



**CITY OF WESTFIELD, IN**  
**Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Agenda - 2/5/2025**  
*Wednesday, February 5, 2025 at 7:00 PM*

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**BOARD OR COMMISSION:** Parks and Recreation Board Meeting  
**MEETING DATE:** Wednesday, February 5, 2025 at 7:00 PM  
**MEETING PLACE:** Westfield City Hall- Assembly Room

**THE FOLLOWING AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT THE DISCRETION OF PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**NOTICE PRESENCE OF A QUORUM**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Election of Officers

**CHANGES TO AGENDA**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of Minutes

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Action Item#1 - Simon Moon Phase II- Playground Replacement quote
  - a. Slide deck for a presentation of the playground
  - b. The actual quote
  - c. Special Purchase Memo - Recreation Insites

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Master Plan Draft

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

**ADJOURNMENT**





**CALL TO ORDER**

President Grimmer noted the presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm

**NOTICE PRESENCE OF A QUORUM**

**Member(s) Present:**

Mike Antrim, Kurtis Baumgartner, Julia Grimmer, Mike Hall, Leanne Zentz

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**CHANGES TO AGENDA**

Motion: Approve

By: Kurtis Baumgartner

Seconded: LeAnne Zentz

Yes: Kurtis Baumgartner, Julia Grimmer, LeAnne Zentz, Mike Hall, Mike Antrim

No: None

Abstain: None

Motion Determination: Passed

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**MINUTES**

**Approval of Minutes**

November 6, 2024, minutes were presented.

Motion: Approve

By: Mike Hall

Seconded: LeAnne Zentz

Yes: Kurtis Baumgartner, Julia Grimmer, LeAnne Zentz, Mike Hall, Mike Antrim

No: None

Abstain: None

Motion Determination: Passed

**OLD BUSINESS**

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## **Arts Master Plan Contract**

### **1. Action Item#1 – Noblesville Creates Inc. – City of Westfield - Agreement**

Director Chris McConnell presented an overview of the work encompassed under the agreement.

Motion: Approve

By: Kurtis Baumgarnter

Seconded: Mike Hall

Yes: Kurtis Baumgarnter, Julia Grimmer, LeAnne Zentz, Mike Hall, Mike Antrim

No: None

Abstain: None

Motion Determination: Passed

## **Budget Presentation**

### **1. Item #2 – Budget Presentation Arts Master Plan**

Director Chris McConnell presented an overview of the General Fund and Park Impact Budget. He provided a detailed outline of the key aspects of the budget, emphasizing its alignment with the Advancing Westfield Pillars

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Chris McConnell stated that the Westfield Ice Ribbon officially opened on November 23<sup>rd</sup>. A new partnership between the City of Westfield and the Westfield Mayor's Council on Disabilities has led to the inaugural Sensory Skate Night, designed to provide an inclusive skating experience for all abilities. The Master Plan has been officially approved by the State of Indiana. The department is now awaiting additional feedback from the state regarding the next steps. The last major event of the year, Westfield Lights, is set to open the holiday season, celebrating the community with festive activities.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Brief discussion when the next board meeting will be held. Director Chris McConnell and board President Julia Grimmer would like for everyone to review their calendar for potentially having the next meeting on Wednesday, January 8, 2025.

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## **ADJOURNMENT**

The commission adjourned the meeting at 7:19 PM

Motion: Approve

By: Kurtis Baumgarnter

Seconded: Mike Antrim

Yes: Kurtis Baumgarnter, Julia Grimmer, LeAnne Zentz, Mike Hall, Mike Antrim

No: None

Abstain: None

Motion Determination: Passed


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Julia Grimmer, President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Terri Wolf, Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_  
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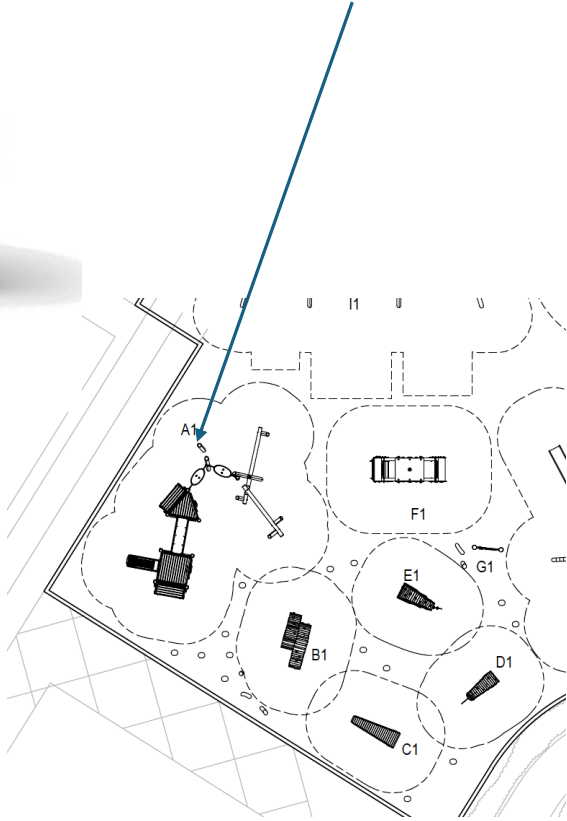


# Revision of Simon Moon Playground





# 2- 5 yo equipment- Marsh Woodland Area



# Activities

1. Play panel



2. Play panel



3. PE Slide H580



8. Bridge

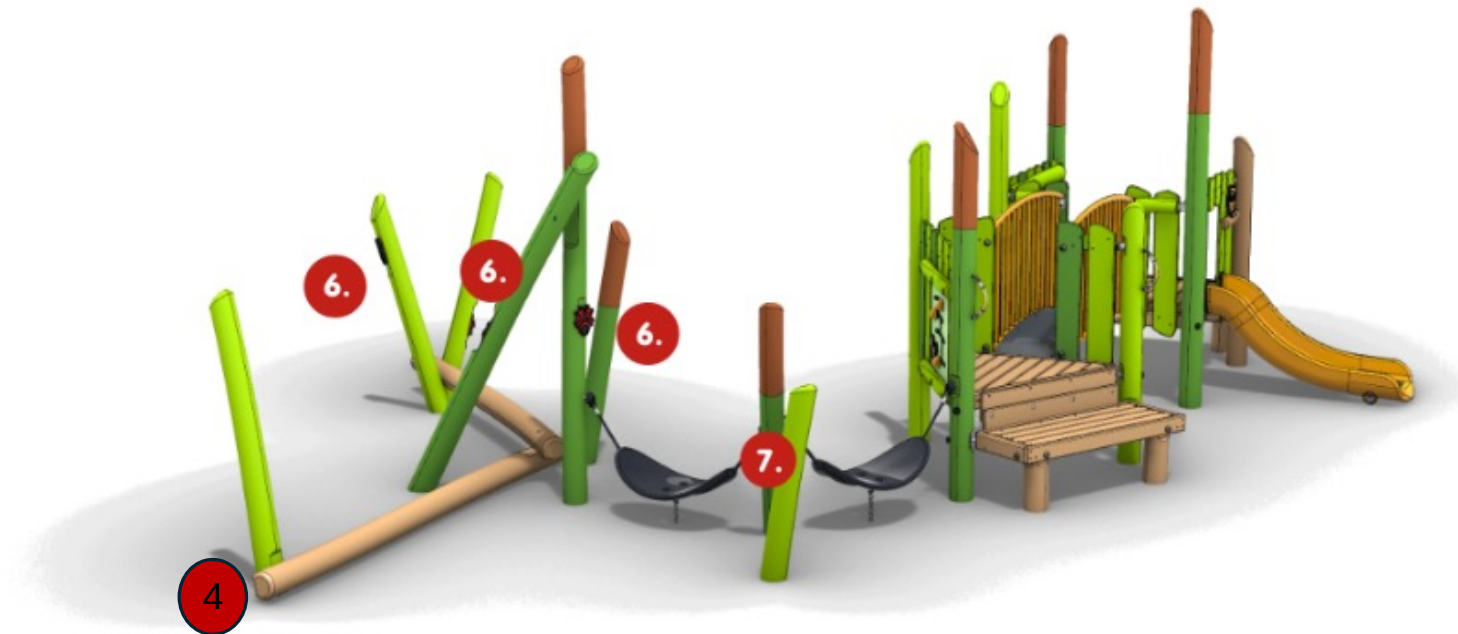


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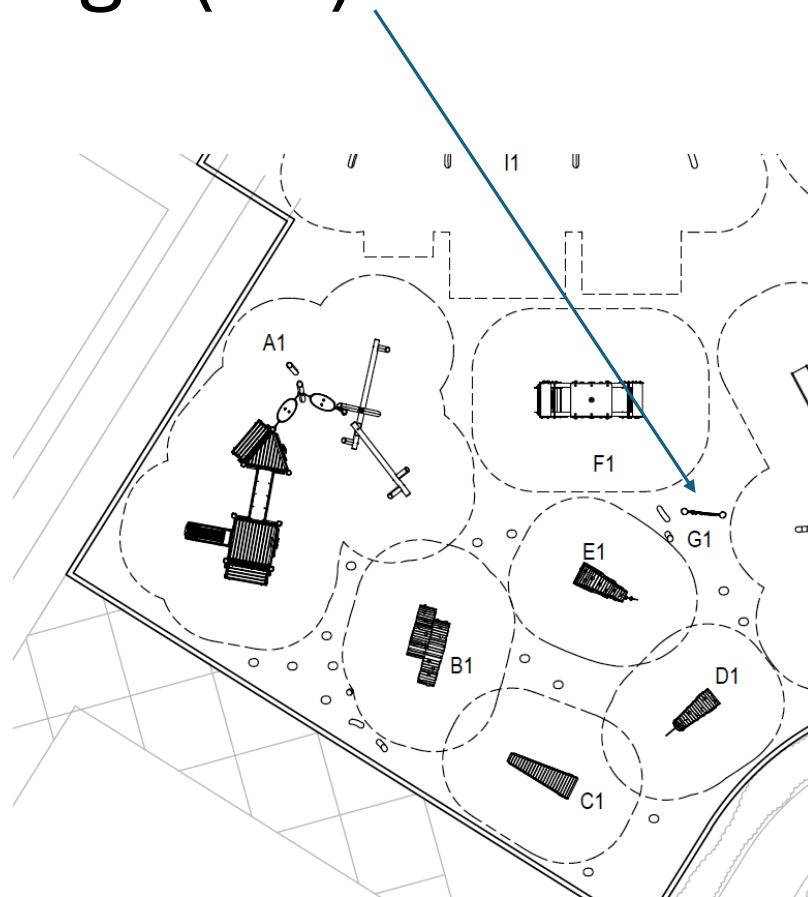
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7. Hammocks

4. Balance beams

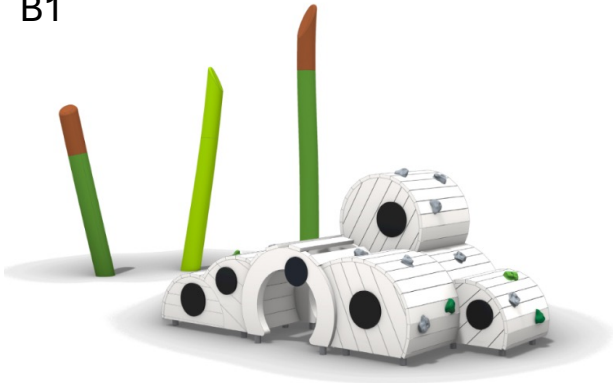


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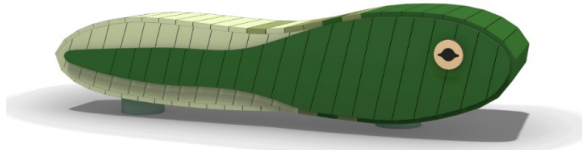


# Stages of a Frog

B1



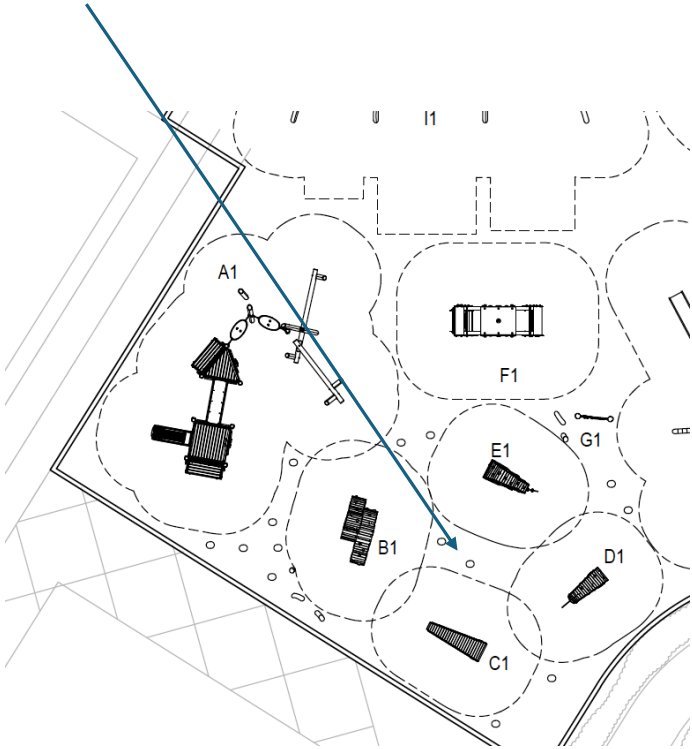
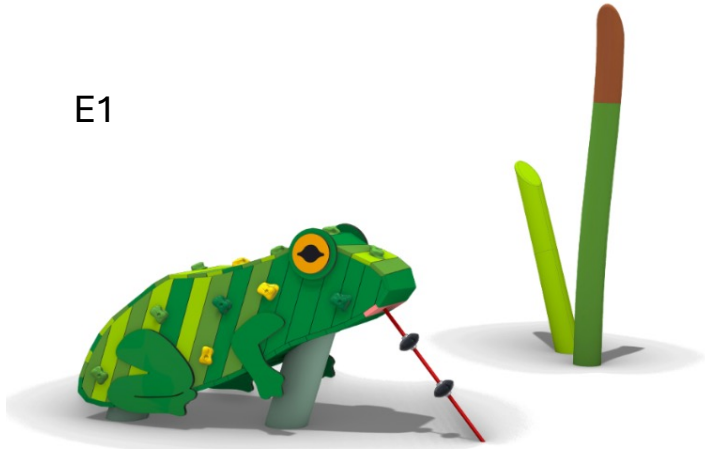
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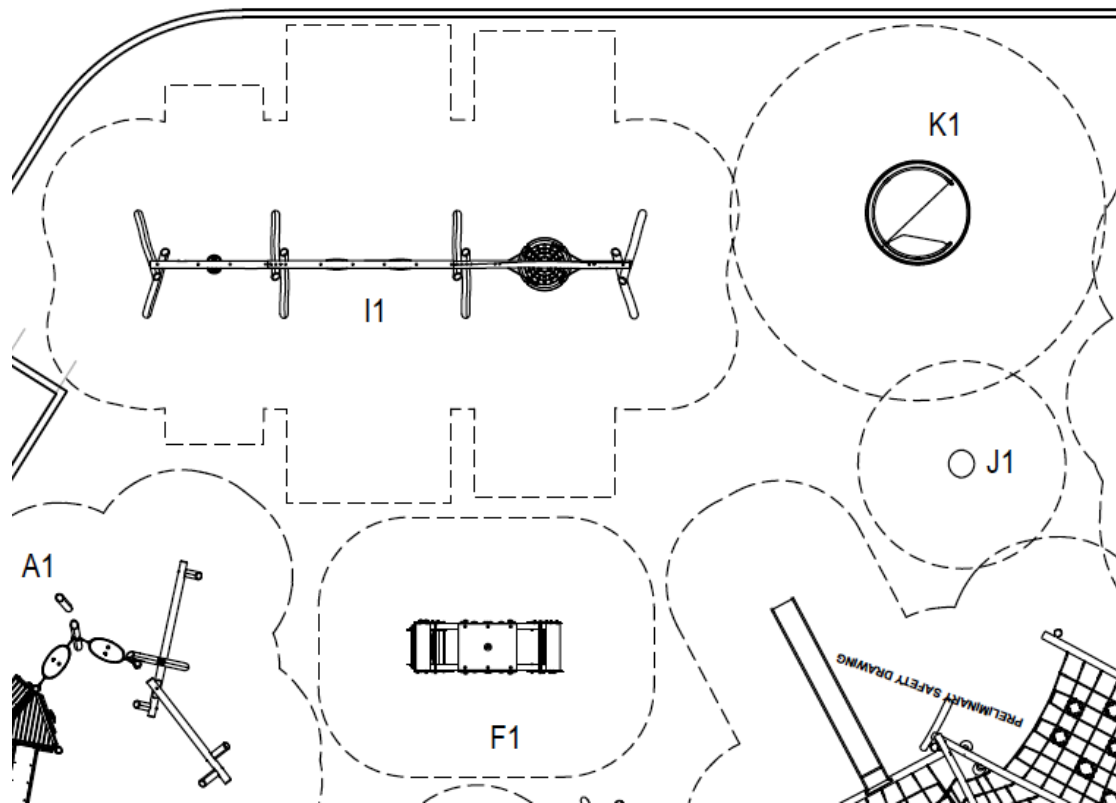


E1



For ages 2-12 yo

Swing (I1), Multi Seesaw (F1) and Inclusive Carousel (K1)

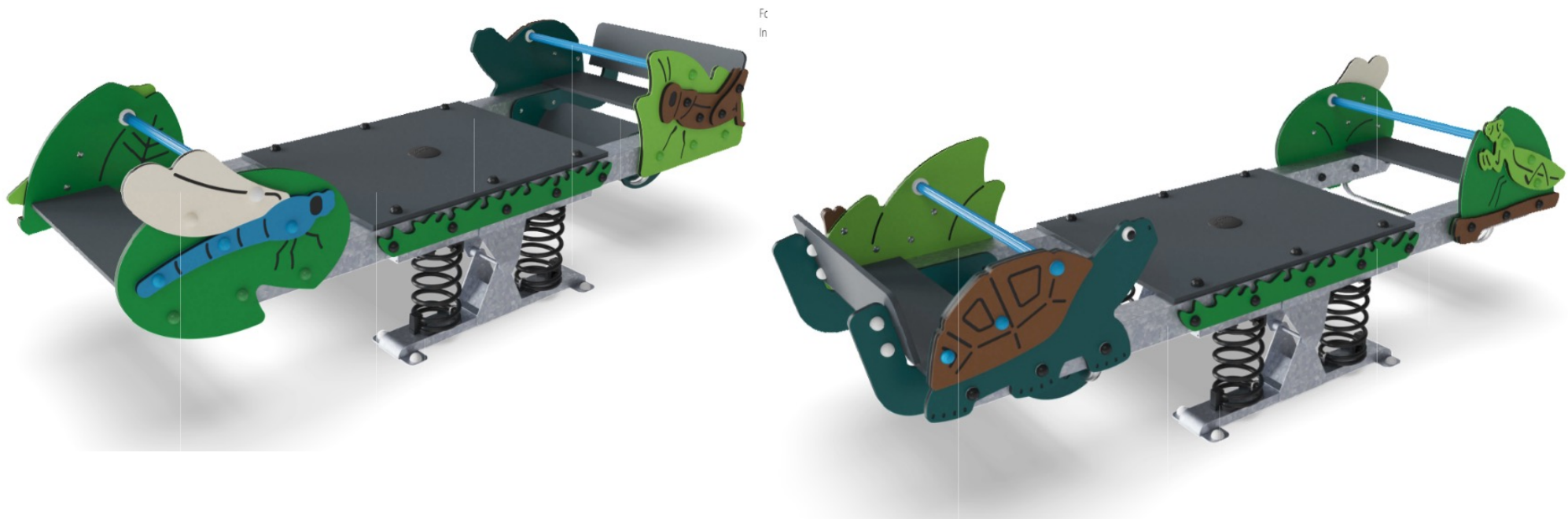


# Swing Set- Basket Seat, Belt Seats and Infant seat

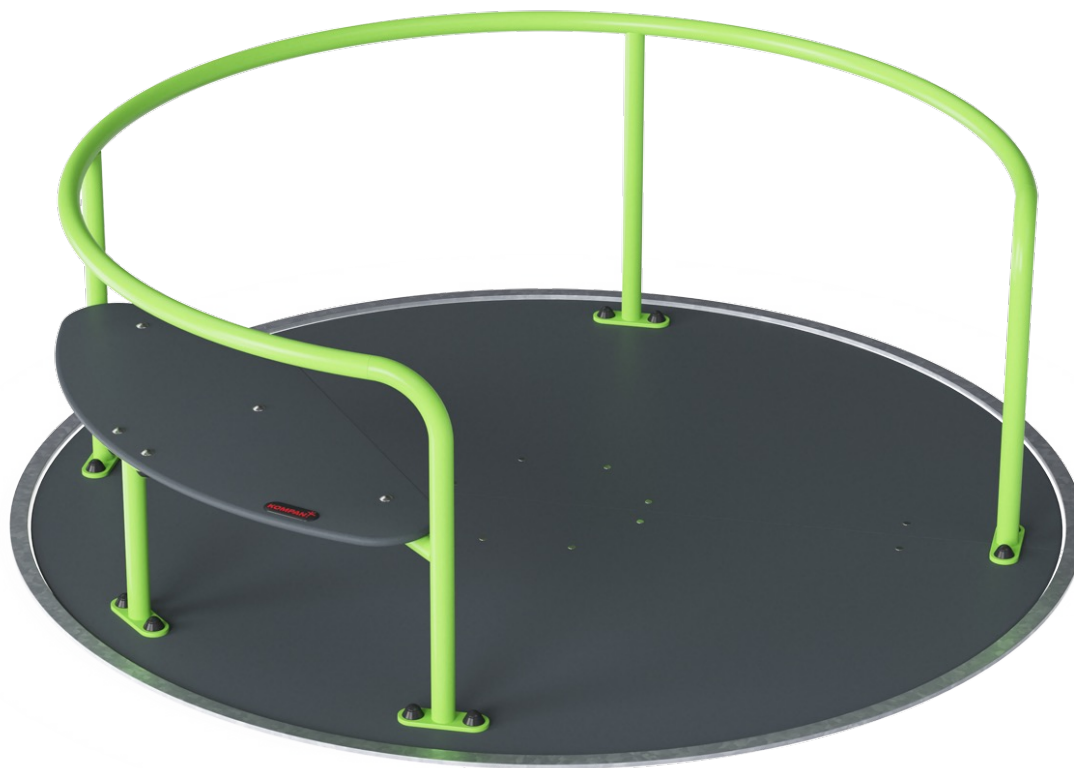


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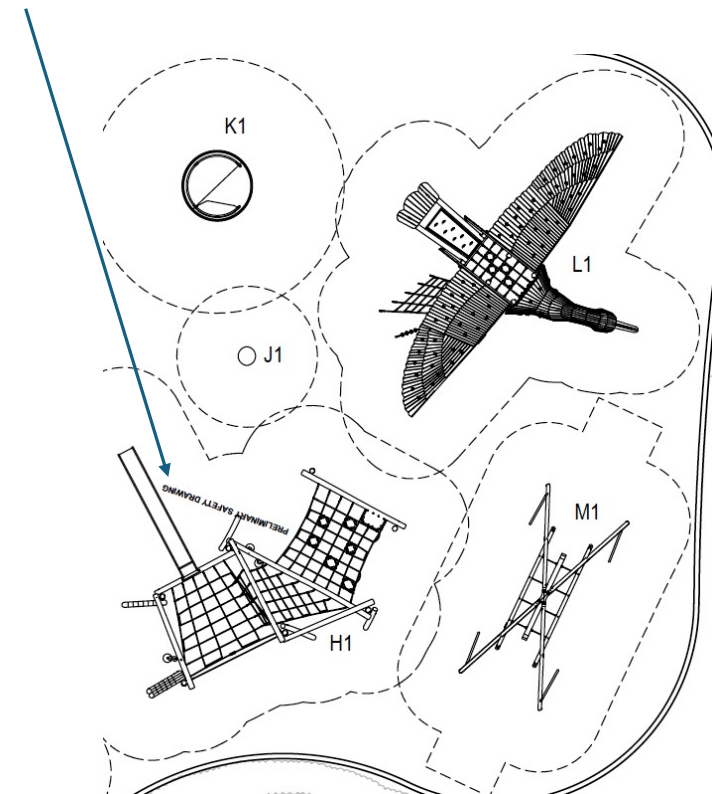
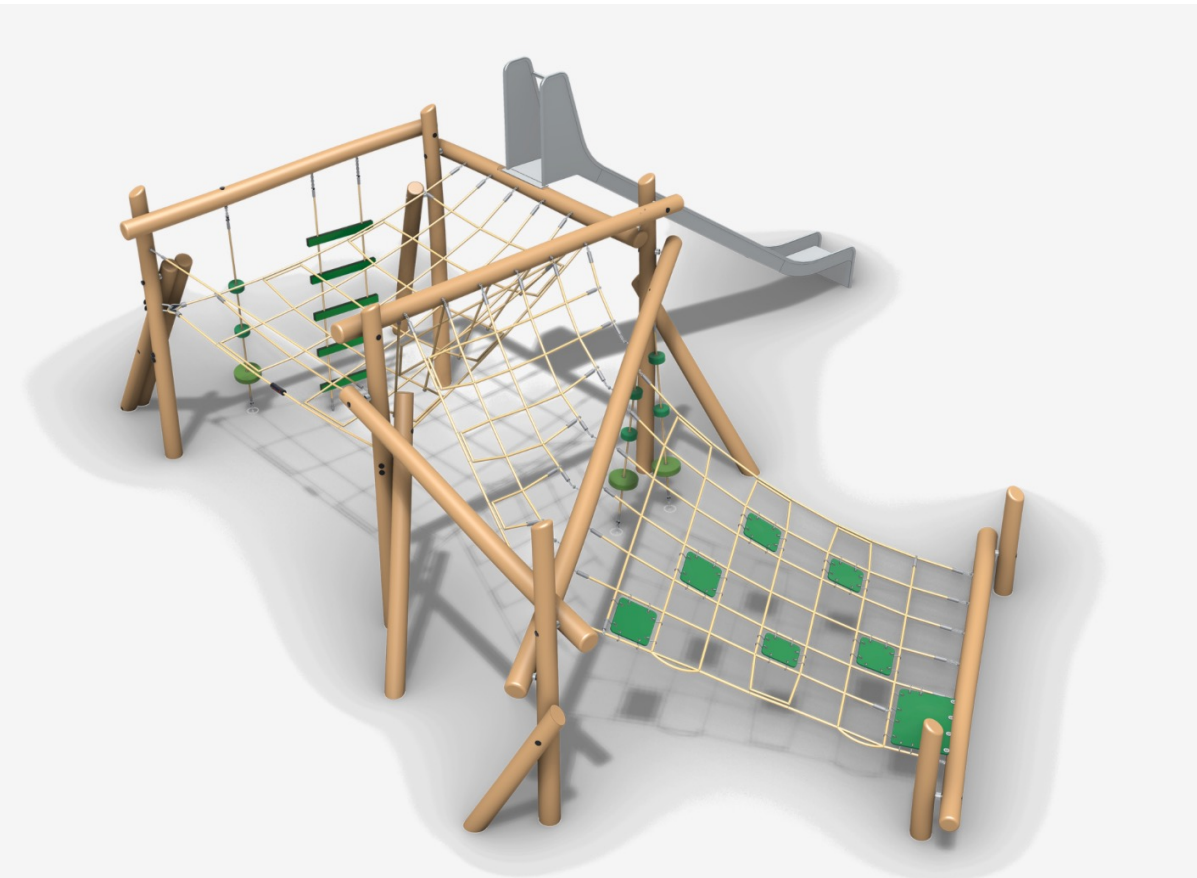
## Insect and critter multi seesaw

