



HARRISBURG PARKS SYSTEM PLAN

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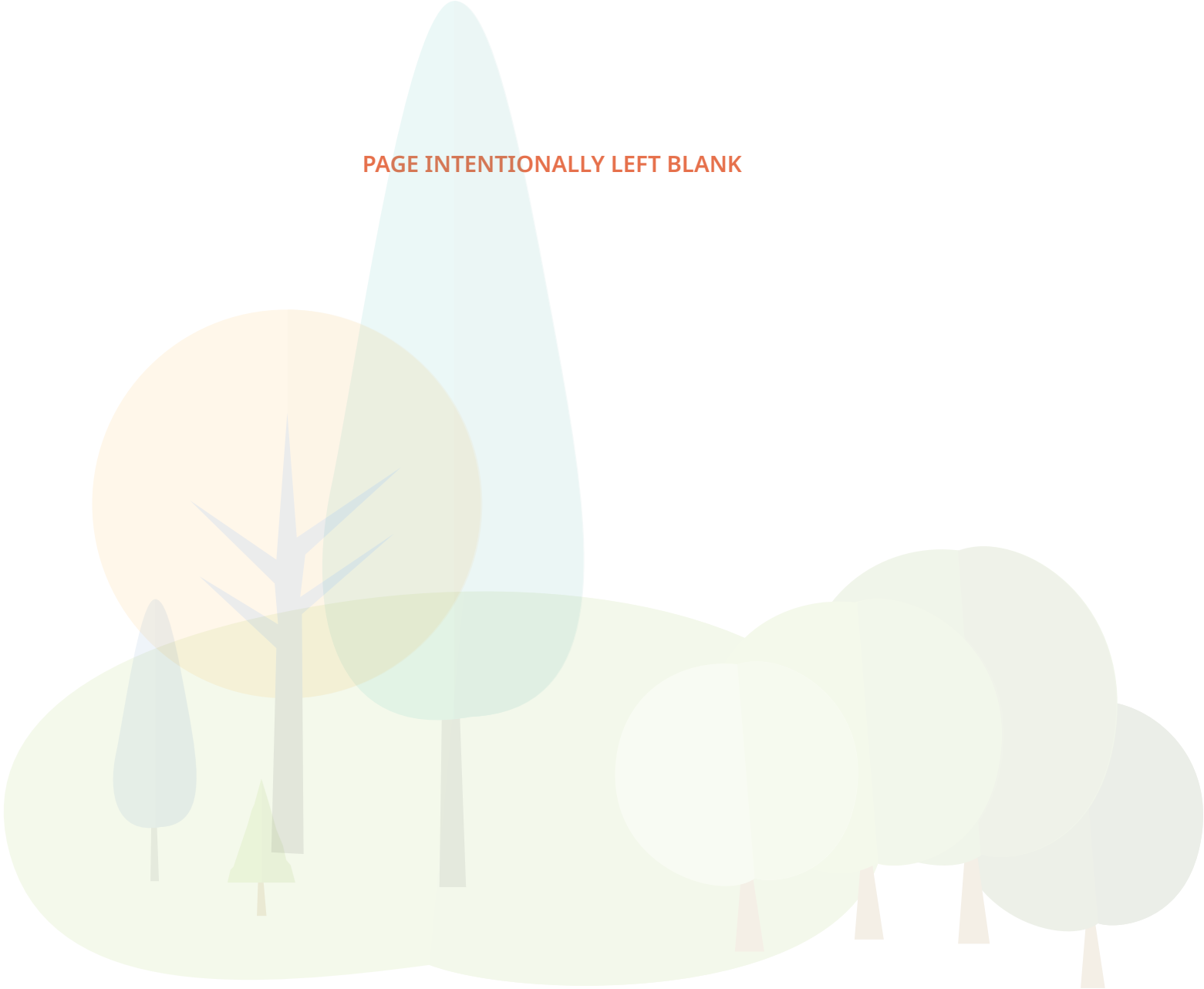


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Community Profile



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OVERVIEW

A critical step in the PROS planning process is understanding the composition of the community and evaluating how the community is served by its parks system. Reviewing the local demographic composition and Hermiston's regional context clarify opportunities and constraints influential to parks planning.

DEMOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS

Trends in population growth, age, housing, race, and ethnicity are all key factors in understanding a community's composition. The following data is pulled from Portland State University's Population Research Center, and United States Census Bureau, a part of the United States Census. Current population data and forecasts from PSU are provided for 2020 and onward. Data from American Fact Finder is drawn from the most current data available, which varies from 2019 and 2020. Due to COVID-19, not all survey data is available with the 2020 census, therefore the American Community Survey (ACS) was used as a supplemental nationwide survey (2019) which provides communities perspective into how they are changing before the next official Census. The ACS collects information such as age, race, income, and other important data. The ACS produces 3-year estimates annually for geographic areas with a population of 20,000 or more. In 2010, the Census Bureau began releasing 5-year estimates for small areas. In the case of Harrisburg, ACS data is available for the period of 2010-2020, hence referred to as 2020 data.

POPULATION GROWTH

With a population of 3,804 (2020), Harrisburg is a small city in Oregon. From 2000 to 2020 Harrisburg experienced a 32.5% population increase. Based on coordinated county/city population projections, Harrisburg's population is expected to increase by 34% over the next 20 years. Tables A.1 - A.3 summarizes historical and projected future populations.

With a population of 128,610 (2020), Linn County is a small Oregon county. From 2000 to 2020, Linn County experienced a 24.7% population increase. Based on coordinated county projections, Linn County's population is expected to increase by 13.6% over the next 20 years, less than the growth rate during the last 20 years. Table A.2 summarizes historical and projected future populations.

Oregon's current population is approximately 4,237,256 (2020). From 2000 to 2020, Oregon experienced a 23.8% population increase. Based on coordinated projections, Oregon's population is expected to increase by 22.8% over the next 20 years, generally equal to the growth rate during the last 20 years. Table A.3 summarizes historical and projected future populations.

Growth is anticipated overall in the city, county, and state, and Harrisburg itself is predicted to grow at a faster pace alongside other jurisdictions in the region. As shown above, the growth in Harrisburg and neighboring communities suggests a need to accommodate this growth as it pertains to parks and recreation

TABLE A.1 HARRISBURG HISTORICAL AND FUTURE POPULATION FORECAST, 2020¹

YEAR	2000	2010	2020	2030	2040
POPULATION	2,870	3,693	3,804	4,339	5,096

TABLE A.2 LINN COUNTY HISTORICAL AND FUTURE POPULATION FORECAST, 2020²

YEAR	2000	2010	2020	2030	2040
POPULATION	103,069	116,672	128,610	139,090	146,130

TABLE A.3 OREGON HISTORICAL AND FUTURE POPULATION FORECAST, 2020³

YEAR	2000	2010	2020	2030	2040
POPULATION	3,421,436	3,831,074	4,237,256	4,768,000	5,203,000



TABLE A.4 REGIONAL POPULATION TRENDS, 2000-2040⁴

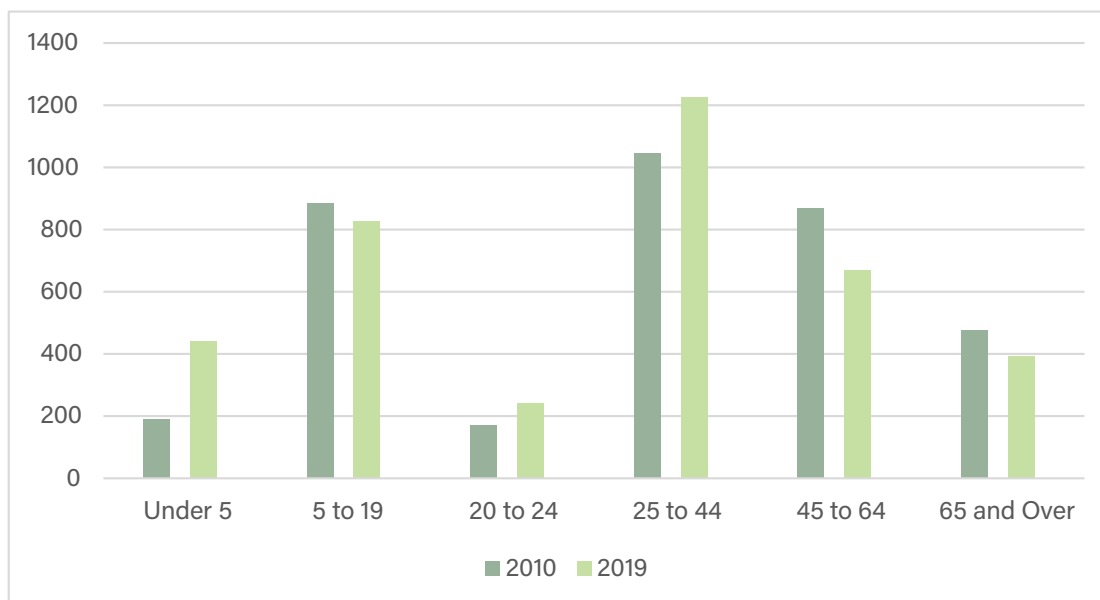
COUNTY/CITY	2000 CENSUS	2010 CENSUS	2020 CENSUS	2030 CENSUS	2040 CENSUS	PERCENT CHANGE (2020-2040)
Linn County	103,069	116,672	127,320	139,090	146,130	+14.77%
Albany	36,967	44,690	47,654	53,444	57,435	+20.53%
Brownsville	1,471	1,682	1,746	2,058	2,275	+30.3%
Lebanon	15,981	18,308	20,314	21,588	22,244	+9.5%
Lyons	1,065	1,215	1,248	1,403	1,518	+21.63%
Mill City	1,376	1,680	1,798	2,094	2,231	+24.1%
Millersburg	670	1,329	2,850	3,752	4,772	+67.4%
Sweet Home	8,068	8,978	9,461	10,455	11,010	+16.37%
Tangent	1,066	1,233	1,394	1,431	1,467	+5.24%
Harrisburg	2,870	3,693	3,804	4,339	5,096	+34.0%

facilities and amenities. Table A.4 summarizes regional historical and projected future populations and growth rate.

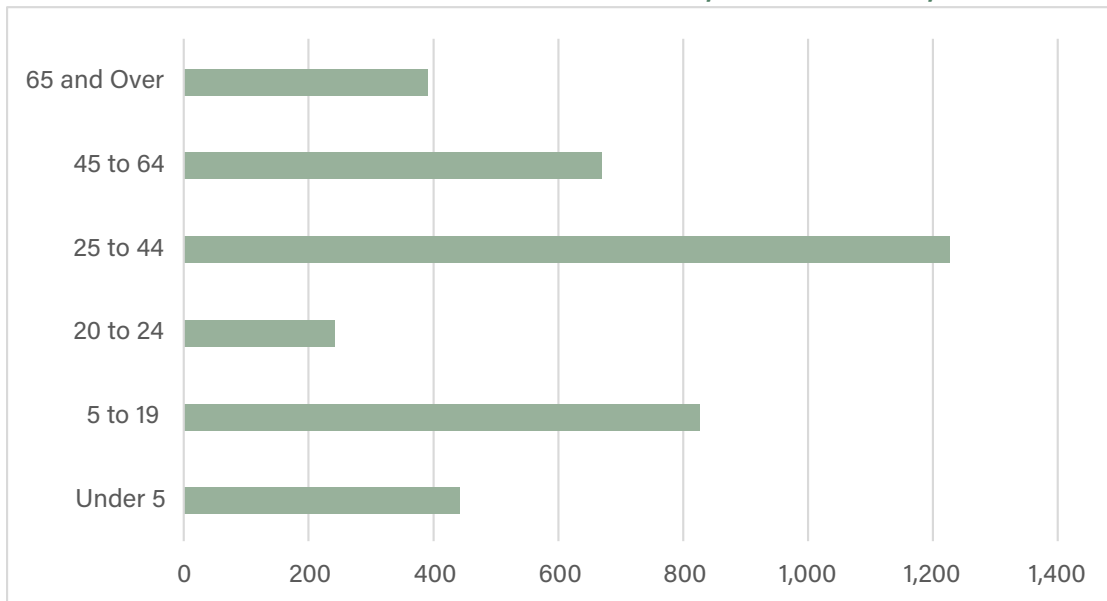
AGE GROWTH

It is important for parks systems to meet the recreation needs of residents of all ages. Analyzing the population by age group can be used to adjust planning efforts for future age-related trends in recreation. Charts A.5 summarize age distributions of populations in Harrisburg, Linn County, and Oregon according to 2019 estimates.

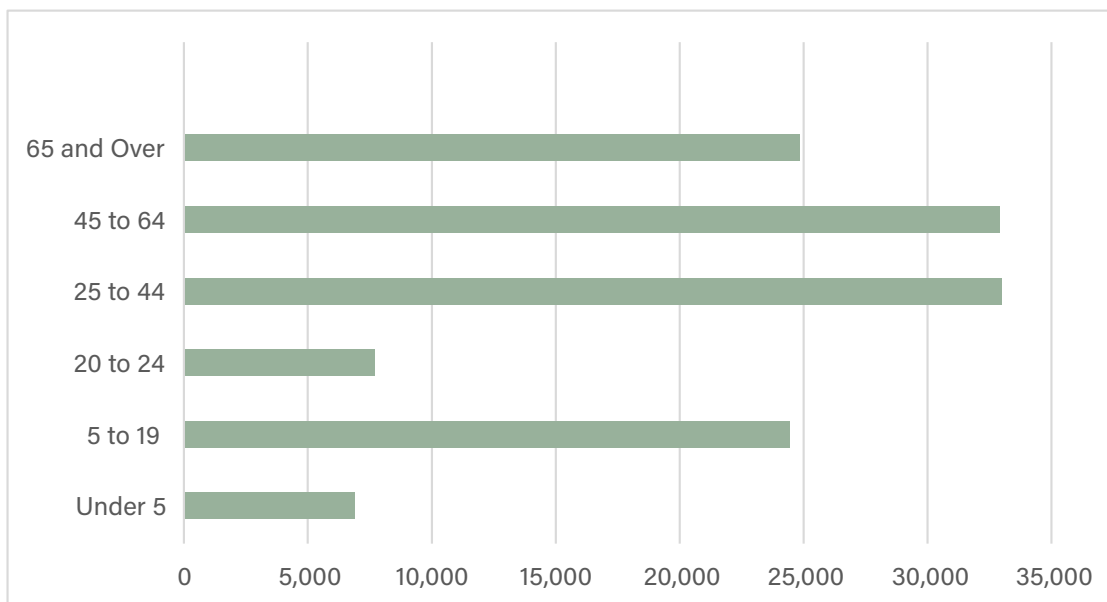
In 2019, the largest percentage of Harrisburg residents (32%) was between the ages of 25 and 44. An additional 22% were between the ages of 5 to 19, and 10% were age 65 or over. This shows a diversified population where a variety of park planning activities are needed to serve the entire community. Chart A.1 shows that since 2010 the population of people between the ages of 5 to 19, 45 to 64, and 65 and over has decreased. People between the ages of 25 and 44, and under 5, has increased. These trends are generally mirrored in Linn County as a whole, whereas Harrisburg has a lesser percentage of residents 65 and over (10%) compared to the overall makeup of Linn County (19%).

CHART A.1 HARRISBURG POPULATION BY AGE ESTIMATE, 2010-2020⁵

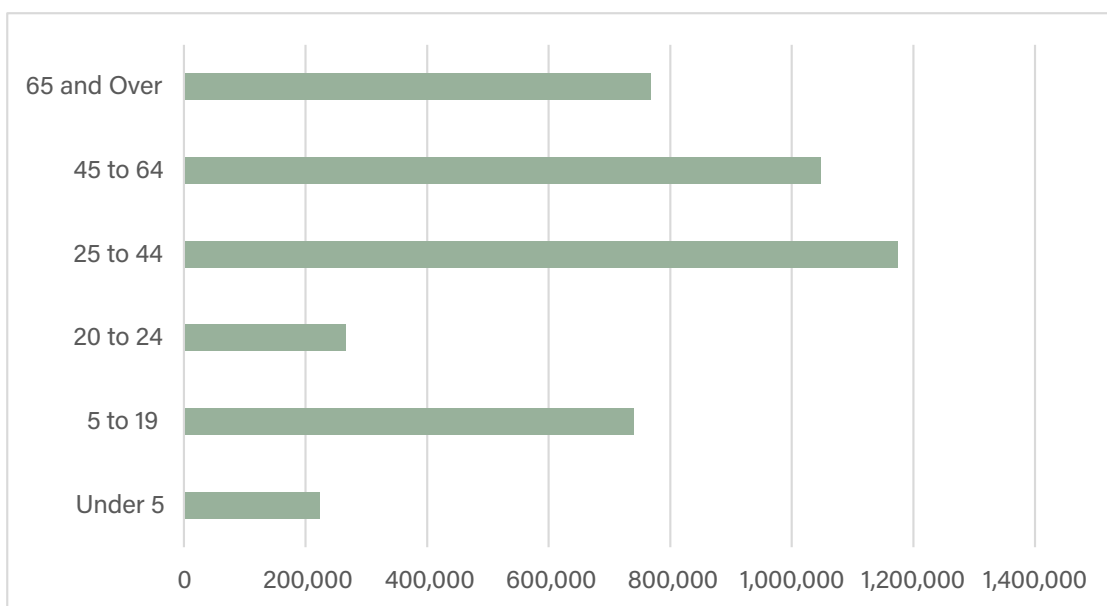
CHARTS A.2 AGE DISTRIBUTION OF HARRISBURG, LANE COUNTY, AND OREGON, 2020⁶



HARRISBURG



LINN COUNTY



OREGON

FAMILY SIZE

Review of household type and housing tenure provides critical information for meeting park and recreation needs. This data assists with planning for the development of new parks and identifying potential funding sources, such as System Development Charges (SDCs).

