

2016

City of Taylor  
Parks and Recreation Master Plan





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Re: Taylor's Park, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan  
Following is the 2016 Park, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan for  
Taylor, Texas.

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## **Introduction**

Great park facilities and recreational programs provide a strong positive image for the community and the municipality. An adequate number of parks with ample facilities allow children and youth to spend their time in constructive activities as opposed to just “hanging out”. The same parks can provide adults of all ages safe, environmentally friendly areas in which to relax or exercise. Parks are important both to residential and commercial development, providing citizens and visitors a feeling of community.

The City of Taylor desires to enhance, as well as preserve, the current park system while looking to the future and the parks and recreation needs of generations to come.

This Master Plan once adopted by the City Council and approved by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, will guide the future for the development of local recreation facilities that meet the needs of the Taylor community.

The final document will be prepared and placed on the City Council agenda for approval in July of 2016. In keeping with the recommendation of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, this Plan has been established as the City’s Park Master Plan for the next 10 years. Revisions and updates to the Plan will need to be made at least every 5 years.

### **History of Taylor**

Like many towns in Texas, Taylor was a railroad town. After the International & Great Northern Railroad (IG&N) built a route through Williamson County, early businessmen saw the potential and purchased land along the proposed line and sold lots for a town site. The new town was named Taylorsville in 1876, in honor of railroad executive Edward Moses Taylor. Taylor’s location became more significant when the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroad line was extended to Taylor.

The town grew quickly, with homes, mercantile stores, livery stables, saloons and a barber shop. The development of the I&GN rail added a



roundhouse and repair shop. Cotton gins, warehouses and stockades were built as area farmers and ranchers brought cotton, grain, cattle and sheep to ship to market.

On February 25, 1879 a fire started at the International Hotel, located between First & Second Streets. Fanned by wind, the fire spread quickly to neighboring structures. The wind died down and flames were extinguished for a little while, but overnight winds fanned the embers and the fire grew. By the time it was over, 29 of the 32 downtown businesses were in ruin. Taylor rebuilt, and you can still see the brick and stone buildings today.

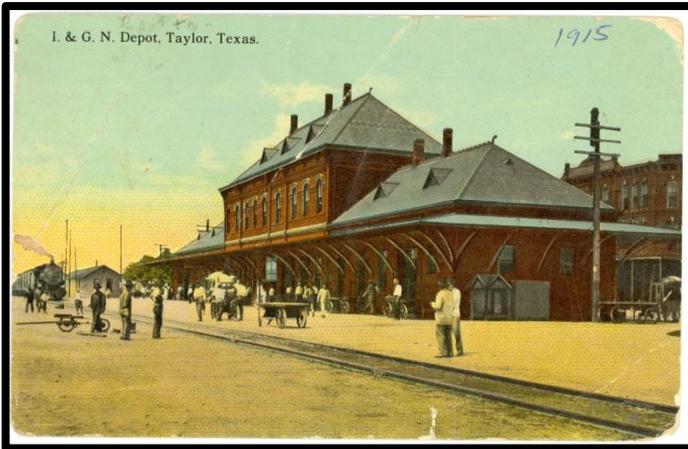
Once commerce was firmly established, next came churches, civic organizations and cultural groups. The town of Taylor had a plentiful water supply, coming from a hot artesian spring in what is now Murphy Park. City government and schools were established. Business and the railroad were tied together and over the years businesses grew because of their proximity to shipping, such as Thompson Lumber Company and Taylor Bedding. With groceries, department stores, banks, pharmacies and other services Taylor grew steadily.

Bands would play at the pavilion in what is now Heritage Square. There were fairgrounds with a race track, a country club, and a mule-pulled trolley system through town. As Taylor grew, citizens saw the need for certain amenities—parks, pools, and a library. Heritage Square was established as an area for community gatherings. Murphy Park was developed to house a pool and other amenities. Thus, the Taylor park system began.



# Taylor Texas

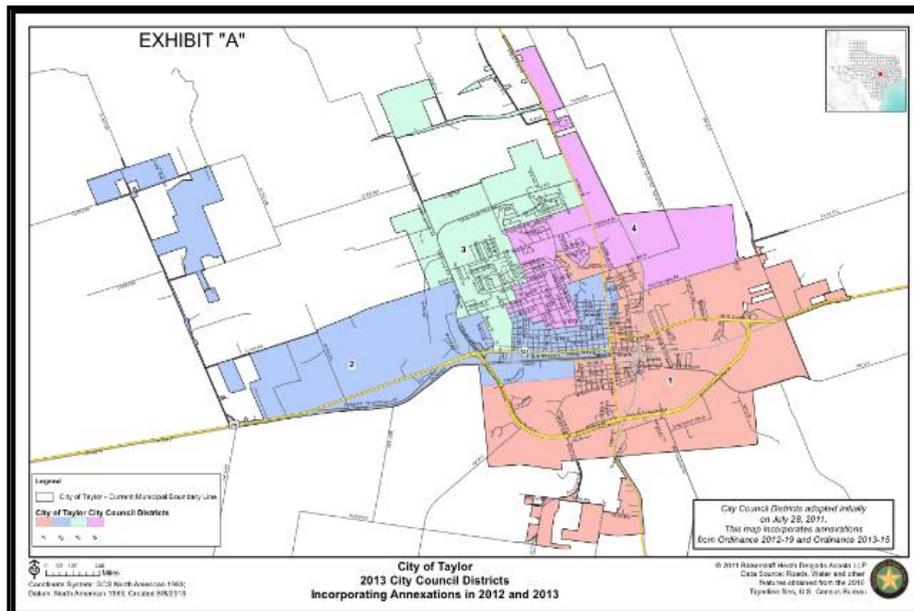
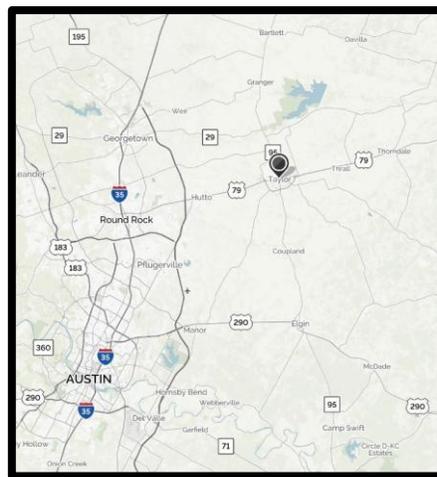
CITY OF TAYLOR TX



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Taylor is located in the heart of Central Texas, in Williamson County. Taylor is located 9 miles east of Hutto, and 8 miles south of Granger and about 29 miles northeast of Austin. Taylor's rich history is noted by 38 National Historical Markers throughout the City. Visitors discover Taylor's modern and historical lodging options, the Governor Dan Moody Museum, family events, and world famous barbecue restaurants.





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Demographic Information as of June 2016

The Taylor 2010 census demographics define the following statistics:

<u>Age</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Under 20 years	4589	30.20%
20 years to 64 years	8794	57.80%
65 years and over	<u>1808</u>	<u>12.00%</u>
Total	15,191	100.00%

<u>Race</u>		
White	10,885	71.7%
Black	1,554	10.2%
American Indian or Alaska Native	185	1.2%
Native Hawaiian and Other Islander	12	.1%
Asian	102	.7%
Other	1,992	13.1%
Two or more races	<u>461</u>	<u>3.0%</u>
Total	15,191	100.00%

<u>Hispanic or Latino Origin</u>	6,498	42.8%
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<u>Median Household Income</u>	\$46,558
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<u>Per Capita Income</u>	\$21,311
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## Population History

According to the U.S. Census, the population growth between 2000 and 2010 is 11.84%.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Population</u>	
1990	11,472	
2000	13,582	
2010	15,191	
2015	16,702	*
2016	17,481** (estimated)	

\* The U.S. Census American Factfinder Population Estimates Table indicates Taylor's 2015 population as 16,702, which is another 10% growth.

\*\*Population estimated by City of Taylor Development Services Department, through the use of U.S. Census data.

## Goals and Objectives

The development of goals and objectives for this Parks Master Plan was first established in 2004. The City has accomplished most of the priorities and recommendations of the 2004 Plan (2004 Priority list is attached in Appendix "D"). In the spring of 2016, the City of Taylor hired grant consultant firm Langford Community Management Services, Inc. to assist in preparing the Park, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan. Through continuous monthly Park Board meetings, a City-wide online survey with 202 respondents, a review of the 2004 Park Plan, the City's 2015 Strategic Plan, and public meetings, the City has composed the following list of goals and objectives for this 2016 Park, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan. These goals and objectives reflect the attitude and set the direction for the City of Taylor and will become the foundation of the parks and recreation system. Much time and thought was put into this plan by these volunteers and the city staff. All citizen input has been considered and included as part of this plan. Several meetings were held with city staff to determine the process for the Master Park Plan.



### Goal #1

The City of Taylor will increase the percentage of park land and trail connectivity, including open space and greenbelt areas for trail development:

- **Objective A**  
Develop a Parks & Recreation amenity standards map identifying City, County, School District and private associations. The standards map will assist with the availability of adequate park land for the development of new residential areas and annexation.
- **Objective B**  
Preserve open space and greenbelt areas through dedication. All types of property should be considered; such as, flood plains, drain ditches, alleyways, electrical easements, etc.
- **Objective C**  
Acquire areas of two acres or more to remain as undeveloped open space or trail connections.
- **Objective D**  
Continue to budget City funds toward Parks and Recreation facilities and programming.
- **Objective E**  
Seek grant funding for park acquisition and development.

### Goal # 2

Increase safety in Taylor Parks:

- **Objective A**  
Install security systems in necessary areas throughout the parks.
- **Objective B**  
Increase lighting throughout park systems, along trails and near low traffic areas.
- **Objective C**  
Assure police patrols and initiate a Park Ranger program.



- **Objective D**  
Increase level of facility maintenance.

### **Goal #3**

Review and implement policies and ordinances:

- **Objective A**  
Understand and develop agreements between TISD on facility usage. Provide a schedule between City and School District
- **Objective B**  
Create agreements with surrounding municipalities and continue communications in developing and managing partnerships.
- **Objective C**  
Document maintenance schedules for existing facilities and develop acceptable maintenance practices.
- **Objective D**  
Implement ordinance requiring developers to dedicate public parkland proportional to size of development.

### **Goal #4**

Develop marketing strategies for recreational programs:

- **Objective A**  
Develop a comprehensive circulation of information regarding Parks and Recreational opportunities through the school system, civic organizations, churches and the media.
- **Objective B**  
Have newspaper, television and radio cover all Parks and Recreation events with pictures and full stories.
- **Objective C**  
Develop comprehensive relationships with corporate entities for sponsorship of recreational activities and facilities.
- **Objective D**  
Keep Parks and Recreation website link current.



## Goal #5

Increase usage of Parks and Recreation facilities through programming:

- **Objective A**  
Develop and provide diverse youth programs including more team sports for youth.
- **Objective B**  
Develop and provide diverse senior programs including swim therapy, nature hikes, arts and crafts programs and walking groups.
- **Objective C**  
Promote adult athletic programs.
- **Objective D**  
Create pre-school and family programs.
- **Objective E**  
Hold additional special events throughout the year.
- **Objective F**  
Provide guidance and supervision for existing Parks and Recreation programs and provide an opportunity to delegate to other associations.

## Needs Assessment

A demand based approach was used to determine parks and recreation needs of the Taylor Community. Through the use of public input via a survey and public meetings, the residents of Taylor were able to provide their feedback on the wants and needs of the community. Additionally, staff utilized information from community feedback, the parks and recreation advisory board, and general participation in programs and events to assist in recognizing parks and recreation needs. More detailed information on the public portion of the needs assessment is outlined in the next section.

The City of Taylor uses a demand based approach to this Park Master Plan, based on these standards and with an understanding of the demographics and expected growth of the community as well as the facilities available in Taylor and in nearby cities within Williamson County.



## **Plan Development/Public Input**

From June to July 2016, the City of Taylor provided a community wide online survey and provided paper copies of the survey at various locations throughout the City. 202 online survey submissions were received, with an additional 30 hard copies. The number of respondents is representative of 1.3% of the total estimated population. The survey included 16 questions and citizen's thoughtful comments provided a wealth of information for City officials, City management and staff to use in planning for the future of Taylor's immense and treasured park system. Most comments were very positive and demonstrate the great pride citizens of Taylor hold for their varied park amenities.

