

Parks Master Plan

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Executive Summary

The City of Friendswood Parks Master Plan represents a strategic road map for the enhancement of the parks, trails, and recreational facilities over the next decade. Built on a foundation of extensive community input and a thorough assessment of current needs, this plan outlines a vibrant, accessible, and sustainable park system that fosters health, connectivity, and inclusivity. By aligning our resources with clear priorities, this Plan seeks to ensure that Friendswood's parks system continues to evolve with the growing community.

With a population that reached 40,833 in 2022, Friendswood faces unique challenges, including limited land availability for park expansion and constrained resources. To address these realities, the Parks Master Plan provides both immediate and long-term strategies to meet community demands. Demographic trends—such as an aging population and a workforce where 48% are reported to be in managerial or professional roles—present opportunities to expand fee-based recreational programs, introduce corporate sports leagues, and create outdoor networking spaces.

This vision is captured in the City's commitment to progress:

“Our vision is to elevate Friendswood’s park system by constructing advanced recreational centers, upgrading existing facilities, and creating a cohesive network of trails. We are committed to providing safe, well-lit, and accessible spaces that cater to diverse recreational needs, fostering a dynamic and active community environment.”

The Parks Master Plan addresses the challenges of aging infrastructure, limited parking, insufficient restroom facilities, and inadequate connectivity between parks and neighborhoods. Through community engagement and stakeholder discussions, opportunities have been identified to integrate sustainable practices, improve recreational amenities, and create new parks to meet future needs. The community has expressed strong support for enhancements such as additional walking trails, multi-use sports courts, improved playgrounds, and a recreation center. Population growth also emphasizes the need for innovative solutions, such as partnerships with property owners for shared-use parks, which could increase parkland without requiring the acquisition of land.

To meet these objectives, this Plan outlines actionable steps, including upgrading recreational facilities, transforming the Activity Building into a state-of-the-art community center, and developing new parks like *Lundy Lane Park (*name subject to change*). Funding strategies include exploring grants, public-private partnerships, sponsorships, and community fundraising.

Implementation is key to turning this vision into reality. This Plan identifies a 10-year strategy of specific actions, responsible parties, timelines, and funding sources to ensure a phased and strategic approach. By dividing goals into short-term, mid-term, and long-term timelines, this Plan maintains the flexibility needed to adapt to evolving needs. Tools such as capital improvement programs, partnerships, and policy updates will support these efforts, while ongoing community engagement and periodic evaluations will ensure accountability and measure progress.

This Parks Master Plan reflects the collective aspirations of the community. Now is the time to act. Parks and recreation are not just amenities—they are vital to health, connections, and community pride in Friendswood. Join the effort in supporting this vision. Whether through advocacy, partnerships, or participation, your involvement is essential. Together, ideas can be transformed into a reality that benefits all residents, fostering a brighter future for Friendswood today and for generations to come.



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**Introduction
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Introduction

The Importance of Parks and Recreation Planning

Located in southeast Texas and a short distance from Houston, the Texas Gulf Coast, and spanning two counties, the City of Friendswood is undergoing rapid urban development. In recent years, the City has strived to preserve their community parks, update amenities, and improve facilities in the park system. These facilities have been used and loved by many residents and visitors for many years. Now with increasing population growth, the need to plan for both immediate and long-term recreational amenities have become urgent to the community to accommodate the demands of the citizens. In response to this need, the City Council tasked the Keep Friendswood Beautiful Board and the Parks and Recreation Department to commission a consultant to collaborate on creating a new Parks Master Plan.

With the population growth in the City of Friendswood, existing park and recreation facility capacities are limited and have become burdened in trying to satisfy those increased demands. The increased pressure of residents using existing parks and facilities has given just reason for the planning of new and improved parks as well as enhanced and additional recreational programming.

As families opt to stay closer to home due to commute times, rising transportation costs, activity and entertainment expenses, and safety concerns, the City of Friendswood faces a heightened demand for outdoor and indoor recreation facilities for its residents. This demand, along with the lessened availability of suitable park land, increasing market-driven facility development costs, and the uncertainty of financial resources, funding, and on-going operational costs underscore the urgency for proactive park and recreation planning.

Through the master planning process, the quality of community life of residents can be improved by describing a direction with goals and actions in planning the needs for future parks and recreation. This Plan hopes to provide recreational opportunities, mental and physical health benefits, resident interactions, and community pride for the City. Park and recreation needs can first be identified through public engagement, and gaining input from stakeholders, City staff, elected and appointed officials to then strategically prioritize an implementation plan for the park's future for the City of Friendswood.

Friendswood's Commitment to Parks and Recreation Development

The City of Friendswood presently oversees all city owned parks and city owned facilities. Acknowledging the necessity of addressing the evolving needs of both residents and visitors, the City of Friendswood is committed to developing a Parks Master Plan. A thorough evaluation and analysis has been conducted to assess the existing features and conditions of facilities that shape the community's fabric and demand for recreational activities. As the City of Friendswood charts its course for the future, this Plan delineates recommended actions and considerations intended to achieve desired outcomes.

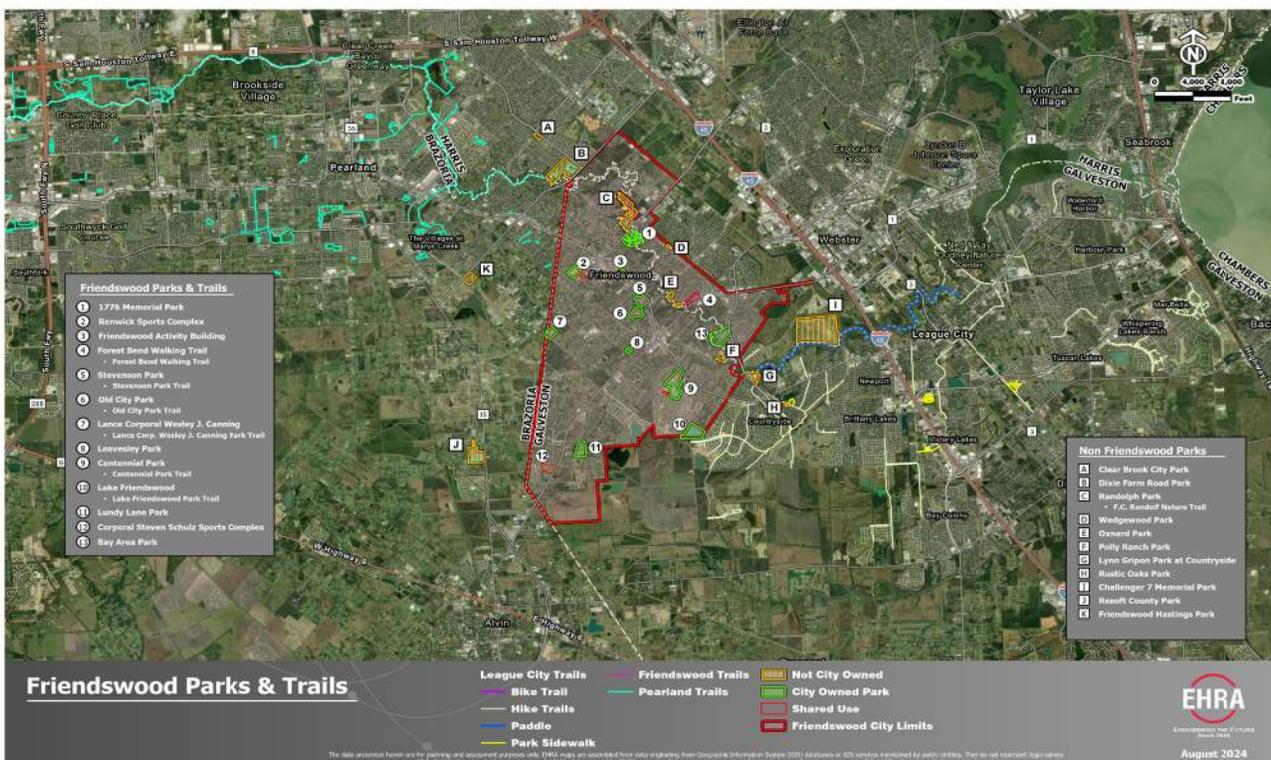
Purpose of the Parks Master Plan

The purpose of a Parks Master Plan is to provide a comprehensive framework for the development, management, and enhancement of the City of Friendswood's parks, recreational facilities, and open spaces. Its key objectives include:

- Analyzing the condition of existing parks, recreation areas, and open spaces;
- Identifying any needs and deficiencies within the park system while considering factors such as population growth, changing demographics, and recreational trends;
- Including input from residents and stakeholders to ensure the Parks Master Plan reflects the desires and aspirations of the community; and
- Establishing a set of goals, recommendations, and priorities to guide decision making for the future development and enhancement of parks and recreation facilities that align with the community's vision.

The Parks Master Plan will serve as a guide for decision-making and resource allocation for parks and recreation, providing a clear road map for city officials, planners, and stakeholders. Overall, the Plan aims to enhance the quality of life for residents by providing accessible, high-quality parks and recreational opportunities that promote health, wellness, and community engagement.

Map 1.1 provides a visual representation of the current parks, open spaces, and recreation areas that are owned and maintained by the City of Friendswood, alongside parks and open spaces that are not under the city's ownership but are located nearby and available for residents to utilize and enjoy.



Map 1.1 Study area showing the existing parks and trails system within the City of Friendswood and surrounding areas.

Benefits of Parks and Recreation

Parks and recreation facilities play a vital role in fostering a healthy, high-quality, and sustainable community environment. Such environments help meet the present needs of the community without compromising future needs, involving the responsible management of natural resources, reduction of pollution, conservation of biodiversity, and promotion of social equity. Ultimately, parks and recreation facilities enhance the quality of life for residents by providing opportunities for relaxation, physical activity, and cultural enrichment where individuals can thrive and flourish for generations to come.

Benefits are achieved through several factors, including:

- Increasing recreational diversity to cater to a wide range of interests and preferences.
- Implementing water-related recreational opportunities to enhance leisure options.
- Ensuring equitable access to parks and recreational facilities for all community members.
- Conserving, enhancing, and restoring significant natural resources and critical wildlife habitats, while contributing to clean air and water.
- Renovating outdated parks and recreation areas and facilities to maintain their functionality and appeal.
- Preserving cultural resources present within parks and recreation areas.
- Providing inclusive opportunities for special needs individuals, low-income populations, minorities, the elderly, and at-risk youth.
- Increasing property values of homes in close proximity to parks.
- Attracting new businesses to the community by improving the standard of living.



Lake Friendswood Park - Photo courtesy of EHRA Engineering

Planning Development Schedule

The planning endeavor engaged the general public, stakeholders, and city officials through in-person meetings. Three public engagement events were hosted in person, two of which took place at the City of Friendswood Public Library, while one event was held at the Senior Activity Center. These events were attended by the City of Friendswood Parks and Recreation staff, and organized by the EHRA Landscape Architecture team. A flyer was created to promote the event, and online public survey was circulated to gather further insights from the community. The responses collected from the survey will provide recommendations for the future development of the City of Friendswood's parks system. Furthermore, EHRA Engineering dedicated extensive on-site hours to observe the current state of the parks system and conducted thorough research to inform recommendations for the plan.

1. December 2020 – Contract signing and commencement of data gathering activities.
2. January 2021 – Kickoff meeting with the Parks & Recreation Board to introduce EHRA and discuss the Parks Master Plan, outlining the planning process and priorities.
3. August 2021 - January 2022 - Project placed on hold at the request of the City of Friendswood Parks & Recreation Board.
4. April 2023 – Friendswood Parks & Recreation Board workshop with the EHRA Team to present ideas and gather feedback on growth planning, revitalization, and design components for the Parks Master Plan.
5. April 2022 - October 2023: EHRA Team conducted site visits to observe existing conditions of the parks system.
6. Ten stakeholder events were held with the City of Friendswood's Parks & Recreation Board including one event with the Downtown Friendswood Association.
 - April 4, 2023 - City of Friendswood Parks & Recreation staff interviews.
 - September 7, 2023 - City of Friendswood Parks & Recreation kickoff with Director of Parks & Recreation.
 - September 13, 2023 - Parks Master Plan schedule presentation to Director of Parks & Recreation.
 - September 20, 2023 - City of Friendswood Parks & Recreation staff interviews.
 - September 26, 2023 - Keep Friendswood Beautiful.
 - October 16, 2023 - Senior Advisory Committee interviews.
 - October 26, 2023 - City of Friendswood Planning & Zoning meeting.
 - October 26, 2023 - Engineering staff interviews.
 - November 1, 2023 - CEDC meeting interviews.
 - December 12, 2023 - FEEDC meeting agenda discussion.
7. January 26, 2024 - February 9, 2024: Distribution of an online survey to stakeholders and the general public to gather feedback and data. This survey assists the EHRA Team in formulating the community vision and policy framework that will guide the Parks Master Plan and future development.
8. Three public engagement meetings:
 - January 26, 2024 - First meeting at the Public Library.
 - January 30, 2024 - Second meeting at the Senior Activity Center.
 - January 31, 2024 - Third meeting at the Public Library.



Public engagement meeting on January 26, 2024
 Photo courtesy of EHRA Engineering

Planning Development Schedule Continued

9. Five meetings with the Friendswood Parks & Recreation Board to discuss and review each chapter of the Parks Master Plan:
 - March 8, 2024 - First meeting to review the outline for the Parks Master Plan
 - May 8, 2024 - Second meeting to review Chapters 1 & 2.
 - June 30, 2024 - Third meeting to review Chapter 3.
 - October 22, 2024 - Fourth meeting to review Chapter 4.
 - November 18, 2024 - Fifth meeting to review the final draft including Chapters 1-5 of the Parks Master Plan.

10. Date – Adoption of the Parks Master Plan by the Keep Friendswood Beautiful / Parks & Recreation subcommittee.



Public engagement meeting at the Public Library on January 31, 2024

Photos courtesy of EHRA Engineering

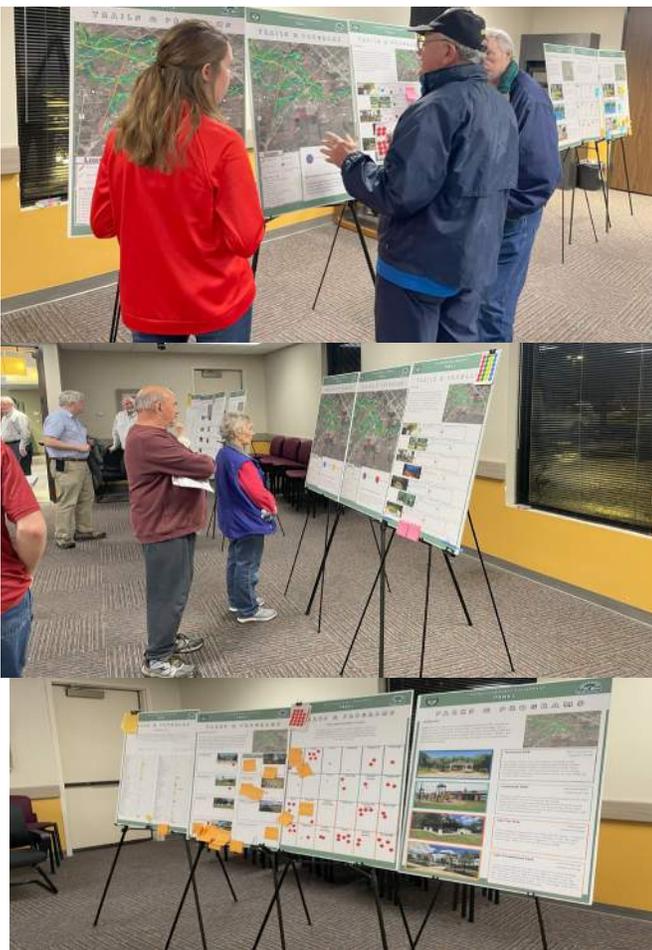
Plan Time Frame

This Plan is designed to address the time-frame from 2024 to 2034. While many of the recommendations outlined herein are valid for a period of up to 10 years, they should be subject to periodic evaluation. In accordance with local planning requirements from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, it is recommended that the Plan be updated every five years or prior to any significant developments that may alter the parks and recreation needs of the community.

Planning Focus

The Parks Master Plan evaluates the parks, recreational, and open space conditions for residents within the city limits, which encompasses approximately 21.2 square miles and its extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ).

Public engagement meetings hosted at the Public Library on January 26th and 31st and at the Senior Activity Building on January 30th served as platforms for community members to actively contribute to the Parks Master Plan planning efforts. Attendees were briefed on the existing park and trail provisions, fostering a shared understanding of the current landscape. One of the primary objectives of these sessions was to cultivate a sense of community ownership in the planning process, providing transparency and nurturing trust and support for the Parks Master Plan. Insights garnered from these sessions were instrumental in shaping the *Recommendations Section* of this document.



Public engagement meeting at the Public Library on January 26, 2024

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Historical Context

In the spring of 1895, Frank Jacob Brown and Thomas Hadley Lewis, both Quakers, felt called to establish a community dedicated to God in the Gulf Coast region. This endeavor was part of the broader westward movement of Quaker colonies during the mid to late 1800s. Upon arriving in Northern Galveston County, Brown and Lewis discovered 1,538 acres of pristine prairie, crisscrossed by Clear Creek, Coward's Creek, Mary's Creek, and Chigger Creek, and surrounded by dense woods along the creek banks. Convinced that this was their "Promised Land," they negotiated with the owner, Galveston banker J. C. League, for a deed of trust. The term 'Quakers' is synonymous with 'Friends'. Additionally, the name 'Wood' represents the four creeks that traverse the City of Friendswood to this day. On July 15, 1895, the official name of the colony was recorded at the Courthouse in Galveston, marking the birth of Friendswood. News of the colony spread rapidly among Quakers in the northern and mid-western states, attracting more than a dozen families to join them. Friendswood flourished as a farming community, characterized by hard work, simple living, and a deep respect for God, family, and education.

The Galveston Storm of 1900 tested the resilience of the colony, but they emerged unscathed, using their sawmill to convert fallen trees into lumber for a two-story building known as The Academy. This building served as a church, community meeting place, and the first high school in the area until it was replaced by the present stone church building in 1949. The Academy offered a classical curriculum and attracted students from surrounding towns.

The early 1900s saw an influx of newcomers attracted by farming opportunities promoted by Houston developers who advertised the Gulf Coast as a Garden of Eden where figs, oranges, and rice grew practically wild. The present day 900 block of S. FM 518 was the site of a typical main street orchard. The entire block back to the creek was the Bales and Glines family farm¹. By the early 1920s, there were 17,000 to 18,000 acres of figs from Winnie to San Leon, and 17 fig preserving plants. Two of those plants were in Friendswood. Figs emerged as the economic backbone of Friendswood from 1910 to 1956, with the Fig Preserving Plant, established in 1924 by Quaker Cecil Brown, playing a pivotal role in sustaining the local economy, particularly during the challenging years of the Great Depression.² The Great Depression brought more families seeking a fresh start, and the burgeoning oil industry in the 1930s further attracted new residents. Despite the challenges, Friendswood remained a rural Quaker settlement with limited amenities until the mid-20th century. The Quaker settlement's history is authenticated by the Texas State Historical Marker located on the Friends Church Property.

The 1950s marked the beginning of modernization, with young families from Houston moving in, however the population was still less than 1,000 in 1959. 4th of July celebrations began in the 1950's, with a community meeting along creeks and barging to, then became a traditional parade. "The Gathering" in the City of Friendswood always took place on the night before 4th of July. In 1960, incorporation efforts were underway when the town elected its first mayor, city council, and a law officer who helped prepare the town for the tremendous growth which resulted from hundreds of NASA employees choosing Friendswood as their home. By 1966 Friendswood has its first medical clinic, pharmacy, bank, newspaper, and police department. By 1969, the population had surged to 5,200.³

¹ "Main Street Fig Orchards Historical Marker." Accessed April 23, 2024. <https://www.hmdb.org/m.asp?m=98896>.

² "Fig Preserving Plant Historical Marker." Accessed April 23, 2024. <https://www.hmdb.org/m.asp?m=98446>.

³ "History of Friendswood | Friendswood, TX." Accessed April 18, 2024. <https://www.ci.friendswood.tx.us/402/History-of-Friendswood>.

⁴ Hlavaty, Craig. "Check out Historic Photos from Friendswood's Earliest Days." *Houston Chronicle*, August 17, 2017. <https://www.chron.com/neighborhood/friendswood/article/Old-photos-of-Friendswood-Texas-collected-11882054.php>.



An aerial photo of Friendswood in 1962.
Source: *Houston Chronicle*⁴



Baker Food Market - First true grocery store in Friendswood
Source: *Houston Chronicle*⁵



The Friendswood Academy completed in 1902
Source: *Houston Chronicle*⁴



A Friendswood fig orchard in the 1930s
Source: *Houston Chronicle*²



Outside the first fig processing plant in 1910
Source: *Houston Chronicle*⁴



Inside a fig processing plant in the 1930s.
Source: *Houston Chronicle*⁴

Population and Age Distribution

As of 2000, the City’s population stood at 28,734, increasing by 24.6% to 35,805 in 2010. According to the U.S. Census, the population of Friendswood has surged to 40,833 in 2022¹ marking another significant 14% increase. The projected growth of the City of Friendswood, detailed further below, presents a critical challenge for the City’s parks and recreation facilities. Additional funding is imperative to meet the current and anticipated demand. The existing inventory of parks is experiencing heightened demand due to the consistent rise in population.

By analyzing the age demographics, city planners, policymakers, and service providers can tailor services, infrastructure, and programs to meet the needs of different age groups effectively.

The data presented in Figures 2.1-2.2 for Texas and Galveston County indicates a high birth rate and an aging population trend. However, when compared to these broader trends, Figure 2.3 highlights a lower female birth rate in the City of Friendswood. Additionally, there is a noticeable dip in the population within the 25-34 age range in Friendswood.

This dip could suggest a rate of migration out of the city among individuals in this age group, likely driven by a desire to be closer to educational or employment opportunities. Furthermore, the observation of an aging population trend in Friendswood aligns with the broader demographic shifts seen in Texas and Galveston County. This aging population trend may have implications for various aspects of community planning and resource allocation, including healthcare services, housing needs, and recreational amenities, among others.²

Figure 2.1 Population by Age and Gender: Texas

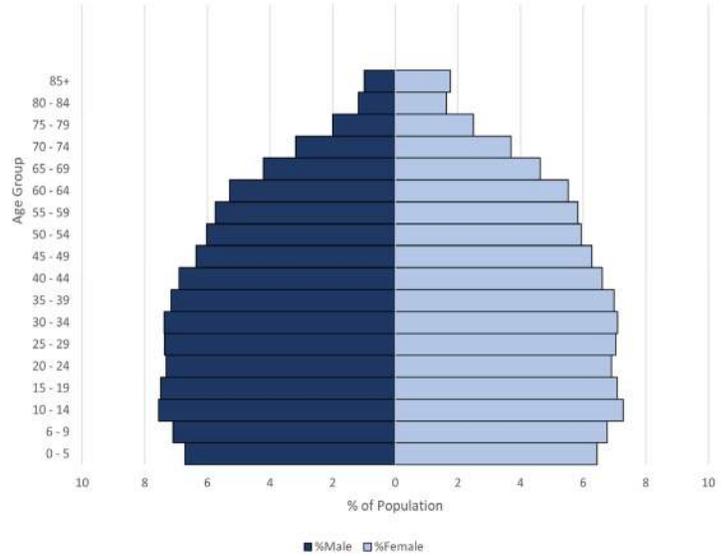


Figure 2.2 Population by Age and Gender: Galveston County, Texas

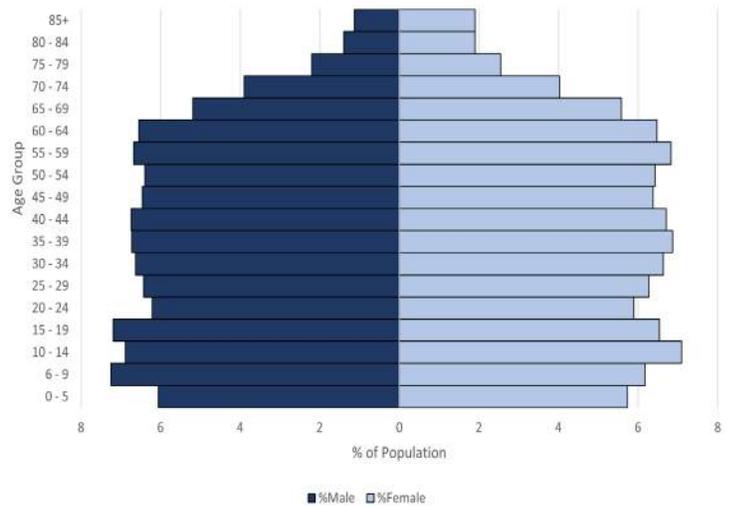
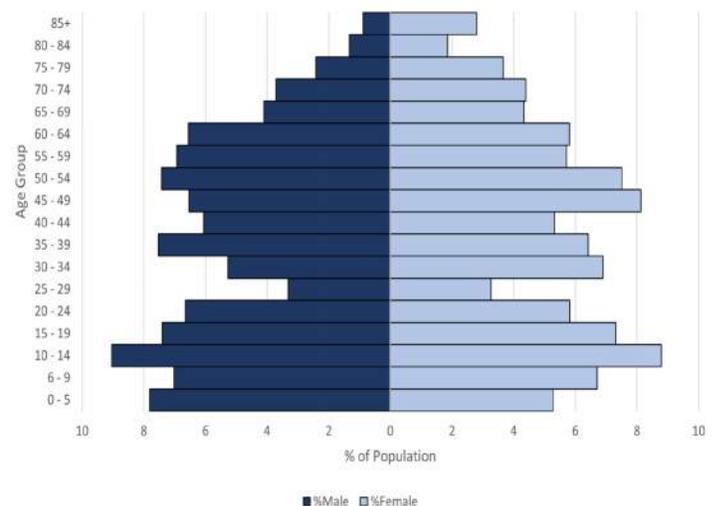


Figure 2.3 Population by Age and Gender: Friendswood, Texas



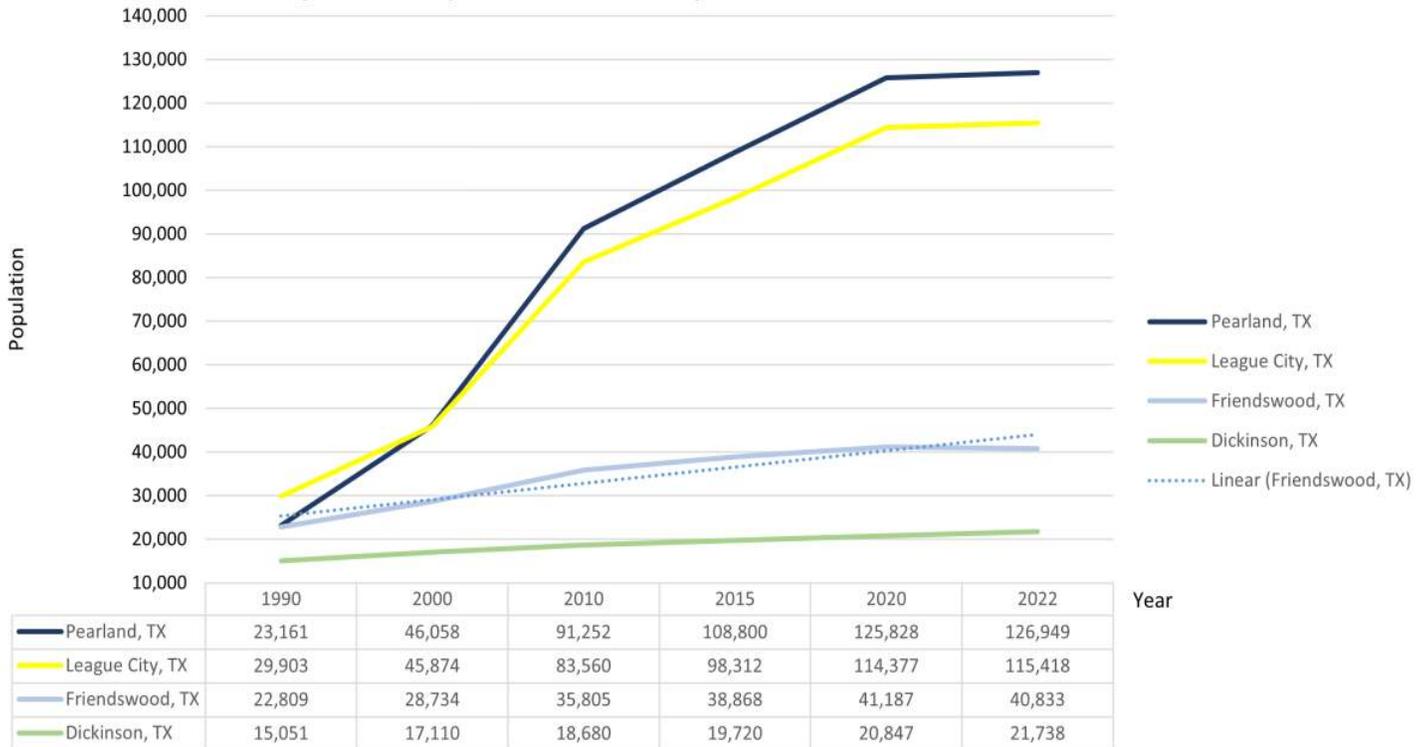
Source: U.S. Census Bureau. “ACS Demographic and Housing Estimates.” American Community Survey, ACS 5-Year Estimates Data Profiles, Table DP05, 2022

¹ U.S. Census Bureau QuickFacts: Friendswood City, Texas. Accessed April 18, 2024. <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/friendswoodcitytexas/PST045222>.
² U.S. Census Bureau. “Age and Sex.” American Community Survey, ACS 5-Year Estimates Subject Tables, Table S0101, 2022, https://data.census.gov/table/ACSST5Y2022.S0101?q=Friendswood,Texas&g=040XX-00US48_050XX00US48167. Accessed on April 19, 2024.

Population Comparison Trend

The City of Friendswood neighbors the cities of Pearland, League City, and Dickinson. Population trends in these three cities were compared to those of the City of Friendswood to capture the growth pattern in the area. Figure 2.4 illustrates steady population growth in each city over the decades. However, between 2020 and 2022, The City of Friendswood experienced a 0.86% decrease in population, dropping from 41,187 to 40,833. These numbers suggest that Friendswood reached its peak population in 2020 and is now showing a trend of decline.

Figure 2.4: Population Trend Comparison Chart 1990 - 2022



Source: U.S. Census Bureau Quick Facts

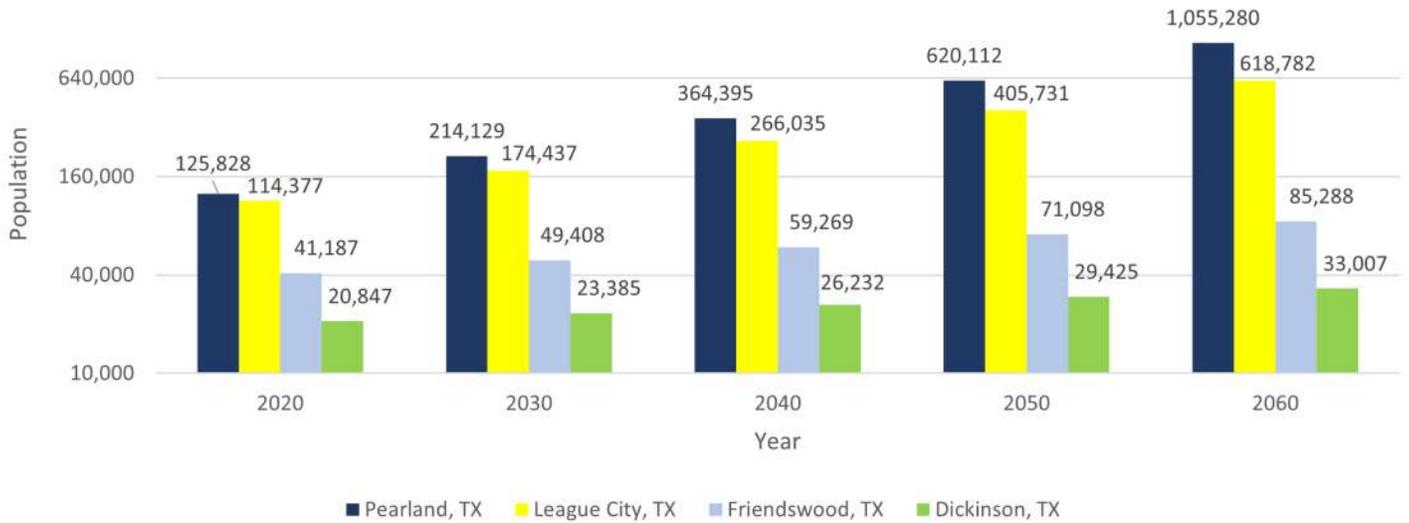
Population Growth Trend

The population projections for the four cities mentioned in the previous section were determined using the exponential growth method, which employs the natural logarithm *e* and a growth rate. Figure 2.5 presents a 40-year forecast spanning from 2020 to 2060, offering an estimation of growth. However, it excludes any additional population that may arise from future planned subdivisions.

To calculate the growth rate, data from the population trend table shown in Figure 2.4 was utilized. This table covers a 32-year time-frame from 1990 to 2022 and was employed to project population figures in 10-year increments. The City of Pearland exhibited a growth rate of 5.46%, League City had a growth rate of 4.31%, the City of Friendswood had a growth rate of 1.84%, and the City of Dickinson had a growth rate of 1.16%.

Based on these calculations, the population of the City of Friendswood is projected to reach 85,288 by the year 2060. However, given that the City of Friendswood has reached its build-out capacity and has no foreseeable plans to annex additional land and expand their city limits or ETJ boundary, the Engineering department at the City of Friendswood estimates the population will **reach a max capacity of 58,000**. Population projections play a critical role in providing valuable insights into future demand, enabling proper budgeting for recreational facilities and open spaces to accommodate the needs of the growing community.

Figure 2.5: Population Projections 2020 - 2060



Source: U.S. Census Bureau Quick Facts

Race and Ethnicity

Analyzing race and ethnicity is crucial for promoting equity, inclusivity, and cultural responsiveness within the community. This analysis helps to identify any disparities in access to parks and recreation facilities among different racial and ethnic groups. It ensures that all residents, regardless of their background, have equal opportunities to enjoy and benefit from the amenities provided by the parks system.

Figure 2.6 illustrates Friendswood’s population breakdown by race and ethnicity. Compared to Texas and Galveston County, Friendswood’s racial and ethnic composition is predominantly similar, with some notable differences. Specifically, Friendswood has a lower proportion of African American and Hispanic populations compared to Texas and Galveston County. These differences in racial and ethnic composition may reflect unique historical, social, and economic factors specific to Friendswood.