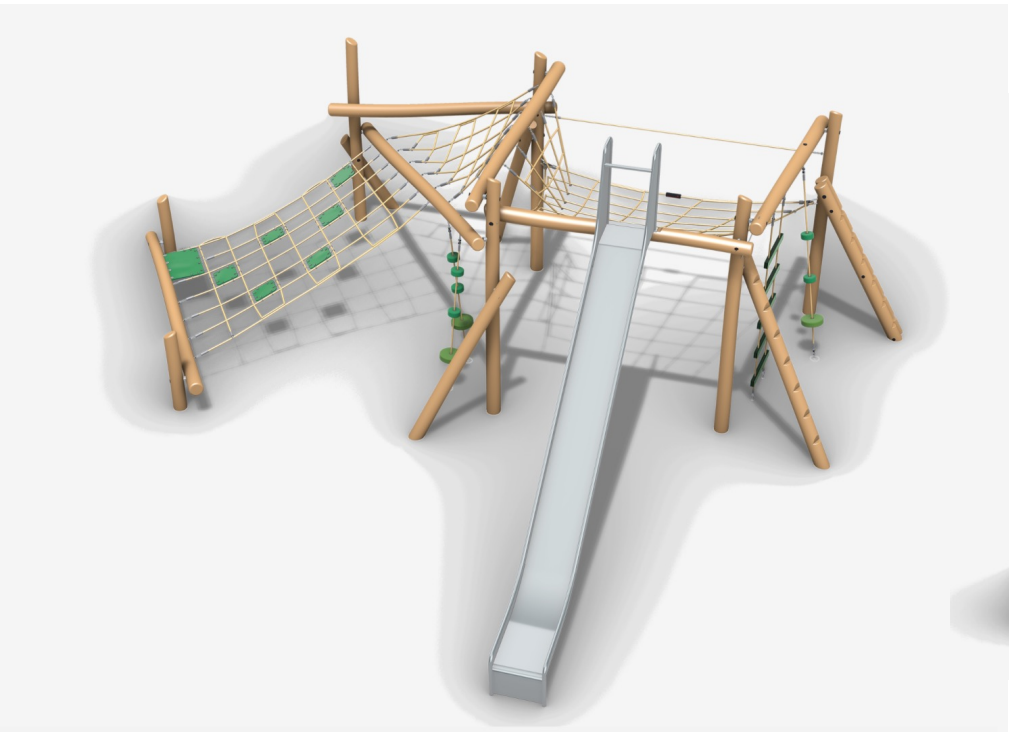


# Inclusive Carousel

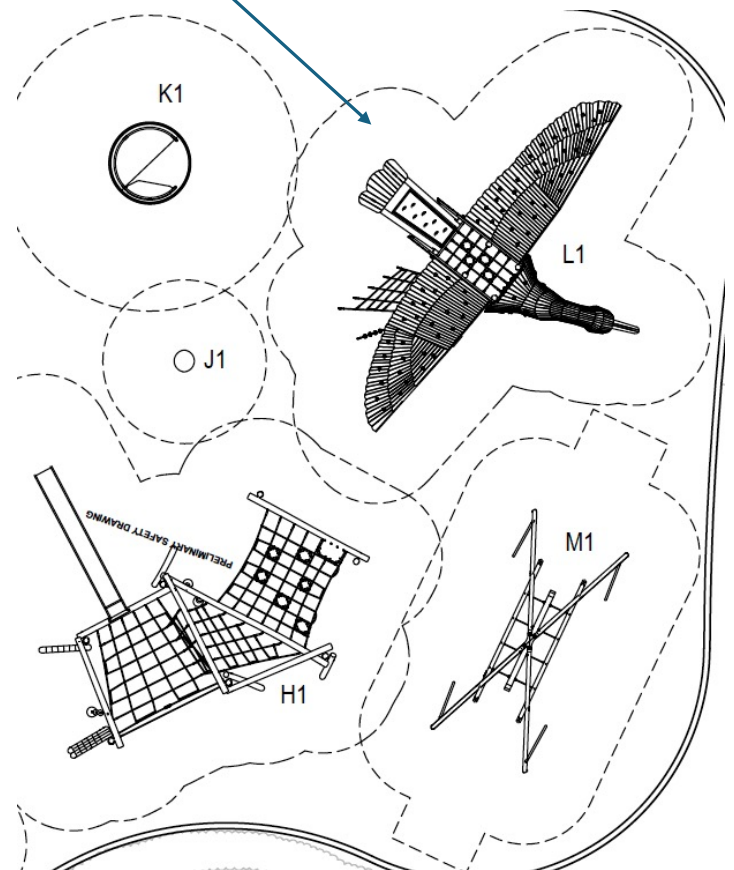


# For ages 5-12 yo Log Net with Slide (H1)

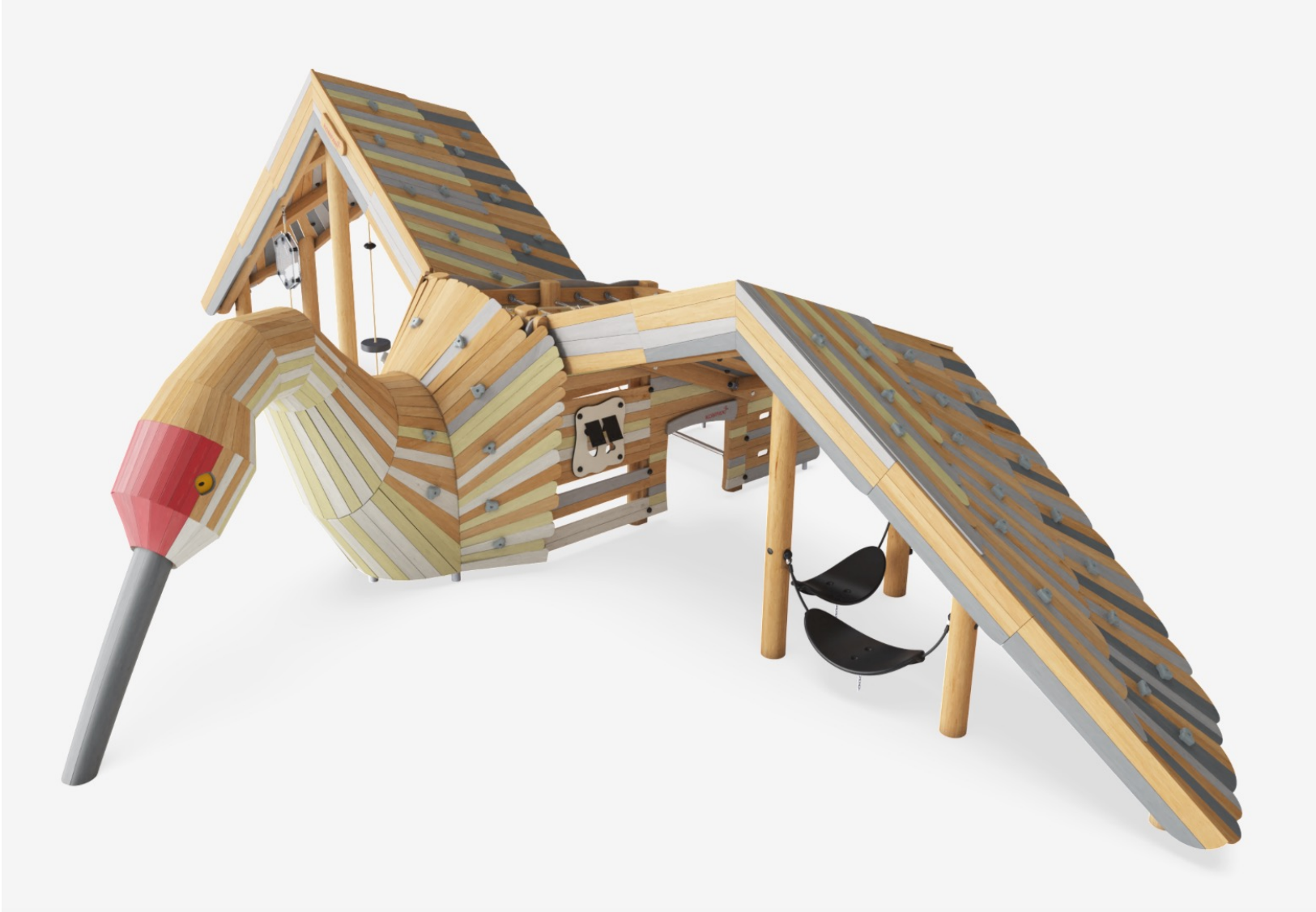




# Robinia Crane (L1)



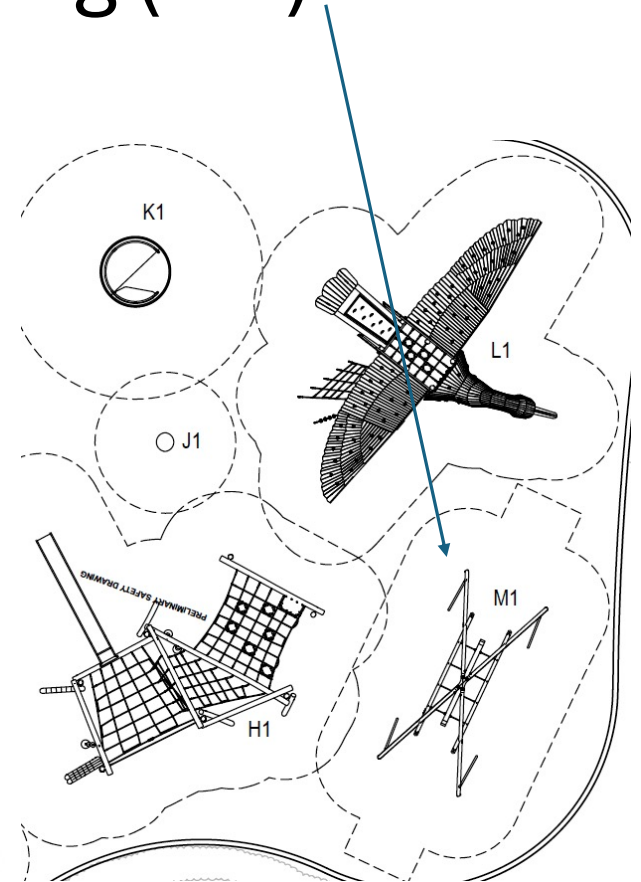




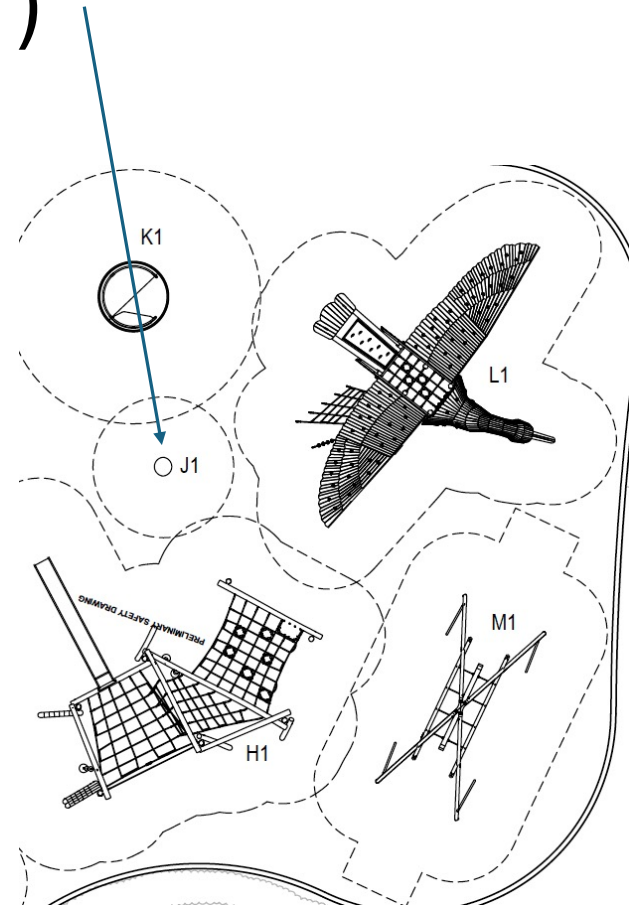




# Cocowave Pendulum Swing (M1)



# Spinner Bowl- (J1)



## Cost estimation (excludes site prep, concrete container and drainage)

• KOMPAN equipment	\$531,803.00
• OMNIA discount off KOMPAN equipment	-\$105,828.80
• Freight KOMPAN	\$ 40,255.00
• Equipment installation (standard wages)	\$ 97,158.00
• OMNIA discount off Installation	-\$ 4,858.00
• Foreverlawn Turf (3” pad, 4” stone & install)	\$262,513.00
• OMNIA discount off Turf system	-\$ 13,126.00
• Total	<b>\$807,916.20</b>



## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### DELIVERY:

- This quote assumes direct delivery.
- This quote includes a charge for lift gate service.
- Please allow up to 32-36 weeks for delivery for standard equipment. Estimated timeframe and current production time.
- Extended delivery time may apply to select equipment and custom equipment.
- Recreation InSites will provide delivery estimates prior to purchase.
- Tentative date for installation will be needed upon order.
- If owner/general contractor is unable to receive equipment upon the designated delivery date due to a delay in the project, a monthly storage fee may be applied until the order can be delivered.

### PRICING:

- Pricing is good for 90 days.
- This quote does not include prevailing wages or Davis Bacon Wage scale. Standard wages included.
- Charges for Performance and Payment Bonds are not included.
- Charges for permits are not include. Owner is responsible for obtaining and paying for all related permits.
- ~~Owner is responsible to submit state review paperwork on GFP structures.~~
- Price assumes no overhead (13'-6" or lower) or underground (within 3'-6" of surface) obstacles. Additional cost may be added for removal of obstacles.
- Please provide Recreation InSites with a tax-exempt certificate if applicable. Otherwise, sales tax will be added.

### PAYMENT TERMS:

- 50% deposit due upon the time of purchase for all materials.
- Remain balance will be due upon completion of project Net 30.
- Terms for credit will be established upon approval.

### MATERIALS:

- All materials are guaranteed to be sold as specified. Any alteration or deviation from the specifications involving extra cost will be executed only upon written orders and will become an extra charge over and above the sales proposal. All agreements are subject to contingencies for strikes, accidents, or delays beyond or control.

### WARRANTIES:

- Materials and products are warranted by the manufacturers' standard warranties. These warranties will be provided to the customer at the time of final payment.
- A one-year installation warranty is provided by Recreation InSites and only applies if the installation was contracted through the Recreation InSites.

**SITE REQUIREMENTS:**

- Customer to provide a level dirt site, free of underground obstacles, rocks, tree roots, parking stops etc., flat asphalt area.
- Customer is responsible for disposal of refuse/garbage and will supply dumpster onsite for use by installation team.
- Customer is responsible for removal of any existing obstacles prior to installation.
- If surfacing is not purchased by Recreation InSites, Customer is responsible for providing resilient surfacing appropriate to the critical fall height of the equipment according to ASTM standards.
- Customer is responsible for all necessary site work/prep and outside contracted work, prior to installation. Grade must be set accordingly. Finish grade needs to be below surface level as specified surrounding sod/surfacing. Site prep is not included in quote.
- Should the Customer fail to ensure site conditions match the project specifications, the Customer shall be responsible for all cost and fees incurred to properly prepare the site. The Customer will also be responsible for all costs and fees caused by site conditions which delay any work. A project change order will be issued to the Customer that will outline all costs and fees associated with the changes to the original contract scope.
- A written document/check list must be completed and signed by the Customer before the installation team will be deployed to the site.
- Do not install any surfacing materials or subgrade compacted stone prior to installation of play equipment and shelters.
- The site should be as level as possible and MUST have no more than a 1" inch in 10' feet slope or change in elevation over the full length and width of the playground area.

**INSTALLATION:**

- Unless otherwise noted in the quote, the installation charge includes below:
  - Receiving shipment on site and off-loading equipment
  - Layout and excavation of footing holes for equipment provided by Recreation InSites or Kompan.
  - Assembly of equipment provided by Recreation InSites or Kompan
  - Concrete footings (where applicable).
- Below is a list of services that are NOT included in the quote for equipment installation but may be available for an extra charge.
  - Off-Site disposal of packaging from delivered equipment.
  - Removal of excavated soil from the site.
  - Additional site excavation not involving equipment footings.
  - Permits
  - Storage of equipment
  - Installation in stages
  - Non-standard working hours (i.e., nights, weekends, holidays)
  - A third-party safety audit and/or impact attenuation testing in the field (post install).
- Unless otherwise noted, the quoted installation charge assumes the following site conditions:
  - Adequate access to the site for vehicles and equipment.
  - A flat, level site (less than 1% grade) with no existing surfacing, drain rock, tree roots or other landscaping material.
  - Clear marking of play site borders and finished grade height.
  - Good soil conditions for excavation (i.e. no large rocks, tree roots, underground structures, etc.).
  - All underground utilities marked clearly by customer prior to installation crew arriving on-site and without those utilities interfering with necessary footing holes.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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DATE

01/08/2025

EXPIRATION

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PROJECT NAME

Simon Moon Park Phase 2

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KOMPAN CUSTOM	Custom Robinia Woodland Area KRS8201003	1	50,115.00	50,115.00
KOMPAN CUSTOM	Custom Robinia Sculpture Frog Eggs KRS8200779	1	43,049.00	43,049.00
KOMPAN CUSTOM	Custom Robinia Sculpture Tadpole KRS8200780	1	22,730.00	22,730.00
KOMPAN CUSTOM	Custom Robinia Sculpture Froglet KRS8200781	1	19,936.00	19,936.00
KOMPAN CUSTOM	Custom Robinia Sculpture Adult Frog KRS8200674	1	22,346.00	22,346.00
KOMPAN CUSTOM	Custom Multi Seesaw Insect Themed MOM163161-US	1	8,930.00	8,930.00
KOMPAN CUSTOM	Custom Robinia Creature find sign NRO932638	1	7,860.00	7,860.00
KOMPAN CUSTOM	Custom Robinia Log Nets with Slide KRS8200994	1	75,000.00	75,000.00
KOMPAN CUSTOM	Custom Robinia Swing, 1 basket cable seat, 2 belt and 1 infant seat NRO925-20288928	1	11,700.00	11,700.00
ELE400024-3717LG	SPINNER BOWL, LIME GREEN 90 CM IN-GROUND	1	1,260.00	1,260.00
PCM157-0205	KOMPAN WHEELCHAIR CAROUSEL, LIME - HPL DECK PLATE - In-ground 20cm	1	16,000.00	16,000.00
KOMPAN CUSTOM	Custom Robinia Sculpture Crane KRS8200999	1	237,977.00	237,977.00
M98401-1011	COCOWAVE PENDULUM SWING HDG/PC LIME GREEN	1	14,900.00	14,900.00
Omnia Discount	Omnia Discount KOMPAN equipment 19.9%	1	-105,828.80	-105,828.80
Freight	Freight KOMPAN equipment	1	40,255.00	40,255.00
Installation-Playground	Installation- KOMPAN Playground Equipment	1	97,158.00	97,158.00

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SUBTOTAL 807,916.20

See terms and conditions. Both this and the terms must be signed at time of order. Owner to ensure that the awarded GC will provide all site prep, concrete curb containment, dumpster, onsite security/fencing during installation and concrete wash out area. Owner must provide a nearby lay down area for use during installation as well as an access into the playground area containment.

TAX 0.00

Not included in the quote is removal of existing equipment, site prep for the new playground area, surrounding concrete work, drainage within the playground area, dumpster, fencing, permits or bonding.

TOTAL **\$807,916.20**

Accepted By

Accepted Date

# Memo

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DATE: February 5, 2025

RE: City of Westfield Parks Department's Special Purchase of Playground Equipment

Contractor Name: Recreation Insites, LLC

Amount and type of contract: Purchase contract for goods/equipment; \$807,916.20

Description of supplies purchased: See "Exhibit A"

Written Determination for Basis:

Pursuant to Ind. Code § 5-22-10-3, this special purchase is for Kompan playground equipment specifically described in Exhibit "A" ("Playground Equipment"). The Playground Equipment has been procured via Omnia Partners, pursuant to Ind. Code § 36-1-7-12 and Ind. Code § 5-22-4-7.

This purchase is being made at a substantial savings to the City of Westfield ("City") (Ind. Code § 5-22-10-5) and at a discount (Ind. Code § 5-22-10-12). While the market structure is based on price, the City was able to receive a price discount from Recreation Insites, LLC. Specifically, use of Omnia Partners allowed the Parks Department to purchase the Playground Equipment at a price 19.9% less than market price, with a 5% savings for installation and a 5% savings for surfacing. The cost savings for the City is more than \$123,812.80.

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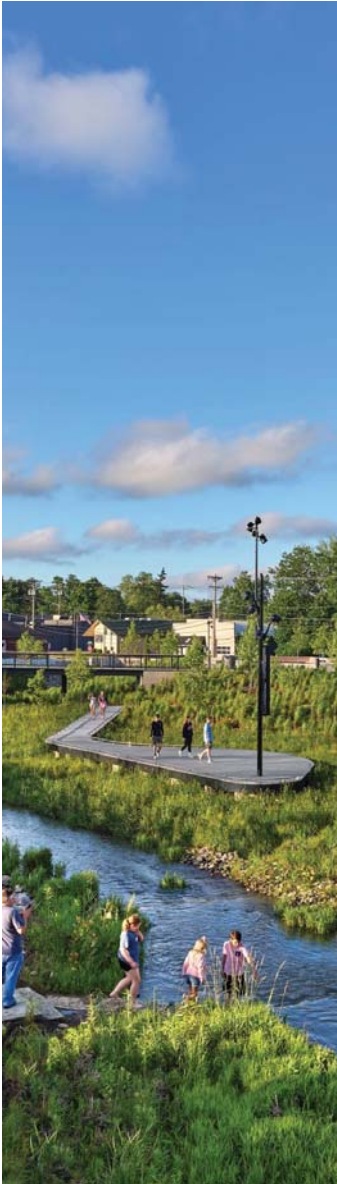
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# City of Westfield Parks & Recreation



## 5 Year Comprehensive Plan

City of Westfield, Indiana  
November 2024



# MASTER PLAN: 2024–2029

FEBRUARY 2025

## Westfield Parks and Recreation Board

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Mike Antrim  
Mike Hall  
Leanne Zentz

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## Assurance of Compliance

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Section 504  
Of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

WHEREAS, the Westfield Parks and Recreation Board is aware of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Public Law 88-352), the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (43 CFR 17); and, WHEREAS, The Westfield Parks and Recreation Department Board desires to comply with the regulations contained within said Acts,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE WESTFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD will abide by these guidelines and the Act.

