

Appendices

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Grant Resources

State

Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF). The fund was established in 1994 by the North Carolina General Assembly and is administered by the Parks and Recreation Authority. Through this program, several million dollars each year are available to local governments to fund the acquisition, development and renovation of recreational areas. Applicable projects require a 50/50 match from the local government. Grants for a maximum of \$500,000 are awarded yearly to county governments or incorporated municipalities. The fund is fueled by money from the state's portion of the real estate deed transfer tax for property sold in North Carolina.

The trust fund is allocated three ways:

- 65 percent to the state parks through the N.C. Division of Parks and Recreation.
- 30 percent as dollar-for dollar matching grants to local governments for park and recreation purposes.
- 5 percent for the Coastal and Estuarine Water Access Program.

For information on how to apply, visit:

http://www.ncparks.gov/About/grants/partf_eligibility.php

Clean Water Management Trust Fund (CWMTF). This fund was established in 1996 and has been one of the largest sources of money in North Carolina for land and water protection. CWMTF funds recently have been changed by State legislation, but should remain useful tools to enhance and preserve areas around waterways.
<http://www.cwmtf.net/>

Recreation Trails Program. The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) is a grant program funded by Congress with money from the federal gas taxes paid on fuel used by off-highway vehicles. This program's intent is to meet the trail and trail-related recreational needs identified by the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. Grant applicants must be able contribute 20% of the project cost with cash or in-kind contributions. The program is managed by the State Trails Program, which is a section of the N.C. Division of Parks and Recreation. Pre-Applications are due in November and, if invited, final applications are due January 31st. For more information, call (919) 715-8699. The grant application is available and instruction handbook is available through the State Trails Program website at http://www.ncparks.gov/About/trails RTP_project.php .

Transportation Alternatives Program. The North Carolina Department of Transportation's Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) is a federally funded program focused on projects that improve the quality of life, quality of transportation systems, and/or quality of the environment. TAP funds require a 20% match and are available in several categories including greenways.

<http://www.ncdot.gov>

Safe Routes to School. In 2005, the passage of the federal highway bill (SAFETEA-LU) created the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program to enable and encourage children to walk and bike to school. The program is designed to make biking and walking a safer and more appealing transportation alternative and to help encourage healthy, active lifestyles from an early age.

<http://www.ncdot.org/programs/saferoutes/>

NCDOT Pedestrian and Bicycle Planning Grant. These funds are provided through the NCDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Program and require a 30% match for towns and cities between 10,000 and 50,000 in population. Grants are awarded to conduct a pedestrian or bicycle planning process and produce a report.

<http://www.itre.ncsu.edu/PTG/BikePed/NCDOT/overview.html>

Small Cities Community Development Block Grant. Funds are allocated through the North Carolina Department of Commerce, Division of Community Assistance to be used to promote economic development and to serve low- and moderate-income neighborhoods. Greenways and recreational areas that improve the quality of life in these areas may qualify.

www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs/stateadmin

Urban and Community Forestry Assistance Program. This program offers small grants that can be used to plant urban trees, establish a community arboretum, or other programs that promote tree canopy in urban areas. The program operates as a cooperative partnership between the NC Division of Forest Resources and the USDA Forest Service, Southern Region. To qualify for this program, a community must pledge to develop a street-tree inventory, a municipal tree ordinance, a tree commission, and an urban forestry-management plan. All of these can be funded through the program. For more information and a grant application, contact the NC Division of Forest Resources and/or visit: http://ncforestservice.gov/Urban/urban_grant_overview.htm

Foundations & Associations

Wildlife Habitat Foundation. The Foundation focuses on the acquisition, management and protection of wildlife habitat within the state of North Carolina and promoting conservation education for the benefit of future generations.

<http://www.ncwhf.org/grants.cfm>

National Recreation and Parks Association. Programming grants are available from time to time to its member organizations. www.nrpa.org

National Recreation Foundation. Programming grants from this organization are available with a referral from a member of the Board of Trustees.

www.nationalrecreationfoundation.org

Conservation Fund, Kodak American Greenway Award. Eastman Kodak, The Conservation Fund, and the National Geographic Society provide small grants for planning and design of greenways in communities throughout the US. The annual grants program was instituted in 1993 in response to the President's Commission on Americans Outdoors recommendation to establish a national network of greenways.

http://www.conservationfund.org/kodak_awards

Federal

Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). This program is a reimbursable, 50/50 matching grants program to states for conservation and recreation purposes, and through the states to local governments to address "close to home" outdoor recreation needs. Grants for a maximum of \$250,000 in LWCF assistance are awarded yearly to county governments, incorporated municipalities, public authorities and federally recognized Indian tribes. The deadline for applying for a LWCF grant is typically at the end of March every year.

http://www.ncparks.gov/About/grants/lwcf_grant.php

National Park Service Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program. Also known as the Rivers & Trails Program or RTCA, this program serves as the community assistance arm of the National Park Service. RTCA staff provides technical assistance to community groups and local, state, and federal government agencies so they can conserve rivers, preserve open space, and develop trails and greenways.

<http://www.nps.gov/rtca/>

Parks and Recreation User Survey

A comprehensive Parks and Recreation survey was launched in the fall of 2012. The distribution consisted of: 1) 2,500 inserts into the Elkin Tribune November 2012; 2) A link to the survey in a newspaper article October, 2012 (Monthly Unique Visitors: 26,000); 3) Distributed at meetings (e.g., plan public workshop, high school parks and recreation event; Elkin Valley Trails Association meetings) ; 4) Available at Town Hall, Recreation Center and Library; 5) E-mailed to Chamber of Commerce list, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Town staff and Hospital employees; 6) Parks and Recreation Facebook Page and 7) Inserted as a hyperlink in the water bill postcard mailing

There were 5 sections to the survey:

Section 1. Elkin Parks Use

What parks or trails do you use in Elkin?

Section 2. How Do You Recreate?

What passive and active recreation activities, games, events, classes/programs

Section 3. What Do We Need?

What improvements do we need where and how to pay for it?

Section 4. Trail Use

What are important connections for trails and what are important considerations in location?

Section 5. About You

How big is your household, income, where do you live?

Survey Tool

Elkin Recreation & Parks Department is conducting this survey to find out how people feel about the Town parks and trail system, and what ideas they may have for enhancing the recreational opportunities available in Elkin. When answering the questions, please consider your answers to be on behalf of your entire household. Thank you for your input.

SECTION I. ELKIN PARKS USE

How often do you or someone in your household use the parks or recreation facilities below?

1. Elkin Municipal Park

Daily Weekly Monthly Annually Never

2. Elkin Recreation Center

Daily Weekly Monthly Annually Never

3. Crater Park

Daily Weekly Monthly Annually Never

4. Chatham Park

Daily Weekly Monthly Annually Never

5. Nature/E & A Railroad Trail

Daily Weekly Monthly Annually Never

6. Overmountain Victory Trail

Daily Weekly Monthly Annually Never

7. Elkin Municipal Pool (when in operation)

Daily Weekly Monthly Annually Never

8. Picnic Shelters

Daily Weekly Monthly Annually Never

SECTION II. HOW DO YOU RECREATE?

Please check recreation activities in which members of your household currently participate, regardless of location. Check all that apply.

1. Games & Activities

Ultimate Frisbee Disc Golf
 Miniature Golf Horseshoes
 Shuffleboard Table Tennis
 Cornhole Yard Games
 Other _____

2. Arts

Art/Craft Shows Concerts
 Drama/Theater Outdoor Drama
 Museum Programs Library Events
 Ceramics/Pottery
 Other _____

3. Athletics (A – Adult and Y – Youth)

A Base/Softball Y Base/Softball
 A Basketball Y Basketball
 A Soccer Y Soccer
 A Volley Ball Y Volleyball
 A Tennis Y Tennis
 A Golf Y Golf
 A Indoor Soccer Skating Rink
 A Flag Football Swimming
 Cheerleading Bowling
 Other _____

4. Passive Outdoor Pursuits

Gardening Kite flying
 Cruise in Car Show Botanical
 Camping Picnicking
 Nature Parks Open Space
 Spectator Sports Playgrounds
 Bird Watching Butterfly
 Nature Activities Walking
 Other _____

5. Active Outdoor Pursuits

Mountain Biking Walking
 Canoe/kayaking Rock Climbing
 Fishing Hiking Trails
 Horseback Riding Jogging
 Skateboarding Rollerblading
 Tubing Cycling
 Other _____

6. Instructional Classes

Scuba Kayak
 Dance Spin Class
 Water Aerobics Life Guard
 CPR Tumbling
 Aerobics/Pilates/Yoga Quilting/Knitting
 Arts & Crafts Ceramics
 Music Other _____

7. Recreation Center Programs

After School Self-Defense
 Senior Oriented Fitness Classes
 Summer Camp Teen Adventure Camp
 Other _____

8. Fitness Activities

Teen Fitness Program Par Fitness Course
 Zumba Senior Activities
 Water Aerobics Aerobics
 Biggest Loser Program Lap Swimming
 Circuit Training Fitness Activities
 Weight Lifting Wellness Training
 Mommy & Me – Pee Wee Power
 Other _____

9. Special Events

Christmas Lighting Farmer's Market
 Boots & Bridges Boogie 4th of July Festival
 Special Olympics Agricultural Fair
 Healthy Kids Day Corp. Health Fairs
 Senior Health Fair Senior Games
 5k/10k Run Events Fiddler's Convention
 Yadkin Valley Wine Festival
 Other _____

SECTION III. WHAT DO WE NEED?

1. What programs/activities would you like to see offered at the Elkin Recreation Center? Check all that apply.

Senior Programs Adult Athletics
 Children & Youth Programs (not athletics)
 Arts & Crafts (all ages) Afterschool Prgm
 Athletic Tournaments CrossFit Training
 Outdoor Adventure (age 12+)
 Seasonal/Holiday Special Events
 Personal Fitness Training
 Other _____

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Survey also available at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/elkinrecreurvey> or visit www.elkinnc.org

2. What amenities would you like to see added/renovated at the Elkin Recreation Center Building? Please circle your top 5 by rank, 1 being most important.

- 1 2 3 4 5 Larger Locker Rooms
- 1 2 3 4 5 Larger Fitness Room
- 1 2 3 4 5 Child care area
- 1 2 3 4 5 Larger Aerobic Studio
- 1 2 3 4 5 Larger Free-weight room
- 1 2 3 4 5 Restrooms accessible from outside
- 1 2 3 4 5 Renovation of Gym and Gym Floor
- 1 2 3 4 5 Meeting/Class Rooms
- 1 2 3 4 5 Aquatics Facility
- 1 2 3 4 5 Youth/Teen Weight Room
- 1 2 3 4 5 Other _____

3. Please rank the facilities that you would like to add to the parks system? Please circle your top 3 by rank, 1 being most important. Please describe facilities if applicable.

1 2 3 Expand Elkin Recreation Center
Please describe: _____

1 2 3 Indoor Aquatics Facility
Please describe: _____

1 2 3 Expand Greenway Trail System
Please describe: _____

1 2 3 Picnic Shelter, Playground and Renovate Athletic Field at Crater Park
Please describe: _____

1 2 3 Renovate Picnic Shelter and Playground at the Municipal Park
Please describe: _____

1 2 3 Spray Park at the Municipal Pool
Please describe: _____

1 2 3 Other Location: _____

4. What types of Special Events would you attend at the Elkin Municipal Park? Please circle your top 3 by rank, 1 being most important.

- 1 2 3 Art Shows 1 2 3 Movies
- 1 2 3 Music 1 2 3 Outdoor Dramas
- 1 2 3 Christmas Lighting
- 1 2 3 Other _____

5. Do you feel that Elkin Recreation and Parks adequately serves the following ages:

- Yes No Pre-School
- Yes No Elementary
- Yes No Middle School
- Yes No High School
- Yes No Families
- Yes No Seniors

6. I would be in favor of new or expanded financial methods to help fund recreation and parks expansions and renovations? Check one.

- Agree Undecided Disagree

7. Of the following, which would you be willing to support to finance a renovation/expansion? Please circle your top 3 by rank, 1 being most important.

- 1 2 3 Annual Household Fee of \$25-\$50
- 1 2 3 Recreation & Parks Bond Referendum
- 1 2 3 Increase Development Fees
- 1 2 3 Increase Participation Fees
- 1 2 3 Property Tax
- 1 2 3 Other _____

SECTION IV. TRAIL USE

1. How important to you are the following trail uses? Please circle your top 3 by rank, 1 being most important.

- 1 2 3 Walking or Hiking
- 1 2 3 Mountain Biking
- 1 2 3 Equestrian
- 1 2 3 Bicycling on Multi-Use Trails
- 1 2 3 Water or Blueway Trails
- 1 2 3 On-Street Bicycle Lanes
- 1 2 3 Other _____

2. What are the most important factors for determining locations of new trails? Please circle your top 3 by rank, 1 being most important.

- 1 2 3 Connects to existing trails
- 1 2 3 Connects to existing parks
- 1 2 3 Addresses safety concerns
- 1 2 3 Connects to schools
- 1 2 3 Connects to downtown
- 1 2 3 Other _____

SECTION V. ABOUT YOU...

1. Please tell us the number of people of each age group in your household.

- ___ 0-4 ___ 5-9 ___ 10-14 ___ 15-19
- ___ 20-24 ___ 25-34 ___ 35-44 ___ 45-54
- ___ 55-64 ___ 65-74 ___ 75-84 ___ 85+

2. Do you live inside the municipal limits of Elkin?

- Yes No

Zip Code: ___ 28621 ___ 28676 ___ 28642
 ___ 28685 ___ 28670 _____ Other

3. How long have you lived in the area?

- Life-long Resident ___ More than 10 years
- More than 5 years ___ More than 2 years
- Less than 2 years

4. What is your household Income?

- ___ less than \$15,000 ___ \$15,000 - \$25,000
- ___ \$25,000 - \$35,000 ___ \$35,000 - \$50,000
- ___ \$50,000 - \$75,000 ___ \$75,000 - \$100,000
- ___ \$100,000-\$150,000 ___ >\$150,000

5. What is the best way to notify you of programs and activities? Check one.

- Text Email
- Social media (facebook, etc.) Newspaper
- Radio Other _____

Your valuable input will help shape the recreational programs, parks and trails in Elkin for years to come.

If you would like an update or further information, please provide your contact information.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Town/State/Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Please return survey to:
 Town of Elkin
 Post Office Box 857
 Elkin, North Carolina 28621
 OR: Drop off at: 226 North Bridge Street
 OR: Fill out online at
www.surveymonkey.com/s/elkinrecsurvey

Survey Results Summary

There were 251 responses to the survey, 228 respondents completed all 5 sections of the survey, 122 survey respondents said they lived in Elkin, 106 lived outside Elkin (23 skipped this question).

The following responses are reported for all survey respondents unless otherwise noted. Where applicable, # of responses or % of responses shown in ().

Section 1: Elkin Parks Use

- Elkin Municipal park is used daily or weekly by 56% of respondents Q1
- E & A Railroad nature trail is used more often than the OVT Trail Q5-6

Section 2: How do you recreate?

- Cornhole (85), miniature golf (82) and yard games (73) are the top reported games/activities; Q1
- Arts/Crafts (149), Concerts (100) and Outdoor Drama (89) are top reported Arts interests; Q2
- Swimming (118), basketball (107) and tennis (88) are the top reported sports activities; Q3
- Walking (182), Hiking Trails (150) and Fishing (104) and Canoe/kayaking (102) are the top reported passive outdoor pursuits; Q4-5
- Aerobics/pilates/yoga (60), arts & crafts (53), music (53) and CPR (40) are top reported Instructional Classes; Q6
- Summer camp (25) and after school (17) are the two top recreation center programs; Q7
- Weight lifting (80), fitness activities (75), lap swimming (44) and Zumba (43) are the top fitness activities; and Q8
- 4th of July Festival (151), Yadkin Valley Wine Festival (141) and the farmer's market (125) are the top three special events. Q9

Section 3: What do we need?

- Personal fitness training (91), seasonal/holiday special events (81), outdoor adventure (77) and adult athletics (74) are the top Recreation Center programs/activities to offer; Q1
- Aquatics facility (25%* weighted), restrooms accessible from the outside (16%), larger fitness room (12%) and gym floor renovations (11%*)³ are the top four weighted responses (one to five rank)of amenities to add to the Recreation center from **Elkin only responses**; Q2

³ * Weighted score for top five rank, weight is calculated as sum of; top choice x5, second choice x4, third choice x3, fourth choice x2 and fifth choice x1.