In 2019, 92% of Harrisburg's households were family households (individuals related by birth, marriage, or adoption) while 8% were non-family households (individuals living alone or with non-relatives). Of this 8% of non-family households, 92% live alone. This percentage of non-family households who live alone highlights opportunities for the City to meet the needs of non-family households, some of which are older residents living alone. The high percentage of family households highlights the need to provide activities and opportunities across a wide age spectrum for families. Overall, Harrisburg has more family households than the county and state.

In 2019, Harrisburg had 1,365 housing units within its city limits. Roughly 70% of residents own their homes, while about 30% are renters. Overall, these percentages are generally consistent across the county and the state.

RACE

Harrisburg's racial composition has remained fairly constant. In 2010 0.8% of the population identified as biracial. Respondents identifying as bi-racial experienced almost a six and a half percent increase during the last ten years and are expected to increase. In 2020, African American, American Indian, Asian, and Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander residents made up almost two percent of the population. In addition, residents identifying as Hispanic or Latino increased six percent over the last 10 years. It is likely that Harrisburg, will increasingly diversify over the next 20 years following national, statewide, and regional population trends. Harrisburg's biracial population represents 6% of the total population, compared to 3% in the county, and 2% in the state. Harrisburg will need to adapt its park and recreation facilities to meet the needs of residents from diverse backgrounds.

In 2020, the largest percentage of Harrisburg residents (80.7%) were white and 10.9% Latino, as shown in Tables A.5 and A.6. These trends are generally mirrored in Linn County as a whole, whereas Harrisburg has a greater percentage of residents who are Latino (10.9%) compared to the overall makeup of Linn County (9.7%). This shows a diversified population where a variety of park planning activities are needed to serve the entire community.



TABLE A.5 RACIAL COMPOSITION OF HARRISBURG, 2010-2020⁷

YEAR	WHITE	BLACK	AMERICAN INDIAN	ASIAN	NATIVE HAWAIIAN	TWO OR MORE
2010	95%	0.4%	0	0.9%	0	0.8%
2020	80.7%	0.14%	.90%	.49%	.25%	6.35%

INCOME ANALYSIS

A community's support of, desire for, and willingness to pay for park and recreation services are directly related to the strength of its economic base. Understanding Harrisburg's economic characteristics is a critical step in determining priorities for park and recreation services. This understanding will also aid the city in preparing grants and applying for alternate funding sources to help pay for park projects. Table A.7 presents income and poverty information for Harrisburg, Linn County, and Oregon in 2019.

TABLE A.6 HISPANIC LATINO IDENTITY OF HARRISBURG, 2010-2020⁸

YEAR	HISPANIC LATINO	NON-HISPANIC LATINO
2010	5%	95%
2020	10.9%	89.1%

In 2019, Harrisburg's median household income (\$41,870), median family income (\$44,069), and a per capita income (\$18,543), were lower than both Linn County and Oregon. Harrisburg also

TABLE A.7 INCOME AND POVERTY; HARRISBURG, LINN COUNTY, AND OREGON, 2019⁹

	HARRISBURG	LINN COUNTY	OREGON
Median Household Income	41,870	55,893	62,818
Median Family Income	44,069	76,343	82,540
Per Capita Income	18,543	27,345	33,763
Percent of Families Below Poverty Level	16.6%	12.6%	11.4%
Individuals 18 and Older Below Poverty Level	13.3%	9.2%	8.5%

has a higher percentage of families living below the poverty level (16.6%) than in Linn County and Oregon. The percentage of individuals 18 and over living below poverty level is also greater in Harrisburg (13.3%) than in Linn County (9.2%). Poverty and income are important considerations in the parks planning process, as they influence residents' willingness and ability to pay for higher levels of service and new facilities.

EDUCATION ANALYSIS

A community's economic base is also influenced by the educational attainment of its residents. Understanding Harrisburg's educational background helps further understand economic factors. Table A.8 presents educational attainment for Harrisburg, Linn County, and Oregon in 2019.

TABLE A.8 EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT; HARRISBURG, LINN COUNTY, AND OREGON, 2019¹⁰

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT	HARRISBURG	LINN COUNTY	OREGON
High School Diploma	53%	64%	67%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	8%	14%	25%

In 2019, 53% of Harrisburg's adult residents had a high school diploma, and 8% had a bachelor's degree or higher, the latter of which is lower than Linn County and significantly lower than Oregon. Harrisburg's educational statistics were lower in high school diploma attainment compared to Linn County and the state. Educational attainment and subsequent earning potential is an important consideration in the parks planning process, as they influence residents' ability to pay for higher levels of service and new park facilities.

TRANSPORTATION ANALYSIS

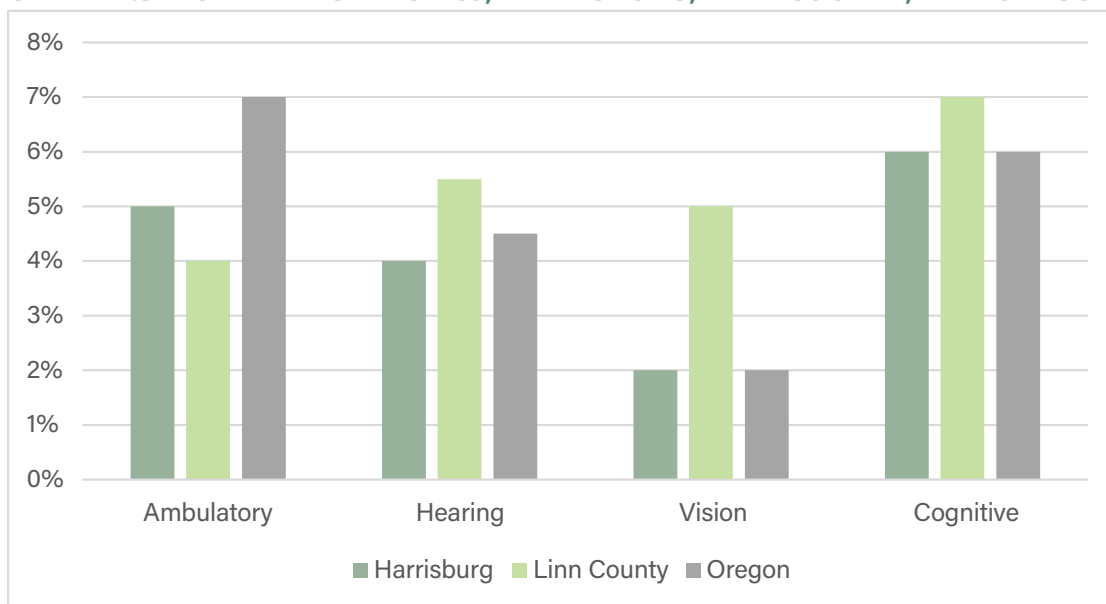
Understanding Harrisburg's access to public parks via public or personal transportation is a critical step in determining priorities for accessibility to park and recreational services. This understanding will also aid the City in preparing grants and applying for alternate funding sources to help pay for trails and improved connectivity.

Over 50% of Harrisburg's workers 16 years and over who lived in households had access to three or more vehicles, more than both Linn County, and Oregon, whereas 15% had access

to at least one vehicle, the latter of which is lower than Linn County, and Oregon. Harrisburg's 1% of residents who lack access to vehicular transportation is greater than Linn County, but less than Oregon, yet it is important to recognize the importance of having accessible green spaces within walking distance for those who do not have means of transportation.

DISABILITY ANALYSIS

Understanding the status of disability in Harrisburg compared to Linn County and Oregon is an important factor that should be addressed to best accommodate and provide adequate and accessible outdoor spaces. This understanding can also aid the City in preparing grants and applying for alternate funding sources to help pay for more accessible amenities. For this analysis, four disability categories were examined to foster more inclusive design and planning efforts: ambulatory, hearing, vision, and cognitive.

CHART A.3 DISABILITY STATISTICS; HARRISBURG, LINN COUNTY, AND OREGON, 2020¹¹

Out of the four categories, Harrisburg has the most notable number of residents experiencing ambulatory disabilities, as shown in Chart A.3. This is defined as someone who has difficulty walking or climbing stairs. Harrisburg had an equal percentage of its population with vision and cognitive disabilities while having the least residents experiencing hearing disabilities compared to both Linn County and Oregon. However, designing for all disabilities is a crucial consideration for accessible parks.

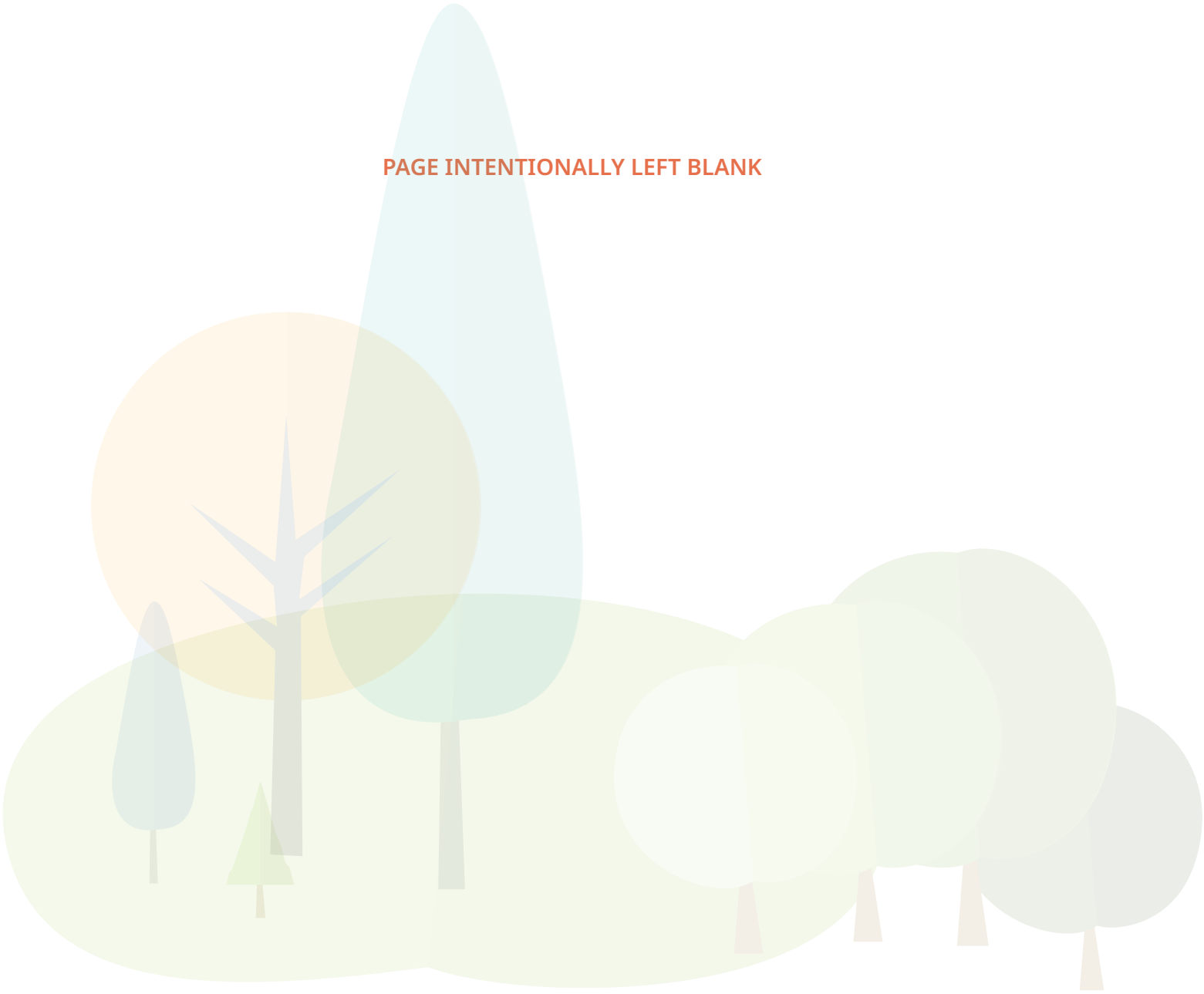


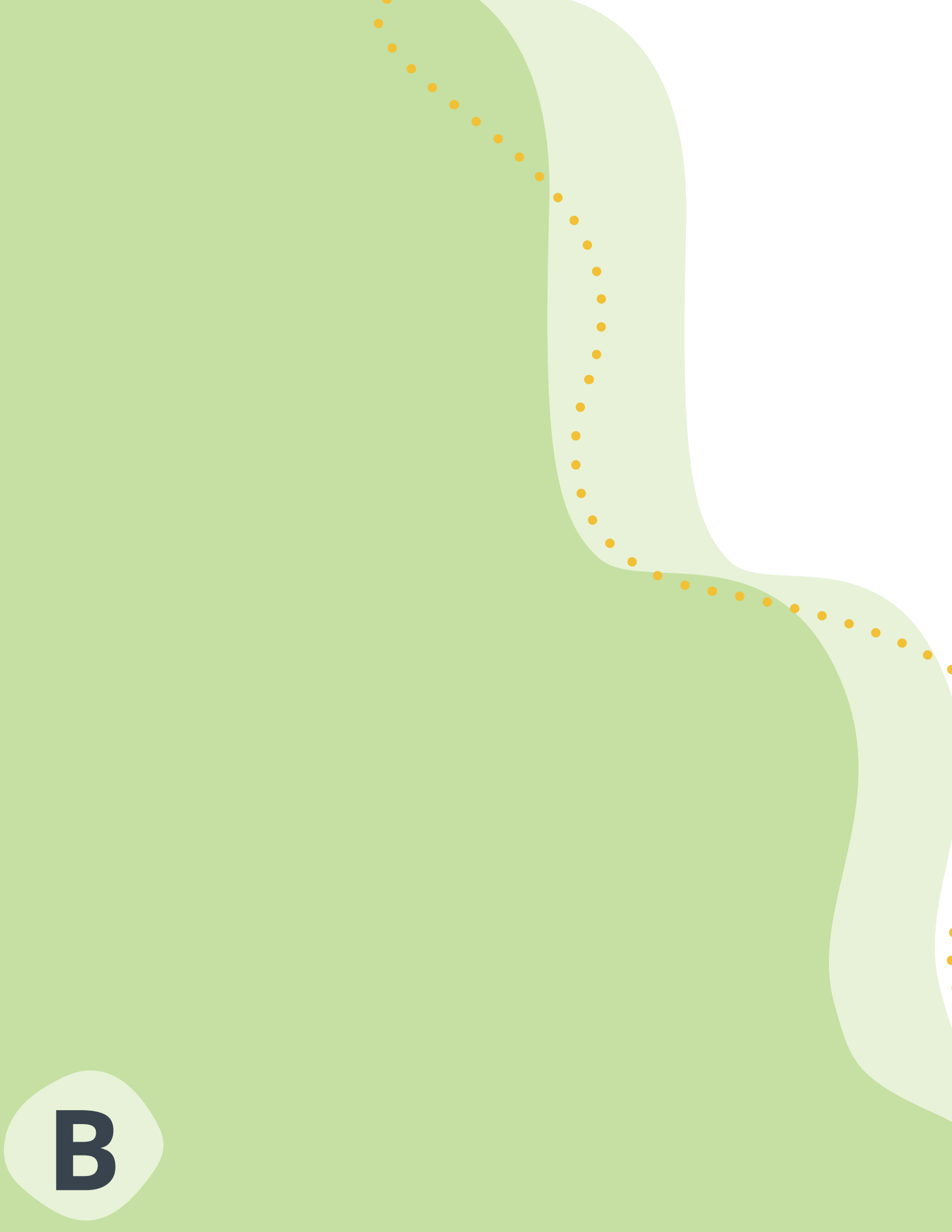
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Subject: Park Inventory and Classification Report

1.0 INVENTORY

1.1 City Facilities

Effective parks system planning requires identifying and assessing existing park facilities and amenities through an inventory process. The inventory process highlights system-wide strengths, needs, opportunities and constraints, and reveals underserved areas and services. Knowledge of the activities that occur in each park and the condition of facilities and amenities helps guide recommendations and capital improvement programming efforts. The inventory process includes consideration and assignment of park classifications. Careful review of current and future park system needs by park classification type ensures a balanced parks system capable of efficient service to the community.

National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) classifications are used as a basis for the establishment of a classification system specific to the needs, resources, and facilities in Harrisburg. Park classification determination considers individual park benefits, functions, size, service area, and amenities. The park classifications selected for the City of Harrisburg consist of the following categories:

- Mini Park
- Community Park
- Special Use Park
- Undeveloped Parkland

A City Council and mayor, serving just under 4,000 people, govern the City of Harrisburg. The City of Harrisburg manages eight park properties and a community museum that contributes to the local park and recreation facility portfolio.

The parks inventory includes all parkland owned by the City of Harrisburg as well as information about other facilities owned by the City and School District that are available to residents. The inventory was completed using information provided by City staff as well as visits to park facilities.

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Table 1.1. Park Classification Categories

Classification	General Description	Location Criteria	Size Criteria
Mini Parks	Used to address limited, isolated or unique recreational needs.	Less than a ¼ mile distance in residential setting.	Between 2,500 square feet and one acre in size.
Neighborhood Parks	Serve adjacent neighborhoods and allow for informal active and passive recreational activities such as organized sports, group picnics, and playgrounds	¼-½ mile distances and uninterrupted by non-residential roads and other physical barriers.	5 acres is minimum size. 5-10 acres is optimal.
Community Parks	Serves broader purpose than neighborhood park. Focus is on meeting community recreation needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces.	Determined by quality and suitability of the site. Usually serves two or more neighborhoods and ½ - 3-mile distance.	As needed to accommodate desired uses. Usually between 30 and 50 acres.
Regional Parks	Open spaces and facilities designed to serve a broad area that includes several local government jurisdictions. Regional Park facilities are owned and maintained by a county, state, or regional park district. Regional parks feature natural areas and active recreation facilities	Determined by quality and size of the site. Usually serves multiple neighborhoods and whole jurisdictions.	Larger than 40 acres.
Special Use Parks	Covers a broad range of parks and recreation facilities oriented toward single-purpose use.	Variable--dependent on specific use.	Variable.

