



 Clarksville
Parks & Recreation

FIVE-YEAR MASTER PLAN

2024-2029



Introduction

Parks play a vital role in everyone's life. From providing areas for health, wellness and physical activities to programming that enriches one's mind and spirit, parks are a tremendous asset to a community's quality of life and place. Parks are public spaces that promote interaction, play and community. Parks are programming designed to educate and enrich the public. As part of the process of continuing to update and improve park facilities and programming, the State of Indiana requires parks departments across the state to develop a five-year master plan to envision what their park system might look like in the future.

The Town of Clarksville's Parks and Recreation Five-Year Master Plan is the framework for the department to meet the needs and expectations of the public in relationship to its parks facilities and recreational services. This plan is to identify and prioritize the communities' needs and incorporate those needs into an implementation framework. This plan examines demographics, land use, history, current conditions of parks facilities, and public input to create a usable tool for the parks board to implement these goals and objectives.

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Clarksville Department of Parks and Recreation

Organizational Structure



MASTER PLAN METHODOLOGY: Planning for parks and recreation is a vital undertaking to promote and advance the quality of life for a community. Additionally, parks enhance economic development and community development activities creating a strong and vibrant community. Using a rational planning methodology, the Town of Clarksville Parks and Recreation Five-Year Plan developed into the following categories:

- Examination of the current economic and social conditions of the community.
- Review of the physical condition of the community
- Review of the man-made condition of the community and examining its effect on park development and programming
- Defining the current level of service for the existing parks facilities. Analyzing community recreational programming, facilities needs and financial condition in order to determine the strengths, weaknesses opportunities and threats with the current park system.
- Gathering public input through a variety of formats to ensure all stakeholders and community group's inputs are engaged and represented.
- Development of a priorities action plan with implementation goals for the next five- year period for the community parks' system.

The Town of Clarksville's Parks and Recreation Master Plan was prepared in conformance with the regulations of *the Planning Guidelines for Parks and Recreation published by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), Division of Outdoor Recreation*. Approval of the plan by IDNR will make the community eligible for available state and federal funding opportunities.

CLARKSVILLE PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES: Six (6) overarching goals and objectives have been identified as the focus for the services the Parks and Recreation Department provides:

- To improve existing and create additional recreation and conservation areas in the Park District.
- To coordinate the efforts of all public agencies while providing citizens and visitors with recreational programs.
- To work with neighborhoods of the community to develop facilities and programs to meet the individual neighborhoods' needs.
- To establish priorities in the purchase and development of recreation areas.
- To strive for full utilization of existing facilities as well as designing new facilities so that they might be utilized fully.
- To utilize available federal, state and private financing for park and recreational areas.

STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY: The primary service of the Clarksville Parks and Recreation Department is to provide opportunities for enriching the lives and meeting the recreational needs of Clarksville citizens. The express purpose of the Clarksville Parks and Recreation Department is to maintain and develop facilities and programs to provide a well-rounded, wholesome program of leisure time activities for the people residing in the community. The Clarksville Parks and Recreation Department will continually strive to make available to the people public property that has recreational value. The Clarksville Parks and Recreation Department also recognizes and strives to implement the joint use of public property for the multipurpose and financial advantages it has for residents of the community.

DEFINITION OF PLANNING AREA: The planning area for the Clarksville Parks and Recreation Department is a tax district, which is geographically larger than the corporate Town. This service and jurisdictional area of the Park Board includes a buffer area of semi-rural land that extends beyond the Town limits. The department oversees over 400 acres of park and recreational facilities in the district. The Clarksville Parks and Recreation Department remains committed to making the Town’s facilities and services available to anyone, regardless of resident status, ability to pay, or physical/mental ability.

PARKS BOARD ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE: The Parks Board was initially established in 1969 when the Clarksville Town Council determined providing high quality parks and recreation activities was a public good for Clarksville. The Board was re-established in 1987 in accordance with the requirements of Indiana Code 36-10-3. The Town administers park and recreation facilities and programs through a five-member board, four of which are appointed by the Town Council with no more than two from the same political party and serve for a period of four years. The final member is selected by the School Corporation.

The Parks Board meets monthly and is responsible for the operation of the Clarksville Parks and Recreation Department.

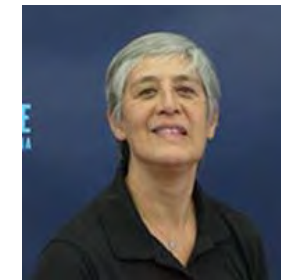
MEETING SCHEDULE: The Board holds public meetings on the second Wednesday of each month at 4 P.M. in the Executive Conference Room at Clarksville Town Hall.



MAP 1: Clarksville Parks and Recreational System Map



Mick Rutherford
President
Term: 2022-2025
Council Appointment



Leslie Sutherland
Vice-President
Term: 2020-2023
Council Appointment



Paul Gibson
Secretary
Term: 2021-2024
Council Appointment



Jim Zimmerman
Member
Term: 2023-2026
Council Appointment



Bill Wilson
Member
Term: 2020-2023
School Board



Lisa Bassett
Office Manager



Brian Everage
Maintenance Director



Brian Vance
Golf Course Superintendent

TOWN OF CLARKSVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT STAFF:
Seventeen (17) full-time staff members operate the Parks and Recreation Department. The department has 93 Part-time and Seasonal Employees in the various seasonal events and programs.



BJ Nelson-Lynton
Superintendent



Nathan Kane
Asst. Superintendent



Kayla Tatgenhorst
Recreation Director



Scott Ivey
PGA Professional



COMMUNITY FEATURES, NATURAL FEATURES & LANDSCAPE: Clarksville’s proximity to the Ohio River and the unique feature of the Falls of the Ohio has helped to solidify its place in history. The natural beauty of the river and the falls provides the perfect bridge for this vibrant community, which has a strong connection to the past and a new vision of its future. The Falls of the Ohio is Clarksville’s most striking natural feature.

Located directly on the Ohio River, the Falls has the largest exposed Devonian fossil bed in the world. The limestone contains the fossilized remains of a coral reef formed millions of years ago when this portion of the United States was a sea floor. The park features the largest exposed Devonian fossil bed in the world and is part of a 1,404-acre National Wildlife Conservation Area. Naturalists have studied the Falls of the Ohio since the 19th century, and today numerous schools visit the Falls on field trips. In 1994 a 16,000-square foot Interpretive Center was opened, which includes exhibit space, a wildlife observation room, a river viewing room, a theater, classroom space, and a gift shop.

WATER RESOURCES: Clarksville is also defined by its various water features, most importantly the Ohio River, which creates the Town’s southern border. As one of the largest tributaries to the Mississippi River, it has played a vital role in Clarksville’s establishment and continued development. The majority of the riverbank in the Town is zoned Open Space due to its proximity to the Ohio River and its Floodway. This part of the town and its riverfront is situated outside the flood control system of levees and floodwalls.

The Town has capitalized on this situation by developing parks and trails along the riverfront. These include Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Park and Ashland Park, as well as the Levee and Ohio River Greenway Trails. River Heritage Conservancy, a not-for-profit organization, is developing a new 400-acre linear park. This 400-acre linear park spans the communities of Clarksville and New Albany. It has recently developed a blue line trail that traverses Silver Creek in Clarksville. In addition to Silver Creek, Mill Creek and Plum Run Creek are smaller waterways that flow through the town’s jurisdiction.

Plum Run Creek is a perennial stream that bisects the northern part of Clarksville, which feeds into Silver Creek. Mill Creek begins in Jeffersonville, Indiana, Clarksville’s neighbor to the east. This creek flows in a westerly direction where it terminates into the Ohio River. Silver Creek is the largest of the three and flows in a mostly southern direction. It forms portions of the Town’s western boundary and serves as a border between Clark and Floyd counties.

FLOODPLAINS AND FLOODWAYS: All creeks and streams have floodplains and floodways that affect the ability to build and develop permanent residential structures. Occasionally, flooding of these streams and the Ohio River inundates parts of Town. Clarksville experiences many types of flooding including backwater flooding due to receiving streams not having the capacity to carry-off the water, rapid onset floods when heavy rains overwhelm the natural drainage system and flooding from rising water. As urbanization has continued, streets, sidewalks, and roofs create impervious areas. The only parks affected by flooding are the parks adjacent to Ohio River, Ashland and Bicentennial Parks.

Clarksville is managing storm water quantity and quality through the continued implementation of storm water ordinances that require a “zero increase in run-off” between pre-and post-development. The zoning ordinance of 2011 draft by the Planning Department is still in place and includes low-impact best management practices. Clarksville implemented a 2021 storm water project to alleviate flooding at Colgate Park. The system does not have a mosquito problem.

FOREST RESOURCES: Clarksville’s incorporated area consists of ten-point-two (10.2) square miles square miles. While most of Clarksville’s land has been cleared and developed, some wooded areas do remain. Approximately 170 acres of Lapping Park remain heavily wooded, with the forested area extending beyond the Town boundary. The Town also has the Francisco Natural Area, which is over twenty-five (25) acres of wooded land restricted by deed that can be used only for passive public outdoor recreation activities and as a nature preserve.

A handful of undeveloped, wooded parcels remain in the area along Interstate 65. While these parcels total approximately 280 acres of forested land, the Town owns none of the parcels. The Town has an arborist on contract and has conducted a tree survey. It is attached in the Appendix. Several parks have been designed for future tree plantings like Cedar, Beechwood, and Gaskell. The parks department has received several grants for tree plantings over the past several years. Ray Lawrence, Colgate, the Gaskell and Little League Parks have benefited from the tree plantings.

TOPOGRAPHY AND GEOLOGY/SOILS: The topography of Clarksville is flat with only a few feet of elevation difference from the Ohio River on the south, to the upper portion of town across Silver Creek to the north. However, several smaller creeks and streams affect the topography. The base elevation for the town is 456 feet above sea level.

Clarksville soil composition consists of a thick sequence of Devonian and Mississippian shale known as the New Albany Shale. Parts of the New Albany Shale are brown to black shale that are rich in organic materials. The New Albany Shale is a formation that is from 100 to 340 feet thick, which notably resulted in the fossil beds at the Falls on the Ohio River.

Soils in the northern part of Clarksville are a wide mixture of types. No soil accounts for more than 17 percent of the geographic area north of Silver Creek. Along Plum Run Creek, there are Haymond soils that frequently flood. Other soils along Plum Run Creek are Wakeland soils that occasionally flood. At the confluence of Plum Run Creek with Silver Creek, there are Markland soils with slopes of 18-50 percent. Further upstream along Plum Run Creek, slopes vary from 6 percent to 25 percent.

The Parks Department has taken advantage of these unbuildable soils outside the flood protection system along the Ohio River. With few exceptions, either the Town, Department of Natural Resources, the Corps of Engineers, or the Jeffersonville-Clarksville Flood Control District publicly owns the riverfront. The Town has a very collaborative relationship with the Army Corp of Engineers.

MANMADE, HISTORICAL, & CULTURAL RESOURCES MANMADE RESOURCES: The Levee Trail and the Ohio River Greenway link Ashland Park with the Falls of the Ohio State Park and Interpretive Center. Further down river is the State-owned and operated George Rogers Clark Park site, located on a bluff with a view of the Ohio River and Louisville skyline. The cabin burned down due to arson and DNR has created a new interpretative plan for the remaining parcel.

The CSX railroad system is another man-made resource that was converted to a trail to strengthen pedestrian access and connections to other parts of town. Known as the Discovery Trail, it runs parallel to the commercial area along Lewis and Clark Parkway. The route provides a pedestrian and bike route connecting many existing parks and community facilities, as well as links with the Heritage Trail and the Lewis & Clark Trail.

TRANSPORTATION: Clarksville is currently a mostly car-accessible town. It has some access to Louisville's TARC bus system. It also has a growing network of pedestrian recreation trails.



Discovery Trail Access point at Beechwood Park

The Town has recently completed a major thoroughfare plan that includes increasing mobility and accessibility via improved sidewalk and trail connections.

In the middle of the last century, highways were being built across the country due to the federal government's push to increase the highway system in response to the booming automobile industry. Interstates 65, 265 and 64 were constructed in Southern Indiana. Interstate 65 makes good use of Clarksville's elongated, narrow shape, running along and partially through the Town border to the east, and providing five interchanges with Clarksville streets. Interstate 265 intersects Interstate 65 and connects to Interstate 64, giving quick connections to New Albany, Jeffersonville, the River Ridge Commerce Center, and Louisville. Interstate 65 also offers direct linkage to Indianapolis to the north and Nashville to the south.

These highways not only permit residents to travel quickly throughout the Town to its park system and other local destinations, but also to nearby recreational facilities outside of Clarksville's boundaries. This transportation network leads to convenient access to Clarksville and its park system for the entire metropolitan area and has contributed to the Town's position as a regional shopping area.

TRANSIT ACCESS: Transit Authority of River City (TARC) operates one bus route that stops or runs through Clarksville: Route 72 (Clarksville). Route 72's first stop in Clarksville off Interstate 65 is on Eastern Boulevard, near the corner of Eastern Boulevard and Brooks Avenue. The route continues northwest to Little League Boulevard, with several stops near Gateway Park and Little League Park. The route continues into heavily commercial areas near Lewis & Clark Parkway, Greentree Boulevard, and Veterans Parkway.

PEDESTRIAN ACCESS: Pedestrian travel has continued to increase over the last decade. This is due to the broadened installation of sidewalks within Clarksville. There has been a concentration along commercial corridors, and continuing additions and connections to Town and other local pedestrian trails. Pedestrian infrastructure such as sidewalks are relatively contained within subdivisions or neighborhoods.

CLARKSVILLE CONNECT: Completed in 2023, the Town's Major Thoroughfare Plan indicates improving multi-modal connectivity and safety as top priorities. The plan recommended several pedestrian projects including three trail extensions or development projects. These plans included a new multi-modal connection between 9th Street in Jeffersonville along Montgomery Avenue. This connection would connect the Jeffersonville and Clarksville Art Districts.

An extension of the Heritage Trail through the former Colgate property, which would be designed to connect Colgate Park to the riverfront, was identified in the plan. A new multi-use trail in North Clarksville was identified in the plan that would connect the underserved area of North Clarksville to Lapping Park. Additionally, a new connector trail to Lapping Park was identified to improve connectivity from the park to the Lewis and Clark Parkway commercial corridor.

Improvements have been made to add sidewalks along important business corridors such as Veterans Parkway, Lewis & Clark Parkway, and Eastern Boulevard. However, pedestrian access to parks is currently still typically limited to pedestrians traveling from an equipped neighborhood or subdivision to a smaller adjacent neighborhood park. The pedestrian and bicycle trail routes have also expanded since the last plan update and is an important pedestrian and bicycle transportation route. The existing Heritage and Levee trails already connect to the Ohio River Greenway, which links paths between Jeffersonville, Clarksville, and New Albany, Indiana.

