



**NOTICE OF  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD  
REMOTE MEETING**

**1-888-475-4499**

**MEETING ID: 878 1457 0009  
MONDAY, JULY 20, 2020, 6:00 PM**

**AGENDA**

In response to the coronavirus pandemic, effective March 16, 2020, Texas Governor Abbott suspended certain Open Meeting rules to allow meetings of government bodies that are accessible to the public to decrease large groups of people from assembling. The suspension temporarily removes the requirements that government officials and members of the public be physically present at a meeting location. [Remote Meeting Participation Information](#).

**Call to Order**

**Roll Call**

**Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. And Texas Flags**

**Invocation**

**Items of Community Interest**

Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.0415 the Parks and Recreation Board may report on the following: expressions of thanks, congratulations, or condolence; an honorary or salutary recognition of an individual; a reminder about an upcoming event organized or sponsored by the governing body; and announcements involving an imminent threat to the public health and safety of people in the municipality or county that has arisen after the posting of the agenda.

**Public Comment**

This item allows the public an opportunity to address the Parks and Recreation Board. To comply with the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, the board cannot discuss or take action on items brought before them not posted on the agenda. Please complete a request if you wish to address the board, Comments will be limited to three minutes. Open Forum is for information only. No charges and/or complaints will be heard against any elected official, the Town, or employee of the Town that are prohibited by law. Please submit a [Public Comment Form](#) at least five minutes prior to the meeting.

## **Reports**

1. Town Council Liaison Report

## **Consent Agenda**

Items on the Consent Agenda are considered to be self-explanatory and will be enacted with one motion. No separate discussion of these items will occur unless so requested by at least one member of the Parks and Recreation Board.

- [2.](#) June 2020 Meeting Minutes

- [3.](#) June 2020 Financials

## **Regular Agenda**

- [4.](#) Discussion regarding implementation of a healing garden.
- [5.](#) Consider and act on participation with the National Wildlife Federation (NWF).
6. Consider and act on a date for the Great American Cleanup.
7. Consider and act on a date for Arbor Day.
- [8.](#) Discussion regarding implementation of the 2020 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan adopted February 24, 2020.
9. Consider and act on a recommendation to the Town Council regarding projects, or repairs in Arrowhead Park, Harbor Lane Park, Point Vista Park, Sycamore Bend Park, and Tanglewood Park either needed or ongoing.

## **Adjournment**

This facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Requests for accommodations or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to the meeting. Please contact Town Hall at 940-497-2528 or by fax 940-497-3531 so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

I, Kristina Smith, do hereby certify that this meeting notice was posted on the bulletin board at Town Hall, 1075 Ronald Reagan Avenue, Hickory Creek, Texas on July 17, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'KSmith', is written over a horizontal line.

Kristina Smith  
Town of Hickory Creek

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD  
HICKORY CREEK TOWN HALL  
1075 RONALD REAGAN, HICKORY CREEK, TEXAS  
MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2020**

**MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

Member Larkin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Roll Call**

The following members were present:

Member Nicolas Wohr

Member Lisa Rowell

Member Kyle Knop

Member Mandy Larkin

Member Dinah Stults

Member Gwen Grimsley-McIntosh

The following member was absent:

Member Calin Giuroiu

Also in attendance:

John Smith, Town Administrator

Chris Gordon, Town Council Liaison

Kristina Smith, Administrative Assistant

**Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. And Texas Flags**

Member Larkin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas Flags.

**Invocation**

Member Rowell gave the invocation.

**Items of Community Interest**

The town will be hosting a Drive Thru Dinner on July 2, 2020 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at town hall for residents.

**Public Comment**

John Grosskopf, 131 Oakwood Lane, would like to welcome the new board members and farewell to the remaining members. Mr. Grosskopf stated work on the board is important and the board's responsibility is to advise Town Council on matters affecting parks and recreation. The town is blessed with six parks and probably has more per capita park acreage than any town in Texas, setting Hickory Creek apart, and drawing people to live here. In the past several months, the board approved a movie in the park, event collaboration with the Lake Dallas

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Parks and Recreation board, the installation of a life jacket safety station by the scouts, and the adoption of the Master Parks plan, with the assistance from the board to implement priority actions. Mr. Grosskopf and Kerby Pierre stand ready to serve.

John Grosskopf emailed additional comments to all board members for public record.

Kerby Pierre, 210 Forestview, stated he joined the board because he likes nature and he wanted to help. He is passionate about the environment and wants his daughters to see a reflection of themselves. Serving is something he does not take lightly. Mr. Pierre stated that he and Mr. Grosskopf served the board honorably and despite perceptions of Mr. Grosskopf, Mr. Pierre believed there to be no better Chairman than Mr. Grosskopf. Since 2013 there have been approximately six board chairmans. Four of which since 2018. A few things to be noted about character-you have to have a clear vision for the group, challenge everyone's thinking, communicate well and often, and be knowledgeable and willing to learn more. All volunteer board members serve at will of the town and Mr. Pierre can walk away knowing he served well from events, relationships with town staff, meetings including the infamous special meeting of January 2019, which brings to question why the chairman and vice chairman were voted off the board. Something doesn't seem right, but it wasn't their service. While speaking with the Mayor regarding not being elected to the board, these discussions came up along with others. It was a great discussion. To move forward, to the next Chairman- be independent, lead with vision, take the board to the next level, and don't be influenced. To the current and new board members- follow your Chair, question passionately because Chris and John will be happy to answer questions, serve the parks, be careful of influence because you volunteer for the town. He wished the board success and that he will always be around to help answer questions and volunteer when needed because service comes first in his heart.

### **Consent Agenda**

1. May 2020 Meeting Minutes
2. May 2020 Financials

Motion made by Member Larkin to approve consent agenda items 1-2, Seconded by Member Stults.

Voting Yea: Member Wohr, Member Rowell, Member Knop, Member Larkin, Member Stults, Member Grimsley-McIntosh. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Regular Agenda**

3. Consider and act on Parks and Recreation Board Officers to serve until June 2021.

Motion made by Member Rowell to appoint Mandy Larkin, Chairman and Lisa Rowell, Vice Chairman, Seconded by Member Wohr.

Voting Yea: Member Wohr, Member Rowell, Member Knop, Member Larkin, Member Stults, Member Grimsley-McIntosh. Motion passed unanimously.



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4. Discussion regarding participation with the National Wildlife Federation (NFW).

Member Stults gave a brief overview regarding participation with the National Wildlife Federation to include fees and participation requirements. The board will revisit the program again at the next meeting.

5. Consider and act on a date for the Great American Cleanup.

Discussion was held regarding a date for the Great American Cleanup and the possibility of hosting the cleanup in conjunction with the Arbor Day Event in November. No action was taken.

6. Consider and act on an Arbor Day Event.

Motion made by Member Larkin to host an Arbor Day Event on Saturday, November 7, 2020, Seconded by Member Wohr.

Voting Yea: Member Wohr, Member Rowell, Member Knop, Member Larkin, Member Stults, Member Grimsley-McIntosh. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Discussion regarding implementation of the 2020 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan adopted on February 24, 2020.

Town Administrator, John Smith was in attendance to discuss action plan items to incorporate in the parks. According to the implementation plan some items include trails along the lake and through town, fishing pier, additional lighting in the parks and playground equipment. Discussion was held regarding a sandy beach and dog park.

8. Consider and act on a recommendation to the Town Council regarding projects, or repairs in Arrowhead Park, Harbor Lane Park, Point Vista Park, Sycamore Bend Park, and Tanglewood Park either needed or ongoing.

Members were assigned parks to report necessary projects or repairs back to the board.

### **Adjournment**

Motion made by Member Larkin to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Member Stults.

Voting Yea: Member Wohr, Member Rowell, Member Knop, Member Larkin, Member Stults, Member Grimsley-McIntosh. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

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Approved:

Attest:

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Mandy Larkin, Member  
Parks and Recreation Board

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Kristina Smith, Administrative Assistant  
Town of Hickory Creek

Town of Hickory Creek  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of June 30, 2020

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	<u>Jun 30, 20</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
BOA - Parks and Recreation	<u>257,103.23</u>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>257,103.23</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>257,103.23</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>257,103.23</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u>0.00</u>

Town of Hickory Creek  
**Park and Recreation Budget vs. Actual**  
 October 2019 through September 2020

	Oct '19 - Sep 20	Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
<b>Miscellaneous Revenue</b>		
4508 Annual Park Passes	22,291.27	20,000.00
4510 Arrowhead Park Fees	28,077.00	18,000.00
4516 Corp Parks Fund Reserve	0.00	184,000.00
4536 Point Vista Park Fees	8,393.00	5,000.00
4550 Sycamore Bend Fees	20,648.00	15,000.00
<b>Total Miscellaneous Revenue</b>	79,409.27	242,000.00
<b>Total Income</b>	79,409.27	242,000.00
<b>Gross Profit</b>	79,409.27	242,000.00
<b>Expense</b>		
<b>Capital Outlay</b>		
5022 Parks and Rec Improvements	38,145.00	125,000.00
<b>Total Capital Outlay</b>	38,145.00	125,000.00
<b>Parks and Recreation</b>		
5402 Events	79.42	2,000.00
5408 Tanglewood Park	798.41	2,500.00
5412 KHCB	175.00	1,000.00
5414 Tree City USA	1,019.80	1,500.00
<b>Total Parks and Recreation</b>	2,072.63	7,000.00
<b>Parks Corps of Engineer</b>		
5432 Arrowhead	7,484.84	60,000.00
5434 Harbor Grove	858.14	69,000.00
5436 Point Vista	4,245.54	11,000.00
5438 Sycamore Bend	10,544.95	102,000.00
<b>Total Parks Corps of Engineer</b>	23,133.47	242,000.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	63,351.10	374,000.00
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	16,058.17	-132,000.00
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>16,058.17</b>	<b>-132,000.00</b>

### Accrual Basis

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# Town of Hickory Creek Park and Recreation Detail

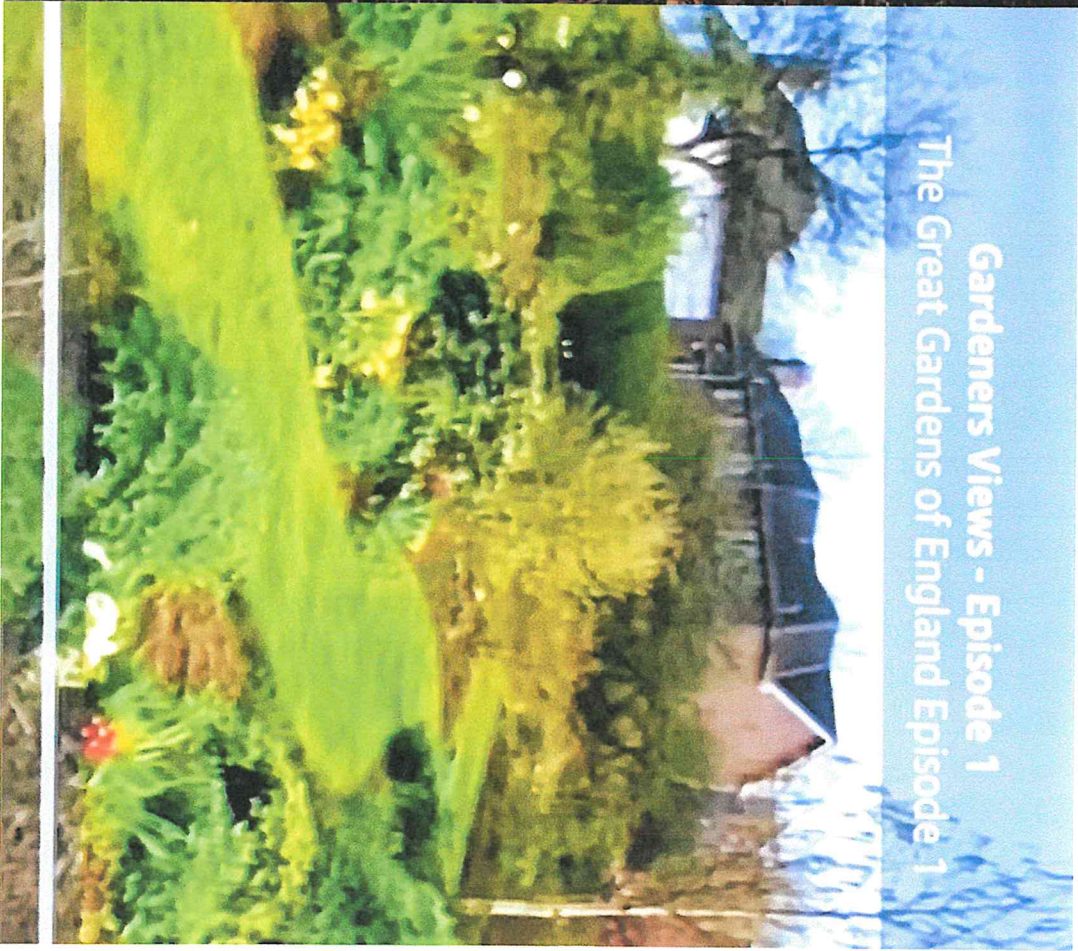
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Type	Date	Name	Memo	Account	Amount
Deposit	06/15/2020	MERCHANT SERVICE DESMERCH DEP	Deposit	4550 Sycamore Bend Fees	91.00
Deposit	06/15/2020	MERCHANT SERVICE DESMERCH DEP	Deposit	4550 Sycamore Bend Fees	194.00
Deposit	06/16/2020	MERCHANT SERVICE DESMERCH DEP	Deposit	4550 Sycamore Bend Fees	15.00
Deposit	06/16/2020	MERCHANT SERVICE DESMERCH DEP	Deposit	4550 Sycamore Bend Fees	143.00
Deposit	06/17/2020	MERCHANT SERVICE DESMERCH DEP	Deposit	4550 Sycamore Bend Fees	72.00
Deposit	06/18/2020	MERCHANT SERVICE DESMERCH DEP	Deposit	4550 Sycamore Bend Fees	66.00
Deposit	06/19/2020	MERCHANT SERVICE DESMERCH DEP	Deposit	4550 Sycamore Bend Fees	70.00
Deposit	06/22/2020	MERCHANT SERVICE DESMERCH DEP	Deposit	4550 Sycamore Bend Fees	166.00
Deposit	06/22/2020	MERCHANT SERVICE DESMERCH DEP	Deposit	4550 Sycamore Bend Fees	214.00
Deposit	06/22/2020	MERCHANT SERVICE DESMERCH DEP	Deposit	4550 Sycamore Bend Fees	190.00
Deposit	06/23/2020	MERCHANT SERVICE DESMERCH DEP	Deposit	4550 Sycamore Bend Fees	53.00
Deposit	06/24/2020	Deposit	Deposit	4550 Sycamore Bend Fees	123.00
Deposit	06/24/2020	MERCHANT SERVICE DESMERCH DEP	Deposit	4550 Sycamore Bend Fees	1,201.00
Deposit	06/25/2020	MERCHANT SERVICE DESMERCH DEP	Deposit	4550 Sycamore Bend Fees	32.00
Deposit	06/26/2020	MERCHANT SERVICE DESMERCH DEP	Deposit	4550 Sycamore Bend Fees	39.00
Deposit	06/29/2020	MERCHANT SERVICE DESMERCH DEP	Deposit	4550 Sycamore Bend Fees	2.00
Deposit	06/29/2020	MERCHANT SERVICE DESMERCH DEP	Deposit	4550 Sycamore Bend Fees	119.00
Deposit	06/29/2020	MERCHANT SERVICE DESMERCH DEP	Deposit	4550 Sycamore Bend Fees	221.00
Deposit	06/30/2020	MERCHANT SERVICE DESMERCH DEP	Deposit	4550 Sycamore Bend Fees	57.00
				4550 Sycamore Bend Fees	130.00
Total 4550 Sycamore Bend Fees					7,586.00
Total Miscellaneous Revenue					23,549.52
Total Income					23,549.52
Gross Profit					23,549.52
<b>Expense</b>					
<b>Parks and Recreation</b>					
<b>5408 Tanglewood Park</b>					
Check	06/01/2020	LCMUA DESUTILITY DD		5408 Tanglewood Park	32.16
Check	06/16/2020	HUDSON ENERGY SE DESDEBITDEBIT		5408 Tanglewood Park	11.66
Total 5408 Tanglewood Park					43.82
Total Parks and Recreation					43.82
<b>Parks Corps of Engineer</b>					
<b>5432 Arrowhead</b>					
Check	06/02/2020	MERCHANT SERVICE DESMERCH FEE		5432 Arrowhead	681.27
Bill	06/10/2020	B & G Chemical	Invoice: 4482	5432 Arrowhead	41.37
Check	06/16/2020	HUDSON ENERGY SE DESDEBITDEBIT		5432 Arrowhead	32.88
Bill	06/22/2020	Verizon Wireless	Invoice# 9856361169	5432 Arrowhead	7.00
Check	06/24/2020	CHECKCARD 0623 SMARTSIGN		5432 Arrowhead	235.50
Total 5432 Arrowhead					998.02
<b>5434 Harbor Grove</b>					
Bill	06/10/2020	B & G Chemical	Invoice: 4482	5434 Harbor Grove	41.36
Check	06/16/2020	HUDSON ENERGY SE DESDEBITDEBIT		5434 Harbor Grove	30.92
Total 5434 Harbor Grove					72.28
<b>5436 Point Vista</b>					
Check	06/02/2020	MERCHANT SERVICE DESMERCH FEE		5436 Point Vista	113.70
Bill	06/10/2020	B & G Chemical	Invoice: 4482	5436 Point Vista	41.36
Check	06/16/2020	HUDSON ENERGY SE DESDEBITDEBIT		5436 Point Vista	16.12
Bill	06/22/2020	Verizon Wireless	Invoice# 9856361169	5436 Point Vista	7.00
Check	06/24/2020	CHECKCARD 0623 SMARTSIGN		5436 Point Vista	235.50
Total 5436 Point Vista					413.68
<b>5438 Sycamore Bend</b>					
Check	06/02/2020	MERCHANT SERVICE DESMERCH FEE		5438 Sycamore Bend	352.90
Bill	06/10/2020	B & G Chemical	Invoice: 4482	5438 Sycamore Bend	41.36
Bill	06/10/2020	MiTech Services	Invoice: 3799	5438 Sycamore Bend	81.02
Check	06/16/2020	HUDSON ENERGY SE DESDEBITDEBIT		5438 Sycamore Bend	48.03
Bill	06/18/2020	Half Associates, Inc.	Invoice# 10038681	5438 Sycamore Bend	1,564.06
Bill	06/22/2020	Dallas Lite & Barricade, Inc.	Invoice: 303126	5438 Sycamore Bend	924.00
Bill	06/22/2020	Verizon Wireless	Invoice# 9856361169	5438 Sycamore Bend	7.00
Check	06/24/2020	CHECKCARD 0623 SMARTSIGN		5438 Sycamore Bend	235.50
Check	06/25/2020	Karen Packer	Resident paid for boat ramp pass but does not h...	5438 Sycamore Bend	35.00
Total 5438 Sycamore Bend					3,288.87
Total Parks Corps of Engineer					4,772.85
Total Expense					4,816.67
Net Ordinary Income					18,732.85
Net Income					18,732.85