Passed and signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of February, 2025.

WESTFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

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Julia Grimmer, President

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# Executive Summary

## Purpose

The purpose of the Five-Year Departmental Master Planning effort is to set the direction for the growth and development of the Westfield Parks & Recreation Department for years to come. With the establishment of the Department and completion of the initial Five-Year Plan, the city of Westfield is positioning itself to effectively offer the community the best recreational opportunities possible.

## Mission Statement

It is the Parks Department's mission to enhance the quality of life by connecting the residents and visitors of Westfield to each other, the natural environment, and unique recreation opportunities.

## Values

- Protect the Natural, Cultural and Historic resources of Westfield
- Collaborate and Connect with the community
- Enrich the community through connectivity
- Provide the highest level of recreation amenities

## Outcomes

The Master Planning process provided a great opportunity for the newly established Westfield Parks & Recreation Department to be introspective while looking toward the future. In reviewing the existing status of the Department, they are a strong, influential service provider for the community, belying their small size. Prior to the official establishment of the Parks Department, the City of Westfield operated its parks from within the Department of Public Works, so while standard operations are not new, moving forward strategically as a new department with a new Parks Board has given Westfield Parks the opportunity to reach out to its stakeholders and the public early on to assess their needs and concerns. Discussions throughout the process centered on continuing to provide high level programs and continuing to provide innovative and creative new opportunities for the community. The facilities provided by the Department are strong, while also looking toward opportunities to add to the Department's acreage and strategically position itself for future growth.

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**Draft plan completed:**  
November XX, 2024

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# Introduction

## Definition of the Planning Area

With a reported population of 58,410 in 2023, the city of Westfield is Indiana's fastest growing city, and the 6th fastest growing city in the US. Westfield city limits encompass more than 50% of the area within Westfield-Washington Township in Hamilton County.

As a northern suburb of Indianapolis, the service area for the City of Westfield is focused on the city limits, however it is understood that park users come from well beyond the city limits, throughout Washington Township (the likely future extent of city limits), from neighboring cities and towns, and beyond. Bordered on two sides by the cities of Carmel and Noblesville, plus the city edges of Fishers and Indianapolis are within about 5 miles of Westfield's city limits. The Grand Park sports complex, while not under the jurisdiction of Westfield Parks and Recreation, brings approximately 2.5 million visitors each year. In addition, the Monon trail traverses through Westfield and connects to many of Westfield's parks via adjacency or connecting trails, bringing additional visitors to many of its parks.

## Goals of the Plan

- Of the board...to accomplish in the next 5 years
  - As a newly established entity, define roles and responsibilities and continue to learn the responsibilities of the Board and Park Department
  - Get the board members established in their roles and develop best practices for procedures
  - Establish proper relationship with new Mayor and City Councilors
  - Connect with the community through the master plan and ongoing meetings and other community activities
- Of the parks & rec department...
  - Orderly transition from operating as a subset of DPW to a standalone department
  - Proper relationship between Park Staff and Board
  - Develop and evolve budget in conjunction with Board
  - Establish appropriate staffing model and fill new positions with experienced staff focused on propelling the Department forward
  - Strategic development of resources, including current developed and undeveloped parks, and project future needs for park development
  - Explore opportunities for program development and events in cooperation with like minded civic agencies and park departments
- Goals from the 2022 plan were:
  - Complete the master plan to become officially recognized by IDNR and become eligible for future grant opportunities.
  - Provide easy access to parks, trails, and recreational amenities for all residents of Westfield.
  - Focus on opportunities to add park land to the City's inventory, planning for future growth.
  - Work to complete connectivity of primary trails throughout the city, while continuing to increase connectivity of bikeways and pedestrian paths.
  - Prepare for capital and departmental improvements for the next 5 years with an eye toward the future [beyond].

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# The Park Board / Department

## Mission

Enhancing the Quality of Life by connecting the residents and visitors of Westfield to each other, the natural environment, and unique recreation opportunities.

## Values

- Protect – the Natural, Cultural, and Historic resources of Westfield.
- Collaborate and Connect – with the community
- Enrich – the community through connectivity
- Provide – the highest level of recreation amenities

## Comprehensive Plan Goals

1. Continue to explore and encourage new and innovative partnerships
2. Determine if there are underserved areas of the township and explore opportunities to acquire land and/or facilities.
3. Explore opportunities for trail connectivity throughout the township
4. Evaluate the success and viability of existing programs and facilities.
5. Recognizing that our area is served by multiple recreation providers, continue efforts to coordinate activities in order to provide the best possible parks and recreation service to our community.
6. Continue ongoing maintenance improvements to our existing facilities.

The Board for the Westfield Parks and Recreation department was officially started in January of 2024. Previously, the City operated a Park Department within the Department of Public Works, with responsibilities for park property within the city and dedicated park staff holding responsibilities for other operations within the city's planning department, tree/plant maintenance, as well as operations and maintenance of the more traditional park properties and named trails. The City has conducted previous 5 Year Master Plans focused on parks and recreation, primarily functioning to determine growth patterns and needs associated with the requirements to establish and update their Park Impact Fee ordinance, as recently as 2022. Being a new Department, this is the first Comprehensive Master Plan incorporating the requirements of the IDNR guidelines for Five Year Parks and Recreation Master Plans. This plan utilizes data gathered and presented in the 2022 and previous plans, and incorporates the additional details and requirements of IDNR, including updated public input processes, stakeholder input, and more detailed look at broader features impacting

## Park Board Members

### Julia Grimmer, President

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Julia is the new President of the Westfield Parks and Recreation Board. She is also Associate General Counsel at Optum. She is an Indiana native and graduate of Indiana University McKinney School of Law and Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health. As a corporate healthcare attorney, Julia supports businesses engaged in care delivery and population risk management. Outside of the office, Julia is an active member on multiple governing boards and is a hands-on volunteer with local habitat restoration efforts. She serves on the boards of Westfield Green Together and Covering Kids, and Families of Inaian, Inc., where she is also Governance Committee Chair. Julia volunteers throughout the year as a Park Steward at MacGregor Park in Westfield and for her home owners' association. She is the current President of the Westfield Parks and Recreation Board. Julia is motivated to demonstrate for her daughter a commitment to community service and that there are opportunities for all kids to be enriched through connections to nature.

Term expires – 2027

### Kurtis Baumgartner, Vice President

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Kurtis serves as the new Vice President of the Westfield Parks and Recreation Board, and resides in Westfield, Indiana with his wife Kaitlin and their three children. He is a passionate advocate for enhancing services that support community vitality and well-being. Beyond the Westfield Parks board, Baumgartner has over 20 years of experience in parks and recreation and is a Certified Park and Recreation Executive (CPRE), establishing him among the elite in parks and recreation leadership. As Chief Operating Officer

for Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation (CCPR), Baumgartner oversees an award-winning agency recognized for its commitment to community engagement, innovative programming, and operational excellence. Baumgartner holds an MBA from Indiana Wesleyan University and a bachelor's degree in Sports Management and Marketing from Goshen College. He also served nine years in the US Navy Reserve and was the honor graduate of boot camp and "A" school, and received the military excellence award.  
Term expires -2028

### **Mike Antrim, Mayoral Appointee**

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Mike Antrim is a Mayoral appointee on the Westfield Parks and Recreation Board. He has been a resident of Hamilton County since 1972 and has been a lawyer with Hamilton County's oldest and largest law firm, Church, Church, Hittle + Antrim, since his admission to the bar in 1975. Mike and his wife, both of their children, and all of their grandchildren proudly call Hamilton County home.  
Term expires - 2025

### **Mike Hall, School Board Appointee**

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Mike Hall serves as the Westfield Washington School Board appointee to the Westfield Parks & Recreation Board. He serves as the Director of Operations at Westfield Washington Schools, bringing over 20 years of experience in educational administration. Known for his strategic vision and collaborative leadership style, Hall oversees vital district functions, including transportation, food services, safety, custodial services, and facilities management. Previously, he served as Principal at both Westfield Middle School and Monon Trail Elementary, where he led transformative initiatives to enhance school culture and foster community partnerships. Hall has several advanced degrees in education and administration, including Educational Doctorate (ABD) and Educational Specialist degrees from Oakland City University, MBAE from University of Indianapolis, MA in Education from Indiana Wesleyan University and a BA in Elementary Education from Purdue University.  
Term expires - 2028

### **LeAnne Zentz, Mayoral Appointee**

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Blurb about LeAnne.

Term expires - 2026

LeAnne Zentz is an Indiana native, growing up in rural Shelby County in a small town called Boggstown. She graduated from Butler University '89, BA Business Administration. LeAnne and her husband Randy have resided in Westfield for 29 years. They have 3 adult daughters Sarah, Lauren and Abby. LeAnne enjoys her work at as a Real Estate Broker with Berkshire Hathaway. In her spare time, LeAnne loves to be outside in the garden and is dedicated to restoring native habitat for all wildlife especially pollinators. She and Randy embarked on a new venture in cut flower farming in 2024. LeAnne also volunteers as the Holiday New Toy Coordinator for Open Doors Food Pantry.

## **Park Department**

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## **Current Programs**

The Park Department has traditionally focused its efforts on properties and trails. A separate department within the City has put on community based events. Transitional park programming has been minimal through Westfield, focusing on partnerships and collaboration with overlapping and adjacent agencies and departments. The Westfield Washington Township Park Department has excelled in providing park programming at their own facilities as well as within Westfield Parks. The local Library has a good offering of programs, as do the Schools, youth sports organizations, Hamilton County Parks (operating 3 parks within the Township), and other adjacent park departments.

As the department grows, the initial intention based on feedback from the Board, Staff, and stakeholders, they would like to grow in their offerings, focusing on programs and events that aren't duplicative of programs provided by others. Initial focus will be coordinating with like minded agencies and collaborate on the best offerings available to the community, and allow the most appropriate entity to pursue those offerings.

## **Facility Inventory**

The Westfield Parks & Recreation Department currently manages 9 developed parks, 4 undeveloped parks, which total about 175 acres. In addition, it manages 16.5 miles of named trails. The City's DPW operates connecting trails, side paths, multi-use paths, and sidewalks providing an additional 70 miles of connectivity throughout the city and between recreation amenities and parks. With the rapid growth of Westfield's population, it has not been able to keep up with a proportional amount of green and park space.

# Budget

## 2024 Budget Summary

The Westfield Parks & Recreation budget is primarily funded through the General Fund (property taxes), with very little funding from property taxes. The COIT tax can be inconsistent as income tax revenue fluctuates with the economy.

Over the last four years the Department's Operating Budget has increased at a rate of XX-YY% per year, primarily in cost of personnel services. This is a direct reflection of the new administration's dedication to parks and quality of life amenities.

Over the last four years, \$8.75 million has been spent on Capital Projects primarily focused on the development of trails, restroom, habitat restoration, and site amenities at Simon Moon Park. Approximately \$1,300,000 of that total was used to fund design fees for the Simon Moon project.

[Generally describe other sources of funding to correspond to the table below.]

Each year the staff compiles a list of major capital priorities. The current list includes the following projects:

Staff Priority	Est. Cost
1. Simon Moon Park, Phase II	\$5.5M
2. Grand Junction Band Shell	\$7.5M
3. Freedom Trail Restroom & Field Improvements	\$2.3M
4. West and North Master Planning & Improvements	\$20.0M
5. Osborne Park Master Planning & Improvements	\$4.4M
6. Newby Property Improvements	\$11.5M
7. Armstrong Park Masterplan & Improvements	\$5.5M
8. Trail Connectivity	\$10.0M

Year	Operations & Programming	Maintenance	Capital Projects
2022 (Expenses within DPW)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$700,000.00
2023 (Expenses within DPW)	\$621,399.00	\$1,134,250.00	\$1,150,000.00
2024 First year with independant board	\$1,007,814.00	\$1,134,250.00	\$6,900,000.00
2025 (projected) Projectd Budget	\$1,024,522.00	\$2,417,424.00	\$6,500,000.00

Table 1: Westfield Parks & Recreation Operating Budget

# Giving and Foundation Information

The Department offers a variety of opportunities for the community to engage in philanthropy through the Parks. The following opportunities are listed on the department's website and available to the community:

## Gifts

- Land donations are just one way to help the city build parks for all of our citizens to use.
- Gifts of money, the most popular method of charitable giving.
- Tree donations and dedications
- Gifts of certain property such as stocks, bonds and mutual funds.
- Estate gifts such as will bequests, life insurance, retirement plans, and other planning vehicles that may offer exceptional opportunities for leaving a lasting legacy for others.

Other opportunities for designated gifts through Westfield's online campaign include:

- Arbor day tree planting
- Osborne Bark Park development
- Prairie support
- Trail donations
- General Parks and Recreation donations

## Foundation

Public input has indicated interest in a 'friends of group' or park foundation for Westfield Parks. This will continue to be researched by local volunteers in conjunction with Park Staff and City Administration.

## Other Recreation Providers

There are nine different park departments throughout Hamilton County, with 3 overlapping jurisdiction in Westfield. Westfield Parks, Washington Township Parks, and Hamilton County Parks all have parkland and trails in and around Westfield. This can be confusing to the public at times, but all work together along with neighboring departments to provide high quality parks and recreation amenities to residents. Each department has its own focus and specialties, with some focusing on nature and natural history, others on programming and events, and many on active and passive recreation.

Several parks owned and operated by other civil entities are situated within Westfield's city limits. Westfield-Washington Township owns MacGregor Park and provides recreational services within the park and throughout the township, including classes for all ages and summer camps. Hamilton County operates three parks within Westfield's City planning jurisdiction—Cool Creek Park, Bray Family Homestead Park, and HC Farms—and provides many recreational activities throughout its parks system.

Other recreation providers include several school entities and private recreation providers and amenities. The City is served by the Westfield Washington Schools, as well as St. Maria Goretti School, a Montessori School, and the Union Bible College. Also, Guerin Catholic High School is located on the eastern boundary of the Township in Noblesville, but attracts students from throughout the County. Private recreation providers include Grand Park, YMCA, and a pickleball/racket club currently under development. Many of the neighborhoods within Westfield provide recreational amenities such as community pools, playgrounds, sports courts, open green space and other amenities as well. Some private businesses offer recreation amenities as well, such as a brewery/distillery that offers a dog park currently under development. While the schools and private entities are not public amenities, they do provide additional recreational resources within the community.

## Natural Features and Landscape

### Topography

The topography in Westfield and Hamilton County in general is very flat, and has a long history of agriculture. Prior to significant agricultural development, the area was heavily wooded and contained large marsh lands. With developing agricultural practices, much of the old growth woodlands were removed and the wetland areas were significantly drained. This allowed for intensive agriculture throughout the city, and eventually led to extensive residential and commercial development throughout the southern and eastern portions of the city. Planning and Zoning efforts have been developed to try to preserve some of the agricultural heritage and open space throughout the city. Ultimately, for recreation purposes, there are few topographic obstacles to developing passive and active recreation spaces, as long as land can be acquired and preserved before or in concurrence with further commercial and residential development pressures. In order to create geographically 'interesting' landscapes, 'cut and fill' or imported soil is required.

### Geology and Soils

Three major soil types make up most of the city's soil structure: Crosby Brookston, Miami Crosby, and Shoals Genessee. Most soil types found in the city are typically poorly drained and have issues with wetness, which can have significant limitations on construction and recreation uses, including campgrounds, picnic areas, play areas, paths, and trails. However, through appropriate site design, many of these limitations can be overcome for the development of recreational amenities.

### Water Resources

Though the entire city of Westfield is within the drainage basin of the west fork or the White River, it has very few water resources. Cool Creek and Little Eagle Creek are the only significant natural waterways within the city. There are several small streams and regulated drainage ways that have been channelized or manipulated to better accommodate agricultural and man-made development drainage. There are no significant lakes or ponds within the city beyond those created as part of commercial or residential development, or in private ownership. Seasonal flooding can occur here. To mitigate some of the seasonal flooding, portions of Grand Junction Plaza were designed to play a triple role in regional stormwater management, creek restoration, and recreation.

### Forest and Vegetation Resources

Many of the old growth forests have been removed as agricultural development and subsequent commercial and residential development has spread throughout the city. Some pockets of forested area left are typically found in the agricultural areas as left over farm plots or small unfarmable wetlands. Other wooded areas have been protected by park development. The city has a wide variety of hardwood species, however the Emerald Ash Borer has killed or damaged a good portion of the ash trees in the area. Thus, care is being taken when planting trees in parks or with reforestation efforts to provide a diversity of species and eliminate ash from the plant palette.

# Man-Made, Cultural, and Historical Resources

## Westfield Parks Department History

The Westfield Parks and Recreation Department was formed in January, 2024 by the Common Council of the City of Westfield Ordinance 24-08, which passed with a vote of 7-0-0. Original board members are Mike Antrim, Kurtis Baumgartner, Julia Grimmer, and LeAnne Zentz. The school board appointee is Mike Hall. Chris McConnell is the first Park Director. Prior to the creation of the Parks Department, Chris McConnell was the Superintendent of Parks. Parks operations were formerly embedded within the Public Works Department.

Westfield Parks and Recreation manages eleven city parks and five named trails, including nearly eight miles of the Monon Trail as it passes through Westfield. Not including sidewalks, there are over 85 miles of trails throughout the city.

Grand Park is a 400+ acre sports campus, which includes over 30 multi-purpose fields, more than 25 diamonds, and an indoor events center. It is also the location of the Indianapolis Colts training camp. Although Grand Park is located in Westfield, it is managed separately from the rest of the city parks, and is therefore only mentioned briefly in this report. The City holds major events at Grand Park, such as Westfield Rocks the 4th, where large crowds are expected.

## Transportation Links

Westfield is well developed with good transportation corridors, including US 31, SR 38, SR 32, and a very accessible network of accessible thoroughfares and local roads. A trail network has also been developed throughout the city. Recent planning and zoning updates are also requiring developers to include networks of trails and multi-use paths with any new commercial or residential development. This will be important to all local parks to plan for and implement connections between new developments and along existing streets, especially to connect local parks, schools, shopping, and residential areas.

## Industry in Westfield

Prior to the turn of the century, agriculture was the primary industry in the northwestern portion of Hamilton County and Westfield-Washington Township. As agricultural land has been sold, much of it has been incorporated into Westfield's city limits. Along with this growth of the city, the agricultural lands have been converted to commercial and residential uses. The population and area within Westfield have increased more than 3-fold since the year 2000. Growing with the population, high intensity retail has also increased, mainly following the main thoroughfares through the city, especially along US31 which became a limited access interstate highway in 2019, and along US32 at the intersection of US31. Moderate density housing has in-filled much of the agriculture land outside of the commercial corridors. The city maintains a 'no annexation' policy, yet as agricultural land within Westfield-Washington Township become available, Westfield offers the new owners an option to be added to the corporate city limits. In anticipation of significant and continuing growth, the city has created Planning and Zoning regulations that encourage preservation of natural and cultural resources. Although healthcare, social services and retail establishments make up just over 30% of Westfield's businesses, no single industry dominates. Professional, hospitality, construction, financial services, and manufacturing comprise the next third of businesses. Less than one percent of businesses Westfield's city limits are classified as agricultural.

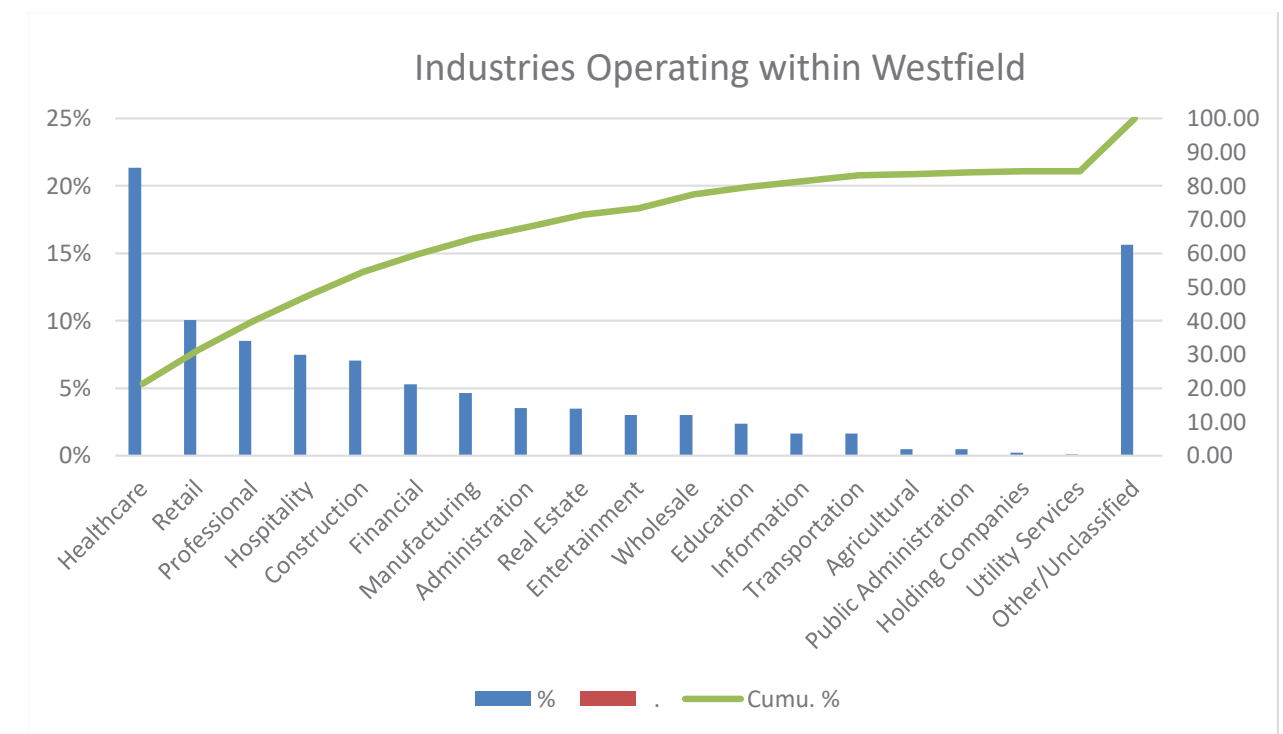


Figure 1: A wide variety of businesses operate in Westfield. Healthcare, retail and professional services comprise the top three.

## Cultural Resources & History

Westfield has a strong agricultural history and deep-seated Quaker and Methodist roots. The area was well known as a stop for the Underground Railroad before the Civil War from the 1830's through 1863. As the city developed, religion was a centerpiece of the community, resulting in many small churches that can still be found throughout the area. The Town of Westfield was incorporated in 1834 and officially became classified as a city in 2008.

The City is served by the Westfield Washington School District, as well as St. Maria Goretti Catholic School, the Union Bible College, and [three] Montessori Schools. Guerin Catholic High School is located just beyond the eastern city limits in Noblesville, and attracts students from Westfield.

### Arts

The City of Westfield hosts Movies in the Plaza on selected Fridays during the summer months. An Amateur Theater Company, Main Street Productions, is located in Westfield.

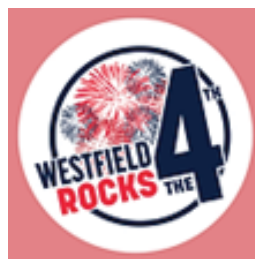
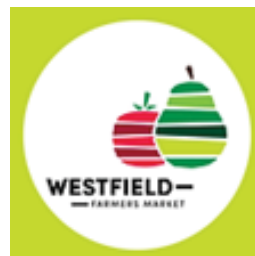
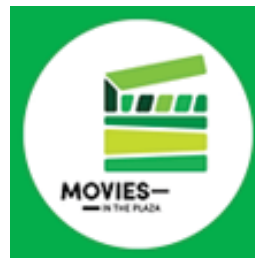
### Music

Since the opening of Grand Junction Plaza, the city of Westfield has used the space to host many events, such as Jams at the Junction and Cuisine, Connect, Culture (music, dance and crafts).

### Festivals and Events

In addition to arts and music activities, Grand Junction Plaza is a central hub for many Westfield events and activities, such as the Westfield Farmers Market, Creek Stomps, Trick or Treating at the Plaza, Westfield Lights, the Shamrock Drop, and the Just for Kids summer series. Other popular events include Barktober Fest, held at Asa Bales Park; the Donut Trail, held along Westfield trails with purveyors of sweets around Westfield; and the annual Melt the Trail 5K. During the summer months, "creek stomps" are offered at Cool Branch Creek as it flows through Grand Junction Plaza.