Additionally, a public meeting was held on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016. Guests were presented with a brief outline of the 2016 master plan process, and shown what improvements and projects had successfully been completed since the 2004 parks and recreation master plan. The 43 attendees were then tasked with participating in several exercises to aid in development of park priorities and future park planning.

More information on the public input can be found in Appendix "A".

## **Methodology**

The methodology was developed by utilizing tools and techniques for community outreach and references to existing and new plans for the City's parks system in order to determine the final park priority list.

The priority list, therefore, incorporates feedback and information from a public survey, public meeting, the City's 2017-2021 Community Investment Program (CIP), 2015 Strategic Plan, pending projects from the 2004 Parks Master Plan, and items that would be new and different to the Taylor parks system.

The prioritization process involved several phases beginning with an online survey in which participants were asked to rank 13 priority outdoor recreation items in order of greatest importance to least importance.



Information on the survey results is presented in Appendix “B”.

A score was assigned to each of the items based on their ranking in the priority survey. Furthermore, a sliding scale model was employed leading to the highest ranked item receiving a score of 13 followed by the lowest priority item receiving a score of 1.

Secondly, public meeting input was used to further rank the priority of the projects. Based on input at the public meeting, items were ranked into three categories: high priority, medium priority, and low priority. Points were allotted in descending order based on priority for each category as follows:

High Priority - 3  
Medium Priority – 2  
Low Priority – 1

Additional possible points were awarded to projects that were listed in the following eligible categories:

City of Taylor 2015 Strategic Plan

City of Taylor CIP

Projects pending completion from 2004 Parks Master Plan

New and different item to the Taylor Park system.

A tabulation document is provided in Appendix “C”.



## **Park and Recreation Standards**

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) is a national, non-profit service organization dedicated to advancing parks, recreation and environmental efforts that enhance the quality of life for all people. NRPA works closely with national, state and local recreation and park agencies, corporations and citizens' groups in carrying out its objectives. NRPA sets standards for different types of parks and recreation facilities.

The NRPA standards recommend that a park system be comprised of the following:

- A core system of parklands, with a total of 10 acres of developed parkland per 1000 population.
- Fifty percent of the community park site should be developed only for passive recreation and may also be used as buffers from surrounding development and other land use.
- Parkland should be contiguous and strategically placed in order to provide easy access for all community users.
- The service area of a park should be a 1 to 2-mile (5 minute drive) radius, which is primarily accessible by vehicle, and the desirable size of 25 acres or more.
- NRPA standards recommend 5-8 acres of Community Parks per 1000 residents. Typical facilities include playgrounds, basketball courts, a parking area, water play area or swimming pool, amphitheater, disc golf, volleyball courts, benches, trails and walkway, picnic shelters with grills, and open play areas. Community parks serve a broader purpose than neighborhood parks.

Community Parks provide for the recreation needs of several neighborhoods or large sections of the community. A range of facilities is typically provided and should support active and passive recreation opportunities. A community park also presents a facility for non-traditional types of recreation such as special event or festivals based on community needs. Focus is on meeting community-based recreation



needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces. They may include areas suited for intense recreation facilities, such as large swimming pools. Community or city parks may be an area of natural quality for outdoor recreation, such as walking, viewing, sitting, picnicking. The park may include natural features such as water bodies and areas suited for intense development and have a service area of several neighborhoods.

The Taylor city staff reviewed and discussed the NRPA Standards as applicable to the City of Taylor. With minor changes, the City has adopted these standards. By the NRPA standards, the City of Taylor currently meets park quantity recommendations. The City is currently focusing on increasing diversity of park and recreation opportunities, upkeep and maintenance of the parkland treasures within Taylor. The standards are fully outlined in the publication by *Lancaster, R.A. (Ed.). (1990) Recreation, Park, and Open Space Standards and Guidelines.*



## Park Inventory

### Murphy Park

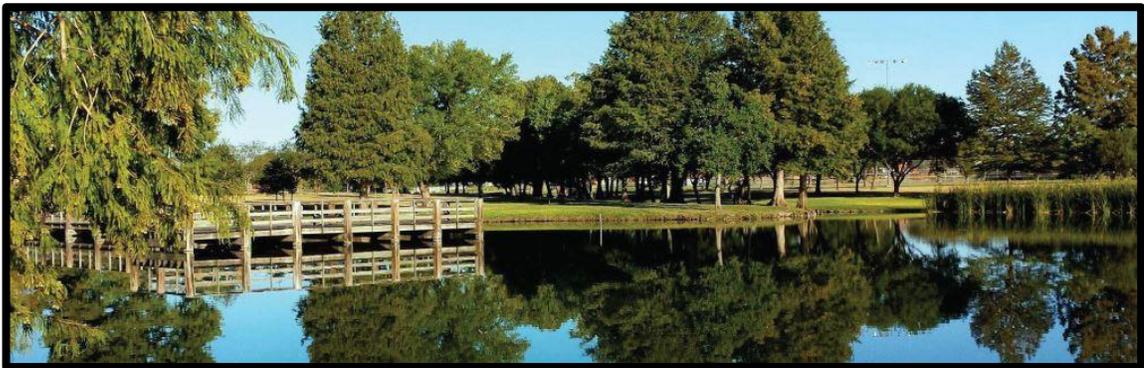
Amenities	
Total Acreage	60
Total Ball Diamonds	3
Lighted	1
Basketball Courts	2
Playgrounds	1
Bandstand	1
Pavilions/Gazebo	3
Swimming Pools	2
Fishing Ponds/Lakes	2
Tennis Courts (Lighted)	8
Miniature Golf Course	1
Walking Trails (miles)	0.5
Bathrooms	3
Barbeque Pits	1
Lightning Detection Unit	1
Sand Volleyball Court	1
Football Field (Lighted)	1
Butterfly Garden	1
Liberty Garden	1





## Bull Branch Park

Amenities	
Total Acreage	50
Total Ball Diamonds	4
Lighted	3
Basketball Courts	1
Playgrounds	1
Pavilions	1
Fishing Ponds/Lakes	1
Walking Trails (miles)	1.5
Bathrooms	3
Lightning Detection Unit	1
Fishing Pier	1





## Robinson Park

Amenities	
Total Acreage	20
Total Ball Diamonds	1
Lighted	1
Basketball Courts	1
Playgrounds	1
Pavilions	2
Walking Trails (miles)	0.8
Bathrooms	2
Concession Stand	1
Swimming Pool	1
Lightning Detection Unit	1
Sand Volleyball Court	1





## Taylor Regional Park

Amenities	
Total Acreage	80
Total Ball Diamonds	10
Lighted	10
Football Field (Lighted)	1
Soccer Field (Lighted)	2
Basketball Courts	2
Lighted	2
Concession Stands	3
Playgrounds	3
Pavilions	1
Fishing Pier/Platform	1
Fishing Ponds/Lakes	2
Walking Trails (miles)	1.75
Bathrooms	3
Prairie/Wildflower Area	2
Lightning Detection Unit	1





## Burkett Street Greenbelt

Amenities	
Total Acreage	17
Walking Trails (miles)	1





## Pocket/Specialty Parks

<b>Heritage Sqaure</b>	
Total Acreage	2
Walking Trails (miles)	0.5
Gazebo	1

<b>Doak Ball Fields</b>	
Total Acreage	10
Ball Diamonds	2
Lightning Detection Unit	1

<b>Jason Park</b>	
Total Acreage	0.15
Playgrounds	1

<b>West End Courts</b>	
Total Acreage	0.3
Basketball Courts	1

<b>Gano Courts</b>	
Total Acreage	0.3
Basketball Courts	1





## Park Amenities Grid

	Taylor Regional Park	Bull Branch Park	Murphy Park	Robinson Park	Heritage Square	Jason Park	Doak Fields	Gano Courts	Burkett Street	West End Courts
Soccer Fields (Lit)	X									
Football Fields (Lit)	X		X							
Ball Diamonds	X	X	X	X			X			
Lit	X	X	X	X						
Unlit			X				X			
Basketball Courts	X	X	X	X			X		X	
Lit	X									
Playgrounds	X	X	X	X		X				
Bandstand			X							
Pavilions/Gazebo	X	X	X	X	X					
Swimming Pools			X	X						
Fishing Ponds/Lakes	X	X	X							
Tennis Courts (Lit)			X							
Benches	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		
Picnic Tables	X	X	X	X						
Concession Stands	X	X	X	X						
Rest Rooms	X	X	X	X						
Drinking Fountains	X	X	X	X	X					
Walking Trails	X	X	X	X	X			X		
Volleyball Courts			X	X						
Barbecue Pits			X							
Wifi Hotspot	X	X	X	X	X					
Butterfly Garden			X							
Lightning Detection	X	X	X	X			X			
Liberty Garden			X							
Fishing Pier	X	X								



## Prioritization and Implementation

A key function of this plan is to identify key park priorities and potential methods to implement those priorities. The following identifies the priorities, discusses a potential timeline and presents possible funding mechanisms.

### Priorities

<b>Outdoor Recreation Priority List</b>	
1)	Walking/Jogging/Biking Trails
2)	Shade Structures
3)	Amphitheater/Outdoor stage
4)	Skate Park
5)	Playgrounds/Playscapes
6)	Pool improvements
7)	Water Activity Features (Splash Pad)
8)	Benches/Picnic Tables/Grills
9)	Dog Park
10)	Disc Golf Course
11)	Soccer Fields
12)	Adult Athletic Fields
13)	Tennis Court Improvements



### Additional Outdoor Priority Amenities

Play Amenities for Children with Special Needs
Batting cages
Pavilions
Additional Park Lighting
Drinking fountains
Native landscaping
Signage (trail and educational)

### Indoor Recreation

Within the public survey, respondents were asked if they would support the development of an indoor recreation facility in Taylor. 83% of respondents stated that they supported an indoor recreation facility in Taylor. When asked if the facility should be City owned, privately owned, or a combination of both, respondents voted as follows:

- 33% said it should be City owned
- 14% said it should be privately owned
- 53% said a combination of City and private ownership

Respondents were also asked to prioritize indoor recreation facilities. The results are as follows:

### Indoor Recreation Amenities Priority List

1.	Exercise areas (yoga/karate/aerobics)
2.	Swimming pool
3.	Sports Courts (basketball/volleyball)
4.	Walking track
5.	Game rooms / Play area
6.	Weight rooms
7.	Arts / Crafts room
8.	Media Center
9.	Meeting rooms
10.	Reading rooms
11.	Kitchen



## Priorities Timeline

Through the feedback at public meetings, ongoing Park Board meetings, staff input, and city-wide planning meetings which resulted in Taylor's Strategic Plan and Downtown Master Plan (to include Heritage Park enhancements), this Park Master Plan has four different priority levels defined as follows:

### **Short-term Priorities**

These items should be accomplished in the years 2017-2018.

### **Mid-term Priorities**

These items should have completion dates of 2019-2023.

### **Long-term Priorities**

Planning for these items should start during the ten year coverage of this plan.

### **Ongoing Priorities**

These items should be a continual process acted upon as the opportunity arises.

### Short-term Priorities

Construct a Cross Town Recreational Trail along Bull Branch Creek.

Perform upgrades to the Robinson Park softball field.

Construct Splash Pad and ball field improvements at Robinson Park.

### Mid-term Priorities

Continue renovation and maintenance of existing facilities as in prior years.

Identify grants and budget for park enhancements.

Build enhancements to downtown Heritage Park.

Construct a downtown Skate Park.



### Long-term Priorities

Add shade trees and native landscaping to parks.

Identify land for a pocket park.

### Ongoing priorities

Identify and acquire land for additional parkland.

Acquire additional park lands from developers in the planning for residential subdivisions.

Enhance park facilities by implementing better maintenance and upkeep standards.

Manage the current wildlife within the park system to ensure a quality recreational experience for all park users.

Enhance park safety through implementation of a park safety program.

### Potential Funding Sources

While resources remain limited, the City of Taylor is committed to providing better park facilities and more diverse recreation options for its citizens. Several potential funding sources to accomplish those goals are:

1. Grants - Through the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) Recreation Grants Department, *an annual competition, application due October 1st*, is held among cities and counties for outdoor recreation funds of up to \$500,000 per project. The same agency has an annual indoor funding cycle in October for indoor recreation facilities of up to \$1,000,000. Both require 1:1 matching funds.
2. Budget Line Item - The City should have a line item in the annual budget to complete the priority items.
3. Bonds - The City through bond funds can budget for development and renovation of park land.
4. Corporate and Private Sponsors - The City, in the development of its



relationship with corporate and private sponsors, should consider possible fund raising events with sponsors and/or private donations for park land or equipment.