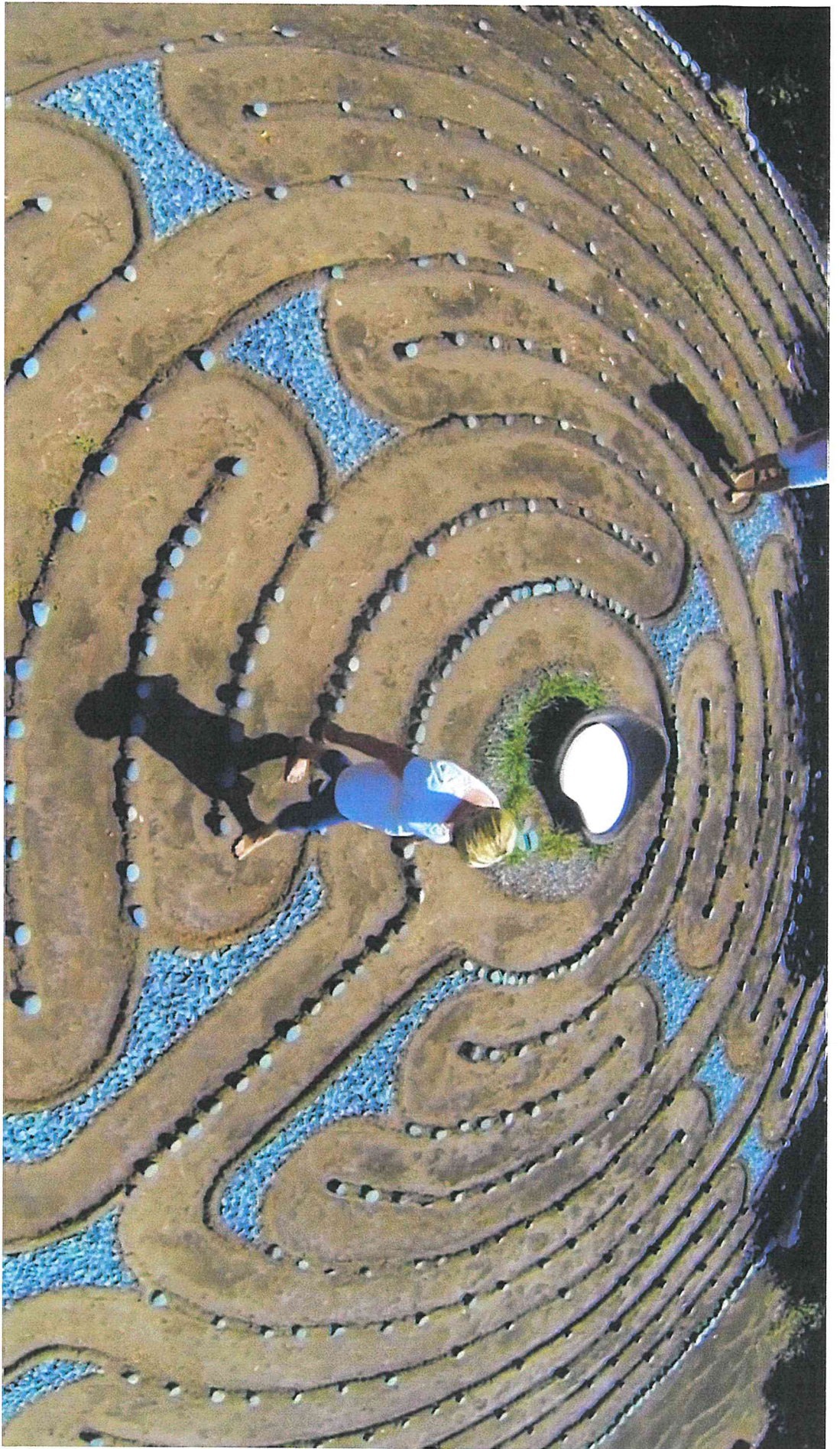




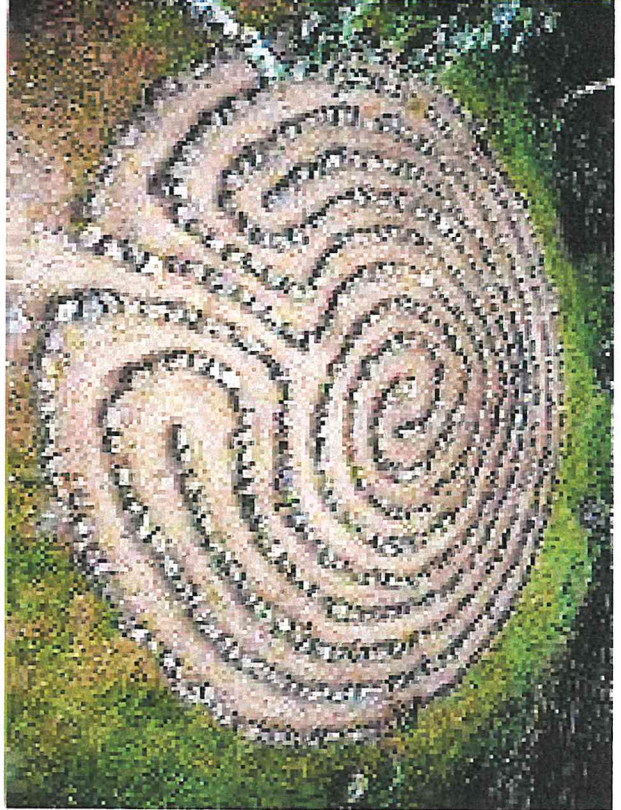
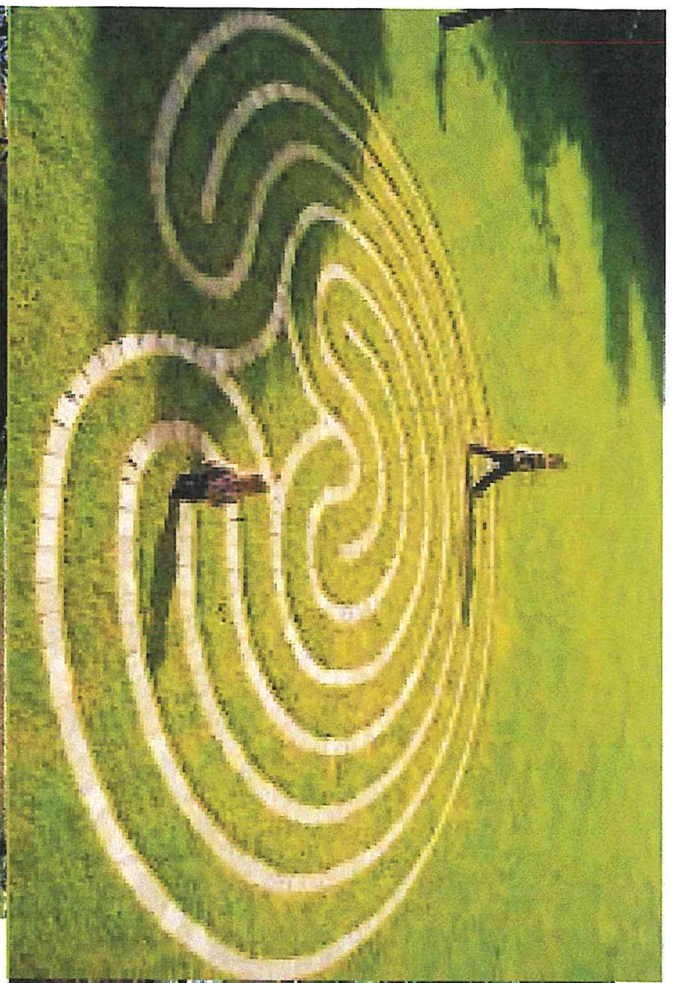












# National Wildlife Federation's Community Wildlife Habitat Certification Requirements



To achieve certification through the National Wildlife Federation's Community Wildlife Habitat program, you must create or restore wildlife habitat in your community and do education and outreach.

First, a certain number of homes, schools and common areas must **become National Wildlife Federation Certified Wildlife Habitats** by providing the four basic elements that all wildlife need: food, water, cover and places to raise young. The NWF Certified Wildlife Habitat program also requires sustainable gardening practices such as using rain barrels, reducing water usage, removing invasive plants, using native plants and eliminating pesticides. These requirements are based on population – see chart below.

Second, communities **earn education and outreach points** through a flexible checklist that includes educating citizens at community events, hosting a native plant sale, organizing a stream clean up, bringing new partners to the effort and hosting workshops – see pages 2 and 3.

## Property Certification Requirements:

Activity / Type of Certification	Points
For each <i>home</i> certified, including townhomes and apartments	1
For each <i>common area</i> certified, including public parks, HOA common areas, businesses, places of worship, farms, universities and municipal buildings	3
For each <i>school</i> certified as an NWF Schoolyard Habitat - Pre-K - 12 or nature center	5

**VERIFICATION:** Homes that were certified more than 15 years prior to a community's registration date must be verified. Schools certified more than 5 years prior to a community's registration date must be verified.

Minimum Habitat Certification Points	Sliding Scale Based on Population Size
<b>20</b>	500 or Less
<b>40</b>	501-1,000
<b>100</b>	1,001-5000
<b>150</b>	5,001-10,000
<b>175</b>	10,001-15,000
<b>200</b>	15,001-20,000
<b>225</b>	20,001-25,000
<b>250</b>	25,001-50,000
<b>300</b>	50,001-100,000
<b>400</b>	100,001-300,000
<b>500</b>	300,001-500,000
<b>750</b>	500,001-1,000,000
<b>1000</b>	1,000,001 or More



## Education and Outreach Requirements:

Registration Goals – 40 Points Required	
Activity	Points
Name your NWF Community Wildlife Habitat project	5
Identify your Team Leader & Habitat Team Members (typically 3-7 total) & Register as NWF Volunteers	5
Set up system for tracking progress (journal, google doc, etc.)	5
Establish project goals & vision for one, three and five years with a budget	5
Submit your community summary for the NWF website	5
Complete the Community Assessment Form	5
Attend NWF Welcome Webinar for New Communities	5
Create plan for keeping all Habitat Team Members in regular communication	5
One member of your Habitat Team becomes an NWF Habitat Steward or Habitat Host Volunteer (not avail in all areas) (up to 5)	5
Send out a press release for about your community registration	5
Hold a call with NWF's state affiliate in you state if they are active in this program (NWF can facilitate)	5
Meet, call or otherwise connect with another Community Wildlife Habitat in your area (NWF can facilitate)	5
Obtain letter of support from community government officials (mayor, county commission, HOA president)	10
Pass a proclamation announcing your community's registration at your city council meeting	10
Plan & organize a kick-off celebration	10

Outreach Goals – 50 Points Required	
Activity	Points
Improve your community's weed ordinances or other public policies to make them more wildlife-friendly	10
Work with municipal or other local park agencies to convert parkland to wildlife-friendly landscapes	10
Provide Garden for Wildlife information at a booth or table at a community event (up to 3 events)	5
Coordinate a stream cleanup, tree planting, invasive species removal, native plant rescue, native plant sale, trail clean-up, family nature event or other restoration event (up to 10 events)	10
Work with local nurseries to label and/or provide native plants	10
Each Habitat Team Member that serves on a community board or council related to environmental issues (up to 3)	5
Each presentation to an organization not yet associated with your project (up to 5)	5
Other Community Project (please discuss with NWF staff)	TBD

<b>Education Goals – 40 Points Required</b>	
<b>Activity</b>	<b>Points</b>
Create an information kiosk or permanent display at a public place (rec center, library, school) where the community can learn about the project (up to 3 kiosks / displays)	10
Create an NWF Certified Wildlife Habitat project brochure or fact sheet specific to your community	5
Create a website or web page where community members can learn about your project	10
Create and maintain a Facebook page or group or other social media site for your project	10
Write a regular column in your community newsletter or newspaper paper to about your project	10
Secure a feature article in the local media about your project (up to 3 feature articles)	10
Secure a radio or TV interview or PSA on your project	10
Host a workshop to educate community members about wildlife gardening (up to 5 workshops)	5
Create & distribute a native plant list for your community	5
Hold a garden tour that features certified habitats (up to 3 garden tours)	10
Create a demonstration garden at a public site with educational signs (up to 3 demonstration sites)	10
Launch a campaign to educate the community about an iconic plant or animal species for your community (i.e. - Baltimore's focus on the Oriole)	10
Recruit another community to register as an NWF Community Wildlife Habitat (up to 3)	5
Other Education Project (please discuss with NWF staff)	TBD

<b>Administration Goals – 20 Points Required</b>	
<b>Activity</b>	<b>Points</b>
Maintain and submit to NWF your online or paper project notebook / log	5
Identify the individuals that will make up the post-certification Habitat Team (typically 3-7 people)	5
Donate 5 wildlife, garden or other project-related photos to NWF	5
Per new volunteer registered with volunteer team (up to 10)	3
Per partner organization affiliated with your project (up to 5)	5
Each grant application submitted to support project (up to 3)	10
Participate in an NWF Community Wildlife Habitat conference call (up to 4)	5





2020

# Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan





# ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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The Town of Hickory Creek provided ongoing support to the Dunaway Team throughout the Master Planning process. A special thanks to the following individuals who participated:

## TOWN COUNCIL

**LYNN CLARK**

*Mayor*

**TRACEE ELROD**

*Place 1*

**RICHARD DUPREE**

*Place 2*

**CHRIS GORDON**

*Place 3*

**PAUL KENNEY**

*Mayor Pro Tem*

**IAN THEODORE**

*Place 5*

## TOWN STAFF

**JOHN SMITH**

*Town Administrator*

**KRISTINA SMITH**

*Administrative Assistant*

**JEFFREY McSPEDDEN**

*Public Works Director*

## DUNAWAY TEAM

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*Project Director*

**ELIZABETH McILRATH, ASLA**

*Project Manager*

**KOURTNEY GOMEZ**

*Graphic Designer*

**ANDREA THOMAS**

*National Service Research*

## STEERING COMMITTEE

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**CALIN GIUROIU**

**JACK MILLER**

**JAMES SCHULTZ**

**JOHN GROSSKOPF**

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**SHARON STRATMAN**



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# INTRODUCTION

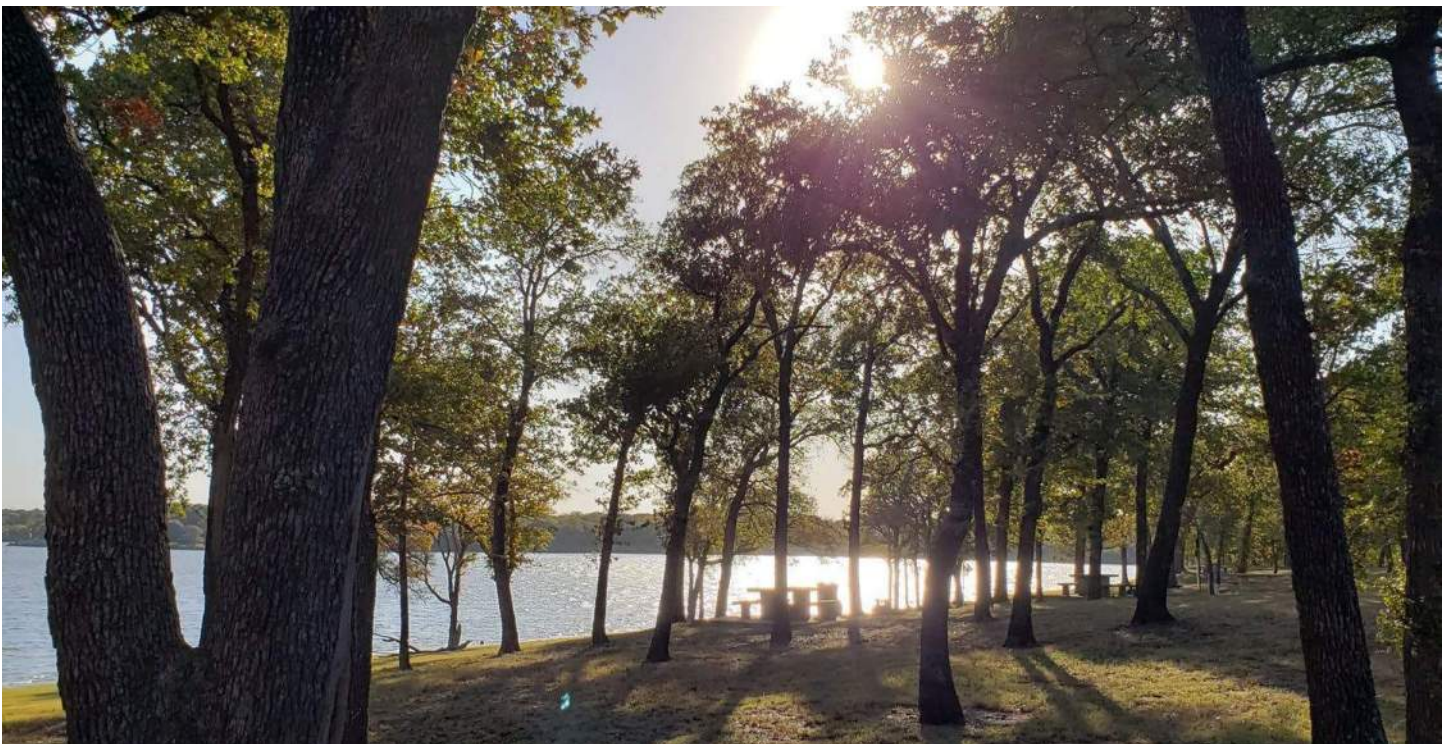


# INTRODUCTION

Hickory Creek is nestled along the north side of the Hickory Creek arm of Lewisville Lake, offering a beautiful setting for its residents and visitors. This lakefront setting includes a nice range of parks, nature trails, boat ramps, and scenic open spaces. For decades, the citizens of Hickory Creek have enjoyed a relaxed, small town atmosphere, as well as, the convenience of the thriving business district along I-35E.

The population of Hickory Creek is currently just under 4,600 residents. Citizens of all ages enjoy the year-round resources at the seven U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) parks on Lewisville Lake. These include: Arrowhead Park, Harbor Lane Park, Hickory Creek Park, Point Vista Park, Sycamore Bend Park, Oakland Park, and Westlake Park. Four of these parks are operated and maintained by Hickory Creek with a lease agreement between the Town and the USACE. These parks include Arrowhead Park, Harbor Lane Park, Sycamore Bend Park, and Point Vista Park. Other parks in Hickory Creek's system include Tanglewood Park & Town Hall Park (future).

As the community has grown and diversified, it has increased the need for Town leaders to plan for quality parks and recreational resources to serve all of Hickory Creek. To this end, the Town commissioned Dunaway Associates to prepare a Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan. The team conducted an interactive process that engaged Town staff, Town leaders, a specially appointed Steering Committee, and the citizens at large. The resulting Master Plan will serve as a strategic tool for fiscal planning, key partnerships, and park development across Hickory Creek's park system over the next five to ten years.







# METHODOLOGY



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Throughout the master planning process, the Dunaway team worked closely with Town staff, Town Council, and the Steering Committee who had input at several key meetings to help guide the process and gain consensus for the initial findings.

The Master Plan was prepared using a two-phase planning process. Phase I focused on the Inventory and Needs. Phase II involved recommendations, implementations & preparation of the Master Plan document. A detailed outline of the process is as follows:

## PHASE I - INVENTORY & NEEDS



### Task 1 - Data Collection & Base Mapping

The team prepared a base map from the GIS data provided by the Town. The base map illustrated information such as existing park sites, schools, Town facilities, drainage corridors, streets, etc.



### Task 2 - Inventory & Supply Analysis

The team was provided a current inventory of the entire park system. Team members and Town staff performed a tour of the existing parks and recreational facilities available through the Town. Each site was documented for its existing conditions and amenities.



### Task 3 - Population & Demographic Trends

The team obtained the latest updates of demographic and population data from Town staff and the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG). This included factors of population, race, housing, employment, income, and future growth.



### Task 4 - Standards Analysis

The team utilized some of the published recommendations by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), as well as local DFW guidelines, for evaluating standards for both park acreages and facilities.



### Task 5 - Public Input & Needs Assessment

With National Service Research leading this effort, a series of steps were utilized to determine the park and recreation needs of the community. This included two (2) visioning sessions with Hickory Creek citizens, and then an online survey through the Town's website. From the feedback, the team was able to quantify the specific needs of the citizens.



## PHASE II - MASTER PLAN



### Task 6 - Priority Rankings

The team developed a priority criteria system for ranking high, moderate, and low priority needs. From these criteria, a weighted priority ranking was established based upon input from the Citizen Survey, Steering Committee, Town staff, and Dunaway team.



### Task 7 - Action Plan

The team prepared specific recommendations in an Action Plan that outlines renovations and new development of parks and recreational facilities to meet future needs within the community.



### Task 8 - Implementation Plan

An Implementation Plan was developed for projected costs within the Action Plan. This included funding recommendations that could be utilized over the next 10 years, as well as ordinance recommendations pertaining to future development requirements.



### Task 9 - Preliminary Master Plan

The team prepared the Preliminary Park Master Plan document outlining the entire process, findings, and recommendations. This included preparing exhibits/maps for the items recommended with the Action Plan.



### Task 10 - Final Master Plan

The team prepared the Final Master Plan document. This task included final presentations to the Park Board and the Town Council.





