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Parks and Recreation Master Plan

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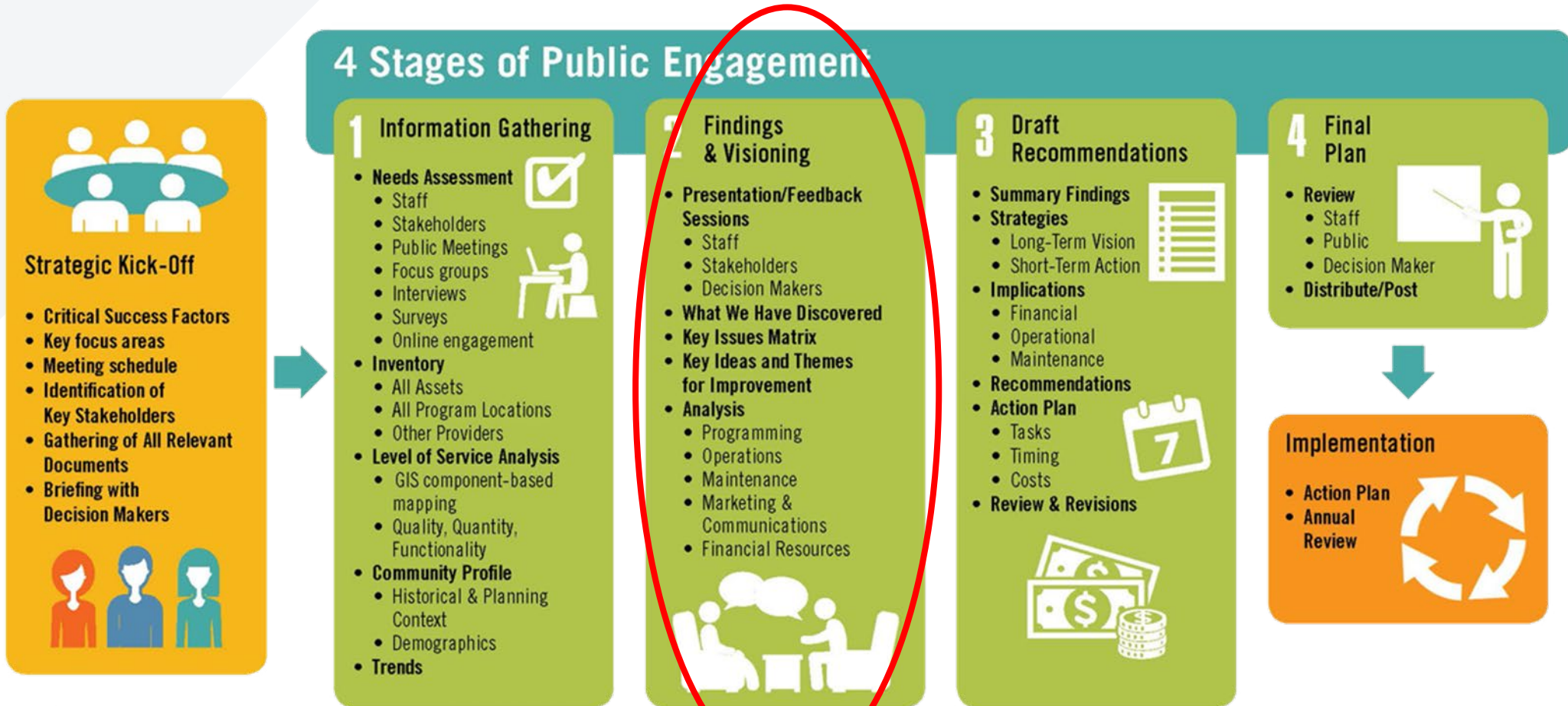
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The Master Plan Process



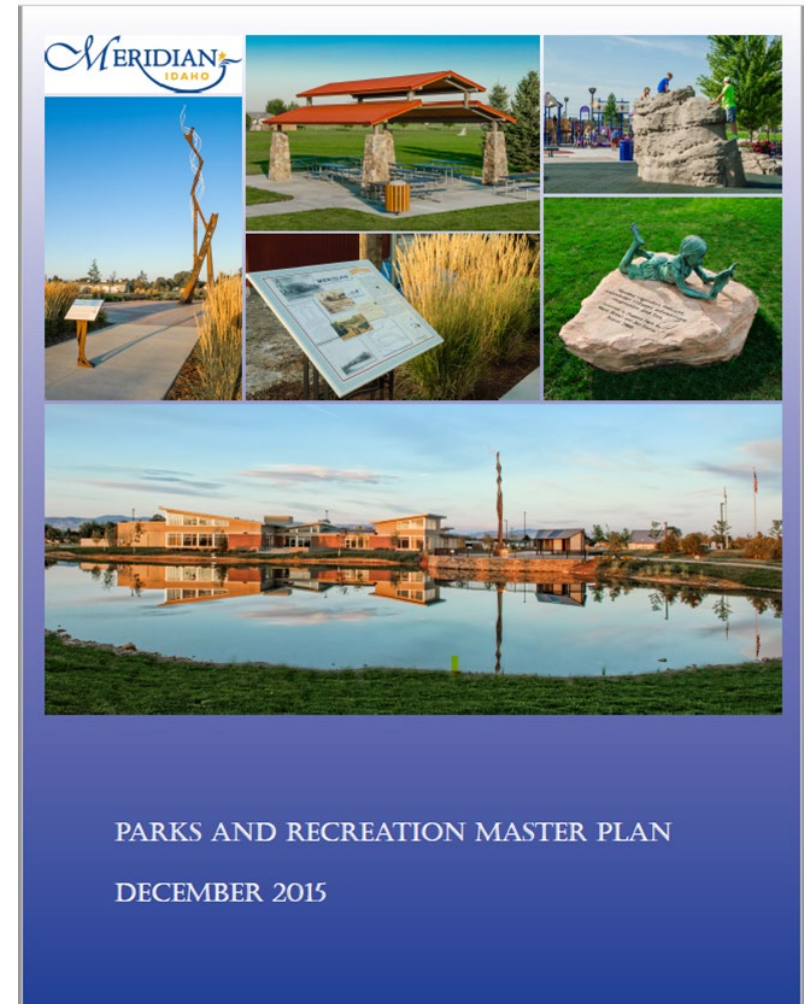
Typically our Strategic/Master Plans include a 5-year focus on operations, 10-year focus on capital, and 20 year strategic vision. Other elements and tools are added as needed for a community-specific plan.



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Master Plan Update

- ✓ Strategic Kick-off: - **October 10, 2021**
- ✓ Leadership Interviews – **October 13-15, 2021**
- ✓ Survey – **October 2021 – January 2022**
- ✓ Community Engagement – **November 2021**
 - ✓ Focus Groups – **November 16-18, 2021**
 - ✓ Public Presentation – **November 18, 2021**
- ✓ Inventory – **November 2021**
- ✓ Level of Service Analysis – **December 2021**
- Community Center Feasibility Study –
November 2021 – April 2022
- Cost Recovery Study – **January-May 2022**
- Findings Presentation – **February 23-24, 2022**
- Draft Recommendations Presentation – **May 2022**
- Draft & Final Plan Presentation – **July 2022**

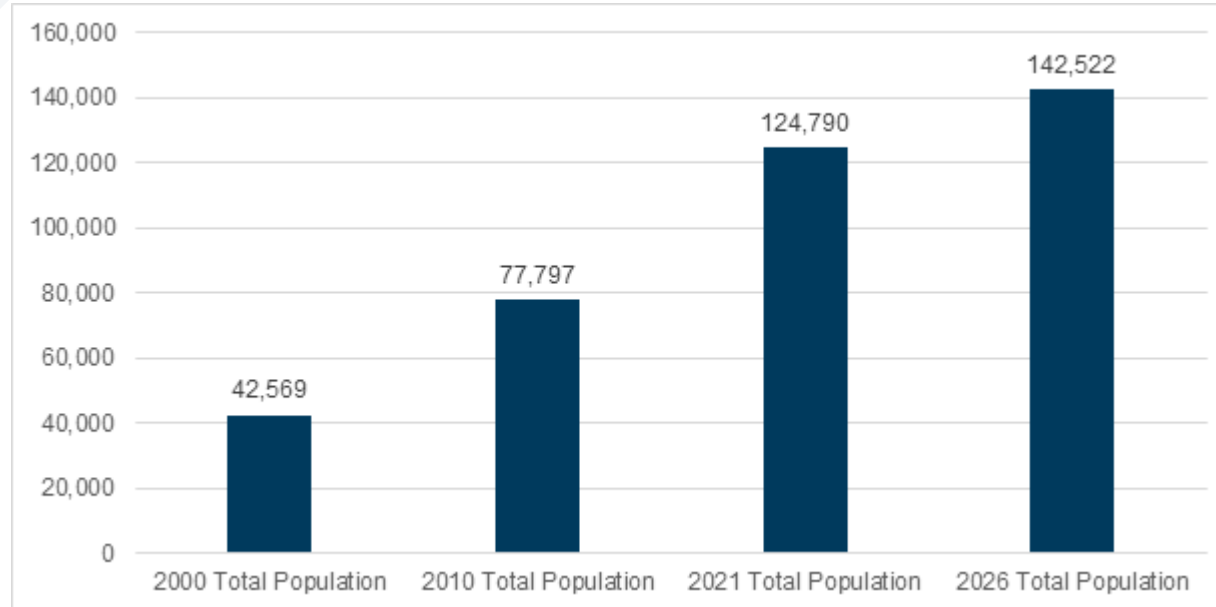


Demographic Overview

124,790

Population

Source: 2021 Esri Business Analyst



34.3

Median Age

Source: 2021 Esri Business Analyst



\$78,960

Median Household Income

Source: 2021 Esri Business Analyst



\$350,732

Median Home Value

Source: 2021 Esri Business Analyst



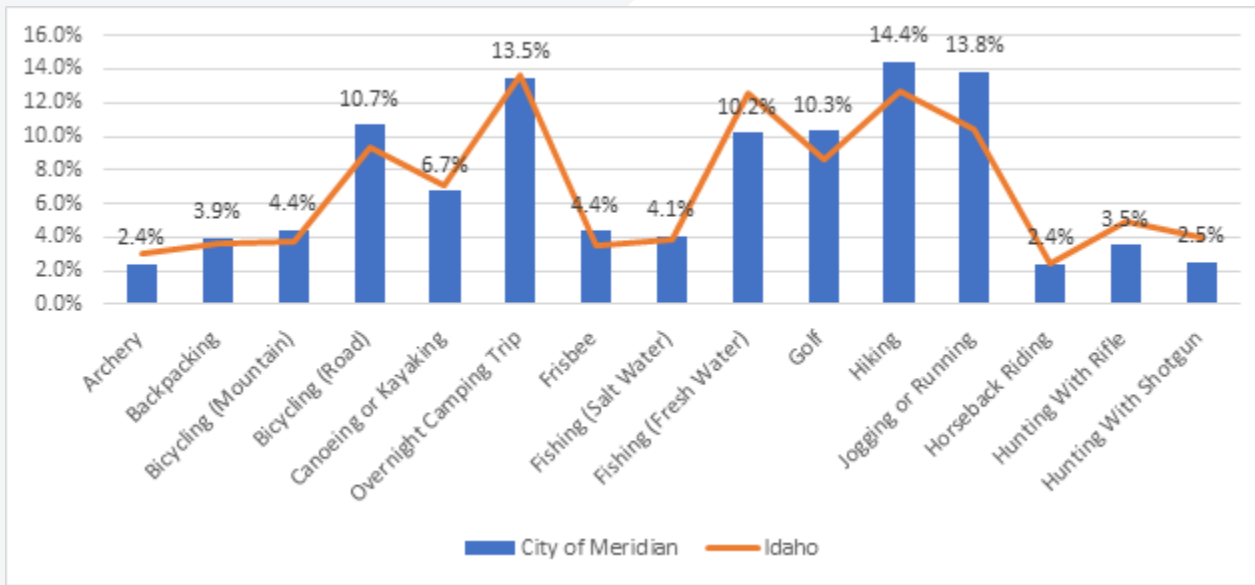
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Average Household Size

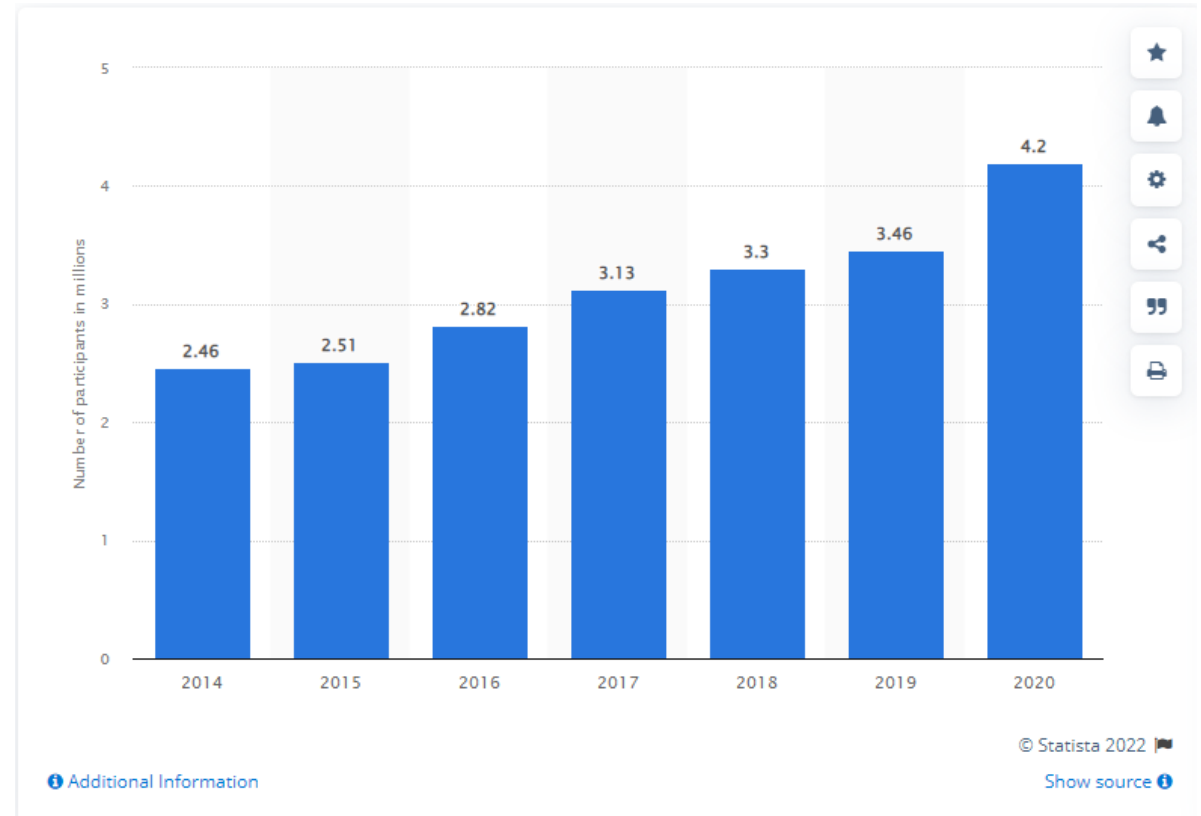
Source: 2018 American Community Survey



Trends Overview



The pickleball explosion. ... State of play: **Pickleball participation grew by 21.3% between 2019 and 2020**, prompting the Economist to declare it "the fastest growing sport in America." 4.2 million Americans now play at least once a year. Nov 15, 2021



Recreation Centers Play an Important Role in Communities Nationwide

Per a recent NRPA poll, **Americans urge their local recreation center to offer a wide variety of nontraditional services**, including...