**Weight score for top three rank, weight is calculated as sum of; top choice x3, second choice x2 and third choice x1

- Indoor aquatics facility (34%** weighted), expand greenway trail system (23%**), expand the Elkin recreation center (20%**) are the top three weighted responses (one to three rank) to add to the Parks systems from ***Elkin only responses***; Q3 (see below for response comments)
- Music (35%** weighted), movies (22%**) and outdoor dramas (19%**) are top weighted responses (one to three rank) to add to special events at the Municipal Park; Q4
- Pre-school, seniors and high school age groups are the least adequately served of all age groups; Q5
- Only two of the 122 respondents who live inside Elkin disagree with new or expanded financial methods to help fund recreation and parks expansions and renovations; Q6
- Recreation & Parks Bond referendum (Recreation & Parks Bond 38%** weighted), Annual household fee \$25-50 (25%**) and Increase of participation fees (11%**) are the top three reported finance choices (one to three rank) to fund improvements from ***Elkin only responses***. Q7

Section 4: Trail Use

- Walking or Hiking (47%** weighted), bicycling or multi-use trails (20%**) and on-street bicycle lanes/MTB (11%**) are the top four responses (one to three rank) for trail use from ***Elkin only responses***, water and blueway trails are 3rd highest (12%) when considering all responses and Q1
- Connects to existing trails (34%** weighted), connects to existing parks (25%**) and addresses safety concerns (23%**) are the top three choices for determining locations of new trail. Q2

Section 5: About You

- From ***Elkin only responses*** Age 35-54 and ages 5-9 have the highest number of responses; Q1
- From ***Elkin only responses*** 72% of respondents have lived in Elkin more than ten years, 16% more than five years and 12% less than 5 years; Q3
- From ***Elkin only responses*** 31% of households earn less than \$50,000, 26% of households have income between \$50,000-75,000, 16% between \$75,000 and 100,000 and 19% between \$100,000-150,000; and Q4
- From ***Elkin only responses*** 61% prefer email notice of programs and activities, 16% newspaper and 14% social media. Q5

Parks and Recreation System Specific Improvements

Question 3 in section 3 asked about specific improvements to the Recreation Center and the Parks and Recreation system. Respondents were asked to offer details on what improvements should be made if interested. The following “open-ended” responses are from the top categories from ***Elkin only responses***:

Q3. Please rank the facilities that you would like to add to the parks system? Please choose your top 3 by rank, 1 being most important. Please describe facilities if applicable.

Indoor Aquatics Facility (Top Choice) – Description of Top Choice Facilities

- Year round activities (6)
- Lap pool (25 meter) (6)
- Therapy/fitness/aerobics pool for adults and seniors (6)
- Been driving out of town– too far (Yadkinville/Pilot Mtn) (4)
- Example – Yadkin YMCA pool area (2)
- Serve the school and community (2)
- Competitive events (2)
- Adult swim time (2)
- No diving
- Need a feasibility study before making a decision on moving forward
- Partner with YMCA
- Sauna/Jacuzzi and kiddy area
- OR Partner with HCMH to offer classes at their facility year round

Other Comments:

- Small unit with heated 2-3 "forever" pools for "lap" or exercise swimming & aerobic exercises otherwise
- I believe an indoor pool would be beneficial to many people allowing for a winter swim team season as well as another option for those who workout on a daily basis
- This is long overdue for this town. An indoor aquatics facility would be a great asset to our town.
- Tent the pool for the winter swim teams and also offer winter swimming and lessons.

Expand Greenway Trail System (2nd Highest Choice)

- Longer multi-purpose trails (4)
- Add single track mountain biking (3)
- More places for residents to run (3)
- Add bike trails (3)
- Connect with other trails in the area (2)
- Enjoy walking and hiking with the dog
- Add lights to trails
- Yadkin river trail to Wilkesboro
- Elkin hub for trails
- Level existing trails for better access
- Connect Municipal Park to Crater Park
- Fix sidewalk gaps and connect trail to library

Other Comments

- Walking is the only thing most adults need. Need to spend some of the money for the rec center on walking trails
- Tie Victory Trail to the Elkin Creek E&A Railroad Trail.
- I agree with the plans that are already in place.
- It would be nice to have a longer, well lighted, safe greenway trail system to run/walk on especially when time changes and it's get's darker earlier.

Expand Recreation Center (3rd Highest Choice)

- Larger, modern facility – too crowded (8)
- More basketball courts, bigger gym (4)
- More fitness rooms/multi-purpose rooms (4)
- Expand weight room (3)
- Indoor walking/running track (2)
- Racquetball court (2)
- Meeting rooms (2)
- Get hardwood flooring
- Brighter lights
- More parking
- Bathrooms on the outside
- Childcare area
- YMCA

Other comments:

-Take a look at the Wellness Center in Boone as a model. Large indoor track with aerobics floor in the middle. Large weight/fitness machine room. Treadmills throughout facility, not in just one location. Cardiac rehab program, senior programs, expansive aerobic class schedule and child care.

-I believe the weight room is way too small and cramped. I also believe there should be larger areas for women to use free weights.

-Terrible waste of taxpayer money

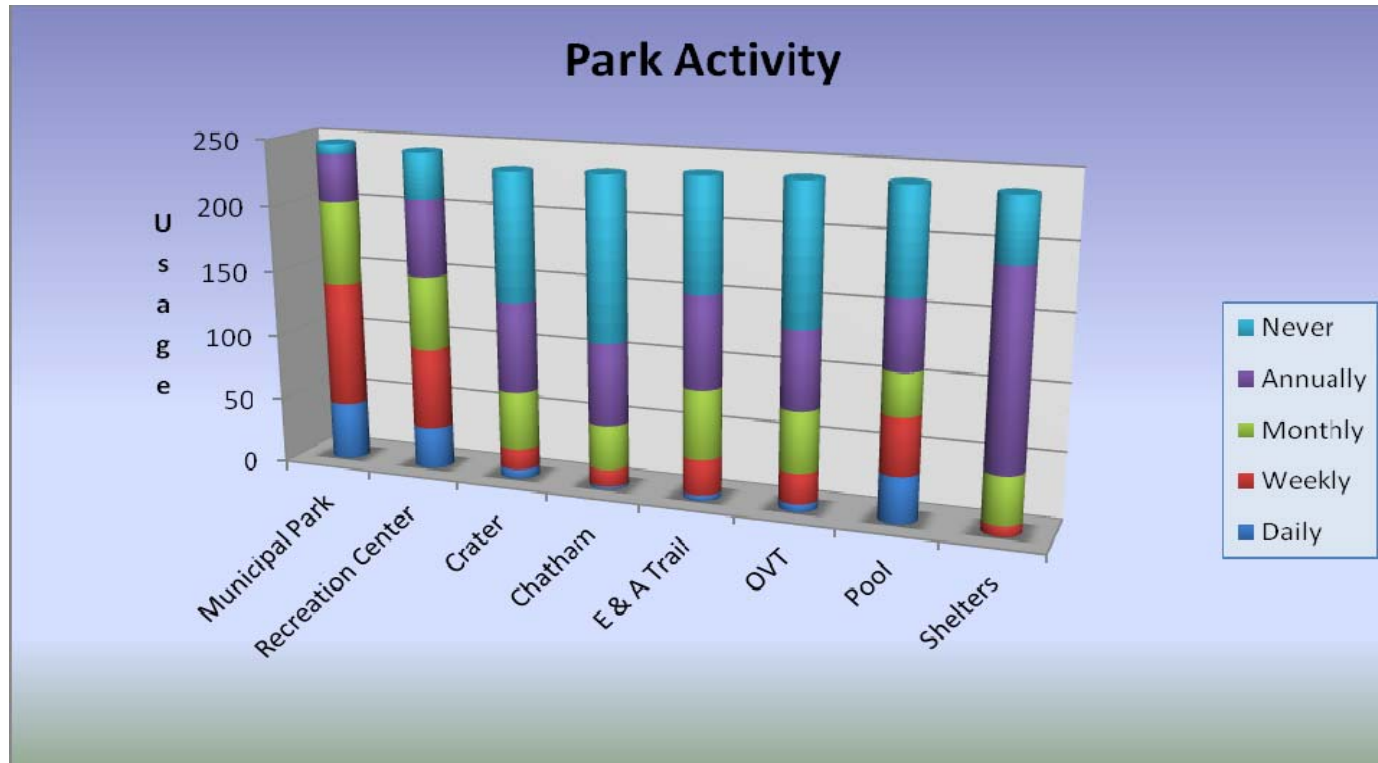
Full Survey Results

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Section 1. Elkin Parks Use

Q1-8: How often do you or someone in your household use the parks or recreation facilities below? Check all that apply.

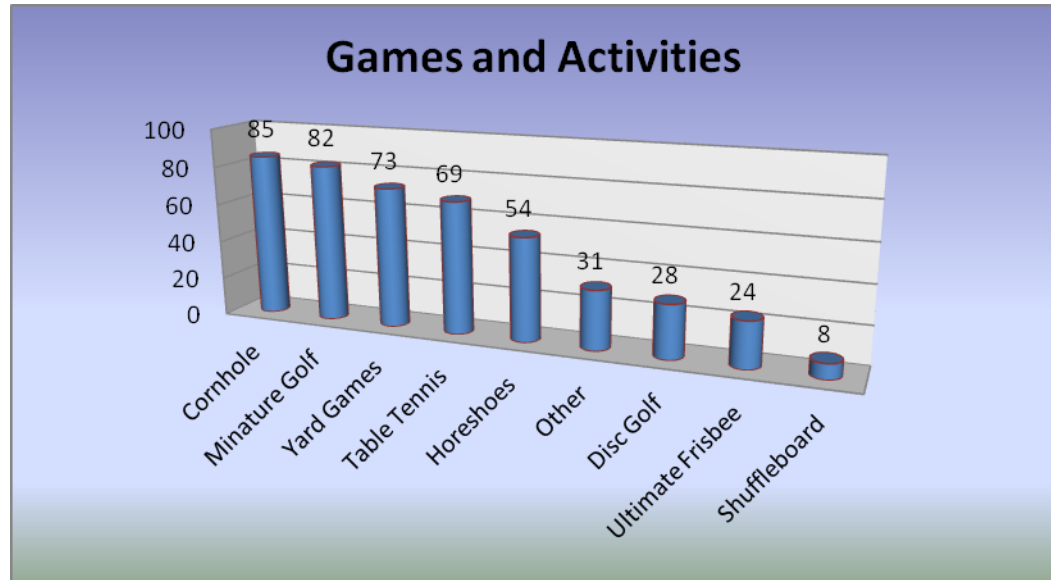
Usage	Municipal Park	Recreation Center	Crater	Chatham	E & A Trail	OVT	Pool	Shelters
Daily	44	32	7	2	4	6	35	0
Weekly	95	62	16	13	27	23	43	8
Monthly	63	56	44	34	52	46	32	36
Annually	36	58	69	62	70	59	52	146
Never	8	35	97	124	85	105	78	47



Section 2. How Do You Recreate?

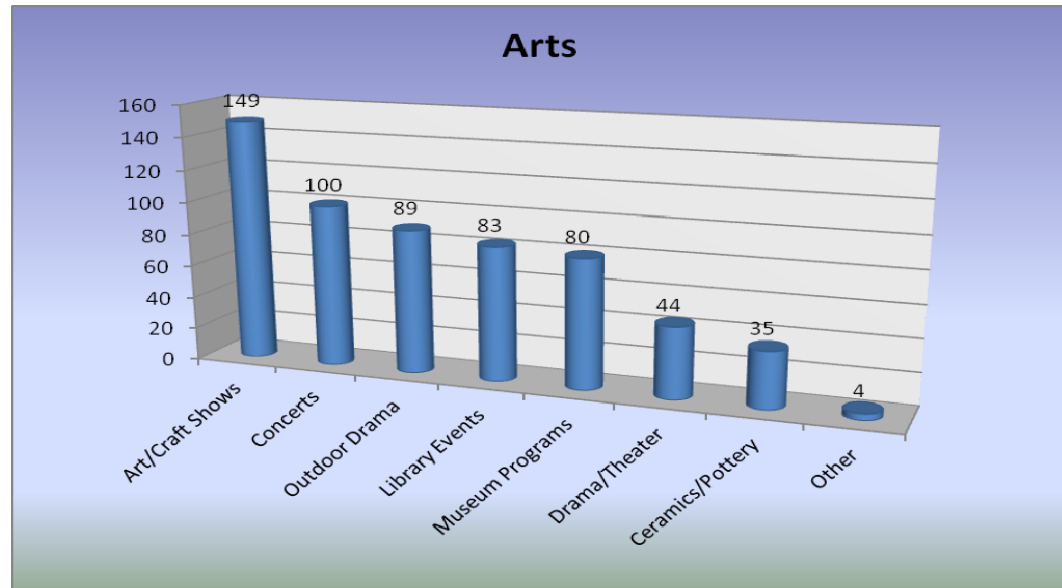
Q1: Games and Activities. Check all that apply.

Activity	Participants
Cornhole	85
Minature Golf	82
Yard Games	73
Table Tennis	69
Horeshoes	54
Other	31
Disc Golf	28
Ultimate Frisbee	24
Shuffleboard	8



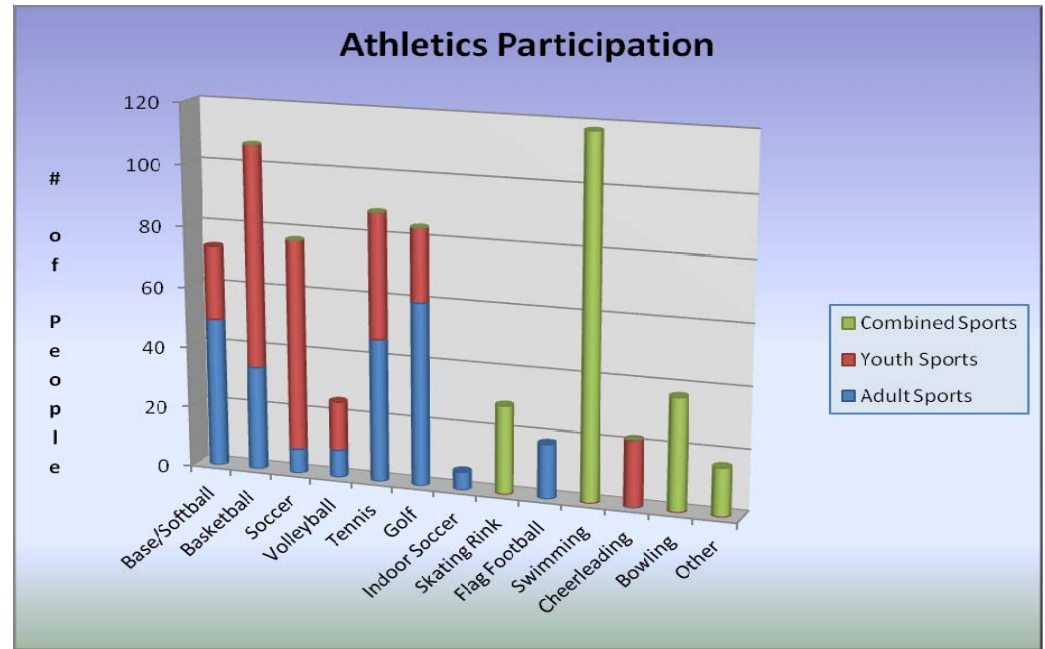
Q2: Arts. Check all that apply.

Participate in Arts	Responses
Art/Craft Shows	149
Concerts	100
Outdoor Drama	89
Library Events	83
Museum Programs	80
Drama/Theater	44
Ceramics/Pottery	35
Other	4



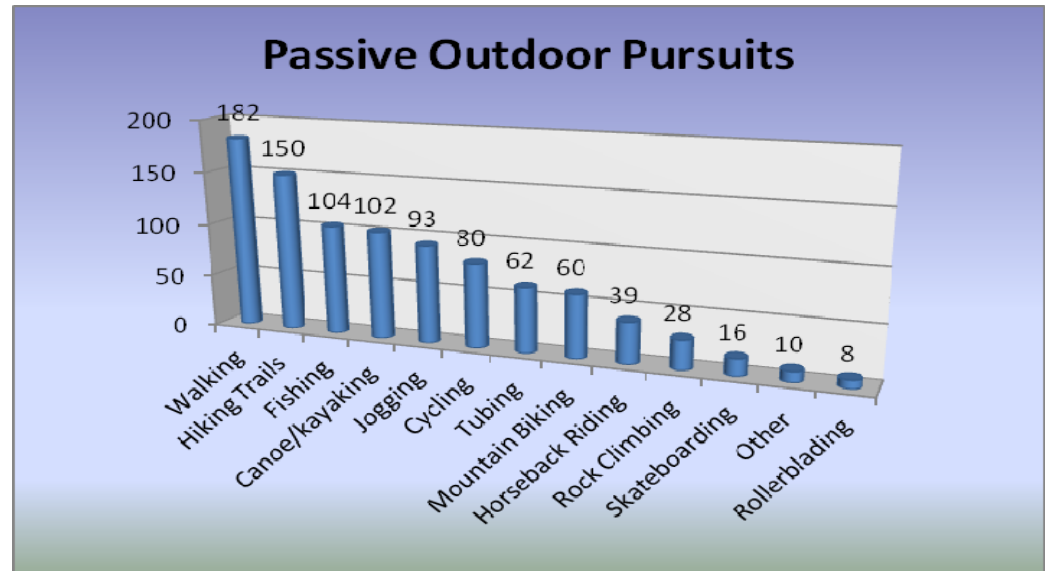
Q3: Athletics Participation. Check all that apply.