Larger scale events, such as Westfield Rocks the 4th, are held at Grand Park.



# Social and Economic Factors

## (Population Analysis from the 2020 US Census)

### Population (2010 – 2020 with forecast)

Hamilton County has long been one of the fastest growing counties in the State and in the Nation. With Indianapolis and Carmel to the south, Noblesville to the east, and Fishers to the southeast, the growth began migrating north and northwestward through the county into Westfield. The city has seen rapid growth in both new commercial and residential development. Year-to-year growth between 2021 and 2023 has been 7.7%. A population forecast report for Westfield Washington Schools (McKibben Demographic Research, LLC. Population and Enrollment Forecasts, 2022–2023 Through 2031–32) estimated the school district's population would be 62,360 in 2030, however by midyear in 2024, the population was already reported at 61,323 (source: <https://worldpopulationreview.com> ). Given current growth trends, it is likely that Westfield will exceed the estimated population noted above by 2025. If the population growth is to slow slightly to 5% per year for the next five years, Westfield's population will likely exceed 80,000 by 2030 (See Chart 2). Westfield practices a 'no forced annexation' policy. Instead, as unincorporated property within Westfield Washington Township is sold, the owner is offered the opportunity to be encompassed within the city limits. As a result, the area of Westfield has grown from 26.84 square miles in 2010 to 31.10 square miles in 2020, a 15.87% increase.

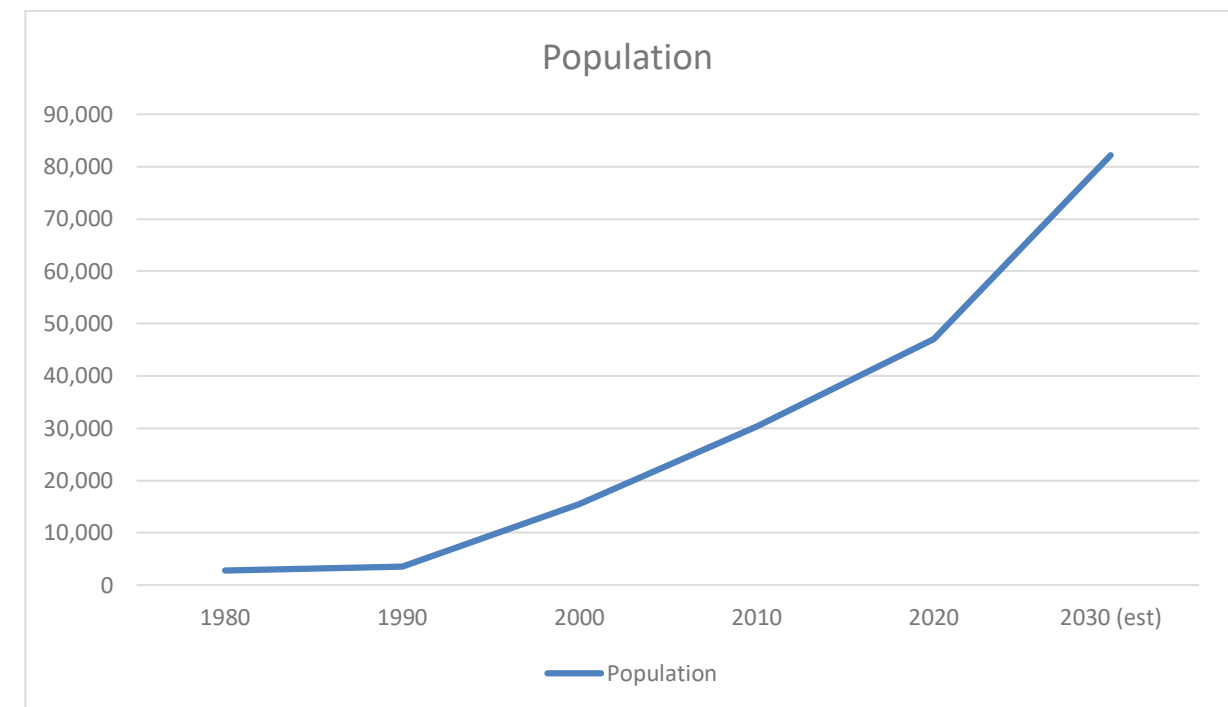


Figure 2: The population of Westfield has more than doubled since 2008.

## Demographic Information

As of the 2020 census, the city's population was 46,410. It should be noted that while the city's population has increased by approximately 30% since the 2020 census (currently over 60,000 people), the most recent data available, shown below is from the 2020 US census.

	Westfield	Indiana	US
<b>Social Characteristics</b>			
# of households	20,369	3,007,605	
# of families	15,231	2,653,596	
Average Household Size	2.69	2.49	2.55
Average Family Size	3.06	3.16	3.13
<b>Economics</b>			
Median Household Income	\$117,519	\$66,785	\$75,149
Per Capita Income	\$58,223	\$51,716	\$41,261
Individuals Below Poverty Level	4.1%	12.6%	11.5%
<b>Housing</b>			
Owner Occupied	79.8%	70.8%	64.8%
Renter Occupied	20.2%	29.2%	35.2%
<b>Education</b>			
High School Graduate	97.2%	90.4%	91.1%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	57.8%	29.6%	34.3%
<b>Race</b>			
White	84.0%	97.7%	75.3%
Black/African American	3.3%	12.4%	13.7%
American Indian	0.2%	0.5%	1.3%
Asian	3.3%	3.2%	6.4%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.1%	0.1%	0.3%
Other	2.8%	5.0%	--
Two or More Races	6.3%	8.3%	3.1%
Hispanic/Latino	6.5%	10.6%	19.5%

Table 2: Westfield's demographics, compared to Indiana and the US.

## Economics in Westfield

The current employment rate in Westfield is 97%, which is ten percentage points higher than Indiana. Many Westfield residents work outside the city limits. 1,844 establishments in Westfield employ 15,661 people. Seventy percent of those establishments each employ fewer than five people. Only 3 employers in Westfield have more than 500 employees, and none employ more than 1,000.

## Housing

The number of housing units in Westfield continues to grow at 3.75% per year. Out of more than 20,000 dwellings, 76.96% are owner-occupied and 23.04% renter-occupied. Slightly more than 97% of all housing units are occupied. The median home cost is \$489,000 as of June 2024, compared to a \$246,289 in Indiana.

## Education

Overall, the citizens of Westfield are well-educated. More than 95% of adults are high school graduates. More than 50% of its citizens hold a Bachelor's degree or higher. Westfield's public school system includes six elementary schools (grades K-4), one intermediate school (grades 5 & 6), one middle school (grades 7 & 8), and one high school (grades 9 - 12). With just under 10,000 students, the district is one of the top-rated public-school systems in Indiana. The US News and World Report Best High Schools report ranked Westfield High School 432nd in the nation and 8th in Indiana, with a score of 97.55 out of 100.

## Socio-economic Summary

Hamilton County and the City of Westfield each have lower than average overall racial diversity compared to Indiana and the US, though it is trending towards a more diverse population. For example, the percentage of Asian residents increased from 2.9% to 3.3% between 2010 to 2020.

It has higher average household income compared to state averages. The City has seen rapid growth in population and housing through 2023 (latest numbers reported), and is projected to continue growing over the next decade. Based on our public survey results, nearly 72% of respondents reported a household income greater than \$120,000. While poverty is not a significant issue in Westfield, the Department has, and will continue to provide discounts for services and programs on a case-by-case basis to accommodate special circumstances for those in need.

## Self-evaluation on current accessibility

In 2015 the City of Westfield completed an ADA Self Evaluation and Transition Plan which evaluated public facilities, buildings, parks, walks, trails, and other City owned amenities, including those open to the public and identified by the City as having programs or services provided by the City. The Transition plan includes a detailed inventory of issues with recommendations, many of which have been implemented, to address issues for each facility and feature evaluated. The Self Evaluation and Transition Plan are available on the City's website.

## Public Notice of ADA Requirements

The City of Westfield resolved to post required information regarding the ADA coordinator, notice under the Americans with Disabilities Act, and City of Westfield Government Grievance Procedure under the Americans with Disabilities Act on its website and other such locations as determined from time to time.

## ABA/ADA Rehab

### Act: Section 504

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## Statement of Accessibility

The Westfield Mayor's Council on Disabilities (WMCD) was established in 2022, and has been continued under the current administration and chaired by Nicole Southerland, with a mission to positively impact the lives of people with disabilities in Westfield by promoting lifecycle planning, inclusion, and access. The WMCD will address current challenges people with disabilities in Westfield face and uncover quality solutions to break down barriers. The WMCD was established in 2022 to proactively address barriers impeding the lives of people with disabilities in Westfield through education, advocacy, and awareness events that increase overall disability awareness in the community.

[The] City of Westfield is committed to inclusion and universal access in all of its services and programs.

The Department has reviewed its facilities and programs as part of this planning effort. Recent construction projects all park properties focused on ADA Guidelines to ensure all new facilities met the requirements. The following items are noted:

- Policies: Park Rules and Regulations plus Facility Use and Rental Requirements – compliant with ADA except for availability of Braille copies of some documents (or alternatives, such as electronic copies or on CD-ROM).
- Recreation Programs and Activities: Youth; Senior; School Cooperation Program; Adult and Family Programs – ADA compliant.
- • Westfield Park System Sites and Facilities – ADA compliant with an effort toward universal accessibility except for some areas within parks that are lawn, wooded, or other natural features that by their nature cannot meet ADA guidelines.

## Current Accessibility

Westfield Parks has accessible walkways, picnic areas and restrooms in parks and facilities. Every activity available in the Department's parks has been developed to be accessible to as many people as possible through one means or another. Information about accessibility to programs, services, and facilities, as well as potential accommodations are posted in conspicuous locations in each building owned and operated by the Department. Persons that have questions about the posted accessibility information are welcome to call the park staff at: (317) 804-3150 anytime during business hours.

While all of Westfield's parks offer full ADA compliance, with most offering universal accessibility, Freedom Trail Park goes a step farther. The all-inclusive playground, along with the sensory garden, is specifically designed for children of all abilities and to provide a chance for all children to learn and grow while playing together. During the design of the play area, the Hamilton County Autism Support Group (HCASG) worked with the City of Westfield to ensure the features included are ones that children on the autism spectrum would prefer. An example is the inclusion of spinning and twirling features within the park's design. The equipment was built so more than one individual in a wheelchair can pass on the wide ramp system leading

to all play features. The swings also include handicap accessible swings instead of platform swings. The surfacing of the playground area, including the swing set, is artificial turf. Freedom Trail Park's all-inclusive playground and sensory garden were the first of their kind in the State of Indiana. It continues to be upgraded with new features and amenities in keeping with its goal.

## Proposed Accessibility

The Department shall focus its efforts with future developments to meet or exceed all ADA Guidelines and regulations. This shall include park development, picnic shelters, furnishings, playgrounds, pathways, trails, equipment, and other new amenities. The Department will also strive to maintain accessibility to all existing facilities, programs, and information.

The City has also developed and conducted an Accessibility Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan utilizing resources from the Department of Justice as a guide. This will be used regularly to review existing parks facilities for ADA compliance.

### ADA contact information:

Michael Pearce, PE, Title VI Program Manager  
2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, IN 46074  
317-419-1594  
mpearce@westfield.in.gov

Compliance information and complaint forms can be found on Westfield's website, [www.westfield.in.gov](http://www.westfield.in.gov)

# Public Participation

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### Public Participation

A combination of public meeting input and survey responses comprise Westfield’s public participation to date for the five-year master plan. Residents of Westfield have traditionally shown a significant interest in parks and recreation and readily supported requests for input. As part of the preparation of this plan, a public meeting was held on September 17, 2024. An online public survey was conducted between September 26 and October 14, 2024. Additional public participation is planned for late 2024 and early 2025, when drafts of the five-year master plan will be presented for public review and comment.

### Public Input

The Department sought a variety of public input in the development of the plan. First, the Board created a 5 Year Master Plan Committee, consisting of park board members, park staff, and community leaders. This group met [enter dates and typical meeting length]. The group provided guidance for the planning process, including reviewing the department’s vision, mission, and plan goals, engaging public input, providing input to the needs analysis, priorities, and ultimately the action plan. Through the planning process, the department conducted a Public Input Survey, held a Public Input Meeting, held several Stakeholder meetings, and conducted a Public Presentation of the Plan.

### Public Input Survey

The Public Input Survey was open to the public between September 26 and October 14, 2024, via the on-line via Survey Monkey with links sent out through all of the department and the City’s email lists through web blasts, as well as via all the City’s and Neighborhoods’ Social Media platforms, other city agencies, and the department’s website. QR codes were posted at each at a variety of venues throughout the city as well. The survey consisted of 24 questions and sub-questions on the parks department, parks, trails and programs/events as well as 6 additional demographic questions, and can be found in Appendix 01. Detailed survey results are presented in Appendix 02.

We received 524 responses, representing over 1035 people within respondents households, to the survey and have reviewed the following data to help establish our action plan, priorities, and implementation strategies. A summary of the results are as follows:

- The most-visited parks were Quaker Park and Grand Junction Plaza and Park
- The most-traveled trails were the Monon and Midland Trace.
- Respondents voiced a desire for Agri-Parks and Art Gardens.
- The pickleball force is strong within the city.

A public survey was also completed for the 2022 master plan. The public survey received 232 responses in March & April of 2022. Respondents indicated a desire for additional basketball and pickleball courts, and ranked nature preserves/natural areas, trails, playgrounds, and picnic shelters highest when asked what amenities they would like to see added or developed within Westfield Parks. In general, respondents felt that Westfield Parks are well maintained and appreciate the extent of trail connectivity, but would like to see safer trail crossings and planning for preservation of natural areas. Generally the results were consistent with the updated 2024 survey.

## Stakeholder Meetings

Several meetings were held between May and November 2023 with the Park Director, previous Township Trustee (now Chief of Staff for the City), and the current Township Trustee, and community members prior to the establishment of the Park Board, with additional meetings held between January and June of 2024 as the Park Board Ordinance was adopted, members appointed, and board meetings got underway. Throughout this time, a new Mayor was elected, along with a full slate of new City Council Members. Prior to them taking office, a meeting was held to discuss the viability of establishing an official Park Board, what structure it might take, and introducing the need and processes associated with a Five Year Master Plan. Many of those discussions revolved around the structure of the proposed park department, potential involvement with the Township, and structure of the planning process. At those meetings, the development of a stakeholder group was discussed and determined to include some park board members, some city council members, and other community members known to be active and involved with the City's parks.

The first stakeholder meetings was held on August 28th, scheduled from 6:30 until 8:30, and lasted until after 9:00pm at the City Services Center. The second stakeholder meeting is scheduled to be held at the Parks Board's December meeting on December 4, 2024. Face to face meetings were held with [fill in the names, titles, dates and times of each face to face meeting.] The following were general comments, results, and potential action items from those meetings:

- There is a need for park space in the northwest corner of the city.
- Individual parks were discussed along with the needs for each, as perceived by each stakeholder.
- The overall impressions of the new parks department are favorable, although time is needed for the new board to come fully up to speed.
- Restroom facilities are needed at several park locations that currently have only port-a-lets or no facilities at all.

### 2022 Stakeholder Meeting

In the master planning effort in 2022, a stakeholder meeting was held with the Mayor, three City Council Members, the Park Director, and the Chief of Staff. While there has been some change in City administration and the creation of a new Park Board has occurred, much of the intent and outcome of these meetings and efforts are appropriate to today.

The purpose of the planning process was discussed to provide a road map for priorities and development over the next 5 years, while also considering long term needs for park development within Westfield. The role and use of Park Impact Fees was discussed, with discussions given to the rapidly developing areas in

the western portions of the City. Developer commitments for paths and trails as well as green space and recreational amenities have been incorporated into Zoning requirements, and most existing and planned neighborhoods have amenities such as pools, playgrounds, courts, and other park-like amenities. While these are not considered Public Parks or Amenities, it was noted that recreation opportunities are provided in many, especially wealthier, communities. Focus is still strong to provide good connectivity and public parks and recreation amenities.

While many of the wealthier communities provide private or semi public amenities, it is critical to continue to provide for current residents throughout the city, with special consideration for older, smaller, and denser neighborhoods that rely more heavily on public parks and trails.

The group discussed opportunities for further development of existing resources, but focused much of the discussion on proactively acquiring property in key locations to serve the growing areas of the city. This is key in the western areas where growth is predominant and city park property is minimal. Maintaining high levels of maintenance, upkeep, and service throughout existing parks and trails is extremely important. Continuing to connect trails and bike/pedestrian paths throughout the city is also a high priority with much already in detailed planning stages.

One element that will not be decided prior to the completion of this plan is the status of Grand Park. The City has received interest from several entities regarding operations and/or purchase of the property, which could result in loss of access of some fields to Westfield Youth Sports. Accommodating that need in the event of a sale or change of operations needs to be considered as decisions progress regarding Grand Park.

### Key Themes

- Property Acquisition
- Development of un/underdeveloped properties
- Reservable shelters
- Splash pads
- Providing Shade at facilities
- Passive Parks/Preserve Undeveloped, Natural areas
- Discussions have been floated between the Township and the City regarding the future of MacGregor Park, with the potential for the City to acquire the park
- The City is not focused on park programming as that is a saturated market with surrounding Departments and community groups, but rather focus on passive/self-directed park amenities
- Possibility of Grand Park being sold [since has been placed under different private operational organization], and potential preparation for Parks to provide fields

### Priorities

- Land Acquisition - Proactive acquisition where possible
- Complete Simon Moon Park Development
- Development of Armstrong & Osborne Parks
- Completion of items at Grand Park
- Accommodate increasing pressure on Splash pads and Shelters
- Be good stewards of Tax Dollars afforded to run the Department
- Department staffing is low compared to peers

## Public Input Meetings

A public meeting was held on September 17th, 2024, scheduled from 7:00 to 8:30 pm, however the meeting lasted until after 9:00pm at the Westfield Library. It was attended by 26 residents, 1 park board members, 1 city councilor, and 1 staff. Notice of the meeting was advertised per the City’s public notice policies online and in the local paper the week prior and invitations were sent out via email to all email addresses in the department’s and City’s databases. The sign-in sheet is attached in the appendix.

The meeting focused on Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Constraints, and as the discussion flowed, each of those categories flowed into one another. Everyone in attendance had attended programs or were frequent visitors of Westfield city parks or trails. Everyone was very supportive and complementary of the Department, facilities, and programs. Generally, recommendations and results of the discussions are included in full meeting notes in the Appendix. General summary of comments, questions, and input included:

- [Provide a summary of comments.]

## Initial Public Presentation of the Plan

The final drafts of the plan were available to the public at the [Enter location(s)] between [enter starting and ending dates]. The Final Draft was approved by the Park Board in a joint meeting with the Township Board at a meeting at 8:30am on December 7, 2010. Contact information and comment sheets were made available. No public comments were received during that time. The Final Document will be placed on the Department’s website and will continue to be available to the community at their offices. Comments are always welcome and will be incorporated into any plan revisions and future efforts.

## Summary/Comparison of Public Input

## Final Public Presentation of the Plan

### Needs Analysis & Priorities

Park Board-created facility standards (or created by IDNR, NPRA, etc.)

Needs indicated by standards analysis

Needs indicated by analysis of public input

Needs indicated by park board

Needs indicated by stakeholders or partners

Needs indicated by analysis of data, brainstormed solutions, and ideas from the early scoping sections of the plan

### Public Survey Results

Westfield City Parks & Recreation Department conducted an online survey between the dates of September 26, 2024 and October 14, 2024. A total of 524 responses were received. The survey was only conducted in an online format; no printed surveys were mailed or distributed. See Appendix 3 for a summary of the survey responses.

# Parks and Trails

## Existing and New Facilities

The planning area coincides with the corporate boundaries of the city of Westfield. It is understood that the city parks are utilized by people beyond the corporate limits, and the planning process has taken that into consideration. However, the focus of the planning process is on residents and taxpayers within the city. It is anticipated that the city will continue growth to the north and west and long term may overlap the entire township. The City's growth will come through voluntary annexation as development and growth continues.

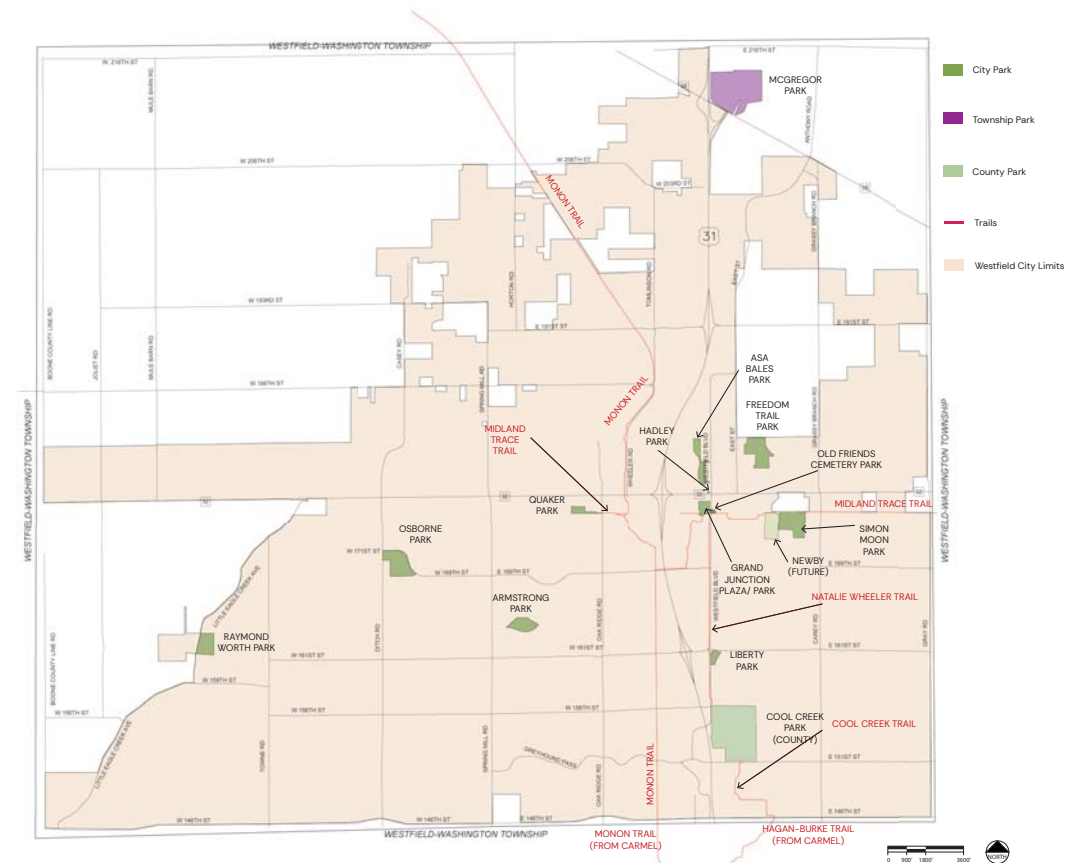


Figure 3: A map of Westfield City limits and parks within the limits.

The planning area is 31.1 square miles and has an irregular border due to voluntary annexation practices. Please refer to Appendix 1 for a more detailed city and regional map.

















Westfield has a central downtown with locally owned businesses. The town has a rich history that includes a role as a stop on the Underground Railroad. Citizens of Westfield value a low crime rate, easy access to public services, manageable traffic, excellent schools, and high-quality public services. It is the intent of this plan to preserve those valued characteristics and enhance them where possible.

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# Key to Amenities









## Activities

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- |   |   |
|---|---|
|  Basketball        |  Fishing                 |
|  Boardwalk         |  Fitness Stations        |
|  Covered Swing     |  Ice Skating (Seasonal)  |
|  Disc Golf         |  Path - Gravel           |
|  Equestrian Trails |  Path - Paved            |
|  Pickleball        |  Sledding (Seasonal)     |
|  Playground       |  Sports Fields          |
|  Rollerblading   |  Splash Pad (Seasonal) |
|  Skate Park      |   |

## Services

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|---|---|
|  Accessible        |  Dog Waste Station |
|  Bike Parking      |  Dog Water Bowl    |
|  Drinking Fountain |  Parking           |
|  Portable Restroom |  Trash Receptacle  |
|  Restrooms         |   |

## Structures & Spaces

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|---|--|
|  Amphitheater    |  Gazebo               |
|  Benches         |  Historical Marker    |
|  Farmers' Market |  Interpretive Signage |
|  Garden          |  |

# Armstrong Park

16200 Countryside Boulevard

## About Armstrong Park

Armstrong Park is an open grass land that can be used for un-programmed recreational activities. A trail crosses the park site, connecting to the existing trail system in the Countryside Subdivision. This property allows for several options for future development. There is no direct parking to access Armstrong Park which the surrounding subdivision prefers. Any additional features may warrant the desire and need of a parking lot.

