

City of Joshua

PARKS AND RECREATION

Steven Gill, Parks Manager City of Joshua
March 2024



AGENDA

- Our Mission
- The Team
- Inventory
- Projects and Tasks
- Impacts Parks Have on a Community
- Our Customers
- Future Plans
- Questions



OUR MISSION

To foster a vibrant and connected community by creating and maintaining safe outdoor spaces where families can play, learn, gather, and grow together.



MEET THE TEAM

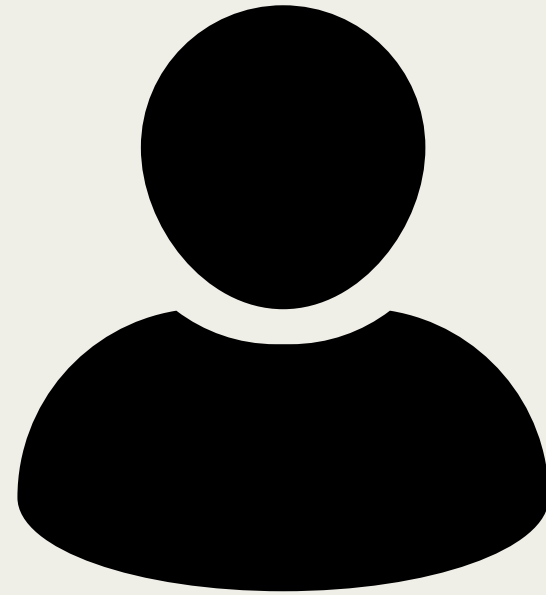


Parks Manager
Steven Gill

Steven has been in the Parks and Rec. industry for 6 years

Certifications:

- CPSI
- TDA Pesticide Applicator
- TRAPS Membership
- NRPA Membership



Crew Leader
Vacant



Crew Member
Thomas Beasley

Thomas has been with the City of Joshua for over 3 years



Crew Member
Dustin Salisbury



INVENTORY

Equipment *In Operation*

- (2) F150 Trucks
- (2) Gravely Zero-Turn mowers
- Buffalo Turbine Zero-Turn Bower
- North Star Commercial Power Washer
- John Deer Tractor with Loader
- ABI Zero-Turn Infield Groomer
- 18ft Utility Trailer
- 16ft Utility Trailer
- 15ft PJ Dump Trailer
- 15ft Enclosed Trailer
- (2) John Deer Gators
- Air Compressor
- String Trimmers, Edgers, Backpack Blowers. Chainsaws, etc.
- ATV Tank Sprayer, Backpack Sprayer
- Small Generator
- Chemical Cabinet
- Welder
- Plasma Cutter
- Misc. Hand Tools (Drills, Wrenches, Saws, Etc.)
- Shop-built Seed Spreader

Wish List *Needed*

- Box Blade for Tractor
- Rotary Cutter for Tractor
- Broom Attachment for Tractor
- 4 inch Core Aerator for Infield Groomer
- Box Blade for Groomer
- Zero-Turn Sprayer/Spreader
- Laser Grader for Groomer
- 3/4 Ton Truck
- 20ft Equipment Trailer
- Skid Steer



INVENTORY

Facilities

Shop/Offices

The parks building is approximately 4844 sq ft housing:

- 3 Offices
- Kitchen Area
- City Records Storage
- Small Training Room
- Restroom
- 2 Storage Closets
- 5 Bay Shop Area
- 2 Loft Areas
- 2 Storage Rooms in Bay Area
- Limited Outdoor Parking for City Trucks
- Chain Link Fenced Yard

Operations

Areas of Operation

- City Park (20 acres)
- City Hall (.2 acres)
- Fire Dept (2 acres)
- Police Dept (.2 acres)
- Animal Services (1 acre)
- Parks Office (1 acre)
- Park and Ride (trash only)
- Future City Hall Site (4 acres)

(28.4 Acres Total Mowing Area)



PROJECTS AND TASKS

Daily Tasks

- Clean restrooms
- Empty 20+ trash cans
- Prep splash pad
- Clean pavilion
- Blow off playgrounds
- Weed removal from granite beds
- Pick up loose trash in the park and pond
- Pull trash at the park and ride
- Mow park and ballfields
- Mow municipal buildings
- Irrigation audits and repair
- Treat for wasps
- Treat for ants
- Repair damaged or worn park amenities
- Treat for weeds
- Remove dirt or mud from trails
- Inspect parks for damage

