



COMPREHENSIVE OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN UPDATE

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OVERVIEW OF CORP

- Planning document for the City's public outdoor spaces
- Required update every 5 years to be eligible for DNR Stewardship Grants
 - Previous updated in 2021
- Assesses the community's needs/wants and current offerings
- Ultimately guides recommendations for future development within the parks system

CURRENT PARKS PROJECTS

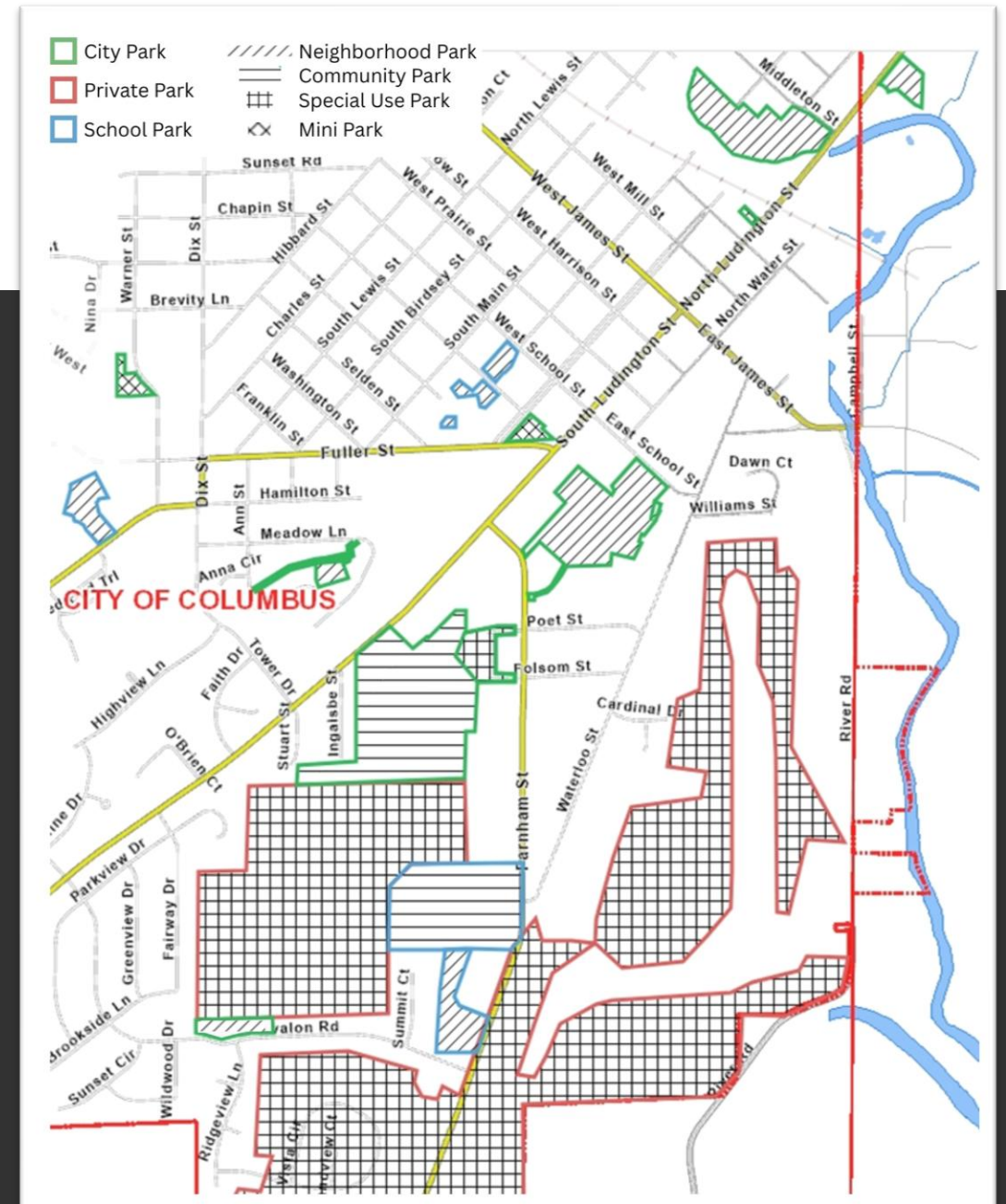
- Fireman's Park Update
 - Pickleball Courts – under construction
 - Parking lot next spring
- Trails
 - Ruekert-Mielke study: plan to connect elementary and middle school to Prairie Ridge
 - Will discuss funding during Capital Budget process
 - Hopefully portions will start next year