# INVENTORY



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Utilizing information provided by Town staff, a complete inventory of existing parks, recreation facilities and open spaces that the Town owns or operates was compiled. From this inventory, Dunaway staff toured and photographed each park site throughout Hickory Creek. Acreage and amenity inventories for each of the Town-owned parks, as well as for the parks owned by the United States Army Corps of Engineers and leased by the Town, were provided to Dunaway.





# TOWN HALL PARK (FUTURE)



**LOCATION:**  
1705 Ronald Reagan Ave

**ACRES:**  
4.5

**CLASSIFICATION:**  
Community Park

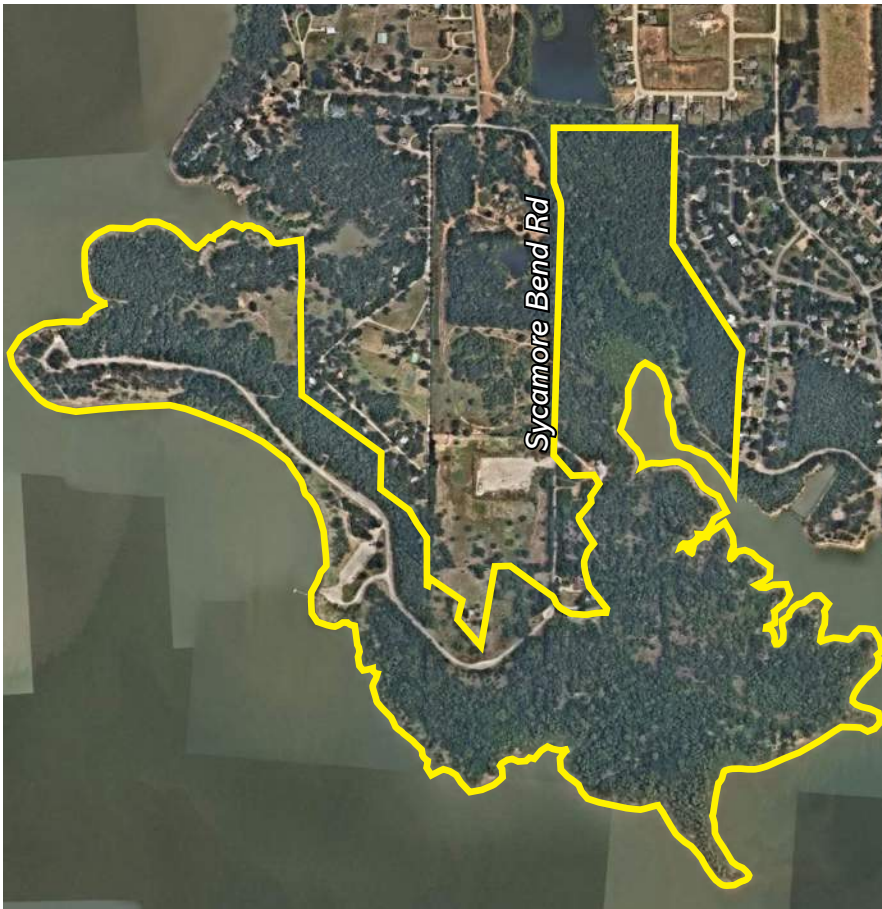
**AMENITIES:**

- Picnic Tables - 2
- Walking Trails - 1
- Multi-Purpose Dock - 1
- Veterans Memorial - 1





# SYCAMORE BEND PARK\*



## LOCATION:

1301 Sycamore Bend Rd

## ACRES:

157.38

## CLASSIFICATION:

Metropolitan Park

## AMENITIES:

- Grills - 25
- Pavilions - 1
- Picnic Tables - 29
- Fire Pit - 1
- Playgrounds - 1
- Restrooms - 2
- Trash Barrels - 30
- Walking Trail - 1
- Boat Ramps - 1
- Dock - 1
- Campsites - 15

\* This park is owned by the United States Army Corps of Engineers and leased by the Town.





## PRATT FARM (FUTURE)



**LOCATION:**  
Sycamore Bend Rd

**ACRES:**  
9.13

**CLASSIFICATION:**  
Neighborhood Park

**AMENITIES:**  
• Undeveloped





# HARBOR LANE PARK\*



**LOCATION:**  
1500 Highland Rd

**ACRES:**  
22.01

**CLASSIFICATION:**  
Community Park

**AMENITIES:**

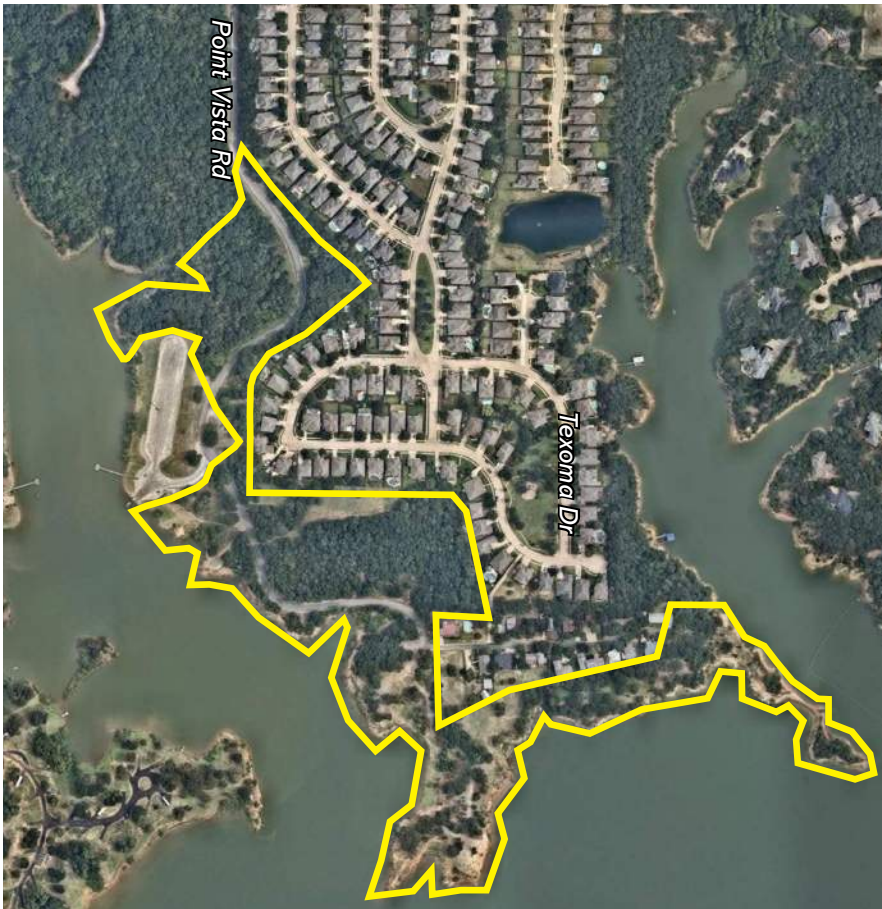
- Benches - 1
- Grills - 8
- Picnic Tables - 20
- Playgrounds - 1
- Restrooms - 1
- Trash Barrels - 11
- Bike Rack - 1
- Walking Trail - 1

\* This park is owned by the United States Army Corps of Engineers and leased by the Town.





# POINT VISTA PARK (POINT)\*



**LOCATION:**  
1301 Point Vista

**ACRES:**  
26.78

**CLASSIFICATION:**  
Community Park

**AMENITIES:**

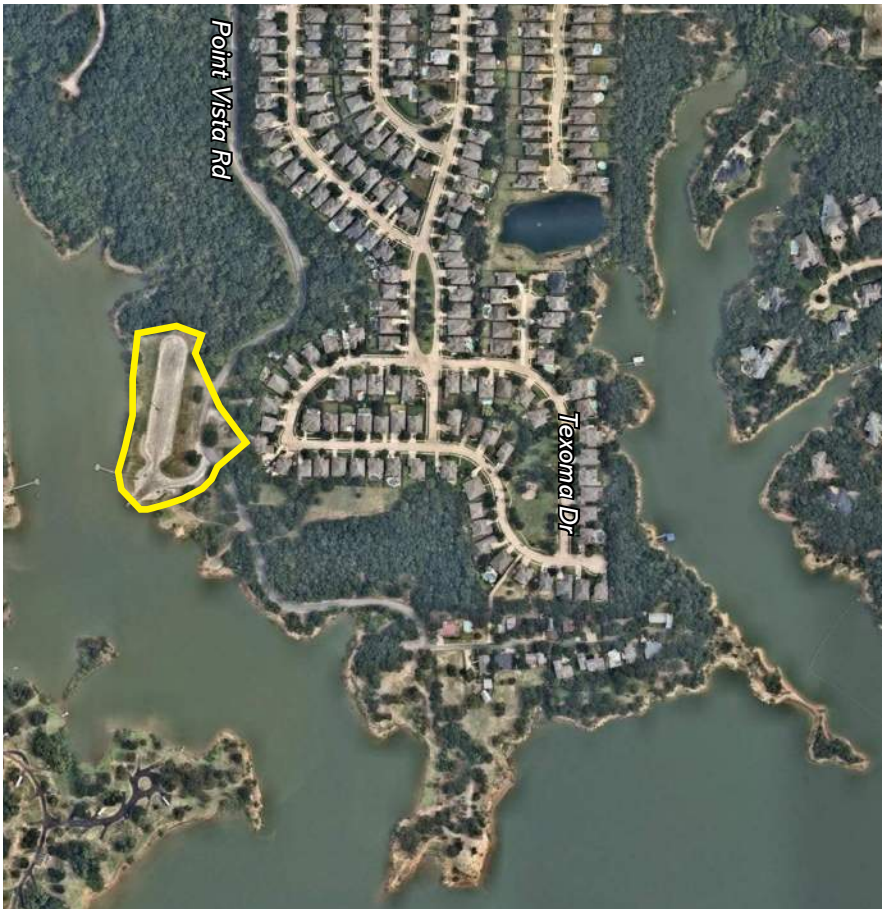
- Grills - 4
- Picnic Tables - 7
- Trash Barrels - 8
- Walking Trail - 1

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# POINT VISTA PARK (RAMP)\*



**LOCATION:**  
1301 Point Vista

**ACRES:**  
3.6

**CLASSIFICATION:**  
Metropolitan Park

**AMENITIES:**

- Grills - 1
- Picnic Tables - 5
- Playgrounds - 1
- Restrooms - 1
- Trash Barrels- 10
- Boat Ramps - 1

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# ARROWHEAD PARK\*



## LOCATION:

1 Kelton Ave

## ACRES:

52.42

## CLASSIFICATION:

Metropolitan Park

## AMENITIES:

### Leg 1

- Grills - 3
- Picnic Tables - 3
- Restrooms - 1
- Trash Barrels - 15
- Walking Trail - 1
- Boat Ramp - 1

### Leg 2

- Benches - 6
- Grills - 12
- Pavilions - 1
- Picnic Tables - 12
- Playgrounds - 1
- Restrooms - 1
- Trash Barrels - 14
- Walking Trail - 1
- Boat Ramp - 1

\* This park is owned by the United States Army Corps of Engineers and leased by the Town.





# TANGLEWOOD PARK



**LOCATION:**  
661 Main St

**ACRES:**  
0.7

**CLASSIFICATION:**  
Neighborhood Park

**AMENITIES:**

- Benches - 3
- Picnic Tables - 3
- Playgrounds - 1
- Trash Barrels - 2
- Basketball Courts - 1
- Bike Rack - 1



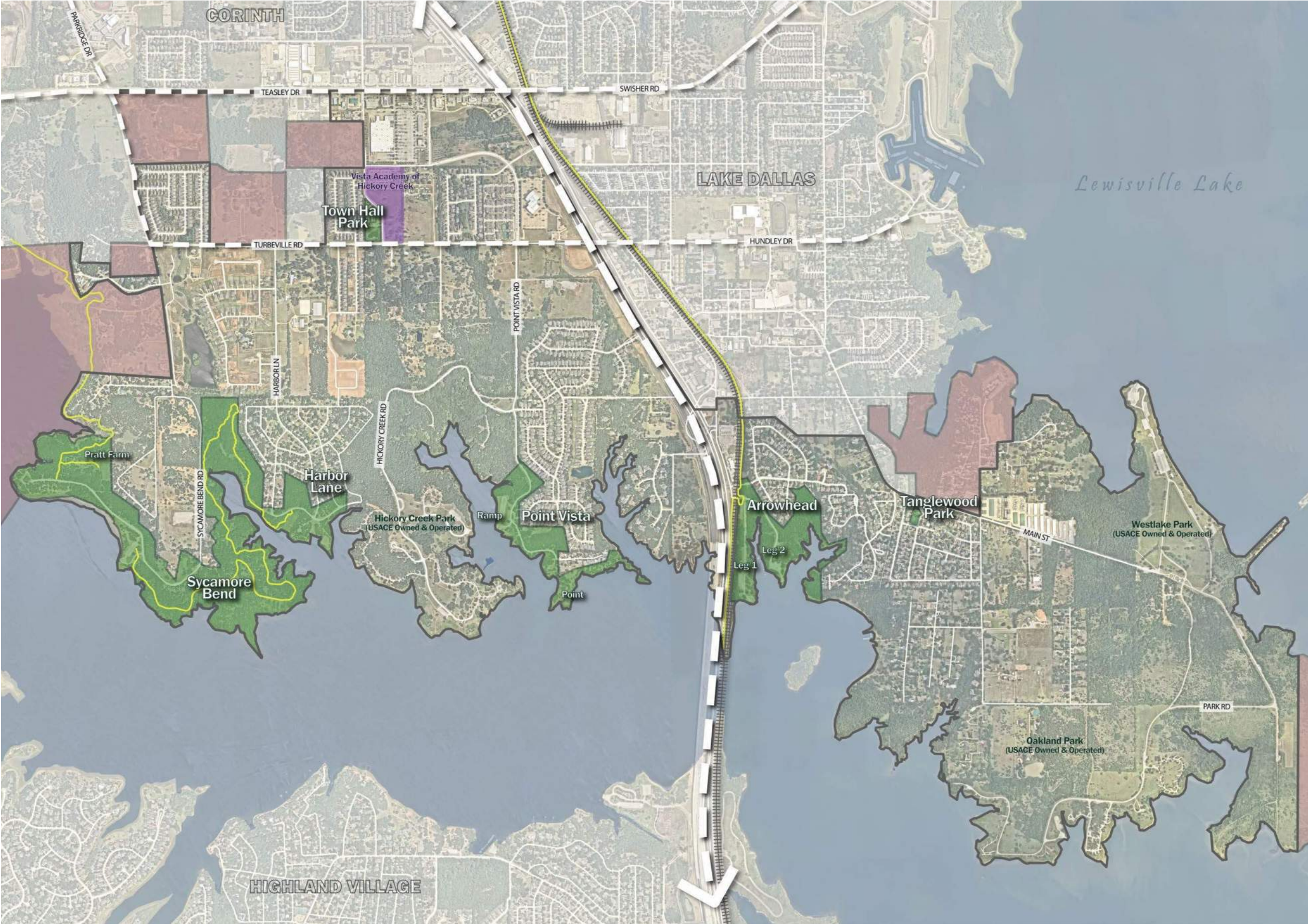


PARK INVENTORY









Park Name	Park Address	Classification	Acres	Benches	Drinking Fountains	Gazebos	Grills	Fire Pit	Pavilions	Picnic Shelters	Picnic Tables	Playgrounds	Restrooms	Trash Barrels	Baseball Fields	Bleachers	Basketball Courts	Concession Stand	Football Field	Players' Benches	Soccer Fields	Softball Fields	Tennis Courts	Bike Rack	Volleyball Courts	Walking Trail	Boat Ramps	Dock	Campsites	Veteran's Memorial
Town Hall Park	1705 Ronald Reagan Ave	Community	4.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1
Sycamore Bend Park	1301 Sycamore Bend Rd	Metropolitan	157.38	-	-	-	25	1	1	-	29	1	2	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	15	-
Pratt Farm	Sycamore Bend Rd	Neighborhood	9.13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Harbor Lane Park	1500 Highland Rd	Community	22.01	1	-	-	8	-	-	-	20	1	1	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Point Vista Park (Point)	1301 Point Vista	Community	26.78	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	7	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Point Vista Park (Ramp)	1301 Point Vista	Metropolitan	3.6	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	5	1	1	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Arrowhead Park	1 Kelton Ave	Metropolitan	52.42																											
Leg 1				-	-	-	3	-	-	-	3	-	1	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
Leg 2				6	-	-	12	-	1	-	12	1	1	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
Tanglewood Park	661 Main St	Neighborhood	0.7	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total:			276.52	10			53	1	2		81	5	6	90			1							2		6	4	2	15	1







**Existing Parks**

-  Parks
-  Schools
-  ETJ
-  Hike & Bike Trails
-  Flowage Easement
-  FEMA
-  Major Roadways
-  Railroads







# POPULATION & DEMOGRAPHICS



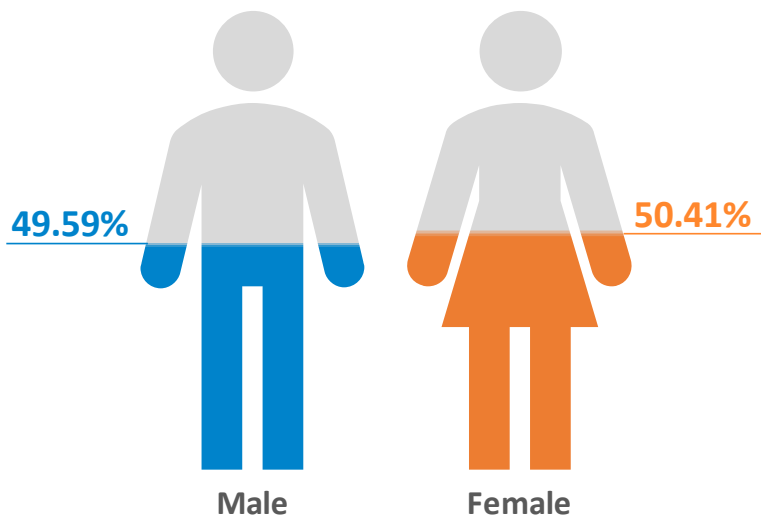
# POPULATION & DEMOGRAPHICS

The population of a community can be evaluated in a variety of ways for purposes of park planning, both physically and financially. The offering of public facilities is based in part on the consumption characteristics of the residents. This is true in planning for recreational needs within Hickory Creek. The location, size, and amenities of parks should be based on the density and distribution of the population as recipients of these services. In order to assist in forecasting the future park and recreation needs throughout Hickory Creek, this section provides information on some particular characteristics over the past five to seven years. Data was obtained through The Retail Coach, LLC that was prepared for Hickory Creek's Economic Development Corporation.

