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## **Muncie Park & Recreation Board Meeting**

**Tuesday, April 13, 2021**

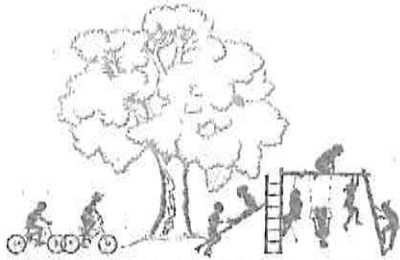
**City Hall Auditorium**

- (1) Call to Order
- (2) Pledge of Allegiance
- (3) Roll Call
- (4) Approval of the minutes from (March 2021) Park Board Meeting
- (5) Superintendent Report – Carl Malone
  - Final 5 Year Plan Discussion
- (6) Park Facility Request – Carl Malone & George Foley
- (7) Prairie Creek – Dustin Clark
- (8) Old Business – Park Department Update
  - YMCA Operating Agreement Proposal
  - Skate Park
  - National Parks Day (Heekin Park)
- (9) New Business
- (10) Other Business – This is a call to the Audience that may have items that need approved from Parks & Recreation Board.
- (11) Action Items – None
- (12) Public Input – (3) minute limit - Please state your name and address.

Remember to please call the Park Office or the Park Board President (Brad Marshall) if you have an item that needs to be placed on the agenda.

**\* Next Park Board Meeting – Tuesday, May 18, 2021 (6:00 p.m.) - City Hall Auditorium**

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## Superintendent Report

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

### Cooley Park Project

Muncie Parks and Recreation Department have begun water lines construction at Cooley Park. We are increasing water lines from 1' inch to 2' inch to allow increase water flow from the main pit to restroom building from building to splash park inlet lines. We also have replaced (4) metal doors to over to our existing building. We are close to refurbishing our inside building (i.e. painting, installing fixtures, etc.)

### Tuhey Pool

Parks Department have started Pre-Opening inspection at Tuhey. Our main problem at Tuhey is our outside main is our outside main water pit. We have several water in-let lines that need replaced. Pridemark Construction have been called and came onsite. We are waiting on quote from Pridemark Construction. Our maintenance team has been replacing water valves and putting plash pad together. We are in the process of hiring staff for this upcoming opening (i.e. Pool Managers, Lifeguards, Concession personnel). We also have an operating agreement between the YMCA and the Parks Department that is ready for review.

### Parks

We have started our mowing season within our Parks. We also have been working on repairing our Parks baseball diamonds.

Hiring Season has started with our seasonal work beginning April 15<sup>th</sup>-August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021. We are hoping to hire (10) additional seasonal workers this year. Seasonal workers were a big help to improving our "Parks" last year.

## **5 Year Park Plan**

The 5 Year Park Plan is ready for final review before submitting this Thursday, April 15, 2021.

## **Highlights**

- Save the Date – May 15, 2021 National Parks Day at Heekin Park between 12:00pm-4:00pm.
- Completing (200) interviews for Youth Employment this year.
- Muncie Parks and Recreation collaboration with YMCA and Purdue Extension.

If the Board would have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the Park Office (765) 747-4858 or cell (765) 749-8490.

Carl Malone  
Superintendent  
Muncie Parks and Recreation

**FACILITY USE AGREEMENT  
BY AND BETWEEN  
CITY OF MUNCIE, INDIANA  
AND  
YMCA OF MUNCIE**

This Facility Use Agreement ("Agreement") is made this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020, by City of Muncie, Indiana ("City"), an incorporated city in Delaware County, Indiana located 300 North High Street, Muncie, Indiana 47305, and YMCA of Muncie, Inc., located at 500 S. Mulberry, Muncie, Indiana, ("External User").

**RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, External User desires to utilize certain aquatic facilities within city limits for access to aquatic facilities for its members.

**WHEREAS**, City's Tuhey Pool and Prairie Creek Reservoir are suited for such access.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. **Facility Usage and Fees.** External User is permitted to utilize the following locations for member access from May 29, 2021 until locations close for the 2021 Summer Season. External User will also provide programming (group exercise, Scuba, swim lessons) at mutually agreed upon times between parties throughout the 2021 Summer Season.

Facilities: City of Muncie – Tuhey Pool located in Tuhey Park and Prairie Creek Reservoir located southeast of the Muncie City limits.

Fees: YMCA to pay daily admission fees for all members on a monthly basis per the price structure below

- Prairie Creek: \$2 (13 and over), \$1 (6 to 12), Free (5 or under)
- Tuhey Pool: \$6 (adults), \$5 (13-17), \$4(12 under)
- Monthly admission fees paid by YMCA will be a minimum of \$2,000 regardless of use
  - Minimum admission fee cap will be pro-rated for partial months (\$67/operating day for the month).
- Monthly admission fees paid by YMCA will not exceed \$3,500 regardless of use
- City to send YMCA one invoice for both locations showing how many entry fees for each category listed above. YMCA to pay invoice within 30 days of receipt of invoice

Taxes: Indiana tax (7%). Not applicable if tax exempt.

Tax-exempt number: **0018093690**

2. **Damage to Premises.** External User agrees to pay all repair and/or replacement costs for any and all damages arising from or related to its use of the facilities for programs only.

3. **Limitations of Access.** Prior to the beginning of programs, the designated City representative must approve all use locations. The scheduling of use of facilities for this access must avoid conflicts with previously planned City activities.
  4. **Pool Operation Assistance.** YMCA of Muncie to assist City of Muncie in Tuhey Pool operations with regard to providing Certified Pool Operators for assistance during mutually agreeable based on facility need availability of YMCA staff. YMCA not to be held liable for providing pool operating guidance that could lead to lost revenue from pool closures or damaged equipment
  5. **Public Safety.** External User agrees that it shall at all times conduct its activities with full regard for public safety and shall observe and abide by all applicable regulations and requests by duly authorized governmental agencies responsible for public safety and by authorized representatives of City.
  6. **Compliance.** External User, its agents, employees, and sub-contractors and their employees shall comply with all laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations established by federal, state, and local governments and their agencies, and with all City rules, policies, and regulations.
  7. **Decision Regarding Usability.** Any decision with respect to whether the premises are or are not usable, whether as a result of a need determined by the City or damage, destruction, an event beyond the control of either party, or otherwise, shall be made solely by City.
  8. **Smoking and Alcohol Consumption.** Smoking, use of tobacco products, and consumption of alcoholic beverages is strictly prohibited in City facilities and on City grounds.
  9. **Insurance.** External User must provide to City prior to the start of the Access evidence satisfactory to City that External User maintains the following type of insurance:
    - (i) Comprehensive General Liability – Minimum limit of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for each claim and Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) in the annual aggregate that will remain in full force and effect throughout the use of the facilities.
- All insurance coverage required under this Agreement shall be maintained with one or more companies licensed to do business in the state of Indiana. External User shall also list City as an additional insured on their Comprehensive General Liability policy. City shall also list YMCA of Muncie as an additional insured on their Comprehensive General Liability policy.
10. **Indemnification.** External User shall defend, indemnify and hold City, its trustees, officers, employees and agents harmless from any and all claims, causes of action, damages, liability, and expenses arising out of the Event and related activities, including reasonable attorney's fees, court costs and expenses, arising directly or indirectly from, or relating to External User's use and/or actions under this Agreement or from actions of its agents or employees.

11. **Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.
12. **Amendment.** This Agreement shall be amended only in a writing duly executed by all the parties to this Agreement.
13. **Severability.** In the event any provision hereof is found invalid or unenforceable pursuant to judicial decree, the remainder of this Agreement shall remain valid and enforceable according to its terms.
14. **Relationship of Parties.** Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed as creating a joint venture, partnership or employment relationship between the parties, nor shall either party have the right, power or authority to create any obligations or duty, express or implied, on behalf of the other party.
15. **Notice.** Any notice given pursuant to this Agreement shall be in writing and delivered and sent by United States mail, postage prepaid, to the parties at their respective addresses below:

**City:**

City of Muncie  
Attn: Carl Monroe  
Parks Superintendant  
300 N High Street  
Muncie, IN 47305

**External User:**

YMCA of Muncie  
Attn: Jason Adamowicz  
500 S Mulberry St  
Muncie, IN 47305

16. **Assignment.** External User shall not assign or transfer this Agreement or sublet any portion thereof without the prior written consent of the City.
17. **Termination.** Time shall be of the essence of this Agreement, and the time granted shall not be extended for the occupancy or use of the premises or for the installation or removal of equipment without the written permission of City, and all additional time shall be paid for according to the schedule of fees as established by the City. In the event the facilities are not vacated by the end time specified in Section 1, then City shall be and is hereby authorized to move, at the expense (including any storage costs) of External User, goods, wares, merchandise, or other property of any kind and description, which may be then occupying the facilities. City shall not be liable for any damages or loss to said goods, wares, merchandise, or other property which may be sustained, either by reasons of such removal or the place to which it may be removed, and City is hereby expressly released from all claims for damages of whatever kind or nature.
18. **Governing Laws and Jurisdiction.** The terms of the Agreement shall be governed and construed under the laws of the state of Indiana. Jurisdiction and venue regarding any dispute hereunder shall be vested in either the state courts of Delaware County, Indiana, or the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana, Indianapolis Division.

**EXTERNAL USER**



\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Jason Adamowicz  
Vice President, Operations  
YMCA of Muncie

Date: 3/17/2020

**CITY OF MUNCIE**

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Signature

Carl Monroe  
Parks Superintendent  
City of Muncie

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Park Board Meeting Public Input Sign In Sheet

Date: 4-13-21

Name (Please Print)

Address

1. TODD SWACKHAMER 6510 N MORRISON RD
2. Josh Perkins 7808 W Kennedy Pkwy
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# **Muncie Park & Recreation Board Meeting**

**April 13, 2021 6p.m.**

**City Hall Auditorium**

**1. CALL TO ORDER- President Brad Marshall called meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.**

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – All stood for the Pledge**

**3. ROLL CALL-Present was President Brad Marshall, Vice President Adrian Leavell, Mark Ervin present, Dr. Shannon Powers present per zoom, Yolanda Carey absent.**

**4. APPROVAL OF PARKS BOARD MEETING FOR MARCH 2021- Motion to approve the minutes for March 2021. First motion by Adrian Leavell. Second was Mark Ervin. Motion carried. Parks Board minutes approved by all members present.**

**5. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT- Carl Malone- See report**

**Carl Malone presented a Community Service award to John Beaty. He was to receive this award from previous administration was unable to attend because of his work schedule and covid. He does a lot of volunteer work for the community as well as for his church. He is the kind of person you can always count on. He does security work. He provides many resources to different organizations. He has always helped with the Parks department in spending countless hours helping in any way he can. He's an outstanding citizen in our Community.**

**After Carl gave Community award he spoke on superintendent report.**

**Cooley Park Project: See Superintendent report. No questions from the Board at this time.**

**Tuhey Pool update: See Superintendent report. To add to the Superintendent report. The pool has to be repainted and sealed which takes time and it is very costly to do. Carl stated this is his first time dealing with**

the pool and didn't know how much time it takes to do this procedure. But is confident it will open on time. Also he will be looking to see about getting Grants we can obtain to help with the cost. No questions from the Board at this time.

**Parks update:** See Superintendent report. Not in the report. We are fixing the light issues we have had over the last few years. Burris has been using Thomas Park and will move to McCulloch when it is done.

**5 YEAR PARK PLAN:** Carl stated he would like to thank the Park Board members for helping with the 5yr. plan and also George Foley and Larry.

Brad Marshall also thanked everyone involved with getting the 5yr Plan done and stated that Larry had spent lots of hours getting this done.

Carl stated this was our first plane for this administration to submit and that there will be more submitted in the future. This is a starting point in moving forward and we are looking forward to improving our parks.

Brad Marshall stated this is a starting point not a finish with putting the 5 yr plan together.

Motion to approve the 5year plan for submission to the DNR was so moved by Mark Ervin. Second by Adrian Leavell. Motion carried. Approved by all members present.

**SAVE THE DATE-** May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Heekin Park. The Parks Department is having Nation Park Day at Heekin Park Starting at Noon with games food booths for how to get registered for sports series with YMCA with kids' families. There will be summer programming for kids to get signed up. June sixth is the start date. Stem will have a booth that day for people who don't know about the Stem Program, there will be information given out as well. There will be a booth for health. They will be fiving info on staying healthy.

We are hiring kids from the ages 12 to 16 for the summer job for kids. We have hired one hundred and eighty five kids. Our maxed number is two hundred and is still have more interviews. Thanks to George Foley and the BSU interns for all the interviews they have been doing with the kids. Thanks to Dr. Shannon Powers for the BSU interns we have been using.

YMCA and Purdue with the Parks department operating extension. We will be sending the agreement to the Board members to look over and finalize. Little has changed on in that has to do with the financing. Brad wants that put on the agenda for May meeting. We need a Programing director to help

with things we are doing with the Parks programs. Carl stated there is no way I can keep up with the thirty one parks and programs by myself. We have never done full scale programing like we are this year and I need a Program Director to help so everything can run smoothly. George has done a great job with the kids' summer job program. The kids have bank cards and bank information. Their money will go directly into their own account. That is what happens when you put someone in that position full time.

We are going to partner with Purdue extension and the Robotic Stem project. George and I want to be that team that shows real collaboration in our city.

#### **6. PARK FACILITY REQUEST- Carl Malone & George Foley**

**A. Jerel Jerrigan- Host BB tournament for youth camp at Heekin Park. He is expecting around forty youth to participate. Security provided by MPD. He's requesting bleachers porta pots tables and chairs. Time is from 3pm to 11pm. Date is from June 4<sup>th</sup> to June 6<sup>th</sup> 2021. Food vendor is Get-R-Done.**

**B. Jerel Jerrigan- June 11<sup>th</sup> to June 13<sup>th</sup> 2021 at Heekin Park. It's BB tournament by Sunny Boy Organization. They are expecting two hundred people. MPD is doing security. Food vender is Get-R- Done. Needs tables chairs, bleachers, porta pots.**

**C. Jerel Jerrigan- July 2<sup>nd</sup>. – 4<sup>th</sup>. at McCulloch Park. Stop the Violence BB tournament. It's for community outreach. They are expecting two hundred people. Security will be provided by MPD. Food vendor will be Get-R-Done. He is requesting bleachers tables chairs and porta pots.**

**D. Jerel Jerrigan – July 23<sup>rd</sup> -25<sup>th</sup>.at McCulloch Park. (This is rain date for Stop the Violence BB tournament on July 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>.)**

Brad Marshall asked if they had held events in the past.

George stated He has for the last three or four years.

Brad asked if there had been any issues in the past.

George said it has been successful in the past and there has not been any issue as far as violence in the park. Nice crowd for three days of BB tournaments. On Friday it is usually Central vs. Southside Youth playing on Friday too. Adult games are Saturday and Sunday.

Brad asked if there were any other events happening on these dates. There are none.

**Adrian Leavel stated these are all sporting events.**

**George stated yes they are.**

**Dr. Shannon Powers asked if He is will to pay for any of the services and equipment provided by the Parks.**

**George stated in the past they have not paid for anything.**

**Brad stated we have to go back and see how we structure that event.**

**George stated a lot of events are partnerships with the Parks.**

**Brad asked Carl if there was any feedback.**

**Carl stated he spoke to the Chief of Police and he has not approved this event for security. That is a big issue. We have to have safety for the event to take place. There are other things that need to be discussed at a later date. They need to come up with a fee they can afford to pay or donations to help pay. The young man should be here to answer these questions or his team. Carl wants the Board members to table these events until next meeting.**

**Mark Erving stated that with all events if there are fees or revenue raised with the event the expenses should be shifted to the City if a private group is benefiting from the event. Carl agreed with Mark.**

**Dr. Shannon asked about trash pickup after event is done. Is the Sanitation picking up trash?**

**Brad stated the park is responsible for the totes being emptied.**

**George stated there is a committee that the event holder has to help with trash pickup.**

**Brad stated we have some questions that need to be answered. Brad wants to table this until next meeting. First motion to table these events until next meeting is Mark Ervin. Second was Adrian Leavell. All Board Members present agreed to table events till May meeting.**

**George Foley- Another event held by Wayne Scaife on August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at McCulloch Park. Time is 9am to 8pm. They are expecting three to five hundred people. They are requesting bleachers stages tables and chairs. It's a Rib Fest in honor of QL Stevens BBQ. This is the first time this event has been held. We will have a Rib tip contest with judges. They have spoken with the family about this to have this every year. They are very excited.**

**Dr. Shannon Powers asked if it was a one day event.**

**Wayne stated the reason they moved it to the park is for the family's and power set up. They want everyone to come and enjoy their self. Dr. Shannon Powers asked about clean up.**

**Wayne stated he has fifteen volunteers to clean up the park.**

**Carl stated with the seasonal help the Park has hired they will also help clean up. Mr. QL Stevens was always in the Park playing Horse Shoes with his family or church. He was also a great business owner.**

**Brad Marshall stated to vote on this event. Adrian Leavell made first motion and Dr. Shannon Power made second motion. All Board members present approved this event.**

#### **7. PRAIRIE CREEK- Dustin Clark**

**Brand asked if Carl had any input on Prairie Creek. Brad stated he had spoken to Dustin and they are working on the Piers and bathrooms getting them ready and the new office.**

**Carl stated they were working on the Horse trails getting them into shape. The new office is almost ready with restrooms. Getting camp grounds ready for the campers.**

#### **8. OLD BUSINESS- Park Department Update**

**. YMCA Operating Agreement Proposal- Brad stated we will put this on the table for May meeting to talk about this.**

**. Skate Park- Todd Swackhanler 6510 N. Morrison rd. Todd wanted to thank the Board for listening to their proposal for the Skate Park. Thanked the Board for their support and Deputy Mayor Richard Ivy.**

**Carl stated that there are some concerns about Lability insurance and he has been taking to Deputy Mayor Richard Ivy about budget numbers and look at New Castle Skate Park. Try to meet with their staff and asked questions about insurance and how everything works. They will collect information on the Skate Park and see if this is something we want to have. There is support in place we just have to figure out all the info on having a Skate Park. Deputy Mayor Richard Ivy stated the neighborhood is on board with this project at the AMA sight.**

**Dr. Shannon Powers stated: In the 5yr plan the City would have to come up with fifty four thousand dollars for this project. That money would go for the build.**

**Carl stated: The Mayor had err marked some Edit funds to help with the project as well.**

**Dr. Shannon Powers asked what the annual cost is to run a Skate Park and can the City afford this.**

**Carl stated: They talked about how much it cost to build it not the cost to run it as of yet. That would be around three hundred thousand.**

**Dr. Shannon was concerned about tork clams and that it could bank rupt the City and we want to protect the City from that.**

**Brad asked if there was anything else he need from the Board for this and Carl stated: He George and Deputy Mayor Richard Ivy were going to go to New Castle and get info on this and bring it back to the Board. We've never had a Skate Park before and need to get a lot of information on it.**

**Josh Perkins 7808 W. Kennedy pkwy. He wanted to say something about Dr. Shannon's question on the Skate Board Park. Understand that we are not an expert on every single field of this. We will keep an open mind and due diligence on research. We will keep an open mind of communication with Carl. Working with Carl has been great. We just felt like all the other Cities in Indiana doing this. It can't be that hard. I don't know what all the laws are can't be that difficult. Dr. Powers are right on that. We know the signage goes up.**

**Brad stated: Carl spoke already on National Park day. He wants everyone to come out and enjoy the day.**

**9. New Business- None**

**10. Other Business- This is a call to the Audience that may have items that need approved from Parks & Recreation Board.**

**11. Action Items-None**

**12 . Public Input – 3 minute limit- Please state you name and address.**

**Remember to please call the Park office or the Park Board President if you have an item placed on the agenda.**

**\* Next meeting May 18, 6 p.m. City Hall Auditorium**



# CITY OF MUNCIE

## *City of Muncie 2021-2025 Parks and Recreation Master Plan*



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## **Acknowledgements**

### **The City of Muncie Dan Ridenour, Mayor**

**"...We have a major focus in 2020 and beyond on parks. Parks are a major quality of life." –  
2021 State of The City Address, Muncie Mayor Dan Ridenour**

#### **Board Members**

Yolanda Carey (2019-2021, Democrat)

Mark Ervin (Term Dates, *Ex Officio*. MCS Board Appointee, 2018 - present)

Adrian Leavell (2021-2023, Republican)

Brad Marshall (2020-2024, Republican)

Dr. Shannon Powers (2021-2025, Democrat)

#### **Principals**

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Carl Malone, Superintendent, Phone: (765) 747-4858 Email: cmalone@cityofmuncie.com

#### **Plan Preparation**

This plan was developed by the Muncie Parks & Recreation staff with assistance from Dr. Shannon Powers, Mp2planning, llc, and the Delaware-Muncie Metropolitan Planning Commission.

Foundational information for this plan was drawn from the 2014-2019 Parks and Recreation Master Plan prepared by the Delaware-Muncie Metropolitan Planning Commission.

#### **Department Staff**

George Foley, Recreation Program Coordinator

Dustin Clark, Director of Special Projects

Ashley Wright, Working Foreman, Prairie Creek Park

Kelly McClellan, Urban Forester

Phyllis Mills, Secretary



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# 1. INTRODUCTION

Muncie has a city-wide parks system managed by the City of Muncie Parks and Recreation Department (MPRD). The nonprofit Trust for Public Land recognizes 50 percent of Muncie residents live within a ten-minute walk of a park (2018).<sup>1</sup> The urban forestry branch of the parks department has been a member of Tree City USA since 1998. The City and its parks department is a member of the Indiana Parks and Recreation Association. The City is recognized as a “Bicycle-Friendly” Community by the League of American Bicyclists.

Parks are a major focus of the current mayoral administration. The overall department budget was increased by 16 percent in 2020. There are four park renovation projects underway or planned in the city. The city has purchased property for a 10-acre nature park and preserve in the southwestern quadrant of the city.

This 2021-25 Parks & Recreation Master Plan builds on the most recent 2014-2019 plan<sup>2</sup> with an overall intent of positioning the community to improve upon and support active and passive recreation opportunities. It has been developed with consideration for guidelines from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to allow the parks system and community to apply for Land and Water Conservation Funding program grants. This plan was developed with input and suggestions via active communication from area residents, city and county staff, and the Healthy Communities Alliance.

## Methodology

The foundation for the development of this plan is based on building upon previous planning efforts and staff experience, conducting a community survey, and working with the City, The Delaware-Muncie Metropolitan Plan Commission, and private citizens. A planning committee of MPRD staff and a board member (Carl Malone, George Foley, and Shannon Powers) focused on creating the 2021 plan with the following general methodology:

- Involve the community in the process through a community survey;
- Meet with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and Delaware-Muncie Metropolitan Plan Commission
- Identify, update, and map existing Muncie recreational facilities (mapping provided by Delaware-Muncie Metropolitan Plan Commission;
- Identify the future recreational needs and priorities of the City; and,
- Document all aspects of the efforts following Department of Natural Resources guidelines.

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<sup>1</sup> The Trust for Public Land: <https://parkserve.tpl.org/mapping/index.html?CityID=1851876>

<sup>2</sup> City of Muncie’s 5-Year Parks & Recreation Master Plan 2014, Muncie Parks Department and Delaware-Muncie Metropolitan Plan Commission, April 2014

Broadly speaking, Muncie officials intend to use this plan to guide their work on all future recreational and parks projects within the City. It is also a strategic document that articulates specific goals to various agencies and organizations that fund local recreational and parks improvement projects. Specifically, this plan is developed in accordance with the guidelines for *5-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plans* published by the INDNR. A five-year, INDNR-approved recreation plan is necessary for the City of Muncie to pursue INDNR-administered grants.



### Parks Board/Department Overview

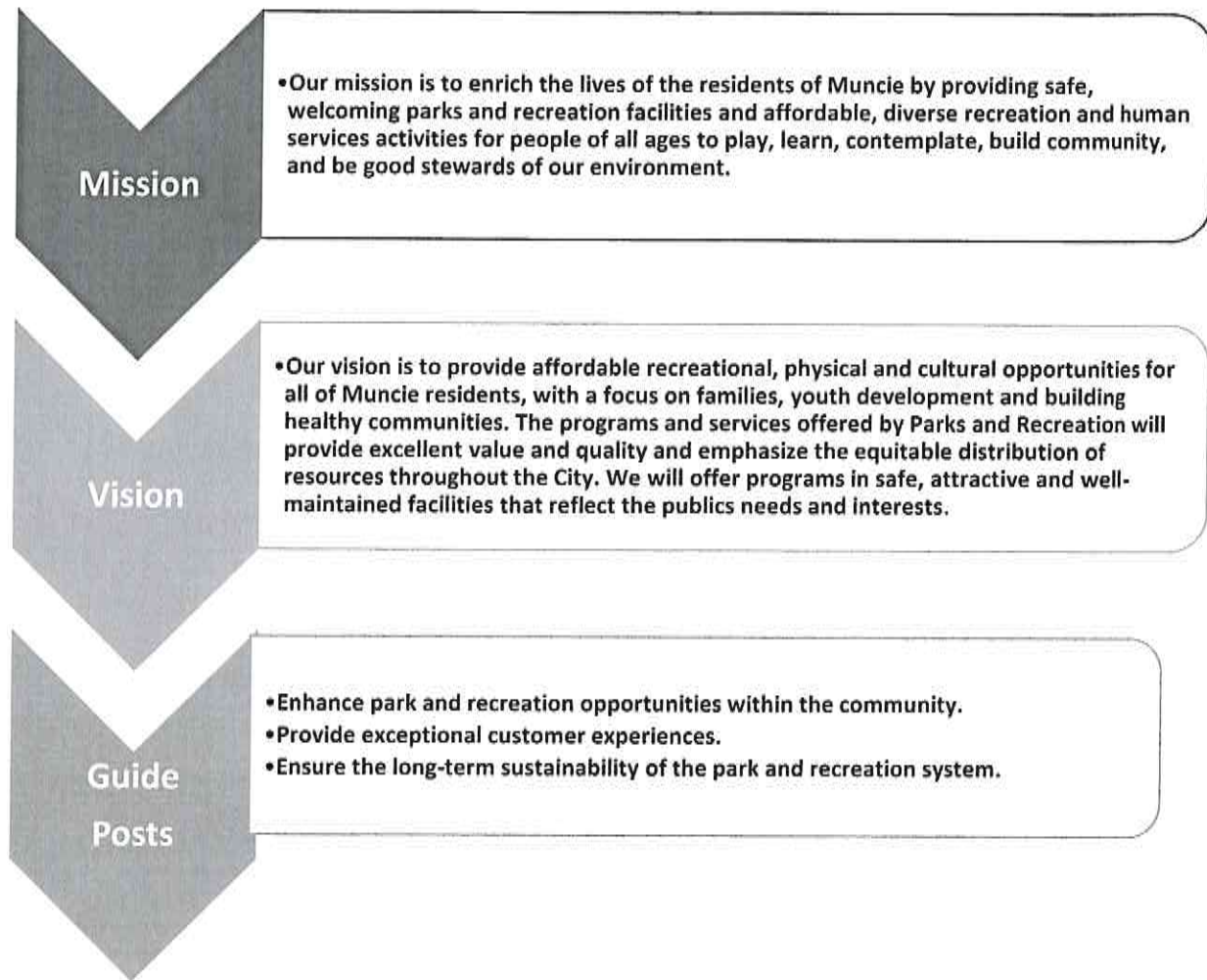
The Muncie Park Board was established in 1909. In the 1930's, the Muncie Community School Corporation and the City of Muncie created a recreation department. In 1948, a full-time recreation director was appointed cooperatively by the school corporation and the city. Further steps were taken in 1958 to consolidate the recreation program, when the Recreation Department merged with the Muncie Park Department, and left the Recreation Board as an advisory body to help in the development of a community-wide recreation program. Due to increased demand for additional recreation programs, the Recreation Department was made a separate unit in 1964 with the recreation director being made primarily responsible to the Muncie School Corporation, while still receiving partial financing from the city.<sup>3</sup>

### *Vision, Mission, and Guide Posts*

The following outlines the foundational framework for the Muncie Parks and Recreation Department:

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<sup>3</sup> Open Space Plan. A Part of the Metropolitan Master Plan, Delaware-Muncie Metropolitan Transportation and Urban Development Study. Barton-Aschman Associates, Inc. 1974. 4.



### *Parks Organization*

The current Muncie Parks & Recreation Department and Board of Parks and Recreation were established in April of 1982. The board is comprised of five members; four members are appointed by the mayor and one member is an ex-officio member appointed by the Muncie School's Board of Trustees. Figure 1 presents the organization.