Acres: 15.41

## Current Amenities

Activities -



Structures and Spaces -



Services -



Rendering of proposed improvements



# Asa Bales Park

205 West Hoover Street

## About Asa Bales Park

Asa Bales Park is a linear park located in the heart of Westfield between Hoover Street and Main Street (SR 32). It features a skate park, playground, 3 rentable shelters, restrooms, natural amphitheater, Anti-Slavery cemetery, and parking. A walking trail winds through the park and connects to Downtown Westfield and Grand Junction Trail.

Acres: 13.24

### Current Amenities

Activities -



Structures and Spaces -



Services -



# Freedom Trail Park

500 Deer Walk Trace

## About Freedom Trail Park

Freedom Trail Park is home to the Westfield Youth Sports Inc. youth football and lacrosse fields. It is also the site of the Rotary Club of Westfield's sensory garden, which surrounds an all-inclusive playground. The park is bordered by Cool Creek, wooded areas, and both riparian and prairie restoration areas. Access to the park is through a subdivision.

Acres: 29.53

## Current Amenities

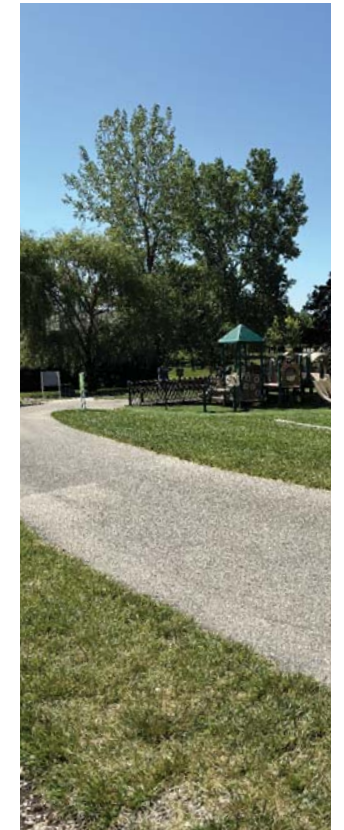
Activities -



Structures and Spaces -



Services -



# Grand Junction Plaza

## Downtown Westfield

### About Grand Junction Plaza

Grand Junction Plaza, in the center of Westfield, provides a central focus to the City's development plan while providing regional stormwater management of Grassy Branch Creek. The park includes plazas, pavilions, an outdoor performance venue, a cafe, children's play area, seasonal ice skating, and at the convergence of several bicycle and pedestrian trails.

Acres: 6

### Current Amenities

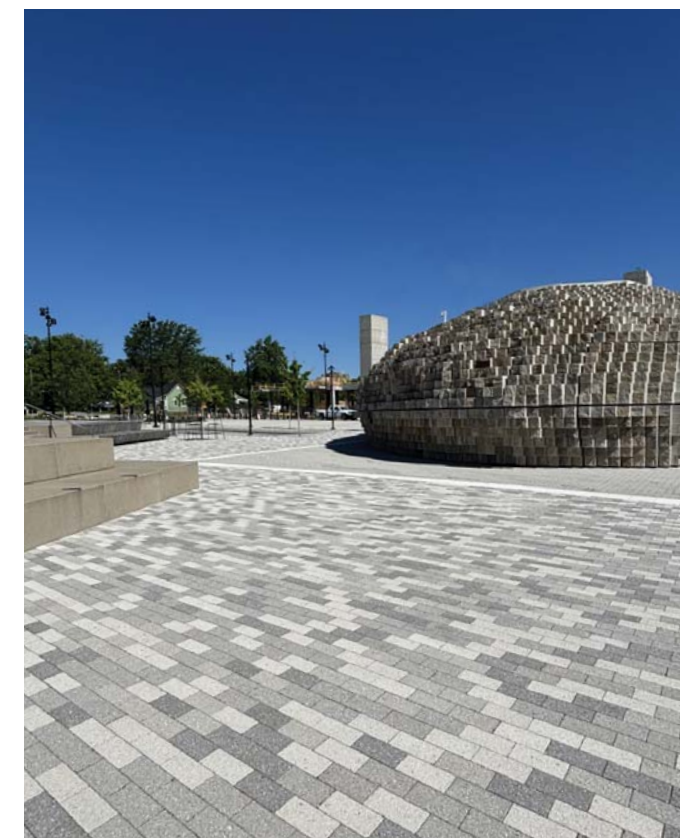
Activities -



Structures and Spaces -



Services -



# Newby Property

2510 East 171st Street

## About The Newby Property

The City of Westfield purchased the Newby property in 2023. William Newby, who died in 2021, operated his farm stand on this property for decades. Designs for this property are ongoing after receiving public input in February 2024.

Acres: 25

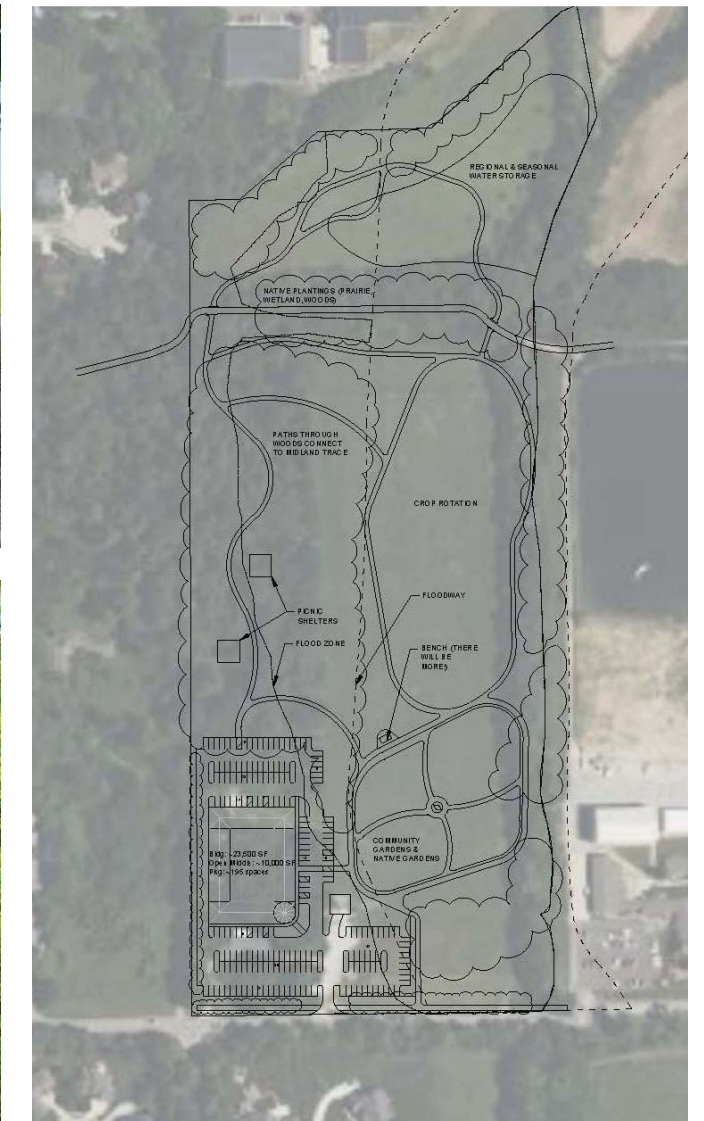
### Current Amenities

Activities -



Structures and Spaces -

Services -



# Hadley Park

100 West Main Street

## About Hadley Park

Hadley Park is an historic pocket park located at the corner of Main and Union Streets in the heart of downtown Westfield. It was established in 1995, and is dedicated to Roy O Hadley, a lifelong resident of Westfield. A landscaped structure, with a seating area, is available for rental. The beautiful flower gardens are maintained by the Hamilton County Master Gardners.

Acres: .15

## Current Amenities

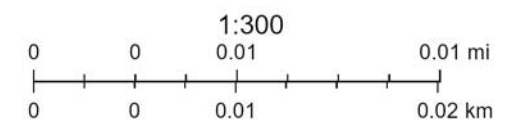
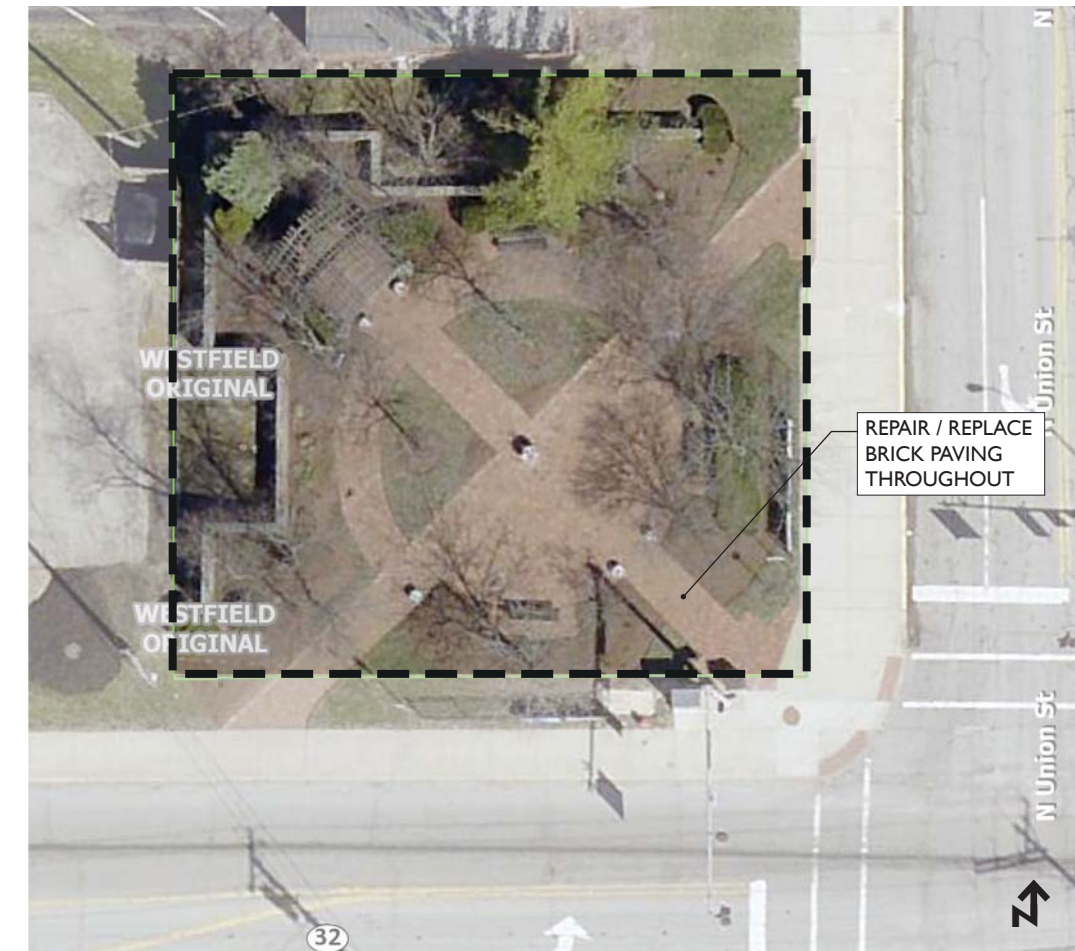
Activities -

Structures and Spaces -



Services -

## PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS



# Liberty Park

16001 Westfield Boulevard

## About Liberty Park

Established in 2002, Liberty Park is a passive park at the corner of 161st and South Union Streets, adjacent to Cook Creek. The park features a boardwalk and observation deck overlooking a wooded wetland restoration area. A gazebo onsite was constructed with materials reclaimed from an 1830s barn once located nearby. A gravel parking area provides access to the Natalie Wheeler Trail.

Acres: 5.2

## Current Amenities

Activities -



Structures and Spaces -



Services -



# Old Friends Cemetery Park

302 South Union Street

## About Old Friends Cemetery Park

The Old Friends Cemetery Park, formerly known as Martha Doan Memorial Garden, is the site of the first cemetery in Westfield. The formal garden was established to commemorate Martha Doan and the trail system established by the Westfield Womens' Club in the 1960s. The Midland Trace Trail, with bike racks, a drinking fountain and waste receptacles, runs along the southern edge of the park.

Acres: .79

## Current Amenities

Activities -



Structures and Spaces -



Services -



# Osborne Park

17001 Ditch Road

## About Osborne Park

The land for Osborne Park was donated by the Westfield Washington School Corporation and is adjacent to Maple Glen Elementary School, at the corner of 169th Street and Ditch Road. This property is currently undeveloped.

Acres: 30.93

### Current Amenities

Activities -

Structures and Spaces -

Services -

Currently undeveloped  
Development concept shown right

Proposed improvements for Osborne Park



# Quaker Park

17501 Dartwon Road

## About Quaker Park

Quaker Park features a splash park, four rental shelters, a playground, restrooms, pickleball courts, the Born Learning Trail (for toddlers and preschoolers), and parking. With connections for the Midland Trace Trail and the Monon-Midland Loop, this park serves as a trailhead to the Monon Trail. It also is the home of an interactive dance and play arch.

Acres: 30.93

## Current Amenities

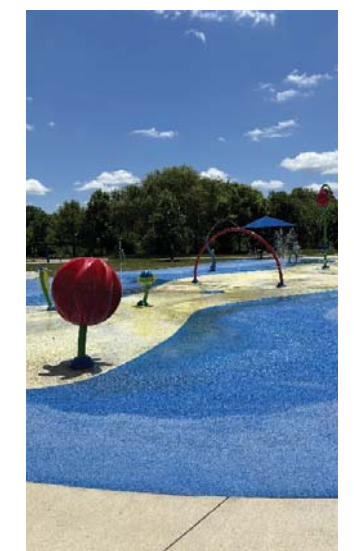
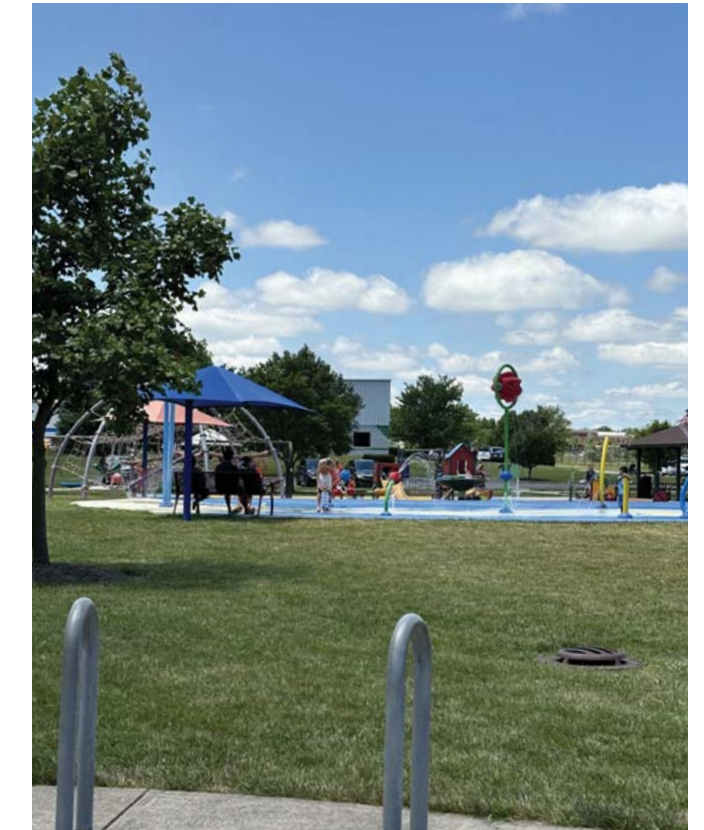
### Activities -



### Structures and Spaces -



### Services -



# Raymond Worth Park

16301 Little Eagle Creek Avenue

## About Raymond Worth Park

These 30 acres of land on Little Eagle Creek Avenue were donated to the city of Westfield by the Wilfong Foundation. The land is situated at the intersection of a small creek which feeds into Little Eagle Creek. The mowed natural trails encourage pedestrian and equestrian use. Little Eagle Creek abuts property and runs through at some points providing opportunities for creek access.

Acres: 30

## Current Amenities

Activities -



Structures and Spaces -



Services -



# Simon Moon Park

2710 East 171st Street

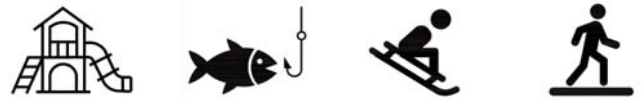
## ABOUT SIMON MOON PARK

Extensive renovation of Simon Moon Park began in 2024. New features will include an outdoor education classroom, fishing piers, boardwalks, an updated playground, and an improved sledding hill. Access to the parking lot is from 171st Street. Pedestrian and bicycle access will be available from the Midland Trace trail along the north side of the park. Phase 1 is expected to be completed in late 2024.

Acres: 5.85

### Current Amenities

Activities -



Structures and Spaces -



Services -



# Woods At The Maples Park

## Maple Knoll Subdivision

### About Woods At The Maples Park

The land for the Woods at the Maples was donated by a nearby land developer. This fully wooded parkland is internal to the Maple Knoll subdivision and adjacent to a small retention pond. Previous timbering caused considerable damage to existing trees. Forestry recommendations are to limit park access for approximately 20 years to allow for the natural restoration of the woodland.

Acres: 6.2 acres

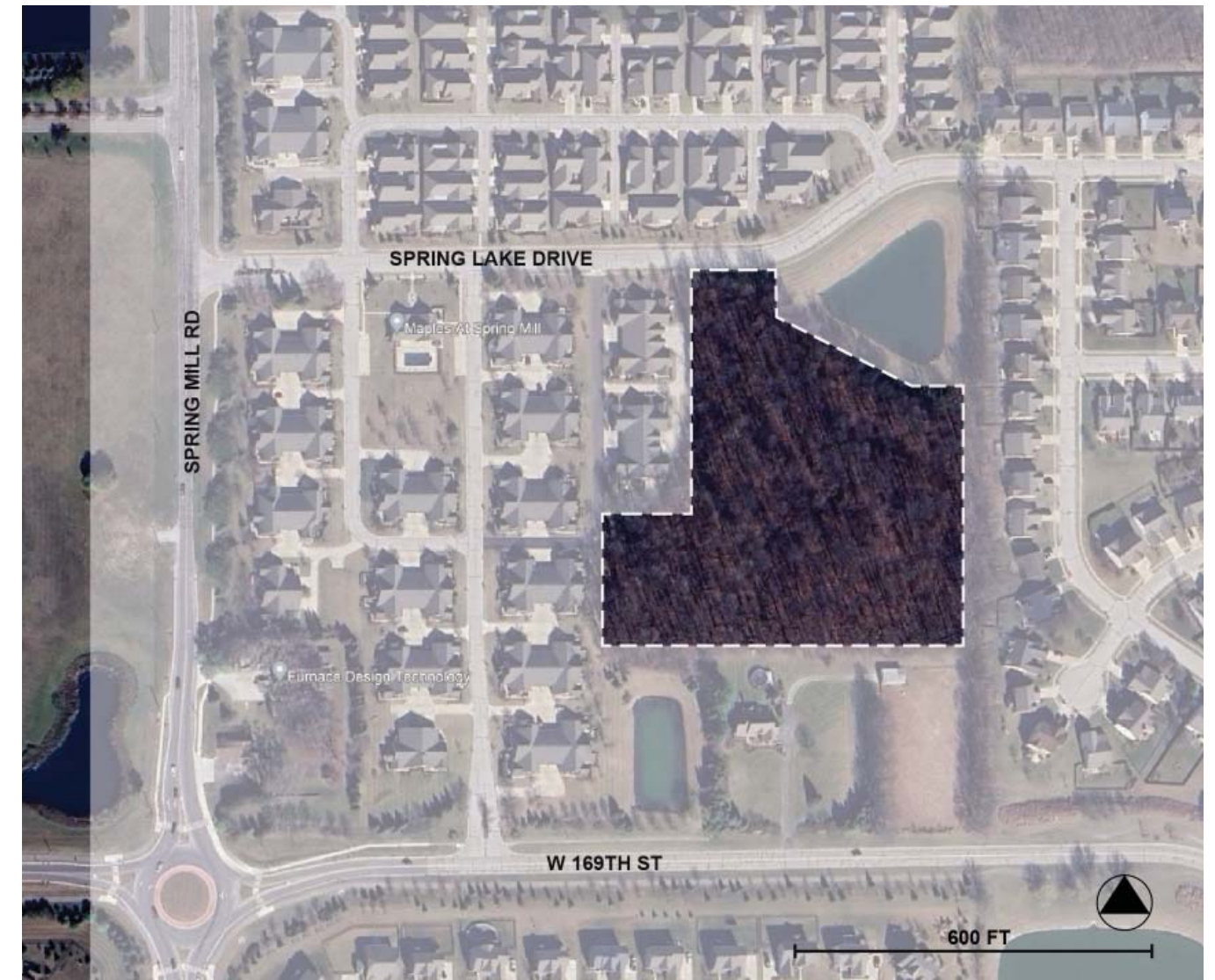
### Current Amenities

Activities -

Structures and Spaces -



Services -



# Cool Creek Trail

## About Cool Creek Trail

This 8'-wide asphalt trail runs from Cool Creek Park northward to 146th Street. It connects with the Natalie Wheeler Trail, the Midland Trace Trail, Grassy Branch Trail, and Carmel's Hagan Burke Trail.

Length: .9 miles



## Current Amenities

Activities -



Structures and Spaces -



Services -

# Grassy Branch Trail

## About Grassy Branch Trail

This 12'-wide asphalt trail runs from Grand Junction Plaza to 169th Street. Future plans include connections with the Cool Creek Trail, Grand Junction Trail, Natalie Wheeler Trail, and Midland Trace Trail.

Length: .6 miles



## Current Amenities

Activities -



Structures and Spaces -



Services -

# Midland Trace Trail

## About Midland Trace Trail

This 12'-wide asphalt trail runs from Gray Road to Westfield Boulevard, and From the Monon Trail to Sonoma.

Length: 4.96 miles



## Current Amenities

### Activities -



### Structures and Spaces -



### Services -

# Monon Trail

## About The Monon Trail

The Monon Trail, as it passes through Westfield, runs from 146th Street to 216th Street. It also connects with the Midland Trace Trail, Anna Kendall (at Quaker Park), and the Little Eagle Creek trails.

- Greyhound Pass Trailhead
- Quaker Park

Length: Approximately 8 miles



## Current Amenities

### Activities -



### Structures and Spaces -



### Services -

# Natalie Wheeler Trail

## About The Natalie Wheeler Trail

The Natalie Wheeler Trail spans a 2-mile length along Westfield Boulevard from Cool Creek Park to Grand Junction Plaza. It also connects with the Cool Creek Trail and Grand Junction Trail.

- Cook Creek Park
- Grand Junction Plaza



## Current Amenities

Activities -



Structures and Spaces -



Services -

# Needs Analysis

We have analyzed this information after reviewing existing programs and facilities, public survey, public input, stakeholder input, and committee and park board input. Along with considerations for National Standards, neighboring and overlapping park departments, we have identified common themes relating to the core elements of the park department. Top priorities for the City are Land Acquisition, Completion of Trail Connectivity, Preservation of existing facilities, and Development of underdeveloped properties.

Facilities

Programs

Staff

Community

Budget

**need summaries\***

# Priorities

In keeping with the Department’s Vision and Mission, the top ten priorities for the department for the next five years are listed in order as follows:

1. Community – always serve the community to the best of our ability in concert with neighboring and overlapping like-minded organizations.
2. Budget – maintain fiscal responsibility in all future actions.
3. Facilities – maintain existing facilities to the best of our ability.
4. Staff – provide new opportunities for creativity and learning to staff.
5. Programs & Activities – maintain strong programs and activities, and work to make them more profitable where possible.
6. Facilities – development of any new property easily available to the park department, including land south of MacGregor Park, Monon Trail, and Midland Trace Trail.
7. Community – begin to instill an inherent process of promotion, increasing community awareness, and increasing community connectivity.
8. Facilities – look for opportunities for future park land acquisition, especially in the north and west of the township, and concentrate on building a year-round community building/center.
9. Budget – look for opportunities to increase and/or maintain a more consistent budget without placing undue burden on the community.
10. Community – continue to expand cooperative efforts with the City and County Park Departments.