Mini Parks

The city operates three mini parks. Mini parks are small outdoor spaces, usually no more than ¼ of an acre, most often located in an urban area surrounded by commercial buildings or houses on small lots with few places for people to gather, relax, or to enjoy the outdoors. Successful mini parks are accessible, allow people to engage in activities, are comfortable spaces, and are sociable places: ones where people meet each other and where residents take people to when they come to visit.

Burlington Northern Park

Located in a mixed industrial and residential area of Harrisburg, Burlington Northern Park supports the surrounding neighborhood with an informal small parking area, shade structure, picnic benches, established trees, recycling receptacle, and an open lawn. The City leases the park property from Burlington Northern Railroad.

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Heritage Park

Harrisburg Area Museum, also known as Heritage Park, is located behind Harrisburg Fire & Rescue Station 41 and less than a block east of Burlington Northern Park. It is situated in a mixed industrial/residential area of Harrisburg. Harrisburg Area Museum has a collection of local historical artifacts such as farm equipment, a fully renovated Victorian-era home, chapel (which is rentable), pavilion (which is rentable), caboose, and depot. The park serves as an educational experience for community members and is completely run by local volunteers. This park was established in 1993 and is a winner of the 2007 Oregon Heritage Excellence Award.

Arrowleaf Park

Situated within a residential neighborhood, Arrowleaf Park is located off Arrow Leaf Avenue, while also having access from North 7th Street. Arrowleaf Park supports the surrounding neighborhood with a play structure, picnic bench, half basketball court, recycling receptacle, bike parking, and an open lawn.

Neighborhood Parks

The city operates one neighborhood park. Neighborhood parks are small parks located within biking and walking distance to its surrounding neighborhoods. They provide access to basic recreation and social opportunities such as ball fields, basketball courts, exercise stations, pickleball/tennis courts, playgrounds, walking paths, picnic pavilions, and benches. With specific park amenities, neighborhood parks can enhance neighborhood identity and preserve neighborhood open space. The service area radius is ideally $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ mile distance in a residential setting. Neighborhood parks may range in size from five to ten acres in size.

Priceboro Park

Priceboro Park is located on the southeastern portion of the City of Harrisburg between Priceboro Drive and Kramer Avenue. There is a second formal paved entrance from the west side on 11th Street. Priceboro Park provides access to benches, picnic tables, recycling receptacles, newly planted trees, parking, public restrooms, a mini rock-climbing wall, a play structure, swings, a dog waste station, and an open lawn.

Community Parks

The city operates one community park. Community parks provide a variety of structured, active, passive, and informal recreation opportunities for all age groups. Community parks are generally larger in size and serve a wide base of residents. They typically include facilities that attract people from the entire community, such as sports fields, pavilions, picnic shelters, and water features, and require support facilities, such as parking and restrooms. These parks may also include natural areas, unique landscapes, and trails. Community parks may range in size from 30 to 50 acres.

Riverfront Park

Situated along the Willamette River (Fountain Street to Territorial Street), Riverfront Park offers spectacular views of the river and established tree vegetation. This park is home of the Old-Fashioned 4th of July Celebration. The park is located near existing commercial businesses with adjacent neighborhoods. Riverfront Park provides access to the Harrisburg gazebo, memorial benches, recycling receptacles, parking, public restrooms, a play structure and swings, access to the Willamette River, and an open lawn. The Harrisburg Gazebo serves as a wedding rental venue, as well as a home for summer concerts and events.

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Special Use Parks

There is one special use park in the city. Special use parks are recreation sites or parkland occupied by a specialized facility designed to serve a specific function. Facilities typically included in this classification are sports field complexes, community centers, community gardens, skate parks, aquatic centers, and amphitheaters.

Harrisburg Skatepark

Located along Smith Street, the 11,000 square foot skatepark was opened in 2008 and is situated in an industrial setting adjacent to the railroad tracks and Harrisburg Middle School. The park is usable for both BMX and skateboarding users, serving its surrounding residential neighborhood. The park includes a viewing area, recycling receptacles, a picnic table, benches, lighting, and a surrounding fence.

Undeveloped Parkland

There are two identified areas of undeveloped parkland in the city. Undeveloped parkland refers to land that can be city-owned or potentially owned by the city, and has potential to become developed parkland. This can occur through adding facilities or amenities, or developing the land for higher use.

Eagle Park

Situated on the south end of Harrisburg and adjacent to the Willamette River, Eagle Park is a former mine site that is currently undergoing reclamation. The park was purchased by the city in 2020 and is currently undeveloped. The site has three large ponds, and an expanse of greenway along the river.

Tadpole Park

Situated in a residential setting, Tadpole Park is undeveloped, with adjacent mitigation wetlands. This 7,000 square foot property sits between two single-family homes and has the potential to become a formal mini park with educational opportunities embracing its small-scale natural features.

2.0 SCHOOL FACILITIES

School playgrounds and recreational facilities provide a variety of active and passive recreation opportunities designed to serve a certain age group within the community. Residents in the community have the potential to utilize school facilities for active and passive uses during non-school hours. Elementary and middle or junior high schools may offer playgrounds and sports facilities. High schools tend to offer solely sport facilities. There are three school facilities in Harrisburg.

Harrisburg Elementary School

Located at 642 Smith Street, Harrisburg Elementary School is at the intersection of Smith Street and 6th Street. The school serves over 715 students, and has a play structure, swing set, covered basketball courts, picnic tables, portable restroom, and open lawn area.

Harrisburg Middle School

Located at 201 S. 6th Street, the school is adjacent to Harrisburg Elementary School. The school has a play structure, swing set, picnic tables, half size basketball courts, junior baseball field, and open lawn area.

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Harrisburg High School

Located at S. 400 9th St, the school is adjacent to Harrisburg Elementary & Middle School. The school has a track facility, football field, baseball field, softball field, and open lawn area.

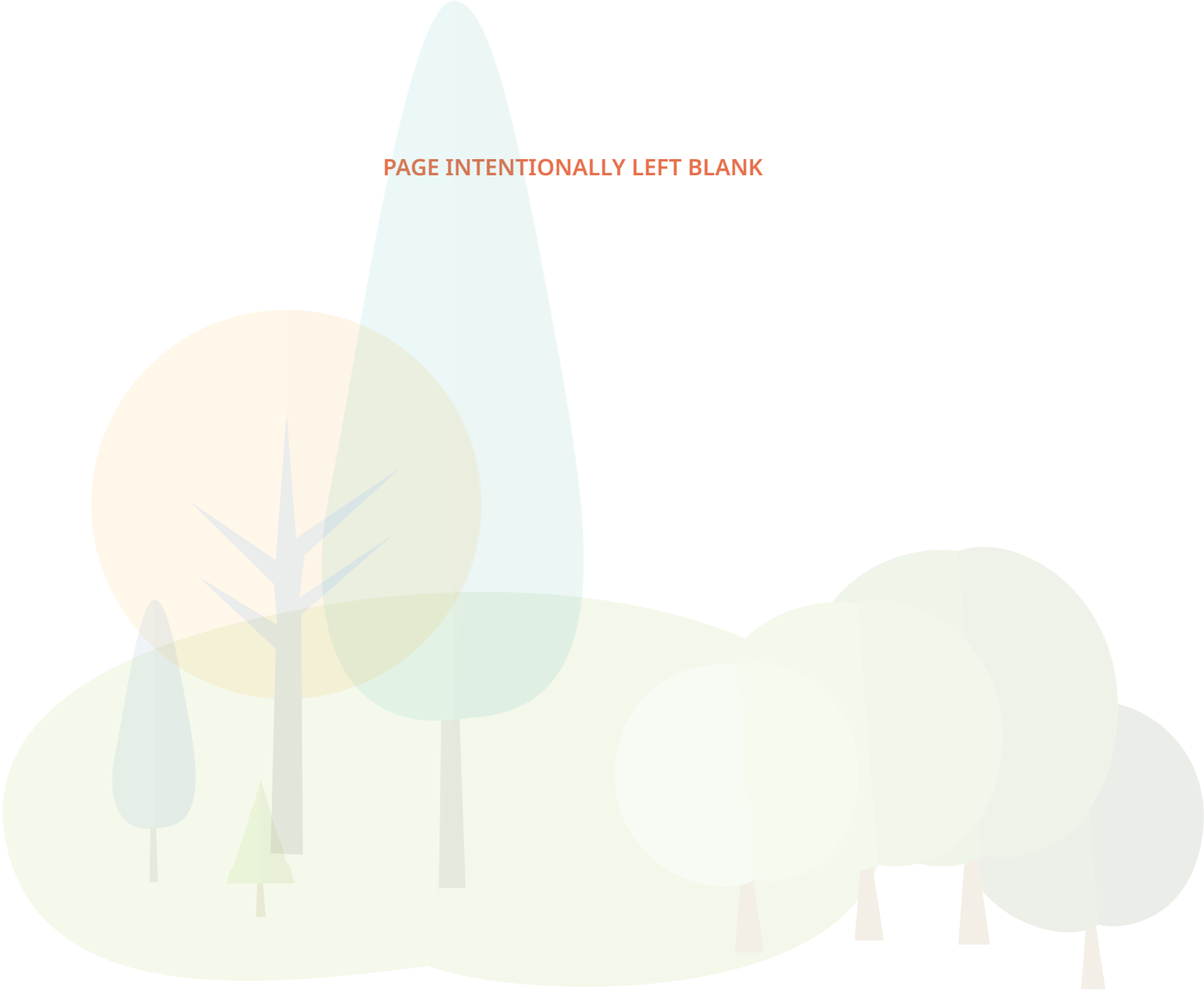
3.0 CLASSIFICATION

The city currently owns and maintains eight park facilities, which comprise 140.26 acres of parkland. The existing parks system provides a range of park types and recreation opportunities. Different types of parks serve different functions and needs in the community. For the purpose of this plan, park facilities are assessed based on amenities, size, service area, and function. The city operates three pocket parks, one neighborhood park, one community park, one special use park, and anticipates dedication for two undeveloped areas.

Following is a summary of the City of Harrisburg park classifications and acreages.

Existing Parks	Park Acres
Mini Parks	
Burlington Northern Park	0.46
Heritage park	1.62
Arrowleaf Park	0.32
Special Use Park	
Harrisburg Skatepark	.25
Neighborhood Park	
Priceboro Park	2.63
Community Park	
Riverfront Park	2.11
TOTAL PARK ACRES	7.39 Acres
Undeveloped	
Eagle Park	132.42
Tadpole Park	0.16
TOTAL HARRISBURG ACREAGE	132.58 Acres

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APPENDIX A. DETAILED INVENTORY

Burlington Northern Park Corner of Smith & N. 4th St.

Description:

Located in a mixed industrial and residential area of Harrisburg, Burlington Northern Park supports the surrounding neighborhood with an informal small parking area, shade structure, picnic benches, established trees, recycling receptacle, and an open lawn. The City leases the park property from Burlington Northern Railroad.

- **Park Classification:** Pocket Park
- **Size:** 0.46 Acres
- **Status:** Developed
- **Site Visit Notes:**
 - Not ADA compatible
 - Half gravel behind pavilion
 - Used on 4th of July
 - The Park is not owned by the city
(Leased from Burlington Northern Railroad)
- **Existing Amenities:**
 - Log table
 - Three picnic tables
 - Nine planters
 - Garbage/recycling
 - Shade structure
- **Identified Park Needs:**
 - Formal entry points
 - Parking
 - Improved signage
 - Sidewalk



Image 1: View of shade structure and existing tree canopy.



Image 2: View of grassy area across Smith Street.

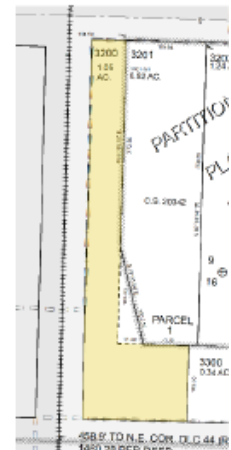
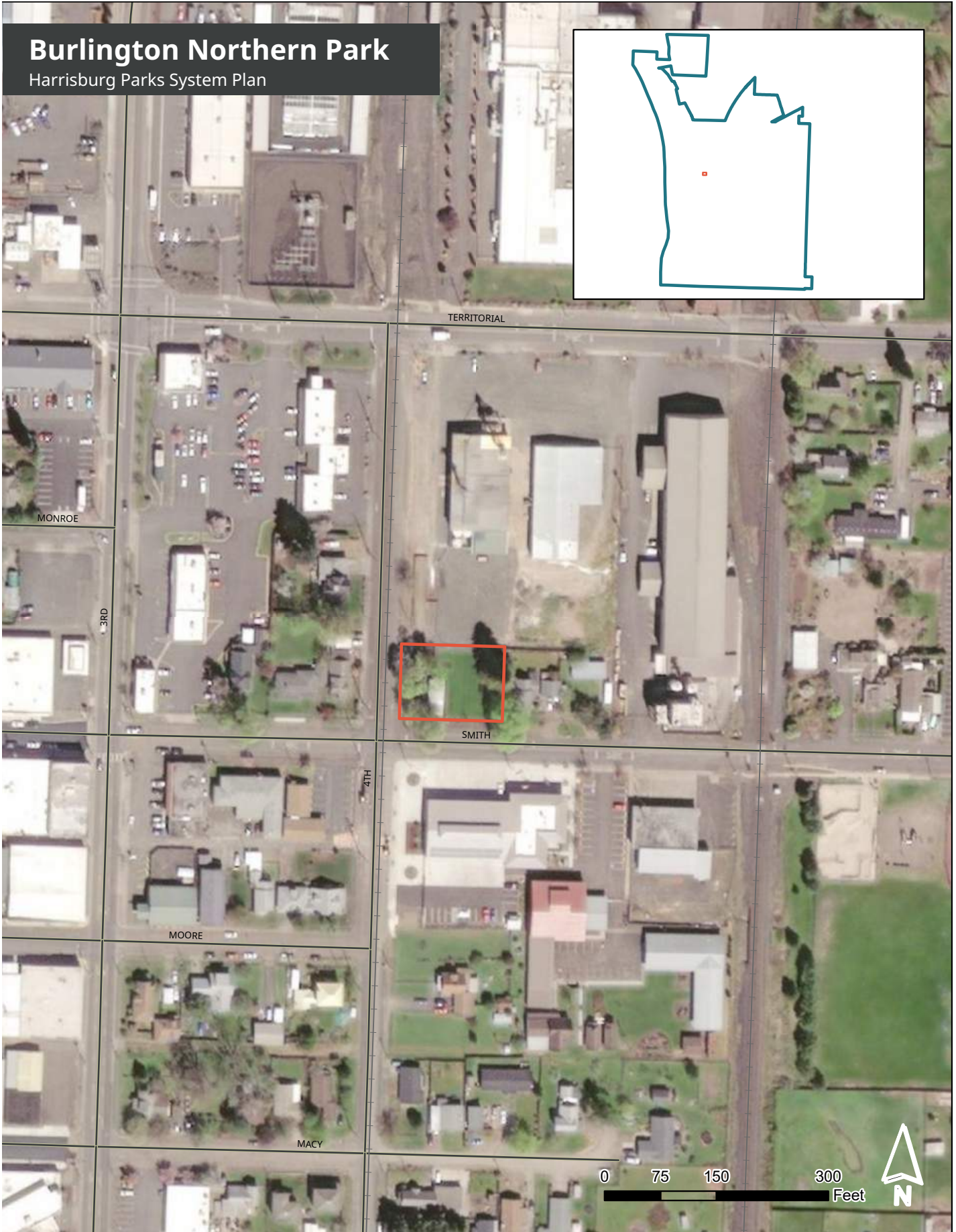
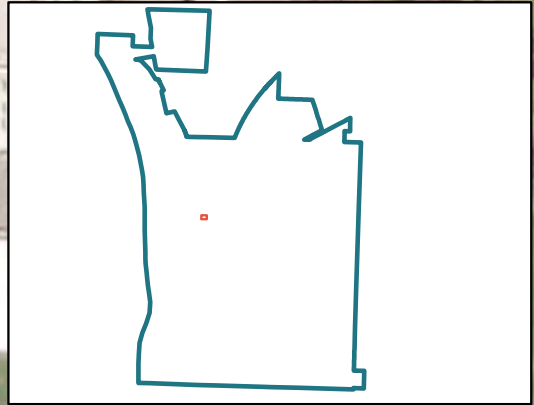


Image 3: View of property tax lot.

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Heritage Park 490 Smith St, Harrisburg, OR 97446

Description:

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- **Park Classification:** Pocket Park
- **Size:** 1.62 Acres
- **Status:** Developed
- **Site Visit Notes:**
 - On-site chapel and school
 - Museum staff stakeholder
 - ADA-access to buildings
- **Existing Amenities:**
 - Pavilion (available for rent)
 - Chapel (available for rent)

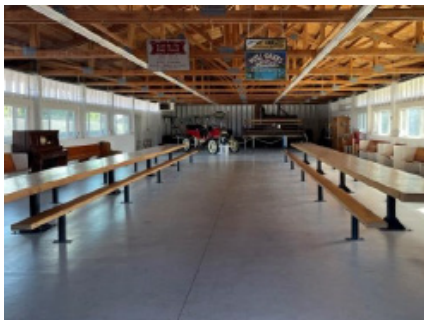


Image 4: View of pavilion seating.