Inspections

- Playground safety inspections
- Park certifications
- Irrigation audits
- Park lighting audits



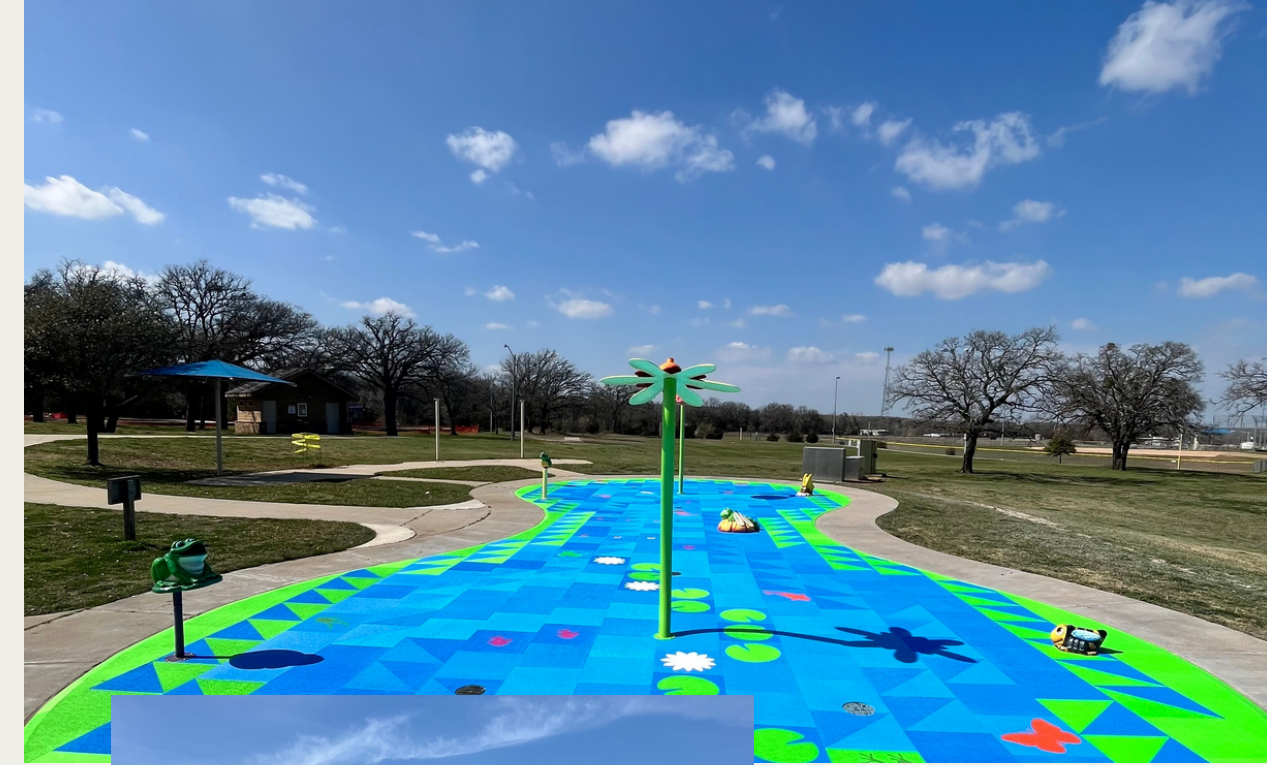
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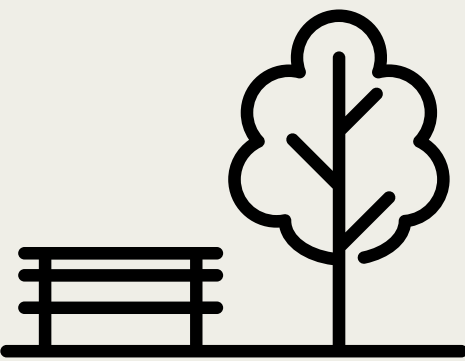
Contracted Projects