The Ohio River Greenway connects downtown Louisville with the opening of the Jeffersonville entrance to the Big Four pedestrian bridge. This allows Clarksville residents to walk or bike across the river easily and safely. The Lewis and Clark Trail segment of the Ohio River Greenway is a 1.33-mile segment of the Ohio River Greenway that will connect Clarksville to New Albany.

The Town continues to augment the sidewalk network in Clarksville, with a focus along major corridors and their connections with neighborhoods. This is not only for resident convenience, but to comply with statewide ADA requirements in ensuring access to all residents, regardless of ability.

Future plans hope to extend the trail system up to the north portion of Town, eventually joining other Southern Indiana trail systems. This extension to the north will create a linear park to service those residents that are currently underserved and provide pedestrian access for them to other Clarksville parks, trails, and facilities.

INDUSTRY: The largest industry in Clarksville is retail trade. This category includes a wide range of subcategories such as clothing stores, food and beverage stores, electronics, and gas stations. Retail trade makes up 25 percent of all businesses in Clarksville and employs more than 4,000 people. Accommodation and food trade also make up a significant percentage of industry in the Town, employing almost 2,500 people and making up ten (10) percent of businesses. Clark County as a whole has similar industry demographics. Both retail trade and accommodation and food make up a large percentage of their economy.



Lewis and Clark Expedition reenactors at Fort Pierce, South Dakota

**HISTORICAL
CLARKSVILLE
PRE-HISTORY:**

The area where Clarksville is now located has been a gathering spot for people well before modern historical record.

It has a significant pre-history that has been revealed through the discovery of multiple archeological sites in proximity to the banks of the Ohio River. The confluence of the river and the falls, the exposed bedrock and nearby lakes, streams, and dense forest provided abundant food resources like acorns and nuts, fish, shellfish, waterfowl, small mammals, and even buffalo that traveled through for the salt licks in Bullitt and Jefferson Counties in Kentucky.

It was a perfect location for prehistoric settlement, and the first to arrive were Paleo-Indians between 15,000 and 8,000 B.C.E. Later mobile groups took advantage of the location through the Archaic period and beyond including the Indian Knoll people who are thought to have been of the Siouan tribe.

With the land being disturbed for the floodwall construction in the 1930s, riverbank erosion over time, a riverbank collapse in 2003, and other intentional archeological reconnaissance for projects such as the Ohio River Greenway, three prehistoric sites have been identified along the Ohio near Silver Creek. Excavations have found a Late Archaic shell mound, baked clay objects, stone boxes, copper covered trinkets, graves, and other fossils. These cultural resources present a unique opportunity for interpretation and education of pre-history along the Ohio River.

MODERN HISTORY: After the end of the Revolutionary War, General George Rogers Clark, a Revolutionary War hero and explorer, lived in the Town for several years, and is Clarksville's namesake. He established a base near the Falls to train a regiment which then helped to secure the Northwest Territory through attacks on British forts to the north and west of the Falls. In 1783, Clark secured the initial 1,000 acres that eventually became known as Clarksville, and settlement of the area began. By 1790, the population was around sixty (60) people. General Clark's brother, William Clark, was also an explorer that called Clarksville home for a period. William was appointed to the Town Board as a trustee.

In October 1803, William Clark joined Meriwether Lewis at the Falls of the Ohio, where they spent almost two weeks recruiting men to join the Corps of Discovery. The group of 12 men set off to explore the Louisiana Territory on October 26, 1803, and returned to the same location three years later.

Due to factors like flooding and the trustees not being required to live in the town to administer oversight and maintenance, the town failed to flourish initially. Ferries began crossing the Ohio to the west of Louisville, bypassing Clarksville. From 1805 to 1841, Clarksville served as the dueling ground for Kentucky residents, where dueling was illegal. However, the town was never abandoned. In 1845, the state prison moved from Jeffersonville to Clarksville, and a women's prison was built in 1873. Both of which helped to spark increased settlement.

After a fire in 1918, the property was sold to the Colgate Company in 1921, and production began in 1924 and continued until 2009. This industry helped Clarksville to grow, along with the opening of The Ohio Falls Car and Locomotive Company and an eventual bridge to Louisville in 1870. In the 1920s, the town became a center for gambling and nightlife, but the disastrous flood of 1937 greatly hampered development. A flood wall was built shortly after the flood.

In 1940, the population had reached 2,400. By 2000, that number had climbed to 22,000 residents. The development of subdivisions and annexed land allowed the town to flourish, and today it is a major retail hub for Southern Indiana.

CULTURAL CLARKSVILLE: Derby Dinner Playhouse is one of the oldest and largest professional dinner theaters in continual operation in the country. The 122-table theatre offers musical and comedy productions with full lights, costumes, and a live orchestra. While patrons watch the performance, they also can enjoy the dinner buffet. Clarksville Little Theatre belongs to The American Association of Community Theaters and is one of America's oldest community theatres that has been in continuous operation.

Julius Obermiller organized it in 1947, with financing help from the Clarksville Optimist Club. The Theatre produces an average of six (6) shows a year. In 2017, the Town of Clarksville hosted its inaugural concert to celebrate Independence Day, which is to become an annual event. The concert is free and open to the public and features a local community choir singing a mix of hymns and traditional patriotic songs.

REGIONAL RECREATIONAL FACILITIES: Clarksville has immediate access to numerous regional recreational facilities and providers. Below is a brief description of each of these regional recreational facilities that provide additional opportunities for the residents of Clarksville.

FALLS OF THE OHIO STATE PARK AND INTERPRETIVE CENTER: Located on the banks of the Ohio River in Clarksville, Indiana just west of Interstate 65, is the Falls of the Ohio State Park. The 390-million-year-old fossil beds are among the largest, naturally exposed, Devonian fossil beds in the world. The park features a spectacular Interpretive Center overlooking the fossil beds containing an exhibit gallery and video presentation. In addition, the State made major improvements at the George Rogers Clark Home Site Park.

CLARK STATE FOREST: Just north of Clarksville in northern Clark County, the Clark State Forest has 24,000 acres of land, and is Indiana's oldest state forest, having been established in 1903 with an original acquisition of 2,000 acres.

Having been an experimental forest for several years, visitors can still observe over 150 species of trees planted between 1905 and 1935, when the forest acted as a development site as forestry was honed into a science and profession. The forest provides opportunities for hiking along two one-mile trails, and the 59-mile Knobstone Trail, and there are five miles of biking trails. Two primitive camping grounds (Class C) have sixty-four (64) sites, twenty-six (26) of which allow people camping with horses. The forest also allows picnicking, fishing, hunting, and shooting at the designated shooting range.

FALLS OF THE OHIO NATIONAL WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AREA (WCA): The WCA is a regional park and recreation facility, which is accessed from Clarksville. The WCA is a national, bi-state area on the Ohio River physically located in Louisville, Kentucky but accessed from Clarksville. The WCA is administered by the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers and was awarded federal status in 1981.

The WCA is known as the Falls of the Ohio, because it was the only navigational barrier on the Ohio River. The falls were a series of rapids formed by the erosion by the Ohio River, which exposed the 386-million-year-old Devonian hard limestone rock shelves and fossil bed.

DEAM LAKE STATE RECREATION AREA: The State of Indiana owns, operates, and maintains Deam Lake, which provides multiple outdoor recreation opportunities for the public. Deam Lake is a multiple purpose facility. The Indiana Flood Control and Water Commission acquired Land in 1964 to construct a reservoir for flood control and recreation. The lake has a surface acreage of 192 acres, and there are approximately 5.5 miles of wooded shoreline, of which more than 40 percent is accessible and useable for recreation purposes. The lake is open to swimming, fishing, and boating, and there are campgrounds and cabins for rent. A tree seedling nursery is also open for public sales.

YMCAS: The YMCA of Southern Indiana is located in Jeffersonville, Indiana less than two miles from the Clarksville town limits. It provides a wide range of programs for all age groups. Programs focus on health and fitness with aquatics, sports, senior activities, self-defense, special teen programs, childcare, and development. The Floyd County Family YMCA opened in nearby New Albany, Indiana in 2008, and is also approximately two miles from the town limits to the west. Offering similar facilities as the YMCA of Southern Indiana, it is also accessible to Clarksville residents via the Ohio River Greenway pedestrian and bike path.

OHIO RIVER GREENWAY: The Ohio River Greenway is a collaborative effort between New Albany, Clarksville, and Jeffersonville as well as Floyd County and Clark County to connect and develop the river front property of these communities along the Ohio River across from Louisville. The Greenway is 7.5 miles long connecting the three communities.

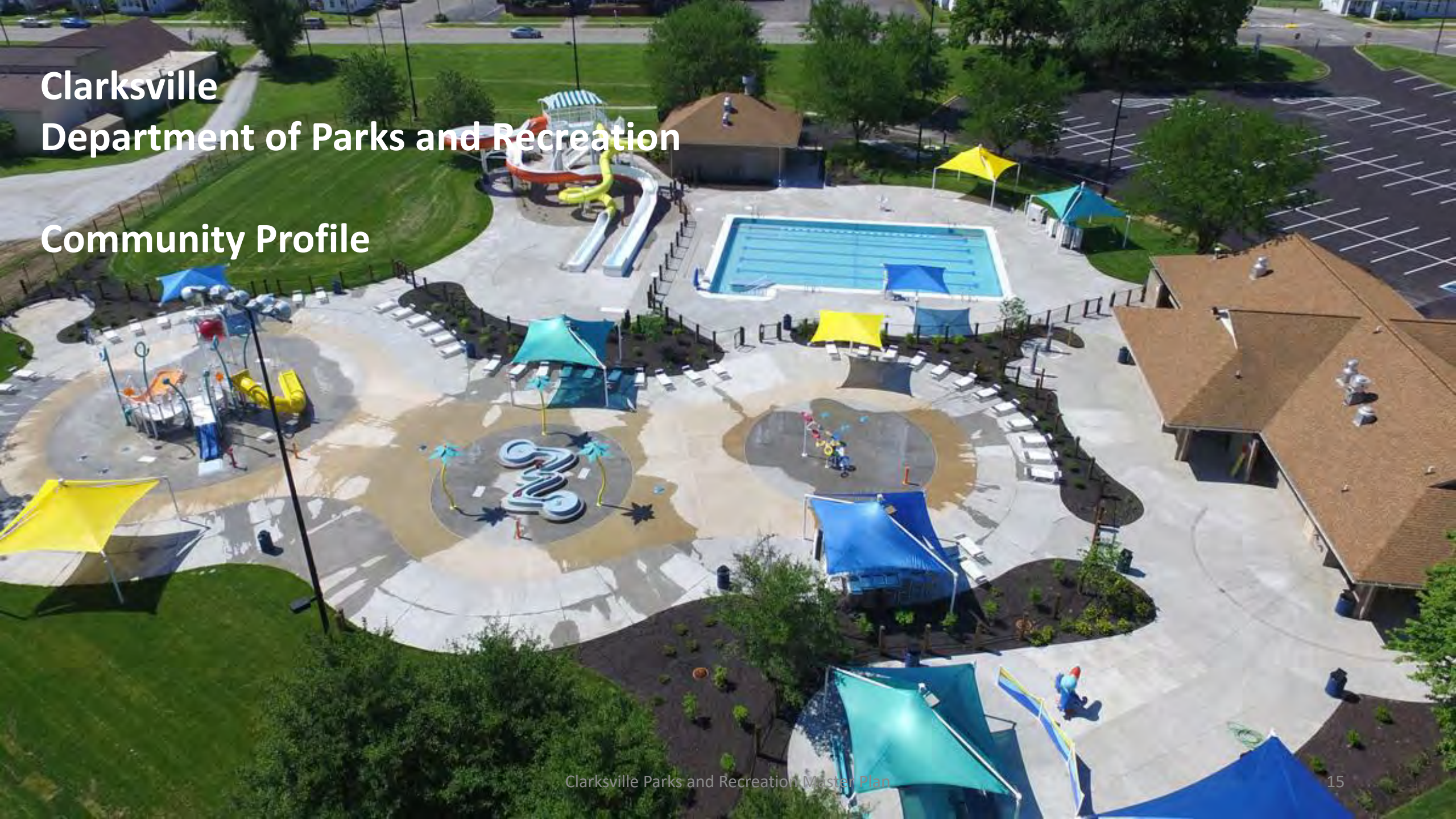
The Jeffersonville end of the trail connects to the Big Four Pedestrian Bridge, which extends into Kentucky connecting to the trail networks in Louisville, including the Louisville Riverwalk. Other trails that connect to the Ohio River Greenway are Clarksville’s Heritage Trail, Levee Trail, Discovery Trail, and the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail. The development of the South Monon trail is also underway. This trail will utilize an abandoned rail corridor between Bedford and New Albany. The trail will be approximately sixty (60) miles in length upon its completion. At its completion, the trail will connect with the Ohio River Greenway in New Albany.



Groundbreaking Croghan Launch on Silver Creek –Origin Park Website

ORIGIN PARK: Origin Park is an evolving new urban riverfront park of 430 acres on the north shore of the Ohio River, in Clarksville, Indiana. This park celebrates and embraces the unpredictable Ohio River and the floods that come from it. Origin Park is already open in limited designated areas to the public. Over the coming years, the park will undergo brownfield remediation that will replace degraded industrial landscapes with healthy and biodiverse forest, meadows, and wetlands that can be enjoyed via trails, boardwalks, and bridges. Clarksville and the River Heritage Conservancy are partners in the development of the area. Clarksville has a seat on the conservancy’s board and is in frequent communications on the efforts being undertaken by the organization.

Clarksville Department of Parks and Recreation Community Profile



DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE: The demographic profile of the Town of Clarksville provides the parks department with an insight into its community. This profile data was gathered from Stats Indiana and United States Census Data provided through its USA Towns in Profile format. The characteristics of the community and identifying changing trends in demographic information is beneficial to the department as it determines budget and programming priorities.

The profile is divided into subsections dealing with population growth, population characteristics such as age, sex, race, family status, commuting, educational attainment and labor force data sets.

The Town of Clarksville's vital census data statistics show the following: The population of the Town had increased slightly from 2010. The decennial census had 22,189 residents of Clarksville. The total population increase was 465 from 2010. There were 8,951 households living in Clarksville in 2020. The total number of housing units was 10,077, a two-point-four (2.4) percent increase over 2010. The median household income was \$49,892 and the poverty rate stood at thirteen-point-three (13.3) percent.