Figure 2.6 Race and Ethnicity

Race & Ethnicity	Texas	Galveston County	Friendswood
White	74%	80%	88%
Black or African American	14%	14%	6%
American Indian & Alaska Native	2%	2%	2%
Asian	6%	4%	5%
Native Hawaiian & Other Pacific Islander	0.2%	0.4%	0.4%
Other	20%	13%	7%
Hispanic or Latino Descent	40%	26%	17%
Not Hispanic or Latino Descent	60%	74%	83%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau. “ACS Demographic and Housing Estimates.” American Community Survey, ACS 5-Year Estimates Data Profiles, Table DP05, 2022

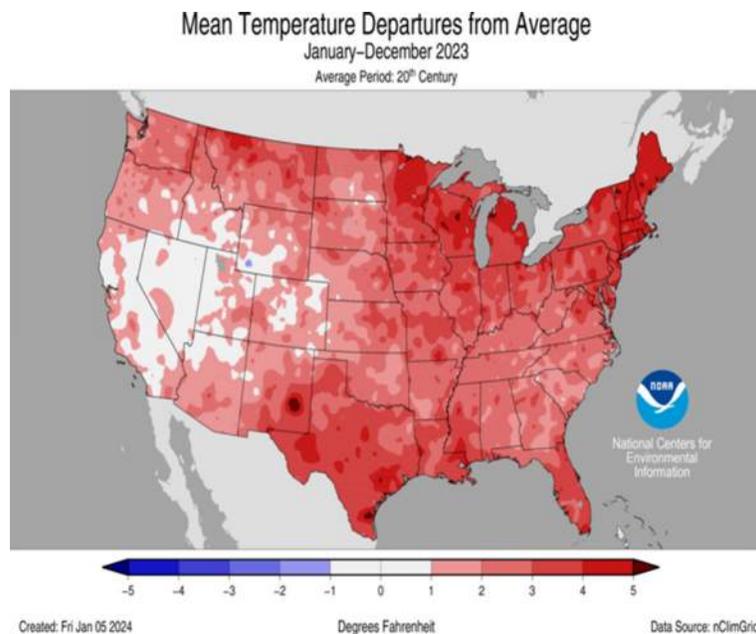
Climate

Friendswood, Texas, boasts a warm and humid temperate climate, which is characterized by scorching summers and the absence of a dry season. Throughout the year, temperatures typically range between 45°F and 92°F, with extremes rarely dipping below 36°F or climbing above 96°F. Friendswood experiences its warm season from May 24th to September 27th, with average daily high temperatures soaring above 87°F. August 8th marks the peak of summer, with an average high of 92°F and a low of 76°F. The cold season runs from November 26th to February 27th and brings average daily temperatures below 69°F. January 4th sees the coldest day of the year, with an average low of 45°F and a high of 64°F.¹

In 2023, the contiguous U.S. experienced its fifth-warmest year on record, with annual precipitation totaling 29.46 inches, which was 0.48 inches below the average. A severe heat wave swept across parts of the southern plains, causing temperatures to soar well above 100°F. Notably, cities such as Del Rio and Rio Grande reached 113°F, while San Angelo reported a scorching 114°F on June 20th, setting all-time heat records at each location. On June 24th, the temperature at Rio Grande Village, Texas peaked at 119°F, just 1° below the state's all-time temperature record.²

Rising temperatures have significant implications for landscaping decisions. As temperatures continue to climb, it becomes crucial to select plants capable of withstanding heat stress and to prioritize drought-resistant species that thrive in hot climates. Native plants are particularly advantageous as they are naturally adapted to local conditions. Additionally, rising temperatures elevate evaporation rates, underscoring the importance of efficient irrigation systems such as drip irrigation to conserve water and maintain plant hydration. Mulching plays a vital role in retaining soil moisture and regulating temperature, thereby mitigating soil erosion.

Extreme heat can also impact soil health and nutrient availability. Choosing hardscape materials that minimize heat buildup, along with strategically planting trees to provide shade and lower surface temperatures, can help mitigate the urban heat island effect, contributing to a cooler and more sustainable urban environment.



Source: National Centers for Environmental Information (NCEI).

¹ "Climate | Friendswood, TX." Accessed April 24, 2024. <https://www.ci.friendswood.tx.us/398/Climate>.

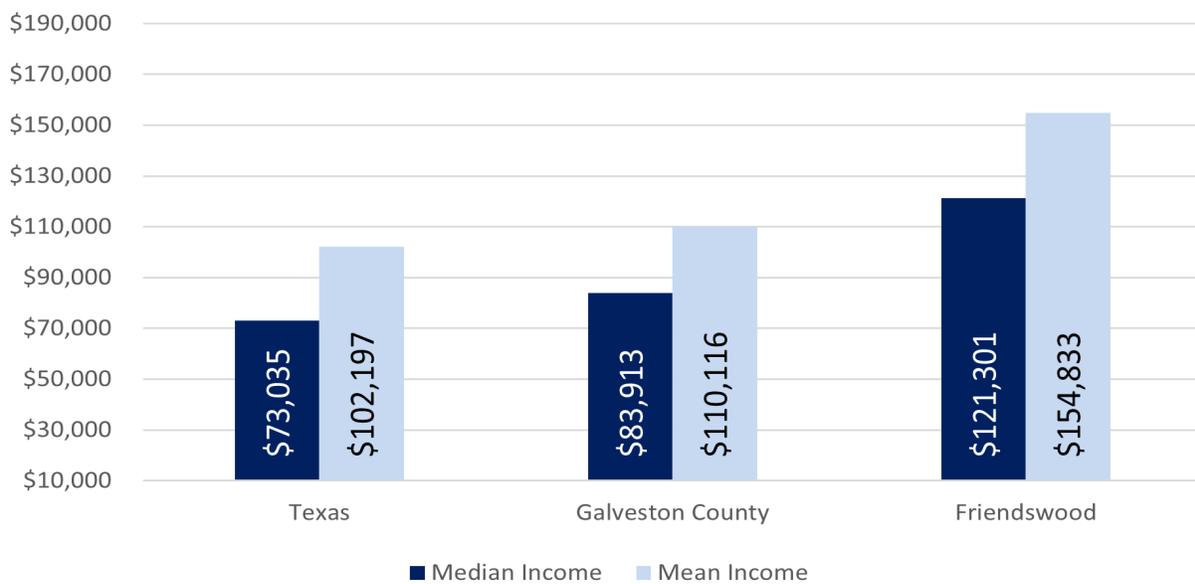
² National Centers for Environmental Information (NCEI). "Assessing the U.S. Climate in 2023," January 8, 2024. <https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/news/national-climate-202312>.

Household & Family Income

The median income is the amount of income that divides a population into two equally sized groups. Half of the population has an income above this amount, while the other half has an income below it. Mean income is a statistical measure that calculates the average of all individual incomes within a given population or group. While mean income provides valuable insights, it has limitations. Outliers (extremely high or low incomes) can skew the average, and it may not accurately represent the income distribution if it is highly skewed. Therefore, using the median income as a comparison assists in gaining a more comprehensive understanding of income patterns.

Understanding a community’s income distribution assists in planning for recreational amenities and programs including determining the demand for free or fee-based recreation. According to the US Census, the median household income in Friendswood is \$121,301 and the percentage of persons in poverty is 2.9%. Figure 2.7 demonstrates that Friendswood exhibits significantly higher mean and median incomes compared to Texas and Galveston. This suggests a relatively high typical income level within the City of Friendswood, indicating that residents enjoy a high standard of living. This insight is invaluable for tailoring recreational offerings to meet the needs and preferences of the community effectively.

Figure 2.7 Income Comparison



Source: U.S. Census Bureau. "Income in the Past 12 Months (in 2022 Inflation-Adjusted Dollars)." American Community Survey, ACS 5-Year Estimates Subject Tables, Table S1901, 2022

Employment Sector

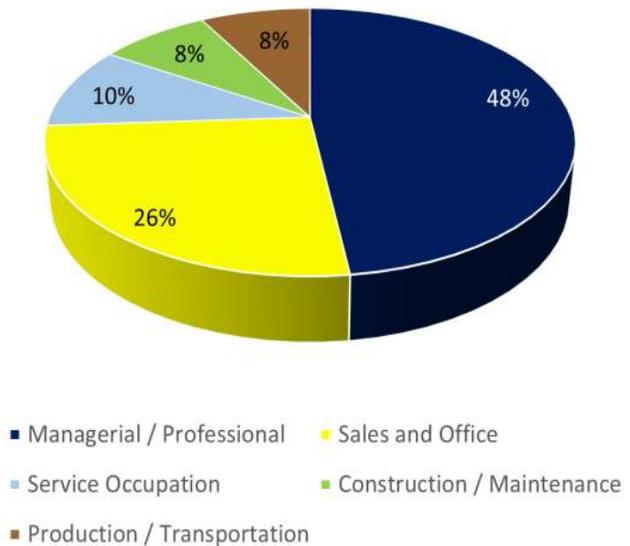
Understanding a city’s employment landscape is beneficial for park planning for several reasons. First, it provides insights into the demographics and needs of the workforce, helping decision makers tailor park amenities and programs to suit the preferences and schedules of working individuals. Additionally, employment data can highlight areas of high commuter traffic or concentration, indicating where parks and recreational facilities might alleviate stress or serve as convenient destinations for relaxation and exercise after work hours. Furthermore, knowledge of local employment trends and industries can inform decisions regarding the types of recreational activities and facilities that may be in demand, such as sports fields for corporate leagues or outdoor meeting spaces for networking events.

Employment by Occupation

- 48% - Managerial / Professional
- 26% - Sales and Office
- 10% - Service Occupations
- 8% - Construction / Maintenance
- 8% - Production / Transportation

With Managerial/Professional positions comprising 48% of the City of Friendswood’s employment section, as illustrated in Figure 2.8, there arises a potential need to ensure accessibility to recreational activities for this demographic. Integrating related amenities and programming within parks could enhance their overall experience, aligning with the preferences and lifestyle of this segment of the population.

Figure 2.8 Employment by Occupation



Top Employers

- Friendswood Independent School District (FISD)
- H.E. Butt Grocery Company
- Kroger Texas, LP
- City of Friendswood
- Clear Creek Independent School District (CCISD)
- University of Texas Medical Branch (four locations)
- Friendship Haven Healthcare and Rehabilitation
- McDonald’s (two locations)
- U.S. Post Office
- Atria Assisted Living and Memory Care

Managerial / Professional: This category includes roles such as executives, managers, consultants, and professionals in fields such as law, finance, engineering, and healthcare and encompass individuals who are responsible for establishing plans, policies, and organizational strategies, directing business operations, and overseeing personnel, products, and services.

Sales and Office: Positions include sales representatives, retail workers, customer service representatives, and administrative personnel who manage various office tasks. Sales professionals are primarily involved in selling goods and services or facilitating transactions between buyers and sellers within specific markets, such as real estate or securities.

Service Occupations: Encompasses a diverse range of roles aimed at attending to clients’ needs, promoting wellness, and ensuring public safety. Individuals typically work in beauty salons, fitness centers, spas, and similar establishments, providing services such as hairstyling, massage therapy, personal training, and skincare treatments. Additionally, service workers in this category may include professionals who offer counseling, therapy, or other forms of support to help individuals cope with challenges and improve their overall well-being. Moreover, workers in public safety roles, such as police officers, firefighters, and emergency medical technicians, also fall under this category, as they play a crucial role in maintaining community safety and responding to emergencies.

Construction / Maintenance: Construction laborers and helpers are responsible for performing tasks including handling materials and tools, assisting skilled workers, and maintaining cleanliness and organization in work areas. General maintenance and repair workers specialize in maintaining and repairing machines, mechanical equipment, and buildings to ensure optimal performance and longevity.

Production / Transportation: Workers in the production and transportation sector fulfill essential roles in assembling goods, distributing energy, and facilitating the movement of people and goods.

Previous Planning Efforts

Previous planning efforts, which include **Vision 2020** and the **City of Friendswood Parks Master Plan, 2010**, serve as valuable resources that inform current decision-making, guide future development, and ensure that the City of Friendswood continues to evolve in a manner that reflects the needs and aspirations of its residents.

Vision 2020

Vision 2020 is a report from the Friendswood Economic Development Commission, which was published in 1998. The primary focus of the report addresses the economic outlook for the community including aspects such as:

- Land Use
- Residential Density
- Community Services and Lifestyle Amenities that included streets, roads, parks, utilities, drainage, public safety, and schools.
- Target Markets to increase the tax base.
- Zoning Adjustments to balance a more realistic market split.
- Business Recruiting
- Commercial and Industrial build-out



City of Friendswood Parks Master Plan, 2010

The current Parks Master Plan was adopted in 2010. At that time, the objectives of the Plan were to:

- Develop Lake Friendswood Park with piers, trails, and a pavilion.
- Expand trails by developing hike and bike and nature trails.
- Upgrade to lighted sports fields for soccer, football, baseball and softball.
- Build a new Community Center for senior, youth, and adult programming.



The Plan lists seven goals with priorities and its respected timeline:

1. Provide a parks system that meets the total recreation and leisure needs of the community to foster health and wellness (1-7 years).
2. Establish connections and access through hike and bike trails to and from parks, green spaces, neighborhoods, workplaces, schools, and shopping centers within the city; and extend linkages to neighboring communities and regional trail systems (3-5 years).
3. Develop additional neighborhood parks (5-10 years).
4. Advertise a park system that results in long-term economic benefits including tourism, enhanced real estate values, and attracts commercial establishments (3-10 years).
5. Promote the development of a parks, recreation and green space system that will support the region's strategy to address population growth by encouraging the development of communities where people can live, work, and play with less reliance on their cars (3-5 years).
6. Increase participation in outdoor recreation (1-10 years).
7. Enhance the quality of outdoor recreation (1-3 years).

Existing Parks

The City of Friendswood includes twelve parks and public spaces available to the community to enjoy. Below is quick description of these facilities. Most of these images and descriptions were taken from the current City of Friendswood Parks Mater Plan, 2010.¹

¹ "Document Center • Friendswood, TX • CivicEngage." Accessed April 24, 2024. <https://www.ci.friendswood.tx.us/DocumentCenter/Index/29>.



Old City Park

The location of the 4th of July celebrations is the 11.9-acre park, which features three soccer fields, one of which doubles as a ball field. Additionally, the park is equipped with restroom facilities, picnic tables complete with two BBQ pits and a covered pavilion, play structures for children, a dog park, and designated nature areas for leisurely exploration.



Stevenson Park

Established in 1973, Stevenson Park spans 16.5 acres and was acquired from the Vincent Stevenson estate, from which it derives its name. This park boasts a variety of amenities, including a swimming pool and splash pad, four illuminated tennis and pickleball courts, a basketball court, three volleyball courts, numerous picnic tables, two covered pavilions, adaptive playground equipment, disk golf course, fairy trail, and a .68-mile walking trail. Notably, Stevenson Park serves as the venue for the popular "Concerts in the Park" event.



1776 Memorial Park

Donated to the city by Mary Louise Fitch Soule and Harold M. Soule, this 12.6-acre park is characterized by its natural wooded setting and features a kayak ramp/canoe launch. Parking is provided at the entrance.



Corporal Steven Schulz Sportsark

Situated in the southwest corner of the city, the 27-acre sports park caters to the Girls Softball Association with restroom facilities, and concession stands. The complex features four youth and four adult softball fields.

Existing Parks Continued



Leavesley Park Jones Hangar Neighborhood Park

Primarily serving as a venue for indoor recreation activities, family reunions, and square-dancing events, the park features a historic airplane hangar that adds to its unique charm. The on-site parking lot provides a hard-surfaced area ideal for basketball. Moreover, the park is adorned with numerous shade trees, playground equipment, and outdoor seating.



Lake Friendswood Park

As the newest addition to the Friendswood community, Lake Friendswood Park includes two fishing docks, one kayak/canoe launch, one pavilion with four picnic tables, benches, and small barbecue pits. The 33-acre lake is stocked four times a year by the Texas Parks & Wildlife.



Renwick Park

Originally purchased from the Friendswood School district, Renwick Park consists of 19 acres with nine lighted fields, batting cages, concession stand, and restrooms.



Activity Building

The Activity Building houses the Friendswood Senior Citizen Program and provides fitness classes and meeting room space to the whole community.

Existing Parks Continued



Centennial Park

A 55-acre park with one multipurpose field, one football field, two lacrosse fields which double as dry detention areas, six soccer fields, playground structure, two pavilions with a concession stand and basketball pavilion, jogging trail, restrooms, amphitheater, and a 3.5-acre stocked retention pond for catch and release fishing.



Lance Corporal Wesley J. Canning Park

This park includes a 0.9-mile walking path with benches, trash cans, and dog waste stations. The park serves as a memorial to honor the memory of Lance Corporal Wesley J. Canning, a brave Marine who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom. This park stands as a tribute to his courage and sacrifice, ensuring that his memory lives on in the hearts of those who visit.



Future Bay Area Park Location

Bay Area Park

This 46.8-acre tract remains a pristine, undeveloped area that preserves its natural wooded landscape. This future park includes a serene pond at it's center, surrounded by dense trees and lush vegetation, providing a habitat for local wildlife.



Source: <https://communityimpact.com/houston/pearland-friendswood/environment/2021/09/29/friendswood-makes-progress-on-multiple-flood-mitigation-projects/>

Forest Bend Park

Forest Bend Park serves a dual function, providing both recreational amenities and flood mitigation measures. Featuring a detention basin project spanning 53 acres, it serves as floodplain storage, effectively mitigating the risk of flooding in Friendswood. Additionally, the park offers various recreational opportunities, including concrete trails, solar lighting, and a 1.2-mile walking and running route, ideal for fitness enthusiasts seeking an easy workout.

Community Engagement

One of the key components to the planning process is to engage the general public for their input and suggestions, then incorporate the wants, needs, and concerns of the community into the plan. This Parks Master Plan is intended to guide City investment decisions in parks and recreation that best serve the community. A series of public engagement strategies were used throughout this planning process to gain an understanding of the community's wants, needs, and priorities regarding their parks system.



Public engagement meeting at the Senior Center on January 30, 2024
Photo courtesy of EHRA Engineering

Stakeholder Groups

A series of stakeholder meetings were held during the public engagement process. Information collected during these meetings helped shape the community survey and formulate the questions at the open house meetings. The ideas generated from the meetings were formulated as recommendations into the Plan. Meetings with nine different stakeholder groups were conducted and three open house meetings were held for public input.

Stakeholders were categorized into groups based on their areas of expertise, which included:

- City of Friendswood Parks and Recreation Board
- Keep Friendswood Beautiful
- City of Friendswood Department Representatives
- City of Friendswood Planning & Zoning Commission
- Senior Citizen Advisory Committee
- Community Stakeholders



Public engagement meeting at the Senior Center on January 30, 2024
Photo courtesy of EHRA Engineering

Public Survey

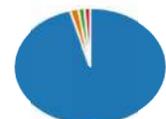
An online survey was undertaken as part of the master planning process. This survey sought the public's opinion on the overall parks, facilities, and trails system in the City of Friendswood. A total of 763 community members responded to the survey. The input and feedback gathered were instrumental in assessing the parks system and setting goals and priorities for the plan.

COF Survey Questions

763 Responses 15:35 Average time to complete Closed Status

1. Do you live in Friendswood?

- Yes 730
- No, but I live in Harris County 13
- No, but I live in Galveston Cou... 10
- No, but I live in Brazoria County 9



Plan Vision and Goals

A vision statement serves as a navigational tool for elected and appointed officials, to guide the priorities of City staff, fosters community backing for the future advancement of parks and recreation in the City of Friendswood. The vision statement presented for the Parks Master Plan emerged from insights gathered during engagements with the City and stakeholders.

Friendswood's vision for their parks and recreation system is reflected in the community's outlook for the future. This vision, shaped through various engagement initiatives, forms the cornerstone of the goals and priorities outlined in this Plan.

Key findings from public engagement efforts are integrated into Chapter 3 titled "Inventory, Assessments, Needs, and Recommendations."

"Our vision is to elevate Friendswood's park system by constructing advanced recreational centers, upgrading existing facilities, and creating a cohesive network of trails. We are committed to providing safe, well-lit, and accessible spaces that cater to diverse recreational needs, fostering a dynamic and active community environment."



Source: City of Friendswood Facebook

Park Master Plan Goals

Establishing goals for a master plan lays the groundwork for future decisions and developments in parks and recreation. These goals also serve as criteria for evaluating the recommendations outlined in this Master Plan. Setting goals is crucial to the planning process as they provide a framework for the City's developmental decisions throughout the Plan's lifespan. It is important to emphasize that the goals articulated in the Plan are a culmination of ideas, input, and priorities gathered from extensive engagement with citizens, City staff, and elected and appointed officials.

The goals below will be further refined into a detailed series of objective and action recommendations in Chapter 4, "Parks and Trails Action Plan".

Goal 1: Construct a cutting-edge recreation center

Goal 2: Upgrade the restroom facilities within existing parks and add restroom facilities to new parks

Goal 3: Establish a trail network that connects parks, schools, and business hub centers

Goal 4: Add parking facilities at trailheads, sports venues, and event venues

Goal 5: Build a new city swimming pool

Goal 6: Enhance lighting at parks and recreation venues

Goal 7: Enrich sports venues with facilities for adaptive play and multi-use fields.

Goal 8: Incorporate versatile sports courts in park facilities

Goal 9: Improve existing amphitheater and construct a new amphitheater as needed

Goal 10: Build a skate park and BMX bike park

Parks Master Plan

City of Friendswood

**Inventory,
Assessments,
Needs, and
Recommendations**



Assessing Park and Recreation Needs

To effectively plan for the future of the City of Friendswood's parks and recreation system, it is crucial to understand the existing amenities of the city's parks. This understanding will help identify where the current system meets expectations and where it falls short. The City of Friendswood has a network of 13 parks and recreation facilities distributed throughout the city and its extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ), as shown in Map 3.1. These parks encompass approximately 340 acres of parkland, offering a variety of recreational opportunities.

By analyzing the current inventory and condition of facilities, comparing that data with local level-of-service ratios, considering the opinions voiced by the community, and evaluating available local resources, this Parks Master Plan will develop a clear picture of what is currently deficient and where opportunities exist within the parks system.

Park Classifications

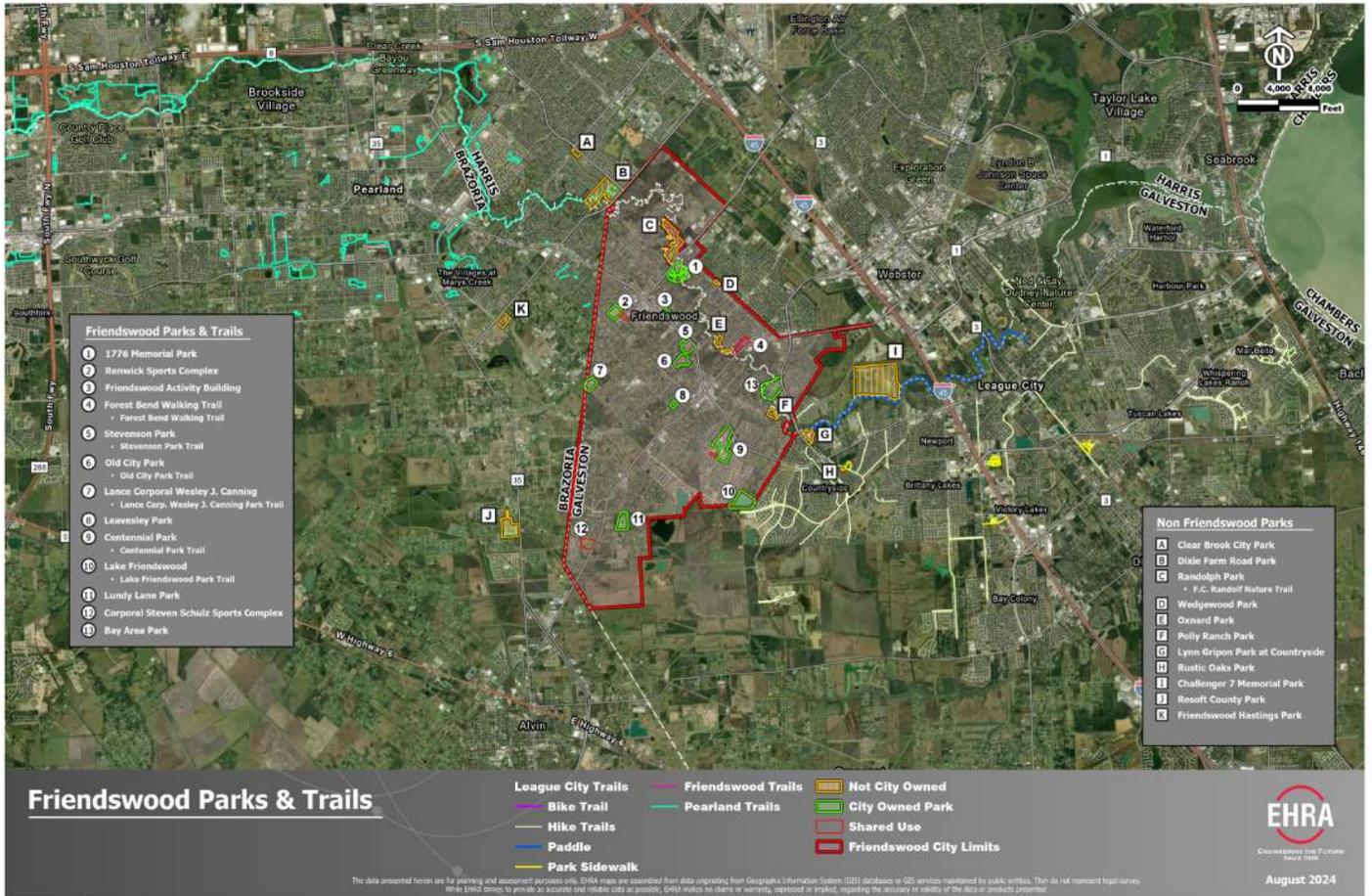
Different park types serve different purposes, areas, and intended users. Understanding these differences assists in identifying gaps and overlap in the overall system and whether or not existing facilities are addressing the current park, recreation, and open space needs of the city.

- **Regional Parks:** Designed to serve the entire city and beyond. A regional park often becomes a premier destination due to its extensive range of facilities and activities. These parks may also encompass regionally significant natural resources. They are planned to accommodate large numbers of visitors for events and are typically located near highways or major arterials to ensure easy access from various parts of the city. The service area for a regional park can extend up to a 50-mile radius, depending on the site's features. The size of these parks can vary significantly, ranging from less than 10 acres to several thousand acres.¹
- **Community Parks:** Designed to provide a wide range of recreational activities, such as athletic fields, sport courts, swimming pools, hiking and biking trails. Additionally, they often host community events, and therefore must provide sufficient parking. They can contribute to the community's identity through their historical context and appeal to all age groups. Community parks should be located near major thoroughfares and typically serve a one to two-mile radius to ensure accessibility to the entire community. Community parks need to be large enough to support various facilities, allow for unstructured recreation, preserve natural areas, and provide room for future growth. The size of these parks generally ranges from 10 to over 50 acres.²
- **Neighborhood "Local" Parks:** These public green spaces are designed to serve specific neighborhoods or communities within a city. They provide a mix of recreational opportunities within easy walking distance of residential neighborhoods. They may not include major recreational facilities or large undisturbed habitats. Amenities may include greenspaces, athletic fields, playgrounds, walking trails, and park benches. Centrally situated in various neighborhoods, they offer safe and convenient pedestrian access for local residents. The size of neighborhood parks are typically smaller, often less than five acres, which is determined by existing physical conditions and availability of land.³
- **Shared Use:** A park may encompass areas or facilities that, while not owned by the City, are maintained by the City under an agreement and made available for public use. Such shared-use areas enhance the community's recreational resources by expanding access to facilities that might otherwise be limited. For instance, a football field owned by a school but adjacent to a city-owned park might be included as part of the park's amenities. Under this arrangement, the City ensures the field is properly maintained, allowing the public to utilize it as if it were a dedicated part of the park itself. This collaborative approach maximizes the use of available land and facilities, providing additional recreational opportunities for the community.

¹ Metropolitan Council. "About Regional Parks and Trails." Accessed June 5, 2024. <https://metrocouncil.org>.

² miraclerecreation. "The Importance of Parks in Your Community." *Miracle Recreation*, September 24, 2019. <https://www.miracle-recreation.com/blog/benefits-of-parks-in-your-community/>.

³ The Western Planner. "National Report Identifies Strategies to Improve Usage of Neighborhood Parks," November 28, 2018. <https://www.westernplanner.org/2019/articles/2018/11/28/national-report-identifies-strategies-to-improve-usage-of-neighborhood-parks>.



Map 3.1, City of Friendswood Parks, Trails, and Facilities Inventory
Map courtesy of EHRA Engineering



Photos courtesy of the City of Friendswood

A Comprehensive Inventory Assessment

The subsequent pages present comprehensive profiles of each city-owned park. These profiles highlight the challenges and prospects at each park, which is crucial for determining the priorities within the parks system. Each profile comprises of the following details:

- Size;
- Park type;
- Surrounding uses;
- Accessibility; and
- Description of existing conditions and potential opportunities.



Photo courtesy of the City of Friendswood

1. Old City Park

Size: 14.7 acres **Park Type:** Community

Surrounding Land Uses: Situated north of the Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, east of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and west of South Friendswood Drive. This area lies southwest of downtown Friendswood, near Cowart Creek and Stevenson Park. It is predominantly surrounded by residential development.

Accessibility: The main vehicular access point is off of Briarmeadow Avenue, which serves as the primary entrance with parking. Another access point is off Merriewood Drive, closest to the dog park, though street parking is not permitted there. Additionally, there is access from Winding Way Drive, leading to a walking trail and pedestrian bridge, which connects to Stevenson Park.

Existing Amenities: The park features three soccer fields, one of which doubles as a ball field. It is equipped with parking, restroom facilities, picnic tables, BBQ pits, a covered pavilion, a concrete ping pong table, a walking trail, children’s play structures, a dog park, and designated nature areas for leisurely exploration. Additionally, a pedestrian bridge over Cowart Creek connects Old City Park to Stevenson Park.

Proposed Enhancements: There is an opportunity to add parking and upgrade the current parking lot with lighting. Public feedback gathered during engagement activities highlighted several suggestions, including the addition of bocce ball courts, agility equipment for dogs, the creation of running trails, and expanding the existing dog park to accommodate more users. According to the pie chart on page 43, which outlines the amenities the community most desires to see improved, trails and the dog park received the highest number of votes. This indicates a strong community interest in enhancing these specific areas to better meet the needs of park users.



Map 3.2, Old City Park
Map courtesy of EHRA Engineering



Photos courtesy of the City of Friendswood



2. Stevenson Park

Size: 18.0 acres

Park Type: Community

Surrounding Land Uses: The park is located behind Friendswood City Hall, situated along South Friendswood Drive. It's positioned to the northeast of Old City Park and Cowart Creek, to the west of Clear Creek, and within downtown Friendswood.

Accessibility: The main entrance to the park is accessed via South Friendswood Drive. Cedarwood Drive offers access and parking to the north of the park, while Shadwell Lane provides access and parking to the south.

Existing Conditions: Established in 1973 and acquired from the Vincent Stevenson estate, Stevenson Park stands as the City of Friendswood's signature park. This versatile space offers enjoyment for the whole family and hosts the popular "Concerts in the Park" series. Its amenities include a lap pool, lighted gazebo, disc golf course, a large lighted Rotary pavilion, a small lighted Rotary pavilion, four lighted and fenced tennis and pickleball courts, three lighted sand volleyball courts, a lighted outdoor basketball court, a 0.68-mile jogging trail with an improved all-weather, rubberized walking surface, four playgrounds catering to various ages and abilities, a three-section splash pad with different spray features, ample parking, small splash pad pavilion, and a pedestrian bridge connecting to Old City Park.

Proposed Enhancements: Enhancing the park by adding more parking spaces and updating the pool are recommended improvements. Public feedback from engagement activities also highlighted the need to expand the summer camp program, particularly by providing a larger facility to accommodate youth participation. This amenity is highly valued by the community. Additionally, there is strong support for interconnecting the trail system to create a cohesive network throughout the city. Suggestions include establishing a meditation area, installing a rules board for open play at the pickleball courts, and adding trails or sidewalks across and under the bridge at 518 near Winding Way. According to the pie chart on page 43, the playground, trails, and gathering areas are the amenities the community most desires to see improved.



Map 3.3, Stevenson Park
Map courtesy of EHRA Engineering



Photos courtesy of the City of Friendswood

3. 1776 Memorial Park

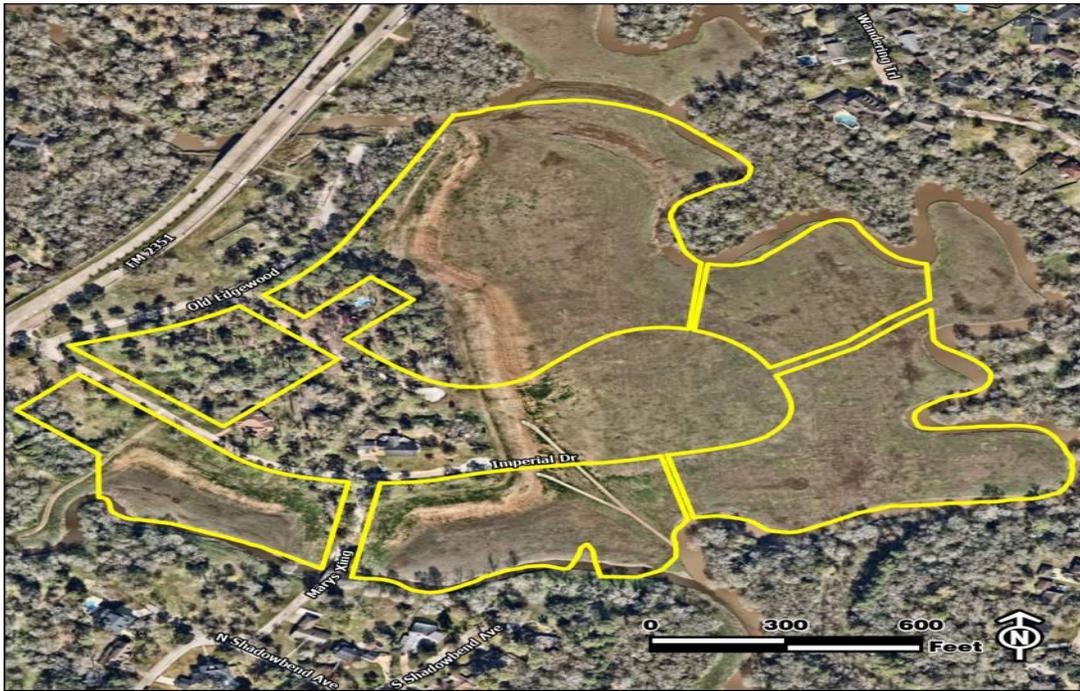
Size: 34.1 acres **Park Type:** Regional

Surrounding Land Uses: Bordered by Clear Creek to the north and south, the park is adjacent to the Imperial Estates subdivision and situated just south of Frankie Carter Randolph Park.

Accessibility: The park is situated off of FM 2351, with access and parking available from Old East Edgewood and Imperial Drive.

Existing Conditions: Dedicated on July 4, 1976, this natural parkland honors all individuals who have served in the armed forces and was generously donated to the city by Mary Louise Fitch Soule and Harold M. Soule. Offering scenic views of nature and wildlife, the park features a canoe/kayak ramp for enthusiasts to explore Clear Creek. Additionally, the park serves as the Harold Whitaker Storm Water Basin.

Proposed Enhancements: Installation of restrooms, addition of lighting and benches, planting of shade trees, development of walking and biking trails, and the creation of bird-watching stations are a few proposed enhancements. Incorporating a treehouse canopy playground could also be an exciting addition, offering a natural play experience that aligns with the park's environment and serves as a unique attraction for the youth.



Map 3.4, 1776 Memorial Park
Map courtesy of EHRA Engineering



Photos courtesy of EHRA Engineering

4. Corporal Steven Schulz Sportspark

Size: 24.4 acres

Park Type: Regional

Surrounding Land Uses: Surrounded by residential development, the park is situated just north of the American Canal, east of Dickinson Bayou, west of FM 528, and south of the Windsor Estates subdivision.

Accessibility: Moore Road provides access to both softball field quadrants and parking for each. The larger softball field quadrant along the west boundary can be accessed from FM 528.

Existing Conditions: This facility contains four lighted adult softball fields, four lighted youth softball fields, concession stands, and restrooms.

Proposed Enhancements: The online survey revealed that the community is interested in having more food trucks as an amenity. Corporal Steven Schulz Sportspark presents an ideal location for food truck vendors, especially during tournaments or sporting events, providing participants with convenient dining options.



Map 3.5, Corporal Steven Schulz Sportspark
Map courtesy of EHRA Engineering



Photos courtesy of EHRA Engineering

5. Leavesley Park Jones Hangar Neighborhood Park

Size: 3.0 acres **Park Type:** Neighborhood

Surrounding Land Uses: North of Chigger Creek, south of Friendswood High School, and residential development surrounds the park.

Accessibility: Located off of Buckingham Drive, just north of FM 528.

Existing Conditions: A historic airplane hangar located on the property was repurposed to serve as a venue for indoor recreation activities and events, and includes on-site parking. Furthermore, it includes outdoor space, numerous shade trees, playground equipment, and outdoor seating.

Proposed Enhancements: A new playground and a kitchen renovation are some proposed enhancements. The online survey showed a strong interest in having a farmer’s market, and Leavesley Park Jones Hangar could serve as an excellent venue for hosting indoor and outdoor vendor spaces, as well as a community garden. Additionally, this park could be renovated to accommodate indoor courts for sports like volleyball or basketball.



Map 3.6, Leavesley Park Jones Hanger Neighborhood Park
Map courtesy of EHRA Engineering



Photos courtesy of the City of Friendswood

6. Renwick Park

Size: 24.4 acres **Park Type:** Regional - Shared Use

Surrounding Land Uses: North of Westwood Elementary School and Cowart Creek, west of Friendswood Methodist Church, and surrounded by residential development.