- *Playground install*
- *Shade structures*
- *Splash pad and surface*
- *Basketball surface*
- *Disk golf*
- *Picnic tables*
- *Benches*
- *Park fencing*
- *Concrete installation*

In-House Projects

- Drinking fountains install
- Park signage
- Install grills
- Assemble and install 20 trash cans
- Repair reusable benches and trash cans and install at ball park
- Turf grass renovation
- Ballfield improvements
- Chain-link fence repairs
- Pesticide applications
- Weed control
- Power washing
- Tree care/trimming
- Painting concession building
- Installing parking lot bollards
- Installing split rail fencing
- Brush clearing and ground prep for wild flower area
- Military memorial renovation
- Planting wild flower areas
- Building maintenance
- Parking lot re-stripe





WEEKLY AGENDA

TOPIC: 3 PERSON
CREW - WORKWEEK



MONDAY

- Clean park restrooms
- Pull trash at parks and fields
- Prep splash pad
- Pick up loose trash
- Park and ride trash

(Hours total 3-4)

Mow, Edge, String-Trim

- City Hall
- Fire
- Police Dept.
- Animal control
- Parks

(hours total 3-4)

- Drag ballfields

(hours total 1-2)

TUESDAY

- Clean park restrooms
- Pull trash at parks and fields
- Prep splash pad
- Pick up loose trash
- Park and ride trash

(Hours total 3-4)

Mow, Edge, String-Trim

- City Park

(hours total 4)

WEDNESDAY

- Clean park restrooms
- Pull trash at parks and fields
- Prep splash pad
- Pick up loose trash
- Park and ride trash

(Hours total 3-4)

Mow, Edge, String-Trim

- Baseball fields
- Drag ballfields

(hours total 4)

(hours total 1-2)

THURSDAY

- Clean park restrooms
- Pull trash at parks and fields
- Prep splash pad
- pick up loose trash
- Park and ride trash

(Hours total 3-4)

Mow, Edge, String-Trim

- New City Hall location
- Drag ballfields

(hours total 2)

(hours total 1-2)

- Mowing makeup, or special projects.

FRIDAY

- Clean park restrooms
- Pull trash at parks and fields
- Prep splash pad
- Pick up loose trash
- Park and ride trash

(Hours total 3-4)

- Maintain equipment
- Clean shop building
- Clean vehicles
- Work on special projects

