Loop Trail (1)
- Pedestrian Lighting (17)
- Picnic Tables (5)
- Playground (1)
- Trash Receptacles (13)

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

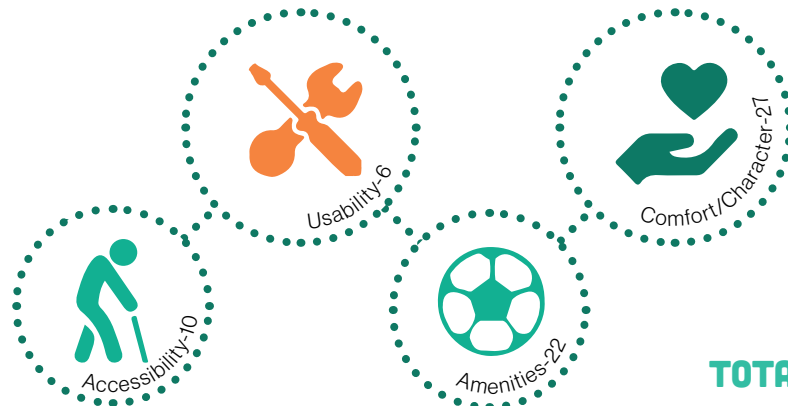
Surrounded by multi-family residential dwellings, Columbus Park provides a loop trail and a playground. There are many opportunities for seating and shade structures. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Create more opportunity for programming options
- A strategic enhancement of the loop trail
- Enhanced signage
- Regular routine surface maintenance
- Update the playground introducing modern play structures

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
65

COMMON-WEALTH GREEN



SITE LOCATION: Armour Blvd. & Gillham Rd. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4
PARK DISTRICT: Central
ESTABLISHED: 1988
ACREAGE: 1.48 acres

PARK AMENITIES

- Bench (1)
- Trash Receptacle (1)

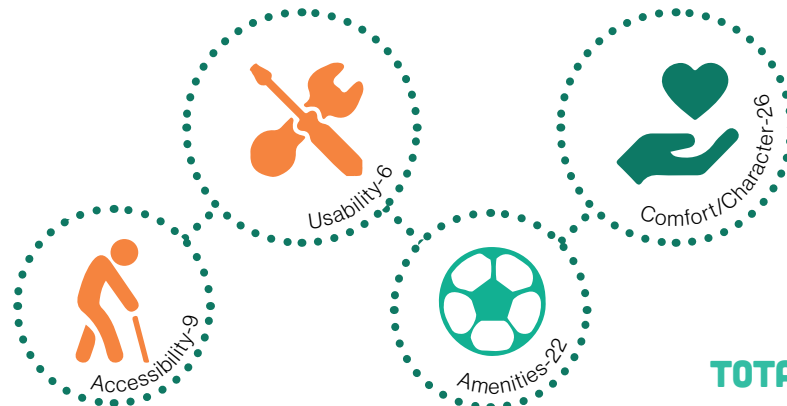
Commonwealth Green is located in midtown Kansas City, in a very dense part of the city, and adjacent to multi-family residential and mixed-used developments. At the southeast intersection of Gillham Road and Armour Boulevard, it is very easy to walk to and bike to with its close proximity to the protected bike lanes on both of the adjacent roadways. There is not any signage identifying it as a KC Park and the only amenities offered are a memorial bench and trash receptacle. It is an overall attractive and maintained space with high visibility and strong sense of safety with a lot of "eyes on the park". Opportunities for improvement include:

- Adding new updated park sign
- Create concrete sidewalks to the bench

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
63

CRESTVIEW PARK



SITE LOCATION: 9598 N.E. Reinking Rd.

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

CLASSIFICATION: Park

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4

PARK DISTRICT: North

ESTABLISHED: 1998

ACREAGE: 3.42 acres

Crestview Park is a park divided by N Troost Ave. into two parts. On the West, there are two diamond fields; on the East, there is a set of swings with a few site furnishings. The diamond fields lack upkeep and amenities, with no dugouts, lighting, or bleachers. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Updating furnishings and benches to keep with the Kansas City Parks and Recreation standard
- Sidewalks should be implemented to make connections to the neighborhood and other park amenities
- The swings could use a new coat of paint from wear and tear

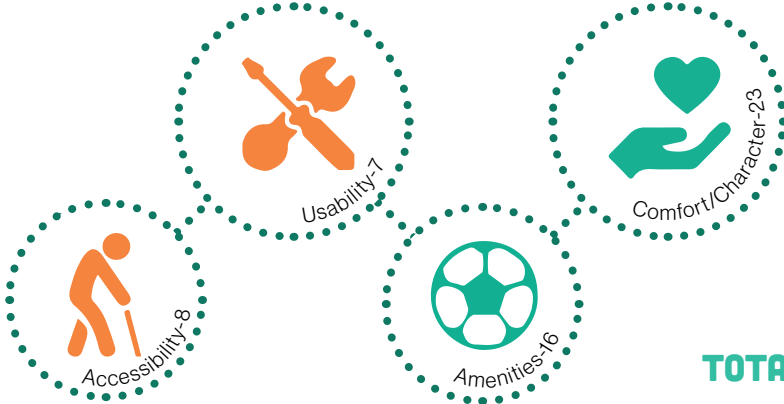
PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (2)
- Diamond Fields (2)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Swings (1)
- Trash Receptacles (1)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

- UNACCEPTABLE
- POOR
- GOOD
- EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
54

DAVIDSON PARK



SITE LOCATION: 5499 N. Highland Ave. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4
PARK DISTRICT: North
ESTABLISHED: 1957
ACREAGE: 15.97 acres

Located just south of NE Englewood Rd is Davidson Park. This park is impeccably well maintained with an ample amount of amenities. The park amenities, such as the playground, half basketball court, and outdoor seating area, are in great condition. If there were a reason to increase this park's usability, a shelter over the picnic area would be a great addition. With a shelter over the picnic tables, they would be more accessible all year round, rain or shine. The shelter would also add the element of shade, which this park lacks in terms of usable areas. This park also has a paved path that extends to the rest of the park property to the south. Unfortunately, the path comes to an end once it meets the street. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Connecting the path to the school just to the East
- Creating more sidewalks in the neighborhood around the park

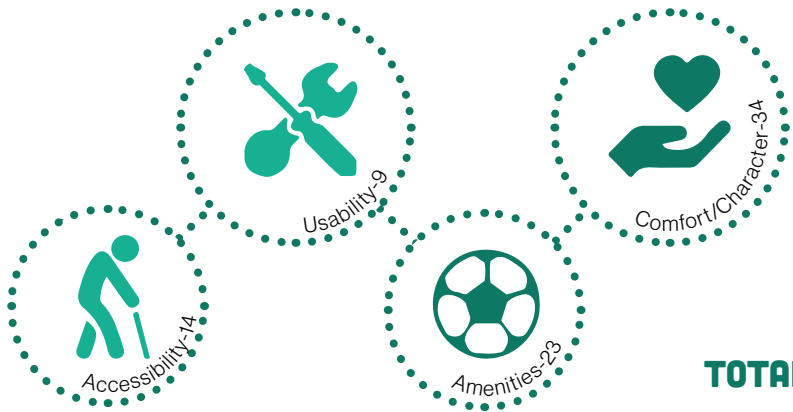
PARK AMENITIES

- Basketball Courts (1)
- Benches (5)
- Grills (2)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Picnic Tables (6)
- Playground (1)
- Stream/Creek (1)
- Trash Receptacles (6)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● ✓ EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
80

DR. JEREMIAH CAMERON PARK



SITE LOCATION: Broadway Blvd. & W. 43rd St. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4
PARK DISTRICT: Central
ESTABLISHED: 2007
ACREAGE: .25 acres

Not evident as a park, Dr. Jeremiah Cameron Park is located north of the Country Club Plaza and across the street from the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial. Although visible from adjacent properties and being easy to walk to from surrounding neighborhoods, the space does not offer any amenities or seating. There is no signage, only a sidewalk that leads to a small limestone wall/bluff, and is not attractive. It appears to have an average amount of maintenance but there was a lot of litter along the road and a bike stuck up in one of the trees. KC Water Services is planning a utility project at this location that will likely disturb this property and the park will be restored post-construction. Opportunities for improvement include:

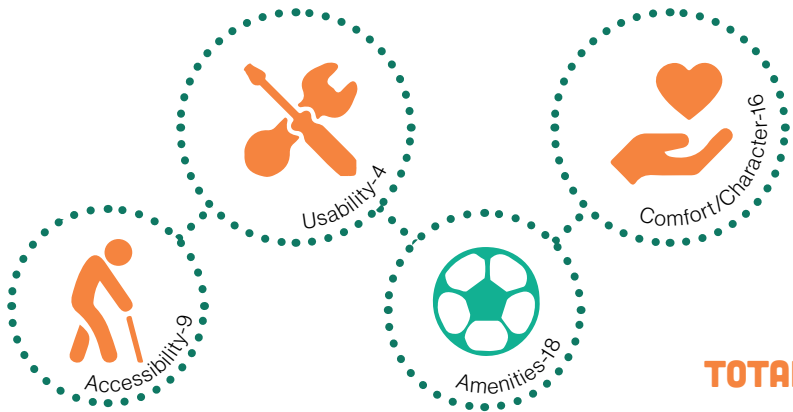
- Adding a new updated park sign
- Creating educational and interpretive signage to tell the story of Dr. Jeremiah Cameron
- Improving pavement and adding several benches would also be a nice addition to the park

PARK AMENITIES

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ✓ POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
47

DOUGLASS SPRAYGROUND AT GRACE WILLIAMS NICHOLL PARK



SITE LOCATION: 2630 Jarboe St. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4
PARK DISTRICT: Central
ESTABLISHED: 2006
ACREAGE: .24 Acres

Positioned in a single-family residential setting, this park is adorned with a splash pad and shade structure. This park has a very restricted use focusing all efforts catering to the spray ground. The park would benefit from parking opportunities and enhanced landscaping. More lighting could add help increase the feeling of safety and contribute to place-making.

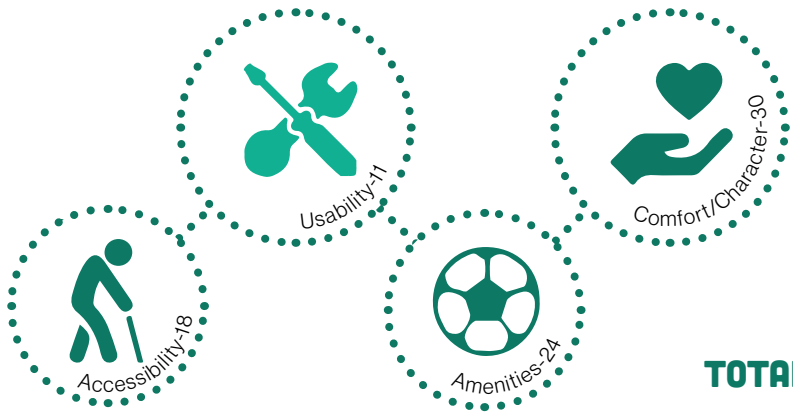
PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (3)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Picnic Tables (4)
- Regulatory Sign (1)
- Shade Structures (1)
- Splash Pad (1)
- Trash Receptacles (2)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

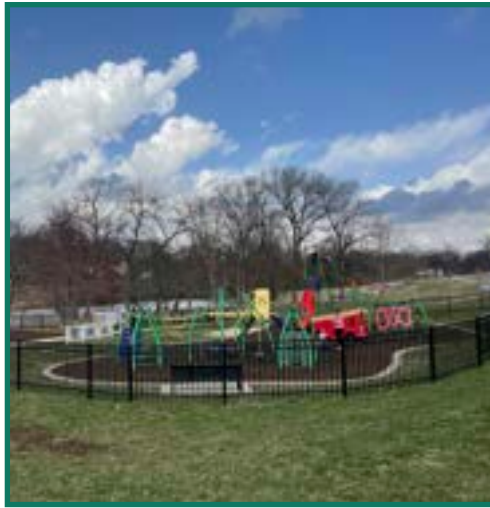
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● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● ✓ EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
83

ENGLEWOOD PARK



SITE LOCATION: Englewood Rd. & N. Troost Ave. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4
PARK DISTRICT: North
ESTABLISHED: 1957
ACREAGE: 50.75 acres

Englewood is a larger park that offers multiple recreational activities. You can walk, fish, play sports, and use the playground at this park. The park is split between a higher and lower elevation. The higher elevation is where the basketball, diamond, and rectangular fields are. The main connection to the extended paved trail is also on this eastern side of the park. The western lower elevation includes the playground, pond, and a small picnic area. To increase accessibility and usability of the pond area, a paved loop trail would get heavy traffic as people seemed reluctant to walk all the way around in the grass in all weather conditions. Opportunities for improvement include:

- A shelter to provide shade and rental opportunities
- Repave park road

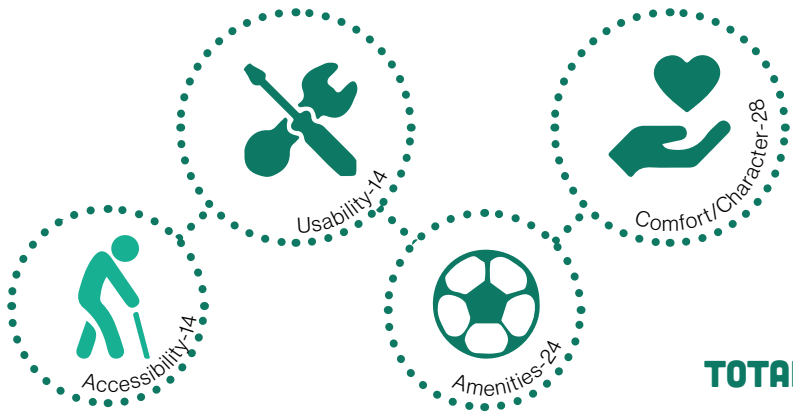
PARK AMENITIES

- Basketball Courts (1)
- Benches (1)
- Bleachers/Grandstands (4)
- Diamond Fields (2)
- Grills (1)
- Multi-Use Trail (1)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Parking Lot (2)
- Picnic Tables (2)
- Playground (1)
- Pond (1)
- Rectangular Fields (1)
- Regulatory Sign (3)
- Stream/Creek (1)
- Trash Receptacles (11)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● ✓ EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
80

ERMINE CASE, JR. PARK



SITE LOCATION: 998 Jefferson St.

CLASSIFICATION: Park

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4

PARK DISTRICT: Central

ESTABLISHED: 1944

ACREAGE: 1.67 Acres

PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (9)
- Landmark (1)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Park Loop Trail (1)
- Pedestrian Lighting (9)
- Picnic Tables (2)
- Playground (1)
- Regulatory Sign (1)
- Trash Receptacles (8)

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

This park sits at the northwest corner of W. 10th and Jefferson Streets in downtown and provides panoramic views over the West Bottoms to the west and northwest. The park serves residents as well as employees of downtown businesses and the nearby Crossroads Academy Charter School uses this park for recess. It is one component of the larger West Terrace Park that stretches along the west bluffs overlooking the West Bottoms. The park features a relatively new playground installed in 2018 as well as pathways, ample seating and trash receptacles. Potential improvements could include:

- A rentable shelter

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● ✓ EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
87

FRANK A. THEIS PARK



SITE LOCATION: Oak St. & 47th St.

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

CLASSIFICATION: Park

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4

PARK DISTRICT: Central

ESTABLISHED: 1944

ACREAGE: 13.81 acres

This park is located along Brush Creek and east of the Country Club Plaza, surrounded by single and multi-family residential and the Ewing and Muriel Kauffman Memorial Garden. It is a very attractive and well maintained park, very easy to walk to from the surrounding neighborhoods, provides many attractive seating options, promotes a strong sense of safety and all of the amenities are in great condition. There is also a variety of shade tree species throughout while leaving an open area in the middle for flexible programming and large events. While the sidewalks are in good condition and are ADA accessible, it is not a closed loop. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Constructing a small section of sidewalk north of the amphitheater
- Creating an ADA route with more benches and seating area

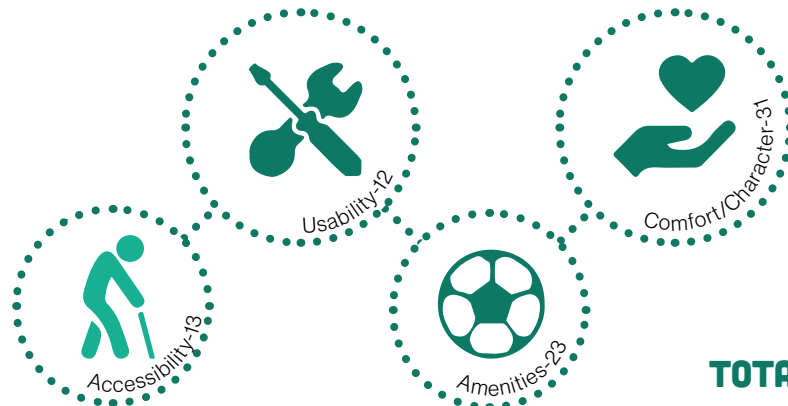
PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (22)
- Fountain (2)
- Multi-Use Trail (1)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Rain Garden (1)
- Regulatory Sign (4)
- Stream/Creek (1)
- Trash Receptacles (5)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● ✓ EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
79

GAGE PARK



SITE LOCATION: 1000 W. 23rd St. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4
PARK DISTRICT: Central
ESTABLISHED: 1967
ACREAGE: 3.64 Acres

Located amidst multi-family residences, Gage Park has rectangle fields and a basketball court. A thorough revamp of the rectangle fields, ensuring they are versatile for multiple sports, would benefit the park. Given its location, creating spaces for community gatherings, such as grills or an open air theater could significantly increase its appeal. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Enhancing accessibility by enhancing sidewalks and crossings surrounding the park
- Adding more signage to make clear entrances
- Create more shade structures and seating, as well as lights, parking, and a centralized shelter

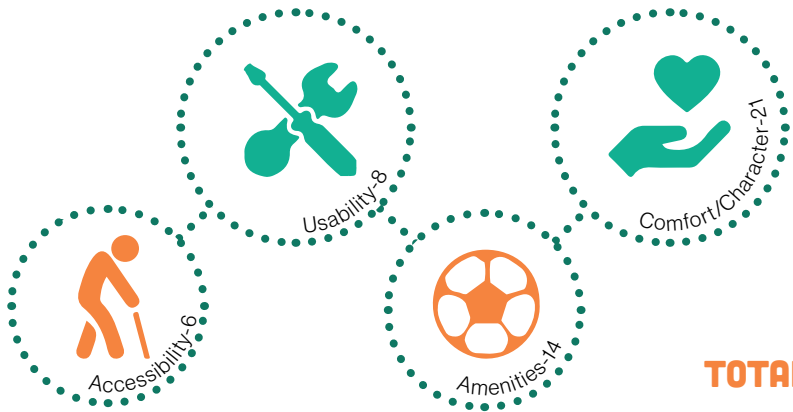
PARK AMENITIES

- Basketball Courts (1)
- Benches (3)
- Bleachers/Grandstands (2)
- Pedestrian Lighting (1)
- Picnic Tables (2)
- Playground (1)
- Rectangular Fields (1)
- Regulatory Sign (1)
- Trash Receptacles (2)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ✓ POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
49

GARMENT DISTRICT PLACE



SITE LOCATION: W. 8th St. & Washington St. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4
PARK DISTRICT: Central
ESTABLISHED: 1990
ACREAGE: .76 acres

Nestled in the historic Garment District, this park provides a surprising amount of amenities for its small size. Visitors have access to numerous benches and picnic tables, all under mature shade trees. The shade and clean paving around the site add to its appeal as an urban park. The park is easily walkable for nearby residents or business employees. Small events could easily be hosted at this location, allowing some opportunity for revenue. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Restoration of the fountain to working order

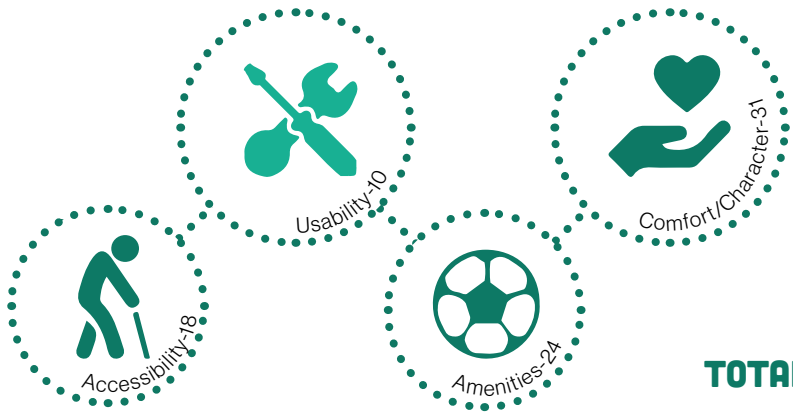
PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (7)
- Bicycle Racks (1)
- Fountain (1)
- Landmark (1)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Pedestrian Lighting (16)
- Picnic Tables (4)
- Regulatory Sign (1)
- Trash Receptacles (8)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● ✓ EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
83

GARRISON SQUARE



SITE LOCATION: 2400 E. 20th St. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4
PARK DISTRICT: Central
ESTABLISHED: 1908
ACREAGE: 3.09 Acres

Located within a commercial and retail area, this park serves as the grounds for the Garrison Community Center, and a possible space for community gatherings. The park notably features a rectangular field and a splash pad, making it appeal to citizens of all ages. Upon our assessment, Garrison Square can benefit from more shade opportunities. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Invest in more diverse and resilient landscaping
- Improving overall maintenance and cleanliness
- Enhance the park’s lighting system to encourage evening visits and ensure safety
- Replace the sprayground equipment

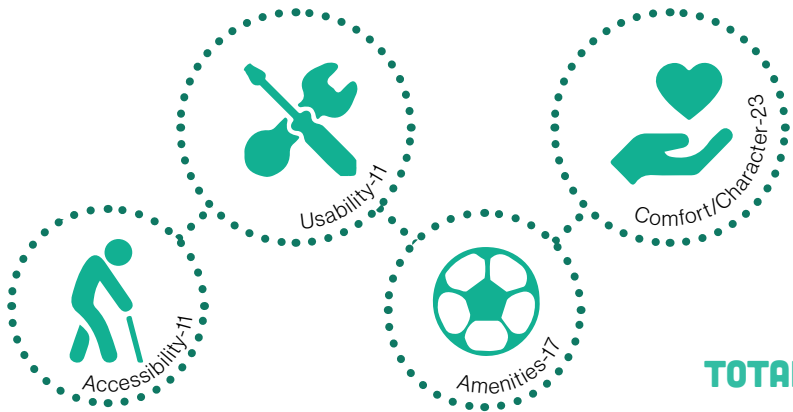
PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (3)
- Bicycle Racks (1)
- Drinking Fountain (1)
- New Wayfinding Sign (1)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Parking Lot (1)
- Playground (1)
- Rectangular Fields (1)
- Regulatory Sign (1)
- Splash Pad (1)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
62

GOLDEN OAKS PARK



SITE LOCATION: 4601 N. Antioch Rd. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4
PARK DISTRICT: North
ESTABLISHED: 1957
ACREAGE: 14.02 acres

Golden Oaks Park has a playground, baseball field, basketball court, and open space. With all these elements, there needs to be more connection. The baseball field is in poor condition and is disconnected from the rest of the park, with no accessible routes between elements. The playground has a lot to offer, from swings to slides and parking for those that need to drive to get there. The playground is in good shape. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Updating site furnishings and benches,
- The baseball field is unusable in its current condition, it requires further maintenance in the future
- There is also an empty pad of concrete that was or could be converted to a small splash pad

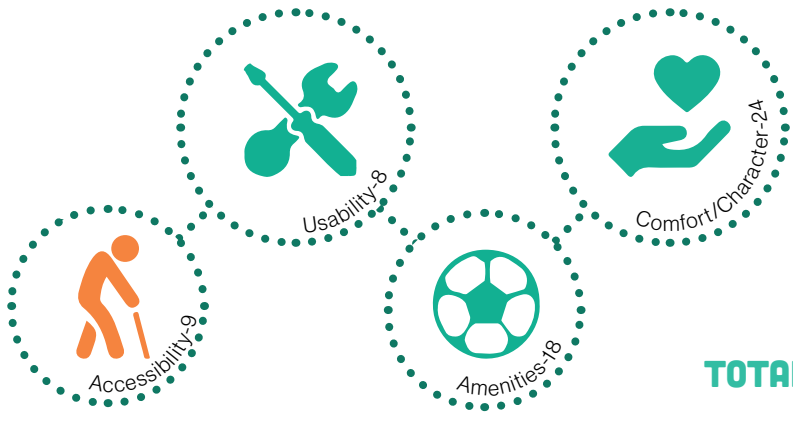
PARK AMENITIES

- Basketball Courts (1)
- Benches (2)
- Diamond Fields (1)
- Dugouts (2)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Parking Lot (1)
- Picnic Tables (1)
- Playground (1)
- Stream/Creek (1)
- Trash Receptacles (2)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
59

HEIM'S ELECTRIC PARK



SITE LOCATION: 800 N. Chestnut Ave. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4
PARK DISTRICT: Central
ESTABLISHED: 1967
ACREAGE: 4.17 Acres

PARK AMENITIES

- Basketball Courts (2)
- Bleachers/Grandstands (2)
- Grills (2)
- New Park Sign (1)
- Trash Receptacles (4)

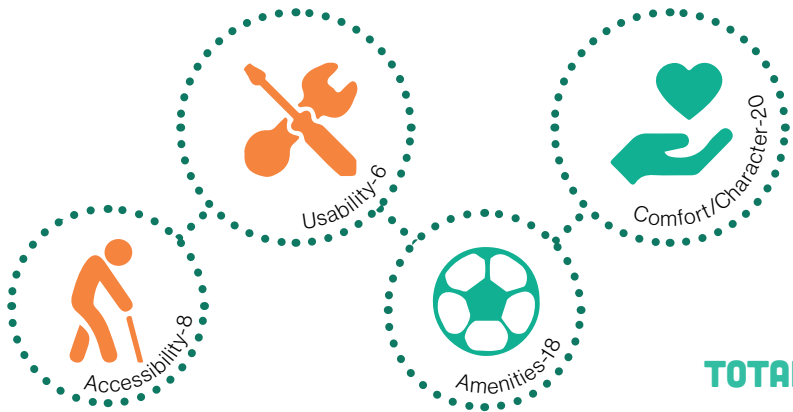
Heim's Electric Park is surrounded by single-family residential, a commercial district, industrial areas, and train tracks. This park is lacking in accessibility in many senses. To improve this, surrounding sidewalks and adjacent street crossings need enhancement as well as, more consideration for ADA accessibility. This park would benefit from a more welcoming and defined entrance and usable area. Currently this park provides few opportunities for use, and no revenue capabilities. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Creating a shelter or a defined programmable open space that would be consistently maintained

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
52

HOSPITAL HILL PARK



SITE LOCATION: 2201 Gillham Rd.

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4
PARK DISTRICT: Central
ESTABLISHED: 1909
ACREAGE: 3.34 Acres

PARK AMENITIES

- Basketball Courts (1)
- Benches (18)
- Drinking Fountain (2)
- Outdoor Fitness Equip. (8)
- Park Loop Trail (1)
- Pedestrian Lighting (28)
- Picnic Shelter (4)
- Picnic Tables (5)
- Playground (1)
- Public Art (1)
- Regulatory Sign (1)
- Trash Receptacles (8)

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

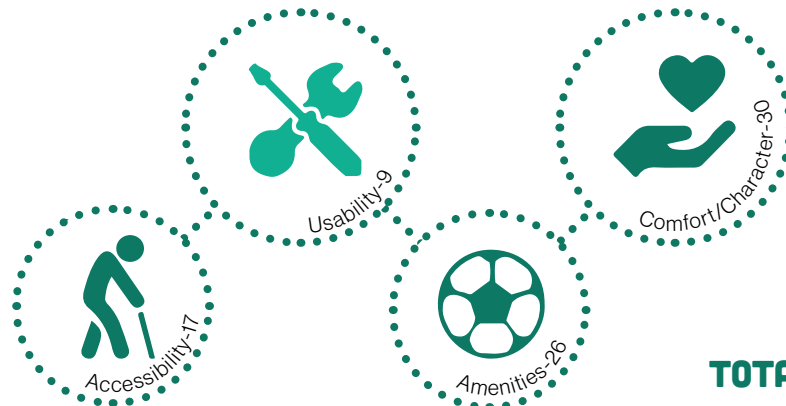
Hospital Hill park is surrounded by multi-family residential areas, commercial/retail areas, and civic areas. The park consists of a basketball court, outdoor fitness areas, public art, and a loop trail with several seating areas. Opportunities for improvement include:

- The clarity of signage could be improved, the existing sign is aesthetically pleasing but would benefit with a more readable entrance sign and maintained landscaping around that sign
- This area could benefit from a shade structure or shelter to create more community gathering space.

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

- UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● ✓ EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
82

HYDE PARK



SITE LOCATION: 300 E. 38th St.

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4
PARK DISTRICT: Central
ESTABLISHED: 1902
ACREAGE: 7.46 Acres

PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (6)
- Drinking Fountain (1)
- Multi-Use Trail (1)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Pedestrian Lighting (4)
- Pickleball Courts (2)
- Playground (1)
- Tennis Courts (2)
- Trash Receptacles (4)

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

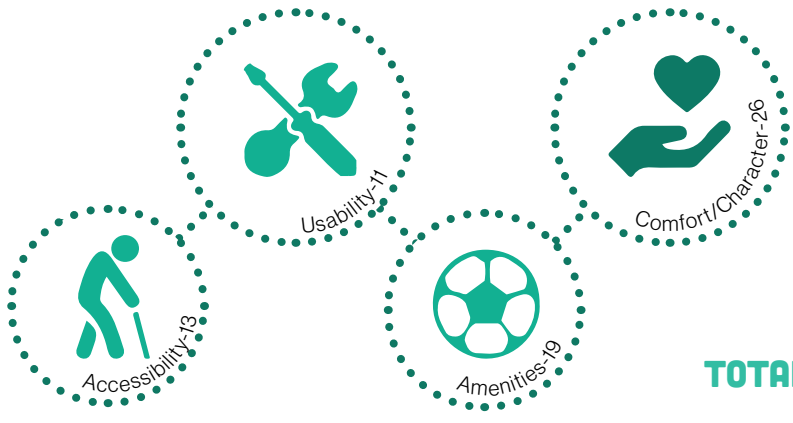
Hyde Park graces the medians and peripheries of Gillham Road and Harrison Parkway between E. 36th and E. 39th Streets. It was originally designed as a private park by George Kessler but later acquired by the city in 1902. Today the park is distinguished by large open green spaces, walking trails, and large mature shade trees. The park also includes a pair of tennis courts and a labyrinth and butterfly garden. Opportunities for improvement include:

- New KC Parks signage
- Additional seating
- Conversion of portions of the turf to native meadow

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
69

ILUS W. DAVIS PARK



SITE LOCATION: 400 E. 11th St.

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4
PARK DISTRICT: Central
ESTABLISHED: 2001
ACREAGE: 5.2 Acres

PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (1)
- Bicycle Racks (4)
- Drinking Fountain (2)
- Fountain (1)
- Landmark (1)
- Pedestrian Lighting (29)
- Public Art (1)
- Regulatory Sign (1)
- Trash Receptacles (9)

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

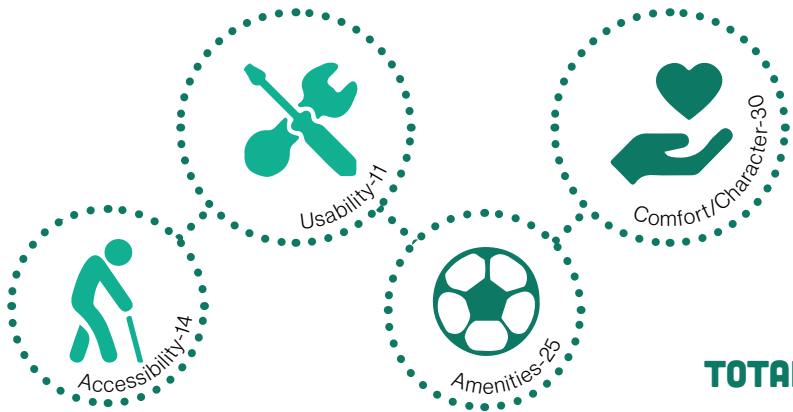
The Ilus W. Davis Park, situated amidst mixed-use, multi-family, commercial/retail, and civic/institutional land uses, presents a remarkable opportunity for increased citizen engagement. Currently this park offers unique amenities including public art, a fountain, and landmark to further enhance this area and encourage greater utilization by the surrounding community, the park is in need of more amenities to enhance the user's experience. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Enhanced the entrance of the park, by creating visibility through well-lit signage
- Creation versatile programmable spaces for events, and the incorporation of built structures for added convenience and shelter

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● ✓ EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
80

INDIAN MOUND



SITE LOCATION: Gladstone Blvd. & Belmot Blvd. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4
PARK DISTRICT: Central
ESTABLISHED: 1911
ACREAGE: 11.73 Acres

PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (1)
- Grills (4)
- Parking Lighting (8)
- Picnic Tables (3)
- Trash Receptacles (3)

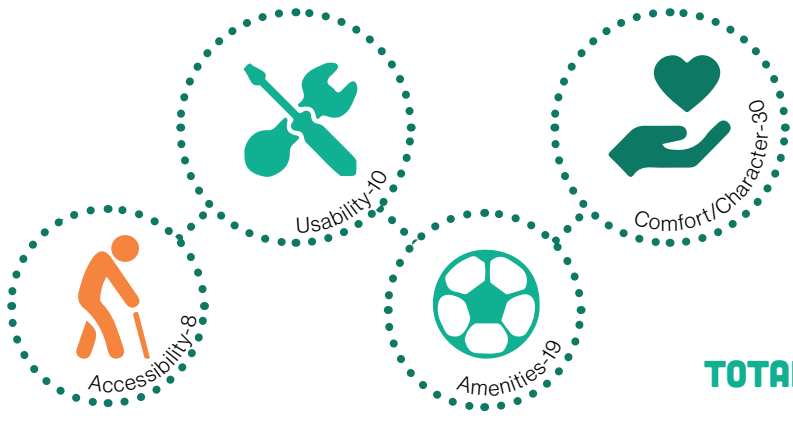
Indian Mound provides a public green space at the intersection of Glandstone and Belmot Boulevards and is the namesake of the Indian Mound neighborhood. This prominent earthwork is the remnant of a mound believed to be the work of indigenous peoples who populated the Missouri River Valley 800 to 1000 years ago. The mound was rebuilt in 1930 after decades of vandalsim, erosion, and amatuer exploration. Today this park is a component of the larger Kessler Park, which forms a green ribbon along the edge of the north bluffs. This park underwent a master planning process in 2023. Conversation with the Osage Tribe is recommended concerning the future of this park. Proposed improvements include:

- A park loop trail
- Ecological landscape restoration
- KC Parks signage
- Rentable shelter

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
67

JARBOE PARK



SITE LOCATION: 1697 Jarboe St.

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4
PARK DISTRICT: Central
ESTABLISHED: 1904
ACREAGE: 4.33 Acres

This park sits at the northwest corner of W. 17th and Jarboe Streets in the Westside neighborhood. The park is adjacent to the Jarboe Pool and serves residents of the neighborhood as well as the students and families of Primitivo Garcia Elementary School. It is the southernmost green space in the larger West Terrace Park that stretches along the west bluffs overlooking the West Bottoms. The park features a relatively new playground on the south side of the pool with many inclusive features as well as a small fitness playground on the north side of the pool. The pool closed in 2022 and a new outdoor pool is being designed for the grounds of the nearby Tony Aguirre Community Center. The ball diamond and large flexible green space offer multiple opportunities for recreation. Potential improvements could include

- A park loop trail in the southern portion of the park
- New fencing, backstop, and bleachers for the diamond field

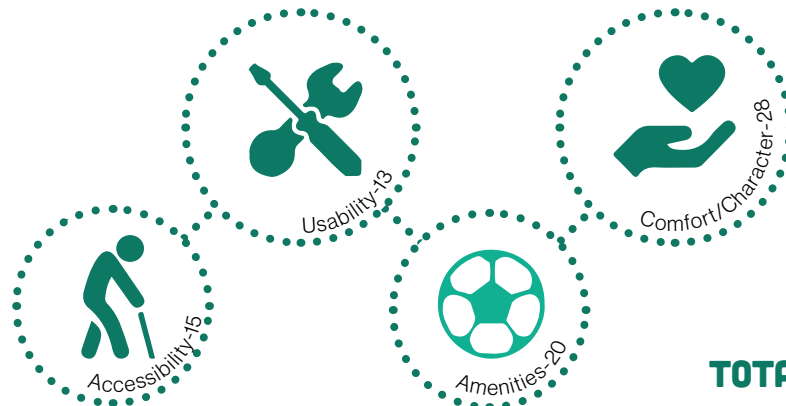
PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (4)
- Bicycle Racks (1)
- Bleachers/Grandstands (2)
- Diamond Fields (1)
- Drinking Fountain (1)
- Multi-Use Trail (1)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Outdoor Fitness Equip. (6)
- Parking Lighting (5)
- Parking Lot (1)
- Pedestrian Lighting (4)
- Picnic Tables (7)
- Playground (1)
- Shade Structures (2)
- Trash Receptacles (8)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● ✓ EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
76

LONGFELLOW PARK



SITE LOCATION: Gillham Rd. & E. 25th St. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4
PARK DISTRICT: Central
ESTABLISHED: 1980
ACREAGE: 1.43 Acres

Longfellow park is surrounded by multi-family residential, commercial/retail, and civic/institutional land uses. This park's strengths lie in the outdoor fitness equipment area, and the loop trail within the park. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Including more trees for shading or screening, and more opportunities for people to connect with the park
- Create more usable and programmable space, or consider unique programming with special events here

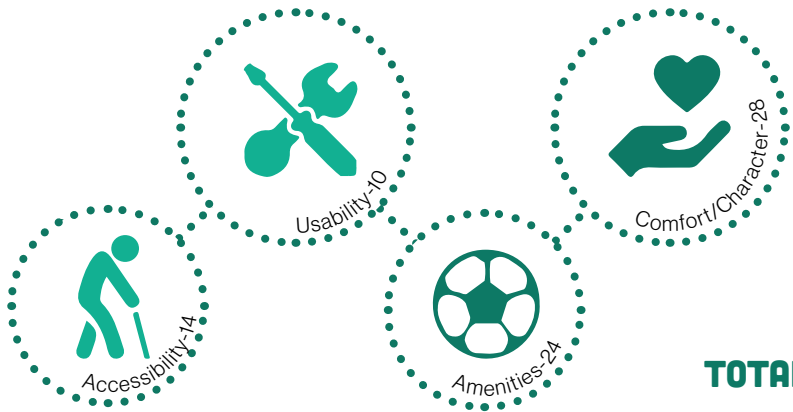
PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (7)
- Bicycle Racks (1)
- New Park Sign (1)
- Outdoor Fitness Equip. (4)
- Park Loop Trail (1)
- Trash Receptacles (1)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● ✓ EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
76

MCCOY PARK



SITE LOCATION: 1524 White Ave.

CLASSIFICATION: Park

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4

PARK DISTRICT: QLID

ESTABLISHED: 2016

ACREAGE: 2.94 acres

PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (5)
- Multi-Use Trail (1)
- New Park Sign (1)
- Park Loop Trail (1)
- Playground (1)
- Trash Receptacle (1)

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

McCoy Park is surrounded by single-family residential and provides great access to and from the adjacent neighborhood as well as clear accessible routes between all amenities. The park space is attractive, provides well-maintained, pleasant places to sit and evokes a strong sense of safety. The pavements, play equipment, and site furnishings are new and in great shape. The perimeter stone retaining wall has recently been patched and repaired nicely. Opportunities for improvement include:

- A small shade structure with picnic tables and a grill

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● ✓ EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
83

MEMORIAL HILL



SITE LOCATION: Pershing Rd. & Main St.

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4
PARK DISTRICT: Central
ESTABLISHED: 1920
ACREAGE: 46.96 acres

Memorial Hill is a highly active park. With its proximity to Union Station and downtown Kansas City, it sees a healthy amount of visitors. The park provides a large loop trail and several places for visitors to sit and take in the views of the area. Overall, the trail is in good condition, but has a few spots that may be more difficult for ADA compliance due to weather erosion. The park also does not clearly state that it is a Kansas City, MO park on its signage. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Enhancing ADA compatability throughout the park
- Including an updated Kansas City, MO Parks and Recreation sign to delineate the park from the surrounding area

PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (16)
- Bicycle Racks (2)
- Drinking Fountain (2)
- Fountain (2)
- Landmark (1)
- New Wayfinding Sign (3)
- Park Loop Trail (1)
- Parking Lighting (11)
- Parking Lot (3)
- Pedestrian Lighting (39)
- Picnic Tables (7)
- Trash Receptacles (18)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

- UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● ✓ EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
81

MILL CREEK PARK



SITE LOCATION: W. 43rd St. & Broadway Blvd. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4
PARK DISTRICT: Central
ESTABLISHED: 1908
ACREAGE: 11.43 acres

Located near the Country Club Plaza, Mill Creek Park is a very popular city property and is home to the iconic fountain on the south end. It is surrounded by multi-family residential, mixed-use, commercial/retail, St. Lukes Hospital, and the future streetcar extension. It is easy to walk to from adjacent neighborhoods, has a new park sign, is very attractive, offers clear lines of sign throughout the park, provides various pleasant places to sit, evokes feelings of safety, and shows evidence of attracting its intended use. Mill Creek Park offers both passive and active recreational uses and attracts many visitors. There were several areas of puddling and standing water in the open grassy areas. KC Water is planning a large green infrastructure project on the north end of this park. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Repairing the surfacing on the walking trail
- Creating a more accessible path to the eco-pond would be a nice addition to this park.

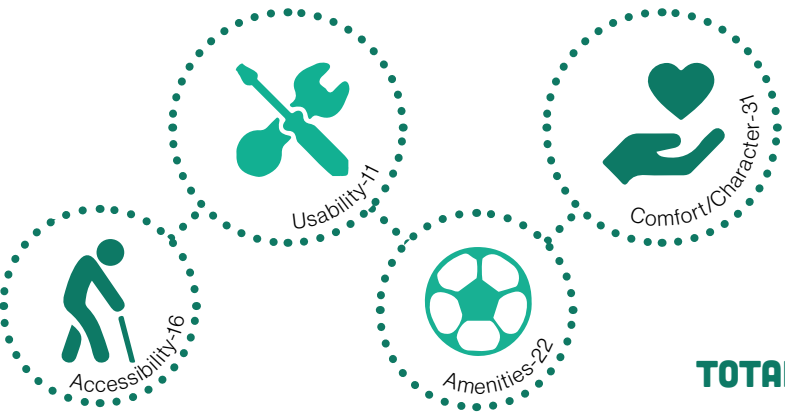
PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (14)
- Bicycle Racks (1)
- Drinking Fountain (2)
- Fountain (1)
- Multi-Use Trail (1)
- New Park Sign (1)
- Outdoor Fitness Equip. (10)
- Park Loop Trail (1)
- Pedestrian Lighting (31)
- Public Art (1)
- Regulatory Sign (2)
- Trash Receptacles (13)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● ✓ EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
80

MULKEY SQUARE



SITE LOCATION: 800 W. 13th St.

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4
PARK DISTRICT: Central
ESTABLISHED: 1904
ACREAGE: 8.87 Acres

Mulkey Square is a park located on the west edge of downtown on a piece of the west bluffs that is bordered by I-35 on the east and I-670 on the south. The park has only one immediate neighbor, a commercial office building, but is connected to the nearby Andrew Drips and Jarboe Parks by a pedestrian overpass that crosses I-670. The park boasts a very well maintained ball diamond, playground, a distinctive picnic shelter and new restrooms. The park is also home to the hereford bull statue that is visible from surrounding highways. This park is a part of the larger West Terrace Park that stretches along the west bluffs overlooking the West Bottoms. Opportunities for improvements include:

- a park loop trail that connects all park elements to one another

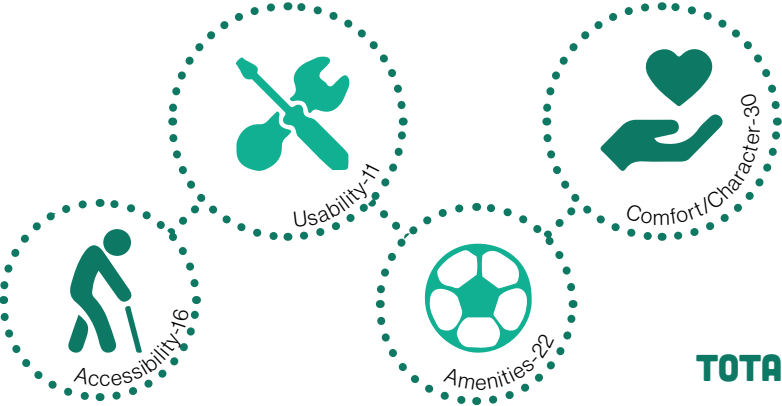
PARK AMENITIES

- Bleachers/Grandstands (3)
- Diamond Fields (1)
- Drinking Fountain (1)
- Dugouts (2)
- Grills (1)
- Landmark (1)
- Multi-Use Trail (1)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Parking Lighting (3)
- Parking Lot (1)
- Picnic Shelter (1)
- Picnic Tables (2)
- Playground (1)
- Restrooms (Permanent) (1)
- Sand Volleyball (2)
- Scoreboard (1)
- Sports Lighting (27)
- Trash Receptacles (9)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● ✓ EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
79

MURRAY DAVIS PARK



SITE LOCATION: Intersection of 40th & Main Streets **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4
PARK DISTRICT: Central
ESTABLISHED: 1931
ACREAGE: .09 acres

Located off of a busy road in the Westport area, Murray Davis Park is small and clean. The monument landscaping is tidy and well cared for, as are the seating options. Two picnic tables include permanent chess boards and provide a pleasant place for visitors to spend time. There is a shared parking lot that makes accessibility convenient, but there is currently heavy construction on Main Street that limits accessibility from adjacent streets for the time being. The park shows no signs of inappropriate use. Due to its small nature and few amenities, the potential for revenue in this park is limited. Additional investment in this property is unwarranted.

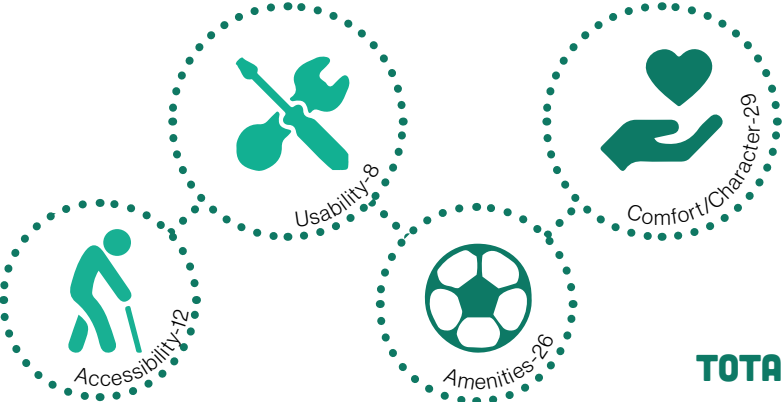
PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (2)
- Bicycle Racks (2)
- Landmark (1)
- Parking Lot (1)
- Pedestrian Lighting (4)
- Picnic Tables (2)
- Trash Receptacles (2)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE ● POOR ● GOOD ● ✓ EXCELLENT



NICHOLSON PARK



SITE LOCATION: 3601 Nicholson Ave.

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4
PARK DISTRICT: Central
ESTABLISHED: 1971
ACREAGE: 2 Acres

Nicholson Ball Diamond Park sits at the corner of Nicholson Ave. and N. Monroe Ave. It is bordered by industrial shipping and wearhoused on the North and railyard to the South and East making its green space a welcome sight. The park contains a nicely paved loop trail and native plant gardens, which serve as infiltration for excess rainwater. These were built and are maintained by KC Water, the department that also owns this property. There are a few on street parking spaces along the North side on the park on Nicholson Ave. and an ADA accessible entry to the loop trail, however there is no ADA parking. Additional investment in this property is unwarranted

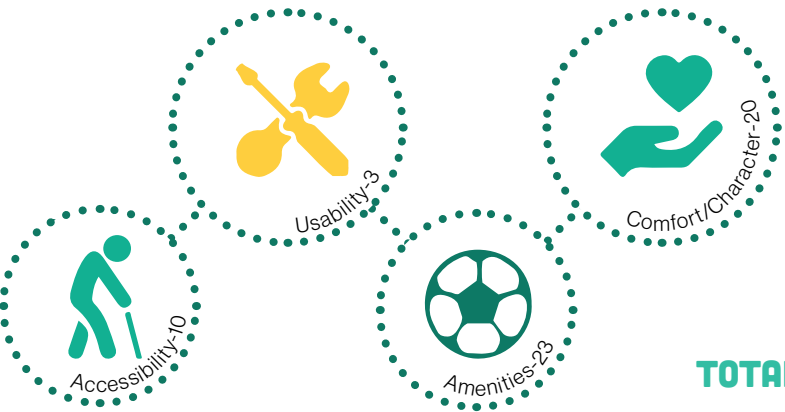
PARK AMENITIES

- Old Park Sign (1)
- Park Loop Trail (1)
- Rain Garden (1)
- Regulatory Sign (1)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

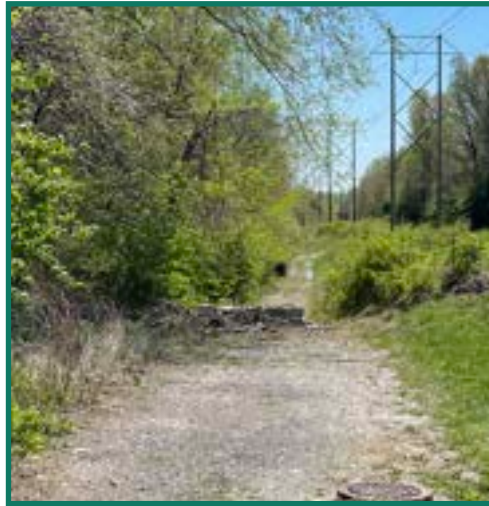
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● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
56

NORTH HILLS PARK



SITE LOCATION: 5401 N.E. Chouteau Trfwy. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Greenway
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4
PARK DISTRICT: North
ESTABLISHED: 1957
ACREAGE: 14.5 acres

North Hills Park is a natural area that preserves over 14 acres of forested land on the hills that overlook the North Kansas City Levee system and North Kansas City. The property is sandwiched between a utility line easement on its west side and Interstate 35 on its east side. As property develops in the future on the west side of this acreage, the park could become a valuable linear park or trail corridor. Additional investment in this property is unwarranted.

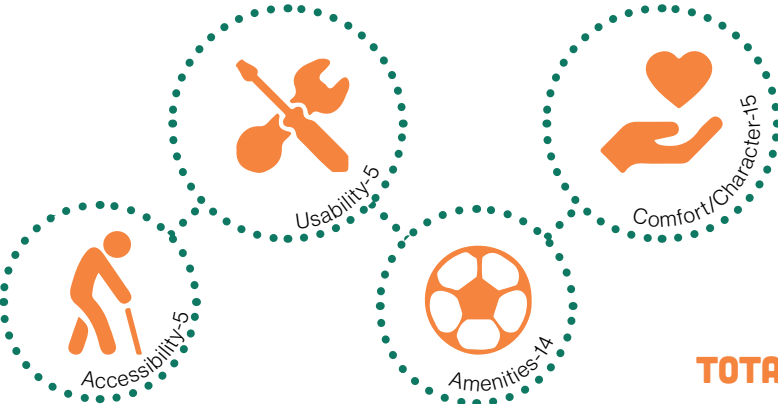
PARK AMENITIES

- Stream/Creek (1)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE ● ✓ POOR ● GOOD ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
39

NORTHEAST ATHLETIC FIELD



SITE LOCATION: 6500 E. St. John Ave. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Athletic Complex
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4
PARK DISTRICT: Central
ESTABLISHED: 1967
ACREAGE: 18.99 Acres

The Northeast Athletic Field is an athletic park located on the north side of St. John Avenue just a block east of Belmont Boulevard. Though located amidst industrial uses, it is just a block away from the Indian Mound neighborhood. The park is in a state of significant disrepair. Virtually all of its amenities from the ballfields to the batting cages and the parking lot to the playground need to be rehabilitated or replaced. The park provides adequate space for its amenities and they are amenities not provided by other nearby parks. However, the cost to bring all of these amenities back to good working condition will be significant. The recent 2023 Kessler Park Master Plan proposed the following solutions:

- Urban agricultural hub
- A soccer complex

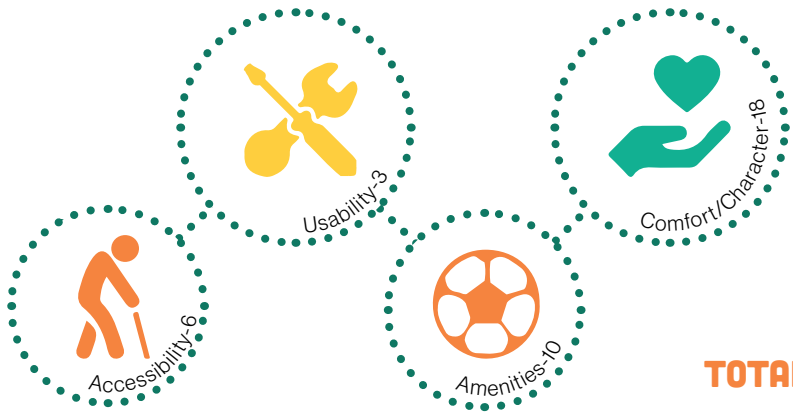
PARK AMENITIES

- Bleachers/Grandstands (1)
- Diamond Fields (3)
- Drinking Fountain (1)
- Dugouts (5)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Parking Lot (1)
- Playground (1)
- Sports Lighting (24)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● ✓ POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
37

OBSERVATION PARK



SITE LOCATION: 2001 Holly St. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4
PARK DISTRICT: Central
ESTABLISHED: 1899
ACREAGE: 8.88 Acres

Observation Park is located at the Northeast corner of Holly St. and W. 21st St. The Athletic focused park includes a play field, basketball court, a loop trail and an outdoor exercise facility. With a fitting name, the park hosts great views of the KC downtown area. The park also includes a nice, recently updated playground. The park is in overall good shape, clean and well maintained. Opportunities for improvement include:

- New KC park signage.
- A larger shade structure or pavilion.

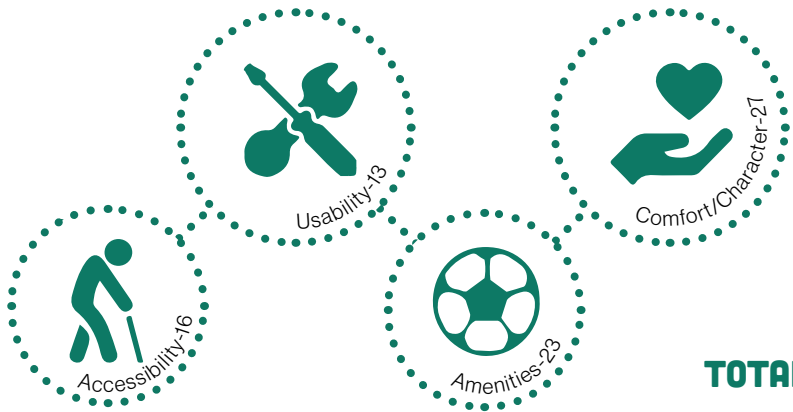
PARK AMENITIES

- Basketball Courts (1)
- Benches (11)
- Diamond Fields (1)
- Drinking Fountain (1)
- Dugouts (1)
- Grills (1)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Outdoor Fitness Equip. (10)
- Park Loop Trail (1)
- Regulatory Sign (1)
- Shade Structures (2)
- Sports Lighting (25)
- Playground (1)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● ✓ EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
79

PENN VALLEY PARK



SITE LOCATION: W. 29th St. & Broadway Blvd. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4
PARK DISTRICT: Central
ESTABLISHED: 1898
ACREAGE: 176.58 acres

Penn Valley Park is one of the largest and most recognizable parks in Kansas City, MO. It is home to several iconic monuments including "The Scout" and "Pioneer Mother." The park has a number of amenities ranging from multi-use trails and a dog park to a lake and skate park. Located near many popular attractions such as Crown Center and Union Station, Penn Valley Park sees a generous amount of visitors and foot traffic. Portions of the park offer more visibility and have been treated with more respect. Less visible areas, such as the western region that hosts the skate park and tennis courts, are heavily vandalised. Throughout the park, litter - especially alcohol bottles, was persistent, as was light graffiti. Camping and loitering was active to some extent in the trees in each area of the park. Many of the trails are in good condition, but several portions show extensive wear and vandalism. Opportunities for Improvement include:

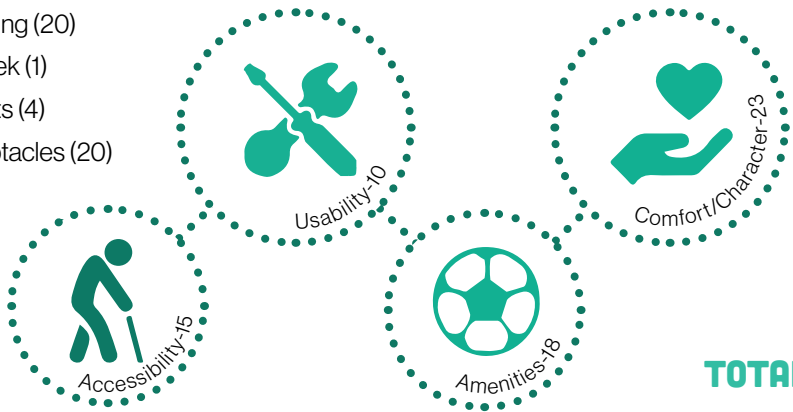
- Repair portions of the trails around the dog park and skate park
- Replace the playground equipment near the baseball diamonds
- Focus on maintenance and upkeep, specifically regularly cleaning the park
- Continue to work with the Penn Valley Park Conservancy in the ongoing capital, operational, and conservation of this park.

- PARK AMENITIES**
- Regulatory Sign (16)
 - Restrooms (1)
 - Skate Park (1)
 - Basketball Courts (1)
 - Benches (14)
 - Bleachers/Grandstands (4)
 - Diamond Fields (2)
 - Dog Park (1)
 - Drinking Fountain (3)
 - Dugouts (4)
 - Fountain (1)
 - Grills (2)
 - Landmark (3)
 - Multi-Use Trail (5)
 - Old Park Sign (5)
 - Old Wayfinding Sign (8)
 - Park Loop Trail (1)
 - Parking Lighting (6)
 - Parking Lot (6)
 - Pedestrian Lighting (80)
 - Picnic Shelter (1)
 - Picnic Tables (10)
 - Playground (1)
 - Pond (1)
 - Sports Lighting (20)
 - Stream/Creek (1)
 - Tennis Courts (4)
 - Trash Receptacles (20)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

- UNACCEPTABLE
- POOR
- GOOD
- EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
66

PIONEER PARK



SITE LOCATION: 4059 Broadway Blvd.

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4
PARK DISTRICT: Central
ESTABLISHED: 1987
ACREAGE: .17 acres

Pioneer Park exists at the busy intersection of Broadway Blvd and Westport Rd. With its proximity to restaurants and shopping, this park shows evidence of frequent foot traffic. Overall, the park and monument appear tidy, though litter was present in several areas. People were actively camping/loitering at the time of assessment, creating a less welcoming environment to anyone that may wish to visit the park. The park provides a pleasant, educational stop for visitors. Due to lack of amenities and its small size, this park is unlikely to be a good source for revenue. Additional investment in this property is unwarranted.

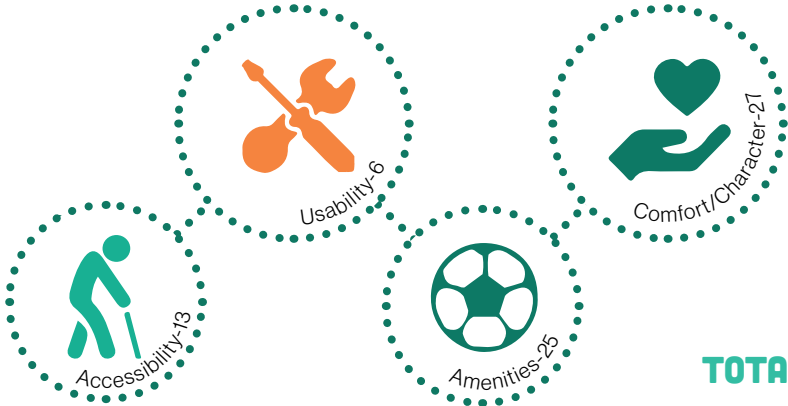
PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (1)
- Landmark (1)
- Pedestrian Lighting (4)
- Regulatory Sign (1)
- Trash Receptacles (1)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
71

PRATHER PARK



SITE LOCATION: 4050 N.E. Prather Rd.

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4
PARK DISTRICT: North
ESTABLISHED: 1967
ACREAGE: 5.10 acres

Blink, and you might miss the entrance to this park. Prather Park is located northwest of the Prather Parvin Roundabout. This forgotten-about park has an existing baseball backstop fence, but the diamond/outfield is not in any condition to be played on. If this park were rehabilitated, it would be a great asset to those living in the multifamily housing surrounding the park space. This Park technically has a parking lot but is non-accessible, nor visible from the road. Opportunities for improvement include:

PARK AMENITIES

- Diamond Fields (1)
- Dugouts (2)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Parking Lot (1)
- Stream/Creek (1)

- Building a small playground
- More accessible and clear entrance points

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● ✓ POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
32

RIVERFRONT PARK



SITE LOCATION: Riverfront Rd. & N. Monroe Ave. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Athletic Complex
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4
PARK DISTRICT: Central
ESTABLISHED: 1947
ACREAGE: 955.45 Acres

Riverfront Park is one of the largest properties in the system and preserves riparian forest along the south side of the Missouri River between N. Olive Street on the west and the confluence with the Blue River on the east. The entire park lies inside of the levee and is encumbered by regulatory floodplain. The park provides a public boat ramp and ample parking for those who wish to access the Missouri River. Due to a location that is relatively isolated from neighborhoods as well as the limited access to the property from surrounding streets, this park is rather inaccessible to the public and provides limited uses. Opportunities for improvements include:

- Additional amenities for those using the boat access area such as a small pedestrian trail, additional seating
- New KC Parks signage
- Interpretive signage telling the story of the river

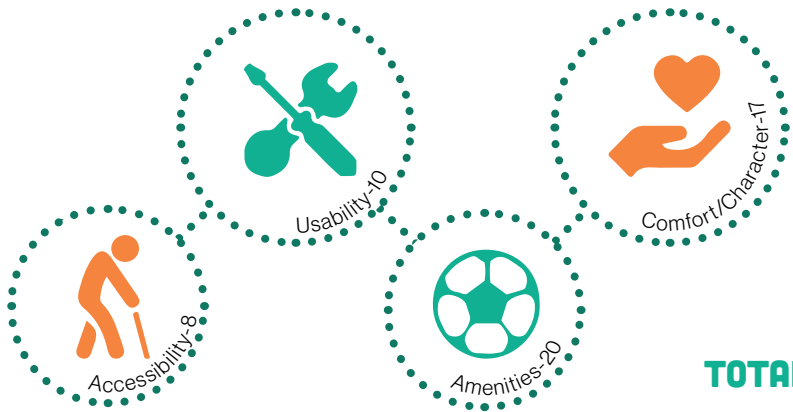
PARK AMENITIES

- Boat Access (1)
- Fishing Access (1)
- Old Park Sign (2)
- Parking Lighting (1)
- Parking Lot (2)
- Picnic Tables (5)
- Stream/Creek (1)
- Trash Receptacles (2)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
55

RIVERVIEW GREENWAY



SITE LOCATION: N.E. 32nd St. & N. Holmes Rd. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Greenway
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4
PARK DISTRICT: North
ESTABLISHED: 1957
ACREAGE: 44.55 acres

PARK AMENITIES

- Stream/Creek (1)

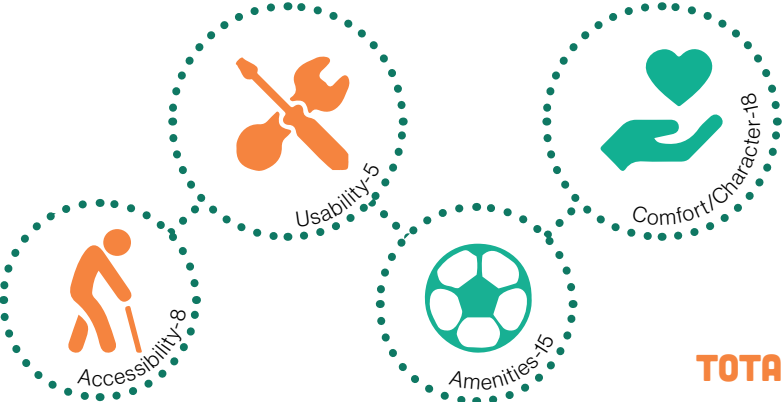
Riverview Greenway is a natural area that preserves over 44 acres of forested land on the hills that overlook the the North Kansas City Levee System and North Kansas City. If the City were to develop this greenway as linear park or trail, this space would have the potential to link neighborhoods and schools in Kansas City and North Kansas City as well as provide its users with access to nature. Necessary improvements would include:

- New KC parks signage
- A multi-use path
- Removal of select vegetation to provide visibility
- Management plan for invasive plant species

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ✓ POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
46

ROANOKE PARK



SITE LOCATION: 3601 Roanoke Rd. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4
PARK DISTRICT: Central
ESTABLISHED: 1902
ACREAGE: 37.59 acres

Surrounded by limestone cliffs, mature trees, and adjacent to the Westport Roanoke Community Center, Roanoke Park is uniquely situated. Amongst its several amenities offered to visitors, the largest are a diamond field, tennis courts, and two playgrounds. Due to its lower elevation and heavy natural surroundings, the park is very quiet. Most amenities appear in overall good condition, but the area around the baseball diamond was in worse shape due to standing water and marshy conditions from recent rain. During the park assessment, a person was actively camping and there was evidence that others may have camped sometime recently. Increased pedestrian lighting would help improve feelings of safety. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Renting out the courts or diamond field for small events
- Continue maintenance and upkeep, replacing amenities if necessary
- Continue to work with the Roanoke Park Conservancy in the ongoing capital, operational, and conservation of this park.

PARK AMENITIES

- Bleachers/Grandstands (1)
- Diamond Fields (1)
- Drinking Fountain (1)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Pedestrian Lighting (7)
- Playgrounds (2)
- Trash Receptacles (2)
- Regulatory Sign (2)
- Tennis Courts (2)
- Trash Receptacles (2)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
67

ROBERT GILLHAM PARK



SITE LOCATION: Gillham Rd. from 39th St. to Brush Creek Blvd.

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4
PARK DISTRICT: Central
ESTABLISHED: 1902
ACREAGE: 58.84 acres

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

Stretching from E. 38th Street south to Brush Creek Boulevard, Gillham Park is the name given the chain of green spaces gracing the periphery and the interior of Harrison Parkway and Gillham Road. The park is surrounded by hundreds of single-family and multi-family homes, is extremely walkable, and is a defining feature for both the Southmoreland and Hyde Park neighborhoods. The park has many popular amenities such as the playground, splash pad, tennis courts, and rubberized running trail. Future improvements to consider are:

- Adding new KC Parks signage
- Resurfacing the parking lot by the maintenance building
- Adding pedestrian lighting to the running trail area
- Provide an accessible walkway to the tennis courts
- Add shade structures near the playground and splash pad

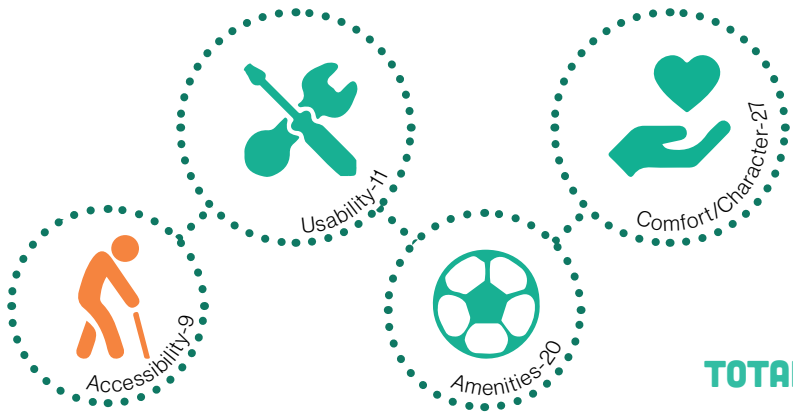
PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (10)
- Bleachers/Grandstands (5)
- Diamond Fields (2)
- Drinking Fountain (3)
- Multi-Use Trail (1)
- Park Loop Trail (1)
- Parking Lighting (2)
- Parking Lot (2)
- Pedestrian Lighting (7)
- Pickleball Courts (2)
- Picnic Tables (13)
- Playground (1)
- Regulatory Sign (3)
- Restrooms (Portable) (1)
- Shade Structures (1)
- Splash Pad (1)
- Tennis Courts (2)
- Trash Receptacles (17)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
67

ROCK CREEK PARK



SITE LOCATION: Byers Ave. & N. Antioch Rd. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4
PARK DISTRICT: North
ESTABLISHED: 1957
ACREAGE: 15.78 acres

PARK AMENITIES

- Stream/Creek (1)

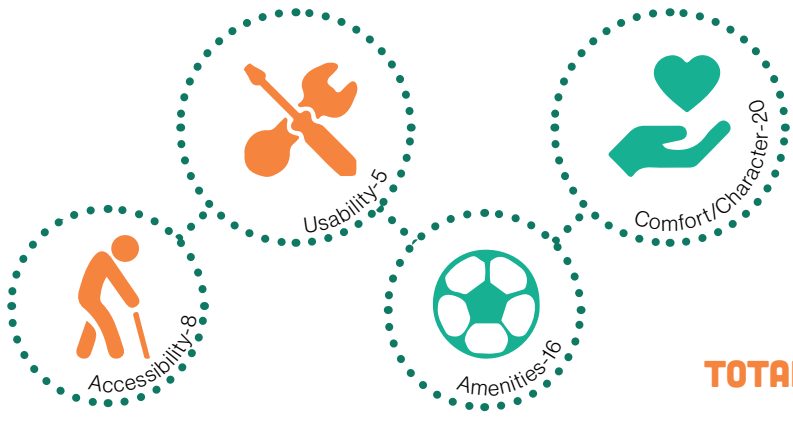
Rock Creek Park preserves over 15 acres of woodland in the Rock Creek watershed. The property is a natural area and is located behind single-family homes in the Hills of Rock Creek neighborhood. This parkland adjoins Sunset Park and together they provide over 43 acres of wildlife habitat and a natural buffer between the residential neighborhoods to the north and the industry to the south. There is potential to create a multi-use trail that would link these two parks and Cooley Park further east. Such an improvement would link neighborhoods and provide the residents with access to all this nature. Necessary improvements would include:

- New KC parks signage
- A multi-use path and associated bridges or water crossings
- Removal of select vegetation to provide visibility
- Management plan for invasive plant species

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ✓ POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



SHEFFIELD PARK



SITE LOCATION: 6900 E. 12th St.

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4
PARK DISTRICT: QLID
ESTABLISHED: 1913
ACREAGE: 11.24 acres

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

Located in the Sheffield neighborhood at the northwest corner of E. 12th Street and Winchester Avenue, Sheffield Park is adjacent to both single-family residential and industrial land uses. The park offers a playground, picnic shelter, tennis courts, basketball courts, and ample open green space for athletic fields. The park provides clear lines of sight as well as scattered pockets of mature trees which provide shade. Opportunities for improvement include:

- A park loop trail to connect all park amenities with surrounding public streets.
- Additional seating and picnic tables
- Remove one of the old backstops and replace the other
- Resurface the tennis courts and consider pickleball

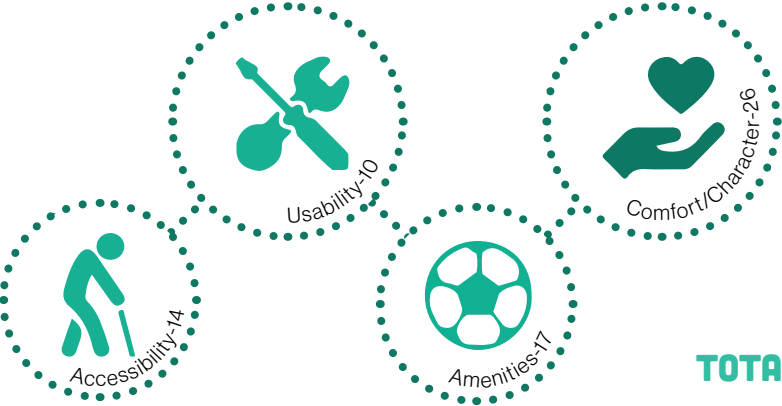
PARK AMENITIES

- Basketball Courts (2)
- Benches (3)
- Diamond Fields (2)
- Drinking Fountain (1)
- Grills (2)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Pedestrian Lighting (3)
- Picnic Shelter (1)
- Picnic Tables (4)
- Playground (1)
- Rectangular Fields (1)
- Tennis Courts (2)
- Trash Receptacles (2)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
67

SHEILA KEMPER DIETRICH PARK



SITE LOCATION: 9098 N. Oak Trfwy. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4
PARK DISTRICT: Central
ESTABLISHED: 1899
ACREAGE: 2.57 acres

Sheila Kemper Dietrich Park lies just east of Memorial Hill and Union Cemetery at the northeast corner of E. 27th Street and Gillham Road. The park is well known for its inclusive playground themed around a large ship and sea creatures. The playground was first created in 1999 and renovated in 2012. The playground is still in good condition but sees lots of activity. The park also features tremendous pedestrian access with an emphasis on ADA compliance. The tennis courts in the northwest corner are in usable condition. The plaza spaces and multiple shelters create numerous opportunities for visitors to linger and enjoy this urban park. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Renovating the playground equipment and safety surfacing
- Resurfacing the tennis courts

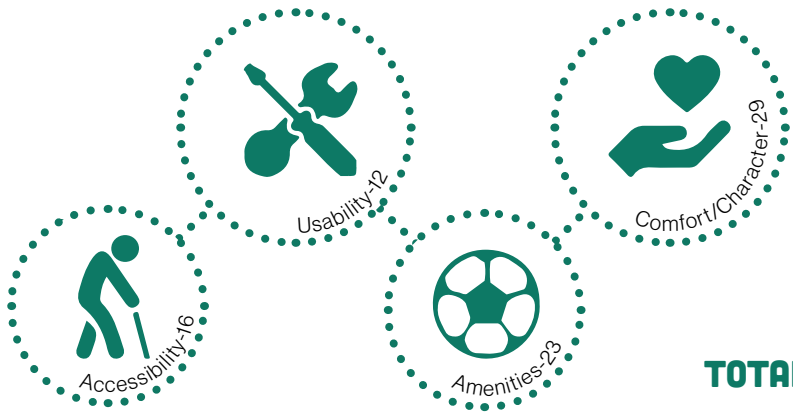
PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (15)
- Grills (1)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Outdoor Fitness Equip. (4)
- Picnic Shelter (2)
- Picnic Tables (8)
- Playground (1)
- Regulatory Sign (2)
- Tennis Courts (2)
- Trash Receptacles (7)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● ✓ EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
80

SOUTHMORE- LAND PARK



SITE LOCATION: 4600 Oak St. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4
PARK DISTRICT: Central
ESTABLISHED: 1899
ACREAGE: 3.86 acres

PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (4)
- Picnic Tables (6)
- Stream/Creek (1)
- Playground (1)
- Trash Receptacles (4)

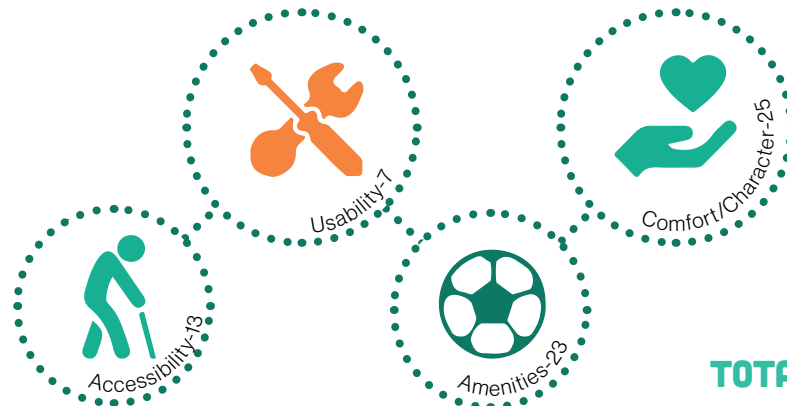
Southmoreland Park is located at the northwest corner of Emanuel Cleaver II Boulevard and Oak Street. Situated between the Nelson Atkins Art Museum and the Kansas City Art Institute, this park is in a highly visible and active location. The park is the home of the annual Heart of America Shakespeare Festival which makes good use of the park's open green space. Otherwise the park features a multi-use path that facilitates east-west pedestrian circulation, a small playground and scattered picnic tables. The distinguishing features are the shade trees and low rock walls, many of which came with the property when it was originally donated by William Rockhill Nelson over a century ago. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Upgrading the playground equipment with inclusive features

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
68

SUNSET PARK



SITE LOCATION: N. Garfield Ave. from N.E. 35th St. to N.E. 34th Ter.

CLASSIFICATION: Park

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4

PARK DISTRICT: North

ESTABLISHED: 1957

ACREAGE: 27.98 acres

PARK AMENITIES

- Stream/Creek (1)

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

Sunset Park preserves over 27 acres of woodland in the Rock Creek watershed. The property is a natural area and is located on the east side of N. Garfield Avenue across from single-family homes and north of North Kansas City Hospital. This parkland adjoins Rock Creek Park and together they provide over 43 acres of wildlife habitat and a natural buffer between the residential neighborhoods to the north and the industry to the south. There is potential to create a multi-use trail that would link these two parks and Cooley Park further east. Such an improvement would link neighborhoods and provide the residents with access to all this nature. Necessary improvements would include:

- New KC parks signage
- A multi-use path and associated bridges or water crossings
- Removal of select vegetation to provide visibility
- Management plan for invasive plant species

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
50

UNION CEMETERY



SITE LOCATION: Warwick Blvd. & E. 28th St. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4
PARK DISTRICT: Central
ESTABLISHED: 1943
ACREAGE: 27.67 Acres

Located just east of the the National WWI Museum and Memorial Union Cemetery sits Missouri's oldest public cemetery, Union Cemetery. There are no walking paths through the park, however there are narrow vehicular lanes, both paved and unpaved, that are easily walkable. The park is well maintained and free of litter. There are uncovered, but shaded seating areas and historical signage throughout. A majority of the park is shaded with mature trees maing it easily walkable on warmer days. There is one water fountain near the entry and sparce seating except at the entrance. Updates could include:

- New KC park signage.
- Information or directional signage.
- Covered seating.

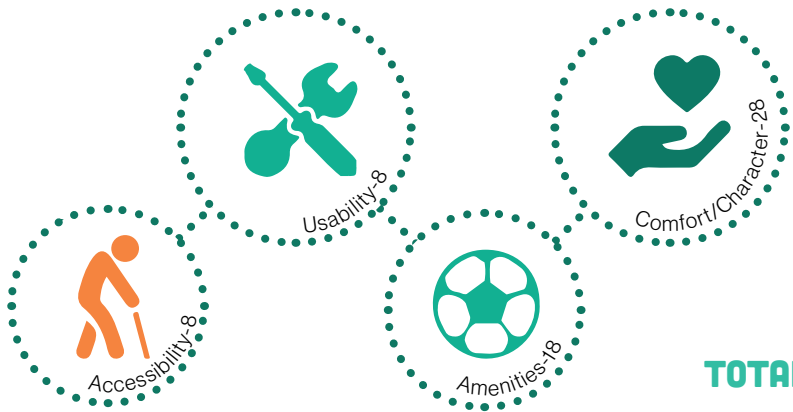
PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (10)
- Drinking Fountain (1)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Old Wayfinding Sign (1)
- Picnic Tables (5)
- Regulatory Sign (1)
- Restrooms (Portable) (1)
- Trash Receptacles (5)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
62

VIVION ROAD BACKYARD WILDLIFE DEMONSTATION GARDEN



SITE LOCATION: N.E. 47th St. & N.E. Vivion Rd. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4
PARK DISTRICT: North
ESTABLISHED: 1999
ACREAGE: 1.54 acres

The Vivion Road Backyard Wildlife Demonstration Garden is a component within the larger Anita B. Gorman Park. It features a nice picnic shelter with tables and a drinking fountain. Its location along the Vivion Trail makes it a great spot for cyclists and pedestrians. The natural features in this small park space are underwhelming given the name of the park. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Ornamental landscaping that highlights Missouri native species
- Stream bank restoration for the adjacent and badly eroded creek

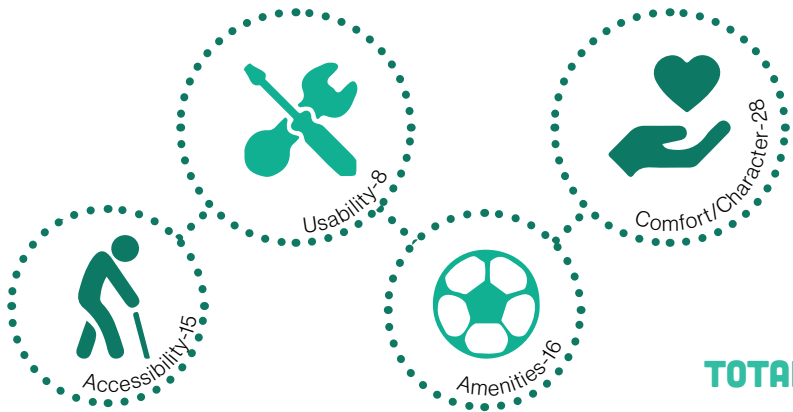
PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (1)
- Bridge (1)
- Drinking Fountain (1)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Picnic Shelter (1)
- Picnic Tables (2)
- Stream/Creek (1)
- Trash Receptacles (1)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
67

WASHINGTON SQUARE PARK



SITE LOCATION: 100 E. Pershing Rd.

CLASSIFICATION: Park

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4

PARK DISTRICT: Central

ESTABLISHED: 1921

ACREAGE: 4.74 Acres

PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (9)
- Pedestrian Lighting (50)
- Picnic Tables (2)
- Trash Receptacles (4)

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

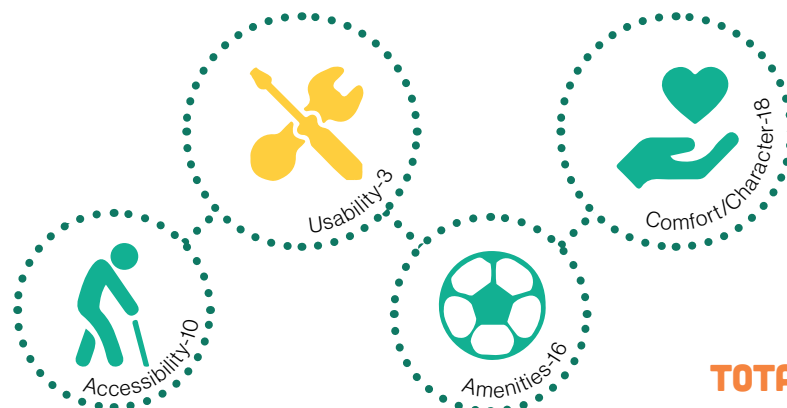
Located just North of Crown Center is Washington Square Park. The park includes multiple pathways and ample lighting with mature trees throughout. The Missouri Korean War Veterans Memorial is located in the Southwest corner of the park. The park is a welcome greenspace extending north from the Liberty Memorial lawn, however litter and vandalism pose a maintenance concern. No encampments were present during the time of visit, however the presence of a large number of unhoused individuals made traversing the park uncomfortable for visitors. Suggested improvements include:

- Updated signage throughout
- additional trash receptacles at seating locations.

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● ✓ POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
47

WATERWELL ATHLETIC COMPLEX



SITE LOCATION: MO Hwy. 9 & N. Broadway

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

CLASSIFICATION: Athletic Complex

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4

PARK DISTRICT: North

ESTABLISHED: 1990

ACREAGE: 66.26 acres

Located between Highway 169, Highway 9, and the Missouri River, Waterwell Athletic Complex features 5 baseball diamonds, a football field, and associated parking and sidewalks. There is also a playground and a restroom/concession building. The complex is well-maintained overall, and provides some great natural shade from mature trees. Due to the park's location between highways and the river, there is only one vehicular entrance to this park and no pedestrian access. KC Water owns this property and it is operated by KC Parks. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Adding new KC Parks signage
- Updating the site furnishings
- Updating bleachers
- Replacing fabric shade cloth over bleachers

PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (3)
- Bleachers/Grandstands (14)
- Concession Stands (1)
- Diamond Fields (1)
- Dugouts (10)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Parking Lighting (16)
- Parking Lot (1)
- Pedestrian Lighting (9)
- Picnic Tables (15)
- Playground (1)
- Rectangular Fields (1)
- Restrooms (Permanent) (2)
- Scoreboard (6)
- Sports Lighting (23)
- Trash Receptacles (47)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

- UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● ✓ EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
75

WATERWORKS PARK



SITE LOCATION: W. 83rd St. & Oak St.