AGE AND GENDER: The Town's median age is forty point three (40.3). This is three (3) years higher than the State of Indiana's median age of 37. Analyzing the age by breakdown finds the Town has nineteen-point-nine (19.9) percent of the population under the age of 17. This is three (3) percent lower than the State average of twenty-three (23) percent for this cohort. Seventeen (17) percent of the population is over the age of 65, which is two (2) percent higher than the State average. The largest population segment is young adults with twenty-eight (28) percent of the population falling between the ages of 25 to 44. This cohort segment is higher than the State average of twenty-five (25). The Town has a gender breakdown per Census of fifty-two (52) percent female and forty-eight (48) percent male.

RACE: Eighty-seven (87) percent of the population of the Town identifies as being Caucasian or White. Six (6) percent identifies as African/American or Black, three (3) percent as being of two or more races, and one (1) percent Asian. The Town has a Hispanic population of eleven (11) percent. Within the Hispanic cohort, ten (10) percent identify as being Mexican with the other portions of the survey identifying as either Cuban, Puerto Rican or other.

In comparison, the State of Indiana racial breakdown has higher percentage population of African American or Black nine (9) percent of the total State population. The State also has slightly higher population segments that identify as being of two or more races four (4) percent and Asian with two (2) percent of the population. Clarksville has a higher percent of Hispanic population than the State. The State has seven (7) percent identified as Hispanic while the Town has eleven (11) percent. The Town also has double the percent population that identify as Mexican than the State average. It has similar percentages of residents that identify as Puerto Rican and Cuban as the State.

FAMILY STATUS: From the analysis of the data, the Town has a significant portion of its households living alone. Fifty-two (52) percent of the households in Clarksville identified as family households with forty-eight (48) percent being non-family households. Forty (40) percent of the non-family households or nineteen (19) percent of the total households in the Town are single-person households in the community. In comparison, the State average for single person households is ten (10) percent of the total State number of households. In addition, the Town has fourteen (14) percent of its households married with children and eight (8) percent are single-parent households. The State average for married households is eighteen (18) percent and nine (9) percent are single parent households. The average household size is two point four (2.4) which is similar to the State average.

HOUSING: There are 10,077 housing units in the Town. Of these housing units, fifty-four (54) percent are owner-occupied and thirty-five (35) percent are renter occupied. The remainder are defined as either vacant or seasonal housing. Sixty (60) percent of the housing stock is considered single-family residences. Ten (10) percent as multi-unit development with a maximum of nine (9) dwelling units. Fourteen (14) percent of developments have more than ten (10) units in the development. These percentages are nearly double the State’s seven (7) percent housing stock having more than ten (10) units. The median owner-occupied house is valued at \$135,700 in the 2020 census and the median rent was \$868 per month.

COMMUTING: The average time to get to work for a resident of the Town of Clarksville is eighteen (18) minutes, slightly under the state average of twenty-two-point-eight (22.8) minutes. Eighty-one (81) percent of the population drives alone in Clarksville. Ten (10) percent of the population carpool, which is higher than the State average of nine (9) percent. Clarksville has similar averages with the state on usage of public transportation zero-point-three Clarksville (0.3) and zero-point-eight State (0.8) percent respectively and working at home Clarksville seven (7) percent and State seven (7) percent.

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT: The Town has a higher percentage of the population having less than a high school diploma than the State. Fourteen (14) percent of the population has less than a high school diploma versus the State average ten (10) percent. However, the Town has higher rates in educational attainment for residents obtaining a high school diploma, some college, and/or an associate degree sixty-six (66) percent of the population in comparison to the State’s sixty-one (61) percent. Over nineteen (19) percent of the Town’s population hold either a Bachelor’s or Professional Degree. The State’s percentage in this category is twenty-eight (28) percent.

LABOR FORCE: 11,293 residents make up the Town’s labor force. The five highest subcategories for the occupations for the residents are:

- Management, professional related occupations 30 percent
- Sales related occupations 20 percent
- Production and logistics related occupations 19 percent
- Service-related occupations 16 percent
- Construction related occupations 8 percent

CONCLUSION: The socio-economic data provides several interesting trends to monitor for the department. The department has designed programming to address the issue of accessibility as it is tied to financial conditions in the community. Free programming like the weekly senior games is a standard as is offering free or low cost admission to special events. The main takeaways from the demographic data indicate the following trends of the community.

- The Town’s population is older than the State median age average by three years.
- The Town’s population has a smaller young adult under the age of population than the State.
- The Town has a large cohort of young adults and single member households.
- The Town has a larger Hispanic cohort than the State or surrounding communities.
- The Town has a lower percentage of the population with an educational attainment below the high school level than the State.

**Clarksville
Department of Parks and Recreation
Universal Access and Design**



STATEMENT OF ACCESSIBILITY: The Town of Clarksville is committed to promoting the quality of opportunity for all citizens. The Town continues to modify its facilities, programs, policies, or practices, as necessary, to ensure access is provided. The Town does not discriminate based on race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, religion, creed, or disability in admission to, access to, or operations of its programs, services, or activities.

Clarksville continues to expand its sidewalk infrastructure to meet state and federal ADA requirements, and provide better access to all residents, regardless of ability. A self-assessment of the parks was completed to assess the facilities and their compliance with ADA standards. A full analysis of current conditions and goals for each park can be found in the Appendix.

In an effort to efficiently address all complaints or concerns, the Town of Clarksville appointed Amy Schoenbachler as ADA coordinator. She can be contacted at the following address: Amy Schoenbachler, Human Resources Director Town of Clarksville 2000 Broadway Street Clarksville, IN 47129 email: amys@townofclarksville.com and phone: (812)280-5550. This was done in order to maintain lines of effective communication between all parties.

CURRENT ACCESSIBILITY: The Department of Parks and Recreation has adopted the ADA Self-Assessment document as part of its action plan. General information regarding accessibility to parks is located on the park's website and through its social media. Through this action plan, an implementation schedule and funding sources will be identified to correct the ADA compliance issues detailed in the self-assessment. Notifications of meetings are posted in compliance with the Town's ADA policy which can be found at the following: <https://www.townofclarksville.com/departments/accessibility-and-non-discrimination/>

SYSTEM WIDE IMPROVEMENTS

Restrooms: Periodic inspection to ensure restrooms are in compliance.

Parking: Provide designated spaces as required and review annually maintenance for striping.

Signage: Improve accessibility signage throughout the system as needed. Repair any displaced or vandalized signage as needed.

Pathways: Improve accessible pathways from parking lots to recreational facilities, shelter houses and playgrounds as noted.

Transportation: Provide accessible transportation to off-site locations.

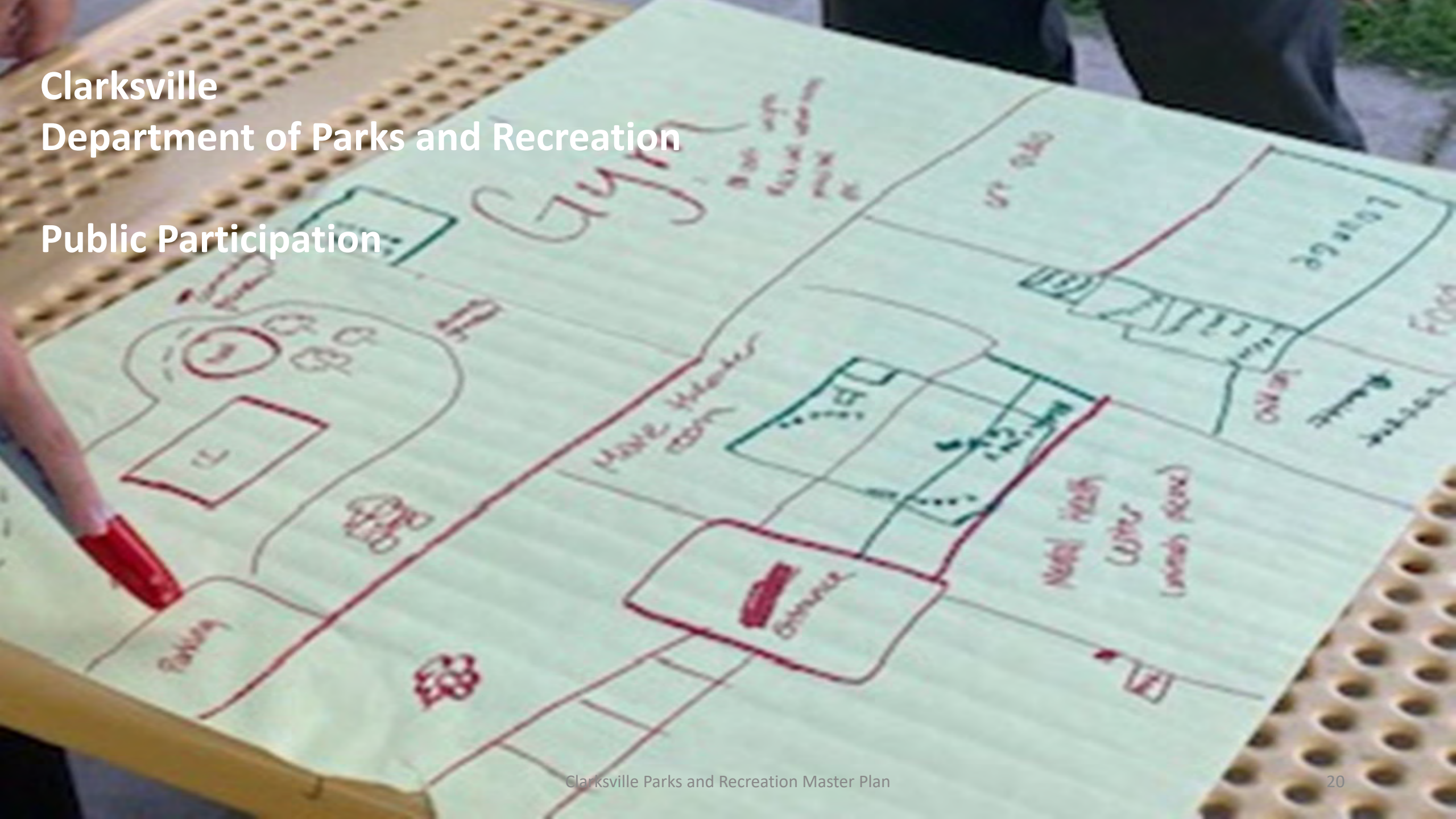
Provide TDD access to meetings.

Communicate to agencies that service handicapped that programs are available.

Assist in any way possible to allow handicapped to participate, such as helping visually impaired fill out forms.

Adapt programs as much as possible to allow participation by handicapped individuals. Provide large print information.

Clarksville
Department of Parks and Recreation
Public Participation



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: The Town of Clarksville Parks and Recreation Department employed several participation methods to ensure public input in the planning process. The department conducted a series of public meetings, an on-line survey and a youth focus group to help elicit public comment on this plan. In the appendix, there are examples of the public outreach tools, media releases and media stories that were part of the outreach efforts. The draft plan will be made available both on-line and at public meetings prior to the public hearing for its final adoption.

SURVEY: An online survey conducted through Survey Monkey was used to collect public input ranging from satisfaction levels with facilities and programming, to areas of improvement and facilities/programs they would like to see in the future. Each park had signage with a QR code for park users to utilize the survey. The survey link was on the parks website and placed on monthly sewer bills as well. Over two hundred (200) responses were collected in a two-month period. The full data collection is included as an appendix item. An analysis of the results and key survey conclusions are included in this part of the report. The survey was started July 23 and concluded October 15.

SURVEY FINDINGS: The online survey received two-hundred-seventy-four (274) responses. On the question of the importance of community parks and open space, ninety-five (95) percent stated that it was either extremely or very important. The question regarding satisfaction with the system’s parks, facilities, and trails, eighty-nine (89) percent were either very or somewhat satisfied. Six (6) percent of the respondents were either somewhat or very dissatisfied. Fifty (50) percent of the respondents stated they frequently used the parks, trails and facilities. Forty-one (41) percent stated they occasionally used the parks, trails and facilities.

When asked what parks, facilities or trails they had used in the last year, the respondents’ top choices were Lapping Park, the Aquatic Center, and Lapping Park Hiking Trails. The table below details the responses regarding each park, facility, and trail.

| Name of Park | Percent Respondents Visited |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| Ashland | 53.2 |
| Beechwood | 18.1 |
| Cedar | 5.2 |
| Colgate | 47.9 |
| Gaskell | 13.2 |
| Gateway | 64.9 |
| Lapping | 85.6 |
| Lewis and Clark | 41.1 |
| Moore | 4.9 |
| Ray Lawrence | 41.9 |

TABLE 1 – SURVEY RESPONDENTS VISITING SPECIFIC CLARKSVILLE PARKS IN 2022-2023

Each of the parks listed identifies the respondents visits to the site. The highest being the largest park in the system Lapping Park. The next highest being the system’s new park, Gateway Park. The lower visited parks were expected since these parks (Gaskell, Cedar, Beechwood and Moore) are smaller neighborhood parks.

TRAILS: Clarksville has an expansive trail system for a community its size. In addition to a series of connected trail systems, it also has a series of internal hiking trails located in Lapping Park. The below table outlines the usage of these trails by the survey respondents.

| Name of Trail | Percent Respondents Visited |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Discovery Trail | 53.8 |
| Heritage Trail | 29.4 |
| Lapping Park Hiking Trail | 76.0 |
| Levee Trail | 25.6 |
| Lewis and Clark Trail | 52.9 |

TABLE 2 – SURVEY RESPONDENTS VISITING SPECIFIC CLARKSVILLE TRAILS IN 2022-2023

FACILITIES: Clarksville houses seven unique facilities in its system. From Wooded View 18-hole golf course to Clarksville Cove Aquatic Center, the Town has a set of special use park facilities available for its residents. The highest visited site per the respondents was the Aquatic Center followed by the Endris Lodge and Wooded View Golf Course. The least visited facility was the softball fields. Table 3 provides survey responses.

| Name of Facility | Percent Survey Respondents Visited |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Community Center | 36.1 |
| Cove Aquatic Center | 44.7 |
| Softball Facility | 16.1 |
| Disc Golf | 32.8 |
| Endris Lodge | 39.5 |
| Little League Complex | 33.3 |
| Wooded View Golf Course | 33.8 |

TABLE 3 – SURVEY RESPONDENTS VISITING SPECIFIC CLARKSVILLE FACILITIES IN 2022-2023

In the area of programming, eighty-four (84) percent of the respondents were very or somewhat satisfied with the programming conducted by the department. Fourteen (14) percent were dissatisfied with the programming efforts. However, when asked how frequently they participated in classes, trips, and/or special events offered, sixty two (62) percent of the responses were marked as rarely or never. While it was not part of the initial survey, a more detailed outreach regarding programming and how residents are obtaining information about events, trips and programs may be warranted to understand better the percentages that are not satisfied with the programs or not attending events.