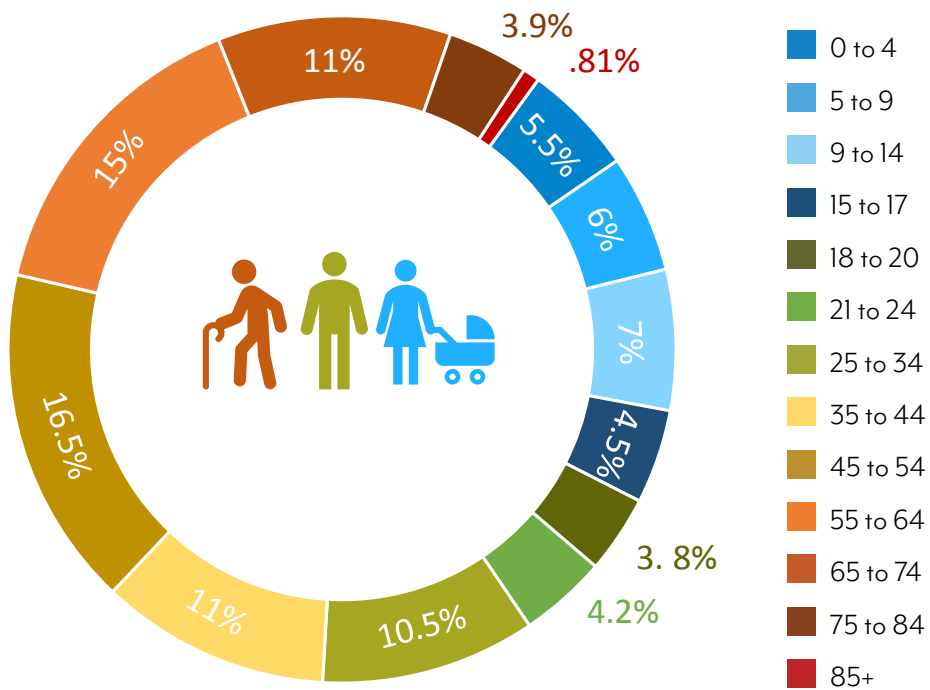
HICKORY CREEK POPULATION DATA			
2000	2010	2019	Projected 2024
2,663	3,247	4,560	5,000*

Hickory Creek experienced a 40.4% population growth from 2010 to 2019. The estimated population growth from 2019 to 2024 is approximately 9.65%.  
 Source: *The Retail Coach, LLC; ESRI*  
 \*Approximate Build-Out Population

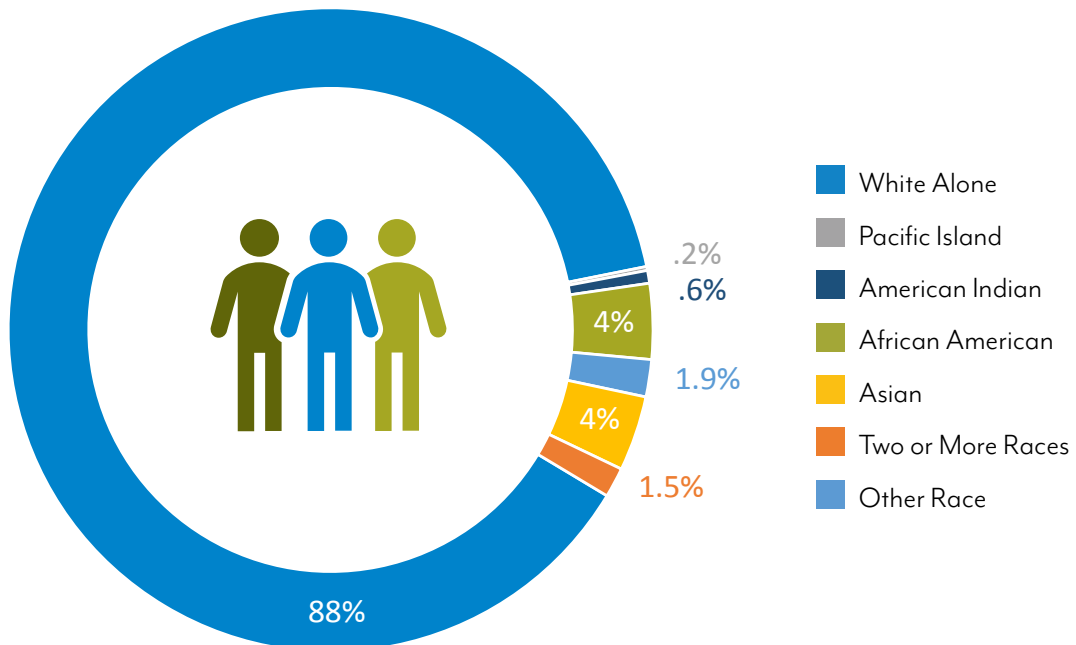
## 2019 POPULATION BY GENDER



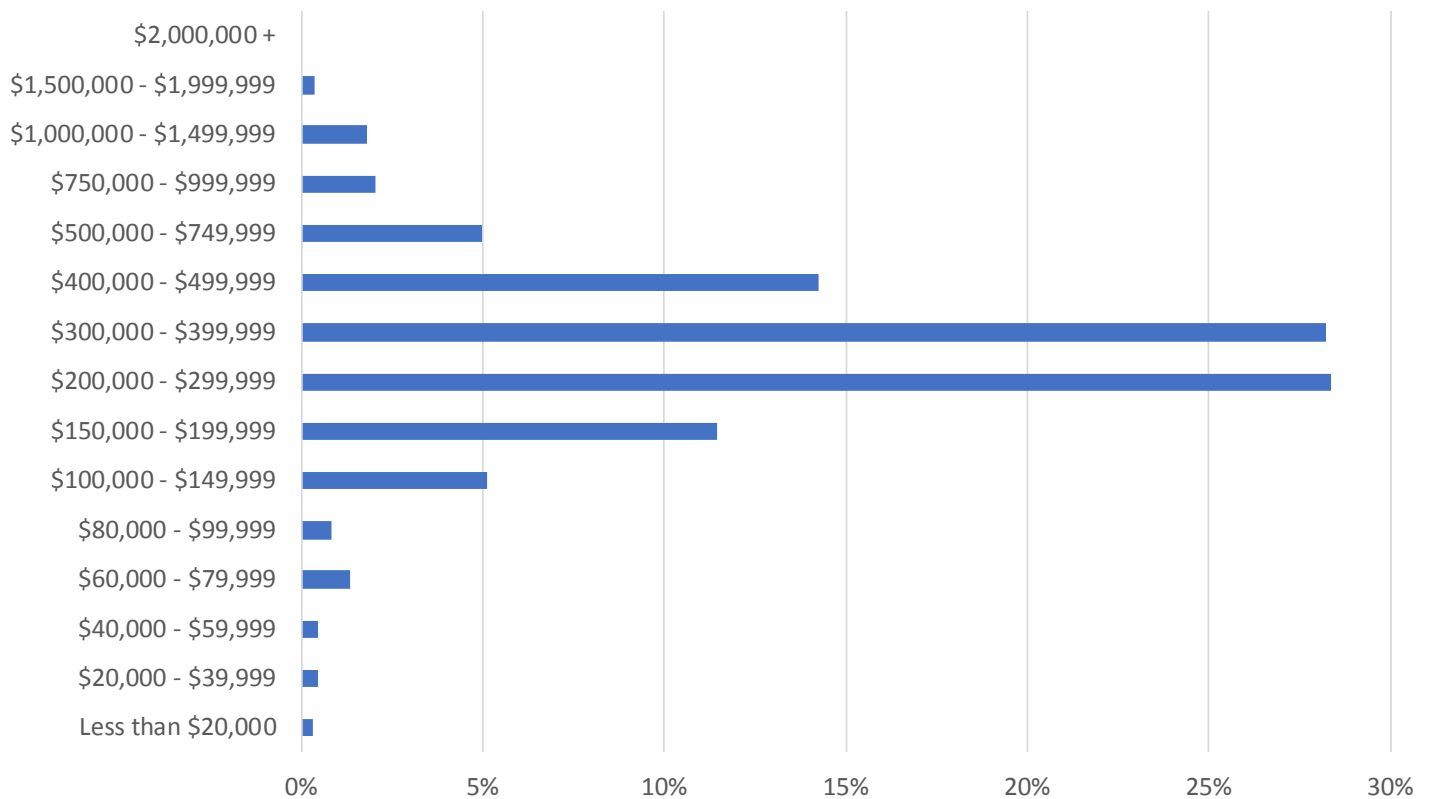
## 2019 POPULATION BY AGE



## 2019 POPULATION BY SINGLE-CLASSIFICATION RACE



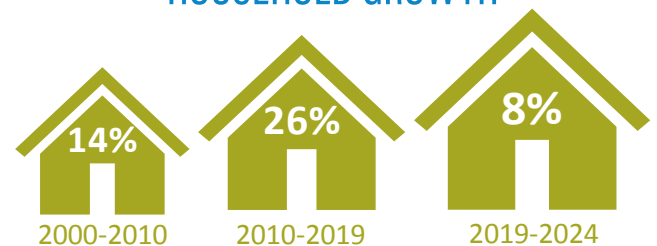
## OWNER-OCCUPIED HOUSING UNITS (HOME VALUE) - 2019



### HOUSEHOLD TYPE

Family Households	1,174	80.63%
Non-Family Households	282	19.37%

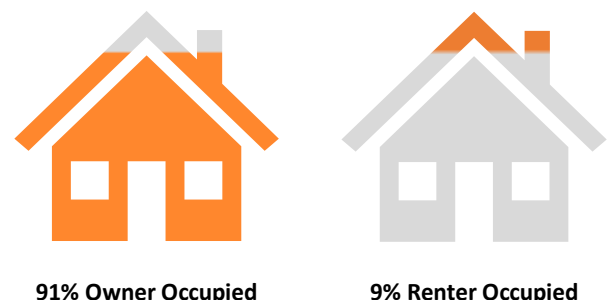
### HOUSEHOLD GROWTH



### HOUSEHOLD SUMMARY

	# of Households	# of families
2000	1,014	781
2010	1,155	928
2019	1,456	1,174
2024	1,577	1,273

### OCCUPIED HOUSING BY TENURE





## EMPLOYED POPULATION BY OCCUPATION

	# of Households	# of families
Architect/Engineer	68	3.01%
Arts/Entertainment	19	0.84%
Building Grounds Maintenance	58	2.56%
Business/Financial Operations	219	9.68%
Community/Social Services	6	0.27%
Computer/Mathematical	74	3.27%
Construction/Extraction	76	3.36%
Education/Training/Library	177	7.82%
Farming/Fishing/Forestry	0	0.00%
Food Prep/Serving	78	3.45%
Health Practitioner/Technician	88	3.89%
Healthcare Support	25	1.11%
Maintenance Repair	74	3.27%
Legal	24	1.06%
Life/Physical/Social Science	17	0.75%
Management	433	19.13%
Office/Admin. Support	306	13.52%
Production	51	2.25%
Protective Services	17	0.75%
Sales/Related	284	12.55%
Personal Care/Services	60	2.65%
Transportation/Moving	109	4.82%



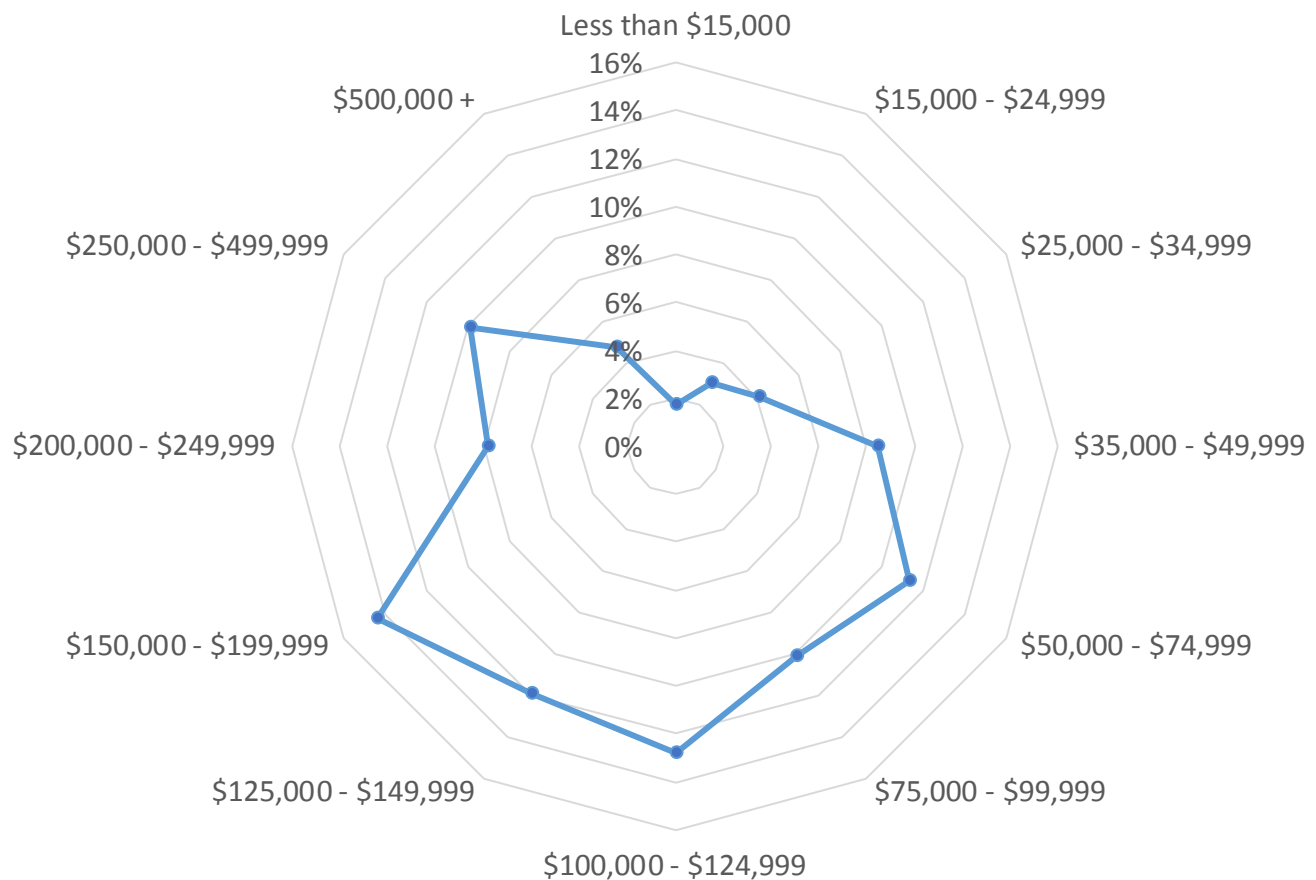
## FAMILIES POVERTY STATUS

	#	%
Above Poverty	1,164	99.15%
Above Poverty with Children	544	46.34%
Below Poverty	10	0.85%
Below Poverty with Children	1	0.09%

## EMPLOYMENT STATUS

	#	%
Civilian Labor Force, Employed	2,263	69.16%
Civilian Labor Force, Unemployed	122	3.73%
Armed Forces	0	0.00%
Not in Labor Force	887	27.11%

## HOUSEHOLD INCOME







# STANDARDS



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When the Dunaway team evaluated the current park system in Hickory Creek, it was important to understand the range of parks, recreation facilities, and other open space areas utilized for recreational activities. A key part of this evaluation was comparing the needs of the present population as well as considering future growth expected. This Master Plan includes a selection of traditional standards established by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA). The NRPA standards have been the most widely accepted and used standards for decades. This section includes a comparison of Hickory Creek's current park system to NRPA standards based upon park acreage per population, as well as recreational facilities per population.

## Criteria for Standards

The most common standards for park planning, as recognized by park and recreational professionals, are the published standards by the NRPA. As acknowledged in their publications, the NRPA recognizes the importance of establishing and using park and recreation standards as:

- ☒ A national expression of minimum acceptable facilities for the citizens of urban and rural communities
- ☒ A guideline to determine land requirements for various kinds of park and recreation areas and facilities
- ☒ A basis for relating recreation needs to spatial analysis within a community wide system of parks and open spaces
- ☒ One of the major structuring elements that can be used to guide and assist regional development
- ☒ A means to justify the need for parks and open space within the overall land use pattern of a region or community

The purpose of the NRPA standards is to present park and recreation space guidelines that are applicable for planning, acquisition, and development of parks systems. These standards should be viewed as a guide by those municipalities that use them. The standards are to be coupled with the expertise of park planners when evaluating a community to which they are applied. Variations in the standards can also be established to reflect the unique social and geographical conditions of the community.





## Park Classification System

As the team evaluated Hickory Creek's park system, they slightly revised the classification of each park by type, size, service area, and acres per 1,000 population. Below are descriptions of the six (6) NRPA park classifications used for this Master Plan. Page 30 of this document summarizes this information in a table of NRPA Guidelines.

### Neighborhood Park

Neighborhood parks serve a variety of age groups within a limited area or "neighborhood". They range in size from 1-15 acres and generally serve residents within a  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile radius. The neighborhood park is an area for active recreation such as field games, court games, playgrounds, picnicking, etc. Facilities are generally unlighted and there is limited parking, if any, on site. NRPA standards for these parks are 1 to 2 acres per 1,000 population.

### Community Park

Community parks are larger than neighborhood parks and serve several neighborhoods. They range in size from 16-99 acres and serve the entire Town. The community park may be a natural area or developed area for a variety of outdoor recreation such as ballfields, playgrounds, boating, fishing, swimming, camping, picnicking, and trail systems. NRPA standards for these parks are 5 to 8 acres per 1,000 population.

### Regional Park

Regional parks are very large multi-use parks that serve several communities within a particular region. They range in size from 500 acres and above and serve those areas within a one hour driving distance. The regional park provides both active and passive recreation, with a wide selection of facilities for all age groups. They may also include areas of nature preservation for activities such as sight-seeing, nature study area, wildlife habitat, and conservation areas. NRPA standards for regional parks vary due to the specific site and natural resources.

### Special Use Areas

Special use areas and parks are for specialized or single purpose recreation activities. NRPA defines these areas such as historical areas, nature centers, marinas, zoos, conservatories, arboretums, arenas, amphitheaters, plazas or community squares. There are no specific standards for size or acreage since each community will vary.

### Linear Park

Linear parks are built connections or natural corridors that link parks together. Typically, the linear park is developed for one or more modes of recreational travel such as walking, jogging, biking, in-line skating, hiking, horseback riding, and canoeing. NRPA does not have any specific standards for linear parks other than they should be sufficient to protect the natural resources and provide maximum usage.

### Metropolitan Park

Metropolitan parks are large park facilities that serve several communities. They range in size from 100-499 acres and serve the entire City. The metropolitan park is a natural area or developed area for a variety of outdoor recreation such as ballfields, playgrounds, boating, fishing, swimming, camping, picnicking, and trail systems. NRPA standards for these parks are 5 to 10 acres per 1,000 population.



## NRPA PARK ACREAGE GUIDELINES

Type	Size/Acres	Service Area*	Acres per 1,000 Population
<b>Neighborhood Park</b>	1–15 Acres	One Neighborhood 1/4 to 1/2 Mile Radius	1.0–2.0 ac/1,000
<b>Community Park</b>	16–99 Acres	One Neighborhood 2 Mile Radius	5.0–8.0 ac/1,000
<b>Metropolitan Park</b>	100–499 Acres	Several Communities Within 1 Hour Driving	5.0–10.0 ac/1,000
<b>Regional Park</b>	500+	Several Communities Within 1 Hour Driving	Variable
<b>Special Use Areas</b>	Varies Depending on Desired Size	No Applicable Standard	Variable
<b>Linear Park</b>	Sufficient Width to Protect the Resource and Provide Maximum Usage	No Applicable Standard	Variable
<b>Total</b>			<b>11.25–20.5 Ac/1,000 Population</b>

\* The graphic on page 34 illustrates the service areas of each park facility in Hickory Creek's existing system.





## NRPA PARK ACREAGE GUIDELINES COMPARED TO CURRENT POPULATION

Classification	Existing Acreage	NRPA Guidelines for 2019 Population of 4,560	Difference Between NRPA Guidelines and Existing Hickory Creek Parks
		Range	Range
Neighborhood Parks	9.83	4.56 - 9.12	5.27 - 0.71
Community Parks	53.29	22.8 - 36.48	30.49 - 16.81
Metropolitan Parks	213.4	22.8 - 45.6	190.6 - 167.8
Regional	0	n/a	n/a
Special Use Park	0	n/a	n/a
Linear Parks	0	n/a	n/a
<b>Total:</b>	<b>276.52</b>	<b>50.16 - 91.2</b>	<b>226.36 - 185.32</b>

For the current population of approximately 4,560 the Town of Hickory Creek is above standards for providing neighborhood, community and metropolitan parks.

## NRPA PARK ACREAGE GUIDELINES COMPARED TO FUTURE POPULATION (2024)

Classification	Existing Acreage	NRPA Guidelines for 2024 Population of 5,000	Difference Between NRPA Guidelines and Existing Hickory Creek Parks
		Range	Range
Neighborhood Parks	9.83	5 - 10	4.83 - (0.17)
Community Parks	53.29	25 - 40	28.29 - 13.29
Metropolitan Parks	213.4	25 - 50	188.4 - 163.4
Regional	0	n/a	n/a
Special Use Park	0	n/a	n/a
Linear Parks	0	n/a	n/a
<b>Total:</b>	<b>276.52</b>	<b>55 - 100</b>	<b>221.52 - 176.52</b>

For the projected population in 2024, the Town of Hickory Creek is expected to continue to remain at or above standards for providing neighborhood, community and metropolitan parks to citizens.