**Figure 1: City of Muncie Parks & Recreation Organization**

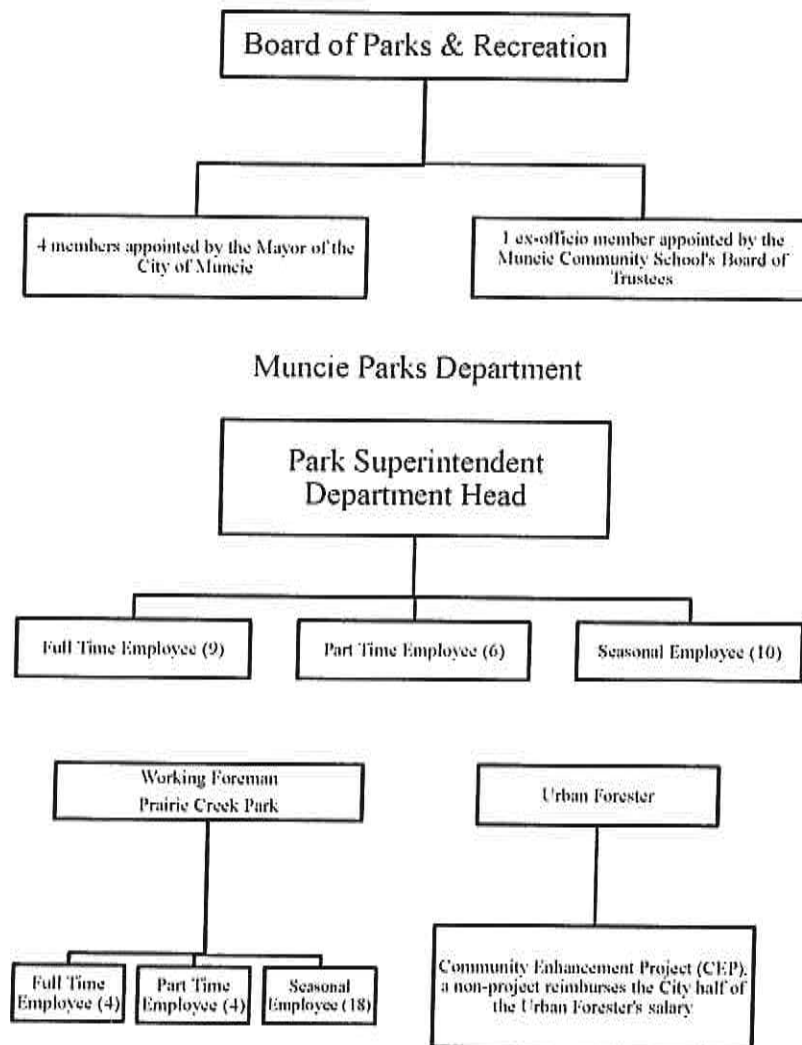


Figure 1 City of Muncie Parks & Recreation Organizational Chart

The Muncie Parks Department has a Superintendent of Parks as the department head and a Working Foreman who is responsible for Prairie Creek Park.

Muncie's Urban Forester was brought into the department; half of this position's salary is supported by Community Enhancement Projects (CEP), a local non-profit organization. She has worked 18.5 years in Urban Forestry and has served the department for 12 years. The Urban Forester supervises up to 2 part-time employees of the department. Prairie Creek Park has an additional full-time employee and also employs a maximum of six part-time/seasonal employees.

The challenge facing the parks department in regards to personnel and staffing lies in the fact that 31 parks require extensive labor and regular maintenance, especially during the months of April through November. With nine fulltime, 6 part-time, and 10 seasonal employees, most of their time is on mowing rather than making large improvements to parks, i.e., creating and gardening raised flower beds. The newly-formed recreation program has an ambitious year-around programming schedule that will require paying instructors for their time. Each class run for approximately 6-8 weeks and meets twice to three times per week. Relying on volunteers to coach and teach is unsustainable.

### *Urban Forestry*

Muncie's urban forest is a fundamental part of the City's infrastructure, including the park system, contributing to the community's health and aesthetic appeal. Trees are known to increase air and water quality, reduce impacts upon storm water controls, recharge groundwater, stabilize soil and reduce erosion, reduce noise pollution, promote energy efficiency by reducing heat-island effects and providing windbreaks, promote economic development by increasing the value of real estate and providing benefit to the tax base, increase motorized traffic and pedestrian safety, provide wildlife habitat, and increase the mental health of the community's citizens by reducing people's stress and blood pressure.<sup>4</sup>

The City of Muncie employs an Urban Forester, a certified arborist, who enforces the city's tree ordinance and cares for all trees located within the right of way and on city property with the help of a few part-time laborers. The Urban Forester has been based in various departments but has been operating from the Park Department for over 12 years. The city has funded and plans to hire five additional certified arborists.

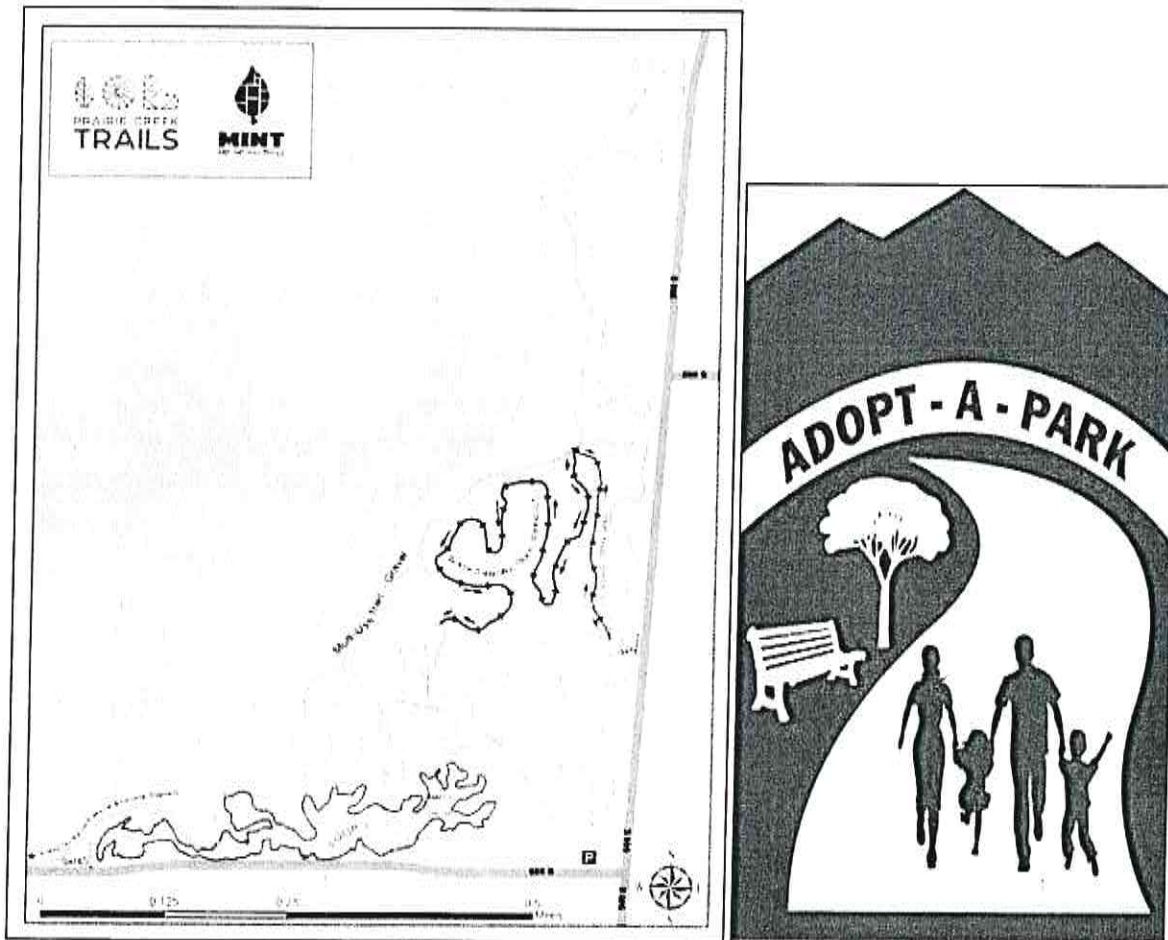
The last Urban Forestry Management Plan was created for the City of Muncie in 2004 and updated in 2005. Funding for a new plan was approved recently. Muncie's street tree inventory is currently 11,000 public trees; this inventory is hosted by the Delaware County G.I.S. Department in a web-based map database and is regularly updated by the Urban Forester using a mobile map application. These trees reside along public streets, islands and medians in the middle of streets, in the single public cemetery, one public campground at Prairie Creek Reservoir, and in the parks.

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<sup>4</sup> City of Muncie's 5-Year Parks & Recreation Master Plan 2014, Muncie Parks Department and Delaware-Muncie Metropolitan Plan Commission, April 2014 (See the Tree Benefits section in the bibliography of the 2014 plan for a list of supporting references.)

### *Volunteer Assistance*

The parks department partners with many organizations and individuals to enhance the City's parks and recreation offerings. The Adopt-A-Park and Adopt-A-Project Programs match groups and organizations with volunteer opportunities at particular parks to assist the Parks Division in cleaning, maintaining, and even creating new features in our parks. The annual Summer Youth & Employment program started in 2019, where teens volunteered for eight weeks. At Prairie Creek Reservoir, the Mid-Indiana Trails Group (which led the effort), Flatland Resources, and Linear Active have had a role in creating and maintaining trails in the park.



Cardinal Greenways, a non-profit organization, had approximately 100 volunteers paint over graffiti on walls and fences along Jackson Street. The City supports multiple Boy Scout and Girl Scout projects annually to enhance parks with benches, bird houses, play equipment, and numerous other projects. Community garden clubs volunteer to plant and maintain large landscape areas throughout the City.

The City is involved in development of trails that complement the existing Cardinal Greenway/White River Trail Development. New trails are being developed along Riverside Avenue between Tillotson Avenue and Jackson Street and along South Tillotson south of the Memorial Bypass.

#### *Relationships with Other Agencies Involved in Recreation*

The City of Muncie has a variety of relationships with other agencies to enhance recreational opportunities available to the community. The parks department continues to explore relationships that can enhance the overall delivery of programming and services within the varied resources of the community. These include, but are not limited to:

- The City Streets Department cooperatively with MPRD to share equipment and labor on special projects, which helps both agencies to get jobs done in-house in a timelier and less expensive manner than hiring contractors.
- The City has a strong relationship with the Muncie Downtown Development Partnership, providing assistance with set up and clean up for musical and cultural events.
- The City partners with the Muncie Public Schools to share facilities and sports fields as needed.
- The City consults regularly with Minnetrista and the DNR on conservation, natural resources and horticulture-related matters to educate and train city staff on current trends/issues.
- The City consults regularly with the John Frank league football staff on field issues and shares supplies/equipment as needed.
- The City partners with the Muncie YMCA, Purdue Extension – Delaware County to provide equipment, facilities and services to support events for these groups.
- The City works with MCS on various programming and activity initiatives.
- Cardinal Greenway Inc; they maintain the White River greenway that is within White River Park. This is why they had their volunteers removing graffiti along the greenway at Jackson St.
- Muncie Sanitary District. They maintain the levee that is throughout White River Park.
- MSD also hosts a camp for kids at Prairie Creek Park each summer (not in 2020 due to COVID-19), Camp Prairie Creek.
- Ross Community Center; they maintain a park and community center that are open to the public

These partnerships allow MPRD to enhance and improve its services and programming. MPRD staff track the activities of these and other community recreation providers to avoid duplication of services.

This plan update has been driven by the recognition by the parks board and staff that additional grant funding is available and should be pursued in the short-term to help accumulate resources for improvement of the system. Key to that was having a Five-Year Master Plan developed by the

guidelines of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) approved by April 15, 2021 to allow for applications in the next funding cycle. Table 1 presents a timeline for development of this five-year plan.

**Table 1: Plan Development Schedule**

	October	November	December	January	February	March	April
Demographics	X						
Land Inventory			X				
Public Survey			X	X			
Needs Assessment/Plan Development		X			X	X	
Public Meeting							X
Board Approval/ Submission to INDNR							X

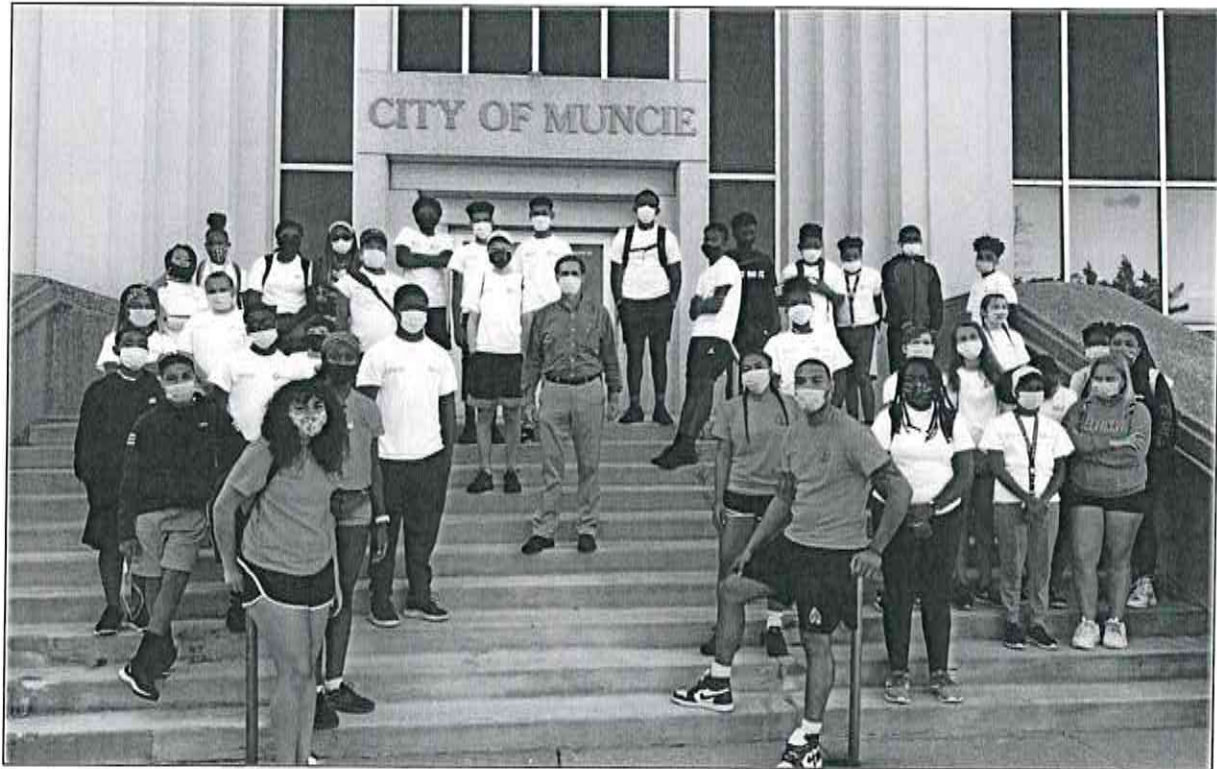
## Planning Area

The planning area for this Master Plan includes all areas within the boundaries of the City of Muncie and expands to Prairie Creek Reservoir. While this plan recognizes that the actual service areas of some MPRD parks, facilities, and programs may extend beyond the defined boundaries of the planning area, the primary purpose of this plan is to first and foremost identify and address the park and recreation needs of Muncie residents. The following map depicts the planning area and location of MPRD parks (Figure 1).

The corporate limits of the City of Muncie are the primary study area for the purposes of this master plan. Muncie's Park and Recreation Department (MPRD) manages 28 parks, including Prairie Creek Park. Prairie Creek is located in Perry Township in the southeast corner of Delaware County. Prairie Creek Park, the largest park in the city's park system, is leased from the Indiana American Water Company Inc. by the Park & Recreation Board of the City of Muncie until 2072.

This plan focuses on all park properties and the City's need for parks and recreation. While there is anecdotal evidence that Prairie Creek Park is frequented by rural residents more than any other City park; currently any impact of visitation by rural residents on any park is not seen as a burden. Rather, it is a positive sign. An attractive and frequently-used parks system is recognized as a critical quality of life indicator that can increase the attractiveness of a community to residential and economic development. That said, the commitment of the City towards greenway and trail

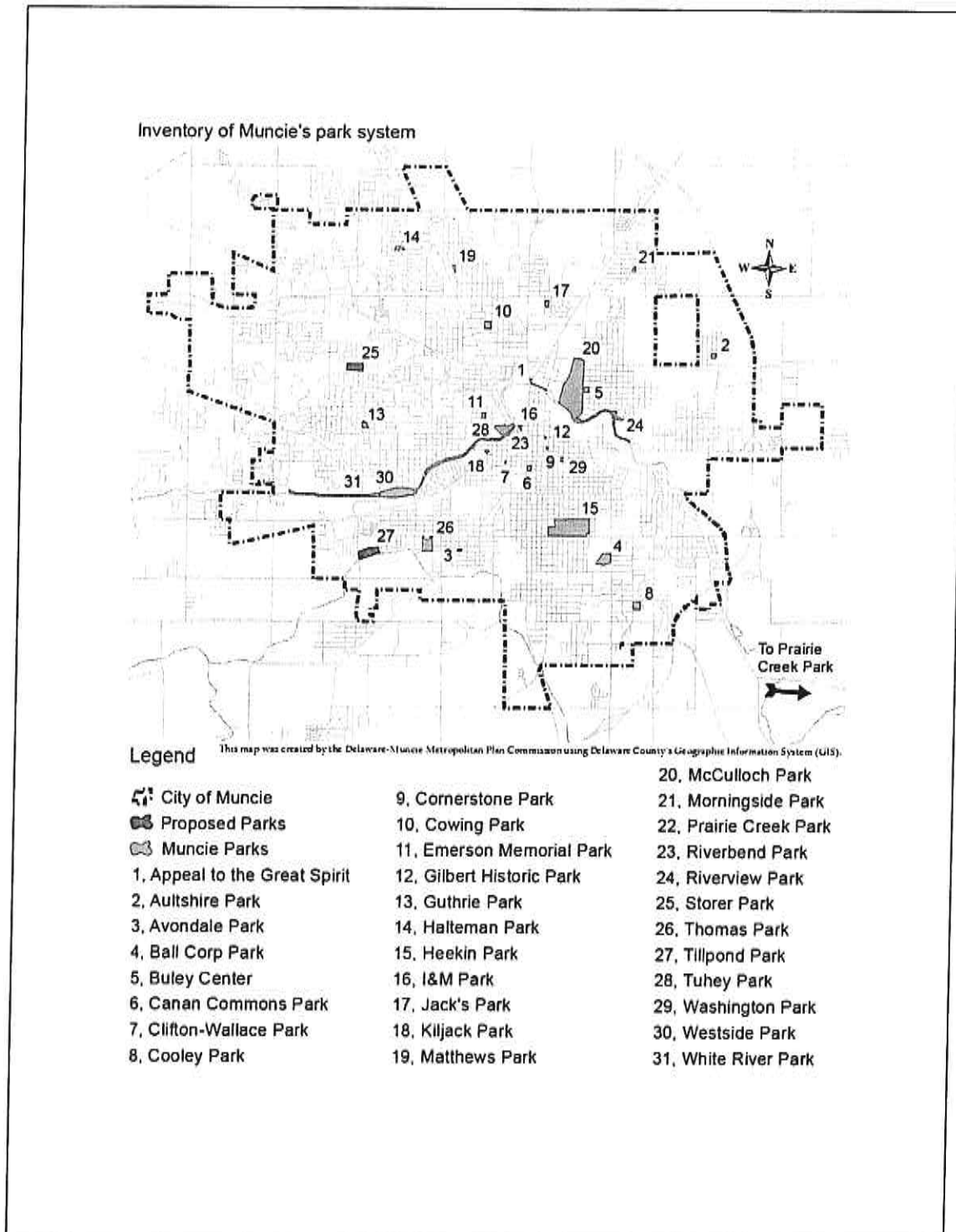
expansion, such as the recent trails added to Morrison Road and South Tillotson Avenue, as well as the Riverside Trail on the west side of the city which is currently in the works is clear evidence that the City supports these types of improvements. Similar projects within the main parks system (e.g., Cooley Park) further demonstrate civic commitment to park space. This commitment is part of what is driving this planning effort – to allow the City and the parks department to get the resources it needs to dramatically improve the quality of place in Muncie. The economic benefit of non-resident park draw is well proven. We believe the small increases in operating cost that may be intertwined with the added non-resident user burden is well worth the improved perceived value of the parks experience in Muncie.<sup>5</sup>



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<sup>5</sup> This last sentence paraphrases a comment from a DNR reviewer.

**Figure 1: City of Muncie Parks**

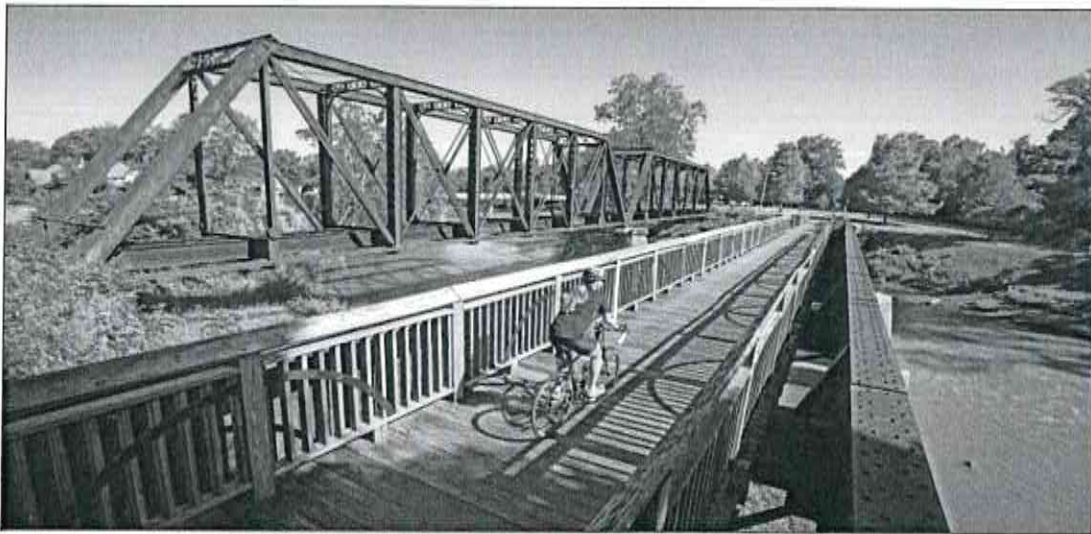


## 2. GOAL STATEMENT

For many years, Muncie's park system has existed in a "maintenance" mode. The parks were mowed, the trash picked up, trees planted, minor upkeep occurred, and in general that was the extent of the attention that the parks had seen for several decades due to limited budgets. The MPRD is currently operating without a master plan (approved by INDNR) or evaluation tool, which makes the City ineligible for state grants. This plan has been developed to identify the current and future needs of the community and provides an action plan with a 5-year strategic implementation of goals and objectives.

The Parks Board and Parks Department with have embraced a goal of adding to the parks system overall number of parks and acreage and increasing and improving recreational programming opportunities.

The Master Plan represents MPRD's continued commitment to providing a quality park and recreation system for the City of Muncie. This plan addresses adding new parks, remodeling of parks and facilities, and the advent of new recreational programming. Certainly the 2020/2021 Covid-19 pandemic experience, while not a focus of this plan, will be integrated into long-term thinking of how parks and programming can provide diverse options for recreation for all sectors of the community.



Cardinal greenway crossing of the White River near downtown Muncie.



### 3. SCOPING

The information provided in Chapter 3 is largely drawn from the 2014-2019 parks plan.<sup>6</sup>

#### Natural Features and Landscape

##### *Natural Regions*

Muncie is in Indiana's Central Till Plain Natural Region, the largest natural region in the state. "The Central Till Plain is largely a level to gently undulating, somewhat monotonous landscape that was formerly heavily forested. Its deep, fertile glacial soils supported great forests of beech and maple, oak and ash and elm."

Muncie contains two of the three sub-regions that make up the Central Till Plain Natural Region. The northern half of Muncie is in the Bluffton Till Plain section while the southern half of Muncie is in the Tipton Till Plain section. Both of these sub-regions contain flatwood communities. According to IDNR, Central Till Plain Flatwoods are significant because they are a high-quality natural community that is categorized as imperiled in the state and rare to uncommon globally. The Bluffton Till Plain contains end moraines while the Tipton Till Plain is noted for flatwoods and mesic upland forests.

##### *Eco-regions*

Eco-regions delineate areas that contain similar ecosystems, including their type, quality, and quantity. There are three eco-regions in Muncie that are all a part of the Eastern Corn Belt Plains—the Clayey, High Limit Till Plains, the Loamy, High Lime Till Plains, and the Whitewater Interlobate Area. The Clayey, High Lime Till Plains eco-region is characterized by slightly less productive soils than less swampy Maumee Lake Plains. While it was once beech forest and scattered elm-ash swamp forest, this area is now predominantly farmed. No exceptional fish communities exist in the turbid, low gradient streams of this eco-region.

The Whitewater Interlobate Areas eco-region has distinctive cool water, coarse-bottomed streams that are perennial and fed by abundant groundwater. The redbreasted dace, northern stud fish, and banded sculpin occur; they are absent or uncommon in eco-regions. Unique Ozarkian invertebrates also occur in other eco-regions. Dolomitic drift and meltwater deposits are characteristic and overlie limestone, calcareous shale, and dolomitic mudstone.

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<sup>6</sup>City of Muncie's 5-Year Parks & Recreation Master Plan 2014, Muncie Parks Department and Delaware-Muncie Metropolitan Plan Commission, April 2014

## *Geology*

Muncie's geology originates from the Middle Paleozoic Era. This includes sedimentary rocks from the Silurian period (443-416 million years ago), Devonian period (416-359 million years ago), and Mississippian Epoch (359-318 million years ago) of the Carboniferous period (359-299 million years ago). The majority of rocks stemming from these periods are limestone, dolomite, and shale.

## *Soil*

Consisting of 44 different soil types, Muncie is predominantly made up of Blount, Miami, and Urban Land soils. Fox, Pewamo, Sloan, Eel, Crosby, Glynwood, Treaty, and Udorhent soil types are marginally represented. All other soil types are minimally represented.

Miami soils, the soil series of Indiana, are moderately well drained fertile soils used for crops including corn, soybeans, and winter wheat. Blount somewhat poorly drained, slowly permeable soils. Urban Land soils refer to "built-up" land. When reviewed for building site development, the soils found in Muncie range from the classification of "not limited" to "very limited". Most soils classified as "very limited" are soils that have a shallow depth to the saturated zone (which is not conducive for basements with septic systems) and have a high potential to shrink-swell; "very limited" does not mean that the area is unbuildable.

Some soils in Muncie are hydric, which is characteristic of wetland areas. The hydric soils are found mostly around the perimeter of Muncie, with a greater percentage to the northwest. Most areas in Muncie with hydric soils are areas abutting creeks and ditches and areas that are currently used to cultivate crops. Properties with hydric soils may be good to convert to parks as they would lend well to naturalized parks with trails for enjoying native wetland habitats. As there is a strong trend of people promoting walking trails and native habitats, this would be a great opportunity to provide both.

## *Watersheds*

Muncie is located in the Upper White River Watershed of the Patoka & White River Basin of the Wabash River Basin of the Ohio Region. Watersheds are identified by their designated proper name and Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC), a set of numbers ranging from two to 16 digits long - the longer the HUC number, the smaller the area that is being identified.

The corporate boundaries of Muncie include six 14-digit watersheds - White River-Muncie Creek, White River-Truitt Ditch, Buck Creek-Macedonia Creek, White River-Buck Creek (lower), white River-York Prairie Creek, and Jakes Creek-Eagle Branch. Prairie Creek Park is located in the Prairie Creek-Cunningham/Carmichael Ditches watershed.

The White River Watershed Project (WRWP) is a community project established in 2001 to clean up non-point source water pollution at the level of 14 watersheds. The Buck Creek-Macedonia Creek watershed and the Prairie Creek-Cunningham/Carmichael Ditches watershed are 2 of the 3 watersheds that were initially included for study by the WRWP. The Buck Creek-Macedonia Creek

watershed was included due to the variety of land uses represented and because it is listed with IDEM as a waterway with impaired water quality. The Prairie Creek-Cunningham/Carmichael Ditches watershed is mostly agricultural but also provides a rare amenity for this region, being Prairie Creek Reservoir. The White River Management plan created by the WRWP recommended that a strategic master plan be developed for this watershed. This recommendation was in concert with a similar recommendation in prior comprehensive and watershed planning efforts conducted by the County.

Beginning in 2009, the WRWP added both White River-Muncie Creek and White River-Truitt Ditch watersheds to further benefit water quality in this area. These additions made approximately 44% of the land in Muncie available to participate in cost-share projects for cleaning up non-point source water pollution.

### *Hydrography*

Muncie's major waterway is the White River. Feeding the White River within Muncie are Hamilton Ditch, Holt Ditch, and Truitt Ditch, all feeding into the White River northeastern quadrant of Muncie. Buck Creek runs through the south side of Muncie, feeding into the White River on the western edge of the Town of Yorktown. Buck creek is unique due to its high-quality biological ecosystem and its potential as a cold-water trout stream. York Prairie Creek/Hiatt Ditch runs through the northwest quadrant of Muncie, joining the White River between Yorktown and Daleville in the western park of Delaware County.

The White River is Muncie's primary drinking water source with Prairie creek reservoir as a backup drinking water source. As Muncie's only major natural feature, White River runs approximately 9 miles through Muncie. Bank fishing is permitted along most of the river, downstream from the East Jackson Street Bridge. Residents also have access to 5.5 miles of river frontage by means of the White River Greenway. Additional access to White River is available at McCulloch Park and Westside Park, while Heron Overlook, Riverview Park, Riverview Overlook, Appeal to the Great Spirit Park, Oakhurst Overlook, White River Cantilever, Riverbend Park, Tuhey Park, Bicentennial Overlook, and West Point Overlook offer views for enjoying the river.

### *Wetlands*

Not including the White River, within Muncie there are 90 areas comprising 240 acres identified as wetlands by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. However, only two areas are protected- The John M. Craddock Wetland Preserve and the Donald E. Miller Wildlife Area. Several of the inventoried wetland areas have structures on them. Wetlands are some of the Nation's most ecologically and economically important habitats, and provide benefits for fish, wildlife and people.