5. Volunteer time and donations - The City in conjunction with the residents and participants in the Parks and Recreation Programs and Facilities should elicit assistance from volunteers and associations for fundraisers and “sweat equity”.

6. Developers – The City should consider the adoption of a land use requirement in approving plats for subdivision development. Through this requirement, park land could be set aside for future development in new and expanding neighborhoods.

### **Conclusion**

In developing this plan, the City of Taylor recognizes the importance of parks and recreation development, as shown through the diligent efforts of the City Council, city staff, parks board and city residents.

The information presented herein will serve as a guide for the development of parks and recreation facilities, parks and programs for the City of Taylor for the next 10 years. As projects are completed, the master plan will be updated to reflect the revised priority list, thus operating as a fluid document to best serve the leadership and citizens of Taylor.

Additionally, the plan will be evaluated after a period of 5 years and will be updated. An updated version of this plan will be submitted to Texas Parks and Wildlife for review.

It is recommended that this plan should be reviewed annually by staff and council prior to setting the annual budget. It should be updated as demographics change and goals and objectives are accomplished.

The City wishes to express its thanks to those who participated in the public meetings and to all the residents who completed the 2016 Taylor Park, Recreation and Open Space Survey. Public input is key to the guidance this plan offers City officials, staff and Parks Board members.



## Appendices



## Appendix "A"

### Public Input

Online Survey Conducted June – July 2106  
(more information in Appendix B)

Public Meeting Held on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2106

# PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE



The City of Taylor will hold a public meeting on Thursday, June 23, 2016 at 6:30 PM at Taylor City Hall Auditorium, 400 Porter Street.

**This public meeting is being held to provide information on the following project(s):**

**2016 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan**

*An outline for current and future needs for the Taylor parks system and recreational program needs.*



**2016 Park, Recreation and Open Spaces Master Plan  
Public Meeting  
June 23, 2016 6:00 p.m.  
Taylor City Hall**

**Agenda**

Mike Devito – City of Taylor Parks Superintendent:

- I. Update on the City's Parks system accomplishments since the 2004 Park Master Plan
- II. Explanation of current Park, Recreation and Open Spaces Master Plan ongoing process and timeline
- III. Introduction of Parks Board members in attendance

Beth Schreiber – Langford Community Management Services (Master Plan and Grant Writer):

- IV. Pick your priorities exercise
- V. What's a pocket park?

Mike Devito – Parks Superintendent:

- VI. Brief Question and Answer session regarding survey exercises
- VII. Survey link distributed
- VIII. Adjourn



## City of Taylor Public Meeting “Pick Your Priorities” Exercise for the 2016 Park Master Plan



43 citizen attendee participants were given 5 sticky notes each and asked to choose 5 amenities they would most like to build or improve in Taylor's parks.



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<u>Amenity</u>	<u>Sticker “votes”</u>
Adult Athletic Fields	7
Amphitheater / outdoor stage	22
Benches, tables & grills	8
Disk Golf	10
Dog Park	11
Playgrounds / Playscapes	8
Pool improvements	15
Shade structures / canopies	21
Skate Park	45
Soccer Fields	6
Tennis Court improvements	5
Walk / Jog / Bike Trails	24
Water activity features	14

## Comments Received from Public Meeting #1

- Large shade trees in Robinson Park
- Utilize Murphy Park football field for youth sports
- Consider looking at each item on the board and consider how it affects each citizen group
  - Older adults
  - Families
  - Teens
  - Young Children
- Cover or Tarp
  - Robinson Park needs shade and restroom at the pavilion that is handicap accessible
- Pavilion vacant area north of baseball field would be nice for outdoor events
- Taylor needs activities for kids 8-17 to do.
- I would love a splash pad in Murphy Park
- Pocket parks are a great idea however centrally located park systems are easier to contain and maintain
- Stick with this plan and follow it
- 1 skate park = 20 pocket parks in importance
- I didn't know we have a pocket park and I live on Mallard – might make it more visible or add a sign.



A public hearing held on July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in conjunction with the July 2016 Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting.

## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE



The City of Taylor will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, July 20, 2016 at 6:00 PM at Taylor City Hall Council Chambers, 400 Porter Street.

This public hearing is being held to provide information on the following project(s):

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**Appendix "B"**  
**Public Survey Results**



## City of Taylor Survey for 2016 Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Master Plan

\* 1. What is your name?

\* 2. Please provide your City of Taylor address

3. What is your email address?

\* 4. What is your age bracket?

- Under 18 years
- 18-30 years
- 31-54 years
- 55+ years

\* 5. How often do you visit Taylor parks or outdoor facilities?

- Extremely often
- Very often
- Somewhat often
- Not so often
- Not at all often
- Other (please specify)

6. What do you like most about Taylor parks?

7. If you do not participate in park activities, why not?

\* 8. For your City of Taylor Parks Master Plan, on a scale of 1 to 13, with 1 being "most important" to you and 13 being "least important" to you, please RANK the following:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Adult athletic fields	<input type="radio"/>												
Amphitheater - outdoor stage	<input type="radio"/>												
Benches, grills, tables	<input type="radio"/>												
Disc Golf	<input type="radio"/>												
Dog Park	<input type="radio"/>												
Playgrounds / playscapes	<input type="radio"/>												
Pool improvements	<input type="radio"/>												
Shade structures / canopies	<input type="radio"/>												
Skate Park	<input type="radio"/>												
Soccer fields	<input type="radio"/>												
Tennis court improvements	<input type="radio"/>												
Walking / jogging / nature trails	<input type="radio"/>												
Water activity features	<input type="radio"/>												

Other (please specify)

\* 9. Would you support the development of pocket parks (very small neighborhood parks open to the public)?

Yes

No

\* 10. Do you support the development of an indoor recreation facility?

Yes

No

11. Should Taylor have an Indoor Recreation Facility that is:

City owned and operated

Privately owned

A combination of City and privately owned

12. If you do not support the development of an indoor recreation facility, please tell us what you think is a higher priority.

13. Regarding **Indoor Recreation**, what amenities would you like see in Taylor, on a scale of 1 to 11, with 1 being "most important" to you and 11 being "least important" to you, please RANK the following:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Arts /crafts room	<input type="radio"/>										
Exercise areas (yoga / karate / aerobics)	<input type="radio"/>										
Game rooms / play area	<input type="radio"/>										
Kitchen	<input type="radio"/>										
Media center	<input type="radio"/>										
Meeting rooms	<input type="radio"/>										
Reading rooms	<input type="radio"/>										
Sports courts (basketball / volleyball)	<input type="radio"/>										
Swimming pool	<input type="radio"/>										
Walking track	<input type="radio"/>										
Weight rooms	<input type="radio"/>										

Other (please specify)

\* 14. How often do you participate in the following:

	Extremely often	Very often	Somewhat often	Not so often	Not at all often
Adult basketball	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Adult baseball / softball	<input type="checkbox"/>				
General Park use (trails, picnics, playgrounds, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Track	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Youth baseball / softball	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Youth basketball	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Youth football	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Youth soccer	<input type="checkbox"/>				

Other (please specify)

15. What age group would you like to see additional Recreational Programming for in Taylor :

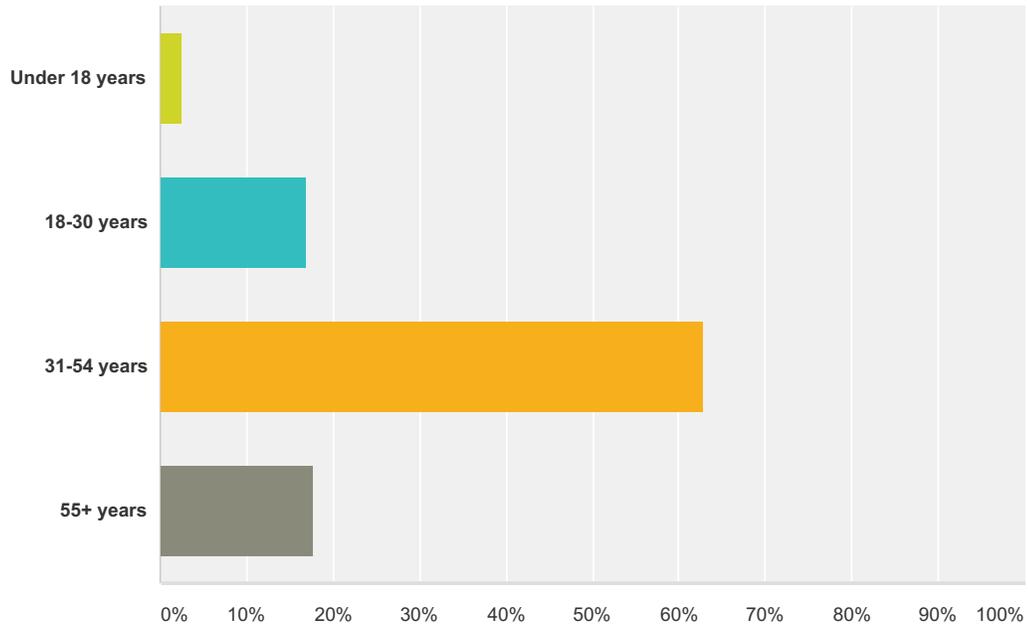
- Ages 0 - 5
- Ages 6 - 10
- Ages 11 - 14
- Ages 15 - 19
- Ages 20 - 54
- Age 55+

Other (please specify)

16. This survey will help the City plan for future park improvements. Your opinion counts! Please feel free to add your ideas regarding your Taylor parks system below. Thank you for taking this survey!

### Q4 What is your age bracket?

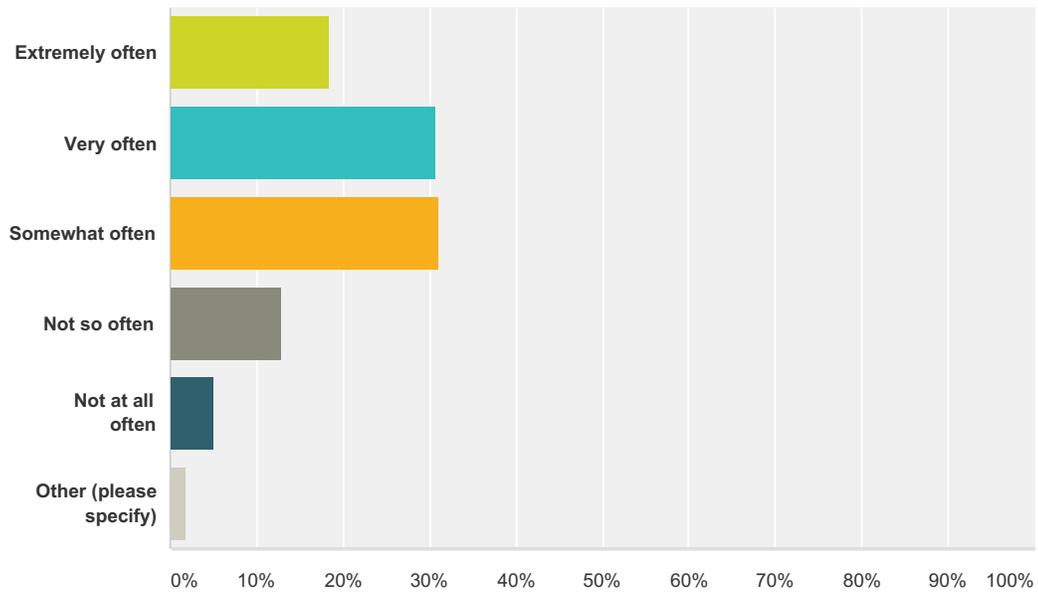
Answered: 202 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses
Under 18 years	2.48% 5
18-30 years	16.83% 34
31-54 years	62.87% 127
55+ years	17.82% 36
<b>Total</b>	<b>202</b>

### Q5 How often do you visit Taylor parks or outdoor facilities?

Answered: 202 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Extremely often	18.32%	37
Very often	30.69%	62
Somewhat often	31.19%	63
Not so often	12.87%	26
Not at all often	4.95%	10
Other (please specify)	1.98%	4
<b>Total</b>		<b>202</b>