Healthy Living Classes

51%



Programming for Older Adults

46%



Nature-Based Activities

45%



Access to Computers and the Internet

43%



Inclusive Facilities for All Abilities and Needs

41%



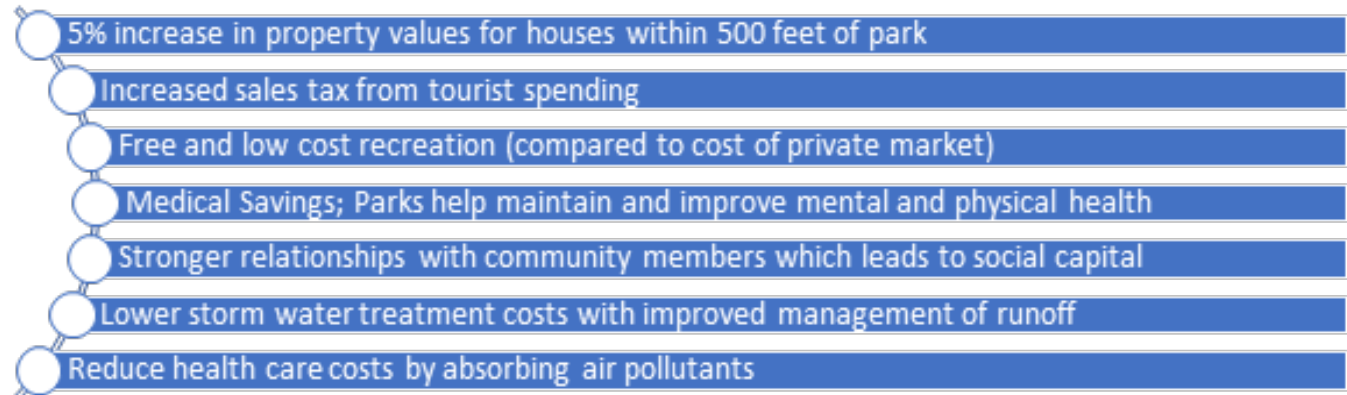
Health Clinics and Services

38%

These are **in addition to services traditionally offered** by park and recreation agencies – including fitness centers, out-of-school time programming and aquatic facilities.



The Seven Economic Benefits of Parks



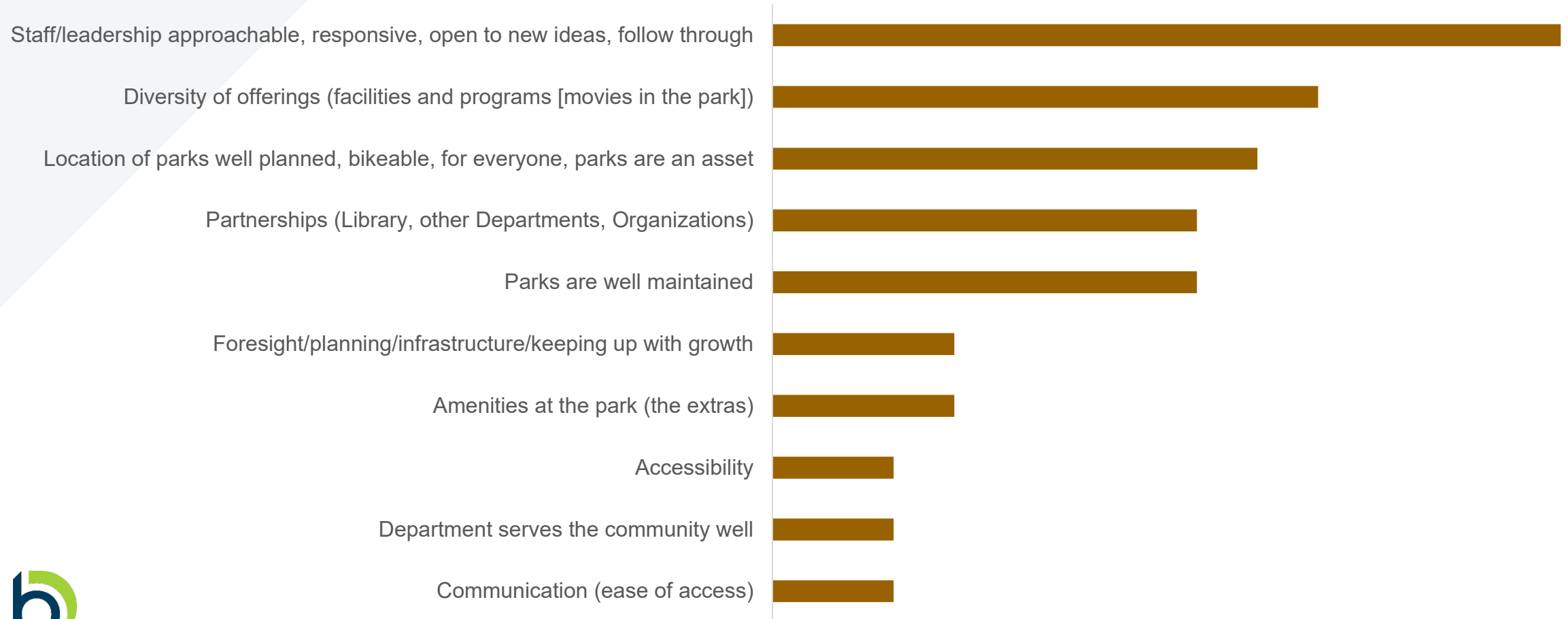
Public Engagement included:

- On site November 16-18, 2021
- 6 focus groups consisting of 39 participants
- Interviews with ten elected officials and stakeholders
- Staff interviews and SWOT Workshop
- Parks & Recreation Commission Briefing
- Tours of parks and facilities
- Open public forum in person and virtually with 18 people in attendance



Focus Group Strengths

Strengths



Focus Groups Areas of Improvement



64% of participants were very satisfied or satisfied with current programs offered by the department

86% of participants were very satisfied or satisfied with current quality of parks and facilities offered by the department

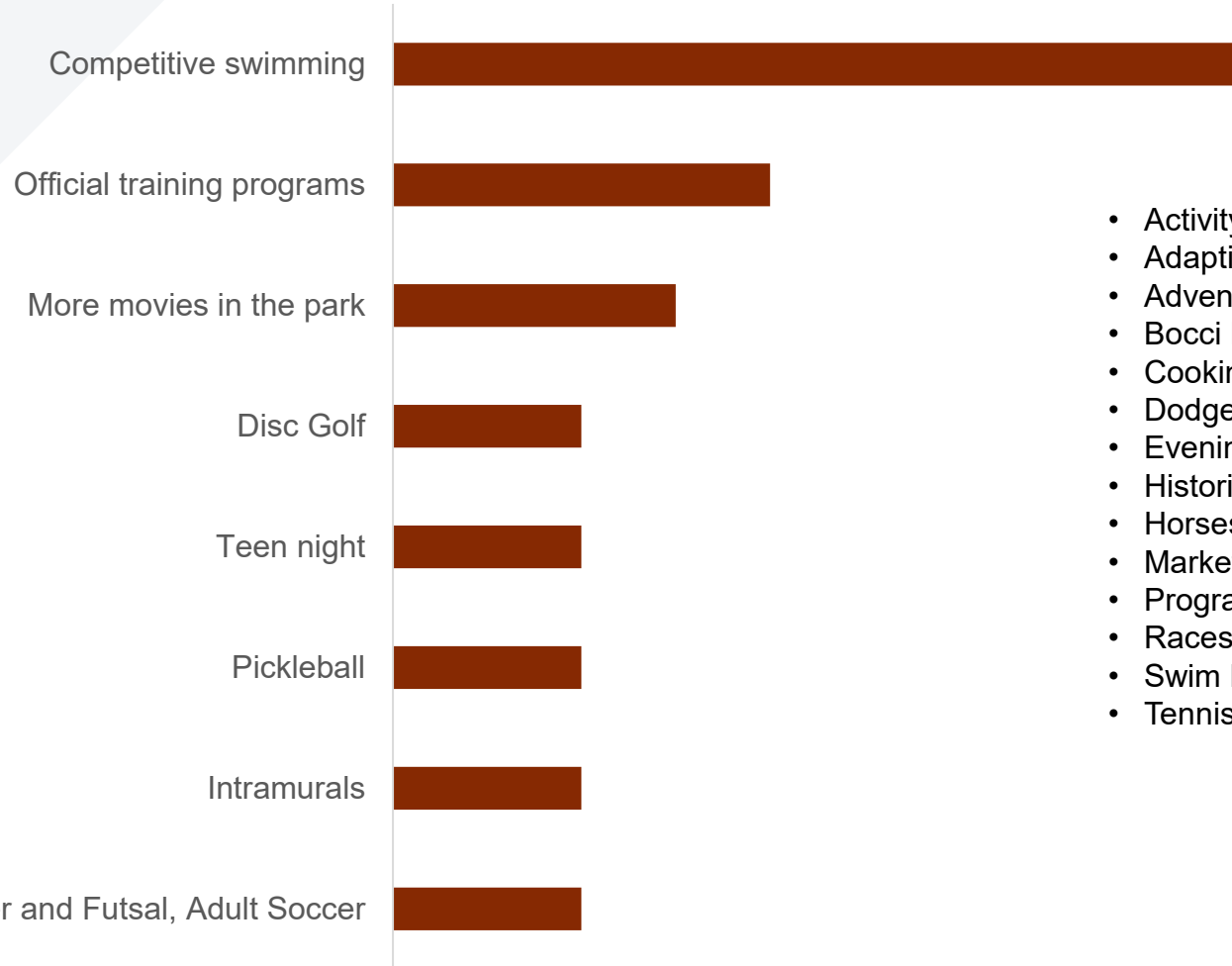
82% of participants rated the level of maintenance for parks and facilities as excellent or very good

65% of participants rated the quality of customer service as excellent with another 19% rating it as very good



Focus Group Desired Programs

Desired Programs and Activities



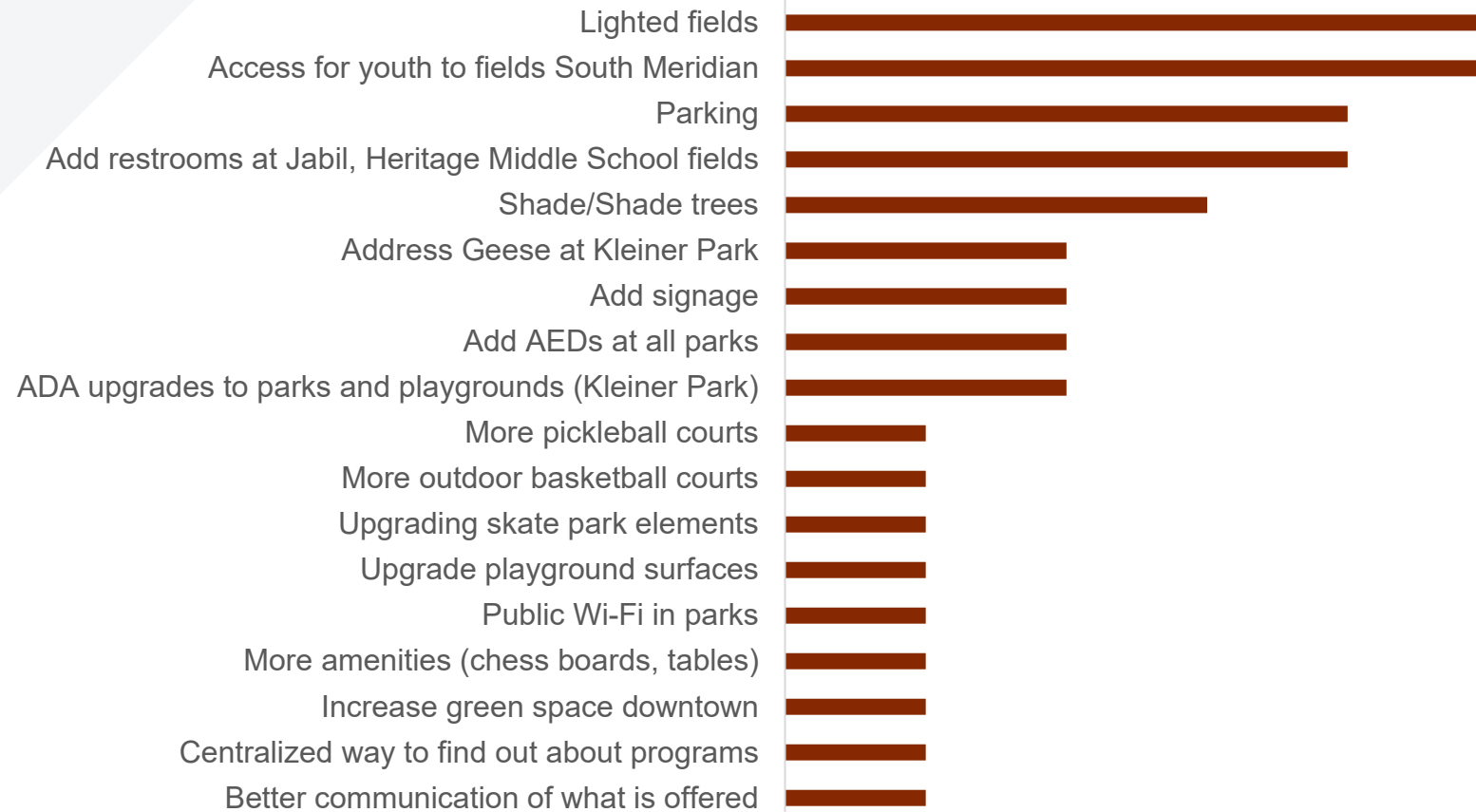
- Activity Fair/Special events
- Adaptive recreation
- Adventure based, especially attractive to teens
- Bocci Ball
- Cooking classes
- Dodgeball
- Evening programs
- Historical programs
- Horseshoe
- Markets
- Programs for working with your hands
- Races/triathlons
- Swim lessons
- Tennis