When asked what recreational activities the respondent or their households had participated in, the top two activities were walking and hiking. Special events and outdoor play tied for third place. Bicycling and youth activities were the only other activities reaching more than twenty (20) percent of responses. The lowest response was field sports at five-point-nine (5.9) percent. Pickleball rated an eight-point-nine (8.9) percent response.

When asked what amenities park users would like to see in the parks system, the highest two responses were restroom and water fountains at fifty-six (56) percent followed by trails and walking paths fifty-four (54) percent. A dog park received thirty-eight (38) percent of responses. Accessibility furnishings scored next highest in terms of furnishings at thirty-six (36) percent. Splash pads had thirty-two (32) percent.

Community Center ranked eleven (11) out of fourteen (14) in responses. A follow-up question was asked regarding what amenities the respondents would like to see if a Community Center was developed. The top response was an indoor walking track. A series of other amenities were bunched together ranging from fitness and exercise space to children play space to rentable space for events.

| Activity | Percent Survey Respondents Visited |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Adult Programming/Trips | 13.1 |
| Bicycling | 26.7 |
| Disc Golf | 15.3 |
| Educational Classes | 11.6 |
| Field Sports | 5.9 |
| Fitness Classes | 13.8 |
| Golf | 16.1 |
| Hiking | 47.9 |
| Outdoor Play | 37.4 |
| Pickleball | 8.9 |
| Running | 14.6 |
| Special Events | 36.3 |
| Swimming | 22.8 |
| Tennis | 7.4 |
| Walking | 60.3 |
| Youth Activities | 19.4 |
| None of the Above | 9.6 |

TABLE 4 – SURVEY RESPONDENTS VISITING SPECIFIC CLARKSVILLE ACTIVITIES IN 2022-2023

The survey also asked about investment in the parks. The respondents stated by a wide margin that they would like to see more investment with ninety-one (91) percent stating yes and two (2) percent stating no.

The demographic data indicated the following profile of the respondents: The respondents were majority female, seventy-two (72) percent, between 25-44 years of age forty-four (44) percent and are predominately white. Ninety (90) percent of respondents resided in the central area of Clarksville. It does need to be noted that the lack of response from the Hispanic population two (2) percent and a sizable response from non-Clarksville residents twenty-eight (28) percent of respondents are items to weigh in relationship to the findings of the survey.

STAFF MEETINGS: During the course of the development of this plan, two meetings were held with the senior staff of the parks department. From those discussions, three main points appeared to arise from the conversations. Staff believed that there was a definite need for a dog park facility for the community, a need for renovations to the Colgate Park site to include more amenities and possibly construct a community center and the addition of some type of facility for the northern part of the community, which currently has no facilities for residents.

PUBLIC INPUT MEETINGS: Three (3) public in-person input meetings were conducted during the time frame of August 9 through August 14. An additional public presentation was given to the Clarksville Park and Recreation Board on August 9 and a youth focus group was conducted at the Clarksville Aquatic Center on August 11.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM, PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

Place: Clarksville Town Hall, Central Clarksville
Attendance: 5

Highlights: Dog Park, Farmers Market, Update Signage, Shelter House in Colgate Park Renovated, Trees in Parks, Soccer, North Clarksville Facility, Hayrides and other events throughout the year, Small Concert Venue, Re-boot of ClarkFEST, Public Relations – Best kept secret; ClarkFEST

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM, YOUTH FOCUS GROUP

Place: Clarksville Aquatic Center
Attendance: 8

Highlights: Focus Group of teens – Asked specific questions regarding facilities and programming. Word cloud responses are attached as items in the Appendix. Group interested in walking, venues for concerts. If a community center was built, main interest was a lounge area, games, and pool tables were mentioned most frequently.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM, PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

Place: Bolt and Tie Development, South Clarksville

Attendance: 11

Highlights: Community Garden, Dog Park, Splash Pads at Colgate and Ashland Parks, Access to River, Pickleball Lessons, Basketball Leagues, Soccer Fields, Farmers Market, Trails in North Clarksville, Large Pavilion

MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM, PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

Place: Clark County REMC, North Clarksville

Attendance: 4

Highlights: Nine-(9) hole beginner Disc Golf course located at Lapping Park in honor of Ed McGovern, Using maintenance area for overflow parking for Disc Golf additional parking

SUMMARY: From the online survey, focus group activity, staff meetings and public outreach meetings to date, there are some key takeaways from those activities. Firstly, the community through the public meetings and survey responses identified that the parks system is well maintained and operated. There is also a continued interest in expanding walking and hiking opportunities in the community.

In terms of opportunities for improvement to the current facilities, restroom/water fountains, playgrounds and accessibility were identified as opportunities for improvement. In addition to additional opportunities for hiking and walking, a new beginner's disc golf course, community gathering space, community gardens, and dog park were identified.



**Clarksville
Department of Parks and Recreation
Facilities and Programming**

The National Recreation and Parks Association sets a series of standards and benchmarks associated with park and recreational services. The following assessment was conducted using these standards and benchmarks for the Clarksville Parks and Recreation Department.

COMMUNITY PARKS: NRPA standards states Community Parks should encompass 10 to 75 acres and serve as a supplement to smaller neighborhood parks. Community parks, by NRPA standards, offer such activities as swimming, lighted ball fields, tennis courts, and are located on or near a major thoroughfare. Cultural and indoor recreation facilities may also be located in community parks.

The Town of Clarksville Parks System has three parks that meet the size criteria for parks that typically serve people throughout the community and are over ten acres in size. The Town of Clarksville parks that meet Community Park classification are:

- Ashland Park
- Colgate Park
- Francisco Natural Area

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS: These parks by NRPA standards are less than 10 acres in area and serve a walking population. These parks serve a radius of ½ mile and generally 1,000 to 5,000 populations. These parks serve all age groups with playgrounds, ball fields, shelters, tables, benches, and picnic areas. The Town of Clarksville Parks that meet Neighborhood Park classifications are:

- Beechwood Park
- Cedar Park
- Gaskell Park
- Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Park
- Moore Park
- Moser Park
- Ray Lawrence Park

SPECIAL USE/SPECIAL PURPOSE PARKS: The Town of Clarksville Parks has five facilities that have been identified as having a special purpose or use: Lapping Park Golf Course

- Clarksville Cove Aquatic Center
- Clarksville Community Center
- Clarksville Softball Facility (Lapping Park)
- Clarksville Little League (Gateway Park)

REGIONAL PARK: These parks are larger than 75 acres. Regional Parks not only draw the public from regional communities' population but also from residents from outside the jurisdictions. Clarksville has one Regional Park.

- Lapping Park

NATIONAL RECREATION AND PARKS PERFORMANCE REVIEW METRICS: The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) provides park and recreation data to assist parks staff and boards to obtain data driven decisions regarding staffing, facilities, and programming. The data metric allows community decision-makers to benchmark their efforts in these areas against like sized communities.

While this data and other insights, recommendations and public opinions should be weighed as well in the decision-making process, these data-sets allow communities to gauge their actions and facilities against other communities in the nation. These sets of metrics should be used as a benchmark to obtain a clearer idea regarding the funds, programming, facilities, and staffing being utilized in the nation.

A series of metrics were reviewed for this planning document. While it is not an exhaustive list, this data with the public input of the facilities and programming assessment should be a guide for the parks staff and board to make decisions with the limited resources available to them.

A series of metrics were reviewed for this planning document. While it is not an exhaustive list, this data with the public input of the facilities and programming assessment should be a guide for the parks staff and board to make decisions with the limited resources available to them. Additionally, it provides a scorecard to measure the successes and opportunities in regard to parks operations.

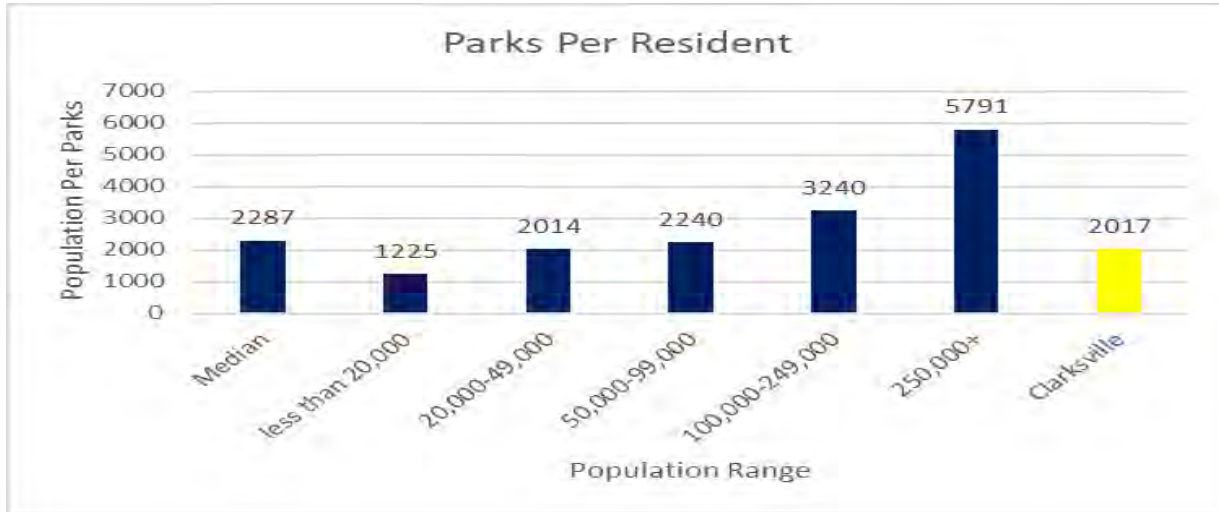


TABLE 5 – SURVEY RESPONDENTS VISITING SPECIFIC CLARKSVILLE ACTIVITIES IN 2022-2023

According to the data from the NRPA, the typical agency surveyed in the performance metric review served a jurisdiction of approximately 45,000. The typical department managed twenty-two (22) parks and encompassed five hundred seventy-one acres of park space. The metric did breakdown the data based on size of community. Of the five categories based on population, Clarksville Parks and Recreation Department fell within the 20,000 to 49,000 category or the second tier based on population.

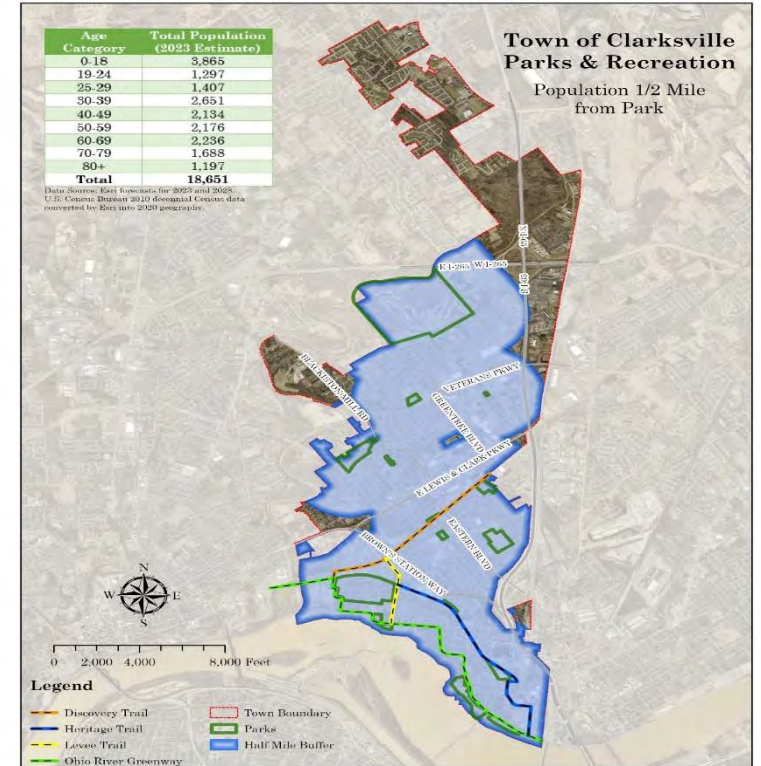
From the data in Chart 1, Clarksville has a slightly higher number of parks per population than its comparison set of departments within its population range. It falls within the 90 percentile of the next highest population range. Clarksville averages a park per 2,017 residents.

This indicates that Clarksville’s number of parks exceeds the national benchmark for number of parks for a community its size. The following map indicates a second level of service barometer as well.

This map indicates the location of parks and a ½-mile radius around each park. From previous studies, it has indicated that most residents will use a park if it is within a ½-mile walking distance from their residence.

As shown on this map, the only areas in the Town showing a deficit or lack of parks are located in the North Clarksville area and a western section of Blackiston Mill Road.

NRPA also gauges the number of acres per thousand residents. The median for all reported parks and recreational departments indicates a median of 10.8 acres per thousand residents. The population category (20,000 to 49,999) has a benchmark median acres eleven point three (11.3) per thousand. Clarksville far exceeds this number with approximately nineteen and one-half (19.5) acres per thousand residents.



In reviewing miles of trails available for residents, the national median was fifteen (15) miles of trails. The Town currently has eight and half (8.5) miles of trails within its system which is a half (0.5) miles more than the average for its population category. The identification of trails in the Clarksville Major Thoroughfare Study should increase this figure in the future.

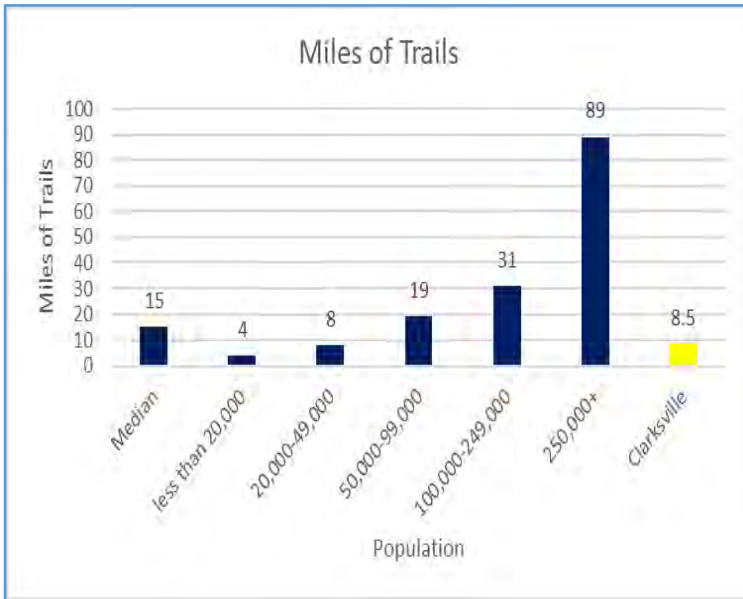


TABLE 6: MILES OF TRAILS PER RESIDENT

The data indicates that Clarksville operates several facilities at a lower than national average threshold. The median population for an 18-hole golf course and aquatic center is higher than the Clarksville population. It also exceeds in providing baseball/softball diamonds, tennis/pickleball courts, and playgrounds. The department does not meet the benchmark community standard for facilities for youth soccer fields.