Sport	Adult Sports	Youth Sports	Combined Sports
Base/Softball	49	24	0
Basketball	34	73	0
Soccer	8	69	0
Volleyball	9	16	0
Tennis	47	41	0
Golf	60	24	0
Indoor Soccer	6	0	0
Skating Rink	0	0	29
Flag Football	18	0	0
Swimming	0	0	118
Cheerleading	0	22	0
Bowling	0	0	37
Other	0	0	16



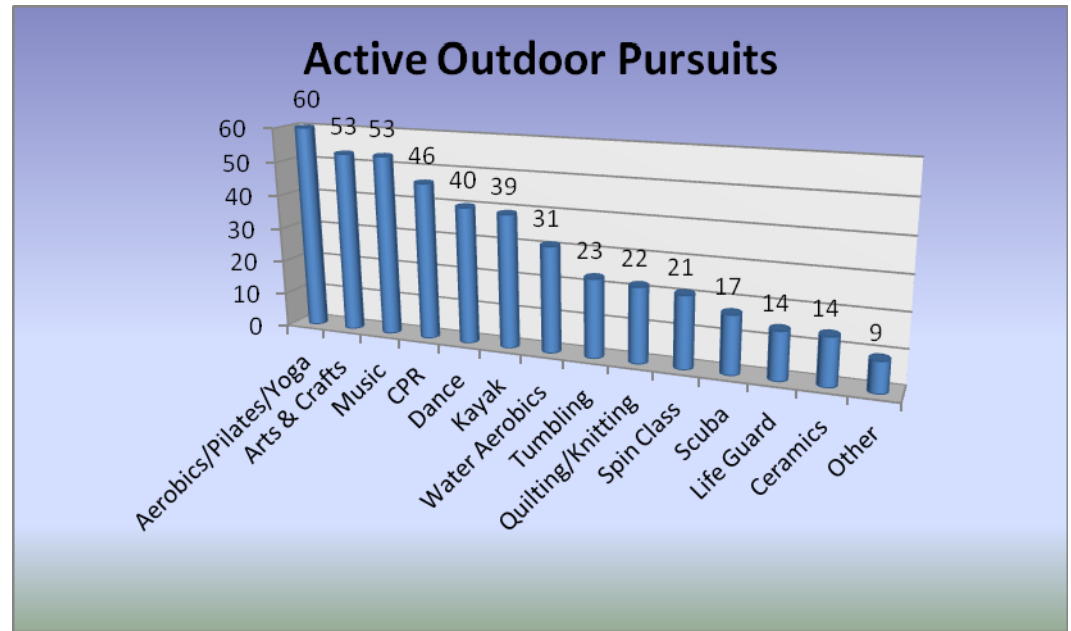
Q5: Passive Outdoor Sports. Check all that apply.

Outdoor Pursuits	Response
Walking	182
Hiking Trails	150
Fishing	104
Canoe/kayaking	102
Jogging	93
Cycling	80
Tubing	62
Mountain Biking	60
Horseback Riding	39
Rock Climbing	28
Skateboarding	16
Other	10
Rollerblading	8



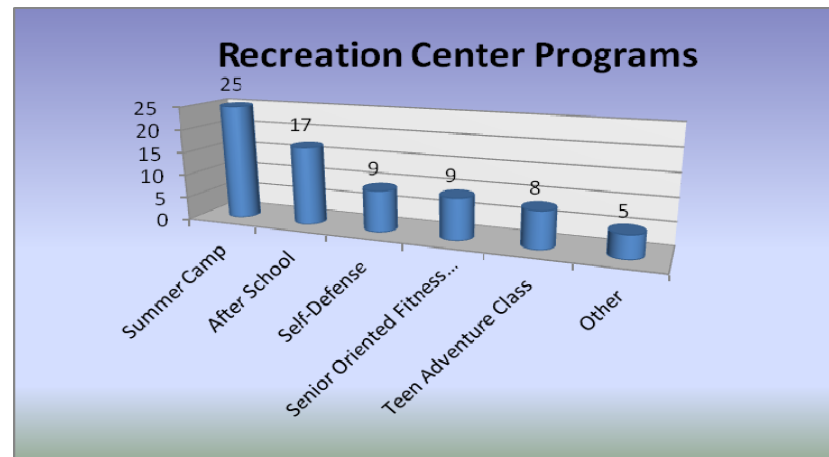
Q6: Instructional Classes. Check all that apply.

Active Outdoor Pursuit	Participate
Aerobics/Pilates/Yoga	60
Arts & Crafts	53
Music	53
CPR	46
Dance	40
Kayak	39
Water Aerobics	31
Tumbling	23
Quilting/Knitting	22
Spin Class	21
Scuba	17
Life Guard	14
Ceramics	14
Other	9



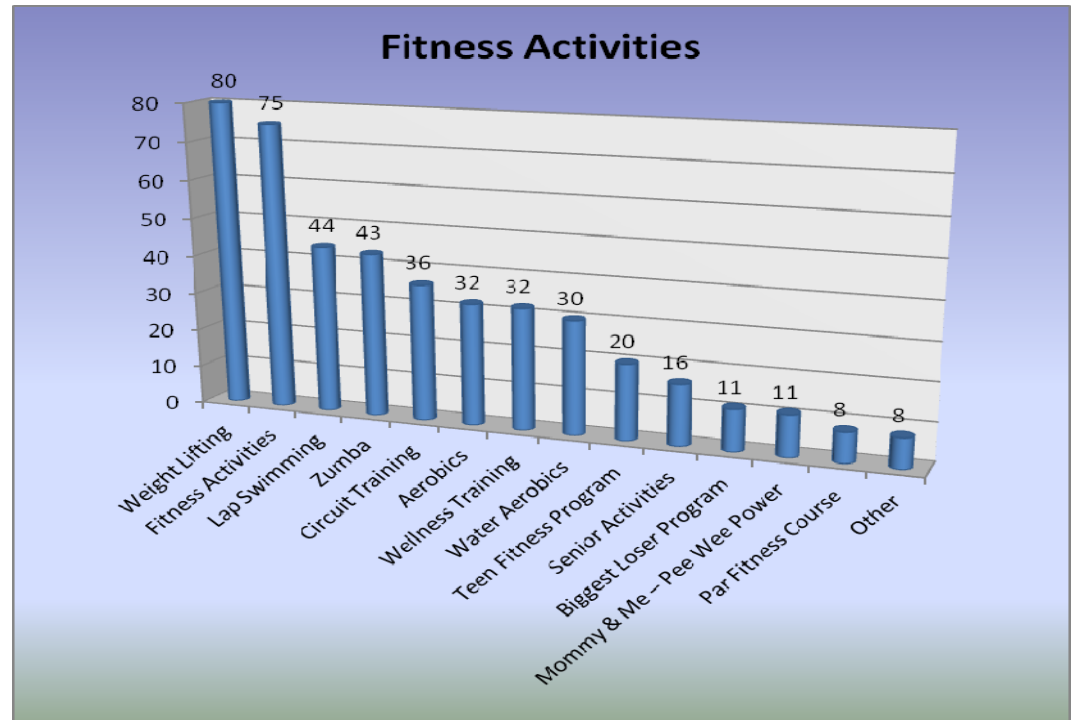
Q7: Recreation Center Programs. Check all that apply.

Rec Center Programs	Responses
Summer Cmap	50
After School	34
Self-Defense	20
Senior Oriented Fitness Class	16
Teen Adventure Class	16
Other	5



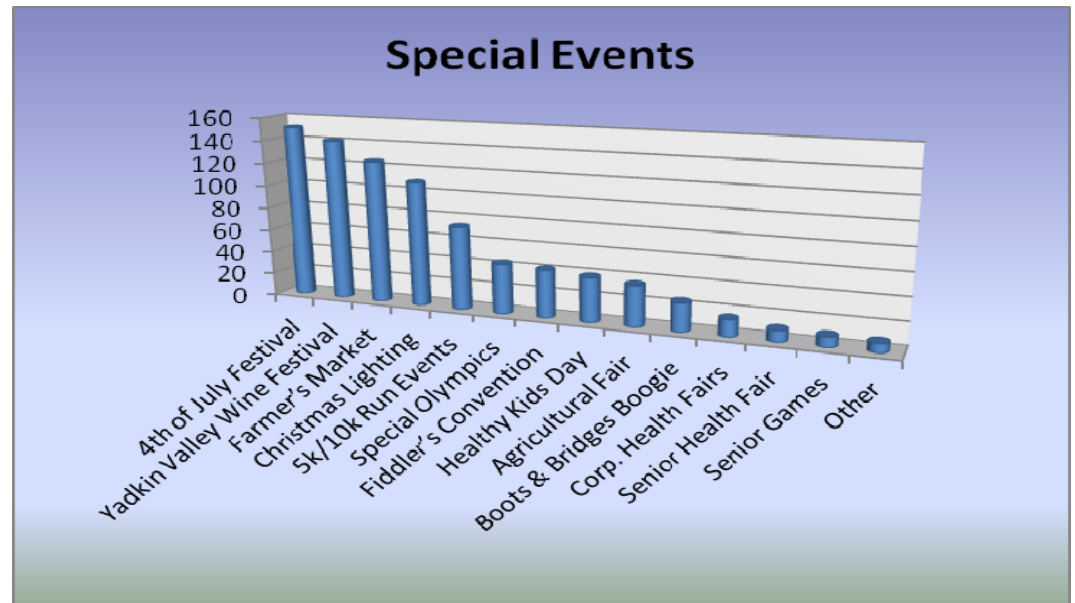
Q8: Fitness Activities. Check all that apply.

Fitness Activities	Responses
Weight Lifting	80
Fitness Activities	75
Lap Swimming	44
Zumba	43
Circuit Training	36
Aerobics	32
Wellness Training	32
Water Aerobics	30
Teen Fitness Program	20
Senior Activities	16
Biggest Loser Program	11
Mommy & Me - Pee Wee Power	11
Par Fitness Course	8
Other	8



Q9: Special Events. Check all that apply.

Special Events	Responses
4th of July Festival	151
Yadkin Valley Wine Festival	141
Farmer's Market	125
Christmas Lighting	109
5k/10k Run Events	73
Special Olympics	44
Fiddler's Convention	42
Healthy Kids Day	39
Agricultural Fair	36
Boots & Bridges Boogie	25
Corp. Health Fairs	15
Senior Health Fair	10
Senior Games	9
Other	8



Section 3. What Do We Need?

Q1: What programs/activities would you like to see offered at the Elkin Recreation Center? Check all that apply.

Programs to Offer	Responses
Personal Fitness Training	91
Seasonal/Holiday Special Events	81
Outdoor Adventure (age 12+)	77
Adult Athletics	74
Arts & Crafts (all ages)	73
Children & Youth Programs (not athletics)	71
Athletic Tournaments	60
CrossFit Training	60
Senior Programs	45
Afterschool Program	37
Other	20



Q2: What amenities would you like to see added/renovated at the Elkin Recreation Center Building? Please choose your top 5 by rank, 1 being most important.

Elkin only responses

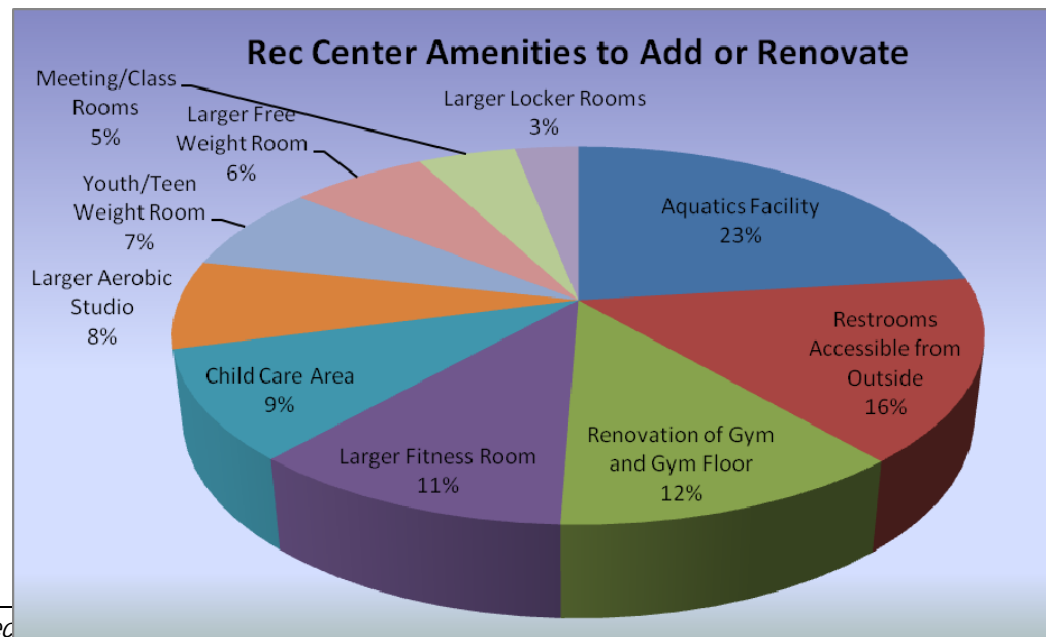
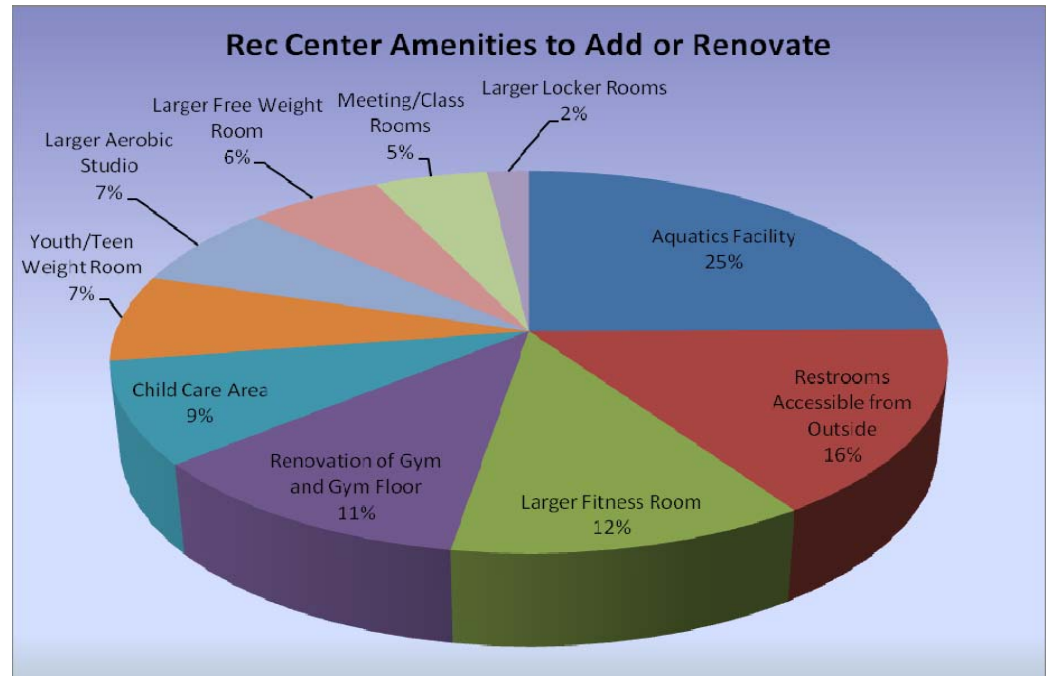
Amenities Added or Renovated	Weighted Score
Aquatics Facility	302
Restrooms Accessible from Outside	192
Larger Fitness Room	145
Renovation of Gym and Gym Floor	138
Child Care Area	105
Youth/Teen Weight Room	89
Larger Aerobic Studio	85
Larger Free Weight Room	75
Meeting/Class Rooms	62
Larger Locker Rooms	23

Weighted Score Method:

All 5s were multiplied by 1; All 4s were multiplied by 2; All 3s were multiplied by 3; All 2s were multiplied by 4; All 1s were multiplied by 5

All responses

Amenities Added or Renovated	Weighted Score
Aquatics Facility	520
Restrooms Accessible from Outside	352
Renovation of Gym and Gym Floor	267
Larger Fitness Room	246
Child Care Area	211
Larger Aerobic Studio	170
Youth/Teen Weight Room	166
Larger Free Weight Room	147
Meeting/Class Rooms	105
Larger Locker Rooms	68



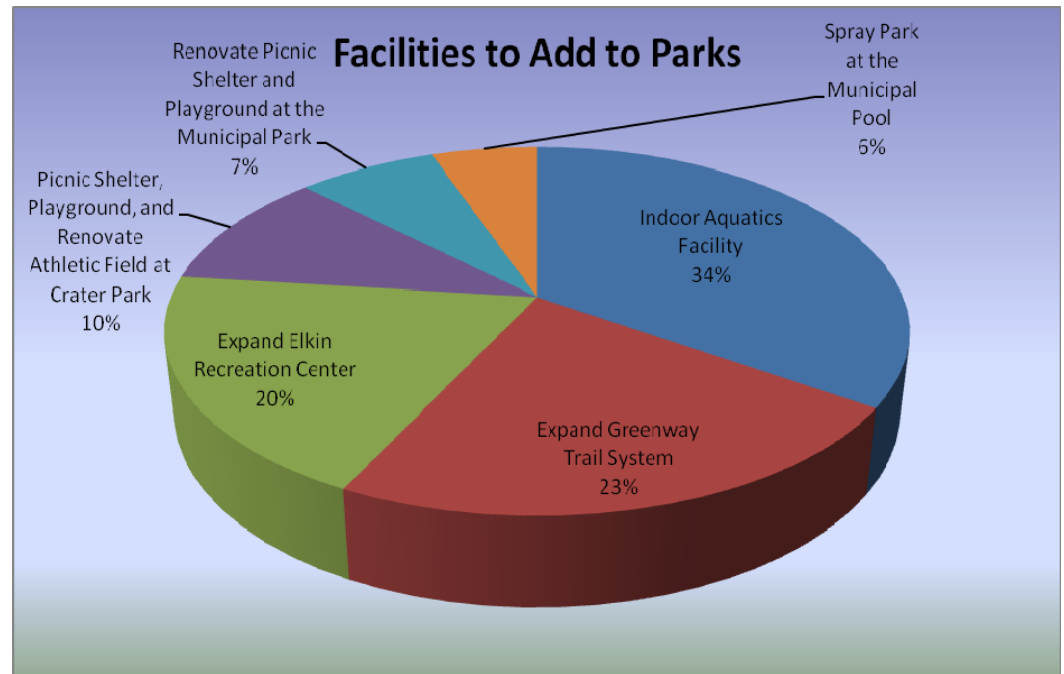
Q3: Please rank the facilities that you would like to add to the parks system? Please choose your top 3 by rank, 1 being most important. Please describe facilities if applicable.