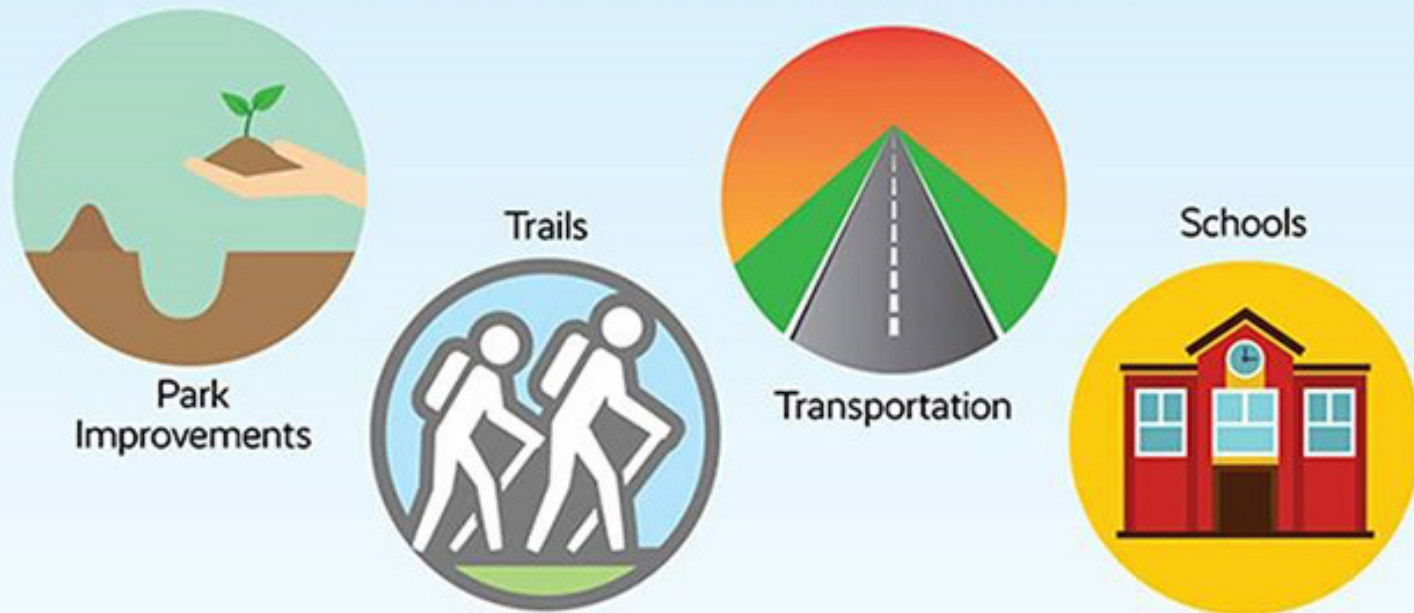


NRPA PARK PULSE

Parks and Recreation: A Powerful Economic Driver in Communities Nationwide

94% of U.S. adults want their local government to make infrastructure investments that promote economic activity in their community.

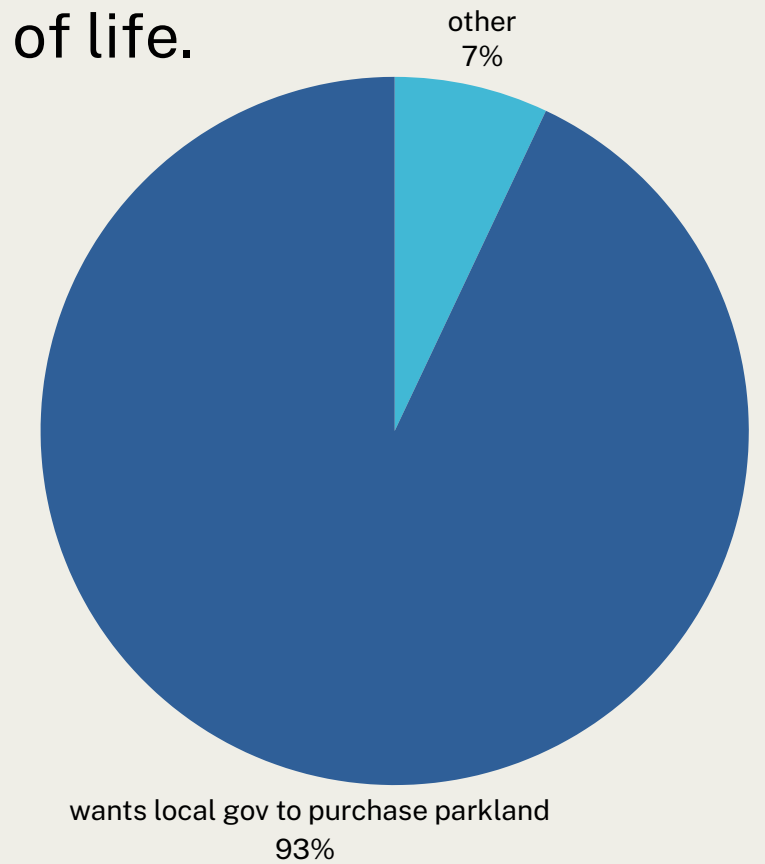
3/4 of survey respondents say it is *very or extremely* important to invest in the following infrastructure elements:



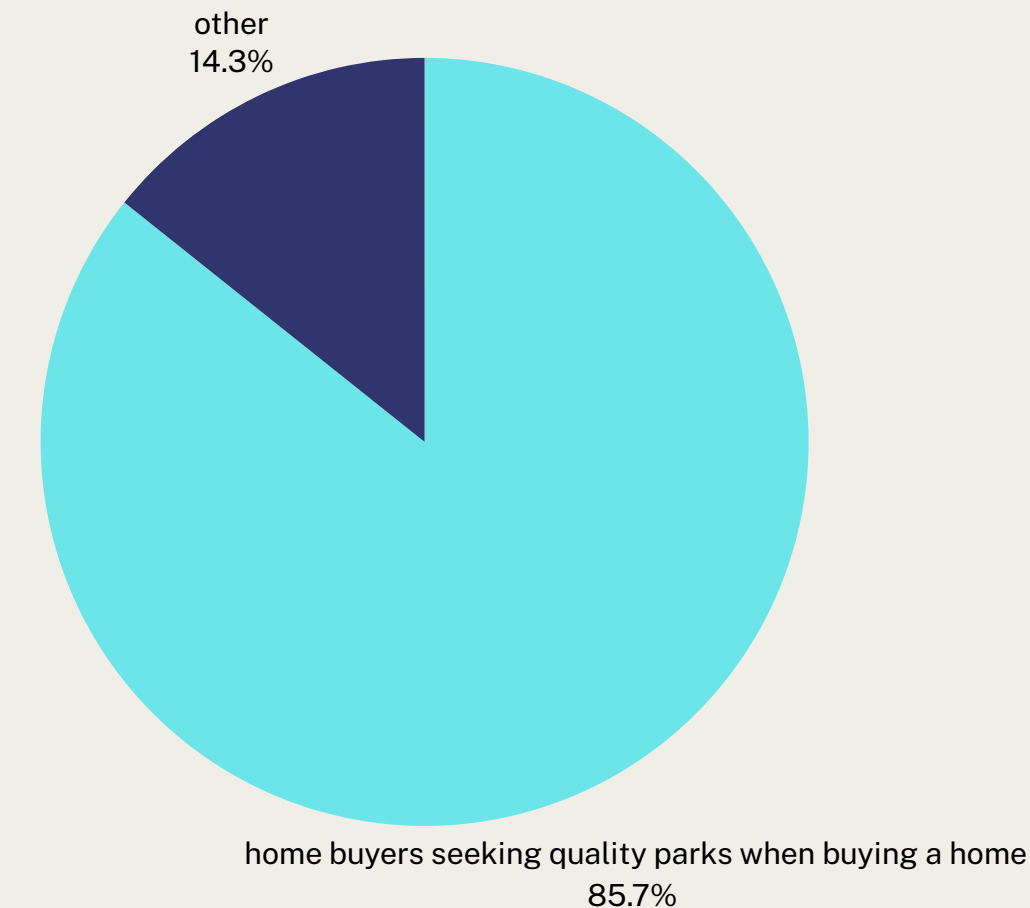
Park and recreation professionals and their agencies spark economic activity in a variety of ways, including direct and indirect employment, on-site transactions, increased property values, increased physical activity, and effective land management methods and green infrastructure investments. Learn more at nrpa.org/ParkEconReport.

Health and Wellness: Parks and Rec. agencies provide spaces, programs, and services that are essential to a communities vitality. They also serve as key factors in advancing heath equity and enhancing quality of life.

Conservation and Resiliency: **93%** of people who responded to NRPA's 2019 engagement with parks survey indicated it is essential that their local government acquire, construct, and maintain local parks, trails, and green spaces near bodies of water to protect natural resources in their communities.



Property Values: **6/7** respondents to the 2023 engagement with parks survey indicated that they seek high quality parks and rec. amenities when choosing a place to live.