Accessibility: The site is accessible from Stadium Lane, which provides ample parking. Additional access is available from Mary Ann Drive.

Existing Conditions: The city-owned portion of the park spans 16.4 acres and features ten lighted multipurpose fields, which are utilized by various youth and adult sports leagues. The park also includes batting cages, a concession stand, and restrooms. Additionally, there is a 7.9-acre shared-use area owned by Friendswood ISD. Under an agreement with the City of Friendswood, this area is maintained by the city and provides additional multipurpose fields available for public use.

Proposed Enhancements: Upgrading the drainage of fields, enhancing lighting, installing better bleachers, and adding more shaded areas are a few suggestions for improvement. The online survey also revealed a strong community interest in increasing the number of bike racks for students biking over from the school.



Map 3.7, Renwick Park
Map courtesy of EHRA Engineering



Photos courtesy of the City of Friendswood



7. Centennial Park

Size: 62.8 acres **Park Type:** Regional - Shared Use

Surrounding Land Uses: Centennial Park is situated north of Friendswood Junior High. To the east, there is a commercial area including a gas station along Old Road. Friendswood Fire Station No. 1 is located to the west, while Chigger Creek is north of the park. Additionally, the park is surrounded by residential neighborhoods.

Accessibility: Manison Parkway runs between South Friendswood Drive and Falcon Ridge Boulevard, and leads to the main entrance of the park, which offers ample parking. Additionally, Friendswood Junior High provides adjacent parking for visitors.

Existing Conditions: The city owned portion of the park includes 58.9 acres and features a 3.5-acre stocked retention pond for fishing, which does not require a license. Amenities include two picnic pavilions, a half-mile paved hiking and jogging trail, a playground structure, a concession stand, restrooms, a multi-court basketball pavilion, six lighted soccer fields, one small lighted practice field, two lighted football fields with scoreboards, two lacrosse fields that double as dry detention ponds, a four-lane recreational track, and the Evelyn B. Newman Amphitheater, which seats 186 people. A popular event is the summer movie nights in the park. There is a 3.9-acre shared-use area owned by Friendswood ISD. Under an agreement with the City of Friendswood, this area is maintained by the city and provides additional multipurpose fields available for public use.

Proposed Enhancements: According to feedback gathered from public engagement exercises, there have been numerous requests for additional goals and backstops. Upgrading to turf fields would accommodate lacrosse and other sports. Additionally, the community has expressed a need for a simpler process to sign up for field rentals, more frequent repainting of fields, and increased availability of open fields. The playground and soccer fields have been identified as the top priorities for improvement, with the community also expressing a desire to enhance the existing amphitheater.



Map 3.8, Centennial Park
Map courtesy of EHRA Engineering



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8. Lake Friendswood Park

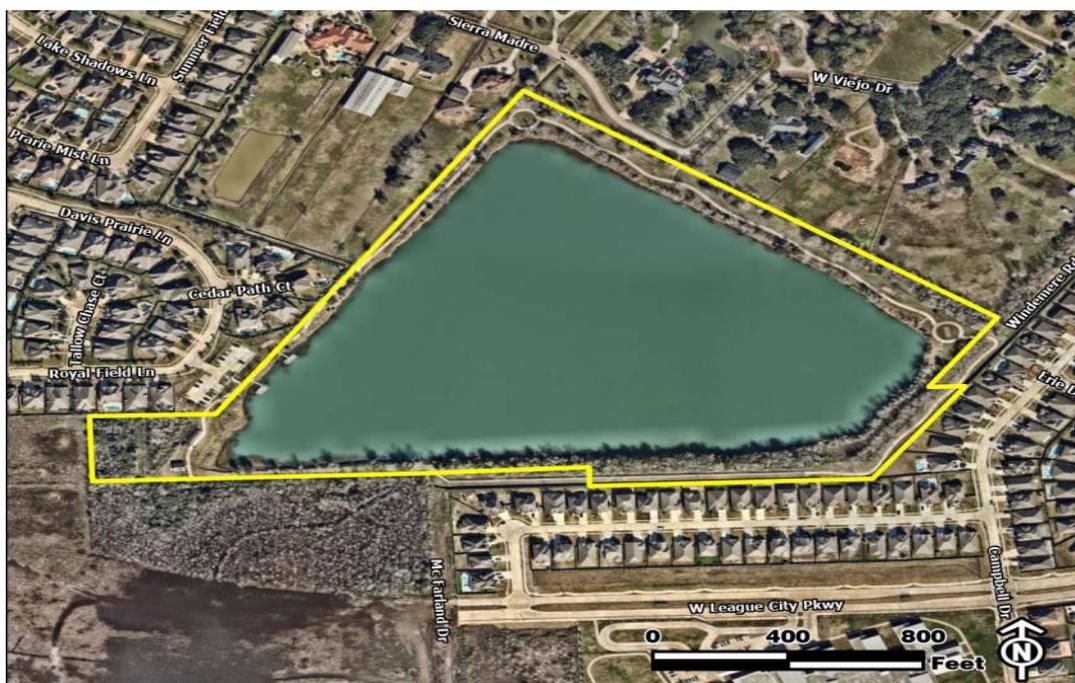
Size: 43.5 acres **Park Type:** Community

Surrounding Land Uses: Lake Friendswood Park is located within the West Ranch Subdivision, west of the Westwood Subdivision and north of Florence Campbell Elementary School.

Accessibility: Taking West Boulevard to Davis Prairie Lane leads to the entrance of the park, which provides parking. Another trailhead is located off of West Viejo Drive, however street parking is not permitted.

Existing Conditions: Lake Friendswood Park is the newest park in the City of Friendswood and includes a 33-acre stocked lake, two fishing docks, one kayak and canoe launch, a pavilion with four picnic tables, restrooms, benches, small barbecue pits, and a one-mile trail with adult fitness equipment stations that borders the lake.

Proposed Enhancements: The online survey highlighted an interest in enhancing the trails, boardwalk, and dock around the lake. Feedback from public engagement meetings suggested extending park hours, adding parking, and constructing additional fishing piers to help disperse crowds. There were also requests for separate bike lanes from runners/walkers on the trail, the addition of a playground, and the preservation of lake views for residents. To further improve the lake, suggestions included providing kayak and paddle board rentals, increasing safety measures, and restocking the lake with more fish.



Map 3.9, Lake Friendswood Park
Map courtesy of EHRA Engineering



Photos courtesy of the City of Friendswood

9. Activity Building

Size: 2.1 acres **Park Type:** Community

Surrounding Land Uses: The Activity Building is located in downtown Friendswood amidst residential and commercial areas. It is positioned north of Bryan & Bryan Inspections, east of the Friendswood Public Library, and south of the Masonic Lodge.

Accessibility: Access to the building is available from both East Spreading Oaks Avenue and Morningside Drive, with parking available along both streets.

Existing Conditions: The Activity Building serves as the hub for the Friendswood Senior Citizen Program and offers fitness classes and meeting room facilities for the entire community.

Proposed Enhancements: The Activity Building is an ideal location for hosting a biweekly or monthly Farmer’s Market. Conveniently located in downtown Friendswood, the Activity Building offers easy access and ample parking. Additionally, the large vacant parking lot behind the Activity Building can comfortably accommodate both vendors and customers. Further suggestions from the online survey include upgrading the Activity Building to include meeting spaces for social activities, dancing, and indoor athletic courts for basketball, volleyball, pickleball, and table tennis. There was also interest in offering cooking and crafting classes.



Map 3.10, Activity Building
Map courtesy of EHRA Engineering



Photos courtesy of EHRA Engineering



10. Lance Corporal Wesley J. Canning Park

Size: 13.7 acres **Park Type:** Community-Shared Use

Surrounding Land Uses: Cowart Creek runs along the northern border of the park, while commercial establishments are situated to the south. Residential neighborhoods encompass the park from the east and west.

Accessibility: The park has access points along Baker Road, and Stonewall Pass Road. However, there is no designated paved parking area; visitors typically park on the grass.

Existing Conditions: This is a shared-use park owned by the Clear Creek Drainage District, but maintained by the City of Friendswood. This park functions as a dry detention basin and features a 0.9-mile walking path equipped with benches, trash cans, and dog waste stations. It also serves as a memorial to Lance Corporal Wesley J. Canning, a courageous Marine who sacrificed his life during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Proposed Enhancements: Several suggestions gathered from public input include installing a bike trail around the drainage basin, using either concrete or crushed granite. Additionally, the basin could accommodate practice fields. The site would also benefit from the addition of parking facilities and a restroom.



Map 3.11, Lance Corporal Wesley J. Canning Park
Map courtesy of EHRA Engineering



Photos courtesy of the City of Friendswood

11. Bay Area Park

Size: 53.1 acres **Park Type:** Community

Surrounding Land Uses: Clear Creek borders the park on the north and west sides, while a municipal wastewater treatment facility, owned and operated by the Gulf Coast Waste Disposal Authority, is located to the south. Residential developments lie to the east of the park.

Accessibility: The park is accessed from Bay Area Boulevard.

Existing Conditions: This 46.8-acre park remains undeveloped, preserving its natural wooded landscape, with a serene pond located at its center. Initially donated to the City by the West Ranch Management District for a future flood control project, the site has since been expanded through the acquisition of 3.4 acres funded by drainage bonds. Efforts are ongoing to secure an additional 3.1 acres, bringing the total to 53.1 acres for the flood control project.

Proposed Enhancements: Suggestions from the online survey include adding dog-friendly trails, hiking and biking paths, a kayak/canoe launch near Clear Creek, as well as benches and restrooms along the trails. The pond in the center of the park could be developed into a stocked fishing pond with fishing docks and additional canoe/kayak launch areas. This park also presents a prime opportunity to create a botanical garden, another highly desired amenity according to the survey.



Map 3.12, Bay Area Park
Map courtesy of EHRA Engineering



Photos courtesy of the City of Friendswood

12. Forest Bend Walking Trail

Size: 23.2 acres

Park Type: Community-Shared Use

Surrounding Land Uses: Located within the Forest Bend Subdivision, Clear Creek borders the Forest Bend Walking Trail to the west. The Clear Creek Community Church is situated to the south, with some commercial development to the east. Friendswood Fire Station No. 3 and the Forest Bend Civic Building are located to the north, near the entrance to the park, and share a parking lot.

Accessibility: The park is adjacent to FM 528, with the main entrance located off of Townes Road, which includes parking.

Existing Conditions: The Forest Bend Walking Trail is a shared-use park owned by the Forest Bend Homeowners Association but maintained by the City of Friendswood. This park serves as floodplain storage and provides a range of recreational opportunities, including a 0.6-mile concrete trail, open space, and park benches. Additionally, the park features a basketball court and a community pool; however, these facilities are exclusively maintained by the Homeowners Association.

Proposed Enhancements: Recommended improvements along the trail include adding water fountains, refurbishing some of the park benches, repairing the pedestrian bridge that crosses the creek, and fixing sections of the sidewalk.



Map 3.13, Forest Bend Walking Trail
Map courtesy of EHRA Engineering



Photos courtesy of the City of Friendswood and EHRA Engineering

13. Lundy Lane Park

Size: 24.7 acres **Park Type:** Community

Surrounding Land Uses: The tract for the future Lundy Lane Park (*name is subject to change*) is positioned east of the Friendswood Fire Station #2 and The Harbor Non-Denominational Church. Residential development envelops the rest of the tract.

Accessibility: Currently, there is no direct access to this tract. However, potential access points could be developed from El Dorado Drive to the east, FM 528 to the west, and either Country Club Drive or Mission Circle to the north.

Existing Conditions: The future Lundy Lane Park in the City of Friendswood is currently an undeveloped tract of land characterized by dense trees and a triangular pond at its center. Although the park currently lacks access, there is potential for a shared-use partnership with The Harbor Non-Denominational Church to utilize their parking facilities. This partnership could also support the development of a connecting road, providing convenient access to the park.

Proposed Enhancements: This park would be an ideal location to achieve several objectives outlined in Chapter 2 of this plan, including the construction of a new swimming pool, a skate park, and a BMX bike park. It could also accommodate additional practice fields for football, soccer, lacrosse, and tennis/pickleball courts, fulfilling the community’s need for additional recreational facilities.



Map 3.14, Lundy Lane Park
Map courtesy of EHRA Engineering



Photos courtesy of the City of Friendswood



Future Lundy Lane Park Location

Parks Needs Assessment

As discussed in Chapter 2, public engagement is crucial for identifying community needs for park facilities and programming. A preliminary evaluation was conducted, as described in the previous section, to determine the types of parks and recreational opportunities considered valuable in Friendswood. This demand-based assessment reflects preferences expressed by the community during stakeholder meetings and a public survey. These engagement strategies helped to identify a variety of desires and concerns within the community. Key themes that emerged consistently during these meetings and throughout the planning process are outlined in the following sections.

In-Person Meeting Input - Parks

The following graphs illustrate the types of amenities the community most wishes to see improved in the parks listed below. Feedback was consolidated from the three in-person public engagement meetings held on the following dates:

1. January 26, 2024 - First meeting at the Public Library.
2. January 30, 2024 - Second meeting at the Senior Activity Center.
3. January 31, 2024 - Third meeting at the Public Library.

Figure 3.1 Stevenson Park

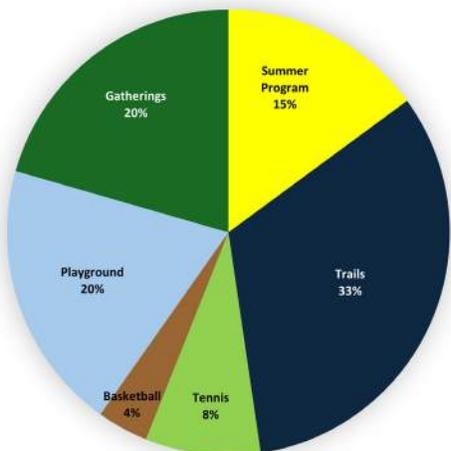


Figure 3.3 Old City Park

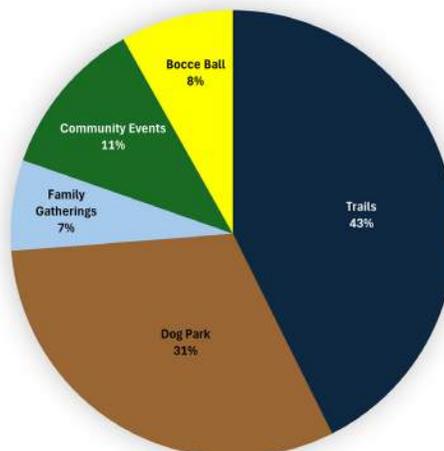


Figure 3.2 Centennial Park

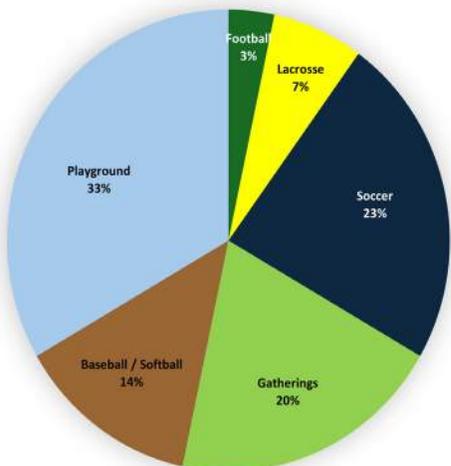
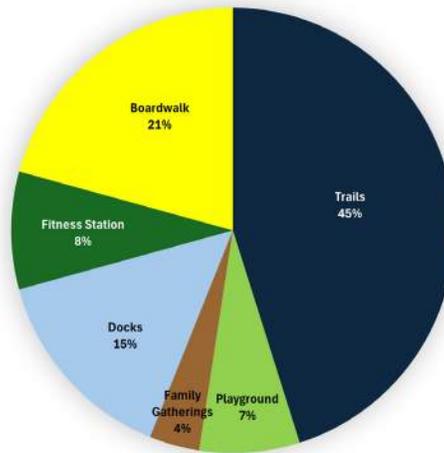


Figure 3.4 Lake Friendswood Park

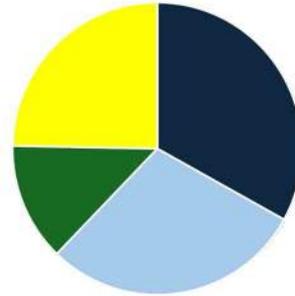


Online Survey Input - Parks

The following online survey questions highlight the community's preferences, needs, and priorities for the development and enhancement of park facilities.

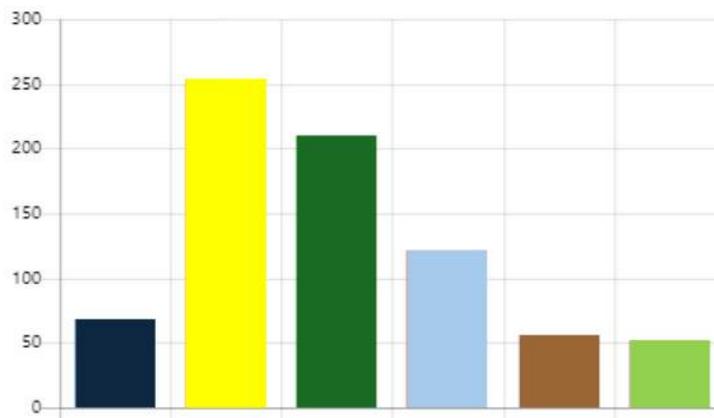
6. How do you currently use parks in the area?

● Run / Jog / Walk	518
● Leisure	457
● Group events	205
● Family time	387



8. In the past year, how often have you / member of your household used parks in the area?

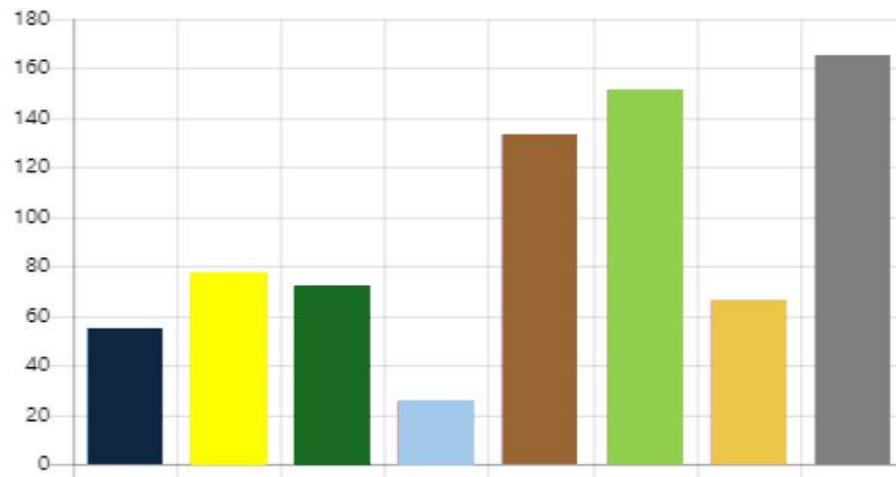
● Daily	68
● Weekly	254
● Monthly	210
● At least once in previous 3 mo...	121
● At least once in previous 6 mo...	56
● Once a year or less	52



Online Survey Input - Parks (Continued)

10. What hinders you from utilizing parks within the study area more often?

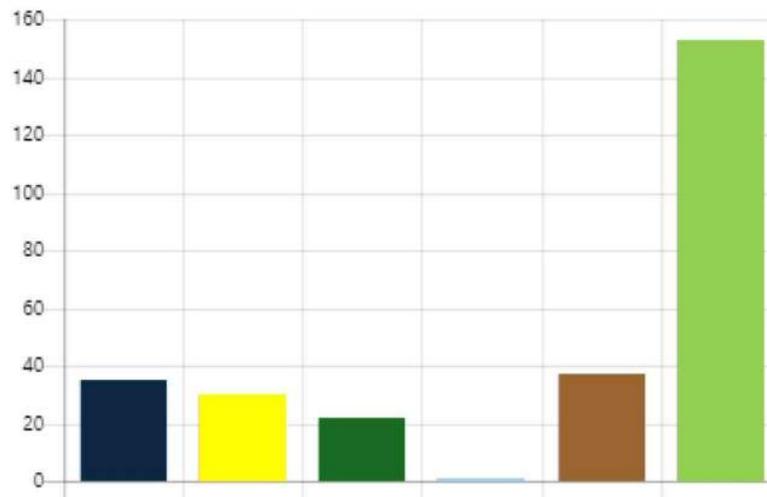
Not aware of parks	55
Amenities are lacking or not w...	77
Amenities outdated or in need...	72
Not interested in Parks	25
Facilities get overly crowded	133
Safety issues / concerns	151
No parking or access	66
Other	165



Online Survey Input - Parks (Continued)

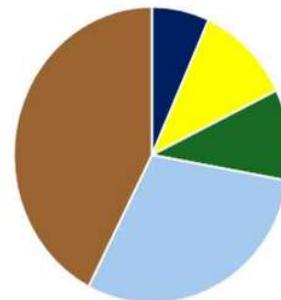
16. In the past 12 months, have you used the Leavesley Park Jones Hangar for:

● Summer Program	35
● Banquet	30
● Dance classes	22
● Quinceanera	1
● Playground	37
● Other	153



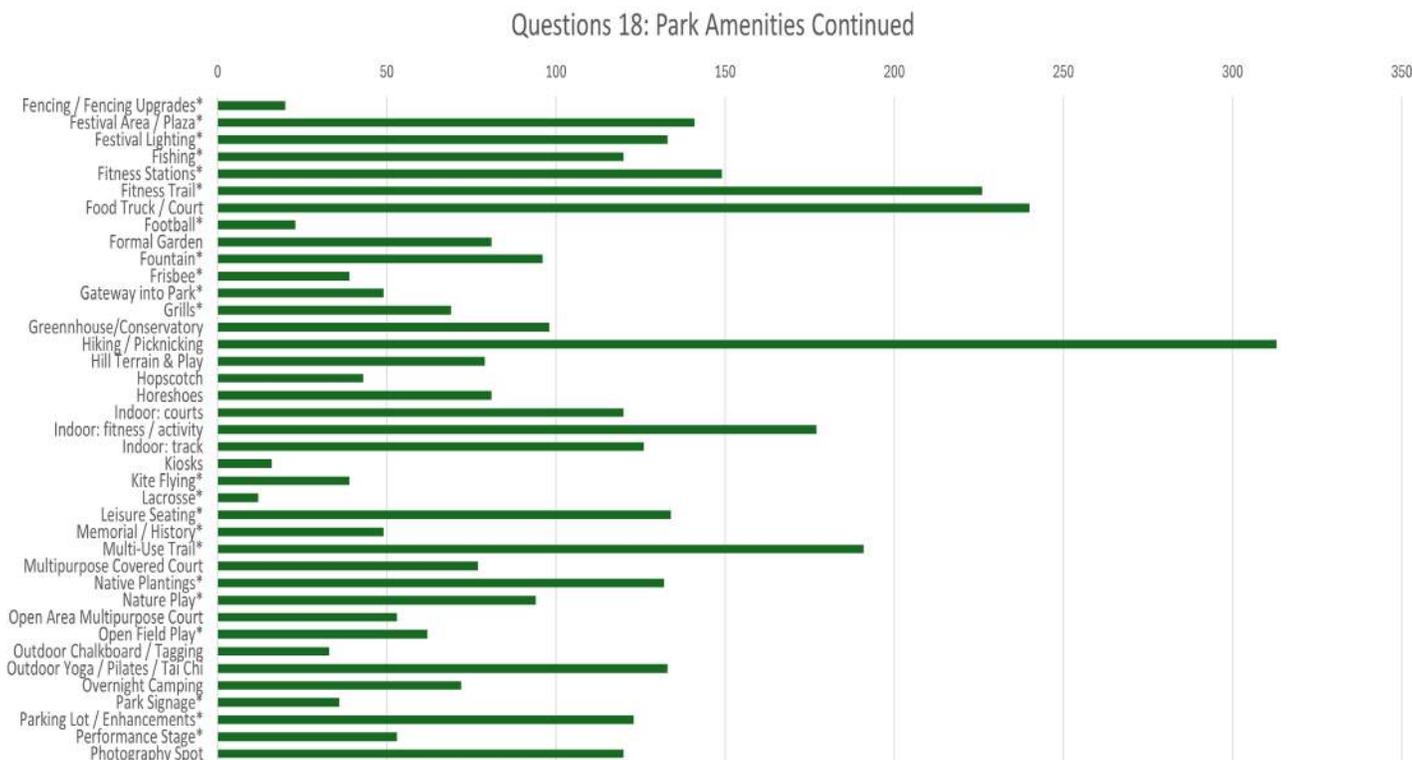
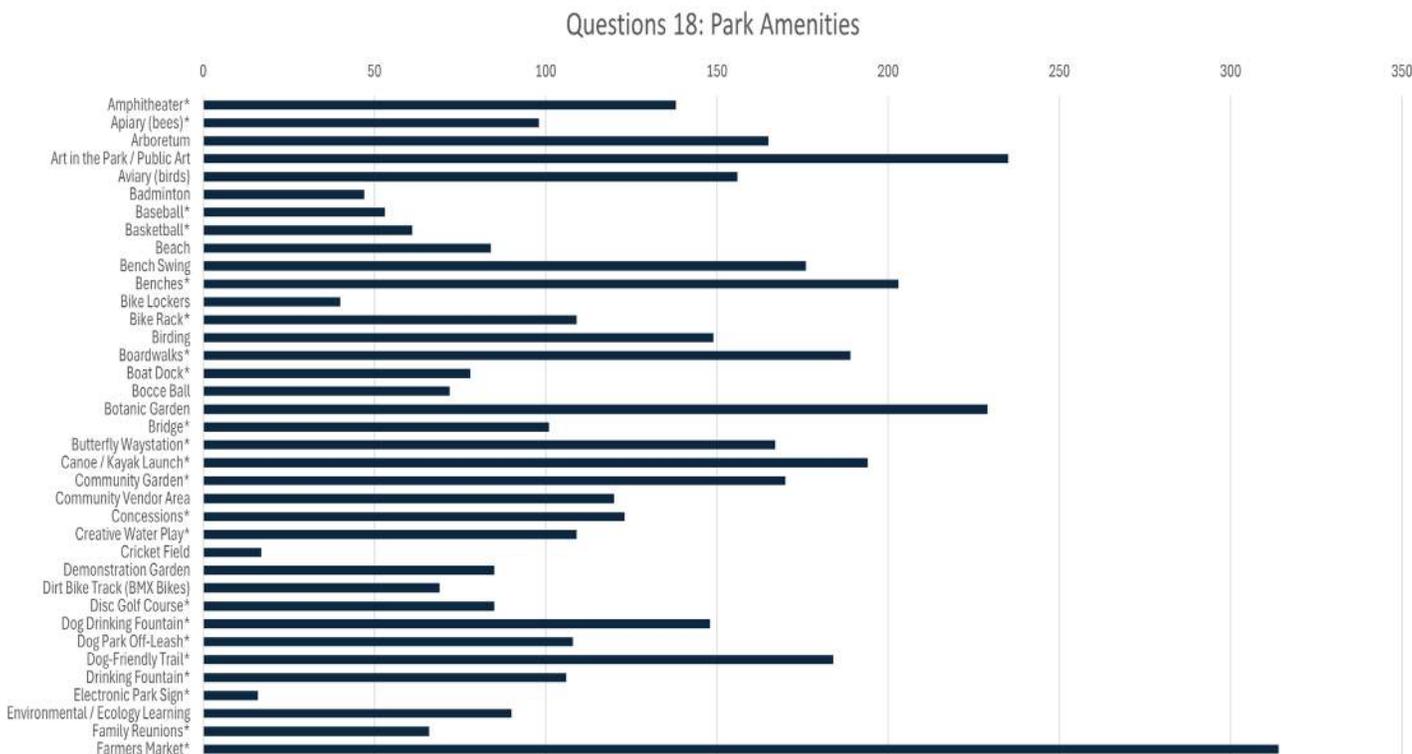
17. In the past 12 months, have you used the City Pool at Stevenson Park for:

● Swimming Team	23
● Swimming Lessons	38
● Youth Summer Programs	34
● Family Event	102
● Other	145



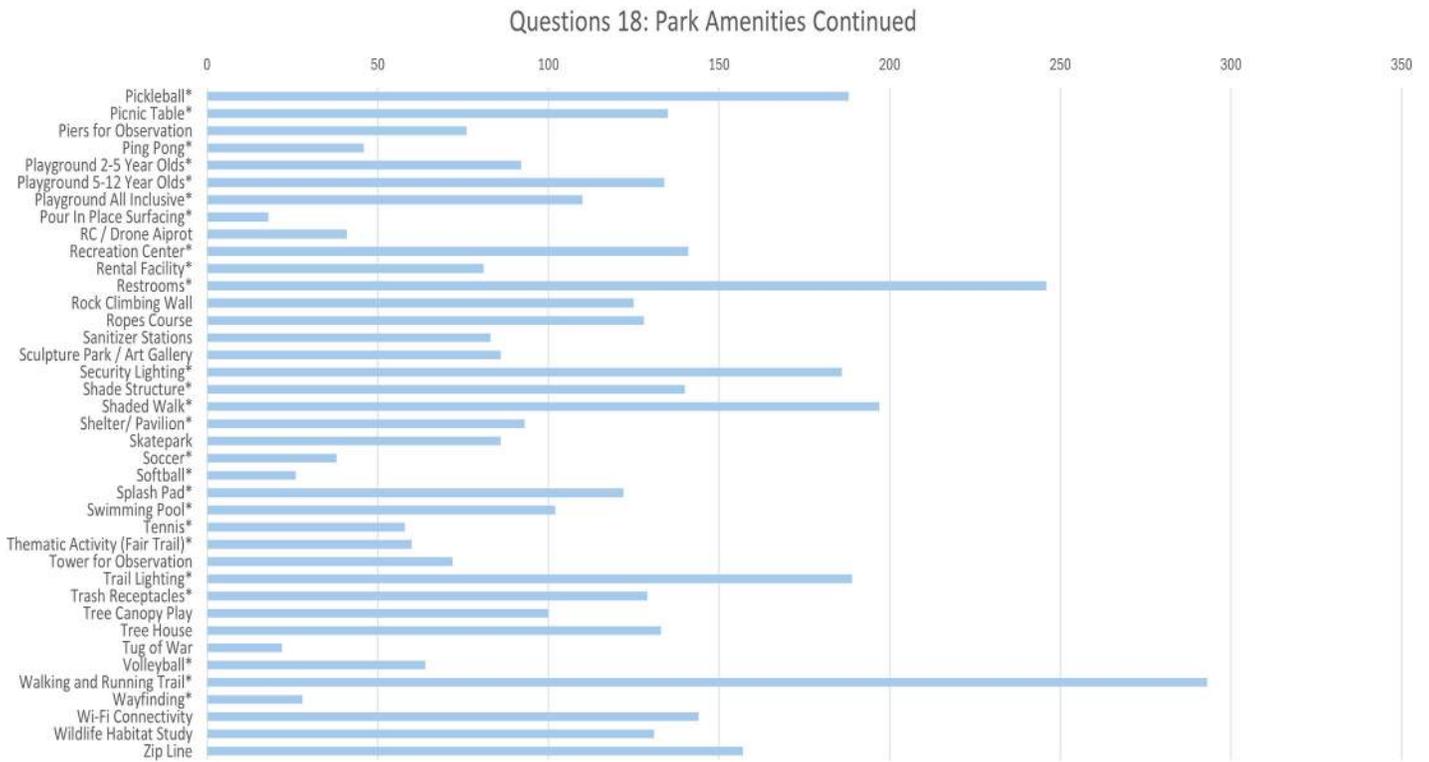
Online Survey Input - Parks (Continued)

18. Identify the amenities you would like to see more in improvements and planning of future and current parks. "*" indicates amenities offered in parks today. Select all that apply:



Online Survey Input - Parks (Continued)

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Parkland Acreage Level of Service

The parkland acreage level of service analysis assesses the amount of parkland in the City as a ratio of acreage to population, determining if the current and future acreage is sufficient to serve the population. The analysis, detailed in Figure 3.1, ensures that adequate parkland is allocated for community outdoor recreation needs and aids in future parkland planning and acquisition.

To establish an appropriate level of service for Friendswood, “target” levels were developed and incorporated into this Plan, reflecting the community’s usage patterns and interests. Currently, Friendswood has approximately 292.9 acres of city-owned parkland and 48.7 acres of shared-use parkland, totaling 341.6 acres. This equates to a level of service of 8.2 acres per 1,000 residents. However, with anticipated population growth, this ratio is expected to decline to 6.9 acres per 1,000 residents by 2030 and further decrease to 5.8 acres per 1,000 residents if the population reaches its max capacity at 58,000.

The 2024 National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) Agency Performance Review indicates that the typical park and recreation agency has 10.6 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents. Based on this benchmark, the City of Friendswood is close to the target level of service but faces a current deficit of 91.2 acres. By 2034, to meet the recommended parkland acreage for a projected population of 49,408, Friendswood will need an additional 180.9 acres.

Given limited land availability, rather than acquiring large new parkland areas, the City should focus on developing and maintaining existing parkland to high standards and ensuring it is well-distributed throughout the City. Identifying and converting undeveloped tracts unsuitable for other development into parkland could also be beneficial.¹

Figure 3.1 Parkland Level of Service in the City of Friendswood

Park Classification	Existing Level of Service (LOS)				Recommended LOS (2024)			Recommended LOS (2034)	
	Acreage (City Park)	Acreage (Shared Use)	Total Existing Acreage (2024)	Current LOS (based on 40,833 population)	Recommended Target LOS (2024-2034)	Recommended Acreage (2024)	Surplus / Deficit Acreage (2024)	Recommended Acreage (based on 49,408 population)	Surplus / Deficit Acreage (2034)
Regional Parks	133.8	11.8	145.6	3.6 Ac./1,000 Residents	6.1 Ac. / 1,000 Residents	249.1	103.5 Ac. Deficit	301.4	155.8 Ac. Deficit
Community Parks	156.1	36.9	193	3.4 Ac./1,000 Residents	4.3 Ac. / 1,000 Residents	175.6	17.4 Ac. Surplus	212.5	25.9 Ac. Deficit
Neighborhood Parks	3.0		3.0	0.1 Ac./1,000 Residents	0.2 Ac. / 1,000 Residents	8.1	5.1 Ac. Deficit	8.6	5.6 Ac. Deficit
Overall Acreage	292.9	48.7	341.6	8.2 Ac. / 1,000 Residents	10.6 Ac. / 1,000 Residents	432.8	91.2 Ac. Deficit	522.5	180.9 Ac. Deficit

¹ “2024 NRPA Agency Performance Review,” n.d., pg 5 <https://www.nrpa.org/siteassets/research/2024-agency-performance-review.pdf>.

Park Accessibility

In addition to overall acreage, the location of parks is equally important. Although the City owns 341.6 acres of parkland, not all residents have easy access to these parks. Different types of parks and recreation amenities serve distinct functions and have varying service areas. Therefore, regional, community and neighborhood parks will be analyzed separately in the following sections.

Regional Park Accessibility

Regional parks are designed to serve the entire city and its surrounding areas. They host large-scale events, tournaments, and various activities. Due to their expansive size, diverse amenities, and potential access challenges arising from their location beyond city limits, a service area of five miles has been designated for these parks, as illustrated in Map 3.15.