Due to the importance of protecting and perpetuating wetlands, identified wetland areas would be prime locations for establishing protected naturalized areas (a park classification).

Prairie Creek reservoir is a man-made reservoir consisting of approximately 1,275 acres of water that functions as the backup drinking water source for Muncie. The majority of the reservoir and surrounding property are leased to Muncie as parkland - Prairie Creek Park. It is home to nature conservation and community clubs.

### *Climate*

Muncie's climate is characterized by distinct seasons. Climate conditions in Indiana have generally mirrored those in other parts of the nation with extremes in heat, cold, and some periods of drought being experienced over the past several years.

### *Flora*

As previously discussed, most of Muncie's native flora was replaced by agriculture and then again by development. Muncie has been designated as a Tree City USA for over a decade now. This is a program sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters. With the street tree inventory complete, most street trees in Muncie are silver maples: sugar maple, apple, green ash, honey locust, Bradford pear, Norway maple, Siberian elm, catalpa, and Sycamore are also well represented among the 100+ species found in Muncie. The Bradford pear, an invasive tree that once goes wild, is a detriment to animals because of their thorny ends. Conversely, most wooded areas in Muncie are plagued by invasive species; primarily 3 species of bush honeysuckle and garlic mustard. Other invasive plants in the city include Reed Canary grass (found along the river), Canada Thistle, and Crown Vetch. Delaware County is part of the Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (CISMA) initiative that has been implemented statewide to deal with invasive species. This activity is known as the Delaware County Invasive Plant Project (DIPP) and is coordinated by the Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District and the Purdue Extension Delaware County. For further information on the concept refer to <http://www.sicim.info/cismas>.

Muncie's mayor, Dan Ridenour, has an ambitious agenda of planting 1,000 new trees in the city by 2026, which is approximately 250 per year and removing 500 old or diseased trees. Invasive plants are also a detriment. Using the public to help the Urban Forester identify invasive plants would help the process. Public notices will also assist in communication methods. Incentive programs will also help garner the public's help.

Our natural resources are at risk. These invasive species are a recurring problem and demand annual spraying. These activities portend continued conservation and environmental protection along the White river and in conjunction with partner agencies like the Red-Tail Conservatory and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. The MPRD should consider the impact of additional volunteers in this area of the county as there has been and continues to be concern.

## Man-Made, Historical, and Cultural

Muncie was incorporated under the status of "town" in 1854. In 1865 Muncie's citizens voted to have their town incorporated as a city. Serving as the county seat of Delaware County, Muncie is the only second-class city in the county. Muncie, seat of Delaware County, is sometimes referred to as "America's Hometown." The famous "Middletown" studies were carried out by a team of sociologists, led by Robert and Helen Lynd, in 1929 and 1937. The Lynds were followed by numerous other sociologists and agencies, making Muncie one of the most studied communities in the world.

Ball State Teachers College was founded in 1918 and has since become Ball State University. Ivy Tech Community College also has a campus in Muncie. The Ball family, which moved its glass manufacturing business to Muncie from Buffalo, NY in 1887, provided the principal funding for Minnetrista, a cultural center serving east central Indiana. Other museums include the Muncie Children's Museum and the National Model Aviation Museum. The Ball brothers also funded Ball Memorial Hospital, which opened in 1929.

Growing from the natural gas boom of the late 19th century, Muncie was a thriving city until the late 20th century when factories began closing down. Muncie's parks have a rich history stemming back to the beginning of the 20th century. In May of 1901, "Mr. George F. McCulloch informed the Common Council of the City of Muncie by letter that he would make a gift of the grounds known as McCulloch Park to the City of Muncie, the only condition to said gift being that the City of Muncie hold the real estate in trust as a public park for the free use of all inhabitants of the city." Located on the site of the burned down Whitely Harvesting Co., McCulloch Park became the home of deer, a bear, monkeys and "McCulloch Field" a baseball field where semi-pro baseball games were played. Following is a description of the history of baseball in Muncie's McCulloch park.

*In 1906 Muncie fielded its first professional baseball team, the Muncie Fruit Jars, playing in the class C Interstate Association. The team returned for the 1908 season in the class D Indiana-Ohio League folded on June 8 with the team in last place.*

*Over the following years the McCulloch diamond was home to numerous semi-pro clubs. In 1931 a permanent wooden grandstand was erected. Following this a local team named the Muncie Citizens was founded and enjoyed many successful seasons, especially during the depression years. During the 1930s several Major League teams visited the ballparks and on one occasion the St. Louis Browns suffered defeat at the hands of the local squad.*

*On July 4, 1938, McCulloch Park was overwhelmed with an estimated crowd of 80,000 people, more than the population of the entire city. They came for an Independence Day church gathering, a baseball double-header, along with what has been described as the greatest fireworks display in the history of the park.*

*During World War II, as part of an effort by Major League Baseball to reduce travel expenses the Pittsburgh Pirates came to Muncie for spring training. The National League club would*

*call McCulloch Park its spring home from 1943 to 1945. During this era the Pirates were led by manager Frank Frisch and Coach Honus Wagner, both Hall of Famers, who gained many fans for the team. These spring training years brought several other big-league teams to the park for exhibition games. It is said that Detroit Tiger Rudy York hit the longest home run ever out of McCulloch Park.*

*Following the war, professional baseball returned to McCulloch Park in the form of the Muncie Reds, a class D team, who called the park home from 1947 to 1950. During these years the team was an affiliate of the Cincinnati Reds.*

*After the Reds disbanded in 1950, the field went back to being used by Amateur and semi-pro clubs. On Friday, June 13, 1952, fire struck the grandstand, completely destroying it. While the grandstand has never been replaced, the field was refurbished and has been maintained throughout the years.*

Westside Park is one of the first parks that hosted baseball games played by teams in the Negro League including the Indianapolis ABCs. Westside Park was also home to a skating rink and a rollercoaster known as the Triple Figure Eight during the early 20th century. While this park is still popular, it lacks the facilities that it once supported.

The National Register of Historic Places includes nearly 40 structures and districts in the City of Muncie. The most relevant properties for this master plan are the William Henry Luick Farmhouse and Beech Grove Cemetery. Both of these properties offer amenities that park departments often maintain although neither property is overseen by Muncie's Parks & Recreation Department. At a minimum, the Urban Forester should be consulted for care of these properties' trees.

#### *Man-made Features*

With the majority of Muncie developed, there are numerous man-made features in the area. For the purposes of this plan, only major features and those relevant to parks and recreation will be highlighted. One highway and two state roads (US 35, SR 67 and SR 3) provide north-south regional access, while SR 332 brings travelers into Muncie on the Northwest side and SR 32, running east-west, brings travelers right through the middle of the city. Muncie also has two railroad operations (CSX and Norfolk Southern) which have multiple railroad lines that traverse the city.

As part of the City and County efforts to create a multi-modal community, bicycle / pedestrian projects have been emphasized both in planning and physical construction. The Delaware-Muncie Metropolitan Planning Commission conducted a Safe Routes to Schools program. The City has recently embarked on a number of new bike/ped trail projects including on Morrison Road and South Tillotson Avenue. There is a new section of paved trail linking the crushed stone trail on the White River levee adjacent to Muncie Central High School to the Cardinal Greenway. These are good examples of how there has been positive interaction among the agencies and government entities in the community. This plan supports that in every way possible.

Muncie has many bridges with the majority spanning the White River and others spanning Muncie Creek, Hiatt Ditch, and Buck Creek. Only a few bridges are overpasses to mitigate railroad and vehicular traffic. The majority of bridges crossing ditches and streams do not include sidewalks which creates a safety concern for pedestrians. The majority of bridges crossing the White River include sidewalks. As bridges are reconstructed, sidewalks are being included. Large roads, bridges and railroads create age-specific boundaries. Many people do not want young children crossing large roads, bridges or railroads without supervision. This creates barriers to youth access to parks thus these boundaries are utilized in establishing the level of service to some parks.

Muncie has greatly benefited from the establishment of Cardinal Greenways, Inc. Cardinal Greenways, Inc has constructed two recreation trails in Muncie, the Cardinal Greenway, a rails-to-trails project, and the White River Greenway. Both trails are available for all types of non-motorized transportation and along both greenways there are overlooks that provide spaces to rest and enjoy scenic views.

On property bought from CSX Transportation Corporation, the Cardinal Greenway provides 62 miles of paved trail from Marion to Richmond with an on-road section of ~15 miles between Gas City and Gaston; 51 miles of the paved trail are continuous from Gaston, IN to Richmond, IN (going through Muncie northwest - southwest). The Cardinal Greenway is named for the last passenger train to regularly run this trail line. The Cardinal Greenway provides connections to 3 of Muncie's parks- McCulloch Park, Ball Community Park and Prairie Creek Park.

The White River Greenway runs over 5.5 miles along the White River through the heart of Muncie joining seven city parks (Westside Park, White River Park, Tuhey Park, Riverbend Park, Appeal to the Great Spirit, McCulloch Park and Riverview Park), downtown Muncie, Minnetrista Cultural Center, and Ball State University. Overlooks along the White River Greenway include Heron Overlook, Riverview Overlook, Oakhurst Overlook, the White River Cantilever, Bicentennial Overlook, and West Point Overlook. The White River Greenway was designed to create trail access to abutting neighborhoods providing enhanced access for bicyclists and pedestrians to cross major roads that intersect the river.

The White River has been dredged and a levee built along its southern shore through Muncie as a protective measure from flooding. With the amount of channeling conducted through the years, Muncie's streams could practically be added to the list of man-made features. The majority of the streams are now characterized by straightened waterways with steep, eroding embankments of channels instead of the winding paths and more gently sloped embankments that streams tend to be characterized by. And as previously stated, Prairie Creek Reservoir is a man-made reservoir created as a back-up drinking water supply for the city.

### *Cultural/Ethic Background, Festivals, Arts*

Festivals and community gatherings are an integral part of the fabric of many communities and are almost always economic drivers of some type. Muncie has several fairly long-standing festivals by which many residents mark their calendars. Some of these are:

- Black Music Month is held annually in June in McCulloch Park with Forward Visions.
- The Homecoming festival is held every four years in McCulloch Park in midsummer.
- Health fairs are held annually in Heekin Park.
- Movie in the Parks are held in multiple parks during the summer season.
- Arts in the Park is held with Cornerstone Center of the Arts and a variety of local artists.
- Juneteenth is celebrated in Heekin Park in June.
- Muncie Symphony Orchestra plays music at Westside Park in June.
- Carnival held at Westside Park in July.
- Christmas in the Park is held in Heekin Park throughout December. Trees and cabins are lit with lights.
- Ron Bonham Day is held during the summer on or near the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday at Prairie Creek Park.
- The Old Washington Street Festival takes place along east Washington Street in Muncie's historic Kimbrough District in September. This annual street festival, which has been happening for over 30 years, provides opportunities for visitors to tour some of the historic homes along the street while providing a multitude of vendors selling arts, crafts, and food.

### *Environmental*

Muncie's development and growth were greatly shaped by its industrial based economy through the late 19th century and the majority of the 20th century. Years of industrial manufacturing left their mark upon Muncie. Indiana's Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) has over the years identified numerous concerns, including but not limited to:

- Additional underground storage tanks;
- Industrial waste sites found predominantly in the southern half of Muncie.
- EPA facilities (sites subject to environmental regulation or of environmental interest);
- Additional brownfields; permitted solid waste sites, septic waste sites, and cleanup sites; and,
- A number of locations are in a voluntary remediation agreement (VRA) with IDEM.

Broadly speaking, the environmental implications are that, while most of the existing Muncie parks have likely been vetted for environmental issues, any new projects (both redevelopment of existing parks and creation of new parks) should be carefully evaluated for environmental issues.

Prairie Creek reservoir is a man-made reservoir that functions as the backup drinking water source for Muncie. The majority of the reservoir and surrounding property are leased to Muncie as parkland - Prairie Creek Park. This park offers unique recreational opportunities for Muncie and Delaware County residents. Prairie Creek is referenced often in this document and its role in the overall community cannot be overstated. It is likely outside the limits of the environmental contamination that exists in the city but any projects that are done at Prairie Creek park should include in their evaluation consideration of the fact that the reservoir could provide drinking water to the City.



## 4. SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC FACTORS

### Community Description

The City of Muncie is the largest municipality in Delaware County and comprises nearly sixty percent of Delaware County's population. (see Table 2). Located in the middle of the County, Muncie is 58 miles northeast of Indianapolis in the east-central portion of the state. The jurisdiction of this Parks and Recreation Master Plan is the City of Muncie. According to the 2019 U.S. Census projection, the population of Muncie was 67,999. This makes up approximately 60% of the population of Delaware County (114,135). It should be noted the population has decreased by 3% since the 2010 Census.

Major traffic carriers include I-69 which runs parallel of the city. State Road 67 carries traffic on the southern and eastern sides of the city.

### Demographics

Muncie's population profile mirrors that for much of small urban and rural Indiana. Negative growth has been occurring for decades and is expected to continue according to growth projections from Ball State's Center for Business and Economic Research and other population forecasts.

#### *Age Distribution*

While most park facilities can be enjoyed by people of any age, some facilities are preferred by different age groups; examples of the spectrum of interests would include skateboarding and shuffleboard. Whether a neighborhood is dominated by the elderly or children can affect what types of facilities, age demographics can help illustrate types of recreational programming.

The following table shows the age demographics for Muncie. By viewing Table 2, the information quickly shows the young majority specifically with the 5-19 age group in 2019. Another large age group with a slightly higher percentage is the 20-24 range. This is caused by the large level of students at Ball State University.

#### *Ethnicity and Race*

The U.S. Census Bureau doesn't collect data reflecting people's ethnicity, so the varying ethnic backgrounds of the population are unknown. Identifying ethnic backgrounds would be important to recognize the potential interest in establishing ethnically based/heritage festivals and public art projects.

Until all people have equal opportunity, race information is useful for determining eligibility for some grants. Muncie's population is generally composed of White (Caucasian American), Black (African American), Hispanic, Asian, American Indian or Alaskan Natives, Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islanders, and people of two or more races. Some people also identified themselves as "Other Race." The majority of the population is White in Muncie. Eleven percent of the population is classified as Black or African American. Populations of people of two or more races, people of the Hispanic race and people of the Asian races are the next highest minorities. A detailed table of Muncie's racial demographics and its recent changes is provided below.

**Table 2 Demographic Indicators, Delaware County, IN (2021)**

<b>Population</b>	<b>Muncie city</b>	<b>Delaware County</b>	<b>Indiana</b>
Population estimates, July 1, 2019	67,999	114,135	6,732,219
Population estimates base, April 1, 2010	70,206	117,670	6,484,051
Population, percent change - April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2019	-3.1%	-3.0%	3.8%
<b>Age and Gender (2019)</b>			
Persons under 5 years, percent	4.9%	4.8%	6.2%
Persons under 18 years, percent	16.7%	18.2%	23.3%
Persons 65 years and over, percent	13.9%	17.5%	16.1%
Female persons, percent	52.1%	51.8%	50.7%
<b>Race (2019)</b>			
White alone, percent	83.1%	88.7%	84.8%
Black or African American alone, percent	11.1%	7.2%	9.9%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone, percent	0.1%	0.3%	0.4%
Asian alone, percent	1.7%	1.3%	2.6%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone, percent	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
Two or More Races, percent	3.4%	2.4%	2.2%
Hispanic or Latino, percent	3.4%	2.6%	7.3%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino, percent	80.9%	86.6%	78.4%

Source: Census QuickFacts, January 4, 2021

[U.S. Census Bureau QuickFacts: United States](#)

## Economic Profile

Muncie's household income lags behind both the County and the State and Muncie's unemployment rate is higher. The poverty rate is also considerably higher however it has decreased about six percentage points since the 2014 plan was completed, which was based on 2011 data (which was during the aftermath of the Great Recession). This is a positive sign but observations made in the 2014 plan remain largely true – "Having so many people living in poverty means that more people rely on parks for recreational opportunities yet also don't have the ability to afford paying fees." Located in a designated federal Opportunity Zone, 100% of the Muncie Community School district students participate in the Federal Free and Reduced School Meals and Milk Programs.

**Table 3 Economic Indicators, Delaware County, IN**

<b>Employment &amp; Income</b>	<b>Muncie</b>	<b>Delaware County</b>	<b>Indiana</b>
Median Household Income (2019) \$	\$33,944	\$45,912	\$57,603
Poverty Rate (2019) %	30.9	21.5	13.4
Labor Force (2019)*	33,841	53,945	3,363,860
Employed	31,170	51,853	3,202,509
Unemployed	2,671	2,092	161,351
Unemployment Rate	7.9	3.9	4.8

\*Note: Labor force includes employed persons and unemployed persons actively looking for work.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, latest 5-Year Estimates, 2015-2019

A new focus is on Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed (ALICE) households. They earn more than the US poverty level, but less than the basic cost of living for the county. In Delaware County, 29% of households are ALICE households, compared to the state average of 22%. A majority of the poverty seen in Delaware County is generational (poverty lasting at least two generations) and is very difficult to address. The languishing economy has never recovered from the automotive industry's departure.

### Major Employers

Table 4 shows the major employers in Delaware County. Key industries include education, health care, advanced manufacturing, food processing, logistics and distribution, alternative energy, and information technology.

Businesses include Fortune 500 companies Concentrix, Progress Rail Services, and SuperValu. Keihin IPT Manufacturing (Honda Supplier) helps anchor the Airpark Industrial Park. Auto manufacturer Magna Powertrain (MPT-Muncie) continues to expand its operations in Delaware County in the Industrial Centre Industrial Park. Progress Rail Services, a subsidiary of Caterpillar Inc., has located a locomotive assembly facility in Muncie. Automotive supplier Mursix Corporation has recently expanded its building footprint and workforce, and continues to invest as the business grows, currently occupying nearly a half-million square feet. Last, Navient has expanded its facility, adding hundreds of jobs for Muncie residents, making it the largest for-profit employer in Delaware County.

Ball State University, a public institution, employs 3,000 full-time employees, including tenure track and contract faculty; professional personnel; clerical, technical, and managerial staff; and service personnel. Ball State is Muncie's largest employer. In the 2021 edition of US News' Best Colleges and Universities, the university ranked #284. They offer 150 undergraduate, 80 masters, 20 doctoral, and 14 specialist degree programs. Total enrollment in 2019 was 22,500.

Another non-profit employer is Indiana University Health Ball Memorial Hospital. IU Health Ball strives to provide its patients with the highest quality of medical care and services. It serves as

a tertiary referral center and teaching hospital for East Central Indiana and part of Indiana University Health. The hospital is accredited by the Joint Commission and maintains 1.2 million square feet of facilities. It is part of an elite group of hospitals with Magnet designation for nursing excellence. It is near the campus of Ball State University; which it shares multiple educational partnerships. The hospital was founded in 1929 and has more than 3,000 team members.

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Muncie Community Schools is one of the largest employers. Many of the schools have playgrounds, tracks, and other facilities that are available to the public. Those facilities that are not available on a general basis should be evaluated for times they could be used.

As noted elsewhere in this report, the history of Muncie has consisted of a continuing evolution of cooperation between the private and public sector. Many of the businesses in the community had their origin with the gas boom, when the public sector basically used the availability of a free natural resource as a business incentive to attract employers. That cooperation should continue. Improvement of parks programming and facilities will make Muncie a better place, which should lead to economic enhancement and improved quality of life for all residents.

**Table 4 Major Employers, Delaware County, IN**

Employees	Company	Principal Officer	Industry	City
3,379	Ball State University	Geoffrey Mearns	Education	Muncie
2,613	IU Health Ball Memorial and Physician Practices Team Members	Dr. Jeff Bird	Medical Services	Muncie
650	Muncie Community Schools	Dr. Lee Ann Kwiatkowski	Education	Muncie
633	Navient	Dan Vipperman	Customer Service Center	Muncie
555	Concentrix	Sharon Bergen	Customer Service Center	Daleville
551	First Merchants Corporation	Scott McKee	Financial Services	Muncie
550	Meridian Health Services	Hank Milius	Behavior Health	Muncie
516	Youth Opportunity Center	Rick Rowray	Youth Services	Muncie
500	Progress Rail	Jim Shrivinski	Rail and Transit Products	Muncie
465	City of Muncie	Mayor Dan Ridenour	Government	Muncie
460	MPT Muncie/Magna Powertrain	Stephen Brand	Manufacturing	Muncie
452	Delaware County Government Offices	James King	Government	Muncie
392	Delaware Community Schools	Reece Mann	Education	Muncie
362	Lifetouch	Lori Boyer	Customer Service Center	Muncie
350	Hillcroft Services	Debbie Bennett	Social Services	Muncie
349	Yorktown Community Schools	Dr. Gregory Hinshaw	Education	Yorktown
323	Wal-Mart North	Beth Pea	Retail	Muncie
300	Mursix Corporation	Todd Murray	Manufacturing	Yorktown
295	DIY Group, Inc.	Denny Durham	Packaging and Distribution	Muncie
274	Wal-Mart South	Vic Warner	Retail	Muncie
273	Ontario Systems	Tim O'Brien	Software	Muncie
250	Maxon - A Honeywell Company	Diane LeDoux	Manufacturing	Muncie
247	Westminster Village	Dale Lindley	Assisted Living	Muncie
235	Terhunes, Inc./McDonald's	Robert Terhune, Jr.	Restaurants	Muncie
234	Ivy Tech Community College	Jeff Scott	Education	Muncie
220	North West Bank	Dave Heeter	Financial Services	Muncie
212	American Health Network, LLC	Sandy Dilts	Healthcare	Muncie
182	Meijer	Craig Hunter	Retail	Muncie
181	Exide Technologies	Kevin Carpenter	Manufacturing	Muncie
175	Keihin IPT Manufacturing	Kimberly West	Manufacturing	Muncie
167	R&L Carriers	Human Resources	Freight Shipping	Alexandria
160	American Electric Power	Ashley Savieo	Utility	Muncie
150	Mld-West Metal Products, Inc.	Steve Smith	Manufacturing	Muncie
143	Muncie Sanitary District	Bill Smith	Government	Muncie
125	Muncie Power Products	Ray Chambers	Truck Equipment and Mobile Power	Muncie
125	Liberty-Perry Schools	Bryan Rausch	Education	Selma
124	Wes-Del Community Schools	Kyle Mealy	Education	Gaston

*Note: Employment numbers and information are always subject to change. Source: Muncie-Delaware County, Indiana Economic Development Alliance, Muncie-Delaware County Chamber of Commerce (Jan 2021); [Muncie-Delaware County, Indiana Economic Development Alliance - Major Employers](#)*

## Analysis of Demographic and Economic Factors

Looking at the City as a whole, if Prairie Creek Park is excluded the larger parks are generally in the eastern and southern portions of the City. The City has identified three new parks to be built in the city with two on the west side (which, in part, addresses a concern identified in the 2014 plan of lack of parks in northwest Muncie). Given the fact that there is a relatively higher percentage of income-constrained households than other parts of the state and the City's generally poor rating in health outcomes, the Parks Department should continue aiming to continue minimizing fees as much as possible, maintaining current sponsorships and looking for new sponsorships to fund programs run through the parks department, increasing the number of staff dedicated to programming, and partnering with other organizations to enhance and expand already existing and positive programming. In particular, programs that are not fee intensive but can increase positive health outcomes (which directly improves quality of life for lower income individuals) is suggested.

The parks department has been innovative and proactive in the past several years with these types of activities (e.g., Be Heart). Finally, every opportunity should be taken to maximize use of existing facilities at the public schools and even the University levels to support these programs.

## 5. SUPPLY ANALYSIS

Muncie's park system consists of 28 established parks in its inventory as well as three planned parks at properties owned by the City. It provides administration, maintenance, and oversight of those parks as well as operating community programs. The parks department also maintains a handful of additional properties owned by public entities that are not officially a part of this department.

The inventory was completed by visiting the City's parks to update the inventory detailed in Muncie's previous Parks & Recreation Master Plan from 2014. Dr. Shannon Powers, Mp2lanning, and City staff worked together to complete the needed updates and revisions. Support and graphics were provided by the Delaware-Muncie Metropolitan Plan Commission. A review for accessibility was also completed for each of the parks.

### Classification

Classifying parks into categories helps define their role in the overall system, demonstrates their relationship to each other, highlights deficiencies, helps to develop an action program, and assists in allocating funding. Muncie classifies parks into four groups: Major parks, Community parks, Special Use parks, Neighborhood parks, Open Lands parks, Mini-parks, and Park trailways. This classification system is adapted in part from the Recommended Classification System for Local and Regional Open Spaces and Trails from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. It recognizes types of parks based on size, service area, facilities and use groups

### Parks Inventory

Table 5 presents an inventory of the current parks under the jurisdiction of the City parks department. This was based on an update of information provided by the parks department as well as assessments of each park as presented in the 2014 parks plan. A site visit was made to each park in early January to review overall conditions and compare them to the prior analyses.

Table 5: 2021 Muncie Parks Plan Inventory and Assessment

Park	Address	Location	Size (Acres)	Type	Owner	Facilities	Condition	ADA
1. Appeal to the Great Spirit	1100 N. Granville Ave.	Walnut St. and Granville	0.3	Mini-Park	City of Muncie	Sculpture, landscaping, concrete encirclement with seating, downtown parking	Good	No facilities
2. Aultshire Park	1901 N. Watt Ave. Muncie, 47303	South of Cromer Ave. on Watt Ave.	2	Neighborhood Park	City of Muncie Parks and Recreation	Playground equipment, shelter, basketball court, dirt/grass walking path, off-street parking	Medium to poor	Needs assessment
3. Avondale Park (PLANNED)	No specific address	15 <sup>th</sup> Street and Hoyt Street	Not defined	Neighborhood Park	City of Muncie	Planned park	NA	Will comply with ADA guidelines when developed
4. Ball Corp Park	2105 S. Macedonia Ave. 47302	Macedonia Ave. between 14th and 17th Streets	10.99	Neighborhood Park	Ball Corp.	Basketball court, picnic shelter and tables, crushed stone walking path, benches, fitness area, off-street parking, garbage enclosure	Medium	Needs assessment
5. Buley Center	1111 N. Penn St., Muncie, IN 47303	Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Highland Ave., Penn St., & Russey St.	1.8	Neighborhood Park	City of Muncie	Basketball court and playground, picnic shelter and tables, community center, off-street parking	Medium to poor	No facilities
6. Canan Commons Park	520 S. Walnut St., 47305	Walnut St., Seymour St., Mulberry St.	1.53	Neighborhood Park	City of Muncie	Stage, open space, benches, bike racks, downtown parking	Good	No facilities

7. Clifton-Wallace Park	509 W. Charles St., 47305	Charles St., between Council St. and Cherry St.	0.34	Mini-Park	City of Muncie	Minimal playground equipment, Little Free Library, picnic table, street parking	NA	Needs assessment
8. Cooley Park	2101 E 22nd St.	23rd St. and Mock Ave.	5.36	Neighborhood Park	City of Muncie	Baseball diamond, picnic table, basketball court (not in place as of Jan 21), playground equipment, walking path, major reconstruction project underway, off-street parking,	Medium to poor	Needs assessment
9. Cornerstone Park	101 S. Madison, St., Muncie, IN 47303	Corner of East Main and Madison	0.3	Mini Park	City of Muncie	Sculpture, landscaping, concrete encirclement with seating, downtown parking	Good	Needs Assessment
10. Cowing Park	2501 N. Pauline Ave., Muncie, IN 47303	Pauline Ave., Cowing Dr., Tilmore Dr., & Cowing Park Ln.	4.16	Neighborhood Park	City of Muncie	Open space, soccer goals, basketball and tennis courts, picnic tables, playground equipment, grill, street parking	Good	Needs assessment
11. Emerson Memorial Dog Park	901 W. Beechwood Ave., Muncie, IN 47303	Ashland Ave., Linden St., Beechwood Ave., & Pauline Ave.	1.45	Special Use Park	City of Muncie	Dog park, benches, street parking	Good	Needs assessment
12. Gilbert Park	401 E. Gilbert St. Muncie, IN 47305	Gilbert & Elm Streets	0.3	Mini-Park	City of Muncie	Picnic table, benches, playground, street parking	Medium to poor	Needs assessment
13. Guthrie Park	3011 W. University Ave., Muncie, IN 47304	University Ave., Riley Rd., North St., & Winthrop Rd.	2.19	Neighborhood Park	City of Muncie	Open space, benches, street parking	Good	No facilities

14. Halteman Park	4205 N. Lancaster Dr., Muncie, IN 47304	Lancaster Dr.	3	Neighborhood Park	City of Muncie	Tennis court, basketball court, volleyball poles, small playground, closed swimming pool, open space	Medium	Needs assessment
15. Heekin Park	1600 S. Hackley St., Muncie, IN 47302	Memorial Dr., Madison St., 9th St., Penn St., & Hackley St.	54.01	Community Park	City of Muncie Parks and Recreation	Open space, cabins, dog park, picnic shelter, playgrounds, memorials, water fountain, basketball court, tennis courts, restrooms, water fountains, baseball diamond, horseshoe pits, park office, off-street and on-street parking	Medium	Needs assessment
16. I&M Park		Corner of Wysor and Wheeling	0.3	Mini-park	City of Muncie	Monument, benches, flagpole, crushed stone path leading to path over White River levee	Good	No facilities
17. Jack's Park	3000 N. Elm St., Muncie, IN 47303	Elm St. & Dunn Ave., south of McGalliard Rd.	2.11	Neighborhood Park	City of Muncie	Lighted basketball court, picnic table, playground equipment, street parking	Medium	Needs assessment
18. Kiljack Park		Kilgore and Jackson	0.6	Mini-park	City of Muncie	Landscaping, benches	Good	No facilities
19. Matthews Park	1513 W. Harvard Ave., Muncie, IN 47303	Harvard Ave. east of Wheeling Ave.	1.04	Neighborhood Park	No information available	Open space, trees, minimal access (no parking)	Good	No facilities