Elkin only responses

Add to the Park System	Weighted Score
Indoor Aquatics Facility	195
Expand Greenway Trail System	129
Expand Elkin Recreation Center	111
Picnic Shelter, Playground, and Renovate Athletic Field at Crater Park	59
Renovate Picnic Shelter and Playground at the Municipal Park	41
Spray Park at the Municipal Pool	31

Weighted Score Method: All 3s were multiplied by 1; All 2s were multiplied by 2; All 1s were multiplied by 3

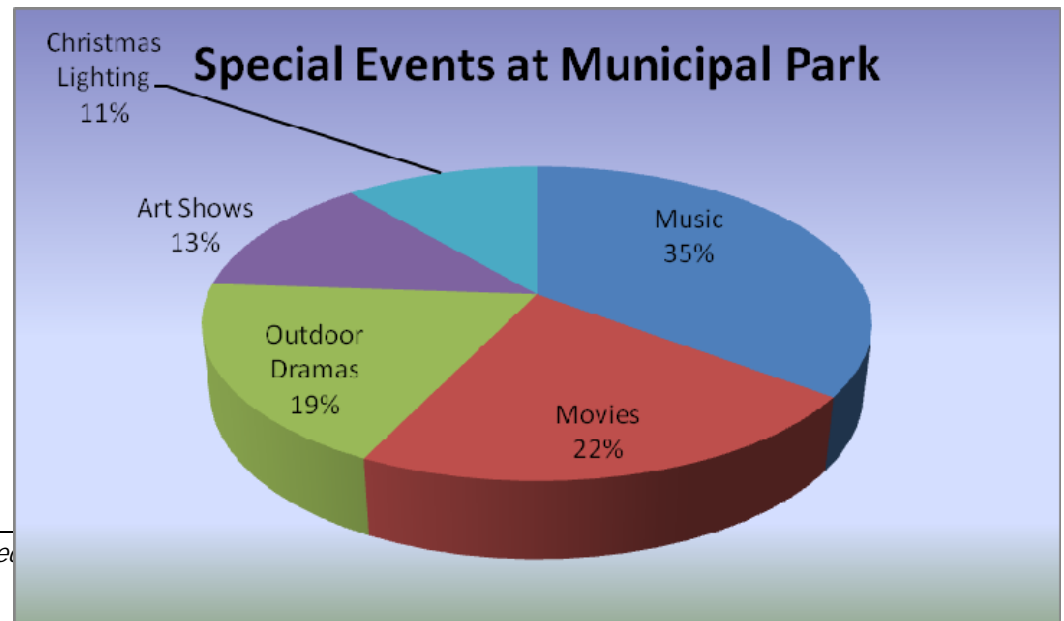
All responses showed similar ranking.



Q4: What types of Special Events would you attend at the Elkin Municipal Park? Please circle your top 3 by rank, 1 being most important.

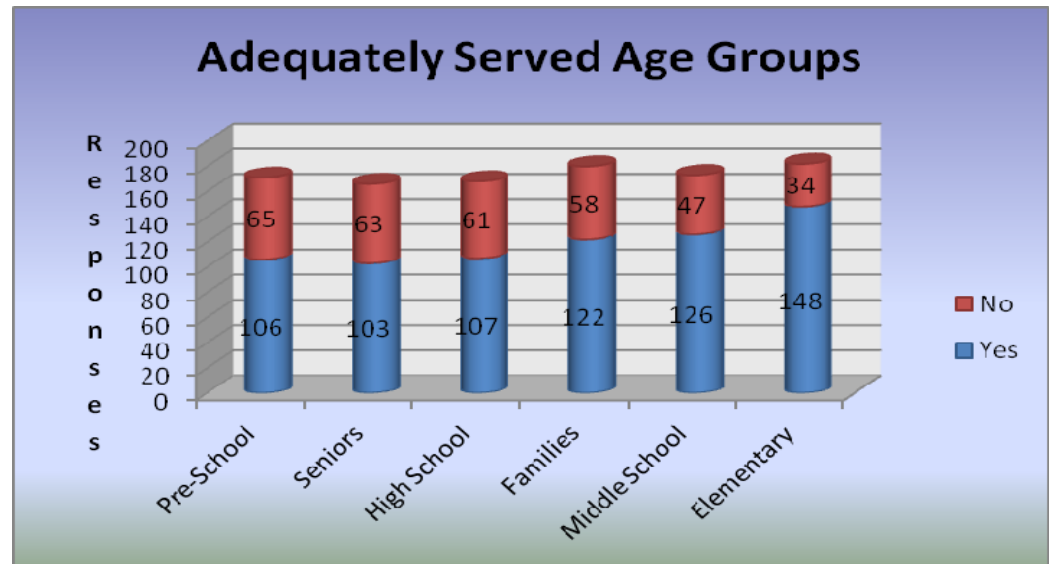
Special Events at Municipal Park	Weighted Score
Music	356
Movies	221
Outdoor Dramas	191
Art Shows	128
Christmas Lighting	113

Weighted Method: All 3s were multiplied by 1; All 2s were multiplied by 2; All 1s were multiplied by 3



Q5: Do you feel that Elkin Recreation and Parks adequately serves the following ages?

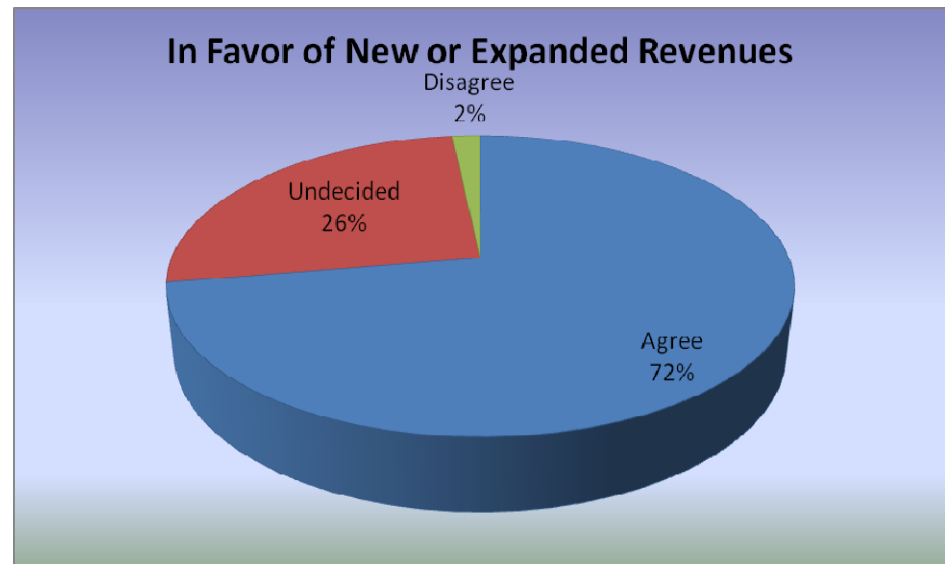
Age Group	Yes	No
Pre-School	106	65
Seniors	103	63
High School	107	61
Families	122	58
Middle School	126	47
Elementary	148	34



Q6: I would be in favor of new or expanded financial methods to help fund recreation and parks expansions and renovations?
Check one.

Elkin only responses

	Responses
Agree	84
Undecided	30
Disagree	2

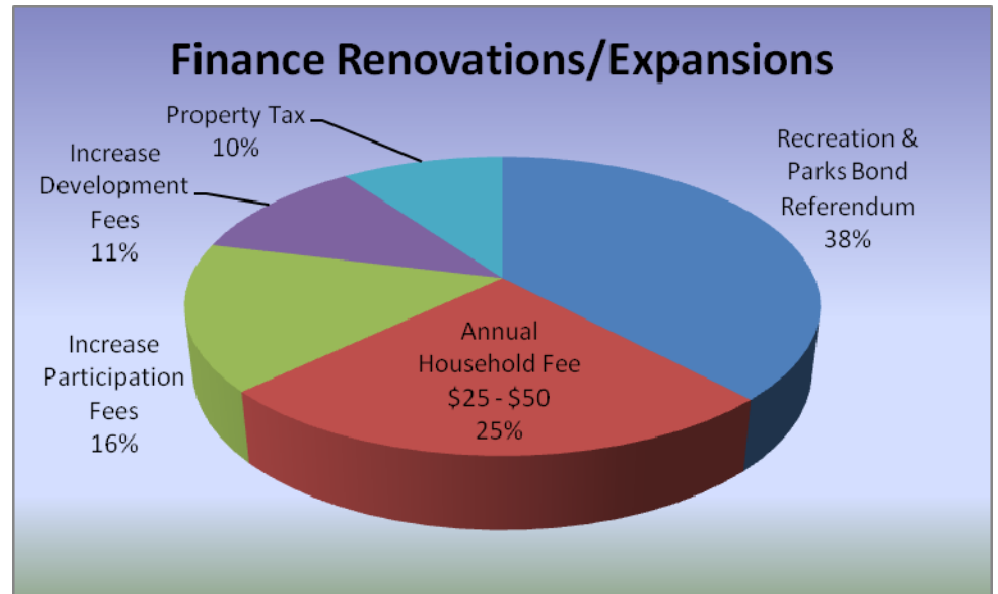


Q7: Of the following, which would you be willing to support to finance a renovation/expansion? Please circle your top 3 by rank, 1 being most important.

Elkin only responses

Finance Renovation/Expansion	Weighted Score
Recreation & Parks Bond Referendum	208
Annual Household Fee \$25 - \$50	137
Increase Participation Fees	87
Increase Development Fees	62
Property Tax	54

Weighted Method: All 3s were multiplied by 1; All 2s were multiplied by 2; All 1s were multiplied by 3

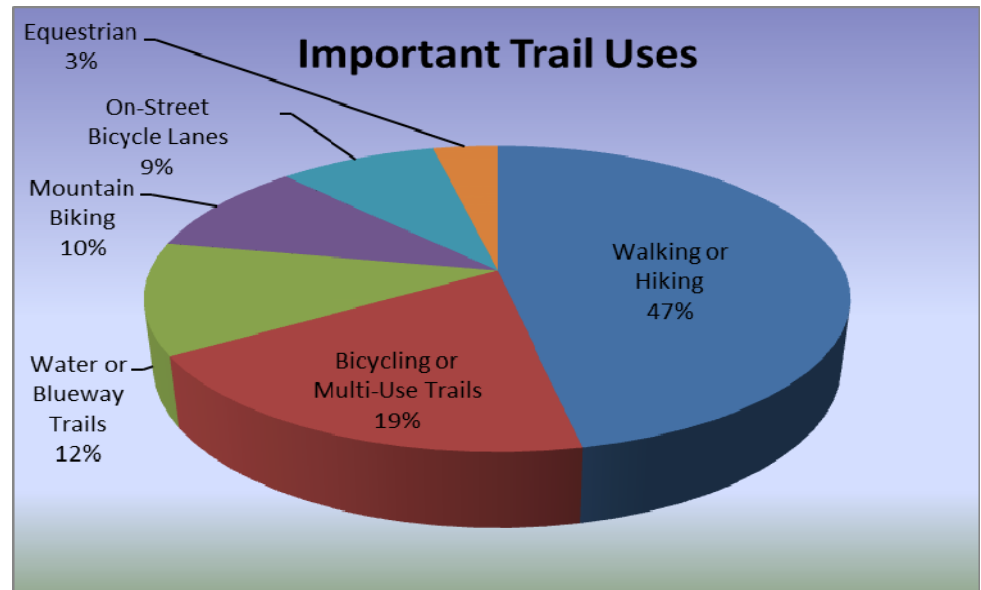


Section 4. Trail Use

Q1: How important to you are the following trail uses? Please circle your top 3 by rank, 1 being most important.

Trail Issues	Weighted Score
Walking or Hiking	506
Bicycling or Multi-Use Trails	210
Water or Blueway Trails	128
Mountain Biking	106
On-Street Bicycle Lanes	94
Equestrian	38

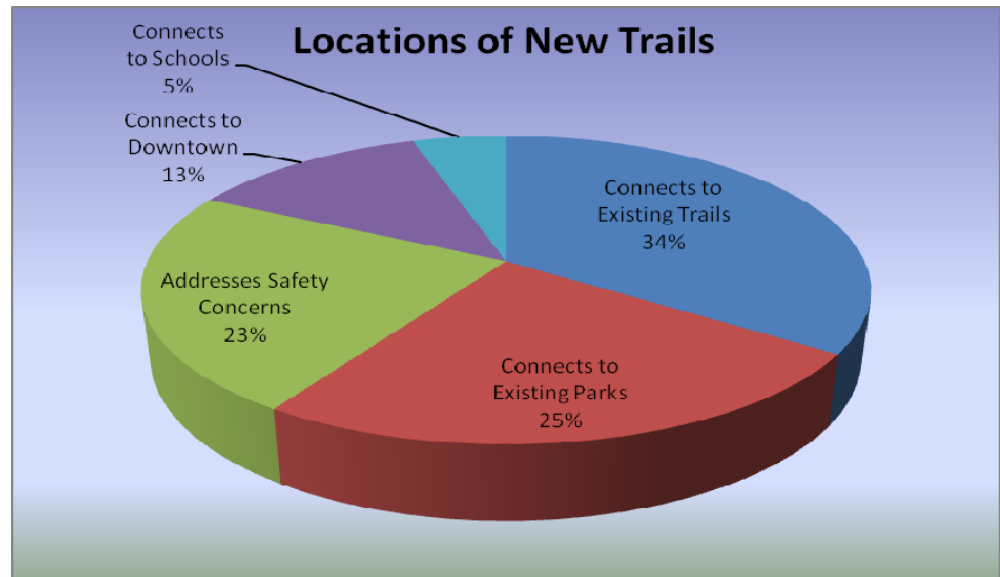
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Q2: What are the most important factors for determining locations of new trails? Please circle your top 3 by rank, 1 being most important.

Locations of New Trail	Weighted Score
Connects to Existing Trails	375
Connects to Existing Parks	269
Addresses Safety Concerns	252
Connects to Downtown	138
Connects to Schools	54

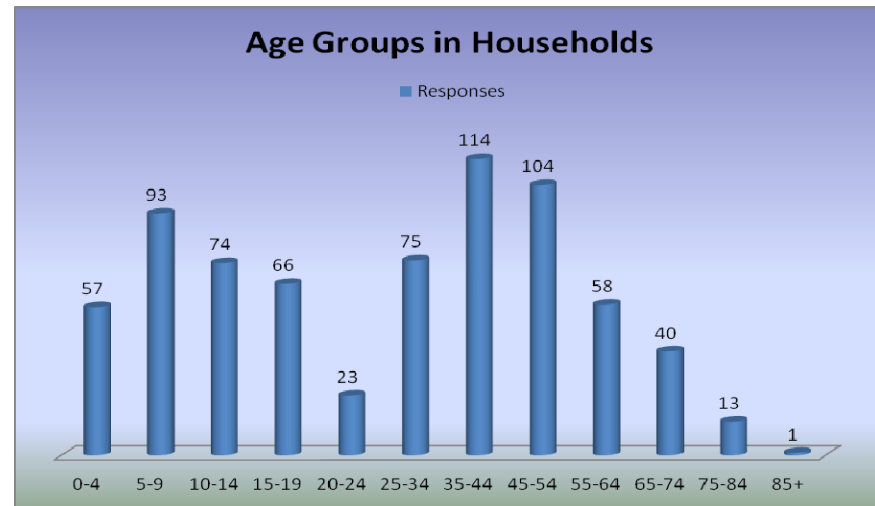
Weighted Score Method: All 3s were multiplied by 1; All 2s were multiplied by 2; All 1s were multiplied by 3



Section 5. About You

Q1: Please tell us the number of people in each age group in your household.