## Q6 What do you like most about Taylor parks?

Answered: 171 Skipped: 31

#	Responses	Date
1	tennis courts, track	7/15/2016 2:03 PM
2	Our existing parks are very nice, just need a bit of enhancing	7/15/2016 1:59 PM
3	They're pretty	7/15/2016 12:39 PM
4	I like the trails to walk along	7/15/2016 12:33 PM
5	safe, green, not crowded	7/15/2016 12:26 PM
6	Soccer fields	7/14/2016 4:51 PM
7	Ducks and water	7/12/2016 11:49 PM
8	Murphy & bull branch parks are lovely	7/12/2016 6:16 PM
9	Lots of bike trails. Good tree coverage. Lots of softball fields.	7/12/2016 2:09 PM
10	We need a new street. Can't maintain the streets much less all this junk you want to implement.	7/12/2016 1:13 PM
11	location	7/12/2016 11:28 AM
12	Walking trails, sidewalk space, trees	7/12/2016 11:08 AM
13	nature	7/12/2016 9:56 AM
14	Cleanliness	7/11/2016 5:44 PM
15	Scenic, Running trails, Fishing Access.	7/11/2016 12:54 PM
16	location	7/11/2016 12:11 PM
17	The town is blessed with multiple parks, trees, and ponds/lakes.	7/8/2016 5:36 PM
18	There is one in virtually every area of the city. Many have water features which are relaxing.	7/8/2016 5:31 PM
19	How clean they are and how much space there is	7/8/2016 3:46 PM
20	Quality of athletic fields, numerous parks, and accesibility	7/8/2016 3:37 PM
21	The bike trails, the fishing opportunities, and convenience of the ball fields.	7/8/2016 2:34 PM
22	I love how clean the parks are. My son plays soccer and were are usually at the fields 3-4 times a week. We also enjoy having our personal family time at the park for walks and bike riding. When you have kids its nice to know that the areas they are playing in are clean and well taken care of. There is so much space for them and my family enjoys in greatly.	7/8/2016 11:16 AM
23	Nice and clean areas..	7/8/2016 9:13 AM
24	Clean	7/7/2016 11:45 PM
25	Walking trails	7/7/2016 11:45 PM
26	pool, water ponds, cleanliness	7/7/2016 10:21 PM
27	Well maintained	7/7/2016 8:59 PM
28	They are accessible with close parking	7/7/2016 8:12 PM
29	Depends on the park. Nice bathroom facilities,	7/7/2016 7:10 PM
30	Condition of fields. Keep it up!	7/7/2016 6:55 PM
31	Trees	7/7/2016 6:25 PM
32	Cleanliness, proximity to home, amenities and view	7/7/2016 6:04 PM

33	Atmosphere	7/7/2016 6:02 PM
34	I like the access to playscapes and sports fields. My children enjoy that too.	7/7/2016 4:47 PM
35	I like the mature trees around Murphy park and the sports fields at the regional park	7/7/2016 3:36 PM
36	Close to my house spacious and had a pind	7/7/2016 2:45 PM
37	Things for my children to do	7/7/2016 1:58 PM
38	The space it has for the kids to run around and play.	7/7/2016 1:46 PM
39	New playground for kids.	7/7/2016 1:43 PM
40	Multiple locations	7/7/2016 1:38 PM
41	Clean, easy access	7/7/2016 1:37 PM
42	The sporting fields	7/7/2016 1:35 PM
43	The sports fields Taylor has provided for the youth sports.	7/7/2016 1:30 PM
44	Soccer and baseball.	7/7/2016 1:28 PM
45	Clean	7/7/2016 1:28 PM
46	CONVENIENCE	7/7/2016 1:21 PM
47	Being near the lakes and creeks	7/7/2016 11:53 AM
48	Locations and variety	7/6/2016 6:29 PM
49	I like the hike and bike trail. The stream is very pretty.	7/6/2016 5:40 PM
50	The size	7/6/2016 12:22 PM
51	I like the feel of them. They feel warm and inviting.	7/6/2016 11:30 AM
52	Playgrounds and trails	7/5/2016 3:41 PM
53	The convenience.	7/5/2016 3:07 PM
54	The ducks, the water, the walking trails.	7/5/2016 2:57 PM
55	Trees and Water	7/5/2016 2:44 PM
56	Accessibility and low cost swimming.	7/5/2016 2:43 PM
57	The ducks and trees	7/4/2016 4:56 PM
58	Long trail, outdoor play equipment	7/4/2016 4:51 PM
59	walking trail duck ponds	7/3/2016 4:18 PM
60	Well maintained.	7/3/2016 3:27 PM
61	Ponds, lakes, and wildlife; an opportunity to get to know my community better	7/3/2016 12:01 PM
62	I love the lakes and all the wildlife such as the ducks and waterfowl	7/2/2016 10:00 AM
63	The pool	7/2/2016 1:28 AM
64	There nice	7/2/2016 1:16 AM
65	I used to like going there to be with the ducks, use the playground, etc. Now, not so much.	7/1/2016 6:48 PM
66	The greenery and small town feel	6/30/2016 9:04 PM
67	Open spaces, walking paths, benches, tennis courts.	6/30/2016 6:18 PM
68	Trails, ducks, water, playgrounds, wildlife	6/30/2016 8:41 AM
69	pool & playscapes	6/29/2016 3:23 PM
70	Location	6/29/2016 1:23 PM
71	the sidewalks	6/29/2016 1:16 PM
72	The playscapes for the kids and basketball courts	6/28/2016 5:32 PM

73	Taylor has parks. Many small towns don't. The ducks are fun to watch. People fish in the creek, kids can explore, swimming and picnicking.	6/28/2016 11:33 AM
74	The strong sense of community and leadership led by Brent Humphreys and Project Loop!	6/27/2016 7:11 PM
75	how some are connected with the walking trails	6/27/2016 3:08 PM
76	The trees	6/26/2016 8:19 PM
77	scenic	6/25/2016 7:40 AM
78	Beautiful	6/25/2016 6:47 AM
79	ducks	6/24/2016 11:55 PM
80	I enjoy the sense of community and organized activities that are able to occur.	6/24/2016 6:57 PM
81	the scenery	6/24/2016 3:23 PM
82	They are beautiful and well kempt. I particularly enjoy the trails	6/24/2016 10:44 AM
83	That we even have parks like ours is a big deal to me.	6/24/2016 10:00 AM
84	The walking trails, the lakes, the ducks	6/24/2016 9:49 AM
85	Ducks, playground, lake, and pool	6/24/2016 12:58 AM
86	How easy it is to get to them and the atmosphere.	6/23/2016 6:26 PM
87	Nothing	6/23/2016 5:44 PM
88	The green space by the water	6/23/2016 9:52 AM
89	Well maintained. Lots of walking/biking trails, though we need more shaded nature trails.	6/23/2016 8:44 AM
90	Never heard of / been.	6/22/2016 11:23 PM
91	Good locations, well maintained	6/22/2016 10:19 PM
92	That there are several to choose from .	6/22/2016 9:52 PM
93	Ability to walk on the trails,	6/22/2016 8:32 PM
94	How close it is.	6/22/2016 8:05 PM
95	Beautiful stream and lake	6/22/2016 4:23 PM
96	Hike and Bike trail, the pond	6/22/2016 2:28 PM
97	Relaxing	6/22/2016 2:00 PM
98	Large established trees	6/22/2016 1:46 PM
99	Walking/bike trails. Ducks	6/22/2016 1:04 PM
100	Well maintained. Great park system. A jewel in Taylor's crown	6/22/2016 11:22 AM
101	That there are so many to access.	6/22/2016 9:55 AM
102	Walk the trails	6/22/2016 9:38 AM
103	clean and not packed with transients. DUCKS and turtles	6/22/2016 9:08 AM
104	Accessibility	6/22/2016 2:52 AM
105	location, wildlife, and vegetation	6/21/2016 11:52 PM
106	Usually not crowded.	6/21/2016 11:14 PM
107	Trees (Murphy, Robinson, and Bull Branch)	6/21/2016 11:10 PM
108	The beauty, accessibility, cleanliness and the fact that there are parks all over town and they are connected.	6/21/2016 10:43 PM
109	Green space and nice sports fields	6/21/2016 9:49 PM
110	Playgrounds	6/21/2016 9:43 PM
111	The hike and bike. Love being able to go on my runs and stay off the roads.	6/21/2016 9:33 PM
112	Nothin much, friends thats about it.	6/21/2016 9:23 PM

113	THAT MY CHILDREN ENJOY IT.	6/21/2016 9:22 PM
114	Covered pavilion for events.	6/21/2016 9:22 PM
115	Vast hike and bike. Lots of different activities through out.	6/21/2016 8:52 PM
116	Like the baseball and tennis courts	6/21/2016 8:26 PM
117	They are close in, a part of the neighborhoods.	6/21/2016 8:17 PM
118	The hiking/running trails even if some are in a bit of disrepair	6/21/2016 8:14 PM
119	To walk the trails an take the rand kids to play.	6/21/2016 8:11 PM
120	Ducks, water,trees	6/21/2016 7:57 PM
121	I like the accessibility, and how close they are in town.	6/21/2016 7:36 PM
122	Hile and bike trails, the swimming pool	6/21/2016 7:33 PM
123	The scenery	6/21/2016 7:14 PM
124	The ducks	6/21/2016 7:07 PM
125	The trees	6/21/2016 7:01 PM
126	Easy access, cleanliness, activities	6/21/2016 6:50 PM
127	Convenience to my residence	6/21/2016 6:46 PM
128	Trails ..	6/21/2016 6:37 PM
129	Ducks everywhere	6/21/2016 5:55 PM
130	That we have several nice ones.	6/21/2016 5:49 PM
131	the playground and pool.	6/21/2016 5:38 PM
132	There is not alot of landscaping like tree, flowerbeds,walking trails, good lighting in the evening, more parking space. more family friendly(swings,monkey bars,etc...) let it appeal that you want to come back over and over....	6/21/2016 5:18 PM
133	Plenty of space to walk and to see the ducks/wildlife.	6/21/2016 5:03 PM
134	Provides an outdoor space where residents can walk, run, play with kid and grandkids	6/21/2016 4:58 PM
135	Animals-ducks	6/21/2016 4:50 PM
136	cleaniness/trimmed/mowed/upkeep locations all around town - conveniently located throughout natural - creeks, animals, fish	6/21/2016 4:49 PM
137	i can take our grandchildren to play	6/21/2016 4:35 PM
138	Running Paths	6/21/2016 4:25 PM
139	I like the ducks.	6/21/2016 3:43 PM
140	Shade	6/21/2016 3:41 PM
141	I love the ponds, the ducks, the shade trees but don't go as often as I'd like to due to some of the undesirable crowd that often hang out, sleep in the park....	6/21/2016 3:36 PM
142	Near bye	6/21/2016 3:18 PM
143	When they are kept mowed :) I like the jogging trail	6/21/2016 2:33 PM
144	TRP - the wildflower and nature areas. The connectivity of the Hike 'n Bike trails. Accessibility.	6/21/2016 2:26 PM
145	Murphy park is beautiful with it's lake and ducks. The tennis courts there are also very nice. Robinson park is closer to my home.	6/21/2016 2:24 PM
146	The ducks and other wildlife, activities, photo ops, foliage.	6/21/2016 2:19 PM
147	I love the trails! I appreciate the ducks and bodies of water.	6/21/2016 2:15 PM
148	Walking trails	6/21/2016 2:12 PM
149	The walking trails	6/21/2016 1:52 PM
150	Easily accessible, kids lover to go and see the ducks at murphy.	6/21/2016 1:51 PM

151	Ability to bike along a trail.	6/21/2016 1:47 PM
152	walking trails, water features, benches, shaded areas	6/21/2016 1:40 PM
153	established trees	6/21/2016 1:38 PM
154	Trails connecting between parks; roomy pavilions, room for festivals.	6/21/2016 1:26 PM
155	The green space ie yards/trails etc to walk/jog on.	6/21/2016 1:22 PM
156	the proximity to my house	6/21/2016 1:18 PM
157	I like Murphy park and all the great activities there.	6/21/2016 1:16 PM
158	Running trails and ducks	6/21/2016 1:02 PM
159	The vast amount of land that is available for parks and recreation activities.	6/21/2016 12:53 PM
160	The ducks, water and trails.	6/21/2016 12:52 PM
161	Watching the wildlife.	6/21/2016 12:45 PM
162	Walking trails	6/21/2016 12:39 PM
163	We go visit the ducks and walk or bike around Bull Branch park	6/21/2016 12:35 PM
164	Cleanliness! We like Bull Branch Park the best because it has the best playground and the boardwalk and bridges. We use the hike and bike trail a lot, but really wish it was fixed all the way. We like the pool at Murphy Park.	6/21/2016 12:31 PM
165	the ponds, large trees, ducks, hike and bike trails	6/21/2016 12:30 PM
166	The hike and bike trail, playground,	6/21/2016 12:27 PM
167	The pool, tennis courts and track	6/21/2016 12:17 PM
168	I love the hike and bike trails and the nature. My children enjoy the playscapes.	6/21/2016 12:15 PM
169	How pretty and calm it is, especially in the evenings	6/21/2016 12:12 PM
170	The natural beauty of the trees, water and wildlife.	6/21/2016 12:11 PM
171	Hike and bike trails, the ponds	6/21/2016 11:53 AM