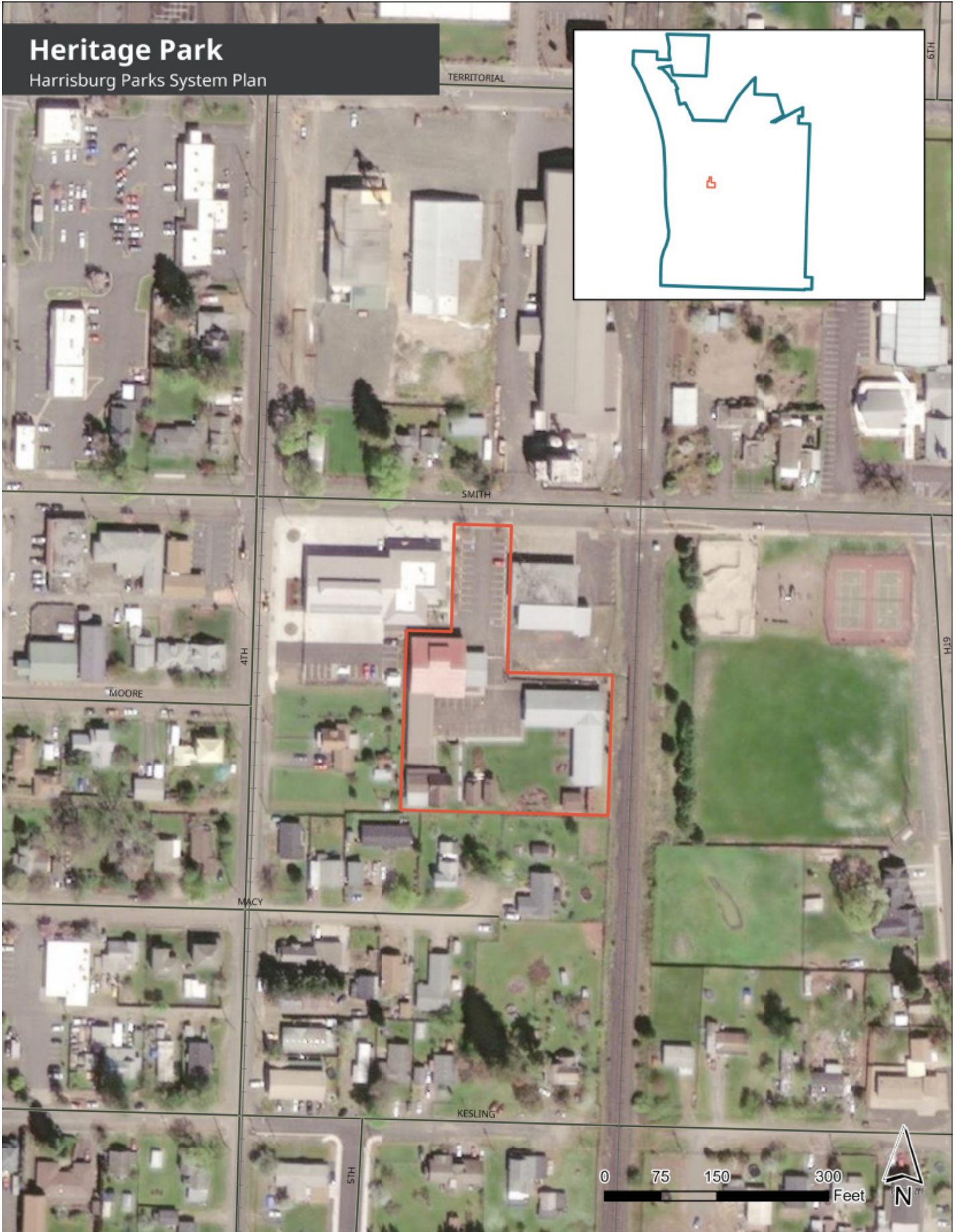
Image 5: View of chapel and schoolhouse.



Image 6: View of property tax lot.

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**Arrowleaf Park:
841 Arrow Leaf Place, Harrisburg, OR 97446**

Description:

Situated within a residential neighborhood, Arrowleaf Park is located off Arrow Leaf Avenue, while also having access from North 7th Street. Arrowleaf Park supports the surrounding neighborhood with a play structure, picnic bench, half basketball court, recycling receptacle, bike parking, and an open lawn.

- **Size:** .32 Acres
- **Park Classification:** Pocket Park
- **Site Visit Notes:**
 - No ADA playground equipment
- **Existing Amenities:**
 - Play structure
 - Half-basketball court
 - Grassy Area
 - Garbage
 - Bike rack
 - Picnic Table
- **Identified Park Needs:**
 - Consider updating playground equipment within ten years playground
 - Shade/picnic tables
 - Update picnic table
 - Shade structure
 - Trees
 - Add swings
 - Add pickleball courts
 - Drinking fountain

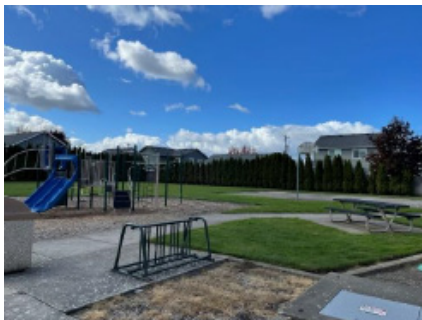


Image 7: View of playground and park amenities.



Image 8: View of playground and mulch.

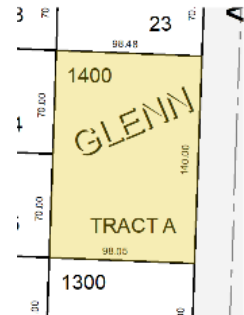
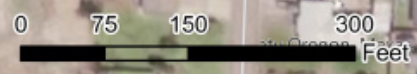
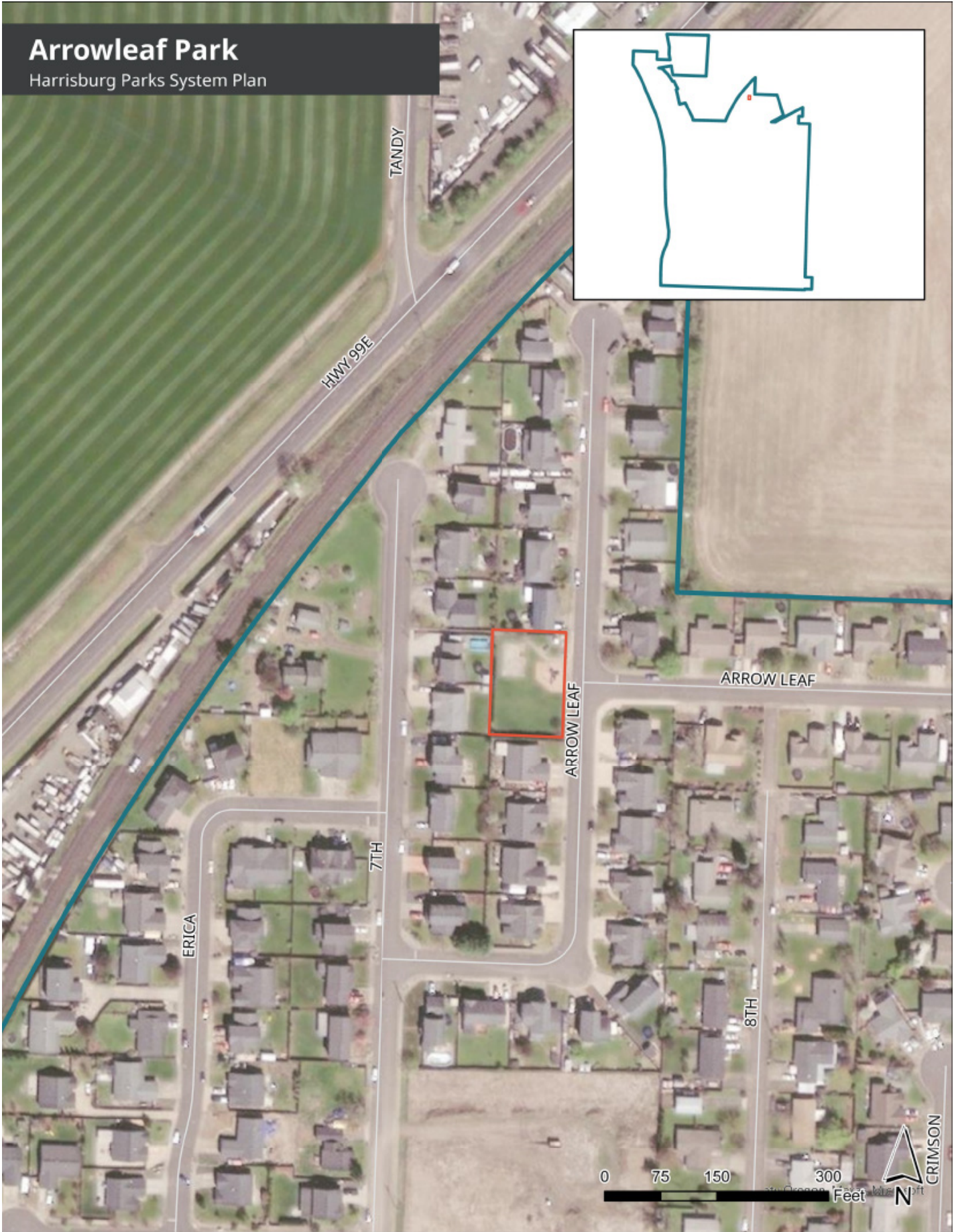


Image 9: View of property tax lot.

Arrowleaf Park

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Harrisburg Skatepark 550 Smith St., Harrisburg, OR 97446

Description:

Located along Smith Street, the 11,000 square foot skatepark was designed by Dreamland Skateparks and opened in 2008. It is situated in an industrial setting adjacent to the railroad tracks and Harrisburg Middle School. The park is usable for both BMX and skateboarding users, serving its surrounding residential neighborhood. The park includes a viewing area, recycling receptacles, picnic table, benches, lighting, and surrounding fence.

- **Park Classification:** Special Use Park
- **Size:** .25 acres
- **Site Visit Notes:**
 - Inside fence
 - Little building and pumps
 - Next to school
 - Non-ADA designated skateboard area
 - Restrooms/portables are located at the Museum but no direct signage
- **Existing Amenities:**
 - Three benches
 - Table
 - Garbage
 - Lighting
- **Identified Park Needs:**
 - Bike parking
 - Drinking fountain
 - Replace benches
 - Replace turf
 - Park signage
 - Resurface skatepark



Image 10: View of skatepark and gated fence facing south from project site.

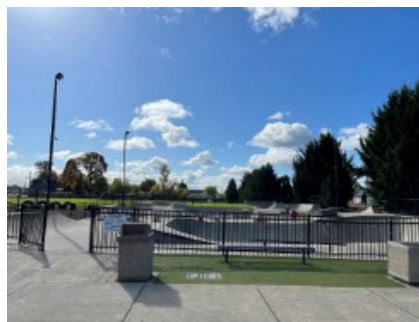


Image 11: View of skatepark and seating area.

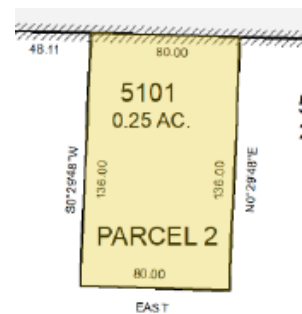


Image 12: View of property tax lot.

Skate Board Park

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Priceboro Park:

Located at the corner of Priceboro and Kramer

Description:

Priceboro Park is located on the southeastern portion of the City of Harrisburg between Priceboro Drive and Kramer Avenue. There is a second formal paved entrance from the west side on 11th Street. Priceboro Park provides access to benches, picnic tables, recycling receptacles, newly planted trees, parking, public restrooms, a mini rock-climbing wall, a play structure, swings, a dog waste station, and an open lawn.

- **Size:** 2.63 acres
- **Park Classification:** Neighborhood Park
- **Site Visit Notes:**
 - Sidewalk to neighborhood park
 - Swale
 - Limited ADA access
- **Existing Amenities:**
 - Bathrooms
 - Rock climbing feature
 - Playground
 - One table
 - Two benches
 - Swings (four regular) (two baby)
 - Open lawn
 - Parking lot
- **Identified Park Needs:**
 - Introduce recreational activities (Soccer, basketball, pickleball, etc.)
 - Shade structure
 - Picnic tables



Image 13: View of playground, rock climbing wall, and swings.



Image 14: View of existing path and newly planted trees.

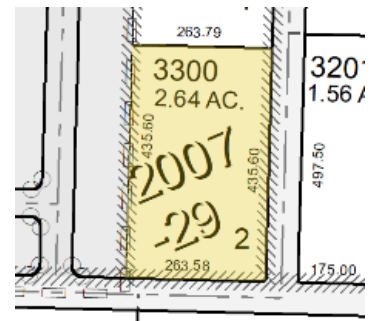


Image 15: View of property tax lot.

Priceboro Park

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**Riverfront Park:
100 Smith St., Harrisburg, OR 97446**

Description:

Situated along the Willamette River (Fountain Street to Territorial Street), Riverfront Park offers spectacular views of the river and established tree vegetation. This park is home of the Old-Fashioned 4th of July Celebration. The park is located near existing commercial businesses with adjacent neighborhoods. Riverfront Park provides access to the Harrisburg gazebo, memorial benches, recycling receptacles, parking, public restrooms, a play structure and swings, access to the Willamette River, and an open lawn. The Harrisburg Gazebo serves as a wedding rental venue, as well as a home for summer concerts and events.

- **Size:** 2.11 Acres
- **Park Classification:** Community Park
- **Site Visit Notes:**
 - Sightseeing opportunities
 - Permanent seating
 - Areas to congregate
- **Existing Amenities:**
 - Two swings
 - Gazebo with ADA Access
 - Playground
 - Slide
 - Dog waste station
 - Benches
 - Picnic Tables
- **Identified Park Needs:**
 - Boat ramp-gravel bar
 - Benches along paved sidewalk
 - Replace / relocate park playground
 - ADA accessible sidewalks
 - Accessible viewpoints
 - Wayfinding



Image 16: View of the Harrisburg Gazebo.



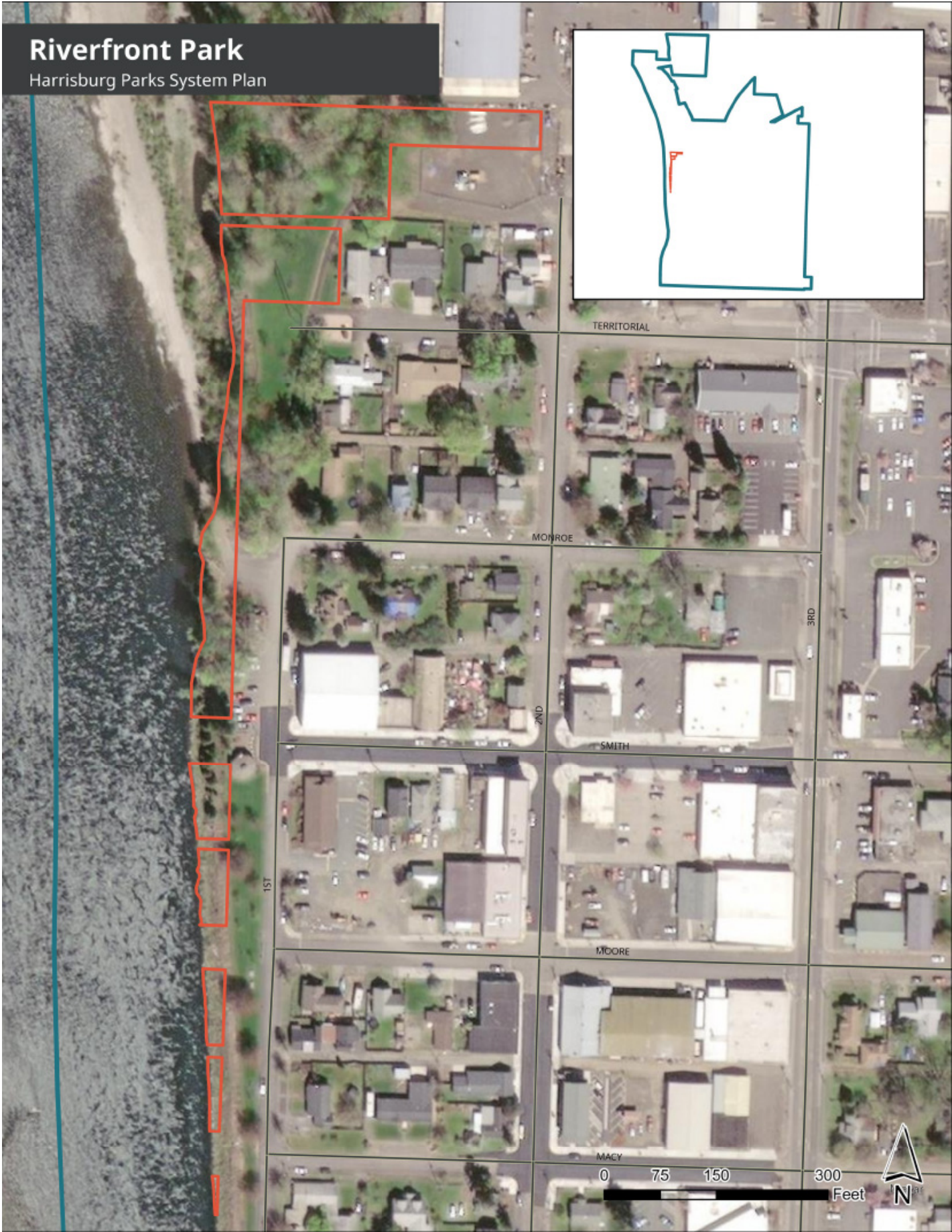
Image 17: View of park memorial benches facing the Willamette River.