Ages	Responses
0-4	57
5-9	93
10-14	74
15-19	66
20-24	23
25-34	75
35-44	114
45-54	104
55-64	58
65-74	40
75-84	13
85+	1

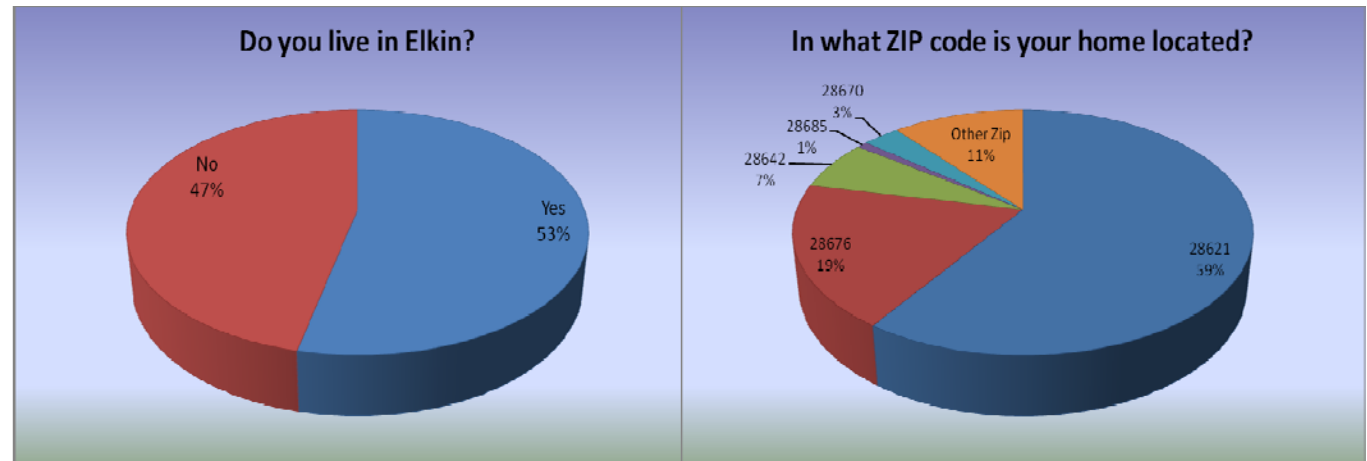


Q2-3: Do you live inside the municipal limits of Elkin? Zip Code? How Long

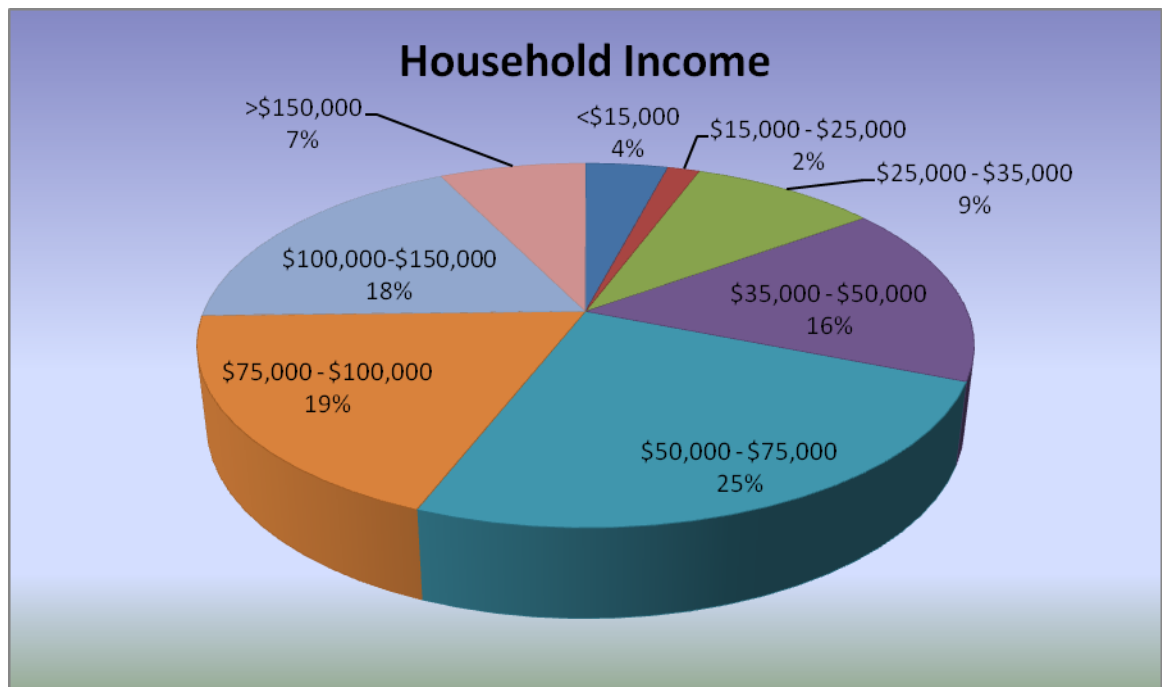
Yes/No	Responses
Yes	122
No	106

Zip	Responses
28621	135
28676	43
28642	15
28685	2
28670	7
Other Zip	25

Length	Responses
Life-long Resident	71
More than 10 years	87
More than 5 years	31
More than 2 years	16

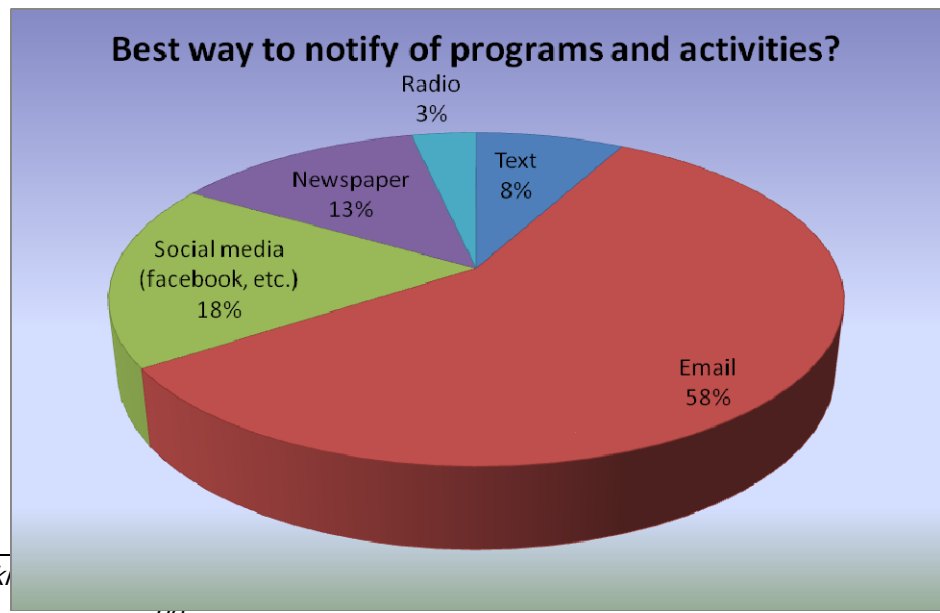


Less than 2 years	9
Q4: What is your household income?	
Income	Responses
<\$15,000	8
\$15,000 - \$25,000	3
\$25,000 - \$35,000	18
\$35,000 - \$50,000	31
\$50,000 - \$75,000	48
\$75,000 - \$100,000	36
\$100,000-\$150,000	35
>\$150,000	14



Q5: What is the best way to notify you of programs and activities?

Method	Responses
Text	16
Email	119
Social Media	37
Newspaper	27
Radio	7



Public Workshop Results

November 15, 2012

Attendees: 15

Town of Elkin Staff Members: Adam McComb

PTRC Staff Members: Marc Allred, Hanna Cockburn and Jesse Day

Following a presentation on the scope of the recreation plan purpose, vision and goals of the plan; a snapshot of the survey results so far were shared with workshop participants. The workshop input session looked at existing parks and recreational assets, a map showing facilities were available at the following work stations:

1. Trails in and around Elkin
2. Elkin Municipal Park
3. Crater Park and Downtown
4. Chatham Park



November 15, 2012 Public Workshop

The following questions were asked of participants at each station:

- A. What do you **like**? B. What do you **not like**? C. What would you like **to add**?

Station 1: Trails in and around Elkin

Likes

- Trails are very important to the future growth of Elkin
- Create a healthy environment
- Attracts tourism
- Great to see proposed trail system and connections to the MST and Overmountain Victory Trail
- Trail connections into Downtown Elkin will encourage positive economic growth in downtown

Additions

- Trails center and hub to learn about trail opportunities

- Connect the Parks via trails (Municipal, Crater, Chatham and I-77 and back)
- Enhance National Park presence
- Bicycle accessible trails
- Safe access on streets for bicyclists to trails and trailheads
- Signage and parking for trails from downtown
- Restrooms on trails
- Events to support trails, including 5K runs
- MTB trails near Elkin reservoir and Business Park Drive

Station 2: Elkin Municipal Park

Likes

- Always clean
- Amphitheater could be used more

Dislikes

- Cleaner public restrooms
- Children not allowed to ride bikes in the park currently

Additions

- A multi-use trail would be a great draw for potential visitors. If the trail ties into the MST trail, additional grant money will be available, increasing opportunities for partnership
- Frisbee golf or mini-golf course (executive style)

- Link to Crater Park and future trails center safely
- Increase trails wayfinding
- Spray park
- If a new pool is too expensive, look at enclosing the existing pool
- Indoor swimming pool (x4)
-May save the schools money, so they do not have to send students to Yadkinville in buses and retirees could enjoy swimming year round
- Over 60 softball and baseball program (could generate revenue)

Station 3: Crater Park

Likes

- Boat access
- Proposed trails follow the river, a strong amenity to attract citizens to downtown Elkin. Nearby towns of N. Wilkesboro, Lenoir and Morganton have reaped benefits of Riverside Trail

Dislikes

- Current sidewalk/trail link to municipal park feels unsafe, need dedicated trail

Additions

- Campsites and camping in the park would have close access to business, pharmacy, grocery, provisions and health care

- Dedicated bike and walking access between Crater and Municipal Park
- Focus on kayak and fishing and explore the Elkin Creek confluence with the Yadkin River (area currently under private ownership)
- Info kiosk for kayakers and shelter
- Expand park to west
- Campsite with raised tent pads of granite millings/stone dust
- Bathrooms
- Fire rings or grills
- Water availability to campers

Station 4: Chatham Park

Likes

- Closeness to river

Additions

- Greenway trail along river would be a nice addition to the area. Trail users enjoy "riverwalks"
- RV site or park in open space and close to the river

- Landscaped and maintenance important
- Needs to be close to downtown so folks can walk to downtown safely
- Address the brownfields issue to streamline greenway development

Focus Group Results

February 18, 2013

Attendees: 45

Town of Elkin Staff Members: Adam McComb

PTRC Staff Members: Marc Allred, Hanna Cockburn and Jesse Day

Focus groups were conducted for the citizens, coaches, business owners, Town Parks and Rec staff, Elkin Valley Trails association, Town wellness committee members and also older adults. There were 5 separate focus groups, the format involved an overview of the planning process and intended outcomes, with 4 basic questions asked:

- What does Elkin Parks and Recreation do well?
- What would you change about Elkin's Parks and Recreation?
- What new programs/facilities/people would you add?
- Anything else that needs to be considered in the planning process?

Respondent's answers were categorized with one or more of the following; P = Program; F = Facilities and S = Staff to demonstrate what area their answer may impact.

What does Elkin Parks and Recreation do well?

Generally, there is a positive impression of the parks systems. The Municipal Park including the Recreation Center, tennis courts and outdoor pool and events are valued. It was heard more than once that people looking to re-locate, whether retirees or young families, seek out features of a park system found in Elkin.

FACILITIES

- Municipal park value, usage and pride
 - Amazing park improvements
- Rivers, creeks and access points on the Yadkin River
- Recreation facilities are clean

PROGRAMS

- Sports programming (e.g. youth basketball and soccer)
- League programs
- Wine Festival and Car Show
- Outreach to all ages
- Shared facilities with the Schools (e.g. Crater Park softball and football practice)

STAFF

- Cooperative
- Communication among staff and interested groups
- Good volunteers

What would you change about Elkin's Parks and Recreation?

When asked what to change, there were several ideas offered from the various focus groups. The breadth of programs offered will need to continue to grow in order to serve the community better, and also to attract more resources to the area. Reported by a focus group member, hosting a girls softball or soccer event, for example has a bigger economic impact than a boys tournament because more hotel rooms are bought by girls sports teams. In addition, direct support of the Wine Festival and other special events and support from the school system on facilities maintenance are important themes. Other changes in no particular order:

FACILITIES - GENERAL

- Level Crater and Chatham athletic fields
- Provide rental facility and shuttle for canoe/kayaking (public/private partnership)
- Improve wayfinding and signage
- Improve boat access and portage along Elkin Creek
- Build playground and other amenities at Crater Park
- Use mobile bleachers
- More benches along trails

FACILITIES – MUNICIPAL PARK & RECREATION CENTER

- Indoor tennis / clay courts
- Playground is often crowded - need places to sit for parents/grandparents
- Inside walking track
- Outside restrooms and water fountains
- Improve basketball court floor
- Additional workout room
- Kids training space for off-season fitness
- Light fields to attract tournaments (2 fields minimum)
- Upgrade swimming pool with new tile and restrooms
- Build all season pool facility

PROGRAMS

- Friends of tennis club (free lessons, more events)
- More coordinated event information, signs and postings
- Extended child care
- School partnership on funding /programming
- Schedule events conflict with drop-in/pick-up games
- Coaches clinic, age focused techniques
- Classes: Spin classes, Volleyball

STAFF

- Need staff support for special events
- Increased hours at Rec Center (sections, if not all)
- Exercise or fitness coordinator needed
- Is pool adequately staffed?

What new programs/facilities/people would you add?

Additions build from ideas offered to change the parks and recreation systems. Crater Park and the riverfront provide a unique opportunity for river access. With the active effort to establish a trail center near the riverfront, additional features such as camping, amphitheatre and other ideas were offered.

FACILITIES - GENERAL

- More campsites with fireplace at Crater or near River
- Floodplain properties for amphitheatre/passive park - acquire Big Elkin Creek property near Yadkin River
- Supervised RV park (public/private partnership)
- Add cameras across park facilities for security

FACILITIES – MUNICIPAL PARK & RECREATION CENTER

- Lighted soccer/baseball field in coordination with the school
- Spray park and/or shallow pool
- Indoor pool facility in coordination with the school
- Fishing pier
- Add outside restrooms and water fountains
- Add or update band shelter for a special events facility
- Accessible seating in gym
- Expand existing rooms
- AC, floor and new roof in gym

FACILITIES –TRAILS

- Lighting along existing MP trail
- Bicycle loop around Town
- Bicycle accessible trails from proposed trails center
- Interactive workout stations on trail
- Complete trail connections to other parks, downtown and OVT
- Trails along the river in a passive park

PROGRAMS

- Add senior programs/classes
- Add senior hours for the pool
- Trout fishing event
- More inclusive classes
- Add non-traditional classes
- Child care (after school, drop-in)
- Establish bicycle club to promote safety and more riding
- Nature or bird-themed hikes

STAFF

- Develop a relationship with the local tourism partners – grants, contracts or partnership funding
- Athletic coordinator needed
- Summer demands more staff

Anything else that needs to be considered in the plan process?

The last question provided a range of ideas for improving the parks, recreation and trails system. How to improve existing programs and events and ideas for funding were offered.

- Blue Cross Blue Shield funds YMCA Memberships,
 - Can Recreation Center memberships be funded this way?
 - Park Day community wide event, coordinated with the end of school- used to showcase the parks, recreation and trails program and to involve kids in different activities – needs coordinator and grants (health department?)
 - Collaboration on programming and events with other organizations (29
 - Tennis teams need younger kids interested in playing
 - Information sent out on programs is needed for elderly & disabled
 - JoAnn Ahrens contact mapleridge@landuramail.com
 - Solicit volunteers who have a talent/skill to help with teaching classes and maintenance
 - Seniors are looking to help and have time and experience. Just want something to do
 - More female input
 - Need top notch facilities with lighting to attract tournaments
 - Lighted trails at night.
 - Make facilities ADA accessible
- FUNDING
- Capital campaign and grants to raise money for facilities and programs
 - Tell the economic benefit story of trails and parks
- EVENTS
- churches, turkey federation, Elkin archery & gun club, fencing club, EVTA)
 - EVTA radio show has added 10-20% more hits on the EVTA website
 - Parking is limited at big events and during peak times
- PROGRAMS
- Focus on 3-5 key sports & bring in teachers/coaches from away to generate interest and skill
- STAFF
- Share strategic plan, develop communications strategy and create public buy-in
 - Talk with all advisory boards
- FACILITIES
- Include operation costs in all proposed improvements
 - Partnership with school on any new swimming facilities – ask Town for a ballot measure
 - Skate park – if building this go big and best

Public Input Workshop Summary

June 27, 2013

Attendees: 18

Town of Elkin Staff Members: Adam McComb

PTRC Staff Members: Paul Kron, Cy Stober, and Christina Walsh

The Town of Elkin hosted an open house for the Elkin Recreation and Parks Master Plan in order for residents to review proposals and provide feedback. The meeting was held on Thursday, June 27th, 2013 at the Elkin Center of Surry Community College in Elkin, NC from 6-8:30 p.m.