Indoor Soccer and Futsal, Adult Soccer

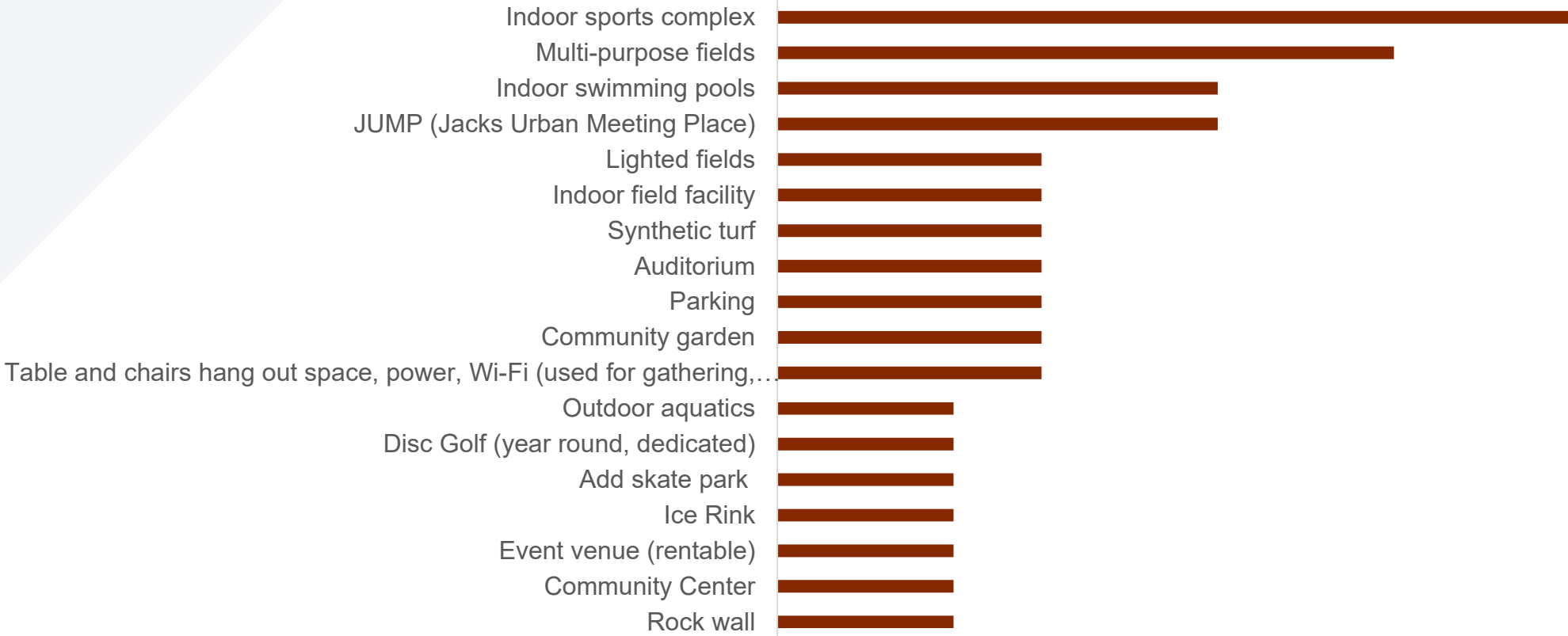
Focus Group Improvements to Existing

Improvements to Existing Facilities

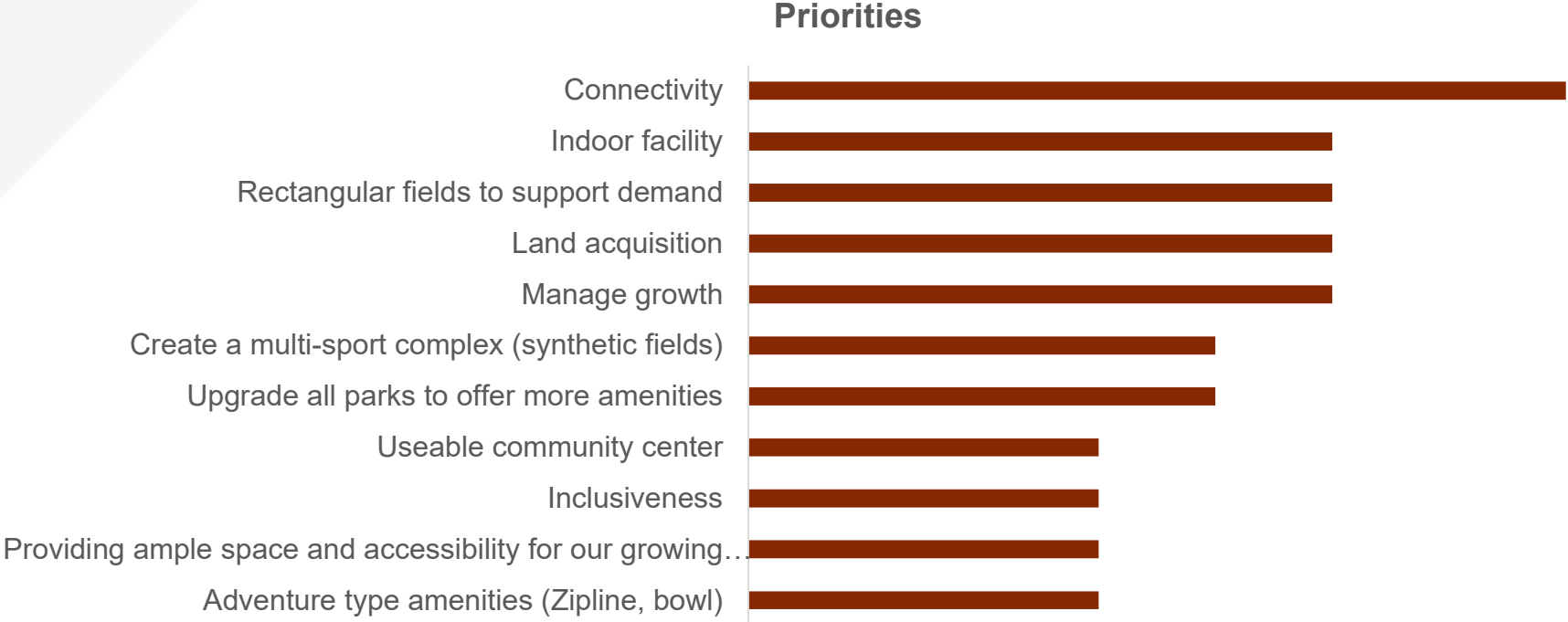


Focus Group Additional Facilities

Additional Facilities and Amenities



Focus Group Priorities



Survey Methodology

Primary methods:

1 = Statistically Valid (Invitation Survey)
Mailed survey with an option to complete online through password protected website.



312 - Invitation Online and Paper surveys completed
+/- 5.5% Margin of Error

2 = Open Link Survey
Online survey available to all residents of the City of Meridian.



378 - Open Link Surveys Completed

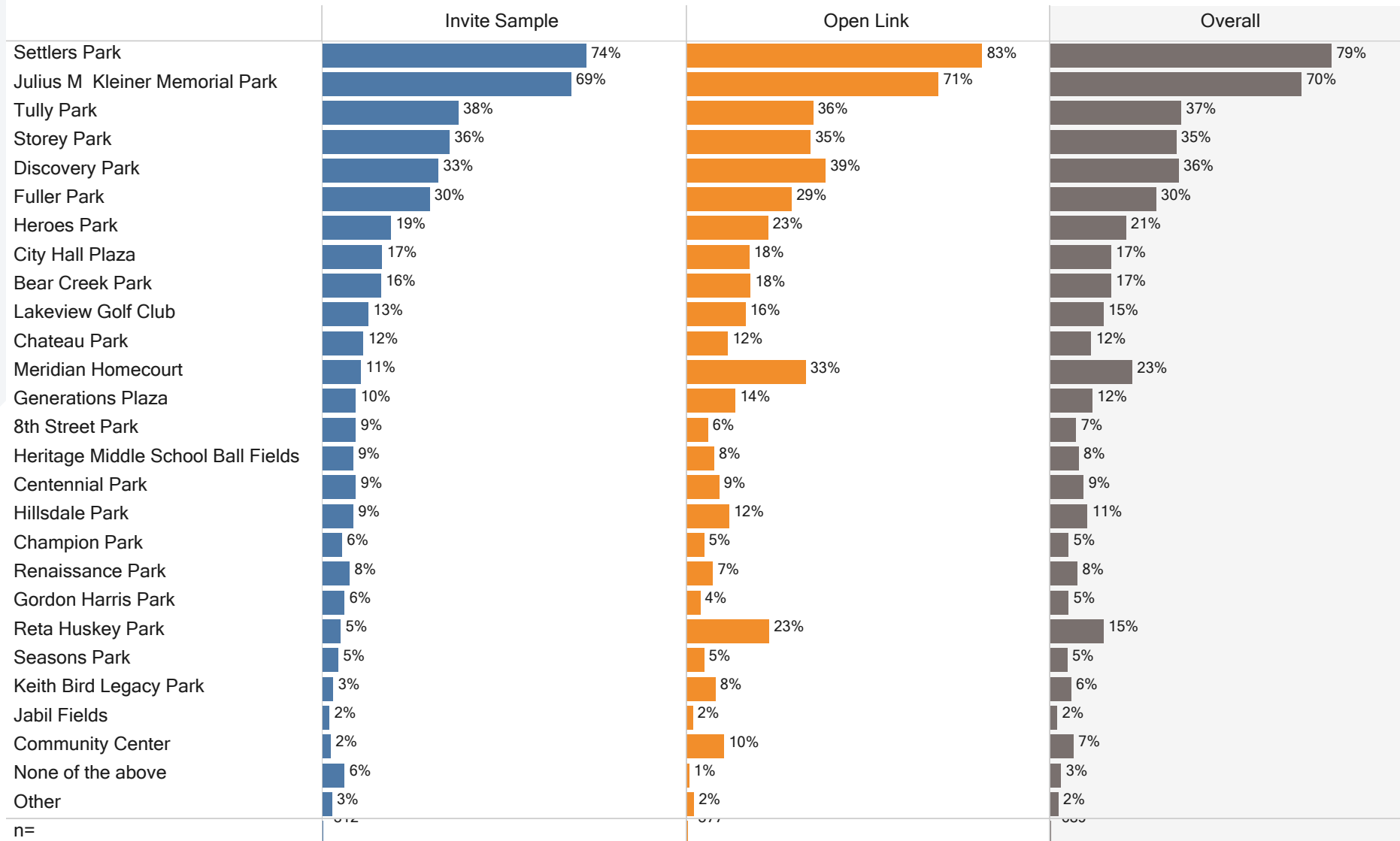


3,500 Surveys Mailed (3,444 delivered)



Visitation to Facilities and Parks

Q 4: Which of the following facilities or parks provided by the City of Meridian have you or members of your household used in the past 12 months? (Check all that apply)

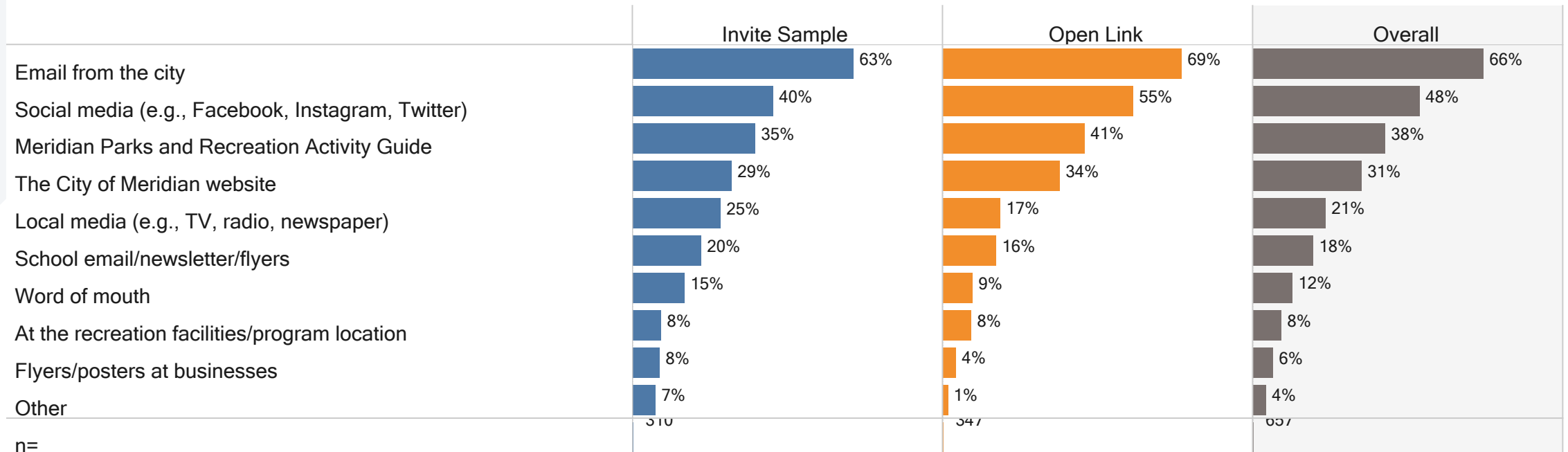


The most popular parks for both samples are Settlers Park and Julius M. Kleiner Memorial Park. Meridian Homecourt and Reta Huskey Park are more frequented by the Open link sample. The Community Center ranked lowest for the Invite sample, however 10% of the Open link sample said they have visited in the last 12 months.