Image 18: View of property tax lot.

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Eagle Park:

Description:

Situated on the south end of Harrisburg and adjacent to the Willamette River, Eagle Park is a former mine site that is currently undergoing reclamation. The park was purchased by the city in 2020 and is currently undeveloped. The site has three large ponds, and an expanse of greenway along the river.

- **Park Classification:** Undeveloped
- **Size:** 132.42 acres
- **Site Visit Notes:**
 - Train tracks/powerlines
 - Former gravel mine
 - Recent tree plantings
- **Existing Amenities:**
 - Fishing
 - Trail
 - Pull-offs
- **Identified Park Needs:**
 - Signage



Image 19: View of project site from the southwest.



Image 20: View of existing pond facing north on project site.

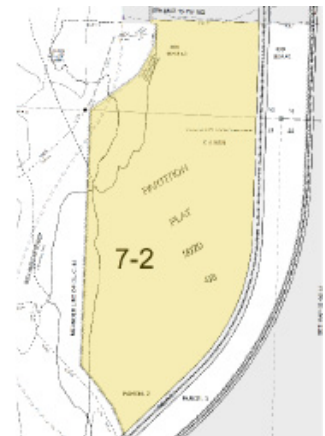
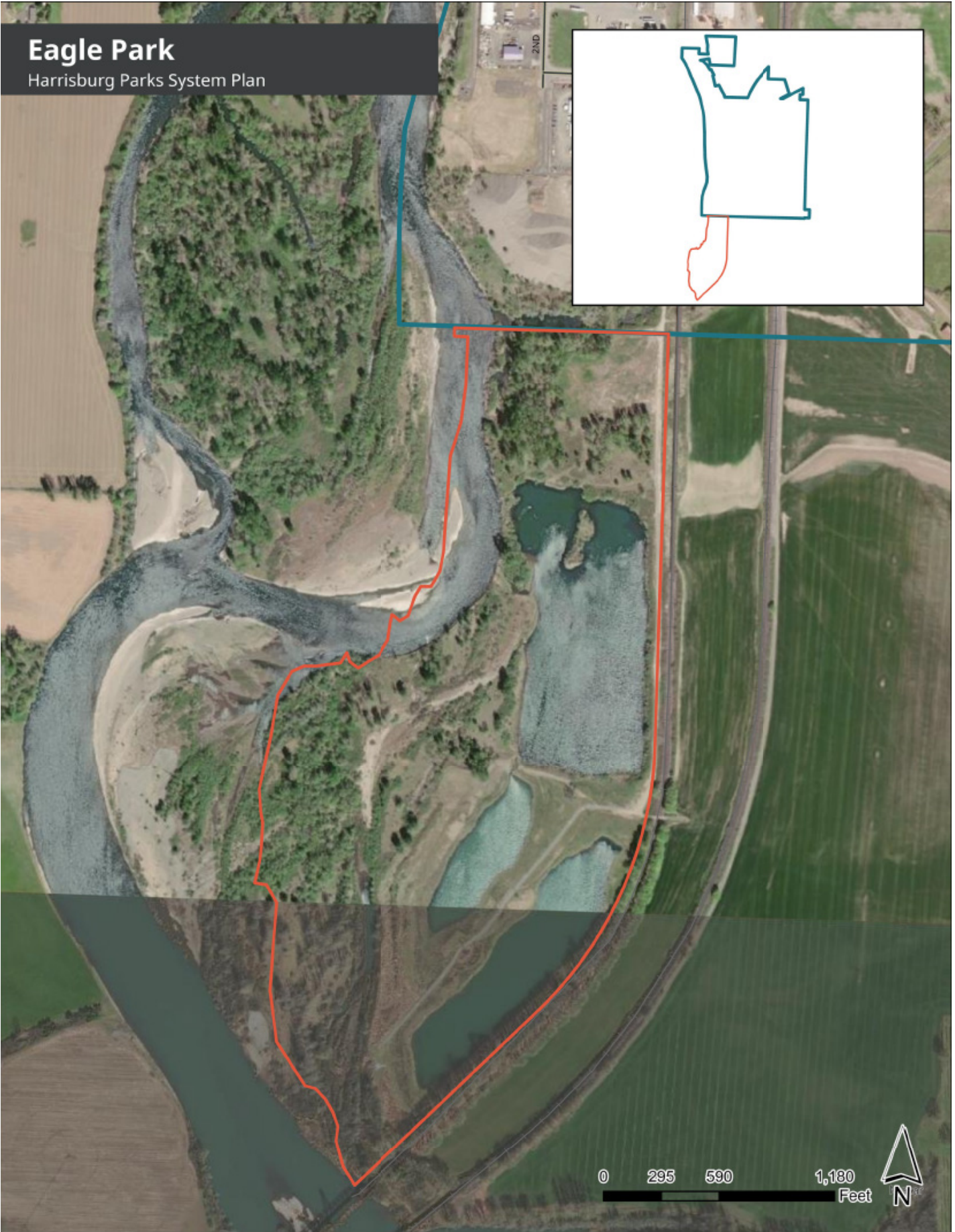
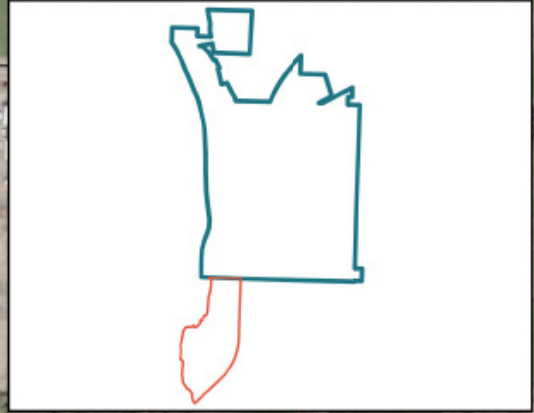


Image 21: View of property tax lot.

Eagle Park

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Tadpole Park:

Description:

Situated in a residential setting, Tadpole Park is undeveloped, with adjacent mitigation wetlands. This 7,000 square foot property sits between two single-family homes and has the potential to become a formal mini park with educational opportunities embracing its small-scale natural features.

- **Park Classification:** Undeveloped
- **Size:** .16 Acres
- **Site Visit Notes:**
 - Undeveloped (visions needed)
 - Wetlands in back (not in park)
 - 7,000 sq ft
 - Residential street-sidewalk in front
 - Tucked between residential homes
 - Power pole
- **Existing Amenities:**
 - Wetland mitigation: HA-15 is a Wetland of Special Interest. The south half is dedicated as a natural resource conservation area.
 - South half is a natural resource conservation area



Image 22: View of wetland mitigation on project site towards the back.



Image 23: View of project site facing north.

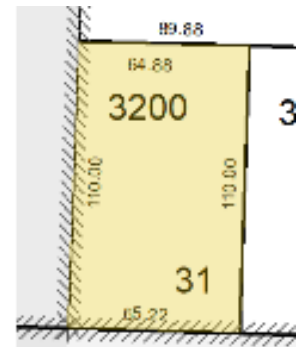


Image 24: View of property tax lot.

Tadpole Park

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TARGETED CONVERSATIONS

● CRAFT CLUB



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To: Michele Eldridge, Chuck Scholz (Harrisburg)

From: Colin McArthur, Kelsey Zlevor, Victor Garcia (Cameron McCarthy)

Date: April 27, 2022

Subject: Spring Focus Group Session 1 Summary – Harrisburg Municipal Center

Overview

This memo summarizes key takeaways and notes from the first focus session on April 14, 2022, for the City of Harrisburg. Cameron McCarthy staff set up workshop materials at Harrisburg Municipal Court from 5:00PM – 6:00PM. The goal of this activity was to get an idea of what community members envision for current and future park amenities across all parks within the city.

For this event, Priceboro Park served as a representative site within the city for familiarity reasons. Participants received a printout of Priceboro Park. This map included park boundaries, an existing aerial image, current park amenities, and adjacent neighborhood surroundings. Each participant was provided a craft kit that included craft materials such as toys and markers that were intended to be representational of either existing park or potential park amenities. Participants then used these materials to design their “dream park” within the existing park boundary. At the end of the activity, participants were asked to share their visions and designs to discuss future recreational opportunities in Harrisburg.

The focus group specifically involved community members that were part of the craft club in Harrisburg, totaling around 10 participants of ages from high school to senior adults. The workshop collected necessary information for design, analyzing community issues, and desires for an improved park system. In the beginning participants expressed concern of their artistic abilities in designing a park. After handing out the pens, pencils, and arts and crafts bags, participants became fully engaged. The results included a visual representation of their perfect park with a mix between text, drawing, and physical toys.

The following list summarizes comments collected through conversations during the public involvement event.

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Feedback

In collecting community input, participants expressed the following interests and concerns:

*x represents the number of additional times participants mentioned amenity.

Recreational Activity

- Tetherball
- Basketball
- Swings (x, x)
- Jungle gym
- Slides
- Sand play
- Water play
- Basketball court (x)
- Soccer field
- Multi-purpose fields
- Trails
- Playground (located at Riverfront)
- Seesaw
- Tetherball
- Rock climbing (x)
- Monkey bars
- Covered swimming pool
- Ladder climb

Materials

- Rubber material at playgrounds

Educational Opportunities

- Butterfly garden
- Educational botanical garden
- Art path
- Community garden
- Art community center

Amenities

- More trees
- Picnic tables (x, x)
- Dog park (x, x, x)
- Covered patio
- Covered areas for picnic
- Gazebo picnic tables
- BBQ grills

Opportunities

- Incorporation of youth center

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Concerns

- The Priceboro Park northern boundary is unclear and causes tension/conflict between park users and surrounding neighborhood residents (public vs private property)
- Lack of access to school park amenities
- Skatepark playground removed
- Lighting

Reflection

The design workshop technique was a fun tool that could be used for people of any age, but could have been more interactive amongst the elder population. Participants were more inclined to write down notes, draw spatial diagrams, and verbally express their thoughts and ideas rather than place toys or craft supplies within the park boundary.

Results

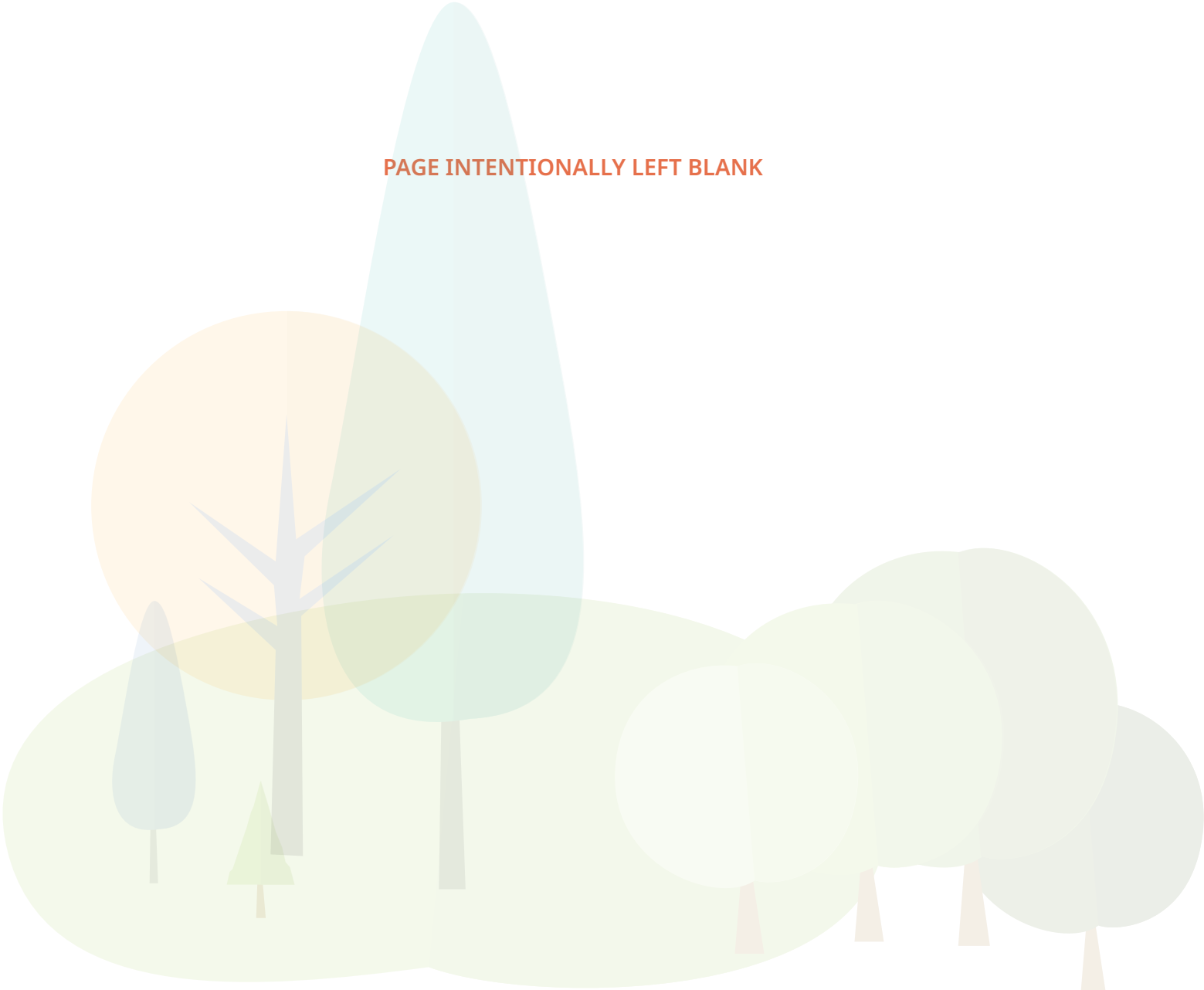
This focus group event provided insight for potential recreational activities, materials, opportunities, and concerns. For recreational activities, there was a strong desire to see more swings, basketball courts, and rock climbing.

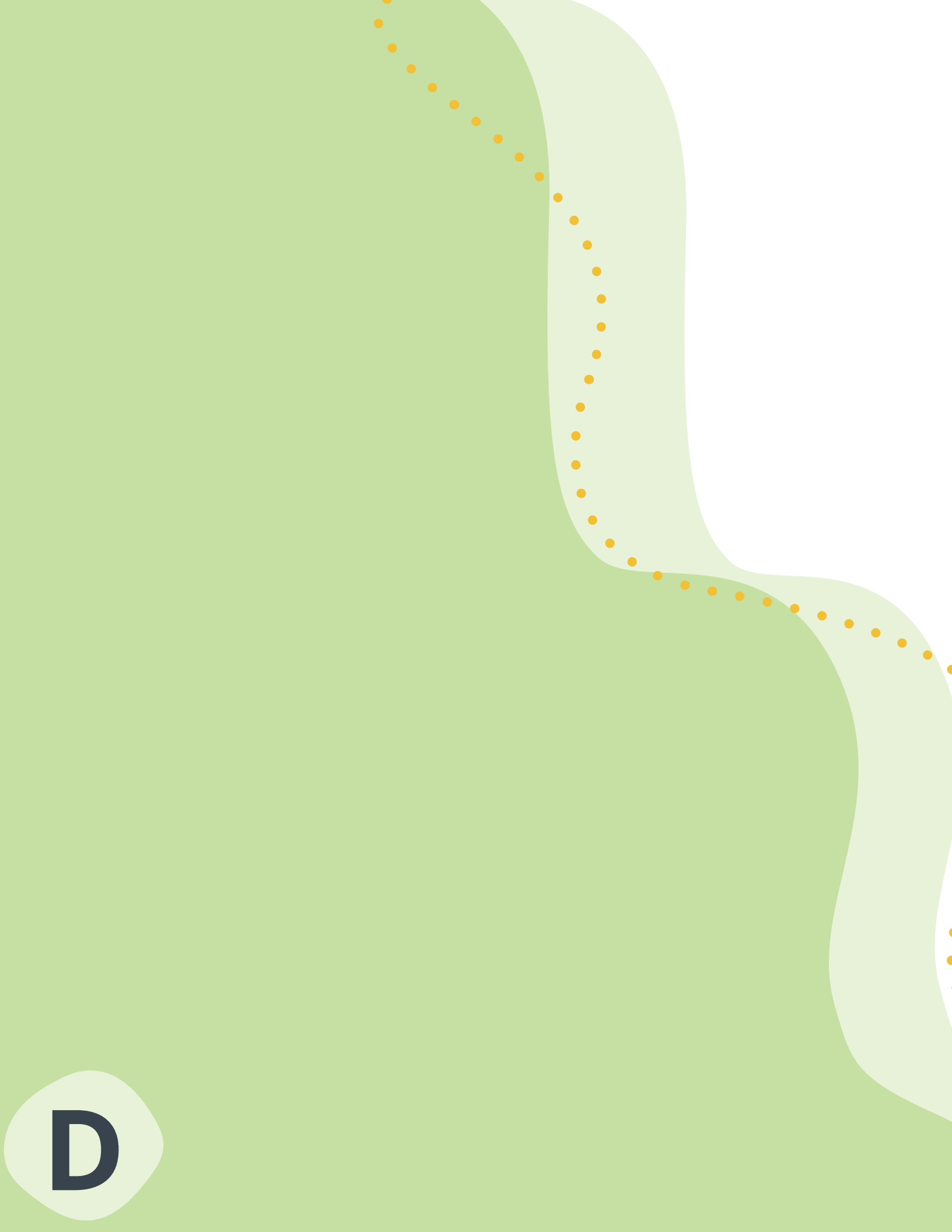
Community members expressed a desire to see more educational opportunities that include butterfly gardens, an educational botanical garden, art path, community garden, and an art community garden. For amenities, there was a high interest in adding more picnic tables and a dog park. Expressed opportunities were the incorporation of a youth center, as youth were identified as having no real place to go after school. Participants also noted that a playground within Riverfront Park would be a valuable amenity during Fourth of July and throughout the summer. Concerns were the lack of lighting in parks, the removal of the playground near the skatepark, and a lack of access to public school amenities.