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4
PARK DISTRICT: South
ESTABLISHED: 1949
ACREAGE: 21.25 acres

Waterworks Park sits on the bluffs just north of the Kansas City water treatment plant on the west side of N. Oak Trafficway. It is best known for its extensive disc golf course which attracts a regular crowd. Other features include an internal park street, a park loop trail, and a picnic shelter. This park property technically includes the Children's Fountain which is at the intersection of N. Oak, Burlington, and N.E. 32nd Streets. While attractive, this fountain is virtually inaccessible by pedestrians due to the lack of sidewalks on the adjacent streets. KC Water owns approximately half of this property and it is operated by KC Parks/ Opportunities for improvement include:

PARK AMENITIES

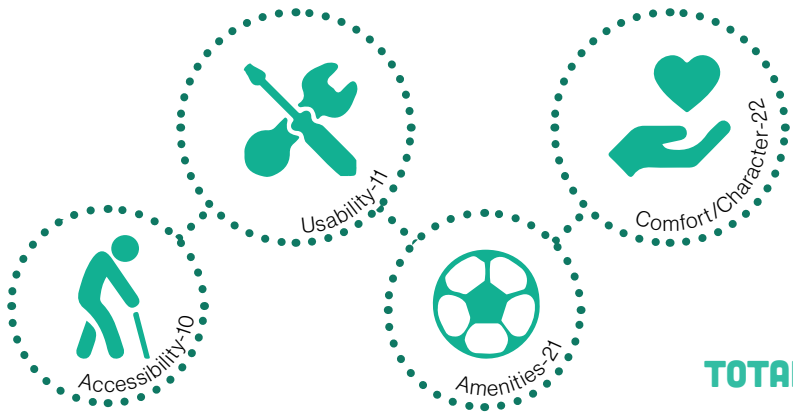
- Benches (40)
- Disc Golf (1)
- Drinking Fountain (3)
- Fountain (1)
- Grills (2)
- Parking Lighting (4)
- Parking Lot (2)
- Picnic Shelter (1)
- Picnic Tables (14)
- Playground (1)
- Trash Receptacles (20)

- A new playground with inclusive equipment
- Wayfinding signage and a park map

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

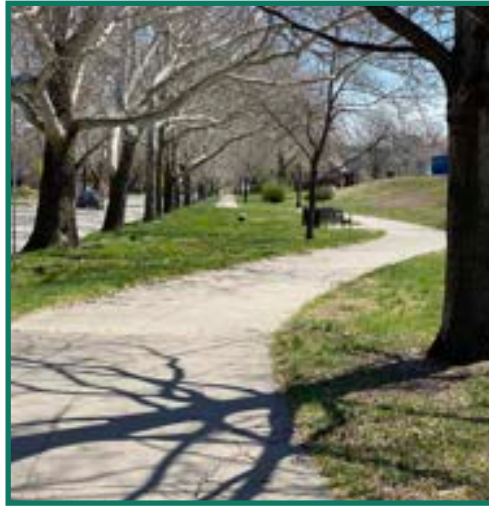
RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
64

WEST PENNWAY PARK



SITE LOCATION: W. 20th St & Madison Ave. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4
PARK DISTRICT: Central
ESTABLISHED: 1944
ACREAGE: 1.59 acres

This linear park runs between West Pennway and West Pennway Terrace between W. 17th and W. 20th Streets in the Westside Neighborhood. This park features a meandering multi-use path with ample seating and shade from the mature trees. Pedestrian lighting is provided here in the form of artist Christian Mann’s “Neo Millenic” lights. They add an artistic flair to an important safety feature. The Mid-America Regional Council funded a community street redesign for this boulevard in 2022. It looked at ways to activate the numerous public spaces adjacent to this green space. Opportunities for improvement include:

PARK AMENITIES

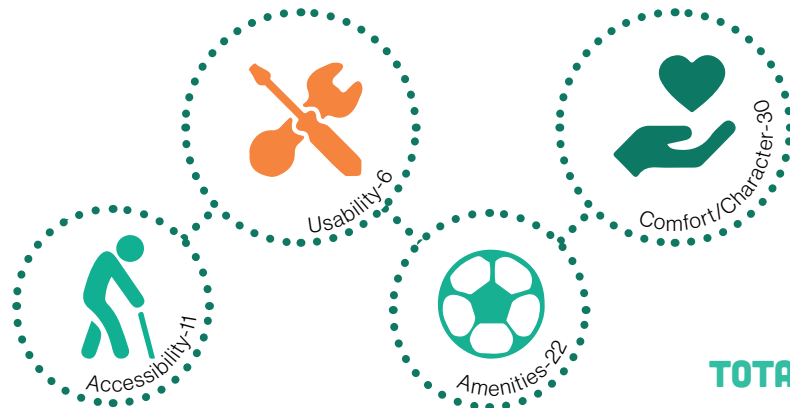
- Benches (5)
- Bicycle Racks (1)
- Multi-Use Trail (1)
- Pedestrian Lighting (8)
- Trash Receptacles (3)

- New KC Parks signage
- Wayfinding signage a park map
- Public art
- Outdoor classrooms and event spaces
- Green infrastructure to capture and treat stormwater

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
69

WEST TERRACE PARK



SITE LOCATION: W 8th St. & Jefferson St. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4
PARK DISTRICT: Central
ESTABLISHED: 1900
ACREAGE: 30.56 acres

West Terrace Park is one of the oldest parks in the system and was part of George Kessler's early master plan for parks and boulevards in Kansas City. The park's boundary includes much of the bluffs on the west side of downtown that overlook the confluence of the Missouri and Kansas Rivers. The 30 plus acres technically include several smaller parks already mentioned in this report: Andrew Drips Park, Ermine Case, Jr. Park, Jarboe Park, and Mulkey Square. The park and recreation amenities most closely associated with West Terrace are the scenic views from Clark's Point. Monuments, such as the Corps of Discovery statue, James Pendergast Memorial, and the dog park. This park space is attractive, well-maintained, and provides visitors with many options for active and passive recreation. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Adding new KC Parks signage as well as wayfinding signage

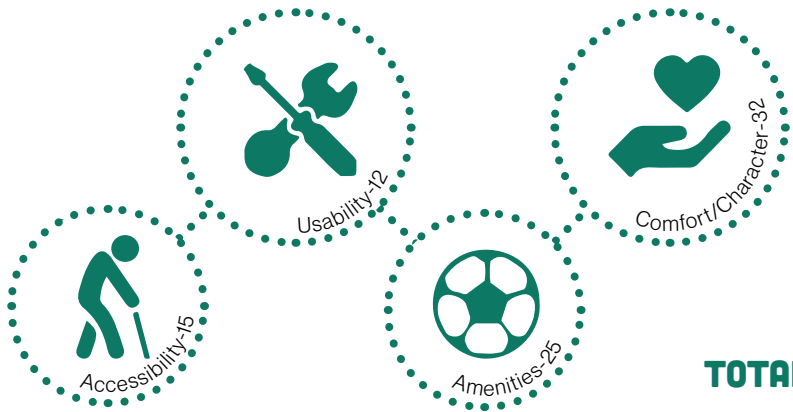
PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (10)
- Bridge (1)
- Dog Park (1)
- Drinking Fountain (2)
- Grills (3)
- Landmark (2)
- Multi-Use Trail (1)
- Park Loop Trail (1)
- Parking Lighting (8)
- Parking Lot (2)
- Pedestrian Lighting (30)
- Picnic Shelter (1)
- Picnic Tables (6)
- Public Art (2)
- Regulatory Sign (2)
- Shade Structures (1)
- Trash Receptacles (10)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● ✓ EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
84

WINNER PARK



SITE LOCATION: E. 27th St. & Hunter Ave. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4
PARK DISTRICT: Central
ESTABLISHED: 1971
ACREAGE: 11.56 acres

Winner Park is located just east of Interstate 435 near city limits with Independence and adjacent to single-family residential and institutional land uses. Winner Park is well-maintained, attractive, and offers a variety of uses throughout the space. The park features accessible routes, great visibility from the surrounding neighborhood and pleasant places to sit. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Repair to picnic shelter columns
- New KC Parks signage

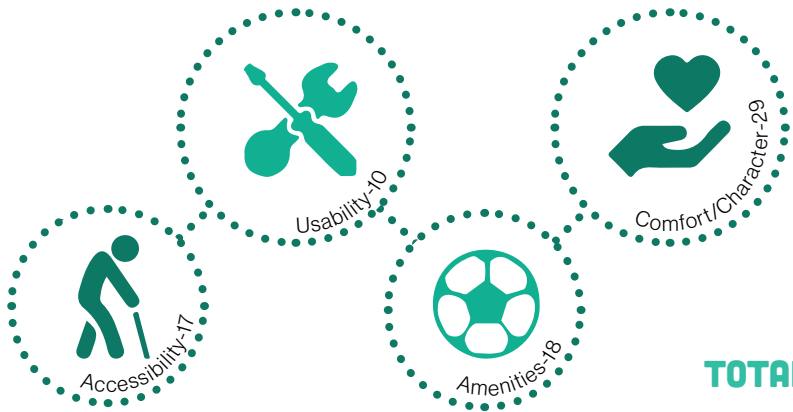
PARK AMENITIES

- Basketball Courts (1)
- Benches (2)
- Multi-Use Trail (1)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Park Loop Trail (1)
- Picnic Shelter (1)
- Picnic Tables (1)
- Playground (1)
- Sports Lighting (1)
- Trash Receptacles (1)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
74

COUNCIL DISTRICT #5

PARK SCORES

PARK NAME	ACCESSIBILITY (MAX. 20)					COMFORT & CHARACTER (MAX. 35)					USABILITY (MAX. 15)					AMENITIES (MAX. 30)					COMPOSITE SCORE (MAX. 100)				
	Ease in Walking to Park (Max. 5)	Clarity of Signage (Max. 5)	Reduction of Weather Impacts (Max. 5)	ADA Compliance (Max. 5)	Overall Attractiveness (Max. 5)	Overall Maintenance (Max. 5)	Visibility of Entrances and Use Areas (Max. 5)	Pleasant Places to Sit (Max. 5)	Feeling of Safety (Max. 5)	Ambient Noise (Max. 5)	Perceptible Odor (Max. 5)	Existing Opportunities (Max. 5)	Appropriate Park Activity (Max. 5)	Opportunities for Revenue (Max. 5)	Pavements (Max. 5)	Landscaping (Max. 5)	Stormwater Quality & Management (Max. 5)	Equipment (Max. 5)	Park Structures (Max. 5)	Lighting (Max. 5)					
81st and Troost Park	13	4	3	3	3	28	4	4	3	4	4	4	5	10	3	4	3	23	4	4	4	4	4	3	74
Agnes Park	11	3	2	3	3	22	3	4	3	3	3	3	3	9	3	4	2	20	4	3	3	4	3	3	62
Arleta Park	15	4	3	4	4	29	4	4	4	4	4	4	5	11	4	4	3	23	4	4	4	4	4	3	78
Bannister Park	13	4	3	3	3	29	4	4	4	4	4	4	5	10	3	4	3	22	4	3	3	5	4	3	74
Bent Tree Park	13	4	3	3	3	25	4	4	3	2	3	4	5	10	3	4	3	22	4	4	3	4	4	3	70
Big Blue Battlefield Park	11	1	3	4	3	26	4	4	2	3	3	5	5	6	1	4	1	21	5	3	4	3	3	3	64
Benheim Park	9	2	2	2	3	23	4	3	3	2	3	3	5	8	2	4	2	18	3	4	2	3	2	4	58
Blue Hills Park	14	4	3	3	4	29	3	4	5	5	4	3	5	13	4	5	4	25	4	4	4	4	4	5	81
Cave Spring Park	6	2	1	2	1	18	2	2	1	1	3	4	5	7	2	4	1	16	3	1	3	3	3	3	47
Clark-Ketterman Athletic Field	14	4	3	3	4	28	4	4	4	3	4	4	5	12	4	4	4	22	4	4	3	4	4	3	76
Daniel Morgan Boone Park	8	3	2	1	2	20	3	3	3	2	3	2	4	7	2	4	1	22	5	3	3	5	3	3	57
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Square	19	4	5	5	5	30	4	4	4	5	4	4	5	11	4	4	3	24	4	3	3	4	5	5	84
Ewing Park	9	3	3	2	1	19	2	2	2	3	3	3	4	4	1	2	1	15	2	2	2	3	3	3	47
French Tract	4	1	1	1	1	17	1	3	1	1	2	4	5	5	1	3	1	18	3	3	3	3	3	3	44
Hibbs Park	16	3	5	4	4	29	3	4	5	3	4	5	5	10	3	4	3	21	3	4	5	4	3	2	76
Ingels Park	4	1	1	1	1	16	1	2	1	1	3	3	5	5	1	3	1	15	3	1	2	3	3	3	40
Iser Park	16	4	5	3	4	25	3	4	4	4	3	4	3	9	3	3	3	22	5	3	3	4	4	3	72
James A. Reed Park	13	4	3	3	3	29	4	4	4	4	4	4	5	12	4	4	4	23	4	4	4	4	4	3	77
Jerry Darter Park	13	3	3	4	3	26	4	4	3	3	4	3	5	10	3	4	3	19	4	3	3	3	3	3	68
Legacy East Park	5	1	1	2	1	18	2	3	1	1	2	4	5	3	1	1	1	20	3	4	4	3	3	3	46
Legacy West Park	4	1	1	1	1	15	1	3	1	1	1	3	5	5	1	3	1	18	3	3	3	3	3	3	42
Little Blue Valley Park	13	1	5	2	5	30	4	4	5	4	4	4	5	9	4	4	1	23	4	4	4	5	3	3	75
Longview Tract	16	4	4	4	4	32	5	5	5	5	4	4	4	12	4	4	4	26	4	4	4	5	5	4	86

COUNCIL DISTRICT #5

PARK SCORES

PARK NAME	ACCESSIBILITY (MAX. 20)					COMFORT & CHARACTER (MAX. 35)					USABILITY (MAX. 15)					AMENITIES (MAX. 30)					COMPOSITE SCORE (MAX. 100)				
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Marborough Community Center Grounds	14	5	3	1	5	30	4	4	5	5	5	4	3	9	1	5	3	22	5	2	5	3	3	4	75
Marlborough Park	17	4	4	4	5	23	3	2	4	3	3	3	5	6	2	2	2	21	5	3	2	4	4	3	67
Noble Park	14	4	3	3	4	27	3	3	3	5	4	4	5	10	4	3	3	22	4	3	3	4	3	5	73
Ruskin Way Park	13	3	3	4	3	26	3	3	4	3	4	4	5	10	3	4	3	20	3	3	3	4	4	3	69
Schumacher Park	17	4	4	4	5	29	4	4	5	4	3	4	5	8	3	4	1	23	4	4	4	4	4	3	77
Scott Park	11	1	3	2	5	21	3	3	3	1	3	3	5	8	3	4	1	20	5	3	3	3	3	3	60
Sycamore Park	14	4	3	3	4	28	4	4	4	4	4	3	5	10	3	4	3	23	4	4	4	4	4	3	75
Terry R. Dopson Parks and Recreation Administrative Building	16	5	3	3	5	28	4	4	4	2	5	4	5	6	1	4	1	18	3	4	3	2	3	3	68
Timber Valley Park	5	1	1	2	1	20	2	4	1	1	3	4	5	3	1	1	1	18	3	3	3	3	3	3	46
Thomas J. Kiely Park	9	3	1	1	4	26	4	4	2	4	3	4	5	6	1	4	1	22	5	3	3	4	4	3	63
Thomas H. Swope Park	14	1	5	5	3	29	4	3	5	4	5	3	5	14	5	4	5	18	3	3	2	3	3	4	75
Town Fork Greenway	14	2	4	3	5	30	5	4	4	5	4	3	5	14	5	5	4	25	4	3	3	5	5	5	83
White Oak Park	14	3	4	2	5	24	4	4	3	1	3	4	5	11	4	5	2	21	4	4	4	3	3	3	70
Wilbur H. Dunn Park	11	2	3	2	4	25	4	3	4	3	3	3	5	7	2	3	2	18	4	3	3	3	2	3	61
Woodgate Park	7	1	3	2	1	30	4	5	5	3	4	4	5	9	2	5	2	18	3	2	3	4	3	3	64
DISTRICT AVERAGES	10.6					23.8								8.3				19.1							61.8
Total Acreage	Avg. Developed Acreage					Avg. Natural Acreage					Avg. Year of Acquisition														
2451.78	65.00					35.97					1973														

81ST & TROOST PARK



SITE LOCATION: E. 81st St. & Troost Ave. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 5
PARK DISTRICT: QLID
ESTABLISHED: 2007
ACREAGE: 12.4 Acres

The 81st & Troost Park sits between the Marlborough and Rock Hill Manor neighborhoods and serves single-family homes, a multi-family complex and businesses along the Troost Avenue corridor. It provides a new playground with inclusive features, a loop park trail with multiple connections to the adjacent neighborhood, and a large pond that also provides a vital green infrastructure solution for this part of the city. The green infrastructure was built and is maintained by KC Water. The property is owned by KC Water. The playground, benches, and trash receptacles were built by KC Parks and are maintained by KC Parks. Opportunities for improvement include:

- A picnic shelter to provide shade and opportunities for gathering

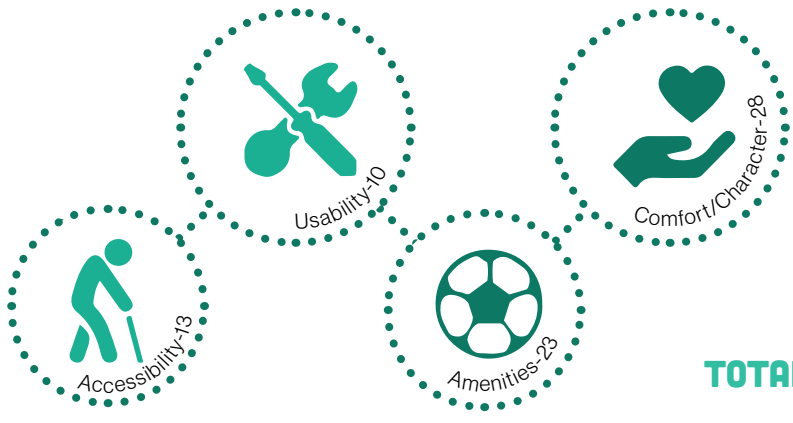
PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (5)
- Bicycle Racks (4)
- Drinking Fountain (1)
- New Wayfinding Sign (5)
- Park Loop Trail (1)
- Parking Lot (1)
- Playground (1)
- Pond (1)
- Public Art (1)
- Rain Garden (1)
- Regulatory Sign (2)
- Trash Receptacles (6)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
74

AGNES PARK



SITE LOCATION: 300 E. 74th St.

CLASSIFICATION: Park

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 5

PARK DISTRICT: South

ESTABLISHED: 1967

ACREAGE: 1.95 acres

PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (2)
- Grills (1)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Picnic Table (1)
- Playground (1)
- Trash Receptacle (1)

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

Agnes Park is located just east of Highway 71 at the northeast corner of E. 74th Street and Agnes Avenue in the Noble neighborhood. It is surrounded by single-family homes and just a few blocks west of Noble Park. The park recently received a new modern playground and accessible sidewalk. The park has few other amenities but provides open green space. Opportunities for improvement could include:

- A small picnic shelter and seating
- A loop park trail

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
62

ARLETA PARK



SITE LOCATION: 7698 Prospect Ave. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 5
PARK DISTRICT: South
ESTABLISHED: 1967
ACREAGE: 4.62 acres

Arleta Park is located just west of Prospect Avenue between E. 77th Street and Wabash Avenue in the heart of the Walnut Grove neighborhood. It was recently renovated as part of a green infrastructure project and provides accessible walkways and extensive rain gardens. The green infrastructure was installed and is maintained by KC Water. The shelter and site furnishings are in good condition. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Updated play equipment and surfacing
- Providing interpretive signage highlighting the native vegetation and stormwater management provided by the park
- New KC Parks signage

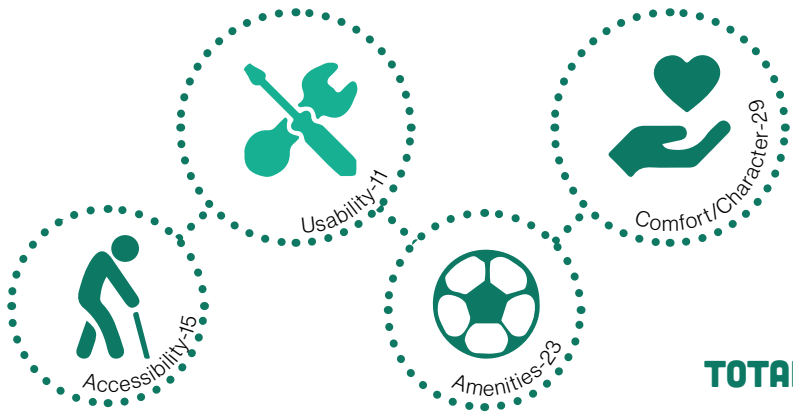
PARK AMENITIES

- Basketball Courts (1)
- Benches (1)
- Bicycle Racks (4)
- Grills (1)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Park Loop Trail (1)
- Parking Lot (1)
- Picnic Shelter (3)
- Picnic Tables (4)
- Playground (1)
- Rain Garden (2)
- Regulatory Sign (3)
- Restrooms (Portable) (1)
- Trash Receptacles (4)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● ✓ EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
78

BANNISTER PARK



SITE LOCATION: 9700 James A. Reed Rd. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 5
PARK DISTRICT: South
ESTABLISHED: 1975
ACREAGE: 13.67 acres

Bannister Park serves the Bannister Acres neighborhood on the west side of James A. Reed Road across the street from Truman Elementary School. This park provides a loop trail that wraps around open space and through groves of mature trees. Multiple connections to public streets are provided on the east and west. The park features a new playground as well as multiple pieces of outdoor exercise equipment. Opportunities for improvement include:

- New KC Parks signage
- A rentable picnic shelter

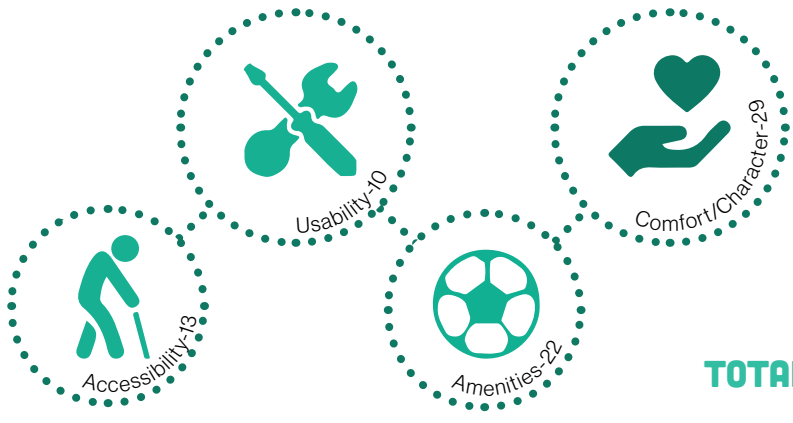
PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (4)
- Drinking Fountain (1)
- Multi-Use Trail (1)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Outdoor Fitness Equip. (3)
- Park Loop Trail (1)
- Picnic Tables (4)
- Playground (1)
- Regulatory Sign (1)
- Trash Receptacles (2)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
74

BENT TREE PARK



SITE LOCATION: 9891 View High Dr. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 5
PARK DISTRICT: South
ESTABLISHED: 1978
ACREAGE: 3.00 acres

PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (2)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Outdoor Fitness Equip. (10)
- Park Loop Trail (1)
- Playground (1)
- Regulatory Sign (1)
- Trash Receptacles (1)

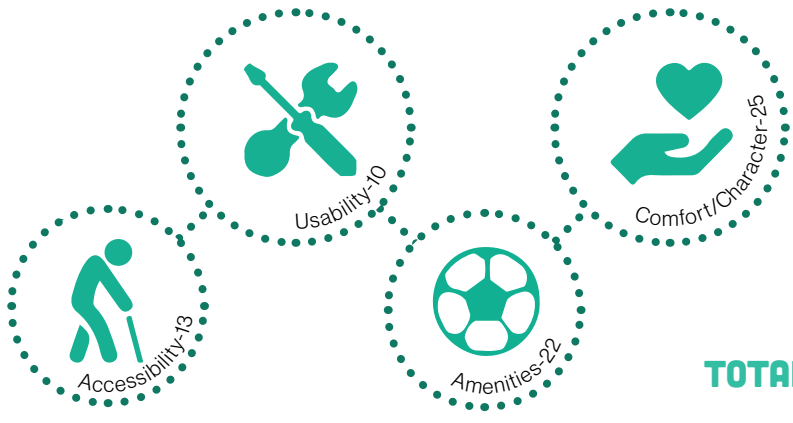
Bent Tree Park is located in Southeast Kansas City near the Lee's Summit city limits, adjacent to single-family residential homes and a Church. A new playground was added in 2023 but the other park amenities could benefit from updates. The park is attractive and easy to walk to from the surrounding neighborhood, displaying appropriate park activity. The existing asphalt trail suffers from accessibility and erosion issues. The mass of trees in the center of the park blocks views and causes the park to be split into two areas. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Removal of invasive honeysuckle to open views throughout the park
- Resurfacing and realigning the trail so it is ADA compliant
- Replacing the older fitness equipment

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
70

BIG BLUE BATTLEFIELD PARK



SITE LOCATION: E. 63rd St. & Manchester

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 5
PARK DISTRICT: QLID
ESTABLISHED: 1995
ACREAGE: 86.22 acres

Big Blue Battlefield Park comprises over 86 acres of land in multiple parcels on the north side of E. 63rd Street Trafficway between Elmwood Avenue on the west and Hardesty Avenue on the east. It sits adjacent to a mix of light industrial and office land uses, as well as single-family residential, and Swope Park, to the south. The park preserves some beautiful riparian land along the Blue River and commemorates the location of one of the largest Civil War battles fought west of the Mississippi River. It provides a nice stretch of multi-use trail between Hardesty Avenue and the Blue River with several interpretive signs detailing historical events. The trail provides a safe connection between this park and Swope Park traveling under the E. 63rd Street Trafficway bridge over the Blue River. Opportunities for improvement include:

PARK AMENITIES

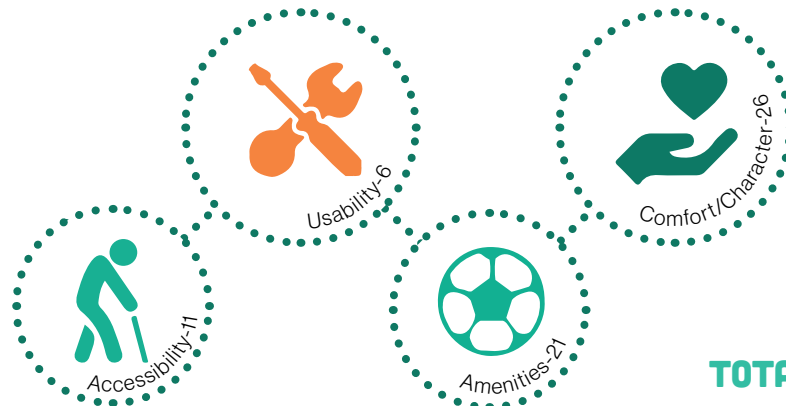
- Landmark (5)
- Multi-Use Trail (1)
- Old Wayfinding Sign (3)
- Stream/Creek (1)

- Wayfinding signage
- QR codes and web-based interpretation of the Civil War events

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
64

BLLENHEIM PARK



SITE LOCATION: Gregory Blvd. & The Paseo **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 5
PARK DISTRICT: South
ESTABLISHED: 1921
ACREAGE: 6.93 acres

Stretching from E. 68th Street south to Gregory Boulevard between Forest Hill Calvary Cemetery and The Paseo is Blenheim Park. This park features a diamond field, a multi-use trail, pedestrian lighting, stone picnic tables, green infrastructure and a park sign. The green infrastructure was installed and is maintained by KC Water. Much of the trail pavement, the lighting, and the sod appear to have been newly installed and are in great condition. There are portions of the park still without sidewalk. The backstop around the diamond field is in decent and usable condition. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Trash cans or pet waste stations along the trail
- Seating
- Sidewalk extensions to 68th Street on the north and down to the corner of Gregory and The Paseo on the south

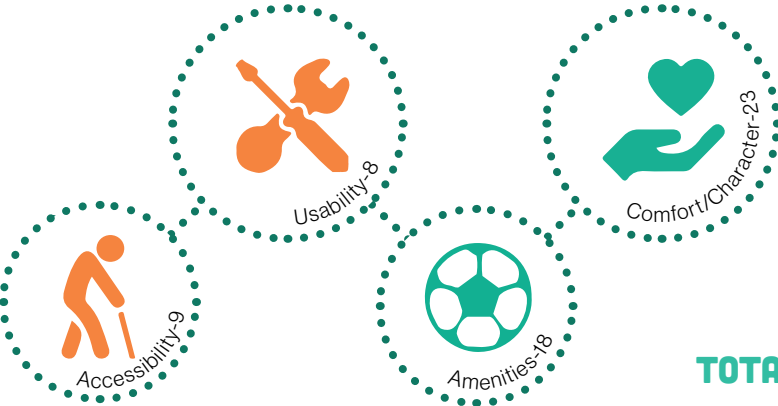
PARK AMENITIES

- Diamond Fields (1)
- Dugouts (2)
- Multi-Use Trail (1)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Pedestrian Lighting (18)
- Picnic Tables (2)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
58

BLUE HILLS PARK



SITE LOCATION: 2200 E. 53rd St.

CLASSIFICATION: Park

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 5

PARK DISTRICT: QLID

ESTABLISHED: 1946

ACREAGE: 10.37 acres

PARK AMENITIES

- Basketball Court (1)
- Benches (8)
- Bicycle Racks (3)
- Bleachers/Grandstand (1)
- Drinking Fountains (2)
- Dugouts (2)
- Grills (2)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Pedestrian Lighting (18)
- Picnic Shelter (1)
- Picnic Tables (7)
- Playground (1)
- Regulatory Sign (1)
- Restrooms (Permanent) (1)
- Tennis Courts (2)
- Trash Receptacles (8)

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

Located at the northeast corner of E. 53rd Street and Brooklyn Avenue, this park hosts a variety of amenities for visitors to enjoy. From the playground to the tennis courts and shelter, the park appears to be regularly active, clean, and cared for. The large open space, rentable shelter, and recreational courts provide several opportunities for revenue here. Possible opportunities for improvement include:

- Resurfacing the sport courts
- Replacing the playground mulch with artificial turf surfacing to improve accessibility and drainage

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● ✓ EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
81

CAVE SPRING PARK



SITE LOCATION: 8701 E Gregory Blvd.

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 5
PARK DISTRICT: South
ESTABLISHED: 1980
ACREAGE: 12.3 acres

Located at the southwest corner of E. Gregory Boulevard and Blue Ridge Boulevard, Cave Spring Park is a public green space steeped in cultural history. The park is a National Historic Landmark and jointly maintained by Jackson County and the City of Kansas City. The portion of the park owned by the city is in the eastern portion of the property and further from the parking lot and main attractions, such as the namesake cave. This part of the property is crisscrossed by natural surface trails that see less traffic. The park is a very popular destination for families and school groups. Opportunities for improvement include:

PARK AMENITIES

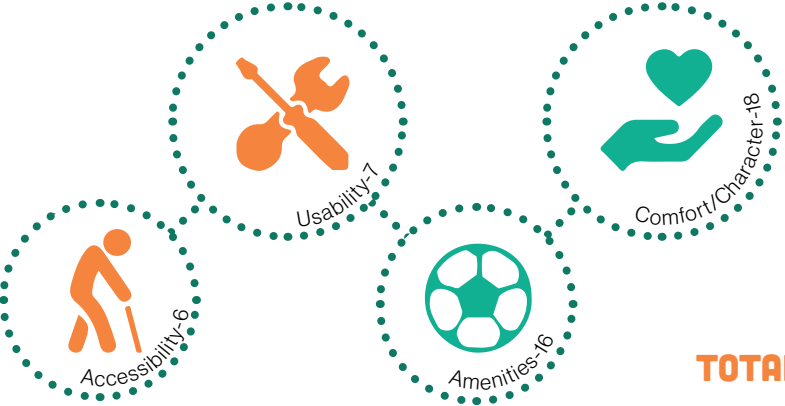
- Park Loop Trail (1)
- Stream/Creek (1)
- Pond (1)
- Parking Lot (1)

- New and improved wayfinding signage and trail maps
- New seating and trash receptacles
- A paved accessible trail

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● ✓ POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
47

CLARK KETTERMAN ATHLETIC FIELD



SITE LOCATION: 107th St. & Skiles Ave.

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

CLASSIFICATION: Athletic Complex

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 5

PARK DISTRICT: South

ESTABLISHED: 1967

ACREAGE: 35.51 acres

This athletic complex located in Southeast Kansas City offers a variety of amenities for users of all ages to utilize, in addition to having baseball games and tournaments. It has ADA compliant routes between all amenities, is overall well-maintained, has high visibility of entrances and use areas, and the pavements and amenities are in relatively good condition. It is surrounded by single-family residences. Opportunities for improvement include:

- A new park sign
- A basketball court or pickleball court
- Additional pedestrian lights throughout

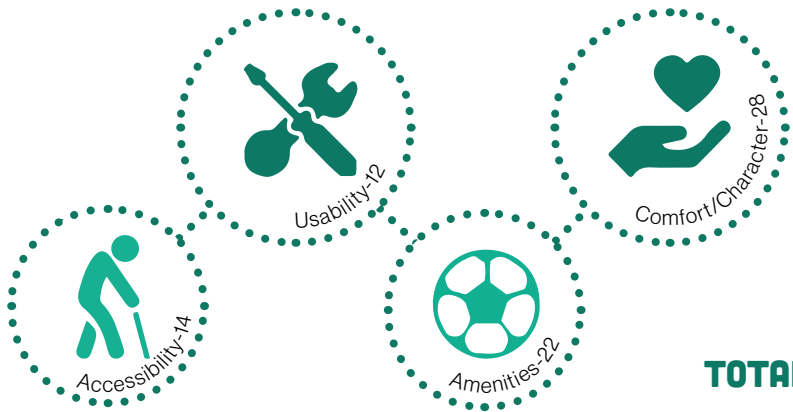
PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (1)
- Bleachers/Grandstands (8)
- Concession Stands (1)
- Diamond Fields (6)
- Drinking Fountain (2)
- Dugouts (12)
- Grills (1)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Park Loop Trail (1)
- Parking Lot (1)
- Pedestrian Lighting (3)
- Picnic Shelter (1)
- Picnic Tables (5)
- Playground (1)
- Regulatory Sign (3)
- Restrooms (Permanent) (1)
- Restrooms (Portable) (1)
- Scoreboard (3)
- Sports Lighting (24)
- Tennis Courts (2)
- Trash Receptacles (10)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● ✓ EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
76

DANIEL MORGAN BOONE PARK



SITE LOCATION: E. 63rd St. & Brooklyn **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 5
PARK DISTRICT: QLID
ESTABLISHED: 2002
ACREAGE: 14.64 acres

Daniel Morgan Boone Park is a park that contains compelling cultural history, beautiful natural scenery, and flexible open space in a neighborhood that would benefit from a developed park. The park sits at the northwest corner of E. 63rd Street and Brooklyn Avenue at the cusp of multiple neighborhoods and across the street from the Brookside Charter Day School. Green infrastructure improvements are being designed for this park by KC Water Services. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Green infrastructure Park loop trail connecting all amenities and public rights-of-way
- Interpretive signage highlighting the story of the Boone family and stormwater management techniques employed
- Athletic practice field
- Picnic shelter with seating and trash receptacles
- Playground with inclusive features

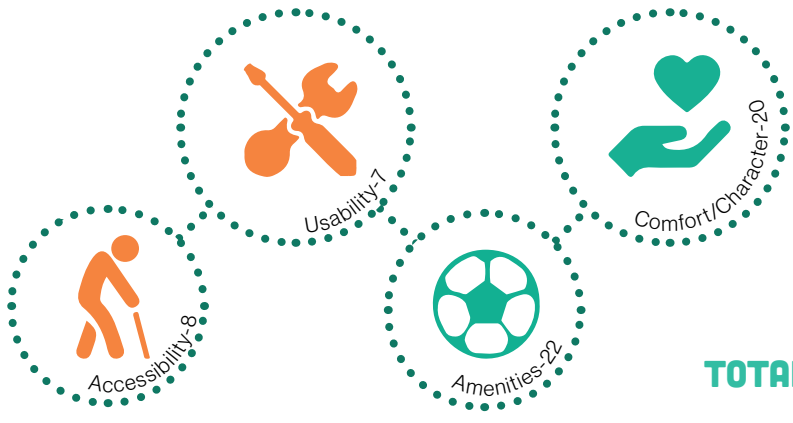
PARK AMENITIES

- Bench (1)
- Landmark (1)
- Multi-Use Trail (1)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Stream/Creek (1)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
57

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. SQUARE



SITE LOCATION: Dr. MLK, Jr. Blvd. & Woodland **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 5
PARK DISTRICT: Central
ESTABLISHED: 1978
ACREAGE: 42 acres

This park located south of Brush Creek Greenway and west of Highway 71, is adjacent to both single and multi-family residential and civic/institutional land uses. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Square Park has new park signage, multiple protections from the weather elements, and offers clear ADA-compliant routes between amenities. Overall this park is highly attractive, well-maintained, and evokes a strong feeling of safety with plenty of places to sit. Most of the amenities and structures are new and in great condition. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Extra trash pickup and cleanup
- More pleasant places to sit that are near shade and existing trees

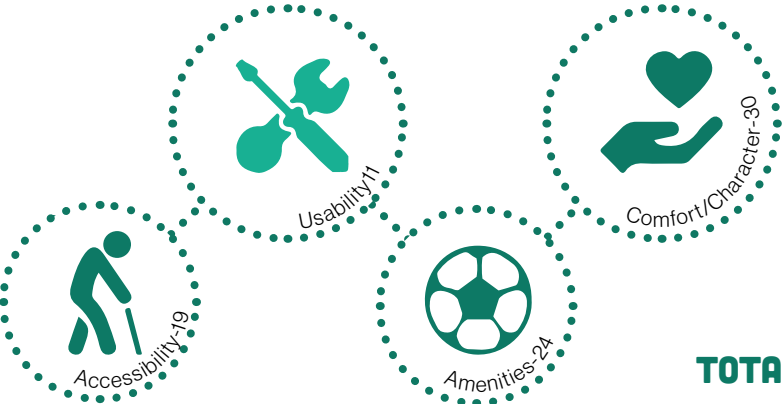
PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (13)
- Bridge (1)
- Drinking Fountain (4)
- Grills (1)
- Multi-Use Trail (1)
- New Park Sign (1)
- Park Loop Trail (1)
- Parking Lighting (2)
- Parking Lot (1)
- Pedestrian Lighting (4)
- Picnic Shelter (1)
- Picnic Tables (9)
- Playground (1)
- Public Art (1)
- Regulatory Sign (4)
- Restrooms (Permanent) (2)
- Shade Structures (1)
- Sports Lighting (18)
- Tennis Courts (4)
- Trash Receptacles (11)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE ● POOR ● GOOD ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
84

EWING PARK



SITE LOCATION: 10700 Ewing Ave.

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 5
PARK DISTRICT: South
ESTABLISHED: 1977
ACREAGE: 0.28 acres

PARK AMENITIES

- Old Park Sign (1)

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

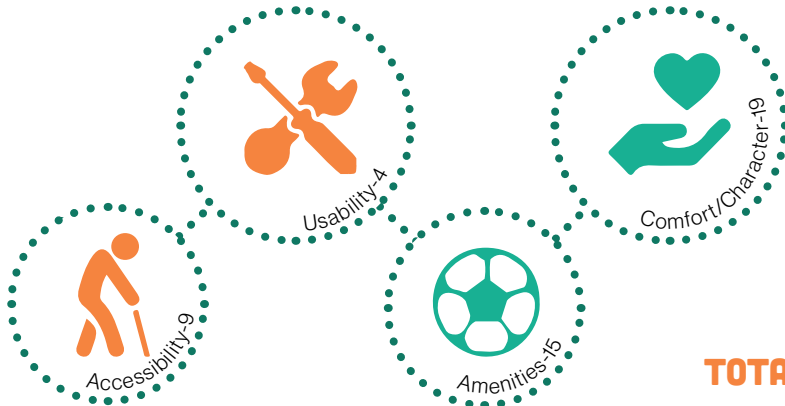
Ewing Park is a small lawn space on the southwest corner of E. 107th Street and Ewing Avenue in the Ruskin Heights neighborhood. It is the size of a single-family residential parcel, not unlike those surrounding it. It bears an old park sign but provides no amenities otherwise. The size of the parcel and its drainage situation limits the options for traditional park development. Should the department choose to hold onto this property and develop it as a neighborhood park, opportunities for improvement include:

- New KC Parks signage
- A community garden

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● ✓ POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
47

FRENCH TRACT



SITE LOCATION: 6501 E. Bannister Rd.

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 5
PARK DISTRICT: South
ESTABLISHED: 1974
ACREAGE: 12.7 acres

The French Tract is a piece mowed lawn area with some natural area that stretches north and south between Bannister Road and E. 99th Street and is sandwiched between the Kansas City Southern Railway and the backyards of single-family homes on Bennington Avenue. Presently, the land provides no park amenities, pedestrian access, or KC Parks signage. Should the department choose to retain this land, it could provide trail access between Bannister Road and 99th Street as well as neighborhood park space with access from Fairlane Drive. Opportunities for improvement include:

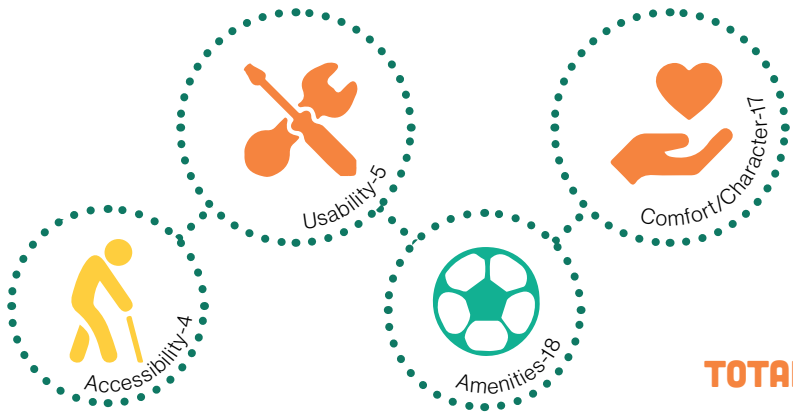
- Multi-use trail
- Playground with inclusive features
- Site furnishings
- Shade trees

PARK AMENITIES

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● ✓ POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
44

HIBBS PARK



SITE LOCATION: 5905 Spruce Ave. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 5
PARK DISTRICT: QLID
ESTABLISHED: 1967
ACREAGE: 2.3 acres

A quiet neighborhood park located at the southeast corner of E. 59th Street and Spruce Avenue, Hibbs Park is clean and well-maintained. It offers visitors a picnic shelter, playground, and diamond field. This park has historical significance as the remains of Precious Doe were found in the wooded area north of 59th Street. A memorial in her remembrance is located at this park. All amenities appear tidy and in very good condition, though the playground equipment shows some wear from weather. Possible opportunities for improvement include:

- Addition of a drinking fountain

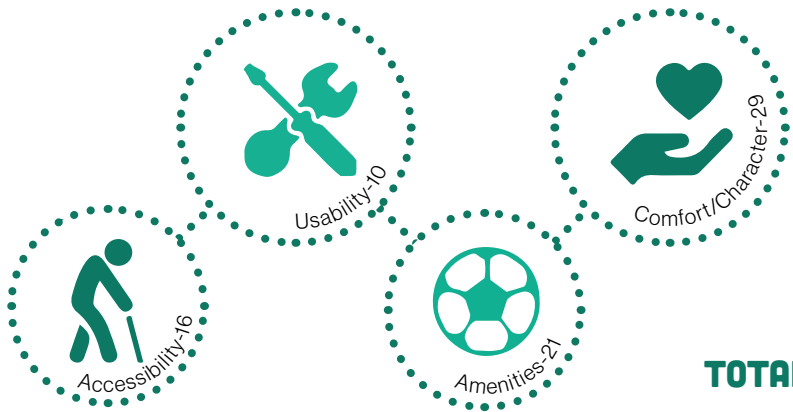
PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (2)
- Diamond Fields (1)
- Drinking Fountain (1)
- Grills (2)
- Landmark (1)
- New Park Sign (1)
- Pedestrian Lighting (2)
- Picnic Shelter (1)
- Picnic Tables (5)
- Playground (1)
- Regulatory Sign (1)
- Trash Receptacles (2)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● ✓ EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
76

INGELS PARK



SITE LOCATION: 7251 E. 118th Pl.

CLASSIFICATION: Park

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 6

PARK DISTRICT: South

ESTABLISHED: 1977

ACREAGE: 5.7 acres

PARK AMENITIES

- Stream/Creek (1)

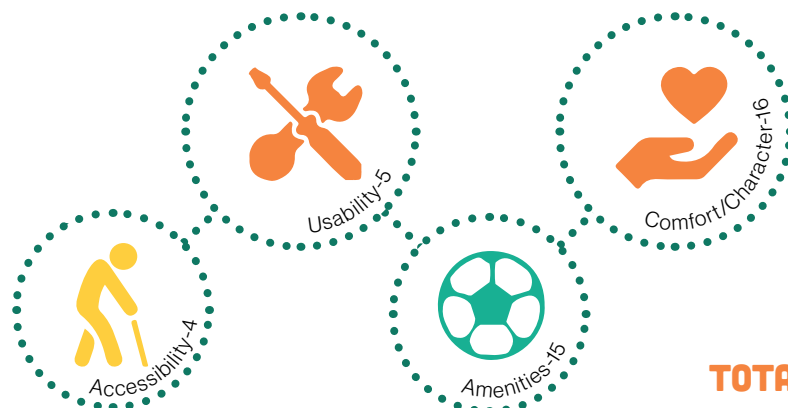
STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

Ingels Park consists of a natural area in two tracts on either side of E. 118th Place between Holiday Drive and Food Lane. These parcels preserve an open channel stream in the Little Blue River watershed. Both parcels have a mix of woodland and open space but provide limited opportunity for pedestrian access. The northern of the two parcels is contiguous with Longview Tract. These spaces are so small and so tightly pinned in by adjoining homes that they present few opportunities for future park development. The plan recommends no additional improvements at this time.

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● ✓ POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
40

ISER PARK



SITE LOCATION: 11213 Sycamore Terr.

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 5
PARK DISTRICT: South
ESTABLISHED: 1977
ACREAGE: 10.65 acres

Iser Park is one of several well-maintained park properties in the Ruskin Heights neighborhood. Located on the northeast side of Sycamore Terrace and adjacent to Johnson Elementary School, the park features a renovated playground, site furnishings, new park signs, and a concrete trail that connects all park amenities with nearby streets. The park is well-maintained and offers great visibility. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Providing a shade structure or small picnic shelter

PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (6)
- Drinking Fountain (1)
- Grills (1)
- New Park Sign (2)
- Park Loop Trail (1)
- Pedestrian Lighting (3)
- Picnic Tables (4)
- Playground (1)
- Regulatory Sign (1)
- Stream/Creek (1)
- Trash Receptacles (4)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

- UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
72

JAMES A. REED PARK



SITE LOCATION: 8801 James A. Reed Rd. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 5
PARK DISTRICT: Central
ESTABLISHED: 1976
ACREAGE: 12.14 acres

James Reed Park is a neighborhood park on the east side of James A. Reed Road just south of the city limit with Raytown in southeast Kansas City. It has all the amenities one could ask for in a neighborhood park: connectivity with public sidewalks, open lawn, a park loop trail, a playground and picnic shelter. These amenities are in generally good shape and the list of needs is small. Potential improvements include:

- New KC Parks signage
- A shade structure near the playground

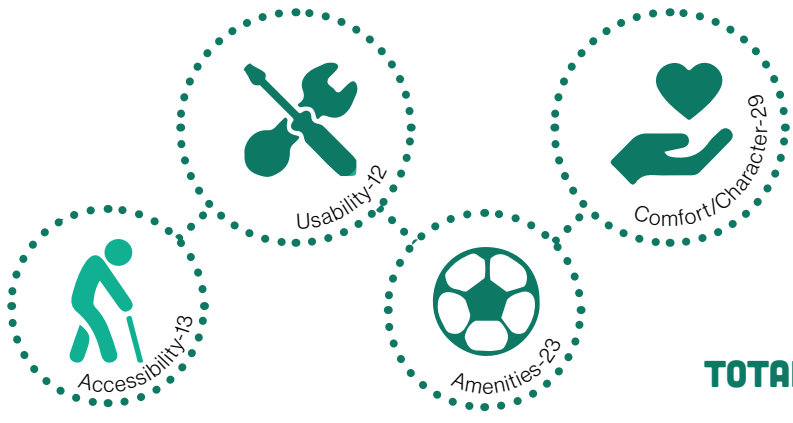
PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (8)
- Bridge (1)
- Drinking Fountain (1)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Park Loop Trail (1)
- Picnic Shelter (1)
- Picnic Tables (5)
- Playground (1)
- Regulatory Sign (2)
- Restrooms (Portable) (1)
- Trash Receptacles (4)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● ✓ EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
77

JERRY DARTER PARK



SITE LOCATION: 10500 Hillcrest Rd. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 5
PARK DISTRICT: South
ESTABLISHED: 1974
ACREAGE: 24.11 acres

Jerry Darter Park preserves over 24 acres of wooded landscape in the Hickman Mills Creek watershed. It is located immediately northeast of the Grandview Triangle and is the home of Hillcrest Community Center. Though this site is not accessible from adjacent neighborhoods by sidewalk, the park offers a well-maintained park loop trail through the forested grounds. The space offers visitors a number of outdoor opportunities in addition to everything found within the community center. Opportunities for future improvement include:

- Adding interpretive signage
- Replacing the picnic shelter
- Replacing the playground
- Adding new KC Parks signage

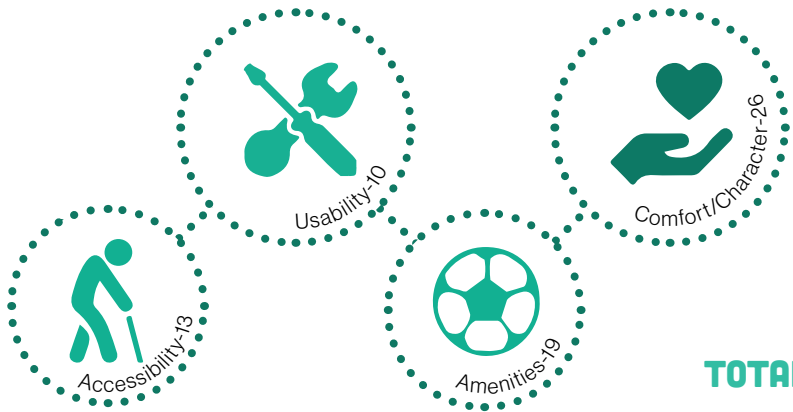
PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (3)
- Bridge (1)
- Drinking Fountain (1)
- Grills (1)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Park Loop Trail (1)
- Parking Lighting (6)
- Parking Lot (1)
- Picnic Shelter (1)
- Picnic Tables (9)
- Playground (1)
- Regulatory Sign (1)
- Restrooms (Portable) (1)
- Stream/Creek (1)
- Trash Receptacles (2)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
68

LEGACY EAST PARK



SITE LOCATION: E. 91st St. & Brooklyn Ave **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 5
PARK DISTRICT: South
ESTABLISHED: 1972
ACREAGE: 12.7 acres

PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (1)
- Multi-Use Trail (1)
- Stream/Creek (1)
- Trash Receptacles (1)

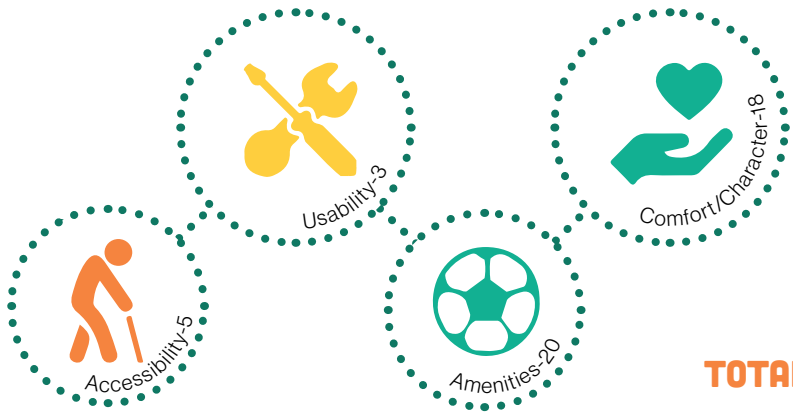
Legacy East Park is a natural area located generally east of Woodland Avenue between E. 87th and E. 89th Streets. It preserves over 12 acres of forested riparian corridor and wetland in the Blue River watershed. It is bordered by single-family lots and the Union Pacific Railroad. It has limited access to public streets. Though the Harry Wiggins Trolley Track passes along its northern perimeter. This park could be a boon to the neighborhoods to the west which do not have other park options. However, the topography and limited street access will make traditional park development challenging. If the City decides to invest in this park, improvements needed will be:

- KC parks signage
- Sidewalk infrastructure and a loop trail
- Removal of invasive honeysuckle to provide more visibility
- Amenities to draw the public, such as a playground and shelter

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● ✓ POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
46

LEGACY WEST PARK



SITE LOCATION: E. 94th St. & Troost **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 5
PARK DISTRICT: South
ESTABLISHED: 1972
ACREAGE: 15.1 acres

PARK AMENITIES

- Old Park Sign (1)
- Stream/Creek (1)

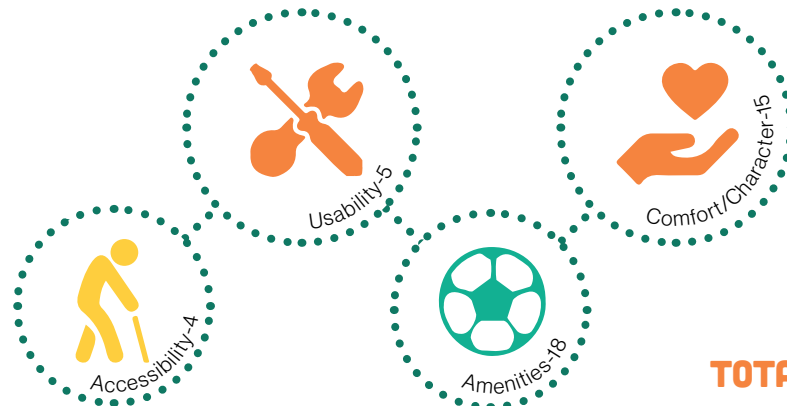
Legacy West Park is a natural area located at the northeast corner of E. 93rd Street and Troost Avenue. It lies immediately north of the former Bannister Federal Complex. It preserves over 15 acres of woodland in the Indian Creek watershed but provides no park amenities at this time. Like its companion park Legacy East, this park could provide great benefits to the adjacent neighborhoods which otherwise lack public green space. If the City decides to invest in this park, improvements needed will be:

- KC parks signage
- Sidewalk infrastructure on Troost Avenue and a small parking lot
- A park loop trail
- Removal of invasive honeysuckle to provide more visibility
- Amenities to draw the public, such as a playground, sprayground, or a picnic shelter

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● ✓ POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
42

LITTLE BLUE VALLEY PARK



SITE LOCATION: 8259 S. Noland Rd.

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 5
PARK DISTRICT: South
ESTABLISHED: 2011
ACREAGE: 95 acres

Little Blue Valley Park is located on the east side of Noland Road half a mile north of Blue Parkway. It's 95 acres are contiguous with the Little Blue Trace park owned and maintained by Jackson County. This park is in the early phases of long term redevelopment. It received a new playground and signage in 2022. Its trails that roll through open meadow and riparian forest on the edge of the Little Blue River are the primary attraction today. A master plan that was approved in 2018 recommend numerous improvements including:

- An internal drive and multiple parking lots
- An equestrian arena
- An archery range
- A disc golf course
- A canoe and kayak launch on the Little Blue River

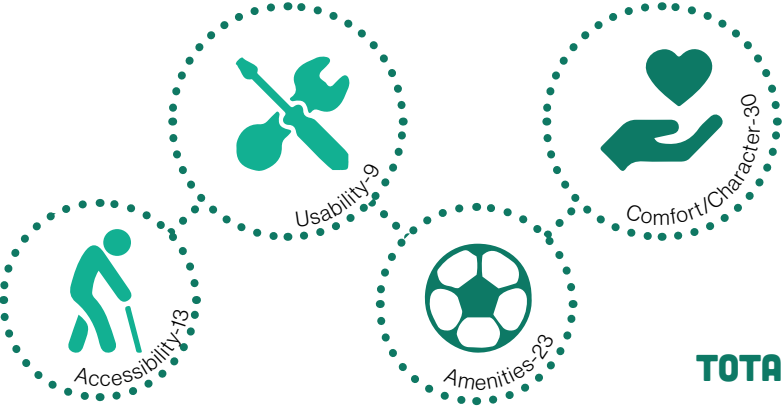
PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (5)
- Bridge (1)
- Multi-Use Trail (1)
- New Park Sign (1)
- Park Loop Trail (1)
- Parking Lighting (1)
- Playground (1)
- Stream/Creek (1)
- Trash Receptacles (1)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● ✓ EXCELLENT



LONGVIEW TRACT



SITE LOCATION: 7101 Longview Rd. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 5
PARK DISTRICT: South
ESTABLISHED: 2002
ACREAGE: 21.54 acres

Longview Tract Park is located near the southeast corner of Longview Road and Winchester Avenue and facilitates a number of active recreation uses. Aside from The Bay Water Park, which this plan did not assess, the park also offers a free splash pad, two basketball courts and two football fields. The park is easy to access from the adjacent Ruskin Heights neighborhood, has new signage, offers multiple shade structures and has clear lines of sight through the park. It is an attractive and well-maintained space with site furnishings, equipment, and pavements all in good condition. Opportunities for improvements include:

- Planting more trees throughout the park

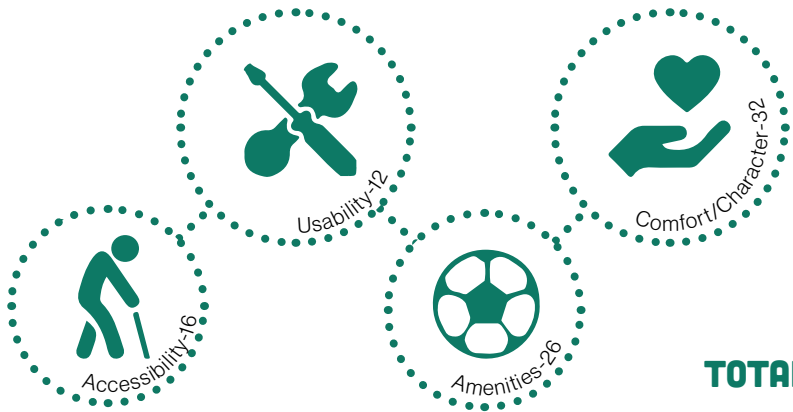
PARK AMENITIES

- Basketball Courts (2)
- Benches (6)
- Bicycle Racks (1)
- Bleachers/Grandstands (4)
- Concession Stands (1)
- Drinking Fountain (1)
- New Park Sign (1)
- Parking Lighting (26)
- Parking Lot (1)
- Pedestrian Lighting (2)
- Picnic Shelter (1)
- Picnic Tables (12)
- Playground (1)
- Rectangular Fields (2)
- Regulatory Sign (1)
- Restrooms (Permanent) (1)
- Shade Structures (4)
- Splash Pad (1)
- Trash Receptacles (18)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● ✓ EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
86

MARLBOROUGH COMMUNITY CENTER GROUNDS



SITE LOCATION: 8200 The Paseo

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

CLASSIFICATION: Park

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 5

PARK DISTRICT: South

ESTABLISHED: 1997

ACREAGE: 1.08 acres

The Marlborough Community Center grounds provide a clean and welcoming perimeter to this neighborhood resource. The landscaping is healthy, the public art is attractive, the site furnishings are in good condition, and the parking lot is designed to filter and infiltrate stormwater on site. While this site is small and not suited to provide park amenities, it meets the needs of the community center. The plan recommends no additional improvements at this time.

PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (1)
- Bicycle Racks (1)
- Parking Lighting (4)
- Parking Lot (1)
- Public Art (2)
- Rain Garden (1)
- Trash Receptacles (2)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● ✓ EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
75

MARLBOROUGH PARK



SITE LOCATION: E. 83rd St. & Park Ave.

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 5
PARK DISTRICT: South
ESTABLISHED: 1981
ACREAGE: 18.29 acres

Marlborough Park is a neighborhood park in the heart of the Marlborough neighborhood that offers considerable size and recreation opportunities but few amenities in its present state of development. The park underwent an extensive master planning process between 2022 and 2023. Improvements that will be considered in the future include:

- Additional parking on E. 82nd Street
- Multi-use trails
- Small picnic shelter
- Splash pad
- Pickleball court
- Playground
- Amphitheater
- Disc golf course

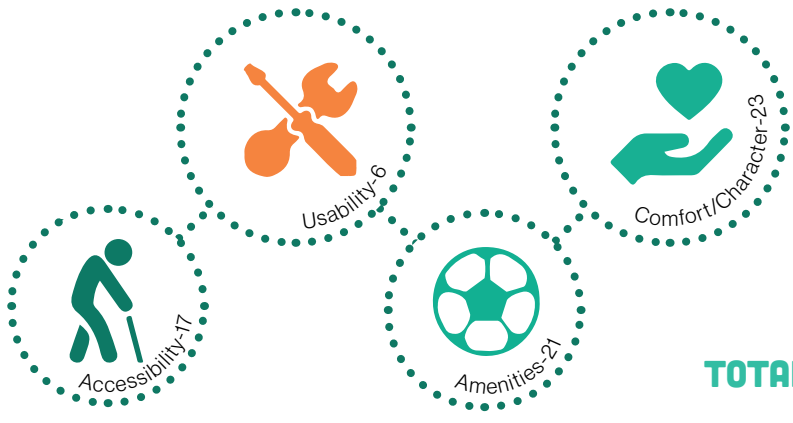
PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (1)
- Bicycle Racks (2)
- Drinking Fountain (1)
- Grills (1)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Parking Lot (1)
- Picnic Shelter (1)
- Picnic Tables (4)
- Regulatory Sign (1)
- Stream/Creek (1)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
67

NOBLE PARK



SITE LOCATION: 7315 Indiana Ave.

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 5
PARK DISTRICT: South
ESTABLISHED: 1982
ACREAGE: 14.3 acres

Noble Park sits at the southeast corner of E. 73rd Street and Indiana Avenue in the Noble neighborhood. It is bordered by single-family homes and an easy walk from three elementary schools. The park exists in two distinct portions: the northern tract with amenities and a southern tract that is a primarily natural area. Both spaces offer open green space as well as shaded woodland areas. Many of the existing amenities are in good condition. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Updating the playground with modern and inclusive equipment
- Extend the park loop trail through the southern tract with connections to E. 75th Street and Cleveland Avenue.
- Additional benches
- Removal of invasive honeysuckle vegetation to improve visibility through the interior of the park

PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (5)
- Bridge (1)
- Drinking Fountain (2)
- Grills (2)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Park Loop Trail (1)
- Pedestrian Lighting (32)
- Picnic Shelter (1)
- Picnic Tables (6)
- Playground (1)
- Stream/Creek (1)
- Trash Receptacles (2)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

- UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✔ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
73

RUSKIN WAY PARK



SITE LOCATION: 7667 Ruskin Way

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 5
PARK DISTRICT: South
ESTABLISHED: 1977
ACREAGE: 5.13 acres

This neighborhood park is located in the Ruskin Heights neighborhood in South Kansas City, is adjacent to single-family residential and down the road from Ruskin High School. Ruskin Way Park has nice mature trees and a few amenities including a playground, shelter, open lawn and a few off-street parking spaces. The playground is newer but the shelter is older. The open space is well-maintained and the mature trees are a tremendous asset. Opportunities for improvement include:

- New KC Parks signage
- A park loop trail with seating
- A new updated picnic shelter with picnic tables

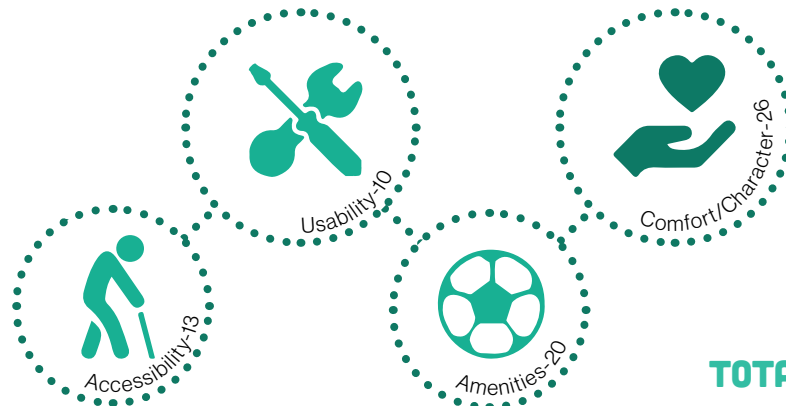
PARK AMENITIES

- Old Park Sign (1)
- Picnic Shelter (1)
- Picnic Tables (1)
- Playground (1)
- Regulatory Sign (4)
- Trash Receptacles (2)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
69

SCHUMACHER PARK



SITE LOCATION: 6511 E. 93rd St.

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 5
PARK DISTRICT: South
ESTABLISHED: 1993
ACREAGE: 1.3 acres

PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (1)
- Bicycle Racks (1)
- Landmark (1)
- New Park Sign (1)
- New Wayfinding Sign (1)
- Old Wayfinding Sign (9)
- Park Loop Trail (1)
- Picnic Shelter (1)
- Picnic Tables (4)
- Regulatory Sign (2)
- Trash Receptacles (1)

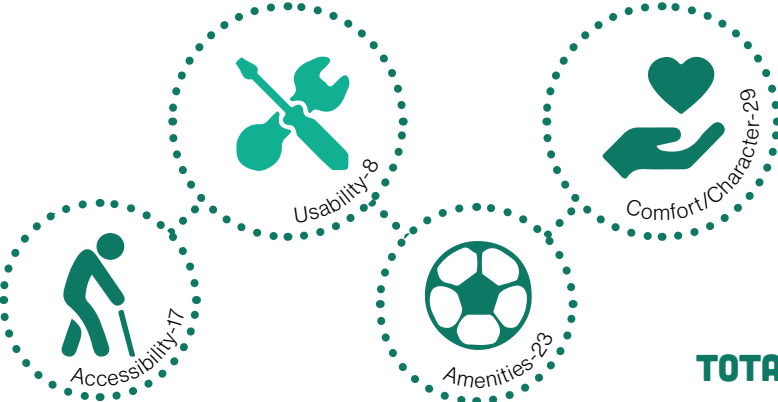
STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

Schumacher Park is located on the south side of E. 93rd Street across the street from the Cerner campus and close to single- and multi-family residential uses. The site preserves a location where the California, Oregon, and Santa Fe Trails once crossed on their westward path. Though the park does not preserve any wagon wheel ruts, it does provide interpretive signage and a native prairie landscape to help immerse visitors in what this landscape once looked like to European settlers. The site has great pedestrian access and a picnic shelter which helps facilitate educational programming. The size of the space otherwise limits park and recreation opportunities. The plan proposes no improvements at this time.

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

- UNACCEPTABLE
- POOR
- GOOD
- EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
77

SCOTT PARK



SITE LOCATION: 4141 E. 100th Terr.

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 5
PARK DISTRICT: South
ESTABLISHED: 1974
ACREAGE: 6.3 acres

Scott Park is a small gem that serves the King Rose Hill neighborhood in south Kansas City. It is located immediately northwest of the Grandview Triangle between larger suburban single-family lots. Though E. 100th Terrace does not provide sidewalks, Scott park does and the park loop around the lake gets regular use. The pavement and trees are in good condition. Opportunities for improvement include:

- New updated KC Parks signage
- Additional seating and picnic tables along the trail
- A shade structure

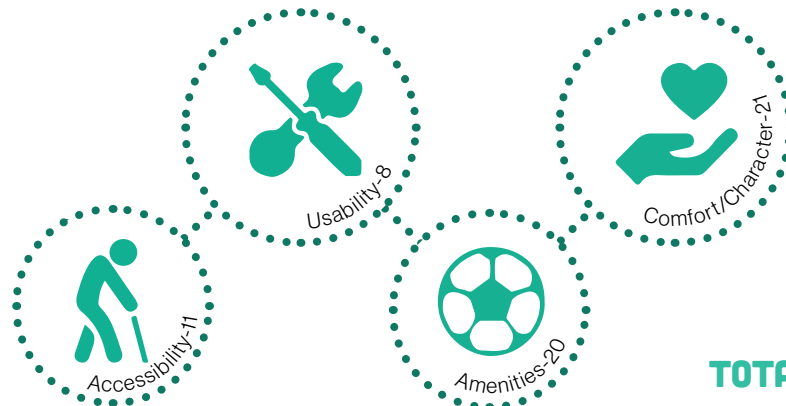
PARK AMENITIES

- Fishing Access (1)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Park Loop Trail (1)
- Parking Lot (1)
- Pond (1)
- Regulatory Sign (2)
- Trash Receptacles (1)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
60

SYCAMORE PARK



SITE LOCATION: 10800 Sycamore Terr.

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 5
PARK DISTRICT: South
ESTABLISHED: 1977
ACREAGE: 8.6 acres

Sycamore Park is a neighborhood park surrounded by single-family homes in the heart of the Ruskin Heights neighborhood. It features several new amenities including the playground and shelter. It is easy to walk to from the surrounding neighborhoods and offers clear ADA routes to amenities. It is attractive, well-maintained, and the amenities are in good condition. The park offers opportunities for both passive and active recreation and shows evidence of attracting its intended users. Opportunities for improvement include:

- New updated KC Parks signage

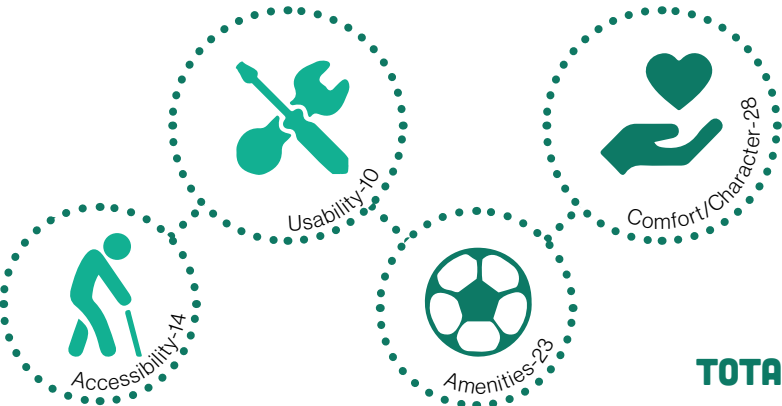
PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (5)
- Drinking Fountain (1)
- Grills (1)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Park Loop Trail (1)
- Parking Lot (1)
- Pedestrian Lighting (3)
- Picnic Shelter (1)
- Picnic Tables (4)
- Playground (1)
- Rectangular Fields (1)
- Trash Receptacles (2)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● ✓ EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
75

TERRY R. DOPSON PARKS & RECREATION ADMINISTRATION BUILDING



SITE LOCATION: 46010 E. 63rd St. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 5
PARK DISTRICT: South
ESTABLISHED: 1998
ACREAGE: 7.35 acres

PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (1)
- Grills (2)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Parking Lighting (5)
- Parking Lot (2)
- Picnic Tables (2)
- Public Art (1)
- Regulatory Sign (1)
- Trash Receptacles (2)

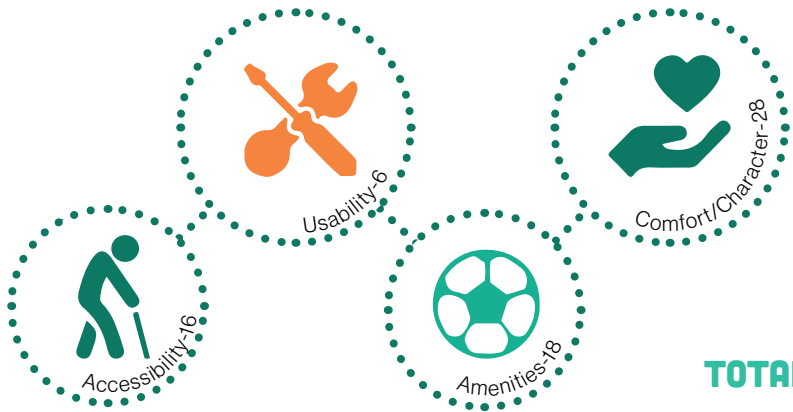
The Terry R. Dopson Administration Building offices many KC Parks staff and is adjacent to the KC Water campus. It is also surrounded by single-family residential and just north of Swope Park. Overall, it is well-maintained and attractive, easy to walk to from the surrounding neighborhood, offers ADA compliant routes to different spaces, evokes a strong feeling of safety, and shows evidence of attracting its intended use. Some curbs and asphalt are in poor condition in the north parking lot, handrails are rusted at the base of the exterior stairs to the lower level, and lawns in some areas have large areas of bare soil. The sidewalks connect to a loop trail which extends to other parts of the campus and is a popular amenity for employees. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Planting more trees to provide more shade and reduce the heat island produced by the parking lots
- Repair damaged parking lot curbs and asphalt, exterior handrails, and lawns
- Replace the monument sign on E. 63rd Street

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
68

TIMBER VALLEY PARK



SITE LOCATION: E. 62nd St. Terr. & Marion Dr. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 5
PARK DISTRICT: South
ESTABLISHED: 1979
ACREAGE: 21.6 acres

PARK AMENITIES

- Stream/Creek (1)

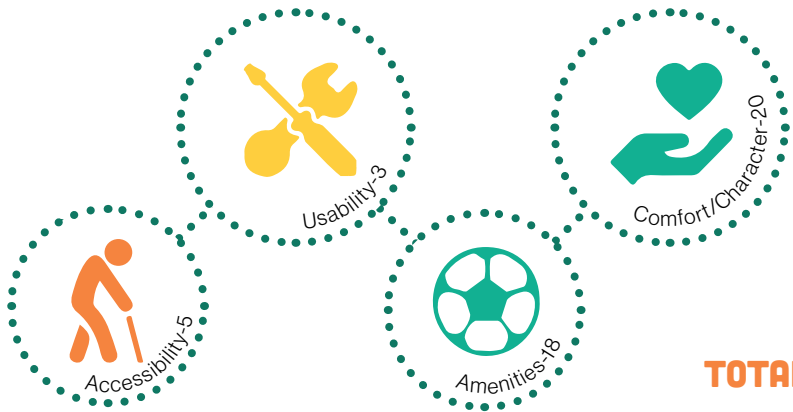
Timber Valley Park is in east Kansas City near Raytown. It preserves over 20 acres of forested land and a creek in the Wildwood Creek watershed. It provides a wooded buffer between single-family homes in the Timber Creek neighborhood but no other recreational amenities or even signage. The property is true to its name with steep topography in places and limited frontage on public streets. There is a powerline easement that passes through the park. The property abuts Norfleet Elementary school. Possible improvements include:

- Trail development with connections at Little Blue Road, Marion Avenue, and Norfleet Elementary
- Management of invasive plant species

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● ✓ POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
46

THOMAS J. KIELY PARK



SITE LOCATION: The Paseo & Volker Blvd. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 5
PARK DISTRICT: Central
ESTABLISHED: 1926
ACREAGE: .58 acres

PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (2)

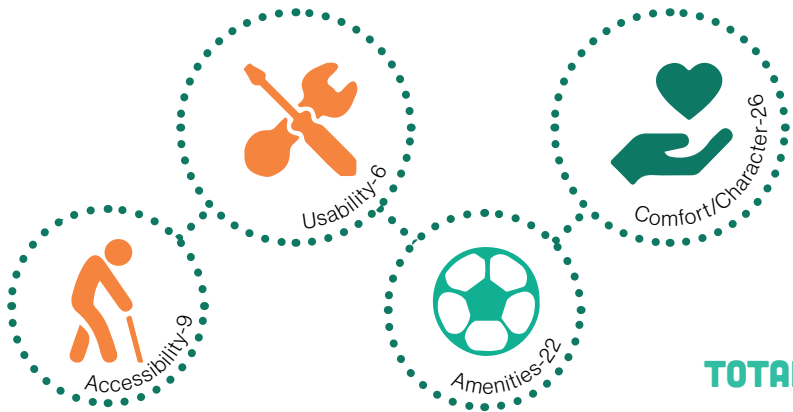
Thomas J. Kiely Park is a park property located on the west side of The Paseo and the north side of Brush Creek and is a component within the greater Brush Creek Greenway. This park honors a Kansas Citian who gave his life serving his country in the First World War. There is a small plaza that overlooks the creek which once featured a French 75 mm cannon. Today, there is a granite monument that memorializes two other fallen Kansas City veterans but no mention of Lieutenant Kiely. Opportunities for improvement at this park include:

- Interpretative signage telling the story of this park's namesake and other Kansas City veterans

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
63

THOMAS H. SWOPE PARK



SITE LOCATION: Swope Pkwy. & Meyer Blvd. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 5
PARK DISTRICT: South
ESTABLISHED: 1896
ACREAGE: 1805 acres

PARK AMENITIES

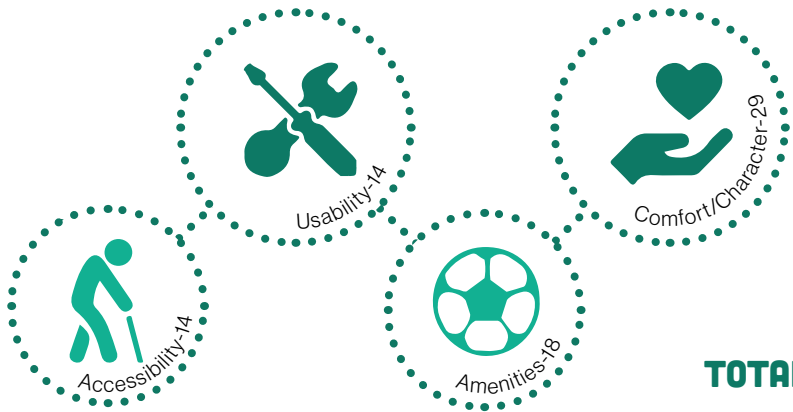
- Basketball Courts (2)
- Benches (31)
- Bleachers/Grandstands (31)
- Concession Stands (2)
- Diamond Fields (3)
- Disc Golf (1)
- Dog Park (1)
- Drinking Fountain (15)
- Dugouts (6)
- Fishing Access (1)
- Fountain (1)
- Grills (7)
- Landmark (4)
- Mountain Bike Trail (2)
- New Park Sign (4)
- New Wayfinding Sign (18)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Parking Lighting (150)
- Parking Lot (22)
- Pedestrian Lighting (17)
- Picnic Shelter (9)
- Picnic Tables (139)
- Playground (3)
- Pond (1)
- Public Art (1)
- Rain Garden (1)
- Rectangular Fields (7)
- Regulatory Sign (18)
- Restrooms (Permanent) (8)
- Restrooms (Portable) (2)
- Scoreboard (1)
- Shade Structures (1)
- Sports Lighting (525)
- Stream/Creek (5)
- Trash Receptacles (11)

Swope Park is the flagship park of Kansas City and the largest property in the system. It is the home to major cultural destinations such as the Zoo and Starlight Theater. It is also home to several major park and recreation facilities such as the Southeast Community Center and Lakeside Nature Center, both of which are detailed later in this report. This assessment did not include an inventory of the golf or aquatic facilities. What attracts many to this park aside from the attractions mentioned above are the more passive pursuits accommodated by the vast acreage within the park boundary such as disc golf, mountain biking, and hiking. The park has a large internal road network and has the nicest internal signage program found anywhere in the system. The park lacks a cohesive pedestrian network from one side to the other. The park also has a lengthy list of basic amenities that require maintenance and repair. Any prioritized list of recommended improvements to this park would require its own master plan.

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● ✓ EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
75

WHITE OAK PARK



SITE LOCATION: E. 98th St. & Crescent Ave. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 5
PARK DISTRICT: South
ESTABLISHED: 1971
ACREAGE: 24.67 acres

White Oak Park serves the White Oak neighborhood in south Kansas City and preserves over 24 acres of forested riparian corridor in the White Oak Creek watershed. The park provides an accessible park loop trail, access to nature, an open lawn and ballfield, as well as a playground. Potential improvements could include:

- Adding more benches throughout the site
- Adding a rentable shelter
- Upgrading the playground

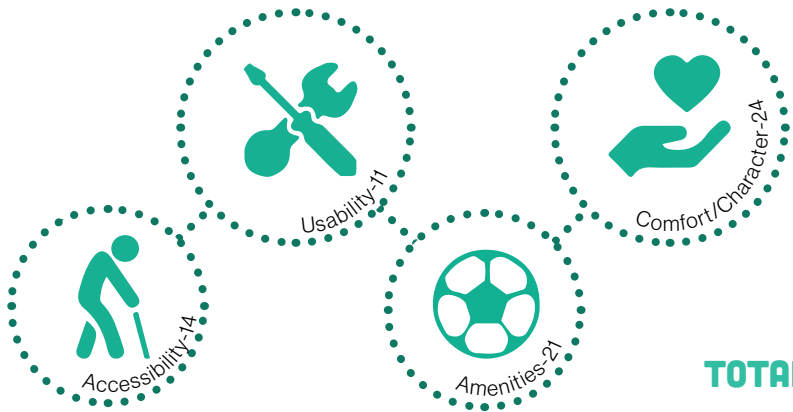
PARK AMENITIES

- Bridge (1)
- Diamond Fields (1)
- Multi-Use Trail (1)
- New Park Sign (1)
- Park Loop Trail (1)
- Playground (1)
- Stream/Creek (1)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

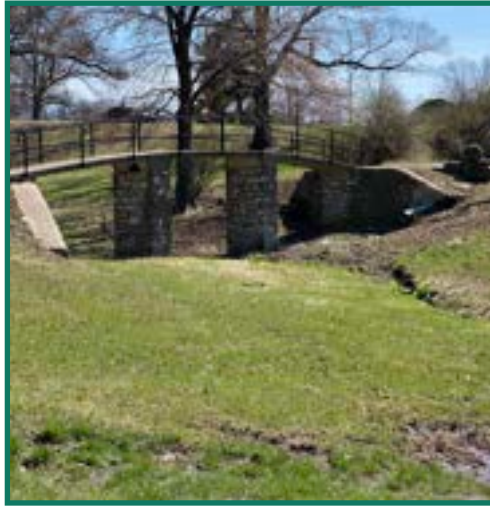
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● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
70

WILBUR H. DUNN PARK



SITE LOCATION: Paseo Blvd. & E. Meyer Blvd. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 5
PARK DISTRICT: South
ESTABLISHED: 1911
ACREAGE: 9.23 acres

Dunn Park is surrounded by the busy streets of E. Meyer Boulevard and The Paseo. The portion of the park located north of E. 67th Street offers a park loop trail and sports courts while the area south hosts a playground. Though the park loop trail is in excellent condition, the tennis and basketball courts and fencing surrounding, show signs of age and wear. The same is true of the playground equipment. Due to the topography of this landscape, ADA-compliant access is limited in this park. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Adding a rentable picnic shelter with seating
- Updating the playground with inclusive equipment
- Providing accessible walkways to all park amenities in both the north and south tracts

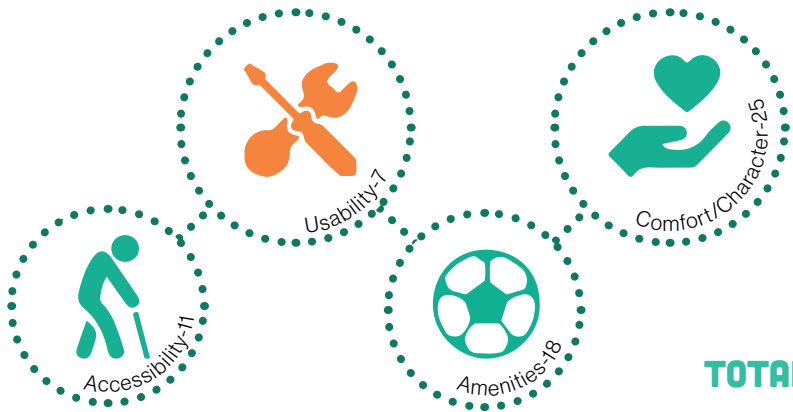
PARK AMENITIES

- Basketball Courts (1)
- Benches (9)
- Bridge (1)
- Grills (2)
- Landmark (1)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Park Loop Trail (1)
- Picnic Tables (2)
- Playground (1)
- Public Art (1)
- Stream/Creek (1)
- Tennis Courts (1)
- Trash Receptacles (6)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
61

WOODGATE PARK



SITE LOCATION: 9701 Elm Ave.