## Q7 If you do not participate in park activities, why not?

Answered: 74 Skipped: 128

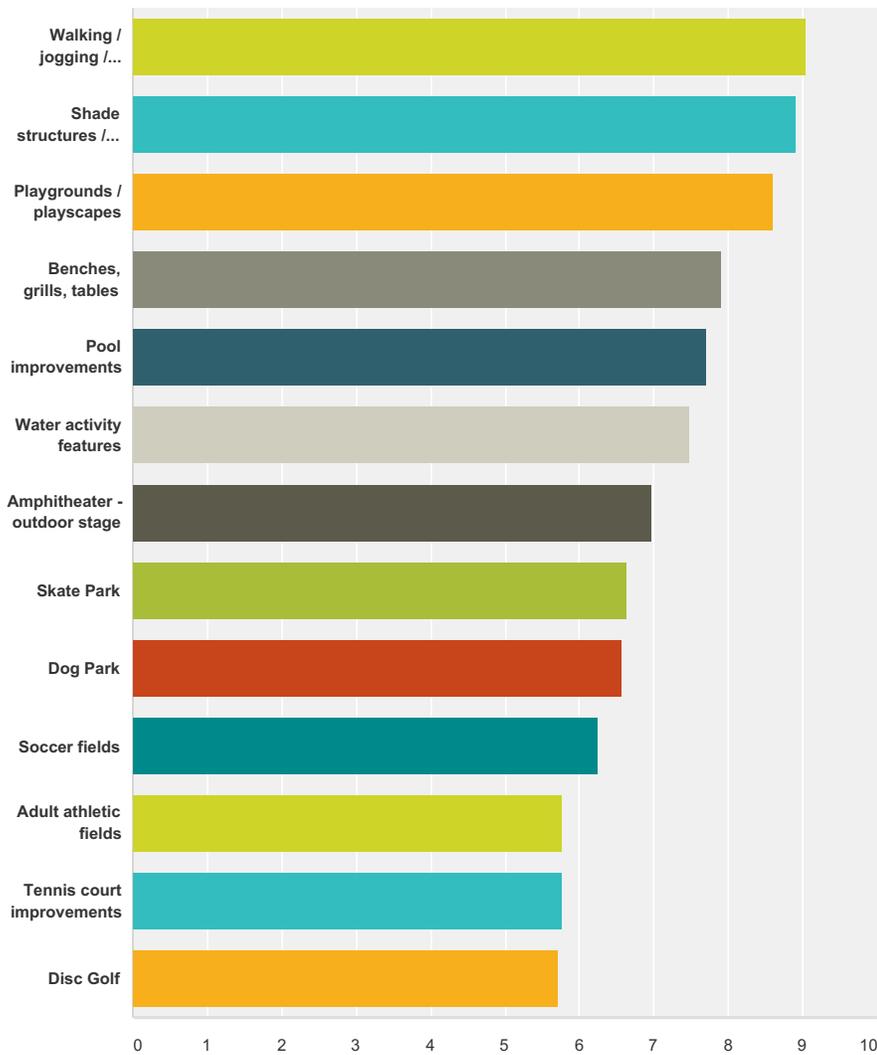
#	Responses	Date
1	no covered playgrounds	7/15/2016 12:39 PM
2	Not enough advertising. I don't know about it	7/15/2016 12:33 PM
3	Need more shades toddler friend play areas	7/12/2016 10:00 PM
4	MY business.	7/12/2016 1:13 PM
5	not enough shade, seating or easy access to bathrooms, and the few bathrooms they have they are dirty. need a walking and biking path around the park for easy access.	7/12/2016 11:28 AM
6	Needs more shaded sitting areas	7/12/2016 11:08 AM
7	busy	7/12/2016 9:56 AM
8	trails should not be concrete	7/11/2016 3:36 PM
9	N/A	7/8/2016 5:36 PM
10	They are usually in my working hours.	7/8/2016 5:31 PM
11	NA	7/8/2016 2:34 PM
12	Need more	7/7/2016 11:45 PM
13	Biggest concern is the sewer smell on walking trails between bull branch and murphy park, and the lack of shade at taylor regional park, not the ball fields but at the playground, soccer/football fields	7/7/2016 1:38 PM
14	NA	7/7/2016 1:35 PM
15	Not enough bathrooms nearby. (Wife needs close facilities)	7/7/2016 11:53 AM
16	Pool hours don't work for me. Would like to see it open earlier.	7/6/2016 6:29 PM
17	Busy, or no money.	7/6/2016 5:40 PM
18	I just don't have the time.	7/6/2016 11:30 AM
19	I haven't seen many organized "park activities" that require participation. My family and I frequent the parks, but haven't taken part in any activities... perhaps I missed them?	7/5/2016 2:57 PM
20	Not enough advertisement (didn't know there was any)	7/4/2016 4:51 PM
21	N/A	7/3/2016 12:01 PM
22	Currently, area thugs	7/1/2016 6:48 PM
23	Because the gangs and drug dealers that hang out in them.	6/30/2016 9:04 PM
24	Not always kept up and clean. Playgrounds not covered.	6/29/2016 1:23 PM
25	Not given advance notice. Public not made aware by other ways besides the newspaper.	6/29/2016 1:16 PM
26	There are no age related activities in the park for older people.	6/28/2016 11:33 AM
27	Work	6/28/2016 10:12 AM
28	Yes, I participate in skatepark activities everyday!	6/27/2016 7:11 PM
29	busy with work	6/25/2016 7:40 AM
30	i am very busy.	6/25/2016 6:47 AM
31	work nights	6/24/2016 11:55 PM
32	work	6/24/2016 3:23 PM

33	We go and walk through some of the parks, occasionally take younger kids there.	6/24/2016 10:00 AM
34	I do go but not as much as I'd like due to perceived safety issues in certain parts of the park; the egrets also make it a bit stinky sometimes	6/24/2016 9:49 AM
35	No shade, little choice of activities	6/23/2016 5:44 PM
36	The walking trails are so uneven. I walk daily and would walk in the parks more if the walking trails were in better shape. The black top parts are in bad shape.	6/23/2016 9:52 AM
37	I ride bmx bikes and don't see a reliable place to conduct sport.	6/22/2016 11:23 PM
38	Age and ability. I do attend the cook offs and city wide community events.	6/22/2016 8:32 PM
39	Safety concerns lately about gangs hanging out and harassing youth	6/22/2016 2:28 PM
40	Physical limitations. Too old for most team sports.	6/22/2016 1:04 PM
41	Nothing - that I can relate to. Would love if the miniature golf was open and safe to use.	6/22/2016 9:38 AM
42	There is not a skate park	6/22/2016 9:09 AM
43	n/a	6/22/2016 9:08 AM
44	n/a	6/21/2016 11:10 PM
45	Too many teenagers hanging out	6/21/2016 9:43 PM
46	Not many activities for "mature" folks.	6/21/2016 8:17 PM
47	Work	6/21/2016 7:57 PM
48	Don't have kids	6/21/2016 7:39 PM
49	Need more to choose from	6/21/2016 7:14 PM
50	Not kept up to standards. The city doesn't maintain any parks that have any outdoor restrooms. Need better attention brought to our parks.	6/21/2016 7:07 PM
51	I'd participate more if they weren't so run down & kept up with.	6/21/2016 7:01 PM
52	Limited due to not feeling safe with the prostitutes and drunks that frequent them.	6/21/2016 5:49 PM
53	the need for appeal of beauty is not there...	6/21/2016 5:18 PM
54	we do in soccer -- besides basketball not sure what else is available -- so maybe better publicity?	6/21/2016 4:49 PM
55	Walking is harder for me to do.	6/21/2016 3:43 PM
56	Not as often as I'd like to because of the young drug-users and drunks that hang out in the parks...	6/21/2016 3:36 PM
57	No parking	6/21/2016 3:18 PM
58	Robinson park...the pool needs to desperately be renovated and include a splash pad as well as better facility upkeep. Murphy park has a few dark spots where vagrants and badly behaved teenagers tend to be up to no good.	6/21/2016 2:24 PM
59	Usually too busy. But won't go to regional park because too austere and no shade. Love the natural, old, small town feel of Murphy and Bull Branch Parks	6/21/2016 1:52 PM
60	N/A	6/21/2016 1:51 PM
61	I do not participate in an organized park activities as I mainly want access to park to walk or bike.	6/21/2016 1:47 PM
62	too much crime	6/21/2016 1:38 PM
63	Not physically fit, too hot most of the time.	6/21/2016 1:26 PM
64	the thugs or teens who are in the parks causing or creating drama/criminal activity. Would really like to see this cleaned up and/or a curfew enforced for anyone under 18 not with a parent after 6pm. Also would like to see weekly power washing of the duck poop on the sidewalks etc. I know our mascot is the "duck" but the poop on the sidewalks and the grass near the ball fields is very smelly.	6/21/2016 1:22 PM
65	The people that hang out at the back of Murphy park are pretty sketchy. Using the restroom facilities at the park is usually a nightmare.	6/21/2016 1:18 PM
66	We would go more often if there were not men smoking pot and/or fighting by the playscapes	6/21/2016 1:02 PM
67	I do.	6/21/2016 12:52 PM

68	I don't have kids and everything is kid-focused	6/21/2016 12:45 PM
69	Too many instances of fights, drug deals, and other questionable dealings to feel like it's a safe place for us to take our daughter. Also the playground equipment is unbearable hot because there are no canopies.	6/21/2016 12:36 PM
70	We don't make it to many activities because I work Saturday mornings. The movies are too late in the evenings for my young kids.	6/21/2016 12:31 PM
71	not enough lighting in evening to feel safe. Playgrounds have no cover so the equipment gets too hot for my toddler. Murphy park is pretty disgusting with the geese poop and trash..	6/21/2016 12:27 PM
72	I only go during certain times of the days due to people hanging out and usually up to no good	6/21/2016 12:17 PM
73	I'm not aware of the activities.	6/21/2016 12:15 PM
74	Only things holding me back is the heat and the mosquitoes	6/21/2016 11:53 AM

**Q8 For your City of Taylor Parks Master Plan, on a scale of 1 to 13, with 1 being "most important" to you and 13 being "least important" to you, please RANK the following:**

Answered: 202 Skipped: 0



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Total	Weighted Average
Walking / jogging / nature trails	17.11% 32	16.04% 30	13.90% 26	8.56% 16	8.56% 16	8.02% 15	5.35% 10	2.14% 4	3.21% 6	4.28% 8	5.35% 10	3.21% 6	4.28% 8	187	9.05
Shade structures / canopies	13.81% 25	14.92% 27	11.60% 21	11.60% 21	11.05% 20	6.08% 11	7.18% 13	4.42% 8	4.42% 8	6.08% 11	3.87% 7	1.10% 2	3.87% 7	181	8.91
Playgrounds / playscapes	8.52% 15	13.64% 24	11.36% 20	12.50% 22	11.93% 21	8.52% 15	6.25% 11	6.82% 12	7.39% 13	6.25% 11	2.84% 5	2.27% 4	1.70% 3	176	8.61
Benches, grills, tables	3.61% 6	9.04% 15	10.24% 17	12.05% 20	11.45% 19	11.45% 19	9.64% 16	6.63% 11	12.65% 21	3.01% 5	5.42% 9	4.22% 7	0.60% 1	166	7.91
Pool improvements	4.02% 7	7.47% 13	10.92% 19	7.47% 13	9.20% 16	12.64% 22	11.49% 20	14.37% 25	6.90% 12	6.32% 11	5.17% 9	2.87% 5	1.15% 2	174	7.70