From the public participation surveys and public meetings, a selected group of facilities based on median population was created. Table 7 was created to better gauge the current facilities in use in the Clarksville system and to gauge an understanding about the national population benchmarks for discussed facilities like dog parks and community centers. The NRPA data also indicates the percentage of respondents nationally that operate a specific facility.

In relation to Community and Recreational Centers, it would appear that the Clarksville population is slightly under the median in terms of population. Of all respondents, sixty-three (63) and fifty-nine (59) percent of all respondents operate such facilities. Dog Parks are operated by sixty-eight (68) percent of all departments responding and the median population is 28,000 for a dog park operation.

| | Median Number of Residents per Facility | | | | |
|---------------------|---|--------|---------------|-------------|--------------------|
| | Percent | All | 20,000-49,000 | NPRA Median | Clarksville Actual |
| Playgrounds | 95 | 3,759 | 3,028 | 7.0 | 12 |
| Tennis Courts | 76 | 5,860 | 5,815 | 3.8 | 4 |
| Dog Parks | 68 | 43,532 | 28,000 | 0.8 | 0 |
| Recreational Center | 63 | 31,215 | 24,380 | 0.9 | 0 |
| Diamonds Adults | 63 | 15,345 | 11,802 | 1.8 | 2 |
| Community Center | 59 | 29,494 | 26,696 | 0.8 | 1 |
| Diamonds Youth | 55 | 11,384 | 9,060 | 2.4 | 7 |
| Community Gardens | 52 | 31,395 | 26,741 | 0.8 | 0 |
| Soccer Fields Youth | 50 | 7,228 | 4,947 | 4.4 | 0 |
| Pickleball Courts | 31 | 13,922 | 9,257 | 2.3 | 8 |
| 18 Hole Golf Course | 29 | 94,109 | 32,990 | 0.7 | 1 |
| Aquatic Centers | 28 | 53,950 | 31,645 | 0.7 | 1 |

TABLE 7: SELECTED RECREATIONAL FACILITIES MEDIAN NUMBER OF RESIDENTS PER FACILITY

PARKS FINANCIAL PROCESS: Per Indiana statute, the Clarksville Parks Board must create a budget on an annual basis. The process begins with the Parks and Recreation staff submitting a draft budget for review and approval by the Parks Board. Upon reviewing the proposed budget, the Parks Board sends a preliminary budget to the Town Council for review. The Town Council can amend or alter the preliminary budget after its review. Upon its adoption, the Town will set a tax rate for the Parks and its proposed budget. The Town Council reviews, amends, and adopts the budget. The budget adoption process occurs in August, when the Town Council publicizes the proposed tax rates. The budget and the proposed tax rate are submitted to the State Board of Tax Commissioners. The Board reviews the budget and sends it to the community for a final approval.

The following table outlines the past five years of revenues and expenditures for the department. The average five-year revenue for the department for all revenues including taxes, fees, and miscellaneous is 2.45 million. The five-year average for expenditures was 2.57 million. The additional expenditures appear to be handled by the department’s cash reserves. Starting in 2023, the department had a cash reserve of approximately \$500,000.

| Fiscal Year | Five Year Expenditures | Five Year Revenues |
|-------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| 2017 | \$ 2,480,070.00 | \$ 2,097,141.00 |
| 2018 | \$ 2,407,689.00 | \$ 2,517,619.00 |
| 2019 | \$ 2,616,478.00 | \$ 3,310,044.00 |
| 2020 | \$ 2,735,858.00 | \$ 2,483,440.00 |
| 2021 | \$ 2,619,778.00 | \$ 1,849,920.00 |
| 2022 | \$ 2,571,974.60 | \$ 2,451,632.80 |

TABLE 8 – CLARKSVILLE FIVE YEAR EXPENDITURES VS REVENUES

The NRPA has several expense related benchmark metrics to review the operations and services associated with parks and recreational departments. This metric shows that the median for all reporting entities had operating expenses per capita of \$94.77. Clarksville’s per capital operating expenses were higher than the median for this group at \$115.91.

The population category (20,000 to 49,999) operated at a median per capita expense of \$103.95. Another benchmark metric was looking at operating expenses at a per-acre cost. In these metrics, the median for all department was \$7,388 per-acre. The population group (20,000 to 49,999) had a per-acre operating expense of \$7,495 and Clarksville operated on a lower rate of \$5,953.64.

PARK STAFFING: The NRPA metric also reviews programming and full-time employees as a community benchmark. From the data, the median number of full-time employees for all departments is 51.5. For the 20,000 to 49,999-population cohort, the department’s median was 32.3 full time employees and Clarksville operates its department with 17. This indicates that Clarksville operates under the median for departments in its cohort. It actually operates in the lower quartile of similar size departments. The lower quartile has exactly 17 full-time employees.

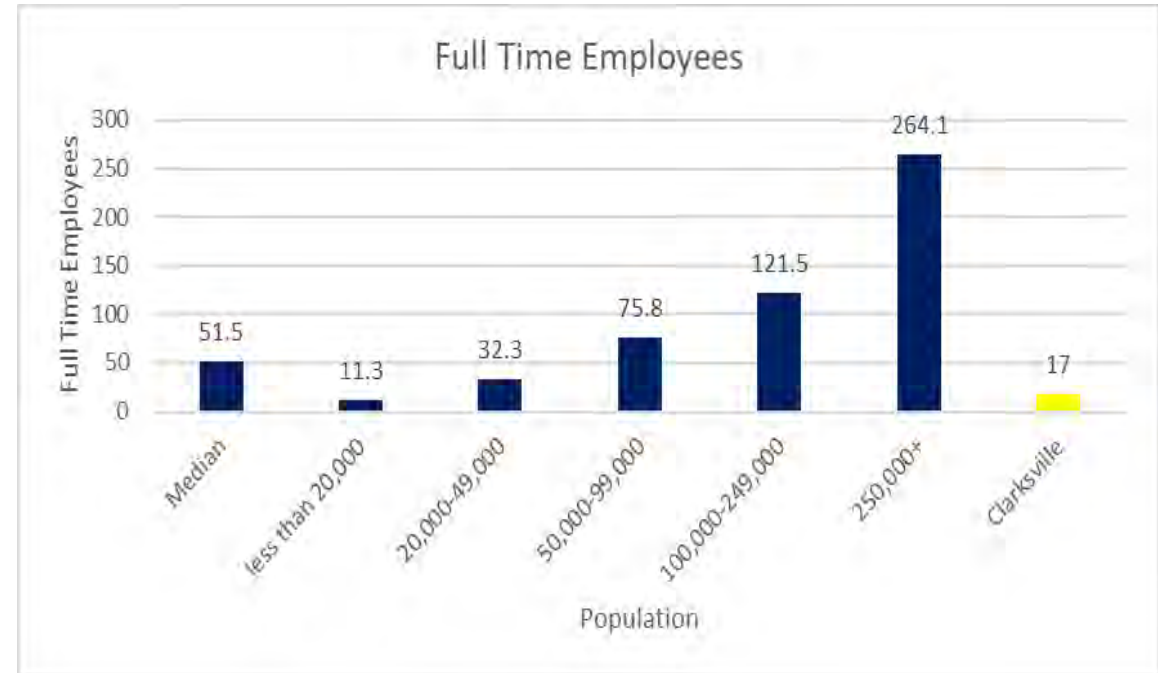


TABLE 9 – FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES PER POPULATION

PARKS PROGRAMMING: The Parks Department operates an extensive variety of programs year-round, including swimming, golfing, games, leagues, nature series, field trips, and special events for all age groups. The Parks and Recreation website informs the public about regular programming, special events, links to other useful websites, and provides information about the individual parks and their corresponding facilities, including rental information.

The CPRD also maintains social media accounts for the Parks Department, Clarksville Cove, and Wooded View Golf Course on Facebook and Twitter. These accounts are used in conjunction with the website to inform the public of things such as events, classes, park facilities, and news.

The Parks Department sponsors the following events throughout the year. A full list of programs and trips offered for the 2023 program year are included in the Appendix.

- Easter Egg Hunt
- Movies in the Park
- Community Yard Sale
- Weekly Senior Games
- Touch a Truck
- Fall Harvest Hayride
- Breakfast with Santa

The Parks Department has cooperated with the Clarksville Optimist Club for over 30 years in providing its Saturday Morning Program (SMP). This program was begun as a way to provide free events to help keep children ages 5-12 keep active during the winter months.

**Clarksville
Department of Parks and Recreation
Inventory
Priorities and Recommendations**



PARK BOARD—PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT—MASTER PLAN GOALS: The setting of goals and priorities are the most important process in any community-planning endeavor. Through the establishment of goals and priorities, a community is setting its course for action in the next five-year timeframe. While the planning process is an ongoing process, the planning goals help to establish a long-range vision for the community in its relationship to parks and recreation. The development of these goals and the creation of a financially feasible implementation action step are critical to the success of this process.

The Town of Clarksville Master Parks and Recreation Plan is divided into two parts: a set of recommended action items to be undertaken within a five-year period labeled immediate, and intermediate. The second part is a long-range period that exceeds the five-year period for this document. These long-range activities are larger in scope and cost. Specific actions taken in the five-year timeframe are necessary for these long-range projects to be completed in a timely manner.

PLANNING COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: The Town of Clarksville Parks and Recreation Department has a professional staff interested in the betterment of the department and its facilities. The Department does an excellent job of maintenance and general operations of the programming and park facilities. The staff is also driven to provide the best possible service to the residents of the Town of Clarksville.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Below are the recommended action items for the Parks to pursue within the next five-year period. These recommendations are divided into three timeframes. In addition to the system wide recommendations, each of the parks have individual recommendations assigned to it as well. These can be found on the individual park information sheet. Out of the public outreach and input meetings, it became apparent that a continued theme and brand was attached to the Clarksville Parks and Recreation. It can be defined in the following phrase. Best Kept Secret.

Immediate Recommendations 0-2 years

IMMEDIATE RECOMMENDATIONS (0-2 YEAR PERIOD): The short-term recommendations are those that are easily implemented and have a low-cost factor. These were determined to be ones that could be done quickly and have the most return on investment for the department in relation to the findings of the public participation component of the plan.

Intermediate Recommendations 2-5 years

INTERMEDIATE RECOMMENDATIONS (0-4 YEAR PERIOD): These recommendations are more time intensive and have a moderate cost factor associated with implementation. These recommendations deal with the core preferences made by the public in terms of facilities and programming.

Long Range Recommendations 5-10 years

LONG RANGE RECOMMENDATIONS (5 YEAR PERIOD): The final set of recommendations is generally geared towards the major capital projects associated with the park system in the next five years.

SYSTEM WIDE RECOMMENDATIONS

Immediate Recommendations 0-2 Years

BRANDING AND COMMUNICATIONS: Incorporating new signage for facilities throughout the system will provide uniformity throughout the system. It was difficult in some areas to distinguish the park from other entities such as the State parks and the Ohio River Greenway. The inclusion of landscaping plans for signage and neighborhood parks to increase tree canopies is seen as an added benefit to the urban nature of the community.

COST: \$5,000.00 - \$10,000.00 per Park facility for signage and landscaping

PROGRAM MARKETING: Survey results identified a lack of information about programming opportunities. While the programming was viewed as highly favorable, the lack of knowledge about these opportunities by a significant cohort in the surveys indicated both an opportunity for growth and a weakness of the current marketing efforts. Additionally, it appears that special attention towards the Hispanic community, senior citizens, single person households and identifying methods of communication and outreach should be considered a priority for these population cohorts.

COST: \$10,000.00 - \$20,000.00 for Marketing Plan

COORDINATION WITH MULTI-AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS EXISTING PLANS: In both the Town's Comprehensive Plan and the 3C Central Redevelopment Plan, parks amenities are described. Additional walking and biking trails are identified in the recent Major Thoroughfare Study. Coordination amongst these different plans and agencies is a vital component for the department. Having these plans identified and part of the long-range component of this plan will be beneficial for the department to be an active partner in these developments and in understanding the operational components.

Cost: \$0.00

WALKING AND HIKING: The trail system currently is being used by not only residents but out of town residents. This can be identified through the data in the recently approved Major Thoroughfare Study. Developing a plan for extending trail connections into areas to the north central part of the community and population centers will enhance the overall community trail system. It will provide a needed facility for the underserved area.

Cost: \$25,000.00 - \$75,000.00 – North Clarksville Trail Planning Study

WATER FOUNDATIONS AND RESTROOMS: This item rated as one of the main amenities that the public would like to see in the parks through the online survey. Several neighborhood parks could be identified in a rotating basis for development of these amenities on-site. It would appear that each of the neighborhood parks identified in the plan are adjacent to sewer and water utilities needed for this endeavor. Recommendation would be adding restroom and water fountain facilities at Beechwood and restroom at Ray Lawrence. It would be recommended to add water fountains at Cedar, Gaskell and Moore.

Cost: \$50,000.00 per restroom facility

Cost: \$5,000.00 per fountain facility

FIELD DEVELOPMENT: The lack of playing fields for the public is an intermediate recommendation. The inclusion of field standards, either football or soccer, at designated neighborhood parks should be analyzed. It would appear that adding football goalposts and/or soccer goals would address a short fall in this area as it is measured by the NRPA metric.

Cost: Football goalposts \$2,500.00 - \$4,000.00

Cost: Soccer goals \$500.00 - \$2,500.00

SYSTEM WIDE RECOMMENDATIONS

Intermediate Recommendations 2-5 Years

ACCESSIBILITY FURNISHINGS AND PLAYGROUNDS: The development of accessible furnishing and playgrounds scored high in the on-line survey. This interest in these amenities and furnishing with the review of accessibility of each park should be deemed an immediate goal and priority. In addition, a review of the current parks shows a need to create accessible paths to amenities within parks such as shelter houses, courts and play areas.

Cost: Accessible Furnishing and Playground Site Review: \$5,000.00-\$15,000.00

SMALL PARKS PLAN: Developing a separate small parks plan for specific site improvements for the communities' small parks will provide an immediate benefit to local residents. Investigating and planning each of the following small parks through intentional outreach to neighborhoods. The small parks would include Beechwood, Cedar, Gaskell, Moore, and Moser.

Cost: Planning Study: \$20,000.00

Long Range Recommendations 5-10 years

NORTH CLARKSVILLE TRAIL AND LAPPING PARK TRAILS: These trail extensions were identified in the Town's Major Thoroughfare Study. The lack of any parks and recreational presence in the North section of Clarksville is well known by staff and board. The opportunity to work with the Town on the creation of a trail system to connect this part of the town's population should be considered one of the board's long-range priorities.