Best Communication Methods

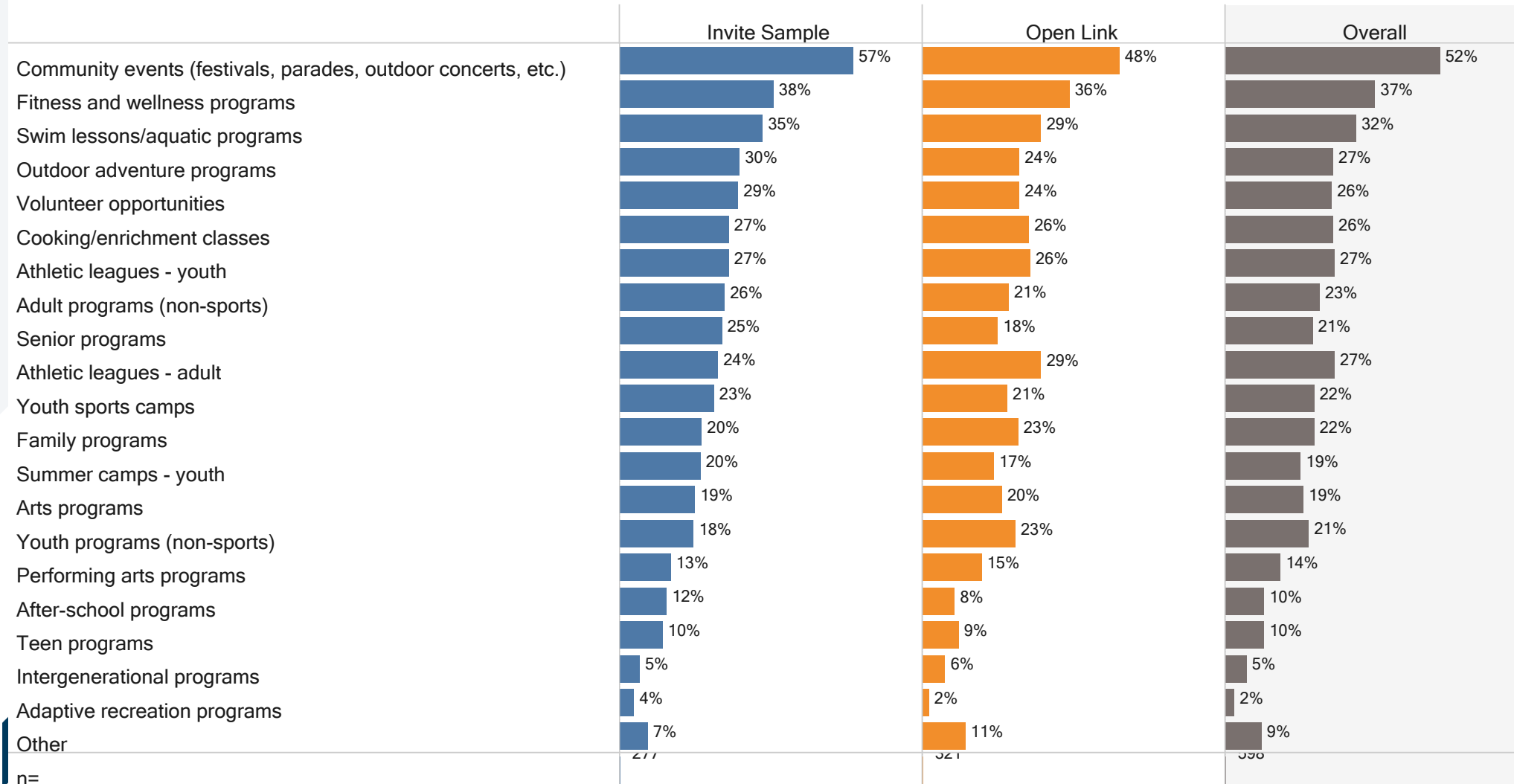
Both samples agree that emails from the city, social media, Meridian Parks and Recreation Activity Guide, and the City of Meridian website are the best methods for communication about parks and recreation opportunities. The interest in all the different methods suggests that residents prefer a variety of communication methods.

Q 9: What are the best ways to reach you with information on parks, recreation facilities and services? (Check up to 3)



Household Needs

Q 7: Please indicate whether your household has a need for the following by checking the boxes



For household needs, nearly every category showed some interest, with community events topping the list at 57%, followed by fitness and wellness programs (38%) and swim lessons/aquatic programs (35%).

Facilities and Amenities – Importance

Average

Q 10: Please rate how important the following facilities/amenities and programs/services are to your household. Please provide an answer whether or not you have used the facility or service. Facilities and Amenities:

*All Only

Rating Category	Invite Sample	Open Link	Overall
Pathways/trails	n=296 4.4	n=321 4.2	n=617 4.3
Playgrounds	n=289 3.6	n=323 3.7	n=612 3.6
Picnic shelters	n=288 3.6	n=322 3.5	n=610 3.5
Swimming pools/aquatic facilities	n=288 3.6	n=321 3.4	n=609 3.5
Community/recreation center	n=286 3.3	n=317 3.5	n=603 3.4
Indoor gym space	n=282 3.0	n=321 3.4	n=603 3.2
Athletic fields (soccer, lacrosse, football, etc.)	n=296 3.3	n=322 3.2	n=618 3.2
Splash pads	n=286 3.1	n=319 3.2	n=605 3.2
Dog parks	n=294 3.2	n=319 3.0	n=613 3.1
Ball fields (baseball/softball, etc.)	n=291 2.9	n=319 2.8	n=610 2.8
Tennis courts	n=286 2.7	n=320 2.7	n=606 2.7
Outdoor basketball courts	n=279 2.7	n=318 2.5	n=597 2.6
Golf Course	n=285 2.5	n=321 2.4	n=606 2.4
Rodeo grounds	n=282 2.0	n=318 1.8	n=600 1.9



Programs and Services – Importance

By Average

There are similar responses between both samples, however, Open Link respondents feel that adult sports are more important.

Q 10: Please rate how important the following facilities/amenities and programs/services are to your household. Please provide an answer whether or not you have used the facility or service. Programs and Services:

*All Only

Rating Category	Invite Sample	Open Link	Overall
Youth sports	n=276 3.3	n=322 3.2	n=598 3.2
Outdoor adventure programs	n=273 3.2	n=322 3.1	n=595 3.2
Family programs (for all ages)	n=270 3.2	n=319 3.2	n=589 3.2
Youth programs (non-sports)	n=268 2.9	n=321 3.0	n=589 2.9
Adult programs (non-sports)	n=273 2.9	n=321 3.0	n=594 2.9
Adult sports	n=273 2.9	n=325 3.3	n=598 3.1
Senior programs	n=281 2.8	n=325 2.9	n=606 2.8
Youth camps	n=270 2.8	n=317 2.8	n=587 2.8
Teen programs	n=269 2.6	n=321 2.6	n=590 2.6



Indoor Facilities – Greatest Needs

By Average

Both samples agree that the greatest need for an indoor facility is a community/recreation center followed by an indoor aquatics facility. There is less desire for an ice rink.

Q 13: What are the the greatest needs for indoor and outdoor facilities to be added, expanded, or improved in Meridian over the next 5 or 10 years? Indoor Facilities:

*All Only

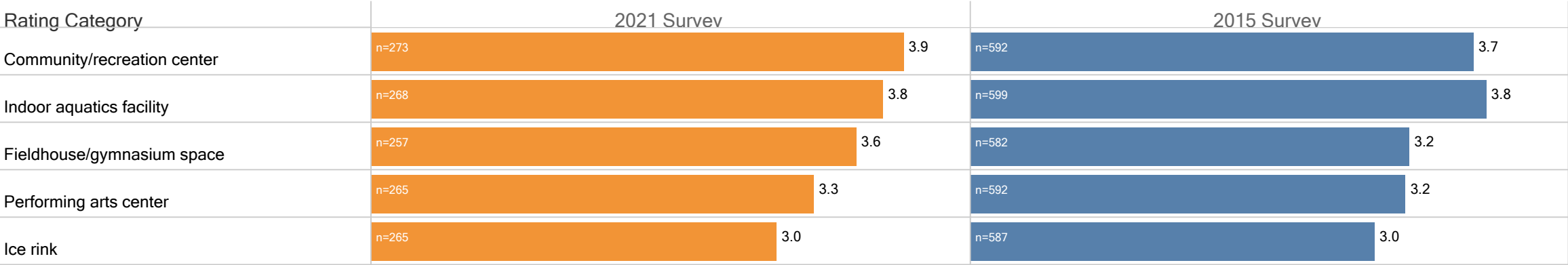
Rating Category	Invite Sample	Open Link	Overall
Community/recreation center	n=273 3.9	n=269 4.0	n=542 4.0
Indoor aquatics facility	n=268 3.8	n=263 3.7	n=531 3.7
Fieldhouse/gymnasium space	n=257 3.6	n=260 3.6	n=517 3.6
Performing arts center	n=265 3.3	n=255 3.5	n=520 3.4
Ice rink	n=265 3.0	n=255 2.8	n=520 2.9



Future Needs-Indoor Facilities

Future needs for indoor and outdoor facilities are similar across survey years.

Q 13: What are the the greatest needs for indoor and outdoor facilities to be added, expanded, or improved in Meridian over the next 5 or 10 years? Indoor Facilities:



Outdoor Facilities – Greatest Needs

By Average

Q 13: What are the the greatest needs for indoor and outdoor facilities to be added, expanded, or improved in Meridian over the next 5 or 10 years? Outdoor Facilities:

*All Only

Rating Category	Invite Sample	Open Link	Overall
Pathways & trails	n=279 4.3	n=264 4.3	n=543 4.3
Improved park amenities (drinking fountains, restrooms, benches, etc.)	n=278 4.1	n=260 3.9	n=538 4.0
Shade structures in parks	n=268 4.0	n=265 4.1	n=533 4.1
Playgrounds	n=255 3.8	n=258 3.8	n=513 3.8
Lights for outdoor athletic facilities	n=265 3.6	n=255 3.8	n=520 3.7
New parks	n=162 3.5	n=205 3.7	n=367 3.6
Parking at recreational facilities	n=177 3.4	n=210 3.7	n=387 3.6
Splash pads	n=247 3.4	n=250 3.5	n=497 3.4
Outdoor athletic fields/courts	n=183 3.3	n=221 3.7	n=404 3.5
Dog parks	n=267 3.3	n=259 3.2	n=526 3.2
Fishing ponds	n=265 3.2	n=256 2.9	n=521 3.1
Pickleball courts	n=255 3.0	n=269 3.8	n=524 3.4
Exercise stations along trails in parks	n=262 2.9	n=259 2.7	n=521 2.8
Public art in the parks	n=252 2.9	n=255 2.7	n=507 2.8
Disc golf	n=246 2.9	n=258 2.6	n=504 2.7
Rodeo/equestrian facility	n=244 2.2	n=240 2.0	n=484 2.1

*Ratings categories are sorted in descending order by the average rating of the invite sample.
Source: RRC Associates



Future Needs–Outdoor Facilities

Q 13: What are the the greatest needs for indoor and outdoor facilities to be added, expanded, or improved in Meridian over the next 5 or 10 years? Outdoor Facilities:

Rating Category	2021 Survey		2015 Survey	
Pathways & trails	n=279	4.3	n=601	4.1
Improved park amenities (drinking fountains, restrooms, benches, etc.)	n=278	4.1	n=570	3.8
Shade structures in parks	n=268	4.0	n=586	4.0
Playgrounds	n=255	3.8	n=563	3.7
Lights for outdoor athletic facilities	n=265	3.6	n=561	3.4
New parks	n=162	3.5	n=495	3.2
Parking at recreational facilities	n=177	3.4	n=515	3.1
Splash pads	n=247	3.4	n=554	3.1
Outdoor athletic fields/courts	n=183	3.3	n=543	3.1
Dog parks	n=267	3.3	n=584	3.0
Fishing ponds	n=265	3.2	n=584	3.1
Pickleball courts	n=255	3.0	n=555	2.3
Disc golf	n=246	2.9	n=561	2.6
Public art in the parks	n=252	2.9	n=576	3.1
Exercise stations along trails in parks	n=262	2.9	n=566	3.2
Rodeo/equestrian facility	n=244	2.2	n=564	2.2



Allocation of funding

Q 19: With \$5 increments being the smallest amount you might use, if you had \$100 to spend on parks and recreation facilities, services and/or programs, how would you allocate that \$100 across the following categories?

*All Only

Rating Category	Invite Sample	Open Link	Overall
Add more pathways	n=274 \$19.54	n=242 \$13.39	n=516 \$16.67
Make improvements and/or renovate and maintain existing park facilities	n=274 \$14.13	n=242 \$9.32	n=516 \$11.88
Expand aquatics (indoor or outdoor pool, splash pads, etc.)	n=274 \$13.91	n=242 \$8.12	n=516 \$11.21
Add new parks	n=274 \$9.46	n=242 \$9.00	n=516 \$9.25
Recreation center, including gym space and related activities	n=274 \$8.43	n=242 \$9.86	n=516 \$9.10
New or expanded Community Center (community class/meeting rooms, activity spaces, etc.)	n=274 \$8.23	n=242 \$10.81	n=516 \$9.44
Expand programs and activities (more teen programs, senior programs, etc.)	n=274 \$7.58	n=242 \$7.17	n=516 \$7.39
Add outdoor athletic fields and courts	n=274 \$7.27	n=242 \$12.00	n=516 \$9.48
Other enhancements (please specify below)	n=274 \$6.16	n=242 \$11.26	n=516 \$8.54
Provide more City-wide special events	n=274 \$5.30	n=242 \$9.06	n=516 \$7.05

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Source: RRC Associates



Allocation of Funding

Adding more pathways is still a top priority. However, respondents allocated a greater amount to expanding aquatics and expanding programs and services in 2015.