Key Takeaways

This event attracted participants of all ages with individuals that included youth, adults, and folks 65 or older. Key takeaways were the introduction of more park recreational activities (swings, basketball court, rock climbing, etc.), more access to educational opportunities (butterfly garden, botanical garden, art center, etc.), and the introduction to more basic park amenities (picnic tables, dog park, covered patios, etc.). This focus group event was met with interest and great participation from those that attended.

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POP UP EVENTS

- COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE
- TRI CITIES BUSINESS EXPO



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To: Michele Eldridge, Chuck Scholz (Harrisburg)

From: Colin McArthur, Kelsey Zlevor, Victor Garcia (Cameron McCarthy)

Date: February 23, 2022

Subject: Winter Tabling Session 1 Summary – Harrisburg Municipal Center

Overview

This memo summarizes key takeaways and notes from the first tabling session on February 23, 2022, for the City of Harrisburg. Cameron McCarthy staff set up tabling materials at Harrisburg Municipal Court from 5:30PM – 7:30PM. The tabling event presented posters that included image dot boards of potential park amenities, feedback boards for each individual park, a board for Tadpole Park and the renaming of 132-Acre Park, and a questions or comments board. Provided handouts included a map of the existing parks system and a process summary diagram.

For this event, staff provided door prizes and snacks, in an open-floor event where boards were displayed as a space for collecting comments. Masks were a requirement for this event because of the states mask mandate. In preparation for this event, the city sent event details through utility flyers. On site, there were bright yard signs that advertised the event's central location. Overall, the event had a turnout of roughly 20 participants who expressed strong attachments and connections to the existing park system. There was enthusiasm amongst the participants for the possibility of future park amenities within their parks.

The following list summarizes comments collected through visitor conversations during the public involvement event.

Poster Boards 1,2,3 Summary *

* Numbers in parentheses represent sum of responses from the first tabling event.

Dot Board 1

1. Which park amenity do you prefer?
 - a. Basketball – (1)
 - b. Soccer – (2)
 - c. Baseball – (4)
 - d. Softball – (3)
 - e. Volleyball (sand) – (3)
 - f. Football – (2)
 - g. Disc Golf – (4)
 - h. Tennis – (0)
 - i. Pickleball – (1)

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- j. Children Playground – (4)
 - k. Playground Equipment – (7)
 - l. Covered Play Areas – (1)
- (Total 32)**

Dot Board 2

- 2. Which park amenity do you prefer?
 - a. Nature Play Areas – (1)
 - b. Rock Climbing Features – (2)
 - c. Bicycle Pump Track – (3)
 - d. Mountain Biking Trails/BMX – (0)
 - e. Restrooms – (6)
 - f. Vehicle Parking – (0)
 - g. Bike Parking – (1)
 - h. Park Amenities (tables, benches, etc.) – (2)
 - i. Park Structures (pavilion, shelter, etc.) – (5)
 - j. Non-Motorized Boat Launches – (4)
 - k. Outdoor Fitness Equipment – (0)
 - l. Community Youth Center – (4)
- (Total 28)**

Dot Board 3

- 1. Which park amenity do you prefer?
 - a. Performance Venue – (2)
 - b. Art Studio and Gallery Space – (1)
 - c. Public Art (Murals) – (5)
 - d. Community Garden – (2)
 - e. Nature Trails – (6)
 - f. Walking/Hiking Trails – (6)
 - g. Biking Trails – (2)
 - h. Paved Trails – (4)
 - i. Unpaved Trails – (3)
 - j. Dog Park – (10)
 - k. Natural Areas/Green Space – (3)
 - l. BBQ/Cooking Areas – (2)
- (Total 46)**

Dot Board Analysis

This process aimed at capturing the community members vision for future park amenities installation in their existing park system. Participants were given roughly 4-6 dot stickers and were asked to place them according to their priority. Overall, there were 106 placed stickers across the three dot boards. Dot board three had the most tallies with a total of 46 entries, with its top preference being dog park, nature trails, walking/hiking trails, and public murals. The dot board with the second most entries was dot board one with at total of 32 entries, with its top preferences being the introduction of more playground equipment, children playground, disc golf, and baseball. Finally, the dot board with the third most entries was dot board two with a

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total of 28 total entries. Of those, the top choices were restrooms, park structures, non-motorized boat launches, and community youth center. Overall, between all three dot boards the top choices were dog parks, playground equipment, restrooms, and walking/hiking trails.

Feedback

In collecting community input, participants expressed the following concerns and feedback for each individual park:

Poster Board 4: Arrowleaf Park

- Consider adding a tire swing
- Add more picnic tables

Poster Board 4: Burlington Northern Park

- Replace tables
- Add a fence along the road
- Develop better lighting
- Add more trash cans
- Develop better security

Poster Board 5: Riverfront Park

- Incorporate bike path
- Include more picnic tables
- Develop better play structures
- Increase security

Poster Board 5: Harrisburg skatepark

- Fix Zach's bench
- Consider adding security cameras
- Consider potential for more supervision

Poster Board 6: Heritage Park

- Develop clear signage

Poster Board 6: Priceboro Park

- Maintain access to on-site bathrooms
- Develop a fenced dog park
- Increase lighting
- Consider a space for a multi-use sports field
- Add more benches
- Develop a pavilion/shelter
- Incorporate age-appropriate play (separate skill-level playgrounds, etc.)
- Consider adding splash pad

Overall, the community emphasized a need for better lighting, while also introducing/replacing picnic tables. There were also themes of adding more benches, better signage/rules, more access to trash cans, and updating play structures. Priceboro park had the most feedback with specified interest in adding a splash pad, age-appropriate play, a pavilion/shelter, more benches, formal multi-use sports fields, fenced dog park, and better lighting. It was also noted

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that access to the onsite bathrooms is limited. Heritage Park had the least comments with one remark for better signage.

Poster Board 7: Tadpole Park Undeveloped Park Analysis

Participants choice for park amenities for this park were:

- Picnic/firepit
- Playground
- Tables/lunch spot/bench

Poster Board 7: 132-Acre Park Rename

Participants were asked to provide name suggestions for the recently acquired space, the responses were as follows:

- Morse Park (1)
- Eagle Park (1)
- Hundred Acre Park (1)
- Harrisburg Hundred Acre Park (1)

Poster Board 8: Vision for Harrisburg's Park System

Participants were asked to describe their vision for Harrisburg's park system, the response was as follows:

- Adding public art
- Entertainment multiuse sports areas

Poster Board 8: Populations Being Served

Participants were asked to describe what populations are underserved by the city's parks and facilities; the responses are as follows:

- Young children (ages 0-5) / (1 vote)
- Grade school children (ages 6-12) / (1 vote)
- Teenagers (ages 13-19) / (2 votes)
- Adults (ages 20-64) / (1 vote)
- People with disabilities

Key Takeaways

- There was a mix of park users that were local in the Harrisburg area. This event attracted participants of all ages with individuals and groups of friends and families, that included children, youth, adults, and folks 65 or older. Given the state of the pandemic and having this event indoors, there was a healthy amount of folks that showed up. The ambience was somewhat consistent in the beginning, and slowly decreased in numbers toward the second half of the event. After that, there were a sporadic number of attendees near the end.

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Social Media Analysis

This process aimed at capturing community members' vision for future park amenity installation in the existing park system through social media (Facebook) as an outlet. In collecting community input, participants expressed interest in the following park amenities through a City Facebook post:

- Dog Park (8 Votes)
- Playground with ADA facilities (1 Vote)
- Baby/Toddler Park (1 Vote)
- Walking Paths (3 Votes)
- Nature Park (1 Vote)
- BBQ Stations (1 Vote)
- Swimming Pool (1 Vote)
- Bike Trails (5 Votes)
- Picnic Tables/Covered Picnic Area (1 Vote)
- Better Lights in Parks (1 Vote)
- Soccer Field (1 Vote)

Overall, the community prioritized a need for a dog park, while also adding more bike trails and walking paths.

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To: Michele Eldridge, Chuck Scholz (Harrisburg)

From: Colin McArthur, Kelsey Zlevor, Victor Garcia (Cameron McCarthy)

Date: May 12, 2022

Subject: Spring Business Expo Summary – Harrisburg Fire and Rescue Building

Overview

This memo summarizes key takeaways and notes from the third public involvement session on May 12, 2022, for the City of Harrisburg. Cameron McCarthy staff set up a workshop material at Harrisburg Fire and Rescue building from 3:00PM – 7:00PM. The goal of this activity was to get an idea of what community members envision for current and future park system wide prioritization for amenity needs across all parks within the city.

Cameron McCarthy staff set up tabling materials at Harrisburg Fire Station for the Tri-County Business Expo. The tabling event included feedback boards for each individual park that included a summary of what we heard for specific amenities within each park, and a system-wide prioritization board. The system wide prioritization aimed to capture the level of importance in funding for either park amenities, park improvements that are active, and park improvements that are passive. Within each of these three categories were park amenities that had significant importance, reflective of previous public outreach. The event had a turnout of roughly 30 participants.

Overall, this event attracted community members that were part of the Tri-County chamber of commerce and Businesses from the communities of Harrisburg, Junction City and Monroe. There were roughly 30 businesses including wineries/breweries, food vendors, and a live jazz band. The event helped bring local and surrounding community members to collect necessary information for design, analyzing community issues, and desires for an improved park system.

The following list summarizes comments collected through visitor conversations during the public involvement event.

Results

System Wide Prioritization Board:

Park Amenities:

- a. Bathrooms-(21)
- b. Lighting-(17)
- c. Garbage /Recycling-(14)
- d. Tables/Benches – (9)
- e. ADA Upgrades – (4)

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- f. Signage – (2)
- (Total 67)**

Park Improvements Active:

- a. Playgrounds-(17)
 - b. Disc Golf-(13)
 - c. Non-Motorized Boat Launches-(11)
 - d. Basketball – (7)
 - e. Multi-Sports Field – (7)
 - f. Outdoor Fitness Equipment – (6)
 - g. Skatepark-(6)
 - h. Pickleball-(1)
- (Total 68)**

Park Improvements Passive:

- a. Paths/Trails-(24)
 - b. Dog Park-(17)
 - c. Pavilions/Shelters-(13)
 - d. Youth Center – (12)
 - e. Nature Interpretation – (10)
 - f. Swimming Pool – (5)
 - g. BBQ/Cooking Areas-(2)
- (Total 83)**

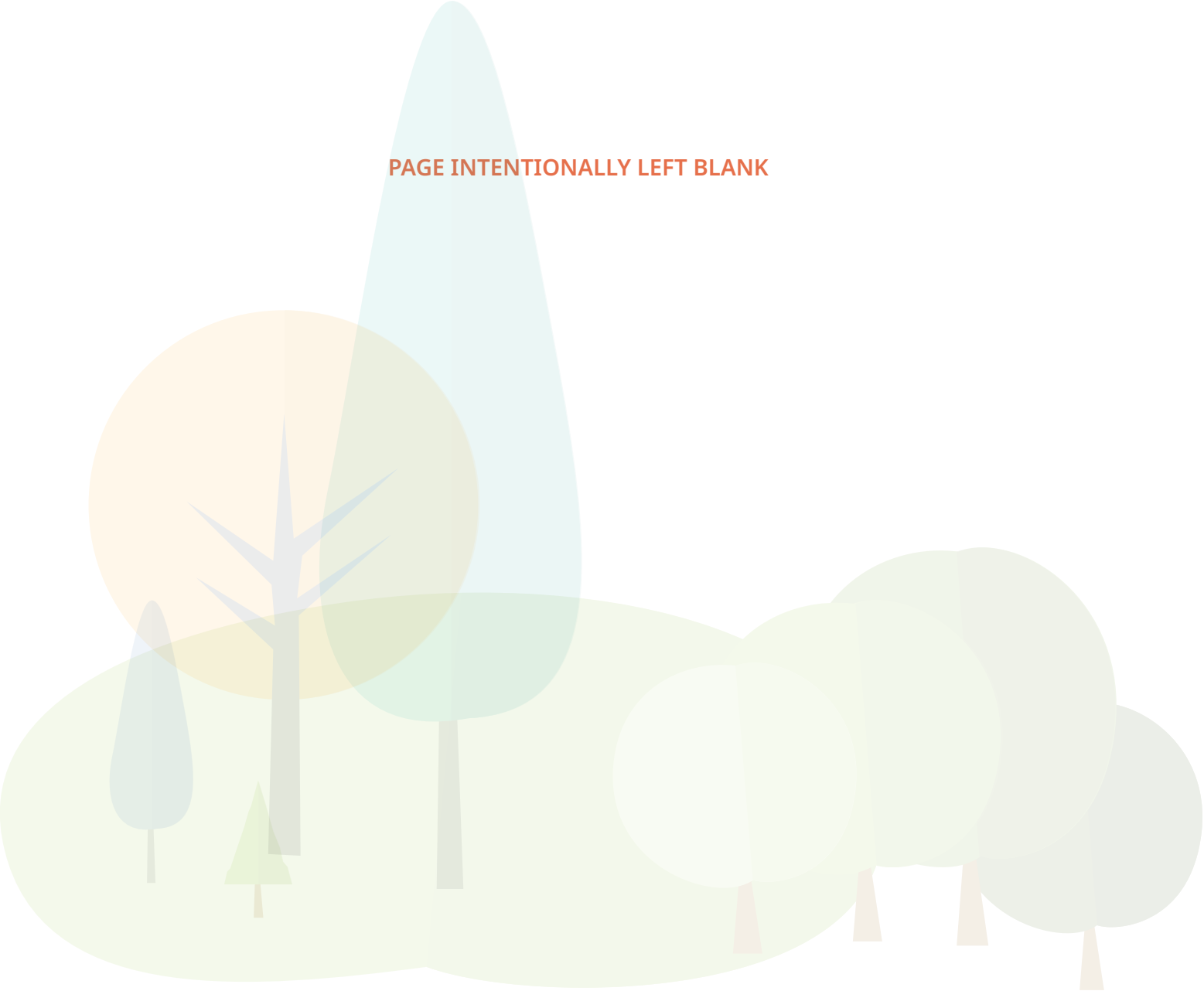
Dot Board Analysis

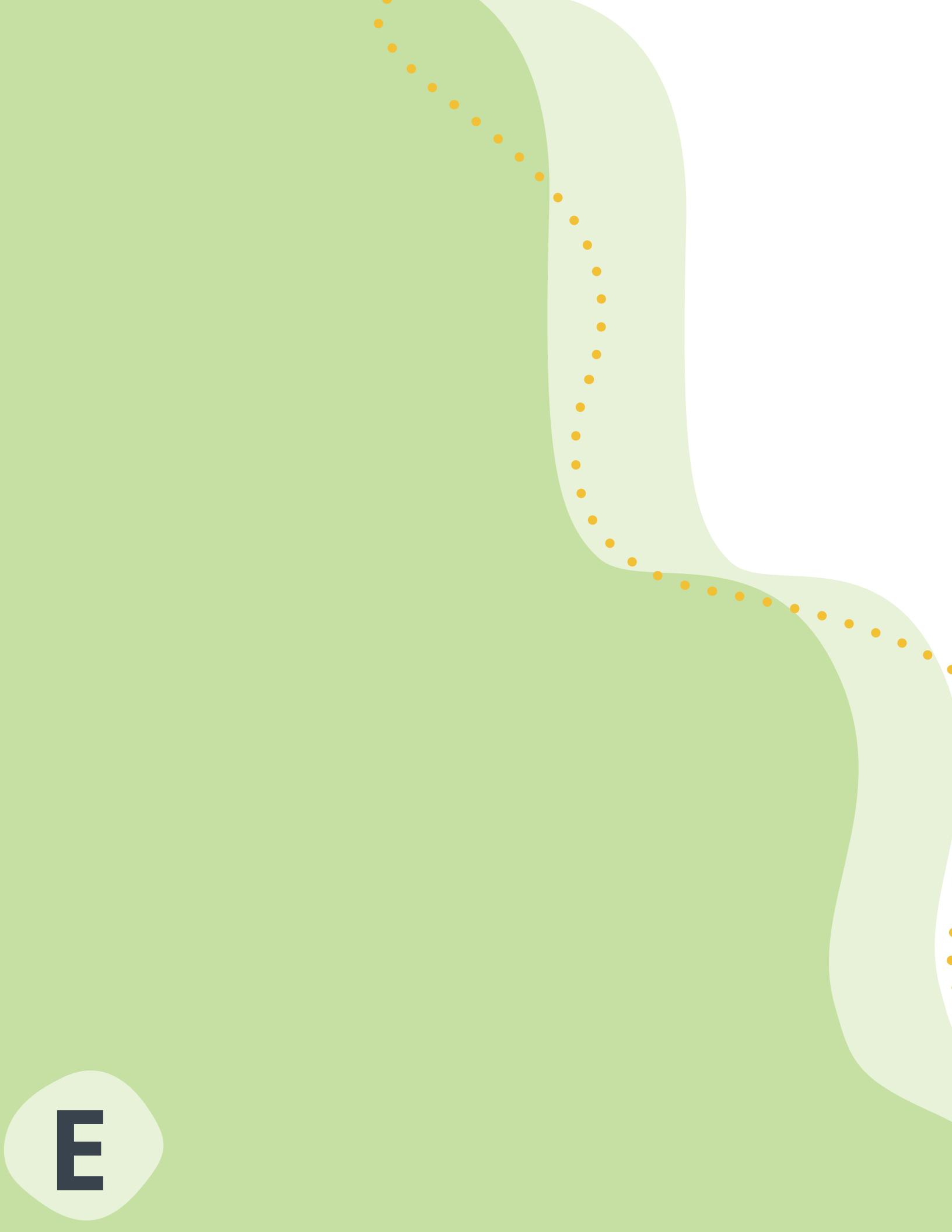
Overall, the community emphasized a high prioritization for park improvements that are passive, medium prioritization for park improvements that are active, and low prioritization for park amenities. There was a strong emphasis on adding the following: paths/trails (24 total votes), bathrooms (21 votes), lighting (17 votes), playgrounds (17 votes), dog parks (17 total votes), garbage/recycling (14 votes), pavilions/shelters (13 votes). In summary, residents emphasized the importance of investing more in park improvements that provide passive recreation, while also incorporating more access to paths and nature trails.