CLASSIFICATION: Park

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 5

PARK DISTRICT: South

ESTABLISHED: 1976

ACREAGE: 6.35 acres

PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (2)
- Old Park Sign (1)

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

Woodgate Park is a park that serves the Woodgate neighborhood off of Banister Road in south Kansas City. It lies adjacent to undeveloped rural land as well as the headquarters for the Hickman Mills school district. The park is a large mowed lawn and provides only a pair of benches in a very large open lawn with no sidewalk network. Opportunities to improve this park include:

- Providing a park loop trail that connects to Elm Avenue
- Providing a shade structure or picnic shelter
- Adding a playground or sprayground to activate the space
- Adding new KC Parks signage

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
64

COUNCIL DISTRICT #6

PARK SCORES

PARK NAME	ACCESSIBILITY (MAX. 20)					COMFORT & CHARACTER (MAX. 35)					USABILITY (MAX. 15)					AMENITIES (MAX. 30)					COMPOSITE SCORE (MAX. 100)				
	Ease in Walking to Park (Max. 5)	Clarity of Signage (Max. 5)	Reduction of Weather Impacts (Max. 5)	ADA Compliance (Max. 5)	Overall Attractiveness (Max. 5)	Overall Maintenance (Max. 5)	Visibility of Entrances and Use Areas (Max. 5)	Pleasant Places to Sit (Max. 5)	Feeling of Safety (Max. 5)	Ambient Noise (Max. 5)	Perceptible Odor (Max. 5)	Existing Opportunities (Max. 5)	Appropriate Park Activity (Max. 5)	Opportunities for Revenue (Max. 5)	Pavements (Max. 5)	Landscaping (Max. 5)	Stormwater Quality & Management (Max. 5)	Equipment (Max. 5)	Park Structures (Max. 5)	Lighting (Max. 5)					
Arbor Villa Park	19	5	4	5	5	34	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	13	4	5	4	24	4	5	4	4	3	90	
Arno Park	15	4	5	4	2	30	4	3	5	4	5	4	5	8	2	5	1	24	4	4	5	5	3	3	77
Bloch Cancer Survivor's Park	16	4	3	4	5	28	4	4	5	5	4	2	4	5	4	4	2	28	5	5	5	4	4	5	77
Blue River Park & Athletic Fields	10	3	3	2	2	25	4	4	3	3	3	3	5	12	4	4	4	20	3	4	4	3	3	3	67
Brookside Court	11	3	1	2	5	25	4	3	4	3	4	3	4	11	3	5	3	19	4	3	5	2	2	3	66
Brookside Park	13	4	3	3	3	26	3	3	4	3	4	4	5	12	4	4	4	15	3	2	2	2	2	4	66
Brookside Triangle Park	13	3	3	3	4	31	4	4	5	4	5	4	5	10	3	5	2	24	5	4	4	4	3	4	78
Cafe Corner Park	9	4	1	1	3	26	5	5	5	1	5	2	3	10	2	5	3	22	4	4	5	3	3	3	67
Carl Migliazzo Park	14	4	3	3	4	34	5	5	5	5	5	4	5	12	4	5	3	25	5	4	4	4	4	4	85
Countryside Park	12	4	1	3	4	29	5	4	5	1	5	4	5	8	2	5	1	21	4	4	4	3	3	3	70
Gambriel Tract	14	3	3	3	5	32	5	5	5	3	5	4	5	9	3	5	1	23	5	4	4	4	3	3	78
Holmes Park	14	4	3	3	4	24	4	2	4	2	4	3	5	10	3	4	3	21	5	4	4	2	3	3	69
Indian Creek Greenway	17	4	4	4	5	28	4	4	4	4	4	3	5	6	2	3	1	21	5	4	3	3	3	3	72
Jacob L. Loose Park	20	5	5	5	5	32	5	4	5	5	4	5	4	14	5	4	5	27	4	5	5	4	4	5	93
Jerry Smith Park	7	1	2	2	2	23	4	4	1	2	3	4	5	11	3	5	3	21	3	5	4	3	3	3	62
Klapmeyer Park	11	4	3	3	4	23	3	3	2	3	3	4	5	8	3	3	2	17	2	3	3	3	3	3	59
Mill Creek Park	16	5	5	2	4	31	5	4	5	5	4	3	5	11	3	4	4	22	4	4	2	4	4	4	80
North Hampton Park	14	3	4	3	4	32	5	4	5	4	5	4	5	8	1	5	2	22	5	3	4	4	3	3	76
Russell Majors Waddell Park	11	2	3	3	3	25	4	4	4	3	4	3	3	12	4	4	4	19	4	3	3	3	3	3	67

COUNCIL DISTRICT #6

PARK SCORES

PARK NAME	ACCESSIBILITY (MAX. 20)					COMFORT & CHARACTER (MAX. 35)					USABILITY (MAX. 15)					AMENITIES (MAX. 30)					COMPOSITE SCORE (MAX. 100)				
	Ease in Walking to Park (Max. 5)	Clarity of Signage (Max. 5)	Reduction of Weather Impacts (Max. 5)	ADA Compliance (Max. 5)	Overall Attractiveness (Max. 5)	Overall Maintenance (Max. 5)	Visibility of Entrances and Use Areas (Max. 5)	Pleasant Places to Sit (Max. 5)	Feeling of Safety (Max. 5)	Ambient Noise (Max. 5)	Perceptible Odor (Max. 5)	Existing Opportunities (Max. 5)	Appropriate Park Activity (Max. 5)	Opportunities for Revenue (Max. 5)	Pavements (Max. 5)	Landscaping (Max. 5)	Stormwater Quality & Management (Max. 5)	Equipment (Max. 5)	Park Structures (Max. 5)	Lighting (Max. 5)					
Santa Fe Trace Park	7	2	2	2	1	16	2	2	2	1	2	4	3	5	2	2	1	18	3	3	3	3	3	3	46
South Oak Park	12	3	3	3	3	27	4	4	3	4	3	4	5	10	3	4	3	23	4	4	4	4	4	3	72
Sunnyside Park	15	3	4	4	4	31	4	4	4	5	5	4	5	14	5	5	4	23	4	3	4	4	4	4	83
Terrace Park	8	2	3	2	1	26	3	4	5	1	4	4	5	6	1	4	1	18	3	3	3	3	3	3	58
Tower Park	15	4	3	4	4	30	4	4	5	4	4	4	5	12	4	4	4	22	3	3	4	4	4	4	79
Warford Park	8	1	3	3	1	27	3	4	5	2	4	4	5	7	2	4	1	19	3	3	3	3	4	3	61
William Minor Park	15	2	4	4	5	29	5	5	3	4	5	2	5	14	5	5	4	25	5	4	3	5	4	4	83
Westwood Park	15	4	3	4	4	25	3	3	4	4	4	4	3	12	4	4	4	20	4	3	2	3	4	4	72
DISTRICT AVERAGES	13.0					27.6								10.0				21.6							72.1
Total Acreage	Avg. Developed Acreage					Avg. Natural Acreage					Avg. Year of Acquisition														
1044.48	78.27					13.70					1963														

ARBOR VILLA PARK



SITE LOCATION: E. 66th Terr. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 6
PARK DISTRICT: South
ESTABLISHED: 1949
ACREAGE: 1.11 acres

Located snugly in the center of the Armour Hills neighborhood, Arbor Villa Park is a well-maintained and action-packed neighborhood park. The list of amenities here include: ample shade trees, a tennis court, playground, outdoor fitness equipment, and a out of commission wading pool.

- Pool repair or replacement

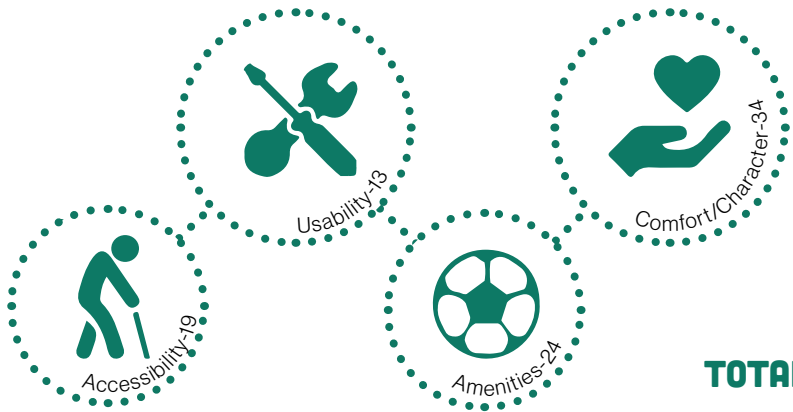
PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (12)
- Drinking Fountain (2)
- New Park Sign (1)
- Outdoor Fitness Equip. (2)
- Picnic Tables (5)
- Playground (1)
- Regulatory Sign (1)
- Shade Structures (1)
- Tennis Courts (1)
- Trash Receptacles (5)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● ✓ EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
90

ARNO PARK



SITE LOCATION: 1208 Arno Rd. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 6
PARK DISTRICT: South
ESTABLISHED: 1949
ACREAGE: 1.11 acres

Arno Park is a neighborhood park that features new updates including signage and playground area and equipment. The park is decently quiet and offers a variety of things for visitors to do. Surrounding the park are large, mature trees that provide a healthy amount of shade and create an attractive and comfortable environment. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Improving ADA compliance by creating more paved, connection paths between amenities
- Creating opportunities for revenue

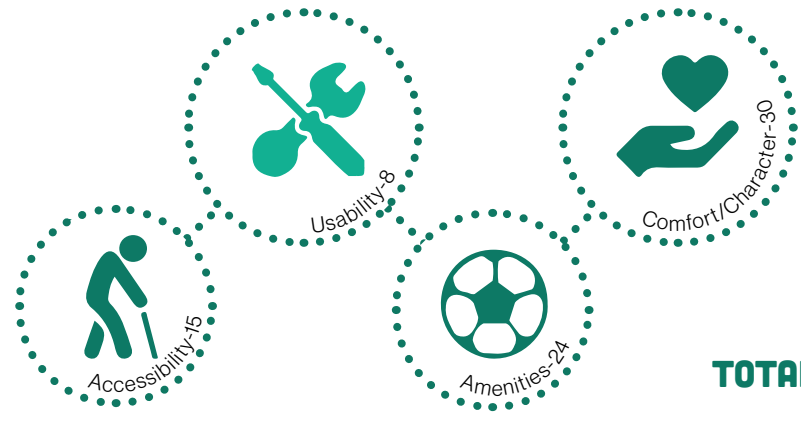
PARK AMENITIES

- Basketball Courts (1)
- Benches (3)
- Drinking Fountain (1)
- Grills (1)
- New Park Sign (1)
- Picnic Tables (2)
- Playground (1)
- Regulatory Sign (1)
- Trash Receptacles (1)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE ● POOR ● GOOD ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
77

BLOCH CANCER SURVIVOR'S PARK



SITE LOCATION: 4799 Roanoke Pkwy.

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 6
PARK DISTRICT: Central
ESTABLISHED: 1990
ACREAGE: 2.37 acres

Bloch Cancer Survivor's Park is a well-kept park that features unique amenities that include inspirational and instructional plaques, sculptures and public art, and an arbor with seating inside. This park is located at the busy intersection of 48th and Roanoke and sees a great deal of visitors from nearby multi-family housing and businesses. The park provides a peaceful place for visitors to spend time. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Providing rentable space
- Creating programming to help activate the park

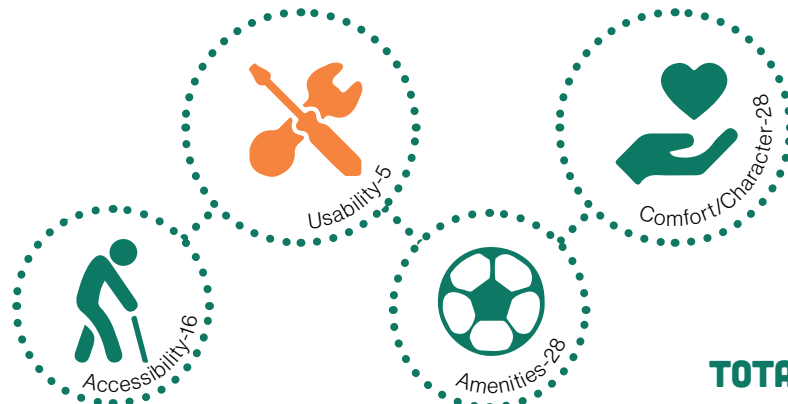
PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (12)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Pedestrian Lighting (90)
- Public Art (3)
- Regulatory Sign (2)
- Shade Structures (1)
- Trash Receptacles (8)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● ✓ EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
77

BLUE RIVER PARK & ATHLETIC FIELDS



SITE LOCATION: I-435 & Holmes Rd. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Athletic Complex
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 6
PARK DISTRICT: South
ESTABLISHED: 1974
ACREAGE: 80.0 acres

Blue River Athletic Field is owned by Jackson County and managed in partnership with KC Park. It's located just south of Interstate 435 and Blue River Road, it is connected to the Blue River trail system. This park is adjacent to train tracks, the Blue River and civil/institutional and office uses. The park includes a nice segment of the regional Blue River Trail including a pedestrian bridge over the Blue River. This park doesn't provide any protection from the elements and has floodplain issues, parking pavements are damaged or decaying, and there is not an accessible route to the soccer fields. It appears to be well mowed but invasive plant species are present and a maintenance plan should be developed to address this issue. As long as development is approved for the floodplain there is opportunities for revenue. Opportunities for improvement include:

- The possible addition of a disc golf course and/or additional sports fields
- Repair the northern parking lot, and add a bike repair/rest station along the trail.

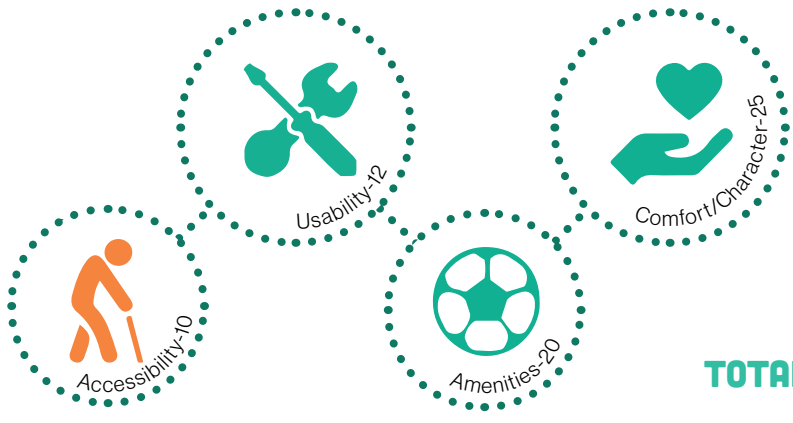
PARK AMENITIES

- Bridge (1)
- Multi-Use Trail (1)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Parking Lot (2)
- Pond (1)
- Rectangular Fields (2)
- Stream/Creek (1)
- Trash Receptacles (6)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 UNACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
67

BROOKSIDE COURT



SITE LOCATION: Brookside Blvd. & W. 63rd St **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 6
PARK DISTRICT: South
ESTABLISHED: 1911
ACREAGE: 1.03 acres

PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (1)
- Drinking Fountain (1)
- Fountain (1)
- Parking Lighting (3)
- Parking Lot (1)
- Regulatory Sign (3)
- Tennis Courts (3)
- Trash Receptacles (1)

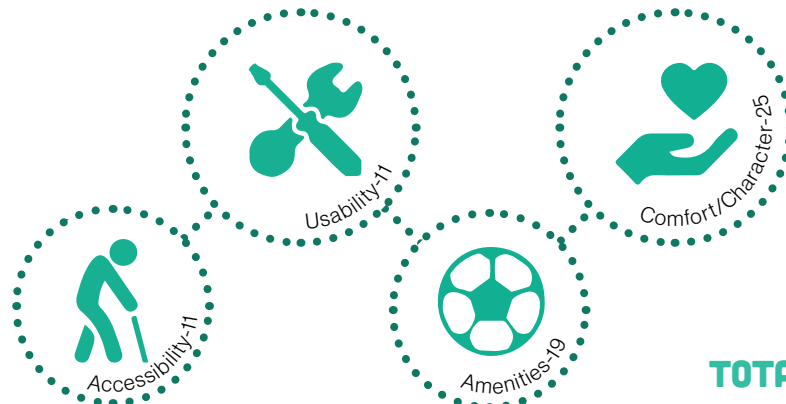
Located behind a series of bustling businesses in Brookside, Brookside Court Park consists almost entirely of a set of tennis courts. Additional amenities are shaded seating and memorial signage in the area to the north of the courts. The courts are in decent, usable condition, but there is a significant amount of wear to the court surfacing and damage to the fences surrounding each court. Due to the proximity to restaurants and their garbage bins, there is trash such as glass bottles that may be hazardous. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Programming to host events and tournaments on the courts
- More park amenities that are strategically placed would help improve this park

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
66

BROOKSIDE PARK



SITE LOCATION: Brookside Blvd. & E. 56th **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 6
PARK DISTRICT: South
ESTABLISHED: 1951
ACREAGE: 5.67 acres

Both sizable and quiet, Brookside Park boasts several amenities to provide entertainment to its visitors. The park hosts a large diamond field, sand volleyball court, tennis and pickleball courts, a playground, and a well-paved park loop trail. This active park shows signs of appropriate and regular usage. This park is the site of an intensely popular sledding slope and the lawns on the slope accordingly require additional upkeep. This park has the potential to generate revenue through small event and tournament rentals. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Repairing court surfacing for the tennis and pickleball spaces
- Repair fencing

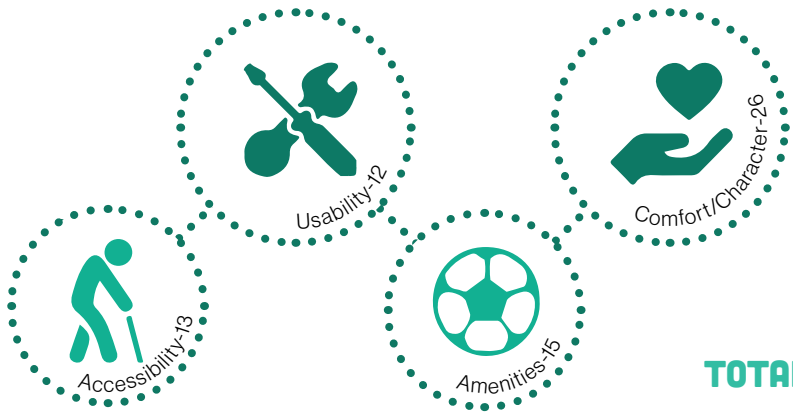
PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (5)
- Bicycle Racks (2)
- Bleachers/Grandstands (1)
- Diamond Fields (1)
- Drinking Fountain (1)
- Dugouts (2)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Park Loop Trail (1)
- Pedestrian Lighting (8)
- Pickleball Courts (2)
- Picnic Tables (3)
- Playground (1)
- Regulatory Sign (2)
- Sand Volleyball (1)
- Tennis Courts (1)
- Trash Receptacles (6)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✔ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
66

BROOKSIDE TRIANGLE PARK



SITE LOCATION: Brookside Blvd. & E. 59th St.

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 6
PARK DISTRICT: South
ESTABLISHED: 1911
ACREAGE: 1.29 acres

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

Brookside Triangle park is located comfortably in a neighborhood just off of Brookside Blvd. The park is pleasantly quiet for being located near a busy road and while there are few amenities, those that exist are in good condition. The rubber surfacing in the playground area does show signs of wear and will likely need repair within the near future. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Creating more opportunities for revenue like a picnic shelter could help to enhance this park

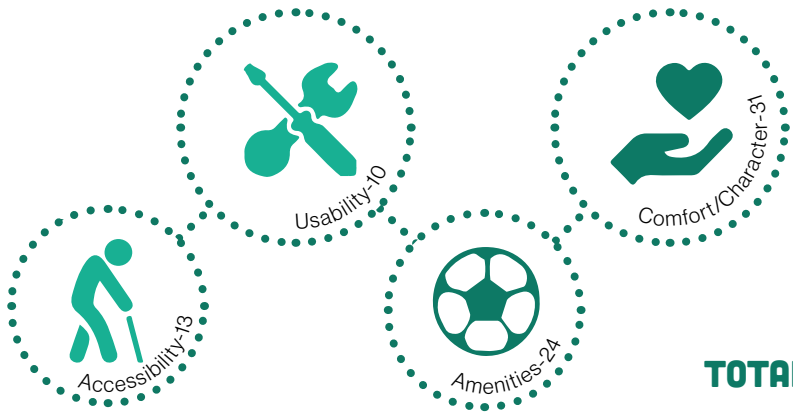
PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (3)
- Drinking Fountain (1)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Pedestrian Lighting (8)
- Picnic Tables (3)
- Playground (1)
- Regulatory Sign (1)
- Trash Receptacles (1)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● ✓ EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
78

CAFE CORNER PARK



SITE LOCATION: Ward Pkwy. & Mill Creek Pkwy. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4
PARK DISTRICT: Central
ESTABLISHED: 1917
ACREAGE: .67 acres

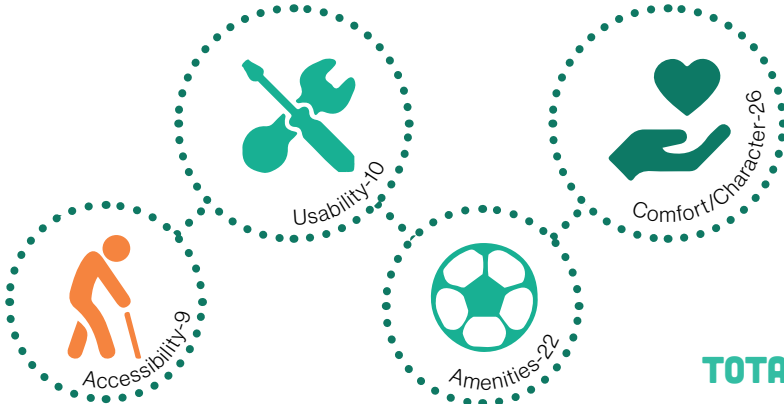
Cafe Corner Park is adjacent to the Plaza Tennis Center and directly across from Brush Creek. It currently has no amenities and is not clearly identified as a Kansas City park, leaving visitors to assume it is an undeveloped greenspace in front of the shops and restaurants in The Plaza. The lack of space and adjacency to a busy intersection limits the options for traditional park development. However, it is a valuable space for occasional public festivals and large events. Additional investment at this time is unwarranted.

PARK AMENITIES

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
67

CARL MIGLIAZZO PARK



SITE LOCATION: 11920 Pennsylvania Ave. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 6
PARK DISTRICT: South
ESTABLISHED: 1977
ACREAGE: 12.4 acres

Carl Migliazzo Park is located in Southeast Kansas City and surrounded by single-family residential land uses. This neighborhood park has seen recent improvements including a secondary playground, trail resurfacing, additional benches and stone picnic tables, and renovations to the bridge/railing over the pond. It is easy to walk to and offers accessible routes between all park amenities. It is very attractive with its open space and large mature shade trees, well-maintained, provides a variety of places to sit, and evokes a strong sense of safety. Opportunities for improvement include:

- New updated KC Parks signage

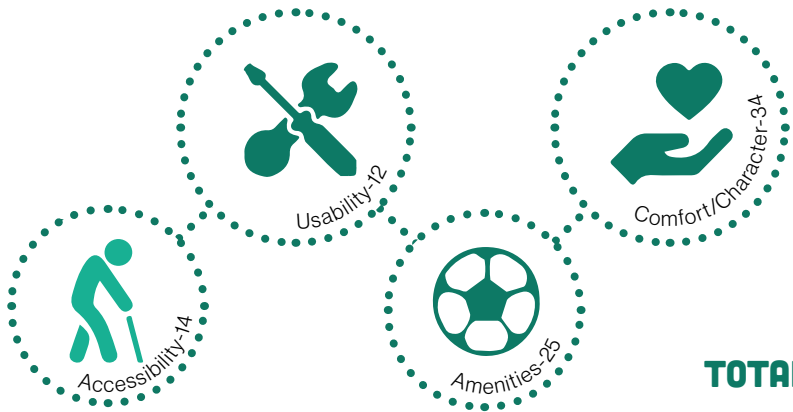
PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (7)
- Bridge (1)
- Fishing Access (1)
- Grills (1)
- Landmark (1)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Outdoor Fitness Equip. (8)
- Park Loop Trail (1)
- Parking Lighting (16)
- Picnic Tables (5)
- Playground (1)
- Pond (1)
- Regulatory Sign (7)
- Trash Receptacles (6)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE ● POOR ● GOOD ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
85

COUNTRYSIDE PARK



SITE LOCATION: Brookside Blvd. & E. 54th St. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4
PARK DISTRICT: South
ESTABLISHED: 1911
ACREAGE: .68 acres

PARK AMENITIES

- Multi-Use Trail (1)
- Trash Receptacles (2)
- Pet Waste Station (1)

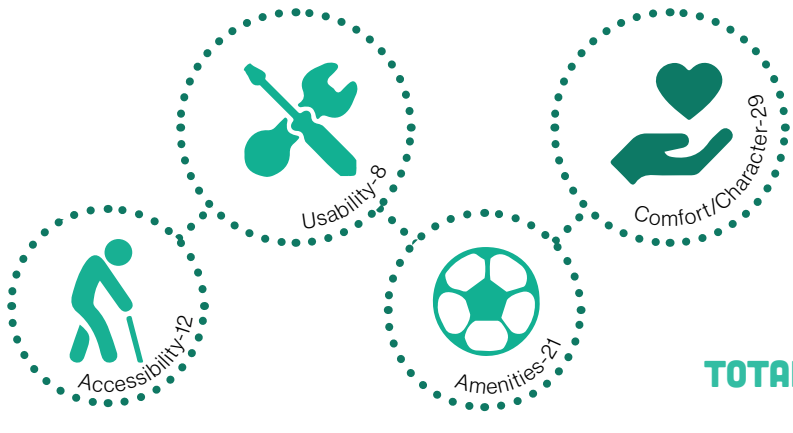
Countryside Park is a small park located just north of the Crestwood Shops on Brookside Blvd. The park consists of a mostly open grassy area with few amenities, but does host a portion of the Harry Wiggins Trolley Track Trail. Overall, the park and the trail appear to be very well kept. Being near to dining, shopping, and both single-family and multi-family housing provide a generous amount of activity in the area. Though this activity keeps the trail busy, without amenities there are very few possibilities for potential events and revenue at this park. The location is busy enough that small pop-up events or similar could be hosted in the open grass area. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Updating KCMO signage to be consistent with the system and inform visitors that the site is, in fact, a park

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
70

GAMBRIL TRACT



SITE LOCATION: 10800 St. Catherine's Ln. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 6
PARK DISTRICT: South
ESTABLISHED: 1974
ACREAGE: 10.1 acres

PARK AMENITIES

- Bridge (1)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Park Loop Trail (1)
- Playground (1)
- Stream/Creek (1)

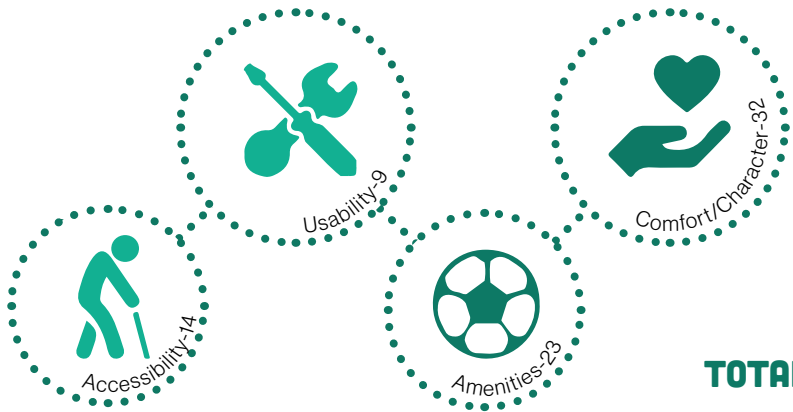
The Gambрил Tract sits at the dead end of St. Catherine's Lane in south Kansas City and preserves 10 acres of forest and stream in the Blue River watershed. The park provides a small playground, a small open lawn, and a natural trail that rambles over hills and through forest. Like many park properties, this tract suffers from invasive exotic honeysuckle but still harbors native wildflowers and benefits from connectivity with large natural areas on either side. Potential improvements include:

- Management of invasive plant species
- Replacement of playground safety surfacing
- New KC Parks signage

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● ✓ EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
78

HOLMES PARK



SITE LOCATION: 6952 Holmes Rd. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 6
PARK DISTRICT: South
ESTABLISHED: 1944
ACREAGE: 9.14 acres

Holmes Park is home to a variety of amenities including a baseball diamond, roller hockey rink, playground, and paved park loop trail. The park appears active and looked after, but shows signs of age in the seating options, playground equipment and safety surfacing, and roller hockey rink arena. Overall, everything appears in usable condition. With a large diamond field and accessible parking, the park could host several events that would provide an opportunity for revenue. Possible improvements include:

- An updated playground
- New updated KC parks signage
- Updated site furnishings

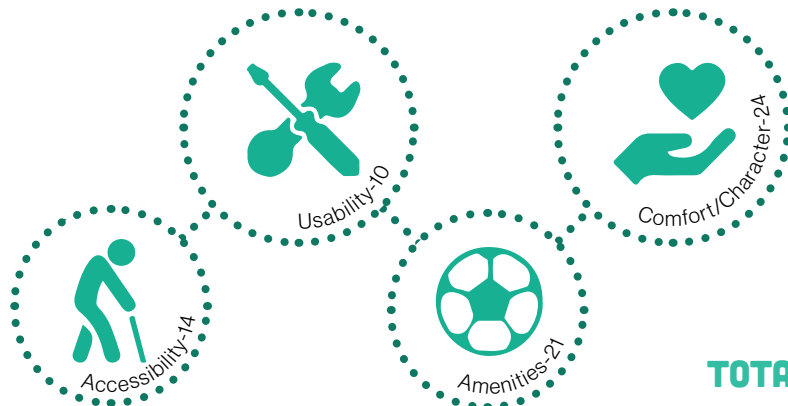
PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (5)
- Bleachers/Grandstands (4)
- Diamond Fields (1)
- Drinking Fountain (1)
- Dugouts (2)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Park Loop Trail (1)
- Parking Lighting (2)
- Parking Lot (2)
- Picnic Tables (5)
- Playground (1)
- Trash Receptacles (4)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✔ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
69

INDIAN CREEK GREENWAY



SITE LOCATION: Along Indian Creek from State Line Rd. to the Blue River

CLASSIFICATION: Park

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 6

PARK DISTRICT: South

ESTABLISHED: 1968

ACREAGE: 119.49 acres

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

The Indian Creek Greenway represents the easternmost portion of a regional trail that passes through Olathe, Overland Park, and Leawood, Kansas before entering Kansas City at the state line. The four miles within Kansas City include scenic views of the creek, a nice trailhead on the site of the historic Watts Mill, and the creek's confluence with the Blue River where this trail ties into the Blue River Trail. Encampments were observed in this stretch of parkland, as well as animals, like deer and kingfishers. Potential improvements include:

- Replacement of asphalt pavement with concrete
- Additional seating
- A trail map

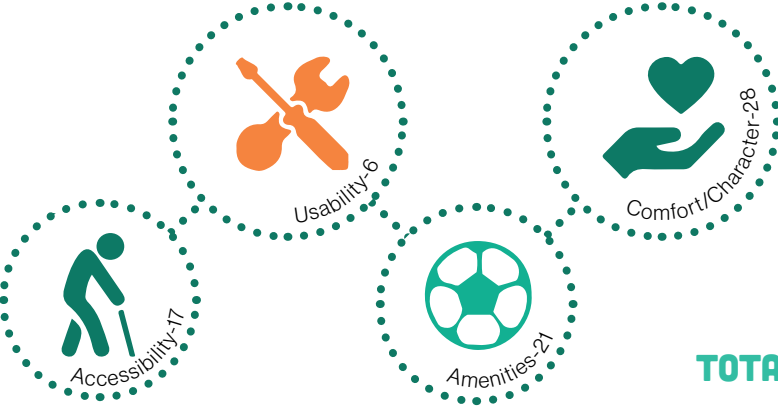
PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (20)
- Bridge (1)
- Landmark (1)
- Multi-Use Trail (1)
- New Wayfinding Sign (4)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Old Wayfinding Sign (3)
- Pedestrian Lighting (3)
- Regulatory Sign (8)
- Stream/Creek (1)
- Trash Receptacles (3)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
72

JACOB LOOSE PARK



SITE LOCATION: 5200 Wornall **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4
PARK DISTRICT: South
ESTABLISHED: 1927
ACREAGE: 74.08 acres

PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (73)
- Bicycle Racks (2)
- Bridge (3)
- Drinking Fountain (2)
- Fountain (3)
- Grills (6)
- Landmark (4)
- Old Park Sign (2)
- Park Loop Trail (1)
- Parking Lighting (16)
- Parking Lot (4)
- Pedestrian Lighting (81)
- Picnic Shelter (1)
- Picnic Tables (28)
- Playground (2)
- Pond (1)
- Public Art (3)
- Regulatory Sign (8)
- Restrooms (Permanent) (2)
- Shade Structures (3)
- Splash Pad (1)
- Tennis Courts (4)
- Trash Receptacles (35)

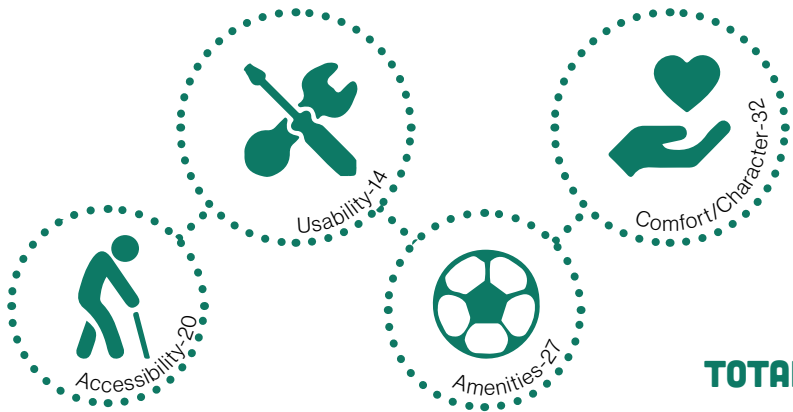
Kansas City's most heavily used regional park without an athletic campus other than Swope Park. Loose Park has a large array of offerings for visitors. The park hosts multiple public and private events throughout the year and receives many regional users of its amenities, such as its Rose Garden, pond, Civil War history, loop trail, and open lawn areas. This active park is very well maintained, though there is some vandalism on the light poles around the pond. Until recently, this park received routine supplemental private funding. With its generous amount of space, beauty and location, there are a high number of opportunities for revenue at this park. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Repairing/covering up vandalism
- Repair/replace playground surfacing
- Modernize playground

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● ✓ EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
93

JERRY SMITH PARK



SITE LOCATION: 139th St. & Prospect Ave. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 6
PARK DISTRICT: South
ESTABLISHED: 1975
ACREAGE: 360 acres

Jerry Smith is the largest park property in the 6th Council District and the southernmost park in the system. This property has long afforded the department opportunities not possible elsewhere. For many years it was managed as a demonstration farm. These days, it is better known as a destination for birders and wildflower enthusiasts, as it has the largest patch of remnant prairie in the metro. The park also features a 3-acre pond with fishing access. Opportunities for improvement include:

- A paved loop trail around the pond
- Natural mowed and mulched trails providing access to the woods and prairie
- A permanent restroom

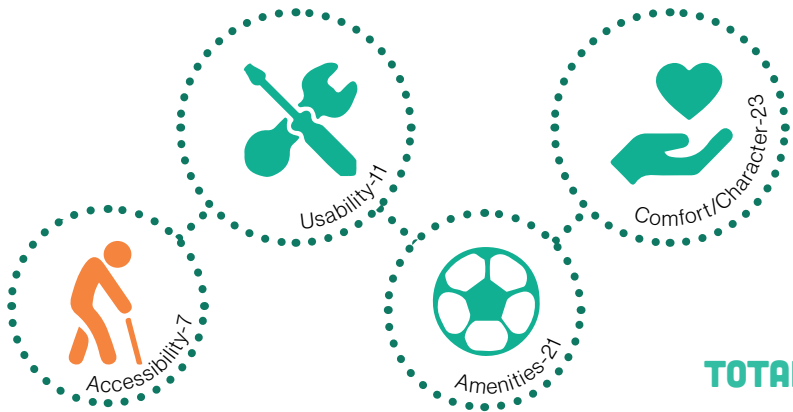
PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (3)
- Fishing Access (1)
- Grills (1)
- Multi-Use Trail (1)
- Park Loop Trail (1)
- Parking Lot (2)
- Picnic Shelter (1)
- Picnic Tables (4)
- Pond (1)
- Regulatory Sign (3)
- Stream/Creek (1)
- Trash Receptacles (3)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
62

KLAPMEYER PARK



SITE LOCATION: 12601 State Line Rd. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 6
PARK DISTRICT: South
ESTABLISHED: 1973
ACREAGE: 13.5 acres

PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (1)
- Bridge (1)
- Fishing Access (1)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Pond (1)
- Regulatory Sign (1)
- Trash Receptacles (1)

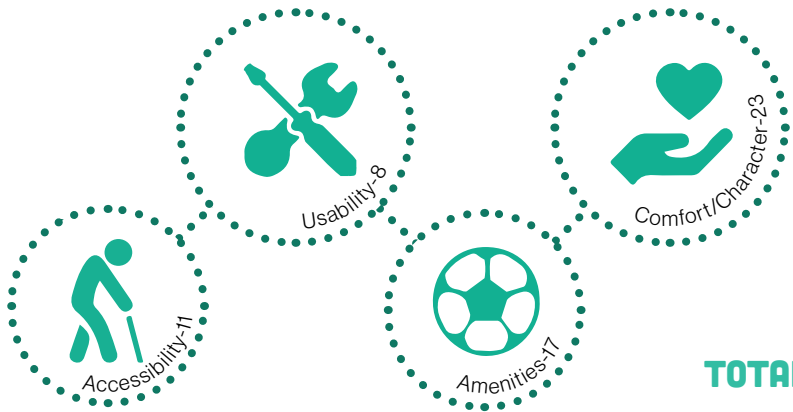
Klapmeyer Park is located along State Line Road and is tucked back into a single-family residential neighborhood in south Kansas City. Due to the rolling topography, one doesn't realize from the road that there is a pond on the property. The large mature trees and gentle hills make this a very attractive park and appears to be underutilized. Opportunities for improvement include:

- The addition of a loop trail, small parking lot, trail connections to the neighborhood, and/or a playground
- The implementation of several seating areas, picnic tables and more opportunities for shade

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
59

RUSSELL MAJORS WADDELL PARK



SITE LOCATION: 8231 State Line Rd.

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

CLASSIFICATION: Park

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 6

PARK DISTRICT: South

ESTABLISHED: 1983

ACREAGE: 3.75 acres

The Russell Majors Waddell Park is situated on the former property of Alexander Majors, one of the founders of the Pony Express. The park houses a historic museum, originally constructed in 1856, and is located west of a neighborhood consisting of single-family residential homes. To the north and south lie commercial properties, and to the west is a church. This park boasts exceptional usability and revenue-generating opportunities. It's visually appealing setting contributes to a sense of safety. Positioned between State Line Road and Ward Parkway, the park offers opportunities for improvement of multi-modal connectivity and the implementation of safer crosswalks between the park and the neighboring western communities. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Updating park signage and prioritizing accessibility for active transportation.

PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (2)
- Landmark (1)
- Old Park Sign (2)
- Parking Lighting (1)
- Parking Lot (1)
- Picnic Tables (6)
- Restrooms (Permanent) (1)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
67

SANTA FE TRACE PARK



SITE LOCATION: Martha Truman Rd. & Holmes

CLASSIFICATION: Greenway

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 6

PARK DISTRICT: South

ESTABLISHED: 1978

ACREAGE: 23.86 acres

PARK AMENITIES

- Old Park Sign (1)
- Regulatory Sign (1)
- Restrooms (Portable) (1)

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

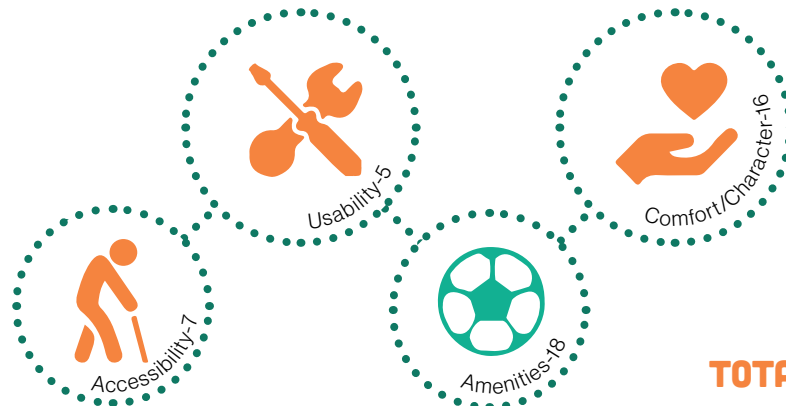
Santa Fe Trace Park Greenway is a primarily natural area consisting of multiple parcels of land west of Wornall Road to the train tracks east of Holmes Road. This greenway is surrounded by single and multi-family residential and is located just south of Avila University. It is not easy to walk to and although there is a park sign, it's not well known where the property starts or stops. It is not attractive or inviting and doesn't offer a sense of safety. Opportunities for improvement:

- This greenway has potential to add a multi-use trail which could connect Carl Migliazzo Park to the Blue River trails
- Park benches could be added, along with better and more signage
- Removal of invasive honeysuckle vegetation to open up views through the greenway

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ✓ POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
46

SOUTH OAK PARK



SITE LOCATION: 83rd St. & Oak St.

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 6
PARK DISTRICT: South
ESTABLISHED: 1961
ACREAGE: 19.47 acres

South Oak Park is surrounded by single-family residential and part of the park is the site of one of the combined sewer overflow reduction projects built and maintained by KC Water. A new pedestrian bridge and concrete trail that connects to the Trolley Track Trail have been added to the park recently. The park is very attractive with a mix of open spaces, mature shade trees, and amenities. There is a variety of places to sit, although the picnic tables do not have an accessible route to them. Opportunities for improvement include:

- Some of the amenities could use replacement in the future including the playground, trail sections, park sign, and a few ADA improvements
- Remove invasive plant species throughout the park.

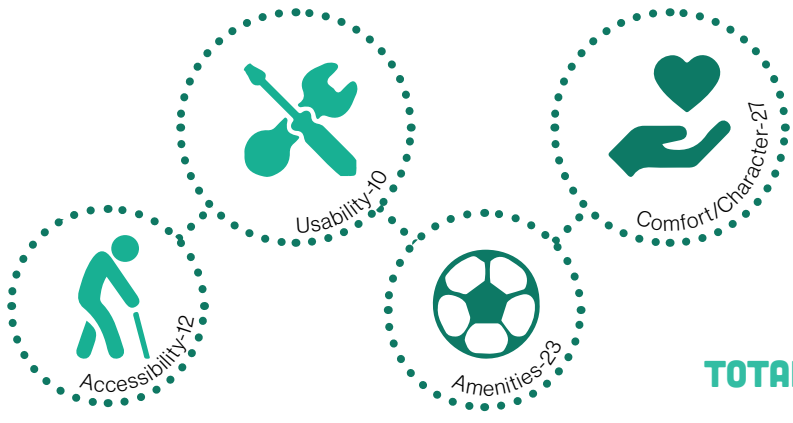
PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (6)
- Bleachers/Grandstands (1)
- Bridge (1)
- Diamond Fields (1)
- Drinking Fountain (1)
- Dugouts (2)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Park Loop Trail (1)
- Parking Lot (1)
- Pedestrian Lighting (1)
- Picnic Tables (5)
- Playground (1)
- Rain Garden (1)
- Regulatory Sign (1)
- Stream/Creek (1)
- Trash Receptacles (3)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
72

SUNNYSIDE PARK



SITE LOCATION: W. 83rd St. & Oak St.

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 6
PARK DISTRICT: South
ESTABLISHED: 1949
ACREAGE: 21.25 acres

Sunnyside Park has it all. Amenities like a playground, splash pad, diamond fields, basketball courts, tennis courts, a park loop trail, and many others. Overall the park has a lot to offer, but sometimes, when that happens, maintenance can't keep up. Opportunities for improvement include:

- New benches/bleachers around the diamond fields
- Regular maintenance and upkeep must be continued and a new KCMO park sign would help this park to be more consistent with the system

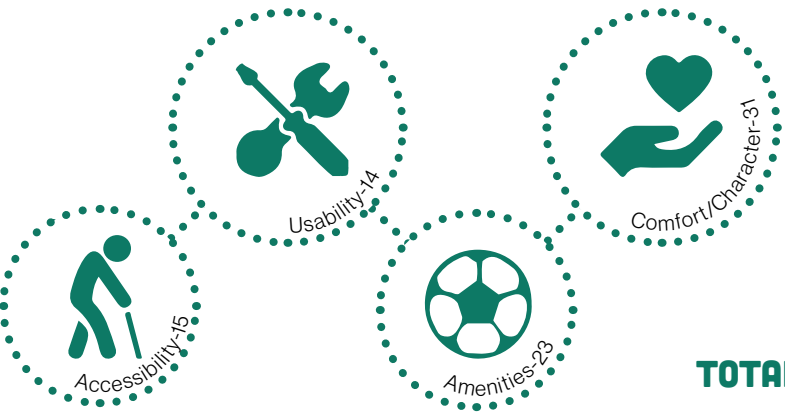
PARK AMENITIES

- Basketball Court (1)
- Benches (17)
- Bleachers/Grandstands (3)
- Diamond Fields (3)
- Drinking Fountain (2)
- Dugouts (6)
- Grills (2)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Park Loop Trail (1)
- Parking Lighting (5)
- Parking Lot (2)
- Pedestrian Lighting (5)
- Picnic Shelter (1)
- Picnic Tables (11)
- Playground (1)
- Regulatory Sign (4)
- Shade Structures (2)
- Splash Pad (1)
- Tennis Courts (3)
- Trash Receptacles (15)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● ✓ EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
83

TERRACE PARK



SITE LOCATION: 11441 Cleveland Ave.

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 6
PARK DISTRICT: South
ESTABLISHED: 1976
ACREAGE: 4.29 acres

Terrace Park is surrounded by suburban single-family houses and situated near an elementary school to the northwest. The park features a small stream running through the site and is conveniently located in close proximity to Warford Park to the west. Its central location makes it highly visible within the neighborhood. However, Terrace Park faces challenges concerning access and usability. Opportunities for improvement include:

PARK AMENITIES

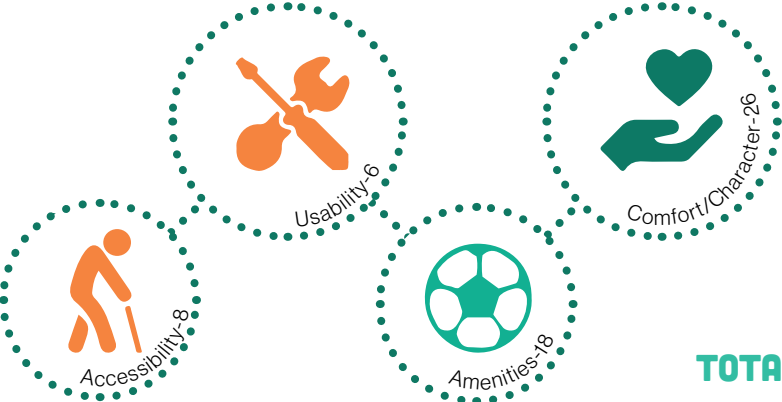
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Stream/Creek (1)

- Implementing sidewalks and clear crosswalks is crucial to encourage active transportation
- Adding pleasant seating throughout the park will enhance visitor comfort and enjoyment
- A shade structure or picnic shelter will create more opportunities for programming, thereby increasing usable space and unlocking the park's revenue potential

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✔ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
58

TOWER PARK



SITE LOCATION: Holmes Rd. & E. 76th St. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 6
PARK DISTRICT: South
ESTABLISHED: 1944
ACREAGE: 18.64 acres

Tower Park is situated in the dense urban neighborhood, Waldo, and is adjacent to single-family residential and civic/institutional land uses. This park offers a variety of activities and amenities for different users and also is home to the Waldo Water Tower. There appears to have been recent paving upgrades for better ADA accessibility and although the amenities are older, they appear to be in above average condition. Tower Park is easy to walk to, offers coverage and protection from weather elements, is overall attractive, offers clear lines of sight through the park, and shows evidence of attracting its intended use. Opportunities for improvement include:

- The existing basketball concrete pads without goals could be removed and another small shelter could be added closer to the playground
- Upkeeping maintenance and installing additional barriers like limestone boulders or bollards

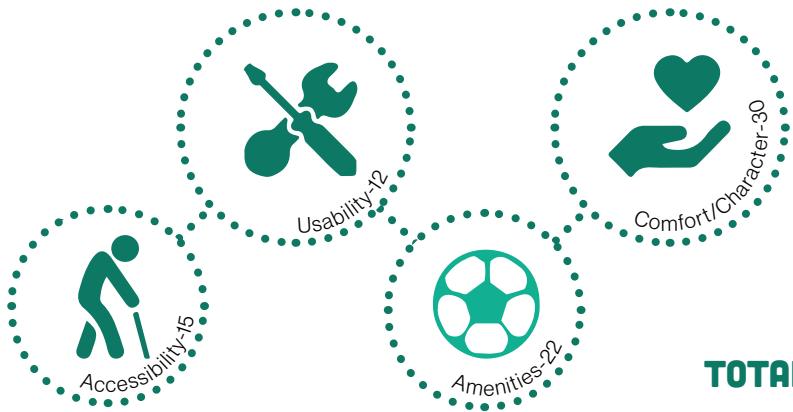
PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (6)
- Bleachers/Grandstands (2)
- Diamond Fields (2)
- Drinking Fountain (1)
- Dugouts (4)
- Grills (1)
- Landmark (1)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Old Wayfinding Sign (1)
- Park Loop Trail (2)
- Parking Lot (2)
- Pedestrian Lighting (32)
- Picnic Shelter (2)
- Picnic Tables (11)
- Playground (1)
- Regulatory Sign (4)
- Restrooms (Permanent) (1)
- Trash Receptacles (14)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● ✓ EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
79

WARFORD PARK



SITE LOCATION: 3500 E. 114th Terr.

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 6
PARK DISTRICT: South
ESTABLISHED: 1972
ACREAGE: 3.37 acres

Warford Park is located near Terrace Park and shares a similar setting, surrounded by suburban single-family houses and situated close to an elementary school to the northeast. The park boasts excellent visibility of its entrance and usable areas, creating a strong sense of safety for visitors. Currently, there is limited to no access for pedestrians, and ADA accessibility has not been taken into consideration. Opportunities for Improvement include:

- There is a need to enhance pedestrian access within the park and neighborhood by implementing concrete sidewalks and clear crosswalks to facilitate safe walking routes to the park
- Create ADA accessible ramps and more paved trails to ensure equal access for all park-goers

PARK AMENITIES

- Old Park Sign (1)
- Picnic Shelter (1)
- Picnic Tables (1)
- Regulatory Sign (1)
- Trash Receptacles (1)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

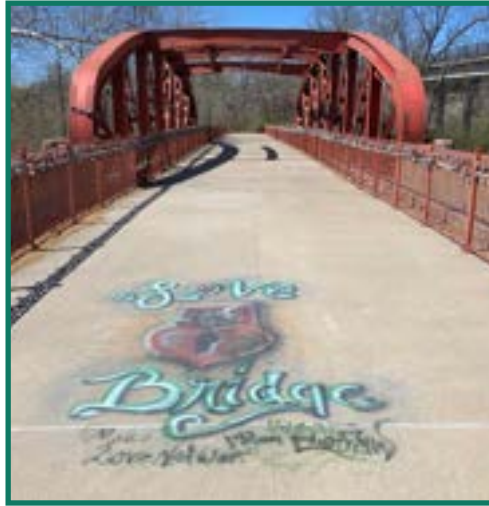
RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
61

WILLIAM MINOR PARK



SITE LOCATION: Red Bridge Rd. & Holmes Rd. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 6
PARK DISTRICT: South
ESTABLISHED: 1956
ACREAGE: 235.1 acres

PARK AMENITIES

- Basketball Courts (4)
- Benches (13)
- Bleachers/Grandstands (7)
- Drinking Fountain (2)
- Grills (1)
- Landmark (1)
- Mountain Bike Trail (1)
- Multi-Use Trail (1)
- Old Park Sign (3)
- Parking Lighting (8)
- Parking Lot (4)
- Pickleball Courts (6)
- Picnic Shelter (1)
- Picnic Tables (18)
- Playground (1)
- Rectangular Fields (1)
- Regulatory Sign (5)
- Restrooms (Permanent) (2)
- Shade Structures (2)
- Sports Lighting (24)
- Stream/Creek (1)
- Tennis Courts (12)
- Trash Receptacles (10)

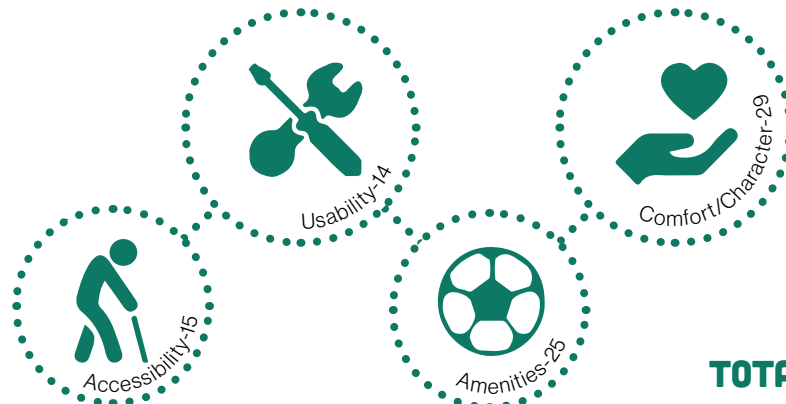
Minor Park straddles the Blue River on the south side of Red Bridge Road and adjoins the massive Blue River Parkway which is owned and maintained by Jackson County. This assessment did not include inventory of the golf course but did examine many other amenities found in Minor Park such as the tennis courts, pickleball courts, sports fields, playgrounds, and natural trails to name a few. The amenities in these portions of the park in relatively good condition and are connected by paved and natural surface paths. Potential improvements include:

- Shaded seating by the rectangular field or cricket pitch
- A renovated playground

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE ● POOR ● GOOD ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
83

WESTWOOD PARK



SITE LOCATION: W. 47th St. & Wyoming St. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 6
PARK DISTRICT: Central
ESTABLISHED: 1948
ACREAGE: 9.33 acres

Westwood Park is a neighborhood park that provides visitors with several amenities for entertainment. The park is generously sized and offers a paved park loop trail around the property. Additionally, there is a diamond field, shaded playground structures, and 3 picnic shelters - 1 of which has a large fire pit. Overall, the park appears in good condition, though there was standing water and heavily muddy conditions around the playground equipment from recent rain. With good size, multiple picnic shelters, a diamond field and convenient location, this park has several opportunities for revenue through small to mid-sized events and tournaments. Opportunities for improvement include:

- This park would benefit from more shade near seating areas
- To enhance usership, programming based around this park should be prioritized and consistent

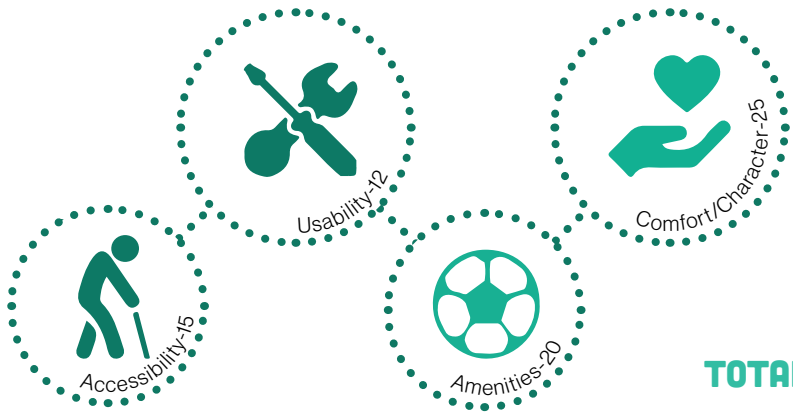
PARK AMENITIES

- Benches (5)
- Bicycle Racks (9)
- Bleachers/Grandstands (2)
- Diamond Fields (1)
- Drinking Fountain (1)
- Dugouts (2)
- Grills (1)
- Old Park Sign (1)
- Park Loop Trail (1)
- Pedestrian Lighting (8)
- Picnic Shelter (3)
- Picnic Tables (10)
- Playground (1)
- Regulatory Sign (3)
- Shade Structures (2)
- Trash Receptacles (8)

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✔ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
72

COMMUNITY CENTER ASSESSMENTS



Between March, and May of 2023, the consultant team visited and assessed all 10 community centers owned and operated by the Kansas City, Missouri Department of Parks and Recreation. Those visits included taking photos of each property, creating an inventory of amenities, and evaluating each facility based on the questionnaire detailed in the following pages.

The assessment was based on four criteria: accessibility, character, conditions, and financial viability. Those criteria were further broken down into 20 measurements of success, each worth 5 points. The assessment produced a total score between 20 and 100 points and a rating of either poor (0-24 points), fair 25-49 points), good (50-74 points), or excellent (75-100 points).

QUESTIONNAIRE

EASE IN WALKING TO THE FACILITY

1 being a facility with poor access to and from adjacent streets or neighborhoods due to lack of sidewalks, shade trees, or limited street crossings, versus 5 being ADA accessible on wide shaded sidewalks with pedestrian street crossings, an interconnected sidewalk system, and multiple street frontages.

MULTI-MODAL CAPACITY

1 being a poorly connected facility that relies solely on automobile access, versus 5 being a facility that facilitates multiple modes of transportation through the provision of bike racks or sidewalks that lead to transit stops, as well as interconnected access routes to the facility.

VISIBILITY OF ENTRANCES AND USE AREAS

1 being a facility that is not visible and not recognized versus 5 being a facility that is highly visible and immediately recognized as a KC Parks and Recreation facility that is available for public use.

APPARENT ADA COMPLIANCE

1 being a facility that appears to offer no accessible routes from public way to the facility, versus 5 being a facility that appears to offer ADA-compliant access to the facility.

OVERALL ATTRACTIVENESS

1 being a facility which is perceived to be uninviting and underutilized, versus 5 being a facility which is perceived to be inviting, safe, and impeccably well-maintained.

FEELING OF SAFETY

1 being a facility which induces the feel of danger due to poor visibility, limited access, tall and opaque fences, and unmaintained spaces, versus 5 being a facility that evokes feelings of safety through visible and well-positioned entry points, lighting and well-maintained spaces.

LEVEL ACTIVITY

1 being a facility with limited use during the average day, versus 5 being a facility that attracts a variety of people of different ages and abilities throughout the average day.

STAFFING

1 being a facility that is inefficiently organized thereby requiring duplicative staffing or a facility that is understaffed, versus 5 being a facility that

is efficiently organized to minimize staffing needs and is sufficiently staffed.

HISTORICAL OR CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

1 being a facility that meets none of the contributing factors for historical significance versus 5 being a facility that meets all contributing factors based on the National Register Standards such as related historical events, persons or type/period/ construction method and is greater than 50 years old.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

1 being a facility that does not exhibit factors of unique design quality versus 5 being a facility that is exhibits distinctive and recognized architectural excellence that is visually engaging, contextually responsive and elevates program function elegantly.

LANDSCAPE AND SITE

1 being a facility with unhealthy and poorly maintained landscaping, walks, paving, and a heavy demand for traditional mowing and maintenance, versus 5 being a facility marked by well-maintained landscaping, walks and paving with minimal requirements through efficient and sustainable management practices.

EXTERIOR ENVELOPE

1 being a facility with unsightly, worn, soiled and poorly maintained exterior walls, versus 5 being a facility with attractive, well maintained exterior wall surfaces.

DOORS AND WINDOWS

1 being a facility with failing and leaking windows and doors, versus 5 being a facility with sound, thermally improved windows and doors.

INTERIOR FINISHES

1 being a facility with worn, damaged, soiled, broken or peeling floor, wall and ceiling finishes versus 5 being a facility with attractive and well-maintained interior finishes.

MECHANICAL, ELECTRICAL, AND PLUMBING SYSTEMS

1 being a facility with severely deficient and failing HVAC and plumbing system issues, versus 5 being

a facility with efficient well-maintained HVAC and plumbing systems.

LIGHTING

1 being a facility with outdated and poorly functioning lighting, or levels inappropriate for the intended program use, versus 5 being a facility which features an appropriate amount of well-functioning and sustainable LED lighting emitting apparent illuminations levels for their intended purposes.

APPARENT CODE COMPLIANCE

1 being a facility with obvious exiting, ADA compliance, or other noted code related deficiencies, versus 5 being a facility with no obvious code compliance items.

TECHNOLOGY

1 being a facility with non-functional or lack of needed audio/visual, electronic security and WiFi, versus 5 being a facility with sufficient, effective and up-to-date technology amenities.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR REVENUE

1 being a facility which offers little existing opportunities to generate revenue either due to poor location/access, appearance, lack of programming or lack of programming space, versus 10 being a facility with robust income generating programming and / or opportunities to increase revenue streams.

COMMUNITY CENTER

FACILITY SCORES

PARK NAME	ACCESSIBILITY (MAX. 20)					CHARACTER (MAX. 30)	CONDITIONS (MAX. 40)								FINANCIAL VIABILITY (MAX. 10)					COMPOSITE SCORE (MAX. 100)				
	Ease in Walking to Park (Max. 5)	Multi-Modal Capacity (Max. 5)	Visibility (Max. 5)	Apparent ADA Compliance (Max. 5)	Overall Attractiveness (Max. 5)		Feeling of Safety (Max. 5)	Level of Activity (Max. 5)	Staffing (Max. 5)	Historical or Cultural Significance (Max. 5)	Architectural Significance (Max. 5)	Landscaping and Site (Max. 5)	Exterior Envelope (Max. 5)	Doors and Windows (Max. 5)	Interior Finishes (Max. 5)	M/E/P Systems (Max. 5)	Lighting (Max. 5)	Apparent Code Compliance (Max. 5)	Technology (Max. 5)		Opportunities for Revenue (Max. 5)			
Mary Williams-Neal	16	4	4	4	4	26	4	4	5	2	3	4	24	3	2	2	4	2	2	4	5	6	6	70
Garrison	15	4	4	5	2	21	4	2	3	3	5	4	22	4	4	4	2	2	2	2	2	5	5	63
Gregg/Klice	17	4	4	5	4	24	5	4	4	3	3	5	29	4	4	4	4	2	3	4	4	7	7	77
Hillcrest	14	3	3	4	4	23	4	4	4	4	3	4	30	3	4	4	4	4	3	4	4	7	7	74
Kansas City North	13	3	3	4	4	19	4	3	4	3	3	2	25	4	3	3	4	2	4	2	1	6	6	63
Line Creek	15	2	4	4	5	34	5	5	4	4	3	5	27	4	3	3	4	3	3	4	3	10	10	78
Marlborough	20	5	5	5	5	22	4	4	4	3	3	4	28	2	4	4	4	2	3	5	4	5	5	75
Southeast	16	3	4	4	5	25	5	4	5	3	3	5	31	2	3	5	5	3	4	5	4	7	7	79
Tony Aguirre	16	4	4	4	4	21	4	4	2	3	3	5	25	3	4	3	4	2	2	3	4	4	4	66
Westport-Roanoke	15	4	3	4	4	22	3	4	4	3	4	3	31	4	4	4	4	4	3	4	4	4	4	71
AVERAGES	15.7					22.6							27.2									6.1		71.6

MARY WILLIAMS-NEAL COMMUNITY CENTER



SITE LOCATION: 3801 E. Emmanuel Cleaver II Blvd.

CLASSIFICATION: Community Center
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3
PARK DISTRICT: QLID
YEAR ACQUIRED: 1974
TOTAL AREA (SF): 18,927 sf

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

The Mary Williams-Neal Community Center (formerly Brush Creek) is located on the banks of Brush Creek. The facility has an indoor gymnasium, meeting rooms, art rooms, computer rooms and kitchen that are all spaces to rent. Exterior amenities include a swimming pool and exercise area provided by AARP. The building is organized along a central corridor. This corridor has a translucent ceiling material illuminating the center of the building with natural light. The finishes are burnished block walls, tile flooring and painted frames. The interior materials are holding up well. The exterior materials are decorative block, EFIS and aluminum framed glazing. The finish on the window frames is failing. The block and EIFS have atmospheric staining with some cracking at the joints in the block. The sealant is failing throughout. The roof leaks in areas and the swimming pool has had periods of closure but is planned to be open for the 2024 pool season. The facility has an inviting interior with activities in the lobby, a colorful mural, planters, and abundant daylight.

PARK AMENITIES

- Art/Sculpture
- Lounge/Reception
- Meeting Rooms
- Family Restroom
- Control Desk
- Office
- Kitchen
- Lobby
- Multi-Purpose Room
- Showers/Locker
- Basketball Courts
- Volleyball Courts
- Cardio Fitness
- Weight Fitness
- Aquatics
- Other Fitness

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✔ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
70

GARRISON COMMUNITY CENTER



SITE LOCATION: 1124 E. 5th St.

CLASSIFICATION: Community Center

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4

PARK DISTRICT: Central

YEAR ACQUIRED: 1913

TOTAL AREA (SF): 25,762 sf

PARK AMENITIES

- Art/Sculpture
- Meeting Rooms
- Family Restroom
- Control Desk
- Office
- Kitchen
- Lobby
- Multi-Purpose Room
- Basketball Courts
- Volleyball Courts
- Pickleball Courts
- Cardio Fitness
- Weight Fitness
- Dance/Aerobics

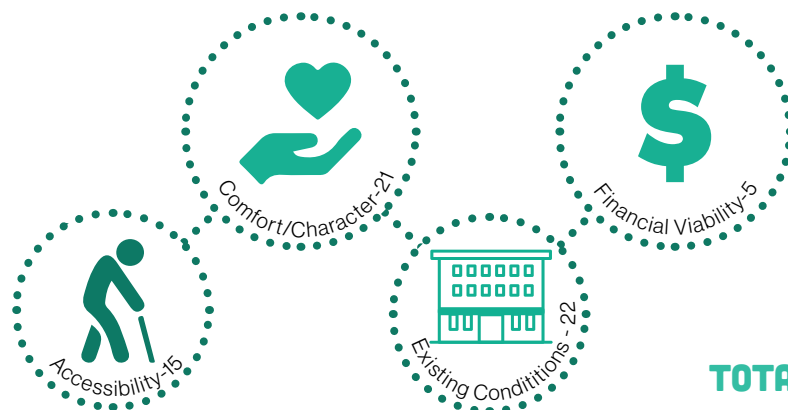
STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

The Garrison Community Center is a historic landmark with George Kessler contributing to the design of the property. It was constructed in 1913. The original spaces were altered during a remodel in 1959. A more efficient plan could be developed to maximize space. Currently, the amenities include a boxing ring and fitness area in the original gym, a multi-purpose room, meeting/computer rooms, kitchen and restrooms on the main level and meeting spaces on the 2nd level. The 2nd floor is small with a floor plate just over the center area. The north attic space has a concrete floor that could be expanded into usable space. The south attic space does not have a floor and is used for mechanical units. An elevator was installed for access to the 3 levels, but on the upper floor, took away space from the dance studios. The basement is utilized for classrooms and activity areas. There is some water penetration on the west wall causing damage to the casework. There is also a gym addition with an overhead running track and basketball/volleyball courts. This space is designed as a tornado shelter.

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

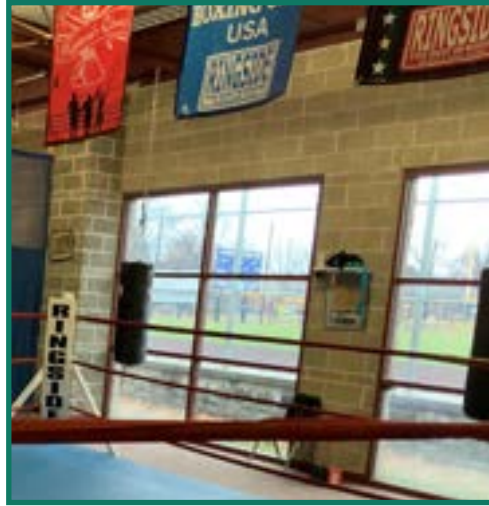
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● UNACCEPTABLE ● POOR ● GOOD ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
63

GREGG/ KLICE COMMUNITY CENTER



SITE LOCATION: 1622 E. 17th Terr. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Community Center
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3
PARK DISTRICT: Central
YEAR ACQUIRED: 1955
TOTAL AREA (SF): 34,866 sf

The Gregg/Klice Community Center amenities are accessible by a central lobby. The natatorium is on the west side, the gymnasium with connecting spaces for fitness, boxing, dance, and computer center are to the north and the divided meeting room, director's office and kitchen are to the east of the lobby. The lobby is open with skylights, planters and natural materials creating an inviting space. There is a sculptural ramp and stair leading down to the natatorium and locker rooms. The interior materials are in good shape. The center was busy with patrons in the afternoon. The mechanical systems need replacement. The exterior materials are brick in decorative patterns, CMU with brick accents and aluminum framed glazing. The exterior is visually interesting with the various brick patterns and is in good conditions. Overall, the exterior walls are in great shape, but the roof leaks and needs to be repaired or replaced.

PARK AMENITIES

- Meeting Rooms
- Family Restroom
- Control Desk
- Office
- Kitchen
- Lobby
- Showers/Locker
- Basketball Courts
- Cardio Fitness
- Weight Fitness
- Dance/Aerobics
- Aquatics
- Other Fitness

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● ✓ EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
77

HILLCREST COMMUNITY CENTER



SITE LOCATION: 10401 Hillcrest Rd. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Community Center
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 5
PARK DISTRICT: South
YEAR ACQUIRED: 1995
TOTAL AREA (SF): 22,433 sf

The Hillcrest Community Center has an open central lobby with access to the main amenities. There is a gymnasium with an elevated track, flexible meeting rooms, kitchen, an art room, lounge, large storage rooms, a small area with exercise equipment and an outdoor patio which are all available for rent. The facility utilizes natural lighting to illuminate the interiors. The interior finishes include stained concrete flooring, decorative block, painted drywall and a central stone fireplace. The materials are in good condition. There is a structural issue along the tall wall of the gym causing enough movement for several doors to not fully close. The wall is cracked in numerous areas both high and low on the wall and in the adjacent restrooms. The exterior control joint shows signs of stress in the sealant and uplift on the stucco/EFIS. The roof leaks over the gym. There are water leaks over the offices and at the central desk. The drinking fountains have leaked on the wood flooring causing damage.

PARK AMENITIES

- Art/Sculpture
- Lounge/Reception
- Meeting Rooms
- Family Restroom
- Control Desk
- Office
- Kitchen
- Lobby
- Showers/Locker
- Basketball Courts
- Volleyball Courts
- Pickleball Courts
- Cardio Fitness
- Weight Fitness
- Dance/Aerobics
- Other Fitness

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE ● POOR ● GOOD ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
74

KANSAS CITY NORTH COMMUNITY CENTER



SITE LOCATION: 3930 N. Antioch Rd. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Community Center
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4
PARK DISTRICT: North
YEAR ACQUIRED: 1959
TOTAL AREA (SF): 19,522 sf

The Kansas City North Community Center was originally constructed in 1955 and has been expanded and modified since. The original gym is now a multi-purpose space with a kitchen. The original stage is now the director's office. A large gymnasium was added with access at a lower level. A cardio/weight room along with locker rooms were added on the main level. There is accessibility to the lower level by a chair lift. Due to the additions and modifications, the interior has a labyrinth flow through narrow corridors restricting views into the spaces from the lobby's central desk. The facility would benefit from strengthening the connections of the amenities to the central desk. The activity rooms are spacious and updated and this facility has esports. Some areas and restrooms are not fully accessible. The lower-level community room has a major moisture issue from underground water leaving the carpet wet, soiled and restricting rental availability. The exterior materials are in good condition.

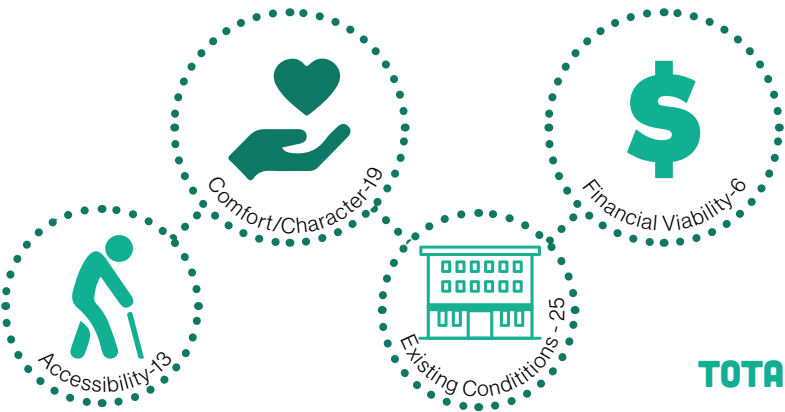
PARK AMENITIES

- Art/Sculpture
- Meeting Rooms
- Control Desk
- Office
- Kitchen
- Lobby
- Multi-Purpose Room
- Showers/Locker
- Basketball Courts
- Volleyball Courts
- Pickleball Courts
- Cardio Fitness
- Weight Fitness
- Dance/Aerobics

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✔ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
63

LINE CREEK COMMUNITY CENTER



SITE LOCATION: 5940 N.W. Wakomis Dr. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Community Center
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 2
PARK DISTRICT: North
YEAR ACQUIRED: 1996
TOTAL AREA (SF): 33,237 sf

PARK AMENITIES

- Lounge/Reception
- Family Restroom
- Control Desk
- Office
- Kitchen
- Lobby
- Multi-Purpose Room
- Showers/Locker
- Cardio Fitness
- Weight Fitness
- Aquatics
- Other Fitness

The Line Creek Community Center is unique for housing a year-round indoor hockey/ice skating rink. The entrance opens into a daylight area with a central desk surrounded by a lobby, snack bar, restrooms, and windows viewing the rink. The interior materials are exposed wood joist and decking, decorative block, and tile. The finishes are in good condition. The exterior materials are brick, decorative block, tile patterns, and stucco/EFIS. The sloping roof planes have exposed wood joints and wood shingles which are in poor condition. The roof has many roof leaks. There are some conditional issues with exterior privacy masonry walls. There is an exterior pool, but it is not currently in working condition. The facility struggles to hire lifeguards causing the pool to be closed often. The chemicals used have caused some erosion in the mechanical rooms. The rink has some structural issues with the slab under the ice cracking and moving. The facility is also unique for its association with Indian archaeological sites. The site supports a Native American Indian garden and heritage symbols are used in the tile designs.

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

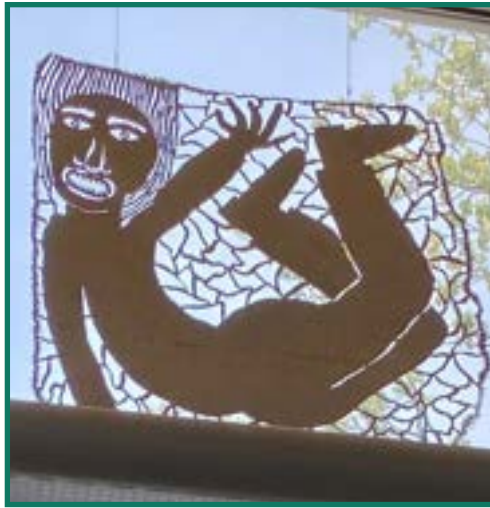
RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● ✓ EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
78

MARLBOROUGH COMMUNITY CENTER



SITE LOCATION: 8200 The Paseo **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Community Center
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 5
PARK DISTRICT: South
YEAR ACQUIRED: 2000
TOTAL AREA (SF): 8,265 sf

The Marlborough Community Center is a smaller center nicely articulated around a center core with natural lighting. The facility sits on the edge of a busy road, but the noise is muted through the masonry walls. The core of the facility is the multipurpose space which can be sub-divided. The kitchen was recently renovated to be fully accessible. There is an office and a large space not currently utilized but could be a meeting room or house exercise equipment. The gymnasium has a continuous band of windows daylighting the space. The interior finishes are painted block with wood paneling around the kitchen and office. The ceiling has the same wood paneling with exposed wood trusses and hanging lights. The floor is painted concrete and a central carpet reduces noise. A large colorful mural painted by kids flanks one wall of the multi-purpose space. The finishes are in good condition. The exterior materials are brick, block, and panel system on the entrance side. There is some staining on the brick and block from rainwater cascading down the stepped detailing.

PARK AMENITIES

- Meeting Rooms
- Control Desk
- Office
- Kitchen
- Lobby
- Multi-Purpose Room
- Basketball Courts

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● ✓ EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
75

SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY CENTER



SITE LOCATION: 4201 E. 63rd St. Trfy.
CLASSIFICATION: Community Center
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 5
PARK DISTRICT: South
YEAR ACQUIRED: 2008
TOTAL AREA (SF): 46,755 sf

PARK AMENITIES

- Art/Sculpture
- Lounge/Reception
- Meeting Rooms
- Family Restroom
- Control Desk
- Office
- Kitchen
- Lobby
- Multi-Purpose Room
- Showers/Locker
- Basketball Courts
- Volleyball Courts
- Cardio Fitness
- Weight Fitness
- Dance/Aerobics
- Aquatics

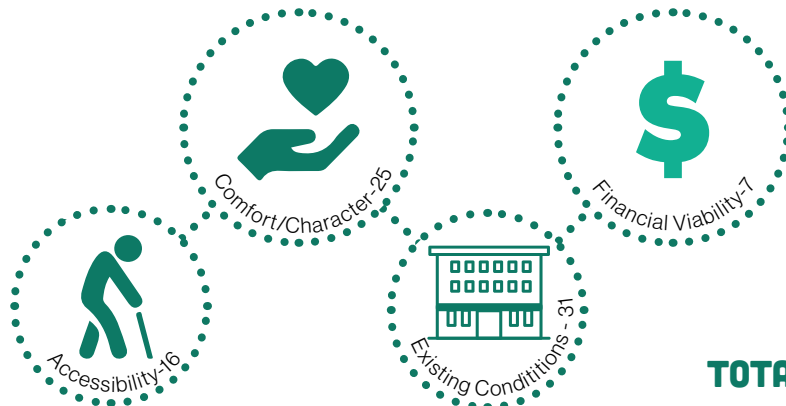
STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

The Southeast Community Center is the newest of the centers. The lobby is open and inviting with views to most of the amenities. There is an abundance of natural lighting. The interior finishes are in good condition. A car drove into the facility a year ago and caused serious damage, but no one was hurt. A series of bollards were placed in front of the facility for protection. The front offices were repaired and the tire marks removed from the concrete flooring. The indoor pool has had issues since it opened due to the soil. The interior is under construction where the current pool and two smaller pools will be completely removed and reconstructed into a single larger pool. The roof leaks over this area. The precast concrete panels are stained from exposed rebar. Roof overflows are also staining the walls. The Christmas lights were still on the facility. There are some exterior amenities such as basketball and tennis courts. The front of the facility has a garden maintained by another organization. The parking lot islands and some landscape areas around the center need more landscape maintenance attention.

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE ● POOR ● GOOD ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
79

TONY AGUIRRE COMMUNITY CENTER



SITE LOCATION: 2050 W. Penneway St.
CLASSIFICATION: Community Center
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4
PARK DISTRICT: Central
YEAR ACQUIRED: 2000
TOTAL AREA (SF): 24,326 sf

PARK AMENITIES

- Meeting Rooms
- Family Restroom
- Control Desk
- Kitchen
- Lobby
- Showers/Locker
- Basketball Courts
- Volleyball Courts
- Pickleball Courts
- Cardio Fitness
- Weight Fitness
- Aquatics

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

The Tony Aguirre Community Center has a tall 2-story entry with a stair leading to the second floor. Due to the hilly terrain, the facility is multi-level, but accessible by an elevator. The gymnasium is accessed on the 2nd floor along with a divided meeting room and an exit. The main floor has an aquatic center, weights, fitness equipment, locker rooms, family toilet, central desk, and main entrance. The lobby area has an abundance of daylight. The interior materials are decorative block and painted frames in good condition. The pool has some issues with ground water migrating onto the pool deck putting mud into the swimming pool. They struggle to maintain lifeguards leading to the facility being underutilized. There are some leaks in the roof over the pool. The gymnasium has the exterior windows covered and moisture coming through some of the walls. The exterior is in fair condition with some grating issues pouring mud onto the sidewalks. This facility does have plug-ins for electrical vehicles. The facility has an issue with the homeless spending time outside the facility accessing the Wi-Fi.

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✔ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
66

WESTPORT-ROANOKE COMMUNITY CENTER



SITE LOCATION: 3601 Roanoke Rd.
CLASSIFICATION: Community Center
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4
PARK DISTRICT: Central
YEAR ACQUIRED: 1962
TOTAL AREA (SF): 9,347 sf

PARK AMENITIES

- Art/Sculpture
- Meeting Rooms
- Control Desk
- Office
- Kitchen
- Lobby
- Basketball Courts
- Volleyball Courts
- Pickleball Courts
- Dance/Aerobics
- Other Fitness

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

The Westport-Roanoke Community Center is located in a hilly terrain surrounded by neighborhoods. There is some interesting history in the area from the Battle of Westport in the 1800's. The facility is one of the smaller centers whose amenities include a gymnasium with stage, meeting rooms, art room and a dance studio. The entry is inviting with natural lighting and an open lobby. The rooms have a lot of natural lighting. The spaces have been updated and the finishes are in good condition. The pilot light on the gas stove in the kitchen has to remain on and there is a smell of gas when entering the kitchen. The exterior is brick and block in good condition. The roof leaks and, due to the many trees that surround the facility, and not enough staff capacity to clear them often enough, the leaves pile up on the roof clogging the drains. The staff wants to control the Wi-Fi after the facility closes because the homeless remain outside the building to use it. They sometimes break the fence around the mechanical systems to spend the night. They also have an issue with the illegal dumping of trash and debris at their dumpsters.

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE ● POOR ● GOOD ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
71

DISTRICT OFFICE ASSESSMENTS



Between March, and May of 2023, the consultant team visited and assessed all 4 of the district maintenance and operations facilities that the department utilizes to serve the entire city. Those visits included taking photos of each property, creating an inventory of amenities, and evaluating each facility based on the questionnaire detailed in the following pages.

The assessment was based on four criteria: accessibility, character, operations, and conditions. Those criteria were further broken down into 20 measurements of success, each worth 5 points. The assessment produced a total score between 20 and 100 points and a rating of either poor (0-24 points), fair 25-49 points), good (50-74 points), or excellent (75-100 points).

QUESTIONNAIRE

SERVICE ACCESS

1 being a facility not geographically located within the area it serves, versus 5 being a facility that is centrally located and convenient to the parks it serves.

MULTI-MODAL CAPACITY

1 being a poorly connected facility that relies solely on automobile access for employees, versus 5 being a facility that facilitates multiple modes of transportation through the provision of bike racks or sidewalks that lead to transit stops, as well as interconnected access routes to the facility.

VISIBILITY OF ENTRANCES AND USE AREAS

1 being a facility that is not visible and not recognized versus 5 being a facility that is highly

visible and immediately recognized as a KC Parks and Recreation operations facility.

APPARENT ADA COMPLIANCE

1 being a facility that appears to offer no accessible routes from public way to the facility, versus 5 being a facility that appears to offer ADA-compliant access to the facility.

OVERALL ATTRACTIVENESS

1 being a facility which is perceived to be uninviting and underutilized, versus 5 being a facility which is perceived to be inviting, safe, and impeccably well-maintained.

FEELING OF SAFETY

1 being a facility which induces the feel of danger due to poor visibility, limited access, tall and opaque fences, and unmaintained spaces, versus 5 being a facility that evokes feelings of safety through visible and well-positioned entry points, lighting and well-maintained spaces.

HISTORICAL OR CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

1 being a facility that meets none of the contributing factors for historical significance versus 5 being a facility that meets all contributing factors based on the National Register Standards such as related historical events, persons or type/period/ construction method and is greater than 50 years old.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

1 being a facility that does not exhibit factors of unique design quality versus 5 being a facility that exhibits distinctive and recognized architectural excellence that is visually engaging, contextually

responsive and elevates program function elegantly.

STAFF SUPPORTS SPACE ORGANIZATION

1 being a facility that contains little to no needed support staff areas such as office, meeting, break or locker/shower areas, versus 5 a facility that provides sufficient staff support space.

MAINTENANCE FACILITY SPACE ORGANIZATION

1 being a facility that provides little to no needed interior vehicle/equipment storage and shop space versus, 5 being a facility that provides needed interior maintenance space for efficient operations..

YARD SPACE ORGANIZATION

1 being a facility that provides little to no needed exterior material and vehicle storage, versus 5 being a facility that provides needed exterior yard storage for efficient operations.

OTHER MAINTENANCE SUPPORT AMENITIES

1 being a facility that provides little to no needed support amenities such as fueling and wash, versus 5 being a facility that provides needed maintenance support amenities.

LANDSCAPE AND SITE

1 being a facility with unhealthy and poorly maintained landscaping, walks, paving, and a heavy demand for traditional mowing and maintenance, versus 5 being a facility marked by well-maintained landscaping, walks and paving with minimal requirements through efficient and sustainable management practices.