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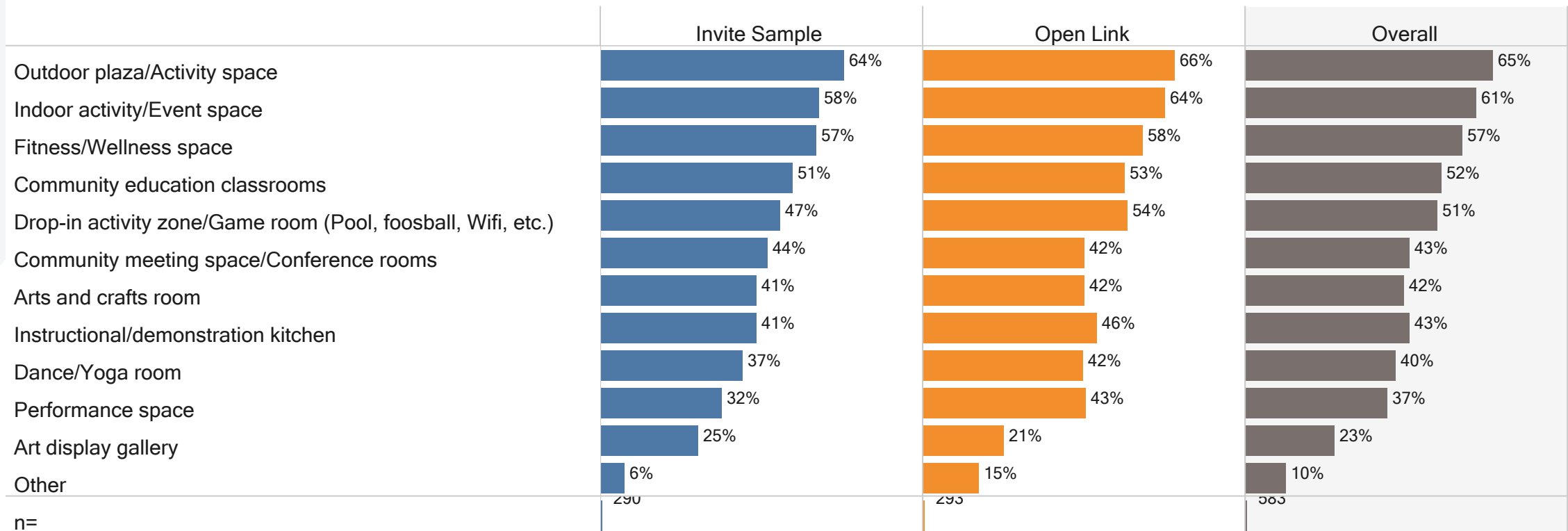
Rating Category	2021 Survey	2015 Survey
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Make improvements and/or renovate and maintain existing park facilities	n=274 \$14.13	n=608 \$12.62
Expand aquatics (indoor or outdoor pool, splash pads, etc.)	n=274 \$13.91	n=608 \$19.44
Add new parks	n=274 \$9.46	n=608 \$8.63
Recreation center, including gym space and related activities	n=274 \$8.43	n=608 \$8.75
New or expanded Community Center (community class/meeting rooms, activity spaces, etc.)	n=274 \$8.23	n=608 \$6.16
Expand programs and activities (more teen programs, senior programs, etc.)	n=274 \$7.58	n=608 \$11.29
Add outdoor athletic fields and courts	n=274 \$7.27	n=608 \$7.14
Other enhancements (please specify below)	n=274 \$6.16	n=608 \$3.27
Provide more City-wide special events	n=274 \$5.30	n=608 \$5.02



Amenities at new Community Center

The Invite sample and the Open link sample are mostly in agreement of which types of amenities they would like to see at the new community center, with the top priorities being an outdoor plaza/activity space, indoor activity/event space, and fitness/wellness space.

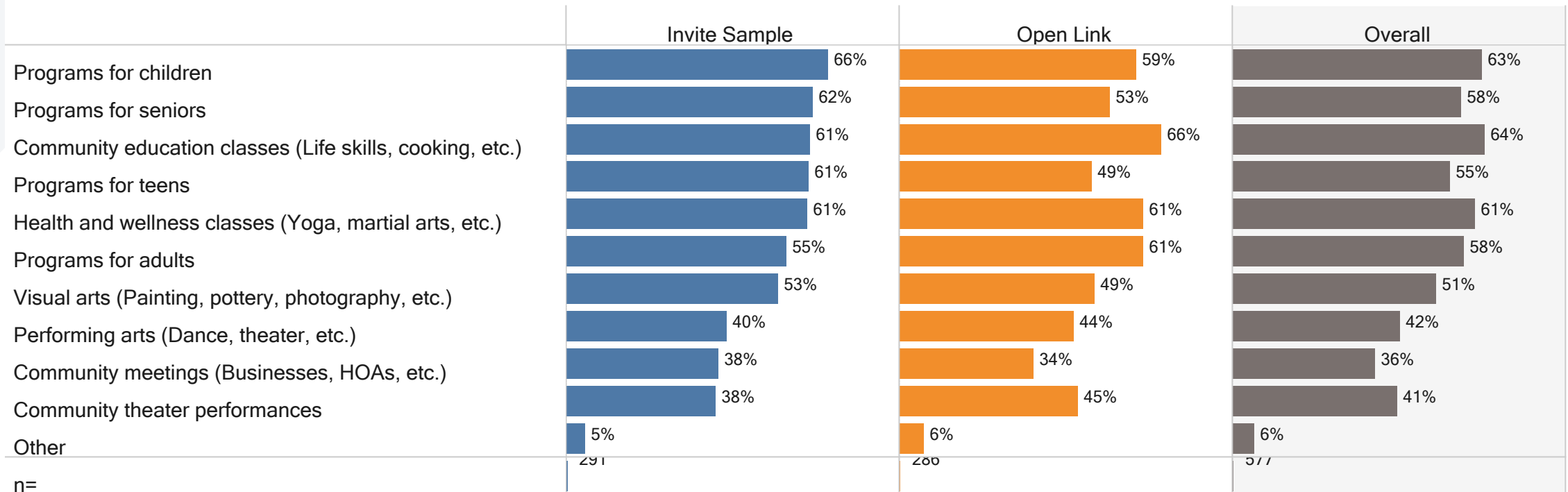
Q 11: What amenities would you like to see included in the new community center? (Check all that apply)



Programs and Services at New Community Center

Invite respondents would like to see a variety of programs and services offered at the new community center that cater to different ages (children, teens, adults and seniors). Open link respondents are comparatively more interested in community education classes.

Q 12: What programs and services would you like to see offered in the new community center? (Check all that apply)



Survey Key Findings



Living in Meridian

Compared to the previous survey in 2015, there are newer residents to Meridian in the 2021 sample. The average length of residency in Meridian in 2015 was 16.5 years and in 2021, it was 11.5 years. Geographically, residents in both surveys were similarly dispersed across the city. Invite respondents are familiar with parks and recreation programs with 46% rating a 4 or 5 with 5 being “very familiar”. Open link respondents are more familiar with parks and recreation opportunities.



Park and Program Usage

The most popular parks for both samples are Settlers Park and Julius M. Kleiner Memorial Park. Discovery Park, Tully Park, Fuller Park, and Storey Park are also particularly popular. Majority of the Invite sample had not registered for any classes or programs within the past year (89%), while 11% had registered (vs. 19% in 2015). However, 30% of the Open link sample had previously registered. For household needs, nearly every category showed some interest, with community events topping the list at 57%, followed by fitness and wellness programs (38%) and swim lessons/aquatic programs (35%).

Survey Key Findings



Communication

Both samples agree that emails from the city (63%), social media (40%), the Meridian Parks and Recreation Activity Guide (35%), and The City of Meridian website (29%) are the best methods for communication about parks and recreation opportunities. The interest in all the different methods suggests that residents prefer a variety of communication methods.



Current Conditions

Pathways and trails are considered the most important facilities/amenities to households, with 86% of the invite sample rating trails a 4 or 5, with 5 being “very important”. There is also strong interest in picnic shelters, playgrounds, and swimming pools/aquatic facilities. Rodeo grounds were of lesser importance.

The Invite sample indicates that amenities at larger, more athletic-focused facilities are meeting their needs. They are most satisfied with playgrounds, athletic fields, and ball fields. Overall, there is high satisfaction with at least half rating most facilities as a 4 or 5 with 5 being “completely” meeting needs. Swimming pools/aquatic facilities could use a bit more attention, as they are considered relatively important to households but rate lower in terms of meeting needs. Along with aquatics, other top areas of focus for the Invite sample include paths/trails and the community/recreation center.



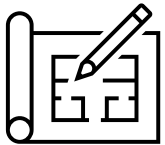
Survey Key Findings



Future Facilities, Amenities and Programs

Invite respondents feel strongly that pathways and trails are the top priority to be added, expanded, or improved in Meridian, mentioned by almost half (48%) within the top 3 most important needs. After trails, invite respondents rank a community/recreation center highest (26%), followed by an indoor aquatic facility (24%), dog parks (22%), shade structures in parks (18%), and improved park amenities (16%). Open link respondents were generally in agreement but pickleball was also a focus for this sample.

The top areas that would increase utilization of parks and facilities are shade (46%) and awareness of programs/communications (44%), followed by additional facilities and amenities (24%) and quality of equipment (23%).



Community Center Feasibility

The Invite sample and the Open link sample are mostly in agreement of which types of amenities they would like to see at the new community center, with the top priorities being an outdoor plaza/activity space (64%), indoor activity/event space (58%), and fitness/wellness space (57%). Invite respondents would like to see a variety of programs and services offered at the new community center that cater to different ages (children, teens, adults and seniors). Open link respondents are more interested in community education classes.

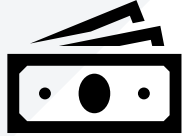


Survey Key Findings



Values and Vision

The top three community issues that the City of Meridian Parks and Recreation should focus on improving are pathway connectivity (47%), land preservation/acquisition (32%), and maintenance of parks and facilities (31%). The Open link sample agrees on pathway connectivity (44%) but is also comparatively more interested in developing new parks in under-served areas (36%).



Financial Choices

There is a lack of consensus on whether fee increases would affect participation. Invite respondents are more sensitive to fee increases. Overall, there is general satisfaction with the current fees for both facilities and programs. However, more than half of the Invite sample were unsure about the fees for facilities and programs. Very few respondents believe the fees to be too high (4-6%).

If respondents had \$100 to spend on parks and recreation facilities, Invite respondents would allocate about 1/5 of the total (about \$20) to adding more pathways. Other top priorities would be making improvements and maintaining existing park facilities (\$14) and expanding aquatics (\$14). Open link respondents are generally in agreement on the top 3 areas of spend but also allocate comparatively more money to outdoor athletic fields and courts.



A scenic view of a pond with ducks, trees, and houses in the background. The text "Inventory & Level of Service" is overlaid in the center. The scene is captured during the day, with sunlight reflecting off the water's surface. In the foreground, a grassy bank is populated by numerous ducks. A large tree stands on the right side of the frame, and a fountain is visible in the distance on the right. Houses and other trees form the background under a clear sky.

Inventory & Level of Service

Inventory Summary (Schools)

LOCATION	Playground	Open Turf	Multi-use Court	Basketball	Rectangular Fields, All Sizes	Diamond, Practice	Diamond Ballfield	Shelter, All Sizes	Loop Walk	Volleyball	Tennis	Athletic Track
Barbara Morgan Stem Academy	1	1	1	1	1		1	1				
Central Academy		1										
Chaparral Elementary School	1	1	1	1	1				1			
Chief Joseph Elementary School	1	1	1		1				1			
Compass Public Charter School												
Crossroads Middle School				1	1					1		
Discovery Elementary School	1	1	1						1			
Heritage Middle School				1	1	1			1		1	
Hillsdale Elementary School	1	1	1									
Hunter Elementary School	1	1	1		1							
Lewis & Clark Middle School		1		1	1	1	1		1		1	
Lowell Scott Middle School		1			1	1	1		1		1	
Mary McPherson Elementary School	1	1	1	1	1				1			
Meridian Academy		1					1					
Meridian Elementary School	1	1	1		1	1						
Meridian High School					3		3				6	1
Meridian Middle School		1			1		1		1		1	
Mountain View High School					3		4			2	6	1
Paramount Elementary School	1	1	1	1								
Pathways Middle School		1	1	1								
Pepper Ridge Elementary School	1	1	1	1								
Peregrine Elementary School	1	1	1		1				1			
Pioneer School of the Arts	1	1	1		1	1			1			
Ponderosa Elementary School	1	1	1	1	1			1	1			
Prospect Elementary School	1	1	1		1				1			
Renaissance High School												
River Valley Elementary School	1	1	1	1	1				1			
Rocky Mountain High School					3		4				6	1
Sawtooth Middle School		1		1	1	1			1		1	
Siena Elementary School	1	1	1	1	1				1			
Spalding STEM Academy	1	1	1	1				1				
Ustick Elementary School	1	1	1		1				1			
Victory Middle School				2	2	2					6	1
Willow Creek Elementary	1	1	1	1	1				1			
Future School A												
Future School B												
Future School C												
Future School D												
Future School E												
Future School F												
Future School G												
Future School H												



Inventory Summary (HOA and Private Facilities)