Key Takeaways

This event attracted participants of all ages with individuals that included youth, adults, and folks 65 or older. There was a healthy amount of folks that showed up that provided valuable feedback. Key takeaways were the strong prioritization of investing towards more park improvements that are passive (paths/trails, dog park, pavilions/shelters, youth center, nature interpretation, swimming pool, and BBQ/cooking areas). Key takeaways from this event were the emphasis of public prioritization in allocating public funding towards passive park improvements.

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STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEWS



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To: Michele Eldridge, Chuck Scholz (Harrisburg)

From: Colin McArthur, Kelsey Zlevor, Victor Garcia (Cameron McCarthy)

Date: May 10 2022

Subject: Stakeholder Interviews Summary Memo

OVERVIEW

Cameron McCarthy interviewed nine members of the Harrisburg community representing park users, city staff, and community members. Interviews were conducted by phone, and transcripts were uploaded and coded in Delve, transcript organization software. The interview transcripts were analyzed for themes, key commonalities, and concerns. The raw coded data is attached.

STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEWS

Cameron McCarthy interviewed nine members of the Harrisburg community representing park users and organizations. The following summarizes key points heard across these interviews.

- **Site Amenities**
 - Amphitheater
 - Boat Landing
 - Consider life jacket station.
 - Baseball Field
 - Pavilion
 - Restrooms
 - Bike Trails
 - Walking Trails
 - Drinking Fountains
 - Fishing
 - Bicycle Pump Track
 - Disc Golf Course
 - Playground
 - Seating
 - Tennis Courts
 - Dog Park
 - Emergency Boat Ramp
 - Bow Range
 - Sports Facilities
 - ADA Equipment
 - Covered Shelters
 - Trees

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- Splash Pad
- BBQ Stations
- **Communication**
 - Ideas:
 - Consider adding visible signage on Main Street
 - Consider adding information on library bulletin board
 - Consider incorporating information on school flyers
 - Concerns:
 - Not enough publicity
 - Lack of public outreach through water bill (specifically residents in trailer parks and apartments)
 - What is working:
 - Email
 - Newsletter
 - Reader Board
 - Council Meetings
 - Newspaper
 - Social Media
- **Current Uses**
 - Picnics
 - Boating
 - Dog Walking
 - Fishing
 - Recreation
 - Rock Finding
 - Inner Tubing
- **Maintenance**
 - Upkeep of existing amenities
 - Consider upgrading worn down park amenities
 - Trash cans: people will not walk far from site; ensure they're on site and accessible
- **Barriers**
 - Functionality
 - Consider adding multi-generational spaces for family gatherings
- **Accessibility**
 - Park Access
 - Consider adding sidewalks where appropriate on neighborhood streets
 - Connectivity
 - Consider adding a connection between 100-Acre park and Riverfront park
 - Consider adding accessible entries to get into 100-Acre Park
 - Public Safety
 - Consider adding emergency river access points for safety vehicles
 - Consider keeping vehicles off dry grass (100-Acre Park)
 - Consider adding BBQ grills in open locations far from flammables

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- Consider working with the community to support individuals experiencing houselessness
- Consider updating sidewalk that goes north on Riverfront park
- Consider updating existing boat dock area
- Distribution
 - Consider adding activities for younger population at Burlington Northern park and Riverfront park
 - Consider expanding activities for all populations of the community to the east and central part of town
 - Consider the Lasalle and Territorial area for neighborhood park implementation

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Desires (5)

[Stakeholder Interview Jamie.docx](#)

Enhancement or renovation of existing parks may be more effective as it pertains to funding.

[Stakeholder Interview Adam.docx](#)

Keeping what the city currently has and as funds become more available, fund that towards 100-acre park.

[Stakeholder Interview Adam.docx](#)

The boat ramp could be improved.

[Stakeholder Interview Rob.docx](#)

It would be nice to have the funds to be allocated towards 100-acre park to get that started.

[Stakeholder Interview Questions Bob.docx](#)

Creating a 5-year, 10 years, and 25-year plan.

Current Use (11)

Fish (1)

[Stakeholder Interview Rob.docx](#)

Visit for recreation, dogs, boating, kayaking, inner tubing, fishing.

Picnics (1)

[Stakeholder Interview Rob.docx](#)

Enjoy having a picnics and visiting the parks with Grandchildren.

Inner Tubing (1)

[Stakeholder Interview Rob.docx](#)

Visit for recreation, dogs, boating, kayaking, inner tubing, fishing.

Boating (1)

[Stakeholder Interview Rob.docx](#)

Visit for recreation, dogs, boating, kayaking, inner tubing, fishing.

Dog Walking (3)

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[Stakeholder Interview Lori.docx](#)

I do have a dog and I like to walk to parks for that reason.

[Stakeholder Interview Rob.docx](#)

Visit for recreation, dogs, boating, kayaking, inner tubing, fishing.

[Stakeholder Interview Adam.docx](#)

Riverfront Park for dog walking.

Recreation (2)

[Stakeholder Interview Rob.docx](#)

Visit for recreation, dogs, boating, kayaking, inner tubing, fishing.

[Stakeholder Interview Bart.docx](#)

For recreation and being with the family and enjoying the outdoors.

Rock Finding (2)

[Stakeholder Interview Rob.docx](#)

Like to walk along the river and find agate rocks.

[Stakeholder Interview Bart.docx](#)

I use the parks as a resident, specifically 132-acre park, we like going down there and rock hounding and flying red tail hawk.

Park Visited (3)

Riverfront Park (2)

[Stakeholder Interview Susan.docx](#)

We usually go to riverfront park which is near our house.

[Stakeholder Interview Adam.docx](#)

Riverfront Park for dog walking.

Eagle Park (1)

[Stakeholder Interview Bart.docx](#)

I use the parks as a resident, specifically 132-acre park, we like going down there and rock hounding and flying red tail hawk.

Frequency (2)

[Stakeholder Interview Susan.docx](#)

Probably my yearly average is 40 times, so about weekly.

[Stakeholder Interview Bart.docx](#)

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I would say twice a week, more so during the wintertime (maybe three times).

Communication

Communication Ideas (4)

[Stakeholder Interview Janna.docx](#)

The concerts in the summer have low attendance, and a lot of people have no clue.

[Stakeholder Interview Janna.docx](#)

Better signage on main street.

[Stakeholder Interview Lori.docx](#)

Maybe information at library bulletin board.

[Stakeholder Interview Susan.docx](#)

Maybe something through the schools and flyers.

Communication Concerns (2)

[Stakeholder Interview Jamie.docx](#)

I see very little publicity aside from large events (4th of July).

[Stakeholder Interview Susan.docx](#)

People who are in trailer parks don't see the water bill; same with apartments.

Email (5)

[Stakeholder Interview Adam.docx](#)

Emails, city base letters, council meetings, and the reader board.

[Stakeholder Interview Bart.docx](#)

I get emails from the city and read the newsletter.

[Stakeholder Interview Rob.docx](#)

City admin newsletter on Fridays, will get emails from the city, and should get a reader board soon too over the concrete reservoir driving over the bridge.

[Stakeholder Interview Cindy 03142022.docx](#)

City newsletters and emails.

[Stakeholder Interview Janna.docx](#)

Water bill, email, social media

Newsletter (5)

[Stakeholder Interview Adam.docx](#)

Emails, city base letters, council meetings, and the reader board.

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City newsletters and emails.

[Stakeholder Interview Lori.docx](#)

Every resource we have is being utilized, Michele's newsletters.

Reader Board (2)**[Stakeholder Interview Adam.docx](#)**

Emails, city base letters, council meetings, and the reader board.

[Stakeholder Interview Rob.docx](#)

City admin newsletter on Fridays, will get emails from the city, and should get a reader board soon too over the concrete reservoir driving over the bridge.

Council Meetings (1)**[Stakeholder Interview Adam.docx](#)**

Emails, city base letters, council meetings, and the reader board.

Newspaper (1)**[Stakeholder Interview Susan.docx](#)**

Newspaper, city water bill.

Water Bill (2)**[Stakeholder Interview Janna.docx](#)**

Water bill, email, social media

[Stakeholder Interview Susan.docx](#)

Newspaper, city water bill.

Social Media (2)**[Stakeholder Interview Janna.docx](#)**

Water bill, email, social media

[Stakeholder Interview Susan.docx](#)

I don't know, but a lot of people are geared towards social media but that's geared toward younger people.

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Maintenance

Maintenance Working (11)

[Stakeholder Interview Jamie.docx](#)

Mowing and maintenance overall is good: A+.

[Stakeholder Interview Jamie.docx](#)

I rarely see trash.

[Stakeholder Interview Jamie.docx](#)

Overall, yes.

[Stakeholder Interview Susan.docx](#)

Things can always be spruced up a little more, but for the most part, yes.

[Stakeholder Interview Rob.docx](#)

Pleased with that, from what he hears from the public works director.

[Stakeholder Interview Questions_Bob.docx](#)

Doing a good job overall.

[Stakeholder Interview Lori.docx](#)

Yes, seems adequate for what we have.

[Stakeholder Interview Janna.docx](#)

Public works people are great!

[Stakeholder Interview Jamie.docx](#)

Yes.

[Stakeholder Interview Cindy 03142022.docx](#)

Yes.

[Stakeholder Interview Bart.docx](#)

Yes, I think Public Works does a great job all year round.

Maintenance Concerns (5)

[Stakeholder Interview Jamie.docx](#)

First making sure existing facilities can be used as intended (tennis courts).

[Stakeholder Interview Jamie.docx](#)

Upkeep and maintenance of equipment (tennis court) could use work.

[Stakeholder Interview Rob.docx](#)

Once the 100 acre gets developed there is concern over that aspect of being able to keep up.

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[Stakeholder Interview Janna.docx](#)

Sometimes at the skatepark there are kids that ruin it.

[Stakeholder Interview Adam.docx](#)

Minor complaint, with the skatepark and people not taking care of their garbage.

Amenities to Add

Green Space (1)

[Stakeholder Interview Susan.docx](#)

An area for kids and adults and green space: a place to work for everybody.

Boat Landing (1)

[Stakeholder Interview Susan.docx](#)

I hope there's some sort of a boat landing: it's a safety issue for the fire department and that brought people into town when we used to have one.

Amphitheater (1)

[Stakeholder Interview Rob.docx](#)

Armitage Park is a great example of being able to do a dog park, we can also see a pavilion and baseball field, and Amphitheatre.

Baseball Field (1)

[Stakeholder Interview Rob.docx](#)

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Pavilion (1)

[Stakeholder Interview Rob.docx](#)

Armitage Park is a great example of being able to do a dog park, we can also see a pavilion and baseball field, and Amphitheatre.

Restrooms (2)

[Stakeholder Interview Rob.docx](#)

More park equipment, playground for the kids.

[Stakeholder Interview Rob.docx](#)

No, some are but there is a lack of restrooms picnic tables, shelters.

Equipment Upgrade (2)

[Stakeholder Interview Jamie.docx](#)

Not acquiring more land but looking at existing park space (replace play structure near tennis courts and skate park).

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[Stakeholder Interview Rob.docx](#)

What needs to happen now is upgrading park equipment.

Bike Trails (1)

[Stakeholder Interview Questions_Bob.docx](#)

Designing 100 Acres to be bicycle and walking trail-friendly.

Drinking Fountains (2)

[Stakeholder Interview Questions_Bob.docx](#)

In conjunction with the fire department, we have a big capacity generator and so we have an auxiliary well that provides safe drinking water and above-ground fuel storage.

[Stakeholder Interview Questions_Bob.docx](#)

Picnic areas.

Fishing (1)

[Stakeholder Interview Questions_Bob.docx](#)

Pond near Junction City is stocked with fish and a good site for fishing: 100 Acre Park could provide a similar resource.

Trail System (2)

[Stakeholder Interview Questions_Bob.docx](#)

Designing 100 Acres to be bicycle and walking trail-friendly.

[Stakeholder Interview Lori.docx](#)

A trail system and/or dog park.

Bike Pump Track (1)

[Stakeholder Interview Janna.docx](#)

Develop 100-Acre park and would want a playground, covered eating areas, disc golf course, walking path, bike pump track.

Disc Golf Course (2)

[Stakeholder Interview Rob.docx](#)

More bathrooms, some of the parks are not big enough to accommodate discus, dog park.

[Stakeholder Interview Janna.docx](#)

Develop 100-Acre park and would want a playground, covered eating areas, disc golf course, walking path, bike pump track.

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Playground (2)

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More park equipment, playground for the kids.

[Stakeholder Interview Janna.docx](#)

Develop 100-Acre park and would want a playground, covered eating areas, disc golf course, walking path, bike pump track.

Additional Facilities (5)

[Stakeholder Interview Jamie.docx](#)

Some of the older parts of town could use park innovations.

[Stakeholder Interview Cindy 03142022.docx](#)

New facilities, Priceboro park could be used more, and it could be expanded.

[Stakeholder Interview Rob.docx](#)

More park equipment, playground for the kids.

[Stakeholder Interview Janna.docx](#)

New facilities!

[Stakeholder Interview Jamie.docx](#)

New facilities, Priceboro park could be used more, and it could be expanded.

Seating (1)

[Stakeholder Interview Jamie.docx](#)

Priceboro Park is in good shape; maybe add more seating and trees for shade.

Tennis Courts (1)

[Stakeholder Interview Jamie.docx](#)

Joint effort between school district and city: creating tennis courts.

Dog Park (4)

[Stakeholder Interview Susan.docx](#)

The ones that we do have are limited in space but I'm hopeful 100-Acre park would have a dog park for both sizes of dogs.

[Stakeholder Interview Rob.docx](#)

More bathrooms, some of the parks are not big enough to accommodate discus, dog park.

[Stakeholder Interview Lori.docx](#)

A trail system and/or dog park.

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[Stakeholder Interview Susan.docx](#)

Open green space, dog parks, and walking trails for adults are missing.

Emergency Boat Ramp (1)

[Stakeholder Interview Bart.docx](#)

to 132-acre park, I would like to see an emergency boat ramp and I have an area I've talked to the city about.

Walking Trails (2)

[Stakeholder Interview Bart.docx](#)

As far as being a resident, I would like to see open areas, maybe BBQ areas covered and walking trails, as well as river access.

[Stakeholder Interview Bart.docx](#)

to 132-acre park, I would like to see an emergency boat ramp and I have an area I've talked to the city about.

Bow Range (1)

[Stakeholder Interview Bart.docx](#)

I would also like to see, personally, a one or two target bow range.

Picnic Tables (3)

[Stakeholder Interview Rob.docx](#)

No, some are but there is a lack of restrooms picnic tables, shelters.

[Stakeholder Interview Questions_Bob.docx](#)

Picnic areas.

[Stakeholder Interview Bart.docx](#)

I think a covered open-sited area with picnic tables and one or two in-ground BBQ pits.

Walking Paths (3)

[Stakeholder Interview Janna.docx](#)

Develop 100-Acre park and would want a playground, covered eating areas, disc golf course, walking path, bike pump track.

[Stakeholder Interview Jamie.docx](#)

Walking paths, water feature for children, trees.

[Stakeholder Interview Cindy 03142022.docx](#)

Walking paths, water feature for children, trees.

Sports Facilities (1)

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Large the idea of a large open space for sports recreational since not everyone has access to sports facilities.

ADA Equipment (3)**[Stakeholder Interview Lori.docx](#)**

Upgrading for ADA and improving the needs of the community.

[Stakeholder Interview Lori.docx](#)

The majority of parks might need more ADA access for wheelchairs.

[Stakeholder Interview Adam.docx](#)

ADA accessibility equipment, could be improved.

Covered Areas (4)**[Stakeholder Interview Rob.docx](#)**

No, some are but there is a lack of restrooms picnic tables, shelters.

[Stakeholder Interview Questions_Bob.docx](#)

Create a pavilion or covered space; Brownsville as an example.

[Stakeholder Interview Janna.docx](#)

Develop 100-Acre park and would want a playground, covered eating areas, disc golf course, walking path, bike pump track.

[Stakeholder Interview Bart.docx](#)

I think a covered open-sited area with picnic tables and one or two in-ground BBQ pits.

Trees (5)**[Stakeholder Interview Jamie.docx](#)**

Outside of adding trees.

[Stakeholder Interview Jamie.docx](#)

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Walking paths, water feature for children, trees.

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Outside of adding trees.

[Stakeholder Interview Cindy 03142022.docx](#)

Walking paths, water feature for children, trees.

Water Feature (2)

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[Stakeholder Interview Jamie.docx](#)

Walking paths, water feature for children, trees.

[Stakeholder Interview Cindy 03142022.docx](#)

Walking paths, water feature for children, trees.

BBQs (2)

[Stakeholder Interview Bart.docx](#)

As far as being a resident, I would like to see open areas, maybe BBQ areas covered and walking trails, as well as river access.

[Stakeholder Interview Bart.docx](#)

I think what we really lack here is space for picnics and BBQs, and public gathering.

Functionality (4)

[Stakeholder Interview Susan.docx](#)

No places to have birthday parties that are adults are kids.

[Stakeholder Interview Susan.docx](#)

Multi-generational parks: there are no options.