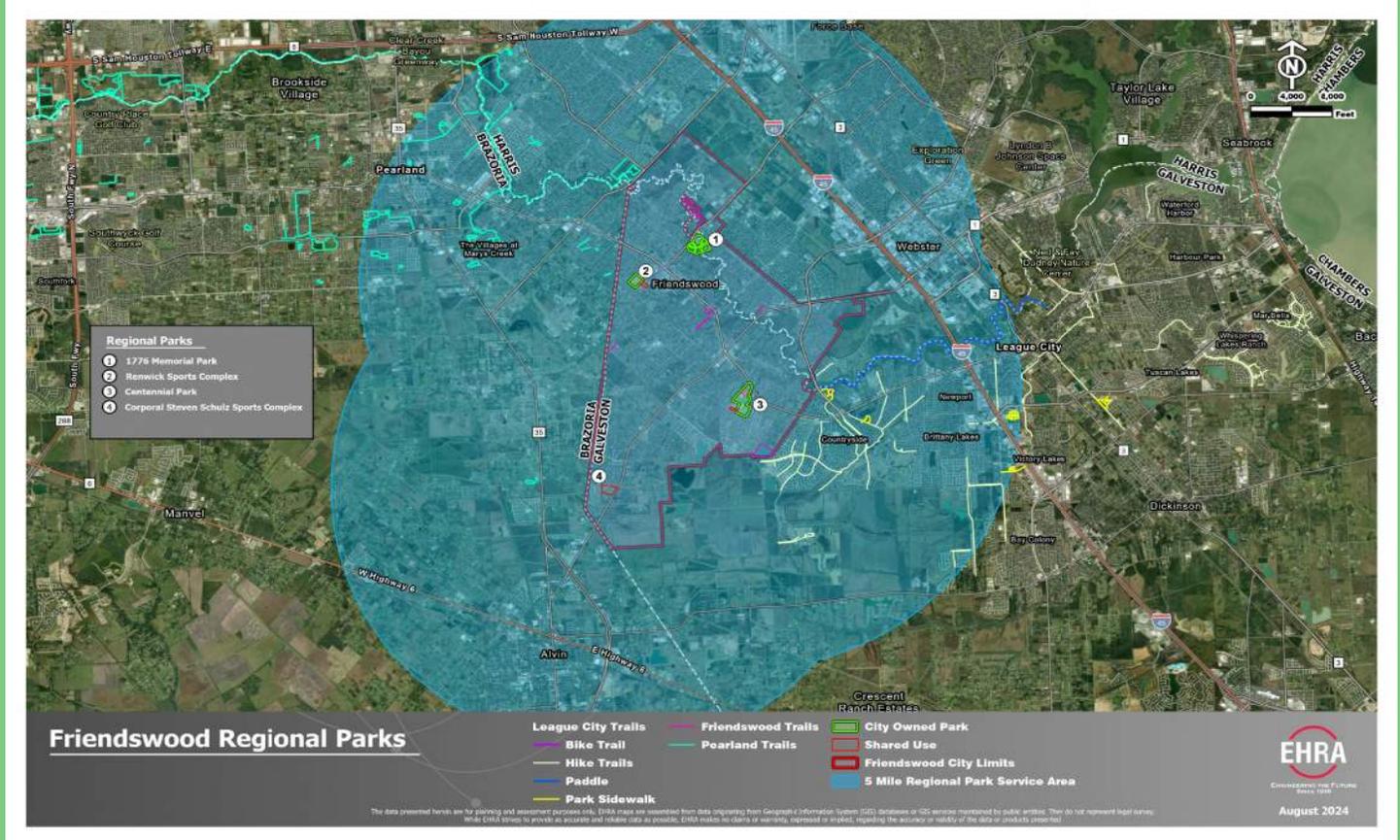
Regional Park Need Areas

Regional parks can attract visitors from areas outside the City of Friendswood. However, residents have expressed concerns about safety and overcrowding in these parks. To address safety issues, it is essential to ensure parks are not isolated, as isolation can attract crime.

Enhancing parks by planting trees and building shade structures can provide protection from the heat. Maintaining playground equipment and reinforcing it with shock-absorbent materials can help diffuse the impact of falls and prevent serious injuries.

To manage overcrowding, some residents suggest adjusting park hours or implementing entry fees to encourage visits during off-peak times. Additionally, promoting multimodal transportation options such as shuttles and multi-use paths can reduce vehicular congestion. Encouraging biking and walking can also help alleviate traffic and parking issues.

Map 3.15: City of Friendswood Regional Parks Service Area



Community & Neighborhood Park Accessibility

Community parks cater to several neighborhoods or a specific portion of a city, providing amenities for users within a one-mile service area, whether they walk or drive. In contrast, neighborhood parks are typically located centrally within a neighborhood or a cluster of smaller neighborhoods they aim to serve. Due to their proximity, these parks are often accessed on foot and should be easily reachable within a one-quarter-mile (ideal) or one-half-mile (standard) radius, accommodating reasonable walking distances for people of all ages.

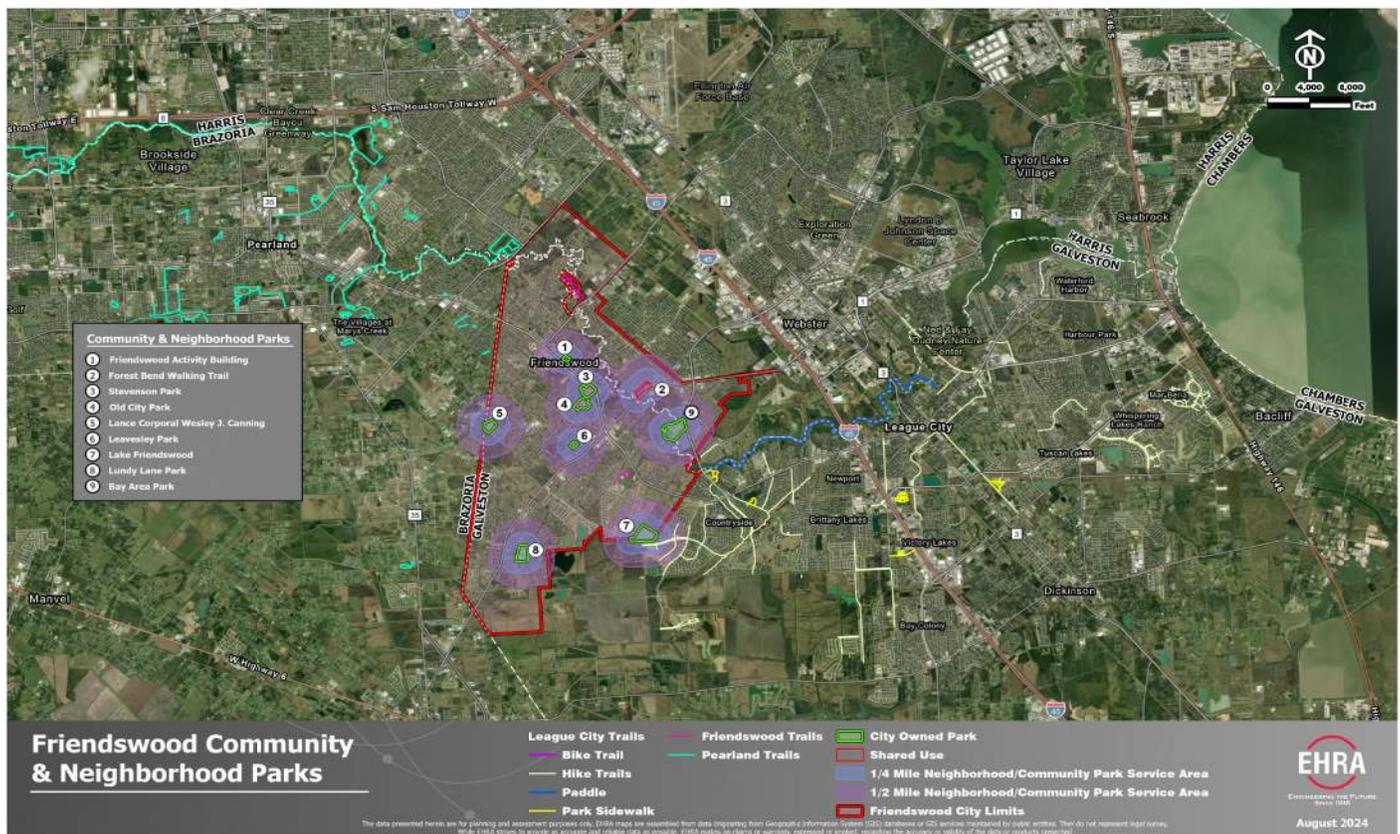
Map 3.16 illustrates the locations of parks 1-8 and highlights areas within the city that lack adequate park access. If the city can acquire property for conversion into parkland, specific areas have been identified to fill existing service gaps. For example, the area below parks 7 and 8 could benefit from a new park, as well as an area just south of park 6. Additionally, the region north of park 1 is another suitable location for a new park, which would enhance coverage and create a continuous service area in this region.

Summary of Park Needs & Community Feedback

Further community feedback indicated that many amenities were deficient, outdated, or not properly functioning. High-quality facilities are essential for improving the quality of life in the community, instilling a sense of ownership, and fostering community pride.

To address these concerns, it is important to evaluate the results of question 17 on page 46 which reveal that family events were the primary reason residents visited Stevenson Park. This highlights the importance of ensuring Stevenson Park and other similar parks are well-equipped to host events. Providing ample seating and shaded areas by installing benches, picnic tables, and pergolas will accommodate attendees. Ensuring clean restrooms with baby changing stations is also important. Furthermore, question 18 on pages 47-48 identify the types of amenities most desired for improvement or to be offered in parks. Finally, utilizing social media, local newspapers, and community boards to promote family events can encourage greater participation and community engagement.

Map 3.16: City of Friendswood Community and Neighborhood Parks Service Area



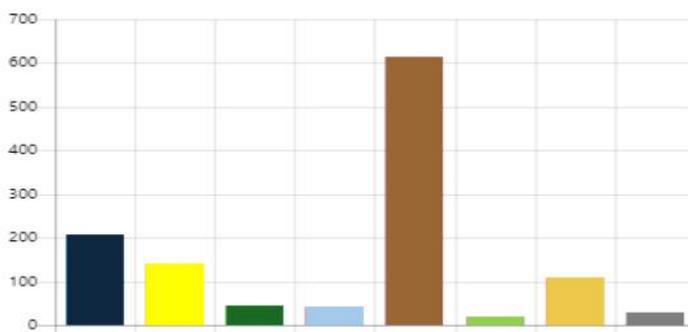


Online Survey Input - Trails

The following online survey questions were selected to illustrate the results relevant to the trails system. These questions were carefully chosen to highlight the community's preferences, needs, and priorities for the development and enhancement of trail facilities.

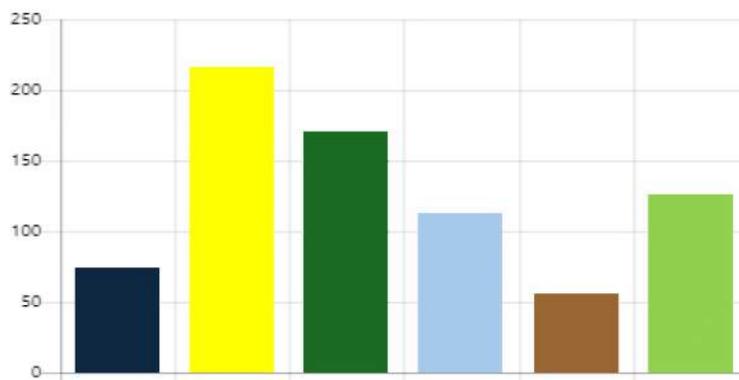
5. How do you currently use trails in the area?

Run / jog	206
Cycling for leisure	141
On-road cycling	43
Off-road cycling	40
Walking	613
Alternate to driving	18
Don't Use	109
Other	29



7. In the past year, how often have you / member of your household used trails in the area?

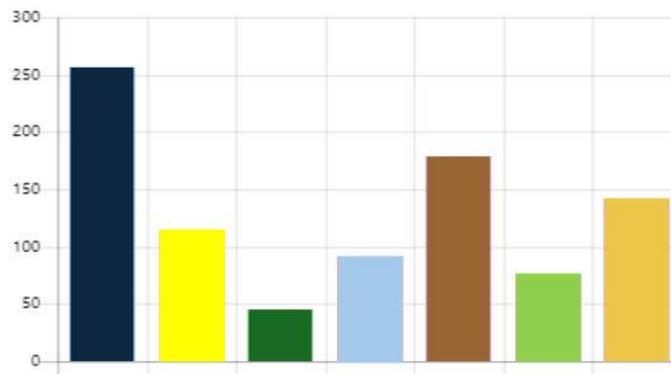
Daily	74
Weekly	216
Monthly	170
At least once in previous 3 mo...	113
At least once in previous 6 mo...	56
Once a year or less	126



Online Survey Input - Trails (Continued)

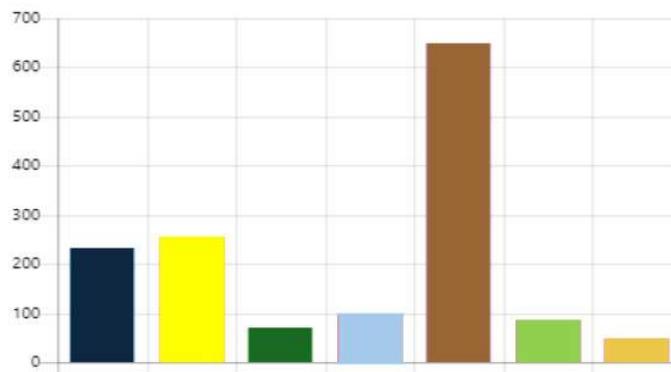
9. What hinders you from utilizing trails within the study area more often?

● Not aware of trails	257
● Don't go where I want	115
● Not interested in Trails	45
● No easy access	90
● Safety issues / concerns	179
● No parking or access	76
● Other	142



11. If more trails in the area were built, how would you utilize them?

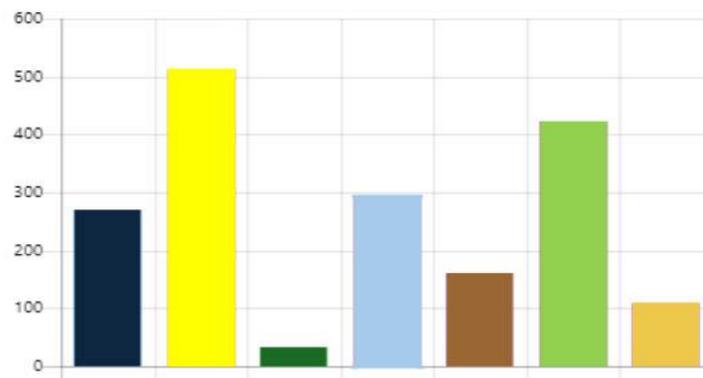
● Run / jog	233
● Cycling for leisure	256
● On-road cycling	71
● Off-road cycling	95
● Walking	649
● Alternate to driving	86
● Do not use trails	49



Online Survey Input - Trails (Continued)

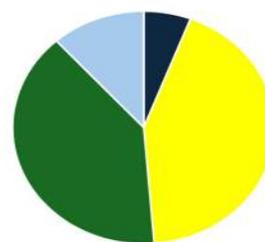
12. If using trails to reach a destination, what types of places would you like to connect to?

● Grocery Store	270
● Park	512
● Work	34
● Retail Shopping	292
● School	162
● Restaurant	422
● Don't Use	108



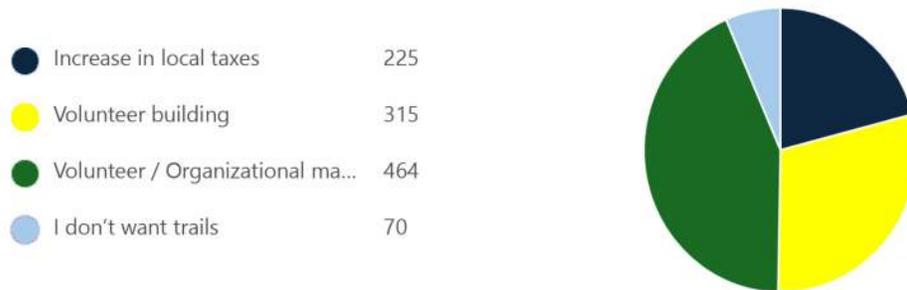
13. How would you rate your overall satisfaction with the existing trail system within the study area?

● Excellent	41
● Good	303
● Needs Improvement	280
● Poor	82



Online Survey Input - Trails (Continued)

14. In order to develop more trails within the City, I would support the following:



Trails Safety, Accessibility, & Needs Assessment

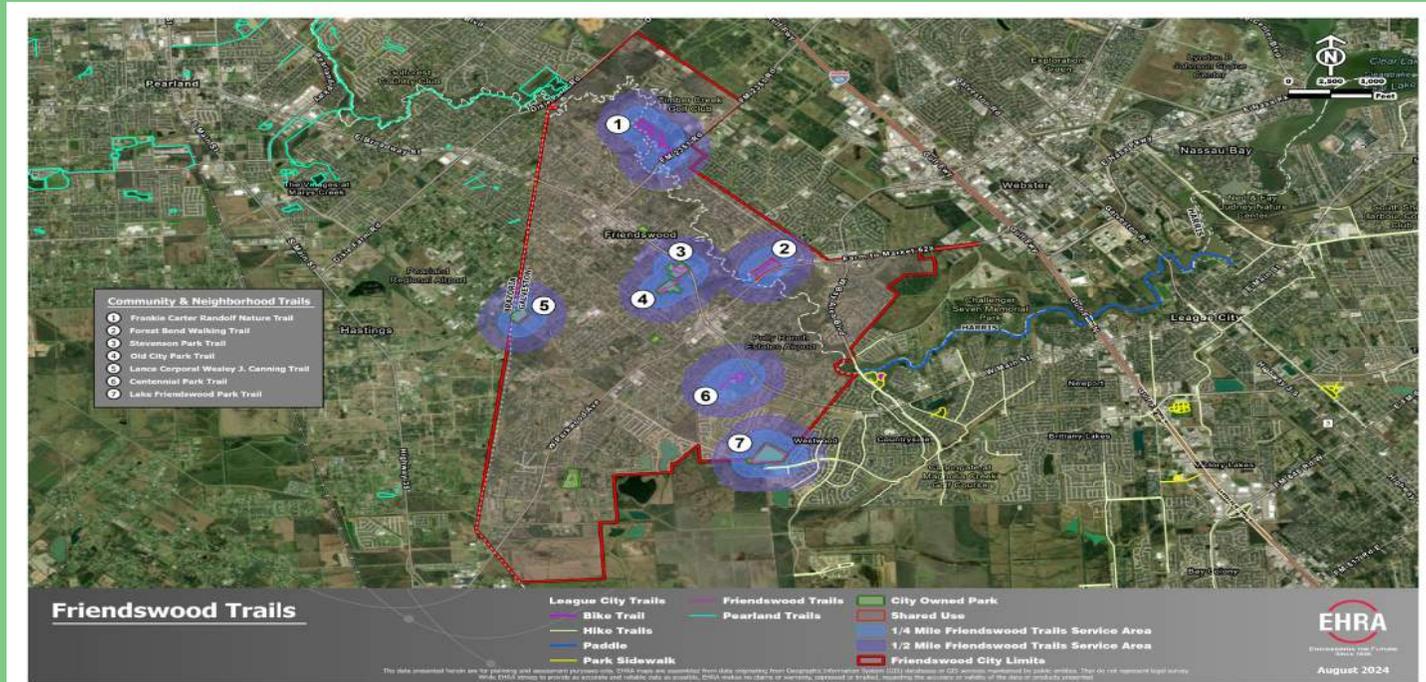
Trails offer multigenerational recreational opportunities, promote health, enhance overall quality of life, and provide alternatives to vehicular transportation. Access to trails has become increasingly important for communities nationwide as people seek healthier lifestyles. Walking trails, designed for pedestrian and bicycle use, typically serve an area within a one-quarter to one-half mile radius.

Map 3.17 depicts the trails within the City of Friendswood, including a half-mile and quarter-mile service area buffer. The southwestern part of the city currently lacks a trail system; however, this area includes the Corporal Steven Schulz Sports Complex and the future Townes Center Park. Establishing a trail network connecting these parks or within Townes Center Park would be beneficial. Similarly, the northwestern area between parks 1 and 4 is another suitable location for a trail system to enhance connectivity. Additionally, developing a trail system along Clear Creek could effectively link the northern and southern regions of the city.

Results from the online community survey, shown on pages 53-56, indicate that while current trails are in good condition, they still need improvement. They are primarily used for walking and running, with most users utilizing them on a weekly basis. This high usage highlights the importance and demand for trails in the community. Question 9 asked respondents what hinders them most from using the trail system, and the top responses were unawareness, safety concerns, and lack of connectivity to desirable locations. To address these issues, the City could install more wayfinding signage, post trail locations and maps on the city’s website, and provide information on how to access trails and where to park. When designing new trails, following natural contours on side-slopes can help shed water effectively, making the trails more sustainable.

Retrofitting trails with lighting, installing trail furnishings and mileage markers, and implementing a neighborhood watch program can significantly enhance both safety and the overall experience for users. Enlisting local running clubs to adopt a trail route and regularly report issues like litter, burnt-out lights, or suspicious activity would further contribute to these improvements. Furthermore, improving safety along streets can be achieved by installing separated bike lanes and sidewalks with sufficient buffers between the street and pedestrians. Question 12 indicated a strong desire for trails to connect to other parks and shopping areas, including restaurants. Making more meaningful trail connections will lead to an improved experience for users. Additionally, respondents showed a preference for developing trails through volunteer work rather than raising taxes, indicating community support for hands-on involvement in trail development.

Map 3.17: City of Friendswood Trail Service Areas





Activity Building

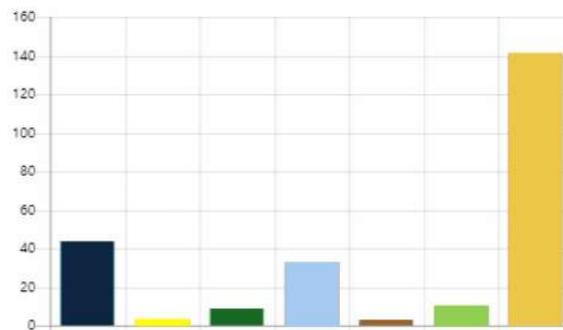
The site of the Activity Building holds potential to be transformed into a state-of-the-art recreation facility. This new facility could include a variety of indoor recreation options such as a track, a new swimming pool, courts for basketball, volleyball, pickleball, fitness rooms, meeting spaces, workout classes, and even rock climbing. The proposed plan for this transformation would involve three key steps:

1. Demolition of the Existing Structure
2. Land Assessment and Facility Programming
3. Construction of the New Facility

The Activity Building presents a unique opportunity to greatly enhance the community's recreational offerings. By replacing the existing structure with a modern facility that includes a wide range of amenities, it will aim to meet the diverse needs of residents and enrich their quality of life.

15. In the past 12 months, have you used the Activity Building for:

Senior Club	44
Indoor Pickleball	3
Board Games	9
Yoga	32
Square Dancing	3
Card Games	10
Other	141



Parks Master Plan

City of Friendswood

Parks and Trails Action Plan



Action Plan

Goal 1: Construct a cutting-edge recreation center

Objective 1.1. *Provide the community with a recreation center that meets public demand and offers access to activities and programs tailored to the community's interests*

ACTION 1.1.1. Hire a design firm

ACTION 1.1.2. Include public feedback in design development

- An online public survey was conducted and made available online to stakeholders and the general public from January 26, 2024, to February 9, 2024 (see page 9, Chapter 1).
- The survey gathered feedback on the use of the Activity Building, which currently serves as the community's senior citizen center. According to the results, 58% of respondents selected "other" as their primary use of the building, followed by 18% for "senior club," 13% for "yoga," 4% for "card and board games," and 1% for "square dancing" and "indoor pickleball" (see page 59, Chapter 3).
- The survey, along with in-person public engagement activities, also identified several desired amenities for the recreation center. Popular suggestions included public art installations, outdoor yoga, pilates, tai chi, an indoor track, fitness activities, indoor courts, a food truck court, volleyball, a swimming pool, a splash pad, a rock climbing wall, restrooms, pickleball and basketball courts, dance classes, social activity spaces, summer camp classes, and rental spaces (see page 47, Chapter 3).

ACTION 1.1.3. Plan transition of activities from existing facilities to new recreation center

ACTION 1.1.4. Apply for grants

- Local Parks Grants¹ are administered by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. These grants support the development of local parks, including outdoor and indoor recreation facilities.

Goal 2: Upgrade the restroom facilities within existing parks and add restroom facilities to new parks

Objective 2.1: *Provide restroom facilities that meet public demand, adhere to safety standards, and comply with ADA requirements*

ACTION 2.1.1. Conduct site visits

- EHRA conducted site visits with the City of Friendswood to evaluate the existing restroom facilities.

ACTION 2.1.2. Prioritize parks

The following parks are prioritized based on the need for restroom facilities, as outlined in the recommendations listed in Chapter 3.

- 1776 Memorial Park
- Lance Corporal Wesley J. Canning Park
- Bay Area Park
- *Lundy Lane Park (*name subject to change*) - park accessed via Lundy Lane

ACTION 2.1.3. Identify funding sources and set budget for each park

ACTION 2.1.4. Create maintenance schedule

¹ "Local Parks Grants — Texas Parks & Wildlife Department." Accessed August 20, 2024. <https://tpwd.texas.gov/business/grants/recreation-grants/about-local-parks-grants>.



Goal 3: Establish a trail network that connects parks, schools, and business hub centers

Objective 3.1: Create a walkable community throughout the City of Friendswood

ACTION 3.1.1. Map potential new trail routes by identifying key connection points using the existing parks & trails map found on page 28 of Chapter 3, and integrate with existing infrastructure

- The City of Friendswood has an average walk score of 23 out of 100. Downtown Friendswood has a walk score of 66 out of 100 and a bike score of 44 out of 100. This score indicates some errands can be accomplished on foot with minimal bike infrastructure.⁴
- The City should evaluate a partnership with TxDOT to evaluate existing and ongoing projects, and coordinate efforts to incorporate trails. This partnership would actively support the integration of bicycle and pedestrian accommodations into future infrastructure plans.

ACTION 3.1.2. Identify trail segments requiring alignments through parks, along watercourses, utility /pipeline easements

ACTION 3.1.3. Identify Public Works projects to combine the trail network with improvements

ACTION 3.1.4. Ensure accessibility and safety

ACTION 3.1.5. Explore grants and funding opportunities

- Recreational Trail Grants:¹ administered by the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, these grants are funded by the Federal Highway Administration. They can cover up to 80% of project costs, with a maximum of \$300,000 for non-motorized trails and \$500,000 for motorized trails.
- Texas Recreation Trail Fund:² supports the construction of new recreation trails, improvement of existing trails, development of trailheads, and acquisition of trail corridors. Grants range from \$4,000 to \$200,000.
- Traffic Safety Grants:³ administered by the Texas Department of Transportation, these grants can be utilized for projects that improve pedestrian and cyclist safety, including trails. Individual award amounts vary, however up to \$35,000,000 is available in total funding. The FY 2025 project period is October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025.

¹ "Recreational Trails Grants — Texas Parks & Wildlife Department." Accessed August 20, 2024. <https://tpwd.texas.gov/business/grants/recreation-grants/recreational-trails-grants>.

² "Recreation Trails | Instructions for Completing the Grant Application." Texas Parks & Wildlife Department Recreation Grants Branch, November 2012. https://tpwd.texas.gov/publications/pwdforms/media/pwd_1067_p4000_trails_grant_application_instructions.pdf.

³ "Grants and Funding." Accessed August 20, 2024. <http://txdot.gov/en/home/business/grants-and-funding.html>.

⁴ Walk Score. "Friendswood TX." Accessed October 2, 2024. <https://www.walkscore.com/score/city-of-friendswood>.

Objective 3.2: Promote the trail network to encourage community use and awareness

ACTION 3.2.1. Develop maps and a Park Guide

- Design a pamphlet that includes an inventory of the existing parks and trails within the City of Friendswood and location on a map (see pg. 28, Chapter 3).

ACTION 3.2.2. Install signage

- Installing signage and wayfinding systems in parks helps visitors easily find park entrances and parking lots or unique park features such as scenic viewpoints, historical landmarks, or recreational facilities. Examples of signage can be seen in Figure 1.
- In the event of an emergency, clearly marked signage with location names and points of reference can help visitors report their exact location for faster emergency response.

ACTION 3.2.3. Launch promotional campaign

- Utilize campaign channels such as social media, a local news station, the city website, blogs, a newsletter, email, or partner with environmental organizations, such as the Galveston Bay Foundation.¹

ACTION 3.2.4. Host trail opening events

Objective 3.3: Generate a maintenance plan to keep the trail network in good condition

ACTION 3.3.1. Create a maintenance schedule

ACTION 3.3.2. Regular trail inspections

Goal 4: Add parking facilities at trailheads, sports venues, and event venues

Objective 4.1: Meet public parking demand by creating safe, well-managed destinations and improving vehicular traffic flow at parks and recreation facilities

ACTION 4.1.1. Identify high-demand areas

- Stevenson Park
- Old City Park
- Lake Friendswood
- Centennial Park
- Renwick Park
- Bay Area Park
- Schulz Sportspark

ACTION 4.1.2. Create site-specific designs

ACTION 4.1.3. Ensure ADA compliance

- To ensure that all residents and park users have equal access to park facilities and amenities, the City should conduct a park accessibility assessment of parking areas, picnic facilities, playgrounds, trails, seating areas, etc.

Sign System Family



Figure 1: Signage Examples
Source: <https://enjoyburlington.com/proin-consequat-id/>



¹ Galveston Bay Foundation. "Galveston Bay Foundation." Accessed October 2, 2024. <http://galvbay.org>.



Goal 5: Build a new city swimming pool

Objective 5.1: Create an updated swimming facility designed to serve the community by supporting aquatic programs, summer camps, community events, and the development of aquatic sports

ACTION 5.1.1. Analyze and plan upgrades for the existing swimming facilities at Stevenson Park and identify a suitable location for a new swimming pool / splash pad

- Stevenson Park (update existing pool)
- Activity Building (upgrade facility with an indoor pool)
- *Lundy Lane Park (name subject to change - location for a potential new pool or splash pad)

Objective 5.2: Produce design plans for the new swimming pool, including features and amenities

ACTION 5.2.1. Hire a pool design firm and create detailed design plans

ACTION 5.2.2. Ensure compliance with safety standards

ACTION 5.2.3. Explore grants and funding opportunities and set a budget with a contingency fund

- Outdoor Recreational Grant Program¹ offered by the National Park Service, this grant supports the development of public recreational facilities including swimming pools

ACTION 5.2.4. Obtain necessary permits and approvals for pool construction

ACTION 5.2.5. Programming for new swimming pool

- Activities and amenities can include: recreational, swimming, exercise and aquatic games, lap swimming, diving, club swimming, swim lessons, artificial shading, staffing, restrooms/showers/lockers, and concessions



Indoor Swimming Pool Example, Recreation Center

Source: neumanpools.com

¹"State and Local Assistance Programs Division (U.S. National Park Service)." Accessed August 20, 2024. <https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1600/index.htm>.

Goal 6: Enhance lighting at parks and recreation venues

Objective 6.1: Enhance the safety of parks and facilities by improving security measures, increasing trail visibility, supporting sporting activities, and optimizing parking solutions to create a safer and more accessible environment for all users

ACTION 6.1.1. Conduct lighting audits at parks and venues

ACTION 6.1.2. Identify high-priority areas for lighting upgrades and review the recommendations outlined in Chapter 3

- Old City Park
- 1776 Memorial Park Trail
- Renwick Park (parking lot, fields)
- Centennial Park (pavilion)
- Stevenson Park (lighting along walking trail)
- Shulz Sportspark

ACTION 6.1.3 Implement lighting solutions that minimize light pollution

- LED Lights are energy-efficient, provide a focused light beam to curb light pollution, and have a longer lifespan
- Automation or motion-activated lights can save energy and reduce light pollution by only operating during scheduled times or when movement is detected
- Shielded light fixtures prevent light from traveling upward, minimizing unnecessary light dispersion



Park Lighting Solutions, Examples

Source: <https://www.twilightelectric.com/services/park-lighting>
www.wiprolighting.com





Photo courtesy of the City of Friendswood



Goal 7: Enrich sports venues with facilities for adaptive play and multi-use fields

Objective 7.1: *Diversify activities provided at existing parks and facilities, to accommodate a broader range of athletic activities, ensuring inclusivity and versatility*

ACTION 7.1.1. Evaluate the demand for adaptive play, versatile sports courts and fields utilizing Chapter 3 and identify suitable locations

- Old City Park
- Centennial Park
- Stevenson Park
- Leavesley Park Jones Hangar

ACTION 7.1.2. Explore grants, funding partnerships, and set a budget for each facility type that includes long term maintenance costs

- Grantworks¹ is a resource that can offer guidance to municipalities to help identify, apply, and secure grant funding.

ACTION 7.1.3. Develop sports programs and organize leagues and events for the community to engage in and enjoy

- Collaborate with local sporting organizations.
- Partner with local businesses and sports retailers as potential sponsors to support the hosting, coordination, and marketing of events (Dick Sporting Goods, REI, Champs Sports).

Goal 8: Incorporate versatile sports courts in park facilities

Objective 8.1: *Update current city amenities to incorporate activities and sports that are growing in popularity within the community and region, ensuring facilities remain relevant and responsive to evolving recreational interests*

ACTION 8.1.1. Analyze current usage of existing sports courts and gather feedback mentioned in Chapter 3

ACTION 8.1.2. Find suitable locations for new courts

- Old City Park
- Leavesley Park Jones Hangar
- Activity Building
- *Lundy Lane Park (name subject to change)

ACTION 8.1.3. Ensure plans include amenities like seating, lighting, and shade

ACTION 8.1.4. Continue organizing and coordinating tournaments and leagues to foster community engagement and participation

ACTION 8.1.5. Schedule regular maintenance and conduct periodic inspections

¹ Grantworks. "Grant Management Consultant." Accessed August 21, 2024. <https://grantworks.net/services/grant-management/>.

Goal 9: Improve existing amphitheater and construct a new amphitheater as needed

Objective 9.1: Create or improve the amphitheater to accommodate community gatherings and social events

ACTION 9.1.1. Conduct a structural and usability assessment of the existing amphitheater

ACTION 9.1.2. Administer a survey to evaluate the community needs and preferences for a new amphitheater

- Lacks shade
- Limited program capabilities

ACTION 9.1.3. Determine plan to improve the existing amphitheater or explore new amphitheater options

Goal 10: Build a skate park and BMX bike park

Objective 10.1: Curate a design plan for a skate park and BMX bike park, ensuring it meets the needs of various skill levels and includes desirable features

ACTION 10.1.1. Select potential sites for a skate park/BMX bike park

- *Lundy Lane Park (name subject to change)
- Old City Park

ACTION 10.1.2. Hire a consultant to come up with a design that is adaptive to all skill levels and includes attractive elements

- Design Example (Figure 2) [North Houston Skate Park](#)¹: designed by Grindline and opened in 2014 is the biggest skatepark in Houston and the second largest in the world. Grindline also designed the [Lee and Joe Jamail Skatepark](#)² in downtown Houston. The Houston Parks Board managed the \$2.5 million renovation of the skate park, which was funded by the Lee and Joseph D. Jamail Foundation.
- Design Example (Figure 3) [The Rockstar Energy BMX Bike Park](#)³; opened in August 2019 and is located next to the North Houston Skate Park off of Kuykendahl Road. The park features one of the country's largest and most unique BMX parks, world-class race track and event center that can seat approximately 3,500 people.

ACTION 10.1.3. Develop programs and events to maximize the use of a skate park/BMX bike park

- Plan skateboarding/BMX clinics, competitions, and events. Schedule regular open hours and coordinate with local skateboarding/BMX biking organizations.

¹ Treon, Rebecca. "10 of the Best Houston Skate Parks for All Levels." Chron, January 29, 2023. <https://www.chron.com/life/travel/article/houston-skate-parks-17621791.php>.

² Houston Parks Board. "Lee and Joe Jamail Skatepark." Accessed August 21, 2024. <https://houstonparksboard.org/lee-and-joe-jamail-skatepark/>.

³ North Houston. "Rockstar Energy Bike Park | Houston Bike Parks & Trails." Accessed August 21, 2024. <https://www.northhouston.org/our-community/parks-and-trails/rockstar-energy-bike-park/>.

Objective 10.2: Secure funding and establish a budget for the construction of the skate park

ACTION 10.2.1. Identify funding sources (grants, sponsorships, and community fundraising)

- Lee and Joseph D. Jamail Foundation
- The Skatepark Project Grants
- [Grantworks](#)⁴ is a resource that can offer guidance to municipalities to help identify, apply, and secure grant funding.

⁴ Grantworks. "Grant Management Consultant." Accessed August 21, 2024. <https://grantworks.net/services/grant-management/>.



Figure 2: North Houston Skate Park

Source: <https://www.northhouston.org/parks-and-trails/north-houston-skate-park/>



Figure 3: Rockstar Energy BMX Bike Park

Source: <https://www.houstoniamag.com/travel-and-outdoors/2019/08/rockstar-energy-bike-park-bmx-park-opens-north-houston>

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Compliance

This Parks Master Plan also functions as a comprehensive parks, recreation, and open space master plan, as defined by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD). TPWD encourages municipalities to develop and adopt such plans because they align with the state’s vision for recreational and open space growth.