EXTERIOR ENVELOPE

1 being a facility with unsightly, worn, soiled and poorly maintained exterior walls, versus 5 being a facility with attractive, well maintained exterior wall surfaces.

DOORS AND WINDOWS

1 being a facility with failing and leaking windows and doors, versus 5 being a facility with sound, thermally improved windows and doors.

INTERIOR FINISHES

1 being a facility with worn, damaged, soiled, broken or peeling floor, wall and ceiling finishes versus 5 being a facility with attractive and well-maintained interior finishes.

MECHANICAL, ELECTRICAL, AND PLUMBING SYSTEMS

1 being a facility with severely deficient and failing HVAC and plumbing system issues, versus 5 being a facility with efficient well-maintained HVAC and plumbing systems.

LIGHTING

1 being a facility with outdated and poorly functioning lighting, or levels inappropriate for the intended program use, versus 5 being a facility which features an appropriate amount of well-functioning and sustainable LED lighting emitting apparent illuminations levels for their intended purposes.

APPARENT CODE COMPLIANCE

1 being a facility with obvious exiting, ADA compliance, or other noted code related deficiencies, versus 5 being a facility with no obvious code compliance items.

TECHNOLOGY

1 being a facility with non-functional or lack of needed audio/visual, electronic security and WiFi, versus 5 being a facility with sufficient, effective and up-to-date technology amenities.

DISTRICT OFFICE FACILITY SCORES

PARK NAME	ACCESSIBILITY (MAX. 20)				CHARACTER (MAX. 20)				OPERATIONS (MAX. 20)				CONDITIONS (MAX. 40)				COMPOSITE SCORE (MAX. 100)								
	Service Access (Max. 5)	Multi-Modal Capacity (Max. 5)	Visibility (Max. 5)	Apparent ADA Compliance (Max. 5)	Overall Attractiveness (Max. 5)	Feeling of Safety (Max. 5)	Historical or Cultural Significance (Max. 5)	Architectural Significance (Max. 5)	Staff Support Space Organization (Max. 5)	Maintenance Facility Space Organization (Max. 5)	Yard Space Organization (Max. 5)	Other Maintenance Support Amenities (Max. 5)	Landscaping and Site (Max. 5)	Exterior Envelope (Max. 5)	Doors and Windows (Max. 5)	Interior Finishes (Max. 5)		M/E/P Systems (Max. 5)	Lighting (Max. 5)	Apparent Code Compliance (Max. 5)	Technology (Max. 5)				
North District	11	3	4	2	2	13	3	4	3	3	14	4	4	4	2	27	2	4	4	4	4	4	2	3	65
Central District	12	4	3	3	2	11	4	2	5	4	14	4	3	3	4	20	2	2	3	3	3	2	2	3	57
South District	14	4	2	3	5	14	5	4	3	5	16	4	3	4	5	32	4	4	5	4	5	3	4	4	76
Quality of Life Investment District (QLID)	11	3	2	2	4	13	4	4	3	4	9	4	2	2	1	28	2	4	4	3	2	4	4	5	61
AVERAGES	12.0					12.8					13.2					26.8									64.8

NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE



SITE LOCATION: 3515 N.E. 33rd Terr. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: District Office
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4
PARK DISTRICT: North
YEAR ACQUIRED: 2020
TOTAL AREA (SF): 80,019 sf

The North District Office is a large facility where most of the vehicles are housed inside the building. The facility has meeting rooms, offices, breakroom, men only locker rooms, storage and various maintenance shops. The office spaces appear to be recently updated and in good condition. The vehicle storage and maintenance areas are in good condition except for the roof leaking throughout. The lighting is old LED technology and the employees only turn on a percentage of the lights due to glare. There is an exterior yard for materials and equipment. The exterior building materials are in good condition. The building is multi-story but lacks an elevator. The facility does not have exterior signage making it hard to find.

PARK AMENITIES

- Lounge/Reception
- Meeting Rooms
- Office
- Lobby
- Multi-Purpose Room
- Showers/Locker
- Break Room
- Vehicle Bays
- Shops
- Equipment Storage
- Exterior Material Storage
- Exterior Vehicle Storage

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
65

CENTRAL DISTRICT OFFICE



SITE LOCATION: 1520 W. 9th St.

CLASSIFICATION: District Office

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4

PARK DISTRICT: Central

YEAR ACQUIRED: 2000

TOTAL AREA (SF): 26,384 sf

PARK AMENITIES

- Meeting Rooms
- Lobby
- Multi-Purpose Room
- Showers/Locker
- Break Room
- Vehicle Bays
- Shops
- Exterior Material Storage
- Wash
- Exterior Vehicle Storage
- Other Office

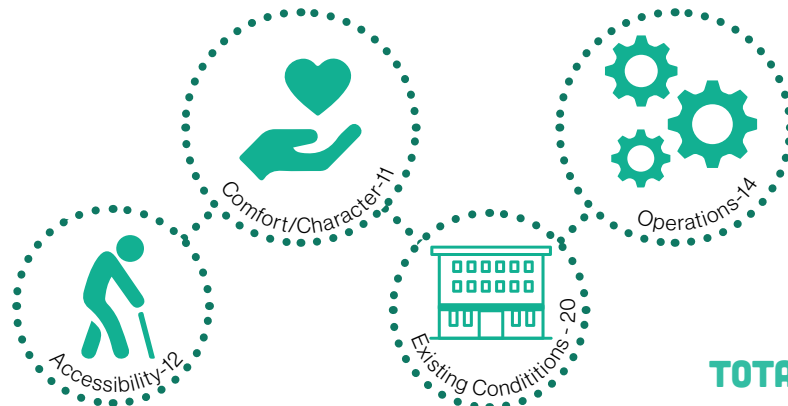
STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

The Central District Office is located in the West Bottoms at W. 9th Street and Wyoming St. The building has been renovated and modified several times. The north wing is an elevated warehouse with a dock on the west and east sides. The interior structure has arched steel trusses and the space is used to house equipment and materials. The east dock has drainage issues with ponding water at the base of the dock. The south wing houses offices, garages, shops and a wash bay. The garages also hold water during a rain event. The locker rooms were renovated recently. There is a large yard to store vehicles and materials.

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
57

SOUTH DISTRICT OFFICE



SITE LOCATION: 6901 Elmwood Ave.

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

CLASSIFICATION: District Office

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 5

PARK DISTRICT: South

YEAR ACQUIRED: 2005

TOTAL AREA (SF): 18,088 sf DO;

6,833 sf Storage; 25,423 sf Green Houses

The South District Office was once housed in a historic 2-story stone structure used originally for stables and an older greenhouse, until a fire destroyed the facility in the past decade. A new metal building was built in its place with remnants of the old stone walls still adjacent to the building. The new facility has a lobby, offices, breakroom, men's and women's locker rooms and various shops. The upper floor is accessible by a lift and stairs, and the entire floor is used for storage. Larger objects are set on the second floor by a crane through an opening in the bay below. The facility is fairly new and in good condition. There are a few water spots on the ceiling tiles. There is a large yard to park the vehicles, equipment and materials, but could use some additional storage. There are two buildings on site used for a shop and storage. Also on this site is a large grouping of greenhouses that are not utilized and are in deteriorating condition.

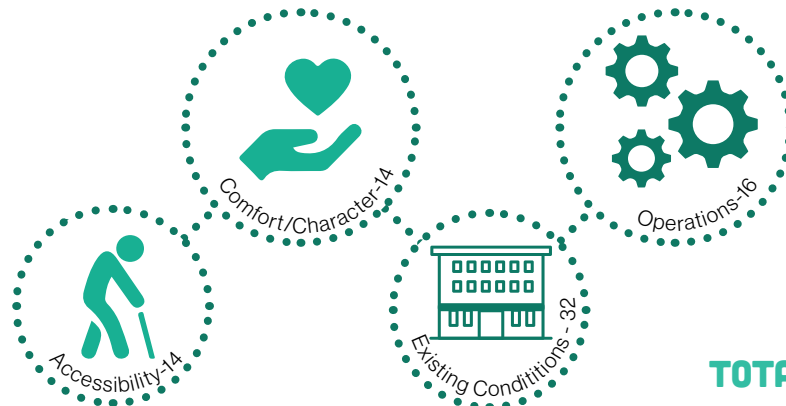
PARK AMENITIES

- Office
- Lobby
- Showers/Locker
- Break Room
- Shops
- Exterior Material Storage
- Fueling
- Wash
- Exterior Vehicle Storage

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
76

QLID OFFICE (CURRENTLY HOUSED AT TERRY DOPSON)



SITE LOCATION: 4601 E. 63rd St. Trfwy.

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

CLASSIFICATION: District Office
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 5
PARK DISTRICT: South
YEAR ACQUIRED: 2021
TOTAL AREA (SF): 5,244 sf
 + off-site storage

The Quality of Life Investment District (QLID) District Office was created in 2021 to assist with inequality in the parks system. Its focus is on six zip codes in Kansas City which includes 38 parks out of the total 221 parks in the park and recreation system. The district's attention is on maintenance, upkeep, and improvements of parks in these zip codes. The improvements include picnic tables, BBQ grills, swings, tennis nets, basketball court repair, and new playground equipment. The staff do not spend much time in the office and are out in the field during the day. The district office is housed on the lower floor of the parks and recreation Terry Dopson Administration Building. The offices include a meeting room that also serves as a breakroom, two offices, an open area for staging and meetings with a large monitor, and several small rooms used for storage. The space has its own exterior entrance at the bottom of an exterior staircase. This facility is not ideal for equipment storage. The park maintenance equipment and materials are stored offsite.

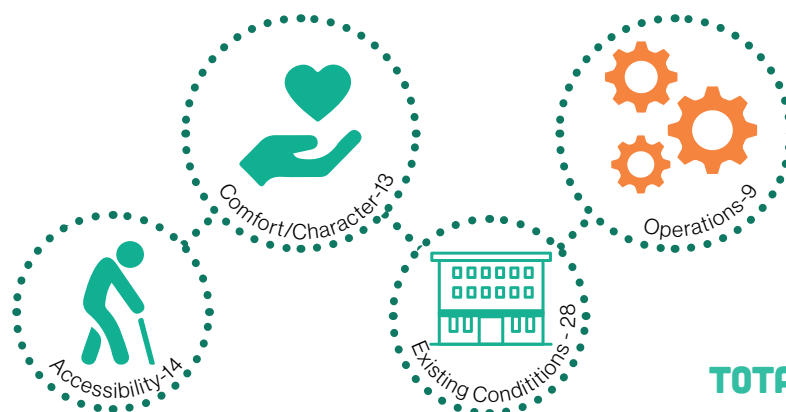
PARK AMENITIES

- Meeting Room
- Offices
- Multi-purpose Space
- Break Rooms

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✔ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
61



OTHER FACILITY ASSESSMENTS

Between March, and May of 2023, the consultant team visited and assessed 7 other various facilities that the department owns and maintains across the system. In some cases these buildings are leased and maintained by the tenant. In other cases, they are vacant and awaiting a new use. Those visits included taking photos of each property, creating an inventory of amenities, and evaluating each facility based on the questionnaire detailed in the following pages.

The assessment was based on four criteria: accessibility, character, operations, and conditions. Those criteria were further broken down into 20 measurements of success, each worth 5 points. The assessment produced a total score between 20 and 100 points and a rating of either poor (0-24 points), fair (25-49 points), good (50-74 points), or excellent (75-100 points).

QUESTIONNAIRE

EASE IN WALKING TO THE FACILITY

1 being a facility with poor access to and from adjacent streets or neighborhoods due to lack of sidewalks, shade trees, or limited street crossings, versus 5 being ADA accessible on wide shaded sidewalks with pedestrian street crossings, an interconnected sidewalk system, and multiple street frontages.

MULTI-MODAL CAPACITY

1 being a poorly connected facility that relies solely on automobile access for employees, versus 5 being a facility that facilitates multiple modes of transportation through the provision of bike racks or sidewalks that lead to transit stops, as well as

interconnected access routes to the facility.

VISIBILITY OF ENTRANCES AND USE AREAS

1 being a facility that is not visible and not recognized versus 5 being a facility that is highly visible and immediately recognized as a KC Parks and Recreation operations facility.

APPARENT ADA COMPLIANCE

1 being a facility that appears to offer no accessible routes from public way to the facility, versus 5 being a facility that appears to offer ADA-compliant access to the facility.

OVERALL ATTRACTIVENESS

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HISTORICAL OR CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

1 being a facility that meets none of the contributing factors for historical significance versus 5 being a facility that meets all contributing factors based on the National Register Standards such as related historical events, persons or type/period/construction method and is greater than 50 years old.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

1 being a facility that does not exhibit factors of unique design quality versus 5 being a facility that exhibits distinctive and recognized architectural excellence that is visually engaging, contextually responsive and elevates program function elegantly.

STAFF SUPPORTS SPACE ORGANIZATION

1 being a facility that contains little to no needed support staff areas such as office, meeting, break or locker/shower areas, versus 5 a facility that provides sufficient staff support space.

OFFICE AREAS

1 being a facility that provides needed variety of office work style space from focused work to collaborative work versus, 5 being a facility that provides office spaces geared to a variety of work styles.

PUBLIC SERVICE

1 being a facility that provides little to no areas for public interface and use versus, 5 being a facility that provides all needed public use and interface areas.

MISSION SUPPORT

1 being a facility that lacks in providing support to the facility's mission, versus 5 being a facility that provides needed organization and support for the facility's purpose and mission.

LANDSCAPE AND SITE

1 being a facility with unhealthy and poorly maintained landscaping, walks, paving, and a heavy demand for traditional mowing and maintenance, versus 5 being a facility marked by well-maintained landscaping, walks and paving with minimal requirements through efficient and sustainable management practices.

EXTERIOR ENVELOPE

1 being a facility with unsightly, worn, soiled and poorly maintained exterior walls, versus 5 being a facility with attractive, well maintained exterior wall surfaces.

DOORS AND WINDOWS

1 being a facility with failing and leaking windows

and doors, versus 5 being a facility with sound, thermally improved windows and doors.

INTERIOR FINISHES

1 being a facility with worn, damaged, soiled, broken or peeling floor, wall and ceiling finishes versus 5 being a facility with attractive and well-maintained interior finishes.

MECHANICAL, ELECTRICAL, AND PLUMBING SYSTEMS

1 being a facility with severely deficient and failing HVAC and plumbing system issues, versus 5 being a facility with efficient well-maintained HVAC and plumbing systems.

LIGHTING

1 being a facility with outdated and poorly functioning lighting, or levels inappropriate for the intended program use, versus 5 being a facility which features an appropriate amount of well-functioning and sustainable LED lighting emitting apparent illuminations levels for their intended purposes.

APPARENT CODE COMPLIANCE

1 being a facility with obvious exiting, ADA compliance, or other noted code related deficiencies, versus 5 being a facility with no obvious code compliance items.

TECHNOLOGY

1 being a facility with non-functional or lack of needed audio/visual, electronic security and WiFi, versus 5 being a facility with sufficient, effective and up-to-date technology amenities.

OTHER FACILITY SCORES

PARK NAME	ACCESSIBILITY (MAX. 20)				CHARACTER (MAX. 20)				OPERATIONS (MAX. 20)				CONDITIONS (MAX. 40)					COMPOSITE SCORE (MAX. 100)							
	Service Access (Max. 5)	Multi-Modal Capacity (Max. 5)	Visibility (Max. 5)	Apparent ADA Compliance (Max. 5)	Overall Attractiveness (Max. 5)	Feeling of Safety (Max. 5)	Historical or Cultural Significance (Max. 5)	Architectural Significance (Max. 5)	Staff Support Space Organization (Max. 5)	Office Areas (Max. 5)	Public Service (Max. 5)	Mission Support (Max. 5)	Landscaping and Site (Max. 5)	Exterior Envelope (Max. 5)	Doors and Windows (Max. 5)	Interior Finishes (Max. 5)	M/E/P Systems (Max. 5)		Lighting (Max. 5)	Apparent Code Compliance (Max. 5)	Technology (Max. 5)				
Blue Valley Recreation Center	12	3	3	3	12	3	4	3	2	16	3	4	4	5	30	4	4	4	3	3	4	3	5	70	
Camp Lake of the Woods	9	2	2	3	2	13	3	2	4	2	14	3	3	4	4	18	2	3	2	3	2	2	2	54	
Former Lakeside Nature Center	10	2	2	4	2	13	1	3	5	4	6	1	1	3	1	10	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	39
Former Southeast Community Center	10	2	3	2	2	9	2	2	3	2	16	4	4	4	4	24	2	3	2	2	4	3	3	5	59
Former Swope Interpretive Center	16	4	3	5	4	17	3	4	5	5	15	5	5	3	2	25	3	4	3	4	3	2	3	3	73
Jacob L. Loose Park Garden Center	15	4	3	5	3	18	4	4	5	5	14	4	3	4	3	24	4	3	2	3	3	3	2	4	71
Terry R. Dopson Parks and Recreation Administration Building	14	3	3	4	4	13	3	3	3	4	17	5	5	3	4	29	2	4	4	4	2	4	4	5	73
AVERAGES	12.3				13.6					14.0					22.8									62.7	

BLUE VALLEY RECREATION CENTER



SITE LOCATION: 1801 White Ave. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Other
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3
PARK DISTRICT: QLID
YEAR ACQUIRED: 1960
TOTAL AREA (SF): 26,832 sf

The old Blue Valley Recreation Center has been leased by the Police Athletic League since 2000. It serves the neighborhood where kids and families can enjoy playing basketball and volleyball on a large indoor court. There are also fitness machines and a boxing ring. The facility has meeting rooms, offices, and a lounge with a full kitchen where a hot meal is served every night. The league fundraises to upkeep the facility when there is an issue. Recently they replaced the roof and received donations to install an outdoor ball field. The interior is in fair condition. The bathrooms and a few other areas need to be updated to meet accessibility codes. There is no elevator. Many of the exterior windows are covered. Uncovering them would add some much-needed natural daylight into the space. The exterior brick envelope is generally in good condition except for minor movement cracks at a few corners.

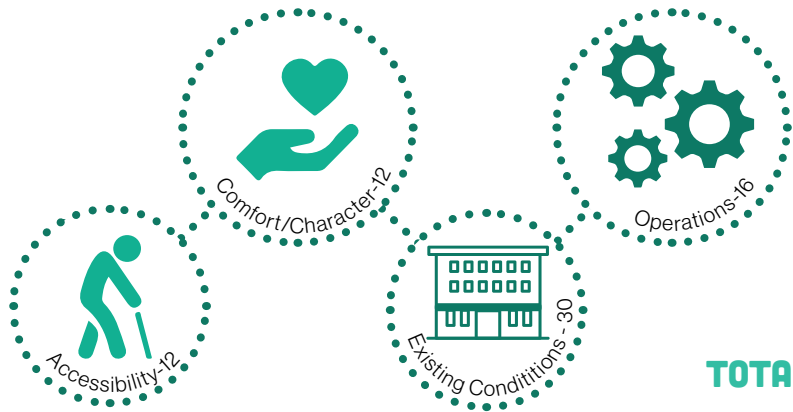
PARK AMENITIES

- Meeting Rooms
- Offices
- Kitchen
- Multi-Purpose Room
- Showers/Locker
- Basketball Courts
- Volleyball Courts
- Pickleball Courts
- Weight Fitness
- Other Fitness
- Boxing
- Lounge
- Classroom
- Lobby
- Storage

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✔ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
70

CAMP LAKE OF THE WOODS



SITE LOCATION: 5601-6599 Oakwood Rd. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Other
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 5
PARK DISTRICT: South
YEAR ACQUIRED: 1942
TOTAL AREA (SF): 31,610 sf

Camp Lake of the Woods is a grouping of building from the time when summer camps were held in Swope Park. The grouping includes the Hope Lodge, Lake Lodge, Hogan, rented office building, and a caretaker's residence. Also included in the area is the stable previously used by the mounted police, now rented to Go Ape, and an adjacent stone cabin currently used for storage. Abandoned wood cabins from summer camps are scattered throughout the area. Some of the facilities are rented to organizations while others are rented to the public. The Lake Lodge and Hogan are rented for gatherings. The Hope Lodge, similar to the Lake Lodge has two stone fireplaces flanking each end. This building is not in use and needs updating in the kitchen, toilets and building systems. One of the smaller facilities is rented by KC Wildlands and utilizes the adjacent storage building. The caretaker opens and closes the gates to the area. These facilities are on septic sewers. The facilities are in poor to fair condition with a few in good condition.

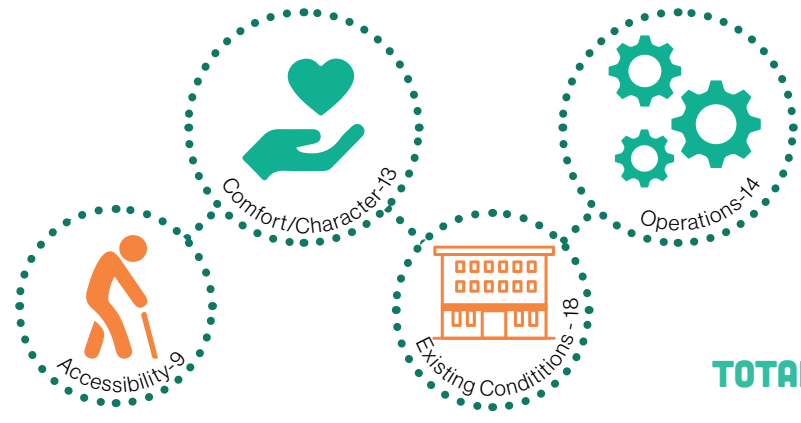
PARK AMENITIES

- Meeting Rooms
- Multi-purpose Space
- Kitchens
- Storage
- Outdoor Picnic Spaces

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ● ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
54

FORMER LAKESIDE NATURE CENTER



SITE LOCATION: E. Gregory Blvd. / Oldham Rd. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Other
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 5
PARK DISTRICT: South
YEAR ACQUIRED: 1941
TOTAL AREA (SF): 2,382 sf

The Former Lakeside Nature Center is not occupied due to the deterioration of the building, mainly from a hole in the roof caused from a fire. The interior is exposed to the elements through the central roof hole. The interior finishes are eroding with some plant growth due to the moist environment. There is a basement, but due to interior conditions, it was not assessed. The toilet rooms are missing exterior walls and are boarded with plywood. The backroom has a fireplace. The electrical panel has been gutted with exposed wiring. The mechanical units are in the basement with ducts leading to floor vents and perimeter baseboard vents. Electrical and plumbing systems are not in working condition. The exterior windows are still intact with the windows sliding open by unique grooves routed into the wood sill. The exterior wall materials are wood shingles and a covered veranda on three sides with stone arches and wood columns. The stone is in good condition. The wood columns are in good condition. There is a cut stone detail at the entrance with a stone sign noting "Swope Park". The back was not assessable due to overgrowth. The parking lot asphalt is heavily deteriorated and blocked-off to prevent dumping.

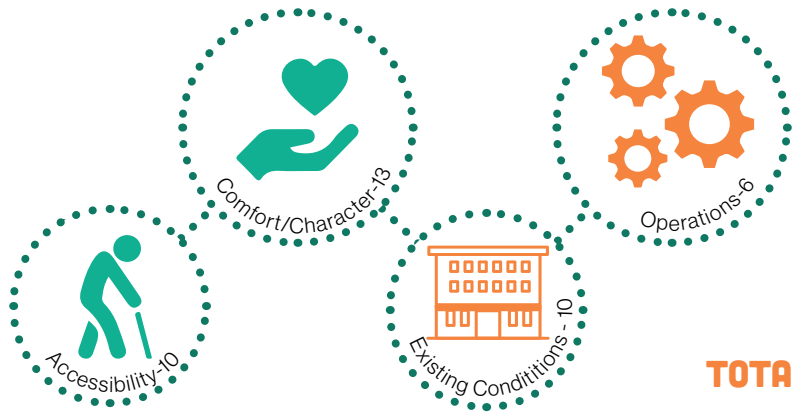
PARK AMENITIES

- Lobby
- Meeting Room
- Multi-purpose Space
- Storage

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ✓ POOR
 ● GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
39

FORMER SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY CENTER



SITE LOCATION: 3601 E. 63rd St. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Other
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 5
PARK DISTRICT: South
YEAR ACQUIRED: 1954
TOTAL AREA (SF): 9,341 sf

PARK AMENITIES

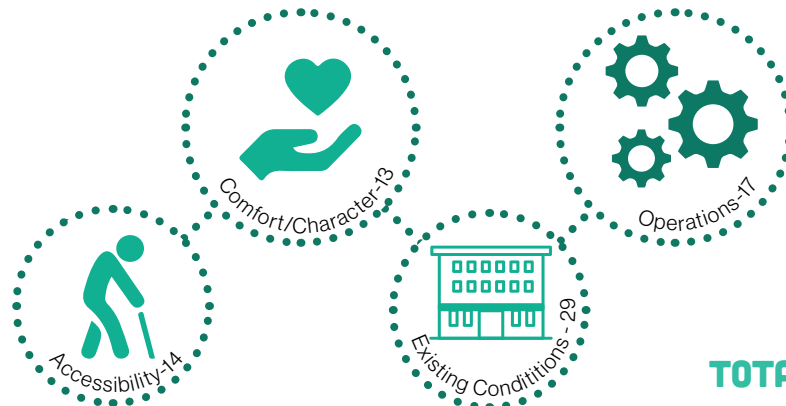
- Lobby
- Meeting Room
- Multi-purpose Space
- Kitchen
- Offices
- Gymnasium with Stage

The Former Southeast Community Center is currently rented to the Church of Faith. The spaces in the facility include a gymnasium with a stage at one end used for worship services, a multi-purpose meeting room, and a full kitchen with a rolling window for serving. There are offices, men’s and women’s restrooms, and two small meeting rooms used as a nursery and pantry. The interior spaces flank a central corridor. The finishes are in fair condition and the doors do not have code compliant hardware. The MEP systems work well. The windows, which are no longer operational, have single-pane glazing. The facility was built around mid-century with wide glazed openings between stone and brick planes. The exterior masonry is in good shape and there are perforated steel security panels over most of the windows and doors. The roof leaks rendering some of the spaces unusable. The facility can still be rented out to the public.

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✔ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
59

FORMER SWOPE INTERPRETIVE CENTER



SITE LOCATION: 6601 E. Swope Pkwy.

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

The Former Interpretive Center was renovated in the 1990's to accommodate the Starlight ticket window and the Battle of Westport Museum on the main level. The upper level housed the Park and Recreation Planning offices. The building is currently unoccupied. The interior has a small footprint, chopped up into small rooms with the ticket booth in the center, restrooms, 2nd floor access, and additional small meeting rooms on the east side. The end rooms once had fireplaces. This floor could be opened up into larger rooms for events. A kitchen could be added. The stairwell has original wood features and continues from the basement to the 2nd floor. The 2nd floor is laid out with meeting rooms and offices in good condition. Some of the work areas have low ceilings that are too low per code. Access to the towers is on this level with finishes in good condition. The tower top floors are closed off due to deterioration noted on the ceilings below. The basement has rock foundations with no sign of moisture and the 1st floor was removed and replaced during a renovation with a new concrete and metal panel floor over steel beam joists. The MEP system appear to be in good condition. The exterior masonry is in good condition. Some of the wood detailing is deteriorating. There is a wide covered veranda on all sides connecting to north and south trellised patios.

CLASSIFICATION: Other
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 5
PARK DISTRICT: South
YEAR ACQUIRED: 1905
TOTAL AREA (SF): 14,319 sf

PARK AMENITIES

- Meeting Rooms
- Office
- Lobby
- Work/Labs
- Open Offices
- Ticket Booth
- Storage

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

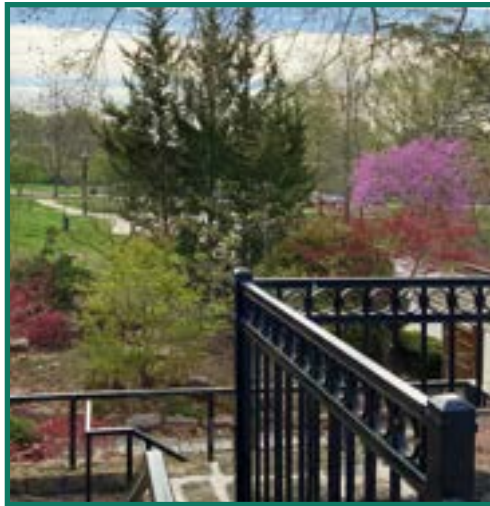
RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
73

JACOB L. LOOSE PARK GARDEN CENTER



SITE LOCATION: 1801 White Ave.

CLASSIFICATION: Other

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4

PARK DISTRICT: South

YEAR ACQUIRED: 1958

TOTAL AREA (SF): 6,496 sf

PARK AMENITIES

- Meeting Rooms
- Offices
- Kitchen
- Multi-Purpose Room
- Showers/Locker
- Basketball Courts
- Volleyball Courts
- Pickleball Courts
- Weight Fitness
- Other Fitness
- Boxing
- Lounge
- Classroom
- Lobby
- Storage

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES

The Loose Park Garden Center is a unique mid-century modern facility with rental areas. It houses the Rose Society and boasts a Japanese Tea Room on the lower level with its own entry through a Japanese garden. The "U" shaped facility centers around an elevated courtyard where the walls on each side have large, oversized sliding doors. The floor to ceiling glazing daylight the interior spaces. The upper-level entrance is centered on the front and opens into a large lobby with stairs to the lower level. The Rose Society has a meeting space on the east wing with a large library filling three of the walls. The west wing is a rental space and includes a kitchen with an exterior entrance. The director's office is on this level. The only restroom on this floor is in the office. The public restrooms are on the lower level. These are not accessible and there is not an elevator in the facility. The lower level has a breakroom which can be used as a kitchen for the large meeting room on this level. The exterior is stone and stucco. The stucco has some conditional issues. The windows and sliding doors are original and operational, but not thermally broken or insulated and the thresholds are not code compliant. The lower-level entrance on the west has drainage issues.

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
71

TERRY R. DOPSON PARKS AND RECREATION ADMINISTRATION BUILDING



SITE LOCATION: 4600 E. 63rd St. Trfwy. **STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, & OPPORTUNITIES**

CLASSIFICATION: Other
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 5
PARK DISTRICT: South
YEAR ACQUIRED: 1995
TOTAL AREA (SF): 51,381 sf

The Terry Dopson Administration Building houses several departments for the Kansas City Parks and Recreation. The building's main entrance and lobby face south toward 63rd Street Trafficway, however all the primary parking and public access is to the north or rear of the building. Access is through a secured door, into a stairwell and down a long corridor to the lobby. The various departments have a similar appearance with offices around the perimeter or wing and open office space in the center of each building wing. Each department has offices, open work spaces, meeting rooms, break rooms, and storage. Overall, the finishes are in fair to good condition. The HVAC system has many issues. It was all replaced a few years ago, but struggles with excessive maintenance and fluctuating heat and air conditioning. The exterior shell of the building is in relatively good condition. There are some condition issues at the lower level around window wells and there are a few broken windows.

PARK AMENITIES

- Lobby/Reception
- Meeting Rooms
- Offices
- Multi-Purpose Space
- Break Rooms
- Archives
- Storage

PARK ASSESSMENT RATING

RATING KEY: 0-24 ACCEPTABLE; 25-49 POOR; 50-74 GOOD; 75-100 EXCELLENT

● UNACCEPTABLE
 ● POOR
 ✓ GOOD
 ● EXCELLENT



TOTAL SCORE
73

STAFF SURVEY



During January and February of 2023, the consultant team administered a survey questionnaire to all 428 full-time and part-time employees of the Kansas City Parks and Recreation Department. Staff were given the opportunity to complete the questionnaire anonymously through both paper and digital versions. During this period, 183 staff, approximately 43% of the total, participated in the survey. While these results are not statistically valid and thus not reliably indicative of overall staff opinion and sentiment, they do provide valuable insight. The following pages provide the results of that survey as well as some narrative interpretation thereof.

Findings – Full Data Set

Respondents indicated that their top three things they liked the most about working for the Department are:

- Retirement/Benefits
- Working Environment
- Working Hours

Narrative: It is not uncommon for these three areas to be common motivators or areas of satisfaction for public parks and recreation departments.

In contrast the top three challenges respondents identified are:

- Not Enough Staff
- City Processes
- Budget Too Small

Narrative: Both city processes and budget are common challenges. Staffing is a newer phenomenon that many agencies are struggling to overcome with the previously mentioned top 3 likes. A big challenge for parks and recreation agencies is the lack of work from home, or work location, flexibility. Whether working maintenance, or administering programs, most parks and recreation positions require a physical presence. Some of that can be overcome with working hours flexibility, but it likely still requires a physical presence.

Respondents were asked to rate their level of satisfaction with their current position in the Department with a 0 being completely unsatisfied and a 10 being completely satisfied. The average response of respondents was a 6.8.

Narrative: The consulting team felt that this was a reasonable score given some of the concerns that were highlighted in the survey.

Approximately 80% of respondents indicated that they do interact with the public in their position. Those respondents indicated that frequent compliments they hear from the public include good job, clean and quick responses to guests, great staff, keeping parks clean, parks are beautiful, thank you, and park workers are appreciated. Those same respondents indicated the following common concerns or criticisms: trash, bathrooms, poor maintenance of parks or parkways, homeless population, funding, concerns about staff, timeliness of repairs, community centers need attention, reliability of services, length of time for projects.

Narrative: The percentage of respondents that interact with residents underscores the previous comment about requiring a physical presence to complete many tasks. The challenge with what was reported back to the consulting team is that it can have a significant amount of recency bias. Many departments and communities of this size often conduct resident satisfaction surveys. The

data collected with that type of statistically representative instrument would provide better data in this area.

Respondents were asked what the Department does well in the following areas, along with top responses:

- Places: Parks
- Programs: Fitness
- Events: Seasonal/Holiday

Narrative: An important follow-up question to this would be, "Why do you think the Department does these things well?" From respondents staffing and lack of budgetary resources are concerns, so understanding why they believe they still do these things well would be critical.

In contrast they were asked what they should do less of:

- Places: Skate Parks & Dog Parks
- Programs: E-Sports
- Events: Plein Air Art

Narrative: Skate parks are a common dislike amongst staff because of the "other" uses/users it draws when not being used as a skate park. Many departments have engaged the users of skate parks to get them more involved and take ownership of the spaces, which has had a positive result. And while dog parks are a favorite amenity of residents, they are typically disliked by staff because of the maintenance they require. Some departments have moved to an annual fee to use dog parks to help try and recover some of the costs associated with offering the amenity, while others have engaged "friends of" groups to help offset some of the maintenance time. While many view E-Sports as contradictory to parks and recreation, most departments are exploring either offering the program or creating the space.

Approximately 62% of respondents indicated that they felt the Department DOES NOT receive an appropriate level of support from City leadership and residents.

Narrative: This is another area where follow-up may be required to understand what respondents thought "support" meant. In many cases that correlates to financial support, but it can mean different things, that may be easier to rectify.

Respondents were asked to identify their favorite park, the top two were Swope Park and Loose Park. When respondents were asked why the park they chose was their favorite a wide variety of responses were provided.

When asked about community centers, the location and staff were identified as their favorite things, while maintenance & upkeep were identified as their least favorite things. Respondents were asked what changes they would recommend for the community centers, to which a wide variety of responses were received. A common response was the need for more staff.

Narrative: The Department is in a challenging position regarding their community centers in part because they are surrounded by so many in other municipalities and because of funding.

When respondents were asked what the Department should focus on the most, they indicated neighborhood parks.

Narrative: In most departments the size of Kansas City there can be a tendency to focus on the large (acreage) parks. For the staff to express their opinion that a focus should be made on neighborhood parks is interesting, as they can be time and labor intensive. This focus should be confirmed with residents, but also used to leverage additional financial support.

Youth Programs is the area that respondents felt the Department should focus on the most.

Narrative: This is not an uncommon response. The challenge is that it is a VERY broad area with a wide variety of programs that can fall into the category. It will be important for the Department to understand their core services and ensure that youth programs are included.

Respondents were asked to provide ideas of what the Department's mission should be. The following common responses were received:

- First Choice: clean, community, fun, health, inclusive, maintain, natural, public.
- Second Choice: community, fun, health, inclusive, parks, programs, safe, wellness.
- Third Choice: community, environment, fun, health, inclusion.

Respondents were given eight different initiatives and asked to indicate their level of support (very supportive, somewhat supportive, not supportive, not sure) for each. The two initiatives with the highest level of support were:

- Improving the maintenance/cleanliness, enhancing, upgrading, and renovating existing parks and outdoor recreation facilities to meet residents' needs and priorities.
- Improving the maintenance/cleanliness, enhancing, upgrading, and renovating existing indoor community centers to meet resident needs and priorities.

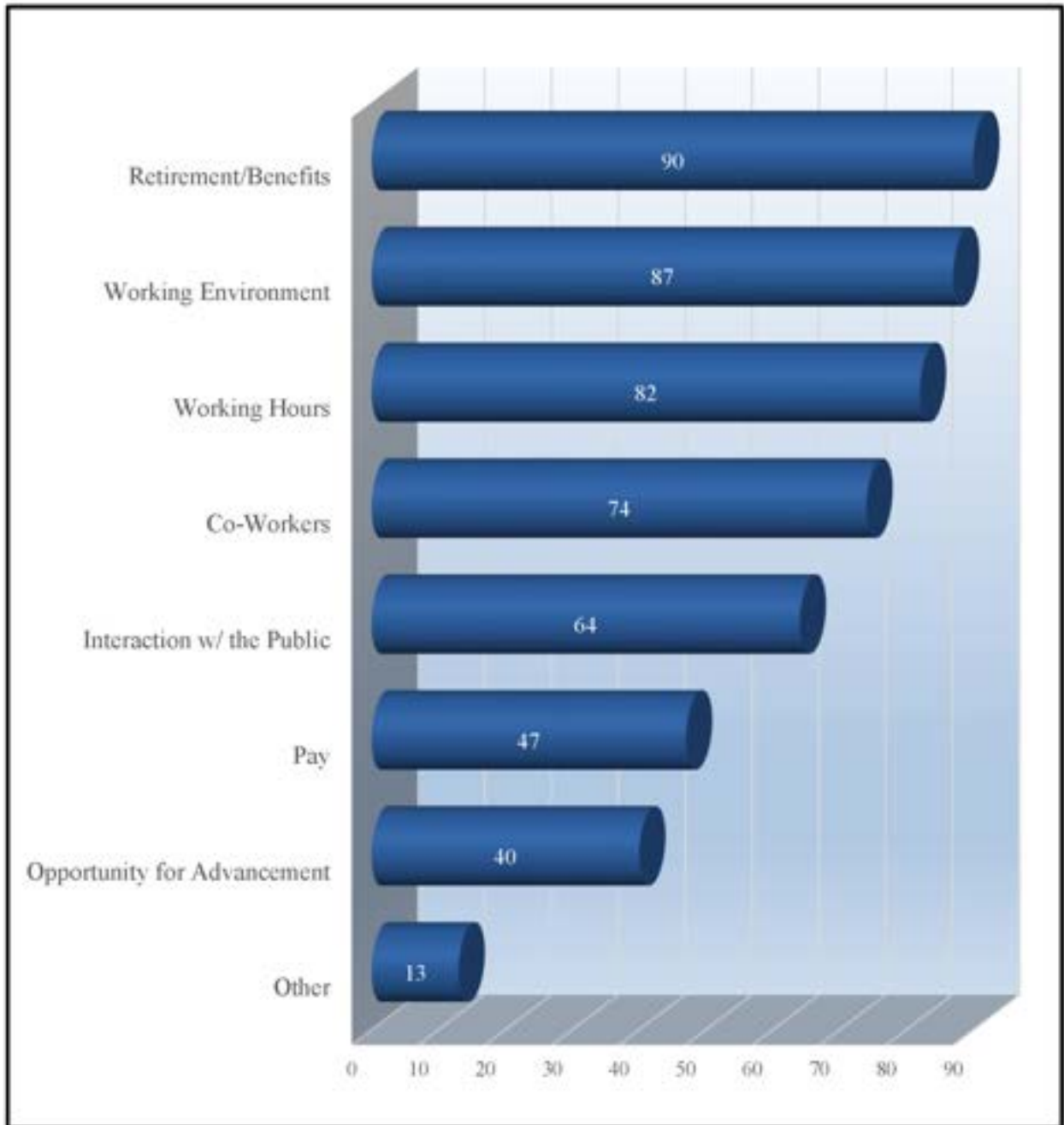
Narrative: Given the scale of the Department it is not surprising that the top two areas of support were in existing indoor and outdoor spaces and were not on acquisition of new. This also points to staff that are very aware of areas where they feel they may not be meeting expectations, or could improve on existing conditions.

Respondents were asked to identify the most important words in the Department's mission statement.

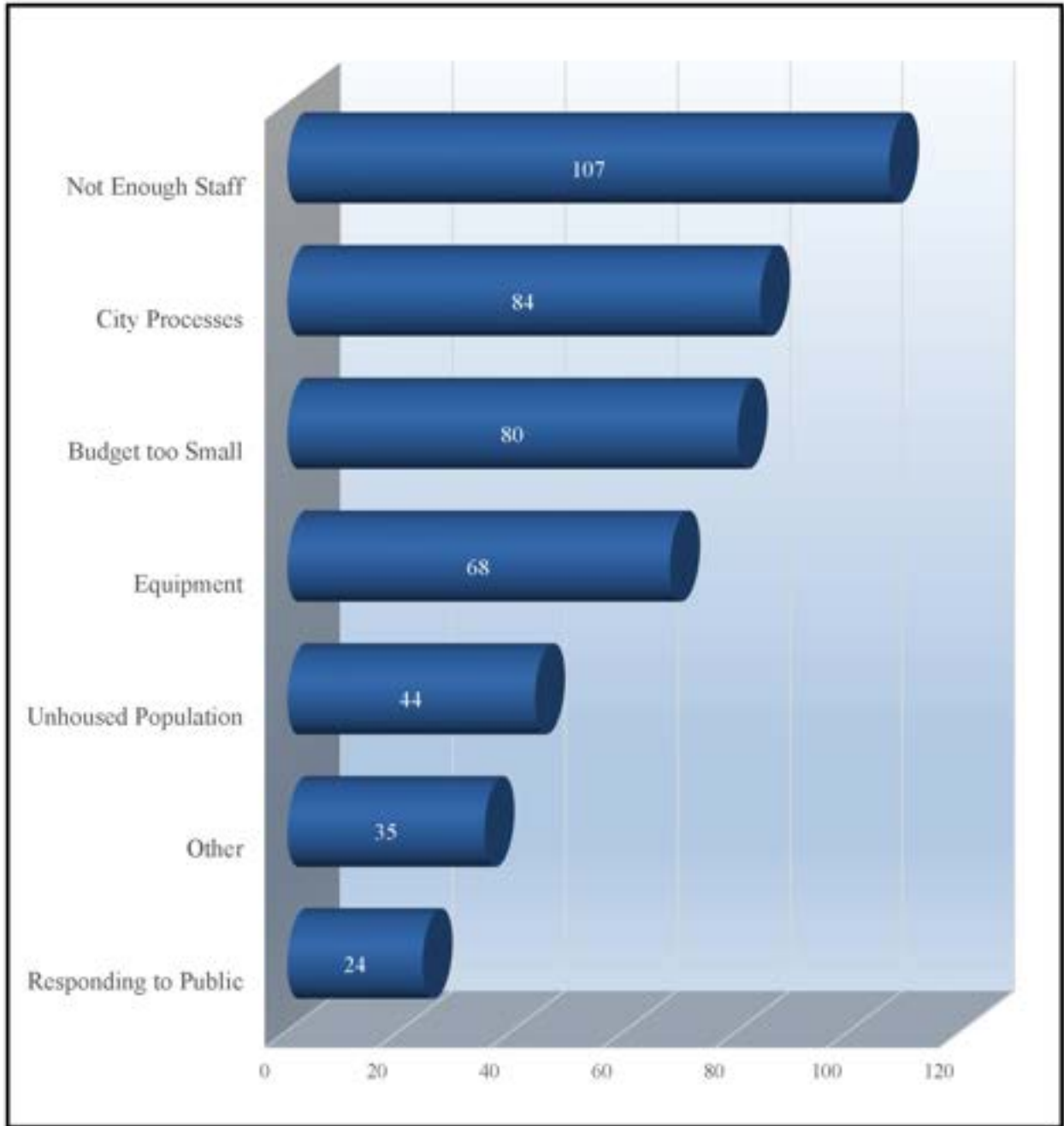
- Most Important: Health, Life, Improve
- Second Most: Health
- Third Most: Wellness

Narrative: There is a trend within parks and recreation to focus on health and wellness. As the Department moves forward understanding what health and wellness mean to staff and residents will be essential. It will also be important to ensure that both health and wellness integrate with core services of the Department.

Question #1 – What do you like most about working for the Parks & Recreation Department?
(Check all that apply.)



Question #2 – What are the top 3 challenges that you face on a day-to-day basis in your job?

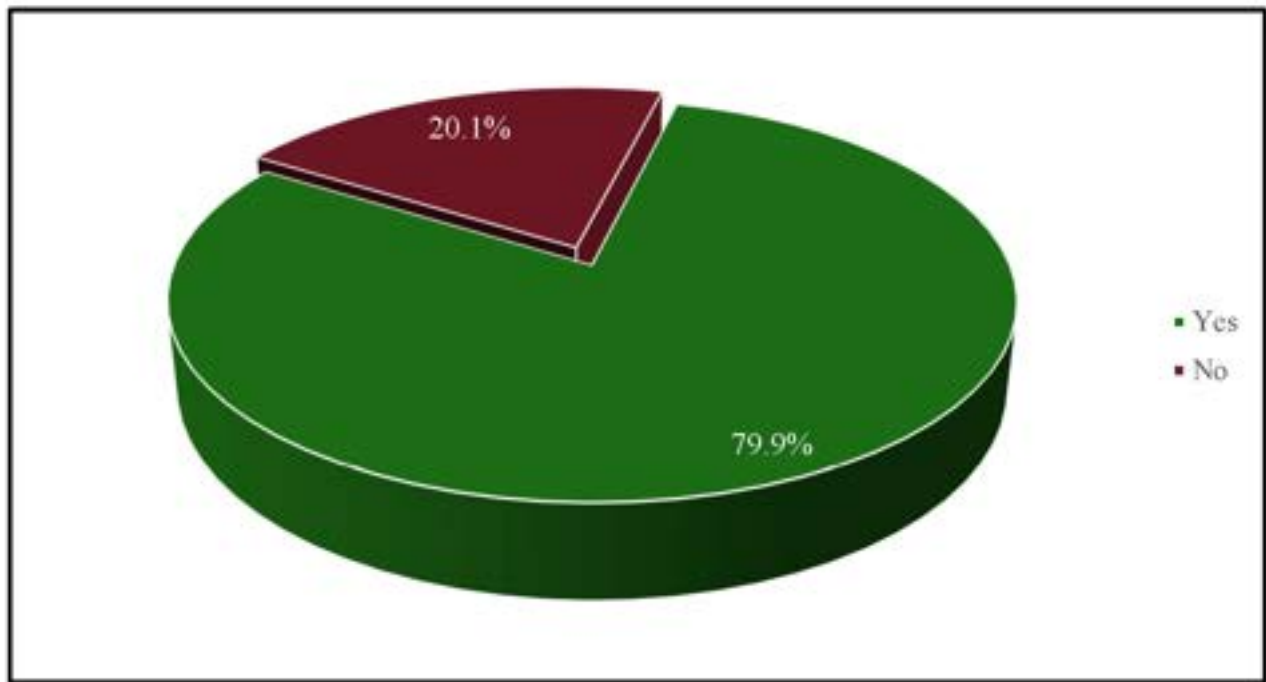




Please rate the level of satisfaction in your current position with the Parks & Recreation Department with 0 being completely unsatisfied, and 10 being completely satisfied.

Average Response: 6.8

Question #4 – Do you interact with the public in your job with the Parks & Recreation Department?



Options	Responses
Yes	143
No	36

Question #5 – What are the common compliments you hear about the Department from the public?

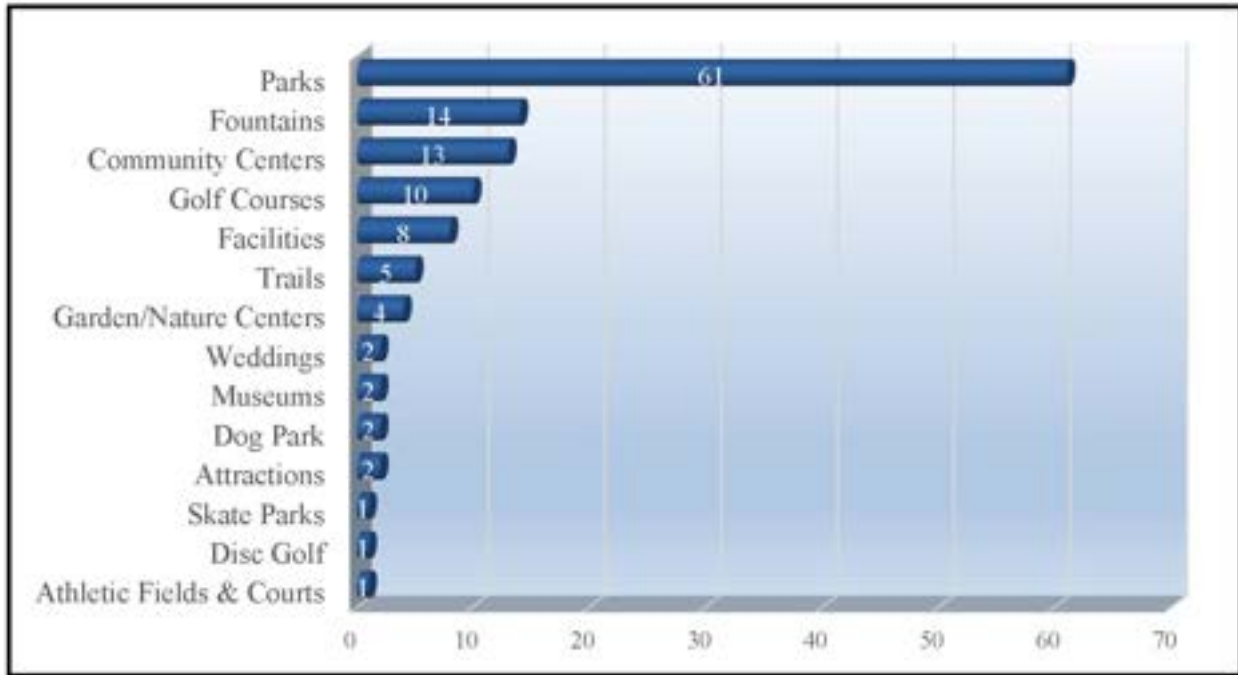
Common Responses Included: good job, clean and quick responses to requests, great staff, keeping parks clean, parks are beautiful, thank you (general), park workers are appreciated, etc.

Question #6 – What are the common concerns or criticisms you hear about the Department from the public?

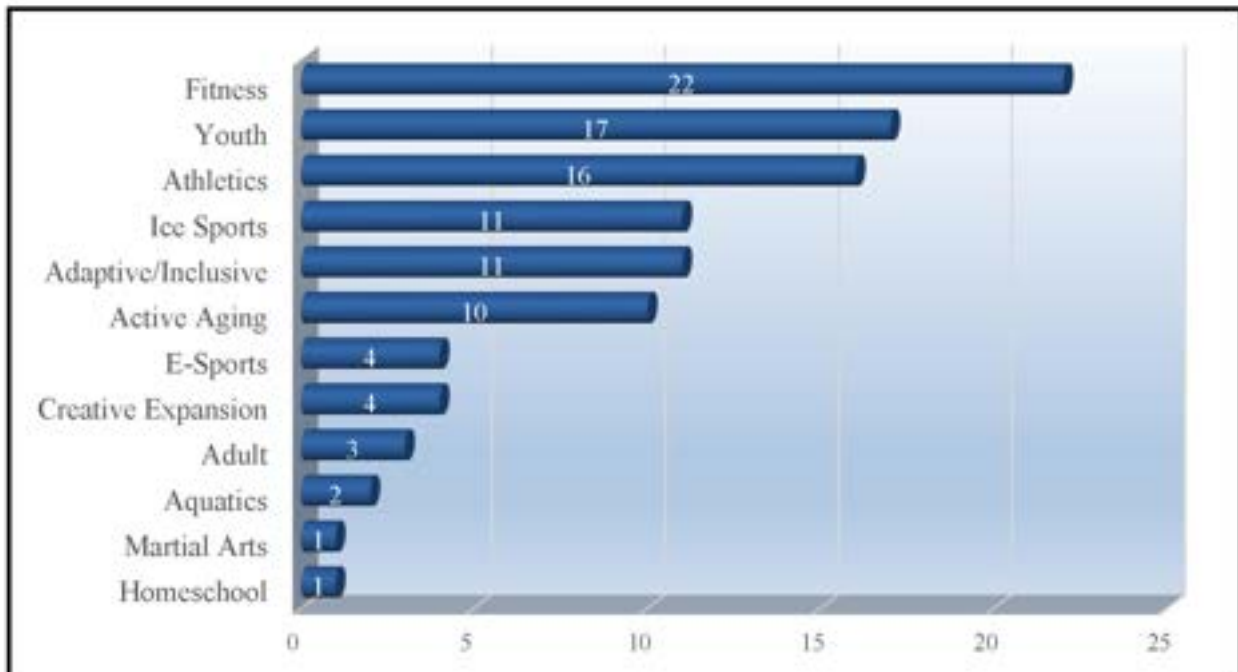
Common Responses Included: trash, bathrooms, poor maintenance of parks or parkways, homeless population, funding, concerns about staff, timeliness of repairs, community centers need attention, reliability of services, length of time for projects.

Question #7 – Tell us about the Parks & Recreation Department?

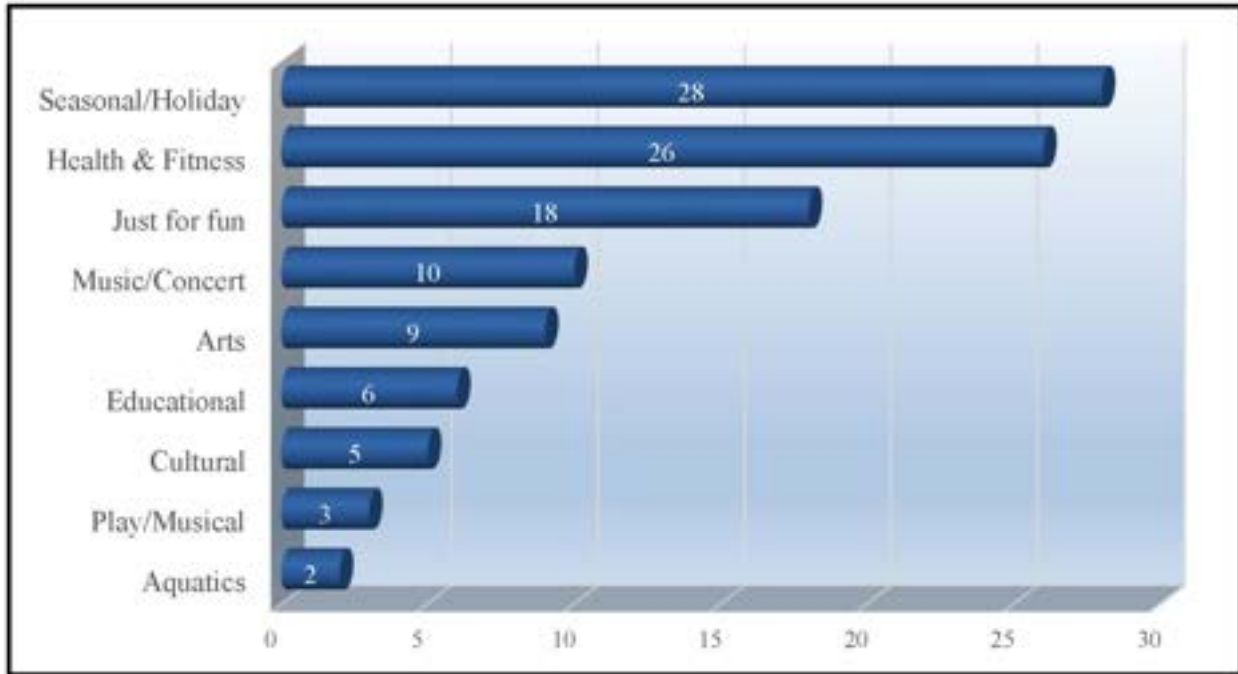
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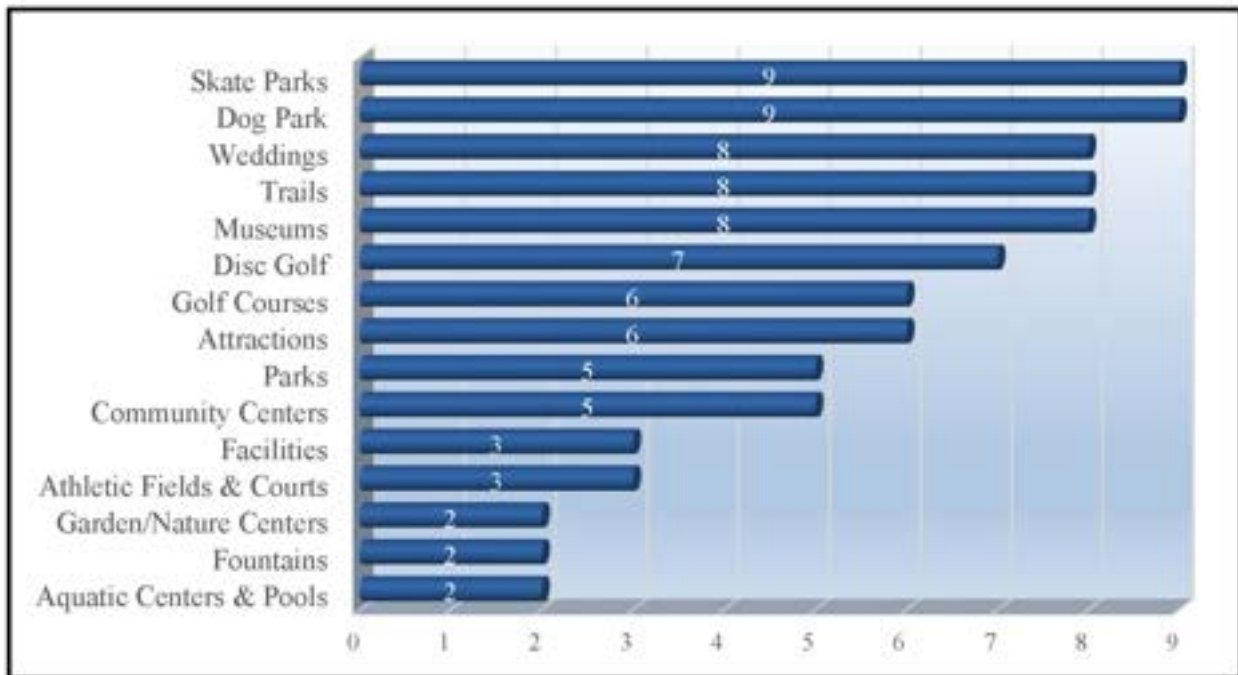
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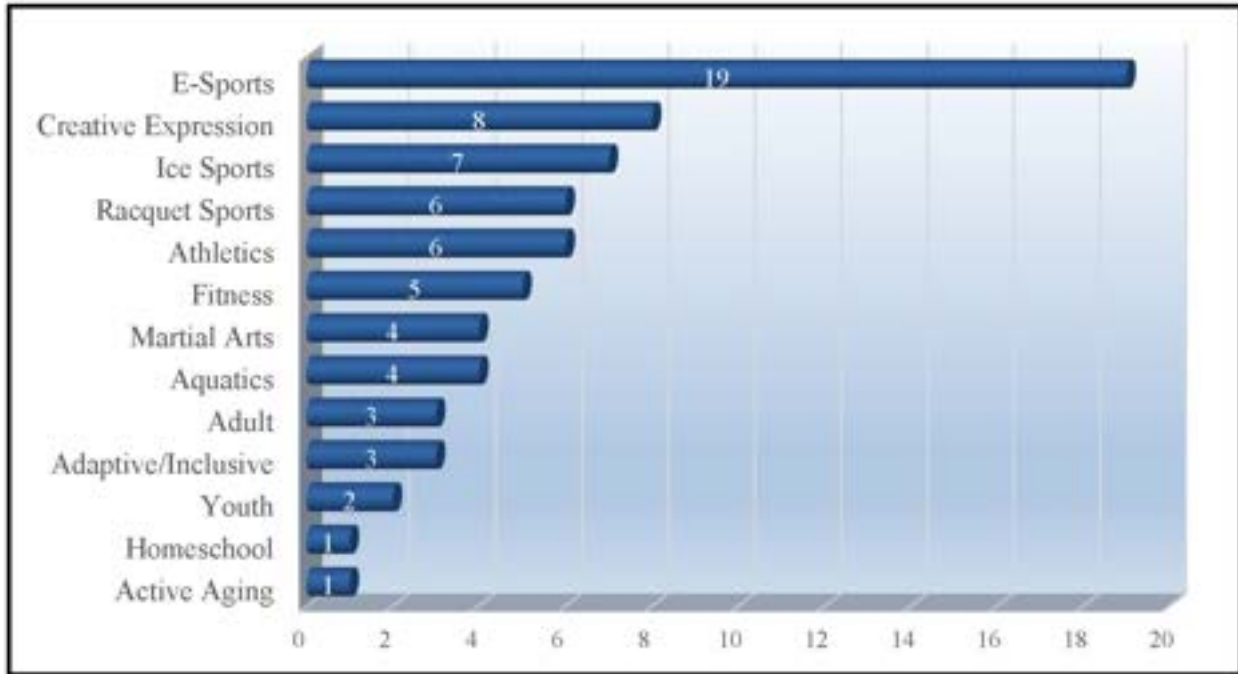
Events: What does the Department do well.



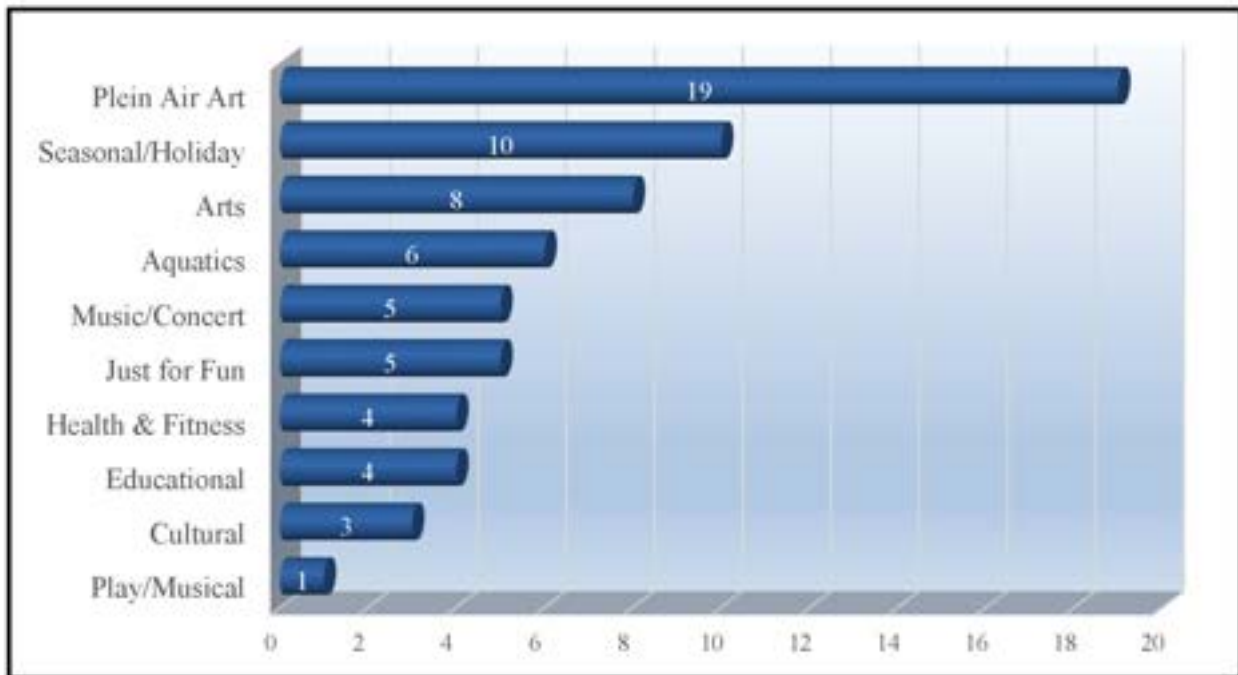
Places: What would you like to see the Department do less of.



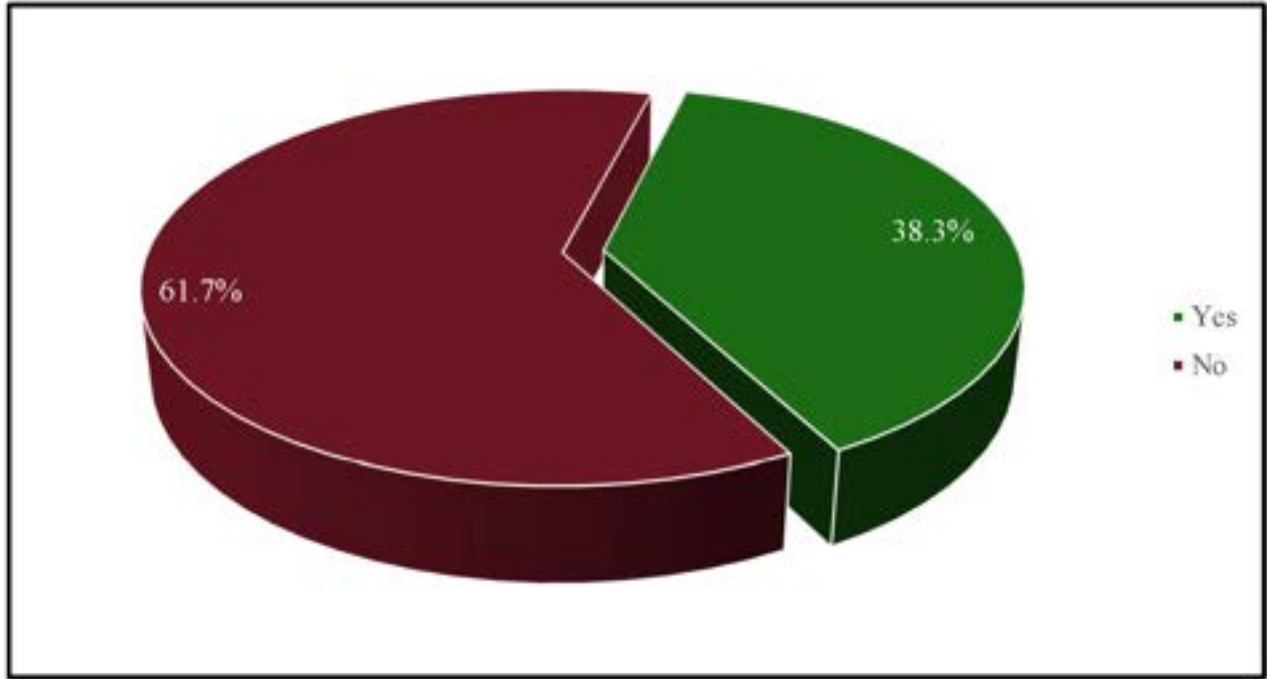
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Events: What would you like to see the Department do less of.



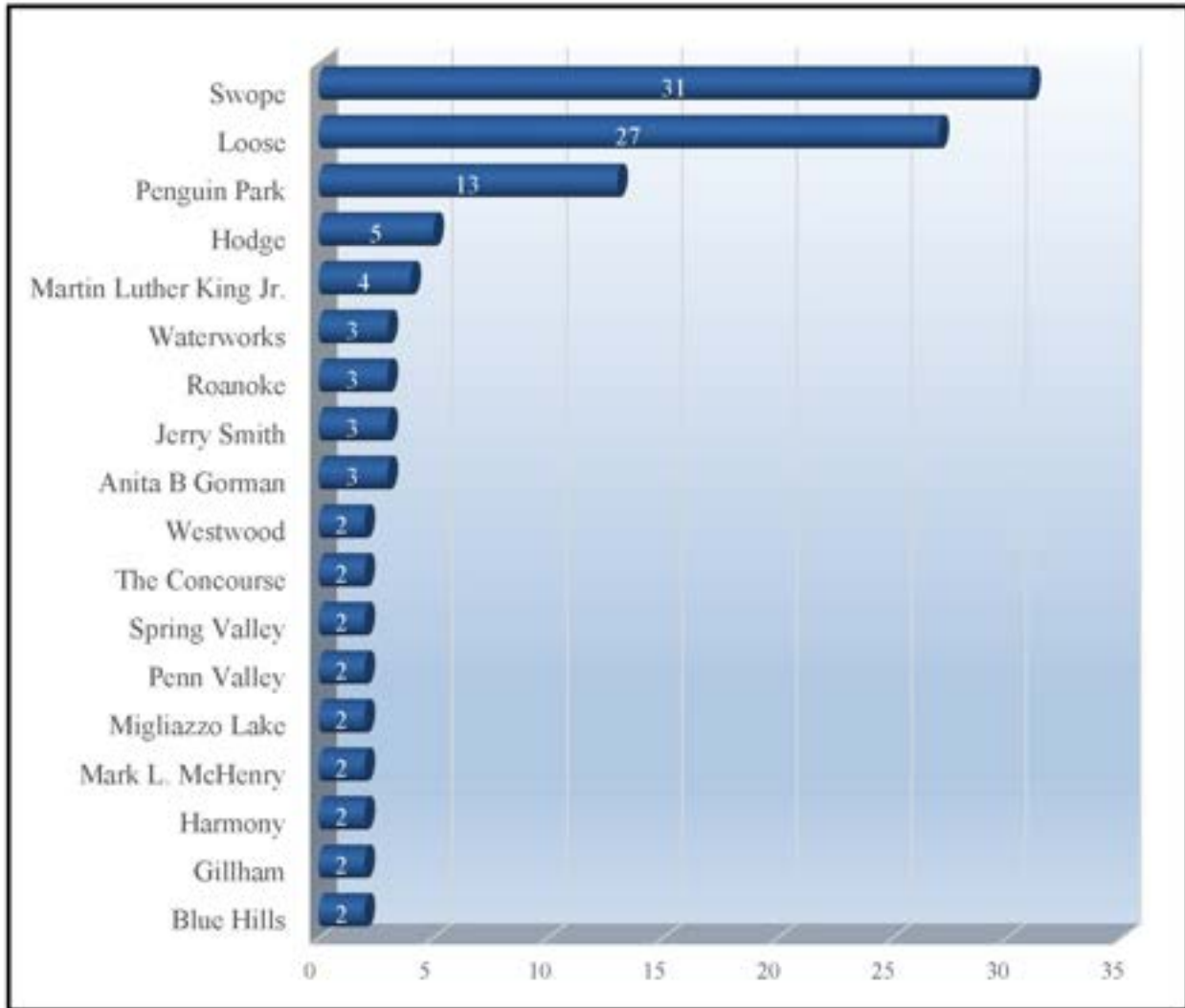
Question #8 – Do you feel the Parks & Recreation Department receives an appropriate level of support from city leadership and residents?



Options	Responses
Yes	64
No	103

Question #9 – What is your favorite park?

Notes: The parks listed received more than 1 vote.



Question #10 – Why is the park in the previous question your favorite park?

- 96th St Park - it is the newest and it has a zip line
- a little bit of everything: SECC, LNC, Zoo, Starlight, Dog Park, remnant area - Rocky Point Glade, The Blue River, the best trails in KC
- A lot of outdoor space, Shoal Creek Museum, trails, updated play equipment
- all of the history and fun events we do there
- Area, kid/adult friendly.
- Because about 700 acres are wooded and I can usually escape from most of the human race for a couple hours. Please, Please, Please...No paved trails in this Park! If citizens need a paved nature trail, they can use Line Creek Trail.
- Because i am most familiar with it.
- Because it has a good balance of vehicular and pedestrian access to amenities provided therein, and because it has an endowment intended specifically for it's on-going maintenance and care. Having a full-time staff person (Rosarian) probably helps too.
- because its cool
- Because its over a land that is a very peaceful, quiet, safe parks.
- Because of the opportunities that are available.
- big park to walk and be with the family and also more safe
- Big playground
- buffalo, historic buildings, golf, trails. * Women management hunt.
- Busiest park, look the best in my opinion
- By my house, well maintained, recent improvements
- childhood park
- Clean
- Clean, big
- clean, spacious, good for events
- Close to home
- Close to my house and has an amazing trail system
- closeness
- closet to ware i live plus my kids play soccer at the fields off 63st.
- Clsoe to my houe, kept clean , walking trail
- Destination park, pride point for our city, well maintained.
- Disc golf course is one of the best in the country.
- diversity
- Enjoy going to the concert at starlight.
- Events are held there. The staff that takes care of it.
- Everyone goes there
- Football Field/Basketball Court
- For the children and family enjoy so much
- grew up around that area
- Grew up near the Park
- Having been to all of the parks several times, it is hard to pick just one. There are things about each of them that I enjoy. Migliazzo is just one of my top favorites because it is in the middle of a neighborhood, but you feel far away from it all when you visit. There are several things to

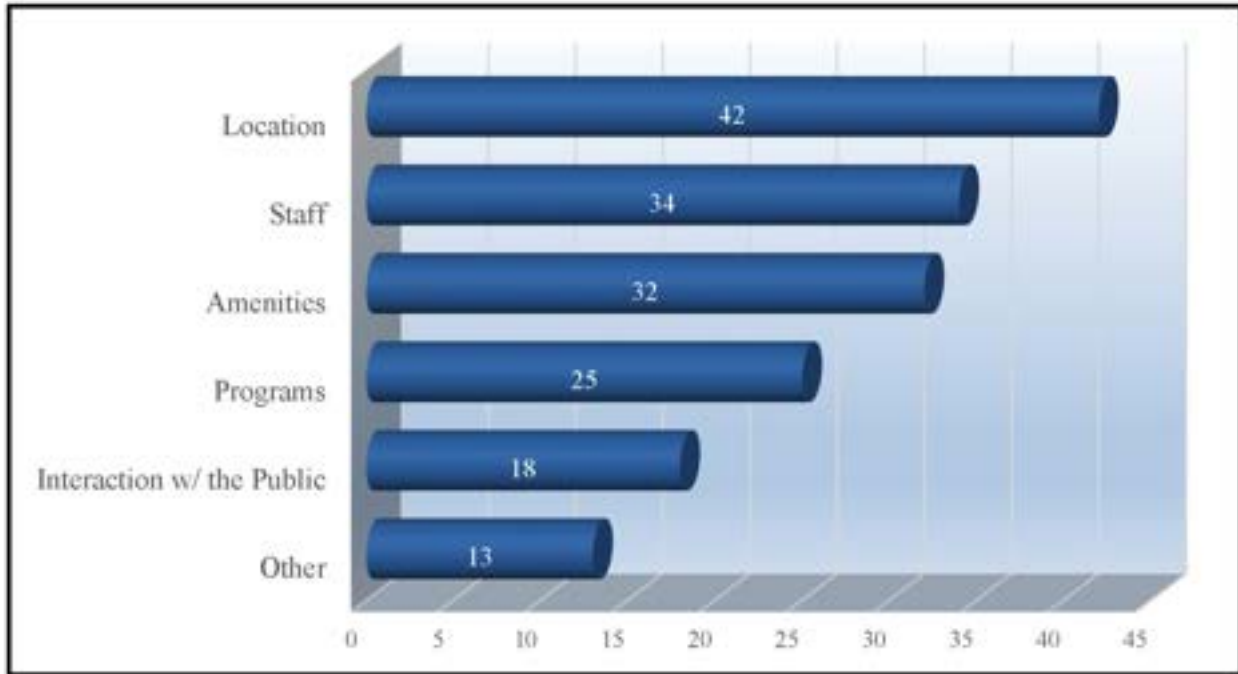
do and it is all spread out so you don't feel like you are right on top of someone.

- historic peaceful setting
- History and size. Like the variation in activities.
- How well the park is maintained
- i go play there with my friends and its always good time and safe activities
- I grew up in the area.
- i grow up in that neighborhood
- I had a lot of family BBQs and go to a lot of events at swope park, zoo and starlight
- i just like it
- I like how they made it
- I like the way it is set up with the animals, etc., but they could use cameras for security purposes, police monitoring or passing through park
- I mow it
- I really don't have a favorite park. I like all parks because all of them have a different feel and unique feature about them.
- I spend the most time in Swope and it has a lot to offer
- in area
- In the summer time it is so beautiful and clean
- Is a cool playground
- it contains Rocky Point Glades and Geranium Hill
- It has a clean and long trail to walk or run.
- It is all about the young kids. There needs to be one of those out south.
- It is close to my home, and is big and clean, I love to walk in it for exercise.
- It is close to my house and has restrooms and plenty of space to walk my dog
- It is unique in our system
- it just is
- It look good
- it looks appealing and fun for kids
- its a nice park
- It's always been a part of my life.
- It's always clean, very big, fun things on the trail like tennis court and a pond. Neighborhood feels safe and lots of parking all around the park.
- Its awesome!
- Its beautiful
- it's beautiful and it gets lots of use
- Its fun
- its good
- It's large and beautiful and in a great spot in town.
- It's nearby where I live.
- Its peaceful
- It's the most beautiful park in the nation!
- its very nice
- It's where I work, essentially my closest tie to community engagement with nature and natural resources

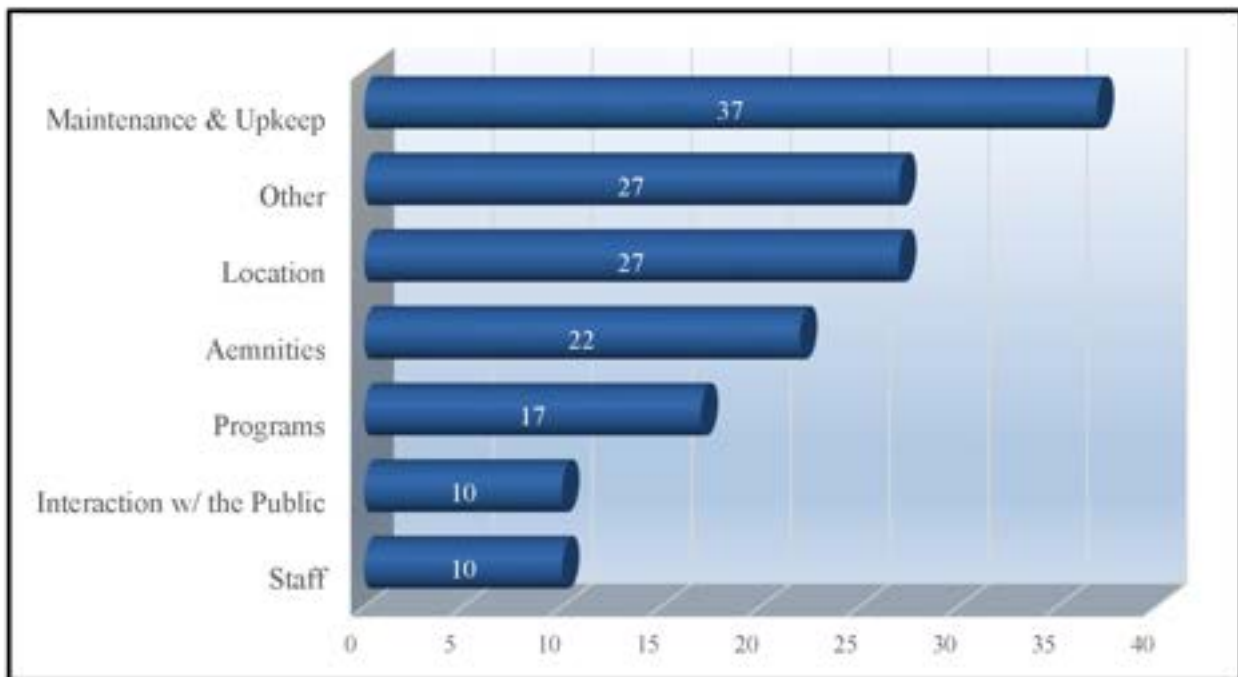
- Jerry Smith Park
- Jungle gym is very cool.
- Just think its a really nice park/family attraction.
- Kept up
- Largest park in the city that includes many natural trails, a beautiful golf course, and many other attractions
- Location
- Location, walking trail
- looks cool
- looks good, but nothing stops motorized vehicles from getting in.
- Lots of open space
- Lots of people all the time and it is very well maintained.
- Most people I feel friendly park
- Mountain bike trail/hiking Zoo Starlite
- Multicultural and has a fun slide everyone can enjoy.
- Native Prairie, beautiful and open, doesn't have over the top amenities to take away from the natural beauty
- Natural Scenery
- Natural Setting, walking trails, adequate parking are some of the perks with this location. However, some improvements pertaining to resurfacing the trail would be welcomed.
- New
- Newer Park and I enjoy the quotes around the park.
- nice and big
- Nice area, clean, good size, rose garden
- nice clean location
- nice lake and trees
- nice, long, clean trails, just need better access to it by bicycle.
- No particular reason. Have visited more often.
- Nobody goes to it because they don't have any parking
- open space
- Options
- Our largest park, with many attractions and a deep history.
- Personal experience
- Plaza
- relaxing environment
- Roses, Japanese Sister Garden, Pond, Walking Path.
- seeing the public
- size, central location, all the different facilities, events etc. that are a part of it.
- Small
- Small, quiet
- so pretty in the summer
- SWOPE Park has great historical value and has so many options for our residents. It has beautiful views, multiple options, the Zoo, Starlight and incredible green space.
- The amount of green space, trails, and playground equipment

- The area, clean, trails
- The beauty of it all
- the best Park in the City
- The Concourse Park is my favorite park because it has a the best outdoor basketball courts surrounded by high chain-link fencing.
- The fountain
- The Golf courses
- the love for fun
- The location
- The location, the work that was done is of quality. These park need warm shelter for the winter. (also chose Tiffany hill park with Water Work park)
- The natural remnant prairie is really gorgeous to walk through, regardless of season. There's a lot of work and love that goes into that park.
- The natural trails.
- **THE NEIGHBORHOOD**
- The park is near me
- The people
- The public takes good care of it.
- The scenery.
- The view of the downtown from that park.
- The wlking trail in a different color roses
- Things to Do
- This Park is maintained well, with a beautiful water feature, and landscape.
- Trails
- very nice well maintaied
- Very scenic, open and well-kept.
- Wonderful playground, trail, pond, Rose Garden, great green space for laying out and a picnic
- work, play, close to home
- You can look over the city
- You can see over the city
- Zoo

Question #11 – What is your favorite thing about our community centers?



Question #12 – What is your least favorite thing about our community centers?



Question #13 – What changes would you recommend for our community centers activities and programming?

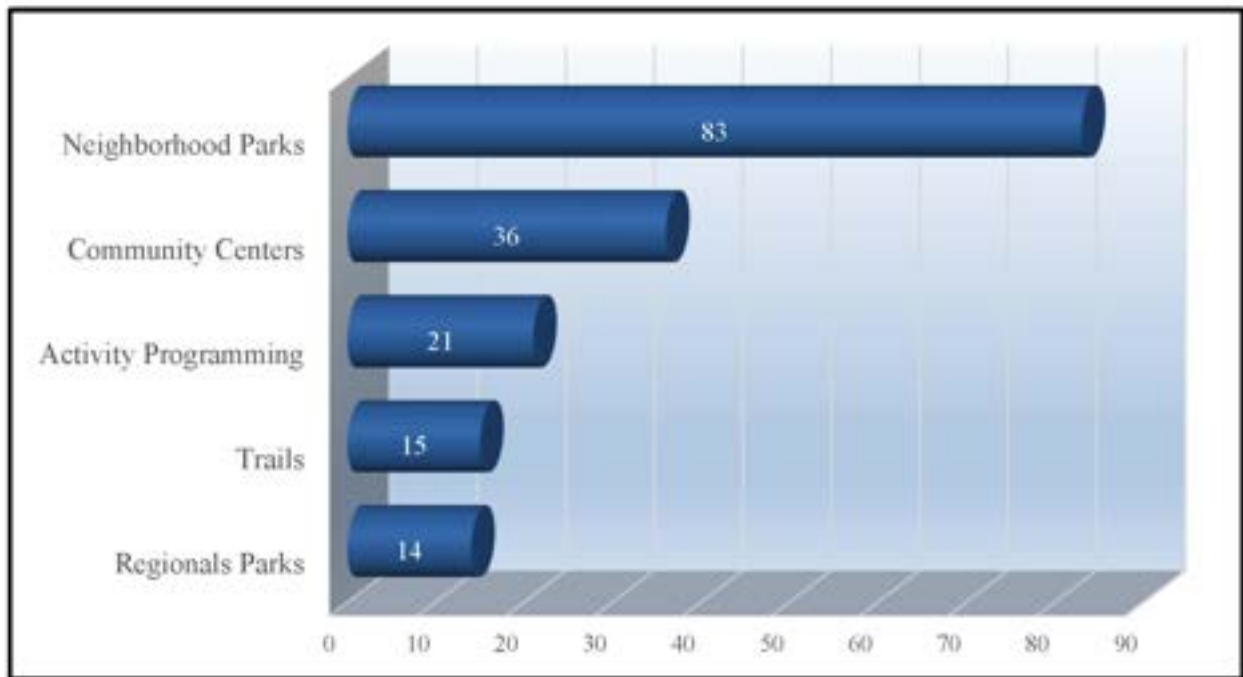
- Add additional programming - aerobic classes, dance/line-dance classes, chess/dominos, board games, etc.
- Add Classes or training in fitness
- add more community center in the northland
- Advertise for a fee, private and individual organizations use of their spaces for activities such as graduation parties and wedding receptions.
- Affordability. More of a variety.
- all good
- Ask the people who attend a specific community ctr. / ballot box to see what they want to see/participate in at their community ctr location.
- Be friendly with city employees
- Be inclusive extending offers of cheaper rates to spouses
- be open earlier on the weekends
- Citizen input.
- clean the popcorn machine! all that rotten cooked on grease is a health hazard.
- Community centers should be located in the center of the community. Line Creek is one not in the center of the community in Northland.
- Consistent well attended program offerings and programs. Programs for all ages.
- Continue doing what you are doing.
- Create more fun/ learning/ fitness programs for adults (18yrs-59yrs) and teens
- Don't go to C.C.
- Don't know
- energetic programing to meet community needs & maintain professional staff presence that reflects safe healthy environment
- Everyone should have one of each special item. Example: Popcorn Machine
- Fitness centers in every location
- Football
- free exercise programs for city employees
- Get more people to come
- getting more involved with the local community or volunteer groups. get a social media account so we can send out quick notifications or events.
- Getting people that will actually do their jobs and not just sit at a desk. Also male staff that are not afraid to go outside and pick up trash, or clean the snow around their community centers
- Have better programs
- Have more. And employees and their families should get in free to all community centers.
- Have outdoor sports Have a contractor run them Create larger comm. centers cut off the underused ones and add more programs and amenities.
- Have them figure out what their neighboring communities want in the centers.
- Having a community day.
- Help the staff promote programs to the public
- I am not aware of programs/classes that are available in the community centers, but wellness classes, like the ones offered through our Fountain of Health would be nice. Also, making

them at times where the working community can attend. Advertise differently so that people know we actually have community centers.