- 2 Ex. Shelter
- 3 Ex. Restrooms
- 4 Ex. Aquatic Center
- 5 Ex. Boy Scout Cabin
- 6 Ex. Memorial Area
- 7 Prop. Playground Expansion
- 8 Prop. Beer Garden Area
- 9 Prop. Pathway System
- 10 Prop. Sidewalk Connection
- 11 Prop. Pickleball Courts
- 12 Prop. Diamond Renovation
- 13 Prop. Parking Improvement
- 14 Prop. Event Lawn
- 15 Prop. Stage/Shelter
- 16 Prop. Basketball Court
- 17 New Bridge
- 18 New Creek Channel

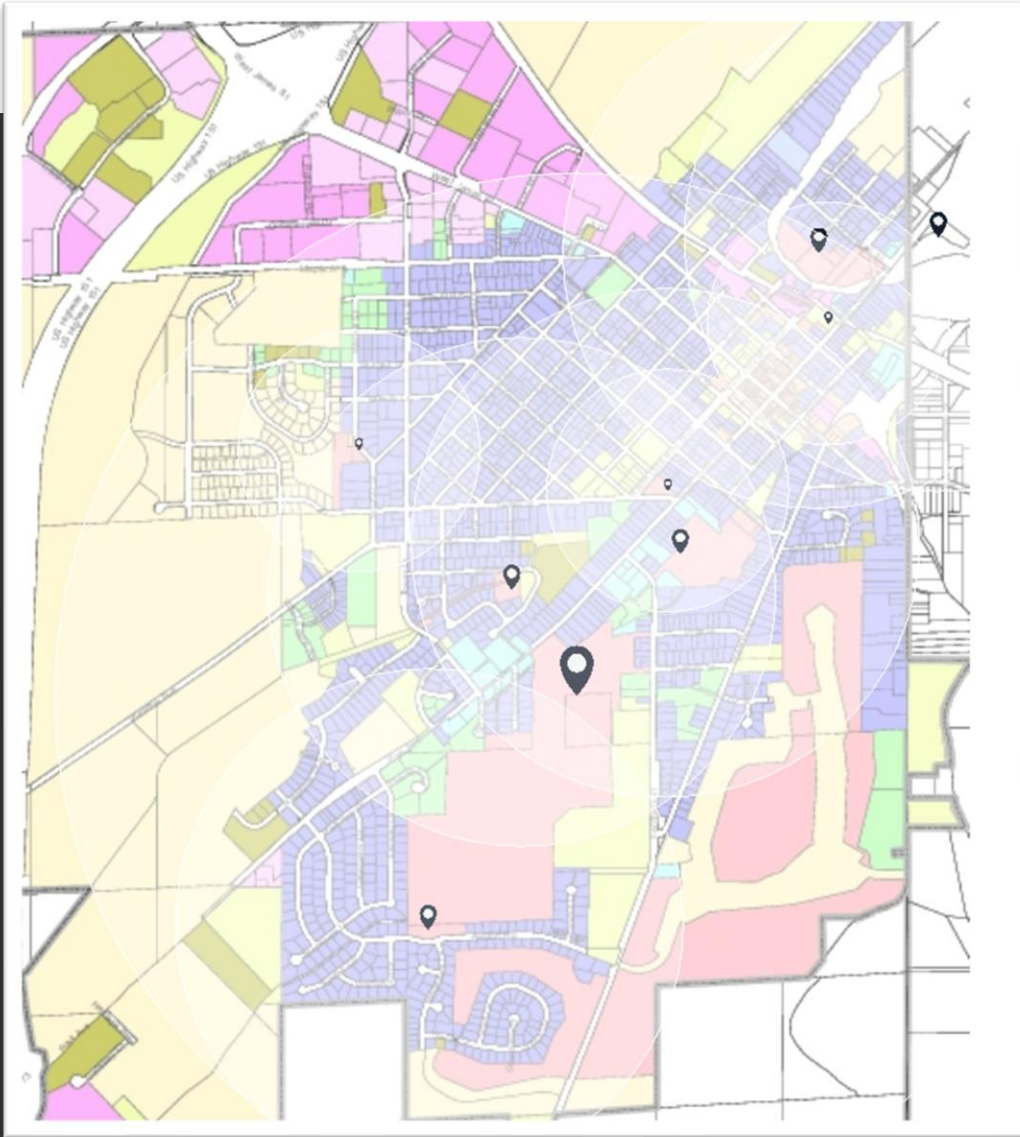
CITY PARK INVENTORY

	City of Columbus	NRPA Standard
Number of Residents per park	615.6	1,062
Acres of Parkland per 1,000	10.56	12.3
Miles of Trails	0.18	4