20. McCullough Park	1200 Martin Luther King Blvd., Muncie, IN 47303	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Blvd., McCulloch Blvd., Highland Ave., and Centennia I Ave.	91.43	Community Park	City of Muncie	Sledding hill, playgrounds, disk golf course, basketball courts, baseball diamond, Soap Box Derby track, picnic shelters, picnic tables, lodge, memorial, "safety town", off street parking	Medium	Needs assessment
21. Morningside Park	2100 E. Cornell Ave., Muncie, IN, 47303	Cornell Ave.	0.89	Mini-Park	City of Muncie Parks and Recreation	Basketball court, picnic shelter and tables, playground, grill, footbridge for neighborhood access, off street parking	Medium to poor	Needs assessment
22. Prairie Creek Park	7801 S. County Rd. 560 E., Selma, IN 47383	Windsor Rd., 575 E. - 544 E., 650 S., & 461 E. - 475 E.	1890.81	Open Lands Park	Indiana - American Water Co., Inc. & Hiatt, Brian & Charla	Boat launch, leasable piers, campground, bath house and beach access, restrooms, basketball court, model aircraft field, picnic shelters, picnic tables, playgrounds, rental lodge, horseshoes, volleyball court, disk golf, windsurfing access, dog-running area, bank fishing, ATV area, horseback riding trails, multi-use hiking trail, mountain bike trails, connection to	Playground equipment ranges from good to poor	New construction is ADA-accessible; overall Needs Assessment recommended

						Cardinal Greenway, Red-tail Conservancy Nature Preserve, park office, off-street parking		
23. Riverbend Park	320 N. High St., Muncie, IN 47305	High St. & Wysor St.	0.42	Mini-Park	City of Muncie	Platform, sculpture, benches, landscaping and screening hedges	Good	No facilities
24. Riverview Park	700 N. Bunch Blvd., Muncie, IN 47303	Bunch Blvd & Carver Drive	3.45	Neighborhood Park	No information available	Open space, baseball diamond (not maintained), basketball court, benches, playground equipment, picnic shelter and table, off-street parking	Medium to poor	Needs assessment
25. Storer Park (PLANNED)	No specific address	W. Mansfield Road and N. Riley Rd	Not defined	Neighborhood Park	City of Muncie	Planned park	NA	Will comply with ADA guidelines when developed
26. Thomas Park	2001 S. Rochester Ave., Muncie, IN 47302	Rochester Ave., south of Memorial Drive	11.5	Neighborhood Park	City of Muncie	Baseball diamond, basketball court, tennis courts, playground equipment, picnic shelter and tables, openspace	Good to poor	Needs assessment
27. Tillpond Park (PLANNED)	No specific address	South Tillotson and Cornbread Road	10	Open Lands Park	City of Muncie	Planned park	NA	Will comply with ADA guidelines when developed

<b>28. Tuhey Park</b>	500 W. North St., Muncie, IN 47303	White River Blvd. & North St.	8.43	Neighborhood/ Special Use Park	City of Muncie	Picnic table, benches, playgrounds, swimming pool, splash pad, openspace, sculpture, open space, off-street and street parking	Good	Needs assessment
<b>29. Washington Park</b>	305 S. Pershing Dr., Muncie, IN 47303	Adams St., Pershing St., & Charles St.	0.78	Mini-Park	City of Muncie	Playground equipment, elegant park furniture, open areas	Medium	Needs assessment
<b>30. Westside Park</b>	2400 W. White River Blvd., Muncie, IN 47303	White River Blvd., Tillotson Ave., & Nichols Ave.	20.65	Community Park	City of Muncie	Baseball diamond, basketball courts, open space, picnic shelters and tables, grills, playground equipment, shuffleboard court, three wire-control airplane circles, off-street parking	Good to poor	Needs assessment
<b>31. White River Park</b>	No specific address	White River Blvd., Nichols Ave. to High St.	41.6	Park Trailway	City of Muncie & Delaware County	Linear park with White River Greenway, picnic shelters and tables, benches, off-street parking	Good	Greenway complies with ADA guidelines
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>2,164.95</b>					

Source: 2014 City of Muncie Five-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan, Muncie Parks Department, and visual survey conducted January, 2021

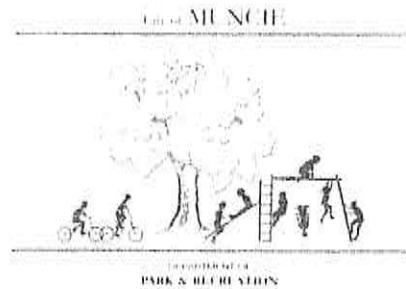
Note: Total acreage does not include 10 acres planned (and owned by City) for Tillpond Park.

Note: Classification definitions based on National Recreation and Park Association's (NRPA) Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines

## Recreational Programs

Table 6 provides a list of programming opportunities currently sponsored by the parks department.

Table 6: Existing Programs



Muncie Parks and Recreation Programs and Events 2021		
Sports	Date(s)	Location(s)
Flag Football	June 2021	Ball Corp. Park
Tackle Football	June 2021	Ball Corp. Park
Soccer	April 10 - May 15	Ball Corp. Park and Cowing Park
Tennis	May 2021	Cowing Park
Pickle Ball	May 2021	Cowing Park
Baseball League	September 2021	Lafferty Field
Basketball League	June 2021	Heekin Park
Track and Field Days	April - May 2021	Muncie Central High School
Summer Youth Employment & Mentor Program		
	Date(s)	Location(s)
Hire (200) Youth (Ages 12-16)	February - March 2021	Parks and Rec. Department
8 weeks of Employment	June 7 - July 16	Parks, Muncie YMCA, Various Muncie Businesses
Mentor Program every Thursday for 1 hour and work 8 hours every Friday	June 7 - July 16	Muncie Central High School
Robotic STEM Program		
	Date(s)	Location(s)
Robotic STEM Program	July 2021	TBD
Mars Space Camp	July 2021	TBD
Senior Citizens		
	Date(s)	Location(s)
Diabetes Class and Cooking Demonstration	February 28 - March 18	Heekin Park Cabin #3
Heart Health Class	April 7 - April 28	Heekin Park Cabin #3
EVENTS		
	Date(s)	Location(s)
Black Music Month Celebration	June 16, 2021	McCulloch Park
Juneteenth	July 19, 2021	Heekin Park
Soul Bowl Basketball Tournament	July 10-11, 2021	Heekin Park
Youth Basketball Tournament	July 9, 2021	Heekin Park
Trunk or Treat Event	October 23, 2021	Heekin Park
Christmas Celebration for Seniors	December 4, 2021	McCulloch Park
Christmas in the Park	December 5, 2021	Heekin Park

## 6. ACCESSIBILITY

The designated ADA coordinator for the City of Muncie and the Parks and Recreation Department is:

Yvonne Thompson, Director of Human Rights  
300 North High Street, Muncie 47305  
Phone: 765-747-4854  
Email: [ythompson@cityofmuncie.com](mailto:ythompson@cityofmuncie.com)

The City of Muncie has an American with Disabilities Act Transition and Implementation Plan.<sup>7</sup> This plan has specific transition plans in place for Heekin, Westside, and McCullough parks and has been implementing recommendations from that plan. The City of Muncie is dedicated to continuing incremental improvements for accessibility at each of its parks. This includes accessible parking, paths, restrooms, activity areas, amenities and signage. The parks department recognizes from previous plans and inventories that much of the parks system has issues with accessibility. The new MPRD administration spent 2020 responding to immediate ADA issues. The focus was at Cooley Park. Lack of funding or formal assessment leads the current administration with a clean slate to evaluate and prioritize ADA compliance. Updating the 2011 transition plan to include all parks is a priority for the department.

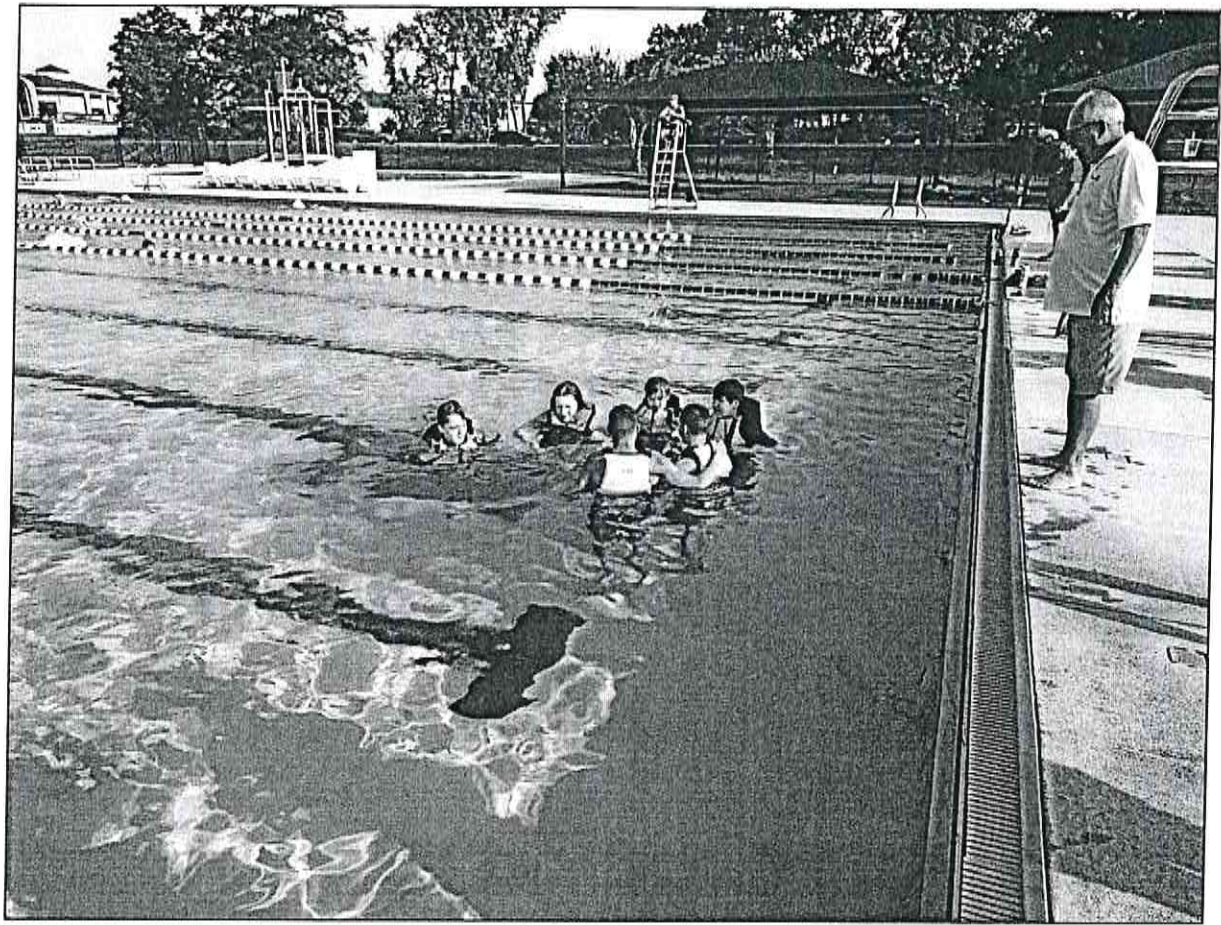
The City has in place a resolution designating an ADA coordinator (Ms. Thompson) and a "Grievance Procedure" that provides a process for addressing complaints alleging discrimination on the basis of disability in the provision of services, activities, programs, or benefits.

In addition, the City of Muncie has in place a process to post the required information regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator, the City of Muncie Grievance Procedure under the Americans with Disabilities Act, and other ADA related information on the city's website and at other locations as may be determined from time to time.

A copy of a completed ADA/Rehab. Act (504)/ADA assurance of accessibility compliance sign-off sheet is included in Appendix A.

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<sup>7</sup> City of Muncie, Indiana Americans with Disabilities Act Transition and Implementation Plan, Muncie-Delaware Metropolitan Planning Commission, December 2011



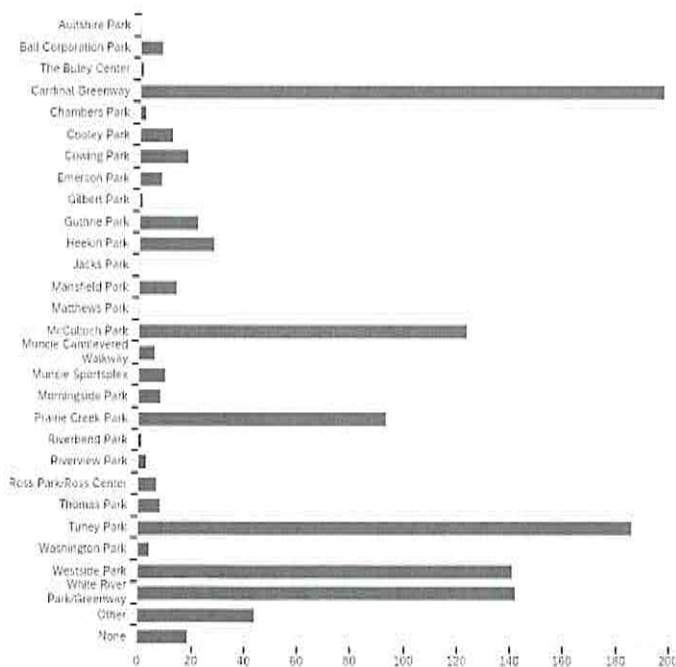
## 7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The public participation component of this plan has been limited due to the various restrictions on community gatherings due to COVID-19 but meets all DNR requirements for the master planning process. The following public process has been followed:

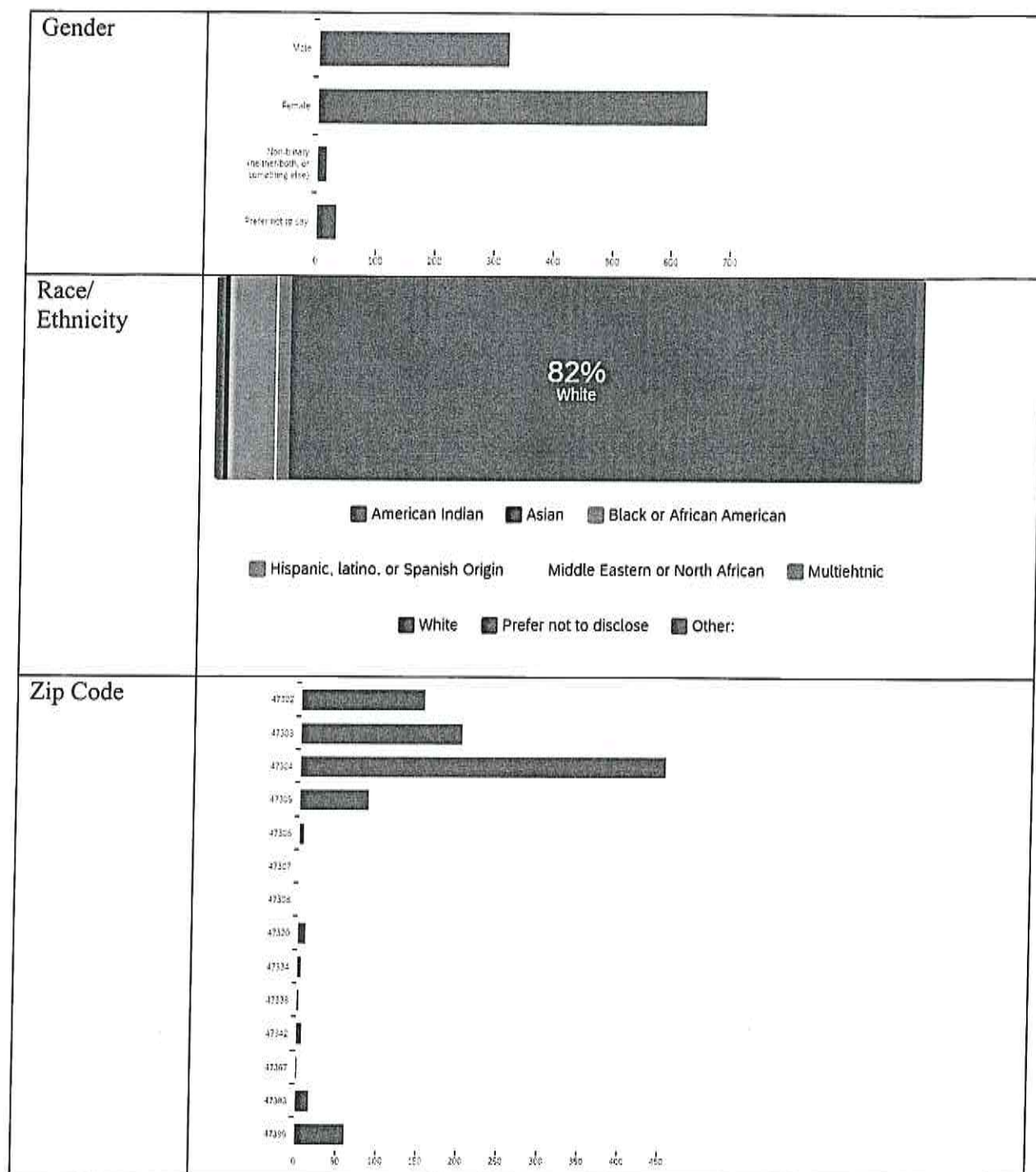
- Community internet random survey (December, 2020 – January, 2021)
- Publicly advertised parks boards meetings – March 16, 2021 and April 13, 2021 at which the parks plan was on the Agenda;
- Public meetings dedicated to park plan - April 1, 2021 (Sign-in sheets are in Appendix B.)

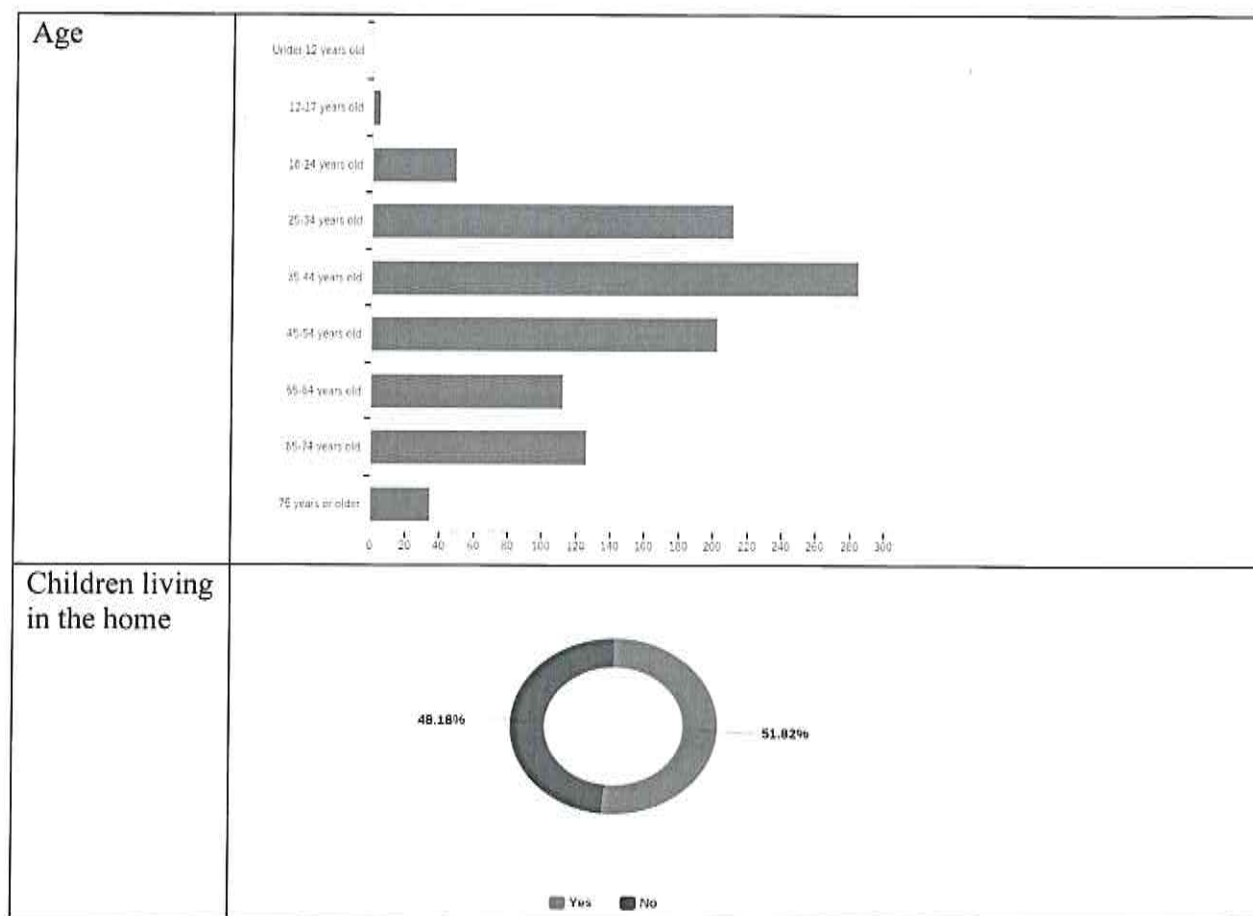
Public input for the Resident Satisfaction Survey was gathered during December, 2020 and January, 2021. The survey was conducted online and was advertised on the MPRD Facebook page and to the following groups: NAACP, YMCA members, Concerned Clergy, Ball State University's Community Engagement Facebook followers. The survey was designed to obtain statistically valid results from individuals throughout Delaware County. The goal was to obtain a total of at least 400 survey responses. A total of 1,056 responses was obtained. Statistically, a sample of 1,053 responses provides a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percent at a 95 percent confidence level. The following slides show some of the key findings of the survey. The complete survey results including statistical analysis can be obtained from the parks department staff. All responses to questions and open-ended comments are presented in Appendix C.

### *Park Usage*



## Demographics





Survey Questions	Responses
How important are parks, recreation services, and open space to the quality of life in Muncie?	83% Very Important 15% Important 2% Somewhat important
How familiar are you with the city's Parks and Recreation Department?	61% Slightly familiar 30% Very Familiar 10% Not familiar at all
How many times have you visited any of the city parks this past year?	15 or more visits 44% 5-15 visits 32% 1-5 visits 25%
How satisfied are you with the walking trails?	Somewhat satisfied 43% Satisfied 39% Neither satisfied or dissatisfied 15% Dissatisfied 4%
How satisfied are you with the playground facilities?	Somewhat satisfied 39%

	Neither satisfied or dissatisfied 27% Satisfied 20% Dissatisfied 4%
How satisfied are you with the picnic facilities?	Somewhat satisfied 38% Neither satisfied or dissatisfied 30% Dissatisfied 17% Satisfied 17%
How satisfied are you with the restroom facilities?	Dissatisfied 38% Neither satisfied or dissatisfied 34% Somewhat satisfied 22% Satisfied 6%
Would you like to see more wetlands, forests, farmlands and/or heritage sites?	Yes 82%                      No 18%
Would you like Muncie to adopt green infrastructure connecting our park system? (Green infrastructure could include trails, linear open spaces, or "green streets" - referring to streetscapes that include bike lanes, sidewalks, and green buffers?)	Yes 80% No opinion 16% No 4%
Did you participate in any outdoor recreation this past year? (i.e., gardening, outdoor games, walking)	Yes 93%                      No 7%
<p>What would you like to see more of in the Parks? Select all that apply.</p> <p>The highest rated were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Nature trails/boardwalks, 72%, 762 responses of 1,056</li> <li>✓ Music in the park, 62%, 655 responses</li> <li>✓ Botanical gardens, 56%, 590 responses</li> <li>✓ Spray parks/splash pads, 54%, 573 responses</li> <li>✓ Outdoor play equipment/ADA accessible, 52%, 552 responses</li> <li>✓ Accessible paved multi-purpose trails, 49%, 515 responses</li> <li>✓ Additional recreational programming, 43%, 454 responses</li> </ul>	

## Conclusions

### Survey

Review of the responses to the questions includes a clear support for the trails network, that respondents use the parks, they don't have real strong feelings on the infrastructure except a negative response to the condition of bathrooms. There is also support for additional events and programming as highlighted by the 1,000's of comments received. The parks board should use

this survey and “mine” the results as it considers new projects and proposals that come before it. In summary, parks are important, the trails network is great, and we use the parks.

#### Public Meeting

At the public meeting held on April 1, 2021 (sign-up sheet is in Appendix B), several comments were made and are summarized here. Other comments were emailed to the parks staff and board and have been addressed in the plan.

1. Don't isolate Prairie Creek – it needs to remain part of the city operation and be explored for ways it can help enrich the lives of the residents of Muncie and the region.
2. Explore transportation options to get people from Muncie who don't drive to Prairie Creek Park.
3. In the inventory, change the classification of Tuhey Park to Neighborhood/Special Use Park
4. Build programming, particularly for youth; use the parks as an educational resource.
5. There were questions about having the entire survey available (it is in the current version of the plan) and about the inventory (the overall assessment provided in Table 5 is based on review of what is in the parks now (based on a site visit to each park conducted in January 2021).
6. At an earlier park board meeting, similar support for additional programming was presented along with a request for an overall approach to creating disc golf facilities at several parks and upgrading the existing course at Prairie Creek.
7. Request for consideration of a skate park (West side park has been identified as the ideal location by proponents).



## 8. NEEDS ANALYSIS

This section presents the methodology and results of the needs analysis task. Generally, per DNR guidelines, this section documents:

- Recreation behavior and need;
- Participation and user preference;
- Causes of nonuse or lack of public engagement; and,
- The needs of special populations.

The primary methodology used in this plan is an issues-based analysis (referred to as Issue Analysis) while we also looked at Level of Service (LOS). The issue-based approach was chosen because on based on early collaboration with staff and board members, emphasis in the five-year period (2021 – 2025) would be more on programming and expanding recreational opportunities rather than development of new parks (although these are not discounted as the City is currently building new trails and is in the process of planning a new nature area along South Tillotson Avenue. How Muncie fares under the LOS methodology is discussed next.

### Level of Service (LOS) Analysis

The 2014 parks master plan included analysis and maps of the status of Muncie relative to the standards proposed by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA). These Level of Service (LOS) Standards for Parks and Open Space is developed by the NRPA to “...guide communities to set local standards based on expressed public need, values, and expectations, and is expressed in acres/1000 to measure and prioritize needs.” In general, the 2014 parks master plan stated: “...Muncie’s park system only meets the “core” recommendations when including the leased properties.” The basic premise is that Prairie Creek puts Muncie over the threshold required for acreage per population, but the basic system of core parks in the city remains deficient. It is also stated in the plan that “...when assessing how many acres Muncie should provide of the various types of parks, all park types except the regional park type are deficient.” Muncie has been active in park development where the opportunity arises and the current administration has placed emphasis on parks as a critical component of the community. Three new parks are planned and defined in this plan. The current parks system has a total inventory of about 2,165 acres. However, most of this is represented by Prairie Creek Park. The acreage without Prairie Creek is about 274. The DNR suggests a standard of 20 acres per 1,000 people (IDNR Level of Service recommendations; page 46, DNR Planning Guidelines for Five Year Parks and Recreation Master Plans). Without including Prairie Creek, Muncie is deficient in park acreage by DNR standards. The new parks being developed will help address this deficiency. Improving access to Prairie Creek was identified as something that needed to be done during the public meeting held for the study. Improving access to Prairie Creek Park to all Muncie residents will move Muncie towards the goal set by the standards.

## Issue Analysis

The issue analysis evolved from discussions held throughout the planning process with members of the parks staff and board, a community survey (discussed in Section 8), and through community input including that derived from past parks plans (especially the 2014 plan) to ideas and concepts resulting from meetings with outside agencies. As a result of these discussions, the following issues consistently emerged:

- Issue 1: Additional recreational programming;
- Issue 2: Upgrade playground equipment with modern equipment, safety considerations, and accessibility considerations;
- Issue 3: Continue to upgrade Muncie's bike/ped system and make it truly multi-modal with enhanced public transportation linkages; and,
- Issue 4: Create an updated development plan for Prairie Creek Park that reflects its potential for the community as a regional and national attraction
- Issue 5: Additional staffing for additional parks and newly formed recreation programming

The following discussion briefly summarizes each issues and potential answers/next steps. This then will feed into the Priorities and Action Schedule defined in the next section. Figure 2 in that section presents a New Facilities Location Map which shows currently contemplated facilities currently being developed or which may come in place in the next five years.

### Issue 1: Additional Recreational Programming

#### Background

Parks department staff have indicated this is a priority. An important part of this effort is to increase efforts to improve health outcomes for the City of Muncie and Indiana as a whole. Recreational programming for all ages can help achieve this goal.

#### Possible Solutions/Next Steps

- The parks department is exploring a number of programming opportunities in the next few years, but perhaps the most visible will be working to reinstitute the Gus Macker summer basketball tournament.

Issue 2: Upgrade playground equipment with modern equipment, safety considerations, and accessibility considerations

#### Background

Many of the parks have outdated and non-ADA compliant playground equipment. The parks department has been working to address this situation and it will continue that effort.

#### Possible Solutions/Next Steps

- Appropriation of \$2 million in parks budget for ADA renovations and or new construction.
- Include ADA renovations as required in all parks renovation projects and or new construction.
- Continue implementation of City's 2011 ADA transition plan and review information relative to existing parks and update as necessary.
- Multiple individual park renovation projects are underway or planned.