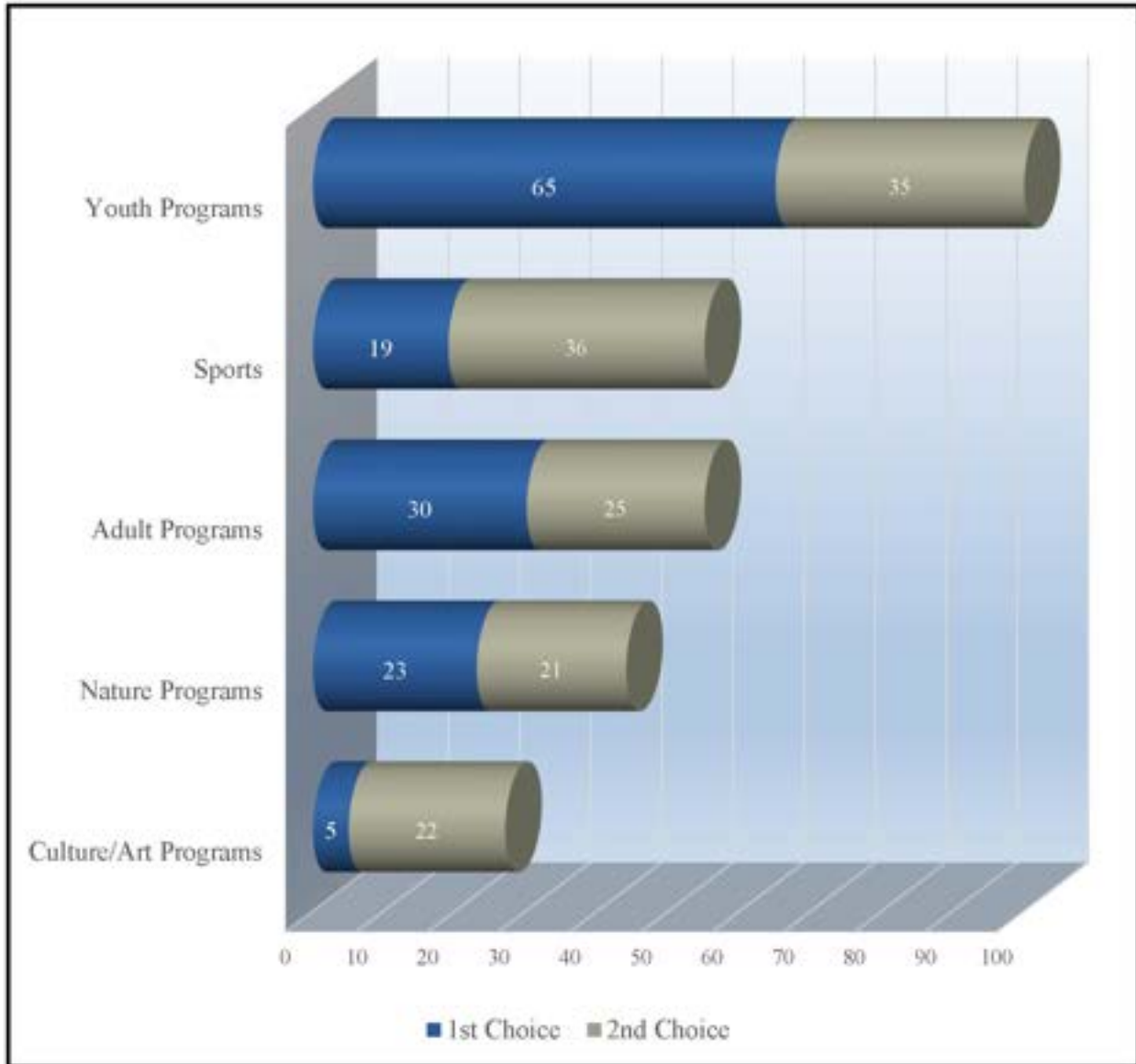
- I believe that we can network, potentially partner and/or gain sponsorship through other groups by offering our facilities as temporary accommodation for these groups' meetings, sponsored events, etc. All to gain more exposure to the facilities and their amenities to those who otherwise wouldn't visit the facilities.
- I feel like admin expects us to put on really awesome programming post-pandemic and we cannot do so with our current budget and revenue expectations. I would love to do more holiday and arts programming at my center but we have to start from scratch buying much of those supplies. If we want to bring people in, we need more freedom and resources.
- I have not explored enough to offer advice at this time.
- i really dont know i like them all
- I recommend more program advertisement about the Brush Creek Community Center's Archery Program / Club.
- I think we have too many community centers or they are in the wrong locations. I believe the department would do better with 3 large centers one in each core section of the city that could provide quality program offerings and amenities.
- I would like to see more community groups offering life skills training and offering opportunities to work within the group or community.
- I would recommend the facilities be updated and also new equipment.
- Indoor pool in the northland
- Inform the public about programs and activities.
- Just be a center no pools, saunas, hot tubs, we cannot compete wit gyms like planet fitness
- Like to see more interaction with the public.
- Make sure they reflect the needs of the communities they're in and are priced according to income in those areas.
- Make them affordable to everyone
- Maybe updated gym equipment? I've only been to a few of them, but overall I think they're nice.
- more access for city employees
- more activities for kids
- More amenities
- More communication between centers about programming options/rental options
- more community centers
- More equitable programming for the community, too much focus on revenue generation now. The department needs to come up with a better overall funding plan for scholarships. The responsibility should not be placed on the community centers to generate scholarship and sponsorship funds.
- More fitness classes
- more food
- More freindly
- more fun
- more in north
- More interactive activities and skill building programming for youth.
- MORE OF
- more of them

- More outdoor education.
- More programming
- more programs
- more programs
- More programs for children
- More staff
- More staff
- More staff
- More staff
- More staff and training opportunities.
- More staff to provide more programs
- More staffing
- More staffing to offer additional programs for the guests.
- more staffing will allow more programming and safer centers for staff to work in
- More support from administration, workout equipment, and salary increases.
- More youth sports
- Much better marketing of what is available to the public. I think that social media and television ads need to be increased greatly. How is the average resident suppose to know what our centers offer if there is little to no advertising?
- multi lenguajes,
- Need to hire more programmers. Need to partner with more outside parties to offer programs/classes/events.
- nicer people
- Not all community centers are open during business hours
- Not familiar enough to comment
- offering of more programs such as chess or checkers
- our facilities need to be upgraded first, more sports programing for the youth.
- Possibly more workout equipment
- Probably the hours of operation would be one area of focus from my perspective. Though I do, and likely will continue to, utilize private fitness club(s) more so than Community Centers due to hours of operation (especially during Covid era), for that reason among other reasons.
- Provide a new look with paint and programs.
- safety First
- Set up football or basketball teams
- stop over managing
- They need to be open 24 hours a day and 7 days a week.
- To advertise more to the community.

Question #14 – Which area do you think the Parks & Recreation Department should focus on the most?



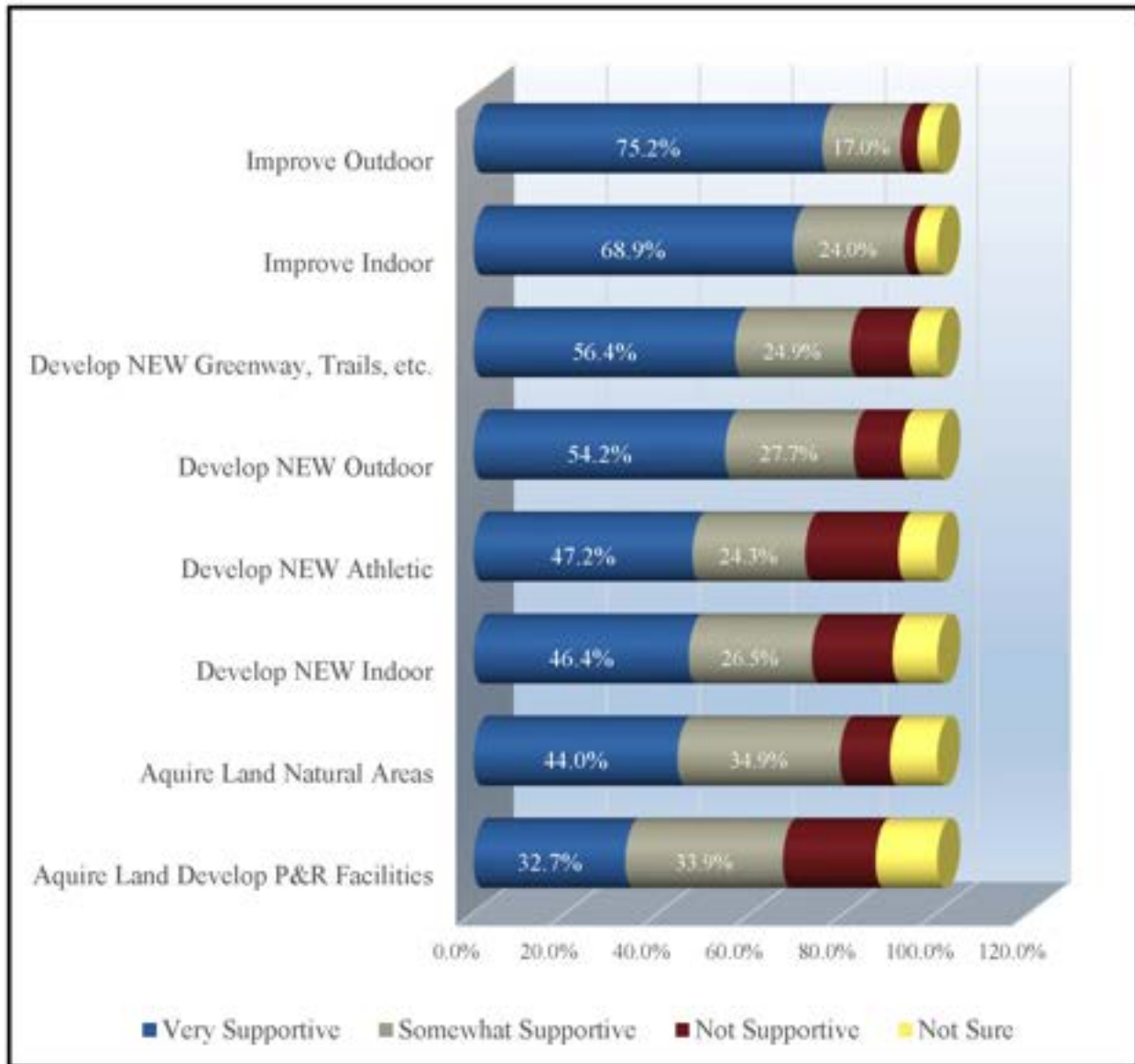
Question #15 – If the Department focused on two recreational programs?



Question #16 – What three words describe your ideas of what the department’s mission should be?

- First Choice (common responses): clean, community, fun, health, inclusive, maintain, natural, public.
- Second Choice (common responses): community, fun, health, inclusive, parks, programs, safe, wellness.
- Third (common responses): community, environment, fun, health, inclusion.

Question #17 – How supportive are you of the following initiatives?



Question #18 – Our mission statement is: “To improve the quality of life, health, and wellness of our community by providing socially equitable, community-driven programming and environmentally sound natural resource management.” What three (3) Words in this statement are most important to you?

- Most Important
 - Health 21
 - Life 20
 - Improve 17

- Second Most Important
 - Health 36

- Third Most Important
 - Wellness 32

Question #19 – What other information would you like to share that you feel would be important to help direct the consulting team on their master planning efforts?

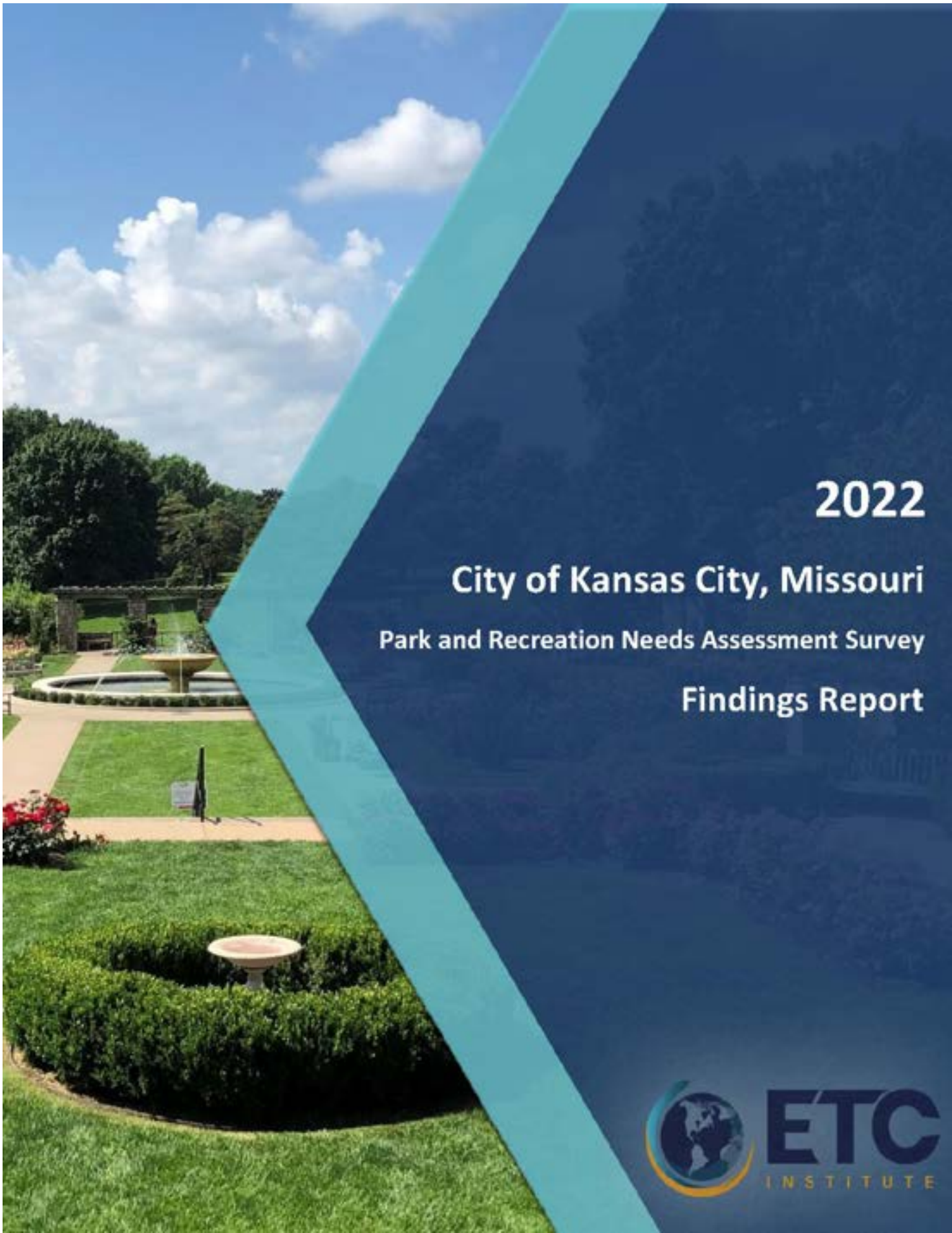
- I just think we should all strive to improve our city parks. Some need a lot of attention.
- team work with all city employees so we can feel appreciated.
- 01.06.2023 - Because the City of Kansas city, Missouri is operating under a Settlement Agreement with the US Department of Justice to correct ADA violations identified citywide in a 2016 professional assessment of existing conditions, and because many of those violations still exist in many instances in buildings or parks operated by the Department of Parks & Recreation, it is important to remember goals of not only of understanding those deficiencies and how to effectively correct them, but to determine and invest proportionately in an unbiased, accurate, and thorough means of tracking those accomplishments to defend the City from future Descent Decree by the Federal Government in the future, if existing accessibility violations identified in Settlement Agreement go unattended. P&RD Planning and Design staff may not be the best resource to provide that reporting themselves and contracts to engage with independent entity or entities such as the one that conducted the on-site assessment and gathered the data initially (Piper-Wind Architects, Inc. - or equivalent) should be included in on-going discussions to meet goals of ADA Transition plan that were prepared by each Department in 2018. Sequential re-visitations of parks and park facilities should be budgeted for with these independent agencies or assessment authority, so that data sets they previously established can continue to be maintained by them for use in reporting on the subject to the DOJ upon request. Those reports and data sets (such as "MySmartPlans" photos, spreadsheets, and executive summaries for each location) would then be enhanced, as they were originally intended to be, and future professional evaluation could occur. Such level of attention to determine where some conditions are exempt from further improvements due to the time of their construction or their "safe harbor" status under a prior 1991 version of ADA, rather than the current DOJ standard of the 2010 code would be more clearly defined with such efforts and re-visitation reporting, where it budgeted for and periodically provided in a planned and sequential manner. This investment need not be overly proportionate to design and construction expenditures, but it should not halt altogether either. Non-biased, professional, and accurate assessment and data collection needs to be controlled to a rate and frequency that serves the needs of the City and protects it from liabilities associated with inaction. Finding the right balance and the qualified players to provide that service and persistence in assuring proper data sets to enhance each department's annual reports to City Management is something that requires planning and participation with "big picture" in mind, since the P&RD's and other department's funding resources, though varied, do not include an open account dedicated to correcting accessibility issues in one fell swoop. It is a complicated and slow process that is subject to error and inefficiencies. The actual accounting of success in the construction ought to be gathered as we go, which is often a task that is not effectively implemented by "in-house" staff that are overwhelmed keeping up with current and new project requests and with daily operational goals and budgeting of their time and resources.
- A community center further north.
- A community center south (or near) of Bannister and Holmes
- Actually, have a meeting with us instead of doing surveys to get an understanding from the source.
- all employees be responsible to do their job with the support of ethical supervisors managing their team. If there is no coaching & counseling, we all fail to be good stewards falling short of our mission.

- all that is under the parks and recreation's authority (lands, facilities, fields etc.) should be made available to all citizens and not restricted to only those groups, assoc. etc. that give money. every effort must be made to make all that parks and recreation has to offer available and not financially restricting by fees etc. to all youth.
- also like location and amenities at community centers
- Also like programs at community centers. Also do not like maintenance & upkeep at community center.
- Also like staff at community centers
- Also likes Hiale and Brush Creek Parks. Would like more and more events.
- Also likes programs at community center
- Better communication regarding goals and outcomes
- Better planning.
- bring christianity into city events and parks
- By asking the workers in field
- Department serves community well. Get rid of homeless camps.
- involve the employees more.
- ever thing is good to me
- Fire the City Manager. He treats the labor class horribly, like we're enslaved.
- Focus on maintaining structures. Renovation of athletic complexes and neighborhood athletic courts and playgrounds. Do not build new parks or structures, short on manpower for what we have to take care of now.
- Focus on Proactive approaches to issues with sound planning rather than Reactive to requests. More use of data and technology
- Focus on trails and neighborhood Parks.
- Focus should go into maintaining a healthy environment for all employees that work with Parks and Recreation. It is difficult to maintain or grow Parks and Recreation with a minimal of employees. Work should start within the department employees, so that all goals are acquired.
- fund/improve what you have before acquiring/building more
- Get rid of homeless camps. More money
- Get rid of the homeless people
- good job
- i can't say but it's a lot
- i dont know
- I think we're on a good path. It's just going to take time to get to where we want to be.
- I would like to see us realistically look at how to sustain what we have; while at the same time, enhance facilities and programming.
- improve and maintain what facilities and parks within the city.
- Improve on what P and R has, then commit to the new.
- Improve what you already have before building new things. Or close what you have when you build something new. currently we are trying to do to much. Do a few things really well versus many things very poorly.
- Interview a few people in the neighborhoods of all the parks and community centers.
- It is important that the plan help us focus resources where they achieve multiple benefits for the residents of Kansas City. We need to be careful not to let small vocal groups with narrow interest dictate where large amounts of resources (staff, funding, etc.) will be used.

- It sounds like parks used to be a lot better about hosting events, both in the districts (like monthlyish barbecues) and out of them (christmas floral design event). I think the community would benefit a lot from raising the staff morale and making people want to show up and get excited about parks. Also higher pay. I hear a lot of my coworkers complaining about living check to check, barely scraping by still. A new solution to snow removal would be nice too. It doesn't really fit the environmentally friendly part of the mission statement to be throwing tons of salt out over and over.
- Just get it done
- keep the surveys coming
- Keep up the good work.
- Lets get better equipment to complete certain job tasks more efficiently. Better communication from upper management and staff at all districts. Find better ways to spend budget without cutting corners in areas where we really need to.
- Like children park
- Listen to the front line staff more, those that are in the centers dealing with the public daily
- love the trails, would be nice to have more.
- More diverse voices need to be heard and represented at the top levels of leadership in the department. It doesn't help us think differently and serve the community when the Director's Office and most of leadership team and parks commissioners is homogenous (made up of white, older men and women.) We are missing a lot and no one seems to care about the lack of diversity and it leading to reinforcing racist systems put in place over the decades. Also, the authoritarian leadership ("don't think, just do as I say") style is a thing of the past. Please evolve. Listen to your team. We have great ideas that we would like to share.
- More help dealing with homeless camps & figure out how to make snow removal better for employees, not just the public.
- More money to the low guys
- More open to others input
- More training in advance. More activities like sports.
- My number one issue is with public littering/dumping. THAT is the only major change that I'd like to see the city tackle.
- N/A
- n/a
- N/A
- N/A
- need more attention to taking care of our natural resources, i.e. tree maintenance
- none
- none
- none
- None
- none
- none
- none
- none
- none
- None at this time.
- None at this time.
- Northland needs more community centers and shelters to reserve.

- not calling it a "Master Plan". that just has bad a connotation. Its 2023 for goodness sake! please update Parks and Rec Uniforms, we look like hotel janitors.
- not sure.
- our facilities definitely need some upgrades, more room for classes, new equipment's, we have mouse issues in our facilities, underpaid staff who deal with all types of issues.
- pay
- Pitch more overtime
- Plan the wilderness run in October, so it doesn't interfere with the women's management hunt at Hodge Park.
- Provide what the public is interested in trail for all, soccer facilities for youth and adults, pickleball courts.
- Providing better security so that many areas won't be trashed overnight.
- Put more resources into the Northland!
- Rather than getting new fields, etc, refurbish what we have and make them playable. Dept does well: Keep parks clean, senior programs, adaptive, inclusive, ethnic festival, Drago boat (not on the list, could be just for fun/cultural?). I don't think we can do with less of anything in response to Q7.
- Stop run truck in sand(?)
- Thank you for effort to keep the city clean
- The department does everything well. Would like less of over-management.
- The department has too many community centers. We can barely staff the ones we currently have open. Some centers lack basic amenities that most other community centers have. Operational hours for community centers should be looked at differently.
- The department needs to get the staff together for a moral boost.
- The department should focus on outreach to missed and disinvested communities such as the BIPOC and LGBTQ communities. The department should also use the research and work done by NRPA in the areas of restorative justice, diversity, equity, and inclusion as a model for policy and practice moving forward. Parks and Recreation is about more than athletic leagues, swimming pools, and passive green space.
- The direction of the department isn't clear to staff. We don't receive enough interaction with the director of parks and recreation. I believe he isn't visible enough to staff and doesn't prioritize communication with front line staff. On the other hand I believe that there should be a focus to increase athletics staff and programming. KC Parks should work towards being the number 1 provider for youth and adult sports.
- The new master plan should be balanced. By this I mean, do not concentrate on only one aspect of Parks and Rec. Equally plan to improve all aspects of Parks. It should not concentrate on the low hanging fruit. Update and improve infrastructure. Stop catering to the 1%. Let's try to reach a larger percentage of KC residents.
- The park volunteers who work under Kelly that pick-up trash are a tremendous help toward maintaining ground cleanliness, especially in Troost Park.
- There are many parks in our city that do not have any amenities. I recommend that we change that with at least one amenity in each park that neighboring residents could and would use.
- Think about community needs for youth and treat all communities equally.
- To start helping fix up the Nature Center. Specifically, the lighting and windows need improvement. I feel that this Center is very Educational to the community and more importantly for the kids.
- Treat everyone Equal

- Understanding, communication, and knowledge would help this department go a long ways
- We need more people.
- we need to be more environmentally friendly, use and advocate for more sustainability, and support of natural resources. And make sure we are including this in our messaging. You can engage your community and provide education and recreation while still maintaining these quality standards. As a Parks and Recreation Department we should be the leaders within the city to promote environmental standards and awareness.
- We need to be strong internally before we can be strong community servants. Intense professional development is needed at all levels. Who do we aspire to be? What are our values? How do we live those values each day? How do we show respect and appreciation for staff? How do we listen to staff? Many people on staff have ideas to help improve the organization but are afraid to speak out of turn/step on toes. Create feedback loops. Then listen and report back. The current culture of distrust holds the department back. Build people back up. Make sure those who aren't in the directors wing or on the leadership team also know they are trusted, valued and appreciated.
- We need to worry less about building new and worry more about the maintenance and upkeep of what we already have.
- When increasing the department in other areas there is a need in today's world for everyone to have that sense of security. Making sure that the Park Rangers grow in the same way to make sure that this is able to be done for both our employees and citizens to feel safe within our park system.
- working as team all around the board commucating
- Would like deep to focus on community centers and activity programming
- would like to see the tennis court at winnowed be replaced seeing as no one uses it.



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Findings Report



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1 Executive Summary

2022 City of Kansas City, Missouri Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment Survey Executive Summary

Overview

ETC Institute administered a Needs Assessment Survey for Kansas City, Missouri Parks and Recreation Department during the months of fall 2022. The survey will help KCMO Parks and Recreation Department plan for future recreation programs and facilities that meet the community's needs and preferences.

Methodology

ETC Institute mailed a survey packet to a random sample of households in Kansas City, Missouri. Each survey packet contained a cover letter, a copy of the survey, and a postage-paid return envelope. Residents who received the survey were given the option of returning the survey by mail or completing it online at KCMOParksSurvey.org.

After the surveys were mailed, ETC Institute followed up by sending text messages and mailing postcards to encourage participation. The text messages and postcards contained a link to the online version of the survey to make it easy for residents to complete the survey. To prevent people who were not residents of KCMO from participating, everyone who completed the survey online was required to enter their home address prior to submitting the survey. ETC Institute then matched the addresses that were entered online with the addresses that were originally selected for the random sample. If the address from a survey completed online did not match one of the addresses selected for the sample, the online survey was not included in the final database for this report.

The goal was to complete a minimum of 600 completed surveys from residents. The goal was met with 617 completed surveys collected. The overall results for the sample of 617 households have a precision of at least ± 3.9 at the 95% level of confidence.

This report contains the following:

- Charts showing the overall results of the survey (Section 2)
- Priority Investment Rating (PIR) that identifies priorities for facilities and programs (Section 3)
- Benchmarks comparing KCMO results to National Averages (Section 4)
- Tabular data showing the overall results for all questions on the survey (Section 5)
- Responses from open-ended questions (Section 6)
- A copy of the survey instrument (Section 7)

The major findings of the survey are summarized on the following pages.

Parks and Recreation Facilities Use

Use of Parks. Respondents were asked if they had visited any KCMO Parks and Recreation Department parks in the past year. Eighty-three percent (83%) of respondents said someone in their household had visited. Of those respondents, the highest number (33%) estimated they had visited 20+ times followed by 1-5 visits (32%). Those same respondents were asked to rate the overall physical condition of those parks: the highest number of respondents (60%) rated them good, 26% said fair, 10% said excellent, and 4% said poor. Most respondents (52%) said they live within a 10-minute walk from a KCMO Parks and Recreation Department park. Of those who live more than a 10-minute walk away, 48% must walk 30 minutes or more and 23% are within a 21–30-minute walk.

Support for Park Improvements. Respondents were asked to select all the improvements they would like to have made to the park they visit most often. The improvements most desired by respondents were to the restrooms (56%), trash cans (47%), lighting (45%), and walking/biking trails (45%).

Barriers to Use. Respondents were asked to indicate the reasons why they didn't use facilities or programs or didn't use them more often. The highest number of respondents said they were not aware of what was being offered (33%), the unhoused population (22%), parks/facilities too far from residence (19%), or not being aware of the locations of parks/facilities (19%).

Level of Safety. Respondents were asked to rate how safe they feel at four types of locations: community centers, parks, trails, and boulevards. Over half of respondents felt safe (rating either "very safe" or "safe") at community centers (59%) and parks (51%). Respondents who indicated they did not feel safe were asked to select the reasons they felt that way. The highest number of respondents (25%) said violent crime followed by the unhoused population (18%) and vandalism (17%).

Parks and Recreation Programs Participation

Participation in Programs. Respondents were asked if they had participated in any KCMO Parks and Recreation Department programs in the past two years. Sixteen percent (16%) of respondents said someone in their household had participated. Of those respondents, the highest number (74%) said they participated in 1-3 programs. Those same respondents were then asked to rate the overall quality of those programs: the highest number of respondents (62%) rated them good, 21% said excellent, and 17% said either fair (16%) or poor (1%).

Satisfaction with Recreation Program Aspects. Respondents were asked to rate their level of satisfaction regarding 10 aspects of recreation program services. Respondents were most satisfied (rating either "satisfied" or "very satisfied") with the quality of instructors (90%), the times programs are offered (87%), and the quality of facility where the program is offered (85%).

Communication Methods. Respondents most often learned about recreation programs and activities from social media (46%), the park and recreation website (37%), or the local news (37%). These are also the three methods respondents most prefer.

Organizations Used for Recreation. Respondents were asked to select all the organizations their household used for recreation programs and facilities. Most common were KCMO Parks and Recreation (72%), neighboring cities (50%), Jackson County (30%), and private fitness centers (30%).

Value of Parks and Recreation and Allocation of Funds

Overall Value. Respondents were asked to rate their level of satisfaction with the overall value they received from the Parks and Recreation Department. The highest percentage of respondents (44%) felt somewhat satisfied followed by neutral (23%). In general, most respondents (80%) feel it is very important for KCMO to provide high quality parks and recreation programs and facilities. Households were then asked if their perception of value had changed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The highest number of respondents (33%) said there was no change or a significant increase and 30% said it somewhat increased. Fifty-six percent (55%) of respondents felt funding should increase based on their perception of value and 33% thought it should stay the same.

Allocation of Funds. Respondents were asked to allocate a hypothetical \$100 budget for Parks and Recreation. The highest amount of funding (\$40.07) went to improvements/maintenance of existing parks and recreation facilities followed by \$23.10 for the acquisition and development of walking and biking trails/greenways and \$16.87 for the construction of new recreation facilities. Respondents most often said the maximum increase in sales tax they would support would be from a ½ cent to 1 cent (46%).

Support for Improvements/ Developments. Respondents were provided a list of 18 potential actions to improve parks and recreation. Respondents were most supportive (selecting “very supportive” or “somewhat supportive”) of the items listed below:

1. Improving maintenance/ cleanliness, enhancing, upgrading, & renovating existing parks & outdoor recreation facilities to meet resident needs & priorities (93%)
2. Developing new greenway trails, high quality bicycle facilities, lighting, shaded sidewalks, benches & shelters that enhance connectivity (85%)
3. Improving maintenance/ cleanliness, enhancing, upgrading, & renovating existing indoor community centers to meet resident needs & priorities (84%)

Respondents were then asked to select the four improvements that would be most important to their household. These were the four items selected most often:

1. Improving maintenance/ cleanliness, enhancing, upgrading, & renovating existing parks & outdoor recreation facilities to meet resident needs & priorities (69%)
2. Developing new greenway trails, high quality bicycle facilities, lighting, shaded sidewalks, benches & shelters that enhance connectivity (55%)
3. Acquiring land for preservation of natural areas for public access (46%)
4. Improving maintenance/ cleanliness, enhancing, upgrading, & renovating existing indoor community centers to meet resident needs & priorities (44%)

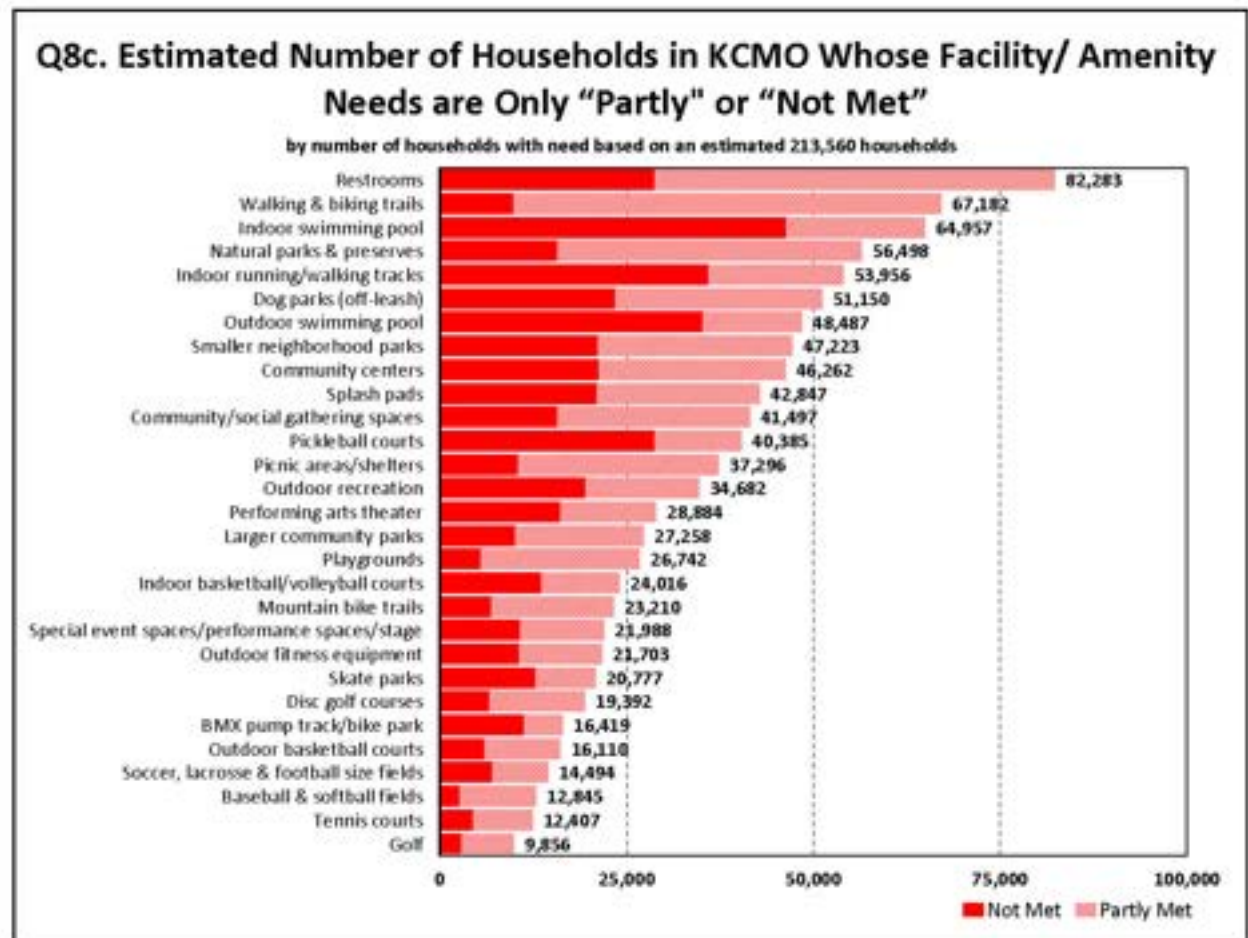
Facilities and Amenities Needs and Priorities

Facility/Amenity Needs: Respondents were asked to identify if their household had a need for 29 facilities/amenities and to rate how well their needs for each were currently being met. Based on this analysis, ETC Institute was able to estimate the number of households in the community that had the greatest “unmet” need for various facilities/amenities.

The three facilities/amenities with the highest estimated number of households that have an unmet need:

1. Restrooms – 82,283 households
2. Walking and biking trails – 67,182 households
3. Indoor swimming pool – 64,957 households

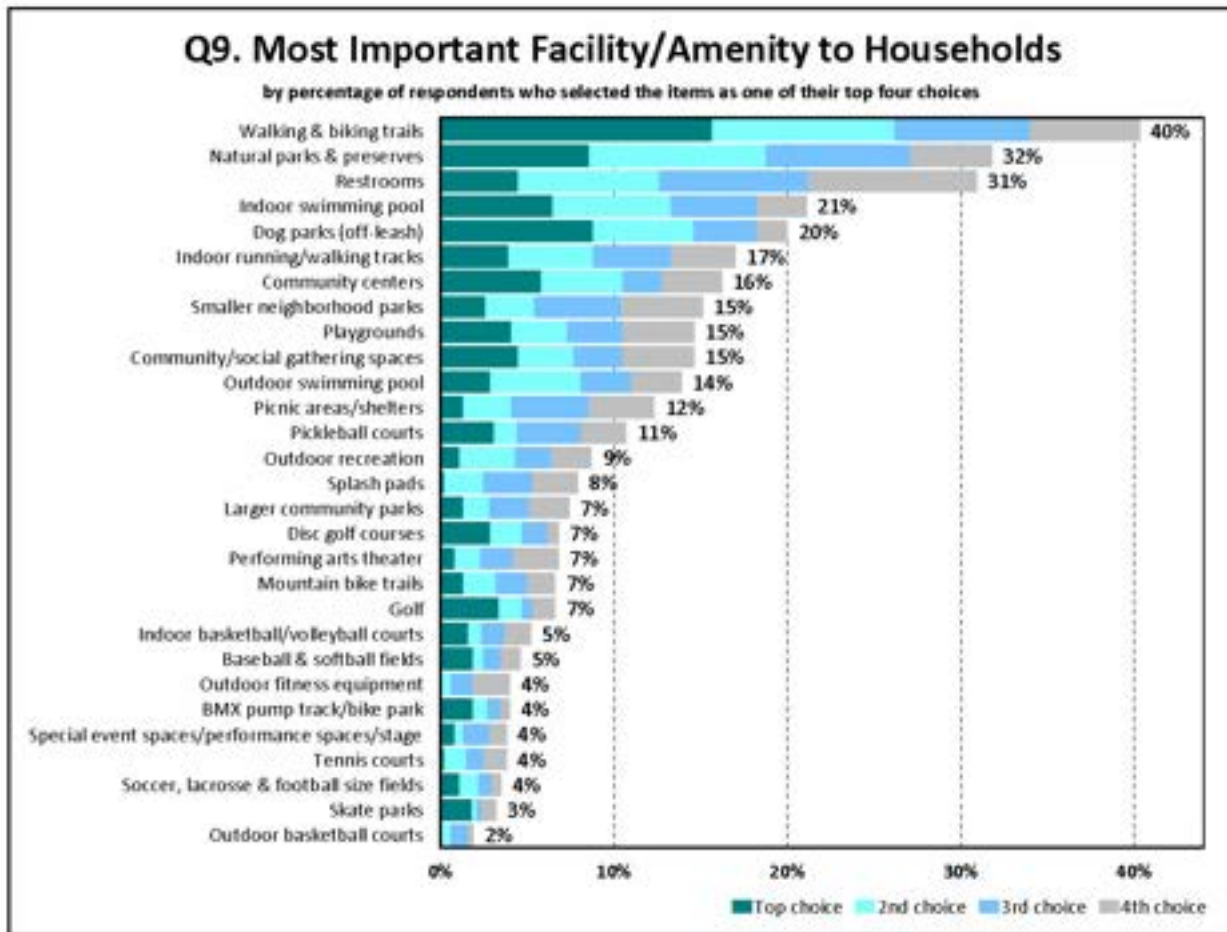
The estimated number of households that have unmet needs for each of the 29 facilities/amenities assessed is shown in the chart below.



Facilities and Amenities Importance: In addition to assessing the needs for each facility/amenity, ETC Institute also assessed the importance that residents placed on each item. Based on the sum of respondents' top four choices, these were the four most important amenities to residents:

1. Walking & biking trails (40%)
2. Nature parks and preserves (32%)
3. Restrooms (31%)
4. Indoor swimming pool (21%)

The percentage of residents who selected each facility/amenity as one of their top four choices is shown in the chart below.

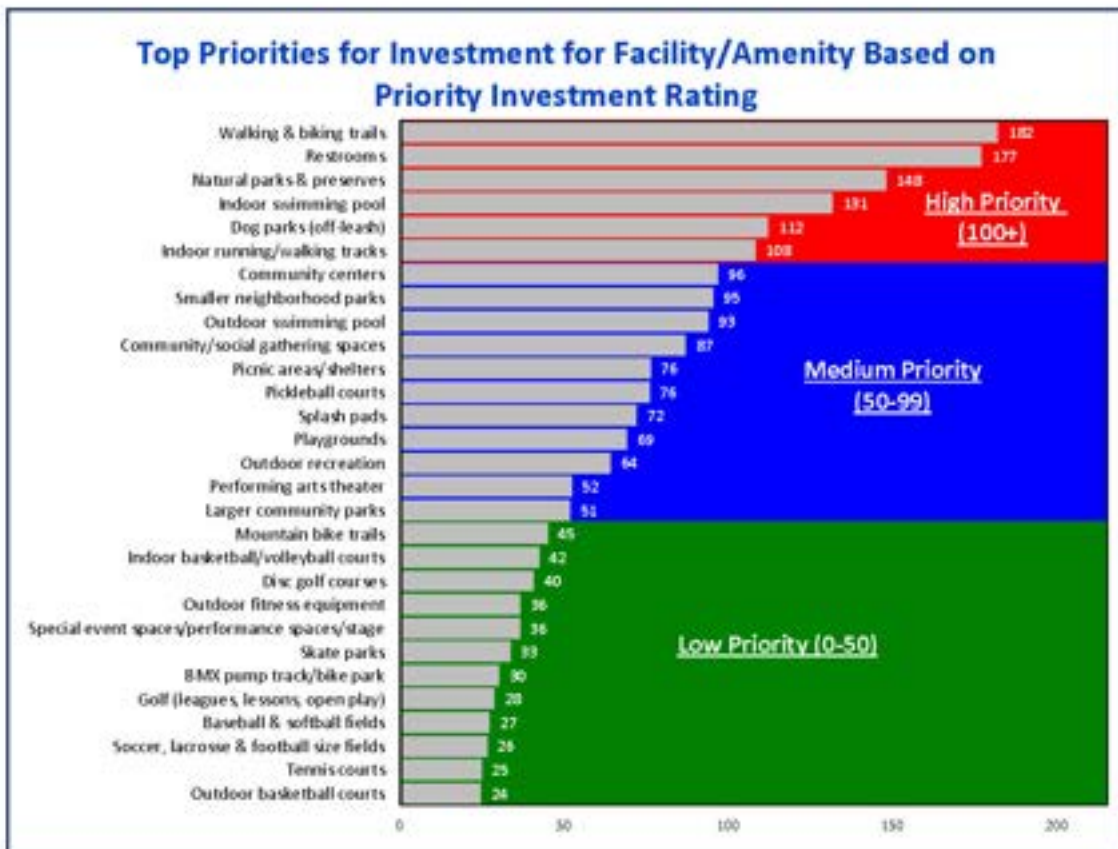


Priorities for Facility Investments: The **Priority Investment Rating (PIR)** was developed by ETC Institute to provide organizations with an objective tool for evaluating the priority that should be placed on recreation and parks investments. The Priority Investment Rating (PIR) equally weights (1) the importance that residents place on amenities/facilities and (2) how many residents have unmet needs for the facility/amenity. [Details regarding the methodology for this analysis are provided in Section 3 of this report.]

Based the Priority Investment Rating (PIR), the following parks and recreation facilities/amenities were rated as high priorities for investment:

- Walking and biking trails (PIR=182)
- Restrooms (PIR=177)
- Natural parks and preserves (PIR=148)
- Indoor swimming pool (PIR=131)
- Dog parks (off-leash) (PIR=112)
- Indoor running/walking tracks (PIR=108)

The chart below shows the Priority Investment Rating for each of the 29 facilities/amenities assessed on the survey.



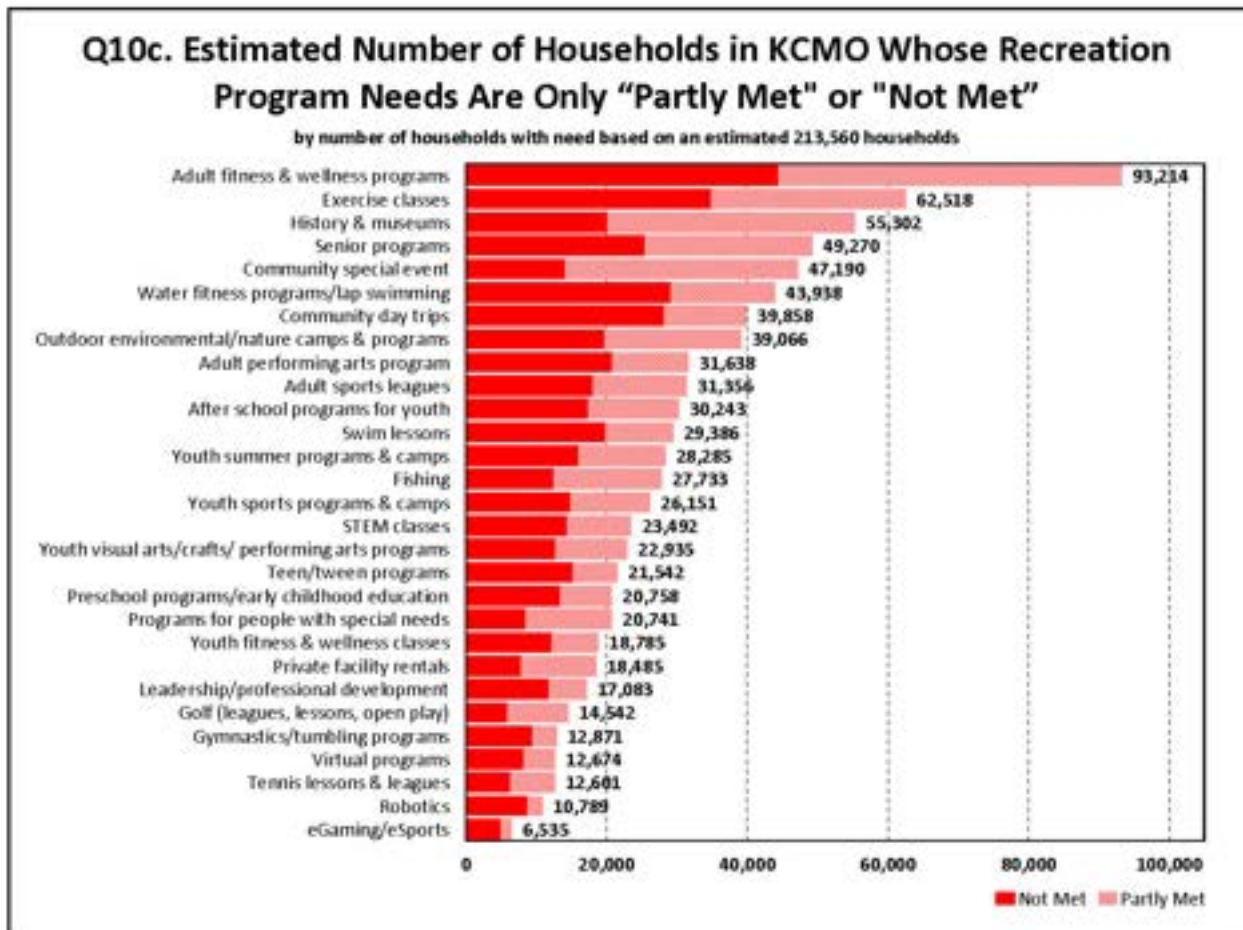
Recreation Program Needs and Priorities

Program Needs: Respondents were asked to identify if their household had a need for 29 programs and to rate how well their needs for each were currently being met. Based on this analysis, ETC Institute was able to estimate the number of households in the community that had the greatest “unmet” need for various programs.

The three programs with the highest estimated number of households that have an unmet need:

1. Adult fitness & wellness programs – 93,214 households
2. Exercise classes – 62,518 households
3. History and museums – 55,302 households

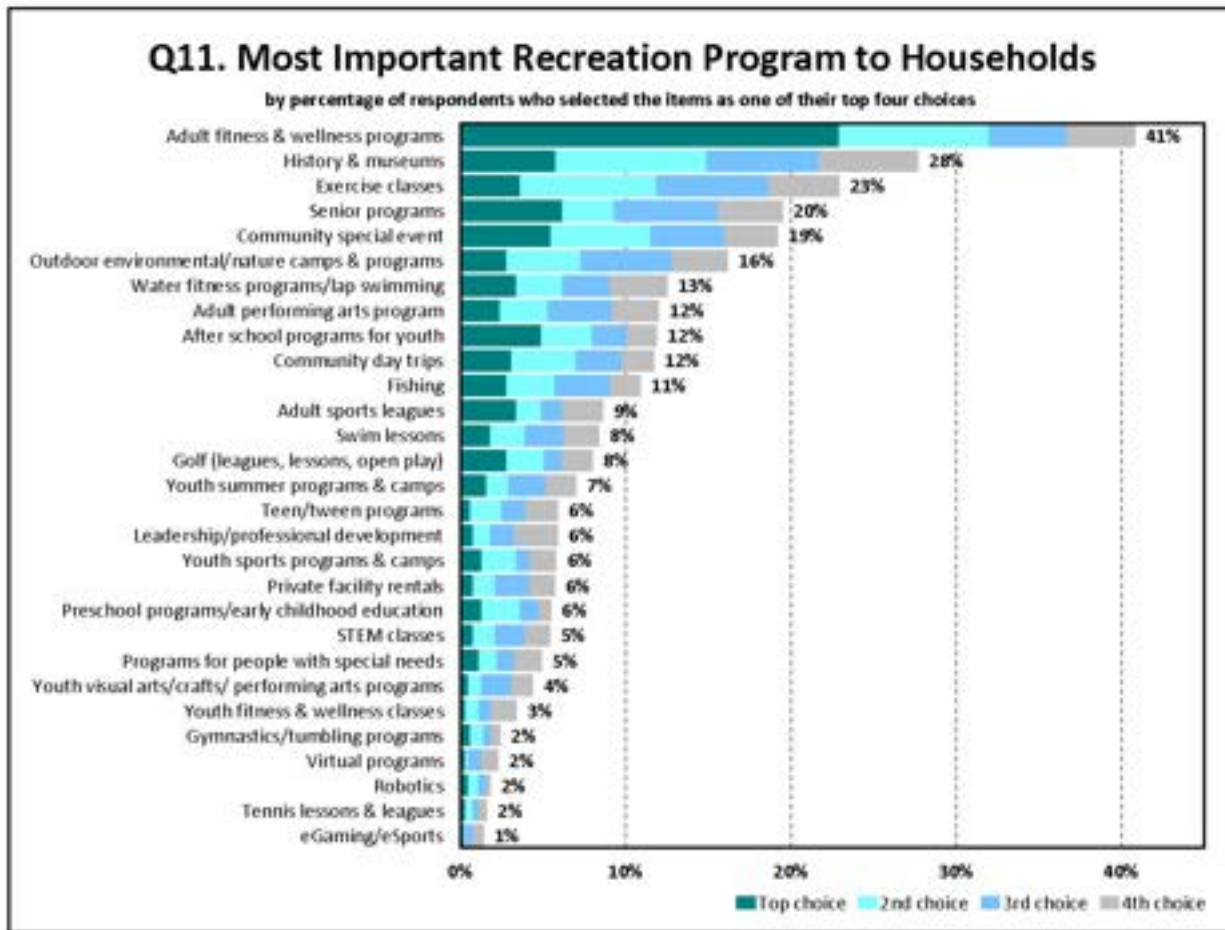
The estimated number of households that have unmet needs for each of the 29 recreation programs assessed is shown in the chart below.



Programs Importance: In addition to assessing the needs for each program, ETC Institute also assessed the importance that residents placed on each item. Based on the sum of respondents' top four choices, these are the four most important programs to residents:

1. Adult fitness & wellness programs (41%)
2. History and museums (28%)
3. Exercise classes (23%)
4. Senior programs (20%)

The percentage of residents who selected each program as one of their top four choices is shown in the chart below.

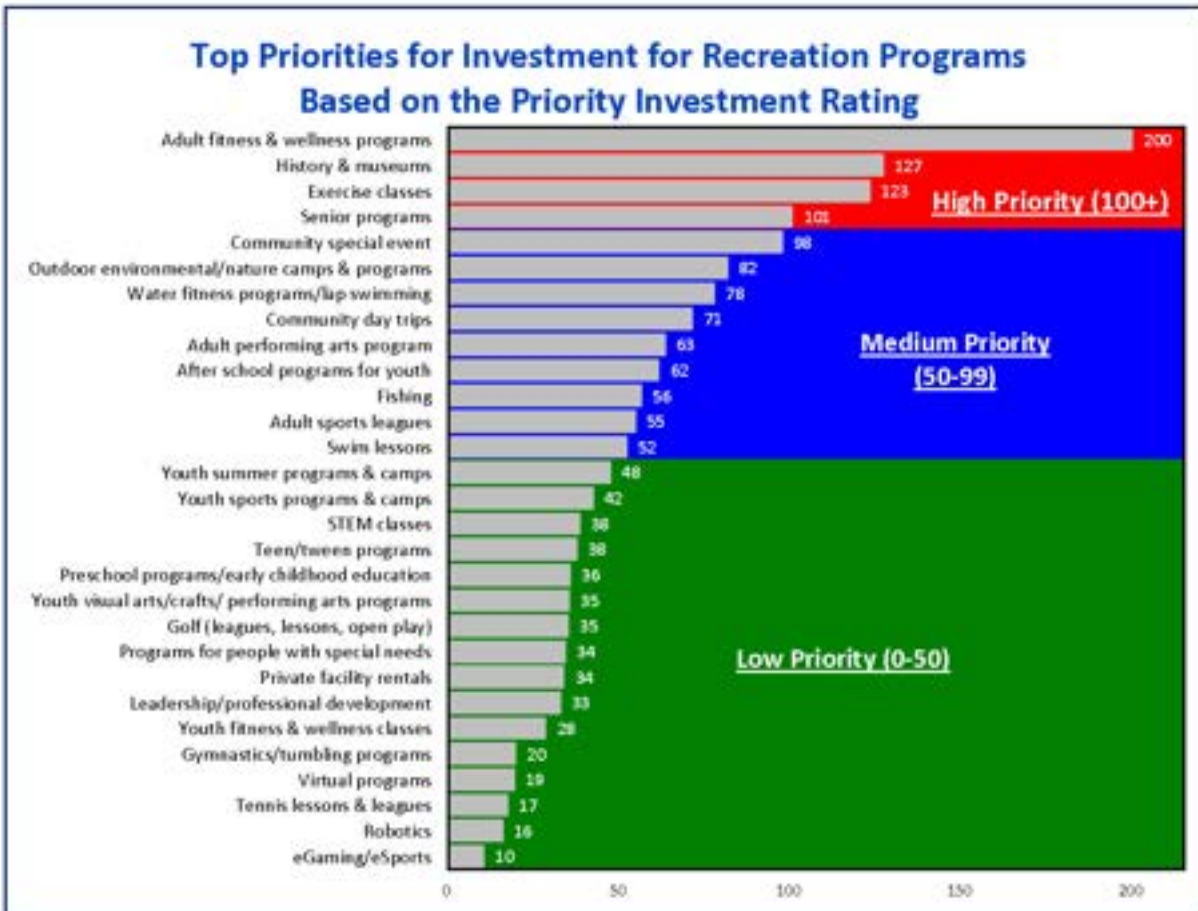


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Based the Priority Investment Rating (PIR), the following Lisle Park District programs were rated as high priorities for investment:

- Adult fitness & wellness programs (PIR=200)
- History and museums (PIR=127)
- Exercise classes (PIR=123)
- Senior programs (PIR=101)

The chart below shows the Priority Investment Rating for each of the 29 programs assessed.

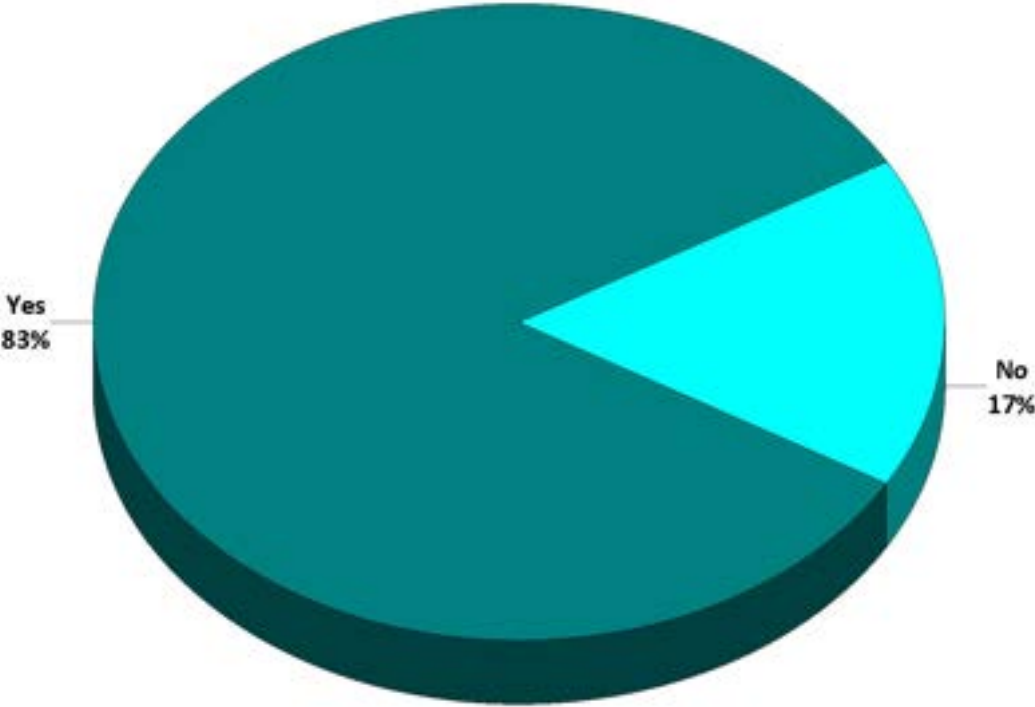


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Charts & Graphs

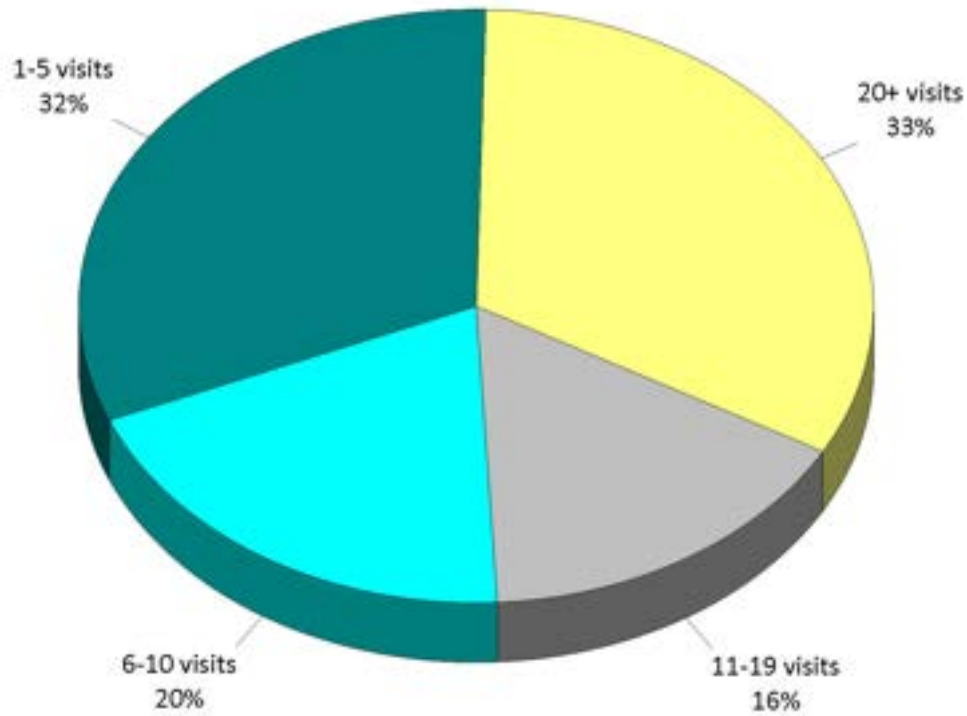
Q1. In the past 12 months, have you or any members of your household visited any of the KCMO Parks and Recreation Department parks?

by percentage of respondents



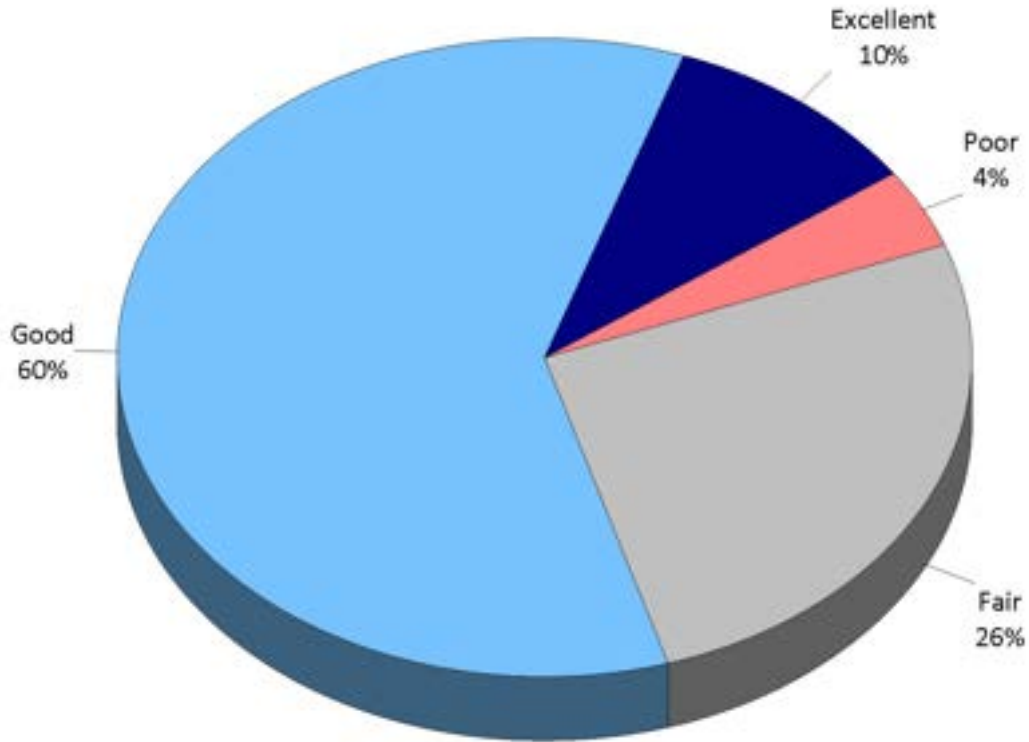
Q1a. Approximately, how often did you or members of your household visit KCMO Parks and Recreation Department parks during the past year?

by percentage of respondents who responded "Yes" to Q1



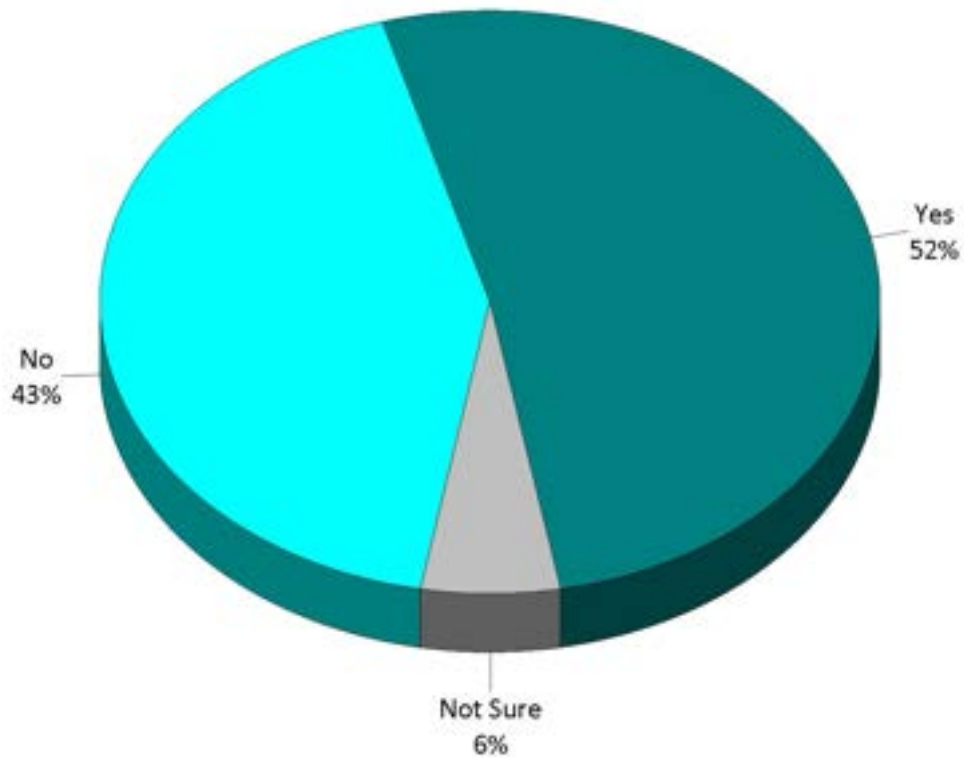
Q1b. Overall, how would you rate the physical condition of all the KCMO Parks and Recreation Department parks you have visited?

by percentage of respondents who responded "Yes" to Q1



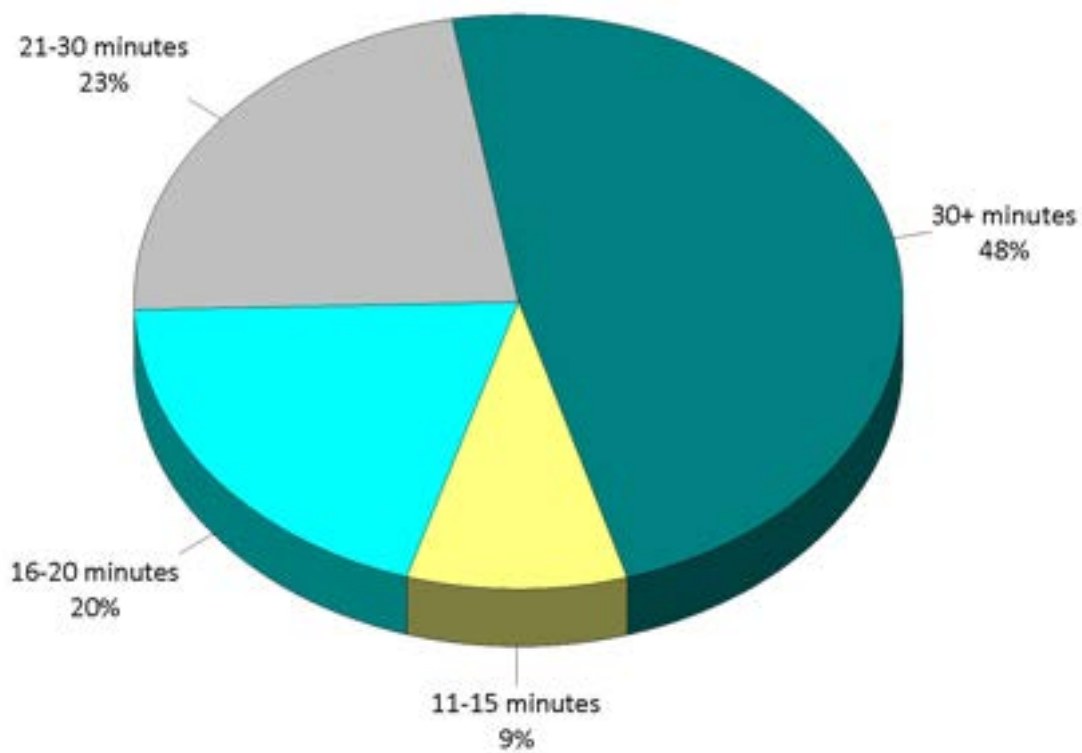
Q2. Do you live within a 10-minute walk from a KCMO Parks and Recreation Department park?

by percentage of respondents (excluding "not provided")



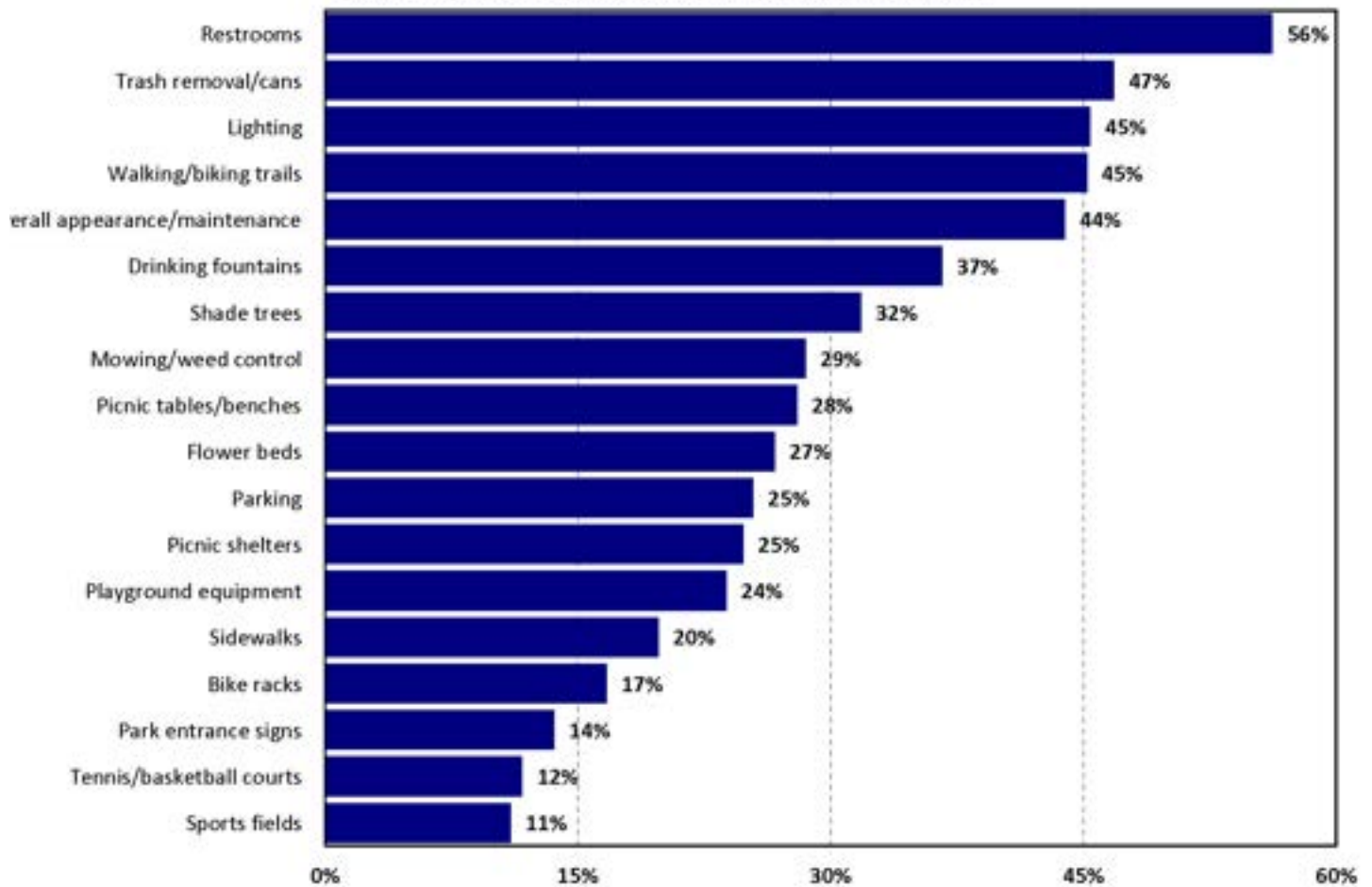
Q2a. Approximately, how long would it take for you to walk to the nearest KCMO Parks and Recreation Department park?

by percentage of respondents (excluding "not provided")



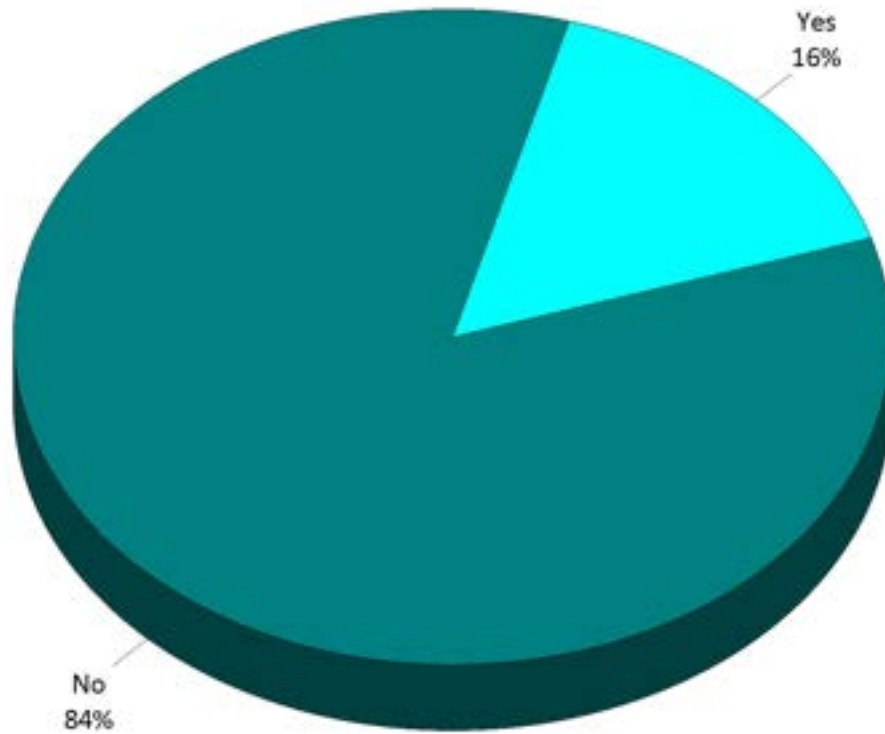
Q3. Please check ALL the improvements you would most like to have made to the park you visit the MOST OFTEN.

by percentage of respondents (multiple selections could be made)



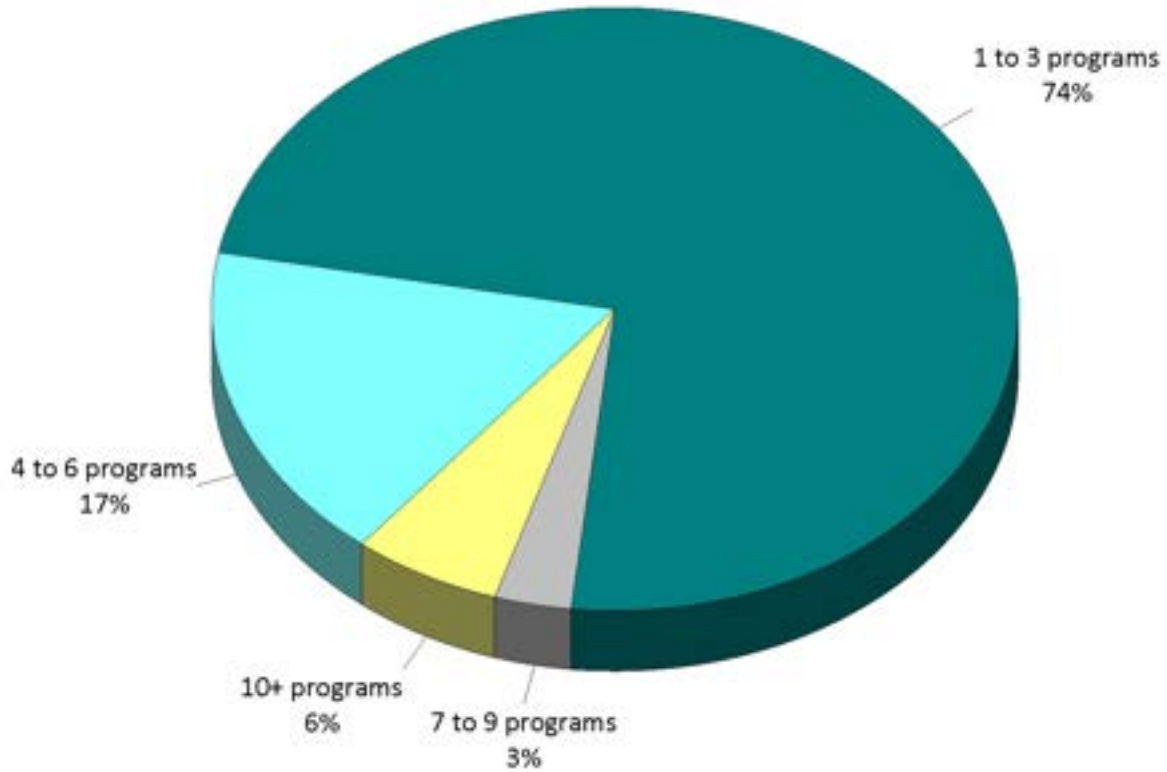
Q4. Have you or other members of your household participated in any recreation programs (sports, classes, special events, etc.) offered by the KCMO Parks and Recreation Department during the past two years?

by percentage of respondents



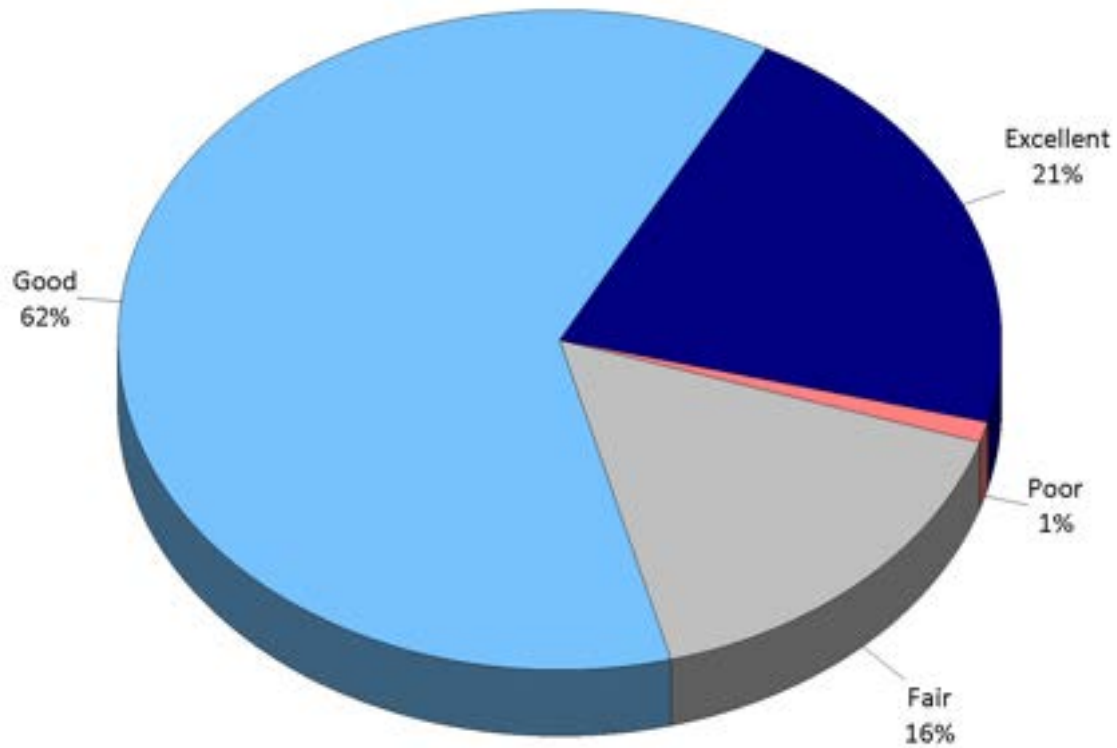
Q4a. Approximately, how many different recreation programs offered by the KCMO Parks and Recreation Department have you or members of your household participated in over the past two years?

by percentage of respondents who answered "Yes" to Q4



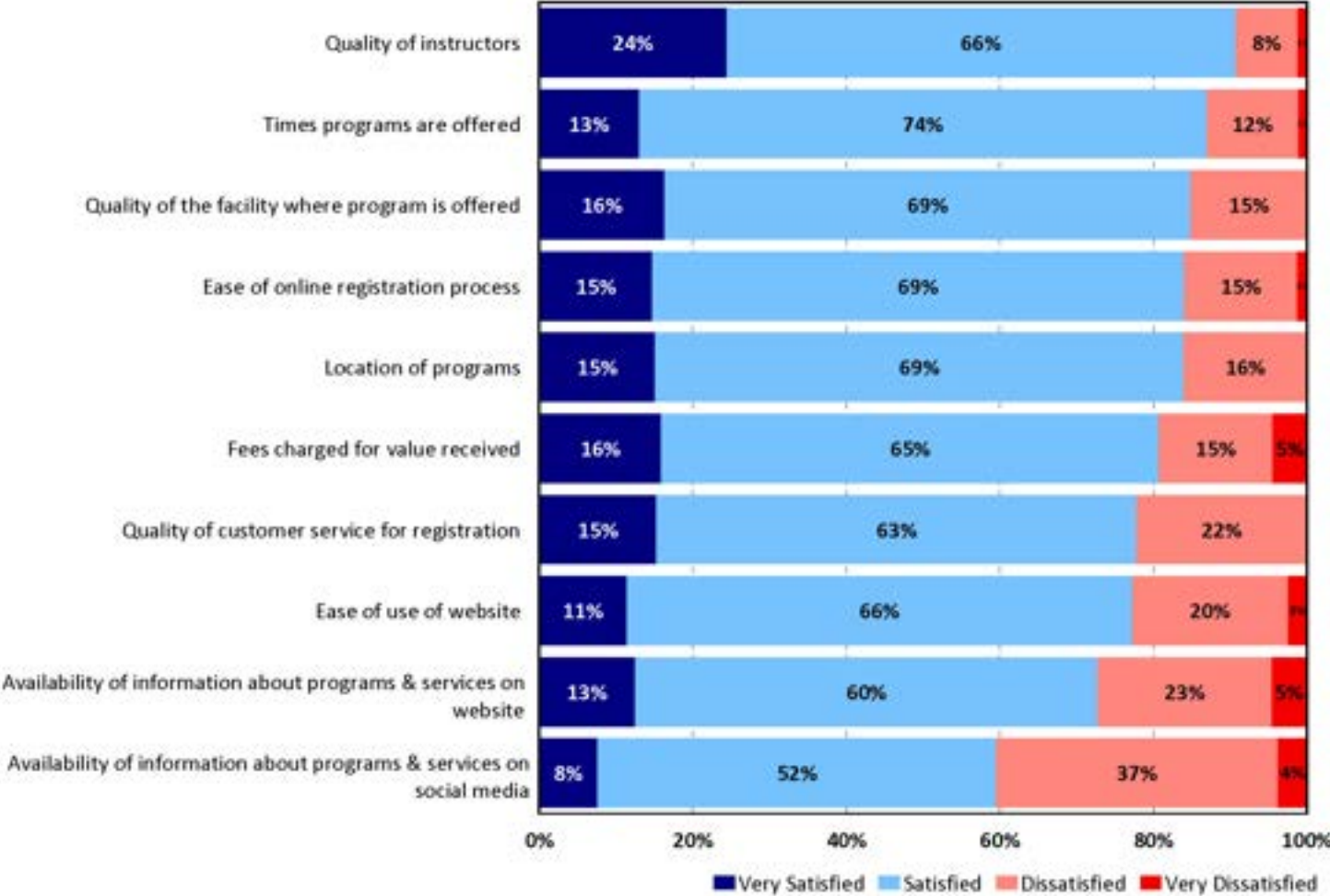
Q4b. Overall, how would you rate the quality of programs in which you and members of your household have participated?