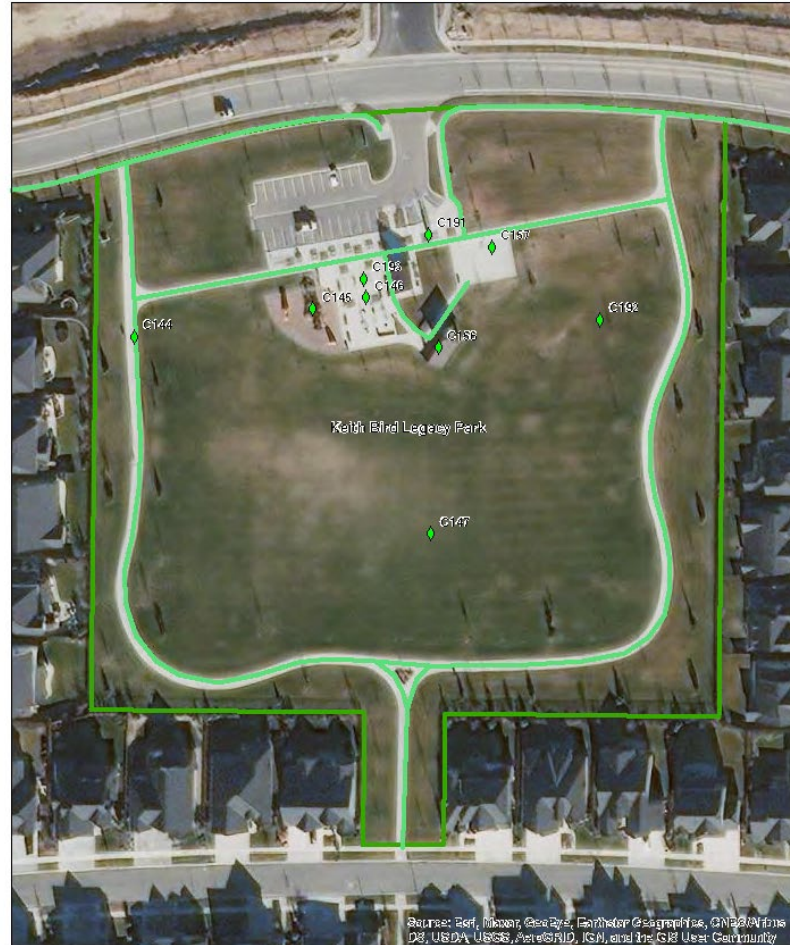
Aquatics, Lap Pool	6
Aquatics, Leisure Pool	30
Aquatics, Therapy Pool	1
Basketball Court	9
Basketball, Practice	15
Disc Golf	1
Game Court	1
Horseshoe Court	1
Loop Walk	5
Open Turf	109
Passive Node	6
Playground, Destination	4
Playground, Local	89
Rectangular Field, Multiple	1
Shelter, Large	2
Shelter, Small	49
Tennis Court	5
Volleyball Court	4
Water Feature	1
Water, Open	4

Mapping Location and Quality of Components

Keith Bird Legacy Park
City of Meridian

Legend

- + Meridian Parks
 - Meridian
 - ▲ School
 - YMCA
 - Library District
 - Other
- ◆ Component
 - Existing Pathway, Existing
 - Proposed Pathway, Existing
 - On Street Route, Existing
 - Alternative Route, Existing
 - Micro Path, Existing
- City of Meridian
 - West Ada School District
 - Western Ada Recreation District
 - Boise
 - BUR BLDG OF RECLAMATION
 - Meridian City Limit



Keith Bird Legacy Park

Address: **3737 W Lost Rapids Dr, Meridian, ID 83646**
 GIS Acres **7.50**
 Owner **City of Meridian**
 Classification: **Neighborhood**
 Inventory Date: **11/17/2021**

Park Overview:
Newer construction. The park is typical for Meridian neighborhood park. Lots of seating, nice amenities

Park Cumulative Scores:

57	52
GRASP® Community Score	GRASP® Neighborhood Score

Comfort and Convenience Scores:

2 -Design and Ambiance	1 -Trail Connection	2 -Dog Pick-Up Station
2 -Park Access	3 -Seating	0 -Seasonal Plantings
2 -Parking	2 -Picnic Tables	2 -Shade
2 -Restrooms	2 -BBQ Grills	2 -Ornamental Plantings
		2 -Bike Parking
		2 -Drinking Fountains
		2 -Security Lighting

Components:	MAP ID	N Score	C Score	Qty	Lights	Observations
Basketball, Practice	C157	2	2	1		Half court
Fitness Area	C146	2	2	1		
Loop Walk	C144	2	2	1		
Open Turf	C192	2	2	1		
Other	C193	2	2	2		Game tables in the plaza with checkers or chess board
PARCEL	L155	2	2	1		
Playground, Local	C145	2	2	1		
Public Art	C191	2	2	1		Sculpture
Rectangular Field, Large	C147	2	2	1		
Shelter, Large	C156	2	2	1		

N Score = Neighborhood Score / C Score = Community Score / Qty = Quantity



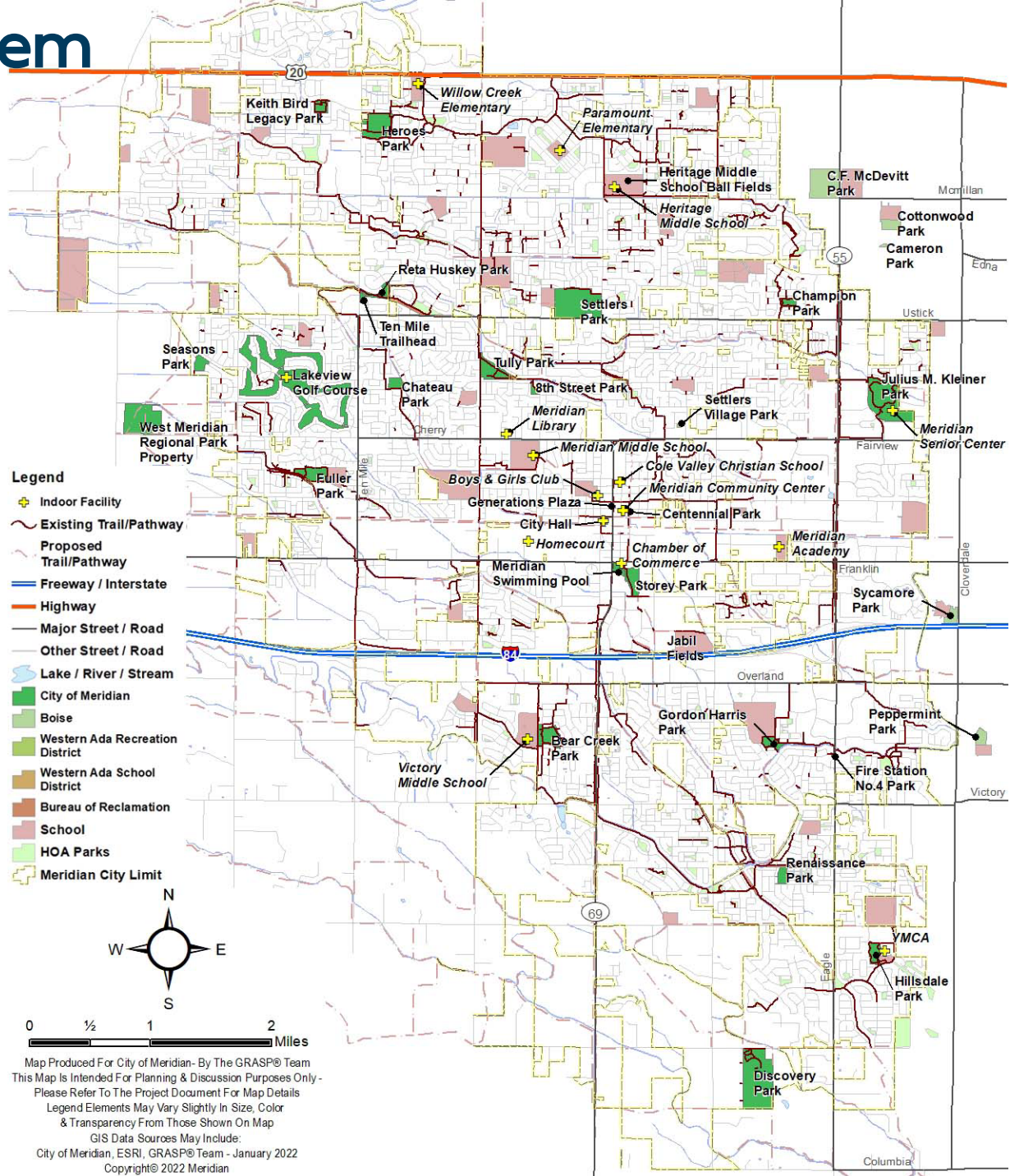
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Inventory Site Visits

- Parks are very consistent across the board.
- Parks are very well-maintained with high standards
- Restrooms are probably the cleanest of any system I have been to
- Noted: most of the parks have public art
 - This was a recommendation from the last plan to try and create identity for each individual park
 - Many of the parks can benefit aesthetically from increased use of berms and landforms
- Noted: addition of bike repair stations in many parks
- Turf conditions are excellent
- There seems to be a high priority to plant trees in many of the parks



The Meridian System



Sort for things such as fitness areas and courses



Map ID	Park or Facility	Component	Quantity	Neighborhood Score	Community Score	Observations
C062	Fuller Park	Fitness Area	1	2	2	
C146	Keith Bird Legacy Park	Fitness Area	1	2	2	
C189	Tully Park	Fitness Area	1	2	2	
C200	Reta Huskey Park	Fitness Area	1	1	1	Minimal fitness equipment compared to others
C220	Julius M. Kleiner Park	Fitness Area	1	2	2	
C160	Hillsdale Park	Fitness Course	1	2	2	

Park Score by Classification

Regional Parks

Park or Facility	Community Score	Neighborhood Score	CLASS
Settlers Park	382	166	Regional
Julius M. Kleiner Park	339	257	Regional
Discovery Park	86	68	Regional

Community Park

Park or Facility	Community Score	Neighborhood Score	CLASS
Fuller Park	91	70	Community
Tully Park	73	62	Community
Bear Creek Park	67	53	Community
Heroes Park	62	52	Community
Storey Park	60	51	Community
Hillsdale Park	43	38	Community



Park Score by Classification

Neighborhood and Mini Parks

Park or Facility	Community Score	Neighborhood Score
Keith Bird Legacy Park	57	52
Reta Huskey Park	55	44
Renaissance Park	52	47
Chateau Park	48	43
Champion Park	43	38
Seasons Park	43	38
Centennial Park	36	36
Gordon Harris Park	31	31
8th Street Park	29	29
Settlers Village Park	4	4

Special Uses (Golf, Sports Parks, Trailhead, Swimming Pool)

Park or Facility	Community Score	Neighborhood Score
City Hall Plaza	34	34
Generations Plaza	24	24
Meridian Swimming Pool	19	14
Lakeview Golf Course	14	14
Fire Station No.4 Park	13	13
Ten Mile Trailhead	10	10
Heritage Middle School Ball Fields	7	2
Jabil Fields	7	4



2 Top 35
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6 Top 10%
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Components, Agencies, Parks

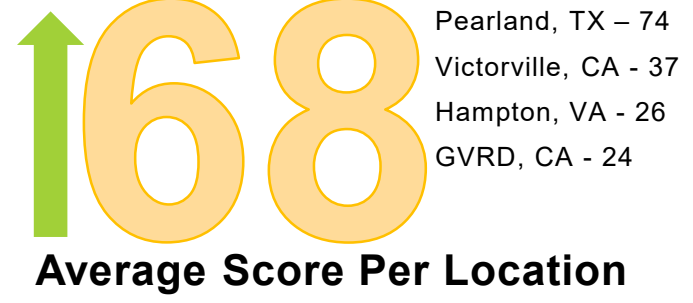
Comparisons (National Dataset)

GRASP®: a look back

Year	2022	2015
Population	124,790	94,289
City Limit (Acres)	23,191	18,159
# of Sites (Parks, Facilities, etc.)	25	21
Total # of Components	256	207
Total GRASP® Value (Entire System)	1694	1317
GRASP® Index	14	14
Ave. Score per Site	67.8	62.7
% of Total Area w/LOS >0	97%	98%
Average LOS per Acres Served	179	196
Components Per Capita	2	2
Average LOS/Population Density	33	38
Population Density (per acre)	5.4	5.2
% of Population with Walkable Target Access	68%	50%
People per Park	4992	4490
Park per 1k People	0.20	0.22

GRASP® Benchmarking

(With Comparable Population)



Meridian above the averages in all except for total parks and parks per capita

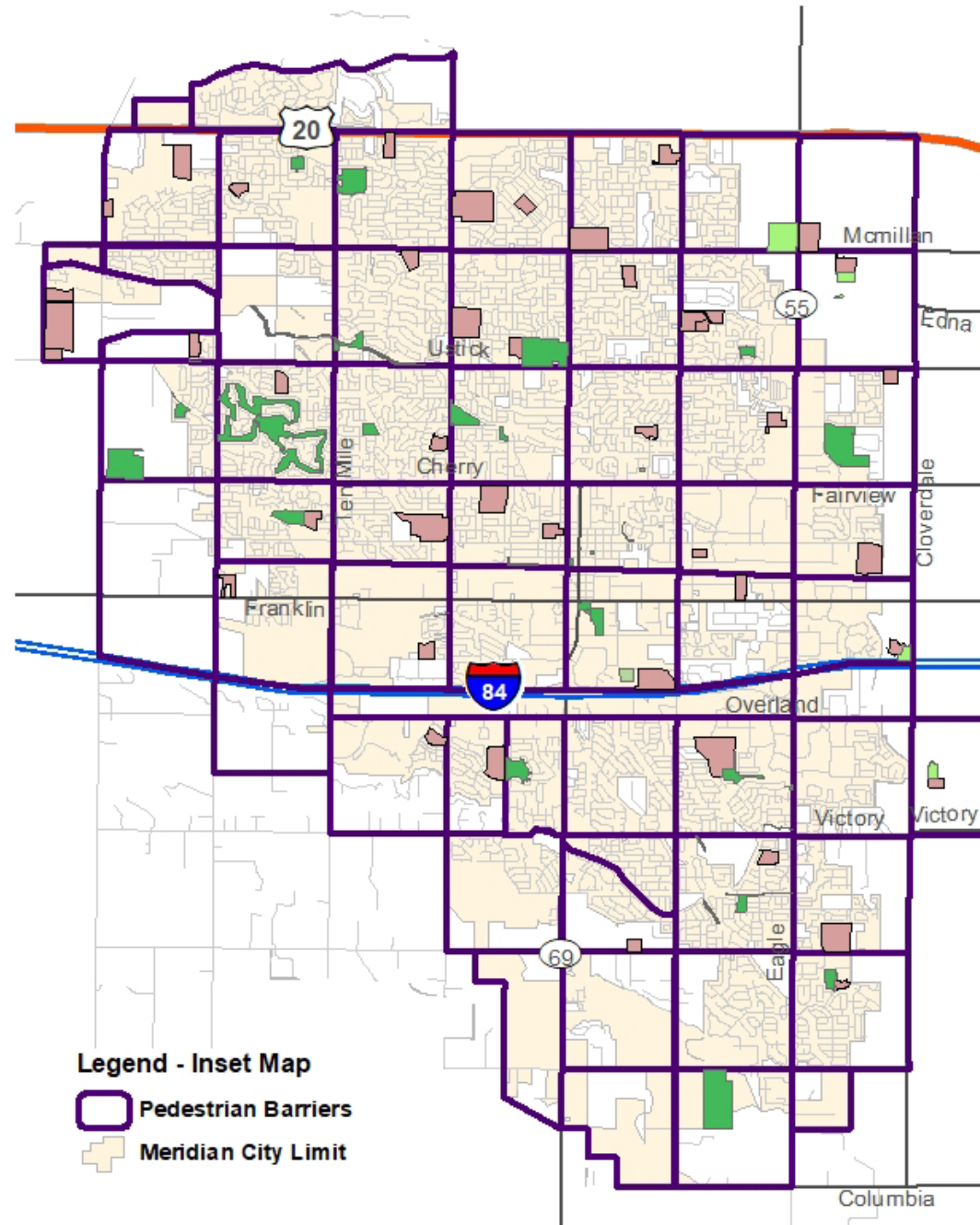
NRPA 2021 Park Metrics

(With comparable population)