Issue 3: Continue to upgrade Muncie's bike/ped system and make it truly multi-modal with enhanced public transportation linkages

#### Background

Muncie has a visible trail network that includes paved bike trails, on-street bike markings, and signage relating to the various components of the network. This trail system, combined with the Ironman competitions held at Prairie Creek, is a great quality of community "identifier" that will help build Muncie as a great place to live.

#### Possible Solutions/Next Steps

- Continue coordination with Cardinal Greenway.
- Ensure that park renovation projects and new development plans consider multi-modal linkages.

Issue 4: Create an updated development plan for Prairie Creek Park that reflects its potential for the community as a regional and national attraction

#### Background

Prairie Creek Park is unique in its location (several miles southeast of the city in Perry Township) and its draw – the water. The park has a public beach and offers extensive boating and related outdoor opportunities. The park hosts a variety of athletic events and will be home to a national Ironman event in 2021, which is expected to draw thousands to the community.

#### Possible Solutions/Next Steps

- Update development plan for Prairie Creek Park

## Issue 5: Additional staffing for additional parks and newly formed recreation programming

### Background

The MPRD oversees a large amount of acreage for public use that our community expects to be well-maintained and attractive parks and facilities. With the addition of three new parks in Muncie, more seasonal employees will need to be hired from April – August.

### Possible Solutions/Next Steps

- Create a Level-of-Service metric that measures the number and type of facility maintenance time be created for future growth.
- Hire coaches and instructors with suitable credentials to build a reputable and impactful recreation program. Temporary employees in the recreation program should be paid a fair and market rate.



## 9. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE FIVE-YEAR MASTER PLAN

Goal 1: Explore enhancing and developing recreation and environmental education programs with special consideration given to activities that improve health and wellness

Objectives:

- a. Provide inclusive and innovative recreation programs;
- b. Continue to develop promotional brochures, City website, social media platforms, and materials which inform the public on the parks and recreational programming.
- c. Enhance the MPRD image and “brand.”
- d. Renovate and enhance existing sports facilities to support such programs.
- e. Maintain and encourage additional partnerships with schools and other recreational groups to further enhance and diversify the programs, leagues, and special events available to residents.
- f. Provide both passive and active programming for a variety of ages and abilities of the population all year long.

Goal 2: Following guidelines from the existing ADA transition plans, improve the park system’s recreational facilities to ensure accessibility in all parks for persons of all abilities both mentally and physically

Objectives:

- a. Continue to implement ADA transition plans for Westside, Heekin, and McCulloch parks;
- b. To develop new facilities, and renovate existing facilities, that will meet or exceed the Americans with Disabilities Act, (ADA) in keeping with the principals of Universal Accessibility;
- c. To develop new facilities that integrate ADA accommodations in such a way that they are seamlessly used by all residents within the community and to not cause separation of users based on abilities; and,
- d. Conduct an Access Audit and create an ADA compliance Transition Plan.

Goal 3: Create a community with diverse, attractive, and inspiring parks and greenways that enhance the quality of life and economic vitality of the community and provide key multi-modal transportation linkages

Objectives:

- a. Acquire additional cultural, recreational, and natural parklands as appropriate to balance the existing park system (the city has plans for new parks along South Tillotson south of Memorial Drive and on the site of the former Storer Elementary school on Muncie's west side);
- b. Create individual development plans for each park;
- c. Update and assess current tree inventory;
- d. Develop opportunities, alone or in partnership with other agencies, to educate citizens about the area's natural resources.
- e. Ensure resources are available for short- and long-term maintenance of trails;
- f. Identify appropriate bus stops and amenities along the trails; and,
- g. Educate public on how to use the trail system.

Goal 4: Improve community recreation resources through cooperative efforts with agencies and adjoining governmental units in providing the public with parks, recreation facilities and programming

Objectives:

- a. Work with Muncie-Delaware Metropolitan Plan Commission and responsible parties in Yorktown, Daleville, and Albany to identify coordination opportunities
- b. Seek grant funding to support new initiatives and operational costs.
- c. Hold more cultural events;
- d. Host a variety of youth and senior/masters events;
- e. Partner with environmental and sporting agencies on events; and,
- f. Create a volunteer management system in partnership with stakeholders.

Goal 5: Update development plan for Prairie Park with emphasis on financial and organizational stability and recognizing the overall visibility it brings to the community through Ironman and related events.

Objectives:

- a. Update development plan for Prairie Creek Park; and,
- b. Allow for dedication of financial resources independent of city parks operation.

## 10. PRIORITIES AND ACTION SCHEDULE/NEW FACILITIES LOCATION MAP

The action program presented in this section details the focus of the parks department's efforts to achieve the city's goals for parks over the next five years in order to maintain and improve the quality and diversity of its park and recreation opportunities. Potential projects are shown on the priority action schedule for the five-year plan (Table 7). Each action item on the project list relates to one or more of the goals from the Goals and Objectives section of this plan.

The project list is not a fixed element nor is it exhaustive. The project list reflects the results of the input received from the Parks & Recreation Board, City staff and the online survey. Future circumstances, especially availability of funding, may influence the order in which the projects are completed.

**Table 7**

5-Year Priority Action Schedule				
Year	Site	Action	Cost Estimate	Potential Source of Funds
2021*	Various Locations and Parks	Summer Youth Mentor & Employment program to hire 200 teenagers, Install new ADA compliant playground equipment at Morningside Park and McCulloch Park	Cooley Park - (\$80,000), Halteman Park - (\$150,000), Riverview Park - (\$20,000), Park Trees - (\$10,000)	Operating Budget, EDIT Grant
2022*	All Parks	Prepare development and ADA plans for each park in the system	Not defined	Staff time, operating budget, grants
2022*	Tillpond, Storer and Avondale parks	Develop new parks on city property	Not defined	EDIT funds, grants
2022*	Muncie Central High School Parking Lots, Various parks	Bring back the Gus Macker tournament, Renovation of Riverview Park, Cooley Park, and McCulloch Park (2021-2022), Install new ADA / playground equipment at Ball Corp. Park and Thomas Park, New practice shelters and	Riverview Park - (\$150,000), Westside Park - (\$100,000)	Sponsorships, EDIT Grant, Operating Budget

		football fields at Ball Corp Park (2021-2022)		
2023*	Heekin and Aultshire Park	Install new ADA compliant playground equipment Heekin and Aultshire Park	Southwest Park - (\$70,000)	Grants and Operating Budget
2024*	Muncie Central High School Parking Lots, Thomas Park	Host Gus Macker tournament (2022-2024), Total renovation of Thomas Park (2023-2024)	*Gus Macker - (\$50,000 a year), Thomas Park - (\$1,000,000)	Sponsorships, IU Ball Memorial Foundation
2021 – 2025*	Various Locations and Parks	Remove 500 dangerous trees (2021-2025), Plant 1000 trees (2021-2025), Expansion of Community Health initiatives and youth sports programs (2021-2025), Summer Mentor & Employment program (2021-2025), Implementation of parks exercise equipment (2021-2025)	Trees Streets - (\$25,000), evaluation of staffing levels, future planning	Operating Budget, Grants
<i>*Potentially eligible for LWCF funding</i>				

A primary funding source in Indiana for parks improvement projects is the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) administered by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. Projects eligible for funding are:

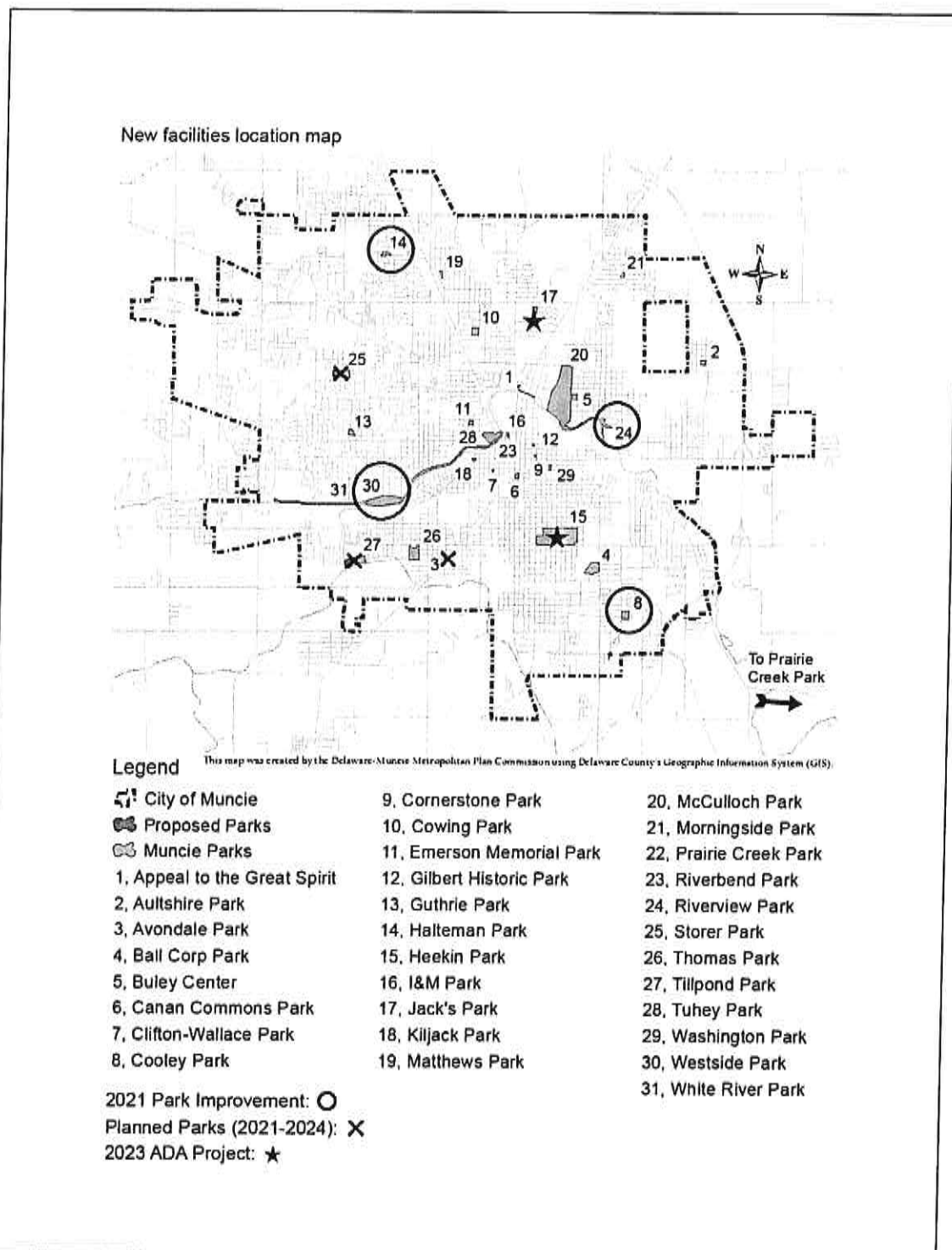
- Acquiring park or natural area
- Picnic areas
- Sports and playfields, such as playgrounds, ballfields, court facilities and golf courses
- Water oriented facilities for boating, swimming, and access to lakes, rivers and streams
- Natural areas and interpretive facilities

- Campgrounds
- Fishing and hunting areas
- Winter sports facilities
- Amphitheaters and bandstands
- Trails
- Roads, restrooms, utilities, park maintenance buildings
- Nature Centers

Parks departments are eligible to apply for funding if they have a Five-Year Master Plan approved by DNR. Applications are generally due June 1 and projects ranging from \$50,000 to \$250,000 are eligible. The program funds 50 percent with the local agency providing the matching funds.

Figure 2 presents graphically the locations of the new projects identified in this plan.

**Figure 2**  
**New Facilities Location Map**



## APPENDIX A: ADA COMPLIANCE SHEET

ASSURANCE OF ACCESSIBILITY COMPLIANCE WITH:  
ARCHITECTURAL BARRIERS ACT of 1968 (As Amended);  
SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973 (As Amended);  
AND TITLE II OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990  
(As Amended)

The Mane Park Rec Board (Applicant) has read the guidelines for  
compliance with the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 (As Amended); Section 504 of the  
Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (As Amended); and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act  
of 1990 (As Amended) and will comply with the applicable requirements of these Acts.

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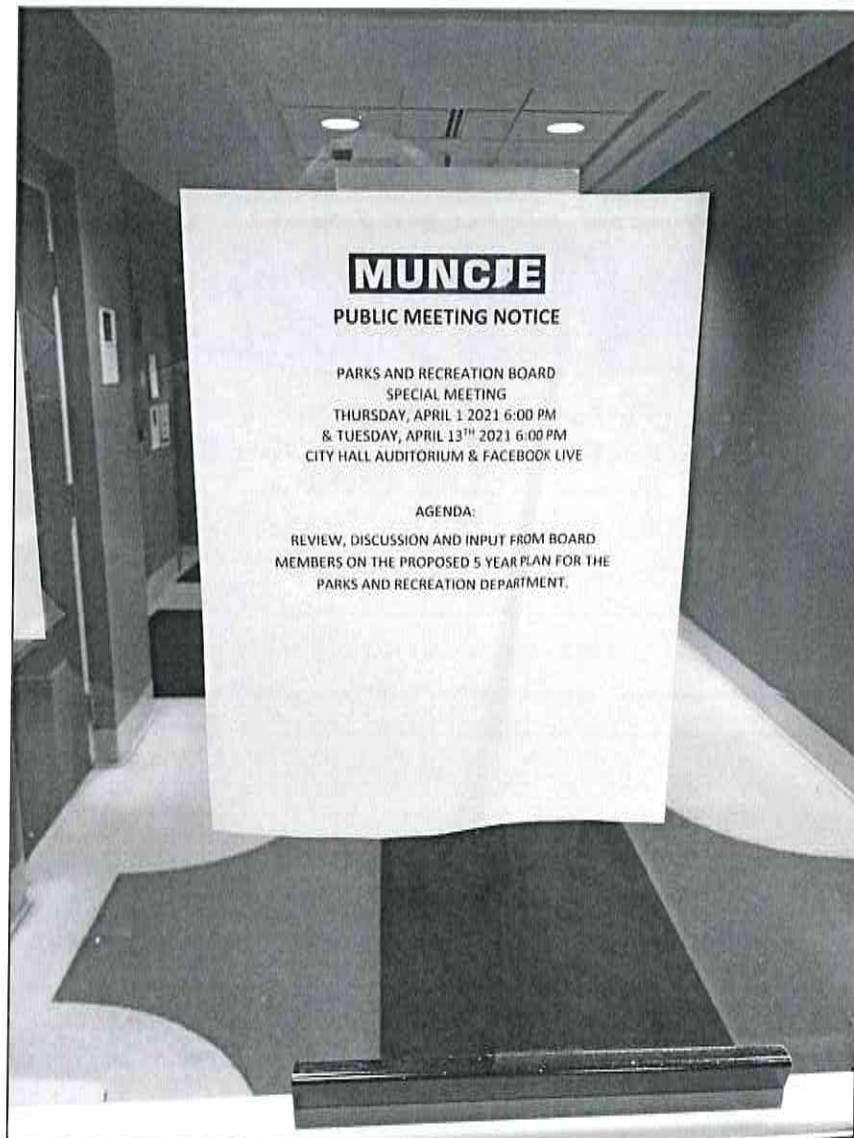
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## APPENDIX B: PUBLIC MEETING INFORMATION



# **Park Board Meeting Public Input Sign In Sheet**

Date: Apr 11, 2021

Name (Please Print)

Address

1. Rob Selvey 2401 W DeHoy
2. Todd Swackhammer 6910 N MORRISON RD
3. Paul Jay 1309 N. 3rd Ave
4. Melinda Morrison 2001 W 4th
5. Kristen Ballou 6805 N 5th Ave
6. Patricia Winters 537 W University Ave
7. Carol A. Ross 1808 S. Broadway St
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# **Park Board Meeting Public Input Sign In Sheet**

Date: 11-1-2021

Name (Please Print)	Address
1. <u>Larry Symonds</u>	<u>508 N. BALTIMORE LN</u>
2. <u>Ethan Hirt</u>	<u>113 N. Martin St.</u>
3. <u>Gregory Belanger</u>	<u>2109 W. Beckell Dr</u>
4. <u>George Foley</u>	<u>1232 N. Hobson Ave</u>
5. <u>Shannon Powers</u>	<u>701 S. Prestwich Ln</u>
6. <u>Dan Singer</u>	<u>2720 N. Hawthorne</u>
7. <u>Phyllis Mills</u>	<u>1701 S. Blaine St</u>
8. <u>Anita Dams</u>	<u>Muncie</u>
9. <u>Self Bowling</u>	<u>1306 S. May Ave</u>
10. <u>Danah Wicks</u>	<u>Muncie</u>
11. <u>Brendon Smith</u>	<u>2229 S. Daly</u>
12. <u>Ashley Bandy-Garrett</u>	<u>2024 S. Daly</u>



## APPENDIX C: COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

*City of Muncie Parks and Recreation Satisfaction Survey*  
Conducted December 15, 2020 – January 15, 2021

### 1. How familiar are you with the city's Parks and Recreation Department?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Very familiar	28.37%	322
2	Slightly familiar	60.62%	688
3	Not familiar at all	11.01%	125
	Total	100%	1135

### 2. How many times have you visited any of the city parks this past year?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	1-5 visits	25.22%	286
2	5-15	32.19%	365
3	15 or more	42.59%	483
	Total	100%	1134

### 3. How satisfied are you with the walking trails?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Satisfied	38.31%	434
2	Somewhat satisfied	42.81%	485
3	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	15.00%	170
4	Dissatisfied	3.88%	44
	Total	100%	1133

### 4. How satisfied are you with the playground facilities?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Satisfied	20.18%	228
2	Somewhat satisfied	38.58%	436
3	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	27.52%	311
4	Dissatisfied	13.72%	155
	Total	100%	1130

### 5. How satisfied are you with the picnic facilities?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Satisfied	15.65%	177

2	Somewhat satisfied	37.58%	425
3	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	29.89%	338
4	Dissatisfied	16.89%	191
	Total	100%	1131

6. How satisfied are you with the restroom facilities?

1	Satisfied	5.42%	61
2	Somewhat satisfied	22.11%	249
3	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	34.55%	389
4	Dissatisfied	37.92%	427
	Total	100%	1126

7. Would you like to see more wetlands, forests, farmlands and/or heritage sites?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Yes	82.27%	905
2	No	17.73%	195
	Total	100%	1100

8. What would you like to see more of in the Parks? Select all that apply.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	aquatic pool facilities (indoor and outdoor)	5.78%	432
2	fitness/exercise facilities	4.74%	354
3	botanical gardens	7.91%	591
4	off-leash dog parks	4.26%	318
5	walking/running track (indoor and outdoor)	5.46%	408
6	outdoor playground equipment (ADA accessible)	7.39%	552
7	spray parks/splash pads	7.67%	573
8	indoor playground equipment	3.56%	266
9	urban fishing areas	3.79%	283
10	golf courses	0.71%	53
11	bike/BMX course	2.22%	166
12	paved multipurpose trails	6.89%	515
13	nature trails/boardwalks	10.21%	763
14	environmental education center	5.26%	393
15	skateboarding parks	4.15%	310
16	disc golf course	3.10%	232
17	Cricket field	0.39%	29
18	youth recreation programs	6.56%	490
19	music in the park	8.78%	656
20	Other(s)	1.19%	89
	Total	100%	7473

Other(s) - Text

1. Bike lanes

2. indoor tennis courts
3. bocce ball !!!!
4. access to clean rivers for canoeing; kayaking and tubing
5. More benches in the parks and trails
6. Trees and plants and flowers
7. benches or just big logs or stumps scattered around to just sit and enjoy the outside and quiet.
8. Sculpture Parks
9. outdoor music arena & book artists
10. Green spaces like Tuhey park to be preserved
11. Handicapped accessible equipment/areas in all parks!!
12. Ninja Warrior type "playground" like in Huntington
13. Benches at Tuhey playground, trees
14. Larger, improved outdoor playgrounds. Also, with shade canopies
15. Tennis courts
16. More trash cans
17. Clean up river bank at McCulloch Park. It used to be a beautiful view. I welcome this type of tree growth, but not in the main part of the park
18. additional greenspace - open space for free recreation
19. Tennis and basketball courts and Gaga pit, 4-square
20. Community gardens and fruit trees
21. Excellent park maintenance. I have noticed improvements this year!!
22. Native plant species
23. Well maintained green space. Plant local varieties of flora to improve the overall health of our surroundings.
24. Native plants to promote native pollinators; remove invasive species like bush honeysuckle and autumn olive they are destroying the native plants that provide food for wildlife
25. Off Road Vehicle Trails at PCR
26. Pickle ball court
27. Family areas
28. Amphitheater
29. Not a YMCA
30. Nature play park (such as what's at Headstart)
31. Fences to keep put wild animals, like the coyote we saw and mean dogs. Security cameras to ward against creepers. Although I stay with my children, I would still appreciate it for the sake of the community.
32. More inclusive programs for children with special needs of different spectrums
33. Theatre in parks
34. Discovery spaces for children
35. A completely inclusive playground where my child in a whole hair has the same access as her baked siblings.
36. Free options run by the city, private closed access anything should not be in our parks
37. No YMCAs on park property
38. Camping
39. Green space
40. Definitely not a YMCA
41. Pickleball courts
42. Pickle Ball

43. Rock climbing
44. Green space
45. Green spaces
46. Whitewater parks / watercourses on the White River; green space
47. Pickleball
48. More sanitary and available water fountains and bathrooms
49. Pickleball Courts
50. Bocce ball and horseshoe
51. Sports fields, basketball hoops
52. Pickleball courts!!
53. Tennis courts
54. Connecting walkways from nearby neighborhoods. Many would use the park more if biking running trails to the parks existed!
55. pickleball courts
56. more family programs, picnics, music etc
57. Disability and wheelchair accessible playground
58. Kayak on white river
59. Theatre in the park
60. Nice bike trails
61. Kayak launches
62. More camping cabins at Prairie Creek
63. Info graphs pertaining to local Flora/Fauna
64. An exercise trail, as opposed to a "facility" - there are numerous cities which offer these to the public
65. Don't destroy our parks
66. Community farms
67. Tennis tennis tennis
68. I know I for sure do not want the YMCA to build on any part of Tuhey park.
69. Parkour and ninja warrior type environments
70. A park in the northwest part of the community.
71. Quiet areas for reflection
72. Pickleball Courts
73. Theatre
74. This might be included in ADA accessibility, but playground equipment especially for younger children

**9. What would you like the Parks & Recreation department to do more of in Muncie?**

1. More music
2. More musical events
3. Help restore neighborhood or pocket parks
4. We need to get the parts cleaned up some of the parts look very rundown in a zoo would be nice
5. Bike lanes
6. Build a better website with more information about all parks, trails, amenities that are available in Muncie; dog-friendly, stroller friendly, etc. A lot of the time I rely on Google for this information. (NOT Social media sites) The current website throws a 404 error.
7. Trail spurs, rugged along the river for mountain bike/trail runs

8. That there are parks on the White River
9. Create more options in larger neighborhoods like Halteman Village and create a community recreation center similar to many other towns in IN offer with indoor and outdoor swimming, playgrounds, gyms and workout areas.
10. Work on trails and natural habitats
11. Keep parks clean and updated
12. Native plantings
13. Cleaner parks & restrooms
14. Improve pedestrian access to parks, especially from nearby trails like the Cardinal Greenway and the White River Greenway
15. I would like an indoor pool for water exercise
16. Plan more for the older residents.
17. more tables and benches
18. Investing in current park assets, updating bathrooms. Bringing our parks up to the level of surrounding cities
19. Support live entertainment with inexpensive performance spaces
20. Spray pads
21. Do a better job of connecting existing bike trails
22. Keep playground equipment in excellent condition, have more dog off leash areas, more park community events.
23. Keep building more trails like the Cardinal Greenway. It's awesome.
24. Update the parks and they need to be more appealing for use.
25. More walking trails and interconnected trails, which would make them easy to get to
26. Skateboard park and more gardens and trails!
27. Gather input from neighbors and residents about master plan.
28. Expand recreational activities. I like the idea of music in the park, where people could gather and listen to music. Having more natural trails would be good too. More sidewalks to encourage people to bike and walk.
29. Keep up with mowing and trash.
30. Provide well maintained parks and recreation. Hire more staff and run department professionally.
31. Publicize the disc golf options. I think the quality of the disc golf courses in and around Muncie (namely McCulloch and Yorktown) is an underappreciated thing. If you look to online reviews of courses you will see that we have two highly rated courses that are complimentary to one another. They aren't pro-quality or anything but are amazing for the average disc golfer. I play courses frequently on vacation and our courses compare favorably and/or are flat out better than roughly 80% of the ones I play (and I am obviously looking to reviews in my selections). Just wanted to throw this out there because it is something that I don't think enough people know about or appreciate.
32. Make playgrounds that have walls or fenced areas that protect small children/toddlers from running into streets or traffic areas. When my child was small, I was very worried about taking her to the playgrounds that didn't have that.
33. Volunteering
34. Designate more areas for parks
35. Be more active and manage the parks and recreation services efficiently
36. Collaborations with other arts, cultural, educational, recreational organizations for programs and events

37. When we moved here 13 years ago (the age my girls would access playground equipment, I was shocked and devastated to find that it didn't exist. To someone coming in to a new city, it showed the lack of importance of family/children/exercise/play.
38. Place more art in the community and be able to maintain and expand outdoor offerings
39. More promotion
40. Better connections to the Cardinal Greenway. The Greenway is not a viable way to get around town on a bike, because there are few access points in the city. Look at the Constitution Trail in Bloomington-Normal, Illinois. It's easy to get on an off the CT and use it to bike to various places in town. Also, an admittedly expensive project, but some kind of bridge to take the Greenway over McGalliard and other thoroughfares would increase its usefulness.
41. To have one indoor facility (or several!) to help get us through the cold months would be so amazing. It would also be great to have a park with play equipment dedicated toward little kids. So much of the equipment is for kids 5 and up. If you have a toddler, that can be a challenge.
42. Can't think of anything else
43. Please protect Tuhey Park and plant many more trees in all parks.
44. Maintain the condition and cleanliness of the existing spaces.
45. Promote parks more, maybe host community cleanups
46. Pro it's parks, create new parks
47. More jobs for youth and more patrolling in the parks
48. Yes, I wish the ball Corp park on Macedonia had more playground equipment so kids could play while their parents walk
49. Promote park safety and all welcome
50. Please generate more awareness of the locations, activities, and events. It's hard to find a map of the parks, for example, or a list of upcoming events.
51. Indoor pool for year-round use
52. Keep the parks clean and up to date
53. Keep the parks clean and maintained
54. Update older equipment
55. Monitor areas for teenagers and young adults doing inappropriate things.
56. Teaching about outdoors, health, family activities, safety, expanding non-vehicle ways around town and between communities, beautify Muncie since you're doing such a great job with improving the parks
57. Beautify our current parks!!! And have playground equipment that is appropriate for toddlers.
58. Provide safer & convenient biking & walking options to parks; preserve parks for public use
59. More programming
60. Better maintenance of ballfields (as justified by use, of course)
61. Always consider the kids first
62. Would like to see more family friendly activities planned. Better shelters and picnic areas. More cleanup programs.
63. provide music/programs
64. Get a better police presence to possibly keep the criminal elements away. Certain criminals should not be allowed in our parks. They should lose the right if they commit violent crimes.
65. More walking trails; a plan for the future; don't give away Tuhey Park
66. Talk to citizens about what we want - this survey is a good start. Listen to citizens who oppose the YMCA development for Tuhey Park. Keep Tuhey Park a public park.
67. Maintenance

68. Don't use this information to support the BULLSHIT Tuhey/YMCA effort. Do not use my responses to justify features or offerings of the YMCA/Tuhey project.
69. Clean more and remove broken park benches and equipment.
70. Youth and adult programs
71. Youth programs, arts in the park, nature programs
72. The parks are not 'hands-on'. There should be classes for all types of people (young and old). We need more than just playgrounds; we have beautiful spaces that the city is not doing enough with.
73. Tennis courts!
74. I would really like to see a skate park
75. Add trash cans along green way and benches in shady spots, and don't let Tuhey park get bulldozed!!
76. Keep Junkies from hanging around and throwing down their needles. But logically make more appearances throughout area to maybe help keep them limiting their time at the park.
77. Take care of our parks and places better!! Clean them up!!
78. clean
79. Address the needs of smaller parks and parks in low-income communities first. Those kids/families really need the extra resources/support!!
80. City of Muncie needs to acquire more funds and park employees in order to even keep the existing parks clean and safe. Parks department does not seem to have the funding or manpower available now to maintain what we already have.
81. More updates and painting of playground equipment.
82. Programming. Bluffton Indiana has wonderful programming.
83. Fix Lafferty Field facilities
84. Free, community activities. NO YMCA TAKE OVER AT TUHEY!!!!!!
85. Yes
86. Community Sportsplex, Tennis and Volleyball courts, splash pads and pools, nature reserves
87. Get rid of the useless bike lanes
88. Plant more trees, community gardens (and engage inner city kids with this) build more benches around playground.
89. Be willing to keep the community green spaces GREEN and work toward getting more.
90. Walking trails in the existing parks, continue to replace & maintain play equipment which is ADA accessible.
91. Botanical Garden
92. Organized activities and sports leagues. Exposing kids to different sports through day camps or workshops; adult volleyball league; improved landscaping of outdoor areas, outdoor concerts; nature activities
93. More forested trails and another disc golf course would be amazing!
94. Connect with the schools to ensure students have access to parks and programs
95. Become visible! Spread the word of what you are doing.
96. Listen to what locals want
97. Not sell land to the YMCA.
98. coordinate programs and activities with schools, arts, and cultural organizations
99. Music festivals
100. Would like to see bathrooms updated to better sinks/water access/soap - better lit facility and power dryers
101. Create experiences that allow people to be outdoors more.
102. Have better park equipment and facilities. Muncie has a bad rep but the children need a fun and safe environment

- 103.Planned activities for families
- 104.Youth programs, family friendly events (after covid), updated playground equipment, baby/toddler friendly equipment at ALL parks
- 105.Celebrate the seasons/holidays. This could be done by setting up manned or unmanned displays for the holidays along with lights at the drive-through part of the parks. For example, St. Valentine's day is coming up, so why not have a "Lover's Lane" where people drive through to see framework of hearts or cupids, red/white fountains, etc. The same could be done for Easter with bunnies and Easter eggs to keep it non-secular. Fourth of July could have stars lit up with light shows. Halloween could be a drive-through "Haunted Park" with scary scenes and of course, Christmas/New Years could have the pine trees illuminated and/or various displays. I'm not for sure if a fee could be charged to help fund the electricity and purchase of lights, but if so, then this could be a money maker for the Parks & Recreation department to grow if they charge by the car/vehicle, maybe a \$2 or something nominal.
- 106.Rent park cabins for overnight stays
- 107.We need more parks west of Tillotson. Can you turn the green space from the old storer into a walking trail with fenced in dog park
- 108.Outdoor free events
- 109.Update equipment worse one is right across from your office!!
- 110.Maintain and upgrade park equipment and playground equipment
- 111.It would be beneficial to have restrooms located at all parks, even if they were Port-a-pottys.
- 112.Special events. Music, Civic Theater
- 113.More splash pads or swimming pools that are indoor as well. And more to offer on the north end of town.
- 114.Bike assistance regularly along the Greenway; clear trash in parks
- 115.Have a variety of free or low-cost events in the parks (bands, exhibits, special events, etc)
- 116.No comment.
- 117.Host activities to the kids
- 118.Regulate camping at reservoir.
- 119.Keep already existing park land as park land.
- 120.Parks are important to the total health of our citizens. Greater use should be encouraged. I don't know where all the parks are.
- 121.Collaborate with community groups to provide free activities in parks throughout the city, e.g., art fairs, flea markets, concerts.
- 122.Keep green space open and not give our parks to private businesses.
- 123.Bike Trails and more hiking trails, quality facilities at trailheads on Greenways, community sports & fitness programs, and definitely everything included in green infrastructure
- 124.We could definitely have much better outdoor playground equipment.
- 125.Disc golf upgrades
- 126.Connect River Rd trail to trail along White River Blvd
- 127.Disc Golf
- 128.Having experience hiking in southern Indiana it's difficult to say there's more than one single option for a long hike in the woods, which is the trail at the reservoir. Due to farming and actual park land it's hard to know if there's any more opportunity. For someone who loves nature and getting out of the city it's difficult to want to stay in the area. Maybe nothing we can do at this point but I thought I'd comment...
- 129.Make trail at wheeling on river safer from bicyclists. Have been almost hit twice in the last month.
- 130.There needs to be more parks for children and free splash pad areas
- 131.More attention to the security of parks.