Staff members from the Town of Elkin and the Piedmont Triad Regional Council were available to discuss the master plan and proposed facilities. Upon entering the room, attendees were directed to a sign-in station and given a survey to fill out. Staff created four stations for attendees to visit:




- Municipal Park
- Trails
- Crater Park
- New Recreation Programs

Maps highlighted the proposed facilities for each park and the trail system. The New Recreation Programs station was interactive by allowing attendees to vote on programs they would like added. Approximately 18 residents attended and 14 provided feedback through the survey.



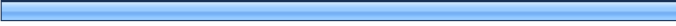

In addition to the Master Plan, attendees had the opportunity to speak with Cy Stober, Water Resources Manager for the PTRC, about an upcoming watershed plan for the Yadkin River.

Workshop Questionnaire Results

Are you attending today's workshop to provide feedback on: (Please select all that apply)

		Response Percent	Response Count
Parks		78.6%	11
Trails		85.7%	12
Programs		50.0%	7
answered question			14
skipped question			0

Which topic are you most interested in?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Municipal Park Plan		71.4%	10
Crater Park Plan		50.0%	7
Trails Plan		85.7%	12
New Programs		21.4%	3
		answered question	14
		skipped question	0

Map Station Feedback

Please visit each station, review maps and provide feedback below:

Municipal Park

- Parking! Parking ! Parking! Connect with walking trail crater and municipal and finally chatham park.
- We need to expand as soon as possible, because of the growing number of participants in all our programs.
- Great park already! Good ----at end of park identifying trails when they are done.
- Wanting to walk inside in inclement weather . Could this be integrated to the walkway built around the rec center.
- Expanding and connecting
- Consider no asphalt on parking lot.
- how much does it cost to light a field? What is the reason for moving bandshell?







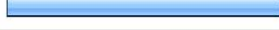
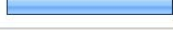
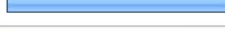











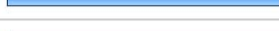



Crater Park

- Put sign on river dock to unload on down river side if unload on up river side kayak will roll under dock with paddler-risk of serious injury or even death.
- Looks like good use of the area.
- Don't miss opportunity to have Elkin become a " paddler town " We are one of the few towns on the Yadkin with camping ___expand on that! And soon so we can take advantage of the town of Yadkin relationship with Elkin.
- Sign to direct canoes and kyaks to dock on other side of dock due to currents in the water.
- Make more camper friendly - fire pit, more camping platforms, grills , and bathroom accesibility.
- More Tracker parking, shower, picnic table at ramp area. Divert kayaks to back side of ramp for entry.
- Would love to see connection between Crates and Municipal.

Trails Plan

- Incorporate a walking trail between the three city parks!
- The plan in progress is great . Expanding on the over the Mtn Victory trail and nature trail will provide a good trail system for area citizens.
- Getting to Stone Mountain and using trails along the Yadkin River.
- Love it and I hope it gets done quickly ! Like the connectivity with ----. Definitely add the mountain bike trails connected to the more generally accessible trails. Consider alternate day rules for horses and bikes to expand the use of the trails.
- Help with trail maintenance crater and shoe factory dam.
- Connect Crater and municipal excited to see extension of nature trail past rec center.
- Like to see trails extended down the yadkin on surry side.

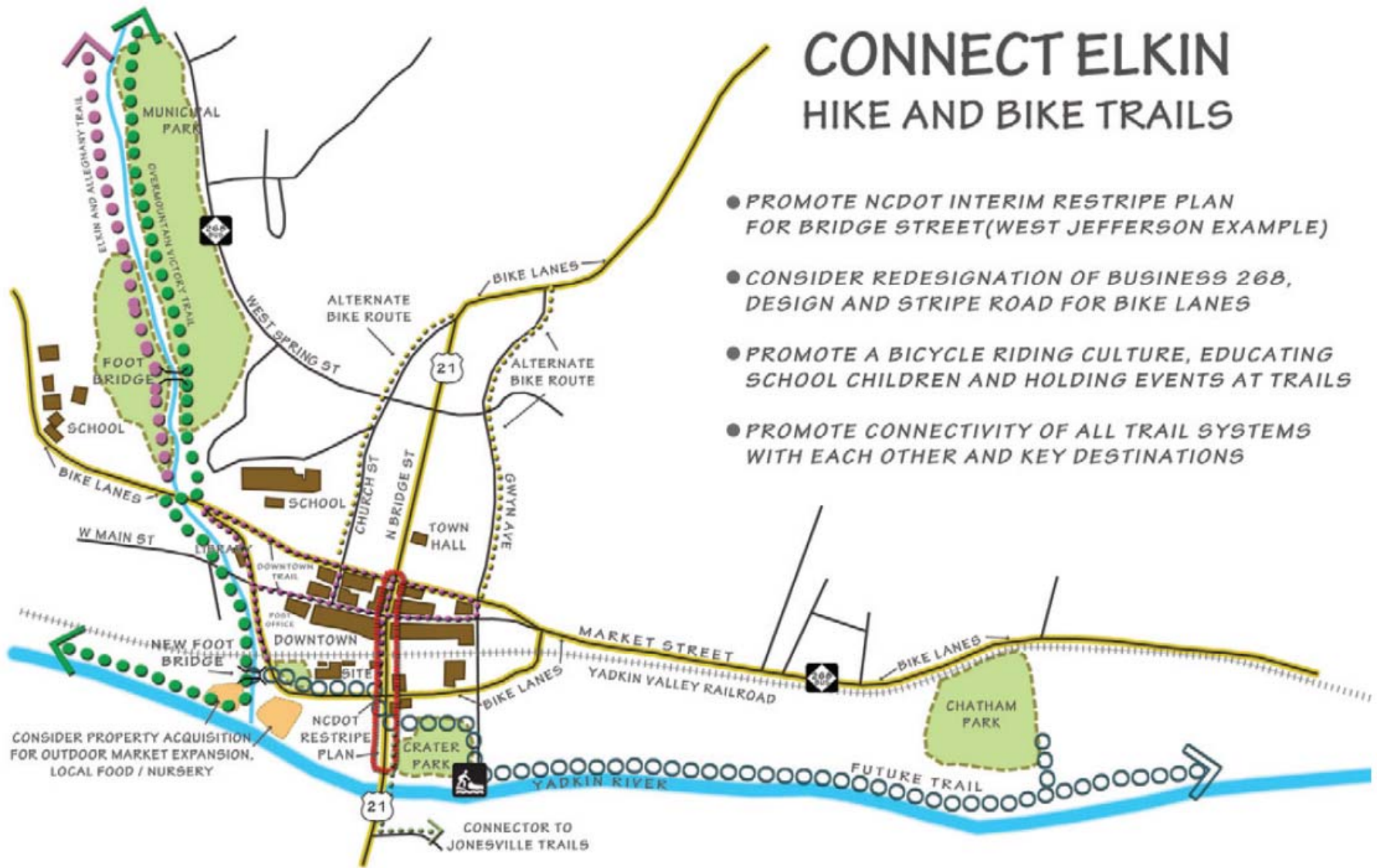
Which programs would you like to see added to Elkin Recreation and Parks? (Please select all that apply)

		Response Percent	Response Count
Senior Programs		28.6%	4
Senior Only Hours at Pool		21.4%	3
Senior Aerobics		0.0%	0
Senior Athletic Programs		14.3%	2
Adult Athletic Programs		28.6%	4
Child Care		14.3%	2
Child Care - After School		0.0%	0
Child Care - Drop-In		14.3%	2
Arts and Crafts (All Ages)		35.7%	5
Inclusive Programs (All age groups)		21.4%	3
Personal Fitness Training		28.6%	4
Cross Fit Training		21.4%	3
Spin Class		7.1%	1
Frisbee golf		14.3%	2
Mini-golf course		14.3%	2
Bicycle Club (to promote safety, more riding)		42.9%	6
Birding and Nature Themed Hikes		28.6%	4
Outdoor Adventure Programs		50.0%	7
Trout Fishing		21.4%	3
Camping/RV Park		28.6%	4
Seasonal/Holiday Special Events		14.3%	2
Music		57.1%	8
Movies		35.7%	5
Outdoor Dramas		50.0%	7
Art Shows		35.7%	5
Christmas Lighting		28.6%	4
answered question			14
skipped question			0

Do you have additional program recommendations?

- Walking / Hiking Club.
- Child care for parents working out in weight room
- More Tennis programs for young kids.
- Indoor Pool.....Get connected to the Mountain to Sea trail.
- Bring a wider variety of music- not all beach music- hit a variety of genres.
- Hiking

Trail Connections from Smith Phillips Building Design and Development Workshop December 2012



Center for Creative Economy, Design Link and Piedmont Together January 2013

Town of Elkin Existing Facility Audit Tool

Facility Audit

A field audit of existing recreation sites owned or operated by the Town of Elkin will be conducted as part of the Parks, Recreation and Greenway Master Plan. The audit is conducted jointly by PTRC and local recreation staff that rate the characteristics and conditions of each park facility in the following categories:

Natural Areas	This category includes open play fields and undeveloped areas within the park boundaries.
Leisure Facilities	This category includes facilities such as picnic shelters, playgrounds and other non-competitive, man-made features.
Recreation Facilities	This category includes facilities such as ball fields, courts and other active facilities.
Access & Parking	This category includes pedestrian, bicycle and vehicular linkages to and through the site, and supporting parking facilities.
Comfort & Amenities	This category includes tangible elements including restrooms, staff offices, maintenance facilities and other support services located within the park site and intangible elements including general patterns of use, visual quality and overall

experience.

Opportunities This category includes the consideration and identification of recreation improvements at each site.

Facility conditions were rated on a scale of 1-5, with 1 being lowest and 5 being highest. Individual park assessment worksheets can be found in the Appendix.

Summary Park

General Impressions

Summary

Town of Elkin Facility Audit

Park Site: <u>Elkin Municipal Park</u>		Date of Field Visit: <u>3/21/13</u>
Natural Areas	Rating	Description/Comments
Undeveloped areas are present	1 2 3 4 5	
Undeveloped areas appear to be well managed	1 2 3 4 5	
Appropriate plant materials are in use	1 2 3 4 5	
Invasive, non-native plants appear to be minimal	1 2 3 4 5	
The location and appearance of undeveloped areas are visually appealing	1 2 3 4 5	
Open play fields are provided	1 2 3 4 5	
Open play fields appear to be well managed	1 2 3 4 5	
Open play fields support a variety of uses	1 2 3 4 5	
Open play fields are of adequate size	1 2 3 4 5	
	Average Rating:	
Leisure Facilities	Rating	Description/Comments
Picnic shelters are provided	1 2 3 4 5	Close to playgrounds
Picnic shelters provide appropriate seating and amenities (electrical, grills, etc...)	1 2 3 4 5	Picnic shelter #1, #2 has no electricity, Shelter #1 near Rec Center. Has water, and grill. Need one more shelter south.
Playground(s) are provided	1 2 3 4 5	
Playground(s) appear to be well maintained	1 2 3 4 5	
Playground(s) provide adequate surface material and depth	1 2 3 4 5	
Playground(s) provide age appropriate equipment	1 2 3 4 5	
Playground (s) provide accessibility to a wide range of users and abilities	1 2 3 4 5	
Playground(s) provide adequate safety signage	1 2 3 4 5	
Playground(s) appear to comply with ASTM and CPSC standards	1 2 3 4 5	Benches every 1/8 – 1/10 th of a mile. Fitness station would be enjoyed. Send map of bench locations to senior home

Park Site: <u>Elkin Municipal Park</u>		Date of Field Visit: <u>3/21/13</u>
	Average Rating:	
Recreation Facilities	Rating	Description/Comments
Outdoor recreation facilities are provided	1 2 3 4 5	Tennis courts in great shape.
Indoor recreation facilities are provided	1 2 3 4 5	
Facilities appear to be well maintained	1 2 3 4 5	
Facilities appear to be well managed	1 2 3 4 5	
Facilities appear to be frequently used	1 2 3 4 5	Hard to tell how well used bicycle practice area and outdoor basketball court is.
There are a variety of facilities to choose from	1 2 3 4 5	
Facilities are of adequate size to support desired uses and minimize user conflicts	1 2 3 4 5	
Facilities support programming needs	1 2 3 4 5	
	Average Rating:	
Access & Parking	Rating	Description/Comments
Park site is connected to existing sidewalk system and can be easily reached on foot	1 2 3 4 5	Well connected to Greenway coming from north and south. Have a nice connection using the bridge to cross the west. Could use sidewalks on NC 268.
Park site can be easily reached by bicycle	1 2 3 4 5	
Park site can be easily reached by vehicle	1 2 3 4 5	
Internal access to park facilities is adequate and handicapped accessible	1 2 3 4 5	Parking could be increased to the north of the gym. Parking lot is limited in the winter time due to basketball. Extend northern parking lot to include another 20 to 30 spaces.
Internal walkways are well maintained and of adequate width	1 2 3 4 5	
Vehicle parking areas are well delineated and adequately sized	1 2 3 4 5	
Bicycle parking is well delineated and adequately	1 2 3 4 5	

Park Site: <u>Elkin Municipal Park</u>		Date of Field Visit: <u>3/21/13</u>
sized		
Parking locations do not detract from the park site	1 2 3 4 5	
All parking areas appear to be well maintained	1 2 3 4 5	
All parking areas feel safe and secure	1 2 3 4 5	
Adequate handicapped parking is provided	1 2 3 4 5	
	Average Rating:	
Comfort & Amenities	Rating	Description/Comments
Seating is provided and appears to be inviting and easily accessed	1 2 3 4 5	
Guest amenities are provided and appear well maintained and easily accessed	1 2 3 4 5	
Staff offices and maintenance facilities provided are adequate and appear well maintained	1 2 3 4 5	Crowded, need more office space
The park has adequate lighting that is well maintained	1 2 3 4 5	More lighting for ball fields
The park appears clean and well maintained	1 2 3 4 5	
The park is busy throughout the day	1 2 3 4 5	
The park feels safe	1 2 3 4 5	
The park generally projects a positive image	1 2 3 4 5	
Land uses around the park are complementary	1 2 3 4 5	
There is evidence of community stewardship	1 2 3 4 5	
	Average Rating:	
Opportunities		
What do you like best about this park? Usability of the park. Connection of the greenway.		
What 5 things would you do to improve the park short-term? Southern picnic area on bike area. No restrooms to the south.		
What 5 things would you do to improve the park long-term? Lighting, renovations of soccer field and 2 baseball fields. Reworking of fields could put in 2 soccer fields. Take water plant down would add more facilities.		

Park Site: <u>Elkin Municipal Park</u>	Date of Field Visit: <u>3/21/13</u>
What opportunities exist for community partnerships? Baseball and soccer tournaments.	