One of the key benefits of having a “qualified” master plan is that it significantly enhances the City’s eligibility for state funding through TPWD’s various grant programs. These grants, such as the Outdoor Recreation Grants and Local Park Grants, are often competitive and require municipalities to demonstrate long-term planning and a commitment to providing recreational opportunities for residents.

By adhering to TPWD’s guidelines and incorporating their recommendations, this plan not only helps guide local park development but also positions the City to take full advantage of available state funding, ensuring the resources needed to implement the plan’s recommendations are accessible. This proactive approach will also help the City maintain and enhance its park infrastructure, ensuring long-term sustainability and improved quality of life for its residents.

High Priority Needs

The top priorities for parks, recreation, open space, and trails, as outlined in Figure 4, *Summary of High Priority Needs in Friendswood*, are aligned with the guidelines set forth by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD). These priorities have been carefully determined through a combination of community input, needs assessments, site visits, and feedback from city officials. The recommendations mentioned in Chapter 3 and actions detailed and prioritized in this chapter are aimed at improving the overall quality of life in the community and may involve securing grant funding in the future to bring these initiatives to fruition.

The identified priorities, as illustrated in Figure 4, are organized into two distinct categories: outdoor facilities/amenities and indoor facilities/amenities. This categorization allows for a clear distinction between the immediate needs for open spaces and recreational trails, as well as the necessity for indoor facilities that support community programs and services. By addressing these high-priority needs, the city will be better equipped to enhance recreational opportunities, preserve green spaces, and improve the community’s well-being, all while meeting TPWD’s standards for long-term park and recreation planning.

Figure 4: Summary of High Priority Facility Needs in Friendswood

New or additional facilities needed based on <u>citizen input</u>	
1.	Lighting and shade areas
2.	Parking
3.	Restrooms
4.	Upgrade existing and add multi-use fields and sports courts
5.	Expanded programing for sports leagues
6.	Interconnected trail system
Upgraded facilities needed based on <u>existing condition</u>	
1.	Lighting, Parking, and Restrooms
2.	Update the pool at Stevenson Park
3.	Renovate the Activity Building
4.	Upgrade existing playground and fields as well as amphitheater at Centennial Park
Top cumulative outdoor facility needs based on above summaries	
1.	Lighting and shade areas
2.	Parking
3.	Restrooms
4.	Update existing or build new pool
5.	Upgrade existing or build new multi-use fields and sports courts
6.	Upgrade, covered playscapes
7.	Trails
8.	Food trucks, farmers market
9.	Additional fishing piers
Top cumulative indoor facility needs based on above summaries	
1.	Indoor swimming pool
2.	Community recreation center
3.	Meeting spaces for social activities
4.	Indoor sports courts and multi-use fields
5.	Expanded programming such as classes for yoga, cooking and crafting

Parks Master Plan

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Implementation Strategies

Execution Strategy

The Action Plan in Chapter 4 reflects the vision of the City of Friendswood. Achieving the goals outlined in this plan requires the active implementation of its strategies and recommendations. Recognizing that community needs and circumstances evolve, the Parks Master Plan is designed as a living document, meant to be periodically updated and aligned with the community's shifting priorities.

Implementing the Parks Master Plan necessitates a phased and strategic approach to ensure the efficient allocation of resources while addressing community needs. The execution strategy is organized into short-term, medium-term, and long-term goals, supported by ongoing monitoring and community engagement.

Plan Maintenance

To effectively evaluate Friendswood's progress, an agreed-upon time frame is essential. The Implementation Table outlines recommended time frames for each action type, categorized into four distinct groups:

1. **Continuous:** (On-going)
2. **Short-term:** 0 - 3 years
3. **Medium-term:** 3 - 6 years
4. **Long-term:** 6 - 10 years

These categories provide a structured approach to tracking and prioritizing implementation efforts, ensuring that the plan remains on schedule and aligned with community goals.

Action Types

To effectively implement the Parks Master Plan, the following action types have been identified. Each action type represents a specific pathway to achieve the goals outlined in the plan, ensuring structured and strategic execution:

Capital Project Program: Indicates the need for financial investment to achieve the specified goal of the action item. These investments often involve significant infrastructure or facility improvements.

Regulation or Standard: Pertains to local policies, ordinances, or guidelines that can be adopted as part of the County or City standards to guide development and operations effectively.

Partnership or Collaboration: Involves working with external agencies, organizations, or private companies to achieve shared goals, leveraging resources, expertise, and relationships to advance the action items.

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Action Leaders

To foster a stronger and more unified community in the City of Friendswood, the following is a list of action leaders who can play a pivotal role in executing specific action types. These leaders will help maintain transparency, promote consistency across all relevant departments and organizations, and ensure the successful implementation of each action type.

Action leader entities are as follows:

AAL: Adult Athletic Leagues

BUS: Businesses and stakeholders

CCISD: Clear Creek Independent School District

CD: Community Development (planning and code enforcement)

CC: City Council

CS: City Staff, Secretary, Administration, elected officials

CV: Community Volunteers

E: Engineering

EMS: Emergency Management Services (Fire and Police Department)

F: Finance

FISD: Friendswood Independent School District

GBF: Galveston Bay Foundation

GC: Galveston County

GCCDD: Galveston County Consolidated Drainage District

HCDD: Harris County Consolidated Drainage District

KFB: Keep Friendswood Beautiful

NACTO: National Association of City Transportation Officials

PO: Property Owners, Residents

PRS: Parks and Recreation Subcommittee

PW: Public Works

TPWD: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

TxDOT: Texas Department of Transportation

YSG: Youth Sports Groups

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Funding Options

Below is a comprehensive list of funding sources referenced in the Action Plan of Chapter 4, along with funding opportunities outlined in the 2010 City of Friendswood Parks Master Plan that remain relevant for the implementation of this updated plan. These funding sources provide valuable avenues to support the development and enhancement of park facilities and recreational programs in Friendswood.

**Funding option listed in the 2010 Parks Master Plan*

- *Aquatic Resource Education
- Centerpoint Energy Grants
- *Conservation Technical Assistance
- *Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)
- *Federal Lands-to-Parks (FLP)
- Grantworks
- HEB Grants
- Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC) Grants
- *Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)
- Lee and Joseph D Foundation
- Local Parks Grants (TPWD)
- National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) Grants
- National Recreation & Park Association (NRPA)
- *National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grants Program
- Outdoor Recreation Grant Program (National Park Service)
- *Recreational Boating Safety Grants (RBS)
- Recreational Trail Grants (TPWD)
- *Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RTCA)
- *Sport Fish Restoration Act
- Texas Municipal League (TML)
- Texas New Mexico Power (TNMP) Grants
- Texas Recreation Trail Fund
- The Skatepark Project Grants
- Traffic Safety Grants (TxDOT)
- *Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Program (UPARR)
- *Wildlife Restoration Act

Implementation Action Plan Tables

	On-going	Short term	Medium term	Long term	Capital Project	Regulation or Standard	Partnership or Collaboration		
								1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary Action Type 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Secondary Action Type	
Action	Timeframe				Action Type			Action Leaders	Funding
Goal 1: Construct a cutting-edge recreation center									
<i>Objective 1.1. Provide the community with a recreation center that meets public demand and offers access to activities and programs tailored to the community's interests</i>									
Action: 1.1.1.									
<i>Hire a design firm</i>		X			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			BUS, F	UPARR, CSBG, Grantworks
Action 1.1.2.									
<i>Include public feedback in design development</i>		X					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	KFB, PO	
Action 1.1.3.									
<i>Plan transition of activities from existing facilities to new recreation center</i>			X					AAL, CV, KFB, PRS, YSG	
Action 1.1.4.									
<i>Apply for grants</i>		X			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	PRS, BUS, GC, F, KFB, TPWD	Local Parks Grants (TPWD), UPARR, CSBG, Grantworks, NRPA

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	On-going	Short term	Medium term	Long term	Capital Project	Regulation or Standard	Partnership or Collaboration		
								1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary Action Type 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Secondary Action Type	
Action	Timeframe				Action Type			Action Leaders	Funding
Goal 2: Upgrade the restroom facilities within existing parks and add restroom facilities to new parks									
Objective 2.1: Provide restroom facilities that meet public demand, adhere to safety standards, and comply with ADA requirements									
Action: 2.1.1.									
Conduct site visits	X							CS, CD, KFB, PRS, PW	
Action 2.1.2.									
Prioritize parks		X						KFB, PRS	
Action 2.1.3.									
Identify funding sources and set budget for each park		X			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			CS, CC, PRS, CD, GC, F, KFB, PW, TPWD	Local Parks Grants (TPWD), Grantworks, Outdoor Recreation Grant Program (NPS), UPARR, NRPA, TML
Action 2.1.4.									
Create maintenance schedule		X				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		KFB, PRS, PW	

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	On-going	Short term	Medium term	Long term	Capital Project	Regulation or Standard	Partnership or Collaboration		
Action	Timeframe				Action Type			Action Leaders	Funding
Goal 3: Establish a trail network that connects parks, schools, and business hub centers									
<i>Objective 3.1: Create a walkable community throughout the City of Friendswood</i>									
Action: 3.1.1.									
Map potential new trail routes by identifying key connection points using the existing parks & trails map found on page 28 of Chapter 3, and integrate with existing infrastructure			X		■			CCISD, CD, E, FISD, GC, GCCDD, HCCDD, KFB, PO, PRS, PW, TPWD, TxDOT	
Action 3.1.2.									
Identify trail segments requiring alignments through parks, along watercourses, utility /pipeline easements		X			■			PRS, CD, E, GCCDD, KFB, CCISD, HCCDD, FISD, GC, PO, PW, TPWD, TxDOT	
Action 3.1.3.									
Identify Public Works projects to combine the trail network with improvements		X			■			CC, CD, CS, E, GC, GCCDD, HCCDD, KFB, PRS, PW	
Action 3.1.4.									
Ensure accessibility and safety	X					■		PRS, CD, E, EMS, KFB, NACTO, TPWD	
Action 3.1.5.									
Explore grants and funding opportunities		X			■		□	CS, CC, PRS, BUS, CD, GC, F, KFB, NACTO, PO, TPWD, TxDOT	FLP, LWCF, RTCA, UPARR, Recreation Trails Programs (TPWD), Conservation Technical Assistance, CSBG, Aquatic Resource Education, National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program, Wildlife Restoration Act, Grantworks, Outdoor Recreation Grant Program (NPS), Texas Recreation Trail Fund, Traffic Safety Grants (TxDOT), Texas Recreation Trail Fund, Galveston Bay Foundation, NRPA, TML, HGAC Grants, HEB Grants, CenterPoint Energy Grants, TNMP Grants
<i>Objective 3.2: Promote the trail network to encourage community use and awareness</i>									
Action: 3.2.1.									
Develop maps and a Park Guide		X			■			BUS, CCISD, CD, EMS, F, FISD, GC, KFB, NACTO, PRS	CSBG, Grantworks, Local Parks Grants (TPWD), NACTO, Outdoor Recreation Grant Program (NPS), Recreational Trail Grants (TPWD), RTCA, TxDOT, Galveston Bay Foundation, NRPA, TML, HGAC Grants, HEB Grants, CenterPoint Energy Grants, TNMP Grants
Action 3.2.2.									
Install signage		X			■			CD, E, F, KFB, PRS	CSBG, Grantworks, Local Parks Grants (TPWD), NACTO, Outdoor Recreation Grant Program (NPS), Recreational Trail Grants (TPWD), RTCA, TxDOT, Galveston Bay Foundation, NRPA, TML, HGAC Grants, HEB Grants, CenterPoint Energy Grants, TNMP Grants
Action 3.2.3.									
Launch promotional campaign	X				■		□	BUS, CCISD, CS, CV, F, GC, GCCDD, HCCDD, KFB, PO, PRS, TPWD, TxDOT	Galveston Bay Foundation
Action 3.2.4.									
Host trail opening events		X					■	BUS, CS, CV, F, GC, KFB, PO, PRS	Galveston Bay Foundation
<i>Objective 3.3: Generate a maintenance plan to keep the trail network in good condition</i>									
Action: 3.3.1.									
Create a maintenance schedule		X						KFB, PRS	
Action 3.3.2.									
Regular trail inspections	X				■			CV, KFB, PRS	

1 ■ Primary Action Type
2 □ Secondary Action Type

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								1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary Action Type 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Secondary Action Type	
Action	Timeframe				Action Type			Action Leaders	Funding
Goal 4: Add parking facilities at trailheads, sports venues, and event venues									
Objective 4.1: Meet public parking demand by creating safe, well-managed destinations and improving vehicular traffic flow at parks and recreation facilities									
Action: 4.1.1.									
Identify high-demand areas		X						CD, CS, GC, KFB, PO, PRS	
Action 4.1.2.									
Create site-specific designs			X		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			BUS, CD, CC, CS, E, EMS, F, GC, KFB, NACTO, PRS, TxDOT	Grantworks, Local Parks Grants (TPWD), NACTO Grants, Outdoor Recreation Grant Program (NPS), UPARR, NRPA, TML, HGAC Grants
Action 4.1.3.									
Ensure ADA compliance		X						CD, E, KFB, NACTO, PRS	

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	On-going	Short term	Medium term	Long term	Capital Project	Regulation or Standard	Partnership or Collaboration		
Action	Timeframe				Action Type			Action Leaders	Funding
Goal 5: Build a new city swimming pool									
Objective 5.1: Create an updated swimming facility designed to serve the community by supporting aquatic programs, summer camps, community events, and the development of aquatic sports									
Action: 5.1.1. Analyze and plan upgrades for the existing swimming facilities at Stevenson Park and identify a suitable location for a new swimming pool / splash pad				X	■		□	BUS, CD, CC, CS, E, F, GC, KFB, PO, PRS, PW	CSBG, Grantworks, Local Parks Grants (TPWD), Outdoor Recreation Grant Program (NPS), Recreational Trail Grants (TPWD), UPARR, NRPA, TML
Objective 5.2: Produce design plans for the new swimming pool, including features and amenities									
Action: 5.2.1. Hire a pool design firm and create detailed design plans		X			■			BUS, CD, CS, F, E, KFB, PRS, PW	CSBG, Grantworks, Local Parks Grants (TPWD), Outdoor Recreation Grant Program (NPS), Recreational Trail Grants (TPWD), UPARR, NRPA, TML
Action 5.2.2. Ensure compliance with safety standards		X				■		CD, E, GC, KFB, PRS	
Action 5.2.3. Explore grants and funding opportunities and set a budget with a contingency fund		X			■			BUS, CD, CD, CC, CS, E, F, GC, KFB, PRS, PW, TPWD	CSBG, Grantworks, Local Parks Grants (TPWD), Outdoor Recreation Grant Program (NPS), Recreational Trail Grants (TPWD), UPARR, NRPA, TML
Action 5.2.4. Obtain necessary permits and approvals for pool construction		X				■		CD, E, EMS, KFB, PRS, TPWD	
Action 5.2.5. Programming for new swimming pool	X							AAL, CD, CS, CV, GC, KFB, PO, PRS, PW, YSG	

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	On-going	Short term	Medium term	Long term	Capital Project	Regulation or Standard	Partnership or Collaboration		
								1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary Action Type 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Secondary Action Type	
Action	Timeframe				Action Type			Action Leaders	Funding
Goal 6: Enhance lighting at parks and recreation venues									
Objective 6.1: Enhance the safety of parks and facilities by improving security measures, increasing trail visibility, supporting sporting activities, and optimizing parking solutions to create a safer and more accessible environment for all users									
Action: 6.1.1.									
Conduct lighting audits at parks and venues	X					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		CD, KFB, PRS, PW	
Action 6.1.2.									
Identify high-priority areas for lighting upgrades and review the recommendations outlined in Chapter 3		X						CD, KFB, PRS, PW	Grantworks, Local Parks Grants (TPWD), NACTO Grants, Outdoor Recreation Grant Program (NPS), UPARR, NRPA, TML
Action 6.1.3.									
Implement lighting solutions that minimize light pollution			X			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		BUS, CD, CC, CS, E, EMS, F, GC, KFB, NACTO, PO, PRS, PW	CSBG, Grantworks, Local Parks Grants (TPWD), NACTO Grants, Outdoor Recreation Grant Program (NPS), Recreational Trail Grants (TPWD), Texas Recreation Trail Fund, UPARR, NRPA, TML

Implementation Action Plan Tables

	On-going	Short term	Medium term	Long term	Capital Project	Regulation or Standard	Partnership or Collaboration		
								1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary Action Type 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Secondary Action Type	
Action	Timeframe				Action Type			Action Leaders	Funding
Goal 7: Enrich sports venues with facilities for adaptive play and multi-use fields									
<i>Objective 7.1: Diversify activities provided at existing parks and facilities, to accommodate a broader range of athletic activities, ensuring inclusivity and versatility</i>									
Action: 7.1.1.									
Evaluate the demand for adaptive play, versatile sports courts and fields utilizing Chapter 3 and identify suitable locations		X			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	CD, BC, KFB, PRS, PO	
Action 7.1.2.									
Explore grants, funding partnerships, and set a budget for each facility type that includes long term maintenance costs		X			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			BUS, CD, CC, CS, E, F, GC, KFB, PRS, PW, TPWD	Conservation Technical Assistance, CSBG, FLP, Grantworks, LWCF, Local Parks Grants (TPWD), Outdoor Recreation Grant Program (NPS), UPARR, NRPA, TML, HGAC Grants, HEB Grants
Action 7.1.3.									
Develop sports programs and organize leagues and events for the community to engage in and enjoy		X					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AAL, BUS, CCISD, CD, CC, CS, CV, FISD, GC, KFB, PO, PRS, PW, YSG	

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	On-going	Short term	Medium term	Long term	Capital Project	Regulation or Standard	Partnership or Collaboration		
								1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary Action Type 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Secondary Action Type	
Action	Timeframe				Action Type			Action Leaders	Funding
Goal 8: Incorporate versatile sports courts in park facilities									
<i>Objective 8.1: Update current city amenities to incorporate activities and sports that are growing in popularity within the community and region, ensuring facilities remain relevant and responsive to evolving recreational interests</i>									
Action: 8.1.1. Analyze current usage of existing sports courts and gather feedback mentioned in Chapter 3		X						AAL, BUS, CCISD, CD, CS, FISD, GC, KFB, PE, PRS, PW, YSG	
Action 8.1.2. Find suitable locations for new courts			X		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	AAL, BUS, CCISD, CD, CC, CS, E, EMS, FISD, GC, KFB, PO, PRS, PW, TPWD, YSG	Conservation Technical Assistance, CSBG, FLP, Grantworks, Local Parks Grants (TPWD), Outdoor Recreation Grant Program (NPS), UPARR, NRPA, TML
Action 8.1.3. Ensure plans include amenities like seating, lighting, and shade		X			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			CD, CC, CS, E, PRS, PW, KFB	
Action 8.1.4. Continue organizing and coordinating tournaments and leagues to foster community engagement and participation	X						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AAL, BUS, CCISD, CD, CS, CV, FISD, KFB, PRS, YSG	
Action 8.1.5. Schedule regular maintenance and conduct periodic inspections	X					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		CD, CS, E, KFB, PRS, PW	

Implementation Action Plan Tables

	On-going	Short term	Medium term	Long term	Capital Project	Regulation or Standard	Partnership or Collaboration		
								1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary Action Type 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Secondary Action Type	
Action	Timeframe				Action Type			Action Leaders	Funding
Goal 9: Improve existing amphitheater and construct a new amphitheater as needed									
<i>Objective 9.1: Create or improve the amphitheater to accommodate community gatherings and social events</i>									
Action: 9.1.1.									
Conduct a structural and usability assessment of the existing amphitheater		X			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			CD, E, EMS, F, GC, KFB, PRS, PW	
Action 9.1.2.									
Administer a survey to evaluate the community needs and preferences for a new amphitheater		X					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	BUS, CD, CS, CV, CCISD, FISD, GC, KFB, PO, PRS	
Action 9.1.3.									
Determine plan to improve the existing amphitheater or explore new amphitheater options				X	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			BUS, CD, CC, CS, E, F, KFB, PO, PRS, PW	CSBG, Grantworks, Local Parks Grants (TPWD), Outdoor Recreation Grant Program (NPS), UPARR, NRPA, TML

Implementation Action Plan Tables

	On-going	Short term	Medium term	Long term	Capital Project	Regulation or Standard	Partnership or Collaboration		
1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary Action Type 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Secondary Action Type									
Action	Timeframe				Action Type			Action Leaders	Funding
Goal 10: Build a skate park and BMX bike park									
Objective 10.1: Curate a design plan for a skate park and bike park, ensuring it meets the needs of various skill levels and includes desirable features									
Action: 10.1.1.									
Select potential sites for a new skate park/BMX bike park		X			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	BUS, CD, CC, CS, E, F, GC, GCCDD, HCCDD, KFB, PO, PRS	FLP, Grantworks, Local Parks Grants (TPWD), Outdoor Recreation Grant Program (NPS), The Skatepark Project Grants, Lee and Joseph D Foundation, UPARR, NRPA, TML, HGAC Grants, HEB Grants
Action 10.1.2.									
Hire a consultant to come up with a design that is adaptive to all skill levels and includes attractive elements			X				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	BUS, CD, CC, CS, E, F, GC, KFB, PO, PRS, EMS	
Action 10.1.3.									
Develop programs and events to maximize the use of a new skate park/BMX bike park	X				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			AAL, BUS, CD, CC, CS, CV, GC, KFB, PO, PRS, TPWD, YSG	
Objective 10.2: Secure funding and establish a budget for the construction of the skate park									
Action: 10.2.1.									
Identify funding sources (grants, sponsorships, and community fundraising)		X			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			AAL, BUS, CD, CC, CS, E, F, GC, KFB, PO, PRS, TPWD, YSG	CSBG, FLP, Grantworks, Lee and Joseph D Foundation, Local Parks Grants (TPWD), Outdoor Recreation Grant Program (NPS), The Skatepark Project Grants, UPARR, NRPA, TML, HGAC Grants, HEB Grants

Implementation Plan Summary

Plan Update

The Parks Master Plan embodies the City of Friendswood’s vision. To achieve the goals outlined in this plan, it must be actively implemented. As a living document, the Parks Master Plan is designed to be revisited and revised as needed to align with the community’s vision and adapt to changes over time. This plan sets forth the community’s long-term vision for progress, featuring a 10-year strategy with prioritized implementation actions aimed at realizing this future. Essentially, it ensures the City is progressively addressing the community’s needs and desires. However, this Plan is not intended to serve the City for the entire next decade. Instead, it provides specific guidance for near and medium-term implementation actions. To keep this Plan current and relevant, the following recommendations are proposed:

Annual Progress Report and Update: Before the annual budget process begins, City staff should prepare and present a progress report on the status of actions identified in the Implementation Action Plan. Additionally, they should collaborate with elected and appointed officials to reassess and prioritize recommendations.

Reevaluate the Parks Master Plan in 5-Years: Ensure the goals remain aligned with the community’s vision and update the plan as necessary at this point.

APPENDIX

Pages 86- 100 - Online Survey

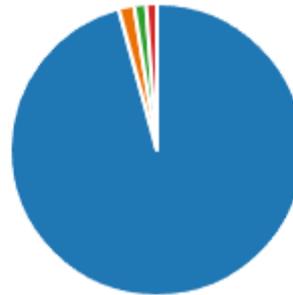
Pages 101 - 154 - Public Engagement Feedback

COF Survey Questions

763 Responses 15:35 Average time to complete Closed Status

1. Do you live in Friendswood?

● Yes	730
● No, but I live in Harris County	13
● No, but I live in Galveston Cou...	10
● No, but I live in Brazoria County	9



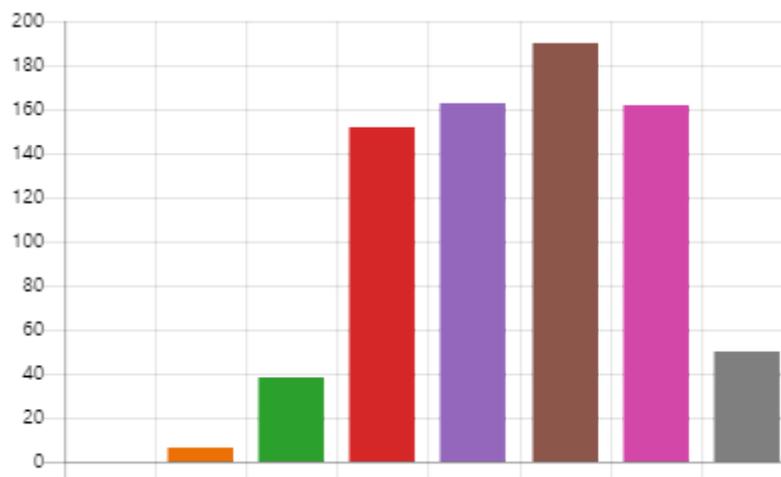
2. Do you work in the Friendswood area?

● Yes	344
● No	411



3. What best describes your age?

Under 18	0
18-24	6
25-34	38
35-44	152
45-54	163
55-64	190
65-74	162
75+	50



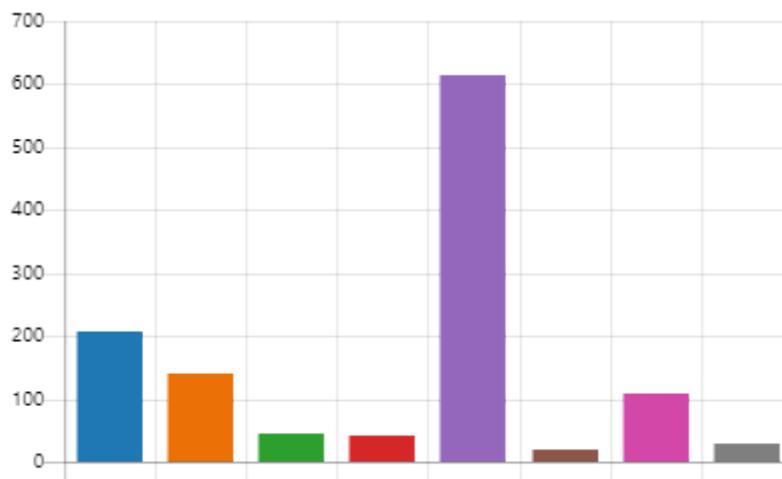
4. In relation to City Hall/Downtown, if you are a resident of the City of Friendswood, in which area do you live?

Northeast	110
Southeast	241
Southwest	270
Northwest	106
I do not live within City of Frie...	29



5. How do you currently use trails in the area?

● Run / jog	206
● Cycling for leisure	141
● On-road cycling	43
● Off-road cycling	40
● Walking	613
● Alternate to driving	18
● Don't Use	109
● Other	29



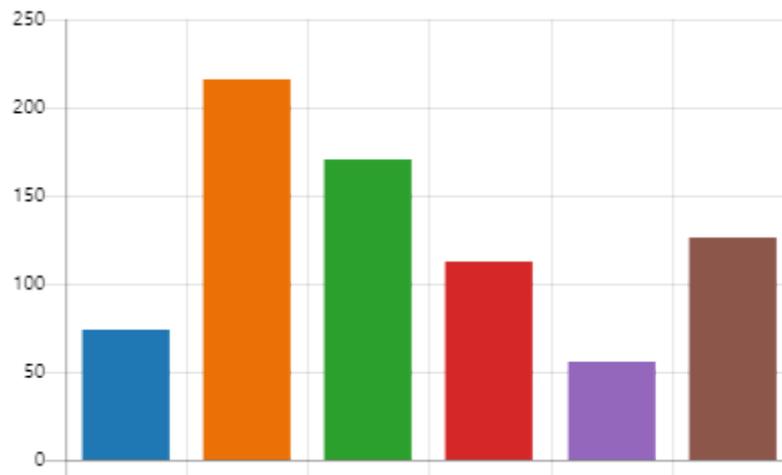
6. How do you currently use parks in the area?

● Run / Jog / Walk	518
● Leisure	457
● Group events	205
● Family time	387



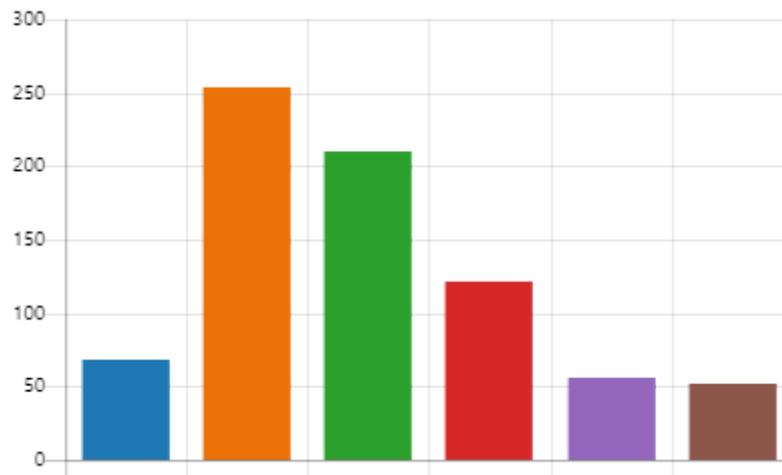
7. In the past year, how often have you / member of your household used trails in the area?

● Daily	74
● Weekly	216
● Monthly	170
● At least once in previous 3 mo...	113
● At least once in previous 6 mo...	56
● Once a year or less	126



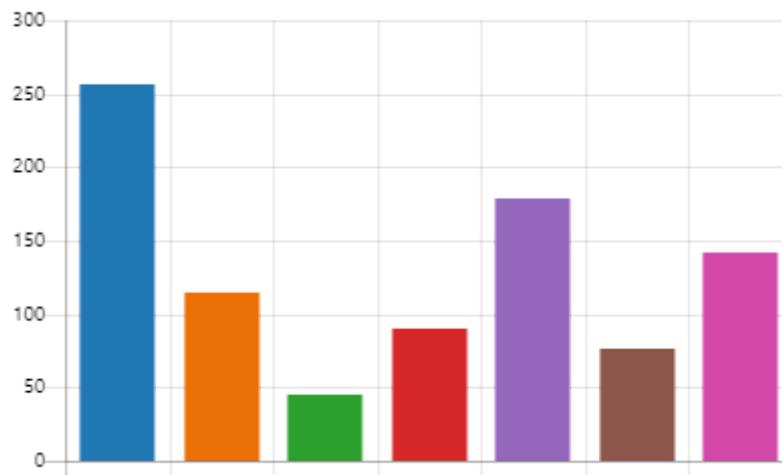
8. In the past year, how often have you / member of your household used parks in the area?

● Daily	68
● Weekly	254
● Monthly	210
● At least once in previous 3 mo...	121
● At least once in previous 6 mo...	56
● Once a year or less	52



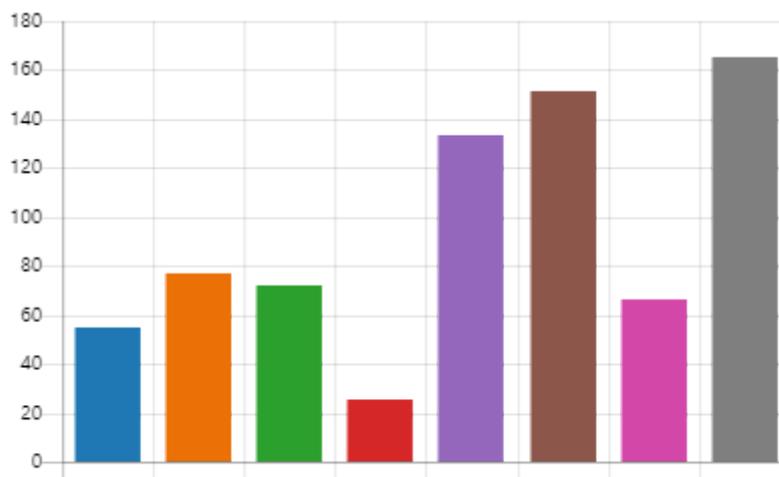
9. What hinders you from utilizing trails within the study area more often?

● Not aware of trails	257
● Don't go where I want	115
● Not interested in Trails	45
● No easy access	90
● Safety issues / concerns	179
● No parking or access	76
● Other	142



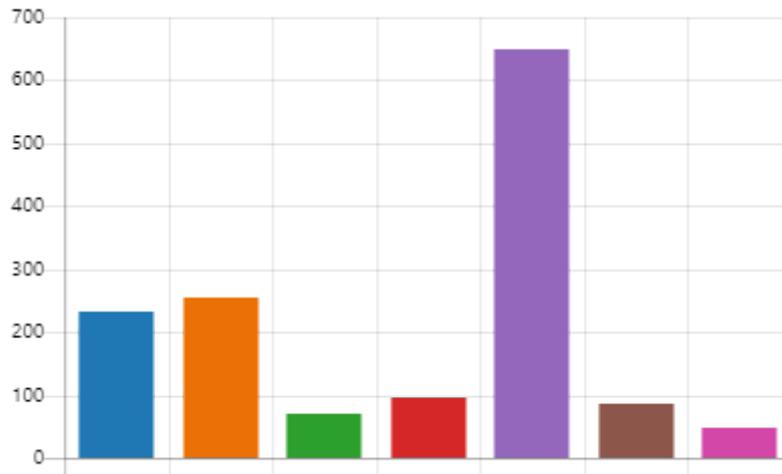
10. What hinders you from utilizing parks within the study area more often?

● Not aware of parks	55
● Amenities are lacking or not w...	77
● Amenities outdated or in need...	72
● Not interested in Parks	25
● Facilities get overly crowded	133
● Safety issues / concerns	151
● No parking or access	66
● Other	165



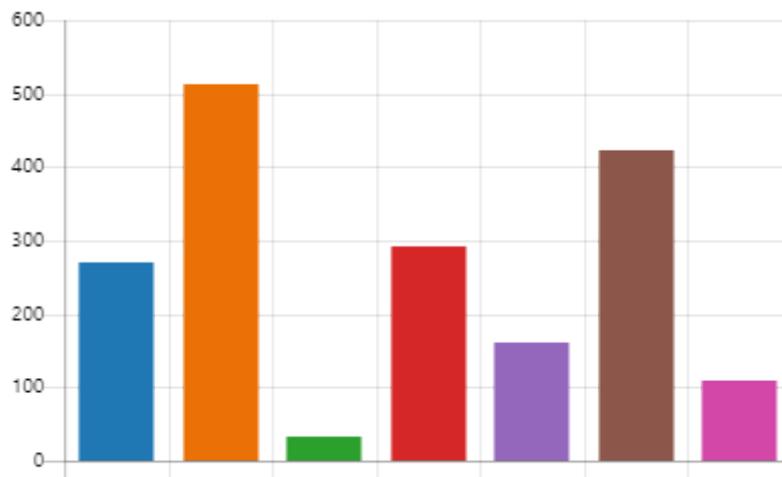
11. If more trails in the area were built, how would you utilize them?

- Run / jog 233
- Cycling for leisure 256
- On-road cycling 71
- Off-road cycling 95
- Walking 649
- Alternate to driving 86
- Do not use trails 49



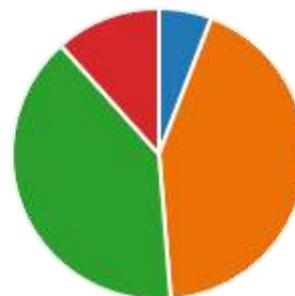
12. If using trails to reach a destination, what types of places would you like to connect to?