132. Connect the walking/running paths from east to west
133. Keep parks mowed better
134. Concerts
135. Connect trails and better playgrounds I weekly drive to playground in another city. I also often spend money eating out/shopping. Many families do!!
136. Keep the Tuhey Park in the Parks Department, do not sell it off to the Y.
137. Connect trails, build destinations for children and families like a splash pad with a big new playground, build a new YMCA with indoor play area for children. Select areas that are wide open and not tucked away so they feel safe and inviting to go to.
138. Generally, update and plan for ongoing use as we fight the virus.
139. Do not lease parks for development. Why are you even asking about indoor recreational facilities? Is this directly related to the YMCA's plans to lease Tuhey? I do not support the City's plans to lease Tuhey Park to the YMCA for development. I want more playground equipment and green spaces for my children to play in. The YMCA is a private entity and can find their own land to develop.
140. Each park should have concrete where anyone could play Tennis/pickle ball, basketball, Gaga pit, and 4-square
141. DONT SELL OUT. KEEP TUHEY. WE NEED IT. PLEASE
142. Keep the parks safe from drugs and clean from this type of waste
143. Picnic tables throughout park area. More programs in parks. Movies in summer
144. The reservoir park with the rocket ship has a perfect playground. That is something we need at ALL of the parks. The park by united daycare needs a massive upgrade. That's the one my kids love the most because the shade is perfect for super super hot days a splash pad would be awesome, something like Daleville has. We can do this without tearing apart Tuhey.
145. Have movie nights. Have good currant movies.
146. Make more of the reservoir more accessible. There are so many restricted areas.
147. Leave parks as parks, not buildings.
148. Engage with the community. I discuss communication below, but there is little to no engagement with the department and the community that I am aware of. No programs, meetings, etc. Engagement would draw more people to the parks and ultimately draw support for the department as people have positive experiences at the parks.
149. Not sale our parks
150. More things for teens
151. Keep up with the parks. Update equipment. Would be nice to have a splash pad for the kids.
152. Cut weeds down so have more places to fish
153. Upgrade parks
154. Eliminate sex trolling! Provide better security. CLEAN UP trash!
155. Live music in the park areas
156. restrooms
157. Eliminate bush honeysuckle, autumn olive, and other non-native invasive species from around Prairie Creek Reservoir and other park lands. 2. Decrease the number of campers permanently parked at what seems to be a mobile home park at Prairie Creek Reservoir. 3. Limit the size of motors on boats at Prairie Creek, by imposing a registration fee associated with the horsepower of the motor; after all, this is a drinking water reservoir. 4. Ban motorized boats at Prairie Creek East of the bridge on SR 560E at Cunningham Ditch. 5. Ban the use of lead fishing tackle anywhere in any Muncie Park land.
158. Upkeep and beautification on current park areas, and along river.
159. Hire more full-time employees that efficiently work to keep the parks up

160. Don't give Tuhey Park to the YMCA.
161. Create more disc golf courses
162. Keep facilities and parks in good shape and keep them safe
163. Increase safety in parks
164. Refurbish the structures already built in the parks. Get the bathrooms up to code and looking nice.
165. Entertainment i.e., hands-on learning Leader events (math, reading etc); more outdoor concert series, summer theatre, science speaker/entertainment
166. First and foremost, ALL parks need to be safer. There are parks that playground equipment can't be used because it is dangerous. Park staff probably assume that since the park isn't being used, then equipment doesn't need fixed. Wrong! It is not being used because it is not safe. This applies to the smaller neighborhood parks specifically. Several larger parks have been greatly improved, so a big thank you for that. However, most of the smaller parks are just horrible. There is also very little playground equipment for the toddler age group and the children with varying abilities. Could we have a park or 2 that has toddler safe equipment? Could we have a park or 2 that has an abundance of varying ability equipment? Could there be an ice-skating park in one of the parks? Yes, I remember the one behind the convention center and that didn't last long. This one wouldn't need to be so elaborate. Restrooms. Can we talk about restrooms please? The parks that have restrooms, they are either locked, filthy, or unsafe. Many parks don't even have even a port a potty which is really terrible, but at least an option. There is so much more our Parks could be providing for every age group, we just need to work on it. So, you say the Parks Department needs more money to help operations, I have lots of ideas on how this can happen. You want a volunteer to just plan activities for the different parks and different age groups? Please call me! 765-749-4003.
167. Family-friendly and child specific programming would be great.
168. Prairie Creek Reservoir should be managed to protect water quality and native plant species. Instead, this is a year-round trailer park and multi-seasonal boat storage facility. The park is overrun with invasive plant species and the lake is inundated with invasive carp. Park employees should remove invasive plant species and reduce the number of motorized boats on the reservoir. There should be designated spaces for non-motorized boating and paddle boards, e.g., the cove near the Muncie Sail Club. .
169. Make the parks safer. More cop presence during the day. We desperately need an indoor playground and a couple splash pads.
170. Leave the PCR open to enjoy as it is meant to be. Too much regulation is a bad thing, within reason for safety
171. Not lease public parks to the YMCA! And put in facilities that help the community—e.g., public restrooms that are accessible to homeless 24/7.
172. More youth programs.
173. Maintain existing parks, in addition to developing new spaces.
174. Clean and fix stuff we have.
175. Work on the parks and restrooms
176. A botanical garden and an increase in green space, trees, in and wetlands
177. Save Tuhey Park
178. Maintain parks in have trash receptacles more available
179. Install more disc golf courses
180. Community Events in/centered around the parks
181. Have water there and rest rooms
182. Not sure
183. Better place to fish

184. A splash pad, more/ better bathroom facilities, updated playgrounds, indoor play options
185. SKATEPARK!
186. More youth rec programs and free indoor exercise opportunities
187. Modern facilities that are kept up
188. I would like the park on the South side of town, across the tracks on Walnut to be more frequently attended to and invested in. These parks are frequently used and are a blessing to our neighbors. We love Heekin Park and Thomas Park.
189. Sidewalks
190. Mow grass more.
191. Create a new set up for the beach at the res
192. Keep accessibility to the public a number one priority
193. I would like more upkeep of restrooms
194. Be aware of persons with disabilities and make all the facilities accessible
195. Do not give, sell, lease, rent, trade, or otherwise let an outside organization take over any "Underutilized greenspace".
196. Have more events, better farmers markets, and a more walkable city
197. Wetland restoration, nature walks, expanding park surface area, surveying residents
198. Educate people about nature
199. Programs for kids. Camp Prairie Creek is awesome. More things like that. Minnetrista and RedTail do a good job with nature education, but Muncie Parks are more accessible than those spaces and need to do that as well.
200. Keep up the conditions in our parks so that families feel safe and comfortable with facilities.
201. I'd like to see more summer rec programs, replace broken equipment in a timely manner, regrade and re-mulch several of the playgrounds. I'd love to see a splash pad or spray park like Daleville not Yorktown but doesn't need to have a concession stand just the water feature. Also, we need better nature related education please work with Redtail! Please also, install a good natural element playground something that will set Muncie apart from the surrounding area parks and benefit our children
202. Community runs
203. Park safety is of upmost importance. Especially at McCulloch Park.
204. Keep Tuhey pool and the adjoining park as it is!
205. Please more seating or covered shelters for people at dog parks. It's also very muddy or when it's dry it's so dusty. The water fountain is constantly broken there and the trash smells terrible. Please more dog parks. We love them and utilize both all year long.
206. Cleaner parks/updates as able with budgets
207. Improve existing parks and equipment.
208. I would like to see them complete the disc golf course out of the reservoir that could be one of the top 10 disk golf courses in all the state
209. Preserve existing parks do not reduce greenspace
210. Keep Tuhey Park as is. Do not destroy it for a facility that many in Muncie cannot afford.
211. Maintain the parks better.
212. I wish the playground equipment was updated and in better shape. Even with the recent update at west side park, there is still not much to do and it is not taken care of well. There are several smaller parks that are in desperate need of an overhaul. Cowan park has been in rough shape for years.
213. Deny the YMCA keep Tuhey
214. Outdoor programs such as youth sports/activities and music performances.

215. More events in the parks and do things with the river. Canoe races, art fairs, farmers market, volleyball courts, ball games, youth & adult sports. Keep Muncie parks, do not sell out or lease park, keep them public that anyone can use. No gates to keep them private. I pay taxes & that's my parks. I should be able to get to a handicap dock without a card. If a card is necessary then send a card to all taxpayers. If you want to privatize or lease taxpayers' parks sell all of the parks.
216. Outdoor community events
217. Free family events
218. Swim lessons
219. Clean up park areas
220. Clean the parks, they are always so dirty
221. Use more native plantings
222. Tell YMCA to go away
223. Keeping it safe and clean
224. Update playground equipment and add ADA playgrounds in all parks, link nature trails, install splash pad(s), install juvenile baseball diamond in Tuhey park for inner city leagues, skate/bike park(s), reinvent the small neighborhood parks, band shell for concerts and kid friendly festivals
225. Improve natural amenities while maintaining public control and access to our shared greenspace
226. More activities for children + families. Regular craft days throughout summer.
227. Learning opportunities like Spiral Scouts
228. Nature environmental classes. Adult fitness walking group
229. Disc golf
230. Encourage more citizen clean up days to keep trash minimized
231. Educational opportunities
232. Park programming, including arts and sports, plus a skate park, for all ages, plus outdoor education
233. Outdoor programs, and rehab/replace current dilapidated play structures.
234. protect Tuhey park!!! Keep public park space open and available for all of the public. The Y should stay downtown
235. Offer things for in the winter. Ice skating park, cross country skiing rental and trails
236. I don't know
237. Work with the YMCA and Maybe IU Health/Community Foundation and complete a new YMCA.
238. Natural areas. Less grass and mowing.
239. Hold community-involved events so the parks are a source of fun and entertainment for families of all walks of life, and have more options and experiences added to parks (see above responses).
240. Have more trails in wooded areas like mounds
241. Cut down dead trees and mow trim better MOWING JOB AT PRAIRIE CREEK IS THE WORST AS IT GETS
242. Some restroom facility at McCulloch would be a great addition. Even if it was a porta pot that was kept clean would be appreciated.
243. Make things more fun for family's
244. I like the parks. People can come and spread out.
245. Fix the security lights in all of the parks.
246. Clean up the existing parks and keep them cleaned up and in good condition (Thomas park for example needs serious maintenance)
247. Schedule programs for kids and adults to better engage with the parks and experience all they have to offer.
248. Retain the park spaces we have (don't give away Tuhey), reduce sewage smell on White River Greenway by train trestle

249. Grow sports and activity
250. Family friendly activities. Bathrooms available and in safe locations.
251. Have more handicap accessible equipment on now playgrounds
252. Maintain the facilities we have and invest in the lower income areas to give lower income neighborhoods nice, safe parks as well
253. Be funded properly to be able to keep up with mowing all the parks grass and also keeping it clean
254. More urban/ neighborhood parks.
255. Keep up the playground equipment. It's old and dilapidated in some parks.
256. Replace blight with landscaped and maintained green (not just a grass field). This wouldn't be a P&R task alone, of course.
257. Preserve more open green space, including Tuhey Park, and create more parks
258. I would like the Muncie Parks and Rec Department to travel more. The entire parks department needs to go on couple of field trips to visit the various parks in Hamilton County, Tippecanoe County, and Monroe County just to name a few to see firsthand the differences between the parks in those communities and the parks in Muncie. Well designed and maintained parks can be just as much an economic driver as anything else a community's economic development department can offer up and right now the parks in Muncie are neither well designed nor well maintained. McCulloch Park has two separate playground areas that appear disjointed and disconnect from each other because they are. The playgrounds themselves are poorly maintained with trash and litter being a common sight. The surrounding areas around these playgrounds are also poorly maintained. There is no landscaping and what little there is, is again poorly maintained. There is a picnic shelter, but it again looks as though it hasn't received any TLC since it was first constructed. There are no benches to speak of around these two playgrounds, so parents have nowhere to sit while their children play. (This is a problem at nearly every playground across the city). And rather than having trash cans placed throughout the park that would be emptied regularly (see how other communities keep their parks clean) there is a large trash totter that attracts more bees than actual trash. The totter is larger than the kids who play on the playground making it impossible for kids carrying trash to deposit it in said totter! These issues are not just isolated to McCulloch park but can be found at Westside Park, Heekin Park, and elsewhere. At Westside Park there is an entire area being underutilized near where the park meets Tillotson Ave. Please don't sell off this part of the park to the Boys and Girls Club or some other well-meaning developer. An under-utilized area of a park simply means that it has potential for something greater but that something greater MUST BE PARK RELATED! Finally, what I would like to see more of is more parks and more greenway paths. Muncie is falling behind rapidly in what has become the new community arms race. Communities such as Noblesville, Fishers, Bloomington, Kokomo, and Westfield have more parks and trails than us and it kills me! Yes, Muncie has a glut of vacant and abandoned properties, but this negative could be turned into a positive by turning these areas of the city into new parks and connecting all our parks via a trail system. Ah, but we have the Cardinal Greenway and White River Greenway! Yes, those were ahead of their time and are wonderful assets for our community, but their limitations must be recognized. For many residents neither are easily accessible and neither actually goes anywhere. Compare our trail system with the trail system in Boise, ID where their Greenbelt directly connects 12 parks and indirectly connects 5 additional parks together. In conclusion we need more parks, not less. They need to be taken seriously as the economic development tool they really are. And the parks department needs to look around to see what other communities are doing to see just how far behind we've fallen. Parks can be a source of pride for a community if the community has something to be proud of.
259. Work on safety, as I suggested in my comments. Make it beautiful! More flowers, gazebos, jazz music or Christian music (not rock or country).
260. more trees

261. Keep the trails clean & safe!
262. Better lighting at night when a park is not lit up is scary because there are always homeless drug addicts hanging out at the parks
263. Take care of Halteman Park
264. Maintenance/ mowing. Make some splash parks.
265. Update the playground equipment in neighborhood parks, such as Cowing Park.
266. Communicate better with the citizens before making decisions that affect us all
267. Adapt old brown fields or blighted land/property into parks
268. Keep the YMCA downtown. There is room for expansion there. Leave Tuhey Park as it is with green space.
269. More inclusive programs for children with special needs of different spectrums
270. Maintain and develop public access, free facilities with no leases to private third parties.
271. Pick up the trash
272. Save Tuhey from private interests.
273. Implement and maintain disc golf courses
274. No gated reservoir camp ground
275. Clean up. Stopped going to a few parks after finding needles
276. Rehab old equipment, or recycle and replace altogether.
277. Music in the park
278. Give youth more to do
279. Provide more green spaces, florals in parks. maybe even more community herb/veggie gardens
280. The children need more from their community. In terms of parks specifically, look at the Burris school playground as a model. You invest in activities for children in the community and the city ultimately benefits from that investment. The kids need more from Muncie. There is very little here to offer them.
281. More trails that connect to each other (like the new Riverside Drive trail will do) and nature trails that promote conservation
282. Have indoor places for winter!!!
283. I don't come from here, moved from Minneapolis and this is the dirtiest town ever; you are lacking so much. Have pride in your city and make people want to live here. Horrible
284. Please make it a priority to protect our public parks and please do not sell the land to private businesses.
285. Music in the parks
286. Outdoor exercise stations, like the ones in Marrow's Meadow
287. No fees, not gated.
288. Make more parks throughout the City
289. More events in the parks, Lobby for the parks instead of kowtowing to the mayor
290. Cycling paths, paved and off-road trails.
291. Better playgrounds. Connect all trails.
292. Stop privatizing public parks
293. Creating more activities in all the parks
294. Create more disc golf courses, make Muncie a Mecca for disc golf.
295. Use Disc golf as a reason to visit Muncie. Upgrade and improve the existing course that we have I'm In Delaware Co
296. Build more picnic pavilions and public restrooms in parks that are maintained regularly.
297. Supervise play areas to keep vandalism controlled and make it safer
298. Golf Driving Range,

299. Safe and connective bike routes
300. Encourage Disc golf more
301. Put a state-of-the-art YMCA facility at Tuhey, it makes all the sense in the world.
302. Upgrade disc golf courses
303. More programming, more parks on north side of city
304. Maintenance of parks mowing restrooms playground
305. More trails where possible. Consider adding water features (creeks, ponds, etc.) to parks like McCullough to increase interest
306. Reuse buildings that are vacant and areas like Warner gear that needs rehabilitation.
307. Organize activities, like kickball, baseball, soccer, flag football, reading circles, etc. - for kids in park space. Retrain our bloated police force to do this work.
308. Put additional or newer playground equipment in the parks
309. Advertise!
310. Keep and enhance our existing public greenspaces, offering more amenities that don't detract from the natural beauty
311. Avoid selling out to YMCA
312. Just keep adding parks and trails. What we have going on here in Muncie is fantastic, we should be adding to that.
313. Create infrastructure for entertainment and cultural activities across the city in parks (not just Canan commons) partner with high school band/choir for performances and outside educational convocations and neighborhood-based experiences
314. Muncie has a great opportunity to become one of the states disc golf destinations. If we could have just a bit more of a push on it.
315. Tell the YMCA to ■■■ off
316. Take better care of current parks. We have a semi pro baseball field that is in poor condition.
317. Continue building Greenpeace, permaculture, spaces for youth of all economic ability
318. Do not let the YMCA build on Tuhey Park land.
319. Better maintenance, complex with pickle ball courts and restrooms, convert unused tennis courts to pickle ball
320. I think Park and rec. does a good job. Just build on what Muncie has.
321. Disc Golf
322. McCullough is the only park that has Disc Golf, I'd like to see Heekin, Ball and Westside have Disc Golf courses. It would definitely increase the flow in those parks.
323. More implementation of disc golf courses.
324. Concert venue with good headlining band bring money to Muncie
325. walk, observe nature, activities for youth skateboarding area, bike trails, basketball, soccer areas.
326. Do not take away our green spaces for YMCAs
327. Provide outdoor options for all economic and age classes.
328. Youth programming
329. Cultivate open green spaces and pocket prairie areas to add to the overall non-paved/undeveloped land in Muncie.
330. Work with the people, not corporations. Say no to the YMCA taking over our park!
331. clean, cut brush, weeds, trees along water at Prairie Creek
332. Ensure all outdoor venues have good working restrooms
333. Clean up the parks. More grooming, better equipment for kids, more basketball courts
334. Sponsor local club activities
335. Have better relations with the public and increase amount of acreage of public use availability.

- 336. More family friendly programming and outdoor concerts
- 337. Not turn Tuhey into a Y!
- 338. Continue to improve existing parks and plan programs for the youth.
- 339. Allow YMCA to build a new facility at Tuhey Park
- 340. Facilities for teenagers
- 341. More accessible playgrounds that are inclusive to ALL children.
- 342. High-quality paving and playgrounds
- 343. Maintain green spaces which include natural zones and make accessing them easier with adequate parking and wheelchair/stroller accessibility.
- 344. Keep Thomas park clean and mowed
- 345. Not lease public space to private groups for construction.
- 346. Natural areas with dirt paths.
- 347. I don't have young kids anymore, so I'm not really the person to ask.
- 348. Clean parks
- 349. Leave Tuhey park alone!
- 350. Halteman Park fill in abandoned pool and old water filter structure, pave/ fix tennis/ pickle courts, picnic structure, take down old bath house and concession buildings, plant trees, picnic tables, playground equipment...
- 351. Youth programs, ADA accessible equipment (indoor & out)
- 352. Get people outdoors in all weather
- 353. listen to and engage with our citizens more, and for-profit businesses less
- 354. I'd like to see more paved and safe pathways with security lights.
- 355. Upgraded playground equipment and a free splash pad for kids!
- 356. Summer outdoor youth sports clinics basketball, tennis, volleyball, track
- 357. Get rid of geese who poop on walking trails.
- 358. Take care Prairie Creek better as it is about the only revenue making park for the city of Muncie
- 359. Splash pad and water parks for all kids to have access to at all parks
- 360. I would like to see more youth recreational programs that as accessible to low- and middle-class families.
- 361. City increase parks and rec budget.... facilities additions and equipment, staff, etc
- 362. I would like to see more connections Between the parks and the trails.
- 363. Open access to indoor pool
- 364. Regular, easy access to lap lanes at swimming pool. Right now, there is very little access- at the YMCA, only 1 lane is usually open. Even when there are very few people in the pool, they don't put more lane lines in so it's very difficult to be able to actually swim there.
- 365. Get the public interested in again using the parks. we have parks that are "just sitting there" Bring back the joy of going to the park for fun. Interact with friends. We have to get that spark back, interest "need". Is the public afraid to go to park?
- 366. Get rid of attacking geese
- 367. Build more pocket parks in neighborhoods
- 368. Continue upkeep on cowing
- 369. Upkeep of current parks
- 370. Mountain bike trail
- 371. More inviting or options selected above
- 372. Pool it closes all of the time
- 373. More Children's programing free or at low cost to the underserved community
- 374. More summer programs

375. I would love something fun happening in the mall to draw families there with a food court around it -- an indoor playground like this would be AMAZING! -The Commons in Columbus, IN  
<https://columbus.in.us/commons-playground/>
376. Awareness. Making our parks a place to meet and celebrate.
377. Before you even consider the above question, you need to discuss what is a comprehensive recreation program and what are their essential components that have to be put in place. The study that was completed in the late 90's was funded by Ball Brothers, the City of Muncie, Delaware County Council, and the Muncie Papers. A lot of effort was put into the preliminary things necessary to begin a planning process then was torpedoed by an election. It's not a case of doing more of the same old same old but if you are serious then you will do the necessary preliminary work needed to move a first-class program forward. Muncie had many resources to draw from (the Y's, the schools, the present Park department, various youth serving organizations, other activity-based programs both intellectual and recreational. If this is a true master plan then everything needs to be placed on the table to in developing structure from where a program can develop and grow. If not, the result will be what you have had for the past several years.... not much of anything that certainly does to meet the needs of the community.
378. Concerts
379. Connect walking trails to outlying areas
380. Parks can be a source of Revenue for the city. Using the greenways for a city-wide art walk or some type of festival that allows vendors to line the streets to increase traffic to the city.
381. Just make things appear fresh, clean & newer. Make them well-lit starting at sundown. Lots of nice trash cans. Nice clean bathrooms that are kept up daily. Water fill stations. Food Trucks allowed. Lots of different recreational things to do in a safe place.
382. Splash pads
383. None
384. Create more pickleball courts.
385. Need more parks in northwest part of Muncie, especially now that Storer playground is gone and other elementary schools closed
386. Create more community events like the Bridge Dinner.
387. Safe walking space from neighborhoods to rec or play space -sidewalks or multi use lanes; outdoor recreation space - lighted tennis courts, skate park
388. More walking trails
389. Renovations and updates
390. More playgrounds, entertainment areas, splash pads
391. Provide safe and clean recreation areas
392. Have a splash park. Continue fixing rough spots on the greenway. Build a connection biking trail on North Walnut and Riggins Road
393. Better restroom upkeep.
394. Bike trails
395. Larger parks with fields for the community, walking trails, nice playgrounds, and usable restrooms
396. More sidewalk
397. Youth summer programs
398. Build Pickleball courts
399. Block the YMCA from moving to Tuhey Park.
400. Listed above
401. Build more pickleball courts
402. Maintain clean, safe, equipment and facilities in the parks. More places to swim.
403. Indoor swimming for adults

404. Keep Tuhey as it is.
405. DON'T KNOW
406. Splash Pad
407. More treed spaces (Big trees! Oak, etc--think 100 years down the road)) with sculptures/gardens/fountains/etc--giant, open grass spaces have little to hold interest for long and are uncomfortable with hot blazing sun beating down on you
408. Open the downtown YMCA pool
409. Keep the grounds clean and weeded. Keep building trails
410. develop more pickleball courts in all parks and offer youth and adult learning / playing programs.
411. Maintain walkways along White River, free of debris.
412. Cleaner facilities, kayak access
413. More aquatics programs for all age levels
414. Create grant-funded programs for students after school or on weekends that teach/train them in skills and/or hobbies.
415. Add more connectors from neighborhoods to trails
416. Create programs for teens (not having much to do in the community)
417. Have more Youth Programs
418. Organized sports teams for each park.
419. Remember they were children once and put the children a number one options before deciding on a plan that one person discuss at one meeting
420. Fix up the parks that we currently have and look at creating a few more in areas where they are needed.
421. Have structured activities for Under-resourced families
422. Provide a fenced in area around the play structures to prevent some children from running off.
423. Work with non-for profits to provide high quality programming and safe activities for Muncie Youth.
424. Quit wasting money on areas that are not visited or take years of development.
425. Beautification of parks and connections to the fantastic trail systems in our community
426. Do not sell or trade parkland. Please save Tuhey! Also, I'd love to see more gardens and an indoor park. I have also seen parks with large fitness games that can be played and would love Tuhey love to see a park complex with a splash pad and those types of games
427. Have hunger skateparks build Muncie a skatepark!!!
428. Take care of the parks they have
429. Keep the parks as they are, but clean them up.
430. Not destroy parks for building ???
431. Planting more trees, garbage cleanup
432. Provide more diversified outdoor activities for all ages, e.g., bocce ball or horseshoe courts, sand volleyball court, and provide trash receptacles.
433. Work closely with MACC and other local creators to fill our parks with some more Muncie character.
434. Open park areas
435. Youth programs
436. Muncie absolutely needs an indoor aquatics facility in order to keep our swim teams. Current school pools are falling apart and it would be a tragedy to lose what access our youth have for such programs to places like Fishers or Pendleton. Up to date and accessible park equipment is paramount for families, and updated park trails would be great.
437. Keep Tuhey park and pool opened! It's the only outdoor pool in Muncie that low-income families have access to

- 438. Clean up the parks more
- 439. Outdoor parks, outdoor pools, safe clean bathrooms areas and outdoor programs planned for children 2yrs old and up.
- 440. Need more parks
- 441. Keep the established parks, like Tuhey Park, as they are.
- 442. Clean, grass mowed, clean restrooms
- 443. To preserve the parks, we have- not to trade, lease or sell for development!
- 444. The same! You guys are doing great.
- 445. PRESERVE GREEN SPACE IN TUHEY PARK - NO YMCA FACILITIES
- 446. SAVE TUHEY PARK
- 447. Fix up Heekin Park and build a new playground for the kids.
- 448. Make the parks safe and appealing to families
- 449. Clean up some of the picnic areas and have more defined walking paths in some areas (does not have to be paved)
- 450. Save Tuhey Park
- 451. Make the parks more beautiful with flowers, etc.
- 452. Adapt more green spaces
- 453. Create an actual park with facilities in the northwest part of Muncie
- 454. Regularly clean up parks. Get rid of the multi-color wood posts at McCulloch Park, and instead paint them a more neutral color.
- 455. Educate and emphasize the importance of outdoor recreation, no matter the cost, age, race or sex.
- 456. Increase safety, reduce illegal activity
- 457. Have safe family friendly parks and facilities.
- 458. Add group activities
- 459. Don't sell, lease, or otherwise distribute parks and land for private use in any capacity
- 460. LEAVE green space at Tuhey Park ALONE!! #saveTueyPark
- 461. Don't know what they are capable of doing in the first place!
- 462. Maintain greenspace, routinely
- 463. Interact with the community
- 464. SAVE TUHEY PARK.
- 465. we need parks on the northwest side of Muncie!
- 466. Develop more parks
- 467. Stop giving away OUR parks to developers!!! Otherwise, you guys are cool.
- 468. Keep Tuhey pool open! Not all citizens of Muncie have access to pools!
- 469. Get groups to sponsor events in the parks. Yoga, Tai Chi
- 470. Keep the parks, don't lease it out
- 471. Protect existing parks and amenities.
- 472. NO YMCA IN THUEY PARK
- 473. No leasing, selling, or closing
- 474. Not remove public parks for private development.
- 475. Benches & shade trees
- 476. To keep Tuhey park and to offer more youth recreational programs.
- 477. Nature and wilderness areas
- 478. Install kayak canoe launches. Not just a gravel hill straight to the river.
- 479. No leasing, selling, or trading of our park land to private groups; save Tuhey for purely public use.
- 480. DO NOT SELL LAND TO DEVELOPERS PLEASE!