Park Site: <u>Elkin Rec Center</u>		Date of Field Visit: <u>3/21/13</u>
Natural Areas	Rating	Description/Comments
Undeveloped areas are present	1 2 3 4 5	
Undeveloped areas appear to be well managed	1 2 3 4 5	
Appropriate plant materials are in use	1 2 3 4 5	
Invasive, non-native plants appear to be minimal	1 2 3 4 5	
The location and appearance of undeveloped areas are visually appealing	1 2 3 4 5	N/A
Open play fields are provided	1 2 3 4 5	
Open play fields appear to be well managed	1 2 3 4 5	
Open play fields support a variety of uses	1 2 3 4 5	
Open play fields are of adequate size	1 2 3 4 5	
	Average Rating:	
Leisure Facilities	Rating	Description/Comments
Picnic shelters are provided	1 2 3 4 5	
Picnic shelters provide appropriate seating and amenities (electrical, grills, etc...)	1 2 3 4 5	
Playground(s) are provided	1 2 3 4 5	
Playground(s) appear to be well maintained	1 2 3 4 5	
Playground(s) provide adequate surface material and depth	1 2 3 4 5	N/A
Playground(s) provide age appropriate equipment	1 2 3 4 5	
Playground (s) provide accessibility to a wide range of users and abilities	1 2 3 4 5	
Playground(s) provide adequate safety signage	1 2 3 4 5	
Playground(s) appear to comply with ASTM and CPSC standards	1 2 3 4 5	
	Average Rating:	
Recreation Facilities	Rating	Description/Comments
Outdoor recreation facilities are provided	1 2 3 4 5	

Park Site: <u>Elkin Rec Center</u>		Date of Field Visit: <u>3/21/13</u>
Indoor recreation facilities are provided	1 2 3 4 5	
Facilities appear to be well maintained	1 2 3 4 5	Gym: Dated bleachers need to be replaced. Floor needs renovation, cracked. Foundation needs to be checked as it seems to be settling. No A/C, poor lighting, heater and roof leaks. Could use a split screen to separate basketball courts.
Facilities appear to be well managed	1 2 3 4 5	Gym is well managed by staff. Staff needs more office space.
Facilities appear to be frequently used	1 2 3 4 5	Gym is frequently used all year around by members, club sports, and schools. Free weight room is usually crowded.
There are a variety of facilities to choose from	1 2 3 4 5	
Facilities are of adequate size to support desired uses and minimize user conflicts	1 2 3 4 5	Free weight room is over-crowded once you get more than 5 people. Which is common in the afternoon. Fitness room is packed in the evening.
Facilities support programming needs	1 2 3 4 5	To handle its current enrollment and take on more members, fitness room & weight room needs to be enlarged.
	Average Rating:	
Access & Parking	Rating	Description/Comments
Park site is connected to existing sidewalk system and can be easily reached on foot	1 2 3 4 5	Discussed in park section.
Park site can be easily reached by bicycle	1 2 3 4 5	
Park site can be easily reached by vehicle	1 2 3 4 5	
Internal access to park facilities is adequate and handicapped accessible	1 2 3 4 5	
Internal walkways are well maintained and of adequate width	1 2 3 4 5	

Park Site: <u>Elkin Rec Center</u>		Date of Field Visit: <u>3/21/13</u>
Vehicle parking areas are well delineated and adequately sized	1 2 3 4 5	
Bicycle parking is well delineated and adequately sized	1 2 3 4 5	
Parking locations do not detract from the park site	1 2 3 4 5	
All parking areas appear to be well maintained	1 2 3 4 5	
All parking areas feel safe and secure	1 2 3 4 5	
Adequate handicapped parking is provided	1 2 3 4 5	
	Average Rating:	
Comfort & Amenities	Rating	Description/Comments
Seating is provided and appears to be inviting and easily accessed	1 2 3 4 5	N/A
Guest amenities are provided and appear well maintained and easily accessed	1 2 3 4 5	
Staff offices and maintenance facilities provided are adequate and appear well maintained	1 2 3 4 5	
The park has adequate lighting that is well maintained	1 2 3 4 5	
The park appears clean and well maintained	1 2 3 4 5	
The park is busy throughout the day	1 2 3 4 5	
The park feels safe	1 2 3 4 5	
The park generally projects a positive image	1 2 3 4 5	
Land uses around the park are complementary	1 2 3 4 5	
There is evidence of community stewardship	1 2 3 4 5	
	Average Rating:	
Opportunities		
What do you like best about the rec facility? Number of uses. Space well used in machine weight room.		
What 5 things would you do to improve the rec center short-term? Identify if there is a need to re-lift the gymnasium. Identify roofing cost for gym. Thick canvass that hangs from the roof		

Park Site: <u>Elkin Rec Center</u>	Date of Field Visit: <u>3/21/13</u>
and can be brought down to split basketball courts up so you can run two games at one time. Paint gym. Remove old bleachers and bring in mobile bleachers.	
What 5 things would you do to improve the park long-term? Gym flooring, Gym A/c, Gym heating, repair gym roof, and expand western side of free weight/fitness rooms.	
What opportunities exist for community partnerships? Work with schools so that they can better understand how much they use the gymnasium. And how their sports programs would be affected if the gym had to be closed down due to safety reasons.	

Park Site: <u>Chatham Park</u>		Date of Field Visit: <u>10/18/12</u>
Natural Areas	Rating	Description/Comments
Undeveloped areas are present	1 2 3 4 5	
Undeveloped areas appear to be well managed	1 2 3 4 5	
Appropriate plant materials are in use	1 2 3 4 5	
Invasive, non-native plants appear to be minimal	1 2 3 4 5	Mostly wooded
The location and appearance of undeveloped areas are visually appealing	1 2 3 4 5	Distance b/w river and picnic shelter is 100 yards
Open play fields are provided	1 2 3 4 5	2 ball fields, 3 youth soccer, 1 teen aged soccer field
Open play fields appear to be well managed	1 2 3 4 5	
Open play fields support a variety of uses	1 2 3 4 5	
Open play fields are of adequate size	1 2 3 4 5	
	Average Rating:	
Leisure Facilities	Rating	Description/Comments
Picnic shelters are provided	1 2 3 4 5	
Picnic shelters provide appropriate seating and amenities (electrical, grills, etc...)	1 2 3 4 5	No grills
Playground(s) are provided	1 2 3 4 5	N/A
Playground(s) appear to be well maintained	1 2 3 4 5	N/A
Playground(s) provide adequate surface material and depth	1 2 3 4 5	N/A
Playground(s) provide age appropriate equipment	1 2 3 4 5	N/A
Playground (s) provide accessibility to a wide range of users and abilities	1 2 3 4 5	N/A
Playground(s) provide adequate safety signage	1 2 3 4 5	N/A
Playground(s) appear to comply with ASTM and CPSC standards	1 2 3 4 5	N/A
	Average Rating:	
Recreation Facilities	Rating	Description/Comments

Park Site: <u>Chatham Park</u>		Date of Field Visit: <u>10/18/12</u>
Outdoor recreation facilities are provided	1 2 3 4 5	2 baseball, 3 youth soccer, 1 teenaged soccer
Indoor recreation facilities are provided	1 2 3 4 5	N/A
Facilities appear to be well maintained	1 2 3 4 5	
Facilities appear to be well managed	1 2 3 4 5	
Facilities appear to be frequently used	1 2 3 4 5	
There are a variety of facilities to choose from	1 2 3 4 5	
Facilities are of adequate size to support desired uses and minimize user conflicts	1 2 3 4 5	
Facilities support programming needs	1 2 3 4 5	
	Average Rating:	
Access & Parking	Rating	Description/Comments
Park site is connected to existing sidewalk system and can be easily reached on foot	1 2 3 4 5	No
Park site can be easily reached by bicycle	1 2 3 4 5	
Park site can be easily reached by vehicle	1 2 3 4 5	
Internal access to park facilities is adequate and handicapped accessible	1 2 3 4 5	Needs some improvements
Internal walkways are well maintained and of adequate width	1 2 3 4 5	N/A
Vehicle parking areas are well delineated and adequately sized	1 2 3 4 5	
Bicycle parking is well delineated and adequately sized	1 2 3 4 5	N/A
Parking locations do not detract from the park site	1 2 3 4 5	Potholes
All parking areas appear to be well maintained	1 2 3 4 5	
All parking areas feel safe and secure	1 2 3 4 5	
Adequate handicapped parking is provided	1 2 3 4 5	
	Average Rating:	
Comfort & Amenities	Rating	Description/Comments

Park Site: <u>Chatham Park</u>		Date of Field Visit: <u>10/18/12</u>
Seating is provided and appears to be inviting and easily accessed	1 2 3 4 5	Only at ball fields
Guest amenities are provided and appear well maintained and easily accessed	1 2 3 4 5	
Staff offices and maintenance facilities provided are adequate and appear well maintained	1 2 3 4 5	N/A
The park has adequate lighting that is well maintained	1 2 3 4 5	N/A
The park appears clean and well maintained	1 2 3 4 5	
The park is busy throughout the day	1 2 3 4 5	Only with active sports
The park feels safe	1 2 3 4 5	Access issues with train tracks
The park generally projects a positive image	1 2 3 4 5	
Land uses around the park are complementary	1 2 3 4 5	
There is evidence of community stewardship	1 2 3 4 5	
	Average Rating:	
Opportunities		
What do you like best about this park? The size and existing facilities		
What 5 things would you do to improve the park short-term? Ownership issues, signage		
What 5 things would you do to improve the park long-term? Lighting, pollution clean-up, fencing		
What opportunities exist for community partnerships?		

Park Site: <u>Crater Park</u>		Date of Field Visit: <u>10/18/12</u>
Natural Areas	Rating	Description/Comments
Undeveloped areas are present	1 2 3 4 5	Driveway in poor condition
Undeveloped areas appear to be well managed	1 2 3 4 5	Gravel parking needs weed removal, sewer maintenance
Appropriate plant materials are in use	1 2 3 4 5	Boat launch not clearly marked, drive appears to be boat launch. Boat launch in good shape.
Invasive, non-native plants appear to be minimal	1 2 3 4 5	
The location and appearance of undeveloped areas are visually appealing	1 2 3 4 5	
Open play fields are provided	1 2 3 4 5	
Open play fields appear to be well managed	1 2 3 4 5	
Open play fields support a variety of uses	1 2 3 4 5	Restrooms need a new roof
Open play fields are of adequate size	1 2 3 4 5	
	Average Rating:	
Leisure Facilities	Rating	Description/Comments
Picnic shelters are provided	1 2 3 4 5	N/A
Picnic shelters provide appropriate seating and amenities (electrical, grills, etc...)	1 2 3 4 5	N/A
Playground(s) are provided	1 2 3 4 5	N/A
Playground(s) appear to be well maintained	1 2 3 4 5	N/A
Playground(s) provide adequate surface material and depth	1 2 3 4 5	N/A
Playground(s) provide age appropriate equipment	1 2 3 4 5	N/A
Playground (s) provide accessibility to a wide range of users and abilities	1 2 3 4 5	N/A
Playground(s) provide adequate safety signage	1 2 3 4 5	N/A
Playground(s) appear to comply with ASTM and CPSC standards	1 2 3 4 5	N/A

Park Site: <u>Crater Park</u>		Date of Field Visit: <u>10/18/12</u>
	Average Rating:	
Recreation Facilities	Rating	Description/Comments
Outdoor recreation facilities are provided	1 2 3 4 5	
Indoor recreation facilities are provided	1 2 3 4 5	N/A
Facilities appear to be well maintained	1 2 3 4 5	Needs tree planting
Facilities appear to be well managed	1 2 3 4 5	Needs pavement improvement. Some parking on Standard Street.
Facilities appear to be frequently used	1 2 3 4 5	
There are a variety of facilities to choose from	1 2 3 4 5	
Facilities are of adequate size to support desired uses and minimize user conflicts	1 2 3 4 5	
Facilities support programming needs	1 2 3 4 5	Needs lights on field, bleachers, mobile concessions
	Average Rating:	
Access & Parking	Rating	Description/Comments
Park site is connected to existing sidewalk system and can be easily reached on foot	1 2 3 4 5	No, better pedestrian access from town.
Park site can be easily reached by bicycle	1 2 3 4 5	
Park site can be easily reached by vehicle	1 2 3 4 5	
Internal access to park facilities is adequate and handicapped accessible	1 2 3 4 5	Could be improved.
Internal walkways are well maintained and of adequate width	1 2 3 4 5	N/A
Vehicle parking areas are well delineated and adequately sized	1 2 3 4 5	Could be improved & added on Standard St.
Bicycle parking is well delineated and adequately sized	1 2 3 4 5	N/A
Parking locations do not detract from the park site	1 2 3 4 5	No
All parking areas appear to be well maintained	1 2 3 4 5	Could gravel be replaced with permeable pavers

Park Site: <u>Crater Park</u>		Date of Field Visit: <u>10/18/12</u>
All parking areas feel safe and secure	1 2 3 4 5	Could NCDOT Property be added to the park?
Adequate handicapped parking is provided	1 2 3 4 5	?
	Average Rating:	
Comfort & Amenities	Rating	Description/Comments
Seating is provided and appears to be inviting and easily accessed	1 2 3 4 5	Need ? bleachers
Guest amenities are provided and appear well maintained and easily accessed	1 2 3 4 5	Bathrooms need improvements
Staff offices and maintenance facilities provided are adequate and appear well maintained	1 2 3 4 5	N/A
The park has adequate lighting that is well maintained	1 2 3 4 5	Needs work
The park appears clean and well maintained	1 2 3 4 5	
The park is busy throughout the day	1 2 3 4 5	Little use
The park feels safe	1 2 3 4 5	
The park generally projects a positive image	1 2 3 4 5	
Land uses around the park are complementary	1 2 3 4 5	Potential
There is evidence of community stewardship	1 2 3 4 5	
	Average Rating:	
Opportunities		
What do you like best about this park? Location to downtown, on river		
What 5 things would you do to improve the park short-term? Landscaping, parking delineation, permeable pavement at handicap parking		
What 5 things would you do to improve the park long-term? Re-gravel lot towards Standard Street. Lighting fields, Fix restrooms, park shelter		
What opportunities exist for community partnerships? Friends of the park, collaboration with businesses (especially downtown), NC Wildlife		