Cost: Trail Development and Construction: \$3,000,000.00-\$5,000,000.00

RENOVATION OF COLGATE PARK: With increased population growth expected for this area and its proximity to the former Colgate Plant site, the opportunity to invest in this park would be a prudent step in the next five years.

A detailed site plan should be developed to incorporate the current aquatic center and trail system. The current state of its tennis courts and lack of accessibility will need to be addressed in such a site plan. The possible placement of a dog run and/or community center should be reviewed at this location. Other amenities that should be reviewed would be the creation of a public space for programming events such as the lawn at Gateway Park. A small amphitheater for small concerts or events such as artisan and farmers markets could be a good fit for the growing area.

Cost: Site Plan: \$25,000.00-\$50,000.00

Cost: Detailed Engineering and Architectural Plans: \$150,000.00

Cost: Construction: \$6,000,000.00-\$10,000,000.00

DOG PARK/DOG RUNS: A site selection study should take place to determine a prime location for amenities such as a dog park or possible series of Dog Runs. It would appear that this is a facility that the public is interested in having as part of its recreational inventory. There may be opportunities to review existing Town owned sites and buildings to determine if a dog park could be incorporated as part of an overall large community facility. A possible idea would be to coordinate efforts with the Town's Redevelopment Commission to identify locations in the Lewis and Clark Corridor that could be re-adapted into a year around dog park and community facility.

Cost: Site Study: \$15,000.00-\$25,000.00

ASHLAND PARK: The completion of the recent Land Water Conservation Grant project would be an intermediate project for the department. The inclusion of accessible furnishings along the park walkway and installation of swings similar to those along the Louisville and Cincinnati riverfronts would add to the park's character. A detailed assessment of possible use associated with the jetty would be a benefit as well.

Cost: (need data)

Ashland Park

468 East Riverside Drive 38 16'13"N 85 45'18" W

Description

Ashland Park is a twelve (12) acre park located on the banks of the Ohio River. It is directly across from downtown Louisville, Kentucky. It is bordered by the Falls of the Ohio State Park to the West and the City of Jeffersonville to the East. The Ohio River Floodway is located directly to the North. The park is a linear park with a playground, shelter house, and restroom facilities. The park will undergo renovations if a Land and Water Conservation Grant through the National Parks Service and Indiana Department of Natural Resources is awarded.

These upgrades include purchasing the full property to allow for dissolution of the lease that has been in place and large-scale upgrades in the play area. The play area will nearly double in size and receive new brightly colored, eye-popping equipment and amenities. These items include swings, climbers, and the crown jewel, which will be a large accessible play structure that visitors will enjoy for years to come. Along with these upgrades comes the installation of accessible artificial turf surfacing to allow for accessibility and lower maintenance costs year after year.

Immediate Recommendations

- Install new signage tied to the community marketing and brand standards.
- Address accessibility items defined on the self-assessment of park.
- Landscape around shelter house and walking path.
- Connect to path and sidewalks.

Intermediate Recommendations

- Complete the Land and Water Conservation Grant project.
- Install new sets of swings, accessible benches, and accessible picnic tables.
- Develop a plan for usage of the jetty walkway.



Beechwood Park

1201 Beechwood Drive 38 30'48"N 85'76"92W

Description

Located in Central Clarksville, Beechwood Park is accessible from the surrounding Beechwood neighborhood and has accessibility from Discovery Trail. It is a small two (2) acre neighborhood park, which houses a basketball court, playground, and open space. The park also includes a shelter house and swing sets.

Immediate Recommendations

- Install new signage tied to the community's marketing and brand standards.
- Install a walking path from neighborhood to park amenities.
- Address accessibility items defined on the self-assessment of park.
- Landscape around the entrance from neighborhood and signage.

Intermediate Recommendations

- A circular walking track would provide an additional amenity for the public.
- Install accessible playground and additional playground structures clustered near the existing shelter house and playground.
- Placement of soccer standards.
- Program monthly activities during the Spring and Summer months for the neighborhood residents such as a Saturday in the Park event or a Walking Club program.



Cedar Park
1627 Broadway **38 19'29" N** **85 45'37"W**

Description

A small pocket park, Cedar Park is located in Central Clarksville adjacent to the Veterans Parkway Commercial District. The park serves the Lincoln Park neighborhood. The park has two swing sets, a playground, and a basketball court.

Immediate Recommendations

- Install new signage tied to the community marketing and brand standards.
- Address accessibility items defined in the self-assessment of park.
- Landscape around park.
- Connect to sidewalks.

Intermediate Recommendations

- Investigate a possible park expansion of the vacant lot to the west to increase park size.
- Resurface basketball court.



Colgate Park and Clarksville Cove Aquatic Center

800 South Clark 38 16"46' N 85 45"31'W

Description

Colgate Park is a twenty (20) acre park located in the heart of south Clarksville. The park houses the Clarksville Cove Aquatic Center, which is the community's recreational pool and splash pad. The aquatic center features a slide and splash pad facilities, a full-service café and a private party area for events. The park is connected to the Heritage trail. It also has lighted tennis courts, a basketball court, shelter house, playground, and swing sets.

Immediate Recommendations

- Install new signage tied to the community marketing and brand standards.
- Address accessibility items defined on the self-assessment of park.
- Landscape around tennis courts and entrances.
- Connect to path, parking lot, and sidewalks.

Intermediate Recommendations

- A new park specific plan is needed for Colgate Park. The park is under-utilized for its size and facilities. The redevelopment of the South Clarksville area is a catalyst for improvements to this park. The site could house one or both of the main new amenities mentioned in the public outreach meetings. A community center building and a small dog park would both have adequate space in the park.



Francisco Nature Preserve Idlewood Court 38 31'85"N 85 77'92" W

Description

This 29-acre natural site was purchased by the Town for public use. The use of Francisco Park is limited through deed restrictions, which provide protection from any use of the property that does not relate to the retention and protection of the natural area.

Immediate Recommendations

- Install new signage tied to the community marketing and brand standards.

Intermediate Recommendations

- Development of a possible trail system through the nature preserve and the development of a trailhead would enhance usage of the facility.



Gaskell Park

1606 Briarwood 38 18'50" N 85 46'32"W

Description

Gaskell Park is bisected by Briarwood Drive. Gaskell Park is a small neighborhood park in Central Clarksville. It serves the Blackiston Heights neighborhood. It is near the intersection of Altawood and Briarwood. It houses picnic tables, a basketball court, playground equipment, swing sets and open space.

Immediate Recommendations

- Install new signage tied to the community marketing and brand standards.
- Address accessibility items defined on the self-assessment of park.
- Landscape around entrance and signage.
- Connect to path and sidewalks.
- Safety crossing and signage for drivers should be implemented.

Intermediate Recommendations

- Gaskell Park should be part of a defined neighborhood park plan along with Moore, Cedar and Beechwood.
- Resurface basketball court.



Gateway Park

500 Little League Blvd 38 18'6" N 85 45' 34" W

Description

Gateway Park is located at 500 Little League Blvd. The park is a twenty-one and a half (21.5) acre facility. It is accessible from Eastern Boulevard. The park has multiple functions. A three and a half (3.5) acre general recreational park facility houses an adventure playground, interactive playground equipment, shelter house, covered stage and event lawn. Eighteen (18) acres of the complex houses the Clarksville Little League facility. It includes seven (7) fields including a state of the art "challenger" field, which provides an accessible facility for individuals with physical and mental challenges.

Immediate Recommendations

- Facility is relatively new.
- The electric box in Little League facility appeared to be vandalized and needs repair.
- Install new signage tied to the community marketing and brand standards.
- Address accessibility items defined on the self-assessment of park.

Intermediate Recommendations

- Accessible playground and furnishings near challenger field would be beneficial to participants



Lapping Park Wooded View Golf Course

2404 Greentree Lane 38 20'7"N 85 46'7" W

Description

Lapping Park is the largest park in the Town's Park system. Lapping Park is a three hundred thirty-two (332) acre facility that houses multiple recreational facilities for the community. Eighteen (18) hole Wooded View Golf Course is the centerpiece of the park. There is also a driving range. It also houses an adult softball facility with two (2) fields. An eighteen (18) hole disc golf course, basketball court, sand volleyball court, playground equipment, two (2) shelter houses, an amphitheater and lodge are located on the grounds. Walking trails transect the wooded property.

Immediate Recommendations

- New signage tied to community marketing and brand standards.
- Address accessibility items defined on the self-assessment of park.
- Pathway connecting park to local neighborhoods and existing trail facilities.

Intermediate Recommendations

- Develop concept for a possible 9-hole beginner disc golf course.



Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Park

1205 W. Harrison 38 17'16" N 85 46'39" W

Description

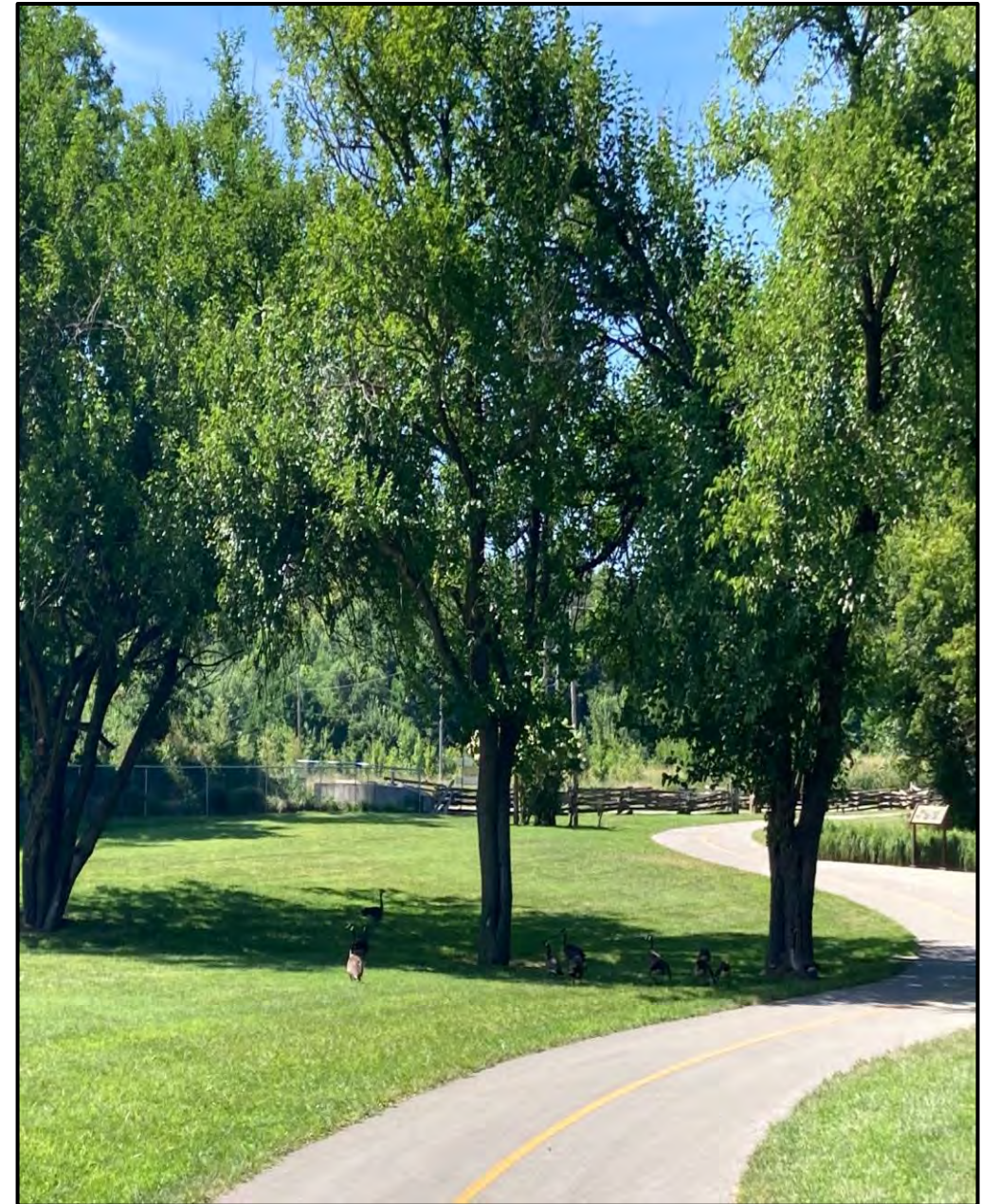
Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Park is located across from the George Rogers Clark State Park along the Ohio River. The park pays tribute to the Meriwether Lewis and William Clark Discovery Expedition. Clarksville is known as the starting point of the expedition. This park provides interpretative panels of the expedition's journey and discovery. The park has an art sculpture representing the keel boats used during the expedition. It has a fire pit and picnic tables. It also has a series of educational placards denoting the history of the Lewis and Clark expedition. The park is sandwiched between the Falls of the Ohio State Park, the Lewis and Clark Trail, Ohio River Greenway Trail and the new Origin Park being developed by the River Heritage Conservancy. An Eagle Scout project is underway to replace flagpoles at the site.

Immediate Recommendations

- Install new signage tied to the community marketing and brand standards.
- Address accessibility items defined on the self-assessment of park.
- Landscape around walking path.
- Replace faded historic information in kiosk readers.
- Determine how to address the road closure which includes the park's parking area.
- Coordination with Origin Park and the State regarding possible programming for the site especially as it relates to the history of the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

Intermediate Recommendations

- Addition of benches and picnic tables could enhance this park as a trail head for usage of the Town's trail system, Ohio River Greenway trail and Origin park.



Moore Park

409 North Clark

38 17'29" N

85 46'1"W

Description

Moore Park is a small pocket park located on the Heritage Trail. The park consists of a small playground and picnic table. It is the smallest park in the system.

Immediate Recommendations

- Install new signage tied to the community marketing and brand standards.
- Address accessibility items defined on the self-assessment of park.
- Landscape around signage and path.
- Connect to Heritage Trail.

Intermediate Recommendations

- The addition of benches and picnic tables could enhance this park as a trailhead for usage of the Town's trail system.



Moser Park

101 East Ettels Lane 38 17'29" N 85 46'1"W

Description

Moser Park is a small pocket park located on the Clarksville Community School property. The Clarksville Parks and Recreation Department maintains the grounds. The school system obtained the property through a Land and Water Conservation Grant.

Immediate Recommendations

- N/A

Intermediate Recommendations

- N/A



Ray Lawrence Park

1100 Irving 38 18' 34"N 85 45'33"W

Description

Ray Lawrence Park is located on Irving Drive in central Clarksville. A nine (9) acre facility houses pickleball courts, playground, shelter house, and basketball court. There is a large open space of the park to the east and north boundaries. It is a trailhead to the Discovery Trail.