481. Yes, I would but not at just any cost.
482. Maintain integrity and keep green spaces green. Remember that this is public land, not intended to be sold, traded or leased.
483. Holiday events
484. Protect our parks and their land from being purchased by private enterprises
485. Please do not remove Tuhey park
486. Caring for the natural environment of the Delaware county area.
487. I think Muncie needs more forested areas that have trails through it. The Craddock Wetlands is a beautiful place, and one that provides a wonderful escape. I'd love to see more spaces like that, where individuals and groups can get out of the sidewalk and concrete and bask in some trees and greenery. I'm very encouraged by the city's purchase of land off Tillotson to curate such a space. I'd love to see more similar spaces throughout our city.
488. Not lease or sell Tuhey Pool/Park
489. Dog parks
490. I often take my children to Yorktown for their parks because ours are in I'll repair. Inevitably I buy lunch there, purchase gas, etc. I would love to keep my money in the community and not have to travel to another city for my kids to use safe and working play spaces.
491. They for sure need to NOT sell, lease or trade park land for development! Green space is very important and getting rid of it for a concrete monstrosity is asinine.
492. Not give up Tuhey park for a YMCA!!!
493. I do not want to see park land sold, leased or traded to development companies on the whim of whatever government runs Muncie at the time.
494. Bring nature closer to the crack houses and meth labs
495. Stop getting rid of parks for development
496. Don't take away green space for private facilities
497. Please do not reduce green space by leasing to YMCA
498. Police better for safety
499. Create new & maintain existing green space & nature areas
500. Preserve current parklands and increase more park/greenspaces. Don't sell or lease existing parks.
501. NOT lease Tuhey Park
502. Ensure that Park/outdoor space are never supplanted by indoor buildings.
503. Tennis-there are very few places for kids to play tennis-BSU and school courts that used to be available to the public are now locked
504. Partner with the Muncie Arts and Culture Counsel and Plyspace to have some cool programming. Maybe a sculpture park.
505. Community involvement
506. Trash containers, green spaces for creative playing,
507. Protect public land/green side and invest in free, accessible, modern park experiences. Don't privatize but invest deeper in what we have.
508. Not sell or lease park land out. Keep Tuhey park!
509. Be for the community
510. Regulate and maintain the dog parks. I am willing to pay the membership fee if that helps.
511. Take a more active role in developing higher density areas where I can live next to a park and walk there. To not build parks in random places in the community where I have to drive a car.
512. Do less. Sell some assets.
513. Keep the people informed of what is on the agenda.
514. Not sell, lease, or destroy historical parks (i.e., Tuhey!!)

515. Invest in more safe, adventurous, and modernized playground equipment for the kids. This could bring more kids out to the parks.
516. More walking trails in parks
517. Expand trails for hiking, biking, are least some that are ADA accessible; natural areas for wildlife & quietude
518. Keep parks well maintained
519. Programming
520. More playgrounds, splash pads, more green space. More water fountains.
521. Compost
522. Picnic tables trees without Poison Ivy
523. Community events to get people in the parks
524. More playground equipment for toddlers/younger age
525. Work with neighborhoods and community to gather input and work alongside them on improvements
526. Improve our parks without selling, trading, leasing or otherwise giving up parkland.
527. Expand parks in the city limits.
528. Events that gather the community together. Concerts, festivals, car shows, etc.
529. Actual programming. See the list of lessons and programs partnered between CMU students (central Michigan university) and the city of mt pleasant Michigan
530. To actually do their job, and make parks look nice.
531. I'd like them to get more funding, first of all, their budget isn't big enough to update or beautify the parks we currently have, so I have no idea how you expect them to do more.
532. Protect & improve what we have.
533. Parks & Rec should be viewed as advertisements for Muncie as a great place to live and work
534. Do not give away Tuhey Park
535. Take care of the parks, preserve the parks and build more parks and maybe act like the city of Muncie is proud of their parks?
536. Host music & educational picnic events
537. More security in the parks
538. Just more focus on spreading awareness of the importance of outdoor play and activities for everyone!!
539. Toddler size play equipment, paved walks near playground (so parents could walk laps while kids played but could still be seen), restrooms (clean/safe)
540. Not sell Tuhey to the YMCA, not turn Tuhey into a parking lot for the YMCA, not rent Tuhey to the YMCA
541. Do not give up Tuhey Park to a private entity! Create more trails for people to exercise safely outdoors.
542. I know they work very hard to keep the Parks and Recreation areas looking good and in good condition. While at a neighborhood meeting at Ross Center I was very impressed with the changes that are being made and the trees they planted and the very nice shelter area. My sisters and I would walk to Rose park a lot when we were growing up and I still live in the area.
543. Save Tuhey from the YMCA or any other invader
544. Create more friendly walking paths. I go to Anderson for longer nature paths such as Killbuck Wetlands.
545. Beautifying and improving existing parks. Adding amenities.
546. Mow grass, weed, remove dead trees.
547. More green space and sidewalks.
548. Save Tuhey!

549. I have been very impressed with our parks system. Some parks get a little more attention than others.

550. Do not reduce the amount of parkland by leasing, selling, or trading parks to private developers.

551. Website!!!!!! The website needs to "sell" the parks. There are many amazing things about our parks, but no attractive digital representation of their beauty, amenities, events, etc. It needs to be separate from the City of Muncie website, which is seriously lacking. Website/marketing around Prairie Creek Reservoir. This is such an amazing resource that looks seriously lackluster online. Work with Shantanu Suman (Vis Comm, Ball State) to have his students design a new brand for Parks and Recreation. They have done award-winning designs for many Muncie neighborhoods. I also recommend partnering with other organizations (I think they are already doing this, but they should be more visible in those partnerships.) In connection to the question below, of course a green infrastructure sounds great. But at what cost? What would we have to give up to fund that?

**10. Would you like Muncie to adopt green infrastructure connecting our park system? (Green infrastructure could include trails, linear open spaces, or "green streets" - referring to streetscapes that include bike lanes, sidewalks, and green buffers?)**

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Yes	80.82%	902
2	No	3.94%	44
3	No opinion	15.23%	170
	Total	100%	1116

**11 - What CHANGES do you feel Muncie's parks need to occur?**

1. youth activities
2. Update equipment
3. More outdoor greenspace
4. More lighting
5. Pedestrian friendly Prairie Creek
6. Update facilities (playgrounds, restrooms)
7. More safe options closer to our neighborhood
8. The "green trail" on Riverside involves chopping down about 20 trees, many of which were 50+ years old, to put in a trail that has NO use for cyclists rather than a sidewalk. There are so many safe ways to bike through that neighborhood and only "city ego" needs to destroy so much greenery to build a "green trail". There has to be much more sensitive awareness of the impact of suburban/exurban style trails in an urban setting.
9. Raise funding by donations not taxes
10. More accessible parks and play areas in ALL neighborhood
11. Better defined boundaries and gateways/entrances
12. Up signage on Cardinal Greenway
13. Leave Tuhey Park alone
14. Recreation for kids
15. Splash pads
16. I don't know whose job it is to build the bike trail on Riverside but it is needed
17. More parks and trails on the Southside

18. Keep expanding. Parks are great and I want to see more of them.
19. Parks need to be updated
20. More walking trails
21. Lighting or safety measures
22. More sidewalks and bike lanes
23. Better green spaces
24. Mowing
25. Expand and Develop Parks/Rec Department.
26. Make walking trails or tracks smoother and have fenced areas.
27. Security
28. More space especially on the west side
29. Mature trails and embedded gardens
30. More professional staff
31. Install updated playground equipment and splash pads
32. More walking/hiking trails
33. Groom, landscape to make them appealing
34. More places to access the Greenway.
35. More funding for upkeep
36. More trees
37. Cleaner and better maintained facilities
38. Cleaner restroom facilities
39. More parks
40. Organize to wash down the trails to remove goose waste
41. Some are in need of maintenance; I think it was Thomas park where I saw broken down playground equipment. Also power has never been restored to shelter at westside park
42. More disc golf maybe pickle ball courts and walking trails
43. KEEP TUEY PARK, GREEN SPACE & POOL (NO CHANGE)
44. Improve awareness
45. Make more handicap space and handicap accessible playground
46. Safety and security - I don't feel safe in some of the parks alone with my kids
47. Healthy activity availability and direction
48. Better playground equipment
49. Education on plants or the trees they are planting
50. Safe parks
51. Better maintenance and improvements to the parks the city already has.
52. Trash pickup and maintenance upkeep
53. Clean
54. Safer children's equipment; no metal
55. More Lighting
56. More space for parks
57. Maintenance
58. NOT A PROJECT WITH THE YMCA
59. Routine Maintenance/upkeep of play areas
60. DO NOT give Tuhey to YMCA
61. More classes
62. Tennis courts for public access
63. More green space

64. Promotion! We have great parks that a lot of people don't use or see value in
65. Add some color to landscaping.
66. Better equipment. Outside playground.
67. Expansion/improvement of smaller/low-income parks
68. Restrooms need more attention and cleaning, keeping hand soap stocked
69. Updates to equipment.
70. Some still need updated/cleaned up
71. Maintenance
72. Maintain current facilities & honor their history
73. Would love to see free splash pad areas in several parks throughout Muncie. Kids get hot when playing or just being in the sun and lots of families can't afford to take them swimming or a water park area
74. Newer equipment, keep perverts out of McCullough Park
75. Better leadership
76. Planting trees in green spaces (community gardens too)
77. Botanical Garden
78. Cleaner/nicer facilities. For sample-look how nice the Daleville Splash parks facilities are - we have nothing that comes close to that here in Muncie and we are a MUCH LARGER community
79. Public Park areas MUST remain FREE to the public!
80. I'd love for there to be more natural play areas, like the giant log area at Dutro Ernst.
81. This survey is a great idea
82. Splash parks
83. Program staff support
84. We need a skate park for skaters.
85. interactive signs identifying trees/flowers
86. Better and cleaner restrooms
87. See above
88. I love the updates made to many of the parks. Keep it up!!
89. See comment above
90. Aquatic pool facilities
91. Develop more pocket parks
92. Make safer with updated equipment
93. Upgraded park equipment
94. Better playground equipment
95. More upgrades to be more fun and inviting
96. Clean up river bank at McCulloch Park.
97. Access to a map of all Muncie parks
98. Funding for Urban Forester to better maintain trees, e.g., remove dead/dangerous trees, plant appropriate trees.
99. Update and ensure facilities are safe and plentiful.
100. We need the outdoor space for our kids and community.
101. Upgrade disc golf
102. Cleaner parks
103. A sustained anti-littering campaign - including organized volunteer trash pick-ups.
104. Updated playground equipment
105. Better equipment for children to play on. Keep parks cleaner. Pick up trash, etc..
106. Free splash pads for summer use and low-income families to enjoy

107. Improve the security
108. Have more visibility of police in park for the safety of our children
109. Better playgrounds
110. Construct more bike paths and walking trails.
111. General update
112. Trash pickup throughout the parks
113. Clean up existing parks
114. Skateboarding
115. Seek volunteers to help with maintenance
116. Upgraded playground equipment for smaller parks downtown.
117. Muncie needs many more green spaces. We're too crowded together.
118. Security
119. Better restrooms that don't have spiders and be maintained better.
120. More clean and well-equipped picnic areas
121. I really think Tuhey Park should remain a public park. It's a beautiful resource for all of Muncie.
122. Quality/sanitation of park facilities. I do not visit Muncie parks often, partially because the facilities (shelter areas, bathrooms) have not been clean or well maintained.
123. Maintenance and improvement of existing park space
124. Update playgrounds
125. Better lawn care
126. Make visitors feel safe!
127. Promotion of the small park areas in the city allowing groups to perform there at no cost
128. Remove non-native invasive species.
129. Bathrooms could be maintenance more often for cleanliness.
130. Leave Tuhey alone.
131. Safety
132. Refurbish structures already standing.
133. Garden groups for each park
134. See comments above-Safer equipment/more for varying abilities
135. More maintenance (cleaning, landscaping, mulching)
136. Control invasive plant species
137. Better cleaning of parks. I'm tired of finding used needles at the bottom of slides.
138. PCR needs to have the West side opened back up to, more than horseback riding
139. Saving Tuhey
140. Better upkeep and updating of the cabins.
141. Utilize neighborhood associations and municipal work programs for maintenance.
142. ADA play equipment! Or more options
143. Fix/clean/update what we have
144. Fishing
145. We need an indoor 50-meter pool
146. Better upkeep of bathrooms, making sure toilet paper and soap are available and restrooms are clean; additional bathrooms along walking paths
147. Skatepark
148. Splash park/spray pad
149. Attention to detail. They seem so outdated.
150. I think the parks could be better maintained, more frequent trash pickup and overall maintenance.

151. Clean up the trailer trash shanty town at the prairie creek campgrounds. No more year-round campers there!!!!!!
152. More lighting
153. Security
154. Clean up.... check them daily
155. More inviting
156. fully accessible playgrounds
157. More safe neighborhood parks.
158. Revamped playground equipment and better care of the grounds at all parks
159. Better playground equipment, all ages, accessible
160. Restroom s
161. More seating in Dog parks more maintenance there
162. Updated equipment
163. More green spaces!
164. Better restrooms
165. Clean safe public spaces and clean restrooms
166. Maintain the parks better, fix or replace the broken playground equipment.
167. Better playground equipment in every park.
168. Keep Tuhey
169. New playground equipment
170. Be able to get close to river at McCullough park with picnic table and benches
171. Improve restroom facilities
172. More personnel!
173. More playground equipment and handicap equipment!
174. Clean
175. More natural areas with trails
176. Quit giving away park land
177. Better bathroom accessibility closer to child play areas
178. More safety
179. Keep all city owned parks available for all citizens to utilize, adding additional security measures where needed without enforcing a lock out.
180. Parkland should NOT be considered for lease to outside organizations
181. Making park areas updated and safe
182. More green space and areas to just be outside
183. Update equipment
184. Nicer parks in Muncie. We visit Morrow Meadows mostly because they're closer, but have a nice park with a walking path.
185. Park programming
186. Restrooms closer to disc golf parking lot at McCullough
187. Attention to Cowing Park
188. Protect Tuhey
189. Better picnic areas
190. Less parks and update the ones that are being used
191. More green space
192. New playground equipment
193. More park area
194. Do not turn any parks over to the YMCA

195. Community involvement
196. Replace all prairie creek staff ADD POLICE FOR SECURITY
197. Fun and safe environment
198. Restroom at McCulloch
199. Ball Corp park could use a nice facelift
200. Clean up curtain parks and update equipment and keep them cleaned up.
201. More trash receptacles along trails
202. Updated equipment with available shade
203. Handicap assessable equipment
204. I would like to see the underperforming parks to be taken off the park list and put focus on the other parks to keep nice
205. Parks with no cost to users. No memberships needed.
206. Upgrade play equipment
207. I love our parks. Thank you for asking about them. I have no children, which affects my answers. While I don't use playgrounds, I absolutely want them to exist.
208. Cleaner
209. I would love to see more ADA inclusive playground equipment incorporated at existing playgrounds - not in a separate area of the parks.
210. The Parks need to become a top priority and looked upon as an economic development tool rather than a simply a service provided to the citizens of Muncie utilizing undeveloped land. Imagine taking the MRC or EDA on a tour of the parks in the same way you would take them on a tour of a shell building. Now imagine how that shell building would look if it was as run down as some of the parks are. The economic development leaders of this community should be just as furious at the state of our parks as they would be if they saw a collapsing roof in a shell building. People no longer have to live where they work because COVID-19 has ushered in the era of telework and that means Muncie has to attract the individual more so than ever. We can't afford to put our parks on the back burner any longer.
211. The drop offs on the play structures are high enough to cause death. That really needs to be fixed.
212. More lighting
213. Places to walk
214. Water play grounds. Splash parks
215. Focus on updating playground equipment in current parks.
216. Better picnic shelters
217. Rather than large parks, try creating small pocket parks integrated throughout neighborhoods: like basketball courts or tennis courts or sitting parks in place of blighted properties
218. Inclusive programs for children with special needs
219. Better maintenance of existing facilities.
220. Save Tuhey from the YMCA build
221. More police patrols in parks
222. Fix the geese! Get them away from the walking paths!
223. Better trash receptacles across the entire system. Unified, bright, easily identifiable.
224. More lighting
225. More florals/gardens
226. More quality equipment that stimulates and engages children of the community
227. Stop mowing everything- there is no need for so much lawn area
228. Bigger bathrooms
229. Better playground equipment and more accessible

- 230. Restroom cleanliness
- 231. Security
- 232. More green space more parks
- 233. Please do not use Tuhey Park for the YMCA. There are many vacant lots that would be acceptable alternatives.
- 234. No restricted access at Prairie Creek
- 235. Make outdoor recreation a priority.
- 236. Improved playgrounds
- 237. Listen to the public opposing the YMCA plan
- 238. Stop selling off and leasing any park land
- 239. More free advertising
- 240. More foot traffic activities
- 241. Save Tuhey park.
- 242. Biking lanes and trails
- 243. Add another Disc Golf Course and help promote larger events. Disc Golf has been a fast-growing sport for years, and Covid brought literally millions more players to the sport. Tournaments bring people from all over the state and region and fill up quickly. A course is not only wonderful and affordable recreation for Muncie citizens, and also a pathway to bring in sports-tourism dollars to the city.
- 244. The path along Riverside Ave! Please finish by spring!
- 245. Better playground
- 246. More parks on north side
- 247. Update maintain improve expand grow
- 248. More and better basketball, tennis, handball courts
- 249. Leave Tuhey as it is! It's one of the bright parts of Muncie!
- 250. Clean functional restrooms
- 251. More organized recreation for kids.
- 252. Don't put YMCA where Tuhey is
- 253. Some playgrounds need trees to shade the playground equipment from the blazing sun
- 254. More trail connections
- 255. Stop making plans to give/sell the park to the YMCA
- 256. Add more of them.
- 257. Keep Tuhey Park intact and make it a cultural hub
- 258. Tell the YMCA to piss off
- 259. Keep Tuhey park
- 260. Do not let the YMCA build on Tuhey Park land.
- 261. Better maintained
- 262. A venue for headlining performers - bring in money
- 263. Concrete skatepark. Every town has added them to the parks and they're consistently bring out those from out of town and typically the most used area of a town's park
- 264. walking & Nature trails in Heekin Park
- 265. More city supported disc golf tournaments that will bring in additional players from other towns exposing more to Muncie amenities.
- 266. Stronger commitment from leaders to keeping park land public instead of leasing to private ventures for building development
- 267. Say no to the YMCA
- 268. Update restrooms

- 269. Better maintenance with existing park equipment. Broken tables, equipment in disrepair, restroom facilities, etc.
- 270. I would love a gated toddler playground. We went to one in Cincinnati Washington Park so nice and integrated space with turfs, so not muddy in winter.
- 271. More lights
- 272. Repair the big cabin in McCulloch Park so the fireplace can be used in the winter
- 273. More seating for parents near playground equipment.
- 274. More walking/bike trails
- 275. Better connections to trails and neighborhoods
- 276. High-quality design
- 277. Continuing to connect green spaces with accessible trails.
- 278. More ADA accessible updates to equipment and trails
- 279. Develop Halteman Park
- 280. ADA Accessibility
- 281. Safety
- 282. Parks could use buttons that notify emergency services.
- 283. Better bathrooms that are cleaned on a regular basis!
- 284. Summer outdoor recreation clinics for kids
- 285. Better restroom facilities
- 286. Better restroom facilities at Prairie Creek
- 287. More money and staff
- 288. I feel that here recently the parks department was more visible on social media which brought information about upcoming programs to the public's attention. Kudos!!
- 289. I visited Westside Park Several times during the pandemic to sit outside, read, eat lunch, just relax.
- 290. More swimming- let people swim in more areas at Prairie Creek too
- 291. Just a piece of property. Not enough! It has to be pleasing and useful to people in the neighborhood. Neighborhood parks that speak to the neighborhood. Prairie Creek serves a greater area. The trails a certain group. Walk bike...are our neighborhood parks doing their job...giving people a lovely place to walk exercise watch the children play and visit with neighbor's. Or is this of another time?
- 292. Finished paved trails
- 293. Rusty playground equipment needs to be replaced
- 294. Upgrade and expand the outdoor playground equipment
- 295. More inviting. More safety for women
- 296. Updated and clean restrooms
- 297. Recycling bags and bins out for public use
- 298. Updating facilities
- 299. Reorganize and become serious about developing a comprehensive recreation program.....and defining what that may be.
- 300. Safety
- 301. Hold the line
- 302. Better use of unused green space
- 303. Upkeep of greenway
- 304. Create more pickleball courts
- 305. Connection
- 306. More parks - especially NW Muncie

307. Clean out old equipment
308. Lights for recreation spaces like tennis and skateboarding
309. More outdoor security
310. Updated restrooms
311. More of everything besides cardinal greenway
312. Updated picnic / grill areas
313. More connection trails to greenway.
314. Make a restaurant or convenient store out of the old bait shop or entertainment facility at the Prairie Creek Reservoir.
315. Solicit input
316. More and better restrooms.
317. More upkeep of our parks. The reservoir, for example, needs more attention to the overgrowth around the docks.
318. Cleaner bathrooms
319. Build more pickleball courts. It's the fastest growing sport in America and sadly Muncie is way behind
320. Keep the YMCA out of Tuhey.
321. Keep parks drug and needle free.
322. Keep green spaces for recreation, walking, community events
323. More pickleball courts
324. Nicer and more opportunities to boat, hike, and play
325. Safety
326. Better playground equipment
327. Side walks
328. make rental choices affordable. a four-hour rental is 2 hours given 1 hour set up and 1 hour clean up
329. Make all parks ADA accessible
330. More natural play scales (large logs, mud kitchens, etc)
331. Focus on Programming & Youth learning
332. We have a lot of unused green space and parks. Quit managing and spending money on areas people do not frequent
333. Removal of parks administration from overview of dysfunctional city/local government
334. More accessibility for children with disabilities
335. We need more accessible parks, more accessible playground equipment. Something like Wicker park in Bluffton would be cool.
336. Skatepark
337. Let the Y build so they could help the community become healthier
338. Keep the parks clean. Patrol them. Don't take Tuhey!
339. more trees
340. Making it so no private company can ever lease or develop on public Muncie park land.
341. Spread out. Muncie should just be one big park.
342. Youth programs
343. Bathroom
344. Indoor aquatics - natatorium
345. Bigger spaces. Keep Tuhey pool and park!!
346. Cleaned up

347. Updated safe equipment, more kids' friendly areas, less adult areas tide to children play areas and locations in walking distance to all Muncie Communities
348. Better, bigger playgrounds
349. Perhaps beautify the spaces at the river by diversified plantings of bee friendly flowers and shrubs
350. Mansfield is an incredible park, that most people aren't aware of. Maybe find a way to market it'll expand availability (like with the trails/streets mentioned above)
351. Save TUHEY park
352. Updated and safer new playground for Heekin park
353. Keep Tuhey a park!
354. Save they because it's a community asset
355. Save Tuhey
356. Trash totes in parks
357. More youth programming
358. Creation of parks in central city locations in which buildings spaces have remained empty for a year or more.
359. Safe family friendly areas. Last visit to a park we had to leave because we felt unsafe.
360. Update bathrooms
361. More concerts in the park
362. Better restrooms
363. Updated and additional playground equipment, benches, picnic tables!
364. Updated and more playground equipment!!
365. Leave Tuhey Park alone
366. Focus on green energy
367. Keep what we have and expand upon our citizens' needs.
368. park on northwest side
369. Have more parks
370. Safety/lighting
371. Keep them cleaner
372. Walking/ biking trail through the parks (McCullough)
373. Do not give Tibet pool to the Y
374. Don't lease property in the parks to outside sources
375. Maintain resources to support existing parks
376. REMOVING PUBLIC GREENSPACES IS UNETHICAL
377. Cleaner restrooms
378. Add parks to meet NRPA level of service throughout Muncie, especially to the NW area of Muncie
379. Lap swimming hours in Tuhey
380. More youth recreational programs
381. Grass land without hazards
382. Any parks on the river need ACCESSIBLE kayak launches
383. Add an "ice rink"/ frozen space for winter exercise
384. Better/more restrooms
385. Better trash control
386. Not allow the YMCA to build on a well-used green space.
387. More botanical, florals, etc
388. Do not eliminate Tuhey Park.
389. More bathroom access

390. I love the idea of greener infrastructure that connects the parks! That would be really quite lovely and make the city more accessible to foot and bike transportation.
391. Better bathroom up keep
392. Do not rent, lease or sell Tuhey Park!!!
393. More handicap accessible facilities
394. Update and/or repair current facilities
395. Become a modern city and adopting green policies
396. Update playground equipment
397. Less Development, more open green space
398. Keep Tuhey park!
399. The parks seem devoid of activity. There needs to be more activities at the parks
400. Better restrooms.
401. They need to be cleaner - encourage visitors to help with this!
402. Not allow Tuhey Park to be partially paved & leased to the Y when other buildings & areas are available
403. Increase parks and green space
404. DON'T lease Tuhey!
405. More tennis courts
406. More trees.
407. More community events to encourage getting people utilizing our parks
408. Concerts in parks every park
409. The idea that Muncie parks should not be considered for sale or transfer to the private sector.
410. Quality equipment for a range of ages in all parks
411. Stop building parks in random places like by Memorial
412. Keep as a park
413. Updated playground equipment
414. Do not sell park land to private companies, like the YMCA.
415. Natural areas for quietude, wildlife
416. Crime monitoring.
417. More funding
418. Workers need to be respectful to public.
419. Stop selling out to major non profits
420. Integrate the arts into parks
421. The concrete outside and in Emerson Park need repairs. It is cracked and dangerous.
422. Increased transparency and public input.
423. Expansion.
424. Look at more cohesive design of the elements of the parks. Currently, I feel that the elements are separate in their uses, creating places that do not encourage members of our community to interact with each other very well.
425. more funding for programs, beautification
426. Clear non motorized connections between parks
427. More funding. Better upkeep and beautification in parks, especially those in underserved areas like Heekin and McCulloch. Old, run-down, or unused structures like the derby hill thing, the safety town village, and some of the older playground equipment at Heekin need to be removed and replaced.
428. Better restrooms
429. Facility upgrades to any structures

- 430. More community involvement
- 431. Muncie to actually acknowledge that they have parks.
- 432. More ADA accessibility
- 433. better maintained walking infrastructure in the surrounding neighborhoods to allow citizens to get to the parks
- 434. Do not give up Tuhey!
- 435. Better restroom facilities
- 436. More nature walking paths, 2 miles and up.
- 437. A real playground at the Ball Corporation Park. All it has is junk that no one uses.
- 438. Maintenance and beautification.
- 439. prioritize greenspace over new builds
- 440. Add dedicated staff to support programs and maintenance of the parks.
- 441. More green space. We love the open spaces at the parks!
- 442. Add more parks, start with Storer and then add a big one where Shidler Apartments are
- 443. Muncie needs more designated parks & green space.
- 444. Advocate for Tuhey instead of agreeing to lease to YMCA before getting any public feedback. That is my number one issue right now.
- 445. Smaller pocket or mini parks
- 446. More park benches and shaded seating
- 447. Website and promotion. I may be alone in this, but there are many ways to leverage this for greater exposure of what you are already doing. Ball State, IU Health, Forge ECI are all working hard to promote Muncie/ECI amenities, primarily through websites and social media. But we have nowhere to link to Muncie parks online that is attractive, welcoming.
- 448. Community/neighborhood projects
- 449. Clean up the parks
- 450. Better upkeep of existing greenspace
- 451. Splash pad
- 452. Increase green space
- 453. Community fitness center
- 454. I'd like to see the area around Jackson and the Greenway developed more into a multi-use park. Walking, biking, maybe skateboard park. Plant lots of trees.
- 455. More parks with restroom
- 456. Better, safer pedestrian/bike access
- 457. Fix Playground Equipment
- 458. Plan things for our older population
- 459. benches places to sit
- 460. Better lighting
- 461. At the end of the bike path on White River Blvd as you approach Yorktown, there is a gap and very dangerous area before you get to the Yorktown bike trail. this needs to be fixed!
- 462. People the parks with programs
- 463. Music in the park
- 464. Trash
- 465. Update restroom facilities and keep them clean and inviting.
- 466. Well maintained picnic area with restroom facilities
- 467. Increased funding
- 468. Monitor suspicious activities that occur at parks, we all know which ones
- 469. Availability of parks in safe locations