2021 NRPA Agency Performance Review: Park and Recreation Agency Performance Benchmarks						
Outdoor Park and Recreation Facilities						
Outdoor Facility	Agencies Offering this Facility	Median Number of Residents per Facility	Meridian Residents per Facility	Meridian Current Quantity	Need to add to meet current median	Need to add with population growth
Residents Per Park	NA	3,104	4,992	21		
Acres of Park Land per 1,000 Residents	NA	8.9	3.9	530	627	
Basketball courts	87.4%	8,477	41,597	3	12	14
Community gardens	48.3%	72,238	NA	0	2	2
Diamond fields: baseball - adult	51.3%	38,899	6,568	19	-16	-15
Diamond fields: baseball - youth	78.0%	12,914			-9	-8
Diamond fields: softball fields - adult	65.5%	28,081			-15	-14
Diamond fields: softball fields – youth	59.3%	26,073			-14	-14
Dog park	64.9%	76,610	62,395	2	0	0
Playgrounds	94.4%	4,804	6,240	20	6	10
Rectangular fields: multi-purpose	66.4%	10,792	12,476	10	2	3
Rectangular fields: soccer field - adult	43.6%	20,000			-4	-3
Rectangular fields: soccer field – youth	48.9%	12,646			0	1
Skate park	39.3%	109,798	124,790	1	0	0
Tennis courts (outdoor only)	81.4%	5,818	17,827	8	13	16
<i>Comparison based on median for 100,000 to 250,000 population comparison</i>						
Surplus						
Possible Deficit						

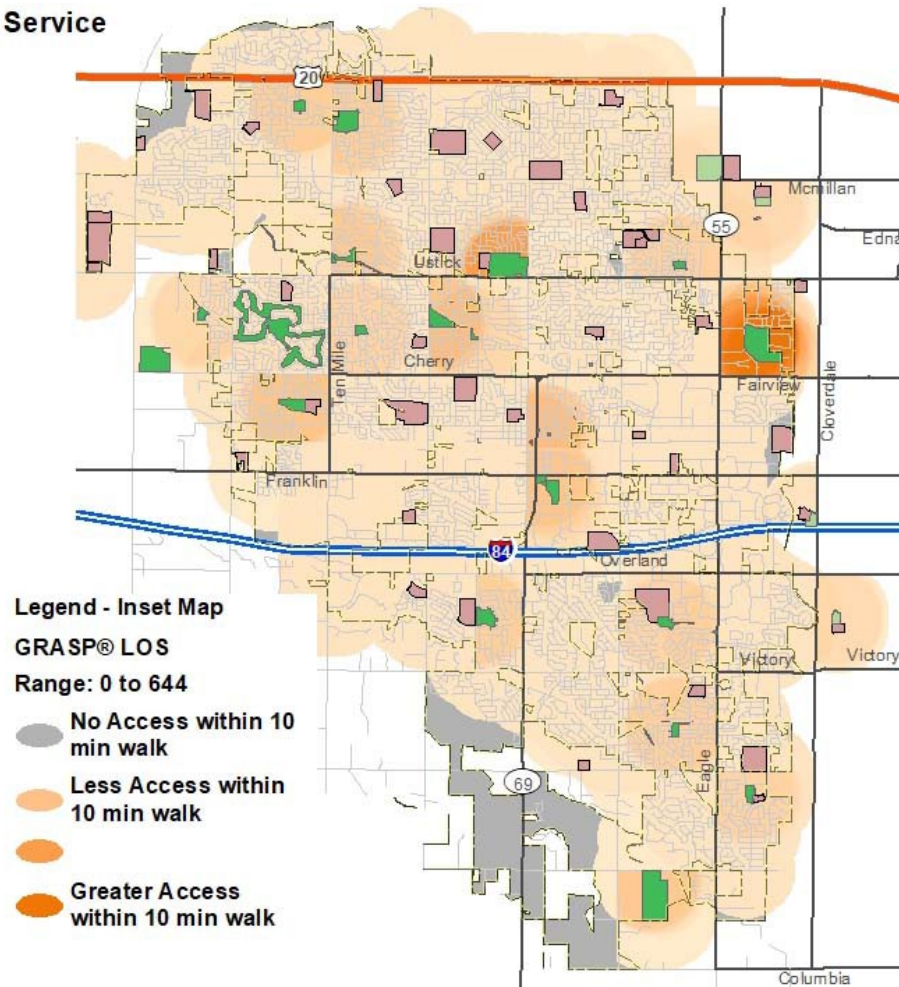


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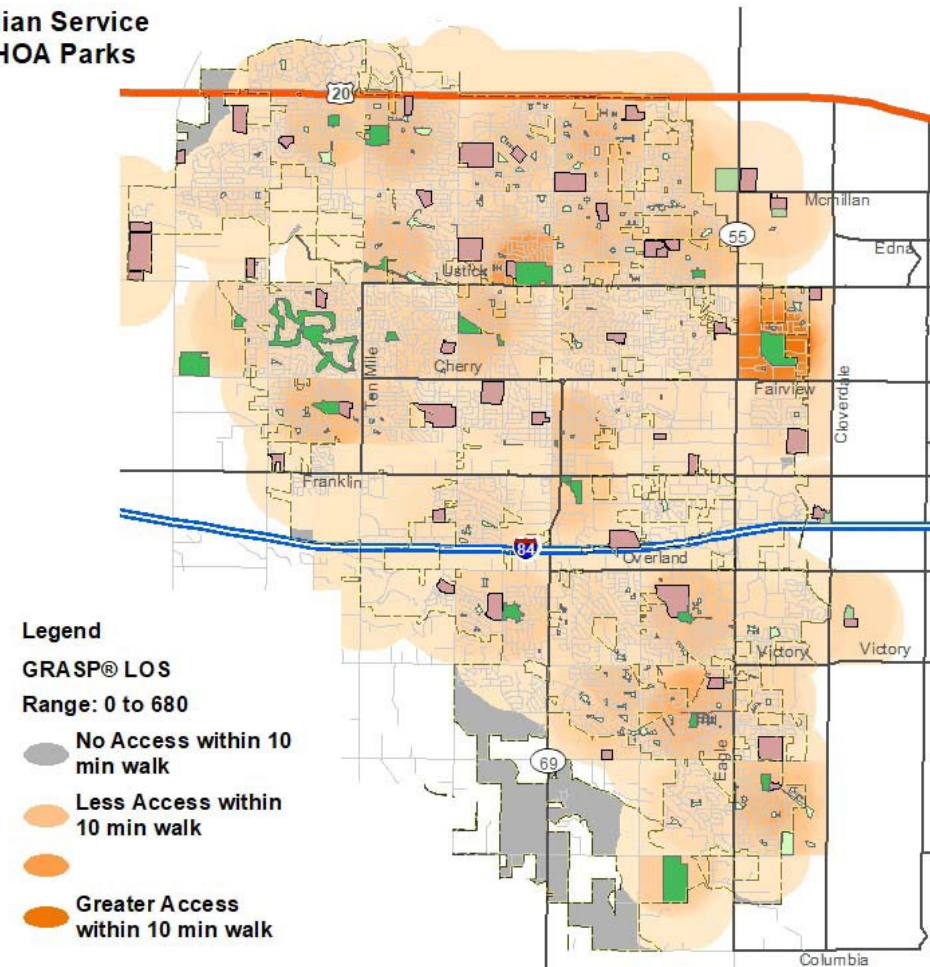