# Action Plan

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<b>Armstrong Park</b>			
Install native plantings to help with wet grass and drainage issues	1	\$75,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Splash pad	2	\$500,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Playground	1	\$400,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Parking Lot	1	\$400,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Pickleball Courts	1	\$250,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Basketball Court	1	\$120,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Return to natural area	1	\$50,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Boardwalk	2	\$250,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Frisbee Golf	1	\$25,000	Budget, Impact Fee, donor/volunteer
Open lawn multipurpose area	1	\$250,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Flex Building/Rental Facility with Restroom	2	\$1,500,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Shelters	2	\$250,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Fishing Access	1	\$75,000	Budget, Impact Fee
<b>Asa Bales Park</b>			
Light for trails and shelters - Install Electricity and Water throughout park	1	\$450,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Create art in park program	4	\$15,000	In house
Tree Plantings to replace aging trees	1	\$30,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Bike Racks	1	\$10,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Golf Cart Parking	2	\$50,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Shade at playgrounds	1	\$150,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Restoration/Preservation of Cemetery	2	\$50,000	Budget, Impact Fee, donor/volunteer

<b>Freedom Trail Park</b>			
Permanent restroom facility	1	\$500,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Shelter with electricity	1	\$120,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Transition north sports field into dog park	2	\$225,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Replace Playground Equipment	1	\$800,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Add more shade structures	2	\$200,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Electricity/Technology	1	\$100,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Redevelop Multiuse Fields	1	\$500,000	Budget, Impact Fee
New Entry/Access Drive	3	\$3,000,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Better Wayfinding Signage at Hoover/East Street	1	\$10,000	Budget, Impact Fee
<b>Grand Junction Plaza</b>			
Band Shell	1	\$5,000,000	Budget, Impact Fee, Donations
Phase 2 Plaza Improvements	3	\$3,000,000	Budget, Impact Fee, Donations
Gate Closure Arms on Jersey Street	1	\$200,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Shade Structures	2	\$100,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Digital Kiosk	1	\$15,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Renovation of Mill Street House	1	\$125,000	Budget, Impact Fee
<b>Grand Park</b>			
3 playgrounds	1	\$800,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Nature Trails	2	\$100,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Splash pad	4	\$500,000	Budget, Impact Fee

<b>Hadley Park</b>			
Community Programming Board	3	\$15,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Add/improve signage	1	\$10,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Centerpiece upgrade - art or kiosk	1	\$25,000	Work with WHS
<b>Liberty Park</b>			
Trail Connections north and west in association with new Roundabout	1	\$100,000	Transportation Funds/Impact Fee
Restoration and extension of boardwalk for connectivity	1	\$500,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Interpretive Signage	1	\$20,000	Budget, Impact Fee
<b>2022 ACTION PLAN TO BE UPDATED</b>			
<b>Old Friends Cemetery Park</b>			
Headstone & Cemetery Restoration	3	\$100,000	Donor, volunteer, Impact Fee
<b>Osborne Park</b>			
Trails/Walkway/Fishing around pond	1	\$350,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Plant trees and habitat areas	1	\$125,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Trail connections	1	\$50,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Open Play Space	1	\$200,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Parking	1	\$350,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Playground	1	\$400,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Splash pad	1	\$450,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Restroom	1	\$400,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Picnic Shelters	1	\$250,000	Budget, Impact Fee

<b>Quaker Park</b>			
Expand parking	1	\$250,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Connections to Trail	3	\$30,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Pickleball Courts - Add 3	1	\$200,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Removal of Bocce Ball courts	1	\$20,000	In House, Impact Fee
<b>Raymond Worth Park</b>			
Archery Range	3	\$200,000	Budget, Impact Fee, donor/volunteer
Restroom	1	\$500,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Shelter	2	\$200,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Dredge pond for fishing	3	\$75,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Tent/ Primitive camping	3	\$30,000	Budget, Impact Fee, donor/volunteer
Habitat Restoration	2	\$50,000	Budget, Impact Fee, volunteer
Trail signage	1	\$20,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Parking & Trail Expansion	1	\$600,000	Budget, Impact Fee
High Rope Course	4	\$500,000	Budget, Impact Fee
<b>Simon Moon Park</b>			
Implement Master Plan	1	\$11,000,000	Budget, Impact Fee
<b>Woods at the Maples Park</b>			
Ash Tree Removal	2	\$5-10,000/yr	Maintenance/Operations
<b>Road Crossing Improvements Study</b>			
Planning/Study	1	\$400,000	

<b>Monon</b>			
Trailhead in 191st Street area to include land, restrooms & water	1	\$5,000,000	Budget/Impact Fee
Interpretation - battery power RR station / telegraph / post office	2	\$75,000	Budget/Impact Fee
Full Campground with tent & RV full hookup / Ride In Campground	3	\$5,000,000	Budget/Impact Fee
Add Trail Lighting	1	\$1,500,000	Budget/Impact Fee
Safe Crossing - Greyhound Pass	2	\$3,000,000	Transportation Grant/Impact Fee
Safe Crossing - 156th Street	2	\$500,000	Transportation Grant/Impact Fee
Safe Crossing - 169th Street	2	\$4,000,000	Transportation Grant/Impact Fee
Safe Crossing - Westfield Park Road	2	\$500,000	Transportation Grant/Impact Fee
Safe Crossing - 181st Street	2	\$500,000	Transportation Grant/Impact Fee
Safe Crossing - 186th Street	2	\$500,000	Transportation Grant/Impact Fee
Safe Crossing - 191st Street (Grand Park)	2	\$4,000,000	Transportation Grant/Impact Fee
Tunnel - 161st Street	1	\$7,000,000	Transportation Grant/Impact Fee

<b>Midland</b>			
Trailhead at Kroger with shade	1	\$250,000	Budget/Impact Fee
Lighting - east of Union Street to Gray Road	2	\$825,000	Budget/Impact Fee
Safe Crossing - Oak Ridge	1	\$4,000,000	Transportation Grant/Impact Fee
Safe Crossing - Carey	1	\$5,000,000	Transportation Grant/Impact Fee
Safe Crossing - Gray	1	\$4,000,000	Transportation Grant/Impact Fee
Safe Crossing @ 32 at Jolietville	1	\$4,000,000	Transportation Grant/Impact Fee
Safe Crossing @ Little Eagle Creek	3	\$2,500,000	Transportation Grant/Impact Fee
<b>Monon/Midland Loop at 156th Street</b>			
Complete Trail Loop	1	\$750,000	Transportation Money/Grant
<b>Cool Creek Trail</b>			
Connect to Liberty Park	1	\$250,000	Transportation Money/Grant
Connection of Simon Moon to Cool Creek Park	1	\$5,000,000	Transportation Money/Grant
<b>Natalie Wheeler Trail</b>			
SEC Trail Head development	1	\$450,000	Budget/Impact Fee

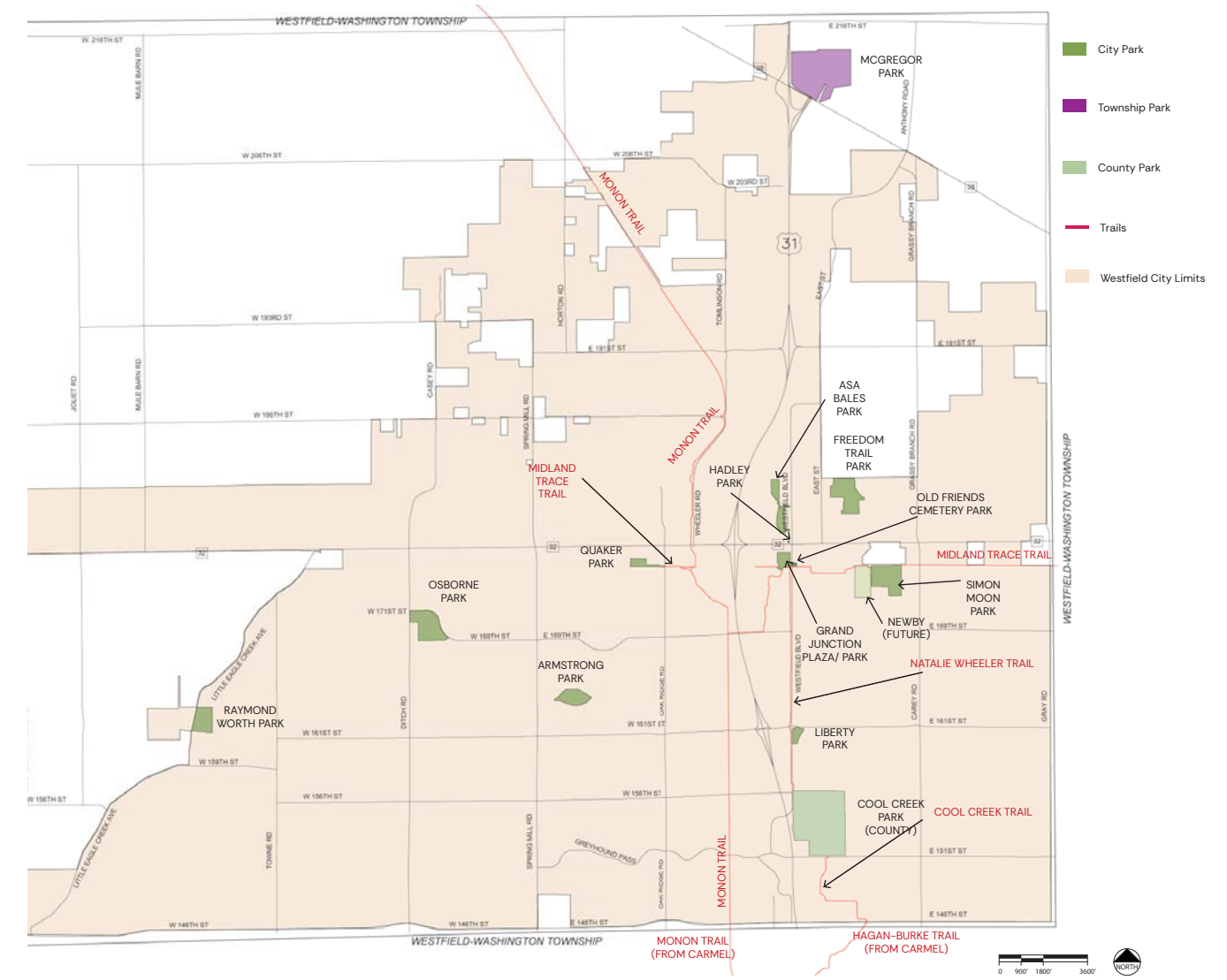
<b>Policies and Procedures</b>			
Mapping			In House
Invasive Species Removal Plan			In House
Mayor's Green Initiative			In House
Encourage Private Property Naturalization			In House
Marketing / Ad / Media Plan			In House
ADA Compliance Plan			In House
Fishing / Water / Small Boating			In House
Long term maintenance plans for parks and trails			In House
Drone Policy			In House
<b>2022 ACTION PLAN TO BE UPDATED</b>			
<b>Property Acquisition</b>			
Northwest Area Property	1	\$10,000,000	Budget/Impact Fee
Southwest Area Property	1	\$10,000,000	Budget/Impact Fee
North/Northeast Property	1	\$10,000,000	Budget/Impact Fee
Considerations/Discussions with Township regarding MacGregor Park	1		Study In House
Considerations/Discussions with Schools about property acquisition	1		Study In House

<b>Considerations for All Parks</b>			
Pollinator gardens/plantings	2	\$5-25,000/ea	Maintenance/Operations
Add or improve Interpretive Signage		\$2-5,000/ea	Maintenance/Operations
Plant natives to replace invasive species		\$25,000	Maintenance/Operations
Public Wifi at Facilities & Park Areas	1	tbd	
Hazard Tree Removal		\$10,000/yr	Maintenance/Operations
Playground Updates		\$1-300,000/ea	Maintenance/Operations
Teen Focused Amenities		tbd	
<b>2022 ACTION PLAN TO BE UPDATED</b>			
<b>Other</b>			
Light Pole banner/flower basket arms study size and number for new lights		tbd	Study In House
People mover / trolley/ transit / circulation between parks & Grand Junction		tbd	Study In House

# Appendices

## Appendix 1

### Map of Westfield Parks and Trails



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# Appendix 2

## Survey Questions

- 1.. Were you aware that Westfield has established a Park Board and state recognized Park Department this year? y/n
- 2.. How many times have you visited the following Westfield City parks in the past 12 months?
  - a. Armstrong Park \_\_\_\_\_# of visits
  - b. Asa Bales Park \_\_\_\_\_# of visits
  - c. Freedom Trail Park \_\_\_\_\_# of visits
  - d. Grand Junction Park & Plaza \_\_\_\_\_# of visits
  - e. Hadley Park \_\_\_\_\_# of visits
  - f. Liberty Park \_\_\_\_\_# of visits
  - g. Old Friends Cemetery Park \_\_\_\_\_# of visits
  - h. Osborne Park \_\_\_\_\_# of visits
  - i. Quaker Park \_\_\_\_\_# of visits
  - j. Raymond Worth Park \_\_\_\_\_# of visits
  - k. Simon Moon Park \_\_\_\_\_# of visits
3. How many times have you visited the following Hamilton County or Hamilton Township parks in the past 12 months?
  - a. Bray Family Homestead Park \_\_\_\_\_# of visits (county park)
  - b. Cool Creek Park \_\_\_\_\_# of visits (county park)
  - c. MacGregor Park \_\_\_\_\_# of visits (Township park)
4. How many times have you visited the following trails within Westfield in the past 12 months?
  - a. Grassy Branch Trail \_\_\_\_\_# of visits
  - b. Cool Creek Trail \_\_\_\_\_# of visits
  - c. Midland Trace Trail \_\_\_\_\_# of visits
  - d. Monon Trail \_\_\_\_\_# of visits
  - e. Natalie Wheeler Trail \_\_\_\_\_# of visits
5. With whom do you most often visit parks?
  - a. Children
  - b. Friends
  - c. Grandchildren
  - d. Grandparents
  - e. It varies
  - f. Just me
  - g. My pet(s)
  - h. Parent(s) / Guardian(s)

6. Please rate the quality of each park and its facilities:
  - a. Armstrong Park
  - b. Asa Bales Park
  - c. Freedom Trail Park
  - d. Grand Junction Park & Plaza
  - e. Hadley Park
  - f. Liberty Park
  - g. Old Friends Cemetery Park
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  - j. Raymond Worth Park
  - k. Simon Moon Park

Rating scale: \*Very good, \*Good, \*Average, \*Poor
7. Please rank your top 3 parks and its facilities in order of preference:
  - a. Armstrong Park
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8. Please rate the quality of each Westfield Trail:
  - a. Grassy Branch Trail
  - b. Cool Creek Trail
  - c. Midland Trace Trail
  - d. Monon Trail
  - e. Natalie Wheeler Trail

Rating scale = \*Very good, \*Good, \*Average, \*Poor
9. Is there a need for recreation style athletic facilities for youth or adult sports leagues or pick-up games, such as?
  - a. Baseball/Softball
  - b. Disc Golf
  - c. Football/Soccer
  - d. Pickleball
  - e. Other Field Sports (Rugby, Lacrosse, Cricket, Field Hockey, etc.)
  - f. Other [OPEN]

10. I would like to see City of Westfield Parks & Recreation add or develop the following things. Rank all that apply, with 1 being most important: (you do not need to rank all items on the list.)

- a. Agri-park/Community Gardens
- b. Art Gardens
- c. Basketball Courts
- d. Camping/RV Park
- e. Community Gardens
- f. Dog Park
- g. Event Space
- h. Fishing
- i. Fitness Course
- j. Gathering Spaces
- k. Ice Skating
- l. Natural Areas
- m. Nature Preserves
- n. Open Play Space
- o. Performance venue
- p. Pickleball Courts
- q. Picnic Shelters
- r. Playgrounds
- s. Pool
- t. Recreation Center
- u. Splash pad/Spray Park
- v. Tennis Courts
- w. Trails
- x. Trails Linking Communities
- y. Volleyball Courts
- z. Other [OPEN]

11. Are there areas of the city that are currently underserved by park facilities? If so, where? [Select all that apply.]

- a. No, all areas served well
- b. Northwest
- c. West
- d. Southwest
- e. North
- f. South

12. Based on your preferences for parks and recreational services & programs, what are the top 3 unmet needs for you and the persons in your household?

- a. Adventure facilities
- b. Agricultural/Farming education
- c. Archery ranges
- d. Campgrounds
- e. Community concerts
- f. Community gardens
- g. Fitness & wellness programs
- h. Nature centers / environmental education
- i. Nature trails
- j. Public art in parks
- k. Sports courts / fields
- l. Sports leagues

13. If you are under 18 years old, what are your favorite pastime activities?

- a. Active sports (soccer, baseball/softball, basketball, etc.)
- b. Passive sports (gaming, chess)
- c. Reading
- d. Singing / Dancing / Acting / Playing a musical instrument
- e. Hanging out with my friends
- f. Shopping
- g. Other [Open]

14. If you are under 18, what additional features or activities would you like to see in Westfield Parks? [Open Response]

15. What current activities would you like to see more of?

- a. Adult Programming
- b. Concerts
- c. Creek Stomp
- d. Farmers Market
- e. Ice Skating
- f. Workout Wednesday
- g. Youth Programming
- h. Other [OPEN RESPONSE]

16. What makes Westfield's parks and trails unique from other communities?  
[OPEN RESPONSE]

17. How do you learn about parks, trails and events in Westfield?

- Community Meeting
- e-newsletter
- Facebook
- Instagram
- Newspaper
- Nextdoor
- Twitter / X
- Westfield City Website
- Westfield Welcome website
- Other [OPEN RESPONSE]

18. Is the City of Westfield website (westfield.in.gov) informative and useful?

- a. Yes, Great Job!
- b. Good information presented well
- c. Information should be updated more frequently
- d. No, website is not helpful
- e. I haven't been to the website

19. Is the Westfield Welcome website (westfieldwelcome.com) informative and useful?

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20. Tell us what prevents you from visiting Westfield City parks more often:

- a. Too far from where I live
- b. No time to visit
- c. Lack of parking
- d. I'm not interested in the activities/facilities offered
- e. Facilities are not well maintained
- f. Security concerns
- g. I prefer parks outside of the city (Please specify which ones)
- h. The parks near me do not have the right equipment
- i. I do not know where the parks are
- j. Cost for programs/activities
- k. Other (please specify)

21. Knowing funding is always limited, which of the following are reasonable funding sources for City of Westfield to pay for new amenities in the parks?

- a. Donations
- b. Existing Budget
- c. Expanded park budget
- d. Grants
- e. Municipal Bonds
- f. New Taxes
- g. Park Impact Fees (fees assessed to new residential building permits)
- h. User Fees (for programs and special events)
- i. Other/Comments [Open]

22. Would you support a City of Westfield Parks & Recreation Foundation?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Unsure

23. If you had \$100 to spend for Parks & Recreation facilities, how would you distribute funds for the following categories:

- a.  Maintain existing facilities
  - b.  Develop new amenities within existing parks
  - c.  Invest in new park property
  - d.  Develop new greenways/trails throughout the city
  - e.  Develop new Recreation Center
  - f.  Upgrade existing facilities
  - g.  Provide additional options for programs/activities
- \$100Total

24. Do you have any other comments for the City of Westfield Parks & Recreation Department?  
[OPEN RESPONSE]

25. Are you a Westfield resident?

- a. Yes
- b. No

26. If you answered 'yes' to question #22, how long have you lived in the City of Westfield?

- a. <1 year
- b. 1-4 years
- c. 5-9 years
- d. 10-14 years
- e. 15-19 years
- f. 20+ years

27. What is your zip code?

[OPEN RESPONSE]

28. Gender

- a. Female
- b. Male
- c. Prefer not to say
- d. Prefer to self-describe: [OPEN RESPONSE]

29. What is your age?

- a. Under 18
- b. 18-24
- c. 25-34
- d. 35-44
- e. 45-54
- f. 55-64
- g. 65-74
- h. 75+

30. Please list the number of people in your household by age:

- a. 0-9 \_\_\_\_
- b. 10-18 \_\_\_\_
- c. 19-34 \_\_\_\_
- d. 35-55 \_\_\_\_
- e. 55+ \_\_\_\_

31. What is your employment status?

- a. Full Time
- b. Part Time
- c. Retired
- d. Student
- e. Unemployed

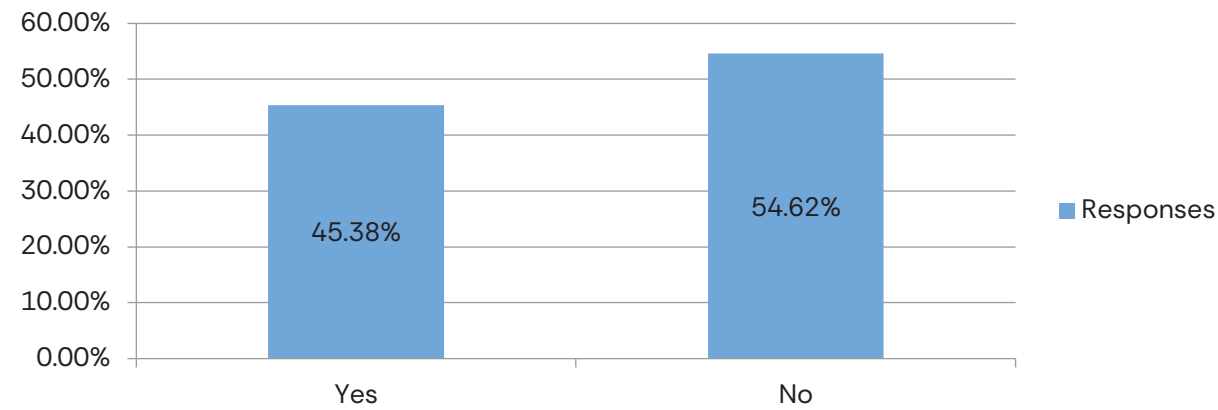
32. What is your annual household income range?

- a. Less than \$40,000
- b. \$40-80,000
- c. \$80-120,000
- d. \$120-160,000
- e. \$160,000+
- f. Prefer not to state

# Appendix 3

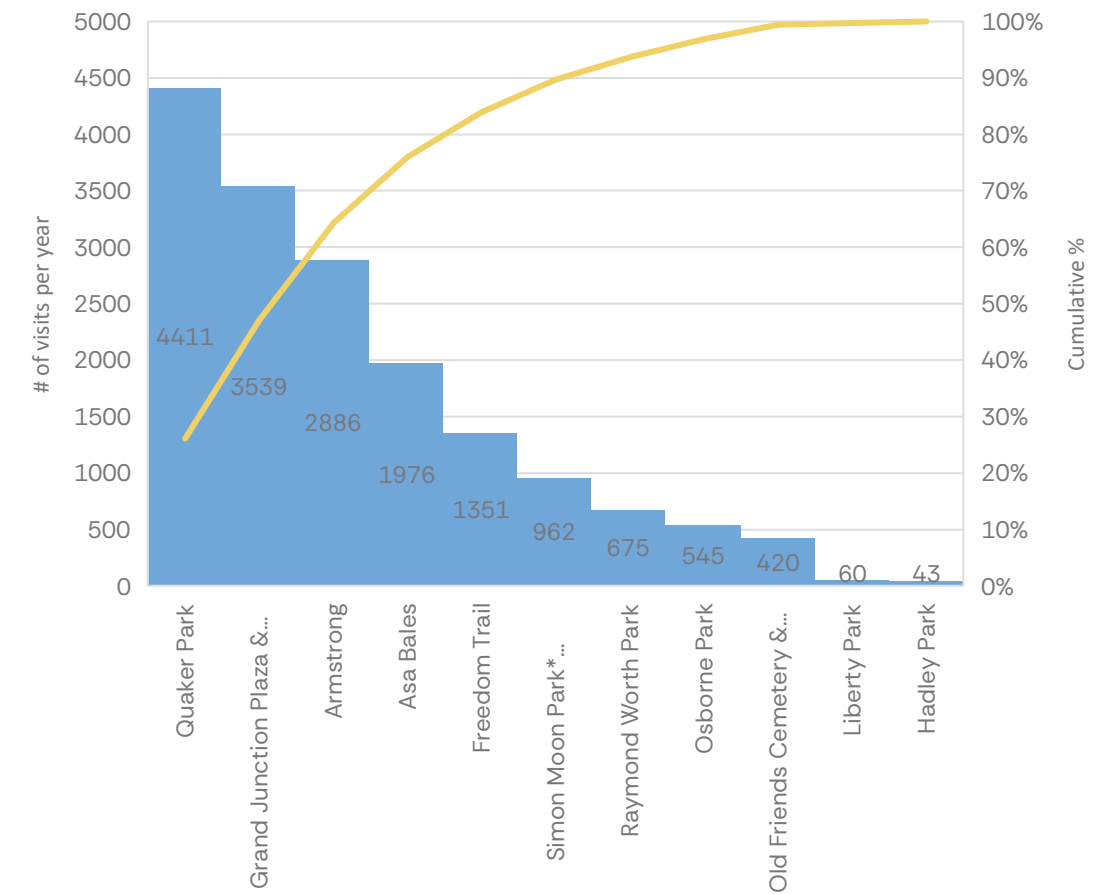
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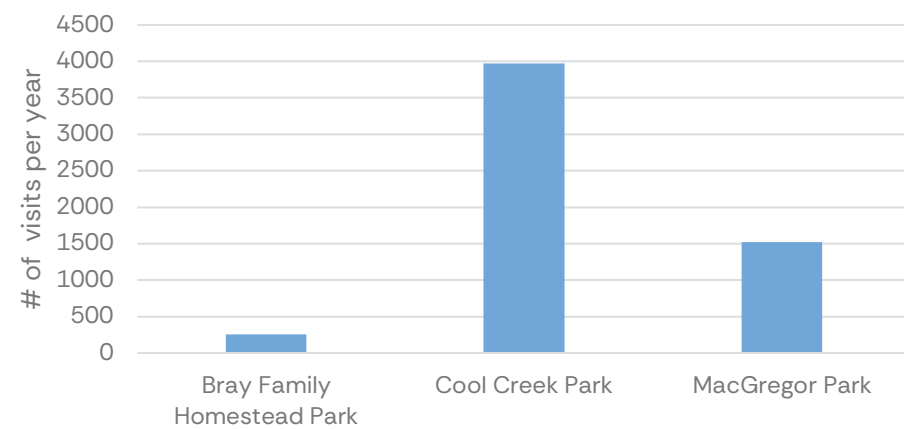
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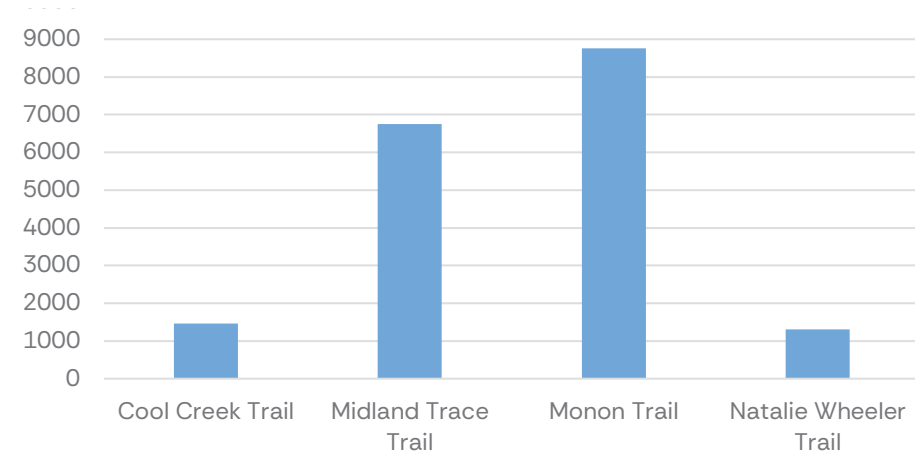