by percentage of respondents who answered "Yes" to Q4



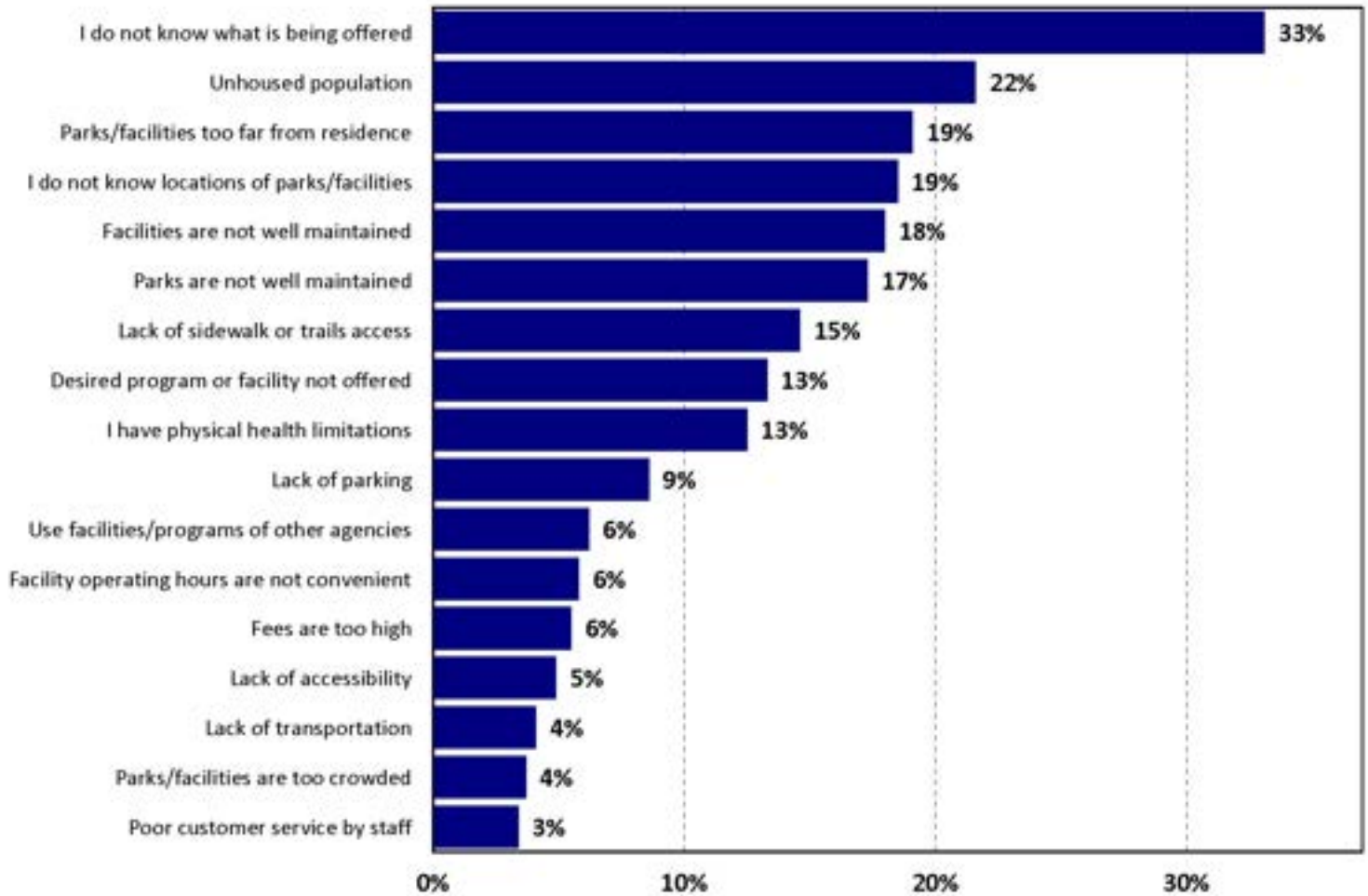
Q4c. Level of Satisfaction Regarding Recreation Program Services

by percentage of respondents who answered "Yes" to Q4 (excluding "N/A")



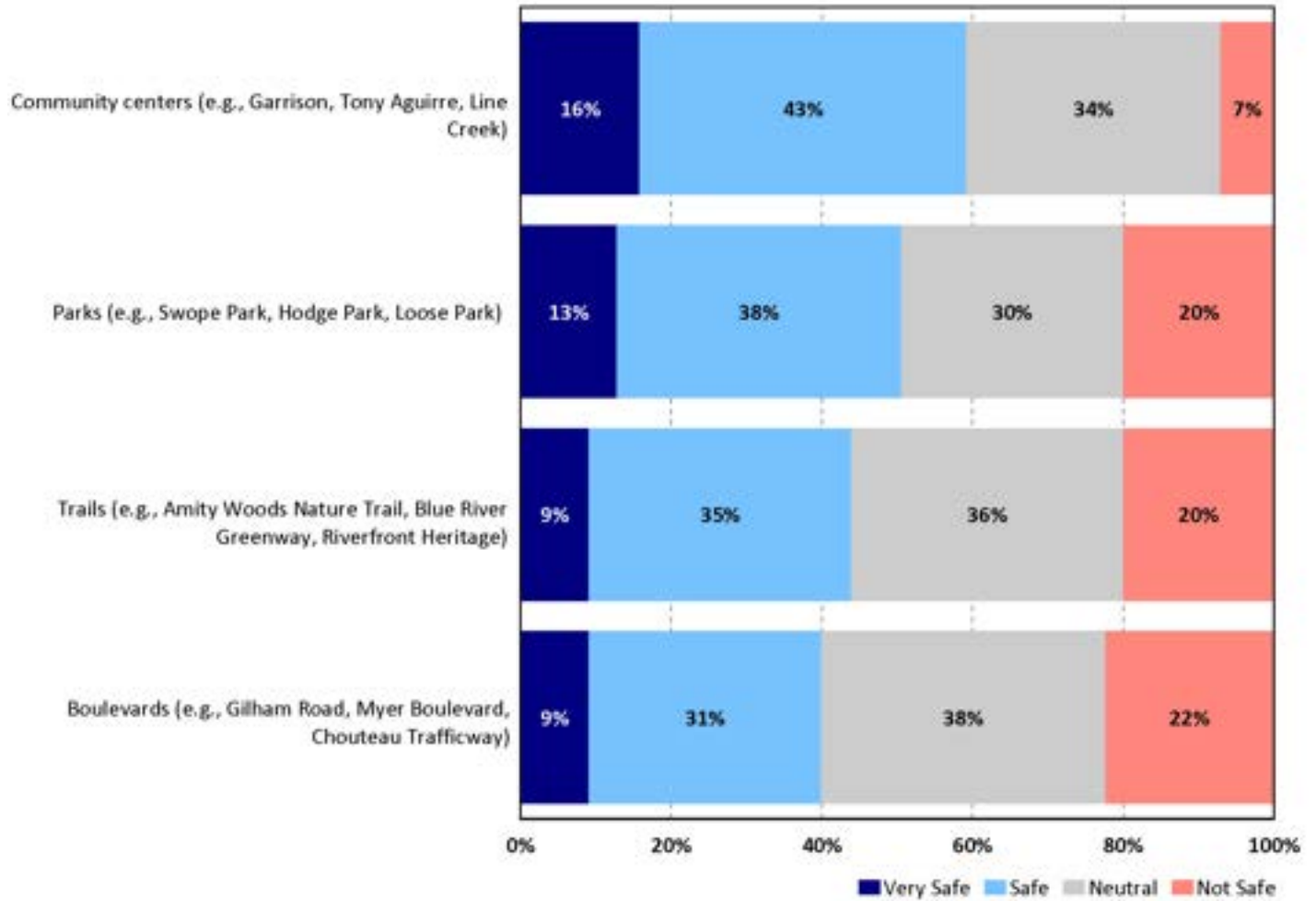
Q5. Barriers to Parks, Trails, Recreation Facilities, or Programs Use

by percentage of respondents (multiple selections could be made)



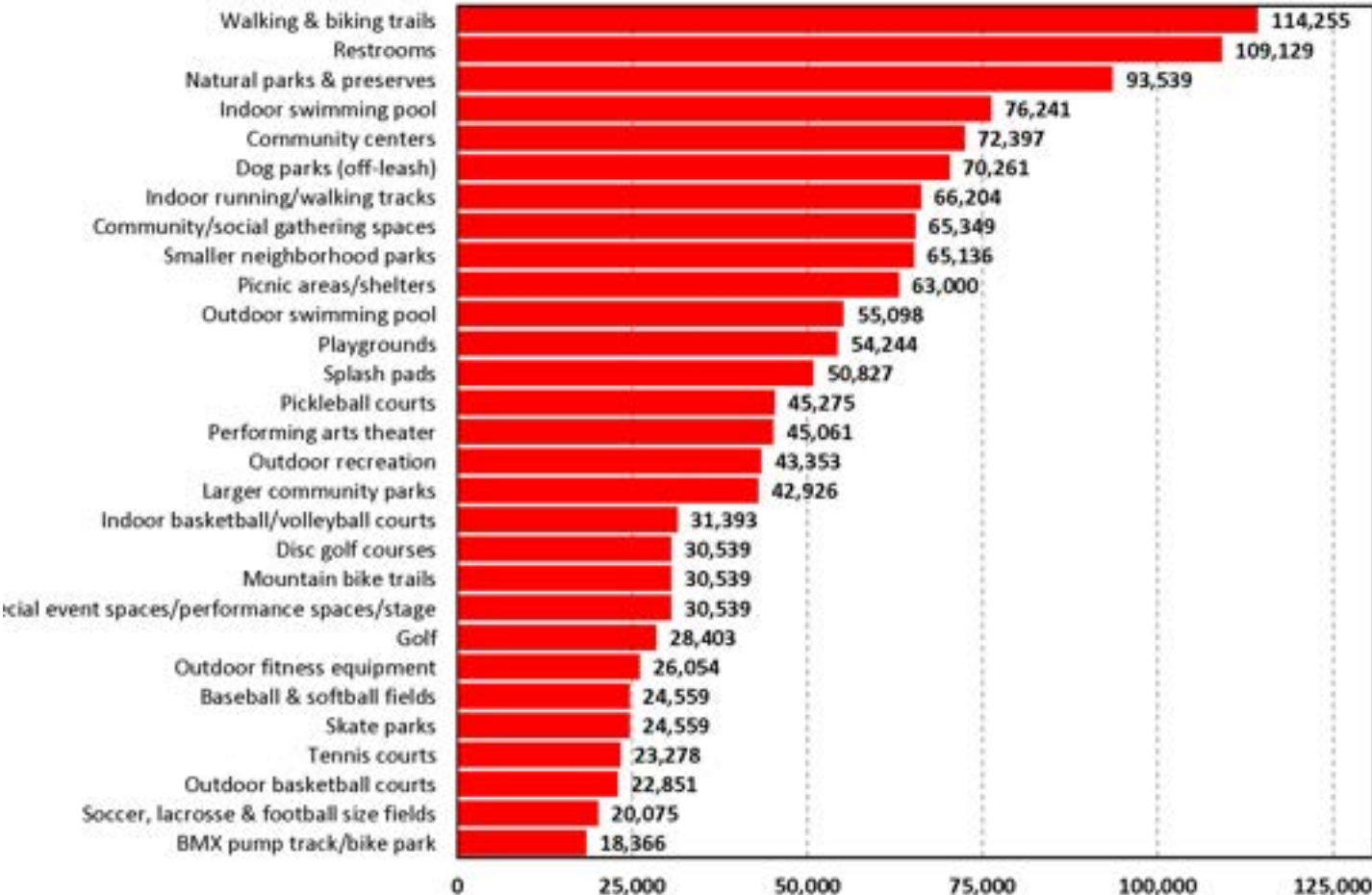
Q6. Rating Level of Safety in the Past Year

by percentage of respondents (excluding "don't know/haven't visited")



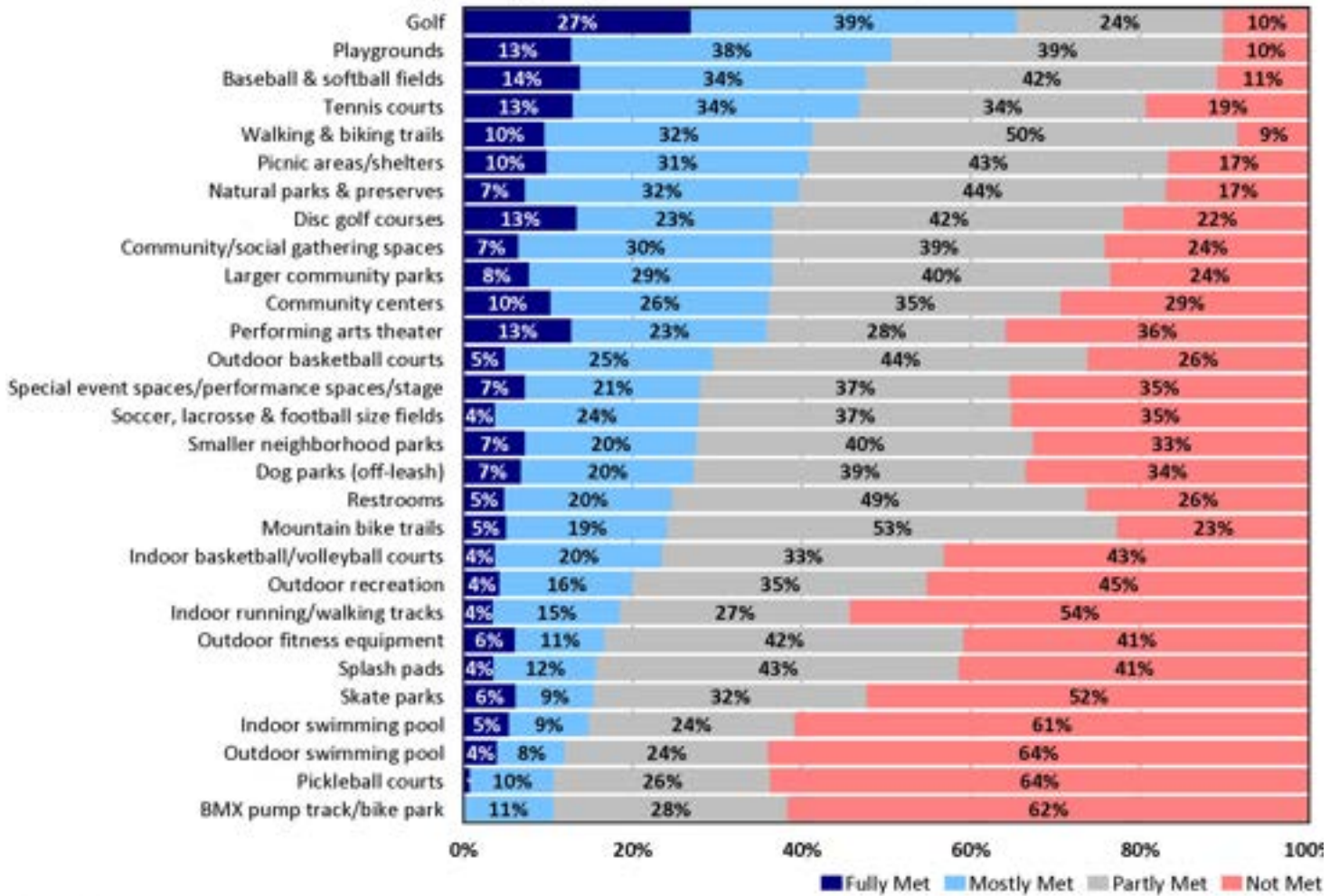
Q8a. Estimated Number of Households in KCMO Who Have a Need for Facility/ Amenity

by number of households based on an estimated 213,560 households



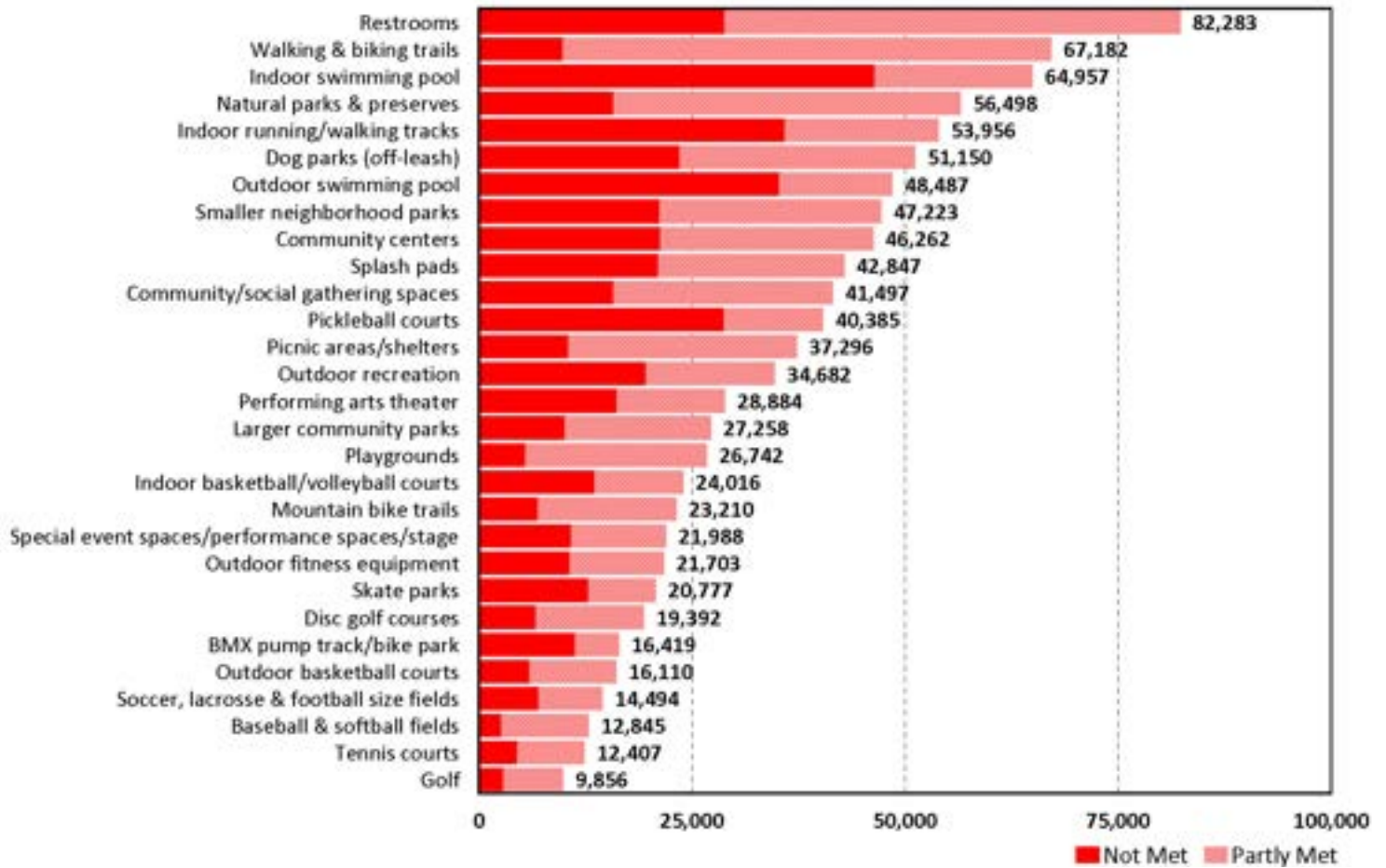
Q8b. How Well Households' Need For Facility/Amenity Is Currently Being Met

by percentage of respondents who answered "Yes" to Q8



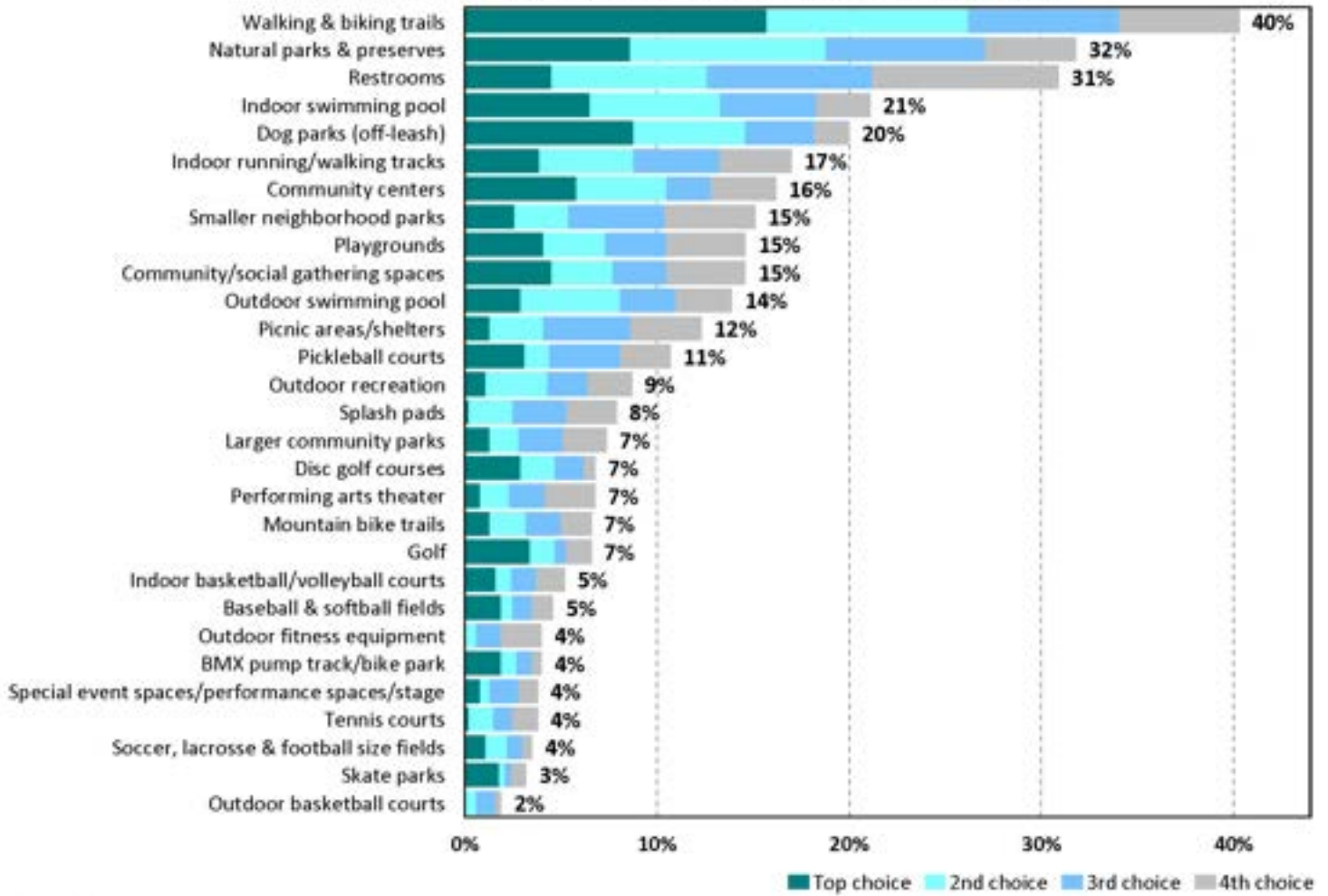
Q8c. Estimated Number of Households in KCMO Whose Facility/ Amenity Needs are Only "Partly" or "Not Met"

by number of households with need based on an estimated 213,560 households



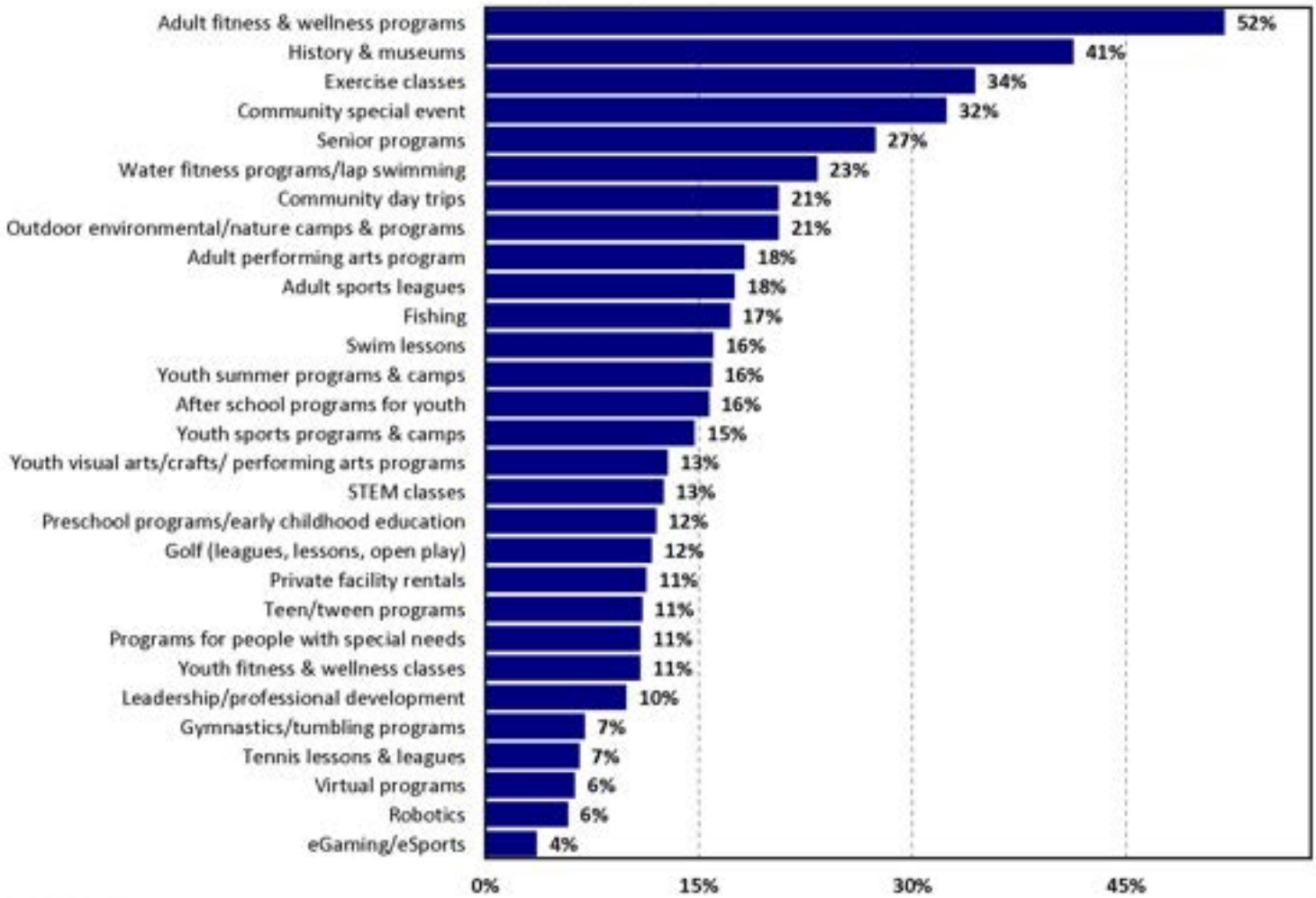
Q9. Most Important Facility/Amenity to Households

by percentage of respondents who selected the items as one of their top four choices



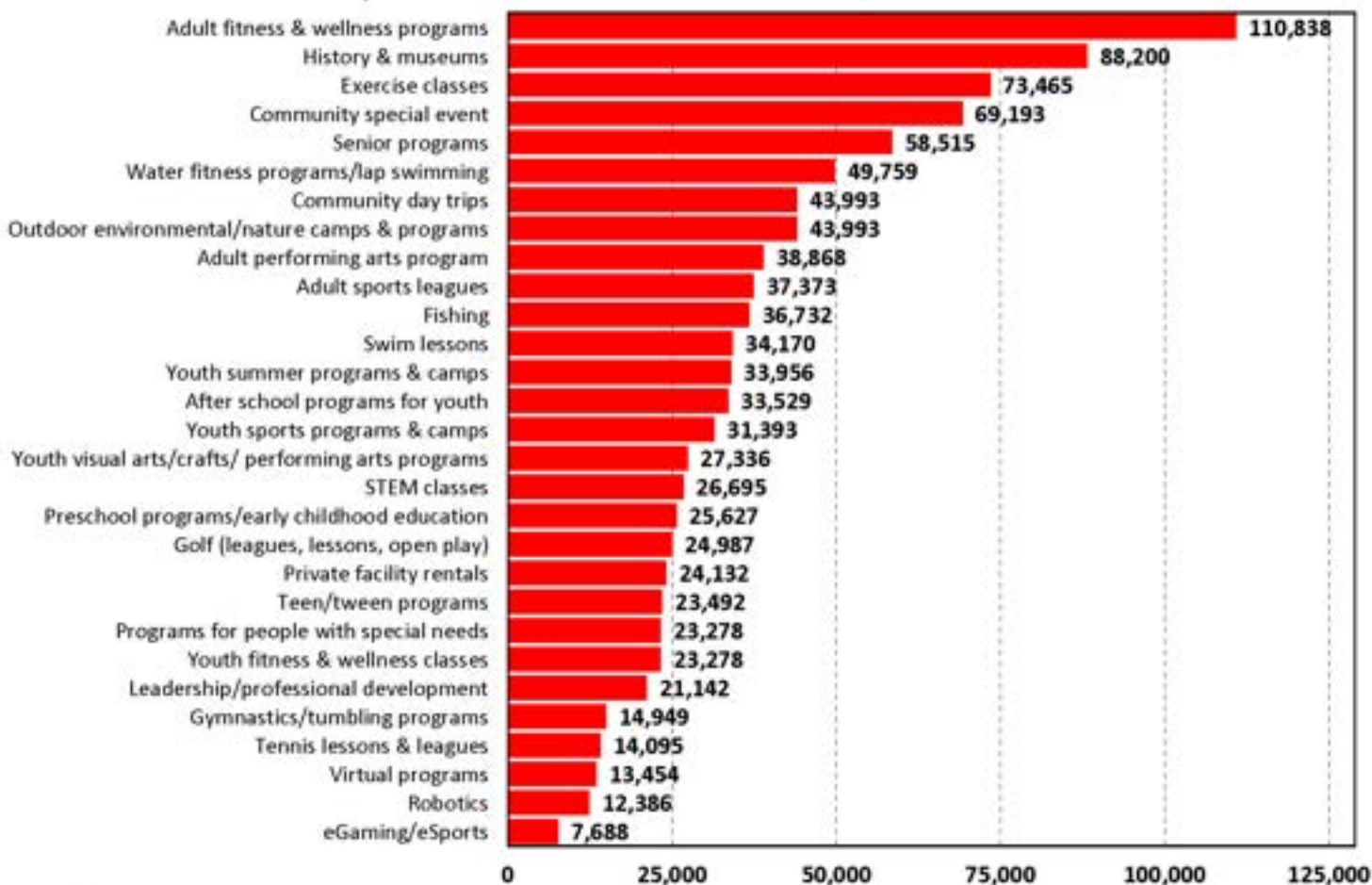
Q10. Respondents With Need for Recreation Program

by percentage of respondents



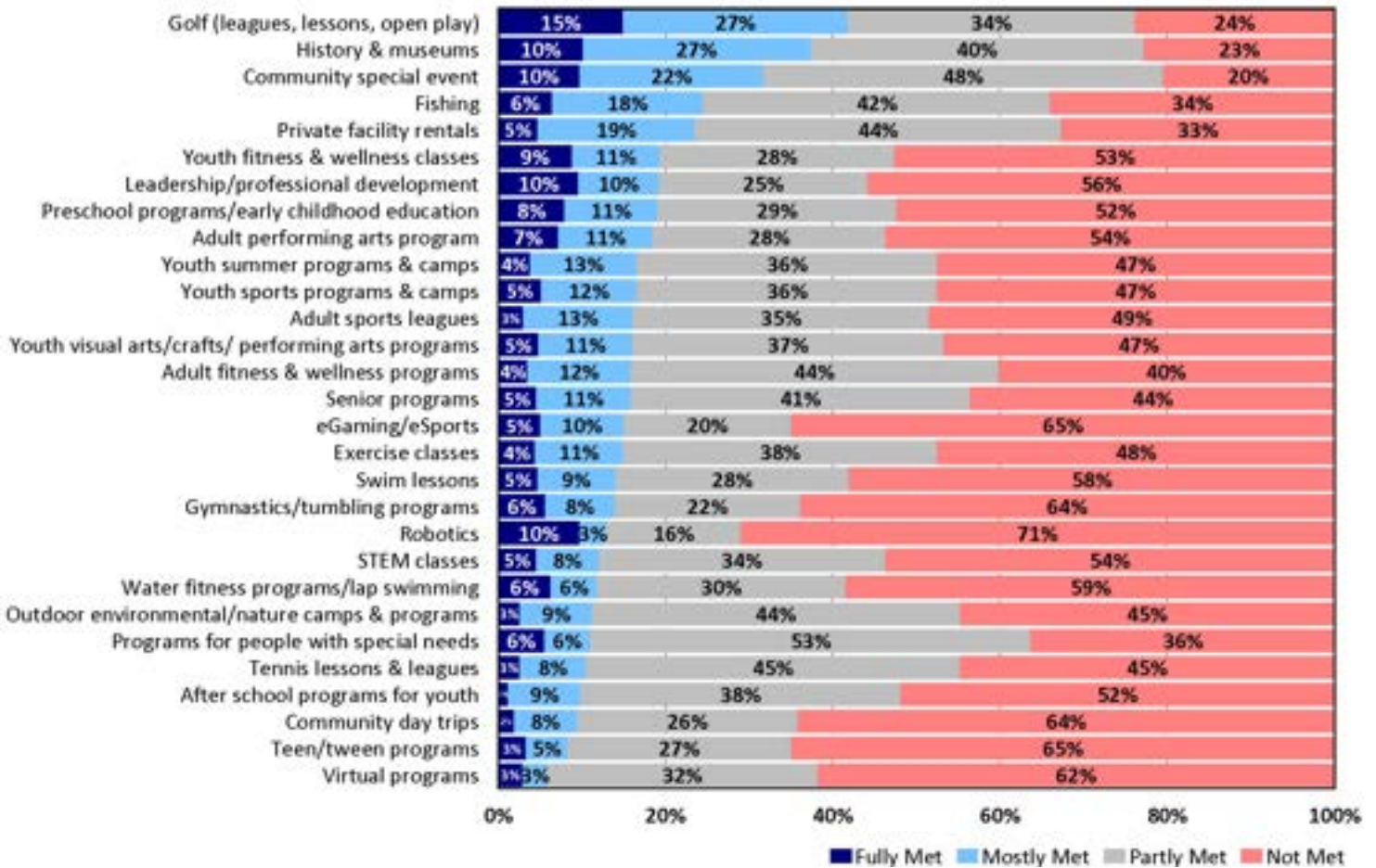
Q10a. Estimated Number of Households in KCMO Who Have a Need for Recreation Program

by number of households based on an estimated 213,560 households



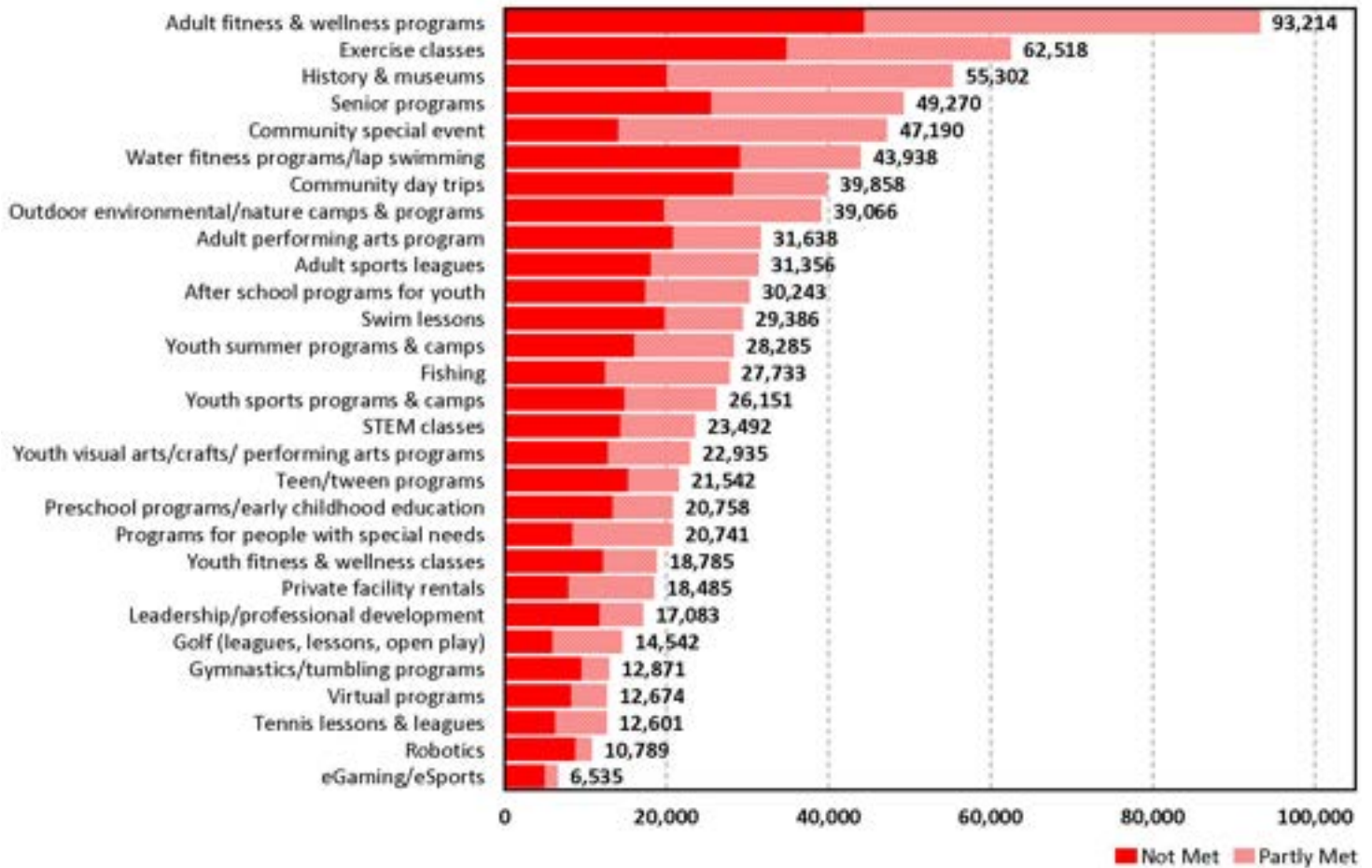
Q10b. How Well Households' Need For Recreation Program Is Currently Being Met

by percentage of respondents who answered "Yes" to Q10



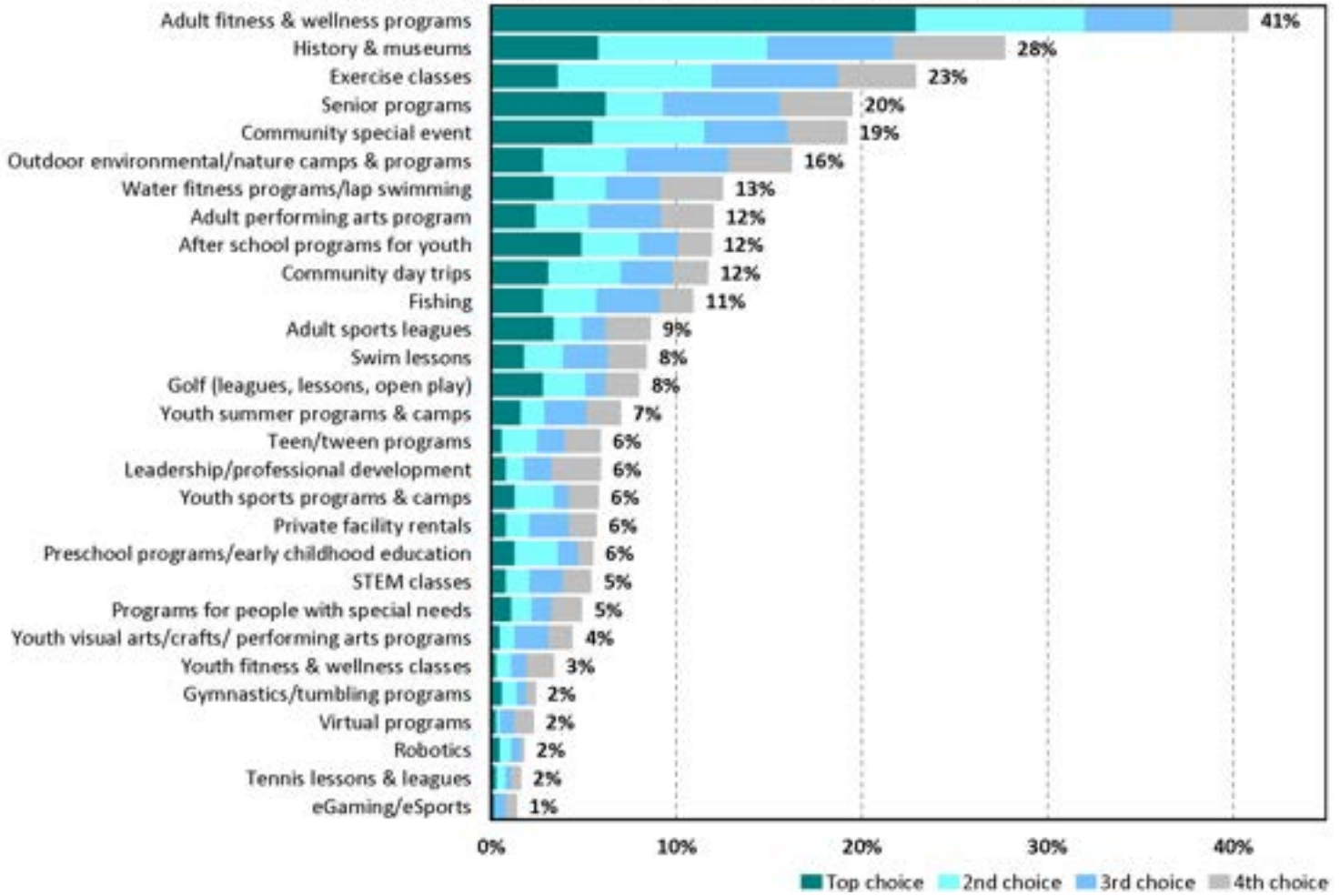
Q10c. Estimated Number of Households in KCMO Whose Recreation Program Needs Are Only "Partly Met" or "Not Met"

by number of households with need based on an estimated 213,560 households



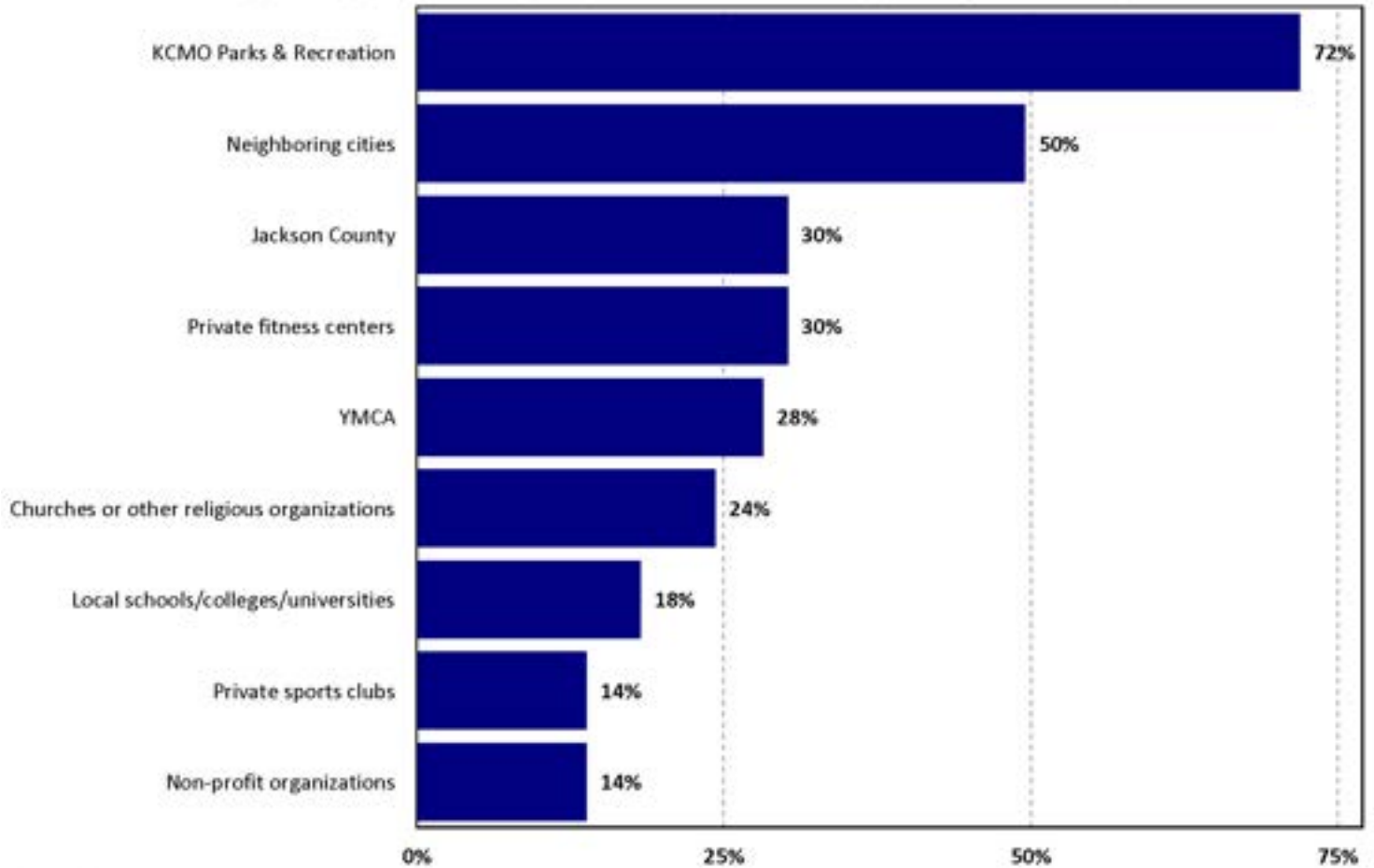
Q11. Most Important Recreation Program to Households

by percentage of respondents who selected the items as one of their top four choices



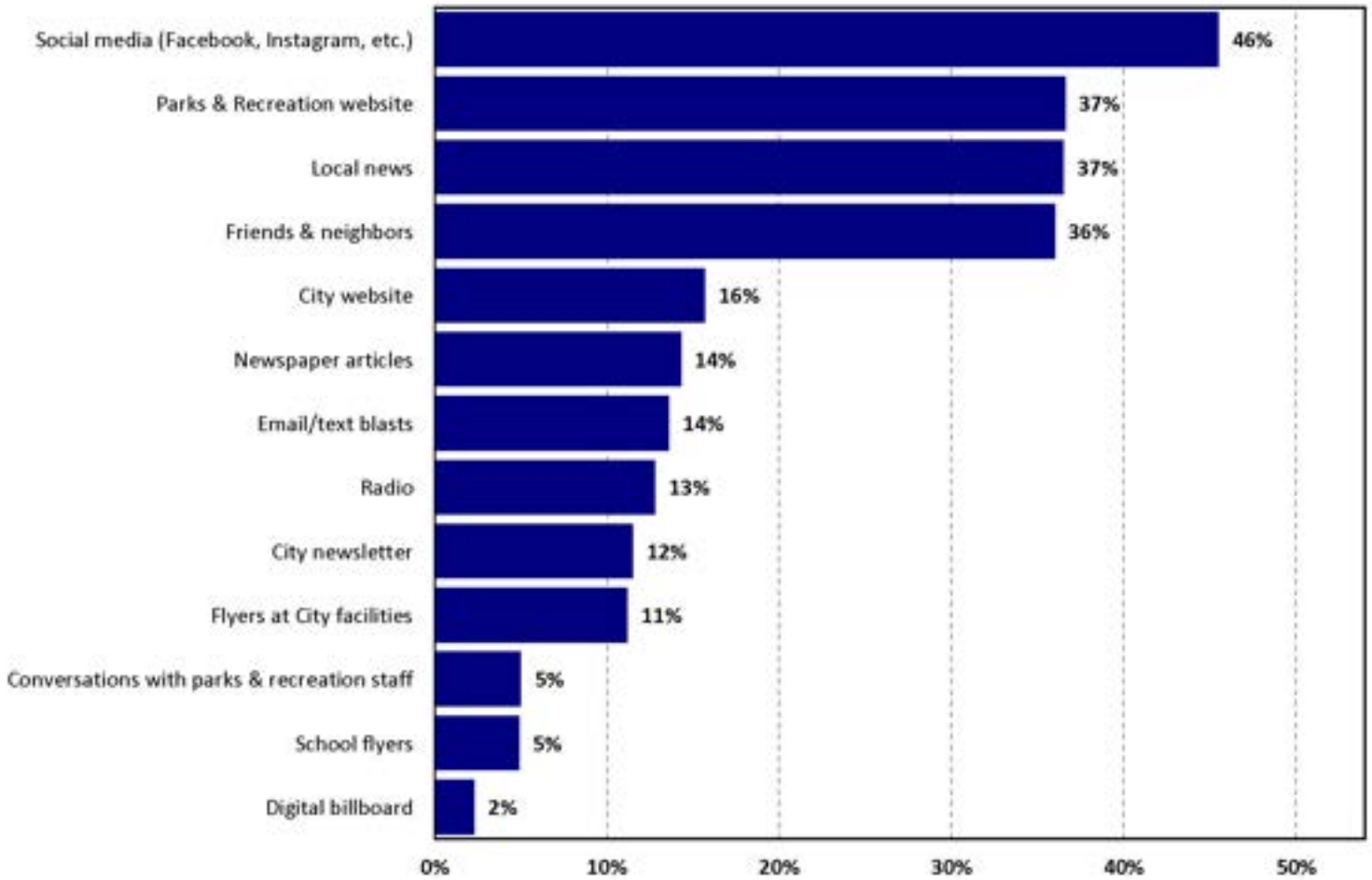
Q12. Please check ALL of the following organizations you or members of your household use for recreation programs and facilities.

by percentage of respondents (multiple selections could be made) (excluding "none of these")



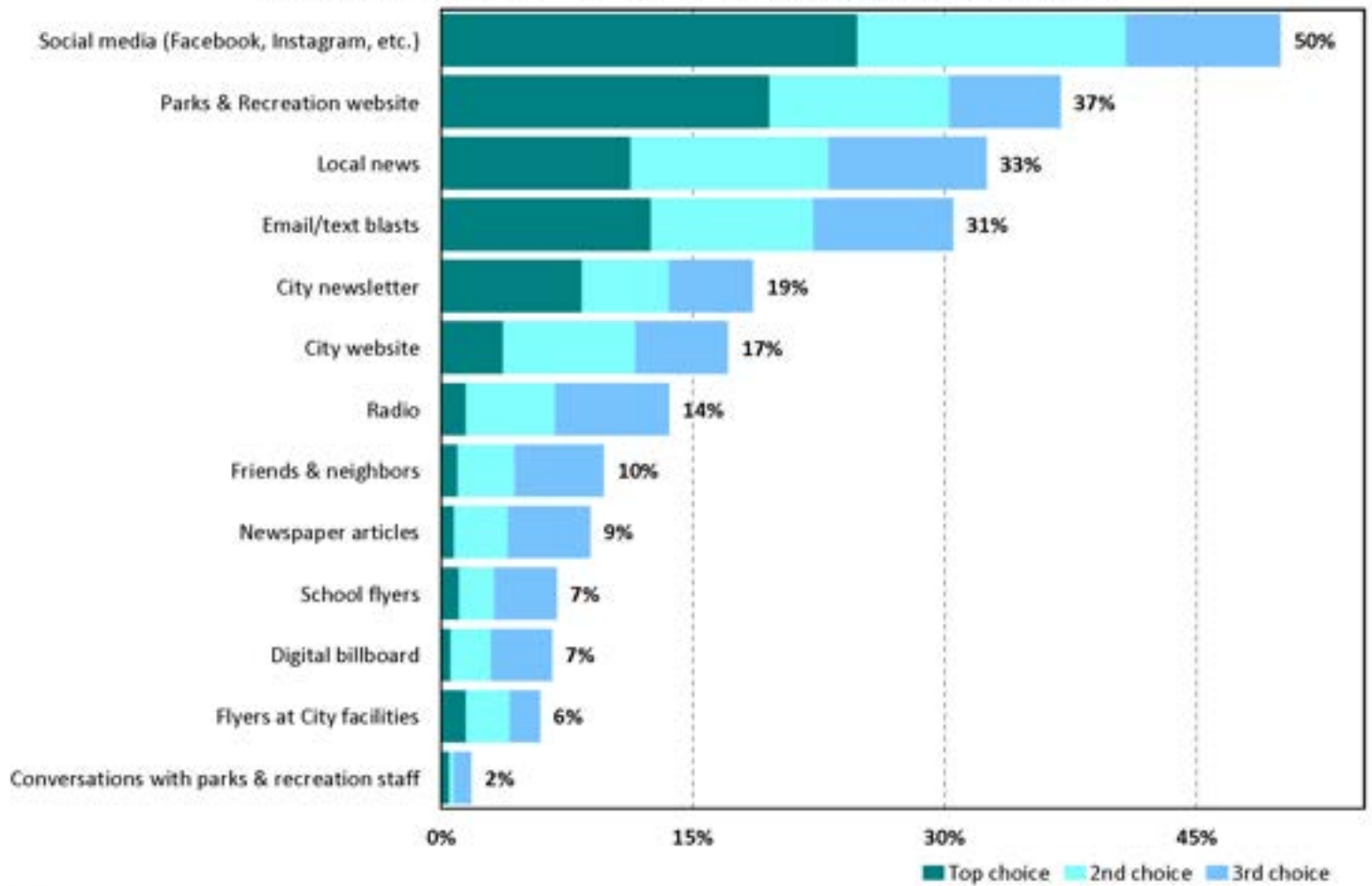
Q13. Please check ALL the ways you currently learn about KCMO Parks and Recreation Department recreation programs and activities

by percentage of respondents (multiple selections could be made)



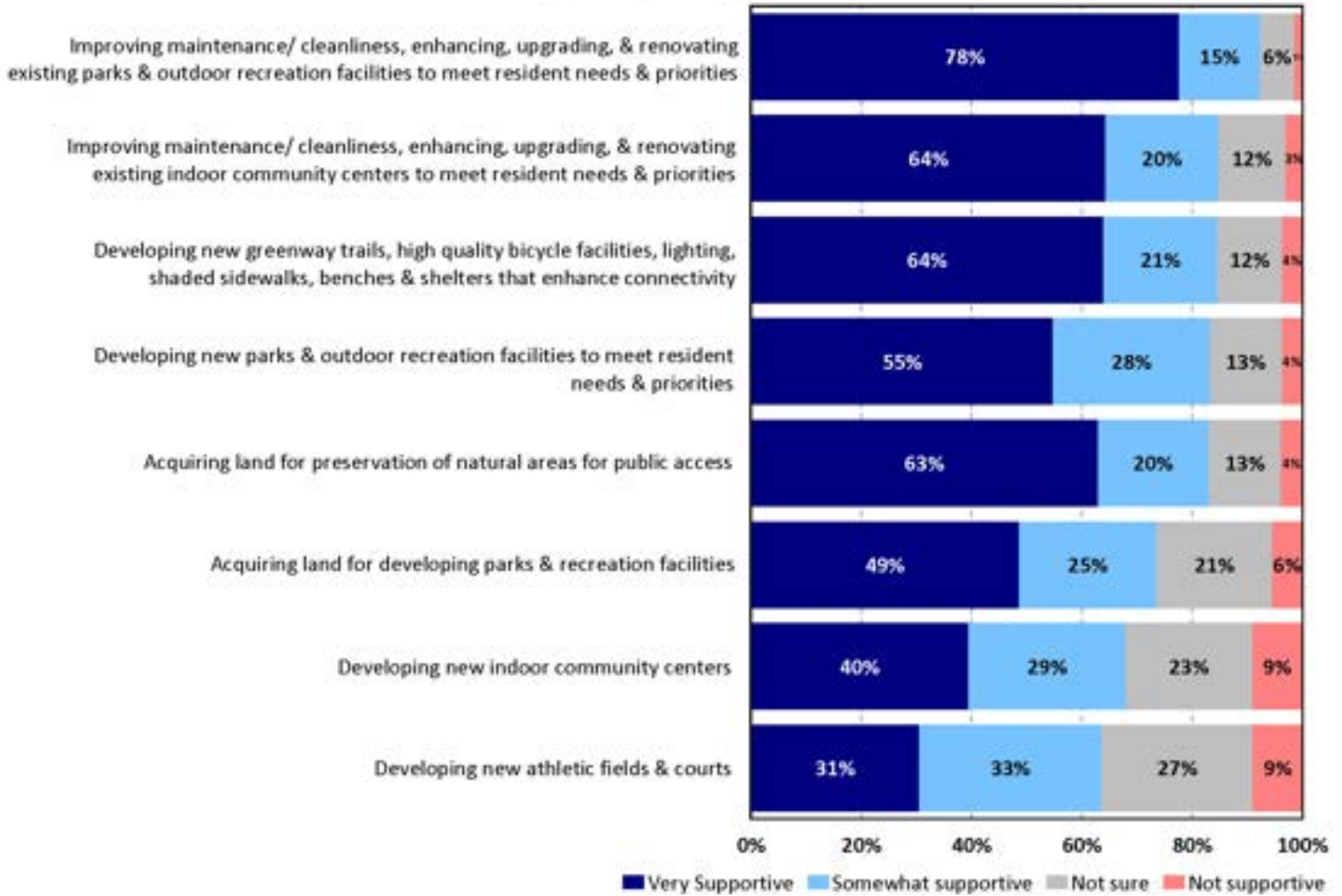
Q14. From the list in Question 13, which THREE methods would you MOST PREFER the City use to communicate with you about recreation programs and activities?

by percentage of respondents who selected the items as one of their top three choices



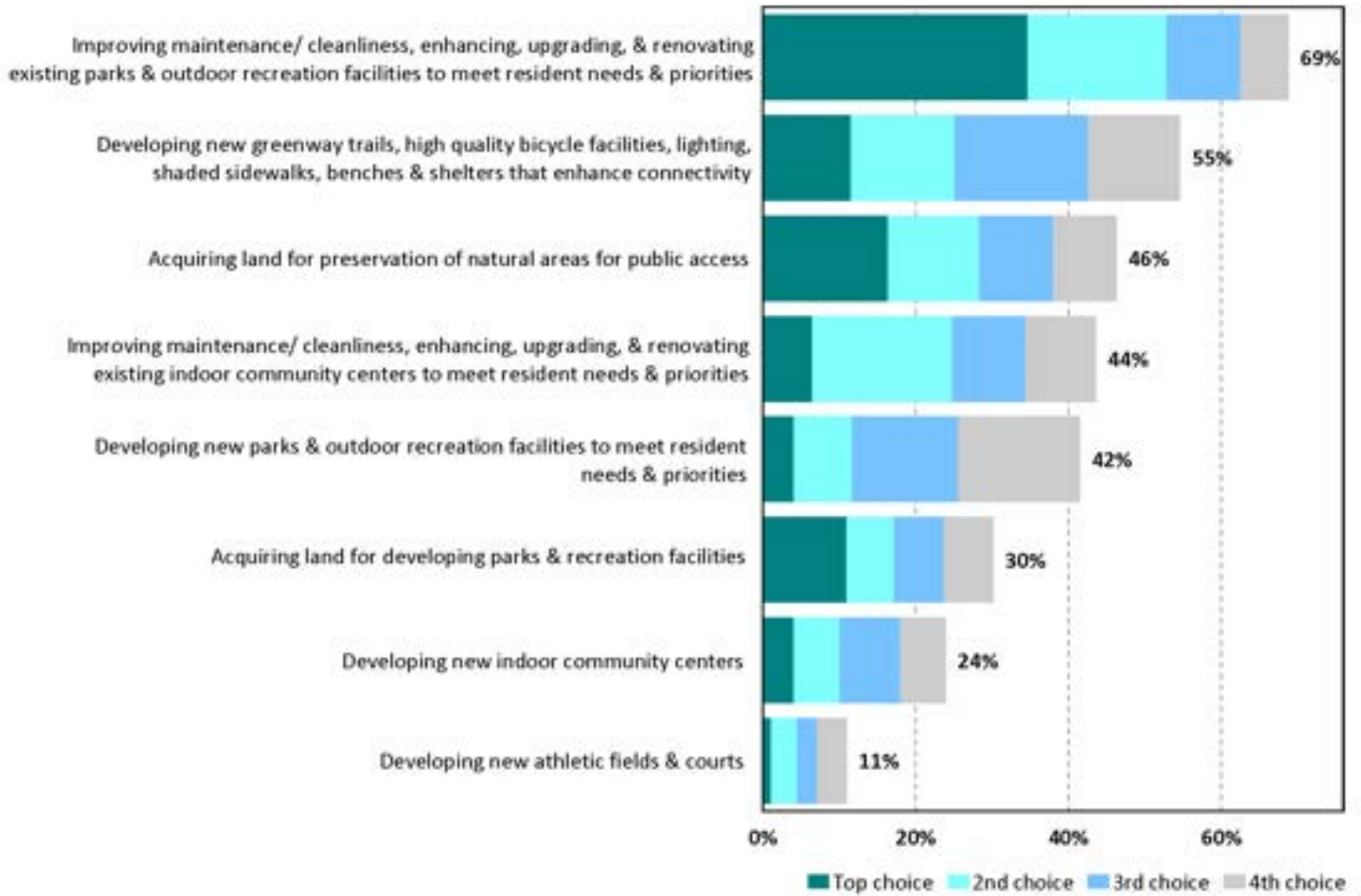
Q15. Level of Support for Actions to Improve Parks and Recreation

by percentage of respondents



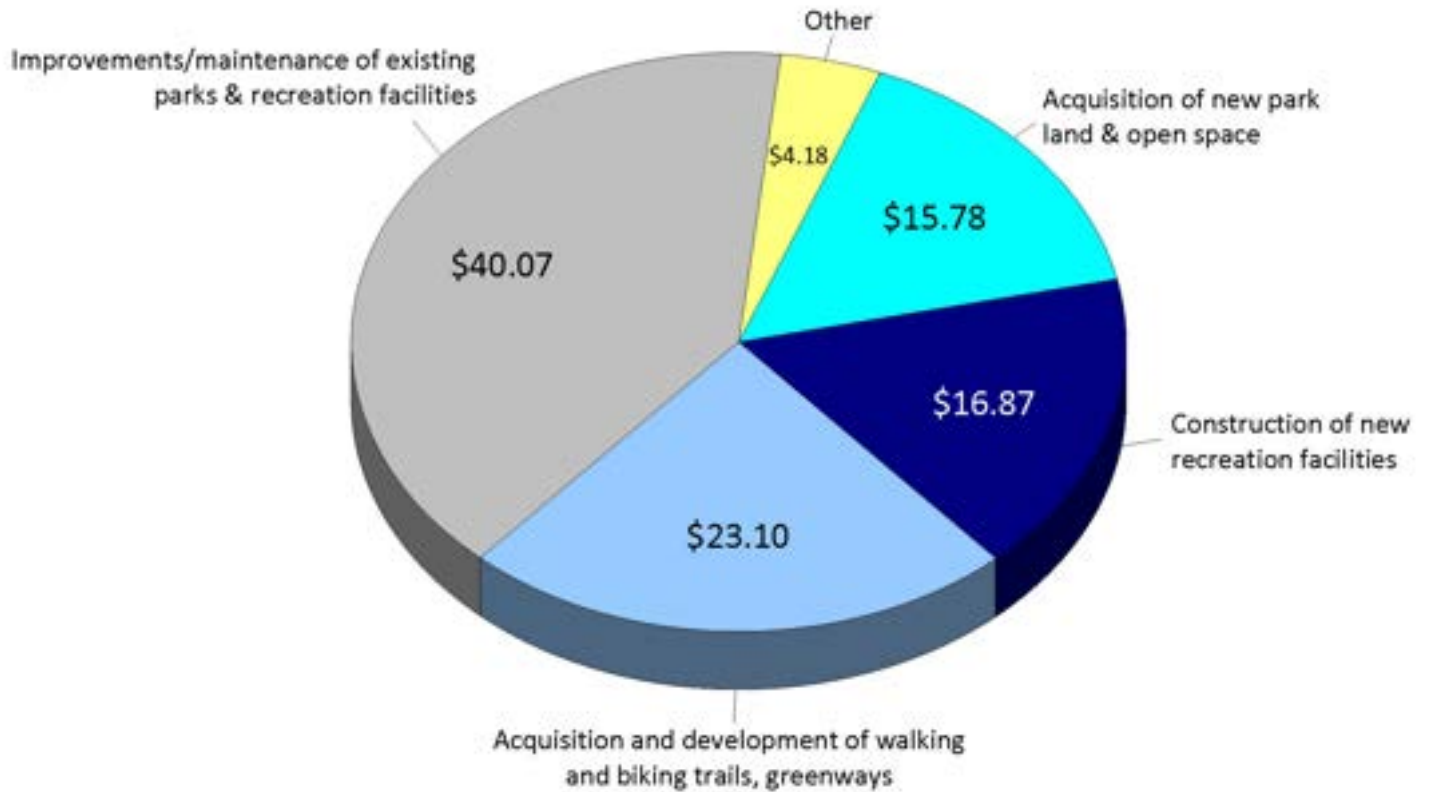
Q16. Which items listed in Question 15 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household?

by percentage of respondents who selected the items as one of their top four choices



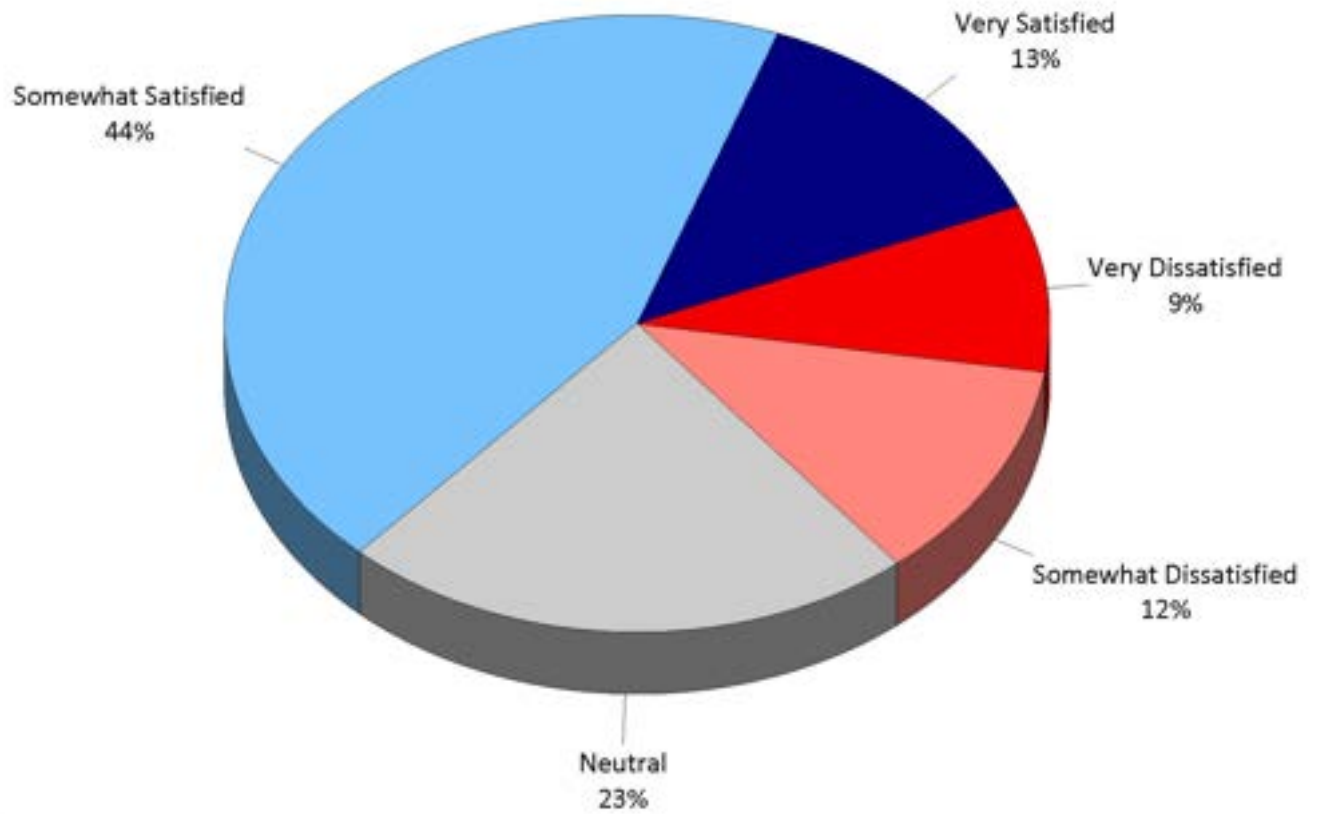
Q17. If you had an additional \$100, how would you allocate the funds among the parks and recreation categories listed below?

by average allocated per item



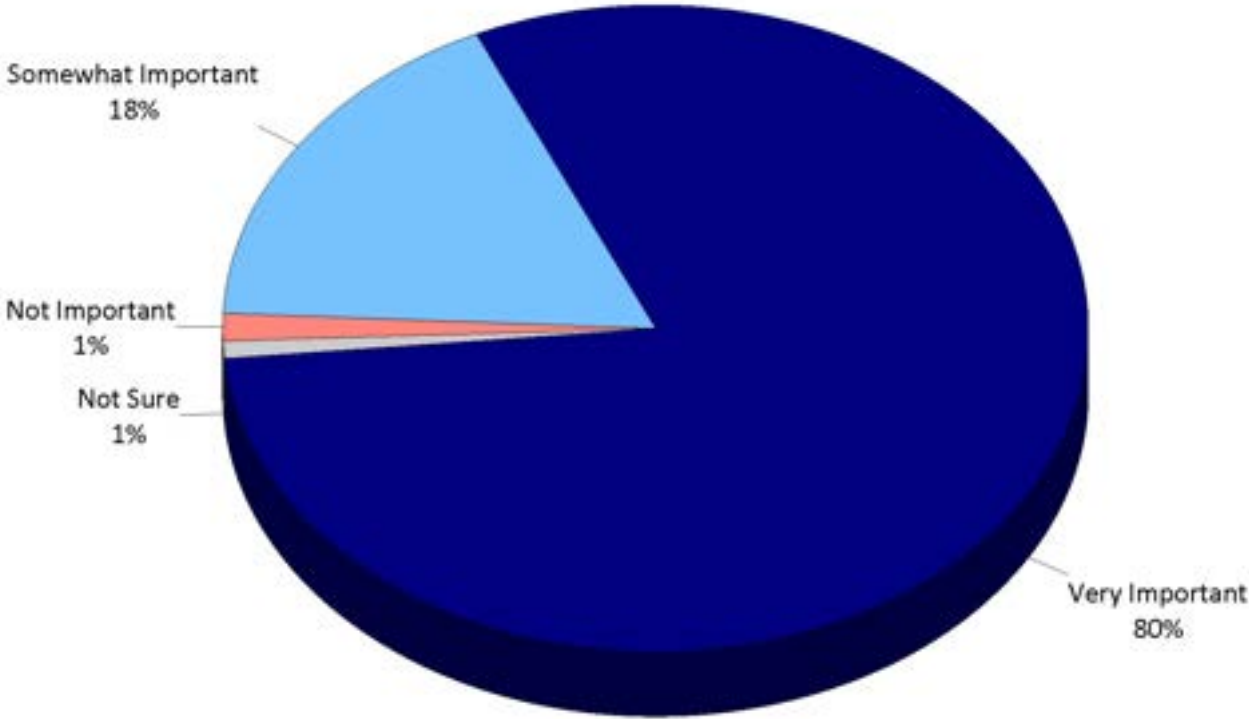
Q18. Level of Satisfaction with the Overall Value Households Receive from the City of Kansas City Parks and Recreation Department

by percentage of respondents (excluding "don't know")



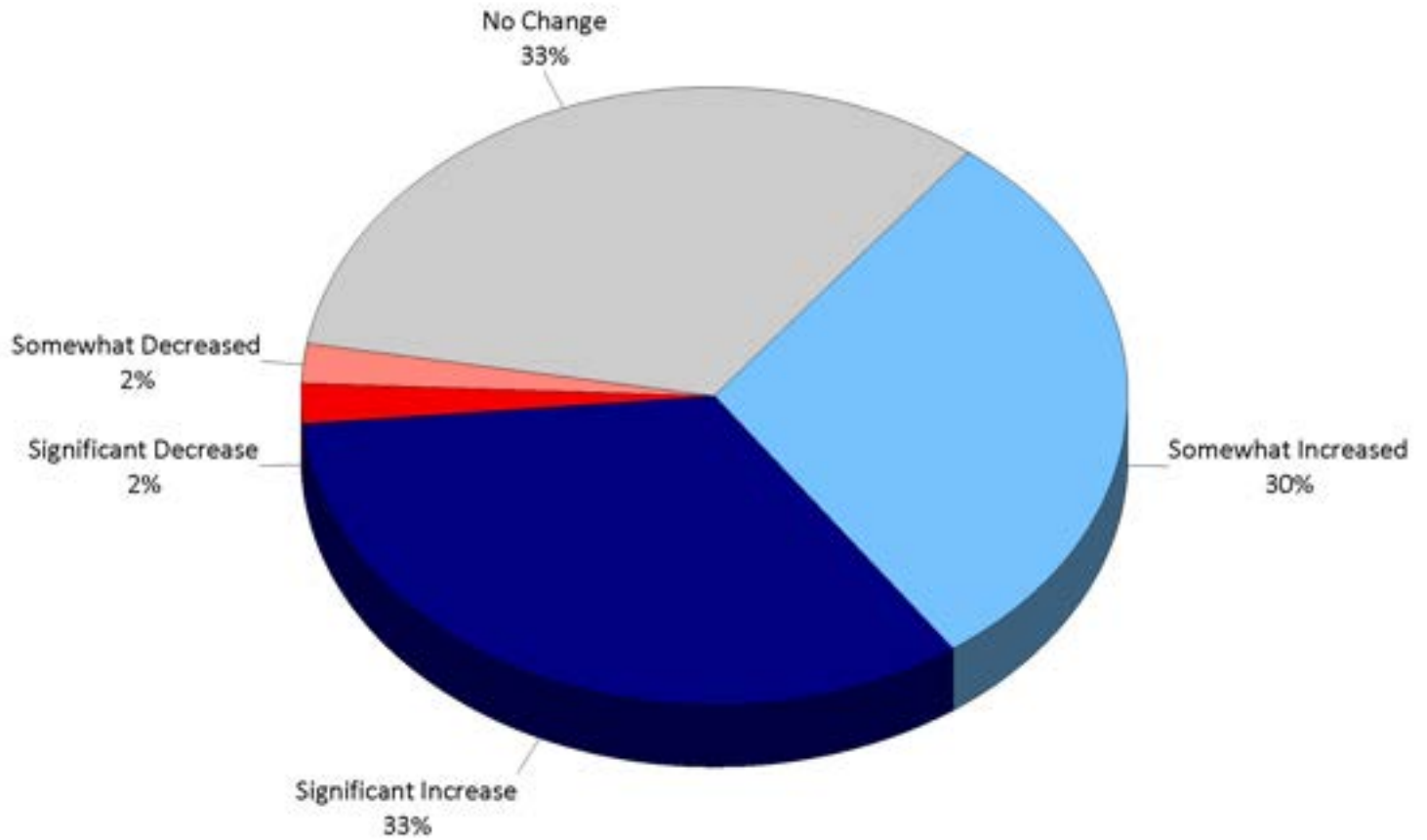
Q19. How important do you feel it is for Kansas City, Missouri to provide high quality parks and recreation programs and facilities?

by percentage of respondents (excluding "not provided")



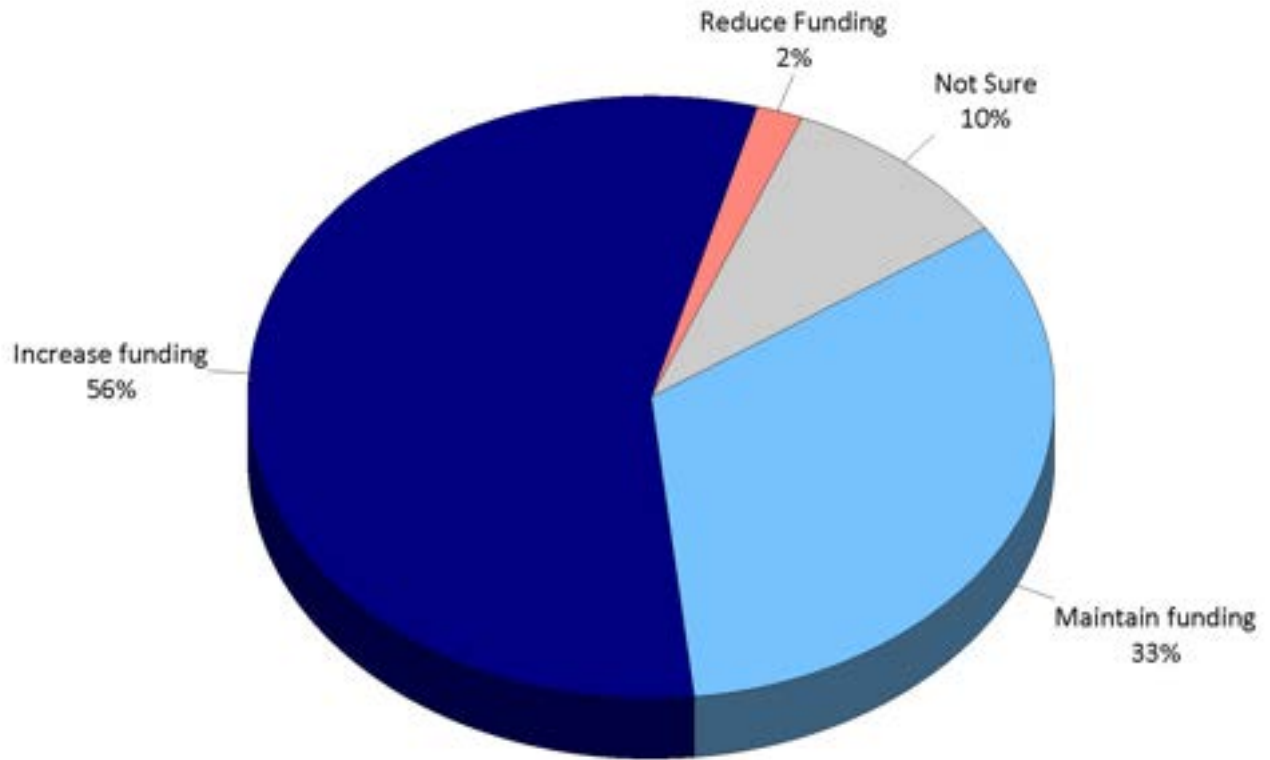
Q20. Given the COVID-19/Coronavirus Pandemic, how has you and your household's perception of the value of parks, trails, open spaces, and recreation changed?

by percentage of respondents (excluding "not provided")



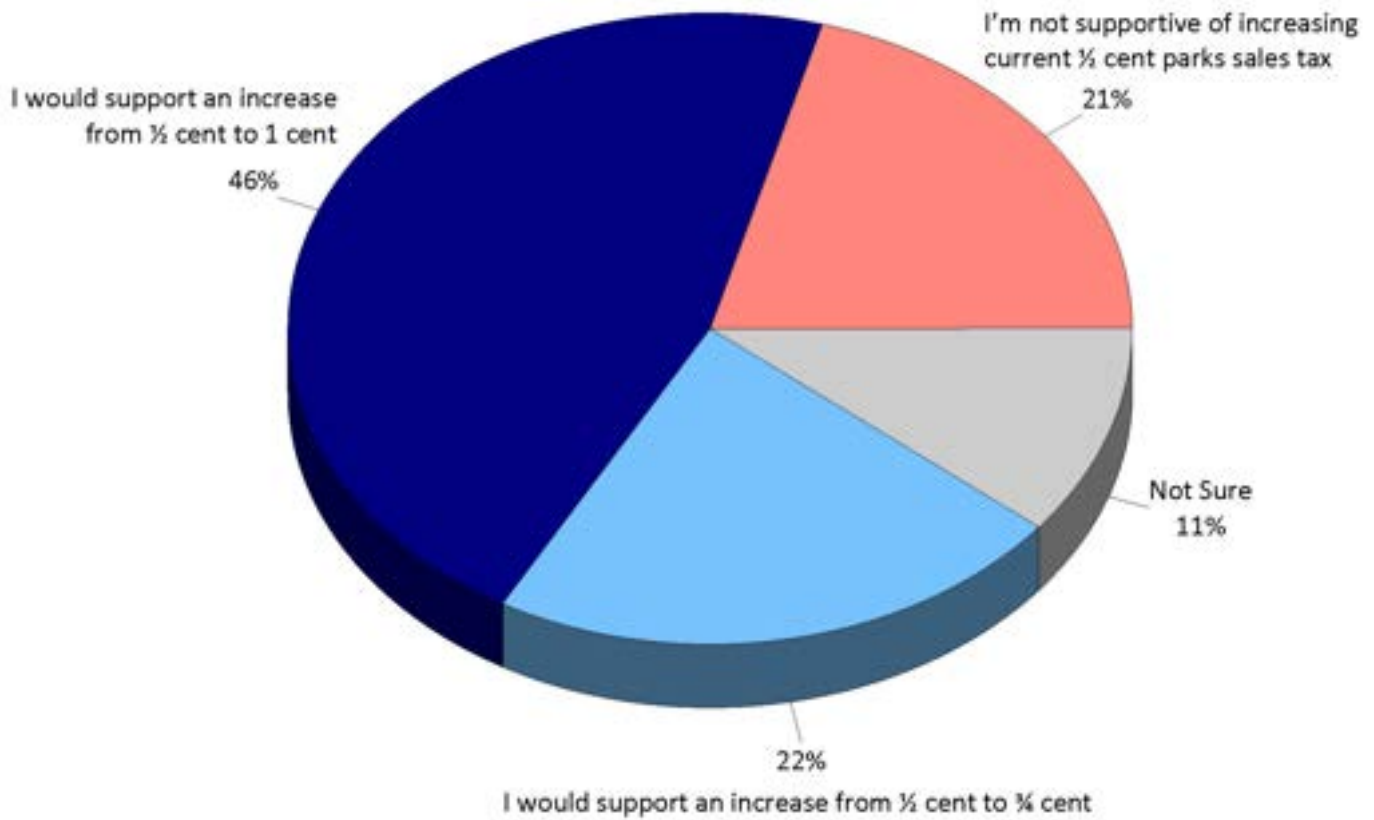
Q21. Based on your perception of value in Question 20, how would you want the City to fund future parks, recreation, trails and open space needs?

by percentage of respondents (excluding "not provided")



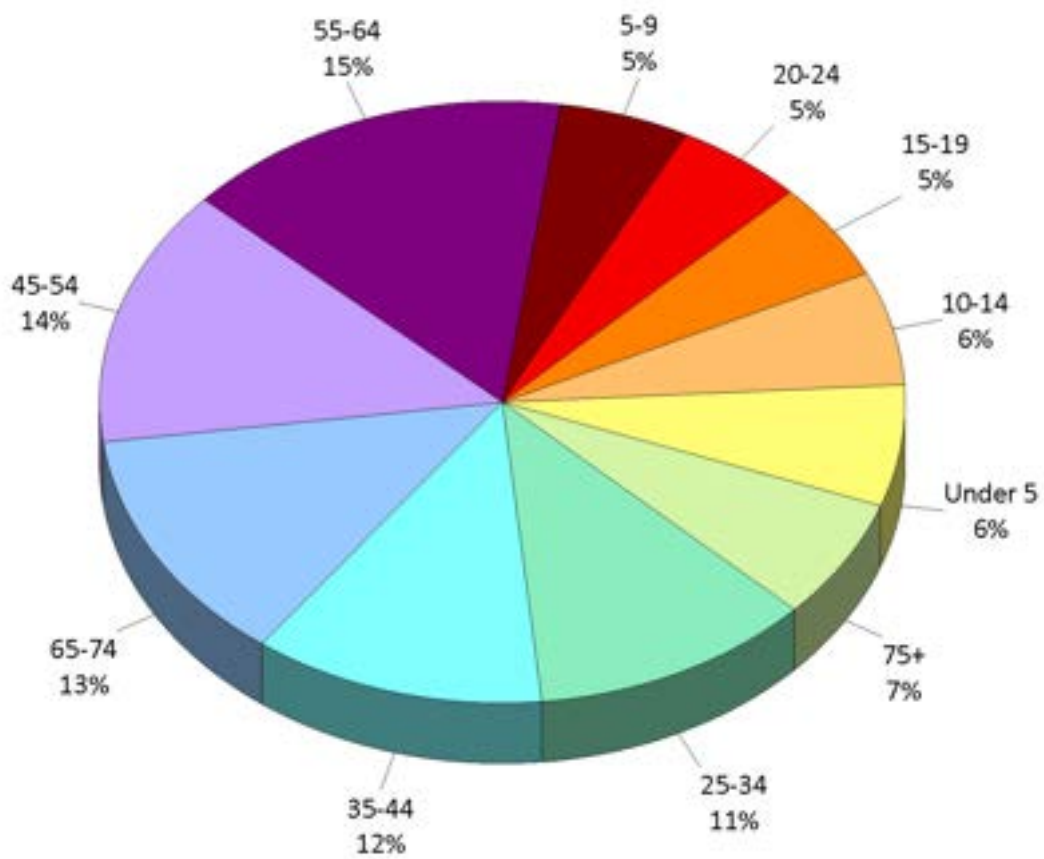
Q22. What is the maximum increase you would support if it included the types of improvements that are most important to your household?