## FACILITY DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS APPLIED TO HICKORY CREEK

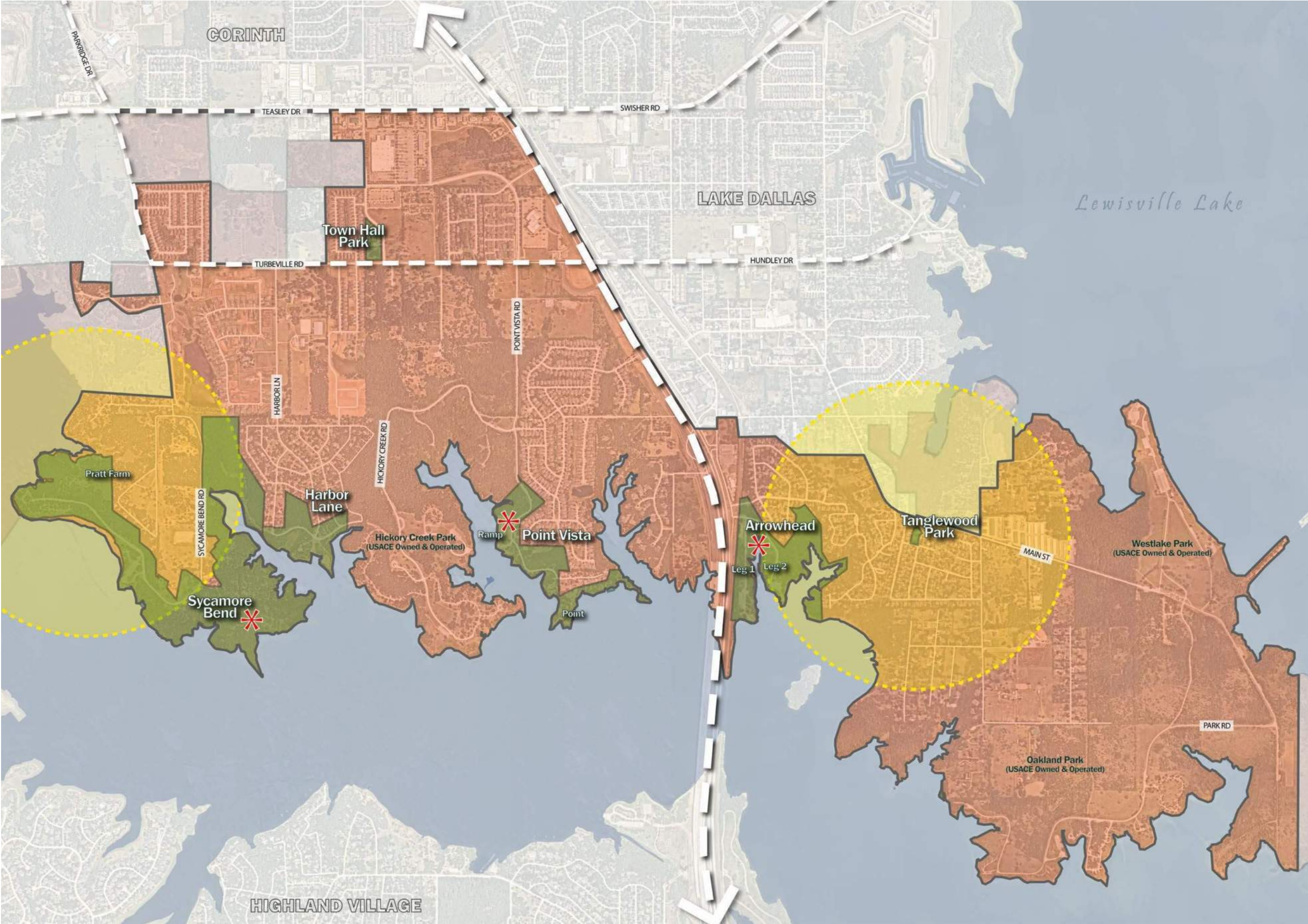
Activity/Facility	Recommended Guidelines: Facilities Per Population	Existing Facilities in Hickory Creek	Recommended Guidelines: Facilities for 2019 Population of 4,560	Recommended Guidelines: Facilities for Projected 2024 Population of 5,000
Baseball Fields	1 per 4,000 <sup>1</sup>	0	1	1
Basketball Courts (outdoor)	1 per 5,000 <sup>2</sup>	1	1	1
Football Fields	1 per 20,000 <sup>2</sup>	0	0-1	0-1
Pavilion/Picnic Shelter	1 per 3,000 <sup>1</sup>	2	1	1
Picnic Tables	1 table per 300 <sup>2</sup>	81	15	17
Playgrounds	1 area per 1,000 <sup>2</sup>	5	4	5
Recreation Center	1 SF per person <sup>1</sup>	0	4,560 SF	5,000 SF
Soccer Fields (league)	1 per 4,000 <sup>1</sup>	0	1	1
Softball Fields	1 per 4,000 <sup>1</sup>	0	1	1
Swimming Pool (outdoor)	1 per 20,000 <sup>2</sup>	0	0-1	0-1
Tennis Courts	1 court per 2,000 <sup>2</sup>	0	2	2-3
Trails	1 mile per 4,000 <sup>2</sup>	4.08	4.5	5
Volleyball Courts (outdoor)	1 per 5,000 <sup>2</sup>	0	1	1

<sup>1</sup> Dunaway recommendation for high use by Youth Sports.






<sup>2</sup> Facility guidelines from NRPA guidelines as well as DFW area standards.







**Park Service Areas**

-  Parks
-  ETJ
-  Neighborhood Park Service Area (1/2 Mile Radius)
-  Community Park Service Area (2 Mile Radius)
-  Metropolitan Park







# NEEDS ASSESSMENT



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The Needs Assessment is one of the most significant steps in the development of a Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan. The findings of the Needs Assessment provides a foundation for the direction of the Master Plan and guidance for developing priorities for park facilities and future parks & open space development. National Service Research (NSR), a full-service research firm, employed a multi-step approach in garnering opinions of the citizens of Hickory Creek. The Needs Assessment process was undertaken to meet the following objectives:

- ✓ Identify priorities of Hickory Creek Citizens for parks, facilities and program needs
- ✓ Measure the interest in various activities, events and programs
- ✓ Identify support for funding options for future development
- ✓ Evaluate profiles of survey respondents by key demographic variables

## Methodology

In order to complete this study, two visioning sessions were conducted. The first was held session April 10, 2019 and the second on April 24, 2019. These sessions were used to gauge and understand the needs of citizens regarding parks in Hickory Creek. The results of these discussions assisted in the design of the survey instrument document that the residents had the option of completing (See Appendix). The survey was mailed and made available online through the Town's website and various social media sites. Survey responses were received from May 17, 2019 through June 31, 2019. A total of 289 survey responses were received (87 via mail and 202 online). The margin of error of this sample size at a 95% confidence level is plus or minus 5.2%. The Town has a population of approximately 4,600 and within the sampled 1,600 citizens, 289 completed the survey indicating a strong survey response rate of 18%.

The following pages include the results of the citizen survey. The appendix on page 56 lists, in detail, comments received at each visioning session.

### What do you like about the current park system? Respondents of Hickory Creek currently replied:

- *Clean & Safe*
- *Well Maintained*
- *Fishing Piers*
- *Boat Launches & Boating*
- *Trails*
- *Places to Camp, Hike & Enjoy Nature*

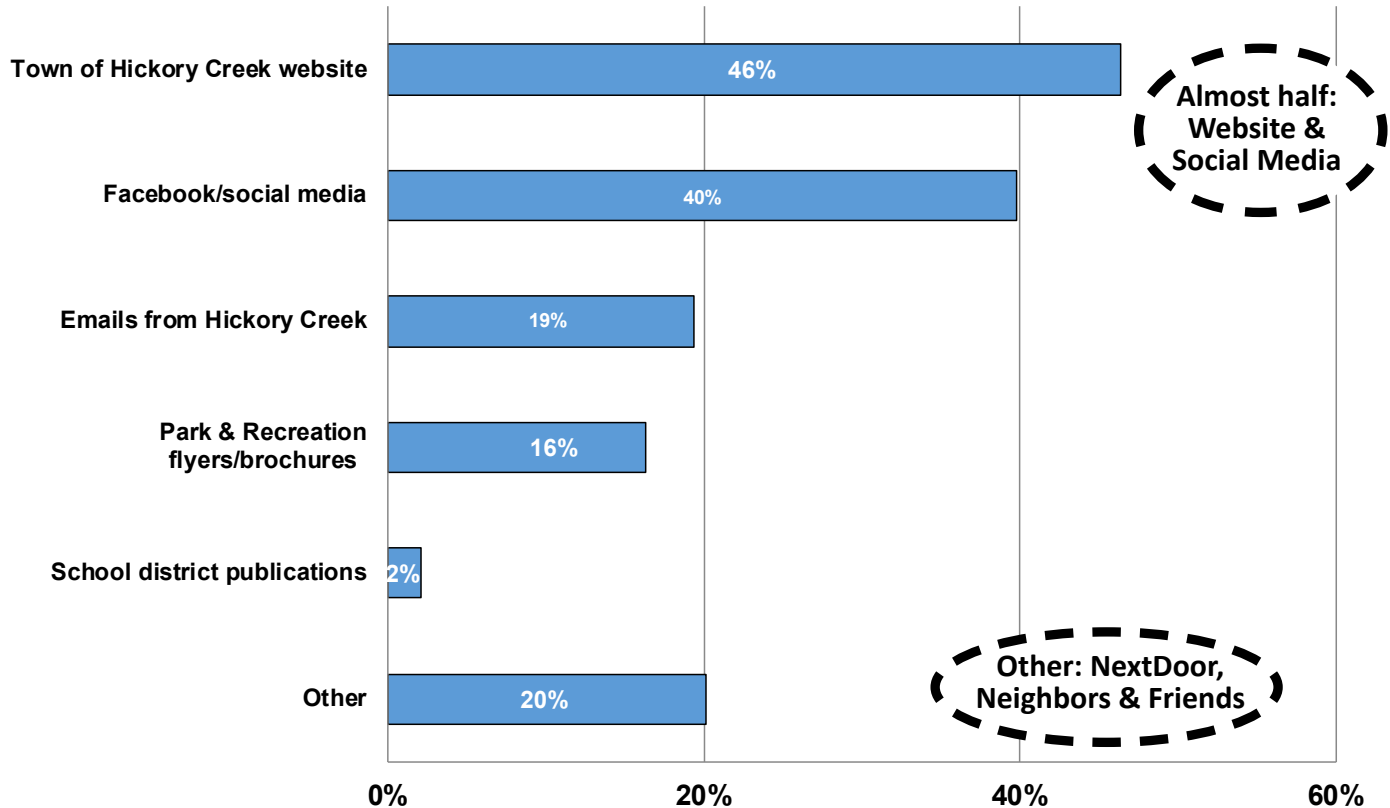


*Citizens at Visioning Session*



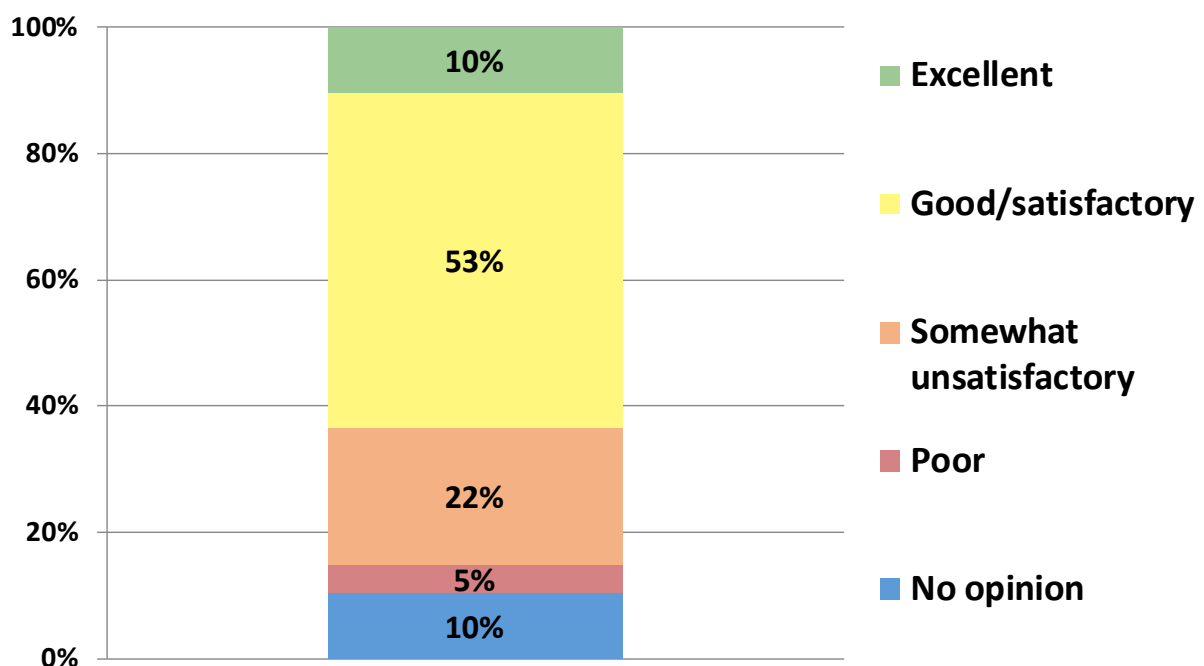
## AWARENESS OF PARKS, RECREATION FACILITIES & PROGRAMS

How do you find out about parks, recreation facilities and recreation programs in Hickory Creek?



## EXISTING PARKS RATING - QUALITY

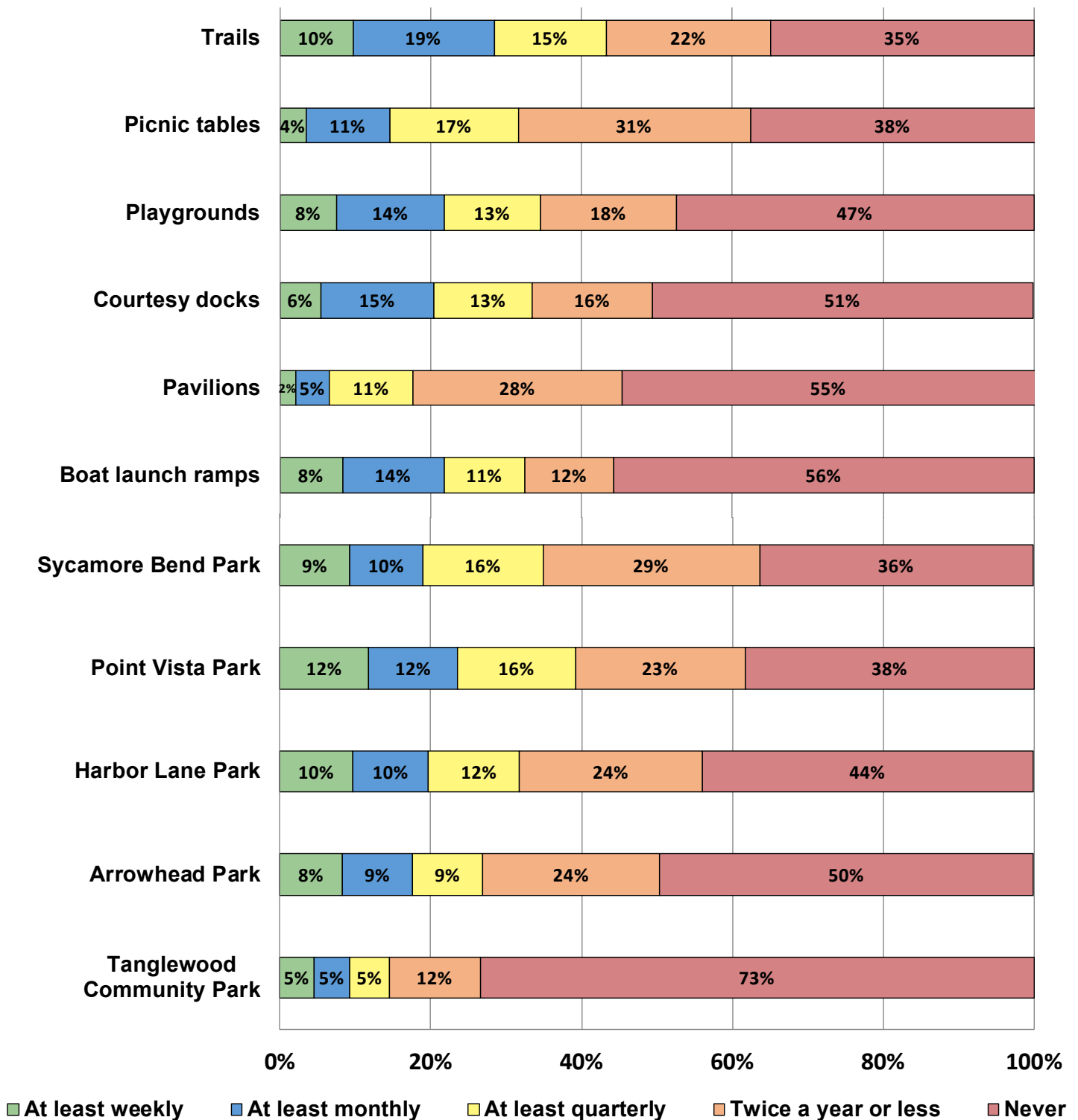
More than half of respondents rated the quality of parks and recreational opportunities as excellent or good, and one-fourth rated it as somewhat unsatisfactory or poor.





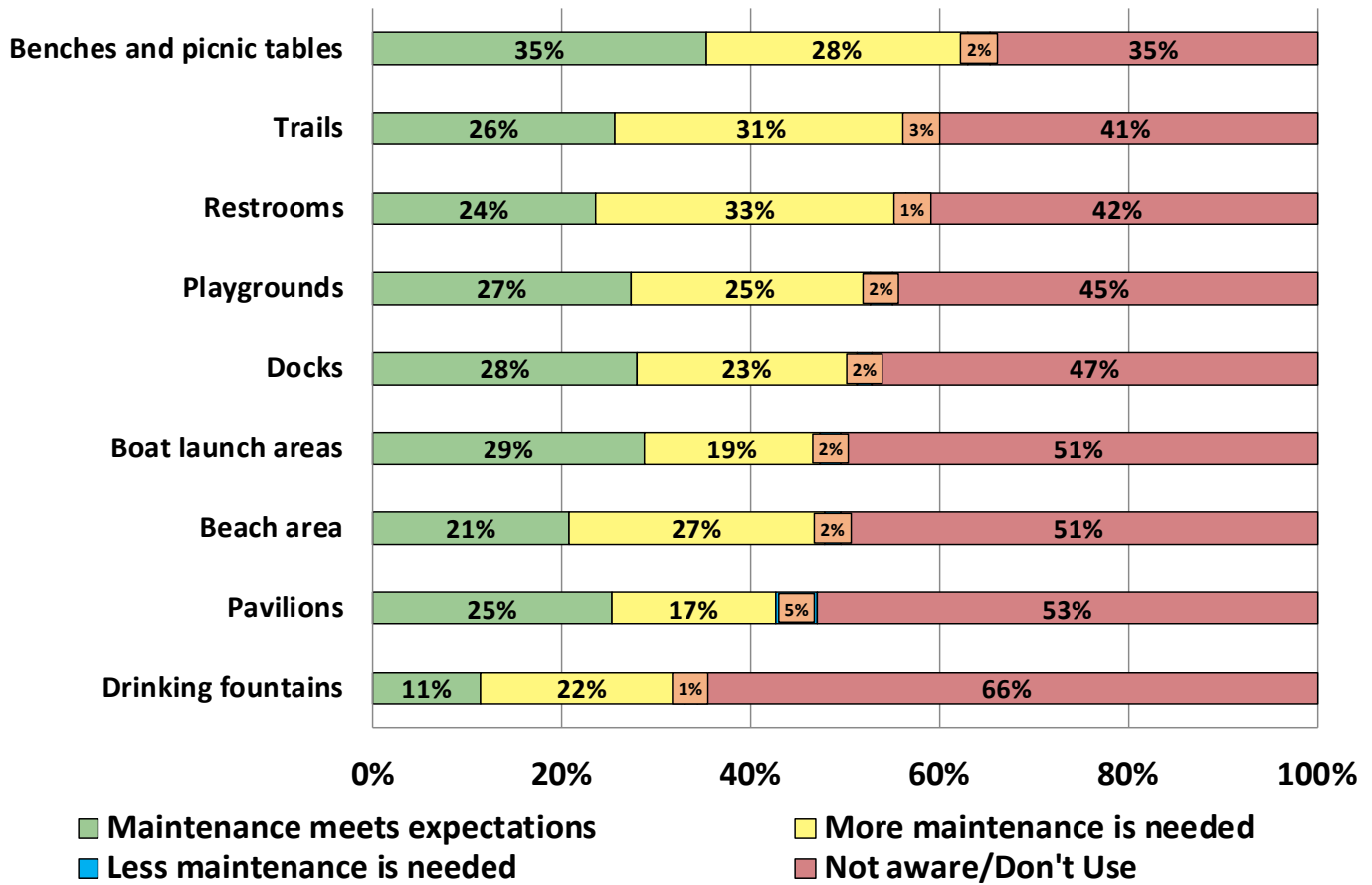
## FREQUENCY OF PARK USE BY PARK

65% of respondents have used the trails, 62% have used picnic tables, and 53% have used the playgrounds within the past year in Hickory Creek.