● Grocery Store	270
● Park	512
● Work	34
● Retail Shopping	292
● School	162
● Restaurant	422
● Don't Use	108



13. How would you rate your overall satisfaction with the existing trail system within the study area?

● Excellent	41
● Good	303
● Needs Improvement	280
● Poor	82



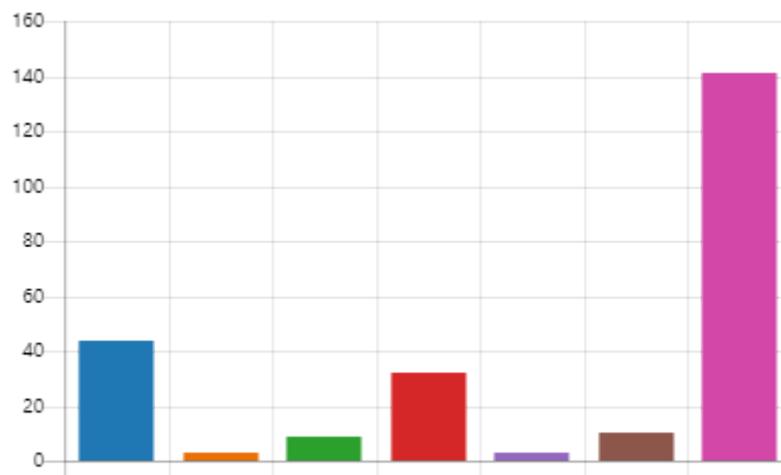
14. In order to develop more trails within the City, I would support the following:

● Increase in local taxes	225
● Volunteer building	315
● Volunteer / Organizational ma...	464
● I don't want trails	70



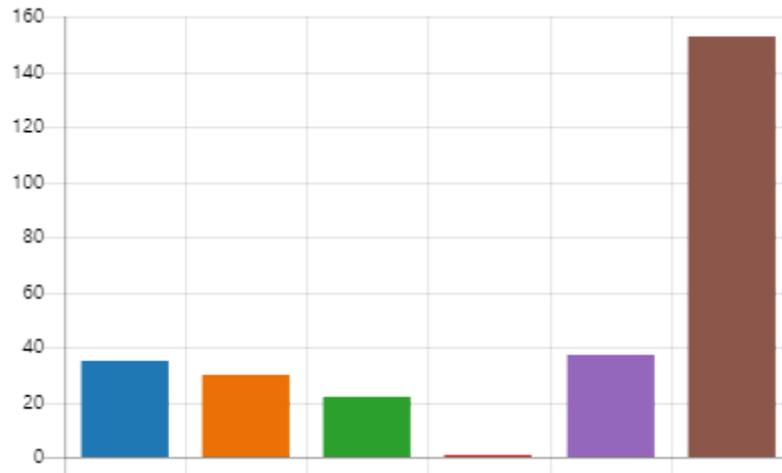
15. In the past 12 months, have you used the Activity Building for:

● Senior Club	44
● Indoor Pickleball	3
● Board Games	9
● Yoga	32
● Square Dancing	3
● Card Games	10
● Other	141



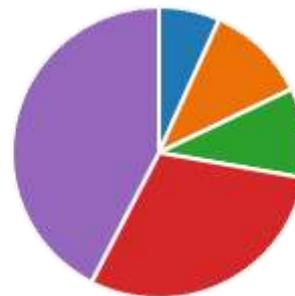
16. In the past 12 months, have you used the Leavesley Park Jones Hanger for:

● Summer Program	35
● Banquet	30
● Dance classes	22
● Quinceanera	1
● Playground	37
● Other	153



17. In the past 12 months, have you used the City Pool at Stevenson Park for:

● Swimming Team	23
● Swimming Lessons	38
● Youth Summer Programs	34
● Family Event	102
● Other	145



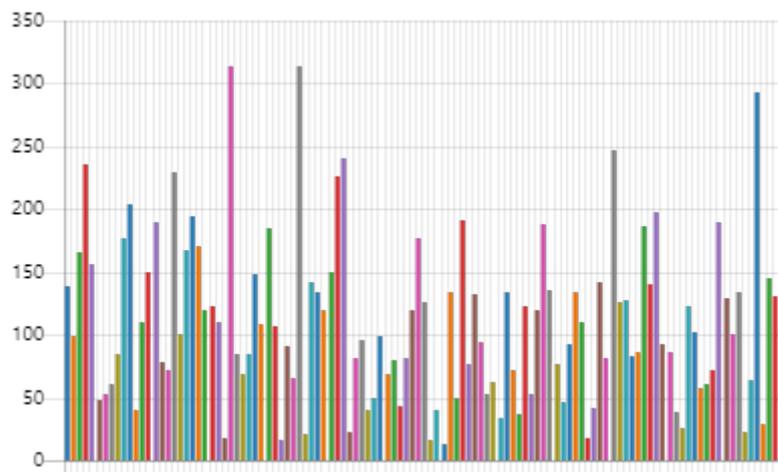
18. Identify the amenities you would like to see more in improvements and planning of future and current parks. "*" indicates amenities offered in parks today. Select all that apply:

 Amphitheater*	138
 Apiary (bees)*	98
 Arboretum	165
 Art in the Park / Public Art	235
 Aviary (birds)	156
 Badminton	47
 Baseball*	53
 Basketball*	61
 Beach	84
 Bench Swing	176
 Benches*	203
 Bike Lockers	40
 Bike Rack*	109
 Birding	149
 Boardwalks*	189
 Boat Dock*	78
 Bocce Ball	72
 Botanic Garden	229
 Bridge*	101
 Butterfly Waystation*	167
 Canoe / Kayak Launch*	194
 Community Garden*	170
 Community Vendor Area	120
 Concessions*	123
 Creative Water Play*	109
 Cricket Field	17
 Day Use Hiking / Picnicking	313
 Demonstration Garden	85
 Dirt Bike Track (BMX Bikes)	69
 Disc Golf Course*	85

 Dog Drinking Fountain*	148
 Dog Park Off-Leash*	108
 Dog-Friendly Trail*	184
 Drinking Fountain*	106
 Electronic Park Sign*	16
 Environmental / Ecology Learn...	90
 Family Reunions*	66
 Farmers Market*	314
 Fencing / Fencing Upgrades*	20
 Festival Area / Plaza*	141
 Festival Lighting*	133
 Fishing*	120
 Fitness Stations*	149
 Fitness Trail*	226
 Food Truck / Court	240
 Football*	23
 Formal Garden	81
 Fountain*	96
 Frisbee*	39
 Gateway into Park*	49
 Greenhouse / Conservatory	98
 Grills*	69
 Hill Terrain & Play	79
 Hopscotch	43
 Horseshoes	81
 Indoor: courts	120
 Indoor: fitness / activity	177
 Indoor: track	126
 Kiosks	16
 Kite Flying*	39
 Lacrosse*	12
 Leisure Seating*	134
 Memorial / History*	49

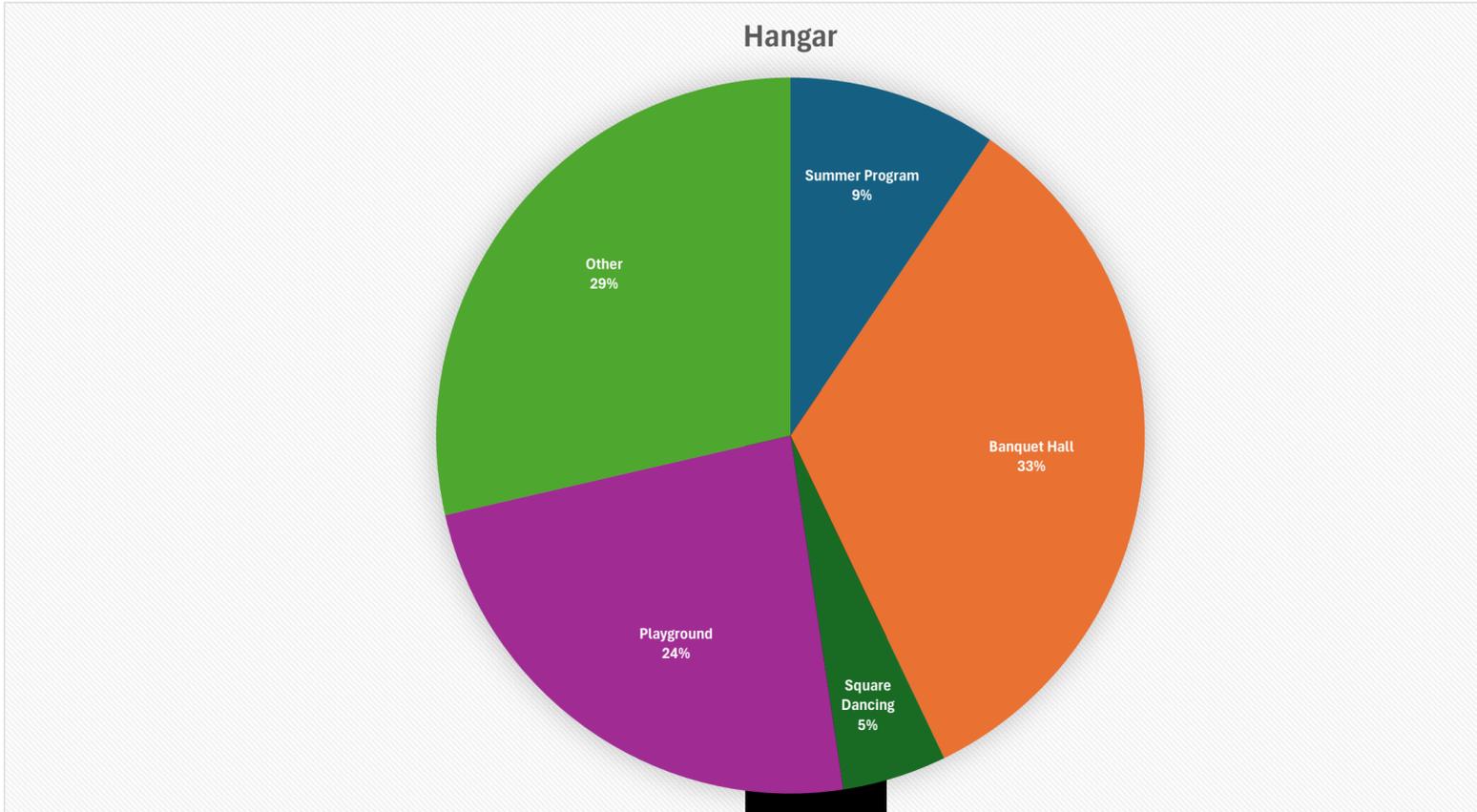
● Multi Use Trail*	191
● Multipurpose Covered Court	77
● Native Plantings*	132
● Nature Play*	94
● Open Area Multipurpose Court	53
● Open Field Play*	62
● Outdoor Chalkboard / Tagging	33
● Outdoor Yoga / Pilates / Tai Chi	133
● Overnight Camping	72
● Park Signage*	36
● Parking Lot / Enhancements*	123
● Performance Stage*	53
● Photography Spot	120
● Pickleball*	188
● Picnic Table*	135
● Piers for observation	76
● Ping Pong*	46
● Playground 2-5 year olds*	92
● Playground 5-12 year olds*	134
● Playground All Inclusive*	110
● Pour In Place Surfacing*	18
● RC / Drone Airport	41
● Recreation Center*	141
● Rental Facility*	81
● Restrooms*	246
● Rock Climbing Wall	125
● Ropes Course	128
● Sanitizer Stations	83
● Sculpture Park / Art Gallery	86
● Security Lighting*	186
● Shade Structure*	140
● Shaded Walk*	197
● Shelter/ Pavilion*	93

Skatepark	86
Soccer*	38
Softball*	26
Splash Pad*	122
Swimming Pool*	102
Tennis*	58
Thematic Activity (Fairy Trail)*	60
Tower for Observation	72
Trail Lighting*	189
Trash Receptacles*	129
Tree Canopy Play	100
Tree House	133
Tug of War	22
Volleyball*	64
Walking and Running Trail*	293
Wayfinding*	28
Wi-Fi Connectivity	144
Wildlife Habitat Study	131
Zip Line	157

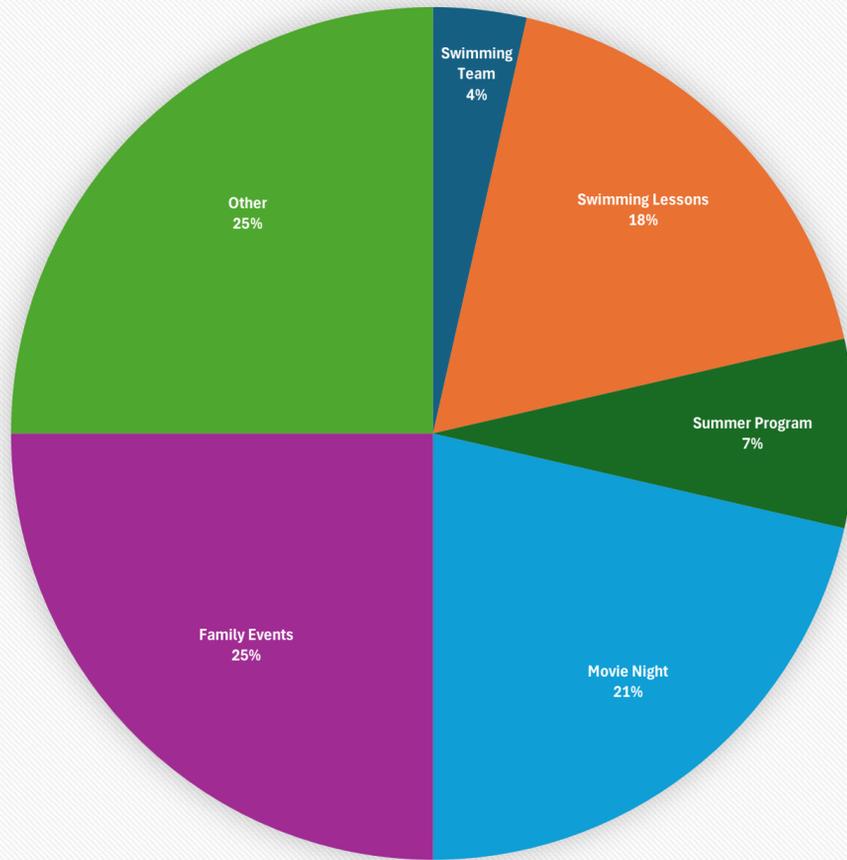


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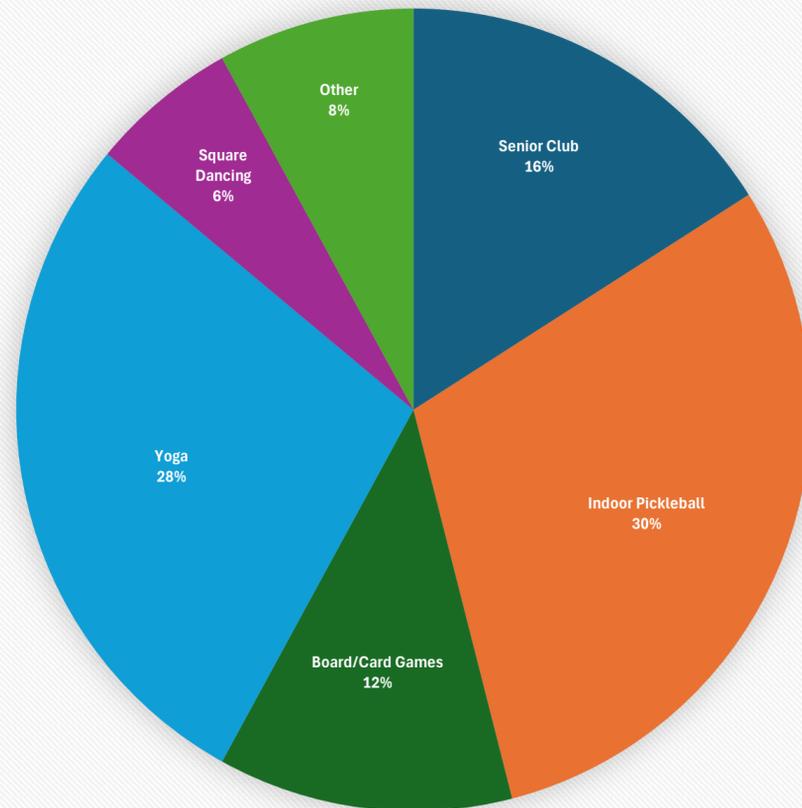
	<i>Summer Program</i>	<i>Banquet Hall</i>	<i>Square Dancing</i>	<i>Quinceanera</i>	<i>Playground</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total Votes</i>
Votes	2	7	1	0	5	6	21
Hangar	9.52%	33.33%	4.76%	0.00%	23.81%	28.57%	
	<i>Swimming Team</i>	<i>Swimming Lessons</i>	<i>Summer Program</i>	<i>Movie Night</i>	<i>Family Event</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total Votes</i>
Votes	1	5	2	6	7	7	28
Aquatic Center	3.57%	17.86%	7.14%	21.43%	25.00%	25.00%	
	<i>Senior Club</i>	<i>Indoor Pickleball</i>	<i>Board/Card Games</i>	<i>Yoga</i>	<i>Square Dancing</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total Votes</i>
Votes	8	15	6	14	3	4	50
Activity Building	16.00%	30.00%	12.00%	28.00%	6.00%	8.00%	



Aquatic Center



Activity Building



comments from board 1

comments from board 2

FACILITIES 2 COMMENTS

Topic		Hangar
Existing		Hoa Meetings
	7	Adapt Swim KFB Edu Program Host Comm Parties Special Strong Classes Special Strong Special Olympic Kayaks
Improvements		No Comments 0
Other		No Comments 0

Topic		Aquatic Center
Existing		Pool Movie Night
	9	Adaptive Swim
		Aqua Zumba
		Aswim
		Love concert in the park
		Aqua Yoga
Improvements		No Comments 1
Other		No Comments 1

Topic		Activity Building
Existing		Adapt Swim
	2	Activity Center!!
Improvements		No Comments 0
Other		No Comments 0

FACILITIES 3 COMMENTS

comments from board 1

comments from board 2

Topic

Hangar

Existing

Too many competing activities with only one space

2 We do yoga on Tuesdays at 10:00 with Ellen

Improvements

We need a community center to house all classes etc. in one space

3 Need a yoga facility that is more zen and meditative

Need more public meeting spaces for civic groups, HOA, homeschool, scouts, etc.

Other

No Comments

0

Topic

Aquatic Center

Existing

We do adaptive water aerobics with special strong during the summer

1

Improvements

Dress area needed

6 Adult lap swimming in nonsummer

Larger pool, Heated pool, Dressing area, A/C Bathrooms

Need larger pool, more shaded area

More time for open lap swimming during non-summer

More summer water aerobics

Other

No Comments

0

Topic

Activity Building

Existing

The Girl Scouts use this building right by the senior building. Please keep an area for the Girl Scouts

2 I want to make sure there will be space for the Girl Scouts.

Improvements

Activity Center too small, need more room, need high bay area to support indoor pickle ball, permanent table tennis room

11 Too small, falling apart, need rec center

Need a space for adults with special needs to gather

Need better room with water/sink for painting. We can not take care of all people interested. Large, long sink please. No carpet.

Need areas for the special needs community to have many opportunities such as dances, adaptive dance class, kayaking

Need Rec Center for more activities: indoor pickleball courts, indoor basketball courts, room for social activities and rentals

Need more areas for individuals with special needs to meet, socialize, have activities such as cooking classes, crafts and gaming

Need indoor Basketball courts. Need rooms for meetings. Need more locations for social activities like dances.

Need a new senior center

Need a City Rec Center, Basketball Use

Need Rec Center for yoga/classes, workout facilities, party rentals, summer camp, classes

Other

Activity Building: Make It Happen!!!

5 One blank sticky note

Looking forward to a new Activity Building. Will be used a lot!!

One blank sticky note

stars

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	Votes	Percentage
Seating and Trash Receptacles	7	11.48%
Pet Stations	7	11.48%
Flex Stations	4	6.56%
Lighting	13	21.31%
Different Surfacing Trails	18	29.51%
Signage	3	4.92%
Landscaping Enhancements	9	14.75%
	100.00%	



Trails 3 COMMENTS

Topic

Seating and Trash Receptacles

Topic

Water fountains along Trail

Pet Stations

No Comments

Topic

Flex Stations

Topic

What is left of 1776 Park could use a designated trail + flex station

Lighting

More lighting, complete lighting from Stevenson Park towards dog park

Different Surfacing Trails

Topic

Connect trails with Pearland and League City for long distance rides

Bike Trails

Signage

No Comments

Topic

Landscaping Enhancements

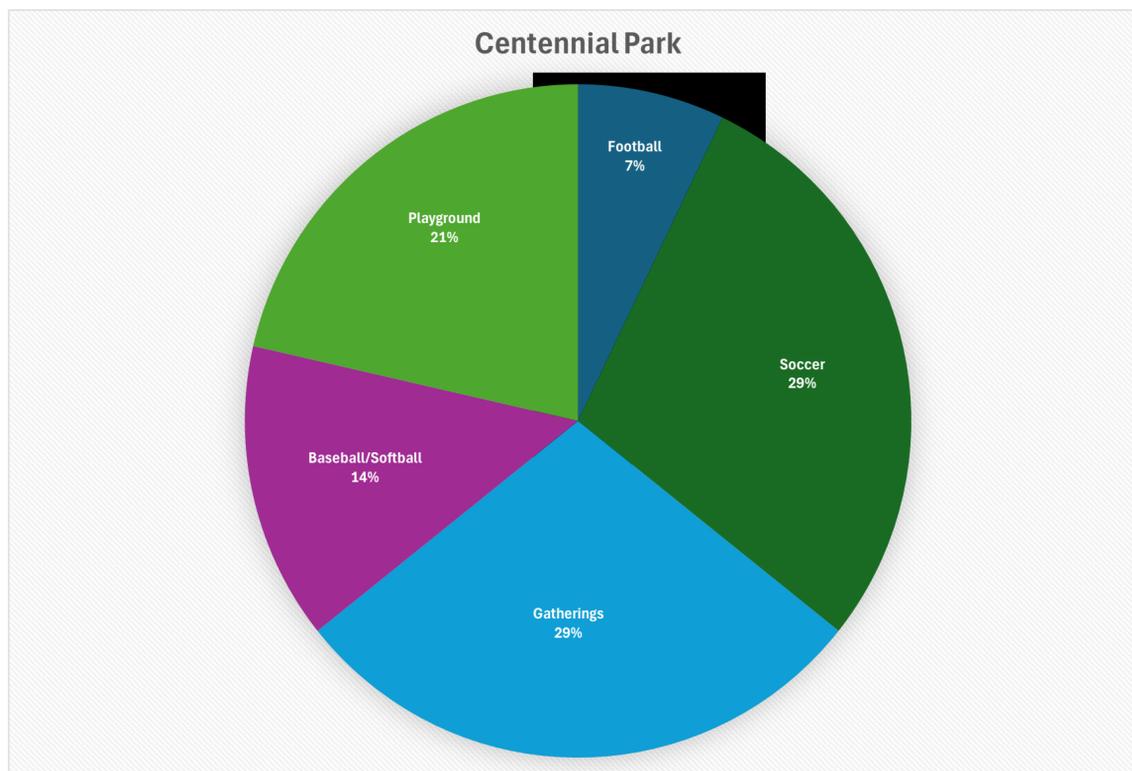
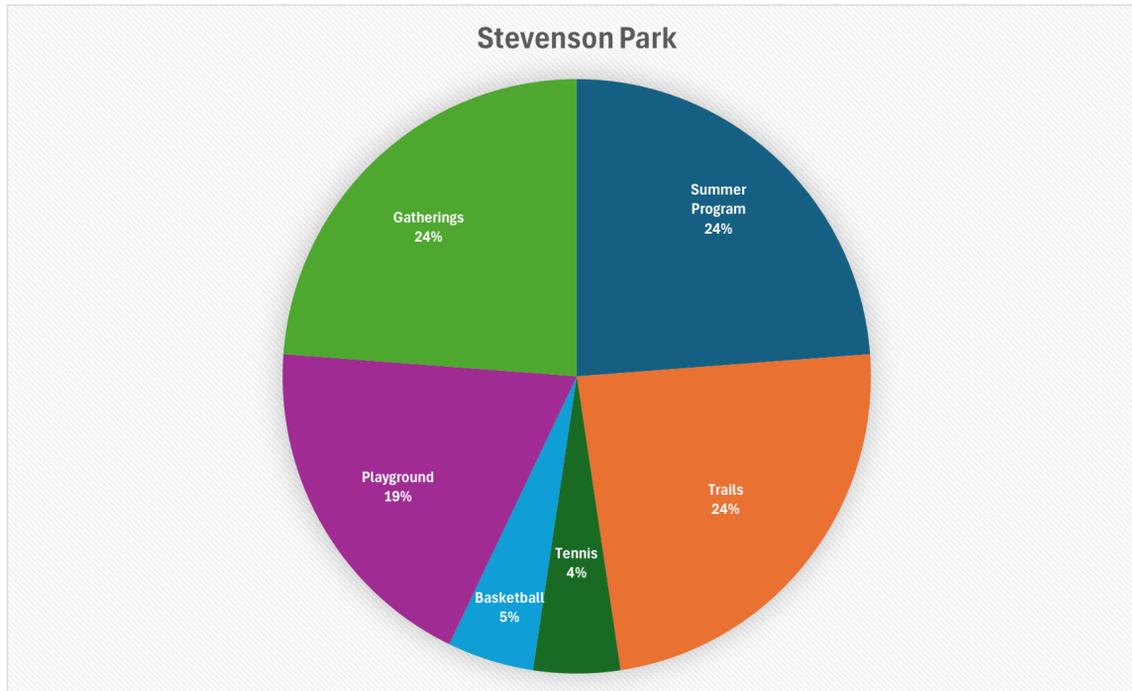
Trail along Clear Creek - concrete

Connect in some way Frankie Park and 1776 Park

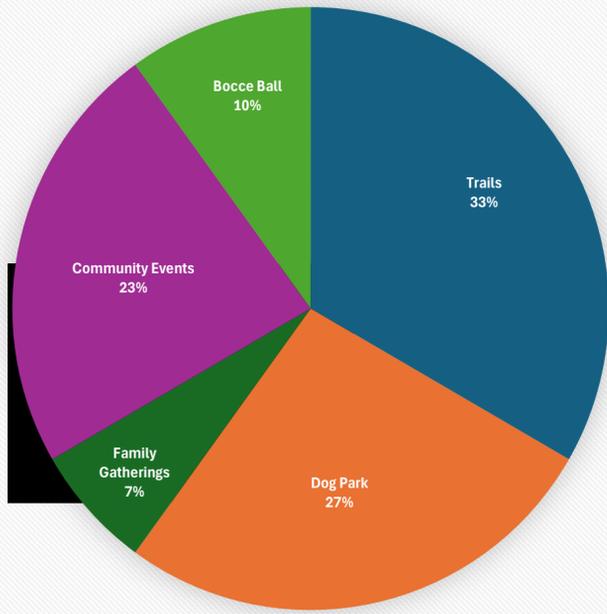
Natural, local, edible plants with information

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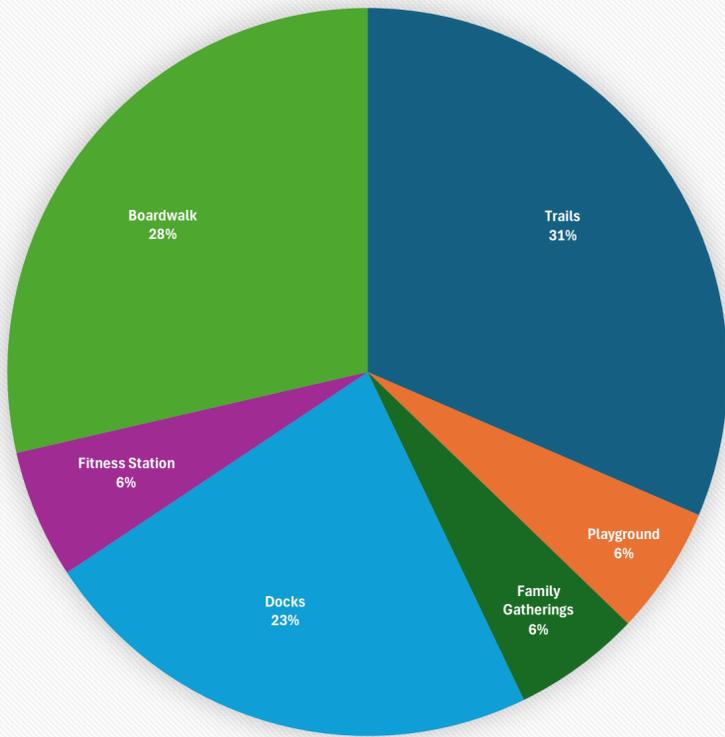
	Summer Program	Trails	Tennis	Basketball	Playground	Gatherings	Total Votes
Votes	10	10	2	2	8	10	42
Stevenson Park	23.81%	23.81%	4.76%	4.76%	19.05%	23.81%	
	Football	Lacrosse	Soccer	Gatherings	Baseball/Softball	Playground	Total Votes
Votes	1	0	4	4	2	3	14
Centennial Park	7.14%	0.00%	28.57%	28.57%	14.29%	21.43%	
	Trails	Dog Park	Family Gatherings	Reflection	Community Events	Bocce Ball	Total Votes
Votes	10	8	2	0	7	3	30
Old City Park	33.33%	26.67%	6.67%	0.00%	23.33%	10.00%	
	Trails	Playground	Family Gatherings	Docks	Fitness Stations	Boardwalk	Total Votes
Votes	11	2	2	8	2	10	35
Lake Friendswood Park	31.43%	5.71%	5.71%	22.86%	5.71%	28.57%	



Old City Park



Lake Friendswood Park



PARKS 2 COMMENTS

comments from board 1
 comments from board 2

Topic		Stevenson Park
Stevenson Park	Existing	<p>Love concert in the park</p> <p>1</p>
	Improvements	<p>Summer camp needs to grow. Its my favorite time of year.</p> <p>4 Larger camp facility for youth</p> <p>Summer camp is so important to dual income families. We need this camp. This camp sells out in seconds. Recommend younger camp and older camp locations to alleviate registration. -Toon</p> <p>Friendswood summer camp needs to allow for <u>GROWTH</u>.</p>
	Other	<p>Registration for summer camps should allow volunteer opportunities or donations to allow for priority registration</p> <p>1</p>
Topic		Centennial Park
Centennial Park	Existing	<p>No Comment</p> <p>0</p>
	Improvements	<p>No Comment</p> <p>0</p>
	Other	<p>No Comment</p> <p>0</p>

Topic		Old City Park
<i>Existing</i>	<i>No Comment</i>	0
<i>Improvements</i>	Fun agility equipment for dogs	3
	*Running trails Bigger (Dog Park)	
<i>Other</i>	<i>No Comment</i>	0

Topic		Lake Friendswood Park
<i>Existing</i>	<i>No Comment</i>	0
<i>Improvements</i>	<i>No Comment</i>	0
<i>Other</i>	<i>No Comment</i>	0

PARKS 3 COMMENTS

comments from board 1
 comments from board 2

Topic	Stevenson Park	Topic
Existing	No Comments 0	Existing
Improvements	4 Fix tennis court Expanded and heated pool Pickleball Indoor and Outdoor (Activity Center) Life-sized chess board for play	Improvements
Other	1 One Sticker	Other

Topic	Centennial Park	Topic
Existing	No Comments 0	Existing
Improvements	No Comments 0	Improvements
Other	1 One Sticker	Other

Topic	Old City Park	Topic
Existing	No Comments 0	Existing
Improvements	No Comments 0	Improvements
Other	No Comments 0	Other

Topic	Lake Friendswood Park	Topic
Existing	1 We practice kayaking with special olympics during the summer. We competed in 2022 in the fall.	Existing
Improvements	2 more hours availability, more parking additional fishing piers for docks to spread out crowds and fishing pressure	Improvements
Other	12 stop people using the track as a bicycle racing track no playground no playground at the lake stop bike races at lake friendswood stop bike racing at lake of friendswood no playground at lake friendswood, water safety concerns and supervision concerns do not block lake views of the people who live near lake friendswood no bikes/racing, no playground, no kayak renting safety please no kayak at friendswood lake, no playground at friendswood lake, huge safety concerns for neighborhood. blank sticky note one sticker one sticker	Other

Topic	1776 Park	Topic
<i>Existing</i>	No Comments 0	<i>Existing</i>
<i>Improvements</i>	restrooms for kayakers on paddle trails 5 lighting needed ^ I like this better trails, biking/dirty trails *star*	<i>Improvements</i>
<i>Other</i>	No Comments 0	<i>Other</i>

Topic	Renwick Park	Topic
<i>Existing</i>	I played baseball in the spring with Little League for 19 years. 1	<i>Existing</i>
<i>Improvements</i>	drainage of fields, lighting all fields good needs work, better bleacher and shade area 2 Please turf field 5. We can use for all ages. Helps with bad weather times. It will be Renwick's showcase field for our 12 yr. old group	<i>Improvements</i>
<i>Other</i>	one sticker 1	<i>Other</i>

Topic	Wesley J. Canning Park	Topic
<i>Existing</i>	No Comments 0	<i>Existing</i>
<i>Improvements</i>	good location for a community recreation center 2 lacross fields, soccer small site fields, for when not used for flood overflow	<i>Improvements</i>
<i>Other</i>	No Comments 0	<i>Other</i>

Topic	Lundy Lane 27Ac. Park	Topic
<i>Existing</i>	No Comments 0	<i>Existing</i>
<i>Improvements</i>	more signage 1	<i>Improvements</i>
<i>Other</i>	blank sticky note 1	<i>Other</i>