Water activity features	8.60% 16	6.99% 13	9.14% 17	10.22% 19	10.75% 20	9.14% 17	4.84% 9	8.60% 16	4.84% 9	7.53% 14	6.99% 13	5.91% 11	6.45% 12	186	7.47
Amphitheater - outdoor stage	5.17% 9	7.47% 13	8.05% 14	10.92% 19	7.47% 13	8.62% 15	6.90% 12	8.62% 15	5.75% 10	7.47% 13	8.62% 15	8.05% 14	6.90% 12	174	6.98
Skate Park	14.77% 26	6.82% 12	5.11% 9	3.98% 7	5.11% 9	7.39% 13	4.55% 8	6.82% 12	6.25% 11	6.82% 12	7.95% 14	9.66% 17	14.77% 26	176	6.64
Dog Park	7.06% 12	6.47% 11	7.06% 12	7.65% 13	8.24% 14	7.06% 12	4.12% 7	6.47% 11	7.65% 13	8.82% 15	11.76% 20	8.82% 15	8.82% 15	170	6.57
Soccer fields	8.67% 15	4.62% 8	5.78% 10	4.62% 8	4.62% 8	4.05% 7	10.40% 18	7.51% 13	9.83% 17	10.98% 19	9.25% 16	13.29% 23	6.36% 11	173	6.24
Adult athletic fields	2.96% 5	6.51% 11	4.73% 8	4.14% 7	5.92% 10	8.88% 15	10.65% 18	5.92% 10	8.28% 14	8.28% 14	6.51% 11	11.24% 19	15.98% 27	169	5.77
Tennis court improvements	4.44% 8	2.78% 5	5.00% 9	6.11% 11	7.78% 14	6.11% 11	7.22% 13	8.89% 16	8.33% 15	8.33% 15	12.22% 22	11.11% 20	11.67% 21	180	5.76
Disc Golf	6.78% 12	2.82% 5	5.08% 9	10.17% 18	5.08% 9	4.52% 8	6.21% 11	4.52% 8	6.78% 12	8.47% 15	8.47% 15	15.25% 27	15.82% 28	177	5.72

Formula:

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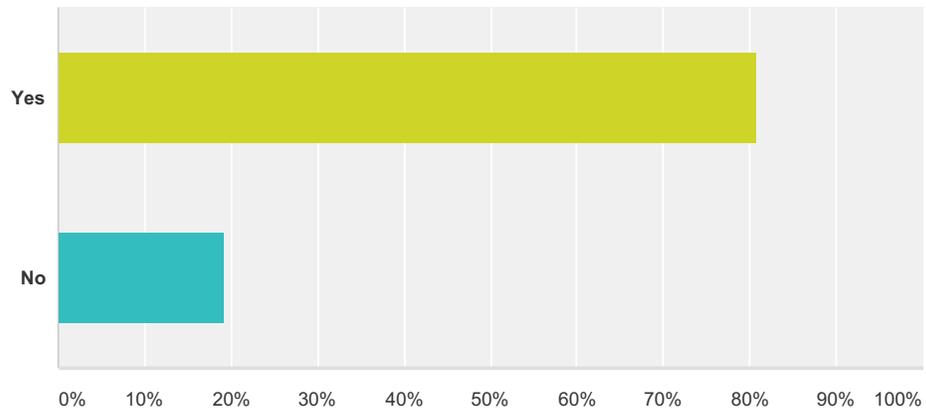
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### Q9 Would you support the development of pocket parks (very small neighborhood parks open to the public)?

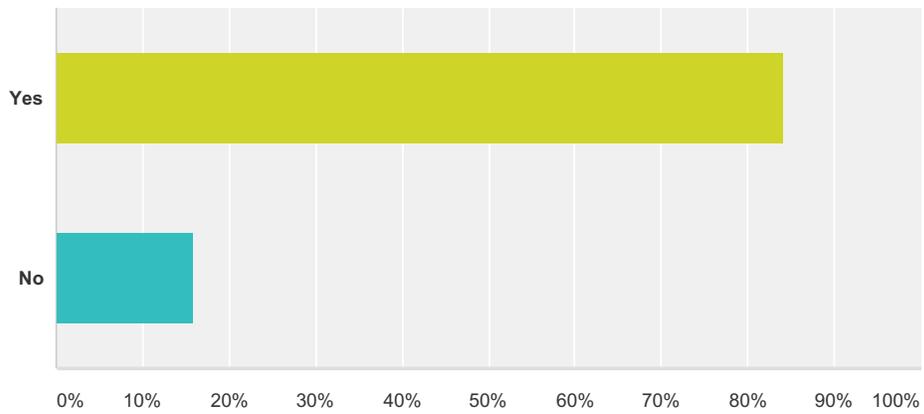
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Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	80.69% 163
No	19.31% 39
<b>Total</b>	<b>202</b>

### Q10 Do you support the development of an indoor recreation facility?

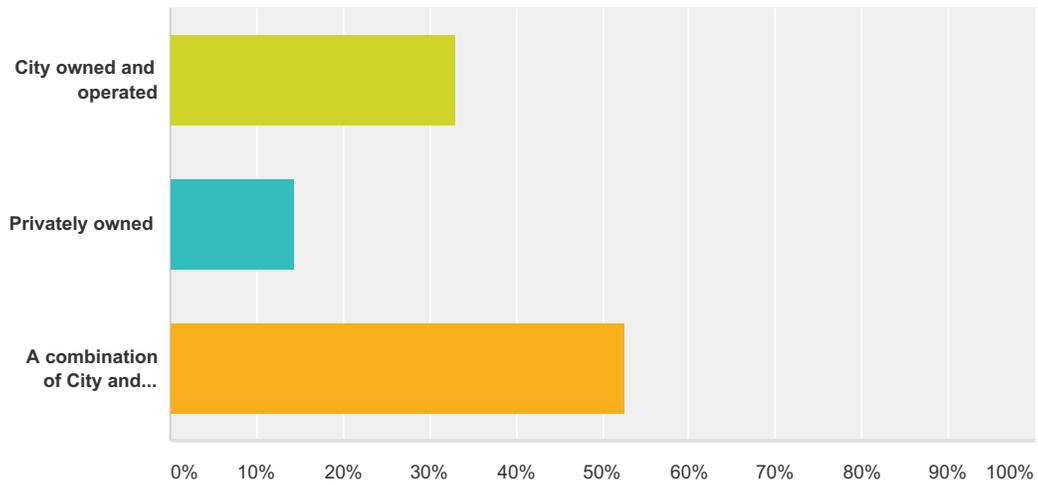
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Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	84.16% 170
No	15.84% 32
<b>Total</b>	<b>202</b>

### Q11 Should Taylor have an Indoor Recreation Facility that is:

Answered: 188 Skipped: 14



Answer Choices	Responses
City owned and operated	32.98% 62
Privately owned	14.36% 27
A combination of City and privately owned	52.66% 99
<b>Total</b>	<b>188</b>

## Q12 If you do not support the development of an indoor recreation facility, please tell us what you think is a higher priority.

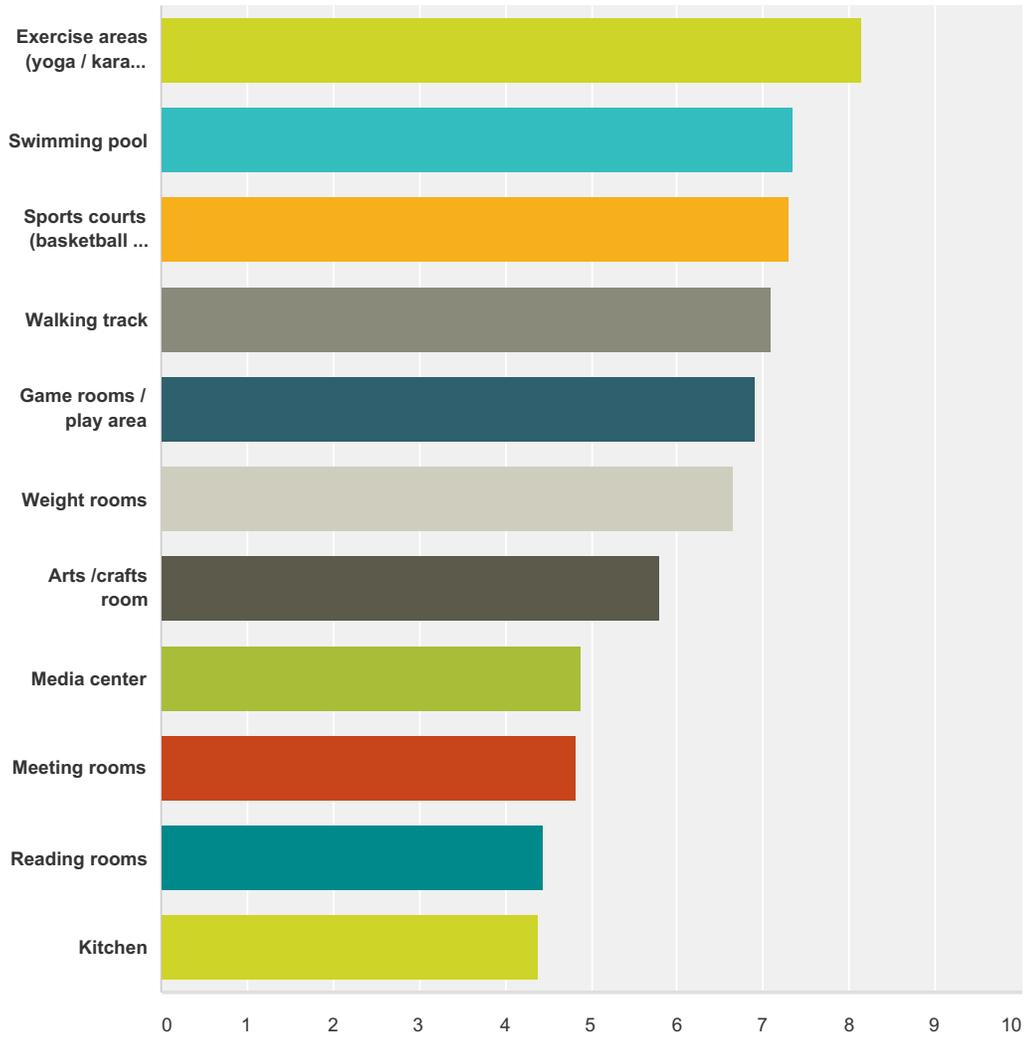
Answered: 29 Skipped: 173

#	Responses	Date
1	improved playgrounds & covers	7/15/2016 12:39 PM
2	Skatepark	7/14/2016 4:51 PM
3	We need a new street.	7/12/2016 1:13 PM
4	Look at what we already have (empty buildings, businesses), check the feasibility of purchasing those empty businesses, schools and re-purpose those unsightly properties (ie, old Walmart, empty schools, etc) into bringing back the YMCA, or move the animal shelter to a higher profile, safer, flood-free area.	7/8/2016 5:36 PM
5	The unused buildings the city now has.	7/8/2016 5:31 PM
6	Skate park	7/6/2016 12:22 PM
7	Skate Park	7/5/2016 3:07 PM
8	the skate park!	7/5/2016 2:57 PM
9	up grading out door parks	7/3/2016 4:18 PM
10	Maintain / improve existing facilities.	6/30/2016 6:18 PM
11	Better baseball fields that all leagues can use	6/29/2016 1:23 PM
12	road improvements	6/25/2016 6:47 AM
13	More Benches/Tables/BBQ Pits for family gatherings	6/23/2016 8:44 AM
14	skate park for the youth, not another basketball hoop	6/22/2016 11:23 PM
15	Interesting that this question was not included in item 8-	6/22/2016 10:19 PM
16	Not the Y, use 7th street gym, old structure, it's beautiful with good facilities. And has space for indoor recreation in the buildings attached.	6/22/2016 8:32 PM
17	Skate Park	6/22/2016 2:00 PM
18	We blew a premium opportunity to achieve all of the below mentioned am entities when we let the YMCA slip through our hands.	6/22/2016 1:46 PM
19	Support private 7th Street Gym rented to public	6/22/2016 11:22 AM
20	Improve what we already have. Murphy park could be beautiful - fix the fountain behind the pavilion looks like at one time there was a waterfall. The pond needs to be cleaned up. The walk over between the 2 ponds has had orange netting instead of railings since I moved here 4 years ago. Questionable activity, homeless people drinking and doing drugs by the benches - safety is a big issue. I could not imagine having children go to that park. I can see it from my front yard - every day.	6/22/2016 9:38 AM
21	n/a	6/22/2016 9:08 AM
22	Let's take care of and improve what we already have. We have great parks but not fully developed and maintained to the highest standard..	6/21/2016 11:10 PM
23	Sports fields for kids	6/21/2016 9:43 PM
24	Fishing areas	6/21/2016 8:02 PM
25	Dog Park	6/21/2016 7:39 PM
26	I would love to have an indoor facility, but I do not believe the city should be involved. Encourage a privately owned company to move here and begin that, but do not use tax payer dollars for it.	6/21/2016 7:36 PM