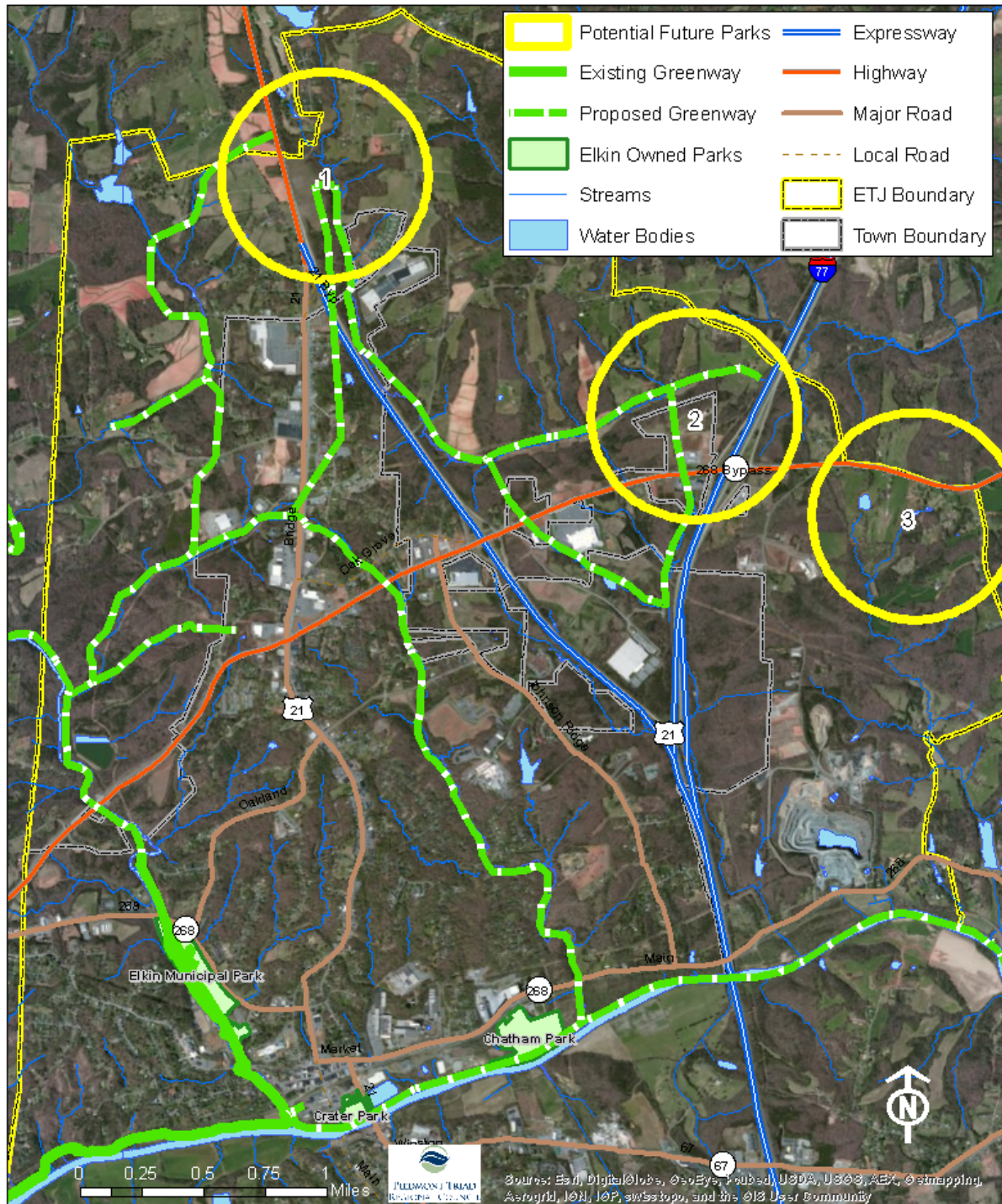
Elkin Future Parks Suitability Analysis

Methodology

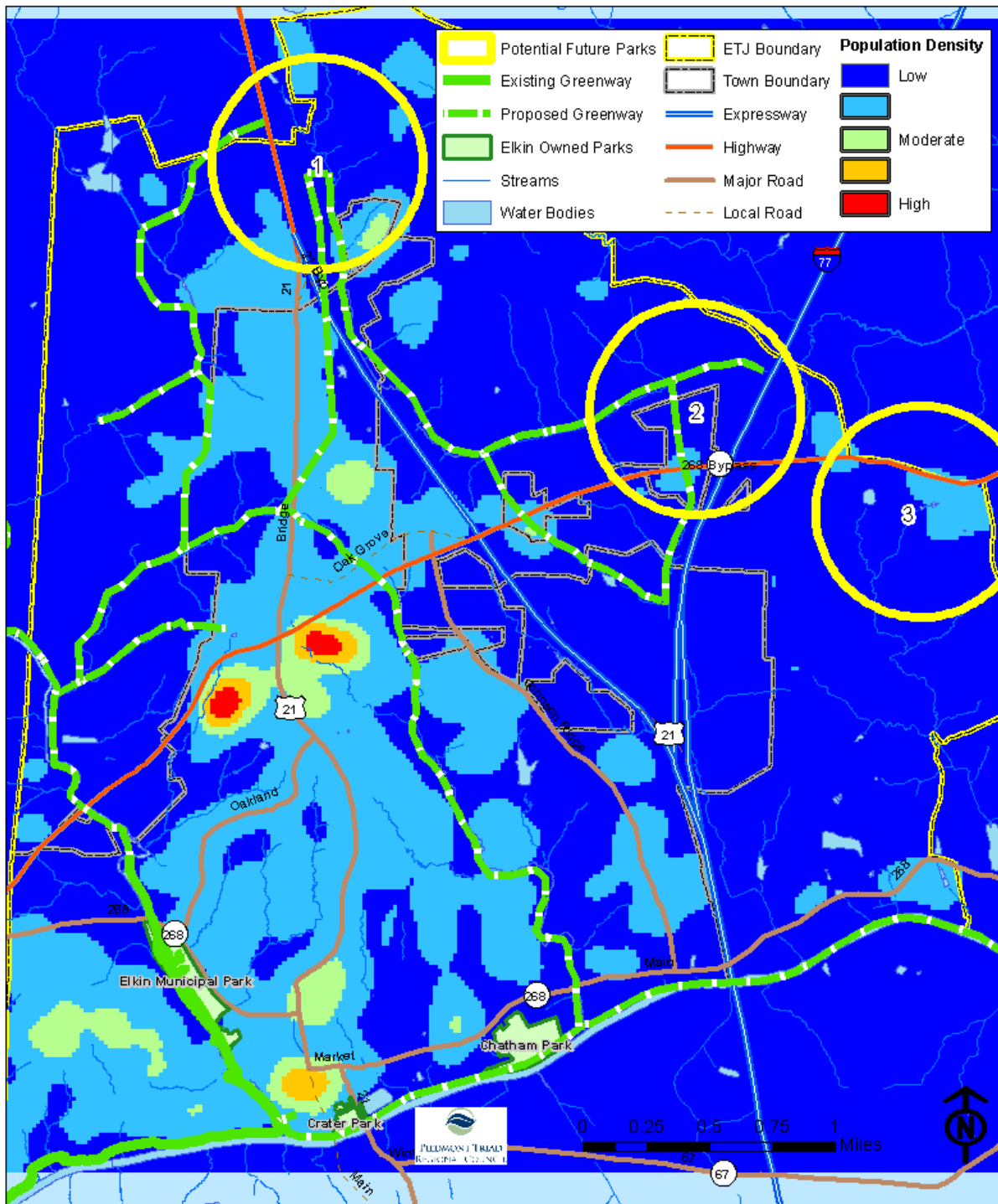
- **Caution:** All properties or proposed greenways are conceptual and not official. This methodology is used to help the Town of Elkin look in different areas of the town for placement of new parks. Properties selected nor greenways on this analysis are official they are just used for guidance purposes.
- Identify Parcels inside ETJ; greater than 10 Acres; Vacant; Land not used for agriculture.
- Variables to determine suitability
 1. Population: High population is preferred.
 2. Existing Parks: areas distant from existing parks preferred.
 3. Roads: Close proximity to major roads is preferred.
 4. Water: Parcels with access to streams or other water bodies preferred.
 5. Greenway or Potential Greenway: Parcels with access preferred
- Range of Suitability Values
 1. Lowest Suitability
 2. Low Suitability
 3. Moderate Suitability
 4. High Suitability
 5. Highest Suitability
- Population Density
 1. Looking at number of address and classifying them into cells.
 - Based on Natural Breaks, cell value reclassification below (Cell value based on number of addresses):
 - 171 = 1 or low population density
 - 1,045 = 2 or low-to-moderate population density
 - 2,204 = 3 or moderate population density
 - 3,477 = 4 or moderate-to-high population density
 - 4,845 = 5 or high population density
- Park Distance
 1. Measuring distance from parks, distance classified into cells
 - Based on Natural Breaks, cell value reclassification below (Cell value based on feet away from park):
 - 2,422 = 1 or close to parks
 - 7,535 = 2 or moderately close to parks
 - 12,648 = 3 or average distance from parks
 - 17,582 = 4 or moderately far away from parks
 - 22,875 = 5 or far away from parks
- Roads
 1. Connection or distance to major roads important for park access, security, and viability.
 2. Major Roads: I-77, US 21, Bus 21, NC 268, NC 268 Bypass, Main, Johnson Ridge, Oakland, and Oak Grove.
 3. Measuring distance from major roads, distance classified into cells.

- Based on Natural Breaks, cell value reclassification below (Cell value based on feet away from roads):
 - 1,503 = 5 or closest to major roads
 - 2,979 = 4 or moderately close to major roads
 - 4,616 = 3 or average distance from major roads.
 - 6,039 = 2 or far away from major roads
 - 6,845 = 1 or very far from major roads
- Water
 1. Measuring distance from water, distance classified into cells
 - Based on Natural Breaks, cell value reclassification below (Cell value based on feet away from streams):
 - 80 = 2; property has access to water or is close-by.
 - 2069 = 0; property is not close to water.
- Greenways
 1. Measuring distance from greenway, distance classified into cells
 2. Note: many greenways being looked at are potential
 - Based on Natural Breaks, cell value reclassification below (Cell value based on feet away from streams):
 - 275 = 3; close to or has access to potential or existing greenway
 - 8791 = 0; not close to greenway.
- Totaling the Five Variables
 1. Weighted Sum (Elkin_Address_Density (35%) + Elkin_Park_Distance (35%) + Elkin_Road_Distance (10%) + Elkin_Water (10%) + Elkin_Greenway (10%)) = Elkin_Park_Suitability
- Parcels are given values based on total score given by sum of five variables.

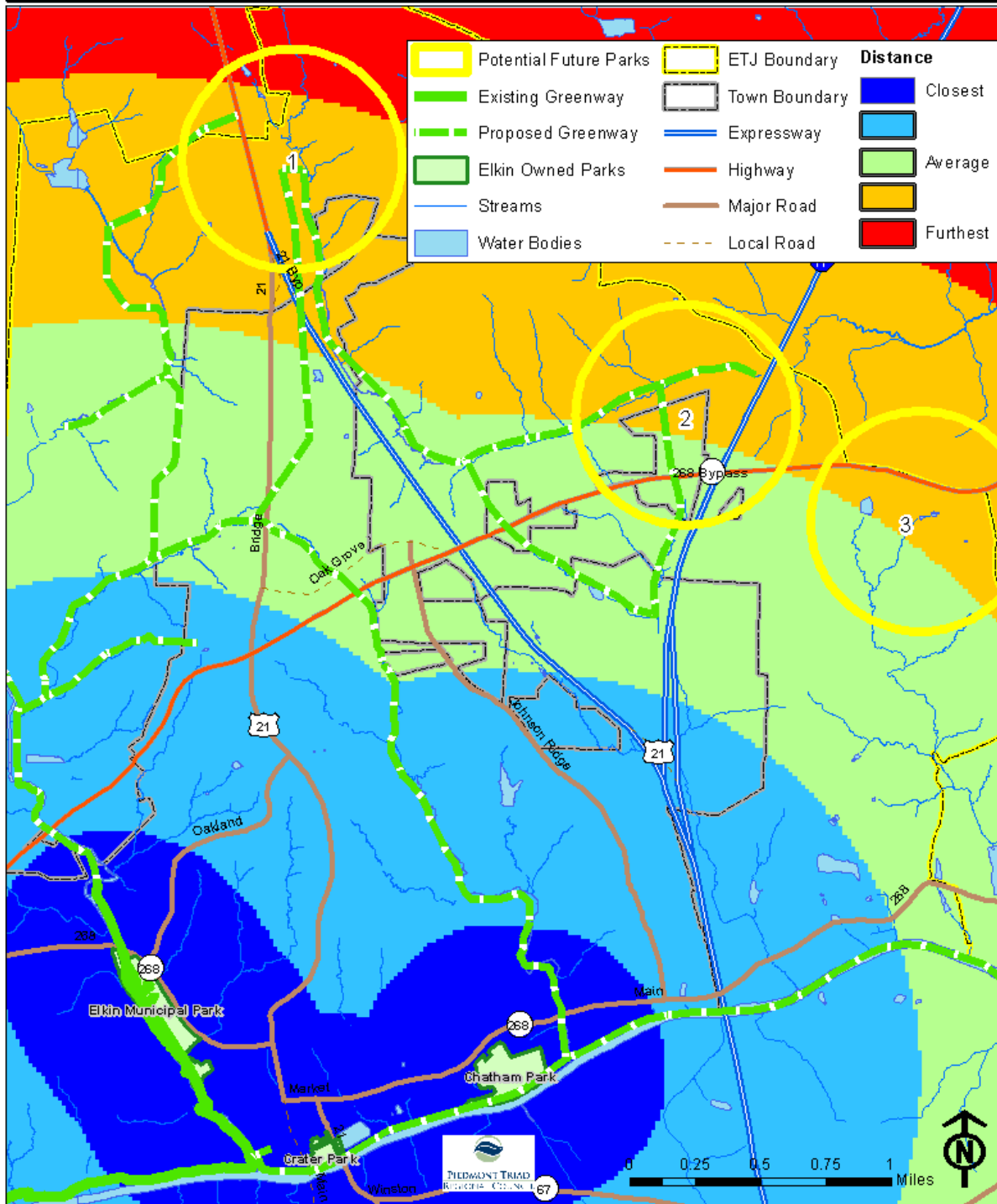
Elkin Park Suitability Analysis Map



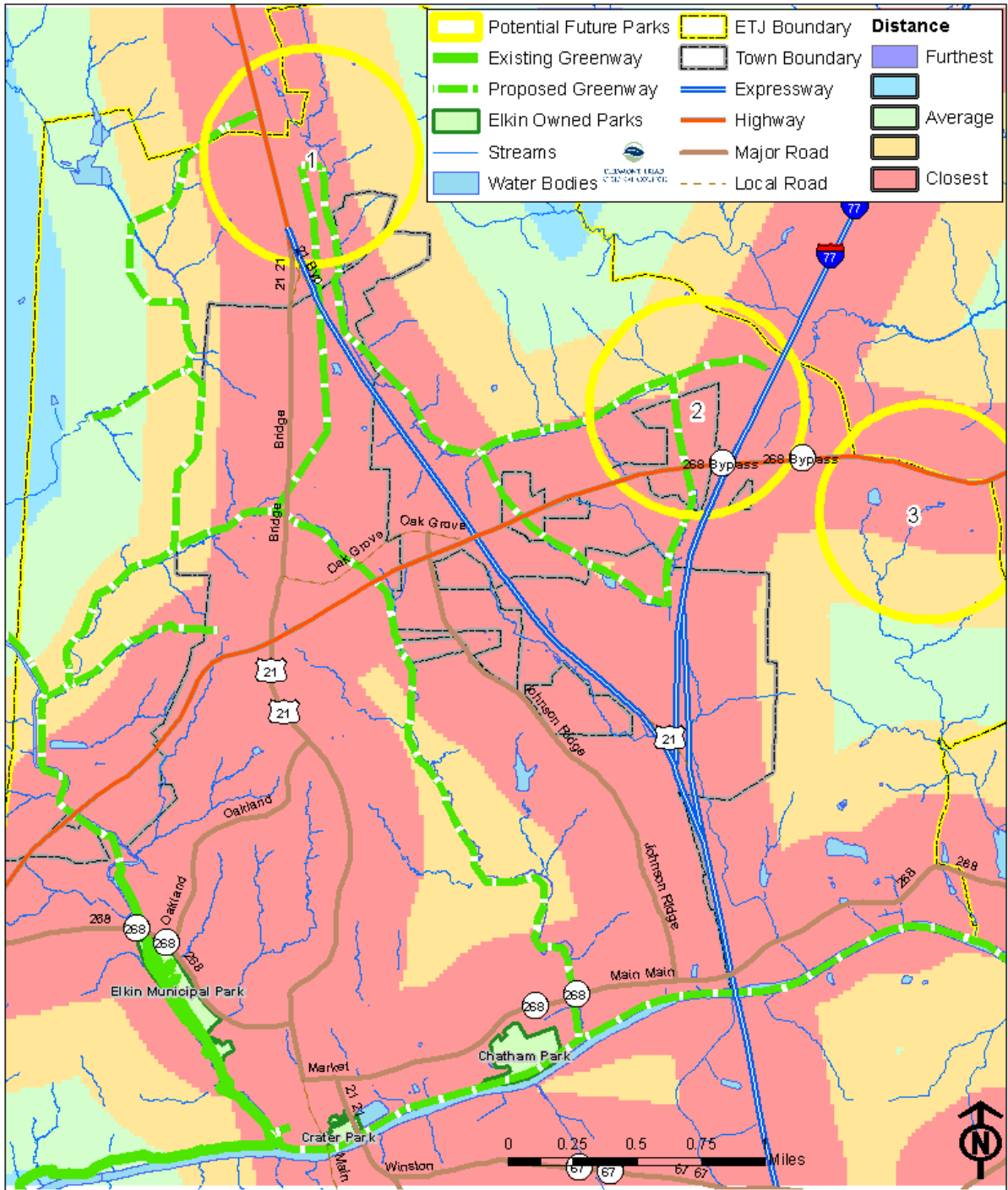
Population Density



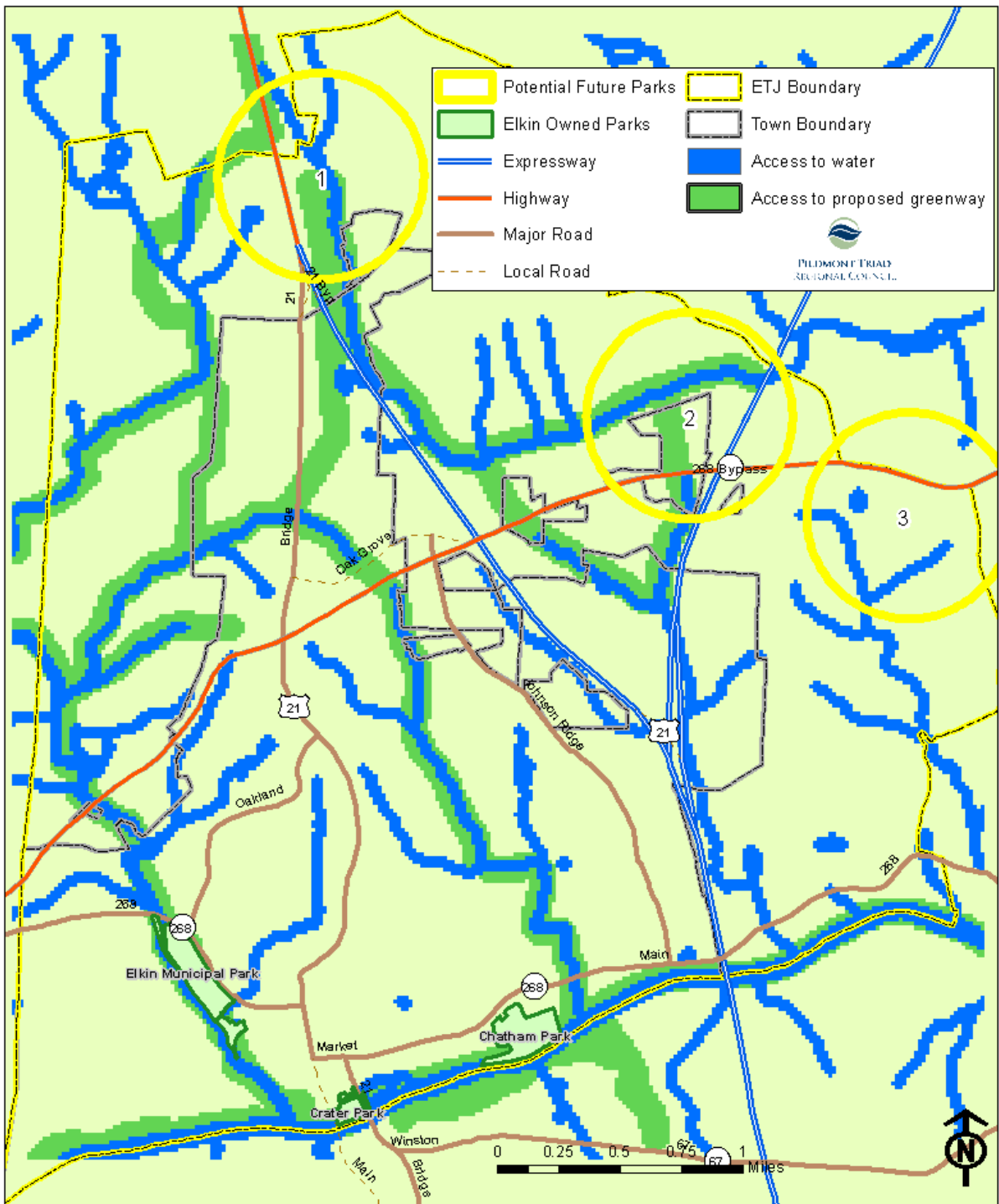
Distance from Existing Elkin Parks



Distance From Major Roads



Proximity to Water or Proposed Greenways



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