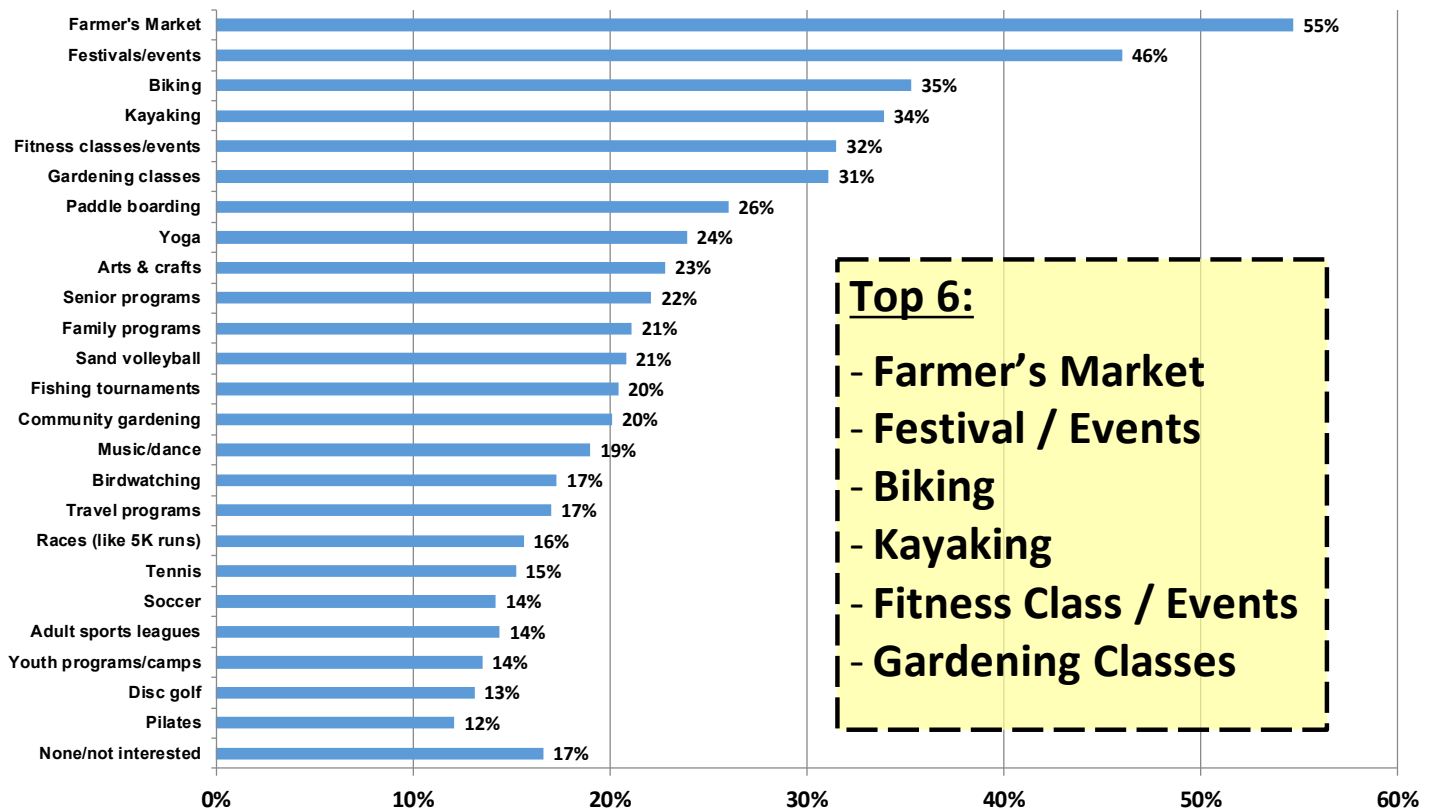
## MAINTENANCE RATING

The chart below depicts how residents rated the current maintenance of each facility.

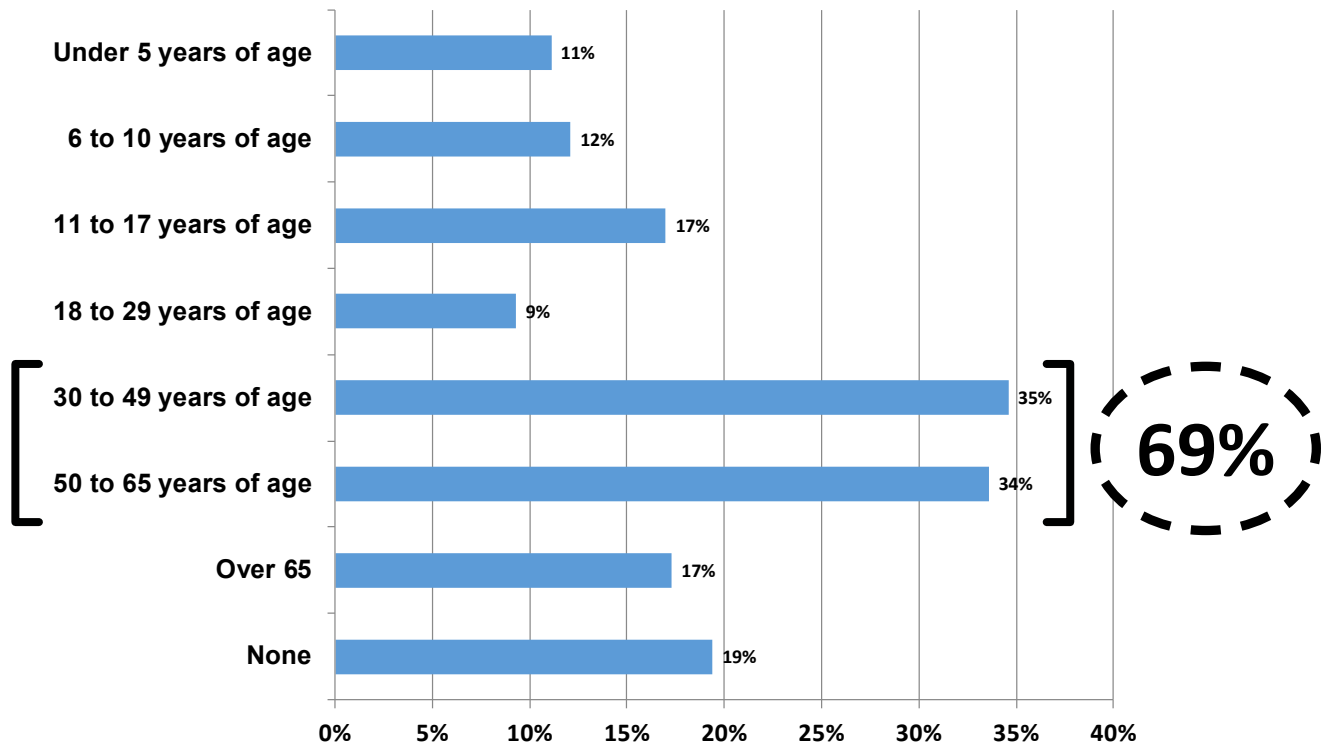




## PROGRAMS OF INTEREST



## AGE GROUPS - RECREATION PROGRAM INTEREST



## MOST NEEDED FACILITIES RANKINGS

PARK FACILITIES	RANKING (% of respondents ranking each facility 1-4)					Mean Score*	RANK**
	4-Definitely Needed	3	2	1 - Not needed	No Opinion		
Trails along the lake	41%	11%	8%	21%	19%	2.88	1
Trails connected throughout the town	37%	14%	13%	17%	18%	2.88	2
Trails connected to neighboring communities	34%	15%	14%	18%	19%	2.80	3
Dog park	26%	16%	15%	17%	25%	2.69	4
Expanded amenities along the lake	30%	18%	15%	15%	23%	2.81	5
Sandy beach area	28%	15%	16%	19%	22%	2.67	6
Fishing pier	25%	16%	17%	17%	25%	2.64	7
Playgrounds	18%	24%	20%	14%	24%	2.82	8
Additional lighting in parks	22%	19%	18%	14%	27%	2.67	9
Open spaces/natural areas	20%	19%	19%	16%	26%	2.57	10
Spray ground/water splash pad	27%	13%	19%	15%	26%	2.70	11
Multi-sports fields for practice/play	20%	19%	17%	18%	26%	2.57	12
Sand volleyball	18	14	20	18	30	2.47	13
Food truck park area	24	16	16	19	26	2.58	14
Tennis courts	18	14	19	22	26	2.39	15
Amphitheater	14	12	13	27	34	2.21	16
Community garden	20	14	20	22	24	2.43	17
Wildlife, plant & bird education stations	16	19	21	19	25	2.42	18
Mountain bike/BMX trails	19	14	19	19	29	2.48	19
Exercise stations along trails	18	13	20	20	29	2.41	20
RV park and camping areas	19	15	15	22	29	2.43	21
Picnic areas with grilling stations	15	18	26	15	25	2.43	22
Benches/seating areas	16	23	27	11	25	2.57	23
Disc golf	16	13	18	21	32	2.35	24
Additional large pavilions	15	15	19	18	33	2.38	25

\*Mean Score: all respondents rank every facility as 4-definitely needed, 3, 2, 1-not needed. The mean score column represents a calculation of the 4, 3, 2, 1 scores.

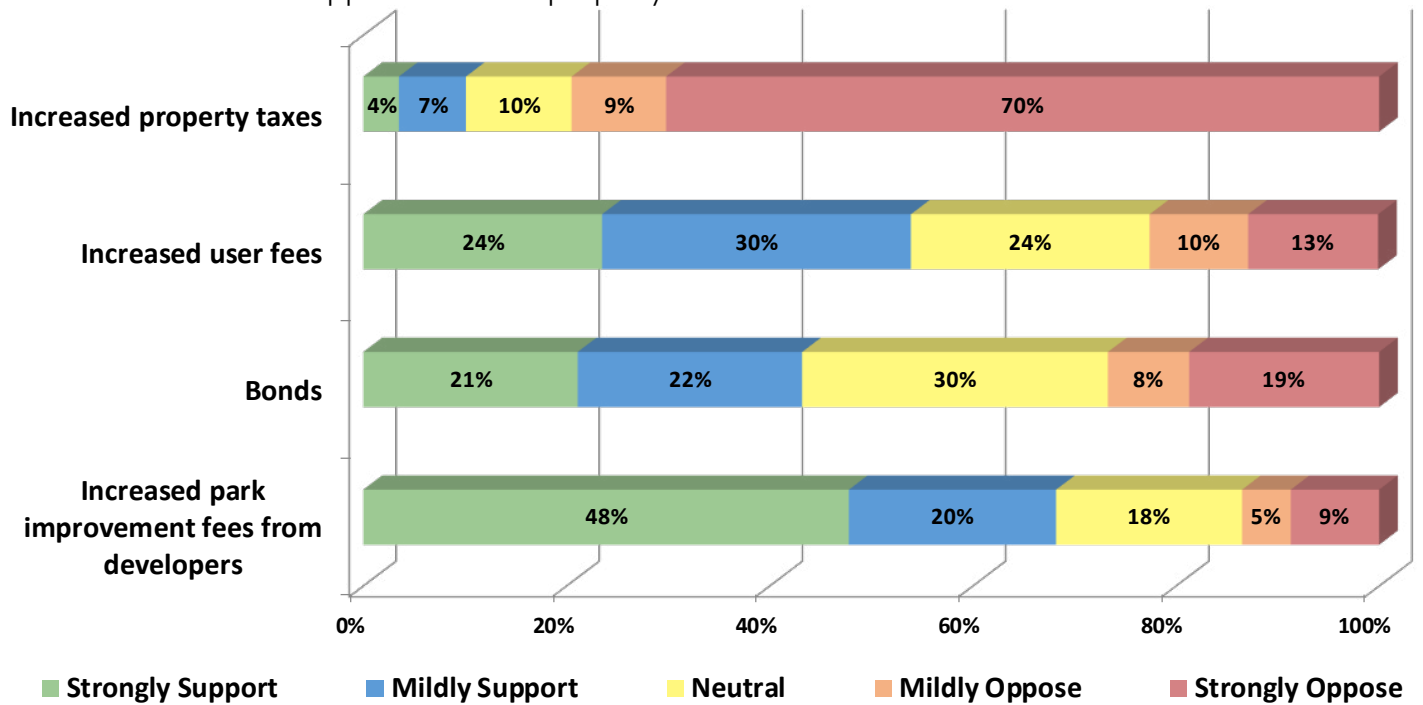
\*\*Rank: all respondents are also asked to rank their top three facilities only. The rank column represents these totals in order of importance according to respondents.





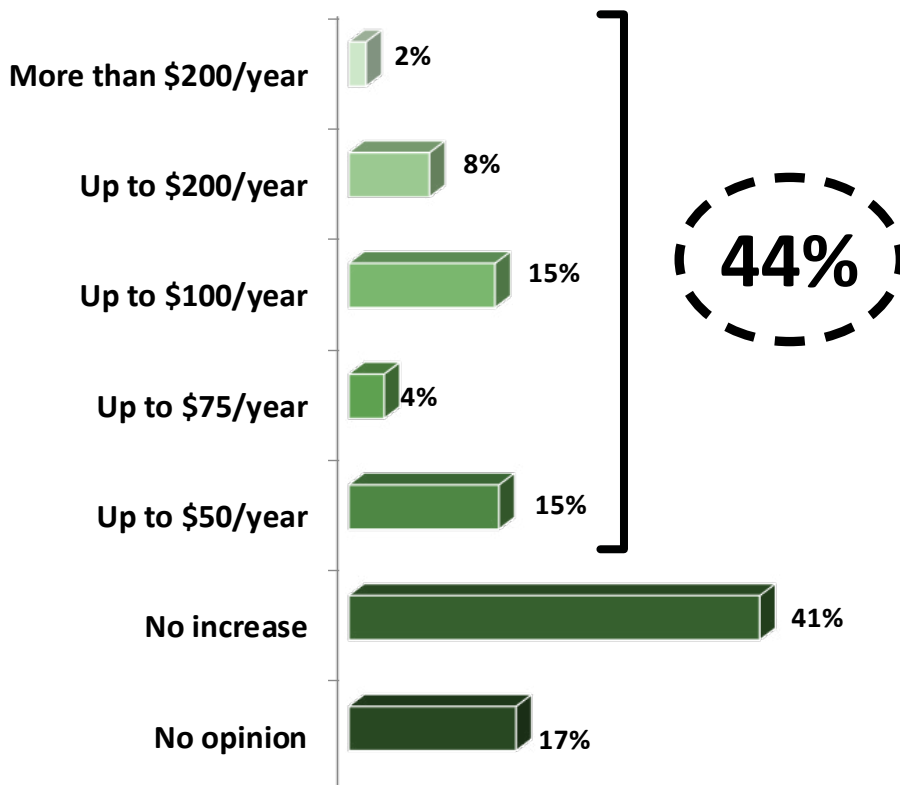
## SUPPORT FOR FUNDING OPTIONS

Respondents reported strong support for increased park improvement fees from developers and increased user fees. 70% did not support increased property taxes.

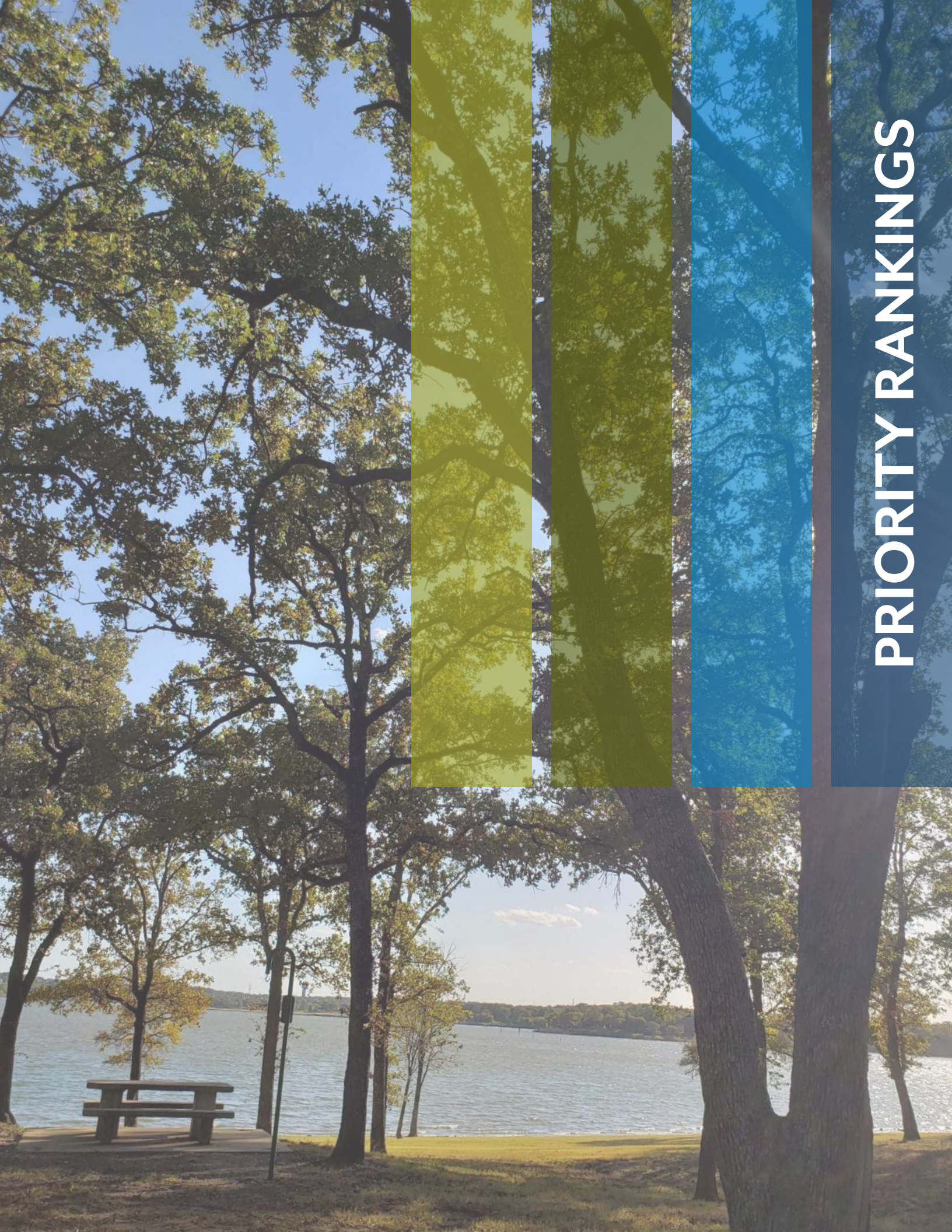


## PROPERTY TAXES SUPPORT

44% of respondents are willing to pay some increase in property taxes to fund park improvement priorities.







# PRIORITY RANKINGS



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Establishing clear priorities for a park system is essential for guiding any successful Master Plan. This allows Town leaders to understand the importance of annual budgeting and strategies that will meet the needs throughout the Hickory Creek community. The priorities in this section are a result of incorporating the inventory of the current resources and the citizen survey results into a ranking of priority needs.