27	Funding the animal shelter, which remains grossly understaffed and underfunded.	6/21/2016 5:49 PM
28	Depends on what all it included. But would seem to be high cost, high maintenance to do it right.	6/21/2016 2:33 PM
29	Continue to develop current parks	6/21/2016 1:52 PM

**Q13 Regarding Indoor Recreation, what amenities would you like see in Taylor, on a scale of 1 to 11, with 1 being "most important" to you and 11 being "least important" to you, please RANK the following:**

Answered: 186 Skipped: 16

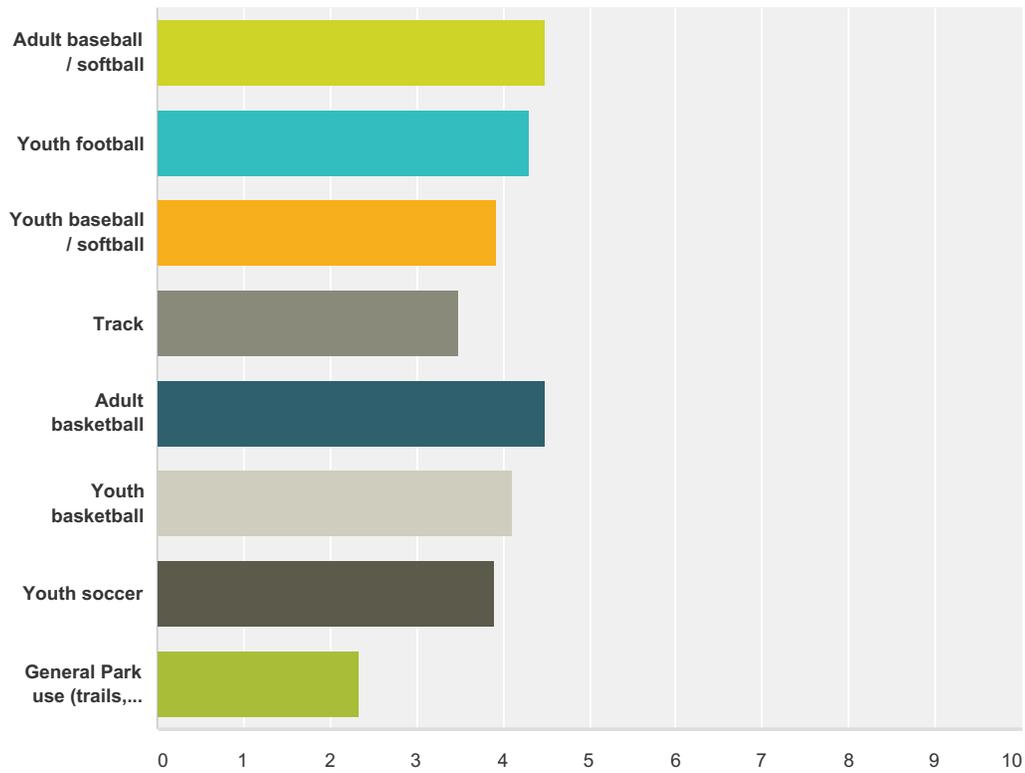


	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Total	Weighted Average
Exercise areas (yoga / karate / aerobics)	26.54% 43	16.05% 26	12.35% 20	9.88% 16	9.26% 15	8.02% 13	5.56% 9	2.47% 4	4.32% 7	1.85% 3	3.70% 6	162	8.14
Swimming pool	22.16% 37	11.38% 19	13.17% 22	8.38% 14	8.98% 15	8.38% 14	5.99% 10	4.19% 7	3.59% 6	6.59% 11	7.19% 12	167	7.34

Sports courts (basketball / volleyball)	<b>16.17%</b> 27	<b>15.57%</b> 26	<b>10.78%</b> 18	<b>12.57%</b> 21	<b>8.98%</b> 15	<b>6.59%</b> 11	<b>6.59%</b> 11	<b>8.98%</b> 15	<b>5.99%</b> 10	<b>2.40%</b> 4	<b>5.39%</b> 9	167	7.31
Walking track	<b>9.43%</b> 15	<b>11.32%</b> 18	<b>18.24%</b> 29	<b>15.09%</b> 24	<b>13.21%</b> 21	<b>5.66%</b> 9	<b>5.03%</b> 8	<b>6.29%</b> 10	<b>5.66%</b> 9	<b>3.77%</b> 6	<b>6.29%</b> 10	159	7.09
Game rooms / play area	<b>10.26%</b> 16	<b>7.69%</b> 12	<b>13.46%</b> 21	<b>12.82%</b> 20	<b>13.46%</b> 21	<b>14.74%</b> 23	<b>8.97%</b> 14	<b>6.41%</b> 10	<b>3.21%</b> 5	<b>5.77%</b> 9	<b>3.21%</b> 5	156	6.91
Weight rooms	<b>6.10%</b> 10	<b>21.95%</b> 36	<b>9.76%</b> 16	<b>7.93%</b> 13	<b>10.37%</b> 17	<b>10.98%</b> 18	<b>5.49%</b> 9	<b>5.49%</b> 9	<b>4.88%</b> 8	<b>9.15%</b> 15	<b>7.93%</b> 13	164	6.66
Arts /crafts room	<b>5.30%</b> 8	<b>7.28%</b> 11	<b>8.61%</b> 13	<b>8.61%</b> 13	<b>10.60%</b> 16	<b>11.92%</b> 18	<b>14.57%</b> 22	<b>9.93%</b> 15	<b>7.28%</b> 11	<b>7.28%</b> 11	<b>8.61%</b> 13	151	5.81
Media center	<b>0.00%</b> 0	<b>2.76%</b> 4	<b>6.21%</b> 9	<b>9.66%</b> 14	<b>8.97%</b> 13	<b>13.79%</b> 20	<b>11.72%</b> 17	<b>12.41%</b> 18	<b>12.41%</b> 18	<b>14.48%</b> 21	<b>7.59%</b> 11	145	4.88
Meeting rooms	<b>5.33%</b> 8	<b>3.33%</b> 5	<b>5.33%</b> 8	<b>8.00%</b> 12	<b>6.00%</b> 9	<b>6.00%</b> 9	<b>11.33%</b> 17	<b>14.00%</b> 21	<b>15.33%</b> 23	<b>17.33%</b> 26	<b>8.00%</b> 12	150	4.83
Reading rooms	<b>3.87%</b> 6	<b>3.23%</b> 5	<b>4.52%</b> 7	<b>5.81%</b> 9	<b>7.10%</b> 11	<b>5.81%</b> 9	<b>12.26%</b> 19	<b>11.61%</b> 18	<b>16.13%</b> 25	<b>12.26%</b> 19	<b>17.42%</b> 27	155	4.45
Kitchen	<b>3.95%</b> 6	<b>7.24%</b> 11	<b>1.32%</b> 2	<b>6.58%</b> 10	<b>5.92%</b> 9	<b>6.58%</b> 10	<b>7.24%</b> 11	<b>12.50%</b> 19	<b>15.79%</b> 24	<b>9.87%</b> 15	<b>23.03%</b> 35	152	4.38

### Q14 How often do you participate in the following:

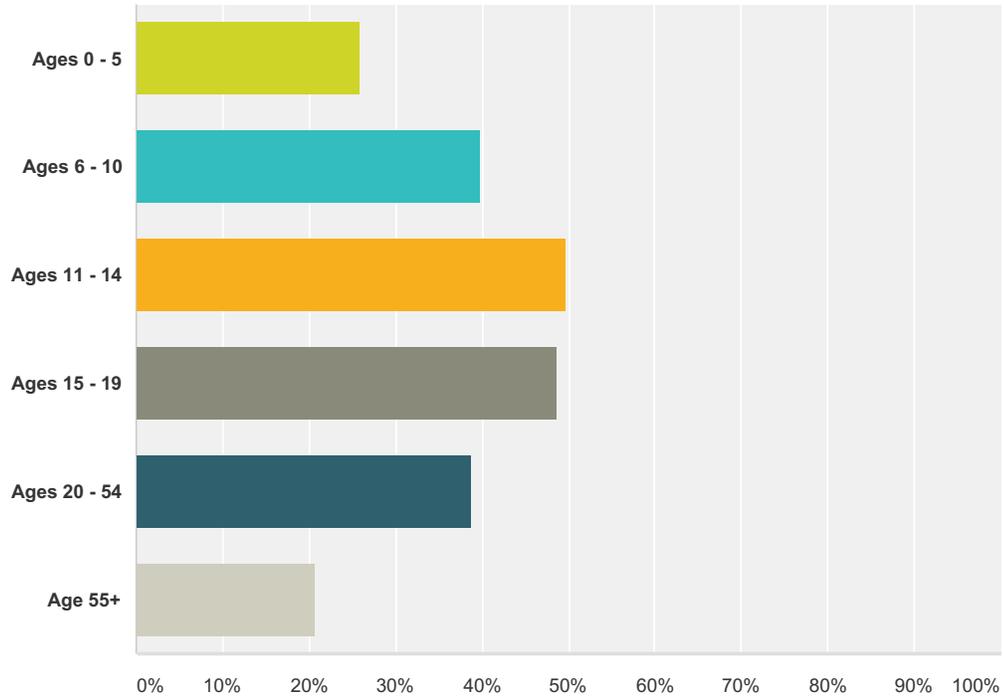
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	Extremely often	Very often	Somewhat often	Not so often	Not at all often	Total Respondents
Adult baseball / softball	1.55% 3	1.55% 3	10.31% 20	19.07% 37	67.53% 131	194
Youth football	5.15% 10	5.15% 10	9.79% 19	13.40% 26	66.49% 129	194
Youth baseball / softball	12.82% 25	7.69% 15	10.26% 20	12.31% 24	56.92% 111	195
Track	9.18% 18	12.76% 25	26.53% 52	22.45% 44	29.08% 57	196
Adult basketball	2.03% 4	3.55% 7	6.60% 13	20.30% 40	67.51% 133	197
Youth basketball	7.11% 14	9.14% 18	10.66% 21	14.21% 28	59.39% 117	197
Youth soccer	15.15% 30	7.07% 14	8.59% 17	11.11% 22	58.08% 115	198
General Park use (trails, picnics, playgrounds, etc.)	29.00% 58	30.00% 60	32.00% 64	6.00% 12	5.00% 10	200

### Q15 What age group would you like to see additional Recreational Programming for in Taylor :

Answered: 193 Skipped: 9



Answer Choices	Responses
Ages 0 - 5	25.91% 50
Ages 6 - 10	39.90% 77
Ages 11 - 14	49.74% 96
Ages 15 - 19	48.70% 94
Ages 20 - 54	38.86% 75
Age 55+	20.73% 40
<b>Total Respondents: 193</b>	

**Q16 This survey will help the City plan for future park improvements. Your opinion counts! Please feel free to add your ideas regarding your Taylor parks system below. Thank you for taking this survey!**