Immediate Recommendations

- Install new signage tied to the community marketing and brand standards.
- Address accessibility items defined on the self-assessment of park.
- Landscape around entrance and signage.
- Connect to path and sidewalks.
- Restroom and water fountains.

Intermediate Recommendations

- Development of soccer field to meet field sport standards.
- Possible development of additional pickleball courts should be reviewed.
- Accessible playground, benches, and picnic tables.



Clarksville Trail System

Description

Clarksville has four current trail systems:

LEVEE: The Levee Trail, a portion of the Ohio River Greenway, is a 2.4-mile multi-use path partially running along the top of the floodwall. It begins at Ashland Park along Riverside Drive, connects to the Falls of the Ohio State Park and Interpretive Center, and the George Rogers Clark Cabin site.

DISCOVERY: The Discovery Trail is a 1.9-mile asphalt, multi-use trail along a former CSX rail corridor southwest from Applegate Lane to Silver Creek, where the trail merges with the Ohio River Greenway. The Discovery Trail connects to the Levee Trail, Heritage Trail, and Lewis and Clark Trail, as well as several nearby schools, neighborhoods, and commercial corridors. It was built with Next Level Trail grant funding through the State of Indiana.

LEWIS AND CLARK: The Lewis & Clark Trail is a 1.33-mile portion of the Ohio River Greenway that begins at a connection to the Levee Trail at the corner of Old Harrison Road and Bailey Avenue. It connects into New Albany providing regional access via the Ohio River Greenway.

HERITAGE: The 2.7-mile Heritage Trail links the residential heart of Clarksville with its growing trail system and two local parks. It creates a loop with the Levee Trail, and also connects with the Discovery Trail.

Intermediate Recommendations

- The Trails appear to be well maintained and in good shape.

Immediate Recommendations

- Maintain trail surface with an on-going maintenance plan.



Ashland Park

| Budget Year | Project | Projected Cost | Funding Source |
|-------------|---|----------------|----------------------------|
| 2024 | Accessibility Playground, Furnishings, and Swings | \$650,000.00 | Park Operating/LWCF |
| 2024 | Update Signage and Landscaping | \$10,000.00 | Park Operating |
| 2024 | Complete Final Greenway Segment | TBD | Town Cumulative Fund |
| 2025 | Remodel Restrooms and Shelter House | \$250,000.00 | Town Cumulative Fund |
| 2025 | Outdoor Fitness | \$100,000.00 | Private/Public Partnership |

Beechwood Park

| Budget Year | Project | Projected Cost | Funding Source |
|-------------|---|----------------|----------------------|
| 2024 | Update Signage and Landscaping | \$10,000.00 | Park Operating |
| 2027 | Accessible Connections to Neighborhood and Trail | \$30,000.00 | Park Operating |
| 2027 | Add Accessible Furnishings and Benches, Concrete Floor to Shelter House | \$35,000.00 | Park Operating |
| 2027 | Add Water Fountains and Restrooms | \$55,000.00 | Town Cumulative Fund |

Cedar Park

| Budget Year | Project | Projected Cost | Funding Source |
|-------------|---|----------------|----------------|
| 2027 | Rehab Park: Picnic Area, Basketball Court, Playground, Swings, Water Fountain, Updated Signage, Accessible Furnishings | \$300,000.00 | Redevelopment |

Colgate Park/ Clarksville Cove Aquatic Center

| Budget Year | Project | Projected Cost | Funding Source |
|-------------|---|----------------|----------------|
| 2024 | Update Signage and Landscaping | \$10,000.00 | Park Operating |
| 2024 | Replace Deck Grates | \$20,000.00 | Park Operating |
| 2024 | Park Site Plan | \$175,000.00 | Park Operating |
| 2024 | Redevelop Tennis Courts to Include Pickleball | \$220,000.00 | Redevelopment |
| 2025 | Sidewalk to Playground and Shelter | \$8,000.00 | Operating |

Colgate Park/ Clarksville Cove Aquatic Center

| Budget Year | Project | Projected Cost | Funding Source |
|-------------|---|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 2025 | New Water Feature | \$1,500,000.00 | Town Cumulative Fund |
| 2026 | Upgrade to LED Lighting | \$200,000.00 | Park Operating |
| 2028 | Replace Shelter House and add Restrooms | \$400,000.00 | Bond |
| 2029 | Community Center and Dog Run | \$6,000,000.00 to \$10,000,000.00 | Bond |

Francisco Park

| Budget Year | Project | Projected Cost | Funding Source |
|-------------|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 2027 | Update Signage and Landscaping | \$10,000.00 | Park Operating |
| 2027 | Add Trailhead with Parking | \$75,000.00 | Park Operating |
| 2027 | Develop Trail System | \$10,000.00 | Park Operating |

Gaskell Park

| Budget Year | Project | Projected Cost | Funding Source |
|-------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| 2025 | Update Signage and Landscaping | \$10,000.00 | Park Operating |
| 2025 | Add Water Fountains; Resurface Court | \$35,000.00 | Park Operating |
| 2027 | Sidewalk and Safety Improvements | \$10,000.00 | Park Operating |
| 2028 | Expand Park | \$80,000.00 | Town Cumulative Fund |

| Gateway Park/ Little League | | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| Budget Year | Project | Projected Cost | Funding Source |
| 2025 | Update Signage and Landscaping | \$10,000.00 | Park Operating |
| 2025 | Resurface Splash Pad | \$30,000.00 | Park Operating |
| 2026 | Expand Park for possible Dog Park | TBD | TBD |
| 2028 | Storage for Maintenance | \$100,000.00 | Town Cumulative Fund |
| 2029 | Swing Set | \$4,000.00 | Park Operating |
| Future | Replace Playground | \$70,000.00 | Town Cumulative Fund |
| Future | Indoor Practice Facility | \$250,000.00 | Public/Private Partnership |
| Future | Artificial Turf Infields | \$1,000,000.00 | Public/Private Partnership |
| Future | Resurface Challenger Fields | \$30,000.00 | Park Operating |

| Lapping Park/Wooded View Golf Course | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Budget Year | Project | Projected Cost | Funding Source |
| 2024 | Update Signage | \$9,000.00 | Park Operating |
| 2024 | Repave Trail | \$300,000.00 | Park Operating |
| 2024 | Expression Swings | \$3,500.00 | Park Operating |
| 2024 | Repair Lodge Windows | \$4,000.00 | Park Operating |
| 2024 | Fencing along Potter's Lane | \$12,000.00 | Town Cumulative Fund |
| 2025 | Pave Gravel Trail Adjacent to Roadway | \$250,000.00 | Town Cumulative Fund |
| 2026 | Air Condition Lodge | \$30,000.00 | Park Operating |
| 2026 | Enclose Patio at Pro Shop Clubhouse | \$30,000.00 | Park Operating |
| 2026 | Permanent Fire Pit | \$6,000.00 | Park Operating |
| Future | Road and Parking Lot Repaving | \$400,000.00 | MVH |
| Future | Cart Path Repaving | \$600,000.00 | Town Cumulative Fund |
| Future | Lighting along Road | \$70,000.00 | Town Cumulative Fund |
| Future | Community Picnic Area | \$400,000.00 | Town Cumulative Fund |

Lapping Park/Softball Complex

| Budget Year | Project | Projected Cost | Funding Source |
|-------------|---------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| 2024 | Update Signage | \$6,000.00 | Park Operating |
| 2024 | Repave Parking Lot | \$90,000.00 | Town Cumulative Fund |
| 2028 | Update to LED Lighting | \$300,000.00 | Town Cumulative Fund |
| 2024 | Replace Bathroom Fixtures | \$25,000.00 | Park Operating |
| 2024 | Replace Fencing | \$160,000.00 | Town Cumulative Fund |
| 2025 | Additional Parking Lot | \$150,000.00 | Redevelopment |
| 2026 | Additional Storage | \$80,000.00 | Redevelopment |

Lewis and Clark Park

| Budget Year | Project | Projected Cost | Funding Source |
|-------------|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 2024 | Update Signage and Landscaping | \$10,000.00 | Park Operating |

Moore Park

| Budget Year | Project | Projected Cost | Funding Source |
|-------------|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 2024 | Update Signage and Landscaping | \$10,000.00 | Park Operating |
| 2024 | Accessible Furnishings | \$15,000.00 | Park Operating |

Moser Park

| Budget Year | Project | Projected Cost | Funding Source |
|-------------|--------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 2024 | Update Signage and Landscaping | \$10,000.00 | Park Operating |
| 2024 | Accessibility Furnishings | \$15,000.00 | Park Operating |
| 2026 | Field Development | \$25,000.00 | Park Operating |
| 2026 | Restroom Facilities | \$50,000.00 | Parks Operating |

Ray Lawrence Park

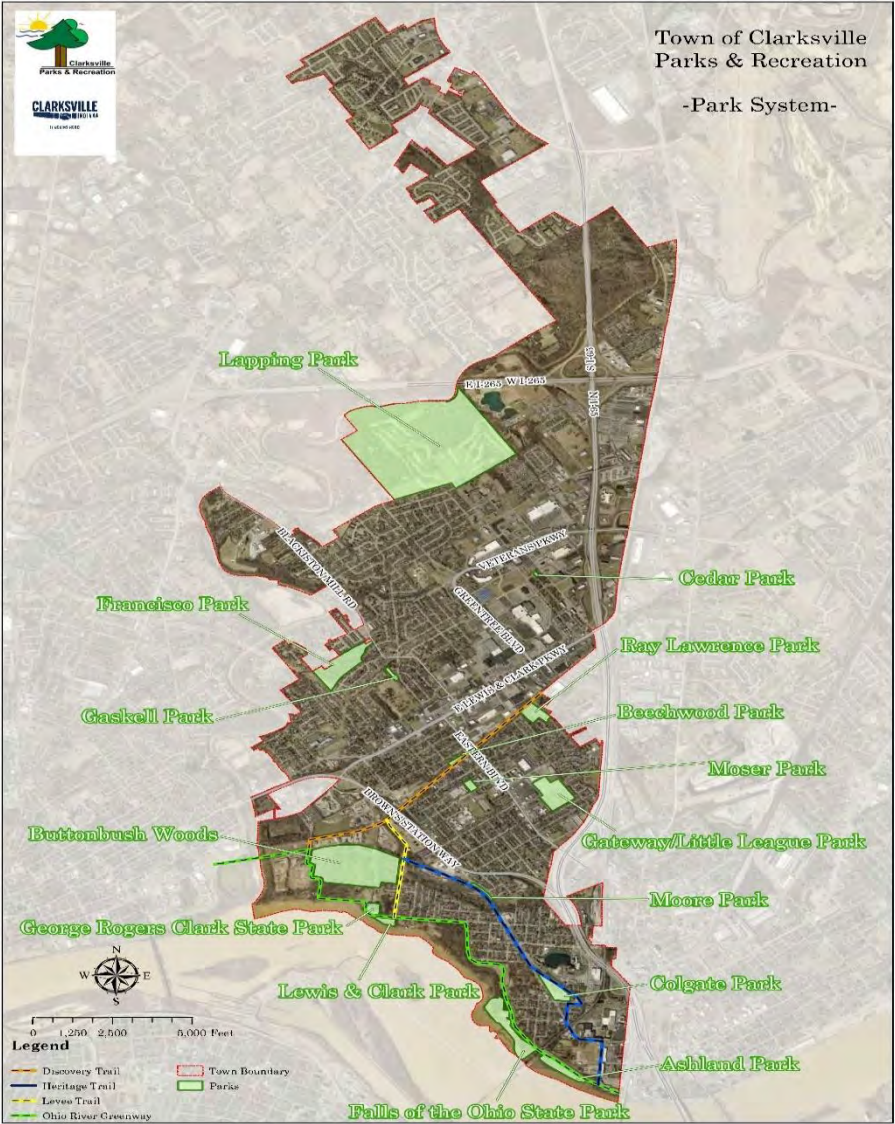
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| 2024 | Update Signage and Landscaping | \$10,000.00 | Park Operating |
| 2024 | Accessibility Furnishings | \$15,000.00 | Park Operating |
| 2026 | Field Development | \$25,000.00 | Park Operating |
| 2026 | Restroom Facilities | \$50,000.00 | Parks Operating |
| 2026 | Repave Parking Lot | \$75,000.00 | Park Operating |

Heritage Trail

| Budget Year | Project | Projected Cost | Funding Source |
|-------------|--------------|----------------|----------------------|
| 2028 | Repave Trail | \$125,000.00 | Town Cumulative Fund |

Community Maps

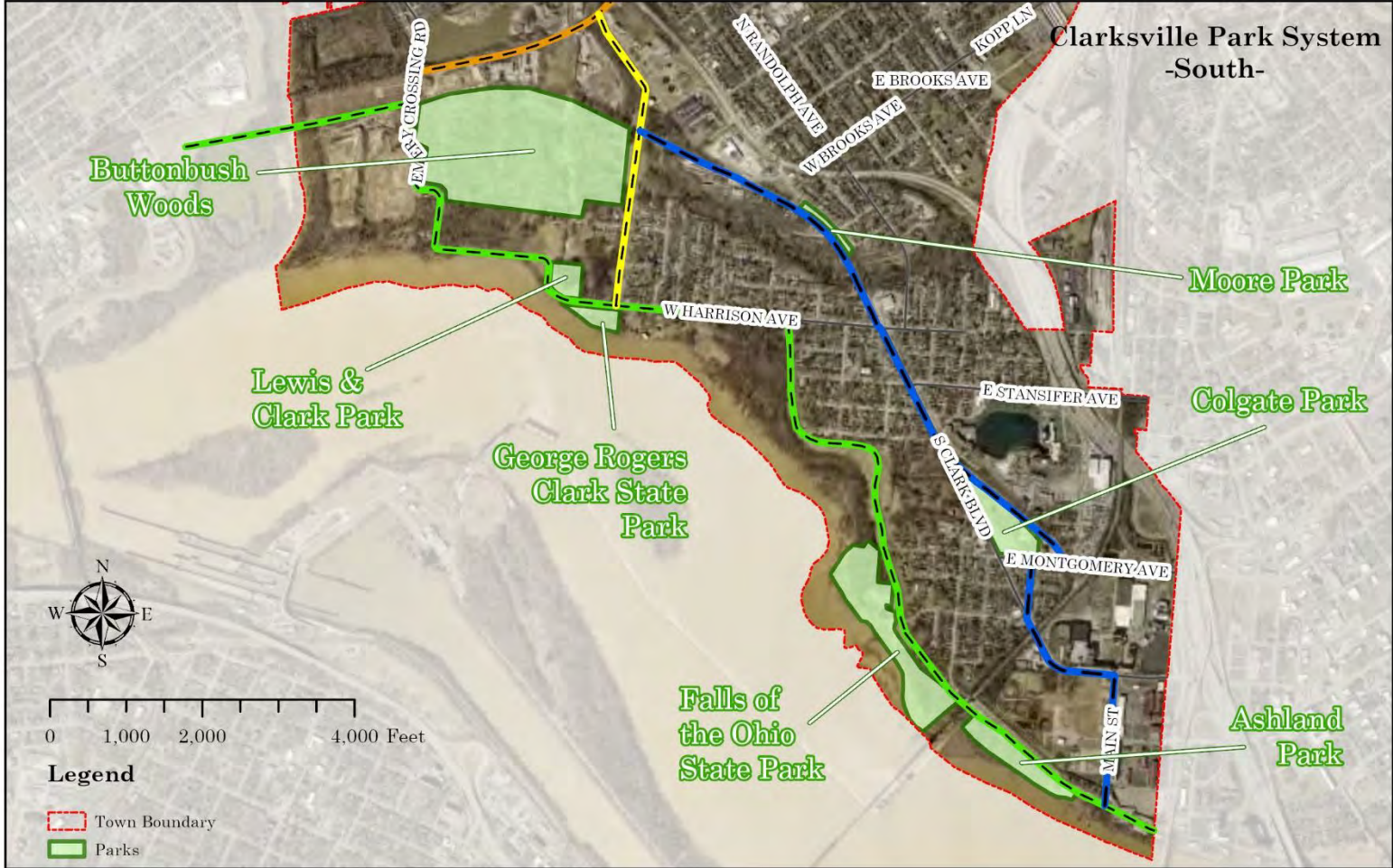
Clarksville Full Park System Map



Clarksville Park System Central



Clarksville Park System South



Clarksville Trail System



APPENDIX ONE

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- * Wednesday, August 9, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
- * Friday, August 11, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
- * Monday, August 14, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

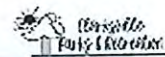
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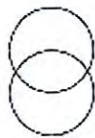
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PARKS DEPARTMENT SEEKING COMMUNITY INPUT ON NEW 5-YEAR MASTER PLAN

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CLARKSVILLE, IN (August 7, 2023) – The Clarksville Parks and Recreation Department is looking toward the future and asking Clarksville residents to help shape that future. Work has begun on a new 5-year master plan for the Clarksville Parks District, and several special meetings have been scheduled to gather input from the public.