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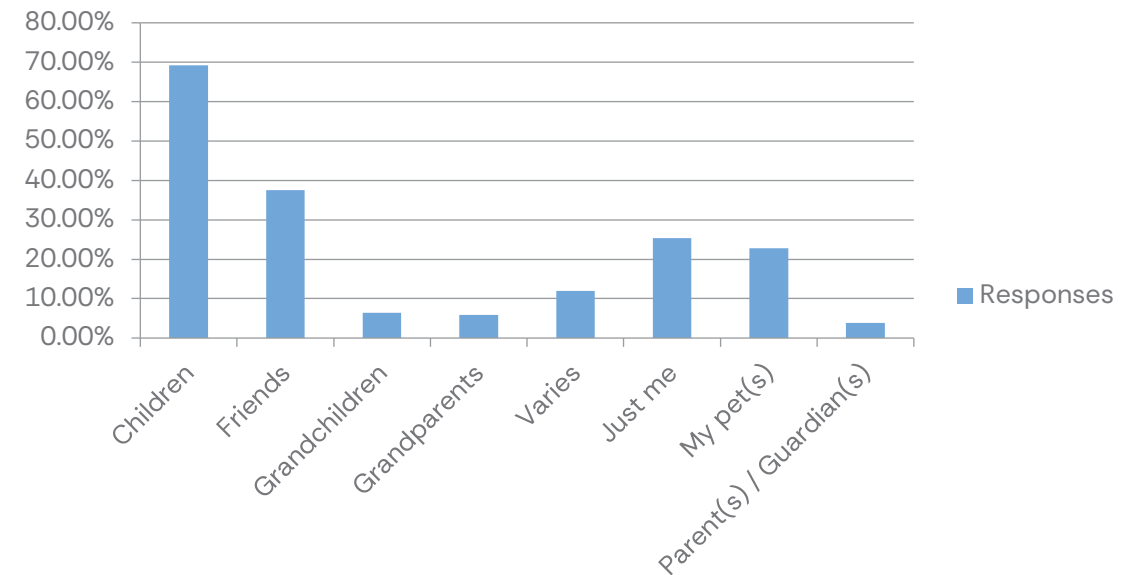
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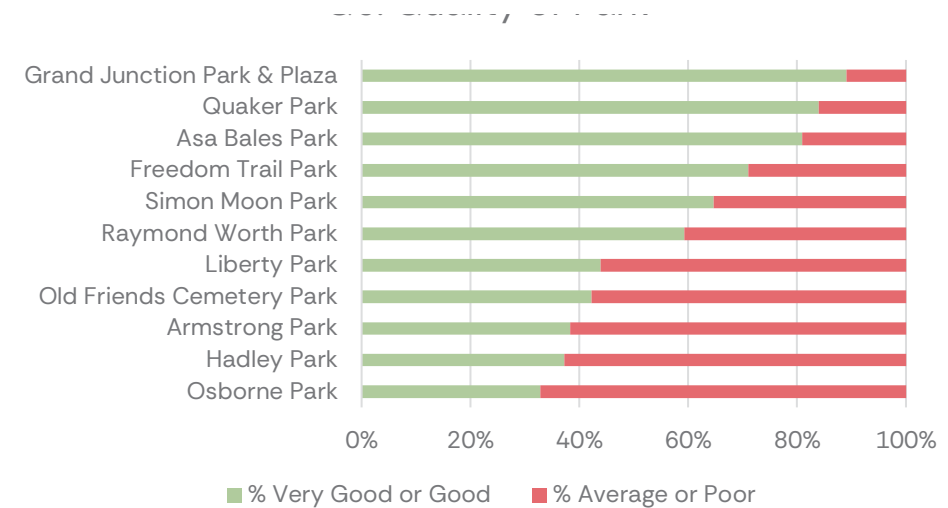
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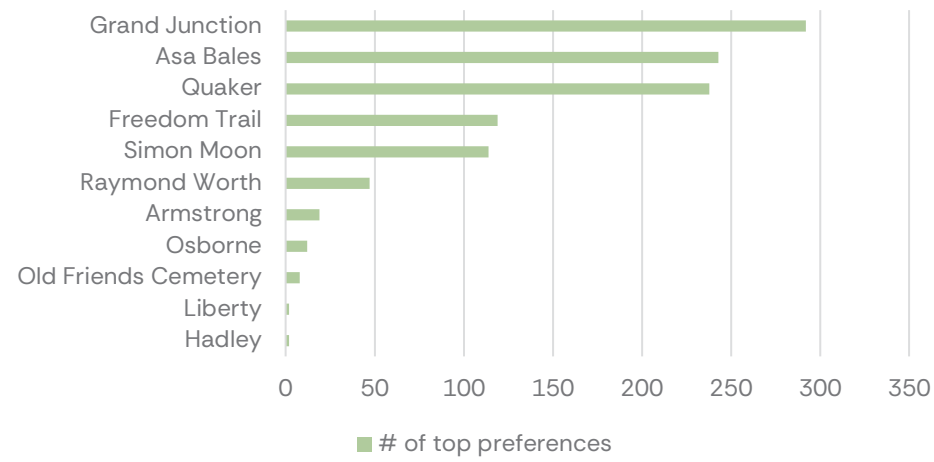
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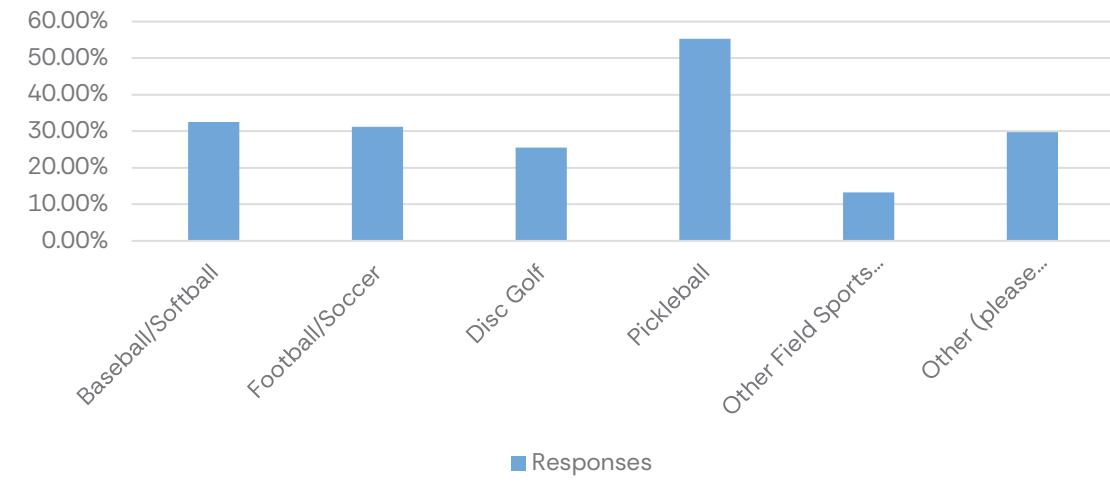
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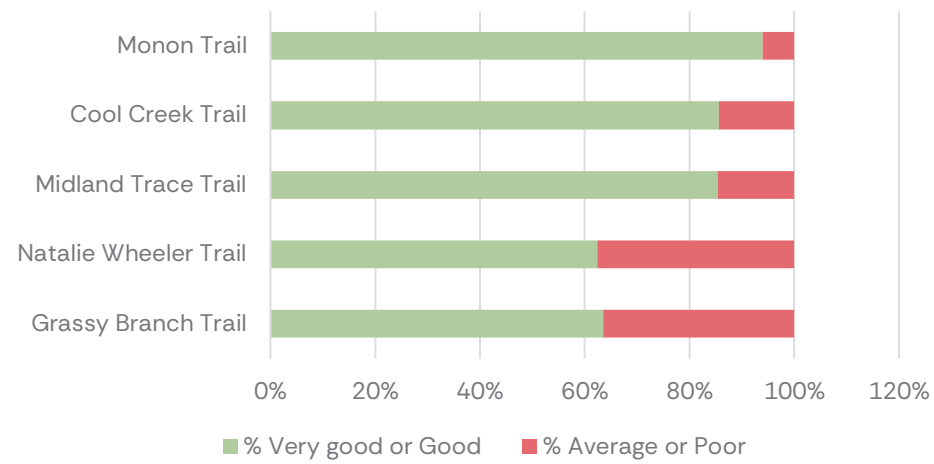
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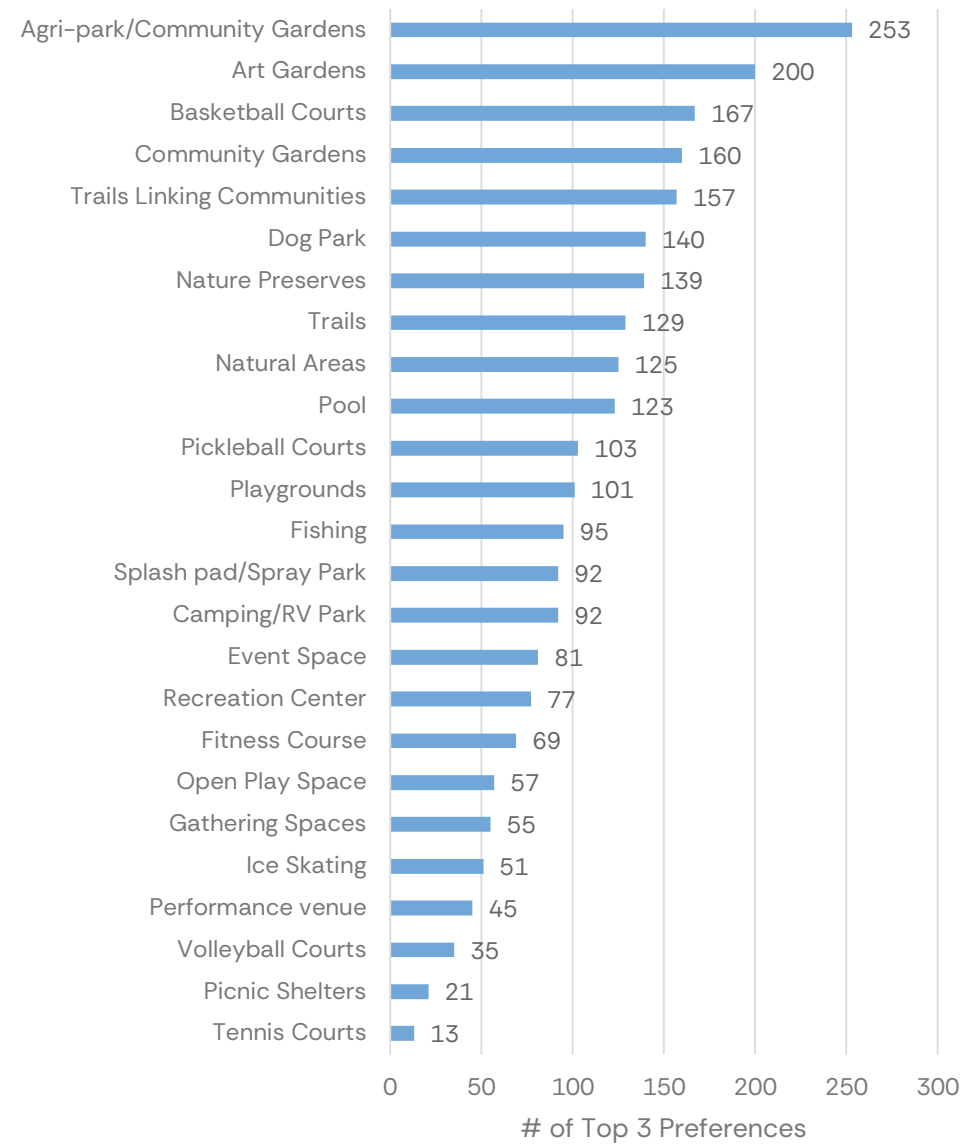
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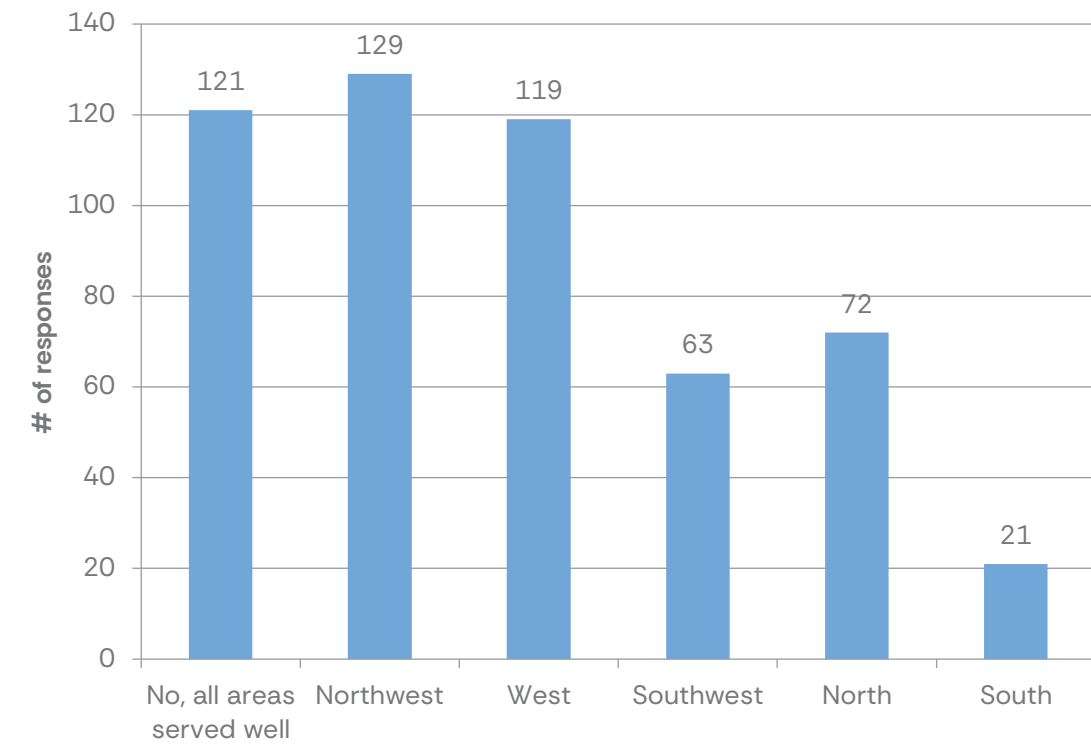
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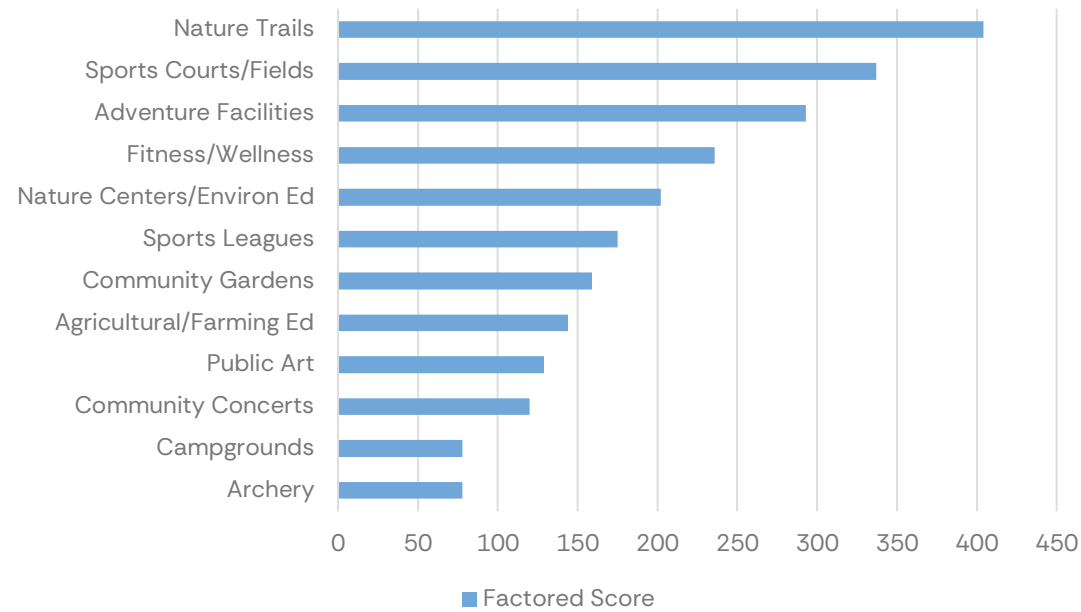
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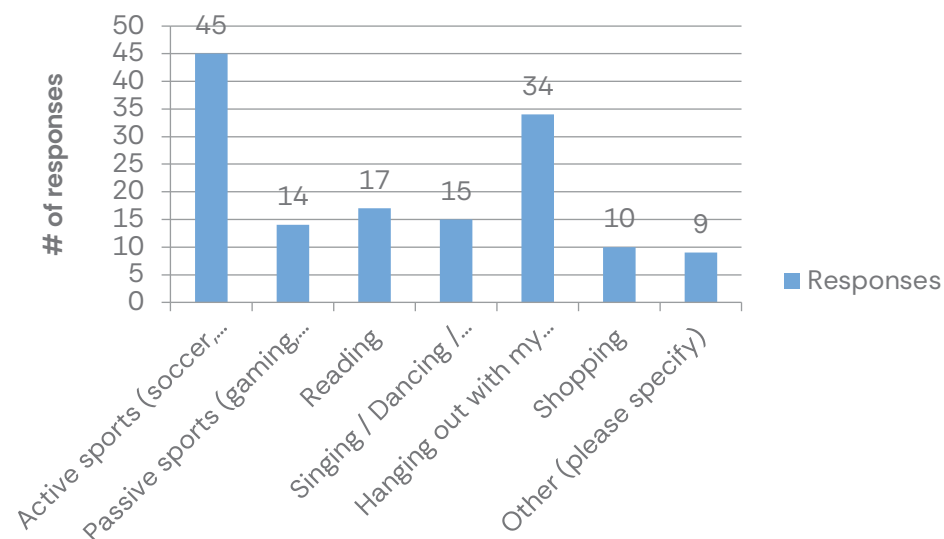
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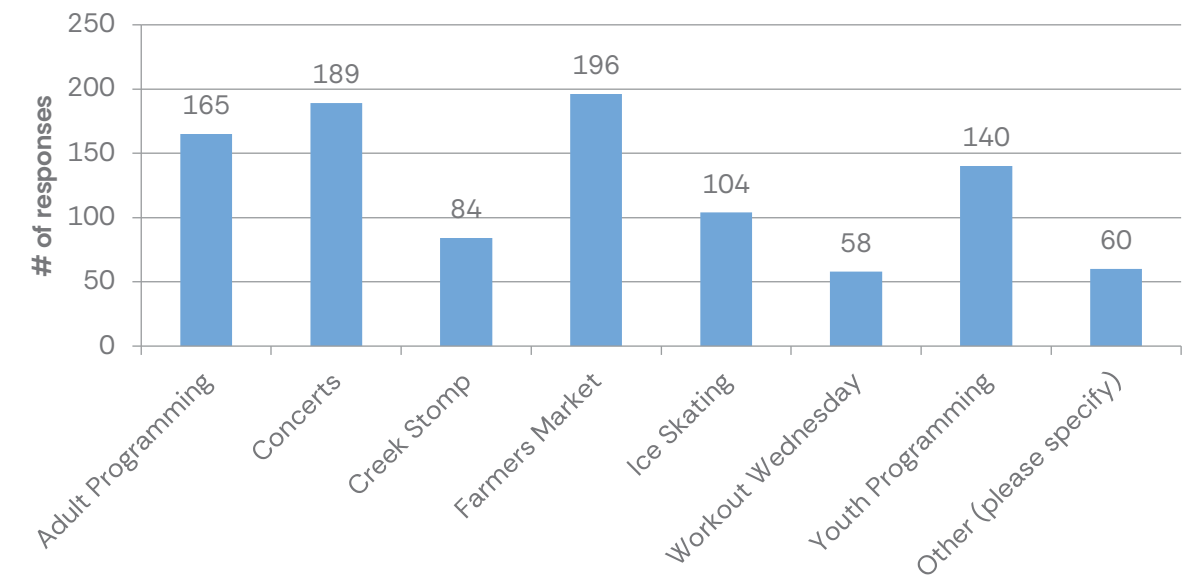
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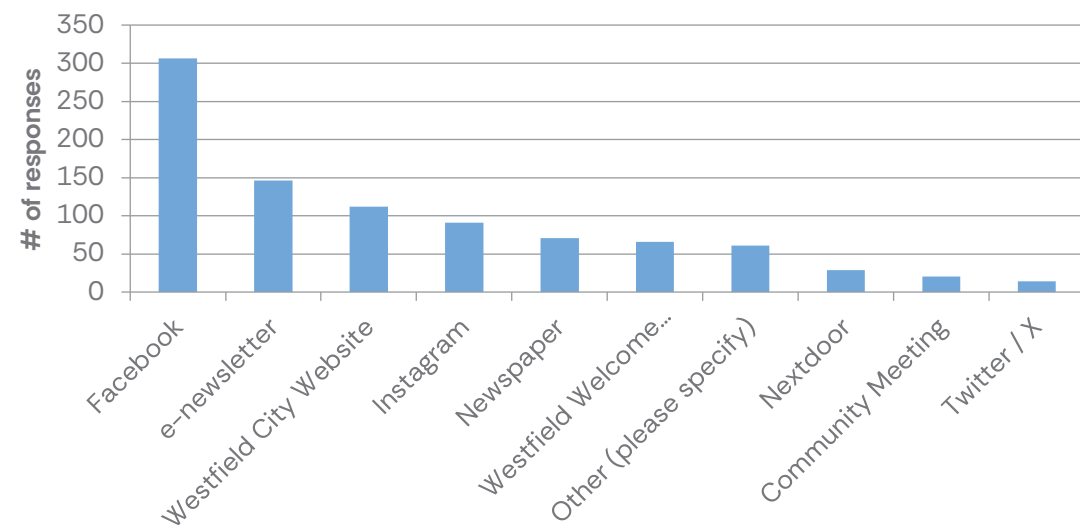
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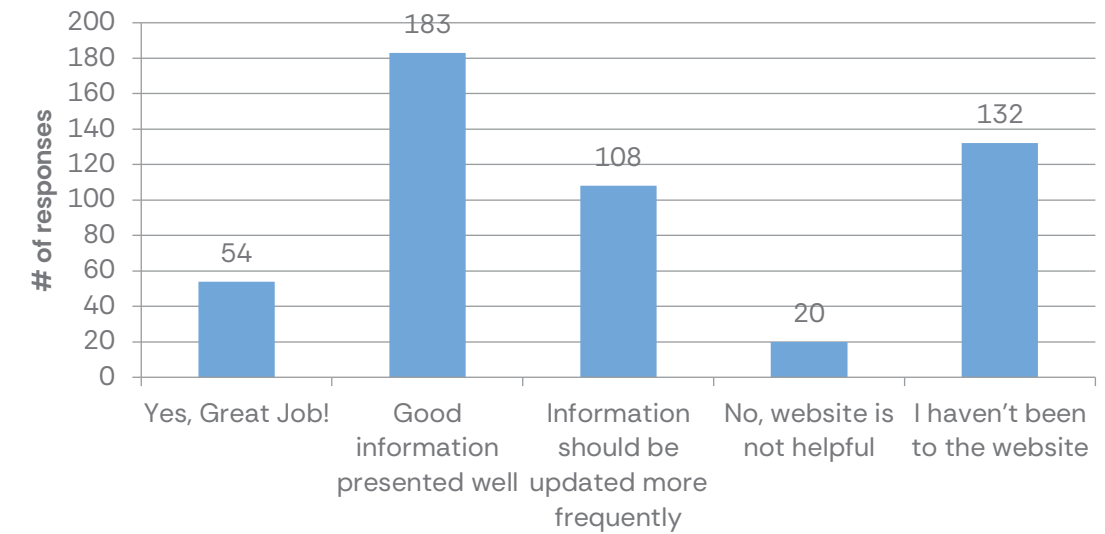
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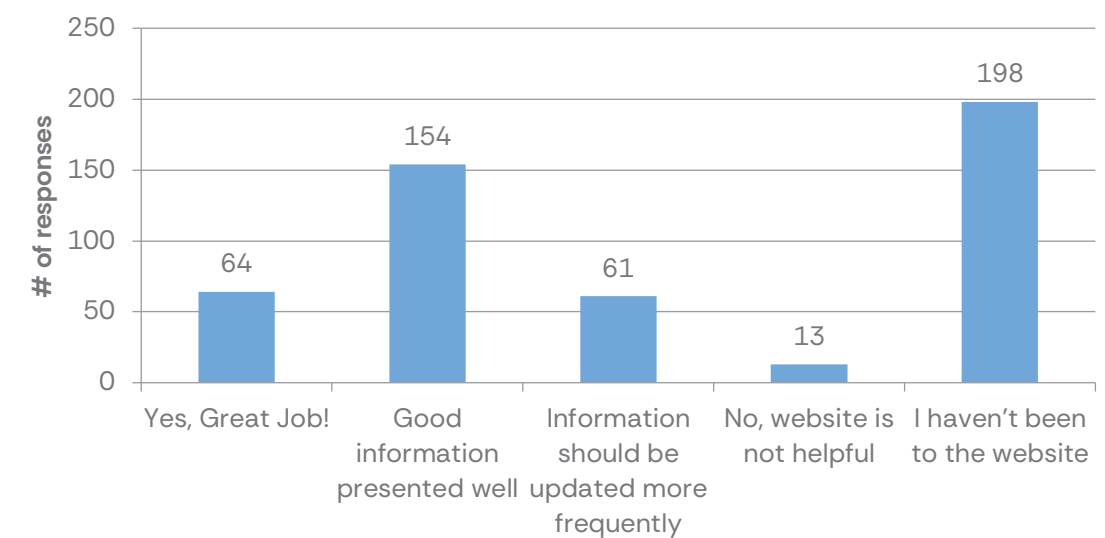
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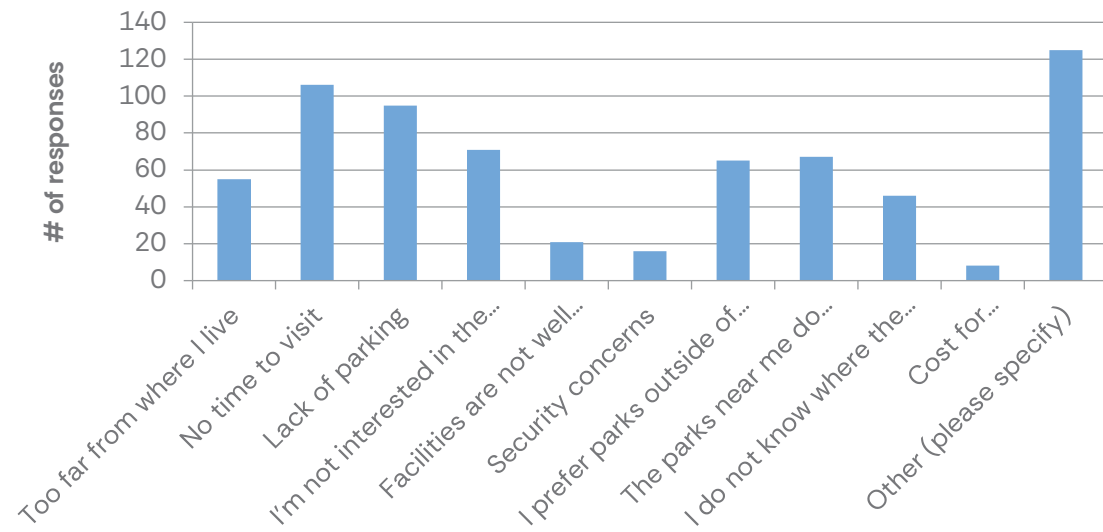
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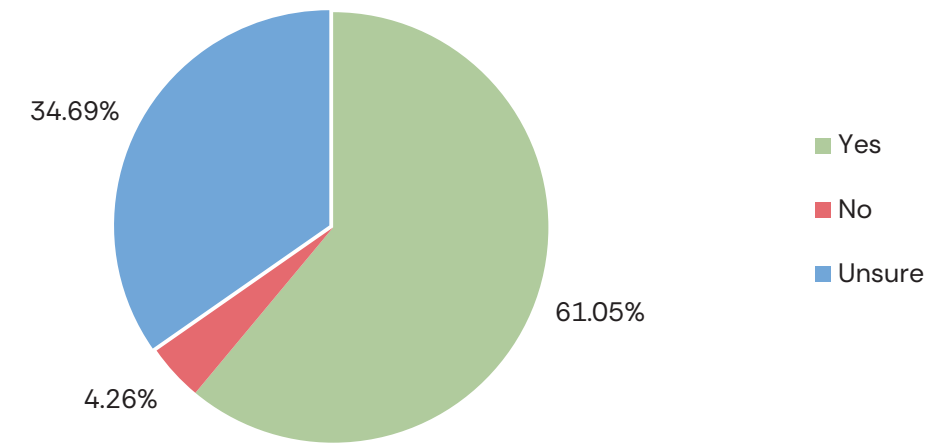
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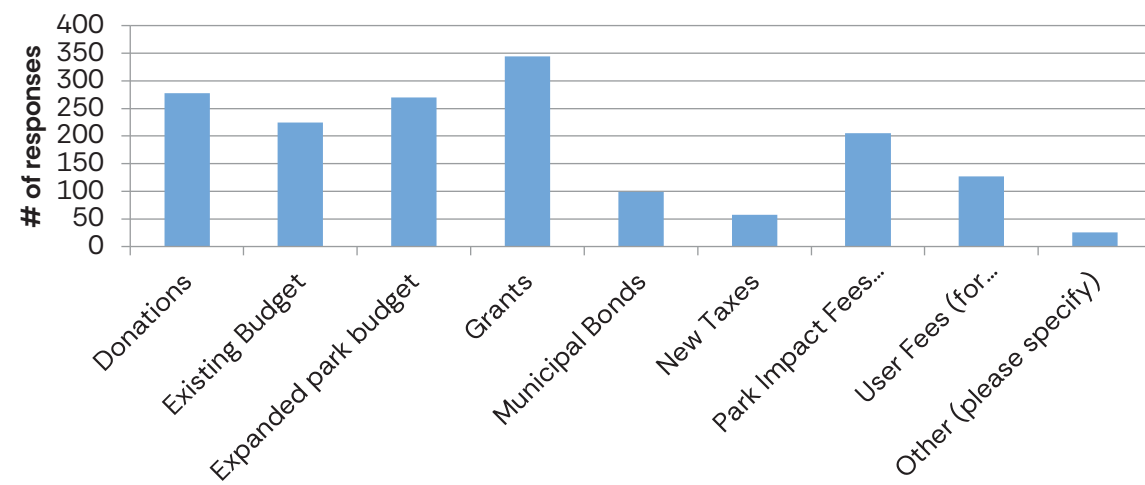
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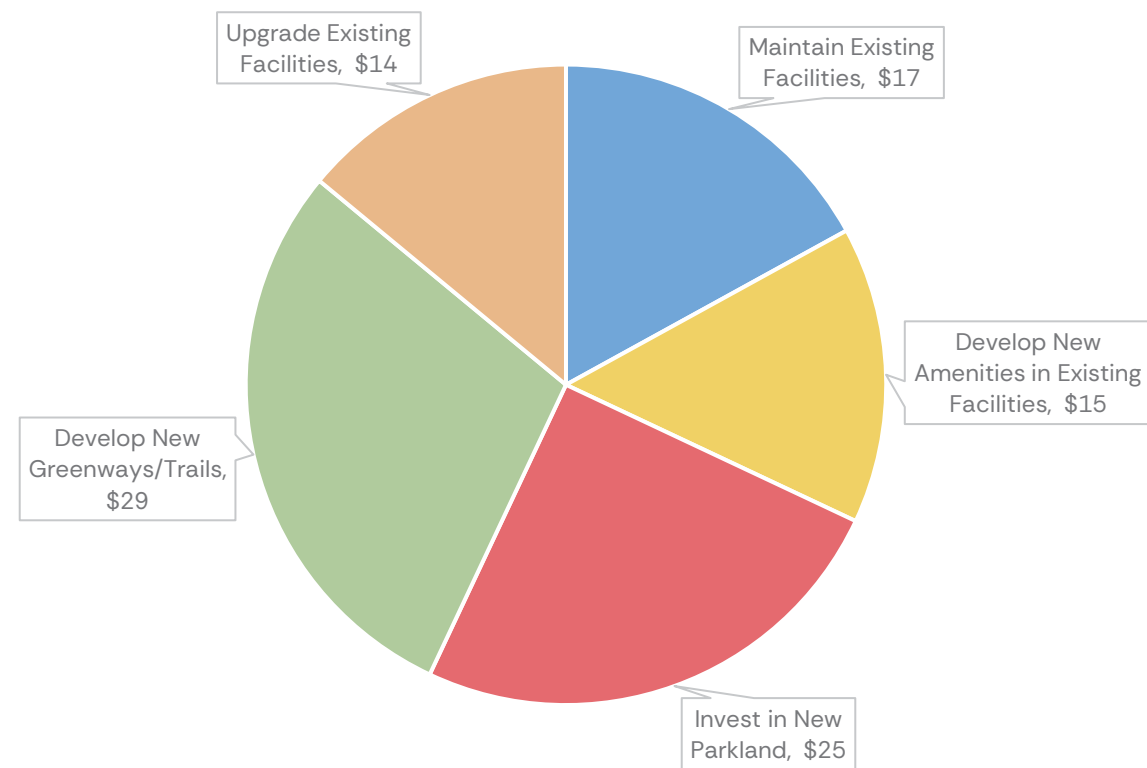
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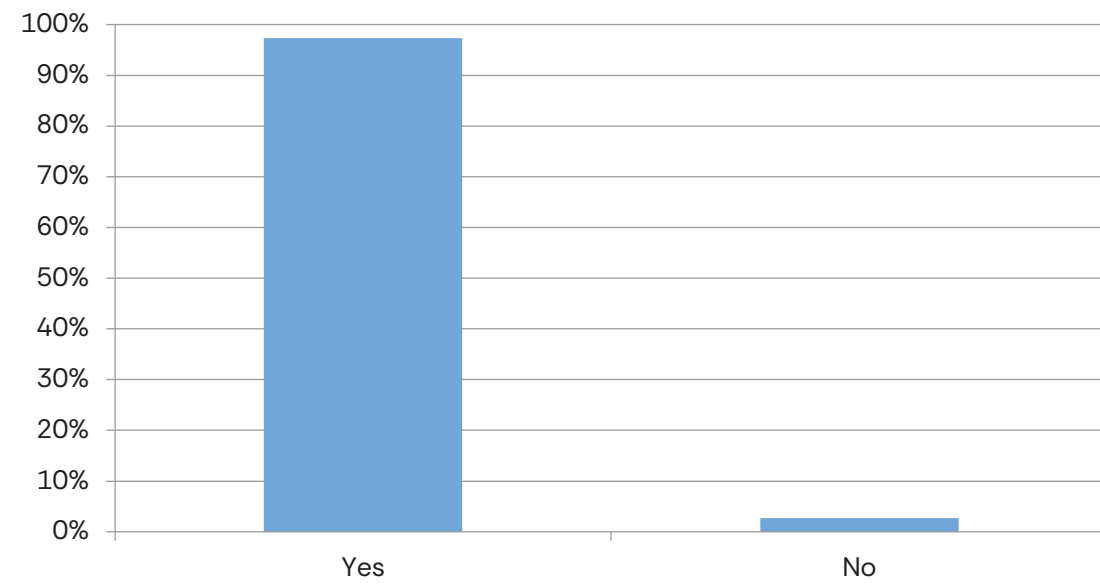