## Process for Rankings

At the completion of the citizen survey during the needs assessment phase, a method of ranking priorities was implemented. This method included using specific input from the citizen survey results, Town Staff, Steering Committee, and the Dunaway team. The following weighted values were assigned to each:

### Citizen Input / Survey Results (60%)

The specific needs and requests by the Hickory Creek community as tabulated from the citizen survey

### Steering Committee (20%)

The specific parks and recreation needs in Hickory Creek as identified by the appointed Steering Committee members

### Town Staff (10%)

The specific needs as identified by Town staff based upon recreation programs and demands upon resources

### Dunaway Team (10%)

The specific recommendations by the Dunaway planning team based upon assessing the unique needs of the Hickory Creek community, current park resources, demographic profile, and future demands for recreational resources

The results of the priority ranking were tabulated into three categories: High Priority, Moderate Priority, and Low Priority. The table on the following page provides a summary of the priorities for Hickory Creek.



## Priority Rankings

Rank	Action Plan	High	Moderate	Low
1	Trails Along the Lake	♦		
2	Trails Connected Through the Town	♦		
3	Expand Amenities Along the Lake	♦		
4	Trails Connected to Neighboring Communities	♦		
5	Benches / Seating Areas	♦		
6	Fishing Pier	♦		
7	Playgrounds for Children	♦		
8	Additional Lighting in Parks	♦		
9	Wildlife, Plant & Bird Education Stations Along Trail	♦		
10	Sandy Beach Area		♦	
11	Picnic Areas with Grilling Stations		♦	
12	Spraygrounds		♦	
13	Open Spaces / Natural Areas		♦	
14	Sand Volleyball		♦	
15	Dog Park		♦	
16	Disc Golf		♦	
17	Mountain Bike / BMX Trails		♦	
18	Community Garden			♦
19	Exercise Stations Along Trails			♦
20	Additional Large Pavilions			♦
21	RV Park and Camping Areas			♦
22	Multipurpose Sports Fields For Practice and Play			♦
23	Food Truck Park Area			♦
24	Tennis Courts			♦
25	Amphitheater			♦







# IMPLEMENTATION



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The Town of Hickory Creek has enjoyed long-term agreements with the US Army Corps of Engineers that has allowed large acreages of beautiful lakefront property to be made accessible for recreation, which in-turn benefits the overall quality of life the Town can offer to its residents and visitors. Town leaders and staff are committed to maintaining this high standard including improving and maximizing park offerings that address current user demands and planning for balanced growth of new amenities as their community expands. This section of the master plan serves as a guide for implementation of identified priorities with recommended strategies for augmenting Town dollars to include supplemental funding sources appropriate to potential projects. These priorities are listed on pages 50, 51 & 52 in order of final ranking with budget ranges, possible park locations, and potential funding sources identified.

## Park Dedication Ordinance Recommendations

To meet needs identified for a growing park system, there are various methods for obtaining additional park land in the appropriate category. This includes land (or fees) donated by developers within the requirements of a park dedication ordinance. As part of this master plan, the Dunaway team reviewed the Town's current park dedication ordinance and provided recommendations for revising the ordinance to Town staff.

## Funding Sources

One of the biggest challenges facing Town leaders in implementing a park master plan will be prioritizing new capital dollars that will provide for needed park renovations, expansions, and new amenities. To achieve this, Town leaders will need to outline an annual strategy for funding capital improvements across the entire park system. To add to the Town's available financial resources, Hickory Creek has an opportunity to pursue a wide range of other sources that would help fund the various capital improvements prioritized in this plan. Some of the funding sources described on the following pages can be part of an Implementation Plan by Town leaders.





## Funding Sources

### Advertising

This funding source comes from the sale of advertising on park and recreation related items such as the city's program guide, on scoreboards, and other visible products or services.

### Corporate Sponsorships

This funding source comes from corporations that invest in the development or enhancement of new or existing facilities. Sponsorships are also successfully used for special programs and events.

### Fees / Charges

This funding source comes from fees for use of a facility or participation in a city sponsored recreational program.

### Foundations / Gifts

This funding source comes from tax-exempt organizations who give donations for specific facilities, activities, or programs. These may include capital campaigns, fundraisers, endowments, sales of items, etc.

### Friends Associations

This funding source comes from friends group that raise money typically for a single focus priority. This may include a park facility or program that will better the community they live in.

### General Fund

This funding source is the primary means in providing for annual capital programs, improvements, and infrastructure upgrades.

### General Obligation Bonds

This funding source comes from bond programs approved by the citizens for capital improvements within the parks system.

### Grants - TPWD Outdoor Program

This funding source comes from grants for the acquisition and development of outdoor recreational facilities.

### Grants - TPWD Recreational Trails Program

This funding source comes from grants for the development of new trails or trail extensions.

### Grants - Transportation Enhancement (TCOG / TXDOT)

This funding source comes from grants for the development of new trails or trail extensions.

### Hotel / Motel Funds

This funding source comes from taxes accrued for local hotels and motels in Hickory Creek.



### Interlocal Agreements

This funding source comes from contractual agreements with other local units of government for the joint-use of indoor or outdoor recreational facilities.

### Irrevocable Trust

This funding source comes from individuals who leave a portion of their wealth for a trust fund. The fund grows over a period of time and is available for the city to use a portion of interest to support specific park facilities as designated by the trustee.

### Naming Rights

This funding source comes from leasing or selling naming rights for new indoor facilities or signature parks.

### Park Dedication Fee

This funding source comes from private developers who give land for public parks. This may include land along drainage corridors that can be developed for greenbelts and trails.

### Park Improvement Fees

This funding source comes from fees assessed for the development of residential properties with the proceeds to be used for parks and recreation purposes.

### Partnerships

This funding source comes from public/public, public/private, and public/not-for-profit partnerships.

### Permits (Special Use Permits)

This funding source comes from allowing other parties to use specific park property that involves financial gain. The city either receives a set amount of money or a percentage of the gross from the service that is being provided.

### Private Donations

This funding source comes from private party contributions including funds, equipment, art, and in-kind services.

### Reservations

This funding source comes from revenue generated from reservations of parks and facilities. The reservation rates are fixed and apply to group shelters, meeting rooms, and sports fields.

### Revenue Bonds

This funding source comes from bonds used for capital projects that will generate revenue for debt services where fees can be set aside to support repayment of the bond.





**Sales / 4B Tax (1/2 Cent)**

This funding source comes from a voter approved sales tax that goes toward parks and recreational improvements.

**Special Fundraisers**

This funding source comes from annual fundraising efforts to help toward specific programs and capital projects.

**Volunteerism / In-Kind Donations**

This funding source provides indirect revenue support when groups or individuals donate time to help construct specific park improvements (signs, playgrounds, nature trails, etc.)



HIGH PRIORITY ITEMS

			HICKORY CREEK PARKS								FUNDING SOURCES																							
			Town Hall Park	Sycamore Bend Park	Pratt Farm	Harbor Lane Park	Point Vista Park (Point)	Point Vista Park (Ramp)	Arrowhead Park Leg 1	Arrowhead Park Leg 2	Tanglewood Park	Advertising	Corporate Sponsorships	Fee / Charges	Foundations / Gifts	Friends Associations	General Fund	General Obligation Bonds	Grants - TPWD Outdoor Program	Grants - TPWD Recreational Trails Program	Grants - Transportation Enhancement	Hotel / Motel Funds	Interlocal Agreements	Irrevocable Trust	Naming Rights	Park Dedication Fee	Park Improvement Fees	Partnerships	Permits (Special Use Permits)	Private Donations	Reservations	Revenue Bonds	Sales / 4B Tax (1/2 Cent)	Special Fundraisers
Rank	Action Plan Item	Budget																																
1	Trails Along the Lake	\$350,000 - \$500,000 per mile (soft surface)		◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆			●		●	●	✓	●	●	✓	●	●	✓			●	●	●		●		●	●	●
2	Trails Connected Through the Town	\$750,000 - \$1,000,000 per mile (concrete)	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆		●		●	●	✓	✓		✓	●	●				●	●	●		●		●	●	●
3	Expand Amenities Along the Lake	Varies		◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆			●	●	●	●	✓	●				●		●		●	●	●		●		●	●	✓
4	Trails Connected to Neighboring Communities	\$350,000 - \$500,000 per mile (soft surface) \$750,000 - \$1,000,000 per mile (concrete)		◆									●		●	●	✓	●		●	●	✓			●	●	✓		●		●	●	●	
5	Benches / Seating Areas	\$1,500 - \$2,500 each	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		●	●		✓	●	✓	●	●						●	●	●		✓		●	●	●	
6	Fishing Pier	\$400,000 range	◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆			●		●		✓	✓	●			●			●	✓	●		●		●	●	●	
7	Playgrounds for Children	\$250,000 range		◆	◆	◆		◆		◆	◆	●	✓		✓	●	✓	●	●			●		●	●	●		●		●		●	●	
8	Additional Lighting in Parks	\$5,000 - \$7,500 per pole pedestrian (+/- \$6,000 solar lighting)	◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆					●		✓	✓				●				●	✓			●		●	●	
9	Wildlife, Plant & Bird Education Stations Along Trail	\$500 per sign	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		●	✓		●	●	●	●		●					●	●	✓		●		●	●	●	✓

✓ = Top recommended funding source options for this priority item.





MODERATE PRIORITY ITEMS

			HICKORY CREEK PARKS								FUNDING SOURCES																								
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Rank	Action Plan Item	Budget																																	
10	Sandy Beach Area	Varies		◆			◆						●	✓			✓	●				●				●	✓			●	●	●	●	●	
11	Picnic Areas with Grilling Stations	\$3,000 - \$5,000 each		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆			●		✓	●	✓	●	●			●			●	●			●		●	●	●	
12	Spraygrounds	\$250,000 - \$750,000 range									◆		●	●		●		●	●			●		●	●	●	●	●		✓		●	●	●	
13	Open Spaces / Natural Areas	Varies		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆					●		✓	✓														●	●		
14	Sand Volleyball	\$15,000 - \$20,000 range			◆						◆		●	✓	●	●	✓	●	●			●				●	●	✓			●	●	●	●	
15	Dog Park	\$750,000 - \$1,250,000 range			◆								●	✓	●	●	✓	✓	●			●		●	●	●	●			●		●	●	●	
16	Disc Golf	\$20,000 - \$30,000									◆			●		✓	●	●				●				●	●	✓		●		●	●	●	✓
17	Mountain Bike / BMX	\$400,000 - \$500,000 range		◆									●	✓	●		✓	●				●			●	●	✓	●	●			●	●		

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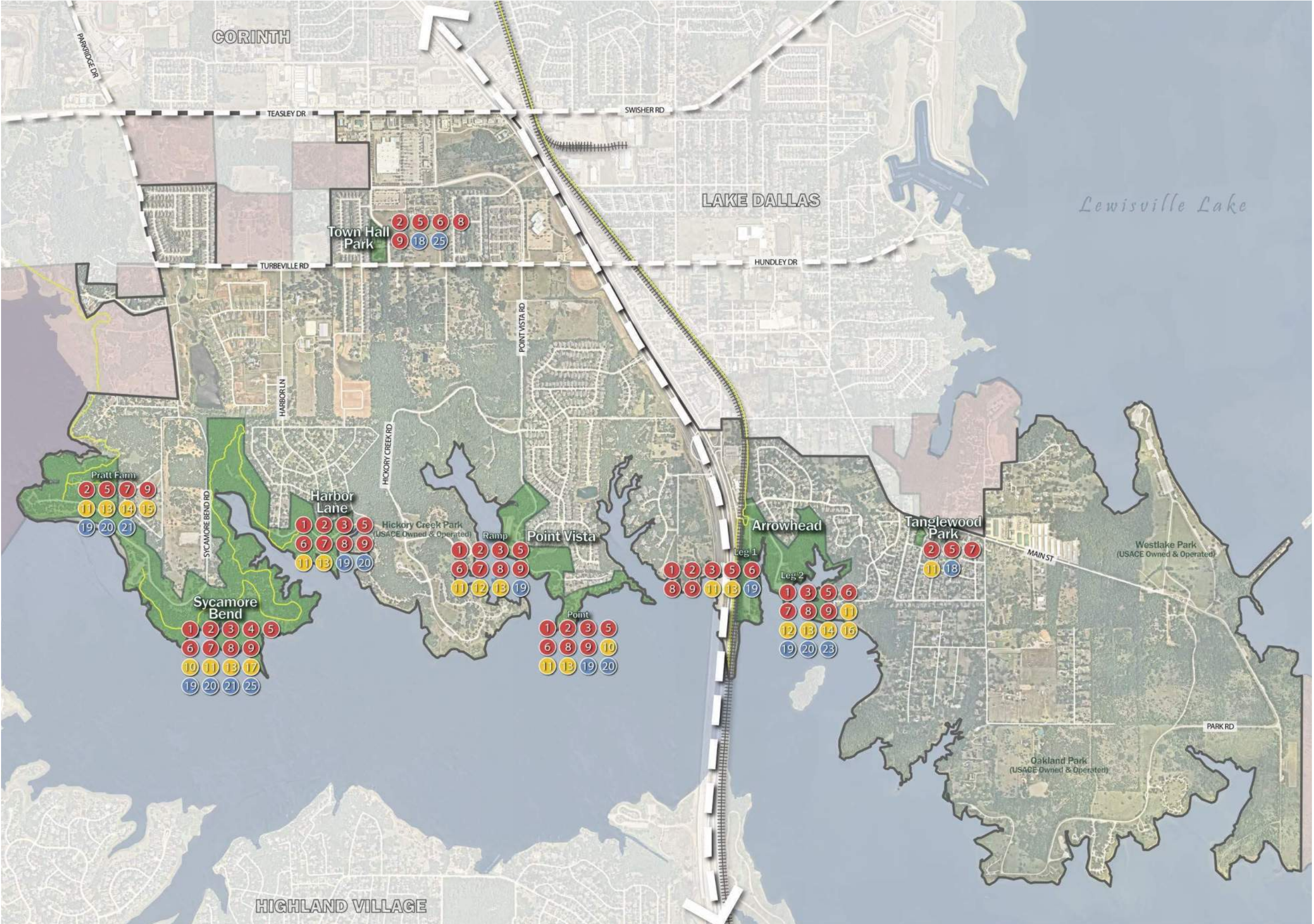
LOW PRIORITY ITEMS

RankAction Plan ItemBudget			HICKORY CREEK PARKS								FUNDING SOURCES																							
			Town Hall Park	Sycamore Bend Park	Pratt Farm	Harbor Lane Park	Point Vista Park (Point)	Point Vista Park (Ramp)	Arrowhead Park Leg 1	Arrowhead Park Leg 2	Tanglewood Park	Advertising	Corporate Sponsorships	Fee / Charges	Foundations / Gifts	Friends Associations	General Fund	General Obligation Bonds	Grants - TPWD Outdoor Program	Grants - TPWD Recreational Trails Program	Grants - Transportation Enhancement	Hotel / Motel Funds	Interlocal Agreements	Irrevocable Trust	Naming Rights	Park Dedication Fee	Park Improvement Fees	Partnerships	Permits (Special Use Permits)	Private Donations	Reservations	Revenue Bonds	Sales / 4B Tax (1/2 Cent)	Special Fundraisers
18	Community Garden	Varies	◆							◆	•	•		•	✓	✓	•										•		•					✓
19	Exercise Stations Along Trails	\$5,000 - \$7,500 each \$40,000 - \$50,000 range (multiple)		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		•	✓		•	•	✓	•		✓		•				•	•	•		•		•	•	•	
20	Additional Large Pavilions	\$300,000 - \$400,000 range		◆	◆	◆	◆			◆	•	✓	•	•	•	✓	•	•			•				•	✓	•		•	•	•	•		
21	RV Park and Camping Areas	Varies		◆	◆								•			✓	✓				•				•	•		•		✓	•	•		
22	Multipurpose Sports Fields for Practice & Play	\$250,000 range per field														✓	✓				•				•	✓			•		•	•		
23	Food Truck Park Area	Varies								◆	•	•				✓	✓								•	✓		•			•	•		
24	Tennis Courts	Varies														✓	•	✓			•	•			•	•	✓				•	•		
25	Amphitheater	Varies	◆	◆								✓		•	•	✓	•				•			•	•	•	•	•	•	✓	•			

✓ = Top recommended funding source options for this priority item.







## Action Plan

### HIGH PRIORITIES

- 1 Trails Along the Lake
- 2 Trails Connected Through the Town
- 3 Expand Amenities Along the Lake
- 4 Trails Connected Through Neighboring Communities
- 5 Benches / Seating Areas
- 6 Fishing Pier
- 7 Playgrounds for Children
- 8 Additional Lighting in Parks
- 9 Wildlife, Plant & Bird Education Stations Along Trail

### MODERATE PRIORITIES

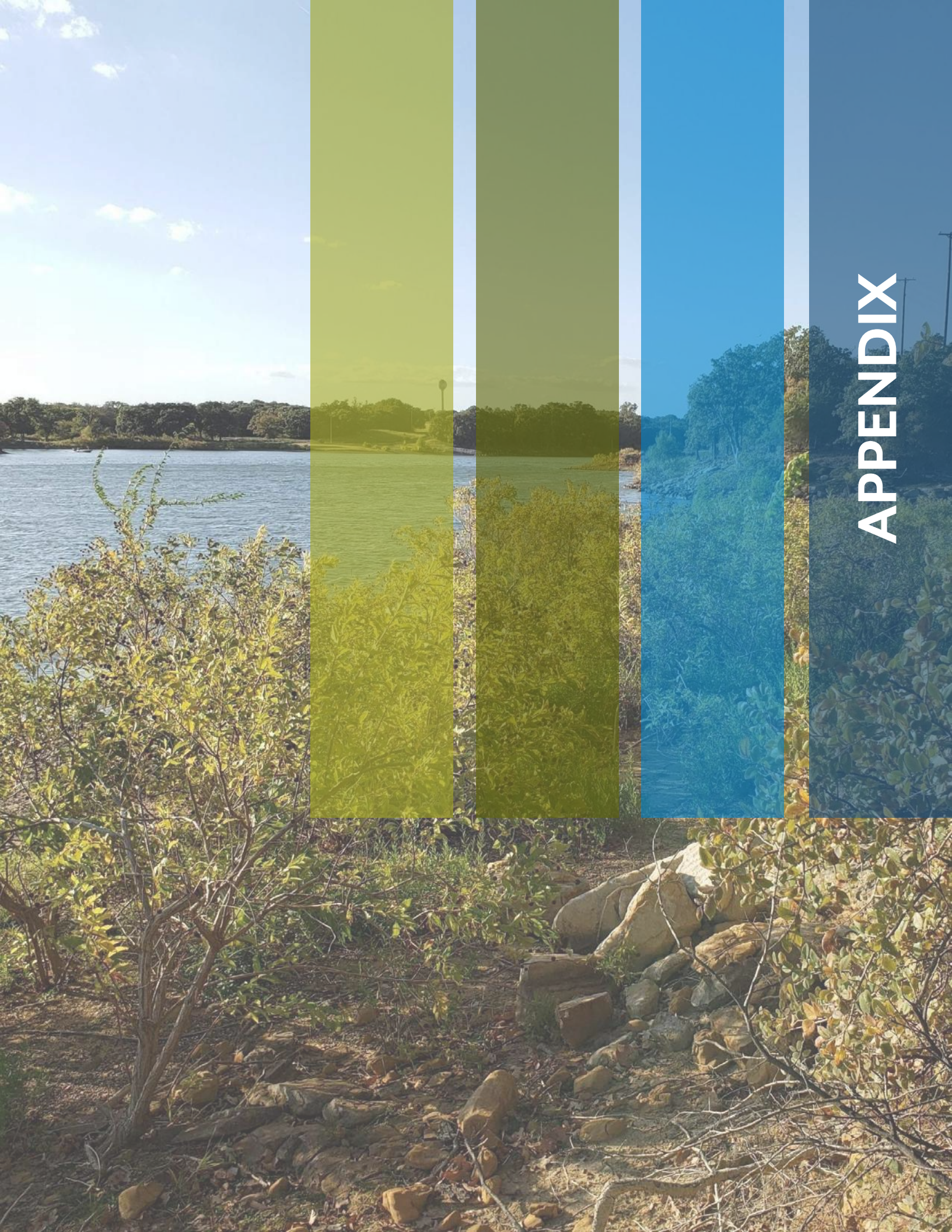
- 10 Sandy Beach Areas
- 11 Picnic Areas with Grilling Stations
- 12 Spraygrounds
- 13 Open Spaces / Natural Areas
- 14 Sand Volleyball
- 15 Dog Park
- 16 Disc Golf
- 17 Mountain Bike / BMX

### LOW PRIORITIES

- 18 Community Garden
- 19 Exercise Stations Along Trails
- 20 Additional Large Pavilions
- 21 RV Park and Camping Areas
- 22 Multipurpose Sports Fields for Practice & Play
- 23 Food Truck Park Area
- 24 Tennis Courts
- 25 Amphitheater







# APPENDIX



# APPENDIX

The Parks and Recreation Master Plan team conducted visioning sessions at Town Hall on April 10th, 2019 and April 24th, 2019. This summary reflects citizen comments recorded during these discussions.