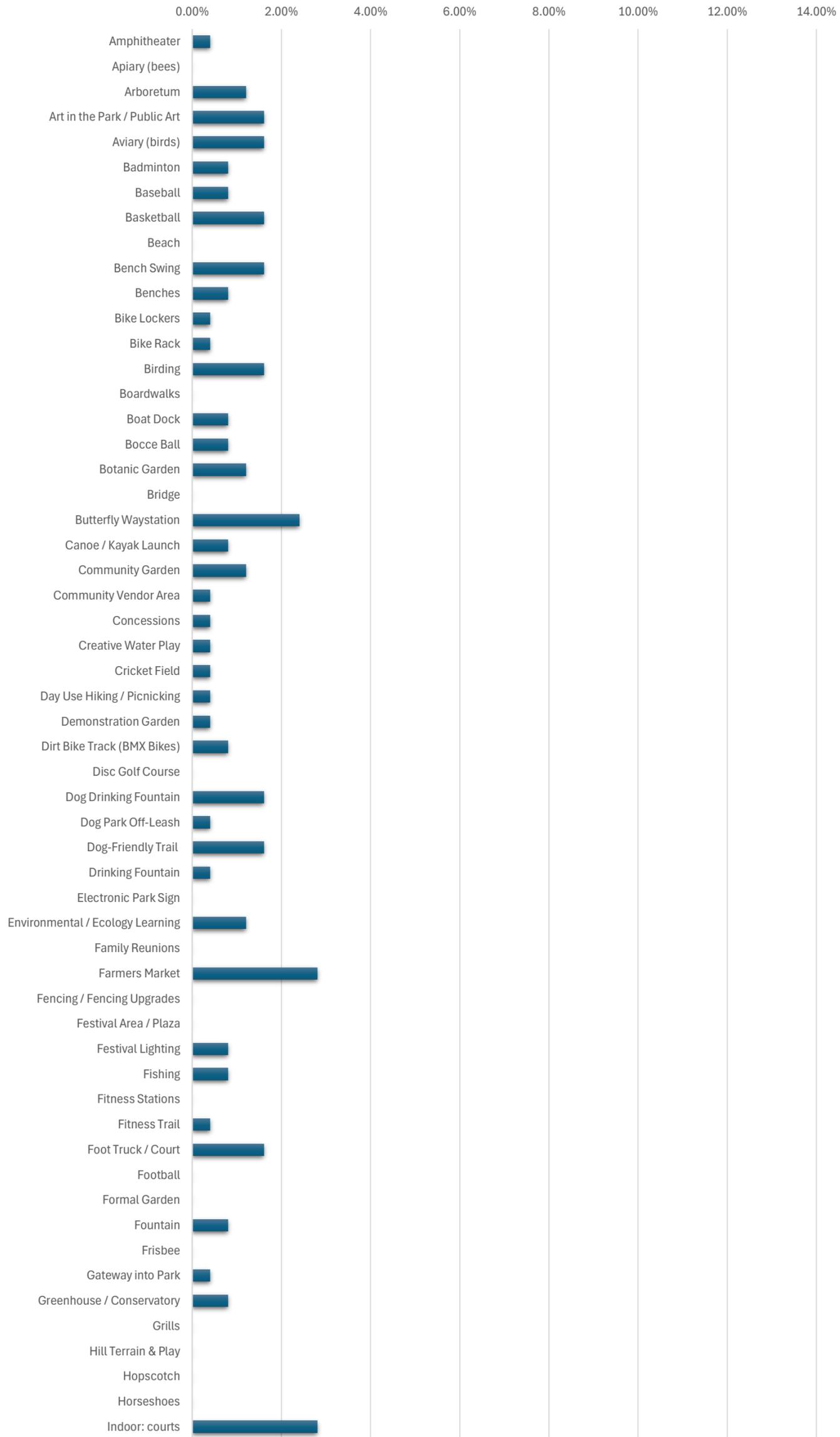
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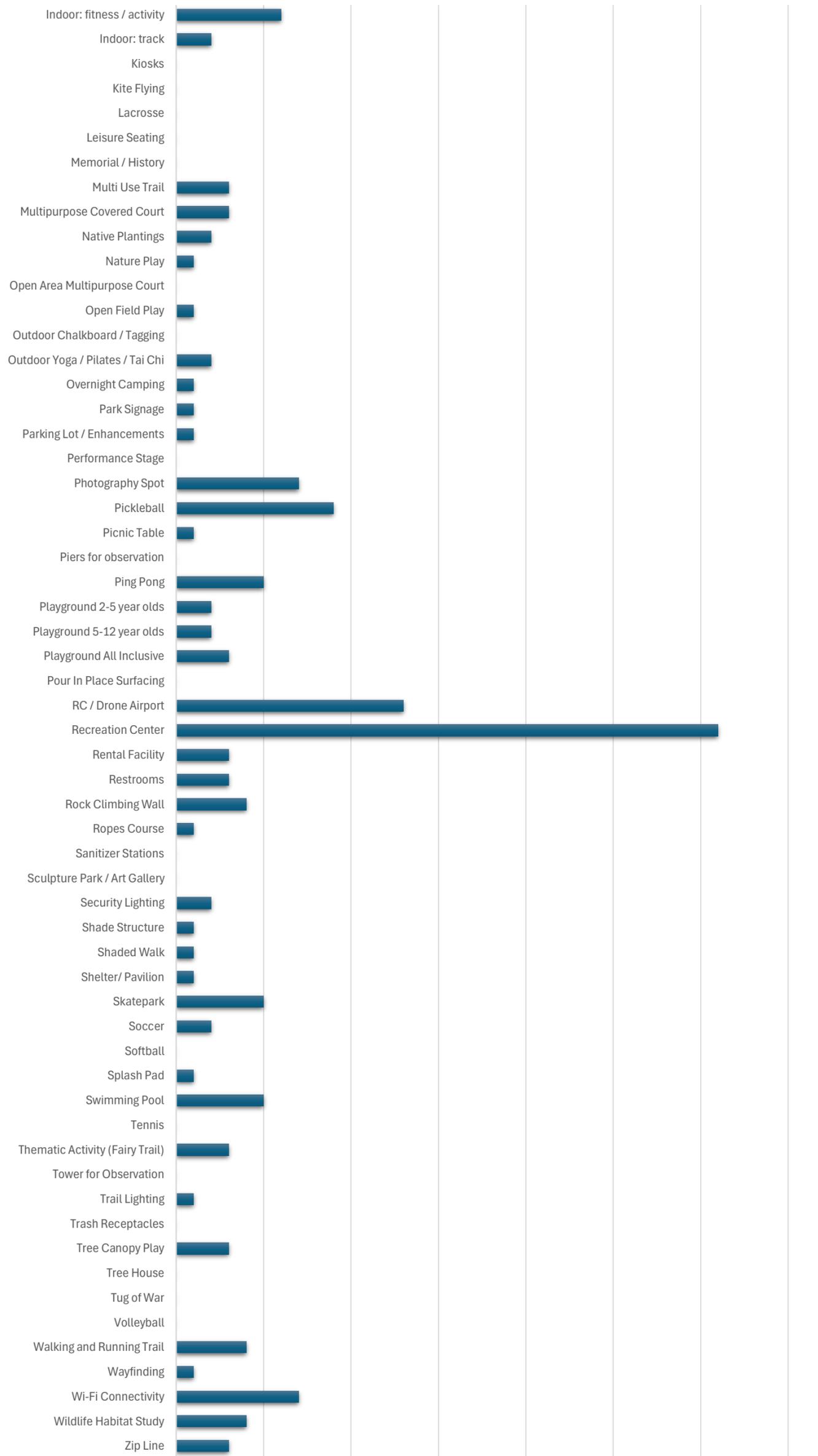
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2	Apiary (bees)	X	0		0.00%
3	Arboretum		3		1.20%
4	Art in the Park / Public Art		4		1.60%
5	Aviary (birds)		4		1.60%
6	Badminton		2		0.80%
7	Baseball	X	2		0.80%
8	Basketball	X	4		1.60%
9	Beach		0		0.00%
10	Bench Swing		4		1.60%
11	Benches	X	2		0.80%
12	Bike Lockers		1		0.40%
13	Bike Rack	X	1		0.40%
14	Birding		4		1.60%
15	Boardwalks	X	0		0.00%
16	Boat Dock	X	2		0.80%
17	Bocce Ball		2		0.80%
18	Botanic Garden		3		1.20%
19	Bridge	X	0		0.00%
20	Butterfly Waystation	X	6		2.40%
21	Canoe / Kayak Launch	X	2		0.80%
22	Community Garden		3		1.20%
23	Community Vendor Area		1		0.40%
24	Concessions	X	1		0.40%
25	Creative Water Play	X	1		0.40%
26	Cricket Field		1		0.40%
27	Day Use Hiking / Picnicking		1		0.40%
28	Demonstration Garden		1		0.40%
29	Dirt Bike Track (BMX Bikes)		2		0.80%
30	Disc Golf Course	X	0		0.00%
31	Dog Drinking Fountain	X	4		1.60%
32	Dog Park Off-Leash	X	1		0.40%
33	Dog-Friendly Trail	X	4		1.60%
34	Drinking Fountain	X	1		0.40%
35	Electronic Park Sign	X	0		0.00%
36	Environmental / Ecology Learning		3		1.20%
37	Family Reunions	X	0		0.00%
38	Farmers Market	X	7		2.80%
39	Fencing / Fencing Upgrades	X	0		0.00%

40	Festival Area / Plaza	X	0	0.00%
41	Festival Lighting	X	2	0.80%
42	Fishing	X	2	0.80%
43	Fitness Stations	X	0	0.00%
44	Fitness Trail	X	1	0.40%
45	Foot Truck / Court		4	1.60%
46	Football	X	0	0.00%
47	Formal Garden		0	0.00%
48	Fountain	X	2	0.80%
49	Frisbee	X	0	0.00%
50	Gateway into Park	X	1	0.40%
51	Greenhouse / Conservatory		2	0.80%
52	Grills	X	0	0.00%
53	Hill Terrain & Play		0	0.00%
54	Hopscotch		0	0.00%
55	Horseshoes		0	0.00%
56	Indoor: courts		7	2.80%
57	Indoor: fitness / activity		6	2.40%
58	Indoor: track		2	0.80%
59	Kiosks		0	0.00%
60	Kite Flying	X	0	0.00%
61	Lacrosse	X	0	0.00%
62	Leisure Seating	X	0	0.00%
63	Memorial / History	X	0	0.00%
64	Multi Use Trail	X	3	1.20%
65	Multipurpose Covered Court		3	1.20%
66	Native Plantings	X	2	0.80%
67	Nature Play	X	1	0.40%
68	Open Area Multipurpose Court		0	0.00%
69	Open Field Play	X	1	0.40%
70	Outdoor Chalkboard / Tagging		0	0.00%
71	Outdoor Yoga / Pilates / Tai Chi		2	0.80%
72	Overnight Camping		1	0.40%
73	Park Signage	X	1	0.40%
74	Parking Lot / Enhancements	X	1	0.40%
75	Performance Stage	X	0	0.00%
76	Photography Spot		7	2.80%
77	Pickleball	X	9	3.60%
78	Picnic Table	X	1	0.40%

79	Piers for observation		0		0.00%
80	Ping Pong	X	5		2.00%
81	Playground 2-5 year olds	X	2		0.80%
82	Playground 5-12 year olds	X	2		0.80%
83	Playground All Inclusive	X	3		1.20%
84	Pour In Place Surfacing	X	0		0.00%
85	RC / Drone Airport		13		5.20%
86	Recreation Center	X	31		12.40%
87	Rental Facility	X	3		1.20%
88	Restrooms	X	3		1.20%
89	Rock Climbing Wall		4		1.60%
90	Ropes Course		1		0.40%
91	Sanitizer Stations		0		0.00%
92	Sculpture Park / Art Gallery		0		0.00%
93	Security Lighting	X	2		0.80%
94	Shade Structure	X	1		0.40%
95	Shaded Walk	X	1		0.40%
96	Shelter/ Pavilion	X	1		0.40%
97	Skatepark		5		2.00%
98	Soccer	X	2		0.80%
99	Softball	X	0		0.00%
100	Splash Pad	X	1		0.40%
101	Swimming Pool	X	5		2.00%
102	Tennis	X	0		0.00%
103	Thematic Activity (Fairy Trail)		3		1.20%
104	Tower for Observation		0		0.00%
105	Trail Lighting	X	1		0.40%
106	Trash Receptacles	X	0		0.00%
107	Tree Canopy Play		3		1.20%
108	Tree House		0		0.00%
109	Tug of War		0		0.00%
110	Volleyball	X	0		0.00%
111	Walking and Running Trail	X	4		1.60%
112	Wayfinding	X	1		0.40%
113	Wi-Fi Connectivity		7		2.80%
114	Wildlife Habitat Study		4		1.60%
115	Zip Line		3		1.20%

Park Amenities

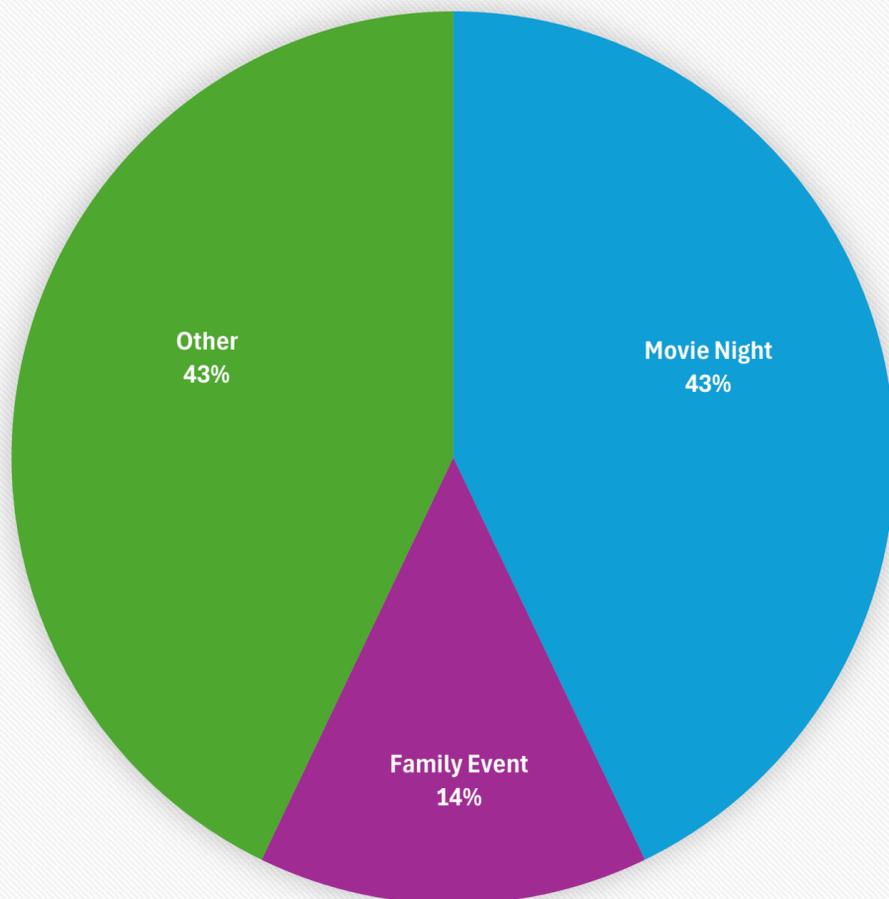




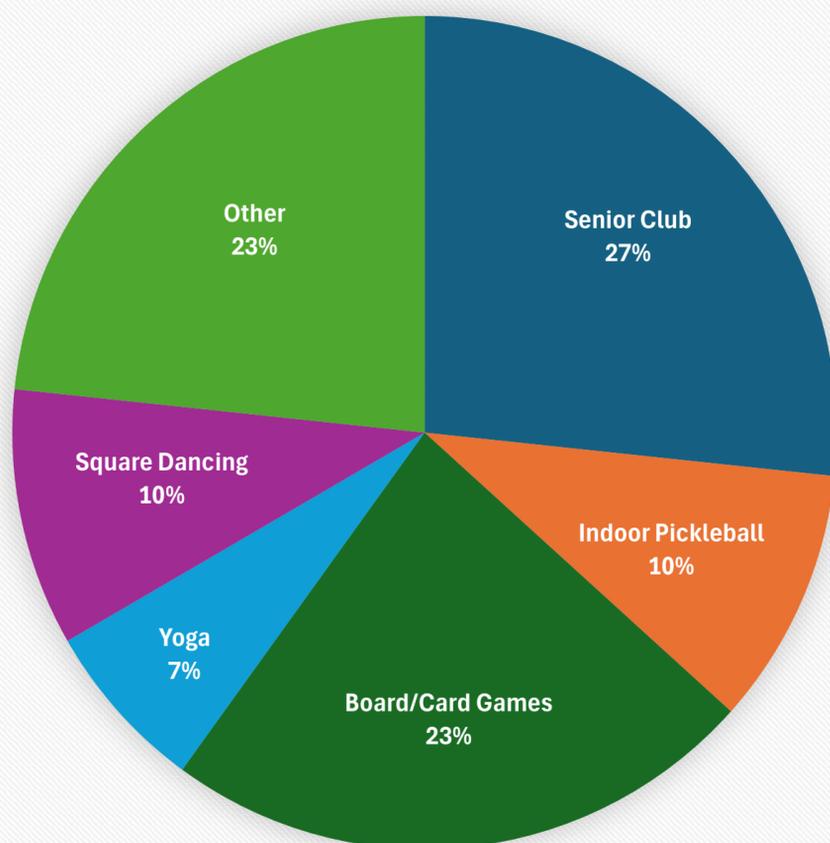
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	Summer Program	Banquet Hall	Square Dancing	Quinceanera	Playground	Other	Total Votes
Votes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hangar	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	
	Swimming Team	Swimming Lessons	Summer Program	Movie Night	Family Event	Other	Total Votes
Votes	0	0	0	3	1	3	7
Aquatic Center	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	42.86%	14.29%	42.86%	
	Senior Club	Indoor Pickleball	Board/Card Games	Yoga	Square Dancing	Other	Total Votes
Votes	8	3	7	2	3	7	30
Activity Building	26.67%	10.00%	23.33%	6.67%	10.00%	23.33%	

Aquatic Center



Activity Building



comments from board F-2

comments from board F-1

FACILITIES 2 COMMENTS

Topic		Hangar
Existing	N/A	0
Improvements	N/A	0
Other	N/A	0
Topic		Aquatic Center
Existing	Aqua Zumba 2 Summer Concert	
Improvements	Keep up pool indoor heated pool would be good too. 2 Indoor heated pool seniors need it!	
Other	N/A	0

Topic		Activity Building
<i>Existing</i>		Zumba
	5	Zumba
		Zumba
		Line Dancing
		Line Dancing
<i>Improvements</i>		Need more room, storage, better parking
	5	New building. <u>Wasting money</u> trying to repair and keep up an <u>old building</u>
		<u>New building</u>
		Bigger building
		New Building
<i>Other</i>		More Trip
	1	

FACILITIES 3 COMMENTS

- comments from board 1
- comments from board 2
- comments from board F1-3
- comments from board F1-4

Topic	Hangar
<i>Existing</i>	N/A
	0
<i>Improvements</i>	Indoor walking area 2 Indoor walking area
<i>Other</i>	N/A
	0

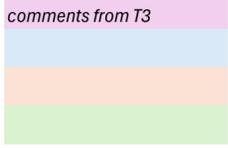
Topic	Aquatic Center
<i>Existing</i>	N/A
	0
<i>Improvements</i>	indoor pool 2 improve restrooms, lockers, dressing rooms
<i>Other</i>	N/A
	0

Topic	Activity Building
<i>Existing</i>	N/A
	0
<i>Improvements</i>	<u>New building</u> or renovate the building 13 Renovate or New building!!! When???? Pickleball courts indoor New or renovated activity bldg!!! Clogging New Building Yes! Improve/New Building Bigger Activity Building Build a larger Activity Bldg! Amen! Building a large activity Bldg! Need a bigger building New building with larger rooms A larger facility, configured with separate rooms to accommodate active sports; e.g., ping pong
<i>Other</i>	<i>Thank you for doing this!</i>
	1

The data below on pages 123 - 124 represents feedback gathered from the posters shown at the public engagement meeting held on January 30, 2024 at the Senior Activity Center. This feedback reflects support for amenities that could be implemented along future and existing trails in Friendswood.

	Votes	Percentage
Seating and Trash Receptacles	1	50.00%
Pet Stations	0	0.00%
Flex Stations	0	0.00%
Lighting	0	0.00%
Different Surfacing Trails	0	0.00%
Signage	1	50.00%
Landscaping Enhancements	0	0.00%
	100.00%	





Trails 3 COMMENTS

Topic

Seating and Trash Receptacles

Topic

Pet Stations

Shade for benches

Topic

Flex Stations

Topic

Lighting

Topic

Different Surfacing Trails

Topic

Signage

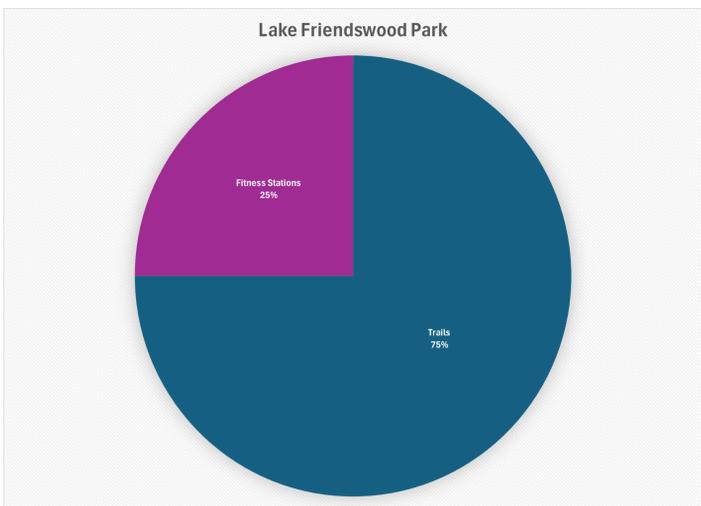
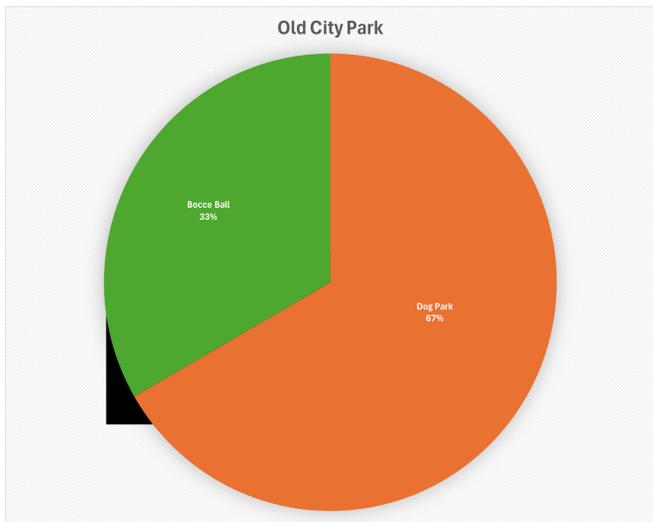
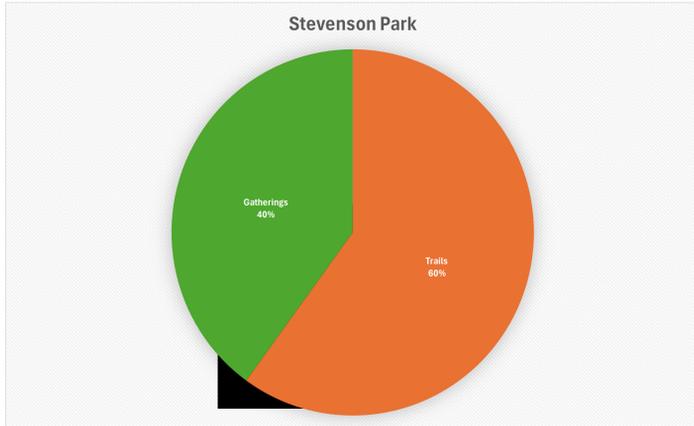
Description of wildlife on trail - esp. birds

Topic

Landscaping Enhancements

The data below on pages 125 - 133 represents feedback gathered from the posters shown at the public engagement meeting held on January 30, 2024 at the Senior Activity Center. This feedback highlights the park activities the public has most frequently used in the past 12 months, along with their preferences for desired and improved amenities.

	Summer Program	Trails	Tennis	Basketball	Playground	Gatherings
Votes	0	3	0	0	0	2
Stevenson Park	0.00%	60.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	40.00%
	Football	Lacrosse	Soccer	Gatherings	Baseball/Softball	Playground
Votes	0	0	0	0	0	0
Centennial Park	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
	Trails	Dog Park	Family Gatherings	Reflection	Community Events	Bocce Ball
Votes	0	2	0	0	0	1
Old City Park	0.00%	66.67%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%
	Trails	Playground	Family Gatherings	Docks	Fitness Stations	Boardwalk
Votes	3	0	0	0	1	0
Lake Friendswood Park	75.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	0.00%



PARKS 2 COMMENTS

comments from board P2

		Stevenson Park			Centennial Park
Topic			Topic		
	<i>Existing</i>	Gathering, walking, solitude 2 I walk at Stevenson Park but it's only half a mile. I use the concrete sidewalk and dog park!		<i>Existing</i>	N/A 0
	<i>Improvements</i>	N/A 0		<i>Improvements</i>	N/A 0
	<i>Other</i>	N/A 0		<i>Other</i>	N/A 0
Topic		Old City Park	Topic		Lake Friendswood Park
	<i>Existing</i>	Dog Park/ Trail: I don't have a dog but I enjoy walking at the park on a nice sunny cool day and there is a restroom in that area. The trail to get to the dog park is a ramp. Excellent way to get strength in my legs. 2 Bocce Ball		<i>Existing</i>	I enjoy walking at Lake Friendswood because it has the fitness workout :) Need fitness station at Stevenson Park. 1
	<i>Improvements</i>	N/A 0		<i>Improvements</i>	N/A 0
	<i>Other</i>	N/A 0		<i>Other</i>	N/A 0

PARKS 3 COMMENTS

Topic		Stevenson Park
<i>Existing</i>	N/A	0
<i>Improvements</i>	Wider walking trail 5 Fitness Stations bench swings An additional covered pavilion Fill in low spots where water lays bocce ball	
<i>Other</i>	N/A	0
Topic		Centennial Park
<i>Existing</i>	N/A	0
<i>Improvements</i>	N/A	0
<i>Other</i>	N/A	0
Topic		Old City Park
<i>Existing</i>	N/A	0
<i>Improvements</i>	N/A	0
<i>Other</i>	N/A	0
Topic		Lake Friendswood Park
<i>Existing</i>	N/A	0
<i>Improvements</i>	More fish in lake	1
<i>Other</i>	N/A	0

Topic		1776 Park
<i>Existing</i>		N/A 0
<i>Improvements</i>		N/A 0
<i>Other</i>		N/A 0

Topic		Renwick Park
<i>Existing</i>		N/A 0
<i>Improvements</i>		N/A 0
<i>Other</i>		N/A 0

Topic		Wesley J. Canning Park
<i>Existing</i>		N/A 0
<i>Improvements</i>		Make hard surface walk-way around park. 4-wheelers are tearing up the walk-way around it and making it mud! 2 Bike Trail around drainage pond would be nice! concrete or crushed granite
<i>Other</i>		N/A 0

Topic		Lundy Lane 27Ac. Park
<i>Existing</i>		N/A 0
<i>Improvements</i>		Sports complex with at least 2 turf field large enough for lacrosse with multiple grass fields to host tournaments. (would bring revenue to friendswood businesses) 4 Indoor sports plex with field large enough for a lacrosse field Trails - hiking or biking, Pickleball, tennis courts, picnicking, covered pavilion Bike trail would be nice. concrete or crushed granite
<i>Other</i>		blank sticky note 2 one sticker

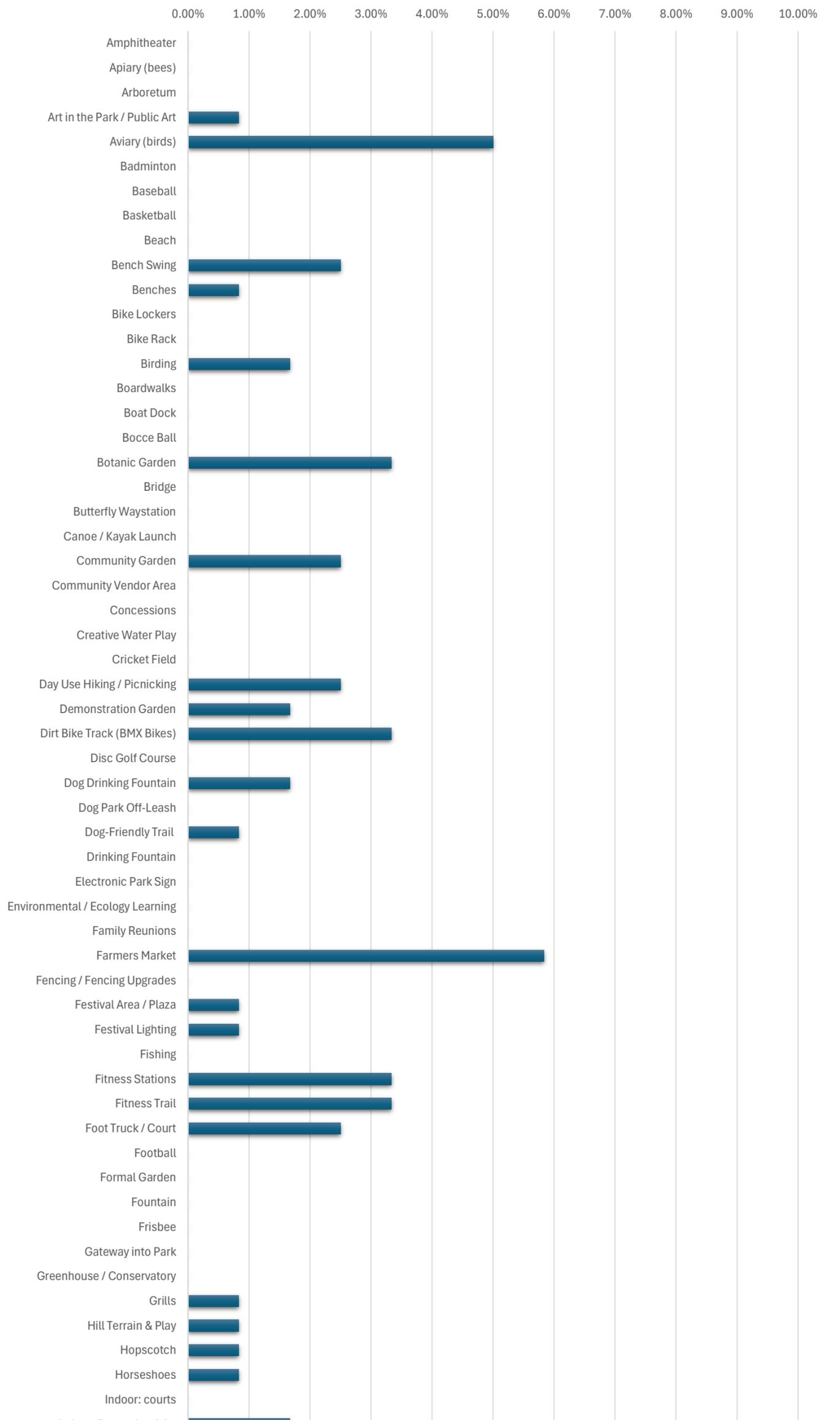
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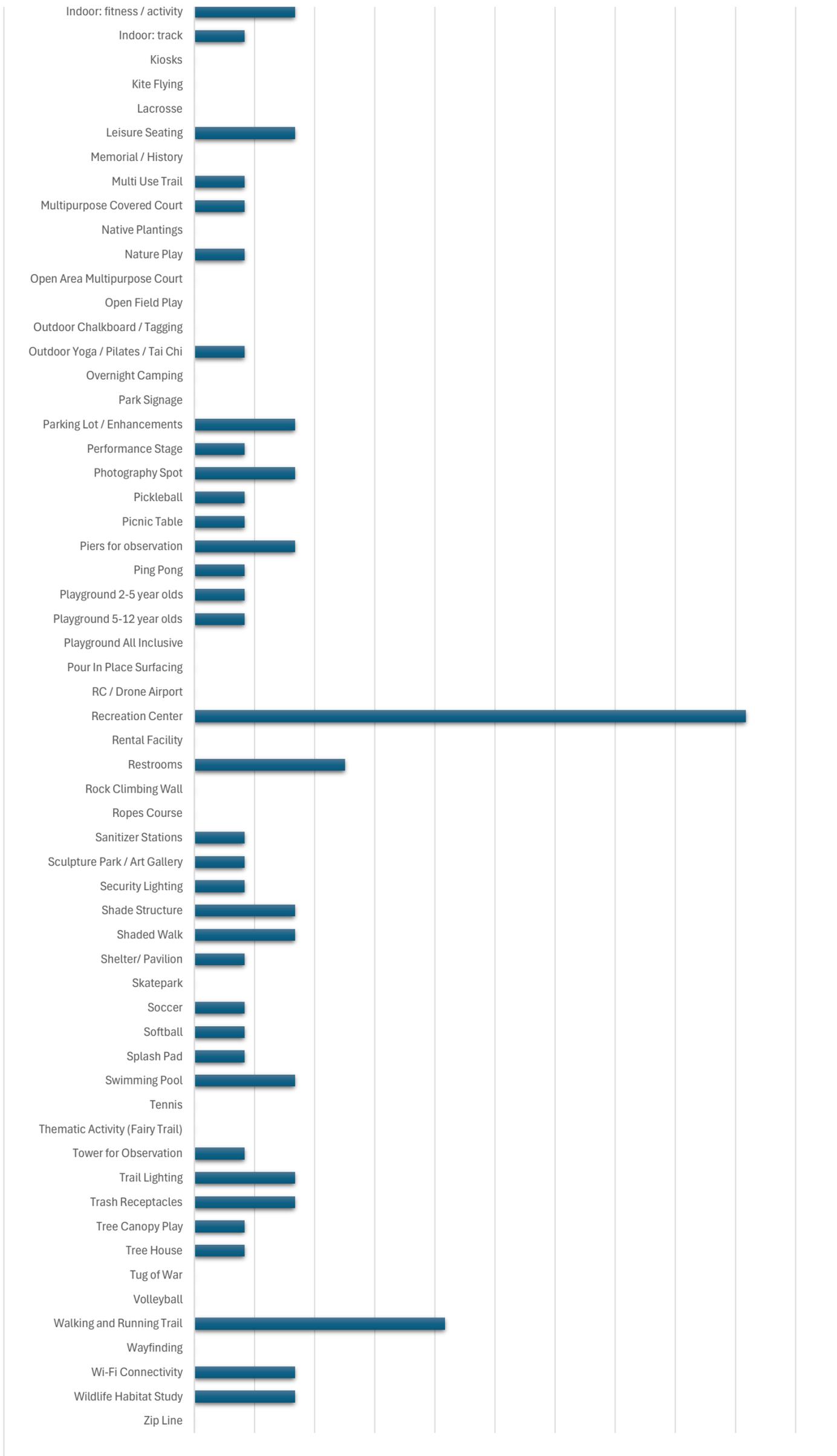
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3	Arboretum		0		0.00%
4	Art in the Park / Public Art		1		0.83%
5	Aviary (birds)		6		5.00%
6	Badminton		0		0.00%
7	Baseball	X	0		0.00%
8	Basketball	X	0		0.00%
9	Beach		0		0.00%
10	Bench Swing		3		2.50%
11	Benches	X	1		0.83%
12	Bike Lockers		0		0.00%
13	Bike Rack	X	0		0.00%
14	Birding		2		1.67%
15	Boardwalks	X	0		0.00%
16	Boat Dock	X	0		0.00%
17	Bocce Ball		0		0.00%
18	Botanic Garden		4		3.33%
19	Bridge	X	0		0.00%
20	Butterfly Waystation	X	0		0.00%
21	Canoe / Kayak Launch	X	0		0.00%
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24	Concessions	X	0		0.00%
25	Creative Water Play	X	0		0.00%
26	Cricket Field		0		0.00%
27	Day Use Hiking / Picnicking		3		2.50%
28	Demonstration Garden		2		1.67%
29	Dirt Bike Track (BMX Bikes)		4		3.33%
30	Disc Golf Course	X	0		0.00%
31	Dog Drinking Fountain	X	2		1.67%
32	Dog Park Off-Leash	X	0		0.00%
33	Dog-Friendly Trail	X	1		0.83%
34	Drinking Fountain	X	0		0.00%
35	Electronic Park Sign	X	0		0.00%
36	Environmental / Ecology Learning		0		0.00%
37	Family Reunions	X	0		0.00%
38	Farmers Market	X	7		5.83%
39	Fencing / Fencing Upgrades	X	0		0.00%
40	Festival Area / Plaza	X	1		0.83%
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62	Leisure Seating	X	2		1.67%
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64	Multi Use Trail	X	1		0.83%
65	Multipurpose Covered Court		1		0.83%
66	Native Plantings	X	0		0.00%
67	Nature Play	X	1		0.83%
68	Open Area Multipurpose Court		0		0.00%
69	Open Field Play	X	0		0.00%
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73	Park Signage	X	0		0.00%
74	Parking Lot / Enhancements	X	2		1.67%
75	Performance Stage	X	1		0.83%
76	Photography Spot		2		1.67%
77	Pickleball	X	1		0.83%
78	Picnic Table	X	1		0.83%
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84	Pour In Place Surfacing	X	0		0.00%
85	RC / Drone Airport		0		0.00%
86	Recreation Center	X	11		9.17%
87	Rental Facility	X	0		0.00%
88	Restrooms	X	3		2.50%
89	Rock Climbing Wall		0		0.00%
90	Ropes Course		0		0.00%

91	Sanitizer Stations		1		0.83%
92	Sculpture Park / Art Gallery		1		0.83%
93	Security Lighting	X	1		0.83%
94	Shade Structure	X	2		1.67%
95	Shaded Walk	X	2		1.67%
96	Shelter/ Pavilion	X	1		0.83%
97	Skatepark		0		0.00%
98	Soccer	X	1		0.83%
99	Softball	X	1		0.83%
100	Splash Pad	X	1		0.83%
101	Swimming Pool	X	2		1.67%
102	Tennis	X	0		0.00%
103	Thematic Activity (Fairy Trail)		0		0.00%
104	Tower for Observation		1		0.83%
105	Trail Lighting	X	2		1.67%
106	Trash Receptacles	X	2		1.67%
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110	Volleyball	X	0		0.00%
111	Walking and Running Trail	X	5		4.17%
112	Wayfinding	X	0		0.00%
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Park Amenities