Answered: 64 Skipped: 138

#	Responses	Date
1	Taylor has way TOO MANY ducks!!!	7/15/2016 1:59 PM
2	we don't use parks often because the equipment is SO HOT for the kids since it is uncovered	7/15/2016 12:39 PM
3	I really like the trail that is behind the Taylor Housing Authority or whatever it is called. It would be nice to see more stuff in that park area.	7/15/2016 12:33 PM
4	improvements to tennis facilities please! Courts 7 - 8 have grass growing. Multiple cracks in surface. Please repair or replace!	7/15/2016 12:26 PM
5	splash parks and sensory parks for special needs	7/12/2016 11:49 PM
6	The city should finish on job and then concentrate on another. Repair the streets. You people are unbelievable.	7/12/2016 1:13 PM
7	We go to the Y in Hutto, and the parks there too	7/12/2016 11:28 AM
8	Maintain the fields. Weeds, ant piles, and water puddles in the fields from failure to maintain. Can't use the excuse that unauthorized use is what is allowing this if it is properly maintained. Please do something about the parking situation I mentioned above as well.	7/11/2016 5:44 PM
9	Music in the parks	7/11/2016 12:54 PM
10	Teens and tweens need things to do; otherwise, they will do things people don't want them to.	7/8/2016 5:31 PM
11	You're welcome!	7/7/2016 8:12 PM
12	Something for toddlers to do is very important. We are new to Taylor, and I have a 4 year old with no friends, because there is nothing to get him together with other kids.	7/7/2016 1:43 PM
13	Can we get rid of bird island? It's disgusting	7/6/2016 6:29 PM
14	Teen Dance in the Park? I would like to see one of those.	7/6/2016 11:30 AM
15	Give those kids that skate park already!	7/5/2016 2:57 PM
16	need things for teens to do that has no or little cost attached	7/3/2016 4:18 PM
17	I often see kids skating a riding bikes on the sidewalks downtown. Lets give them a safe place to do it.	7/3/2016 3:27 PM
18	We need better maintenance of the grounds and lakes. There is trash everywhere and it just stays there. Parks and Maintenance need to have trash pick ups from the grounds and lakes much more often. We also need more trash receptacles and recycling receptacles in the parks. Maintaining what we already have costs almost nothing. Please clean up the parks!!! I also think we should do more to protect/promote the waterfowl here. We are the Taylor Ducks. Why not have duck feeding machines, or waterfowl viewing platforms and educational signs. Not just about the ducks but all the variety of water birds. This feature makes Taylor unique and it should be promoted. What not establish a cattle egret bird island and build platforms or nesting areas for them. Instead of fighting them, join them and promote Taylor's unique place on the migratory bird path. Also have you considered renting out pedal boats or canoes and kayaks? These are cheap, fun, easy, and promote family recreation and park use. Lastly is the lions club mini golf ever even open??? It looks fun but I've lived here over 5 years and have not seen it open even once. Can the city buy this property from them and run the mini golf? We need more activities for kids and families. Thanks!	7/2/2016 10:00 AM
19	A good skatepark !	7/2/2016 1:16 AM
20	Taylor	7/1/2016 8:50 PM
21	It is important to me to have canopies over the playscapes. The children are not able to play on them in the summer.	6/29/2016 3:23 PM

22	The ducks are taking over the park and making it unpleasant to walk through the park. The safety of bull branch is also an issue. Many teens are there into the night and also violence is happening there. My daughter and I use to walk there at least 3 times a week to walk and feed the ducks but no longer do this because of the safety issue and the aggressive ducks.	6/29/2016 1:16 PM
23	Shade for the playscapes for the kids is much needed! It gets hot here and makes the playscapes very hot for the kids and burns them.	6/28/2016 5:32 PM
24	A recreational center will be a perfect amenity to the city of Taylor. It will help keep kids off the streets and in a structured environment. It will give them something to do and help promote youth activities such as sports and exercise. I think the rec center should be for the use of the youth more than the adults. It will be more beneficial for the youth as well since there is nothing for teenagers to do in town. A boys and girls club of America would be a great addition. I think if it is city owned and funded it will in time fall to pieces due to lack of funding. As far as a skate park I don't think it is a great idea due to the fact that it only facilitates a certain group of kids who are into skateboarding. Yes they have worked hard at getting the park and they should have something. But the size is way too big and will eventually fall to pieces as well due to funding and upkeep. The city has much bigger fish to fry and stuff to pay for where in time this will fall to the bottom of the list. Also what will the cost be to the city when lawsuits from parents come in due to their child being hurt. A recreational center is a far better choice and is way past due. This is something that should be at the top of the list and seriously considered.	6/28/2016 10:12 AM
25	Thank you for creating this survey, It really means a lot to me and the entire Skate/BMX communities. We've been advocating for a new public skatepark in Taylor and we hope to see it soon! Take care Sincerely, Dean Dickinson	6/27/2016 7:11 PM
26	for special needs children dirt and mud parks music parks hill park slide down.	6/24/2016 11:55 PM
27	The skate park should be a priority. It involves all age groups and allows physical exercise in a fun way for all skill levels. It is also a great opportunity for mentoring of Taylor's youth. It would also bring people from other communities to visit Taylor. It would also provide a fiscal return in the way of rentals and possibly a daily park use fee or long-term membership. The hike/bike trails also need to be extended and clearly marked. It is very hard to know or follow where the intended trails are throughout town. Thank you!!	6/24/2016 6:57 PM
28	it would be nice if the hike and bike trail on Bull Run would be kept clean and mowed	6/24/2016 3:40 PM
29	Safe, clean restrooms should be a priority in all of our park facilities.	6/24/2016 10:44 AM
30	Good lighting, even trails, security in the parks is very important in order to get people to come use them.	6/23/2016 9:52 AM
31	A skate/bike park for Taylor is a valuable asset and will attract others to your city.	6/22/2016 11:23 PM
32	It would be nice to see some signage along the trails (trail maps) and signs to show how to get to them.	6/22/2016 10:19 PM
33	A comment about the pocket park question. Pocket parks are a nice amenity to have so long as they are well lit at night and the City is prepared to monitor and maintain them properly. Otherwise they can quickly become overgrown patches and havens for dumping of rubbish etc.	6/22/2016 1:46 PM
34	Begin planning uses for football field, whether or not kept by ISD	6/22/2016 11:22 AM
35	Too many ducks! We can't go to Bull Branch Park anymore with our daughter, as we have to constantly watch where she steps and what she's playing with.	6/22/2016 9:55 AM
36	A skatepark would bring revenue to the city by Austin visitors. Invest in the youth and the city.	6/22/2016 9:09 AM
37	Do not abandon more structures within our beautiful city but instead give a much needed facelift to the gems we have in place (ie memorial field) Once a Duck Always a Duck!	6/21/2016 11:52 PM
38	I appreciate the park space that already exists	6/21/2016 9:49 PM
39	We need this skatepark, I honestly don't understand why Taylor has been holding out on it.	6/21/2016 9:23 PM
40	Need one additional option for number 11-City owned and privately operated. This is my choice, same as the pools, the Y is very skilled at operating these facilities.	6/21/2016 8:52 PM
41	Too many ducks at Bull Branch. Too much poop all over the sidewalks and picnic tables.	6/21/2016 8:11 PM
42	Better fishing. Stocking and maintenance of current fisheries	6/21/2016 8:02 PM
43	Dog Park!	6/21/2016 7:39 PM

44	We recently moved to Taylor, a year or so ago, and we are really disturbed by the state of the parks. I have two small children, and we live fairly close to Bull Branch. We have never once seen police patrolling the park, and we have seen plenty of questionable people and things there. Taylor has so many opportunities to become very family friendly and has fantastic parks to do this, but they are being neglected. The bathrooms at Bull Branch are HORRIBLE! If you come with small kids, most likely your going to have to take them to the restroom. These are deplorable. They need updated, and at the very least, doors and lights installed. The ducks and geese and their droppings are also another problem. We love seeing them, but using the trails is hard because of the stink and filth. Maybe some population control? As it stands now, we use Taylor parks for quick walks, but go into Hutto or Round Rock to actually have picnics and play. We have more family who is moving into the Austin area, but I doubt that I can highly recommend Taylor as a place to choose to by a home, because of issues such as these. The opportunity is there, as I said, but it needs to be taken advantage of. Taylor has a chance to thrive, if only the budget is managed wisely. Good luck, and we look forward to seeing the improvements!	6/21/2016 7:36 PM
45	Not that this survey will make any difference but those who are responsible for the parks and recreation should get off their butts and do something to make the community parks better!	6/21/2016 7:07 PM
46	Outdoor fitness park	6/21/2016 7:01 PM
47	Water fountains by trail more ducks	6/21/2016 5:55 PM
48	Get rid of the prostitutes, drug dealers, drunks. Also, provide vending machines (either free or for a quarter) that have duck food in them. Manage the geese population down some. Have a dog park and provide for city upkeep of it, include shade; improve the pool and expand pool hours.	6/21/2016 5:49 PM
49	Whatever is developed it must be well maintained and patrolled.	6/21/2016 4:58 PM
50	I believe the most important aspect of this planning is to provide more activities to the public at an affordable rate. Also providing child care for adult classes or a mommy/kid classes. The library provides free services to families-storytime, movies, programming,etc. They are hungry for more. Something that stands BIG in services to the community will make a huge impact and draw tourist/visitors into Taylor for business/play.	6/21/2016 4:50 PM
51	love stocked fish ponds! kids love to fish	6/21/2016 4:49 PM
52	allocate more funds towards upkeep of existing park grounds	6/21/2016 4:35 PM
53	Taylor	6/21/2016 2:26 PM
54	I would like to see the old miniature golf course area used to expand the pool area. Possibly for the smaller children or a lap pool.	6/21/2016 2:24 PM
55	Groups need to adopt the areas and monitor the litter.	6/21/2016 2:19 PM
56	The city needs to clean animal poop from the trails more often. Trash needs to be picked up more often. More tables need to be placed at Murphy park. This is home of many ducks there is no reason why there aren't any signs up on how to properly feed the ducks. What to feed and not feed them. The restrooms need to be updated and better maintained.	6/21/2016 2:15 PM
57	Lack of bathrooms at murphy, not enough patrol and upkeep to keep unwanted illegal behavior elements out of area	6/21/2016 1:51 PM
58	Recreation programs for all ages and skills.	6/21/2016 1:26 PM
59	Signs to educate the public about proper feeding of the ducks, coin op vending machines for duck food	6/21/2016 1:18 PM
60	I would live a splash pad.	6/21/2016 1:16 PM
61	Thank you for the survey! It's nice to have a voice! I think the Parks and Rec does a great job in Taylor! It's one of the things we like most about living here! The parks are generally in good condition, and there's always something to do!	6/21/2016 12:31 PM
62	I feel that these areas need to be video taped and watched so that parents can be made responsible for damage that their children may participate in. I feel that this will help clean up the areas and help with kids running a muck after hours . Video doesn't lie.	6/21/2016 12:17 PM
63	I would love to see more activities for teens. Time and time again the city has let the youth of our down referring to the lack of ,,YMCA and The Skatepark Downtown.M	6/21/2016 12:15 PM
64	I just want to thank you for your efforts in improving our park system. My husband and I moved to Taylor a year and a half ago and it was your park trails that truly peaked my interest in this location, and now I walk my dogs there everyday!	6/21/2016 12:11 PM



**Appendix “C”**

**Priority List Tabulation/Methodology**

Order	Survey Results/Points		Public Meeting Priority Items/Points		Items Listed on 2015 Strategic Plan	Listed in Community Investment Program	Pending from 2004 Parks Master Plan	New Facility	Total Points
1	Walking Trails	13	High	3	1	1			18
2	Shade	12	High	3					15
3	Amphitheater	7	High	3	1		1	1	13
4	Skate Park	6	High	3	1	1	1	1	13
5	Playgrounds	11	Low	1					12
6	Pool Improvements	9	Medium	2		1			12
7	Water Activity Features	8	Medium	2	1	1			12
8	Benches	10	Low	1					11
9	Dog Park	5	Medium	2	1			1	9
10	Disc Golf	1	Medium	2	1	1		1	6
11	Soccer Fields	4	Low	1					5
12	Adult Athletic Fields	3	Low	1					4
13	Tennis Courts Improvements	2	Low	1					3



**Appendix "D"**

**2004 Parks Master Plan Priority List**

**(Items crossed out have been addressed)**



**SUMMARY OF OUTDOOR FACILITY PRIORITY ITEMS**

Taylor Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan

Facility		High	Moderate	Low
1.	<del>Playground Equipment For Children</del>	•		
2.	<del>Picnic Areas/Pavilions</del>	•		
3.	<del>Soccer Fields</del>	•		
4.	<del>Benches/Seating Areas</del>	•		
5.	<del>Basketball Courts</del>	•		
6.	<del>Water Recreation Activities</del>	•		
7.	Extend Trail System		•	
8.	Softball Fields		•	
9.	Open Spaces/Natural Areas		•	
10.	Baseball Fields		•	
11.	Sand Volleyball Courts		•	
12.	Tennis Courts			•
13.	Practice Athletic Fields			•
14.	Football Fields			•
15.	Skate Park			•
16.	Amphitheater/Performing Arts Space			•

**SUMMARY OF INDOOR FACILITY PRIORITY ITEMS**

Facility		High	Moderate	Low
1.	Teen/Youth Center	•		
2.	Recreation/Multi-Use Center	•		