## Visioning Session Comments

### 1. What is the BEST THING about living in Hickory Creek?

- The parks, not too many people
- Low property taxes
- Small town
- Small size, town assistance, the people
- Quiet, non-busy hectic live. Don't like the new development, its ruining our beauty
- Please keep parks quiet, no sports near parks.
- Low tax base and beautiful parks
- The space of the properties, lake proximity, small town
- Nature, outdoors, lakes, trees
- Country life but close to shopping, airport, etc. Beautiful parks
- Its parks
- Proximity to everything, yet secluded, trees, lakeside living for everyone, most areas within walking distance to the lake
- Small town, sense of community
- Parks, trees, small town feeling, access to everywhere
- All the nature and being gridlocked by the lake and CORPS  
(a lot of space for building)
- The lake and our feel that we are away from the city but yet close to the city when needed.
- Good family community with excellent access to nature and I-35
- Small town feel
- Good comprehensive plan that controls development, progressive government, relaxing lifestyle with lake and natural features
- Away from but close to big city
- The lake and trees



## 2. What are the best things about the park system as it exists today that you want to make sure are preserves / maintained?

- Quite
- Camping sites
- Not overcrowded
- Clean, safe, convenient
- Nice manicured land, nice quiet lakeside appeal
- 24 hour open CORPS parks, boating, docks, primitive camping

## 3. Are there things/issues that need to be addressed through the Master Plan or parks department?

- Neighborhood quiet enjoyment
- Vandalism
- Roads to Sycamore Bend, way too narrow, not safe
- Provisions for handicapped accessible fishing pier or dock
- Keep sports fields out of the area of parks, find another place away from the lake
- We have no practice fields for youth/adults
- Add tennis courts and something like Kids Castle in Flower Mound
- Walkable dirt trails
- More trails for walking, biking, activities for families and older children
- Something that draws citizens to the parks – educational/awareness of nature, ecosystems, flora/fauna, increase surveillance to reduce vandalism
- Add amenities to the parks that draw traffic and use
- Park roads and parking, improve trails
- More trails and sports areas, Frisbee golf, family and pet friendly areas
- Best use of the lake for our demographics and bringing others to our town
- Pollution/liter can be problematic, maybe get more cleanup volunteering efforts.
- Vandalism, security
- Have a parks department that programs events, recreational amenities through planning, implementation and maintenance
- Safety, outdoor entertainment for children





## 4. What do you want more of, less of, the same of?

### More:

- Places to ride motorcycles, fishing, camping, birdwatching
- Features, better roads, fishing docks
- Athletic fields, football fields, safe trails
- Green space, parks
- Sports fields, fishing tournaments, parking for events, beach and sand volleyball, security, outdoor concerts, special events, dog parks, water features, Frisbee golf, marketing for parks for revenue generation
- Things that draw the community together, food trucks on weekends at the parks and lake, flowers and beauty
- Trees
- Playgrounds for kids with disabilities
- Multi-generational offerings need shade sails for children's playgrounds
- Outdoor events, community gatherings/activities
- Community gathering spaces, beaches, amphitheater, community center, parking, athletic spaces
- Shore line improvement at Sycamore Beach Bend
- Trails, sports areas, dog parks, biking, playgrounds
- Organized events, a town garden that teaches our children, a few major events that bring people to Hickory Creek
- Dog clean up stations, hiking trails
- Lake entertainment, kayak rentals, athletic fields, volleyball courts
- Trails, nature, event programming
- Natural state
- Bike trails

### Less:

- Hardscape, ballfields
- Code enforcement
- Vandalism
- Vehicle traffic

### Same:

- Friendly staff, and officers
- Docks, boat access, free annual pass for citizens
- Concrete/asphalt
- Concrete
- Concerts



## 5. What are your dreams, visions, desires and needs for the park system moving forward?

- Boat house, dock, marina, restaurant on water
- 18 hole golf course
- ATV motor cross trails that wrap around the lake
- Weekly event, beer in park market
- Disc golf, dog park, beach, fishing ponds, splash park
- Fishing pier (covered), Lake Dallas has one, so does Corinth
- Multi-use sports complex,
- RV park – for tourism
- Pocket parks near commercial
- Something like Hope Park in Frisco, for children, families, couples
- Community garden, shaded areas, ping pong table
- Trails along the lake, family areas to enjoy like a beach
- Parks to be proud of that are green and sustainable with offerings for all generations, city-wide events
- More outdoor lakeside activities, like yoga, community bike rides, kayaking, dog park, outdoor music venue, lakeside band stand
- Want the parks to provide a sense of community
- Trails, dog parks, splash pad, sports complex, community nature area, canoe/kayak stations, horse trails.
- Beach at Sycamore Bend, fire break between houses and trees at Arrowhead, Kayak launch at Sycamore Bend
- Organized places to go for exercise, walking, biking, picnicking, more trails
- More trails, disc golf
- Same family fun, with athletic fields, would love to operate Westlake Park
- Linked neighborhoods to DCTA via trails, links to Corinth, Highland Village and beyond
- Arrowhead area to return to original prairie state
- A family friendly place for family, tourist, camping





## Dreams, Visions, Desires, Needs of the Park System

### Trails, Nature Areas:

- More trail connections – parks, town (create community spirit, connect east/west Hickory Creek)
- Improve equestrian trails
- Nature trails along shoreline
- Arrowhead Park – add trails
- Put some of the park back to their original prairie state
- Fishing areas along trails
- Trails for aging population – stable surfaces
- Trails for Cross country groups for 5K runs
- Birdwatching stations along trails
- Bike trails – on street bike lanes and in parks
- BMX trail system like in Corinth
- Trail connections to neighboring communities – trails that connect DCTA
- Dirt trails
- Water trails for kayaking
- History markers along trails
- Preserve open spaces and trees
- Mile markers along trails
- Special needs access along trail heads
- Education stations along trails
- Improve safety of sidewalks
- Improve safe access to Katy trail

### Athletics:

- Batting cages
- Practice fields for youth soccer
- Lake cities
- Security
- Need a large complex (Corinth fees)
- Not a large complex (\$)
- Tennis courts
- Competitive baseball (small)
- Resident annual pass
- Keep sports separate from nature areas that should be quiet



- RV parks
- Revenue generation
- Primitive camping
- Ping Pong
- Racquet sports
- Parking
- Fishing tournaments
- Open space for kite flying, practice golf, Frisbee golf
- Connect trails to parks

### **Outdoor Park Facilities:**

- Splash pad (not too large)
- Sand Volleyball
- Community garden
- Dog park
- Farmers market
- Large pavilion
- Events/concerts
- Disc Golf
- Informational signage (tree and plant identification)
- Practice fields (baseball, soccer)
- Playgrounds
- Fishing tournaments
- Foosball
- Outdoor ping pong
- Equipment check out
- Large outdoor games (like a chess set)
- Climbing wall
- Equally distributed activities throughout park system
- Golfing area, driving range
- WiFi stations
- Plug in stations
- Water features
- Frisbee
- Marketing
- Security (vandalism problems)





- Sports complex (money?, enough people?)
- Running trails with exercise stations
- Handicapped accessible fishing pier
- Shaded playgrounds, shaded fishing pier
- Nature center
- Yoga
- Gardening classes
- Multi-generational multipurpose recreation facility
- Special needs park
- Restrooms
- Lake/beach access
- Ropes course – team building, income generator
- Appeal to all generations
- Zip line (into the lake, drop locations)
- Revenue generating activities
- Sand beach

### **Civic Events/Special Use:**

- Community garden, farmers market
- Support parking for community events, partnership with businesses
- Community gardens –Lewisville example
- Signature annual event (DFW recognized)
- Putting green, 3-hole course
- Outdoor music/concert hall/amphitheater
- Festival area
- Dog park
- Community garden
- Community center, rentals
- Clubhouse rental facility
- Food truck park
- Adult recreation activities (picnics, concerts)
- Town square (facility, plaza, green), vendors, tents, music, programmable open space that is versatile
- Multi-purpose, multi-generation – natatorium, recreation center, aquatics, civic park/lawn, family focused
- Car shows
- Lake oriented festival



- Special CORPS partnership
- Don't duplicate surrounding community events
- Infrastructure to support
- Marathon, triathlon
- Fishing tournaments – wounded warriors, trinity trash bash, tree planting
- Community focused events – citizen driven, food drive, recycling, senior activity

**Lake Activities/Tourism:**

- Beach area off lake
- Concert area/events/band shell
- Sand volleyball
- Safe bike trails
- Marina on west side (revenue)
- Kayak launch and stand up paddle boards
- RV park (revenue)
- Fishing tournaments
- Parking
- Security
- Dog park with lake access
- Family outdoor education
- Signature event
- Marketing strategy





## Citizen Survey Instrument

From the visioning session comments, National Service Research designed a survey instrument for distribution to Hickory Creek resident as follows:

Dear Hickory Creek Residents:

The Town of Hickory Creek is currently updating your Park, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan and we need your help by filling out this survey! Your input will help guide our **park and recreation planning efforts for the next 5 to 10 years**. Please take a few minutes to complete this important survey. Your answers will remain anonymous. If you prefer, you may take the survey online at [HickoryCreek-TX.gov](http://HickoryCreek-TX.gov) and click on the Park and Recreation Needs Assessment Survey link. Please complete only one survey per household.

Thank you for taking time to participate in this important survey effort.

Sincerely,

John Smith, Town Administrator

[John.Smith@HickoryCreek-TX.gov](mailto:John.Smith@HickoryCreek-TX.gov)

### Town of Hickory Creek Parks and Recreation Citizen Survey

**1. How do you find out about parks, recreation facilities and recreation programs in Hickory Creek?** *(Check all that apply)*

- ☐ 1 Town of Hickory Creek website     
 ☐ 4 Facebook/social media     
 ☐ 7 Other \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ 2 Youth Sports Associations     
 ☐ 5 Emails from Hickory Creek  
☐ 3 Park & Recreation Dept. flyers/brochures     
 ☐ 6 School district publications

**2. Overall, how would you rate the QUALITY of parks and recreational opportunities in the Town of Hickory Creek?**

- ☐ 1 Excellent     
 ☐ 2 Good/satisfactory     
 ☐ 3 Somewhat unsatisfactory     
 ☐ 4 Poor     
 ☐ 5 No opinion

**3. Within the past year, how often have you or someone from your household visited or used the facilities listed below in Hickory Creek?** *(Check one answer for each park/facility)*

Park/Facility	At least weekly	At least monthly	At least quarterly	Twice a year or less	Never
Boat launch ramps	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Courtesy docks	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Pavilions	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Picnic tables	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Playgrounds	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Trails	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5

**4. Within the past year, how often have you or someone from your household visited these parks in Hickory Creek?**

*(Check one answer for each park/facility)*

Park/Facility	At least weekly	At least monthly	At least quarterly	Twice a year or less	Never
<b>Arrowhead Park</b> (south end of Kelton Ave.)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
<b>Harbor Lane Park</b> (south of Swisher Rd. and west on Turbeville Rd.)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
<b>Point Vista Park</b> (south end of Point Vista Rd, west of I-35, south of Swisher Rd.)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
<b>Sycamore Bend Park</b> (off Turbeville and Sycamore Bend Park roads)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
<b>Tanglewood Community Park</b> (corner of Tanglewood and Robins Nest)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5



**5. How would you rate the maintenance and upkeep of the following facilities/amenities within Hickory Creek parks?**

(Check one answer for each park/facility)

Park/Facility	Maintenance meets or exceeds expectations	More maintenance is needed	Less maintenance is needed	Not aware / Don't Use
Benches and picnic tables	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Drinking fountains	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Pavilions	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Playgrounds	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Boat launch areas	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Docks	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Trails	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Restrooms	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Beach area	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4

**6. In which of these programs would you and your household members (of any age) be MOST INTERESTED in participating?** (Check all that apply)

ACTIVITIES, EVENTS AND PROGRAMS OF MOST INTEREST			
01 <input type="checkbox"/> Baseball	11 <input type="checkbox"/> Biking	21 <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor ping pong	31 <input type="checkbox"/> Travel programs
02 <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball	12 <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis	22 <input type="checkbox"/> Birdwatching	32 <input type="checkbox"/> Festivals/events
03 <input type="checkbox"/> Softball	13 <input type="checkbox"/> Sand Volleyball	23 <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening classes	33 <input type="checkbox"/> Arts & crafts
04 <input type="checkbox"/> Soccer	14 <input type="checkbox"/> Pickle ball	24 <input type="checkbox"/> Fitness classes/events	34 <input type="checkbox"/> Music/dance
05 <input type="checkbox"/> Football	15 <input type="checkbox"/> Races (like 5K runs)	25 <input type="checkbox"/> Preschool/toddler programs	35 <input type="checkbox"/> Community gardening
06 <input type="checkbox"/> Racquetball	16 <input type="checkbox"/> Adult sports leagues	26 <input type="checkbox"/> Youth programs/camps	36 <input type="checkbox"/> Farmer's Market
07 <input type="checkbox"/> Horseshoes	17 <input type="checkbox"/> Yoga	27 <input type="checkbox"/> Teen programs/camps	37 <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
08 <input type="checkbox"/> Disc golf	18 <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing tournaments	28 <input type="checkbox"/> Parent/child programs	38 <input type="checkbox"/> None/not interested
09 <input type="checkbox"/> Cricket	19 <input type="checkbox"/> Paddle boarding	29 <input type="checkbox"/> Family programs	
10 <input type="checkbox"/> Pilates	20 <input type="checkbox"/> Kayaking	30 <input type="checkbox"/> Senior programs	

**7. Which age groups in your household would be interested in participating in a Hickory Creek recreation or leisure program?** (Check all that apply)

- 1 ☐ Under 5 years of age      3 ☐ 11 to 17      5 ☐ 30 to 49      7 ☐ Over 65  
 2 ☐ 6 to 10      4 ☐ 18 to 29      6 ☐ 50 to 65      8 ☐ None

Hickory Creek currently funds parks, facilities, recreation programs and capital expenses by utilizing recreation user fees, taxes, grants, bonds, corporate sponsorships, etc. The Town diligently pursues grants and other funding sources to help fund new parks and facilities, however additional funding is needed to maintain and build new parks and facilities.

**8. How strongly do you support EACH option to fund NEW PARKS AND FACILITIES AND/OR ADDITIONS TO EXISTING PARKS AND FACILITIES ?** (Check one answer for each option)

Funding Support – New or Expanded Parks/Facilities	Strongly Support	Mildly Support	Neutral	Mildly Oppose	Strongly Oppose
Increased user fees (program fees, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Bonds	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Increased park improvement fees from developers	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Increased property taxes	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5





**9a. Which facilities or amenities need to be ADDED to existing or future parks and recreation facilities in Hickory Creek?** *(Rate EACH facility on a scale from 1 to 4 with 4 being definitely needed and 1 being not at all needed)*

	Definitely Needed			Not at all Needed	No opinion/ Not familiar
A – Amphitheater .....	4.....3.....2.....1.....				<input type="checkbox"/>
B – Additional large pavilions (special events/reunions, etc.).....	4.....3.....2.....1.....				<input type="checkbox"/>
C – Dog park .....	4.....3.....2.....1.....				<input type="checkbox"/>
D – Hike/bike/walk trails that are connected throughout the town .....	4.....3.....2.....1.....				<input type="checkbox"/>
E – Hike/bike/walk trails connected to neighboring communities.....	4.....3.....2.....1.....				<input type="checkbox"/>
F – Hike/bike/walk trails along the lake.....	4.....3.....2.....1.....				<input type="checkbox"/>
G – Wildlife, plant and bird education stations along trails.....	4.....3.....2.....1.....				<input type="checkbox"/>
H – Mountain bike/BMX trails .....	4.....3.....2.....1.....				<input type="checkbox"/>
I – Exercise stations along trails.....	4.....3.....2.....1.....				<input type="checkbox"/>
J – Expanded amenities along the lake (fishing, picnicking, swim beach kayak rental, beach volleyball, camping, grilling stations, etc.....	4.....3.....2.....1.....				<input type="checkbox"/>
K – Spray ground/water splash pads (outdoor spray park for all ages)...	4.....3.....2.....1.....				<input type="checkbox"/>
L – Additional lighting in parks.....	4.....3.....2.....1.....				<input type="checkbox"/>
M – Open spaces/natural areas.....	4.....3.....2.....1.....				<input type="checkbox"/>
N – Picnic areas with grilling stations.....	4.....3.....2.....1.....				<input type="checkbox"/>
O – Benches/seating areas.....	4.....3.....2.....1.....				<input type="checkbox"/>
P – Community garden .....	4.....3.....2.....1.....				<input type="checkbox"/>
Q – Multi-purpose sports fields for practice and play .....	4.....3.....2.....1.....				<input type="checkbox"/>
R – Playgrounds for children.....	4.....3.....2.....1.....				<input type="checkbox"/>
S – Fishing pier.....	4.....3.....2.....1.....				<input type="checkbox"/>
T – Sandy beach area .....	4.....3.....2.....1.....				<input type="checkbox"/>
U – Tennis courts .....	4.....3.....2.....1.....				<input type="checkbox"/>
V – RV park and camping areas.....	4.....3.....2.....1.....				<input type="checkbox"/>
W –Disc golf.....	4.....3.....2.....1.....				<input type="checkbox"/>
X – Sand volleyball .....	4.....3.....2.....1.....				<input type="checkbox"/>
Y – Food truck park area.....	4.....3.....2.....1.....				<input type="checkbox"/>
Z – Other needs - (.....).....	4.....3.....2.....1.....				<input type="checkbox"/>

**9b. Which THREE facilities/amenities above are the MOST important to you for the Parks and Recreation Department to focus on within the next five years?**

(Write in the letter to the left of the facility in the blanks)    **1<sup>st</sup>** \_\_\_\_\_    **2<sup>nd</sup>** \_\_\_\_\_    **3<sup>rd</sup>** \_\_\_\_\_

**10. How much more per year in additional property taxes would you be willing to pay in order to fund the improvement priorities you have suggested in this survey? *(Check one answer)***

- ☐ **1** More than \$200/year      ☐ **3** Up to \$100/year      ☐ **5** Up to \$50/year  
☐ **2** Up to \$200/year      ☐ **4** Up to \$75/year      ☐ **6** No increase

**11. How long have you been a resident of Hickory Creek? *(Check one answer)***

- ☐ **1** Less than 2 years      ☐ **2** 2 to 5 years      ☐ **3** 6 to 10 years      ☐ **4** 11 to 20 years      ☐ **5** Over 20 years



**12. Which youth age groups are represented in your household? (Check all that apply)**

- ☐ 0 to 5 years of age      ☐ 11 to 13 years of age      ☐ No children in household  
☐ 6 to 10 years of age      ☐ 14 to 18 years of age

**13. How many persons, including yourself, reside within your household?**

- ☐ One      ☐ Two      ☐ Three      ☐ Four      ☐ Five      ☐ Six or more

**14. Your age?**

- ☐ Under 18      ☐ 25 to 34      ☐ 45 to 54      ☐ 65 to 74  
☐ 18 to 24      ☐ 35 to 44      ☐ 55 to 64      ☐ 75+

**15. Do you own or rent your home?**

- ☐ Own      ☐ Rent

**16. Additional information or comments you would like to bring to the Parks and Recreation Department's attention.**

*(Write in response)*