by percentage of respondents (excluding "not provided")



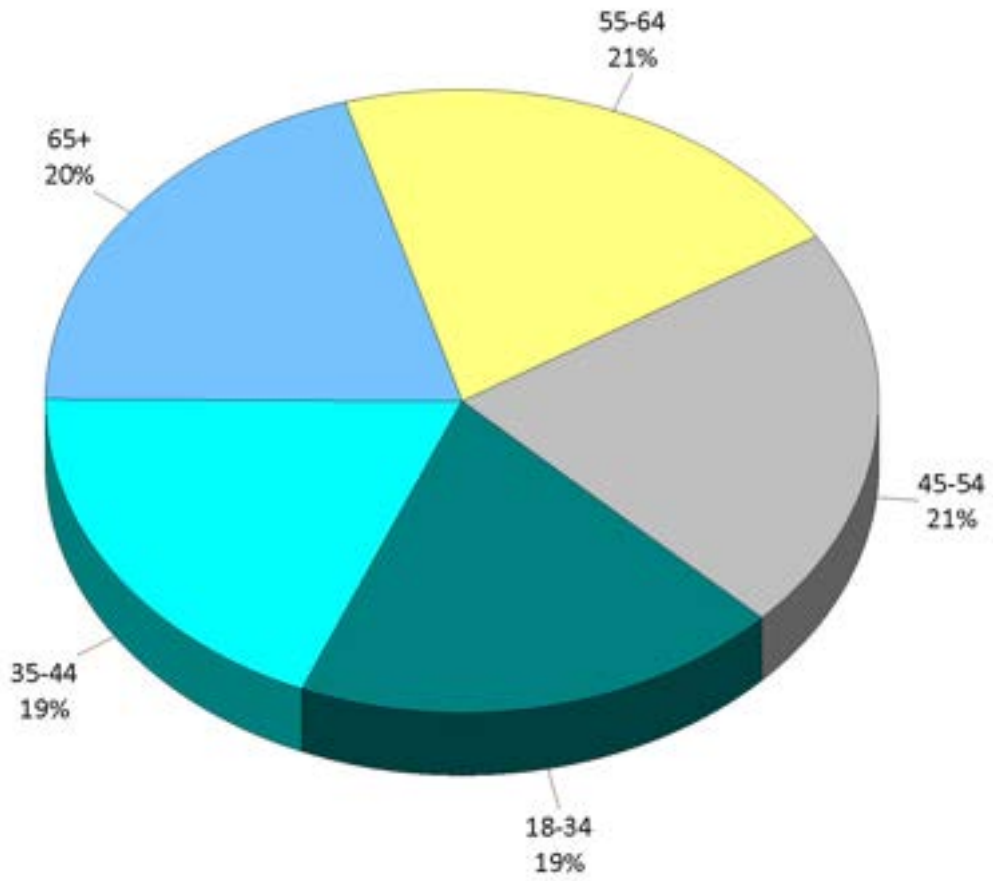
Q24. Including yourself, how many people in your household are in the following age groups?

by percentage of persons in household



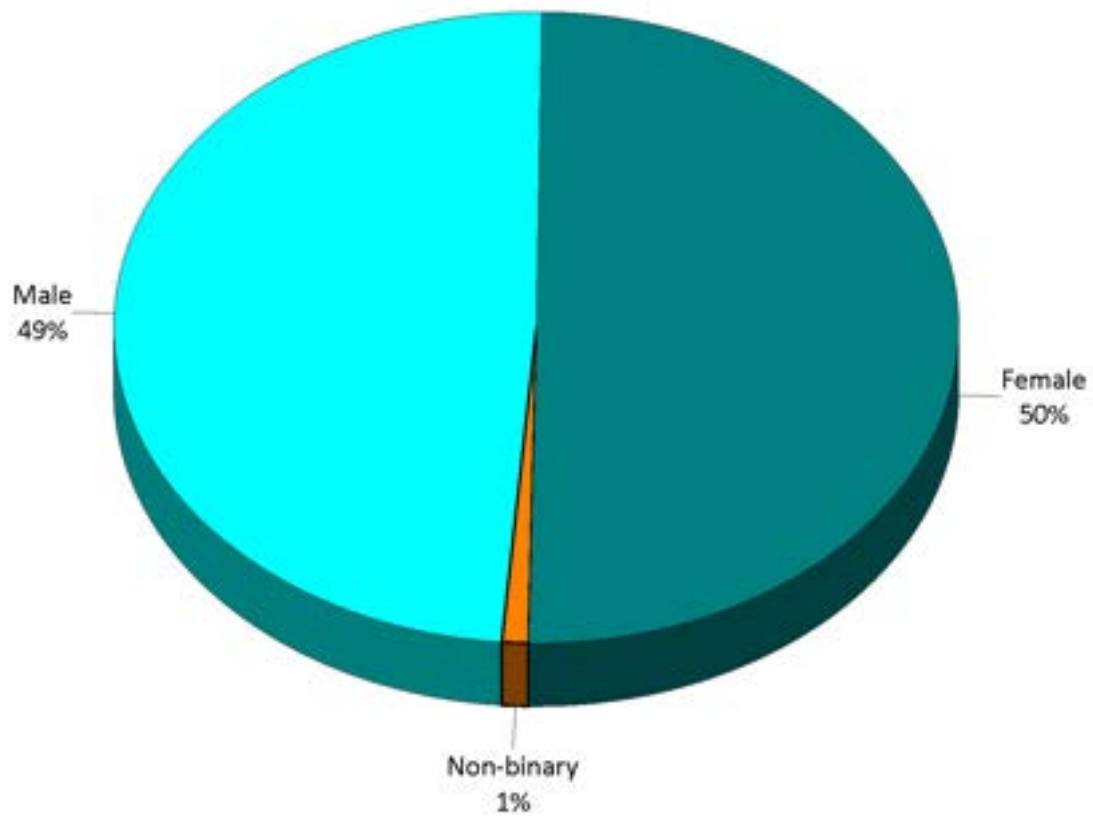
Q25. Respondent Age

by percentage of respondents (excluding "not provided")



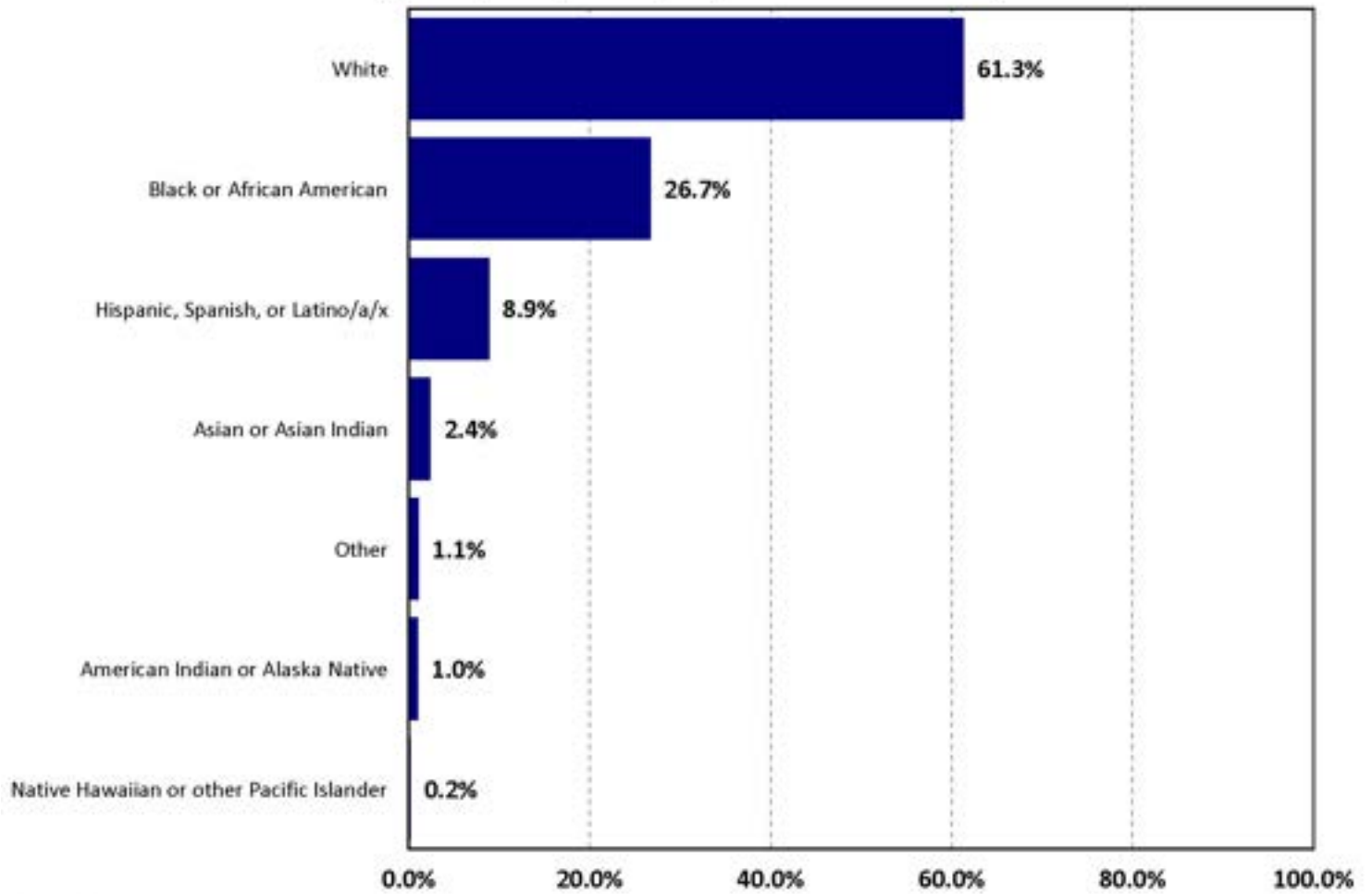
Q26. What is your gender identity?

by percentage of respondents (excluding "not provided")



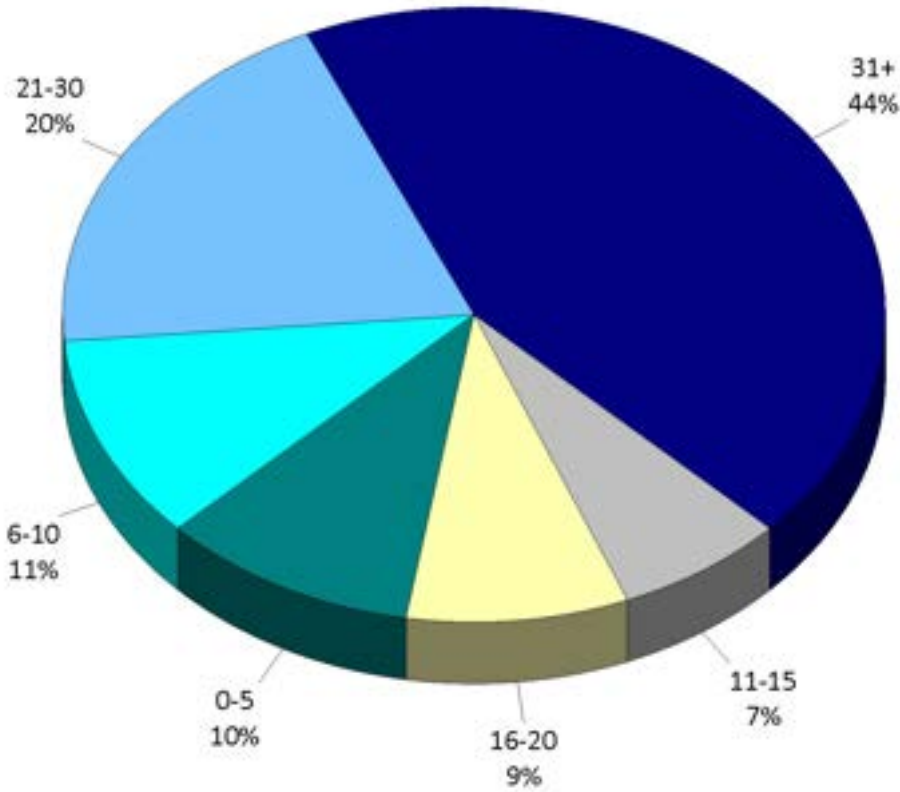
Q27. Which of the following best describes your race/ethnicity?

by percentage of respondents (multiple selections could be made)



Q28. Approximately, how many years have you lived in Kansas City, Missouri?

by percentage of respondents (excluding "not provided")





3 **Priority Investment
Rating**

Priority Investment Rating

Kansas City, Missouri

The **Priority Investment Rating (PIR)** was developed by ETC Institute to provide governments with an objective tool for evaluating the priority that should be placed on parks and recreation investments. The Priority Investment Rating was developed by ETC Institute to identify the facilities and programs residents think should receive the highest priority for investment. The priority investment rating reflects the importance residents place on items (sum of top 4 choices) and the unmet needs (needs that are not met or only partly met) for each facility/program relative to the facility/program that rated the highest overall. Since decisions related to future investments should consider both the level of unmet need and the importance of facilities and programs, the PIR weights each of these components equally.

The PIR reflects the sum of the Unmet Needs Rating and the Importance Rating as shown in the equation below:

$$\text{PIR} = \text{UNR} + \text{IR}$$

For example, if the Unmet Needs Rating for Community Gardens were 98.9 (out of 100) and the Importance Rating for Community Gardens were 21.6 (out of 100), the Priority Investment Rating for the Farmer's Market would be 120.5 (out of 200).

How to Analyze the Charts:

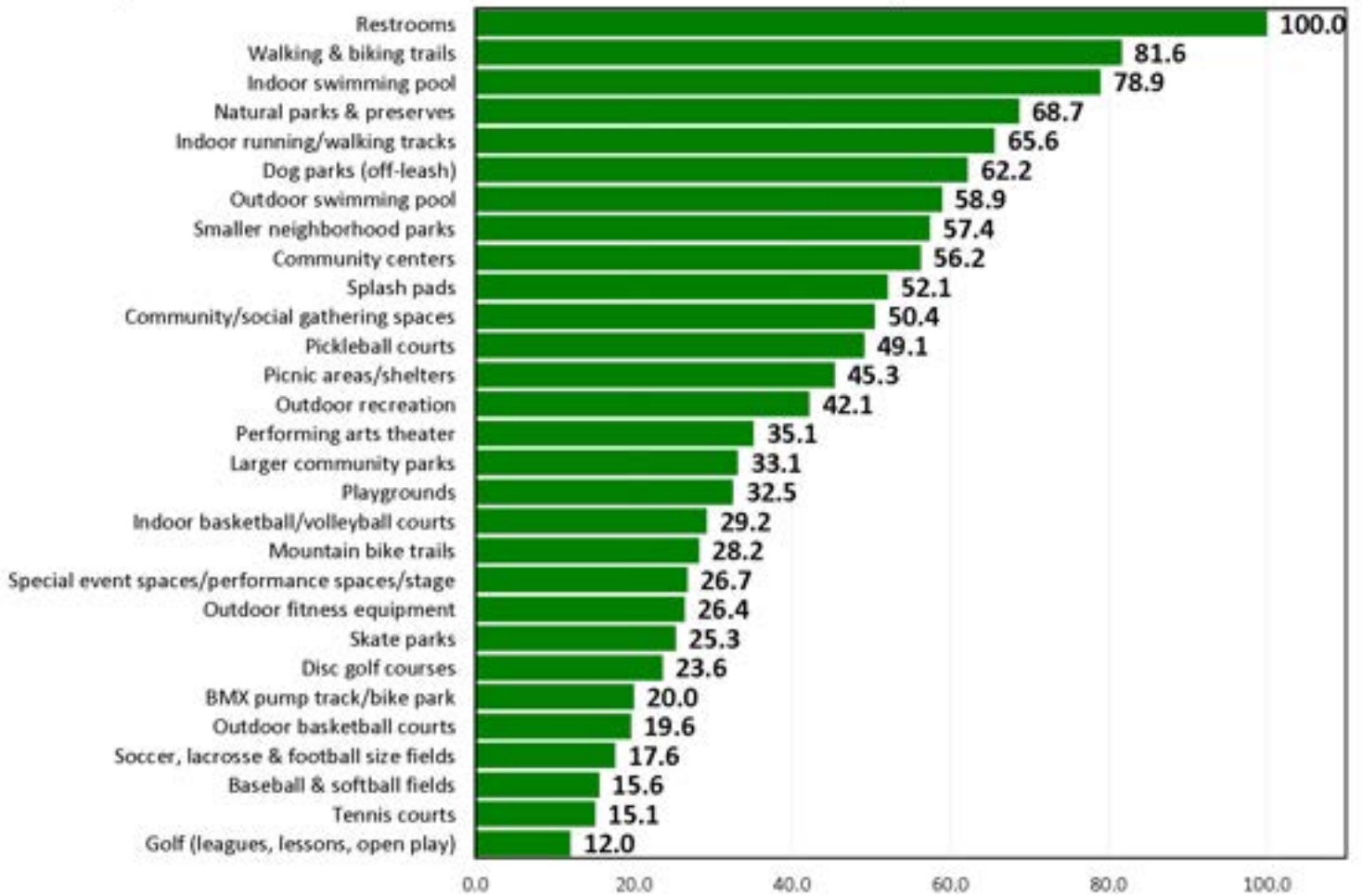
- **High Priority Areas** are those with a PIR of at least 100. A rating of 100 or above generally indicates there is a relatively high level of unmet need and residents generally think it is important to fund improvements in these areas. Improvements in this area are likely to have a positive impact on the greatest number of households.
- **Medium Priority Areas** are those with a PIR of 50-99. A rating in this range generally indicates there is a medium to high level of unmet need or a significant percentage of residents generally think it is important to fund improvements in these areas.
- **Low Priority Areas** are those with a PIR below 50. A rating in this range generally indicates there is a relatively low level of unmet need and residents do not think it is important to fund improvements in these areas. Improvements may be warranted if the needs of very specialized populations are being targeted.

The following pages show the Unmet Needs Rating, Importance Rating, and Priority Investment Rating for facilities and programs.

Unmet Needs Rating for Facility/Amenity

the rating for the item with the most unmet need=100

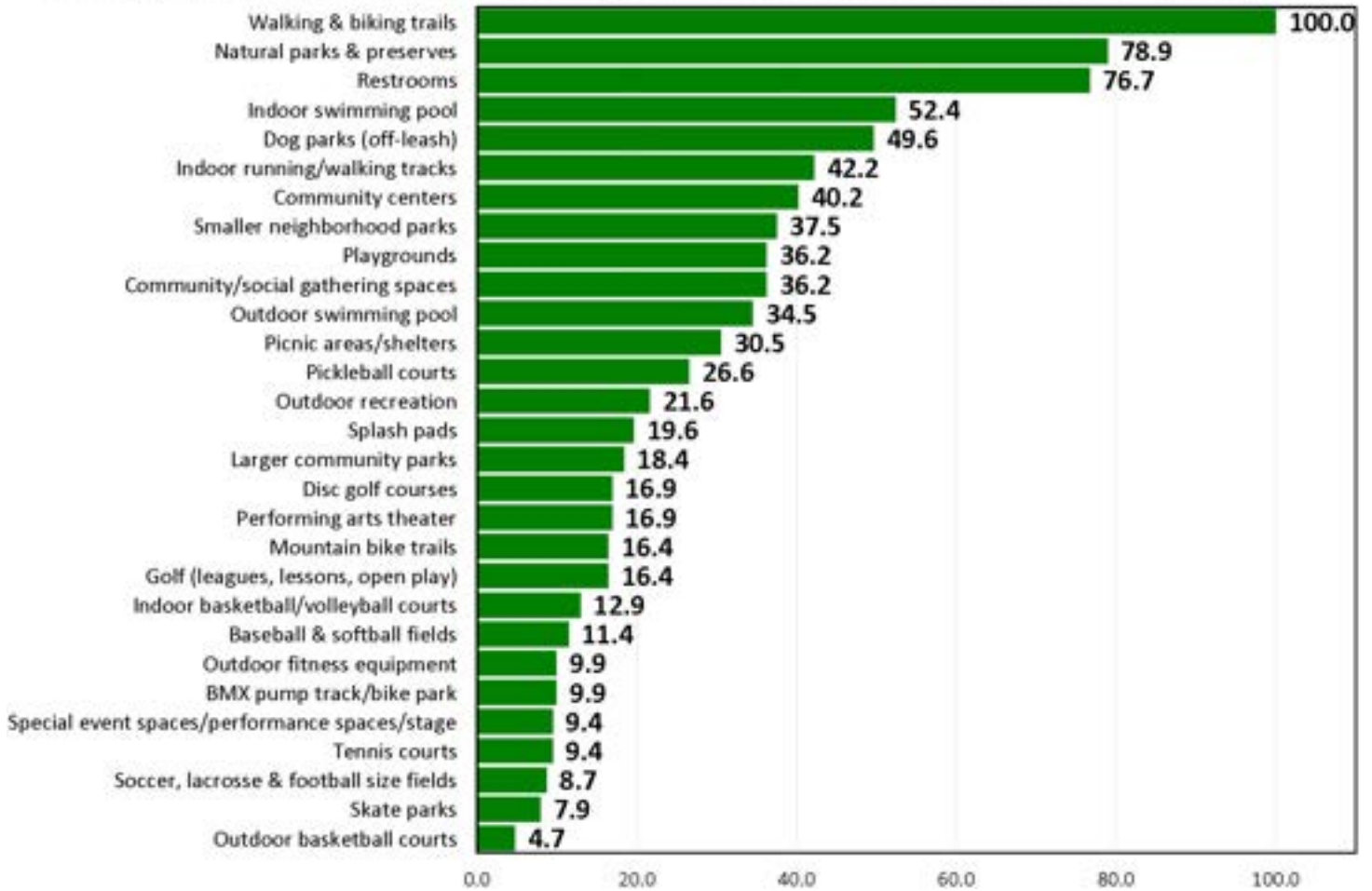
the rating of all other items reflects the relative amount of unmet need for each item compared to the item with the most unmet need



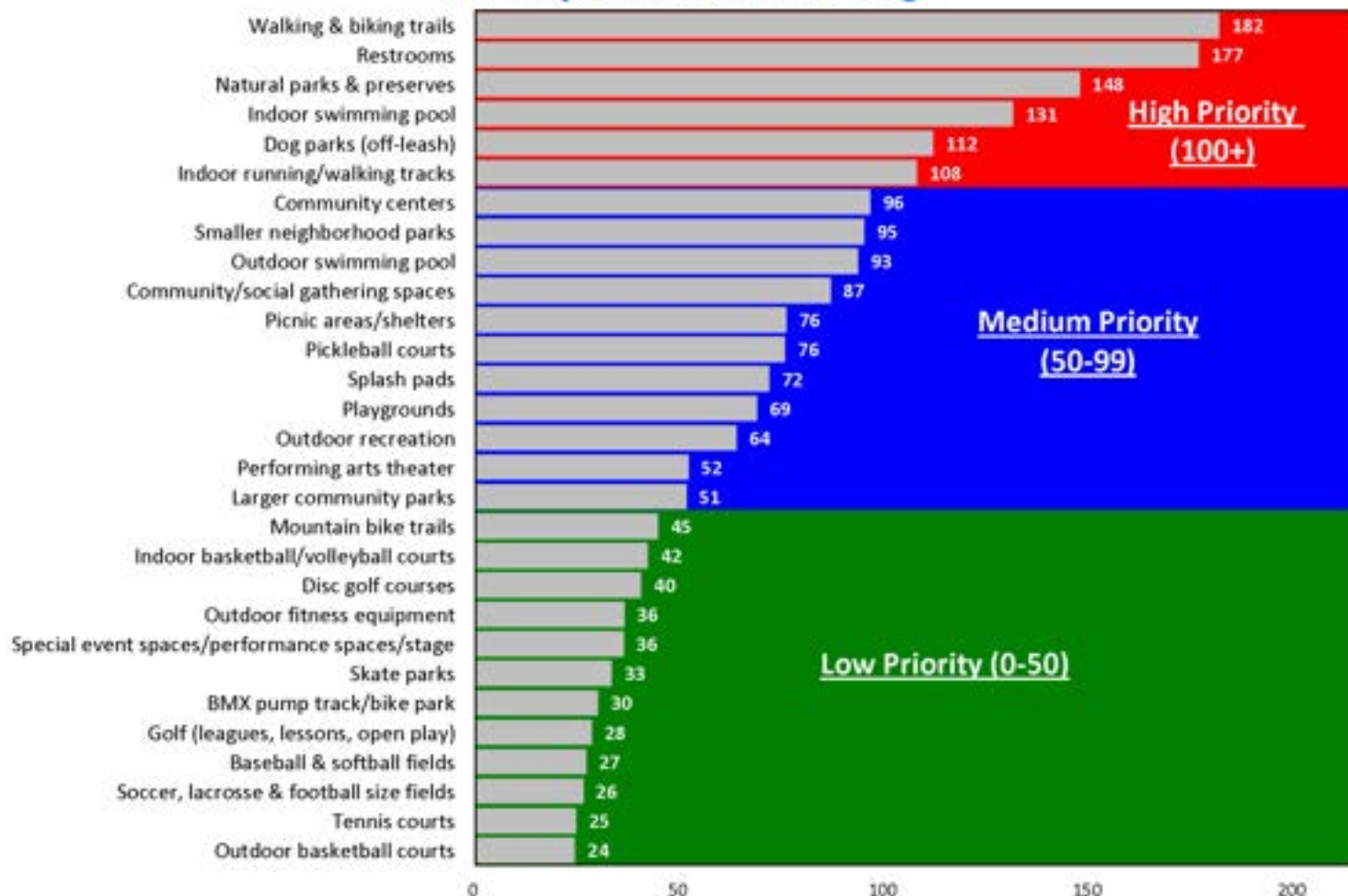
Importance Rating for Facility/Amenity

the rating for the item rated as the most important=100

the rating of all other items reflects the relative level of importance for each item compared to the item rated as the most important



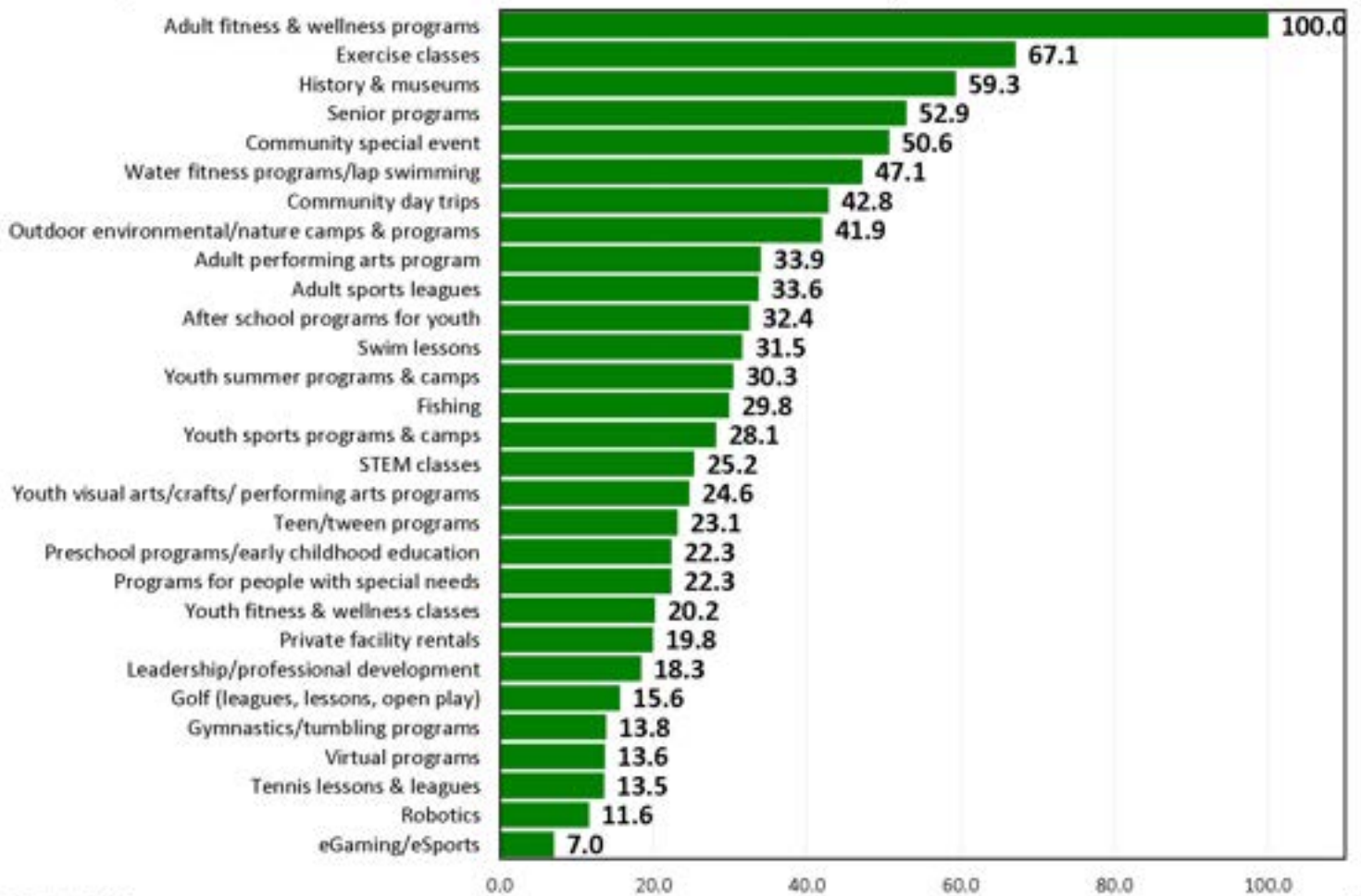
Top Priorities for Investment for Facility/Amenity Based on Priority Investment Rating



Unmet Needs Rating for Recreation Programs

the rating for the item with the most unmet need=100

the rating of all other items reflects the relative amount of unmet need for each item compared to the item with the most unmet need



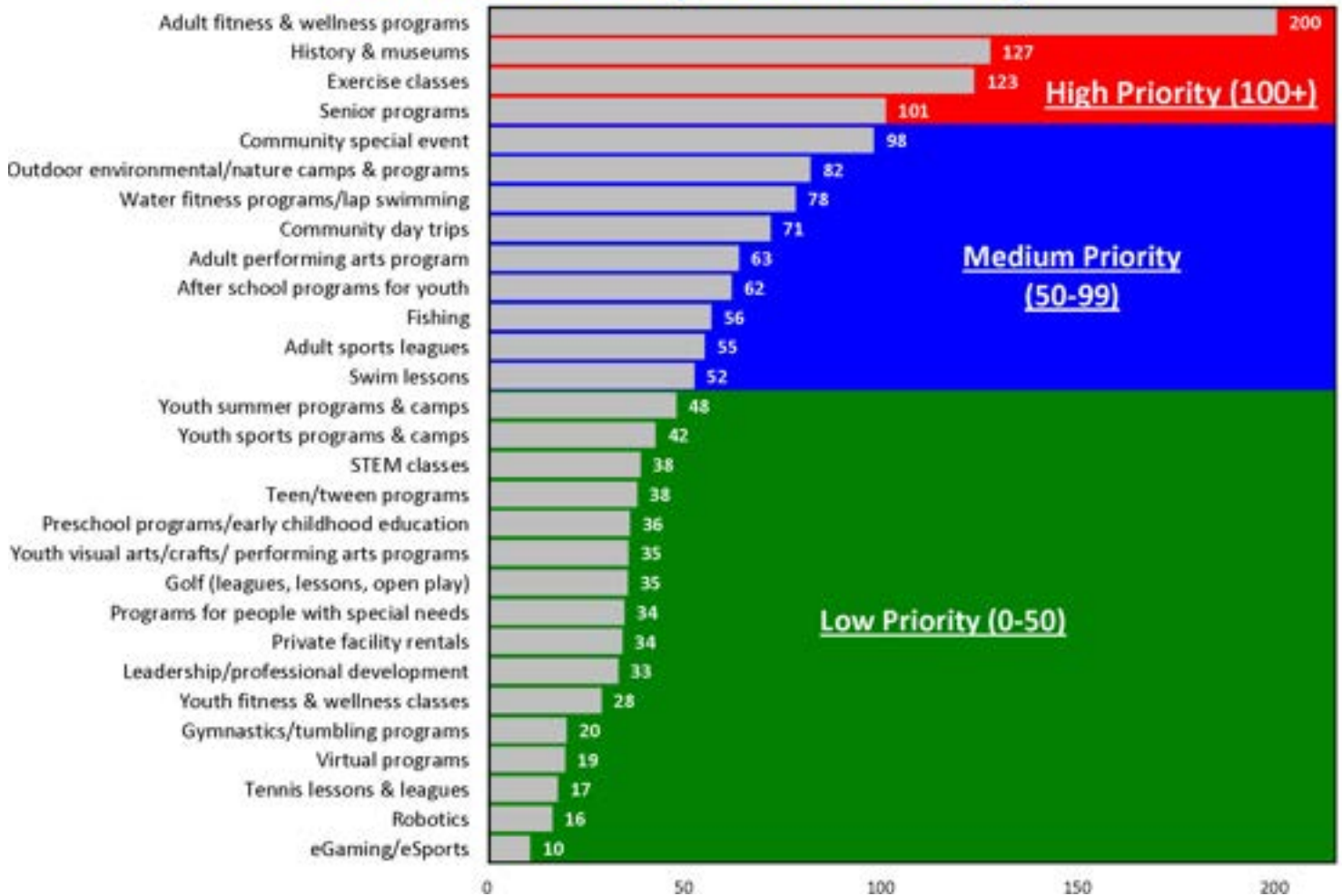
Importance Rating for Recreation Programs

the rating for the item rated as the most important=100

the rating of all other items reflects the relative level of importance for each item compared to the item rated as the most important



Top Priorities for Investment for Recreation Programs Based on the Priority Investment Rating





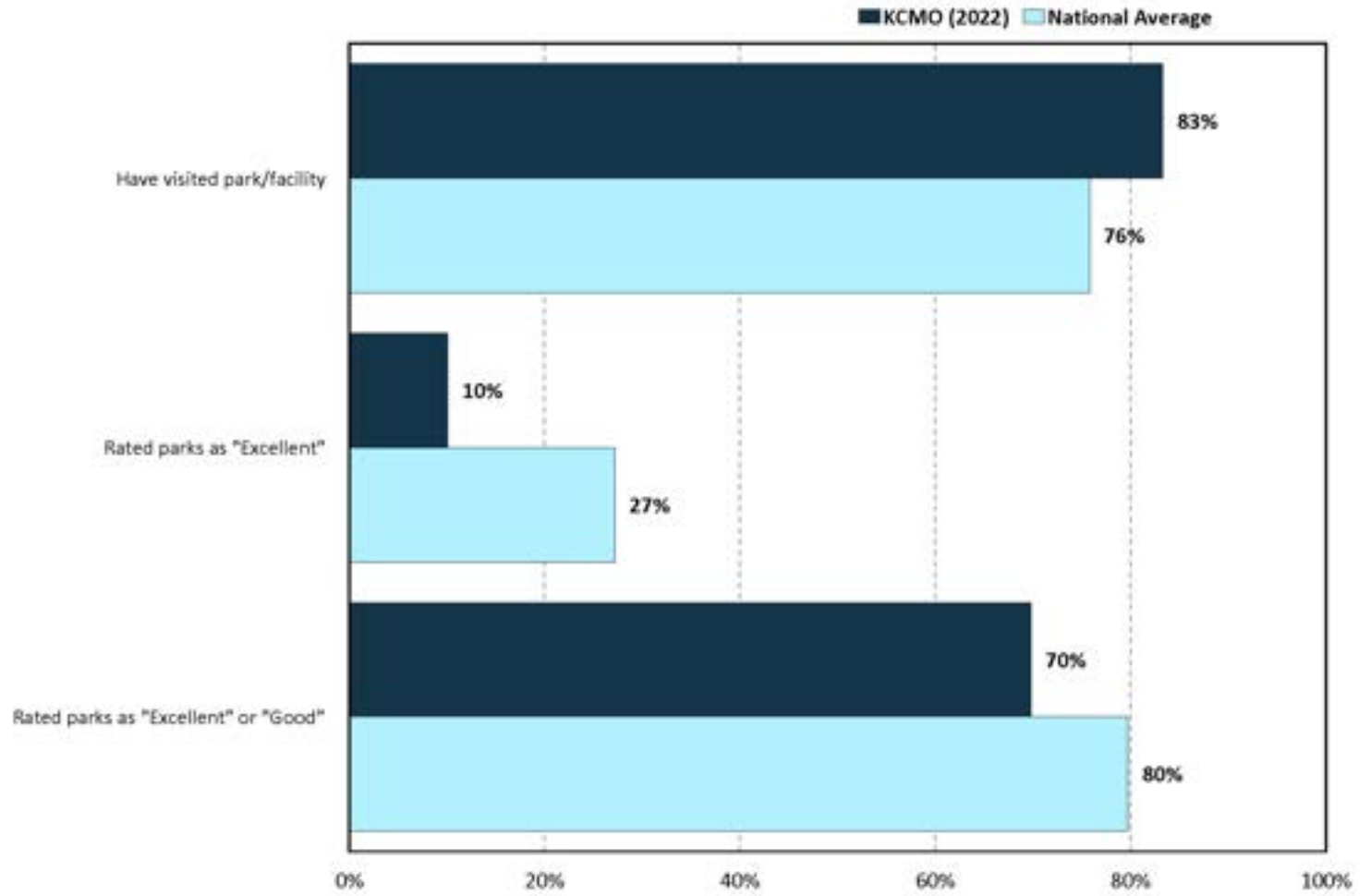
4 Benchmarks

National Benchmarks

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Use of Parks and Recreation Parks/Facilities

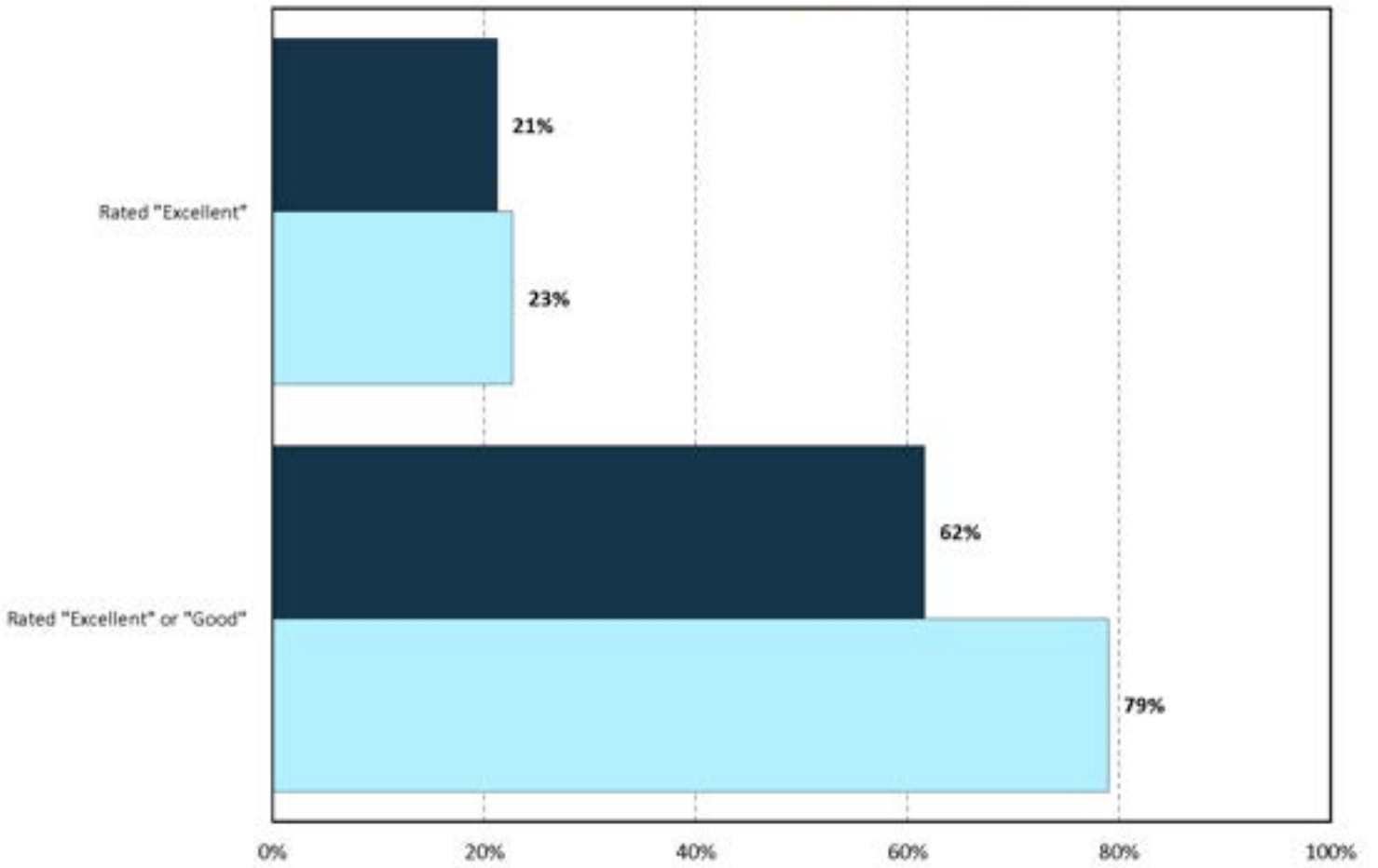
by percentage of respondents (who have visited in the past year)



Rating Recreation Programs

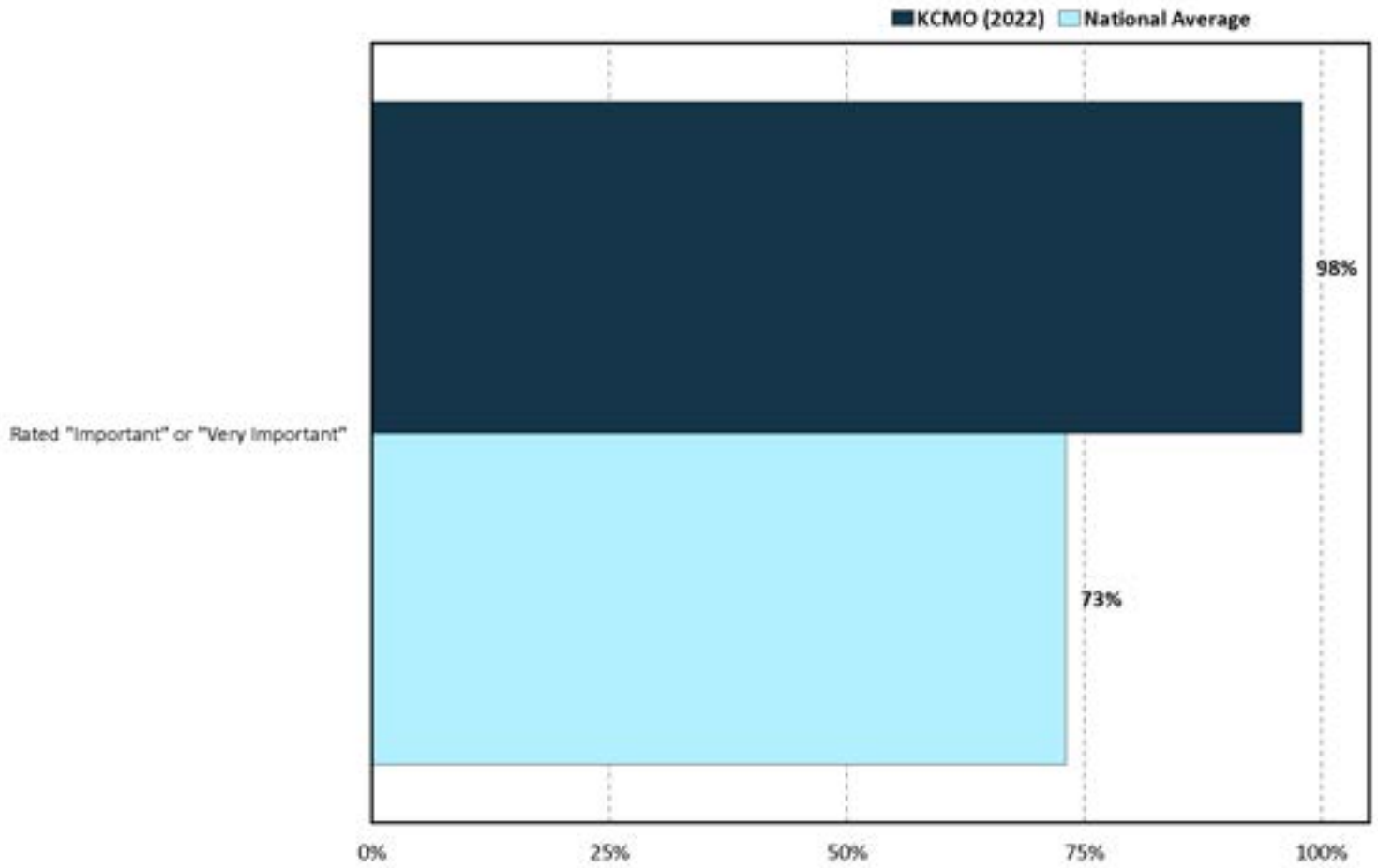
by percentage of respondents

■ KCMO (2022) ■ National Average



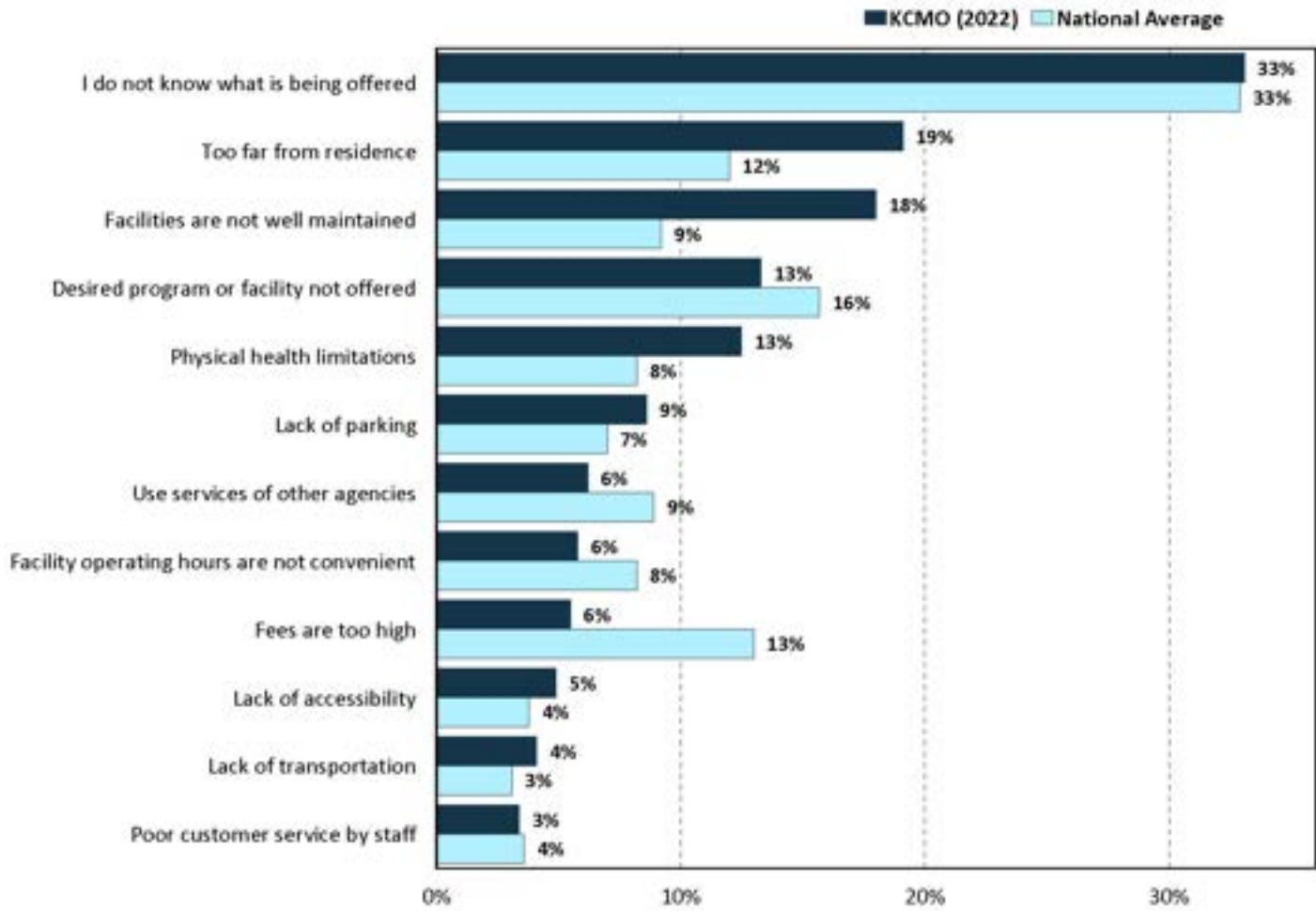
Importance for local governments to provide high quality parks and recreation programs and facilities

by percentage of respondents



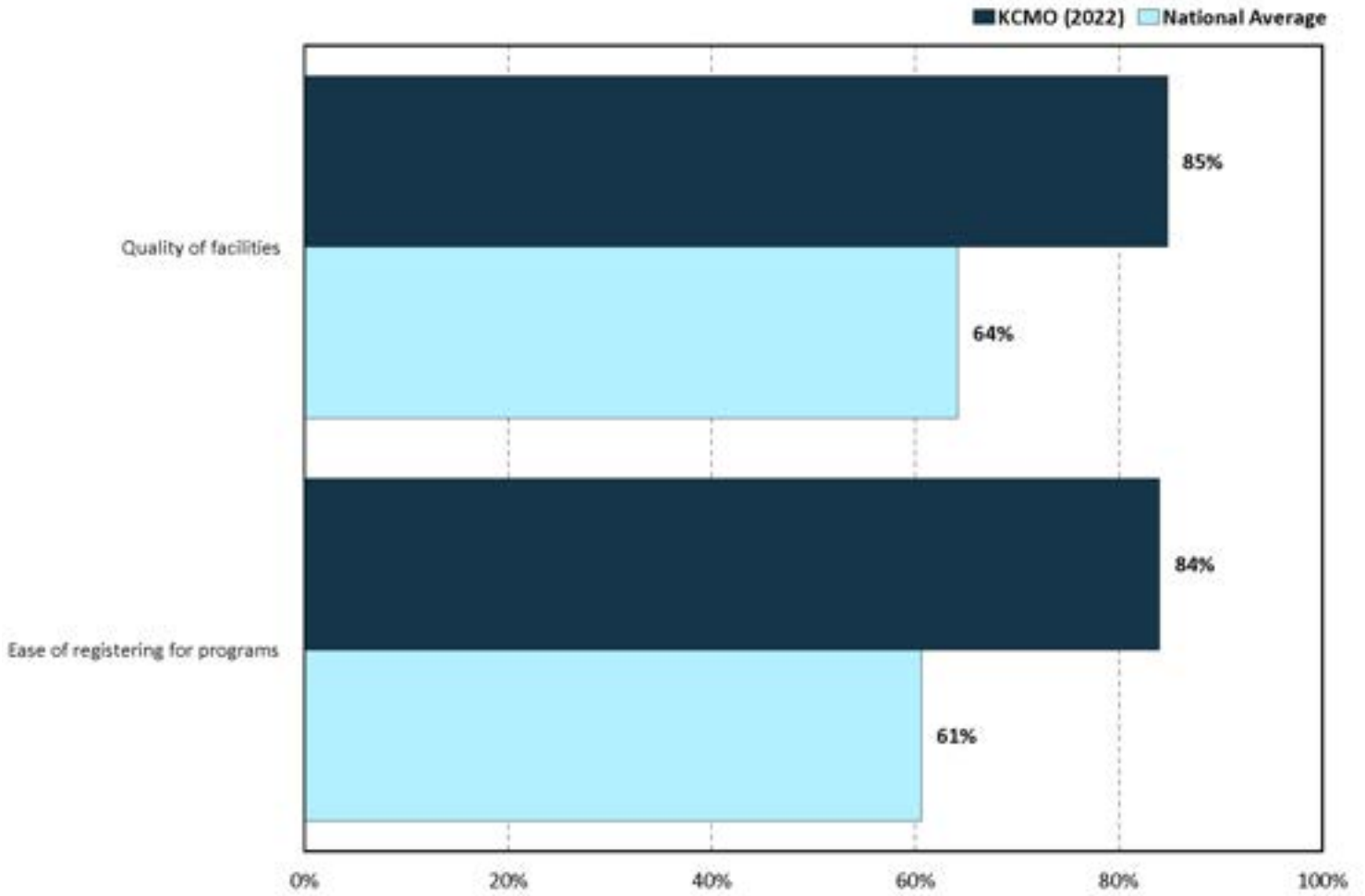
Barriers to Facilities and Programs Use

by % of respondents



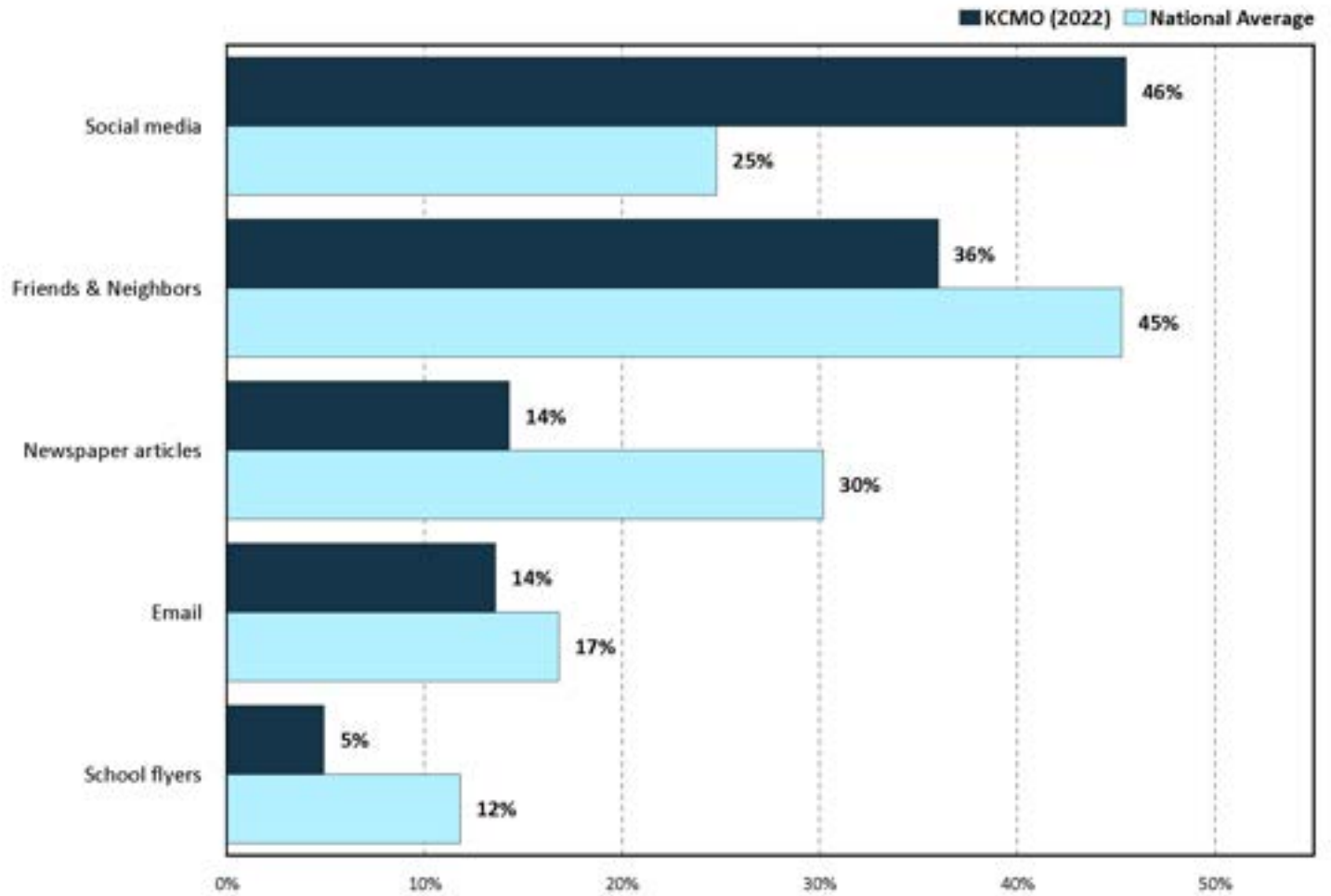
Satisfaction with Aspects of Programs/Facilities

by percentage of respondents who rated their satisfaction as either "satisfied" or "very satisfied"



Ways households learn about activities and events

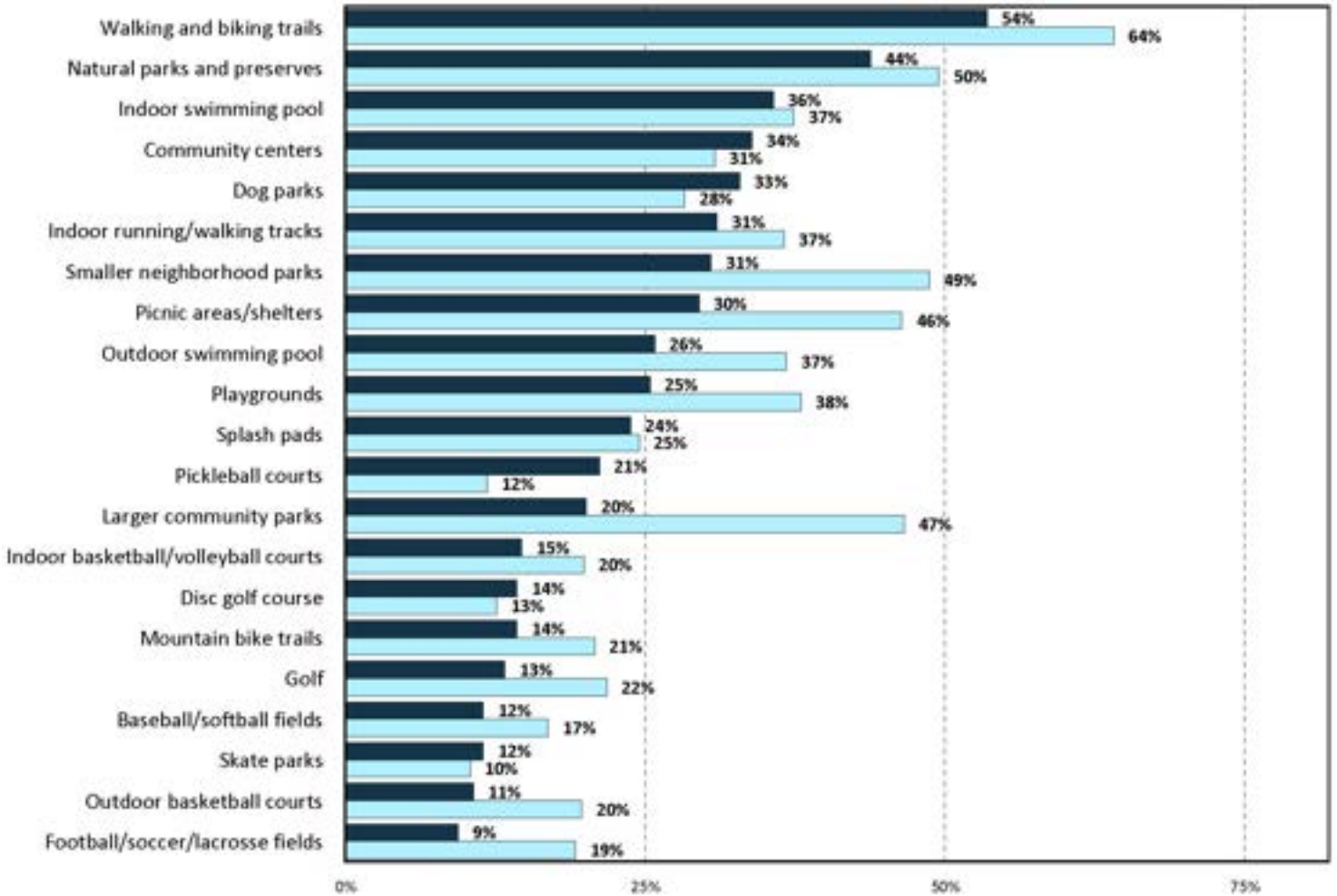
by percentage of respondents



Respondents with Need for Facilities and Amenities

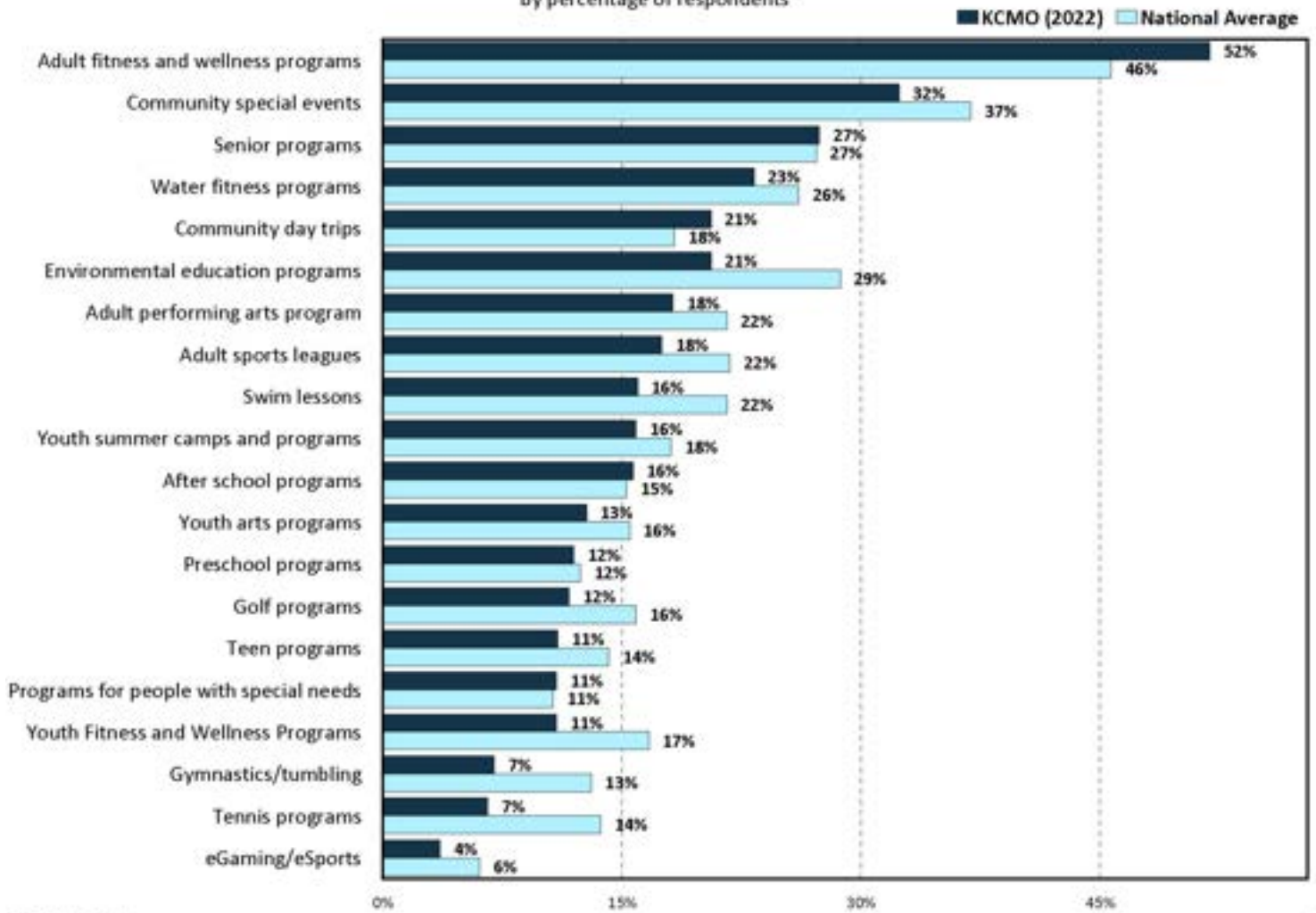
by percentage of respondents

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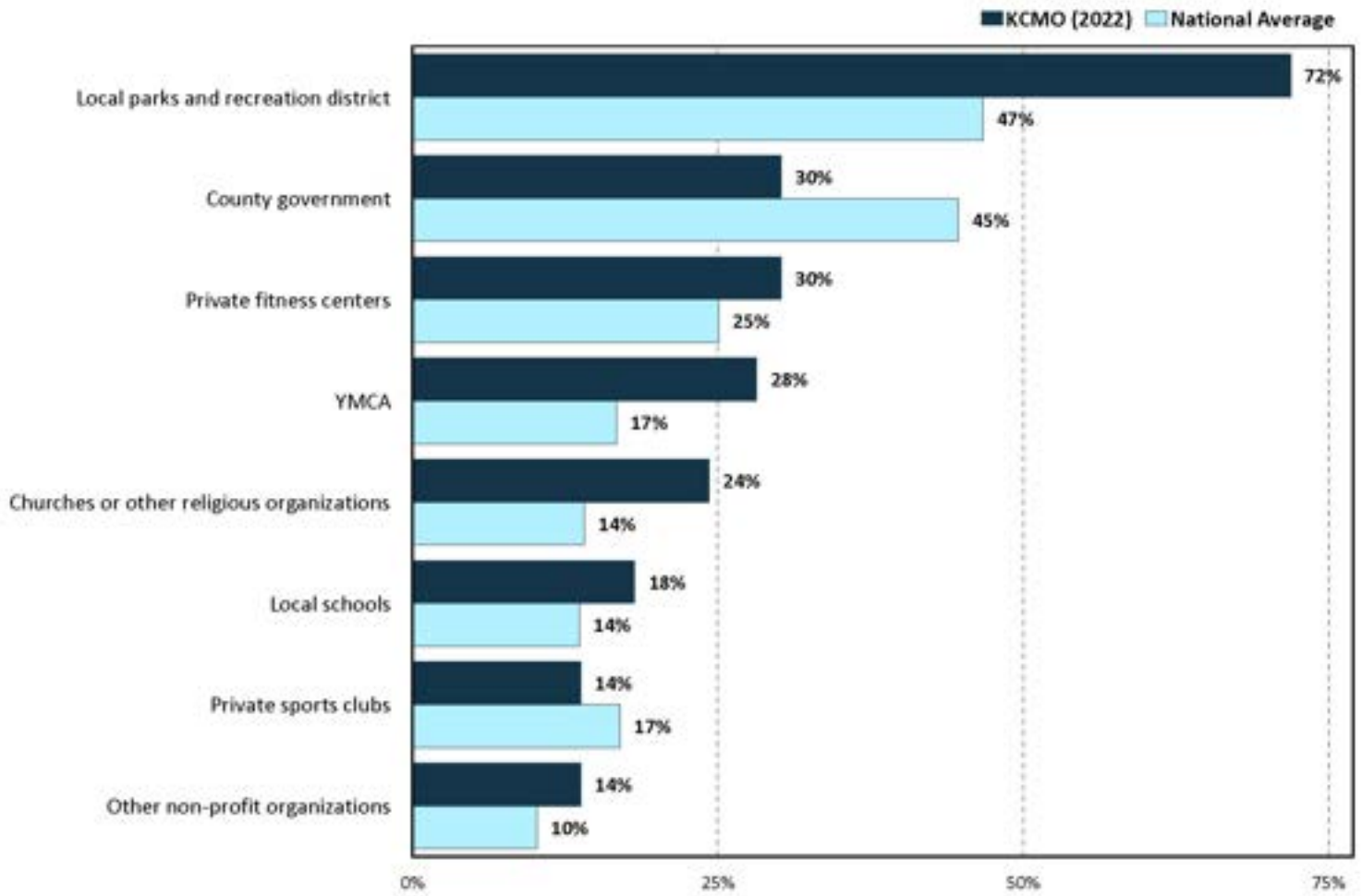
Respondents with Need for Recreation Programs

by percentage of respondents



Outside Organizations Used for Recreation

by % of respondents



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Tabular Data

District

District	Number	Percent
1	100	16.2 %
2	101	16.4 %
3	101	16.4 %
4	101	16.4 %
5	103	16.7 %
6	111	18.0 %
Total	617	100.0 %

Q1. In the past 12 months, have you or any members of your household visited any of the KCMO Parks and Recreation Department parks?

Q1. Have you visited any KCMO Parks & Recreation Department parks in past 12 months

	Number	Percent
Yes	514	83.3 %
No	103	16.7 %
Total	617	100.0 %

Q1a. Approximately, how often did you or members of your household visit KCMO Parks and Recreation Department parks during the past year?

Q1a. How often did you visit KCMO Parks & Recreation Department parks

	Number	Percent
1-5 visits	162	31.5 %
6-10 visits	101	19.6 %
11-19 visits	83	16.1 %
20+ visits	168	32.7 %
Total	514	100.0 %

Q1b. Overall, how would you rate the physical condition of all the KCMO Parks and Recreation Department parks you have visited?

Q1b. How would you rate physical condition of all KCMO Parks & Recreation Department parks

	Number	Percent
Excellent	52	10.1 %
Good	307	59.7 %
Fair	134	26.1 %
Poor	21	4.1 %
Total	514	100.0 %

Q2. Do you live within a 10-minute walk from a KCMO Parks and Recreation Department park?

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	Number	Percent
Yes	316	51.2 %
No	263	42.6 %
Not sure	34	5.5 %
Not provided	4	0.6 %
Total	617	100.0 %

(WITHOUT "NOT PROVIDED")

Q2. Do you live within a 10-minute walk from a KCMO Parks and Recreation Department park? (without "not provided")

Q2. Do you live within a 10-minute walk from a KCMO Parks & Recreation Department park

	Number	Percent
Yes	316	51.5 %
No	263	42.9 %
Not sure	34	5.5 %
Total	613	100.0 %

Q2a. Approximately, how long would it take for you to walk to the nearest KCMO Parks and Recreation Department park?

Q2a. How long would it take for you to walk to nearest KCMO Parks & Recreation Department park

	Number	Percent
11-15 minutes	23	8.7 %
16-20 minutes	51	19.4 %
21-30 minutes	58	22.1 %
30+ minutes	123	46.8 %
Not provided	8	3.0 %
Total	263	100.0 %

(WITHOUT "NOT PROVIDED")

Q2a. Approximately, how long would it take for you to walk to the nearest KCMO Parks and Recreation Department park? (without "not provided")

Q2a. How long would it take for you to walk to nearest KCMO Parks & Recreation Department park

	Number	Percent
11-15 minutes	23	9.0 %
16-20 minutes	51	20.0 %
21-30 minutes	58	22.7 %
30+ minutes	123	48.2 %
Total	255	100.0 %

Q3. Listed below are potential improvements that could be made to KCMO Parks and Recreation Department parks. Please check ALL the improvements you would most like to have made to the park you visit the MOST OFTEN.

Q3. What are all the improvements you would most like to have made to the park you visit most often

	Number	Percent
Bike racks	103	16.7 %
Drinking fountains	226	36.6 %
Flower beds	165	26.7 %
Lighting	280	45.4 %
Mowing/weed control	176	28.5 %
Overall appearance/maintenance	271	43.9 %
Park entrance signs	84	13.6 %
Parking	157	25.4 %
Picnic shelters	153	24.8 %
Picnic tables/benches	173	28.0 %
Playground equipment	147	23.8 %
Restrooms	347	56.2 %
Shade trees	196	31.8 %
Sidewalks	122	19.8 %
Sports fields	68	11.0 %
Tennis/basketball courts	72	11.7 %
Trash removal/cans	289	46.8 %
Walking/biking trails	279	45.2 %
Total	3308	

Q4. Have you or other members of your household participated in any recreation programs (sports, classes, special events, etc.) offered by the KCMO Parks and Recreation Department during the past two years?

Q4. Have you participated in any recreation programs during past two years

	Number	Percent
Yes	99	16.0 %
No	518	84.0 %
Total	617	100.0 %

Q4a. Approximately, how many different recreation programs offered by the KCMO Parks and Recreation Department have you or members of your household participated in over the past two years?

Q4a. How many different recreation programs have you participated in

	Number	Percent
1 to 3 programs	73	73.7 %
4 to 6 programs	17	17.2 %
7 to 9 programs	3	3.0 %
10+ programs	6	6.1 %
Total	99	100.0 %

Q4b. Overall, how would you rate the quality of programs in which you and members of your household have participated?

Q4b. How would you rate quality of programs in which you have participated	Number	Percent
Excellent	21	21.2 %
Good	61	61.6 %
Fair	16	16.2 %
Poor	1	1.0 %
Total	99	100.0 %

Q4c. Using a scale of 1 to 4, where 4 means "Very Satisfied" and 1 means "Very Dissatisfied," please rate your satisfaction with the following recreation program services provided by the KCMO Parks and Recreation Department.

(N=99)

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	N/A
Q4c-1. Times programs are offered	12.1%	68.7%	11.1%	1.0%	7.1%
Q4c-2. Location of programs	14.1%	64.6%	15.2%	0.0%	6.1%
Q4c-3. Quality of instructors	21.2%	57.6%	7.1%	1.0%	13.1%
Q4c-4. Fees charged for value received	14.1%	57.6%	13.1%	4.0%	11.1%
Q4c-5. Quality of the facility where program is offered	15.2%	63.6%	14.1%	0.0%	7.1%
Q4c-6. Availability of information about programs & services on website	11.1%	53.5%	20.2%	4.0%	11.1%
Q4c-7. Availability of information about programs & services on social media (Facebook, Instagram, etc.)	6.1%	41.4%	29.3%	3.0%	20.2%
Q4c-8. Ease of use of website	9.1%	52.5%	16.2%	2.0%	20.2%
Q4c-9. Ease of online registration process	11.1%	52.5%	11.1%	1.0%	24.2%
Q4c-10. Quality of customer service for registration	11.1%	45.5%	16.2%	0.0%	27.3%

WITHOUT "N/A"

Q4c. Using a scale of 1 to 4, where 4 means "Very Satisfied" and 1 means "Very Dissatisfied," please rate your satisfaction with the following recreation program services provided by the KCMO Parks and Recreation Department. (without "N/A")

(N=99)

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
Q4c-1. Times programs are offered	13.0%	73.9%	12.0%	1.1%
Q4c-2. Location of programs	15.1%	68.8%	16.1%	0.0%
Q4c-3. Quality of instructors	24.4%	66.3%	8.1%	1.2%
Q4c-4. Fees charged for value received	15.9%	64.8%	14.8%	4.5%
Q4c-5. Quality of the facility where program is offered	16.3%	68.5%	15.2%	0.0%
Q4c-6. Availability of information about programs & services on website	12.5%	60.2%	22.7%	4.5%
Q4c-7. Availability of information about programs & services on social media (Facebook, Instagram, etc.)	7.6%	51.9%	36.7%	3.8%
Q4c-8. Ease of use of website	11.4%	65.8%	20.3%	2.5%
Q4c-9. Ease of online registration process	14.7%	69.3%	14.7%	1.3%
Q4c-10. Quality of customer service for registration	15.3%	62.5%	22.2%	0.0%

Q5. Please check ALL the reasons that prevent you or other members of your household from using parks, trails, recreation facilities, or programs the KCMO Parks and Recreation Department more often.

Q5. What are all the reasons that prevent your household from using parks, trails, recreation facilities, or programs more often

	Number	Percent
I do not know locations of parks/facilities	114	18.5 %
Facilities are not well maintained	111	18.0 %
Facility operating hours are not convenient	36	5.8 %
Desired program or facility not offered	82	13.3 %
Unhoused population	133	21.6 %
Lack of sidewalk or trails access	90	14.6 %
Parks/facilities too far from residence	118	19.1 %
Parks/facilities are too crowded	23	3.7 %
Lack of accessibility	30	4.9 %
I have physical health limitations	77	12.5 %
Poor customer service by staff	21	3.4 %
Parks are not well maintained	107	17.3 %
I do not know what is being offered	204	33.1 %
Use facilities/programs of other agencies	38	6.2 %
Lack of parking	53	8.6 %
Lack of transportation	25	4.1 %
Fees are too high	34	5.5 %
Other	62	10.0 %
Total	1358	

Q6. Please rate your feeling of safety at each of the types of places listed below. If you have not visited this place type in the last 12 months, select "Don't Know/Haven't Visited."

(N=617)

	Very safe	Safe	Neutral	Not safe	Don't know/ haven't visited
Q6-1. Parks (e.g., Swope Park, Hodge Park, Loose Park)	11.0%	32.6%	25.4%	17.3%	13.6%
Q6-2. Trails (e.g., Amity Woods Nature Trail, Blue River Greenway, Riverfront Heritage)	5.8%	22.4%	23.2%	12.8%	35.8%
Q6-3. Boulevards (e.g., Gilham Road, Myer Boulevard, Chouteau Trafficway)	6.6%	22.5%	27.7%	16.4%	26.7%
Q6-4. Community centers (e.g., Garrison, Tony Aguirre, Line Creek)	7.6%	20.9%	16.2%	3.4%	51.9%

WITHOUT "DON'T KNOW/HAVEN'T VISITED"

Q6. Please rate your feeling of safety at each of the types of places listed below. If you have not visited this place type in the last 12 months, select "Don't Know/Haven't Visited." (without "don't know/haven't visited")

(N=617)

	Very safe	Safe	Neutral	Not safe
Q6-1. Parks (e.g., Swope Park, Hodge Park, Loose Park)	12.8%	37.7%	29.5%	20.1%
Q6-2. Trails (e.g., Amity Woods Nature Trail, Blue River Greenway, Riverfront Heritage)	9.1%	34.8%	36.1%	19.9%
Q6-3. Boulevards (e.g., Gilham Road, Myer Boulevard, Chouteau Trafficway)	9.1%	30.8%	37.8%	22.3%
Q6-4. Community centers (e.g., Garrison, Tony Aguirre, Line Creek)	15.8%	43.4%	33.7%	7.1%

Q7. If you answered "not safe" to any of the park place types listed above in Question 6, what are the reasons you feel that way?

Q7. What are the reasons you answered Not Safe to any park place types listed in Question 6	Number	Percent
COVID-19	3	0.9 %
Vandalism	57	17.2 %
Petty theft	43	13.0 %
Unhoused population	61	18.4 %
Protests	7	2.1 %
Violent crime	84	25.3 %
Trash	52	15.7 %
Poor maintenance	33	9.9 %
Other	10	3.0 %
Total	350	

Q8. Please indicate if you or any members of your household have a need for the facilities/amenities in Kansas City, Missouri listed below.

(N=617)

	Yes	No
Q8-1. Baseball & softball fields	11.5%	88.5%
Q8-2. BMX pump track/bike park	8.6%	91.4%
Q8-3. Community centers	33.9%	66.1%
Q8-4. Community/social gathering spaces	30.6%	69.4%
Q8-5. Disc golf courses	14.3%	85.7%
Q8-6. Dog parks (off-leash)	32.9%	67.1%
Q8-7. Golf	13.3%	86.7%
Q8-8. Indoor basketball/volleyball courts (indoor gyms)	14.7%	85.3%
Q8-9. Indoor running/walking tracks	31.0%	69.0%
Q8-10. Indoor swimming pool	35.7%	64.3%
Q8-11. Larger community parks	20.1%	79.9%
Q8-12. Mountain bike trails	14.3%	85.7%
Q8-13. Natural parks & preserves	43.8%	56.2%
Q8-14. Outdoor basketball courts	10.7%	89.3%
Q8-15. Outdoor fitness equipment	12.2%	87.8%
Q8-16. Outdoor recreation (camping, fishing, archery)	20.3%	79.7%
Q8-17. Outdoor swimming pool	25.8%	74.2%
Q8-18. Performing arts theater	21.1%	78.9%
Q8-19. Pickleball courts	21.2%	78.8%
Q8-20. Picnic areas/shelters	29.5%	70.5%
Q8-21. Playgrounds	25.4%	74.6%

Q8. Please indicate if you or any members of your household have a need for the facilities/amenities in Kansas City, Missouri listed below.

	Yes	No
Q8-22. Restrooms	51.1%	48.9%
Q8-23. Skate parks	11.5%	88.5%
Q8-24. Smaller neighborhood parks	30.5%	69.5%
Q8-25. Soccer, lacrosse & football size fields	9.4%	90.6%
Q8-26. Special event spaces/ performance spaces/stage	14.3%	85.7%
Q8-27. Splash pads	23.8%	76.2%
Q8-28. Tennis courts	10.9%	89.1%
Q8-29. Walking & biking trails	53.5%	46.5%
Q8-30. Other	1.9%	98.1%

Q8. If "Yes," please rate how well your need for facilities/amenities of this type are being met using a scale of 1 to 4, where 4 means they are "Fully Met" and 1 means "Not Met."

(N=579)

	Fully met	Mostly met	Partly met	Not met
Q8-1. Baseball & softball fields	13.8%	33.8%	41.5%	10.8%
Q8-2. BMX pump track/bike park	0.0%	10.6%	27.7%	61.7%
Q8-3. Community centers	10.3%	25.8%	34.5%	29.4%
Q8-4. Community/social gathering spaces	6.5%	30.0%	39.4%	24.1%
Q8-5. Disc golf courses	13.4%	23.2%	41.5%	22.0%
Q8-6. Dog parks (off-leash)	6.8%	20.4%	39.3%	33.5%
Q8-7. Golf	26.9%	38.5%	24.4%	10.3%
Q8-8. Indoor basketball/volleyball courts (indoor gyms)	3.7%	19.8%	33.3%	43.2%
Q8-9. Indoor running/walking tracks	3.5%	15.0%	27.2%	54.3%
Q8-10. Indoor swimming pool	5.4%	9.4%	24.3%	60.9%
Q8-11. Larger community parks	7.8%	28.7%	40.0%	23.5%
Q8-12. Mountain bike trails	5.1%	19.0%	53.2%	22.8%
Q8-13. Natural parks & preserves	7.3%	32.3%	43.5%	16.9%
Q8-14. Outdoor basketball courts	4.9%	24.6%	44.3%	26.2%
Q8-15. Outdoor fitness equipment	6.1%	10.6%	42.4%	40.9%
Q8-16. Outdoor recreation (camping, fishing, archery)	4.3%	15.7%	34.8%	45.2%
Q8-17. Outdoor swimming pool	4.0%	8.0%	24.0%	64.0%
Q8-18. Performing arts theater	12.8%	23.1%	28.2%	35.9%
Q8-19. Pickleball courts	0.8%	9.9%	25.6%	63.6%
Q8-20. Picnic areas/shelters	9.8%	31.0%	42.5%	16.7%
Q8-21. Playgrounds	12.8%	37.8%	39.2%	10.1%

Q8. If "Yes," please rate how well your need for facilities/amenities of this type are being met using a scale of 1 to 4, where 4 means they are "Fully Met" and 1 means "Not Met."

	Fully met	Mostly met	Partly met	Not met
Q8-22. Restrooms	4.8%	19.9%	49.0%	26.4%
Q8-23. Skate parks	6.2%	9.2%	32.3%	52.3%
Q8-24. Smaller neighborhood parks	7.3%	20.2%	39.9%	32.6%
Q8-25. Soccer, lacrosse & football size fields	3.7%	24.1%	37.0%	35.2%
Q8-26. Special event spaces/ performance spaces/stage	7.3%	20.7%	36.6%	35.4%
Q8-27. Splash pads	3.6%	12.1%	42.9%	41.4%
Q8-28. Tennis courts	12.9%	33.9%	33.9%	19.4%
Q8-29. Walking & biking trails	9.6%	31.7%	50.2%	8.6%
Q8-30. Other	12.5%	0.0%	25.0%	62.5%

Q8-30. Other:

Q8-30. Other	Number	Percent
Racquetball	1	10.0 %
More paved bike trails with restrooms	1	10.0 %
Hockey	1	10.0 %
Wheelchair accessibility	1	10.0 %
Restrooms need to be much nicer	1	10.0 %
Senior discounts	1	10.0 %
I've rink for hockey	1	10.0 %
Indoor swimming	1	10.0 %
Garden beds	1	10.0 %
Ice hockey	1	10.0 %
Total	10	100.0 %

Q9. Which FOUR of the facilities/amenities listed in Question 8 do you think are most important for you and members of your household?