	City of Columbus (facilities for 5,540 people)	NRPA Standard (facilities for 5,540 people)	NRPA Standard (residents per facility)
Playgrounds	9	2.97	1,866
Basketball Courts	2	1.12	4,928
Diamond Fields	12	2.56	2,165
Tennis Courts	4	1.71	3,238
Dog Parks	0	0.54	10,311
Rectangular Fields	5	1.63	3,400
Volleyball Courts	1	0.81	6,880
Splash Pads	0	0.45	12,304
Community Gardens	1	0.56	9,857
Swimming Pools	1	0.61	9,138
Disc Golf Courses	1	0.58	9,514
Walking/Running Tracks	1	0.85	6,500
Pickleball Courts	(4)	2.08	2,667
Skateboard Parks	0	0.50	11,028



LONG-TERM PLANNING



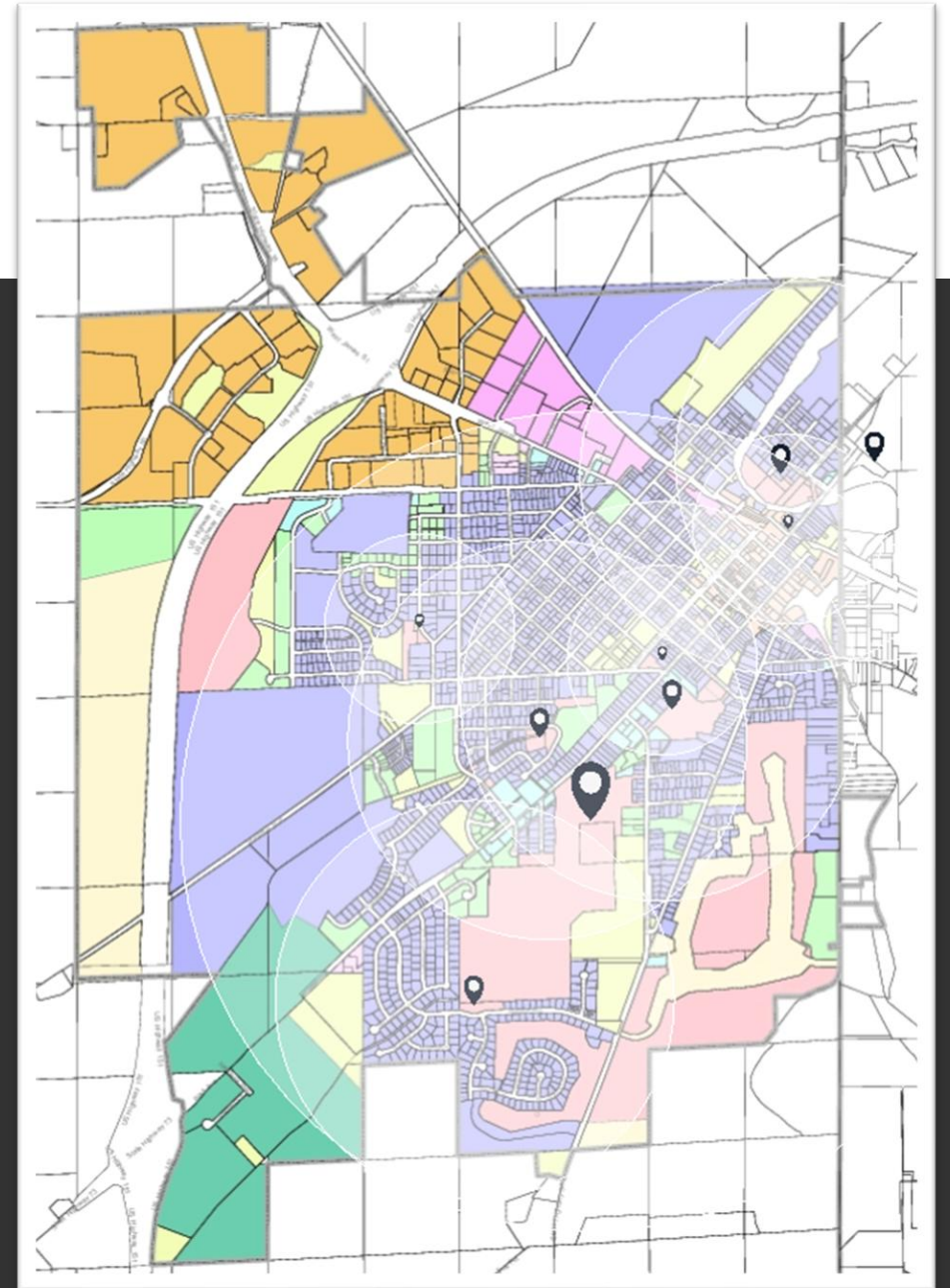
Current Land-Use



Future Land-Use



Purple = Residential
Red = Parks

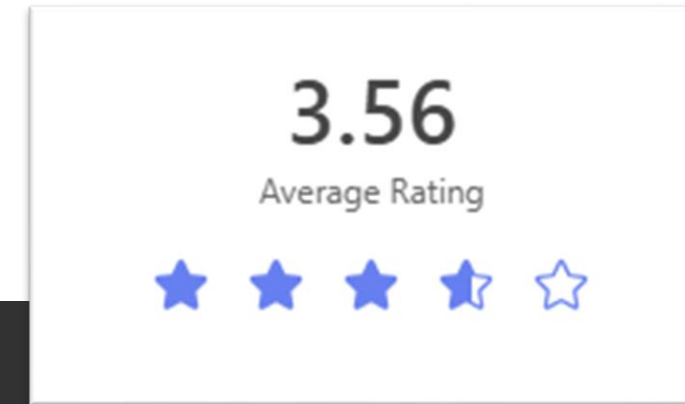


SURVEY RESULTS

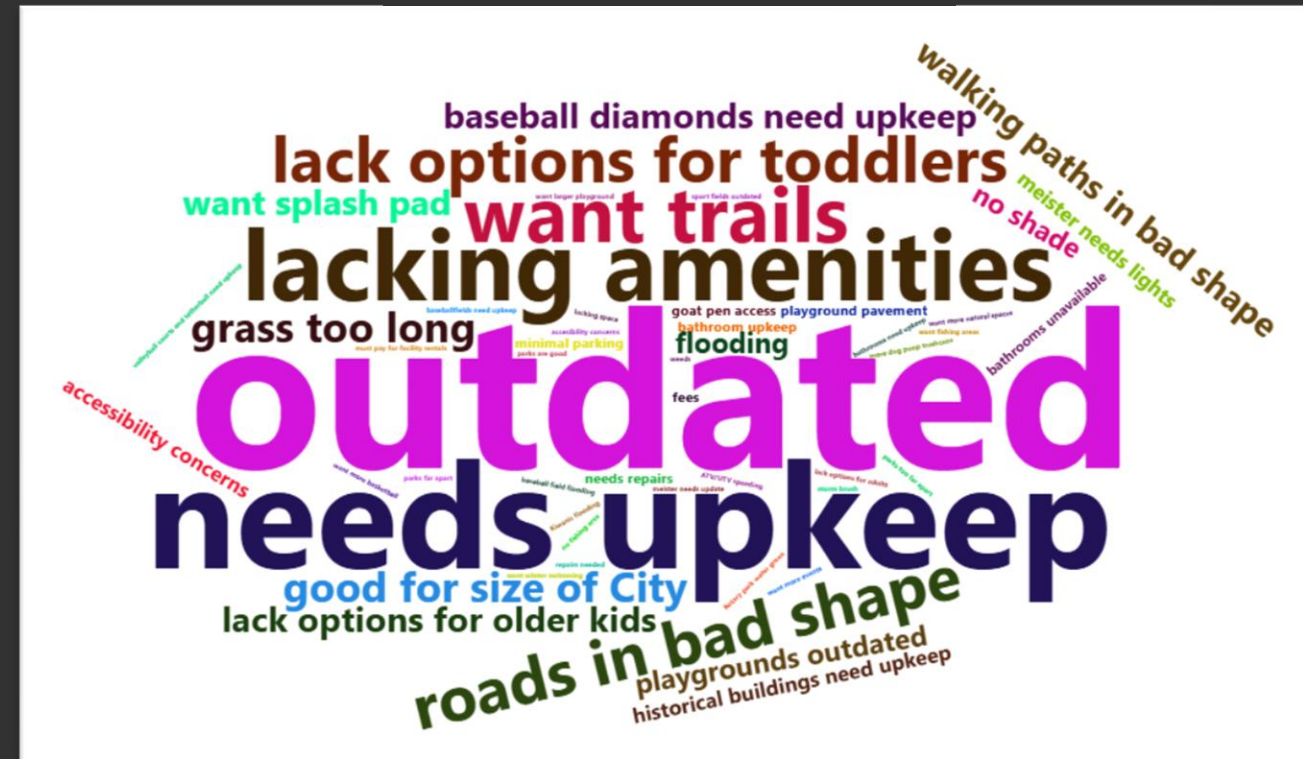
- 349 Responses
 - 266 Residents (76%)
 - 63 Neighbors (18%)
 - 20 Work or other (6%)
- 205 Respondents with children (59%)