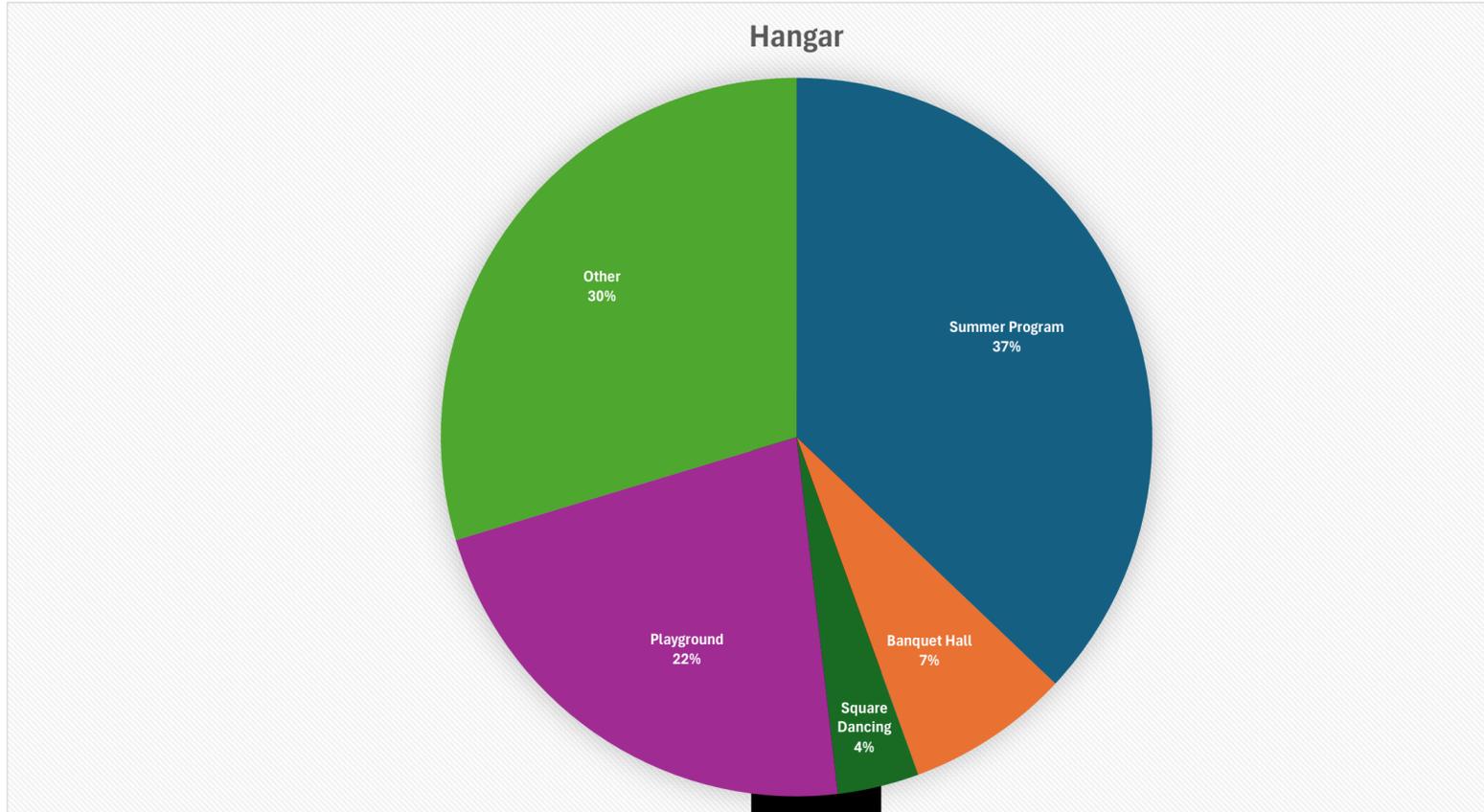




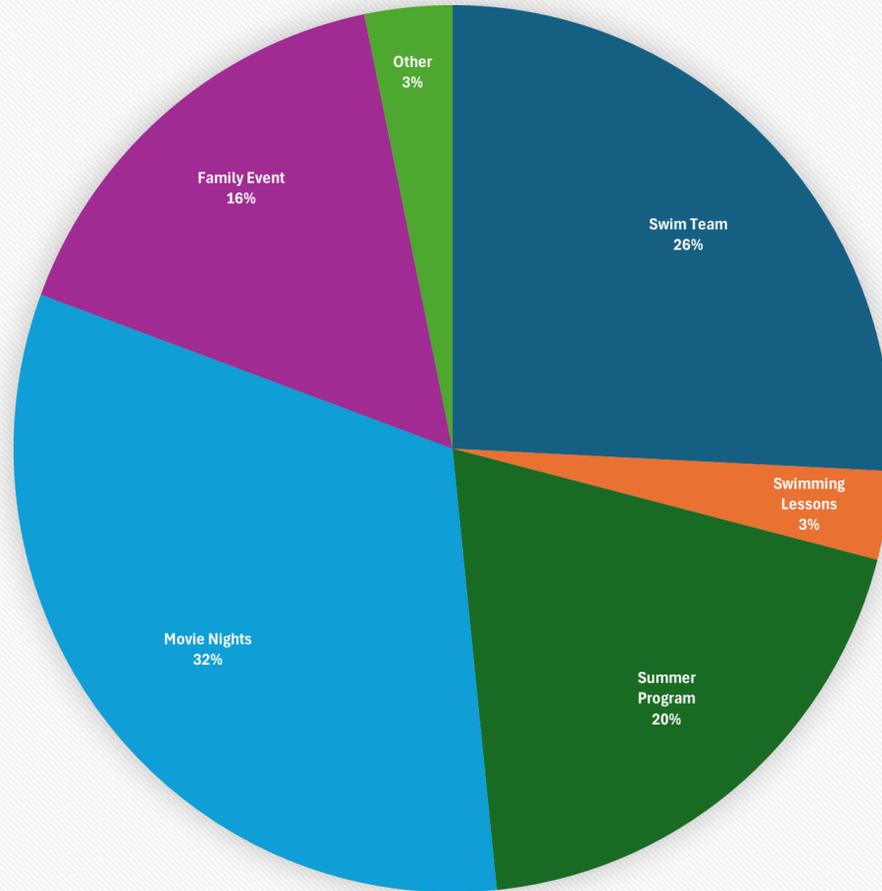
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FACILITIES 2

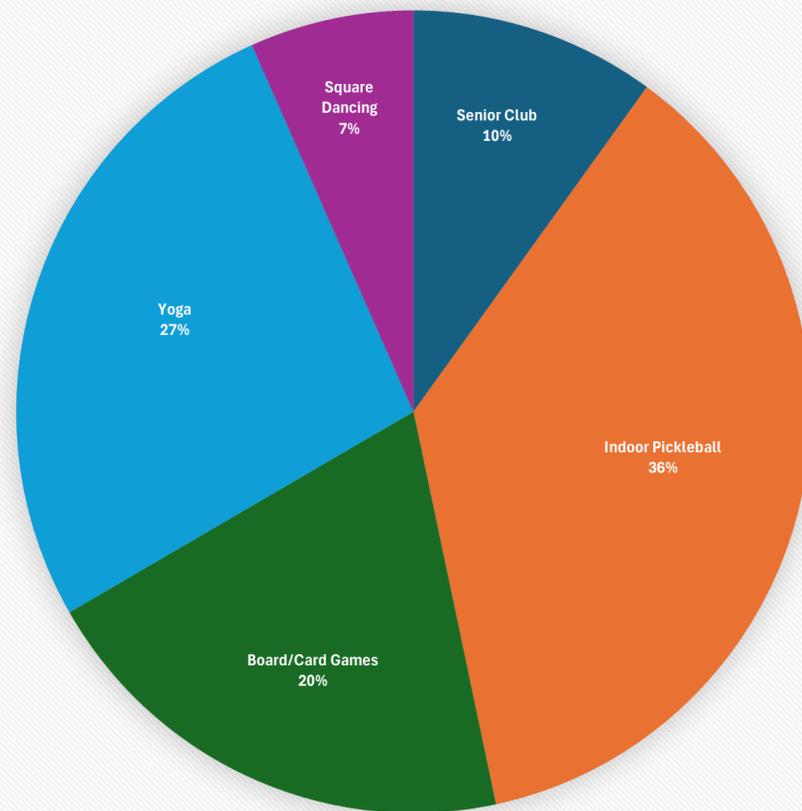
	<i>Summer Program</i>	<i>Banquet Hall</i>	<i>Square Dancing</i>	<i>Quinceanera</i>	<i>Playground</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total Votes</i>
Votes	10	2	1	0	6	8	27
Hangar	37.04%	7.41%	3.70%	0.00%	22.22%	29.63%	
	<i>Swimming Team</i>	<i>Swimming Lessons</i>	<i>Summer Program</i>	<i>Movie Night</i>	<i>Family Event</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total Votes</i>
Votes	8	1	6	10	5	1	31
Aquatic Center	25.81%	3.23%	19.35%	32.26%	16.13%	3.23%	
	<i>Senior Club</i>	<i>Indoor Pickleball</i>	<i>Board/Card Games</i>	<i>Yoga</i>	<i>Square Dancing</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total Votes</i>
Votes	3	11	6	8	2	0	30
Activity Building	10.00%	36.67%	20.00%	26.67%	6.67%	0.00%	



Aquatic Center



Activity Building



comments from board 1

comments from board 2

FACILITIES 2 COMMENTS

Topic	Hangar
<i>Existing</i>	My son will be so sad if he doesn't make the cut. Best summer camp!
	1
<i>Improvements</i>	Increase youth summer camp capacity. Add a 2nd location.
	2 Increase youth summer camp capacity.
<i>Other</i>	Concert in the park!
	3

Topic	Aquatic Center
<i>Existing</i>	No Comment
	0
<i>Improvements</i>	No Comment
	0
<i>Other</i>	No Comment
	2

Topic	Activity Building
<i>Existing</i>	No Comment
	0
<i>Improvements</i>	No Comment
	0
<i>Other</i>	No Comment
	0

FACILITIES 3 COMMENTS

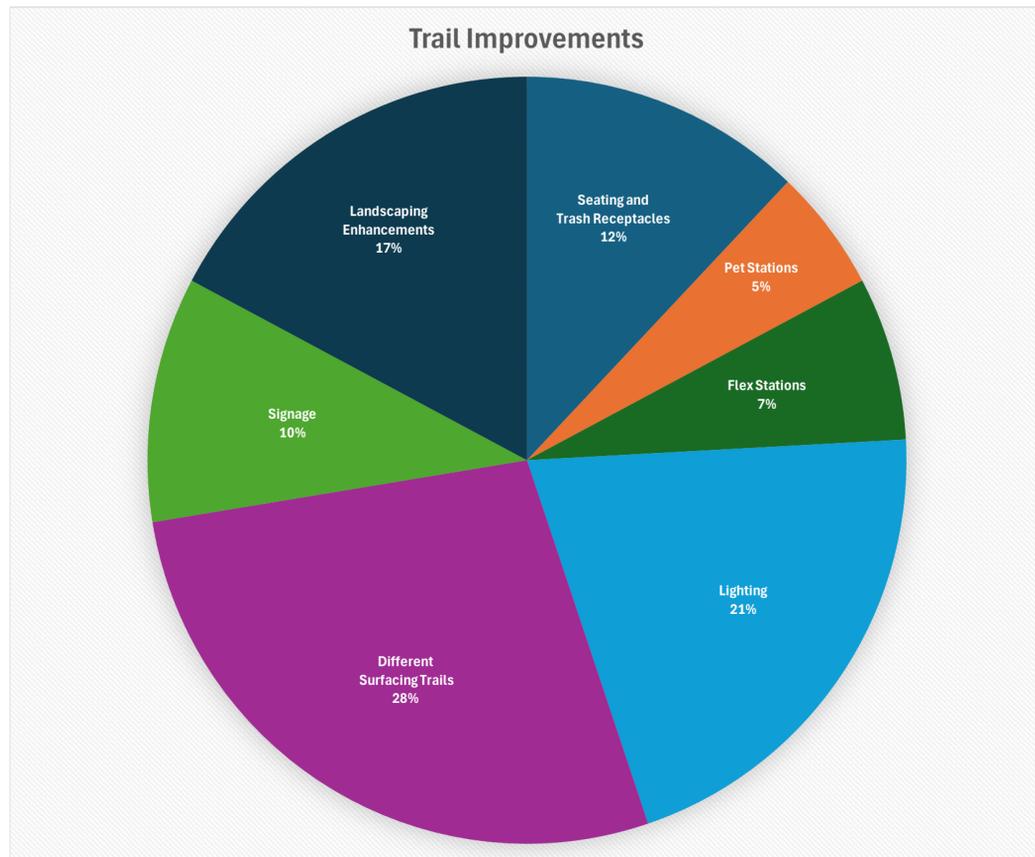
- comments from board 1
- comments from board 2
- comments from board F1-3
- comments from board F1-4

Topic	Hangar
<i>Existing</i>	No Comment 0
<i>Improvements</i>	Sports Plex with turf field sized for lacrosse (larger than football fields) 2 Indoor pickleball evening play working class people
<i>Other</i>	No Comment 2
Topic	Aquatic Center
<i>Existing</i>	No Comment 0
<i>Improvements</i>	50m pool setup for swimmeets would bring funds and activity. Wading/Play pool for young families inc. adjoining area to the racing/lap pool. 9 50m pool needed build a larger pool with a deep end Available lap time - no dodging balls Permanent shade structures at pool Need two pools because classes fill up and are always on the waitlist. Would increase revenue for city. When classes are in session there is not enough room for extra curricular. Could also use a cost effective heater for year-round club rental. F.A.S.T. needs help with having the pool ready for events and meets! Chemicals, concessios, maintenance, etc. 2 pools would be great!! Catherine Wood is worth more monies \$ We really need a family pool-indoors for year round. Like pearland. Only options are like lifetime - \$200+/month for a family. We need the pool open for water zumba year round please
<i>Other</i>	one sticker 4 one sticker one sticker

Topic		Activity Building
	<i>Existing</i>	Exercise room too small
		1
	<i>Improvements</i>	<p>Need more room please - preferably a new Rec Center which subsumes senior activities</p> <p>10 Renovate or build new senior activities center. Specifically improve the exercise area.</p> <p>Add Rec Center with senior programs</p> <p>Rooms for exercise, ping pong, pickleball, volleyball</p> <p>Need vastly improved senior center, other cities are light years - google source points senior center Deleware, OH</p> <p>I like to be physically fit, and participate in fitness classes. We really need a much larger activity center, so it can be easier to find the classes. - yoga - jazzercise - weight lifting</p> <p>Indoor pickleball courts</p> <p>needs upgrade paint etc. pickleball</p> <p>Theatre room, Dance Rooms, Rooms for music, Rec Room for V-ball and pickleball and ping pong</p> <p>Need more recognition</p>
	<i>Other</i>	<p>blank sticky note</p> <p>6 one sticker</p> <p>one sticker</p> <p>one sticker</p> <p>one sticker</p> <p>blank sticky note</p> <p>League City Field of Dreams activities are better advertized and less expensive</p>

The data below on pages 139 - 141 represents feedback gathered from the posters shown at the public engagement meeting held on January 31, 2024 at the Public Library. This feedback reflects support for amenities that could be implemented along future and existing trails in Friendswood.

	Votes	Percentage
Seating and Trash Receptacles	7	12.07%
Pet Stations	3	5.17%
Flex Stations	4	6.90%
Lighting	12	20.69%
Different Surfacing Trails	16	27.59%
Signage	6	10.34%
Landscaping Enhancements	10	17.24%
	100.00%	



Trails 3 COMMENTS

comments from board 1
comments from board 2
comments from board T1-1
comments from board T1-2

Topic

Seating and Trash Receptacles
Picnic Tables

Topic

Pet Stations
No Comments

Topic

Flex Stations
Friendswood Lake stations are great, additional trails like that would be great.
Kid size and adult size
These are \$ and no one uses. Please no more flex stations.

Topic

Lighting
Crime Parking No Parks in Sunmeadow!!!!

Topic

Different Surfacing Trails	
build bike trails connecting the parks	
Trails and Parks on Harris County side of the creek we are part of Friendswood!	
build trails along waterways with foot bridges	
Bridge for up to golf cart size across creek at Royal to Brown Ln	
There is 47 acres of undeveloped land in Sunmeadow, that the owner of the former golf course would like the city to take over as park land. Paula Oddo 713-823-6505	
Put trails in creek harris county side too! There is already a right of way!!	
Trails for walking and Bikes	
Aquire the 47 acres in Sunmeadow and develop with accessible trail and more trees, wildflowers etc.	
Would love more mountain bike trails. Could connect Gripon Park, Oxnard, Carter, all the way to Pearland Trails.	
Crushed granite trail along existing creek to connect 1776/Frankie Carter and Stevenson Pedestrian bridge to allow trail down both sides	
Add sidewalks for wilderness trail for walk to high school	
^sticker	
^I agree with this person. Also need a sidewalk from highschool to sunset, along castlewood for student safety - I hit by car on bike about a year ago on castlewood.	
^sticker	
Also, build good safe sidewalks offset from road, even if it costs more because drain pipes need to be put in. No more ugly sidewalk at edge of road with cones and curbs - dangerous.	
Walking and biking trails along Clear Creek. More kayak input/pullouts	
Trails along the Bayous would be great thanks.	
^sticker	
Would love bike trails, running trails with natural surface/crushed granite?!	
Love Lake Friendswood Park - please connect it to Centennial Park or trail along Creek. Thanks!	
More interconnected trail. Natural if possible.	
Keep motorcycles off trails	
The City should accept the offer of a 47-acre tract of land in Sunmeadow and look at grants from Texas Parks and Wildlife to create and preserve a nature area and trails.	

comments from board 1

comments from board 2

comments from board T1-1

comments from board T1-2

Topic

Signage	
Safety at Friendswood Lake Park - Improve emergency response (one drowning so far). Holiday and special days - parking overflow to neighborhood. Need off-site parking.	

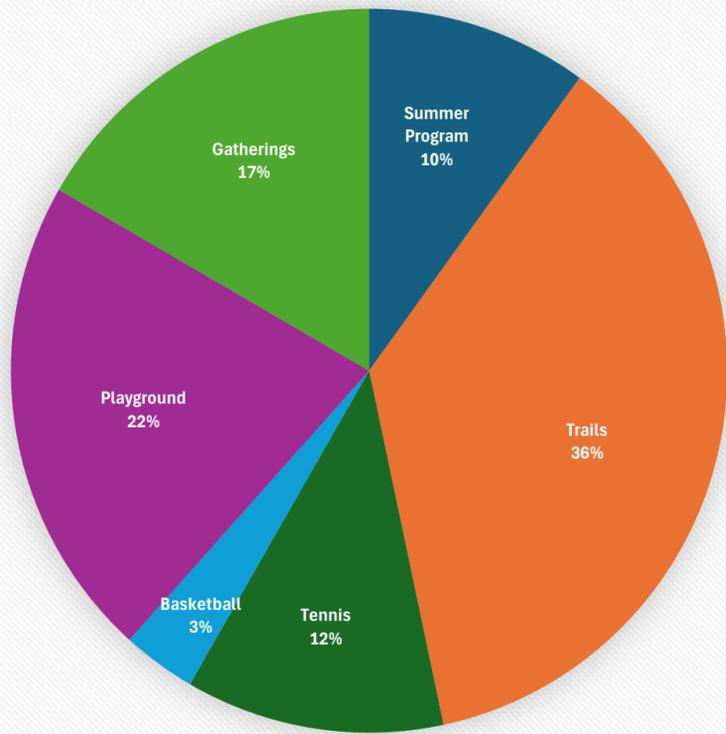
Topic

Landscaping Enhancements	
Spanish Translation: Loves the free books to read at current trails in parks	
Use the gardens/plantings at Stevenson Park as an example and expand to other parks in the city.	
Use more native plants in the park gardens Add pollinator gardens in other parks.	

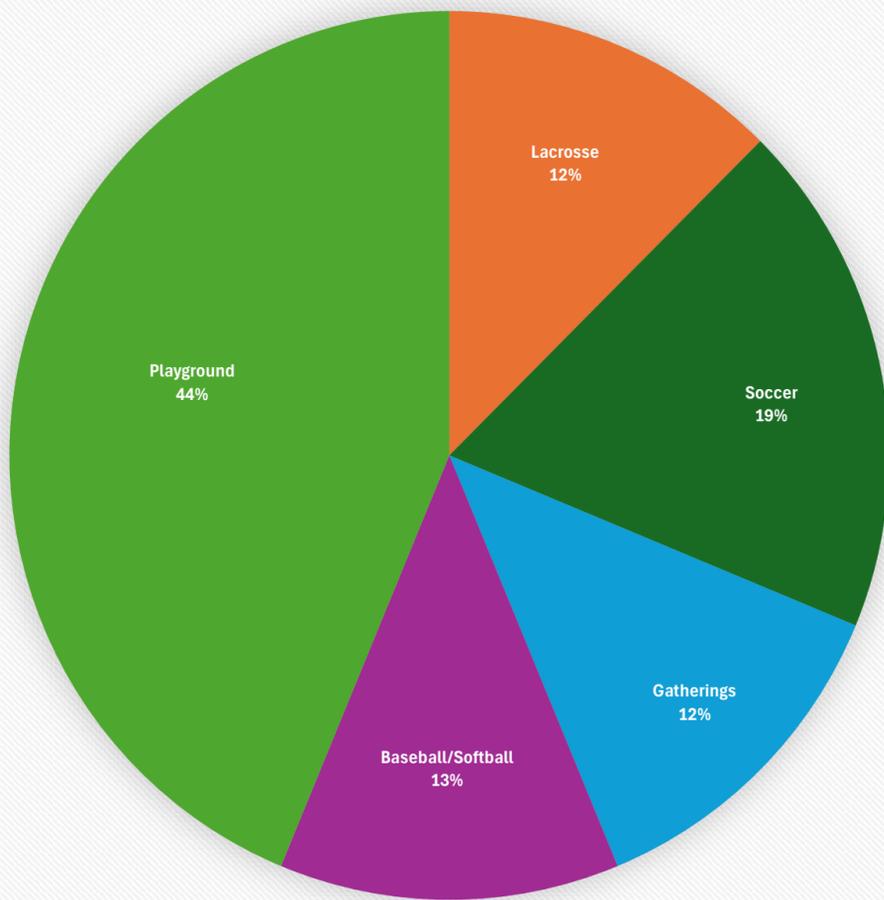
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	<i>Summer Program</i>	<i>Trails</i>	<i>Tennis</i>	<i>Basketball</i>	<i>Playground</i>	<i>Gatherings</i>	<i>Total Votes</i>	
Votes	6	22	7	2	13	10		60
Stevenson Park	10.00%	36.67%	11.67%	3.33%	21.67%	16.67%		
	<i>Football</i>	<i>Lacrosse</i>	<i>Soccer</i>	<i>Gatherings</i>	<i>Baseball/Softball</i>	<i>Playground</i>	<i>Total Votes</i>	
Votes	0	2	3	2	2	7		16
Centennial Park	0.00%	12.50%	18.75%	12.50%	12.50%	43.75%		
	<i>Trails</i>	<i>Dog Park</i>	<i>Family Gatherings</i>	<i>Reflection</i>	<i>Community Events</i>	<i>Bocce Ball</i>	<i>Total Votes</i>	
Votes	16	9	2	0	0	1		28
Old City Park	57.14%	32.14%	7.14%	0.00%	0.00%	3.57%		
	<i>Trails</i>	<i>Playground</i>	<i>Family Gatherings</i>	<i>Docks</i>	<i>Fitness Stations</i>	<i>Boardwalk</i>	<i>Total Votes</i>	
Votes	23	4	1	4	4	7		43
Lake Friendswood Park	53.49%	9.30%	2.33%	9.30%	9.30%	16.28%		

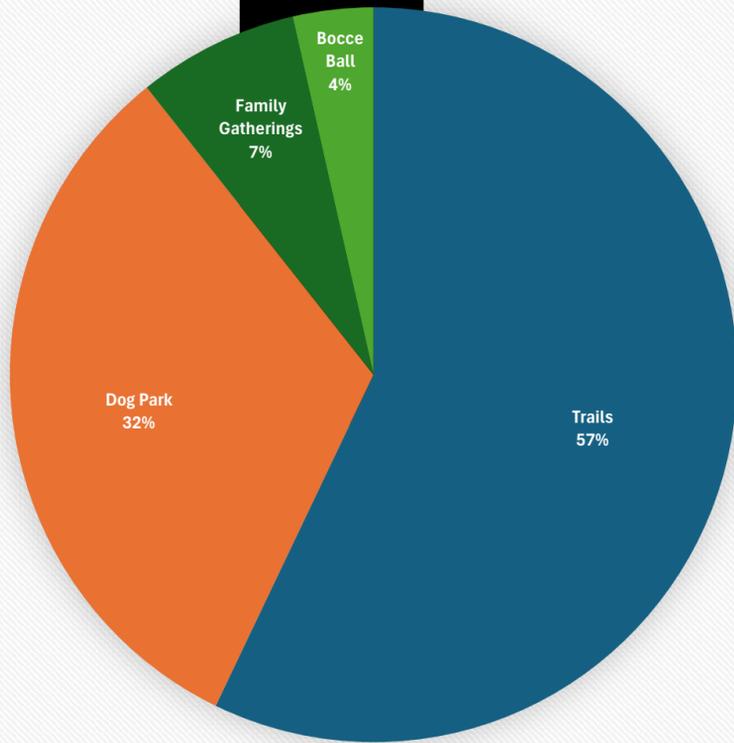
Stevenson Park



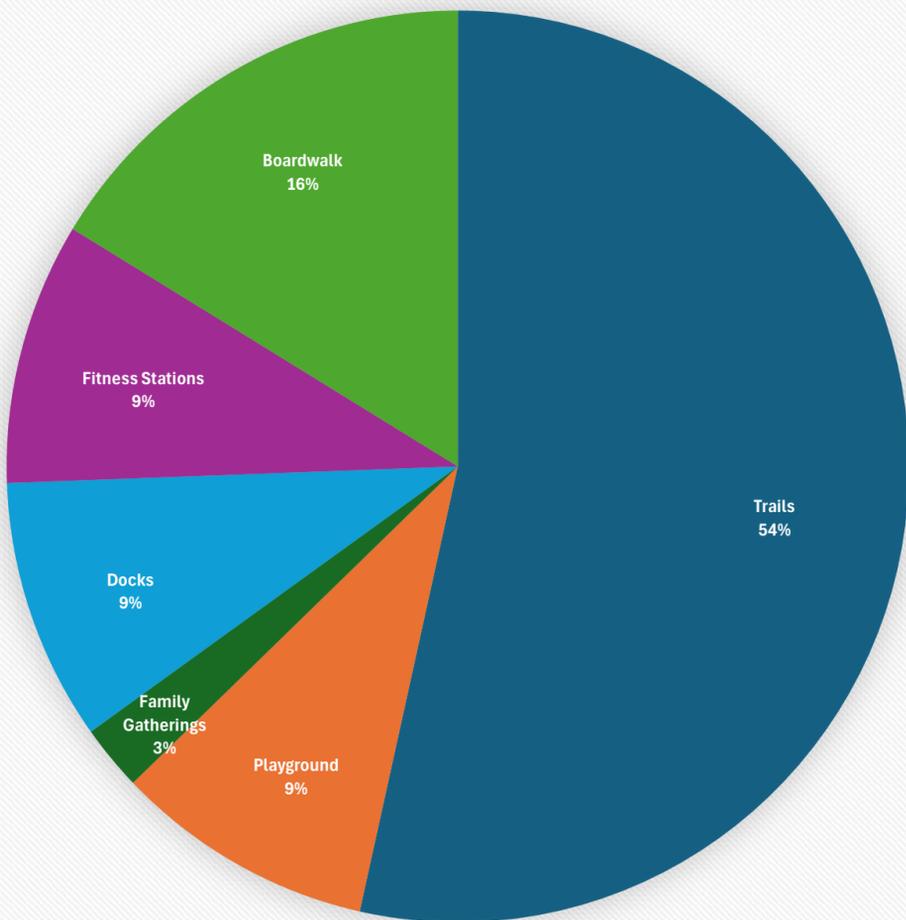
Centennial Park



Old City Park



Lake Friendswood Park



PARKS 2 COMMENTS

<i>comments from board 1</i>	Topic	Stevenson Park
<i>comments from board 2</i>	<i>Existing</i>	I LOVE the summer concert in the Park!
		1
	<i>Improvements</i>	Connect the trails. Trails along the creeks that interconnect creates another way to move around the city by bike, foot 9 Add trails along the creek for running/biking/hiking access. ^ *check* meditation area (fountain/bench/landscaping) inter-connecting trails network all through Friendswood Pickleball open play Rule board need Instruction public play Clear Creek walking trails bike trails kayak input and pull outs Trail/sidewalk across/under bridge at 518 near Winding Way Organized open play for pickleball
	<i>Other</i>	Bluegrass concert!
		3

comments from board 1
comments from board 2

Topic		Centennial Park
Existing		I LOVE the summer movie nights!
	1	
Improvements		Need multiple goals and backstops
	2	Sports complex with multiple turf fields allowing for lacrosse and other sports requiring field size larger than football
Other		No Comment
	2	

Topic		Old City Park
Existing		No Comment
	0	
Improvements		No Comment
	0	
Other		No Comment
	0	

Topic		Lake Friendswood Park
Existing		No Comment
	0	
Improvements		Kayak Rental
	1	
Other		No Comment
	0	

PARKS 3 COMMENTS

- comments from board 1
- comments from board 2
- comments from board P4-1

Topic	Stevenson Park
Existing	Beautiful park! Love all the events throughout the year. Would love more movies during winter! 1
Improvements	Improve drainage Park becomes a lake in heavy rain 4 ^sticker ^sticker Volleyball courts are ALWAYS FULL. Possibly build multiple/more than two. Also possibly a solution for rain since the court gets messed up for multiple days after rain.
Other	one sticker 4 Clean up the trash in the drainage ditches Expand on sponsored 5k/10k
Topic	Centennial Park
Existing	No Comments 0
Improvements	Need more open fields and easier sign up to rent. Plenty of opportunities and possible repainting of fields. 1
Other	No Comments 0
Topic	Old City Park
Existing	Encourage users to keep their dogs from digging to prevent large mud puddles when it rains 1
Improvements	No Comments 0
Other	Do not add trails along the creeks. Respect the area wildlife. 1

- comments from board 1
- comments from board 2
- comments from board P4-1

Topic		Lake Friendswood Park
Existing		At the lake please go slow with a playground Parents are Droping kids off to fish now. I'm afraid parents will drop kids at the playground and take a lap.
	3	^sticker Love lake FW park!
Improvements		Stock lake fishing is awful. Great park love the walking path. Sunsets are awesome.
	5	^sticker My son's request is for more docks Would really love to be able to rent kayaks or paddle boats Add a few more fishing piers
Other		Lake is quiet. Say No to renting boats, kayaks and paddle boards. It will end up not being used. Large liability issue. Keep it a fishing lake and walking trail. Don't make it a day care for parents to drop off children.
	1	

Topic		1776 Park
Existing		No Comments
	0	
Improvements		Public access to a walking/biking/hiking trail. Plant trees for shade.
	3	^sticker Kayak Launch
Other		No Comments
	0	

Topic		Renwick Park
Existing		No Comments
	1	
Improvements		No Comments
	0	
Other		No Comments
	0	

comments from board 1 Topic
comments from board 2
comments from board P4-1

		Wesley J. Canning Park
	<i>Existing</i>	No Comments 0
	<i>Improvements</i>	Make hard surface walk-way around park. 4-wheelers are tearing up the walk-way around it and making it mud! 2 Bike Trail around drainage pond would be nice! concrete or crushed granite
	<i>Other</i>	No Comments 0
Topic		Lundy Lane 27Ac. Park
	<i>Existing</i>	No Comments 0
	<i>Improvements</i>	Sports complex with at least 2 turf field large enough for lacrosse with multiple grass fields to host tournaments. (would bring revenue to friendswood businesses) 4 Indoor sports plex with field large enough for a lacrosse field Trails - hiking or biking, Pickleball, tennis courts, picnicking, covered pavilion Bike trail would be nice. concrete or crushed granite
	<i>Other</i>	blank sticky note 2 one sticker

Parks 4

		Amenities offered in Parks today	Amenities you would like to see more or improved in Parks		
1	Amphitheater	X	1		0.33%
2	Apiary (bees)	X	1		0.33%
3	Arboretum		2		0.65%
4	Art in the Park / Public Art		3		0.98%
5	Aviary (birds)		2		0.65%
6	Badminton		2		0.65%
7	Baseball	X	3		0.98%
8	Basketball	X	1		0.33%
9	Beach		1		0.33%
10	Bench Swing		4		1.30%
11	Benches	X	5		1.63%
12	Bike Lockers		1		0.33%
13	Bike Rack	X	2		0.65%
14	Birding		3		0.98%
15	Boardwalks	X	3		0.98%
16	Boat Dock	X	1		0.33%
17	Bocce Ball		1		0.33%
18	Botanic Garden		2		0.65%
19	Bridge	X	6		1.95%
20	Butterfly Waystation	X	3		0.98%
21	Canoe / Kayak Launch	X	4		1.30%
22	Community Garden		5		1.63%
23	Community Vendor Area		2		0.65%
24	Concessions	X	1		0.33%
25	Creative Water Play	X	3		0.98%
26	Cricket Field		1		0.33%
27	Day Use Hiking / Picnicking		5		1.63%
28	Demonstration Garden		2		0.65%
29	Dirt Bike Track (BMX Bikes)		3		0.98%
30	Disc Golf Course	X	1		0.33%
31	Dog Drinking Fountain	X	3		0.98%
32	Dog Park Off-Leash	X	1		0.33%
33	Dog-Friendly Trail	X	2		0.65%
34	Drinking Fountain	X	2		0.65%
35	Electronic Park Sign	X	3		0.98%
36	Environmental / Ecology Learning		2		0.65%
37	Family Reunions	X	0		0.00%
38	Farmers Market	X	16		5.21%
39	Fencing / Fencing Upgrades	X	0		0.00%
40	Festival Area / Plaza	X	2		0.65%
41	Festival Lighting	X	0		0.00%
42	Fishing	X	6		1.95%
43	Fitness Stations	X	2		0.65%

44	Fitness Trail	X	4		1.30%
45	Foot Truck / Court		6		1.95%
46	Football	X	0		0.00%
47	Formal Garden		1		0.33%
48	Fountain	X	2		0.65%
49	Frisbee	X	2		0.65%
50	Gateway into Park	X	2		0.65%
51	Greenhouse / Conservatory		0		0.00%
52	Grills	X	2		0.65%
53	Hill Terrain & Play		1		0.33%
54	Hopscotch		1		0.33%
55	Horseshoes		4		1.30%
56	Indoor: courts		1		0.33%
57	Indoor: fitness / activity		3		0.98%
58	Indoor: track		2		0.65%
59	Kiosks		0		0.00%
60	Kite Flying	X	2		0.65%
61	Lacrosse	X	3		0.98%
62	Leisure Seating	X	1		0.33%
63	Memorial / History	X	3		0.98%
64	Multi Use Trail	X	9		2.93%
65	Multipurpose Covered Court		0		0.00%
66	Native Plantings	X	5		1.63%
67	Nature Play	X	1		0.33%
68	Open Area Multipurpose Court		0		0.00%
69	Open Field Play	X	1		0.33%
70	Outdoor Chalkboard / Tagging		2		0.65%
71	Outdoor Yoga / Pilates / Tai Chi		5		1.63%
72	Overnight Camping		2		0.65%
73	Park Signage	X	1		0.33%
74	Parking Lot / Enhancements	X	0		0.00%
75	Performance Stage	X	3		0.98%
76	Photography Spot		4		1.30%
77	Pickleball	X	12		3.91%
78	Picnic Table	X	2		0.65%
79	Piers for observation		0		0.00%
80	Ping Pong	X	3		0.98%
81	Playground 2-5 year olds	X	0		0.00%
82	Playground 5-12 year olds	X	3		0.98%
83	Playground All Inclusive	X	1		0.33%
84	Pour In Place Surfacing	X	0		0.00%
85	RC / Drone Airport		0		0.00%
86	Recreation Center	X	12		3.91%
87	Rental Facility	X	2		0.65%
88	Restrooms	X	6		1.95%
89	Rock Climbing Wall		5		1.63%
90	Ropes Course		2		0.65%

91	Sanitizer Stations		2		0.65%
92	Sculpture Park / Art Gallery		3		0.98%
93	Security Lighting	X	1		0.33%
94	Shade Structure	X	2		0.65%
95	Shaded Walk	X	1		0.33%
96	Shelter/ Pavilion	X	0		0.00%
97	Skatepark		2		0.65%
98	Soccer	X	0		0.00%
99	Softball	X	0		0.00%
100	Splash Pad	X	3		0.98%
101	Swimming Pool	X	11		3.58%
102	Tennis	X	2		0.65%
103	Thematic Activity (Fairy Trail)		2		0.65%
104	Tower for Observation		1		0.33%
105	Trail Lighting	X	5		1.63%
106	Trash Receptacles	X	1		0.33%
107	Tree Canopy Play		0		0.00%
108	Tree House		3		0.98%
109	Tug of War		1		0.33%
110	Volleyball	X	1		0.33%
111	Walking and Running Trail	X	15		4.89%
112	Wayfinding	X	0		0.00%
113	Wi-Fi Connectivity		3		0.98%
114	Wildlife Habitat Study		6		1.95%
115	Zip Line		8		2.61%

Park Amenities