[Stakeholder Interview Jamie.docx](#)

Barrier would be the functionality of the parks and they don't seem desirable.

[Stakeholder Interview Cindy 03142022.docx](#)

Barrier would be the functionality of the parks and they don't seem desirable.

Lack of Parking (4)

[Stakeholder Interview Janna.docx](#)

Parking at the Riverfront Park.

[Stakeholder Interview Janna.docx](#)

The riverfront park parking is limited.

[Stakeholder Interview Adam.docx](#)

Lack of parking on some the smaller parks.

[Stakeholder Interview Lori.docx](#)

Riverfront Park can be hard to get around because it's difficult to park; no designated parking.

Environmental (4)

[Stakeholder Interview Bart.docx](#)

Established ones are fine but the road going into 132-acre park is full of potholes, which is hard on cars and there aren't any amenities.

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[Stakeholder Interview Bart.docx](#)

Smith Street where the skate park is, on the other side of the railroad tracks, the slug bait factory puts a lot of material out into the air which can't be good, but a long-existing business.

[Stakeholder Interview Susan.docx](#)

Drainage can be an issue at Tadpole Park.

[Stakeholder Interview Susan.docx](#)

No just sometimes some of them are too wet.

Signage (1)

[Stakeholder Interview Rob.docx](#)

Tadpole Park might need better signage, community members might not know where all the parks within the city.

Accessibility

Park Access (3)

[Stakeholder Interview Questions Bob.docx](#)

But no sidewalk on the street, 25 mph which is okay.

[Stakeholder Interview Questions Bob.docx](#)

South 6th is very busy and harder to walk on.

[Stakeholder Interview Rob.docx](#)

Other parks are pretty much residential parks and are accessible via walking, biking, and driving.

Connectivity (3)

[Stakeholder Interview Adam.docx](#)

The only one that is not paved is territorial and first street.

[Stakeholder Interview Rob.docx](#)

There can be a problem with accessing 100-acre park, especially when crossing over highway 99.

[Stakeholder Interview Rob.docx](#)

Priceboro park is great, and connection from riverfront park to 100-acre would greatly increase accessibly.

River Access (3)

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Excited for the pond and potential river access.

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We have to drive up a 10 to 15 minutes drive to get boats into the water for water safety and emergencies.

[Stakeholder Interview Bart.docx](#)

As far as being a resident, I would like to see open areas, maybe BBQ areas covered and walking trails, as well as river access.

Public Safety (17)

[Stakeholder Interview Bart.docx](#)

Water access is another issue: if we had a person that took a canoe and was injured, there's no way to get our water response vehicles out there.

[Stakeholder Interview Bart.docx](#)

With all the brush in the summer time, it's a fire hazard as well if people are camping or cooking down there.

[Stakeholder Interview Susan.docx](#)

Maybe having public works going through or increased security.

[Stakeholder Interview Susan.docx](#)

The only thing I have to say that you didn't touch on is when 100 Acre Park is developed, activities like homelessness and drug use a concern.

[Stakeholder Interview Susan.docx](#)

Some people don't like to go to the river one as much as they should due to loitering and drug use.

[Stakeholder Interview Rob.docx](#)

Also the boat dock area.

[Stakeholder Interview Rob.docx](#)

Safety, sidewalk that goes north on riverfront park.

[Stakeholder Interview Janna.docx](#)

There used to be a playground but the playground was take out and there are awkward stumps.

[Stakeholder Interview Janna.docx](#)

Also the boat dock area.

[Stakeholder Interview Janna.docx](#)

Safety, sidewalk that goes north on riverfront park.

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[Stakeholder Interview Janna.docx](#)

Riverfront park has some interesting folks can ruin the environment.

[Stakeholder Interview Jamie.docx](#)

Also the boat dock area.

[Stakeholder Interview Jamie.docx](#)

Safety, sidewalk that goes north on riverfront park.

[Stakeholder Interview Cindy 03142022.docx](#)

Also the boat dock area.

[Stakeholder Interview Cindy 03142022.docx](#)

Safety, sidewalk that goes north on riverfront park.

[Stakeholder Interview Bart.docx](#)

No, just extra emphasis on the emergency boat launch portion: that is a public safety issue.

[Stakeholder Interview Bart.docx](#)

Also, I'd like to see more patrol in 132-acre just to make sure people aren't burning recklessly: the way the wind blows would carry fire into the train lines which would be very traumatic.

Underserved (6)

[Stakeholder Interview Susan.docx](#)

BN Park and Riverfront Park are nice for older adults or people who want picnic time, but there's nothing for the kids to do.

[Stakeholder Interview Lori.docx](#)

Lasalle and Territorial, Diamond Hill

[Stakeholder Interview Janna.docx](#)

No.

[Stakeholder Interview Janna.docx](#)

All the people in between are underserved, with those communities having access to BN and skatepark is so focused for certain populations.

[Stakeholder Interview Janna.docx](#)

All the people that live by the school are underserved.

[Stakeholder Interview Adam.docx](#)

Over the school on the south area.

Distribution (5)

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Diamond Hill area as well.

[Stakeholder Interview Lori.docx](#)

I think one part of town (Lasalle and Territorial) don't have as much access.

[Stakeholder Interview Janna.docx](#)

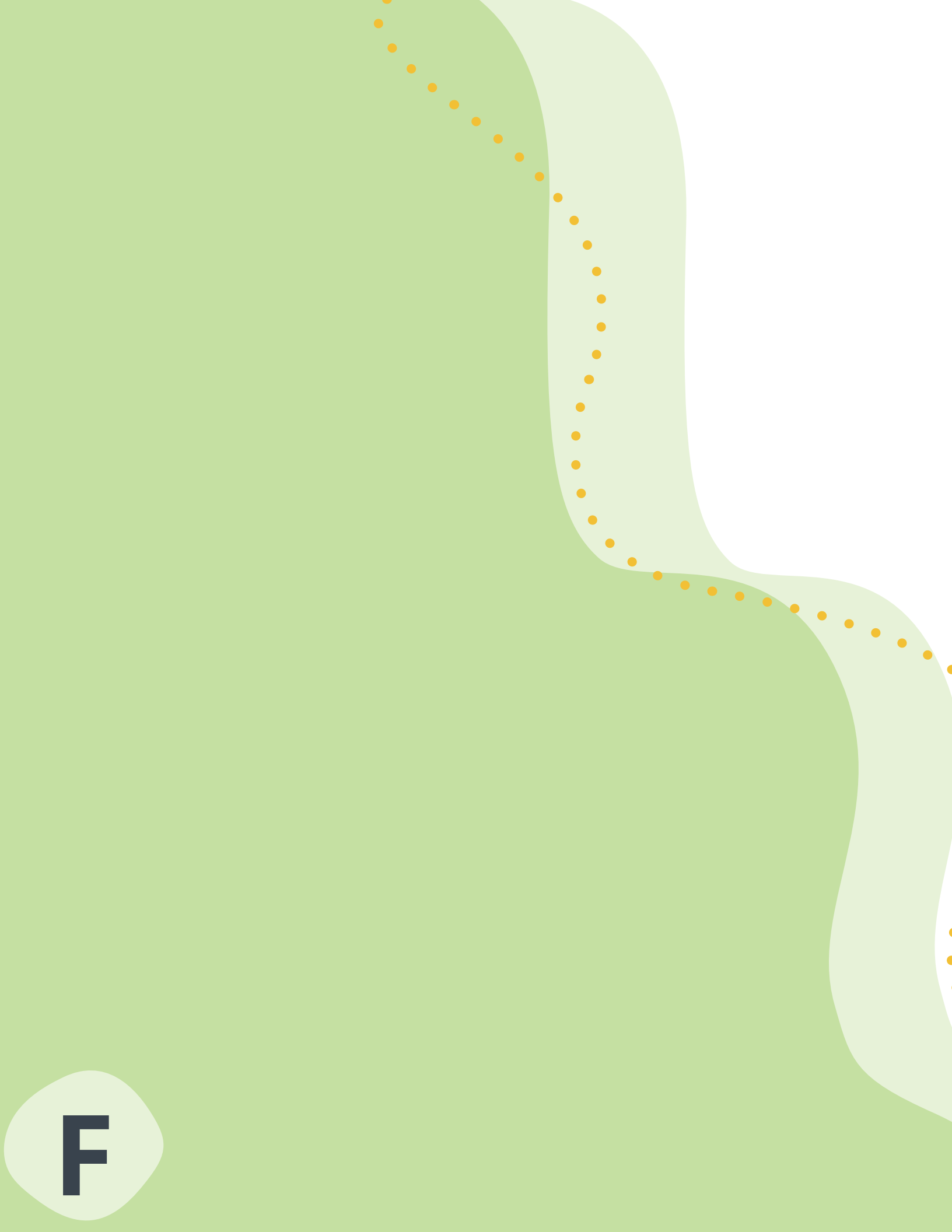
Not very many parks but, do go to Priceboro park because it is close to her neighborhood.

[Stakeholder Interview Bart.docx](#)

The east side of town could use something.

[Stakeholder Interview Adam.docx](#)

Eastern half of the city.



COMMUNITY SURVEY



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Harrisburg Parks System Plan Survey

To: Michele Eldridge, Chuck Scholz (Harrisburg)

From: Colin McArthur, Kelsey Zlevor, Victor Garcia (Cameron McCarthy)

Date: April 5, 2022

Subject: Harrisburg Parks System Plan Survey Results Summary

Background

In the winter of 2022, the City of Harrisburg and Cameron McCarthy (CM) conducted an online survey to gather community perspectives regarding the parks system. The survey gave parks users and visitors the opportunity to comment on the current state of park facilities and suggest improvements. Gathering the preferences and opinions of the community helps inform the creation of a responsive park master plan. The input collected through the survey helps to ensure that the concerns and actions outlined in the plan are relevant to current conditions.

This memorandum describes the survey methodology and summarizes the results of the survey. Raw survey results are included as an appendix to this document.

Survey Methodology

CM used a digital survey administered through Qualtrics to collect perceptions of the Harrisburg Park System, which included 30 questions. The city distributed the survey through email, posting the survey on the city website, sharing the survey with interviewed stakeholders, and through social media. The survey remained open for responses from the end of January 2022 to the beginning of March 2022.

The survey received 40 responses, although not all respondents completed all questions to the survey. Since the survey was not administered using a random sample, the responses should not be considered directly representative of the views of all Harrisburg Park users. However, it does provide insight into the preferences of some residents who use the park system (92.5% of respondents indicated they had visited a Harrisburg park or recreation facility in the past year).

Who Took the Survey?

- To better understand the characteristics of survey respondents, the survey asked respondents for their gender identity, age, number of household members, race, and other demographics. In general:

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- The majority of participants were over the age of 65 making up twenty-five percent of respondents. The next largest portion of respondents was in the 26-34 age range at 22.5%, followed then by 35 to 44 and 45-54 at 17.5%.
- Participants in the survey were overwhelmingly white. Out of the 36 participants who answered the race question, 86% identified as white. Eleven percent chose to not identify, and three percent identified as two or more races.
- Participants in the survey overwhelmingly did not identify as Hispanic/Latinx. Out of the 34 participants who answered the Hispanic/Latinx question, 94% did not identify as Hispanic/Latinx.
- Participants in the survey predominantly live in Harrisburg (95%), and their average combined income is between \$100,000 and \$149,999. Thirty-one percent of respondents reported a household income of at least \$100,000.
- Most of the participants had at least 2 people living in their household (47.5%) with the majority having no children (50%). Of those households that did have children, twenty-two and a half percent had at least one child while seventeen and a half percent had three children.
- The majority of participants have lived in Harrisburg one to ten years (35%). The next largest portion of respondents have lived there for eleven to twenty years (32.5%), followed then by more than twenty years (27.5%).

Organization of Report

This document provides a summary of the public survey by section.

Part 1: Key Findings describes survey results pertaining to:

- Existing Conditions
- Facility Improvements
- Priorities for the Future

Part 2: Raw Survey Results provides figures and tables of the survey results.

Part 1: Key Findings

Existing Conditions

To understand how community members use Harrisburg parks, the survey asked how frequently respondents visited the parks, how satisfied they felt with the Harrisburg parks facilities and maintenance, and what they use the parks for.

In order to better understand how visitors use the park currently, respondents reported how many people are usually in their group when they visit Harrisburg parks. The

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highest percentages (48.72%) reported 2 people and 3-5 people (48.72%) as their average group size. These findings support a need for family/group amenities.

Respondents also reported how they use city parks or facilities. Respondents reported the most common activity was exercise (walking, running, etc.) (67.5%), followed by dog walking (42.5%), and entertainment (attending special events sponsored by the city) (32.5%). The majority evaluation of each existing park amenity/facility by survey respondents was generally "satisfied." However, the lowest levels of satisfaction were reported for bathrooms, parking, and benches/tables respectively.

- Arrowleaf Park: the majority of respondents were satisfied (42%) with the quality of facilities/structures. Forty percent reported being neither satisfied nor dissatisfied.
- Burlington Northern Park: the majority of respondents were neither satisfied nor dissatisfied (42%) with the quality of facilities/structures. There was an even split with respondents being somewhat satisfied (16%) and dissatisfied (16%).
- Heritage Park: the majority of respondents were neither satisfied nor dissatisfied (34%) with the quality of facilities/structures. Twenty eight percent of respondents reported being satisfied.
- Priceboro Park: the majority of respondents were satisfied (41%) with the quality of facilities/structures. Thirty two percent of respondents reported being somewhat satisfied.
- Riverfront Park: the majority of respondents were satisfied (54%) with the quality of facilities/structures. Twenty three percent of respondents reported being somewhat satisfied.
- Skate Board Park: the majority of respondents were neither satisfied nor dissatisfied (36%) with the quality of facilities/structures. Thirty three percent of respondents reported being somewhat satisfied.

Overall, most respondents reported being satisfied with the quality of facilities/structures at all parks: Riverfront Park (77%), Priceboro Park (74%), the Skate Park (55%), Arrowleaf Park (52%), Heritage Park (38%), and Burlington Northern Park (29%). Burlington Northern Park (29%) and Heritage Park (28%) were the only parks where respondents reported a higher rate of being dissatisfied.

Facility Improvements

To better gauge the ways in which Harrisburg's park system can be improved, the survey asked visitors to consider additional parks, potential park features, maintenance, park facilities, and trails. The majority evaluation across all parks was satisfaction with the current maintenance level. Eighty percent of respondents reported thinking

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Harrisburg needs additional parks and recreational facilities. A strong emphasis was given in adding more parks across the whole town, yet in slightly higher concentrations centrally and in the southwest part of town. There is a desire for higher activity at the north entrance of 132-Acre Park.

The survey also asked respondents if certain populations were underserved by the City's parks and facilities. Forty-two percent responded that adults (20-64) were the most underserved, while seniors (65+) were second (36%). Suggestions to serve these groups included adding more nature walking trails; age-appropriate play structures for ages zero to five; disc golf, updating old structures; providing covered shelters, food prep areas, fire pits and parking; addition of a recreation center; more drinking water and restroom facilities; horseshoe locations; archery stations; and a dog park.

The survey also asked respondents to consider a list of potential general park features and rank them by importance. Extremely important amenities included children's play areas (65%), restrooms (64%), walking/hiking trails along with park amenities (tables, benches, etc.) were given equal importance (57.5%). Other high priorities were vehicle parking (55%) and park structures (47%) (pavilion, shelter, etc.)

Park amenity preference for the undeveloped Tadpole Park was the addition of safe walking paths that are ADA accessible, dog area, dog waste stations, benches, bathrooms, large play structure, water fountain, jungle gym, and splash pad. Respondents were also asked for name suggestions for the recently acquired 132-Acre Park. The top choice was Eagle Park (33%), with the runner up being Harrisburg Park (26%).

Respondents highlighted the following future outdoor park facilities as extremely important: playground equipment (50%), natural areas/green space (41%), and paved/unpaved trails (31%). Write-in comments for future improvements suggest an interest in a bowling alley, running trails, full basketball court, dirt bike obstacle course, showers, bow and range, fishing docks, boat launch, horseshoe pits, and bocce courts.

Respondents emphasized the following future indoor park facilities as extremely important: community youth center (27%), running or walking tracks (25%). The performance venue was listed as very important (24%).

Write-in comments for future improvements suggested an interest in a commercial kitchen, indoor turf field, basketball court, fitness center, crafting and art room, swimming pool, entertainment venue, showers, mini golf, and football/baseball fields.

Priorities for the Future

Respondents were also asked how the City should prioritize its efforts over the next ten years, as well as given an opportunity to share their vision for Harrisburg's park system. The majority of respondents (50%) believe the city should focus on building new parks and new recreational facilities over the next 10 years. Write-in comments for future

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improvements suggest an interest in an improved trail system, updated boat ramp, river access, and improving donor relations.

Key Takeaways:

- Residents reported a fair level of satisfaction with existing parks and facilities, specifically at Arrowleaf Park, Priceboro Park, and Riverfront Park. A recurring theme in the survey was the need to add additional parks and recreational facilities to play and gather.
- Overall, Adults (20-64) are the most underserved demographics, followed closely by seniors (65+). Respondents reported interest in improving accessibility of bathrooms, nature walking trails, disc golf, and areas to gather. In order to serve young children, respondents suggested incorporating age-appropriate play structures.
- The most popular general potential park features were children's play areas, restrooms, and walking/hiking trails. Popular future outdoor park facilities were playground equipment, natural areas/green space, and paved/unpaved trails. Interest in future indoor park facilities was a community youth center, running or walking tracks, and performance venue.
- Park amenity preferences for the undeveloped Tadpole Park were the addition of safe walking paths that are ADA accessible, dog area, bathrooms, and a play structure.
- Survey respondents represented a specific demographic (predominantly white, mid to upper income) and further outreach and input should seek to receive feedback from minority populations, and young people.