Q9. Top choice	Number	Percent
Baseball & softball fields	12	1.9 %
BMX pump track/bike park	12	1.9 %
Community centers	36	5.8 %
Community/social gathering spaces	28	4.5 %
Disc golf courses	18	2.9 %
Dog parks (off-leash)	54	8.8 %
Golf	21	3.4 %
Indoor basketball/volleyball courts (indoor gyms)	10	1.6 %
Indoor running/walking tracks	24	3.9 %
Indoor swimming pool	40	6.5 %
Larger community parks	8	1.3 %
Mountain bike trails	8	1.3 %
Natural parks & preserves	53	8.6 %
Outdoor recreation (camping, fishing, archery)	7	1.1 %
Outdoor swimming pool	18	2.9 %
Performing arts theater	5	0.8 %
Pickleball courts	19	3.1 %
Picnic areas/shelters	8	1.3 %
Playgrounds	25	4.1 %
Restrooms	28	4.5 %
Skate parks	11	1.8 %
Smaller neighborhood parks	16	2.6 %
Soccer, lacrosse & football size fields	7	1.1 %
Special event spaces/performance spaces/stage	5	0.8 %
Splash pads	1	0.2 %
Tennis courts	1	0.2 %
Walking & biking trails	97	15.7 %
None chosen	45	7.3 %
Total	617	100.0 %

Q9. Which FOUR of the facilities/amenities listed in Question 8 do you think are most important for you and members of your household?

<u>Q9. 2nd choice</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Baseball & softball fields	4	0.6 %
BMX pump track/bike park	5	0.8 %
Community centers	29	4.7 %
Community/social gathering spaces	20	3.2 %
Disc golf courses	11	1.8 %
Dog parks (off-leash)	36	5.8 %
Golf	8	1.3 %
Indoor basketball/volleyball courts (indoor gyms)	5	0.8 %
Indoor running/walking tracks	30	4.9 %
Indoor swimming pool	42	6.8 %
Larger community parks	9	1.5 %
Mountain bike trails	12	1.9 %
Natural parks & preserves	63	10.2 %
Outdoor basketball courts	4	0.6 %
Outdoor fitness equipment	4	0.6 %
Outdoor recreation (camping, fishing, archery)	20	3.2 %
Outdoor swimming pool	32	5.2 %
Performing arts theater	9	1.5 %
Pickleball courts	8	1.3 %
Picnic areas/shelters	17	2.8 %
Playgrounds	20	3.2 %
Restrooms	50	8.1 %
Skate parks	2	0.3 %
Smaller neighborhood parks	17	2.8 %
Soccer, lacrosse & football size fields	7	1.1 %
Special event spaces/performance spaces/stage	3	0.5 %
Splash pads	14	2.3 %
Tennis courts	8	1.3 %
Walking & biking trails	65	10.5 %
None chosen	63	10.2 %
Total	617	100.0 %

Q9. Which FOUR of the facilities/amenities listed in Question 8 do you think are most important for you and members of your household?

<u>Q9. 3rd choice</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Baseball & softball fields	6	1.0 %
BMX pump track/bike park	5	0.8 %
Community centers	14	2.3 %
Community/social gathering spaces	17	2.8 %
Disc golf courses	9	1.5 %
Dog parks (off-leash)	22	3.6 %
Golf	4	0.6 %
Indoor basketball/volleyball courts (indoor gyms)	8	1.3 %
Indoor running/walking tracks	28	4.5 %
Indoor swimming pool	31	5.0 %
Larger community parks	14	2.3 %
Mountain bike trails	11	1.8 %
Natural parks & preserves	51	8.3 %
Outdoor basketball courts	6	1.0 %
Outdoor fitness equipment	8	1.3 %
Outdoor recreation (camping, fishing, archery)	13	2.1 %
Outdoor swimming pool	18	2.9 %
Performing arts theater	12	1.9 %
Pickleball courts	23	3.7 %
Picnic areas/shelters	28	4.5 %
Playgrounds	20	3.2 %
Restrooms	53	8.6 %
Skate parks	2	0.3 %
Smaller neighborhood parks	31	5.0 %
Soccer, lacrosse & football size fields	5	0.8 %
Special event spaces/performance spaces/stage	9	1.5 %
Splash pads	17	2.8 %
Tennis courts	6	1.0 %
Walking & biking trails	48	7.8 %
<u>None chosen</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>15.9 %</u>
Total	617	100.0 %

Q9. Which FOUR of the facilities/amenities listed in Question 8 do you think are most important for you and members of your household?

<u>Q9. 4th choice</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Baseball & softball fields	7	1.1 %
BMX pump track/bike park	3	0.5 %
Community centers	21	3.4 %
Community/social gathering spaces	25	4.1 %
Disc golf courses	4	0.6 %
Dog parks (off-leash)	11	1.8 %
Golf	8	1.3 %
Indoor basketball/volleyball courts (indoor gyms)	9	1.5 %
Indoor running/walking tracks	23	3.7 %
Indoor swimming pool	17	2.8 %
Larger community parks	14	2.3 %
Mountain bike trails	10	1.6 %
Natural parks & preserves	29	4.7 %
Outdoor basketball courts	2	0.3 %
Outdoor fitness equipment	13	2.1 %
Outdoor recreation (camping, fishing, archery)	14	2.3 %
Outdoor swimming pool	18	2.9 %
Performing arts theater	16	2.6 %
Pickleball courts	16	2.6 %
Picnic areas/shelters	23	3.7 %
Playgrounds	25	4.1 %
Restrooms	60	9.7 %
Skate parks	5	0.8 %
Smaller neighborhood parks	29	4.7 %
Soccer, lacrosse & football size fields	3	0.5 %
Special event spaces/performance spaces/stage	6	1.0 %
Splash pads	16	2.6 %
Tennis courts	8	1.3 %
Walking & biking trails	39	6.3 %
<u>None chosen</u>	<u>143</u>	<u>23.2 %</u>
Total	617	100.0 %

(SUM OF TOP 4)**Q9. Which FOUR of the facilities/amenities listed in Question 8 do you think are most important for you and members of your household? (top 4)**

<u>Q9. Top choice</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Baseball & softball fields	29	4.7 %
BMX pump track/bike park	25	4.1 %
Community centers	100	16.2 %
Community/social gathering spaces	90	14.6 %
Disc golf courses	42	6.8 %
Dog parks (off-leash)	123	19.9 %
Golf	41	6.6 %
Indoor basketball/volleyball courts (indoor gyms)	32	5.2 %
Indoor running/walking tracks	105	17.0 %
Indoor swimming pool	130	21.1 %
Larger community parks	45	7.3 %
Mountain bike trails	41	6.6 %
Natural parks & preserves	196	31.8 %
Outdoor basketball courts	12	1.9 %
Outdoor fitness equipment	25	4.1 %
Outdoor recreation (camping, fishing, archery)	54	8.8 %
Outdoor swimming pool	86	13.9 %
Performing arts theater	42	6.8 %
Pickleball courts	66	10.7 %
Picnic areas/shelters	76	12.3 %
Playgrounds	90	14.6 %
Restrooms	191	31.0 %
Skate parks	20	3.2 %
Smaller neighborhood parks	93	15.1 %
Soccer, lacrosse & football size fields	22	3.6 %
Special event spaces/performance spaces/stage	23	3.7 %
Splash pads	48	7.8 %
Tennis courts	23	3.7 %
Walking & biking trails	249	40.4 %
None chosen	45	7.3 %
Total	2164	

Q8. If "Yes," please rate how well your need for facilities/amenities of this type are being met using a scale of 1 to 4, where 4 means they are "Fully Met" and 1 means "Not Met."

	Fully met	Mostly met	Partly met	Not met
Q8-22. Restrooms	4.8%	19.9%	49.0%	26.4%
Q8-23. Skate parks	6.2%	9.2%	32.3%	52.3%
Q8-24. Smaller neighborhood parks	7.3%	20.2%	39.9%	32.6%
Q8-25. Soccer, lacrosse & football size fields	3.7%	24.1%	37.0%	35.2%
Q8-26. Special event spaces/ performance spaces/stage	7.3%	20.7%	36.6%	35.4%
Q8-27. Splash pads	3.6%	12.1%	42.9%	41.4%
Q8-28. Tennis courts	12.9%	33.9%	33.9%	19.4%
Q8-29. Walking & biking trails	9.6%	31.7%	50.2%	8.6%
Q8-30. Other	12.5%	0.0%	25.0%	62.5%

Q10. Please indicate if you or any members of your household have a need for the programs in Kansas City, Missouri listed below.

	Yes	No
Q10-19. Senior programs	27.4%	72.6%
Q10-20. STEM (science, technology, engineering, & mathematics)/tech classes	12.5%	87.5%
Q10-21. Swim lessons	16.0%	84.0%
Q10-22. Teen/tween programs	11.0%	89.0%
Q10-23. Tennis lessons & leagues	6.6%	93.4%
Q10-24. Virtual programs	6.3%	93.7%
Q10-25. Water fitness programs/lap swimming	23.3%	76.7%
Q10-26. Youth fitness & wellness classes	10.9%	89.1%
Q10-27. Youth sports programs & camps	14.7%	85.3%
Q10-28. Youth summer programs & camps	15.9%	84.1%
Q10-29. Youth visual arts/crafts/performing arts programs	12.8%	87.2%
Q10-30. Other	1.8%	98.2%

Q10. If "Yes," please rate how well your need for programs of this type are being met using a scale of 1 to 4, where 4 means they are "Fully Met" and 1 means "Not Met."

(N=537)

	Fully met	Mostly met	Partly met	Not met
Q10-1. Adult fitness & wellness programs	3.5%	12.3%	44.0%	40.1%
Q10-2. Adult performing arts program (dance, music, theatre)	7.2%	11.3%	27.8%	53.6%
Q10-3. Adult sports leagues	3.0%	13.1%	35.4%	48.5%
Q10-4. After school programs for youth of all ages	1.2%	8.6%	38.3%	51.9%
Q10-5. Community day trips	1.9%	7.5%	26.4%	64.2%
Q10-6. Community special event (fireworks, parades, festivals)	9.7%	22.0%	47.8%	20.4%
Q10-7. eGaming/eSports	5.0%	10.0%	20.0%	65.0%
Q10-8. Exercise classes	4.4%	10.5%	37.6%	47.5%
Q10-9. Fishing	6.4%	18.1%	41.5%	34.0%
Q10-10. Golf (leagues, lessons, open play)	14.9%	26.9%	34.3%	23.9%
Q10-11. Gymnastics/tumbling programs	5.6%	8.3%	22.2%	63.9%
Q10-12. History & museums	10.1%	27.2%	39.9%	22.8%
Q10-13. Leadership/professional development	9.6%	9.6%	25.0%	55.8%
Q10-14. Outdoor environmental/nature camps & programs	2.6%	8.6%	44.0%	44.8%
Q10-15. Preschool programs/early childhood education	7.9%	11.1%	28.6%	52.4%
Q10-16. Private facility rentals	4.7%	18.8%	43.8%	32.8%
Q10-17. Programs for people with special needs	5.5%	5.5%	52.7%	36.4%
Q10-18. Robotics	9.7%	3.2%	16.1%	71.0%

Q10. If "Yes," please rate how well your need for programs of this type are being met using a scale of 1 to 4, where 4 means they are "Fully Met" and 1 means "Not Met."

	Fully met	Mostly met	Partly met	Not met
Q10-19. Senior programs	4.5%	11.3%	40.6%	43.6%
Q10-20. STEM (science, technology, engineering, & mathematics)/tech classes	4.5%	7.5%	34.3%	53.7%
Q10-21. Swim lessons	4.7%	9.3%	27.9%	58.1%
Q10-22. Teen/tween programs	3.3%	5.0%	26.7%	65.0%
Q10-23. Tennis lessons & leagues	2.6%	7.9%	44.7%	44.7%
Q10-24. Virtual programs	2.9%	2.9%	32.4%	61.8%
Q10-25. Water fitness programs/lap swimming	6.3%	5.5%	29.7%	58.6%
Q10-26. Youth fitness & wellness classes	8.8%	10.5%	28.1%	52.6%
Q10-27. Youth sports programs & camps	5.1%	11.5%	35.9%	47.4%
Q10-28. Youth summer programs & camps	3.8%	12.8%	35.9%	47.4%
Q10-29. Youth visual arts/crafts/performing arts programs	4.8%	11.3%	37.1%	46.8%
Q10-30. Other	9.1%	0.0%	18.2%	72.7%

Q10-30. Other:

Q10-30. Other	Number	Percent
Pickleball	2	20.0 %
Soccer	1	10.0 %
More bike trails with restrooms	1	10.0 %
Gardening	1	10.0 %
Adult social clubs	1	10.0 %
Pickleball courts, classes	1	10.0 %
Native plant	1	10.0 %
Back to nature groups	1	10.0 %
Basketball courts	1	10.0 %
Total	10	100.0 %

Q11. Which FOUR programs listed in Question 10 do you think are most important for you and members of your household?

<u>Q11. Top choice</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Adult fitness & wellness programs	141	22.9 %
Adult performing arts program (dance, music, theatre)	15	2.4 %
Adult sports leagues	21	3.4 %
After school programs for youth of all ages	30	4.9 %
Community day trips	19	3.1 %
Community special event (fireworks, parades, festivals)	34	5.5 %
eGaming/eSports	1	0.2 %
Exercise classes	22	3.6 %
Fishing	17	2.8 %
Golf (leagues, lessons, open play)	17	2.8 %
Gymnastics/tumbling programs	4	0.6 %
History & museums	36	5.8 %
Leadership/professional development	5	0.8 %
Outdoor environmental/nature camps & programs	17	2.8 %
Preschool programs/early childhood education	8	1.3 %
Private facility rentals	5	0.8 %
Programs for people with special needs	7	1.1 %
Robotics	3	0.5 %
Senior programs	38	6.2 %
STEM (science, technology, engineering, & mathematics)/ tech classes	5	0.8 %
Swim lessons	11	1.8 %
Teen/tween programs	4	0.6 %
Tennis lessons & leagues	2	0.3 %
Virtual programs	2	0.3 %
Water fitness programs/lap swimming	21	3.4 %
Youth fitness & wellness classes	2	0.3 %
Youth sports programs & camps	8	1.3 %
Youth summer programs & camps	10	1.6 %
Youth visual arts/crafts/performing arts programs	3	0.5 %
None chosen	109	17.7 %
Total	617	100.0 %

Q11. Which FOUR programs listed in Question 10 do you think are most important for you and members of your household?

<u>Q11. 2nd choice</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Adult fitness & wellness programs	56	9.1 %
Adult performing arts program (dance, music, theatre)	18	2.9 %
Adult sports leagues	9	1.5 %
After school programs for youth of all ages	19	3.1 %
Community day trips	24	3.9 %
Community special event (fireworks, parades, festivals)	37	6.0 %
Exercise classes	51	8.3 %
Fishing	18	2.9 %
Golf (leagues, lessons, open play)	14	2.3 %
Gymnastics/tumbling programs	5	0.8 %
History & museums	56	9.1 %
Leadership/professional development	6	1.0 %
Outdoor environmental/nature camps & programs	28	4.5 %
Preschool programs/early childhood education	14	2.3 %
Private facility rentals	8	1.3 %
Programs for people with special needs	7	1.1 %
Robotics	4	0.6 %
Senior programs	19	3.1 %
STEM (science, technology, engineering, & mathematics)/ tech classes	8	1.3 %
Swim lessons	13	2.1 %
Teen/tween programs	12	1.9 %
Tennis lessons & leagues	3	0.5 %
Virtual programs	1	0.2 %
Water fitness programs/lap swimming	17	2.8 %
Youth fitness & wellness classes	5	0.8 %
Youth sports programs & camps	13	2.1 %
Youth summer programs & camps	8	1.3 %
Youth visual arts/crafts/performing arts programs	5	0.8 %
<u>None chosen</u>	<u>139</u>	<u>22.5 %</u>
Total	617	100.0 %

Q11. Which FOUR programs listed in Question 10 do you think are most important for you and members of your household?

<u>Q11. 3rd choice</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Adult fitness & wellness programs	29	4.7 %
Adult performing arts program (dance, music, theatre)	24	3.9 %
Adult sports leagues	8	1.3 %
After school programs for youth of all ages	13	2.1 %
Community day trips	17	2.8 %
Community special event (fireworks, parades, festivals)	28	4.5 %
eGaming/eSports	4	0.6 %
Exercise classes	42	6.8 %
Fishing	21	3.4 %
Golf (leagues, lessons, open play)	7	1.1 %
Gymnastics/tumbling programs	3	0.5 %
History & museums	42	6.8 %
Leadership/professional development	9	1.5 %
Outdoor environmental/nature camps & programs	34	5.5 %
Preschool programs/early childhood education	7	1.1 %
Private facility rentals	13	2.1 %
Programs for people with special needs	7	1.1 %
Robotics	3	0.5 %
Senior programs	39	6.3 %
STEM (science, technology, engineering, & mathematics)/ tech classes	11	1.8 %
Swim lessons	15	2.4 %
Teen/tween programs	9	1.5 %
Tennis lessons & leagues	2	0.3 %
Virtual programs	5	0.8 %
Water fitness programs/lap swimming	18	2.9 %
Youth fitness & wellness classes	5	0.8 %
Youth sports programs & camps	5	0.8 %
Youth summer programs & camps	14	2.3 %
Youth visual arts/crafts/performing arts programs	11	1.8 %
<u>None chosen</u>	<u>172</u>	<u>27.9 %</u>
Total	617	100.0 %

Q11. Which FOUR programs listed in Question 10 do you think are most important for you and members of your household?

Q11. 4th choice	Number	Percent
Adult fitness & wellness programs	25	4.1 %
Adult performing arts program (dance, music, theatre)	17	2.8 %
Adult sports leagues	15	2.4 %
After school programs for youth of all ages	11	1.8 %
Community day trips	12	1.9 %
Community special event (fireworks, parades, festivals)	20	3.2 %
eGaming/eSports	4	0.6 %
Exercise classes	26	4.2 %
Fishing	11	1.8 %
Golf (leagues, lessons, open play)	11	1.8 %
Gymnastics/tumbling programs	3	0.5 %
History & museums	37	6.0 %
Leadership/professional development	16	2.6 %
Outdoor environmental/nature camps & programs	21	3.4 %
Preschool programs/early childhood education	5	0.8 %
Private facility rentals	9	1.5 %
Programs for people with special needs	10	1.6 %
Robotics	1	0.2 %
Senior programs	24	3.9 %
STEM (science, technology, engineering, & mathematics)/ tech classes	9	1.5 %
Swim lessons	13	2.1 %
Teen/tween programs	12	1.9 %
Tennis lessons & leagues	3	0.5 %
Virtual programs	6	1.0 %
Water fitness programs/lap swimming	21	3.4 %
Youth fitness & wellness classes	9	1.5 %
Youth sports programs & camps	10	1.6 %
Youth summer programs & camps	11	1.8 %
Youth visual arts/crafts/performing arts programs	8	1.3 %
None chosen	237	38.4 %
Total	617	100.0 %

(SUM OF TOP 4)**Q11. Which FOUR programs listed in Question 10 do you think are most important for you and members of your household? (top 4)**

<u>Q11. Top choice</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Adult fitness & wellness programs	251	40.7 %
Adult performing arts program (dance, music, theatre)	74	12.0 %
Adult sports leagues	53	8.6 %
After school programs for youth of all ages	73	11.8 %
Community day trips	72	11.7 %
Community special event (fireworks, parades, festivals)	119	19.3 %
eGaming/eSports	9	1.5 %
Exercise classes	141	22.9 %
Fishing	67	10.9 %
Golf (leagues, lessons, open play)	49	7.9 %
Gymnastics/tumbling programs	15	2.4 %
History & museums	171	27.7 %
Leadership/professional development	36	5.8 %
Outdoor environmental/nature camps & programs	100	16.2 %
Preschool programs/early childhood education	34	5.5 %
Private facility rentals	35	5.7 %
Programs for people with special needs	31	5.0 %
Robotics	11	1.8 %
Senior programs	120	19.4 %
STEM (science, technology, engineering, & mathematics)/ tech classes	33	5.3 %
Swim lessons	52	8.4 %
Teen/tween programs	37	6.0 %
Tennis lessons & leagues	10	1.6 %
Virtual programs	14	2.3 %
Water fitness programs/lap swimming	77	12.5 %
Youth fitness & wellness classes	21	3.4 %
Youth sports programs & camps	36	5.8 %
Youth summer programs & camps	43	7.0 %
Youth visual arts/crafts/performing arts programs	27	4.4 %
<u>None chosen</u>	<u>109</u>	<u>17.7 %</u>
Total	1920	

Q12. Please check ALL of the following organizations you or members of your household use for recreation programs and facilities.

Q12. What are all the following organizations your household uses for recreation programs & facilities

	Number	Percent
KCMO Parks & Recreation	400	64.8 %
Neighboring cities	275	44.6 %
Jackson County	168	27.2 %
Private sports clubs	77	12.5 %
Private fitness centers	168	27.2 %
Local schools/colleges/universities	101	16.4 %
YMCA	157	25.4 %
Churches or other religious organizations	135	21.9 %
Non-profit organizations	77	12.5 %
Other	16	2.6 %
None of these	61	9.9 %
Total	1635	

(WITHOUT "NONE OF THESE")

Q12. Please check ALL of the following organizations you or members of your household use for recreation programs and facilities. (without "none of these")

Q12. What are all the following organizations your household uses for recreation programs & facilities

	Number	Percent
KCMO Parks & Recreation	400	71.9 %
Neighboring cities	275	49.5 %
Jackson County	168	30.2 %
Private sports clubs	77	13.8 %
Private fitness centers	168	30.2 %
Local schools/colleges/universities	101	18.2 %
YMCA	157	28.2 %
Churches or other religious organizations	135	24.3 %
Non-profit organizations	77	13.8 %
Other	16	2.9 %
Total	1574	

Q12-10. Other:

<u>Q12-10. Other</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Platte & Clay County Parks, US Army Corps of Engineers lakes, MDC conservation areas	1	6.3 %
Sharing experience	1	6.3 %
Sports, leagues	1	6.3 %
Indian Hills Country Club	1	6.3 %
Found places	1	6.3 %
Smithville Lake, Watkins Mill and other MO state parks	1	6.3 %
JOCO parks	1	6.3 %
Private studio	1	6.3 %
Area lakes	1	6.3 %
I work out with a private trainer	1	6.3 %
Fitness classes over the internet	1	6.3 %
A local bicycle shop	1	6.3 %
Johnson County parks and trails	1	6.3 %
Parkville Pickleball Courts	1	6.3 %
Smithville Lake & Trails, Weston Bend State Park trails	1	6.3 %
Private business such as Main Event	1	6.3 %
Total	16	100.0 %

Q13. Please check ALL the ways you currently learn about KCMO Parks and Recreation Department recreation programs and activities.

Q13. What are all the ways you currently learn about KCMO Parks & Recreation Department recreation programs & activities

<u>recreation programs & activities</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Parks & Recreation website	226	36.6 %
City website	97	15.7 %
City newsletter	71	11.5 %
Local news	225	36.5 %
Flyers at City facilities	69	11.2 %
Social media (Facebook, Instagram, etc.)	281	45.5 %
School flyers	30	4.9 %
Email/text blasts	84	13.6 %
Conversations with parks & recreation staff	31	5.0 %
Newspaper articles	88	14.3 %
Friends & neighbors	222	36.0 %
Digital billboard	14	2.3 %
Radio	79	12.8 %
Other	27	4.4 %
Total	1544	

Q13-14. Other:

Q13-14. Other	Number	Percent
Mail	5	18.5 %
Google	5	18.5 %
Word of mouth	2	7.4 %
TV	2	7.4 %
Email	1	3.7 %
Drive by	1	3.7 %
Family	1	3.7 %
KCMO City TV channel	1	3.7 %
Text	1	3.7 %
Internet	1	3.7 %
Instagram	1	3.7 %
This survey	1	3.7 %
TV	1	3.7 %
Walk in	1	3.7 %
Social media pictures, invitations	1	3.7 %
Library	1	3.7 %
urbantrailco.com	1	3.7 %
Total	27	100.0 %

Q14. From the list in Question 13, which THREE methods would you MOST PREFER the City use to communicate with you about recreation programs and activities?

Q14. Top choice	Number	Percent
Parks & Recreation website	121	19.6 %
City website	23	3.7 %
City newsletter	52	8.4 %
Local news	70	11.3 %
Flyers at City facilities	9	1.5 %
Social media (Facebook, Instagram, etc.)	153	24.8 %
School flyers	7	1.1 %
Email/text blasts	77	12.5 %
Conversations with parks & recreation staff	3	0.5 %
Newspaper articles	5	0.8 %
Friends & neighbors	6	1.0 %
Digital billboard	4	0.6 %
Radio	9	1.5 %
None chosen	78	12.6 %
Total	617	100.0 %

Q14. From the list in Question 13, which THREE methods would you MOST PREFER the City use to communicate with you about recreation programs and activities?

<u>Q14. 2nd choice</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Parks & Recreation website	66	10.7 %
City website	49	7.9 %
City newsletter	32	5.2 %
Local news	73	11.8 %
Flyers at City facilities	16	2.6 %
Social media (Facebook, Instagram, etc.)	99	16.0 %
School flyers	13	2.1 %
Email/text blasts	60	9.7 %
Conversations with parks & recreation staff	2	0.3 %
Newspaper articles	20	3.2 %
Friends & neighbors	21	3.4 %
Digital billboard	15	2.4 %
Radio	33	5.3 %
None chosen	118	19.1 %
Total	617	100.0 %

Q14. From the list in Question 13, which THREE methods would you MOST PREFER the City use to communicate with you about recreation programs and activities?

<u>Q14. 3rd choice</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Parks & Recreation website	41	6.6 %
City website	34	5.5 %
City newsletter	31	5.0 %
Local news	58	9.4 %
Flyers at City facilities	11	1.8 %
Social media (Facebook, Instagram, etc.)	57	9.2 %
School flyers	23	3.7 %
Email/text blasts	51	8.3 %
Conversations with parks & recreation staff	6	1.0 %
Newspaper articles	30	4.9 %
Friends & neighbors	33	5.3 %
Digital billboard	22	3.6 %
Radio	42	6.8 %
None chosen	178	28.8 %
Total	617	100.0 %

Q14. From the list in Question 13, which THREE methods would you MOST PREFER the City use to communicate with you about recreation programs and activities? (top 3)

<u>Q14. Top choice</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Parks & Recreation website	228	37.0 %
City website	106	17.2 %
City newsletter	115	18.6 %
Local news	201	32.6 %
Flyers at City facilities	36	5.8 %
Social media (Facebook, Instagram, etc.)	309	50.1 %
School flyers	43	7.0 %
Email/text blasts	188	30.5 %
Conversations with parks & recreation staff	11	1.8 %
Newspaper articles	55	8.9 %
Friends & neighbors	60	9.7 %
Digital billboard	41	6.6 %
Radio	84	13.6 %
None chosen	78	12.6 %
Total	1555	

Q15. Please indicate how supportive you would be of each of the following actions that the KCMO Parks and Recreation Department could take to improve the parks and recreation system.

(N=617)

	Very supportive	Somewhat supportive	Not sure	Not supportive
Q15-1. Acquiring land for developing parks & recreation facilities	48.6%	25.0%	20.9%	5.5%
Q15-2. Acquiring land for preservation of natural areas for public access	62.9%	20.1%	13.1%	3.9%
Q15-3. Improving maintenance/ cleanliness, enhancing, upgrading, & renovating existing parks & outdoor recreation facilities to meet resident needs & priorities	77.6%	14.7%	6.3%	1.3%
Q15-4. Improving maintenance/ cleanliness, enhancing, upgrading, & renovating existing indoor community centers to meet resident needs & priorities	64.3%	20.4%	12.3%	2.9%
Q15-5. Developing new indoor community centers	39.5%	28.5%	22.9%	9.1%
Q15-6. Developing new athletic fields & courts	30.5%	33.1%	27.4%	9.1%
Q15-7. Developing new greenway trails, high quality bicycle facilities, lighting, shaded sidewalks, benches & shelters that enhance connectivity	63.9%	20.7%	11.7%	3.7%
Q15-8. Developing new parks & outdoor recreation facilities to meet resident needs & priorities	54.8%	28.4%	13.1%	3.7%

(SUM OF TOP 4)**Q16. Which FOUR of the items listed in Question 15 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household? (top 4)**

Q16. Top choice	Number	Percent
Acquiring land for developing parks & recreation facilities	186	30.1 %
Acquiring land for preservation of natural areas for public access	285	46.2 %
Improving maintenance/cleanliness, enhancing, upgrading, & renovating existing parks & outdoor recreation facilities to meet resident needs & priorities	424	68.7 %
Improving maintenance/cleanliness, enhancing, upgrading, & renovating existing indoor community centers to meet resident needs & priorities	269	43.6 %
Developing new indoor community centers	148	24.0 %
Developing new athletic fields & courts	68	11.0 %
Developing new greenway trails, high quality bicycle facilities, lighting, shaded sidewalks, benches & shelters that enhance connectivity	337	54.6 %
Developing new parks & outdoor recreation facilities to meet resident needs & priorities	256	41.5 %
None chosen	66	10.7 %
Total	2039	

Q17. If you had an additional \$100, how would you allocate the funds among the parks and recreation categories listed below?

Acquisition & development of walking & biking trails, greenways	23.10
Acquisition of new parkland & open space	15.78
Improvement/maintenance of existing parks & recreation facilities (boulevards, parkways, playgrounds, pools, sports fields, etc.)	40.07
Construction of new recreation facilities (sports fields, outdoor & indoor pools, indoor community centers, etc.)	16.87
Other	4.18

Q18. Please rate your satisfaction using a scale of 1 to 5, where 5 means "Very Satisfied" and 1 means "Very Dissatisfied," with the overall value your household receives from the City of Kansas City Parks and Recreation Department.

Q18. Your satisfaction with overall value your household receives from KCMO Parks & Recreation Department	Number	Percent
Very satisfied	79	12.8 %
Somewhat satisfied	256	41.5 %
Neutral	132	21.4 %
Somewhat dissatisfied	69	11.2 %
Very dissatisfied	50	8.1 %
Don't know	31	5.0 %
Total	617	100.0 %

WITHOUT "DON'T KNOW"

Q18. Please rate your satisfaction using a scale of 1 to 5, where 5 means "Very Satisfied" and 1 means "Very Dissatisfied," with the overall value your household receives from the City of Kansas City Parks and Recreation Department. (without "don't know")

Q18. Your satisfaction with overall value your household receives from KCMO Parks & Recreation Department

	Number	Percent
Very satisfied	79	13.5 %
Somewhat satisfied	256	43.7 %
Neutral	132	22.5 %
Somewhat dissatisfied	69	11.8 %
Very dissatisfied	50	8.5 %
Total	586	100.0 %

Q19. How important do you feel it is for Kansas City, Missouri to provide high quality parks and recreation programs and facilities?

Q19. How important is it for KCMO to provide high quality parks & recreation programs & facilities

	Number	Percent
Very important	489	79.3 %
Somewhat important	107	17.3 %
Not important	8	1.3 %
Not sure	5	0.8 %
Not provided	8	1.3 %
Total	617	100.0 %

WITHOUT "NOT PROVIDED"

Q19. How important do you feel it is for Kansas City, Missouri to provide high quality parks and recreation programs and facilities? (without "not provided")

Q19. How important is it for KCMO to provide high quality parks & recreation programs & facilities

	Number	Percent
Very important	489	80.3 %
Somewhat important	107	17.6 %
Not important	8	1.3 %
Not sure	5	0.8 %
Total	609	100.0 %

Q20. Given the recent COVID-19/Coronavirus Pandemic, how has you and your household's perception of the value of parks, trails, open spaces, and recreation changed?

Q20. How has your household's perception of the value of parks, trails, open spaces, & recreation changed given recent COVID-19/Coronavirus Pandemic

	Number	Percent
Value has significantly increased	199	32.3 %
Value has somewhat increased	178	28.8 %
No change	196	31.8 %
Value has somewhat decreased	12	1.9 %
Value has significantly decreased	12	1.9 %
Not provided	20	3.2 %
Total	617	100.0 %

WITHOUT "NOT PROVIDED"**Q20. Given the recent COVID-19/Coronavirus Pandemic, how has you and your household's perception of the value of parks, trails, open spaces, and recreation changed? (without "not provided")**

Q20. How has your household's perception of the value of parks, trails, open spaces, & recreation changed given recent COVID-19/Coronavirus

Pandemic	Number	Percent
Value has significantly increased	199	33.3 %
Value has somewhat increased	178	29.8 %
No change	196	32.8 %
Value has somewhat decreased	12	2.0 %
Value has significantly decreased	12	2.0 %
Total	597	100.0 %

Q21. Based on your perception of value in Question 20, how would you want the City to fund future parks, recreation, trails and open space needs?

Q21. How would you want City to fund future parks, recreation, trails & open space needs

	Number	Percent
Increase funding	332	53.8 %
Maintain existing funding levels	195	31.6 %
Reduce funding	11	1.8 %
Not sure	57	9.2 %
Not provided	22	3.6 %
Total	617	100.0 %

WITHOUT "NOT PROVIDED"**Q21. Based on your perception of value in Question 20, how would you want the City to fund future parks, recreation, trails and open space needs? (without "not provided")**

Q21. How would you want City to fund future parks, recreation, trails & open space needs

	Number	Percent
Increase funding	332	55.8 %
Maintain existing funding levels	195	32.8 %
Reduce funding	11	1.8 %
Not sure	57	9.6 %
Total	595	100.0 %

Q22. Kansas City, Missouri currently has a ½ cent sales tax dedicated to parks. What is the maximum increase you would support if it included the types of improvements that are most important to your household?

Q22. What is the maximum increase you would support if it included types of improvements that are most important to your household

	Number	Percent
I would support an increase from ½ cent to 1 cent	277	44.9 %
I would support an increase from ½ cent to ¾ cent	134	21.7 %
I'm not supportive of increasing current ½ cent parks sales tax	125	20.3 %
Not sure	65	10.5 %
Not provided	16	2.6 %
Total	617	100.0 %

WITHOUT "NOT PROVIDED"

Q22. Kansas City, Missouri currently has a ½ cent sales tax dedicated to parks. What is the maximum increase you would support if it included the types of improvements that are most important to your household? (without "not provided")

Q22. What is the maximum increase you would support if it included types of improvements that are most important to your household

	Number	Percent
I would support an increase from ½ cent to 1 cent	277	46.1 %
I would support an increase from ½ cent to ¾ cent	134	22.3 %
I'm not supportive of increasing current ½ cent parks sales tax	125	20.8 %
Not sure	65	10.8 %
Total	601	100.0 %

Q24. Counting yourself, how many people in your household are...

	Mean	Sum
number	2.7	1601
Under age 5	0.2	102
Ages 5-9	0.1	83
Ages 10-14	0.2	97
Ages 15-19	0.1	86
Ages 20-24	0.1	84
Ages 25-34	0.3	183
Ages 35-44	0.3	186
Ages 45-54	0.4	220
Ages 55-64	0.4	248
Ages 65-74	0.4	206
Ages 75+	0.2	106

Q25. What is your age?

Q25. Your age	Number	Percent
18-34	111	18.0 %
35-44	111	18.0 %
45-54	123	19.9 %
55-64	121	19.6 %
65+	120	19.4 %
Not provided	31	5.0 %
Total	617	100.0 %

(WITHOUT "NOT PROVIDED")**Q25. What is your age? (without "not provided")**

<u>Q25. Your age</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
18-34	111	18.9 %
35-44	111	18.9 %
45-54	123	21.0 %
55-64	121	20.6 %
65+	120	20.5 %
Total	586	100.0 %

Q26. What is your gender identity?

<u>Q26. Your gender identity</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Male	300	48.6 %
Female	307	49.8 %
Non-binary	6	1.0 %
Not provided	4	0.6 %
Total	617	100.0 %

(WITHOUT "NOT PROVIDED")**Q26. What is your gender identity? (without "not provided")**

<u>Q26. Your gender identity</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Male	300	48.9 %
Female	307	50.1 %
Non-binary	6	1.0 %
Total	613	100.0 %

Q27. Which of the following best describes your race/ethnicity?

<u>Q27. Your race/ethnicity</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Asian or Asian Indian	15	2.4 %
Black or African American	165	26.7 %
American Indian or Alaska Native	6	1.0 %
White	378	61.3 %
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	1	0.2 %
Hispanic, Spanish, or Latino/a/x	55	8.9 %
Other	7	1.1 %
Total	627	

Q27-7. Self-describe your race/ethnicity:

<u>Q27-7. Self-describe your race/ethnicity</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Mixed	2	28.6 %
Multiple races	1	14.3 %
Irish	1	14.3 %
More than one	1	14.3 %
Brazilian	1	14.3 %
Scottish	1	14.3 %
Total	7	100.0 %

Q28. Approximately, how many years have you lived in Kansas City, Missouri?

<u>Q28. How many years have you lived in KCMO</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0-5	60	9.7 %
6-10	64	10.4 %
11-15	40	6.5 %
16-20	50	8.1 %
21-30	116	18.8 %
31+	257	41.7 %
Not provided	30	4.9 %
Total	617	100.0 %

(WITHOUT "NOT PROVIDED")

Q28. Approximately, how many years have you lived in Kansas City, Missouri? (without "not provided")

<u>Q28. How many years have you lived in KCMO</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0-5	60	10.2 %
6-10	64	10.9 %
11-15	40	6.8 %
16-20	50	8.5 %
21-30	116	19.8 %
31+	257	43.8 %
Total	587	100.0 %

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Open-Ended Responses

Open-Ended Question Comments

Q5—“Other”: Please CHECK ALL the reasons that prevent you or other members of your household from using parks, trails, recreation facilities, or programs the KCMO Parks and Recreation Department more often.

- bad restrooms
- Bike/pedestrian trail under Wornall Road is FULL of mud
- busy schedule
- COVID
- COVID. And now, RSV and Flu season are here.
- Crime
- Crime
- Criminals in the parks.
- do not need
- Don't feel safe around the park we live by
- Drugs and gangs
- Due to Covid, I've avoided activities in which I use to engage.
- Fear of safety
- Honestly, the WEATHER!
- I don't know parks near me.
- I haven't had the time (because of work) nor someone to go with during daylight hours.
- I regularly like to walk my dog and play with her in the field at minor park, off of red bridge. When walking the paved trail in the evening it feels too remote to do so alone.
- I work 11 to 12 hours a day and don't have time right now. I hope to use the walking trails this summer.
- I work a lot of hours.
- I'm not aware of some programs. Lack of advertising.
- Lack of restrooms
- lack of shade trees
- lack of sidewalks
- lack of time
- Lot of work
- Many parks do not feel safe, with large populations of people who are homeless or people who are threatening.
- need more swings
- No reason
- no restrooms
- Not enough wide trails that are NOT paved.
- Nothing keeps us from using parks
- Nothing prevents us other than not having time to participate
- Overall SECURITY & SAFETY

- Park littered with trash. People don't watch their kids, park on the grass, act rude. There was a teenager with a gun at the park. A guy totally high was wandering around. Doesn't feel super safe.
- Physical safety. Kessler Park is dangerous and is a dumping ground. KC acts helpless to prevent the dumping and safety issues.
- Police need to be more present as shootings have occurred in the parks around my neighborhood.
- Pool Closed for repairs again. Lack of parts/ help. The favorite excuse is Covid. Bull shit.
- Pool too small
- Safety
- Safety
- Safety
- Safety
- Safety of being there alone with child
- Safety. Many parks have unruly groups of teens. Many times they are threatening and disrespectful.
- So much dumping and trash nearby I get distracted and disgusted.
- The closest park to us seems to have become a body drop area.
- The swope park swimming pool has not been opened over the last 3 to 4 years. I have tweeted to see if they would be available for use.
- Theft of items from cars. And trash dumping.
- time
- Time constraints. I have no complaints.
- Too busy
- Too much crime, fighting, etc. in parks
- trail paths need repair
- trash and drug use
- Unaware of any programs
- Unsafe individuals
- unsafe, homeless population
- Usually doing other activities
- Work schedule

Q7—"Other": If you answered "Not Safe" to any of the park place types listed above in Question 6, what are the reasons you feel that way?

- Bad neighborhoods high crime areas
- BIKE LANES. You all put in bike lanes and it's dangerous for joggers and motorists.
- Busy streets, lots of traffic
- drug use
- Drugs
- homeless
- Inaccessible- no sidewalks, crosswalks, pedestrian markings, trashy looking, not maintained
- Lack of clear visibility and safety along trails and walkways due to the overgrowth of volunteer trees and weeds.
- Lots of homeless living in and around blue river parkway- Breaking into homes and garages in the area. Makes it feel unsafe to go anywhere around here alone.
- Poor walk ability
- Safety walking around
- Speed of traffic on boulevards makes them feel like a highway
- speeding
- Traffic along boulevards
- Traffic violence on boulevards. Blind adherence to merely aesthetic principles has made boulevards and parkways death traps for pedestrians and cyclists
- Traffic!
- Unsafe environment for pedestrians along boulevards due to traffic speeds and inadequate crossings
- violence
- Would want to see park personnel around more often monitoring
- Zero Park Security or Police involvement, until violence occurs. You cannot even park your car at Kessler/Cliff for more than 20 minutes fearing a break in or theft, to play 2- 3 holes of Disc Golf. Waterworks thou, has no issues beyond the daily presence of strange men looking for dates, taking up space and creating a bad atmosphere for the Disc Golf visitors from around the US and local daily and weekly players.

Q17—"Other": If you had an additional \$100, how would you allocate the funds among the parks and recreation categories listed below?

- A very large off leash dog park. See Marymoore in Seattle.
- Add more dog parks and improve the maintenance and features. More people use the dog parks per sq. foot than almost any other parkland in KC.
- ADD NEW UP TO DATE PLAY AREAS FOR CHILDREN-CHECK OUT OMAHA'S NEW HEARTLAND OF AMERICA-THEY HAVE WONDERFUL MODERRN PLAYGROUND AREAS
- Adding restrooms in parks that don't have any.
- Adding sidewalks in side streets and neighborhoods. Improving connectivity of walking and biking to public transit.
- Advertising so residents know where the parks are located and what is available at their parks.
- Ammo for the pistol I carry when I do go to the park.
- Art work
- Community centers
- Develop youth and adult performing arts and visual arts
- Development of urban plazas, squares, etc.
- Disc golf courses and walking trails
- Educational activities
- For greenway
- Foundation investment to maintain facilities
- General upkeep
- Give raises to those who work outside
- Have gatherings for people
- Hire and pay staff better
- Hockey
- I would invest in maintaining and updating playgrounds and constructing new playgrounds.
- I would like to prioritize public transit throughout the city including to parks properties. More parks or better transit?
- I would like to see like skating trails having children being able to skate is very important and it's fun and healthy way to get out and be with family and it also keeps you in shape
- Improve safety
- Indoor/outdoor restrooms, community centers
- information
- Lighting and security
- Lighting and patrols by security or police
- Lights
- Miniature train at Waukomis complex
- Miscellaneous
- more child focused parks, splash pads
- MORE DOG PARKS...Look at Henderson Nevada Dog Parks as excellent examples. Proper Parking, Handi-Cap parking, Flat parks that allow exercising for both Dog and Human,
- More trash cans

- Native garden bed additions
- Natural preserves
- NATURE TRAILS
- Needs based operations.
- New equipment
- New indoor pools and walking/running track
- Other- clean up all the overgrowth of weeds and volunteer trees, dead and alive all over the city that blocks intersections and view of some of our most beautiful creeks waterways, and boulevards. Instead of only maintaining the areas most populated take care of the entire boulevard like Ward Parkway for example. Its a mess except along Plaza shopping buildings. Head south and it's not maintained consistently all the way to 91st and Wornall. Trees hang down to the ground and several trees and weeds block the view of oncoming traffic in several areas.
- Pickleball courts instead of tennis courts
- Playground equipment
- restrooms
- RESTROOMS OPEN!
- Same as what I said earlier. This city needs many more trails that are not paved. Refer back to my other comment for details.
- Security at KC Rec properties
- Security measures
- SENIOR CENTERS
- Seniors with walking and seating problems
- Skateparks
- Soccer fields with good grass maintenance, space for people get change, just a bench is good but something to cover if rains, something to avoid the ball going far, a big net.
- Special unit to develop and lead programs for seniors for every program, activity and initiative that Parks & Recs develops.
- Swimming
- To use as a ""community insurance"" for small events and live music for all interested parties, promoters and non profits. Prime example is the Parks RED TAPE do doing weekly Sunday free concerts at say Volker Park/Theiss Mall, where printers and citizens are charges over \$600 in Parks Fees, City BS and required \$3 million, lowered to \$1 million per event in 'insurance'- that discourages citizens for using park ground for free music and art events, yet seems to be ok for the Shakespeare Festival to operate freely. This parks required insurance is just a nice way to deny KC Citizens of music and art in their part- to discourage people of color, people of alternative music enjoyment- from rock music to the once thriving Jazz series at Brush Creek, because the powers that be at Parks think its still 1972. And allow Food Trucks and open Vending in all parks, with a small daily fee- as those vendors should already have city sales, tax and insurance requirements- and not Red Taped or payola-ed, out!
- walking trails (I couldn't fill the space above for some reason)

Q23—“What is your favorite KCMO park, and why?”

- All the paved trails in KC North. Safe cycling.
- Amity woods - it is close and has trails to hike
- Anita Gorman walking park and play ground, in the Northland. We went there every day to walk during the pandemic, it is well maintained and beautiful every season.
- Anne Garney Park. Not too crowded. Clean, short drive from my house.
- Arbor Villa & loose park. Great space for family to gather, children to play and tennis courts available.
- Arbor Villa -close by, charming, well-loved and well-used by its neighboring families. Loose Park close second, mostly because of nostalgia from many good times over many years
- Arbor Villa. It's close to my house, shaded, safe, and has a small community feel.
- Arno, Triangle Park and Loose.
- As a former NYC citizen, I would really love to see Swope Park rise to the level of a Central Park in terms of beauty and maintenance, but at the very minimum I don't want to encounter trash everywhere every time I go there. There isn't even any anti-littering signage (that I've seen) and not enough trash containers in busier areas to encourage less ground trash. And the trash on the roads is unconscionable, there should be regular patrols on the main road routes.
- Barry park
- Barry Road Park - close to my house, has trails, playground, shelter,
- Berkeley Park Riverfront Trail - I use it nearly daily during lunch to run. I was going to the Y before Covid but then changed to working out outdoors. The signage in the trail need a significant upgrade. I am constantly giving directions to visitors.
- Berkeley Riverfront Park
- Blue river bike/walking trail for exercise and being outside.
- Blue River Greenway
- Briarcliff trails , nature and easy access
- Brooklyn park....my family grew up there.
- Brookside Park at 66th terr and Main Close to my house. We love loose park too
- Bud Park, it has always been my number one since I was a little girl.
- Budd park is closest to my home and all My kids have played there and learned to swim at the pool there over these last 10ys.
- C.L Kenagy Park, we like it because it's closer to our home , there are multiple playgrounds and the walking trail , the pond does need to be cleaned more
- Case park is by my house. Loose park is so lovely
- Cave springs
- Chouteau Trwy. Because it is right by my house.
- Clayton Park. It's within in walking distance of my home. It's surrounded by woods and wildlife, the neighborhood children enjoy the playground. Adults appreciate the picnic table you added. There is a large shade tree that is unwell. The park would be better utilized by families if there were a few more shade trees. People move the picnic table over by the edge of the woods just to get some shade.
- Cliff Drive

- Carl meglizazzo park is the closest park to us which has playground equipment, it's an outdoor park meaning it's not usable for kids for almost 1/2 the year. There is a park with not at all maintained volleyball, baseball & picnic which is unusable due to its proximity to large unhorsed encampment. I have compassion for these folks but the park is not maintained and I don't feel comfortable taking my kids there. There is a green space nearby which for years I didn't even realize was a park, then we were run out of by residents of the neighborhood because they said it was THEIR neighborhood's private park. Our zip code is Seriously underserved. We need a community center. I am SO frustrated that to take my children to any indoor recreation we have to go into Grandview or into Kansas. WTF am I supposed to do with my neurodivergent kid all winter? We get nearly no value for our parks & recreation dollars. It's a reason we think of moving.
- Concourse and Loose great memories of family time
- Concourse, close to home, nice space for dogs, but does have homeless problem
- Cooley Park
- Currently, Penn Valley Park. I have been involved in a major volunteer project through KC Parks Ambassadors that cleared over an acre of invasive bush honeysuckle in the past year, improving a section of trail between Kessler Rd and 26th St.
- disc golf
- Don't have one- there's nothing close by.
- Don't have one because most of them are south of the river and I live north of the river where we are constantly neglected for what reason I'm not sure. I'm not North enough to matter because I don't have enough money and I'm not South enough to matter because I don't live in an area that has attractions
- don't have one to go to in my neighborhood
- Don't have one. Would like another in our community.
- Ewing and Muriel Kauffman Park. It's so beautiful and the ideal of what a park should be, in terms of maintenance and cleanliness. Back in the 70s, Loose Park was beautiful like that, but they've all gone downhill. It reminds me of the St. Louis Botanical Garden, but smaller. Why can't we have something so grand?
- Fox Hill Park
- Frank V Park - train
- Gillam Park - two blocks away from
- Gillham Park
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- Gillham Park
- Gillham Park, Teddy Bear Park
- Green Hills Nature Sanctuary
- Happy Rock Park, connected to trail
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- Hodge is my golf course, playground of choice and walking trail. Important historical preservation. Buffalo
- Hodge- golf
- Hodge Park
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- Hodge Park - great trails, history and natural spaces
- Hodge Park because of the walking trails
- Hodge Park for the mountain bike trails
- Hodge Park, baseball field, Plate Purchase- baseball fields
- Hodge Park, I golf
- Hodge Park, Living History Museum, Penguin Park.
- Hodge Park, nice trail, close by
- Hodge Park, Shoal Creek History Museum, offers almost everything we use.
- Hodge Park. Have never had someone shoot at me in Hodge Park, unlike Swope Park. Less homeless in Hodge Park than other parks -- though that is changing.
- Hodge Park; new renovations and location
- Hodge, has big playground with parking, historic value, golf course, walking trail
- Hodge. Love the Golf course.
- Hyde Park, Gillham Park
- I cycle all over the city, often going from park to park, for rest spots, restrooms or refilling water bottles, so it's really hard to say. Line Creek Trail is my main avenue for heading into the city. I love cycling at Cliff Drive and Kessler Park. Loose Park is my fav for Plant and People watching. I also love the wildness of Mark L. McHenry Park for hiking.
- I do not remember the name of it I think we just call it "the park"
- I don't have one because they're all pretty boring to be at.
- I don't currently use any KCMO park.
- I don't have a favorite, I've not found any that are convenient enough for me to visit them frequently. I do not support any increases in funding because I can't see that the taxes I'm already paying are going to good use. I've been very disappointed with the quality and availability of parks and community resources since I've moved to Kansas City almost 2 years ago, and honestly it's impacting my decision about whether or not I want to stay here.
- I go to Swope Park. It has something for everyone, but I would love to see more investment in wildland/ native habitat restoration and protection along the blue river and its bluffs existing hiking and biking trails. It is a very unique place naturally and to see the restoration/maintenance of the area. I value area urban water quality and the conservation of "greenways" like the Blue river and Lake of the Woods.
- I grew up going to Swope Park. Even with the changes over the years it has remained my favorite. I walk my dog just about every day in the park.
- I Have Several. However The History Behind Swope Park and it's Development, as well as Col. Swopes vision NEEDS TO BE TOLD AND MAINTAINED. We had at one Time and we're the Envy of many cities one of the Premier park systems anywhere. Mis management and Basic lack of Civic Pride as well as Safety and Security has RUINED SWOPE PARK.

- I honestly couldn't think of the name of the park near us, and when I searched for it on google maps, I couldn't find it.
- I like any park that is clean, well maintain, and safe.
- I like Berkely Waterfront because it's nice to be along the river. Kansas City has an odd relationship with water -- it's the city of fountains but there is very little natural water areas that can be enjoyed. Kansas City should look to how other cities relate to natural water features -- Milwaukee, Chicago, and San Antonio are a few that come to mind. Indian Creek at the Plaza should be completely overhauled -- it's a missed opportunity.
- I like Rachel Morado park for its native plants. It's a great place to walk. My kids love water tower park.
- I love Loose Park. it has everything. But I wish the brookside/waldo area had a pool we could swim in
- I love SE. Community Center. However, I love all the beautiful flowers at loose Park.
- I love the small park in Eastwood Hills I It's quiet and a great place to go for a walk I One problem No bathroom
- I really haven't had enough exposure, so I'm hoping the parks system can expand and create more opportunities and areas that are accessible and safe. Currently our favorite park has been English Landing Park, so more parks that capitalize on long walking trails like English Landing (like the riverfront park in Omaha), would be great. As a female, I would not feel safe going on one of the longer walks, trails in the parks I want to visit by myself. This is a problem in KC and I know it's not the responsibility of KC Parks Department. In other places I've lived, there's hardly a second thought about safety before I go for a hike/walk, but it's something I get anxious about - I won't go by myself in KC even though I would like to have the option of going out on my own.
- I use Macken Park. not aware of any KCMO parks near me
- Indian Creek, Blue River Trails
- Jacob Loose, close , large. It is beautiful
- Jerry Smith
- Jerry Smith Park/Seager Woods- our property backs up to the park and it's one of our favorite places to walk.
- Kessler
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- Kessler Park. I love to ride my bike through Cliff Drive Scenic Byway, especially during the colorful fall months. It's such a community gem with many activities available and more nature to explore in different areas of the park every time I visit. I love the large cliffs and the overlooks.
- Kessler Park. It's across the street from my house. Proximity to Cliff Drive when it was open to DRIVERS was a contributing factor to my purchase of this house. I have VERY briefly served on two park sub committees about cliff drive both times they ghosted me. I am concerned that the Disc golf contingent has undue influence in parks decision making process by over participation. Gratitude for volunteer labor should not block normal processes.
- Kessler, but it needs a lot of investment. It has so much opportunity and is so close to downtown and surrounded by amazing neighborhoods. It should be our premier park.

- Kessler, walk it everyday
- Lakeside Nature Center/walking trails. Great trails, interesting rock formations!
- Lakewood Greenway. Closest to home
- Line creek because of the trail. Outdoor pool is nice but often closed:({
- Line Creek Bicycle Trail, because I ride my from Platte Purchase Road to Riverside. There are few protected bicycle lanes or trails in the Northland and what there is unconnected to other trails/lanes.
- Line Creek Bike trail
- Line Creek- closest to my house
- Line Creek Community center and neighboring walking trail. Location: Swope Park. Beautiful and historic
- Line Creek is well maintained and very beautiful. Peace and shady on hot days. You can walk 1/2 or many miles.
- Line Creek- it is close to me.
- Line Creek park
- Line Creek Park because of trail and waterfall
- Line Creek pool, when they have lifeguards, Penguin Park
- Line Creek trail
- Line Creek Trail - easily accessible
- Line Creek Trail
- Line creek trail on it all the time
- Line Creek Trail, Loose Park
- Line creek trail, one of the few longer bike trails with connecting trails. KC needs to utilize levees and common spaces to connect existing trails together and offer the public more access to dedicated bike trails not simply bike routes on busy streets and roads.
- Line creek trail. Long, paved bike trail with natural elements
- Line Creek, great trails
- Line creek, I play hockey there
- Line Creek, It has many activities a community center and amazing trail system which is accessible to everyone and a semblance of safety
- Line Creek, trail
- Line Creek. It is well maintained, scenic, and multi purpose (hiking, biking, swimming, etc.)
- Little Blue Valley Park because it has the little blue river and good habitat for wildlife, even if it does sit downhill from an old landfill.
- Longview Lake. Quite and peaceful
- Loose
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- Loose - walking, beautiful, well maintained, gardens, families
- Loose because of the walking trail and large open spaces
- Loose Garden
- Loose Park

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- Loose Park because it has a private foundation that dictates the maintenance of said park.
- Loose Park because it is close and has sidewalks and running path, plus playground and tennis courts. Great for walking the dog. Plus, there is the Rose Garden where one of kids chose to get married.
- Loose park because it's near my house and I love the walking loop
- Loose park because it's so beautiful
- Loose Park because it's so open and beautiful.
- Loose Park because of it landing by small lake, the rose garden. The location and land is nice
- Loose Park because of its location and walking paths.
- Loose park because of the location, size, and beauty
- Loose park for the mature trees and fish pond
- Loose park has rose garden and walking
- Loose Park is always a favorite with the rose garden and pond that majority of the time are well maintained and feel safe during the day. Watt's Mill is 2nd since it is close to home but with the increase of homeless, it's not safe anymore. Citizens have made a difference with their clean-up efforts but they need more support. We actually go to Kansas the majority of the time since they have great tennis courts for free and also splash parks. It also is a more safe environment and more welcoming environment.
- Loose park is beautiful
- LOOSE PARK IS LIKE A COMMUNITY CENTER-PEOPLE GO TO HANG OUT, WALK, RUN, PLAYGROUND, SPLASH PARK, COURTS, GORGEOUS FLOWERS, POND
- Loose Park is my favorite due to how it is maintained but I also think Kessler, Penn Valley, and Swope all have great assets and wonderful potential to be amazing if given more attention
- Loose Park- safety
- Loose park- so dynamic with lots of different types of programs and uses

- Loose park when I do go I feel safe their is always lots of people there and it's a beautiful park with a walking trail
- Loose Park! It is beautifully maintained, safe, and close to home. I wish our city took better care of Swope Park.
- Loose Park! Pretty, the pond and ducks
- Loose park, beautiful, natural open space. I think it is perfect just as it is.
- Loose Park, beautiful, well kept. Needs security
- Loose Park, beautiful, wide side walk, tennis courts, playground
- Loose Park, beauty and history
- Loose Park, because I've been going to it for more than 45 years. It's always been my favorite, especially for the rose garden, the walking trail, tennis courts, trees, pond, and open fields.
- Loose Park, big, has walking trail, lots of space
- Loose Park, clean, well maintained
- Loose Park, closest , most well maintained, has restrooms, pretty
- Loose Park, closest to me
- Loose Park, closest to us
- Loose Park, good location, feels safe
- Loose Park, great location
- Loose Park, I love the lake, the Rose Garden, the walking trail. Problem: I live too far away from Loose Park. Loose Park is beautiful!
- Loose park, lots of space, maintained sidewalks, gardens
- Loose Park, lovely neighborhood
- Loose park, my childhood favorite and very beautiful still today
- Loose Park, Play area
- Loose Park, running trails, play equipment, tennis, pond with ducks and fish
- Loose Park, safer there
- Loose Park, sometimes Swope Park
- Loose Park, Spacious, Water features, safer than some. Centrally Located.
- Loose Park, Swope Park
- Loose Park, the walking path, rose gardens, and the Lagoon. Also Swope Park, the Zoo and Starlight
- Loose Park, the walking trail, the rose garden, the lake. I love this beautiful park.
- Loose park, tower park those are really the only two I use regularly. Thanks for all the improvements at tower park.
- Loose Park. Cherry blossom trees, flower gardens, pond, shelter house, restrooms, walking trails, nearby.
- Loose Park. Beautiful area and well maintained
- Loose park. Has trees, some lighting, beautiful flowering plants and bushes, dog friendly and has nice walking paths.
- Loose Park. It is beautiful and safe.
- Loose Park. It is well maintained and exhibits natural beauty. Peaceful. Love the rose garden and all permanent fixtures/buildings, rose garden and surroundings.
- Loose Park. It's beautiful and safe

- Loose Park. Close to us, enjoy the variety of people
- Loose Park. Great maintenance, high usage which makes it safe.
- Loose Park. It has a lovely rose garden, picnic spaces, a covered space, a large walking path and filled with good memories.
- Loose Park. It has consistently been kept in the best condition for decades.
- Loose Park. Open. Pretty. Safe.
- Loose park. The beautiful rose gardens
- Loose Park. Wonderful Park. I grew up 1 block from Loose Park.
- Loose Park; proximity to my residence, walking trail, restrooms, better maintained than other parks
- Loose Park; the amount of activities! Also love Blue River Park on Noland Road; love the trails and new playground gear
- LOOSE PARK--CABLE CAR TRAIL
- LOOSE PARK-CLOSEST TO ME
- Loose Park-great walking path, variety and age of trees, beautiful landscaping, history, feels safe!
- LOOSE PARK-LARGE, WELL MAINTAINED-PEOPLE FRIENDLY
- LOOSE PARK-ONLY ONE CLOSE TO ME
- LOOSE PARK-WELL MAINTAINED-BEAUTIFUL OPEN SPACE
- Loose rosé garden
- Loose, walking path
- Loose. Clean, safe, close to other Poi, civil war history, shade trees, landscaping, rose garden, musical events, gardening events
- Loose. well maintained
- Loose...zoo
- LOOSE--ITS THE ONLY ONE WELL MAINTAINED
- Lowenstein Park. It's closest to us and the best one we've come across so far in close proximity. Also Variety KC when we lived up north.
- Macken Park because it offers a lot of activities (tennis, racquetball, baseball, picnics/parties, dog park nearby) and has a really good trail.
- Macken Park, and the Chaumiere lake park that needs restrooms and better lighting and picnic tables
- Migliazzo. Safe area. Well maintained
- Mill creek park
- Minor Park is my closest neighborhood park and it offers a variety of activities. (Second favorite is Loose Park because of the beautiful gardens and flowering trees make it fun to walk there)
- Minor Park, Slope Park, Jerry Smith Park
- minor Park, Indian Trail
- Minor Park. Golf
- Minor park. The trails are pretty and lead back to my house. Alex George lake is beautiful too.
- MIK Jr park
- MLK Park. My son loves that part. My personal favorite is loose park. Love the flower and layout!

- No favorite
- None. I find them all bad. I can't wait to move out of this city.
- None-homeless population and trash make them undesirable to visit
- Not sure.
- Nothing North of the river to discuss.
- on North Oak Trafficway
- Penguin Park
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- Penguin Park
- Penguin Park but only because of nostalgia. A newer park would be great or general maintenance increased. I know it's a hard job to keep up with the amount of volume going through there.
- Penguin park it has walking trail for me and playground area for grandkids
- Penguin Park on NE Vivion Rd because it's where we take our grandchildren to play.
- Penguin Park up North. Safest and most accessible. I live at Bannister & Blue Ridge, we hear gunfire every night. It is unsafe to go to Hillcrest Comm. Ctr. due to shootings there. This is why I Conceal and Carry everywhere in the South Patrol area. I leave it home when going up North, more Police. Even they feel safer patrolling, up North. Southland the Cops get shot at, not up North.
- Penguin Park Vivion Rd KCMO- Santa's arrival every year
- Penguin Park. love the variety, shelters. Bathrooms. It's by a walking try and close to a lake. If there are any special events in the Northland, which is rare, it's fun to see Santa come to Penguin Park.
- Penguin Park, because I walk the trails daily
- Penguin Park, great for kids to play
- Penguin Park, it is a kids park.
- Penguin Park, my grown children played there and now my grandchildren play there
- Penguin Park, trails, playground
- Penguin Park. I bring my grandkids, it's close to home, it's iconic.
- Penguin, activities, playground, location
- Penn Valley Dog Park - It's conveniently located and has a community of regular users. Sadly, a lot of the maintenance of the park is (has to be) done by the users of the park.
- Penn Valley Park
- Penn Valley Park, it is home to me.
- penn valley skatepark. skatepark could use some updates, but overall fun park that is close to other desired locations in KCMO
- Penn Valley skatepark. Sorely basic & remedial, antiquated as all get-out but I still use it every nice day.
- Penn valley, it has most amenities just not bathrooms, Kansas Cory needs more sports park such as (bike trails, skate parks, nature preserves, etc..)

- Penn valley off leash dog park because the views and closest off leash dog park. Still a 15 min drive but my dogs are worth it.
- Pigging Park...I like it because it has everything to offer
- Please repair and reopen Blue River Road. This gives access to so many people and it is beautiful. There really is very little green space between Swope and Minor Park.
- Red bridge=golf
- Riverfront Berkley park. Love to walk
- Roanoke Park
- Roanoke Park, best swing set
- Roanoke Park, trees, tennis courts, playground
- Rope playground at roanoke park. My kids love the rope play ground as well as the zip line feature and the big slide. It is always clean and safe
- Scope. Zoo
- Shoal Creek
- Shoal Creek & Hodge Park golf courses
- Shoal Creek Living History Museum. I am Secretary of Shoal Creek Association and School Program Director. I am actively involved in the planning of public events at Shoal Creek.
- Shoal Creek Living history...education and proximate to my house.
- Shoal Creek Trail. Penguin Park for grandkids
- Shoal Creek/Hodge Park. Close to home, historic and a nice playground area.
- SOUTH OAK PARK IN WALDO-ITS ONE BLOCK FROM MY HOME WITH A GREAT WALKING TRACK AND CONNECTS TO TROLLEY TRAIL
- Sunny side because it is closest to my home and I use it more than any other.
- Sunnyside
- Sunnyside
- Sunnyside Park, because it is very close to my house. I walk my dog at Sunnyside daily. It is a great park for walking and we enjoy the splash pad in the summer. It also has a playground, ball fields, and tennis courts that are used frequently by residents. There is always activity at the park and we enjoy using it.
- Sunnyside Park, Loose Park
- Swipe Park because the uses are so varied
- Swipe Park, I love how beautiful it is and that the zoo is right there! Picnic then zoo, I think yes!
- Swipe park. I wish they would fix the roads....
- Swipe park. It has many different areas, you can find surroundings that suit your mood
- Swipe. Zoo starlight se community center dog park
- Swope - gardens
- Swope because I love the hiking trails but I don't like that it's in a sketchy area.
- Swope close to where I live...just need to maintain pool...
- Swope is my favorite because of the size, history and amenities and location but the one I use the most is the Line Creek Walking Trail because it is closest and warm in the winter and cool in summer and very pretty. Lots of trees and wildlife
- Swope Memorial Golf Course -
- Swope- nearby

- Swope Park
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- Swope Park
- Swope Park, Dog park, disc golf, zoo, starlight
- Swope park and loose park
- Swope Park because it has a little bit of everything to offer. I just wish I felt safer there.
- Swope Park because it's beautiful and spacious.
- Swope Park because of dog park , also the zoo and Starlight
- Swope Park because of its beauty and diversity, including Starlight Theater, the zoo, the Ethnic Enrichment Festival, and picnic areas.
- Swope Park because of the variety of terrain
- Swope Park because of the zoo. Being the zoo is such a popular tourist destination more resources should be available to keep the park clean and safe.
- Swope Park because that's where we went when I was a kid for picnics for all holidays and church
- Swope park for the hiking trails.
- Swope Park for the variety of facilities and the history.
- Swope Park I live closest to this one
- Swope park is great because of its size and the many different activities offered. great hiking trails and overall green space. Roanoke park is also great.
- Swope Park- Starlight, zoo, picnic areas, lakes, trails, green space!!
- Swope park trails
- Swope Park, clean, neat
- Swope Park, it holds many memories from my childhood, as well as my children and grandchildren.
- SWOPE PARK, MOSTLY THE GOLF, HIKING TRAIL, AND ZOO
- Swope Park, mountain bike trails
- Swope Park, zoo, Starlight
- Swope Park, zoo, theater
- Swope Park. For the many attractions also there.
- Swope Park. However it has a lot of troubled people who go there. They have forgotten what it is to have fun without guns. Swope Park offers a little bit of everything.
- Swope park. Immense size and offerings. Beautiful scenic area!
- Swope Park. It's the one park they seem to keep improving. Feel pretty safe going there and parking is not too bad. Hours open could be extended though. Need more accessible food places spread out over the park too.
- Swope Park. Natural beauty, zoo, Starlight, many opportunities available for outdoor recreation

- Swope Park. Zoo and so many nice things.
- Swope Parkway
- Swope swimming pool
- Swope, because of the nature trails.
- Swope, because of the range of assets.
- Swope, great facilities and beautiful
- SWOPE, LOTS OF AMENITIES AND ACTIVITIES
- Swope, mountain bike trail network
- Swope, trail run
- Swope. For obvious reasons.
- Swope. It's so big and open. Lots of potential.
- Swope. Our zoo concerts in the park Landscape 4th of July!!
- Swope. The variation of landscapes is beautiful. The hiking trails are great (except illegal dumping is pretty intense at one of my favorite trailheads, clearly neglected for clean up for long periods of time). The limestone structures are stunning. Love that we have Starlight, and the community center there rocks.
- SWOPE-BECAUSE ITS CLEAN AND THERE'S SO MUCH TO DO
- SWOPE-NATURE
- T A R C
- TAC
- The concourse- the slide and fountains.
- The Greenway system
- The penguin Park on Vivion. I know that is not it's real name, but it has been called that for years. I can sit there & remember my children & grandchildren. They are grown but their young spirits still echo on that playground.
- The splashpads in KCMO are subpar except for Gillham Park Splash Pad. I think the key to a good splash pad is that the Gillham Park splash pad has a little river that winds through it and allows kids to lay and sit in it. Chef's kiss!
- The whole Swope-to-Blue River system is the biggest and best natural area within the city limits accessible by trails. Along the trail are all the things other park users desire (soccer courts, tennis courts, golf, picnic, shelters, fishing, etc.). It's already all there. What I'm most afraid of is the city coming in and ruining it.
- Trailwood
- Trolley Trail, walking, well maintained
- Walking trails in the northland
- Water Works Park. It has a very nice disc golf course, and is close to NKC's dog park (next to Bossert's).
- Waterworks Disc Golf Course. Rated Top 5 in the State, and should be Top 10 in US. More Weekly Leagues and Tournaments- and with current Golf Organizations and Retail providers.
- Install or add nicer bathrooms and water stations, and most importantly- solar lights for pathways, tee pads, and basket sites for more night play, that would further discourage the nefarious bad elements that have been somewhat been cured by more Disc Golf in the days, but not after dark."

- Waterworks Park - Disc golf there is a great example of Kansas City courses and attracts attention from visitors looking to play while in town. Great views of downtown and mature trees.
- Waterworks park for disc golf is the favorite. Second is Swope for a variety of amenities. Although, the disc golf course in Swope Park is pathetic and in a poor location.
- Waterworks Park. Close drive from my home in North KC and its one of the best disc golf courses in the city.
- We currently use Gladstone Hobby Hill park and the YMCA Fred and Shirley Pryor park.
- We enjoy walking the maple woods trails and appreciate the new and enlarged parking lot that was completed this summer
- We live close to Loose Park and keep our sailboat at Lake Jacomo.
- We love the newer walking trail at the Englewood road park and use the park occasionally.
- We use Hodge Park, Scottsdale Park (Liberty), Smithville Lake (County Park).
- Well I have several favorite parks.
- WESTSIDE PARK FACILITIES !!!!! MY NEIGHBORHOOD !!!!!
- Whatever park I can get to.



7 Survey Instrument



City of Kansas City, Missouri Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment Survey

The Kansas City, Missouri Parks and Recreation Department would like your input to help determine park and recreation priorities for our community. This survey will take 10-15 minutes to complete. When you are finished, please return your survey in the enclosed postage-paid, return-reply envelope. If you would like to complete this survey online, please go to kcmoparkssurvey.org. We appreciate your time.

1. In the past 12 months have you or any member of your household visited any of the KCMO Parks and Recreation Department parks?

(1) Yes [Answer Q1a-b.] (2) No [Skip to Q2.]

1a. Approximately how often did you or members of your household visit KCMO Parks and Recreation Department parks during the past year?

(1) 1-5 visits (2) 6-10 visits (3) 11-19 visits (4) 20 or more visits

1b. Overall, how would you rate the physical condition of all the KCMO Parks and Recreation Department parks you have visited?

(4) Excellent (3) Good (2) Fair (1) Poor

2. Do you live within a 10-minute walk from a KCMO Parks and Recreation Department park?

(1) Yes [Skip to Q3.] (2) No [Answer Q2a.] (3) Not sure

2a. Approximately how long would it take for you to walk to the nearest KCMO Parks and Recreation Department park?

(1) 11-15 minutes (2) 16-20 minutes (3) 21-30 minutes (4) More than 30 minutes

3. Listed below are potential improvements that could be made to KCMO Parks and Recreation Department parks. Please check ALL the improvements you would most like to have made to the park you visit the MOST OFTEN. [If you do not currently use any KCMO Parks and Recreation Department parks, please indicate the improvements that would encourage you to use the parks.]

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| <input type="checkbox"/> (01) Bike racks | <input type="checkbox"/> (07) Park entrance signs | <input type="checkbox"/> (13) Shade trees |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (02) Drinking fountains | <input type="checkbox"/> (08) Parking | <input type="checkbox"/> (14) Sidewalks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (03) Flower beds | <input type="checkbox"/> (09) Picnic shelters | <input type="checkbox"/> (15) Sports fields |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (04) Lighting | <input type="checkbox"/> (10) Picnic tables/benches | <input type="checkbox"/> (16) Tennis/basketball courts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (05) Mowing/weed control | <input type="checkbox"/> (11) Playground equipment | <input type="checkbox"/> (17) Trash removal/cans |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (06) Overall appearance/maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> (12) Restrooms | <input type="checkbox"/> (18) Walking/biking trails |

4. Have you or other members of your household participated in any recreation programs (sports, classes, special events, etc.) offered by the KCMO Parks and Recreation Department during the past two years?

(1) Yes [Answer Q4a-c.] (2) No [Skip to Q5.]

4a. Approximately how many different recreation programs offered by the KCMO Parks and Recreation Department have you or members of your household participated in over the past two years?

(1) 1 to 3 programs (2) 4 to 6 programs (3) 7 to 9 programs (4) 10 or more programs

4b. Overall, how would you rate the quality of programs in which you and members of your household have participated?

(4) Excellent (3) Good (2) Fair (1) Poor

- 4c. Using a scale of 1 to 4, where 4 means "Very Satisfied" and 1 means "Very Dissatisfied," please rate your satisfaction with the following recreation program services provided by the KCMO Parks and Recreation Department.

Recreation Program Services		Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	N/A
01.	Times programs are offered	4	3	2	1	9
02.	Location of programs	4	3	2	1	9
03.	Quality of instructors	4	3	2	1	9
04.	Fees charged for value received	4	3	2	1	9
05.	Quality of the facility where program is offered	4	3	2	1	9
06.	Availability of information about programs and services on website	4	3	2	1	9
07.	Availability of information about programs and services on social media (Facebook, Instagram, etc.)	4	3	2	1	9
08.	Ease of use of website	4	3	2	1	9
09.	Ease of online registration process	4	3	2	1	9
10.	Quality of customer service for registration	4	3	2	1	9

5. Please CHECK ALL the reasons that prevent you or other members of your household from using parks, trails, recreation facilities, or programs the KCMO Parks and Recreation Department more often.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> (01) I do not know locations of parks/facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> (10) I have physical health limitations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (02) Facilities are not well maintained | <input type="checkbox"/> (11) Poor customer service by staff |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (03) Facility operating hours are not convenient | <input type="checkbox"/> (12) Parks are not well maintained |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (04) Desired program or facility not offered | <input type="checkbox"/> (13) I do not know what is being offered |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (05) Unhoused population | <input type="checkbox"/> (14) Use facilities/programs of other agencies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (06) Lack of sidewalk or trails access | <input type="checkbox"/> (15) Lack of parking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (07) Parks/facilities too far from residence | <input type="checkbox"/> (16) Lack of transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (08) Parks/facilities are too crowded | <input type="checkbox"/> (17) Fees are too high |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (09) Lack of accessibility | <input type="checkbox"/> (18) Other: _____ |

6. Please rate your feeling of safety at each of the types of places listed below. If you have not visited this place type in the last 12 months, select "Don't Know/Haven't Visited."

How safe do you feel at.....		Very Safe	Safe	Neutral	Not Safe	Don't Know/ Haven't Visited
1.	Parks (e.g., Swope Park, Hodge Park, Loose Park)	4	3	2	1	9
2.	Trails (e.g., Amity Woods Nature Trail, Blue River Greenway, Riverfront Heritage)	4	3	2	1	9
3.	Boulevards (e.g., Gilham Road, Myer Boulevard, Chouteau Trafficway)	4	3	2	1	9
4.	Community centers (e.g., Garrison, Tony Aguirre, Line Creek)	4	3	2	1	9

7. If you answered "Not Safe" to any of the park place types listed above in Question 6, what are the reasons you feel that way? [Check all that apply.]

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| <input type="checkbox"/> (1) COVID-19 | <input type="checkbox"/> (6) Violent crime |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (2) Vandalism | <input type="checkbox"/> (7) Trash |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (3) Petty theft | <input type="checkbox"/> (8) Poor maintenance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (4) Unhoused population | <input type="checkbox"/> (9) Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (5) Protests | |

8. Please indicate if you or any member of your household has a need for the facilities/amenities in Kansas City, Missouri listed below by circling either "Yes" or "No."

If "Yes," please rate how well your need for facilities/amenities of this type are being met using a scale of 1 to 4, where 4 means they are "Fully Met" and 1 means "Not Met."

Type of Facility/Amenity	Do you have a need for this facility/amenity?		If "Yes," how well are your needs met?			
	Yes	No	Fully Met	Mostly Met	Partly Met	Not Met
01. Baseball and softball fields	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
02. BMX pump track/bike park	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
03. Community centers	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
04. Community/social gathering spaces	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
05. Disc golf courses	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
06. Dog parks (off-leash)	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
07. Golf	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
08. Indoor basketball/volleyball courts (indoor gyms)	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
09. Indoor running/walking tracks	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
10. Indoor swimming pool	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
11. Larger community parks	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
12. Mountain bike trails	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
13. Natural parks and preserves	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
14. Outdoor basketball courts	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
15. Outdoor fitness equipment	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
16. Outdoor recreation (camping, fishing, archery)	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
17. Outdoor swimming pool	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
18. Performing arts theater	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
19. Pickleball courts	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
20. Picnic areas/shelters	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
21. Playgrounds	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
22. Restrooms	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
23. Skate parks	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
24. Smaller neighborhood parks	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
25. Soccer, lacrosse and football size fields	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
26. Special event spaces/performance spaces/stage	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
27. Splash pads	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
28. Tennis courts	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
29. Walking and biking trails	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
30. Other: _____	Yes	No	4	3	2	1

9. Which FOUR of the facilities/amenities listed above do you think are most important for you and members of your household? [Write in your answers below using the numbers from the list in Question 8.]

1st: ____ 2nd: ____ 3rd: ____ 4th: ____

10. Please indicate if you or any member of your household has a need for the programs in Kansas City, Missouri listed below by circling either "Yes" or "No."

If "Yes," please rate how well your need for programs of this type are being met using a scale of 1 to 4, where 4 means they are "Fully Met" and 1 means "Not Met."

Program	Do you have a need for this program?		If "Yes," how well are your needs being met?			
	Yes	No	Fully Met	Mostly Met	Partly Met	Not Met
01. Adult fitness and wellness programs	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
02. Adult performing arts program (dance, music, theatre)	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
03. Adult sports leagues	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
04. After school programs for youth of all ages	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
05. Community day trips	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
06. Community special event (fireworks, parades, festivals)	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
07. EGaming/ESports	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
08. Exercise classes	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
09. Fishing	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
10. Golf (leagues, lessons, open play)	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
11. Gymnastics/tumbling programs	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
12. History and museums	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
13. Leadership/professional development	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
14. Outdoor environmental/nature camps and programs	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
15. Preschool programs/early childhood education	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
16. Private facility rentals	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
17. Programs for people with special needs	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
18. Robotics	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
19. Senior programs	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
20. STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics)/tech classes	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
21. Swim lessons	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
22. Teen/tween programs	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
23. Tennis lessons and leagues	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
24. Virtual programs	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
25. Water fitness programs/lap swimming	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
26. Youth fitness and wellness classes	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
27. Youth sports programs and camps	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
28. Youth summer programs and camps	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
29. Youth visual arts/crafts/performing arts programs	Yes	No	4	3	2	1
30. Other: _____	Yes	No	4	3	2	1

11. Which FOUR programs listed above do you think are most important for you and members of your household? [Write in your answers below using the numbers from the list in Question 10.]

1st: ____ 2nd ____ 3rd ____ 4th ____

12. Please CHECK ALL of the following organizations you or members of your household use for recreation programs and facilities.

- ____(01) KCMO Parks and Recreation
- ____(02) Neighboring cities
- ____(03) Jackson County
- ____(04) Private sports clubs
- ____(05) Private fitness centers
- ____(06) Local schools/colleges/universities
- ____(07) YMCA
- ____(08) Churches or other religious organizations
- ____(09) Non-profit organizations
- ____(10) Other: _____
- ____(11) None of these

13. Please CHECK ALL the ways you currently learn about KCMO Parks and Recreation Department recreation programs and activities.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> (01) Parks and Recreation website | <input type="checkbox"/> (08) E-mail/text blasts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (02) City website | <input type="checkbox"/> (09) Conversations with parks and recreation staff |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (03) City newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> (10) Newspaper articles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (04) Local news | <input type="checkbox"/> (11) Friends and neighbors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (05) Flyers at City facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> (12) Digital billboard |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (06) Social media (Facebook, Instagram, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> (13) Radio |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (07) School flyers | <input type="checkbox"/> (14) Other: _____ |

14. From the list in Question 13, which THREE methods would you MOST PREFER the City use to communicate with you about recreation programs and activities? [Write in your answers below using the numbers from the list in Question 13, or circle "NONE."]

1st: ____ 2nd: ____ 3rd: ____ NONE

15. Please indicate how supportive you would be of each of the following actions that the KCMO Parks and Recreation Department could take to improve the parks and recreation system.

How supportive are you of:		Very Supportive	Somewhat Supportive	Not Sure	Not Supportive
1.	Acquiring land for developing parks and recreation facilities	4	3	2	1
2.	Acquiring land for preservation of natural areas for public access	4	3	2	1
3.	Improving the maintenance/cleanliness, enhancing, upgrading, and renovating existing parks and outdoor recreation facilities to meet resident needs and priorities	4	3	2	1
4.	Improving the maintenance/cleanliness, enhancing, upgrading, and renovating existing indoor community centers to meet resident needs and priorities	4	3	2	1
5.	Developing new indoor community centers	4	3	2	1
6.	Developing new athletic fields and courts	4	3	2	1
7.	Developing new greenway trails, high quality bicycle facilities, lighting, shaded sidewalks, benches and shelters that enhance connectivity	4	3	2	1
8.	Developing new parks and outdoor recreation facilities to meet resident needs and priorities	4	3	2	1

16. Which FOUR of the items listed in Question 15 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household? [Write in your answers below using the numbers from the list in Question 15, or circle "NONE."]

1st: ____ 2nd: ____ 3rd: ____ 4th: ____ NONE

17. If you had an additional \$100, how would you allocate the funds among the parks and recreation categories listed below? [Please be sure your total adds up to \$100.]

- \$ ____ Acquisition and development of walking and biking trails, greenways
 \$ ____ Acquisition of new parkland and open space
 \$ ____ Improvement/maintenance of existing parks and recreation facilities (boulevards, parkways, playgrounds, pools, sports fields, etc.)
 \$ ____ Construction of new recreation facilities (sports fields, outdoor and indoor pools, indoor community centers, etc.)
 \$ ____ Other: _____

\$100 TOTAL

18. Please rate your satisfaction using a scale of 1 to 5, where 5 means "Very Satisfied" and 1 means "Very Dissatisfied," with the overall value your household receives from the City of Kansas City Parks and Recreation Department.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> (5) Very Satisfied | <input type="checkbox"/> (3) Neutral | <input type="checkbox"/> (1) Very Dissatisfied |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (4) Somewhat Satisfied | <input type="checkbox"/> (2) Somewhat Dissatisfied | <input type="checkbox"/> (9) Don't Know |

19. How important do you feel it is for Kansas City, Missouri to provide high quality parks and recreation programs and facilities?
 ___(4) Very Important ___(3) Somewhat Important ___(2) Not Important ___(1) Not Sure
20. Given the recent COVID-19/Coronavirus pandemic, how has you and your household's perception of the value of parks, trails, open spaces, and recreation changed?
 ___(5) Value has significantly increased ___(2) Value has somewhat decreased
 ___(4) Value has somewhat increased ___(1) Value has significantly decreased
 ___(3) No change
21. Based on your perception of value in Question 16, how would you want the City to fund future parks, recreation, trails and open space needs?
 ___(4) Increase funding ___(3) Maintain existing funding levels ___(2) Reduce funding ___(1) Not sure
22. Kansas City, Missouri currently has a ½ cent sales tax dedicated to parks. What is the maximum increase you would support if it included the types of improvements that are most important to your household?
 ___(1) I would support an increase from ½ cent to 1 cent
 ___(2) I would support an increase from ½ cent to ¾ cent
 ___(3) I'm not supportive of increasing the current ½ cent parks sales tax
 ___(4) Not Sure
23. What is your favorite KCMO park, and why? _____

Demographics

24. Counting yourself, how many people in your household are...
 Under age 5: ___ Ages 15-19: ___ Ages 35-44: ___ Ages 65-74: ___
 Ages 5-9: ___ Ages 20-24: ___ Ages 45-54: ___ Ages 75+: ___
 Ages 10-14: ___ Ages 25-34: ___ Ages 55-64: ___
25. What is your age? _____ years
26. What is your gender identity: ___(1) Male ___(2) Female ___(3) Non-binary
27. Which of the following best describes your race/ethnicity? [Check all that apply.]
 ___(01) Asian or Asian Indian ___(05) Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
 ___(02) Black or African American ___(06) Hispanic, Spanish, or Latino/a/x
 ___(03) American Indian or Alaska Native ___(99) Other: _____
 ___(04) White
28. Approximately how many years have you lived in Kansas City, Missouri? _____ years
29. Would you be willing to participate in future surveys sponsored by the Kansas City, Missouri Parks and Recreation Department? ___(1) Yes [Please provide your contact information below.] ___(2) No
- 29a. Mobile Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

This concludes the survey. Thank you for your time!

Please return your completed survey in the enclosed return-reply envelope addressed to:
 ETC Institute, 725 W. Frontier Circle, Olathe, KS 66061

Your responses will remain completely confidential. The information to the right will ONLY be used to help identify the level of need in your area. Thank you!