Key theme:

Prioritize updates of existing facilities



Reasons for ratings 3 or lower:



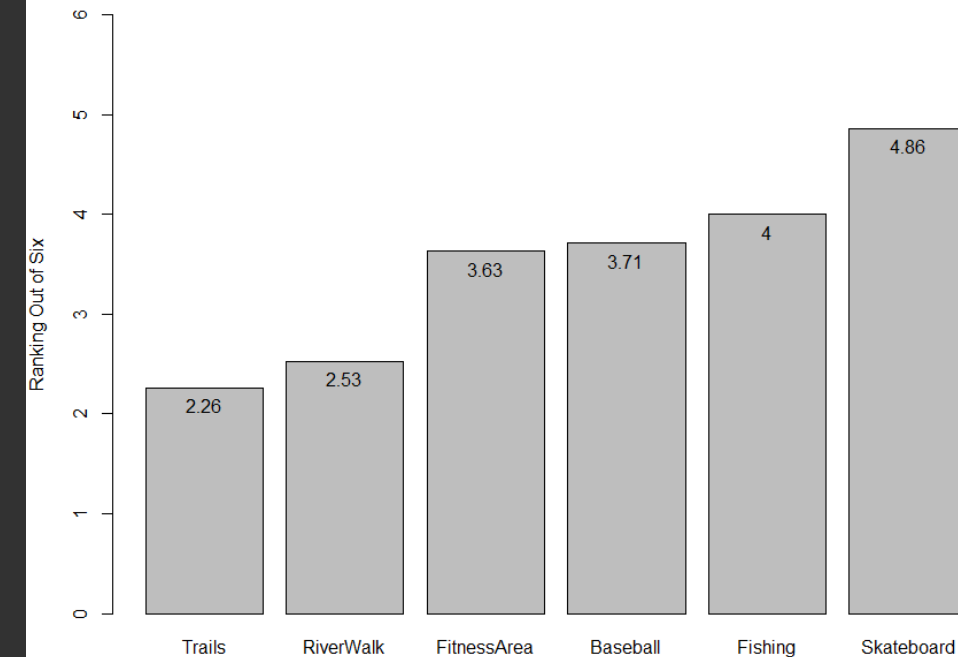
AMENITIES

- Amenities most used:
 - Community Pool – 169 respondents (19%)
 - Playground – 128 respondents (15%) *
 - Walking Path/Trail – 117 respondents (13%)
 - Baseball/Softball Field – 93 respondents (11%)
 - Golf Course – 72 respondents (8%) *
 - Picnic Area – 55 respondents (6%)
 - Football Field – 43 respondents (5%) *
- 181 Write-in Suggestions (52%)
 - Splash Pad Responses (38): 68% residents
 - 10 of these suggested okay with user fees
 - No residents that suggested this indicated support for tax increase

Amenities Requested



Average Ranking For Potential Projects



TRAILS

- 124 Respondents ranked first (36%)
- 314 would use them for walking (90%)
- 188 would use them for biking (54%)
- 21 would not use them (6%) – 9 residents

PLAYGROUNDS

Common suggestions from survey:

- Soft rubber pavement
- Accessible play equipment
- Equipment needs updating
- More options for little kids & older kids

Current offerings:

- 9 Playgrounds
 - 1 Toddler Playground (Fireman's Park)

SPECIFIC PARKS

- Parks frequently mentioned in survey regarding improvements:
 - Meister (7)
 - Kiwanis (6)
 - Fireman's (5)
 - Rotary (2)
 - Enerpac (1)

BASEBALL FIELDS

Common issues indicated in survey:

- Flooding (Kiwanis)
- Upkeep – weeds, etc.

UPKEEP

Common issues indicated in the survey:

- Long grass and weeds
- Repairs needed (fences, playground equipment, tennis court, roads & paths)
- Bathroom cleanliness

Any Additional
Comments/Questions/Concerns?