470. Have community events, like festivals
471. Bike paths/trails network that would allow people to bike to different parts of the city without having to deal with cars. Bike lanes ARE NOT the same as trail/paths because people in cars don't respect them and because all the tiny bits of glass and debris on the roads end up in the bike lane.
472. More public input
473. Better advertisement of available facilities
474. More advertising and publicity
475. More green spaces created from blighted areas in town
476. Work more with neighborhood associations
477. Make more accessible for people to get to
478. Continued beautification - you've made great progress
479. Keep them clean
480. A small garden or some native plants
481. Not getting rid of parks
482. I like the idea of an urban fishing area but the parks that already exist need maintenance. I think the current administration already knows this.
483. Safer
484. Strick Curfew with more patrols
485. Updated Basketball courts
486. Reach out to smaller surrounding communities in the county that do not have the quality of parks as Muncie has. Promote the sense of community and partnership by having summer programs for all the youth of Delaware county.
487. parks differing from one another to get people into more parks
488. Pools for fitness swimming
489. More environmental education
490. Upkeep- some of the parks need some serious TLC, like Heekin, this should be a priority for Muncie- there are some neighborhoods that have no green space and this is the city's chance to show that it cares about every neighborhood, not just BSU
491. Restrooms at Westside need seriously redone.
492. Up to date items.
493. More handicap accessible-accessibility!!
494. Needles found in play areas have been an increasing issue, this needs to be addressed
495. Programming
496. Outside basketball court repaired at Ross center park and others that are in need of repair
497. Revamp the Boys N Girls club
498. Benches at all playgrounds
499. More extension to the Greenway
500. More green spaces around Muncie
501. Our kids these days have a nature deficit...there are fewer and fewer forest/natural areas for them to explore, get off the path and get wet without breaking rules.
502. Upgrade play equipment
503. increased funds
504. More lighting.
505. charging stations in bathrooms
506. Cleaner parks
507. PLEASE do NOT build a YMCA at the Tuhey location!!!!
508. Better/cleaner bathroom facilities

- 509. Walking/running indoor track
- 510. Landscape and keep weeds away from equipment
- 511. Upgraded bathroom facilities with water bottle water fountains
- 512. Collaborate with local groups to provide & maintain beautification, e.g., colorful plantings at entryways.
- 513. Keep our green space.
- 514. We need better playground equipment for older kids.
- 515. Proper signage
- 516. Better taken care of the grass
- 517. More law enforcement patrols in and around parks - particularly Prairie Creek Reservoir.
- 518. Protect our parks, no leasing to YMCA or anything similar
- 519. Keep trail around river safer and cleaner. Trash has been left for several weeks last summer.
- 520. More parks with updated playground equipment there aren't park options on the north or north west side of town
- 521. ADA accessible park-wide
- 522. Connecting paths
- 523. More new play equipment
- 524. Increased lighting at night to ensure safety
- 525. Monitor crime and drugs and people doing illegal things in parks
- 526. BMX/ bike course
- 527. Programs in parks. Summer activities
- 528. A big splash pad for kids and parents both.
- 529. Community service program for clean up
- 530. Better Maintenance on shelters
- 531. Keep parks which receive significant traffic open. Among people I know, Tuhey park is the most visited of Muncie's parks and the most well-liked, making the possibility of it being turned into a YMCA very upsetting.
- 532. Development of new environmental spaces
- 533. More seating for bank fishers
- 534. Provide a family atmosphere!
- 535. Concessions in the park downtown
- 536. Decrease campers and boats at Prairie Creek.
- 537. Park perimeters should be clearly marked for safety of community.
- 538. Leave Tuhey alone.
- 539. Trails
- 540. Beautify grounds in all established parks.
- 541. See comments above-More/Better Restrooms in every park
- 542. Protect the water quality of Prairie Creek Reservoir by reducing motorized boat use and designating space for non-motorized boat use.
- 543. Splash pads!
- 544. PCR needs to have the annual camp tenants cycled out
- 545. Keep Tuhey pool as is, maybe create event center in building on site.
- 546. Better advertisement of what parks there are and what each one has
- 547. Offer new things
- 548. Updated playground equipment for both indoor and outdoor facilities, including splash pad that is free and open to public
- 549. Indoor exercise opportunities

- 550. Better police presence.
- 551. More swings
- 552. Cleaning
- 553. More programming
- 554. accessible, unpaved running surfaces
- 555. Provide cross country ski areas in parks.
- 556. The Muncie parks department website is lacking! Pictures & descriptions of what's available at each park needs to be included as well as an updated list of all the parks and their offerings!
- 557. More indoor options for inclement weather
- 558. Indoor activities for kids
- 559. More patrolling in McCullough park
- 560. Better picnic areas
- 561. Better police patrols, too many adult males hiding in bushes and hanging out waiting to meet up. It isn't safe for the kids.
- 562. Accessible playgrounds
- 563. More activities for youth and families to partake in together
- 564. Special events at all parks once a month
- 565. Improve stability of docks at boat ramp -and thus safety
- 566. More connected trails/bikeways
- 567. Update
- 568. More native planting
- 569. Maybe not put YMCAs in parks
- 570. Keeping pervs away
- 571. Tuhey park needs to stay greenspace. It is a much-needed area for Muncie youth and should actually be updated with a splash pad, youth baseball diamonds, expanded picnic area and additional playground equipment including ADA certified equipment.
- 572. More paved trails and connections for our existing trail network
- 573. repair benches and tables
- 574. Add playground equipment to more parks.
- 575. Direct communication about park offerings to Muncie tax payers
- 576. Improvement of existing green space
- 577. Stop planting grass and put in natural habitat
- 578. More experiences/entertainment options
- 579. Have various programs for youth during the day, especially in the summer at parks throughout the community
- 580. STOP GIVING PUBLIC LANDS AWAY TO PRIVATE AGENCIES
- 581. Restrooms available
- 582. More swings
- 583. Repaint or new play equipment also more natural objects to climb on such as large logs or rocks
- 584. Install off leash dog areas
- 585. Trails everywhere. Folks don't like giving up the easement, but it's helpful in the long run.
- 586. Hand sanitizer stations
- 587. No private gym facilities (i.e., YMCA/YWCA) on public park lands
- 588. Muncie has the opportunity to be a regional destination for our parks but only if we want to be. Certain parks could and maybe should be resigned for more specific functions. Alternatively, existing features should be enhanced. First and foremost, the Tuhey Park/YMCA deal should be killed. This is a horrible idea that should have never been considered in the first place. The city has

paid thousands of dollars for multiple downtown studies that have all advocated for new infill in the downtown. If the YMCA wants to build a new building it should be located downtown. It wouldn't be that difficult to form a partnership with the City Administration and a developer to utilize HOME and CDBG funding to leverage Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) to build a mixed-use development downtown that would house new apartments, the new YMCA facility, new retail spaces, and a dedicated parking garage. But that's beside the point. Tuhey Park has the potential to be destination splash pad park, something incredible that would make national news. The space and infrastructure are already there and the desire for such a facility is already there by the citizens. The Frisbee Park course at McCulloch Park could be enhanced and better designed. As it stands it appears as though it was just stuck in there with little thought or planning. With a little work and design, it could be a premiere course. Finally, Muncie has an incredibly large and active gardening community. This is an untapped resource both for volunteers but also for revenue. One possibility for the future would be for the city to construct a botanical garden. This would this be a regional destination as gardening enthusiasts will travel hundreds of miles to visit a well-planned and designed botanical garden. It could also be a source of revenue for the parks department. A small gate fee could be charge and revenue could be generated through yearly plant sales.

- 589.Maybe some things need to be repainted.
- 590.Outdoor skate park
- 591.Security when in a park
- 592.Do better maintenance, ensuring the cleanliness of parks.
- 593.Better restrooms
- 594.Water fountains (for both humans and pets) at every park.
- 595.playground equipment for older youth and sensory based area for children with special needs
- 596.Development of more citizen owned playground and public use facilities
- 597.Updated equipment and water park
- 598.Youth need more than just basketball, skate parks
- 599.Make sure it is inclusive to all ability types
- 600.Hire someone with a background in conservation/environmental management
- 601.Indoor facilities
- 602.No selling of land to private businesses
- 603.Disc golf course
- 604.Security
- 605.A full ban on Dan Ridenour and his family from the parks
- 606.Fund outdoor recreation.
- 607.Work more with neighborhood and sponsor family friendly programming
- 608.Walking trail through McCulloch Park
- 609.Partner with organizations to create programming that will recruit "new, lifelong park goers"
- 610.Keep Tuhey Park as is!
- 611.Splash pads
- 612.More programs for kids
- 613.Interesting park features (water, trails, splash pads, etc.)
- 614.Trash free green spaces
- 615.Better maintained playground and park equipment.
- 616.Save Tuhey
- 617.Fix drainage problems.
- 618.Upgraded play equipment
- 619.A botanical garden.

- 620. Tell the YMCA to piss off
- 621. Continue to have protected green space
- 622. Do not let the YMCA build on Tuhey Park land.
- 623. security
- 624. An updated water park
- 625. Disc golf infrastructure. Better signs and baskets, also brings those from out of town on a daily basis.
- 626. City led summer programs for young people to learn arts, music, etc.
- 627. More parks with more walking trails
- 628. Develop additional disc golf courses
- 629. Security checks/drive thru
- 630. Update or upgrade all bathrooms
- 631. Bathrooms and drinking water stations
- 632. Better outdoor playground equipment
- 633. Update equipment
- 634. Splash parks and indoor playground
- 635. More green spaces
- 636. Parks could use modernized restrooms.
- 637. More playgrounds with better equipment for all ages!
- 638. 5k races
- 639. Several times during the pandemic to sit outside, read, eat lunch, just relax.
- 640. Finished Water play place
- 641. Parks need more benches
- 642. Allow water skiing at prairie creek park
- 643. Advertising on what the park and rec offers.
- 644. I miss bike rental on the greenway
- 645. Patrolling more
- 646. Appoint a task force of community citizens, engage a consultant and begin the planning process.
- 647. Better bathroom facilities
- 648. more modern playground equipment
- 649. create events to celebrate community and public spaces
- 650. Skatepark
- 651. Water fountains
- 652. Gas fire pits
- 653. Splash park
- 654. Better upkeep on the shelters, as far as making sure there are no wasps nest, insects, rodents, etc.
- 655. Destroy the Emerson dog park - give us our clean space back!!
- 656. More parking.
- 657. The Reservoir Pontoon Beach needs more supervision do that non-boat owners can't just walk up and cavity on the beach—plus take all of the dock owners' parking!
- 658. Outdoor concerts in the park
- 659. Speed bumps on streets that run through parks.
- 660. Do not sell off/rent park space for business development when vacant business spaces sit around town
- 661. Features to engage neighborhoods
- 662. Boating/kayak

- 663.Cleanliness
- 664.Better Basketball Courts
- 665.Activities for all parks
- 666.have other programs other than basketball
- 667.Newer playground equipment
- 668.More space for open exploration of the environment
- 669.Meaningful Community Partnerships
- 670.Plan to ensure stability of direction not tied to selfish city political leaders in the city council
- 671.More outdoor exercise games and activities built in
- 672.Why lease out land to other organizations? We have many areas without parks nearby. We need to keep what we have.
- 673.Skatepark
- 674.more drinking fountains
- 675.More activities other than playground equipment, e.g., bocce ball, volleyball, skate park, etc.
- 676.Safety in the parks
- 677.Updated accessible park equipment
- 678.More trees, stop cutting down healthy trees. Seek arborist not tree cutters
- 679.Increase the number of benches for seating
- 680.Sexual activity in McCulloch is a problem. I can't walk through without my wife without unwelcome advances
- 681.Don't sell TUHEY or any other park to land development companies
- 682.Update playgrounds
- 683.Dog waste receptacles
- 684.Botanical gardens
- 685.Creation of more green spaces on spaces that have remained empty remained empty for a year or more.
- 686.Update shelters
- 687.More community activities like Gus Macker....fishing contests, cooking competitions, group rummage sales. Horse shoes, baseball tournaments. Whatever it would take to get the ppl back into the parks doing things as a community.
- 688.More walking biking trails
- 689.More beds of flowers and shrubs, especially at Tuhey! Everyone drives by Tuhey and it has endless possibilities to look beautiful from all sides and bring families and friends together!!
- 690.Beautification...especially for Tuhey!!
- 691.Focus on community needs and accessibility, both financial, spatially, and for people with disabilities
- 692.Consider we host college students. Are parks available to them?
- 693.park on northwest side
- 694.Have more swimming pools
- 695.We need more city pools, not less!
- 696.Splash pads. Dog area.
- 697.Find ways to include volunteers including youth to keep parks maintained
- 698.DEVELOPING IN PUBLIC SPACES FOR PROFIT IS GENTRIFICATION
- 699.ADA equipment
- 700.work with neighborhood associations to get their input on what their neighborhood parks need
- 701.An indoor pool
- 702.Music in the parks

- 703. Safe places
- 704. Better cleaning and maintenance of the grounds and facilities.
- 705. Community events (clean-up days, outdoor youth/adult leagues)
- 706. Are the geese out of control? It seems like they don't have any natural predators so they are reproducing at an alarming rate. The geese droppings might not be the best thing for the grass along the greenway (nor for the walkway, but that's not too big of a deal). I would just like to know if there are ways to encourage the geese to move to a different part of the river, as they can be prone to attack people walking by.
- 707. Better upkeep of picnic areas
- 708. Keep Tuhey park a park. Please don't sell to the YMCA
- 709. Invite community programs to participate: theater in the park, storytime with the library, occasional market events, etc
- 710. Coordinate w police better to keep drugs/users/sellers out of park
- 711. We need more park space not less—especially in neighborhoods
- 712. Maybe a donation drive to fertilize and keep the Storytime softball fields
- 713. Updated equipment and signage.
- 714. Promote park histories more to increase awareness of park legacies
- 715. Don't pave Tuhey
- 716. More and better picnic and gathering places.
- 717. More opportunities to improve parks thru partnerships and events
- 718. More shelters to rent
- 719. Better cleanup/maintenance — they need to look great to project a sense of safety and family friendliness
- 720. Actually, follow standards in terms of scale and density of park
- 721. Maintain all of our current parks
- 722. An Amphitheater placed in the larger parks
- 723. Accessible trails, facilities
- 724. Better lighting for dark times of the year.
- 725. More support
- 726. Mow along the river at McCullough park.
- 727. Make more park land
- 728. More community input on what they would like to see
- 729. Keep playground repaired and in good condition.
- 730. increased ADA equipment
- 731. Actual youth programming, not just passive programming or making the YMCA / boys & girls clubs do it all
- 732. More seating and gathering spaces, better connections to nearby businesses.
- 733. Adopt a park campaign
- 734. Muncie to actually take care of the parks that they have.
- 735. Cleaner or present restroom options
- 736. better access from the Bus lines
- 737. Do not sell out Tuhey!
- 738. Updated equipment.
- 739. more green spaces on the southside
- 740. Tear down abandoned buildings and upgrade existing rental facilities.
- 741. Better restrooms

- 742. Park programs. Every city with a parks department actually has parks programs for kids and whatnot.
- 743. More walkability in town.
- 744. Install speed bumps in parking lots and drives that go through parks
- 745. Playgrounds that are appropriate for younger children. These are the children/parents who are at home most of the week and are looking for things to do. Once you get young families to the parks, they grow up knowing and utilizing the parks.
- 746. Networking between communities
- 747. Bathrooms update them
- 748. Bike lanes in and around BSU campus and connecting BSU campus to parks, trails, and downtown
- 749. Incorporate trails
- 750. Safe outdoor parks and trail similar to Yorktown's
- 751. Link trails
- 752. Take better care of Bunch Blvd. Overlook. The map on the table there is backwards. East and West are incorrect.
- 753. speed limits Heekin park is like a race track
- 754. Better playgrounds
- 755. I don't know what the trail around the new jail is supposed to be??? What does it connect to??
- 756. Events or Festivals to draw people in
- 757. more green spaces
- 758. Picnic & shelter facilities that are nice and usable.
- 759. Ponds and fishing area
- 760. Add lights, areas for parents to gather, aesthetically pleasing
- 761. SUPPORT them, they are a hidden gem in our community
- 762. Truss bridges to take Greenway over major thoroughfares.
- 763. More plants
- 764. More Sculpture parks and gardens
- 765. Expansion of available activities for all ages
- 766. Beautify them
- 767. Keeping equipment functional for usage
- 768. Upgrade programs/activities
- 769. quality resources on the North and South sides of town
- 770. More parks on the south side
- 771. More advertisement because I'm thirty and lived here my entire life yet haven't heard of most of the parks that are listed.
- 772. Cleaner!!!
- 773. Wider selection of equipment like some of the parks in other cities like Kokomo, etc
- 774. Programming
- 775. Skate boarding area set up
- 776. Bring Bike Rentals back
- 777. Upgrade to the outside equipment in some of the parks (Heekin, Whitely, McCullagh)
- 778. More family activities
- 779. certification
- 780. More aquatics and exercise equip.
- 781. Better equipment for parks
- 782. Nature trails
- 783. Paint shelters and tables in shelter areas

- 784.Splash pads/pool area
- 785.Keep public parks under city control and do not lease or sell the public park lands to any entity.
- 786.Expansion
- 787.Update structures and signs
- 788.Trails in town need to be repaired near river. Steps damaged at trail heads and large cracks.
- 789.Longer hours for Tuhey pool and stop closing it when schools open. Adults would use the pool.
- 790.embrace more protection of our green space
- 791.NEVER lease, sell, or trade public park land for development
- 792.Make the parks safer
- 793.Music in the parks
- 794.The only public pool to remain open. As any Muncie citizens grew up going to Tuhey to cool off for the summer, and the elderly who loved doing aquatic aerobics out in the sun.
- 795.Parking areas for more areas of the trails
- 796.Clear and timely communication. With both the Tuhey Park and Prairie Creek Reservoir changes, myself and most people I know were not aware of the proposed changes until right before they were voted on. There were few to no opportunities for the Muncie community to give input on these changes as far as I know. As part of the Muncie and BSU communities, I find it troubling that these significant local happenings are not being shared in a widespread fashion
- 797.Programming for community
- 798.More trash cans spreader out
- 799.Update playground and picnic equipment!
- 800.Increase enforcement for littering offenses
- 801.Parks, and access to park features, should be free to the community.
- 802.Skate park.
- 803.Education
- 804.See comments above-Tons more activities for varying age groups
- 805.plant native trees and flowers for pollinators
- 806.Clean the walking trails! Control the geese population and clean up after them!
- 807.PCR needs boat ramp dock improvements
- 808.Indoor play equipment
- 809.More places to sit
- 810.Modernization
- 811.More educational
- 812.Bathrooms upgrades. Heekin's is SCARY.
- 813.Splash pad/bike/skateboarding area
- 814.More ice/snow options (cross country skiing, tobogganing, ice rink)
- 815.More dog parks! McCullough please!
- 816.Safe and clean trails
- 817.Put porta pots at the smaller parks so the kids don't have to leave 15 minutes after getting there.  
And maintain them.
- 818.Addition of nature trails and outdoor education areas.
- 819.Make sure all parks are handicap accessible
- 820.continue to add and improve trail system -thanks!
- 821.Clean-this is very important
- 822.New mayor
- 823.Keep it clean
- 824.Provide better security measures in all public spaces and install restroom facilities

- 825. Enhance picnic areas and add more natural amenities that do not eliminate public access or greenspace
- 826. continue plans to develop the parks into community-friendly areas as selected above
- 827. Retain public access for taxpayers and so do not lease it to one entity, and if it is available privately take the time to offer it to all individuals and organizations, including nonprofits, using a transparent process
- 828. More outdoor choices for entire community.
- 829. More trees
- 830. Fundraising
- 831. An indoor playground area for use during the winter months
- 832. Benches
- 833. Rubber mulch instead of wood mulch.
- 834. Expand the greenway
- 835. Partner with Red-Tail Land Conservancy to enhance projects of both.
- 836. Connect the parks. Connect the city. Create a master plan utilizing the vacant and abandoned properties across the city and connect the parks together with the Cardinal Greenway and White River Greenway via a system of bike and pedestrian trails. New parks should be created as part of this process. Entire streets should be closed if necessary, to help quiet neighborhoods and lesson thru traffic. Key parts of the city should be part of this trail system as well. The Downtown, Minnetrista, Ball State, motivate our Minds, the Ross Center, etc. should all be connected.
- 837. I think safety should be of utmost concern, so the children can play without being hurt.
- 838. More parks with grills to cook out
- 839. In the larger parks have community gardens or greenhouses where neighborhoods could contribute time and talent to manage.
- 840. Most parks need more shading and seating
- 841. Development of parks programs which engage the public- music, theater, festivals, gardening activities, etc.
- 842. Drug free and pedophile free parks, no aggressive dog breeds
- 843. Environmental teaching classes
- 844. More spaces to be in nature, without disrupting nature/ecosystems. More beautification projects in general. The city is bleak.
- 845. Convert more lawn areas to habitat for wildlife
- 846. More monitoring
- 847. Security
- 848. More Programming in the parks, Music, events, tournaments, another disc golf course, ban on all private development
- 849. Managers experienced in outdoor recreation.
- 850. At least one disc golf basket at every park in Muncie
- 851. PR campaign to encourage outdoor park-going as alternative to indoor gatherings in these uncertain times re: COVID
- 852. Bike paths
- 853. More green areas
- 854. Smaller, neighborhood and pocket parks.
- 855. Save Tuhey
- 856. Enhanced landscaping/landscape design
- 857. More trails.
- 858. Tell the YMCA to [REDACTED] off
- 859. Develop economically open spaces for all

- 860. restrooms and water--not portaloets
- 861. Increased park security
- 862. Hiring young people for summer positions painting, etc to help them take ownership in those assets.
- 863. Maintain safety
- 864. Add a miniature golf area or something other than basketball
- 865. Bike facilities
- 866. New playground equipment for toddlers
- 867. Tuhey Towers is awesome for my older kids who are 8 and 11! They enjoy it and we went there probably 50 times last year. We would be incredibly sad to lose that park because it's the only park geared towards their age group.
- 868. I was shocked at how poorly it was maintained. It needed mowing, cleaning up brush, trash pick-up, etc.
- 869. Clean, accessible restrooms would be ideal
- 870. Expand the mountain bike trails
- 871. More marketing on social media for events/opportunities
- 872. Hire a person specifically trained to run a comprehensive recreation program that take into account the resources that are available.
- 873. Greenspace, not blight
- 874. More outdoor events in the parks
- 875. Kayaking/ paddle board areas
- 876. Better playground equipment
- 877. Better security monitoring and better upkeep on the older parks such as Jack's, Cooley, Thomas, and the smaller one
- 878. Finish the riverside trail project- of course, start it!!
- 879. Keep playground equipment and green space areas in tip-top condition.
- 880. More outdoor playground equipment
- 881. Get the drug paraphernalia off of the Greenway.
- 882. Make park more accessible to citizens in Muncie, particularly citizens with disabilities.
- 883. Fishing ponds
- 884. Accommodating
- 885. Football facility
- 886. Start a chess learning program to motivate their learning and minds
- 887. More trails
- 888. Certified Staff with Customer Focus
- 889. More aquatics
- 890. Skatepark
- 891. Proper water fountain and bathroom improvement at Muncie Sportsplex. Consider playground equipment at the Sportsplex too.
- 892. Public bathrooms, cleaned daily
- 893. How about an interactive musical installation for kids to play - something creative?
- 894. Minnetrista has done an incredible job esp in the wetland area.
- 895. Add more swimming options
- 896. More free running space
- 897. Splash parks
- 898. Emphasis for the care and concern for youth recreation.
- 899. Expand the trails and keep them safe

900. Focus on arts projects
901. Thomas Park is a disaster. There is plastic sheeting coming through the mulch, waving in the wind.
902. Park on northwest side
903. Keep them updated
904. Better lighting. Move McCullough statue back to original site where it is safe to view and read plaque and not stand in a busy street to view it. Who thought that was safe place in the first place?
905. Promote parks on social media and other ways
906. LET IMPOVERISHED FAMILIES HAVE ACCESS TO SAFE SPACES PUBLICLY
907. Develop a skate/BMX park
908. Pocket parks instead of parking lots downtown
909. Quiet zones
910. Safe spaces for wildlife
911. The trash and garbage situation at the parks can be really unfortunate. This isn't so much a parks thing--because you all do a terrific job!--but it's the people who use the parks, or who just dump their trash outside of garbage cans. I just see trash lying on the ground at all the parks I visit. I wish the city could spearhead something to encourage better use of our resources, and ways to protect the natural world from unnecessary waste.
912. Keep Tuhey Pool and park
913. Create a community steering committee that lives in the area and uses the parks
914. Where possible, allow for community gardening
915. DON'T LEASE TUHEY TO YMCA
916. Community garden help.
917. Businesses and attractions set up in or with access from parks and greenway
918. Organized water activities that we used to have. Like raft races
919. Updated facilities for gatherings, picnics, parties, and community events
920. Celebrate the private sectors programs in the county and don't duplicate services
921. Save the beauty of Tuhey and not destroy it!
922. More family-oriented programs.
923. further interconnection of trails
924. More programs
925. Repair disc facility's
926. Provide resources for homeless citizens
927. Focus on the importance of open green spaces
928. No smoking near playgrounds
929. more public art
930. Sustainable grasses along the levee at white river park - less mowing needed.
931. More things to do, like splash pads, art displays, interactive elements, snack bars, etc.
932. Don't sell the soul of the center of the city park to the Y
933. more hosting of farmers markets across the city
934. Keep Tuhey a public space only!
935. Additional amenities.
936. accessibility to nature for all residents
937. Uniform signage, branding,
938. The Mayor and the Y need to shut up about Tuhey
939. More bike paths.
940. Have volunteers pick up trash weekly

941.Creative options for winter utilization

**12 - Where do you recreate the most in Muncie? Please select one location.**

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Aultshire Park	0.00%	0
2	Ball Corporation Park	0.72%	8
3	The Buley Center	0.09%	1
4	Cardinal Greenway	17.81%	197
5	Chambers Park	0.18%	2
6	Cooley Park	1.08%	12
7	Cowing Park	1.63%	18
8	Emerson Park	0.72%	8
9	Gilbert Park	0.09%	1
10	Guthrie Park	1.99%	22
11	Heekin Park	2.53%	28
12	Jacks Park	0.00%	0
13	Mansfield Park	1.27%	14
14	Matthews Park	0.00%	0
15	McCulloch Park	11.12%	123
16	Muncie Cantilevered Walkway	0.54%	6
17	Muncie Sportsplex	0.90%	10
18	Morningside Park	0.72%	8
19	Prairie Creek Park	8.41%	93
20	Riverbend Park	0.09%	1
21	Riverview Park	0.27%	3
22	Ross Park/Ross Center	0.63%	7
23	Thomas Park	0.72%	8
24	Tuhey Park	16.82%	186
25	Washington Park	0.36%	4
26	Westside Park	12.75%	141
27	White River Park/Greenway	12.84%	142
28	Other	3.98%	44
29	None	1.72%	19
	Total	100%	1106

**13 - Did you participate in any outdoor recreation this past year? (i.e., gardening, outdoor games, walking)**

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Yes	93.10%	1052
2	No	6.90%	78
	Total	100%	1130

**14 - How important are parks, recreation services, and open space to the quality of life in Muncie?**

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Not important at all	0.44%	5
2	Somewhat important	2.29%	26
3	Important	15.05%	171
4	Very important	82.22%	934
	Total	100%	1136

**15 - Are you...male/female**

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Male	31.68%	351
2	Female	63.72%	706
3	Non-binary (neither/both, or something else)	1.53%	17
4	Prefer not to say	3.07%	34
	Total	100%	1108

**16 - What is your age?**

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Under 12 years old	0.00%	0
2	12-17 years old	0.36%	4
3	18-24 years old	5.07%	56
4	25-34 years old	19.93%	220
5	35-44 years old	26.90%	297
6	45-54 years old	20.20%	223
7	55-64 years old	11.68%	129
8	65-74 years old	12.32%	136
9	75 years or older	3.53%	39
	Total	100%	1104

**17 - Do you have children living at home?**

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Yes	51.14%	563
2	No	48.86%	538
	Total	100%	1101

**18 - What is your zip code?**

#	Answer	%	Count
1	47302	15.13%	164
2	47303	20.11%	218
3	47304	45.85%	497
4	47305	8.03%	87
5	47306	0.83%	9
6	47307	0.09%	1
7	47308	0.00%	0
8	47320	0.92%	10
9	47334	0.46%	5
10	47338	0.28%	3
11	47342	0.65%	7
12	47367	0.18%	2
13	47383	1.57%	17
14	47396	5.90%	64
	Total	100%	1084

**19 - Which category describes you? Please select all that apply:**

#	Answer	%	Count
1	American Indian	1.06%	12
2	Asian	0.79%	9
3	Black or African American	5.19%	59
4	Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish Origin	1.06%	12
5	Middle Eastern or North African	0.26%	3
6	Multiethnic	1.76%	20
7	White	81.53%	927
8	Prefer not to disclose	6.68%	76
9	Other:	1.67%	19
	Total	100%	1137