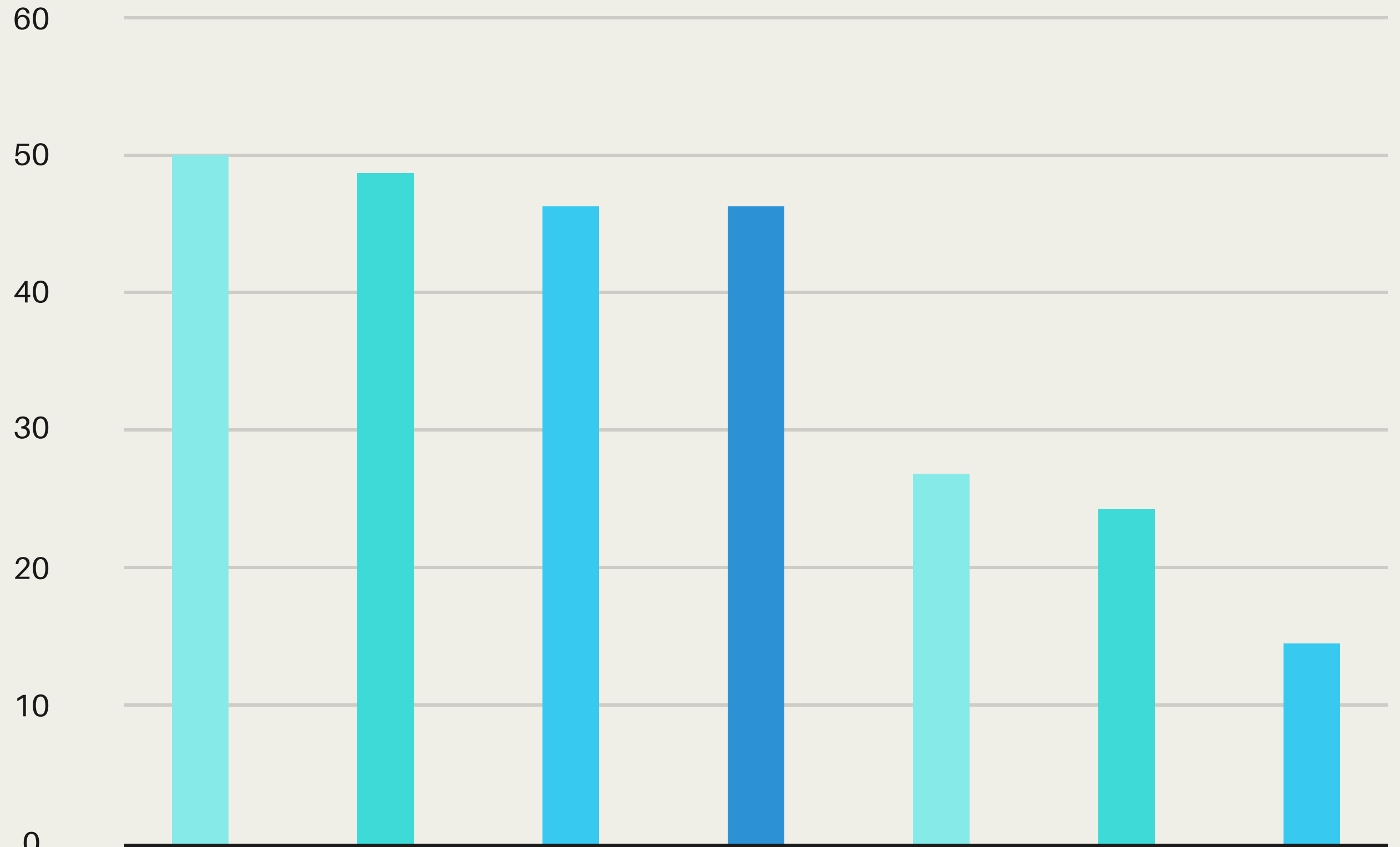


Each month, through a poll of 1,000 U.S. residents focused on park and recreation issues, NRPA Park Pulse helps tell the park and recreation story. Questions span from the serious to the more lighthearted. The survey was conducted by Wakefield Research (www.wakefieldresearch.com).

Visit nrpa.org/ParkPulse for more information.



2023 NRPA Engagement with Parks Report



Percent of respondents who have personally, or have a household member, who has visited a local Parks & Rec. facility during the past year.

Key Reasons People Go to Parks

To be with family and friends

50%

To take a break from stress

47%

To exercise or stay fit

46%

To be close to nature

46%

To experience adventure

26%

To connect with community

23%

To learn a skill or craft

14%



TOP 5 ECONOMICAL BENEFITS OF PARKS AND REC FACILITIES

1. Parks attract homebuyers



3. Parks attract tourism



5. Open space can reduce costs of pollution



2. Parks attract business



4. Parks lowers public health costs





OUR COMMUNITY



Future Planning

Restructure the Department

- Add a second crew to focus on mowing
- Add additional equipment and vehicles for additional staff
- Add Social Media/Programs Manager

Grow the Parks Community

- Build new parks on existing parkland
- Acquire additional properties for new parks
- Acquire additional property for Recreation Facilities focusing on fitness
- Create education programs
- Provide outdoor recreational classes and activities





Questions?