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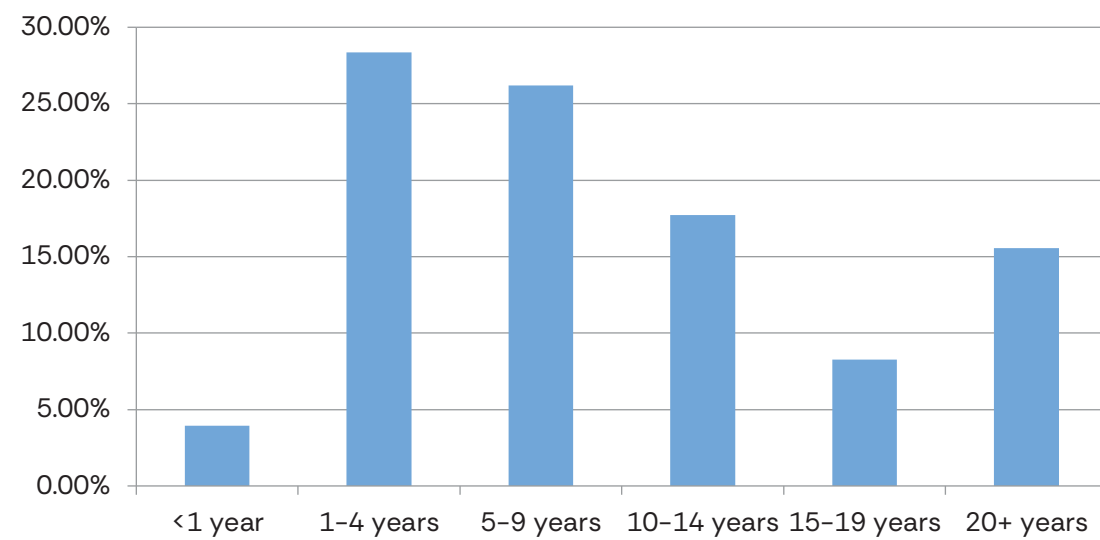
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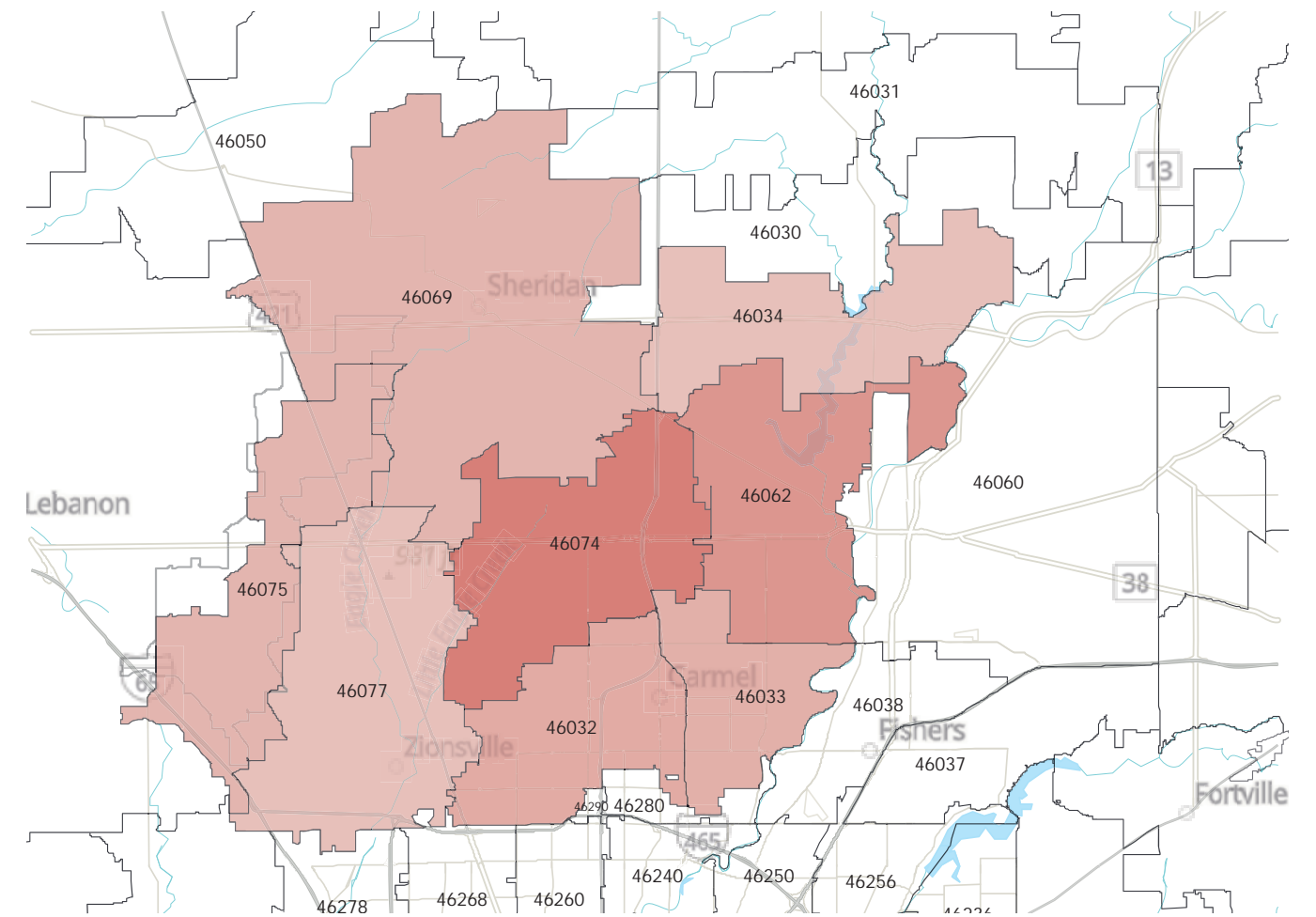
Question 25: Are you a Westfield resident?



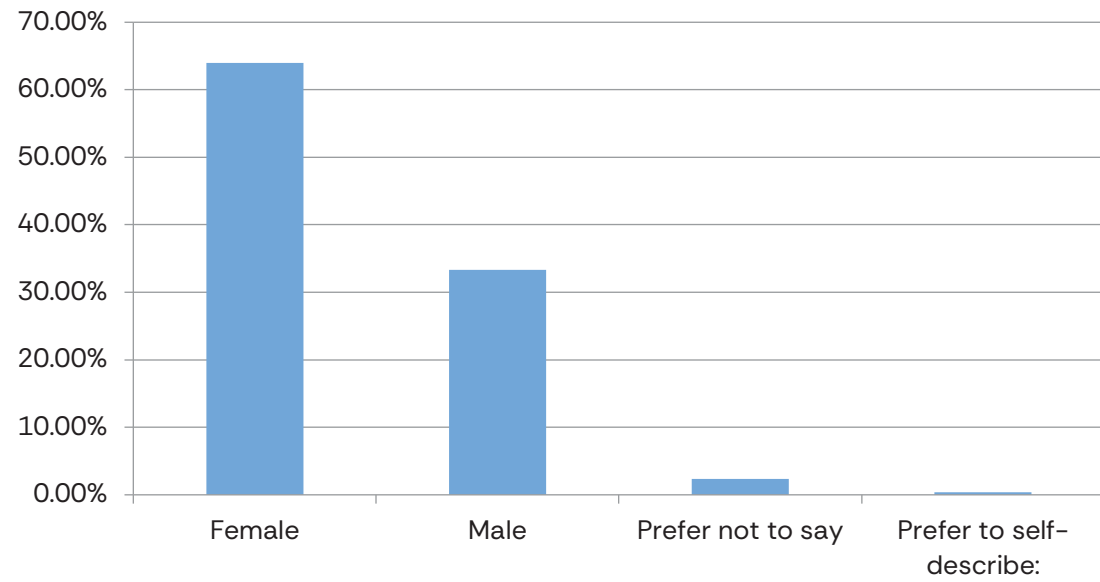
Question 26: If you answered 'yes' to question #25, how long have you lived in the City of Westfield?



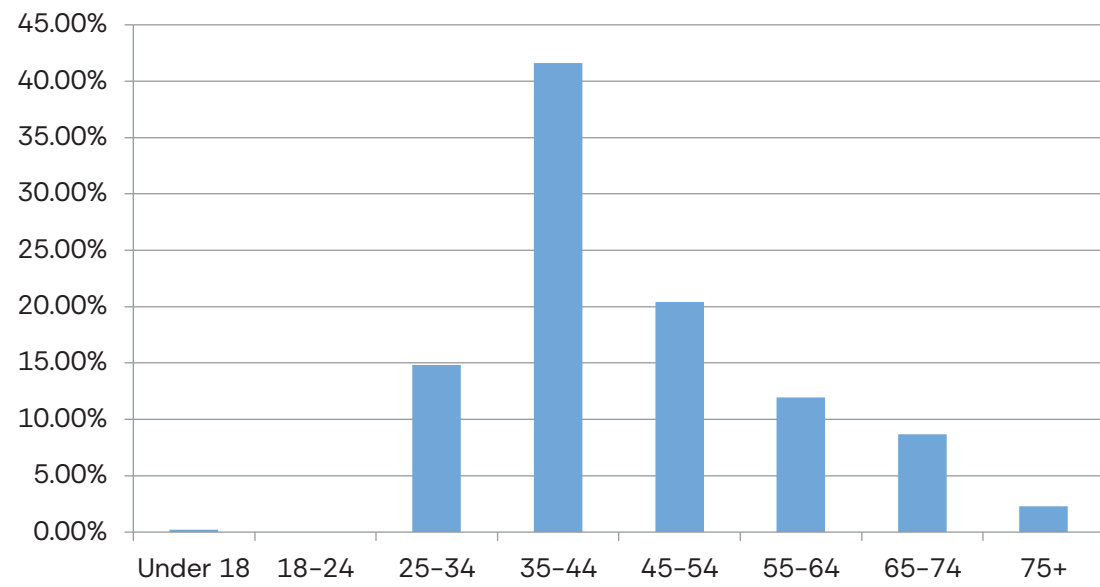
Question 27: What is your zip code?



Question 28: Gender



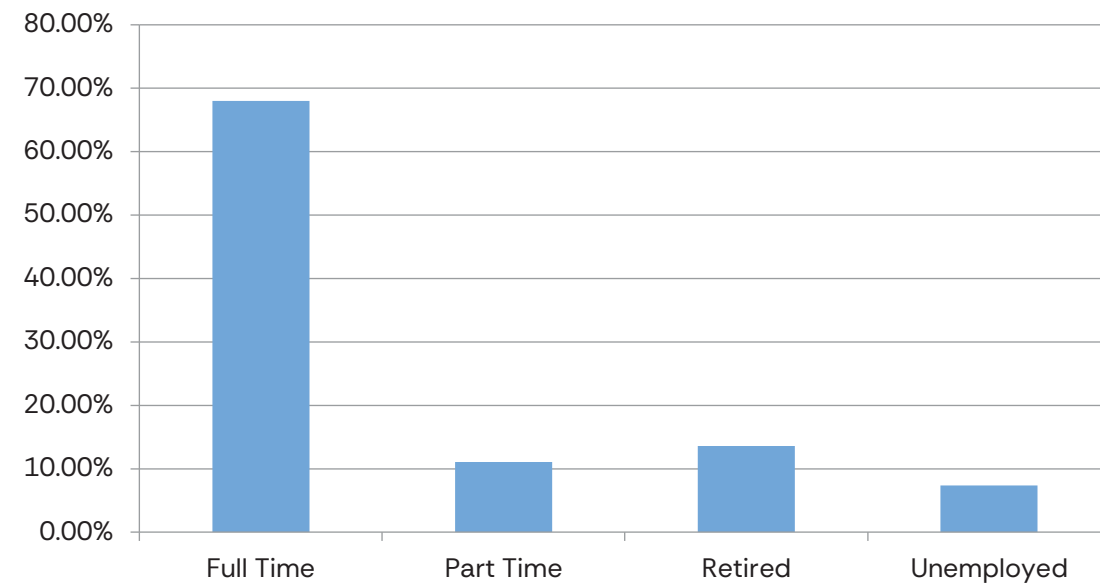
Question 29: What is your age range?



Question 30: Please list the number of people in your household by age:

DRAFT - Textual survey answers are being summarized and will be provided in the final plan.

Question 31: What is your employment status?



Question 32: What is your annual household income range?