GRASP® Walkable Access

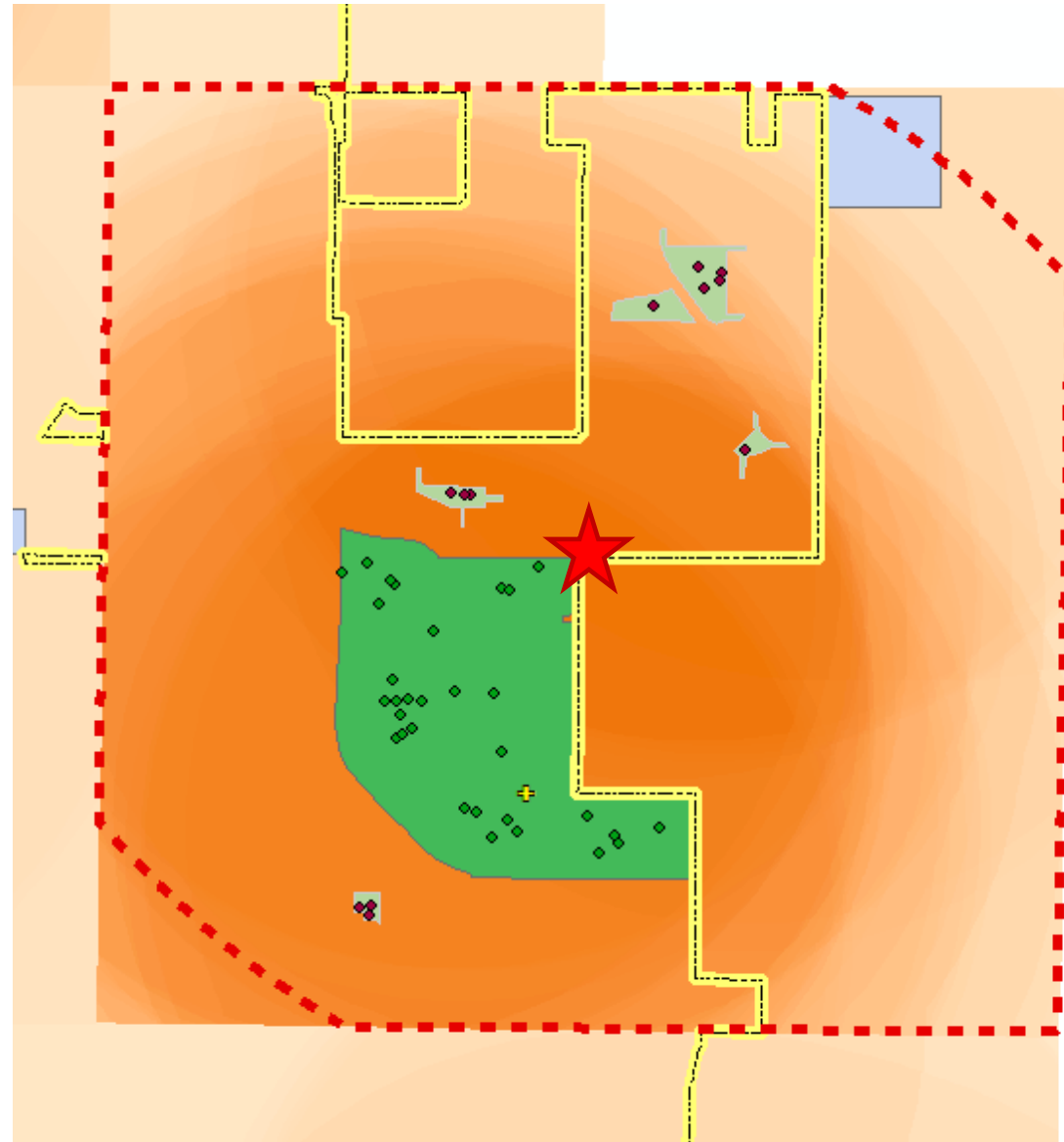
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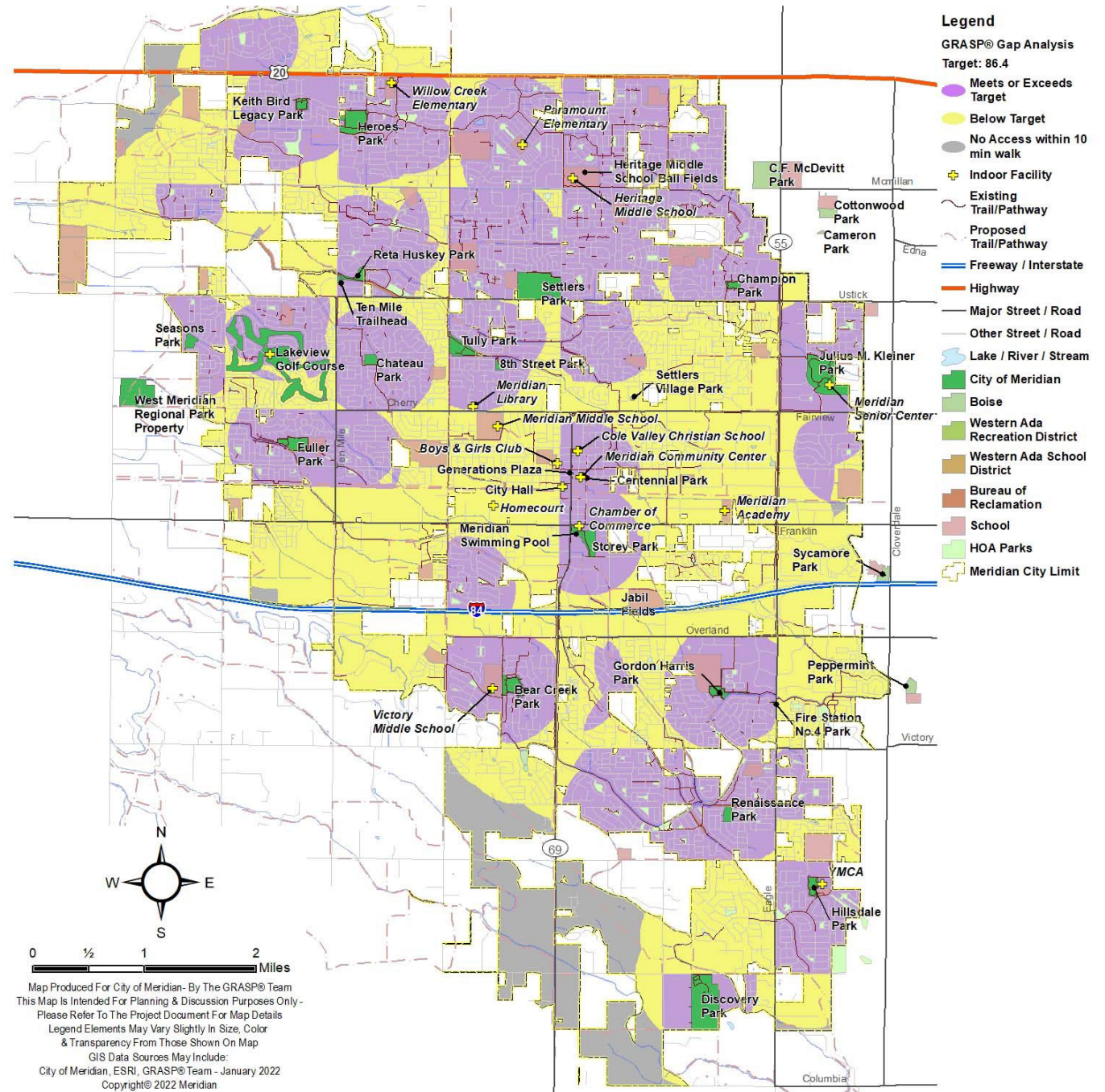
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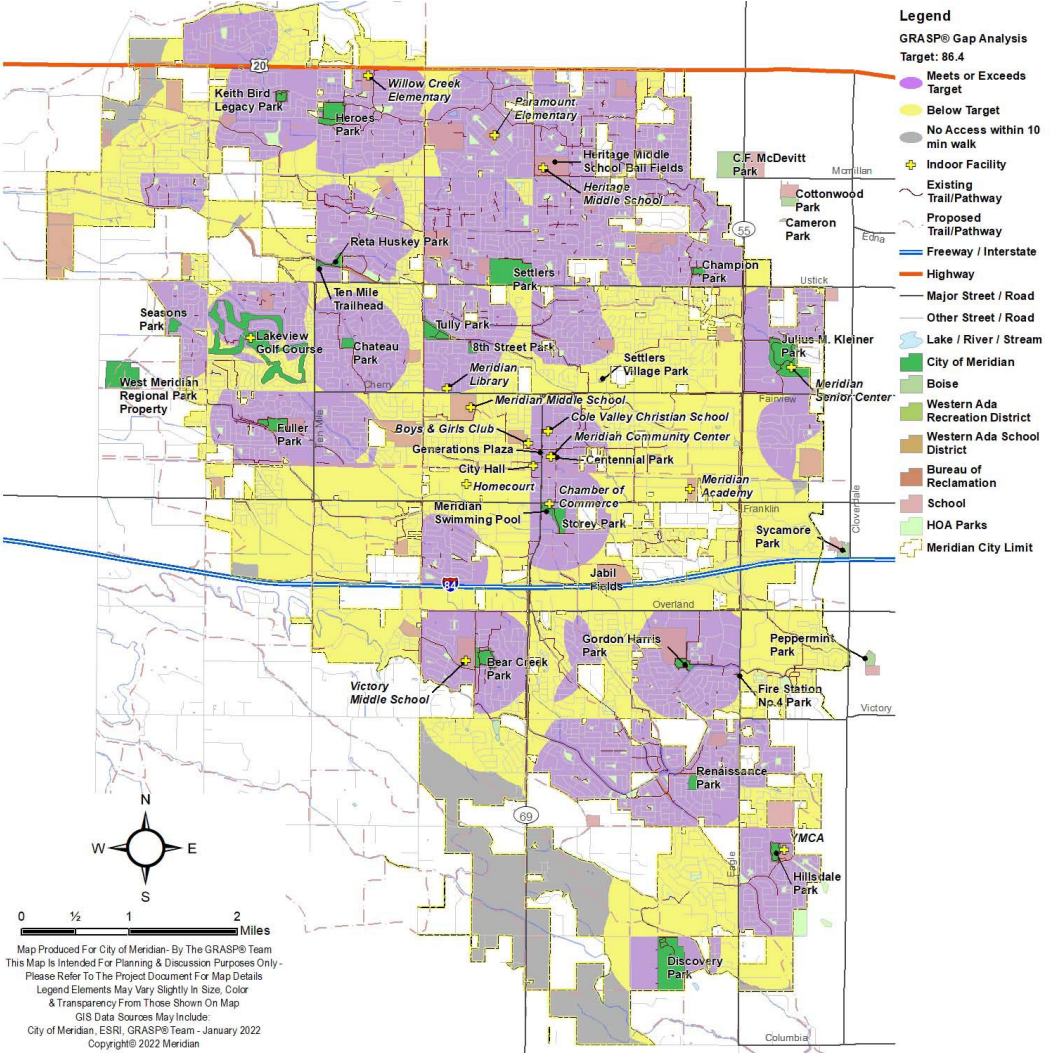
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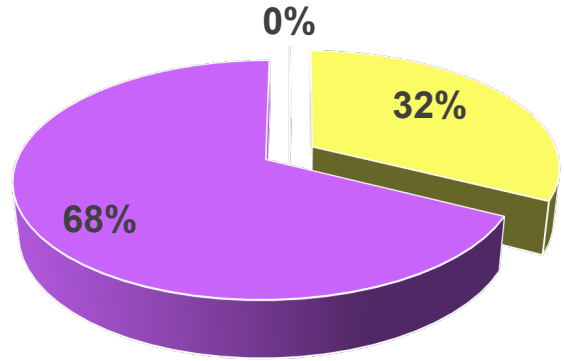
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GRASP® Walkable Access



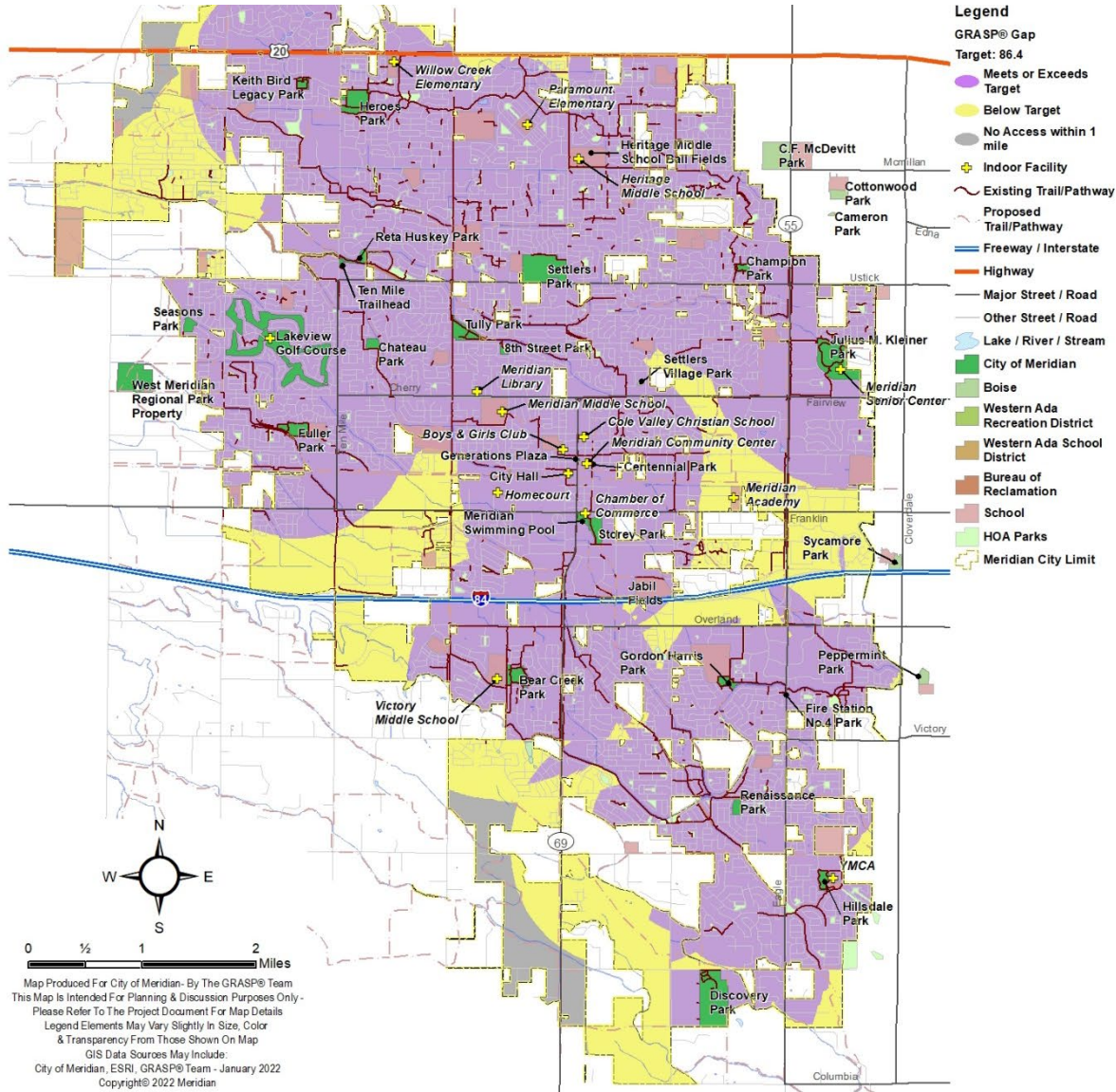
% of Population with Walkable Access to Outdoor Recreation



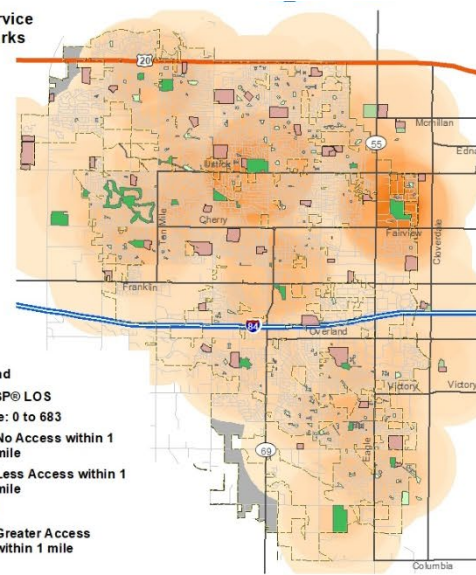
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- Percent Total Area >0 AND <Target Score
- Percent Total Area >=Target Score

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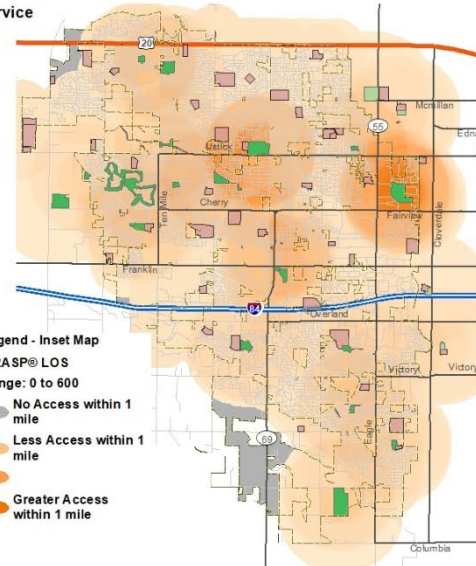
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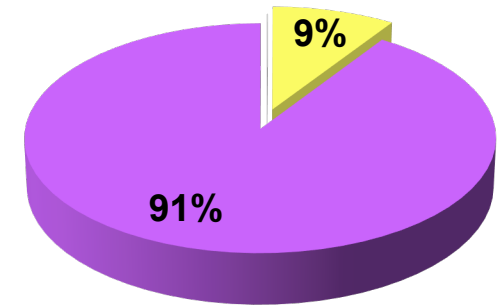
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Meridian Service



% of Population with Neighborhood Access to Outdoor Recreation



- Percent Total Area = 0
- Percent Total Area > 0 AND < Target Score
- Percent Total Area >= Target Score

Recurring Themes

- Continue to create a connected community through pathway development
- Maintain quality of maintenance level of service and funding
- Find future locations for parks to stay ahead of future development and in underserved areas of the community
- Keep up with future changing demographics that comes with growth
- Community center/recreation center are the community's greatest need for indoor facilities
- Pathways and trails are the community's greatest need for outdoor facilities
- Shade and communication are the top 2 areas to address to increase participation
- Email and social media are top 2 best ways to communicate about programs and services



Next Steps

Strategic Master Planning Process



Typically our Strategic/Master Plans include a 5-year focus on operations, 10-year focus on capital, and 20 year strategic vision. Other elements and tools are added as needed for a community-specific plan.



▲ Findings and Visioning Trip

- February 22 – City Council Briefing
- February 23 – Public Findings Presentation
- February 24 – Visioning Workshop Project Team

▲ Community Center Feasibility Study

- March 30 - Open House and Public Meeting

▲ Cost Recovery

- Workshop 2 A & B - Last Week of April
 - Community Workshops to identify and sort categories of services



Thank You For Your Time & Consideration!



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