It is important to include residents in the planning process, so we better understand how our park system meets current and future needs. These special public meetings will help us analyze public recreation needs and preferences, determine what recreation facilities and programs are publicly desired and appropriate, and prioritize and plan for new and renovated facilities and programs.

Clarksville Parks Public Meetings

Wednesday, August 9, 2023 – 5:30pm
Clarksville Town Hall – Council Chambers
2000 Broadway Street, Clarksville, IN

Friday, August 11 – 7:00pm
Bolt + Tie – Lobby
1400 Main Street, Clarksville, IN

Monday, August 14 – 5:00pm
Clark County REMC
7810 S.R. 60, Sellersburg, IN



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Parks Department Seeking Community Input on New 5-Year Master Plan

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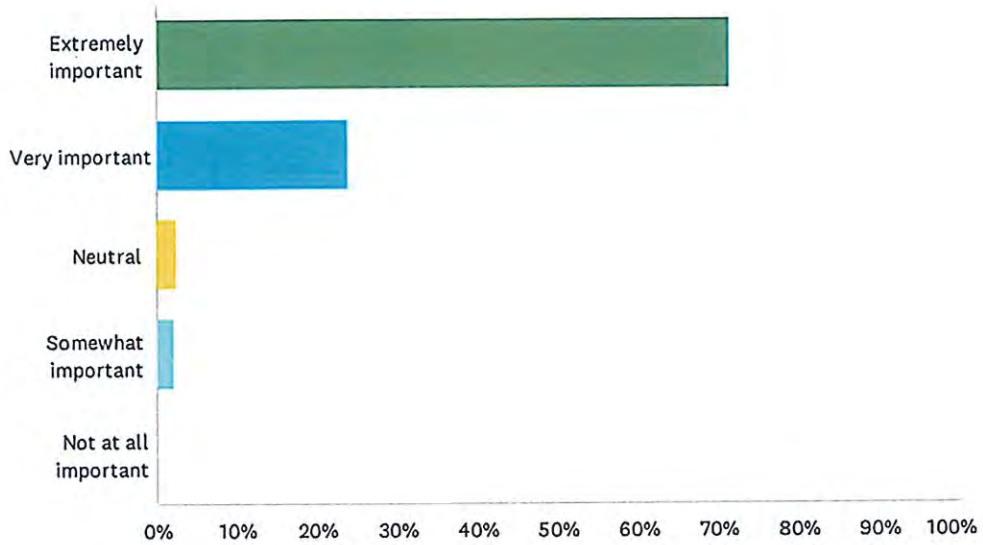


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Q1 How important are community parks and open spaces to you?

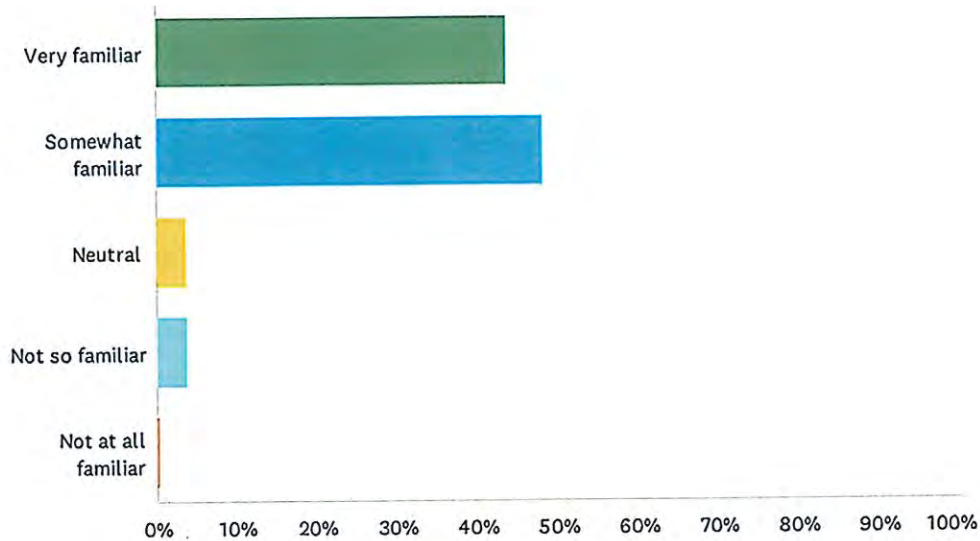
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------------|-----------|------------|
| Extremely important | 71.48% | 203 |
| Very important | 23.94% | 68 |
| Neutral | 2.46% | 7 |
| Somewhat important | 2.11% | 6 |
| Not at all important | 0.00% | 0 |
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Q2 How familiar are you with Clarksville's parks, trails, and facilities?

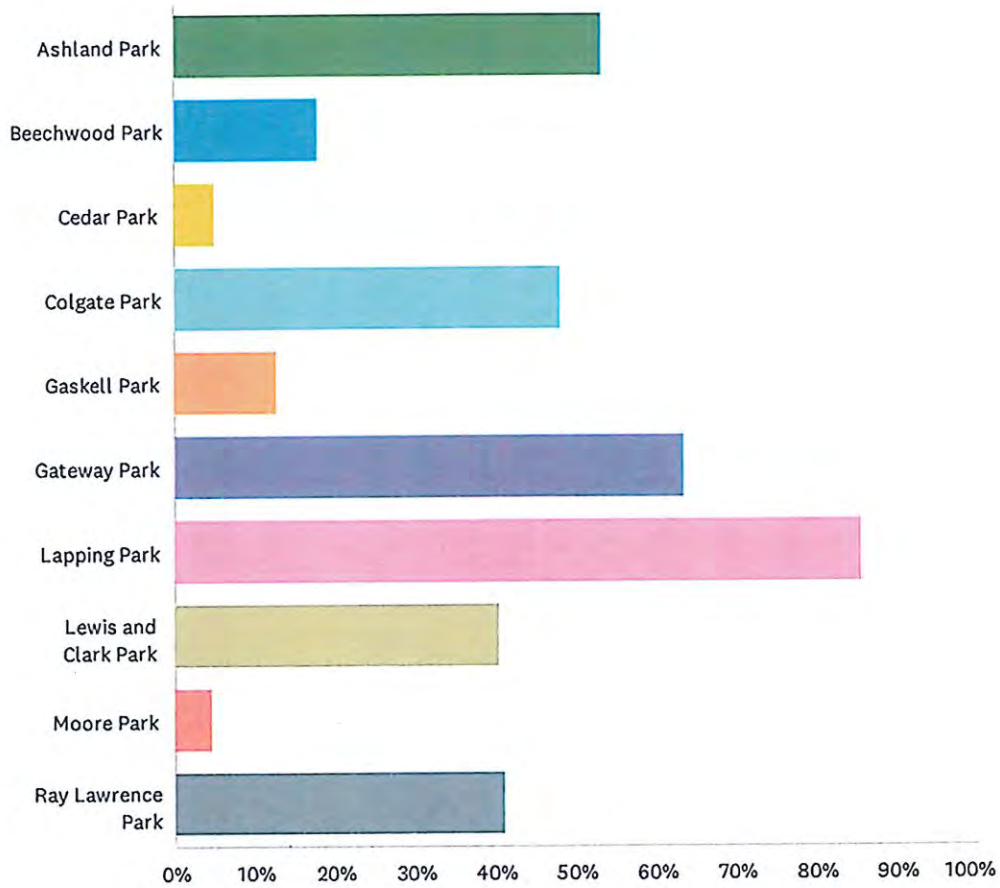
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|---------------------|-----------|-----|
| Very familiar | 43.66% | 124 |
| Somewhat familiar | 48.24% | 137 |
| Neutral | 3.87% | 11 |
| Not so familiar | 3.87% | 11 |
| Not at all familiar | 0.35% | 1 |
| TOTAL | | 284 |

Q3 Which of the following parks have you or members of your household visited within the last year?

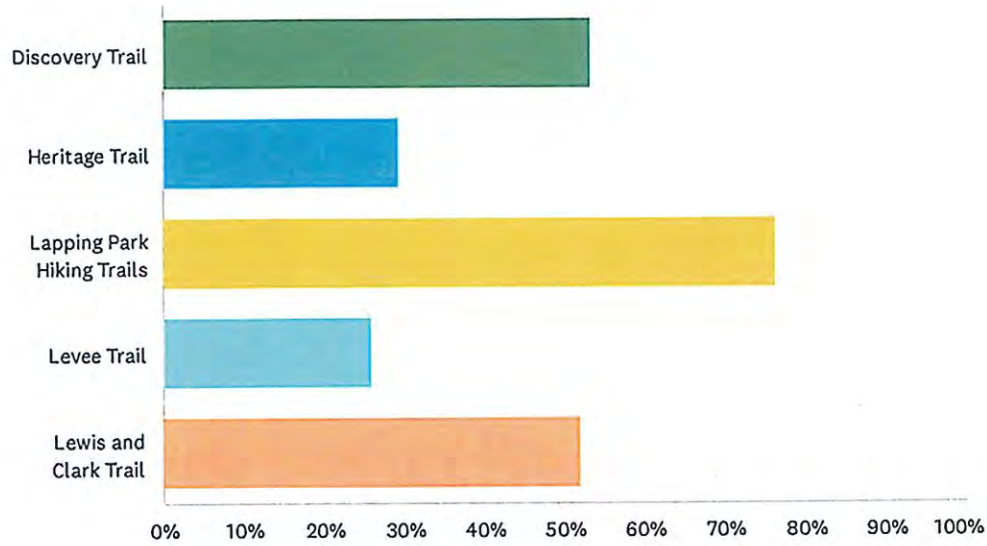
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|------------------------|-----------|-----|
| Ashland Park | 53.28% | 146 |
| Beechwood Park | 17.88% | 49 |
| Cedar Park | 5.11% | 14 |
| Colgate Park | 48.18% | 132 |
| Gaskell Park | 12.77% | 35 |
| Gateway Park | 63.50% | 174 |
| Lapping Park | 85.77% | 235 |
| Lewis and Clark Park | 40.51% | 111 |
| Moore Park | 4.74% | 13 |
| Ray Lawrence Park | 41.24% | 113 |
| Total Respondents: 274 | | |

Q4 Which of the following trails have you or members of your household visited within the last year?

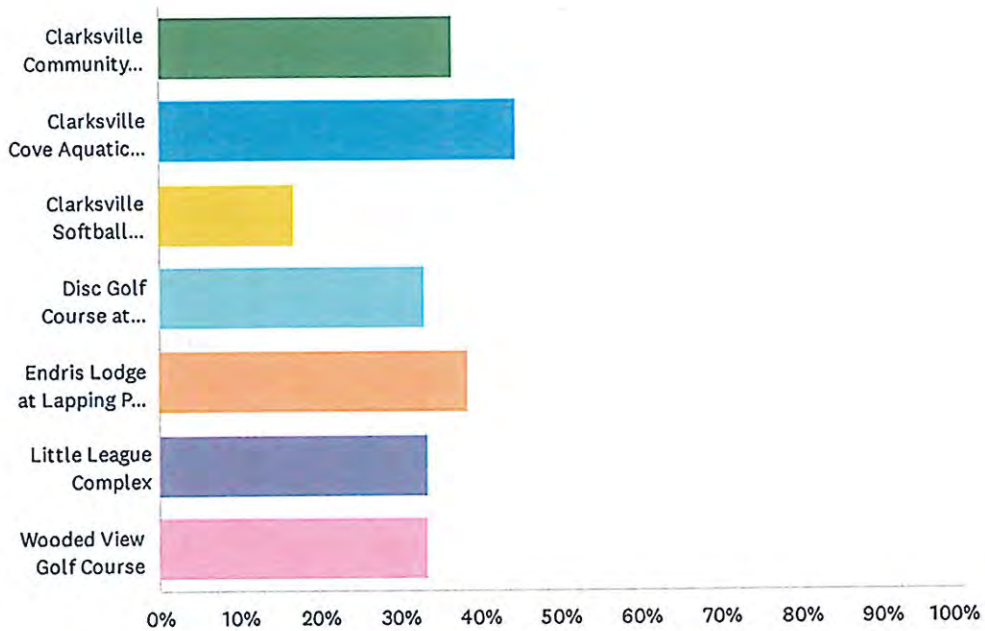
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----|
| Discovery Trail | 53.33% | 128 |
| Heritage Trail | 29.17% | 70 |
| Lapping Park Hiking Trails | 76.25% | 183 |
| Levee Trail | 25.83% | 62 |
| Lewis and Clark Trail | 52.08% | 125 |
| Total Respondents: 240 | | |

Q5 Which of the following facilities have you or members of your household visited within the last year?

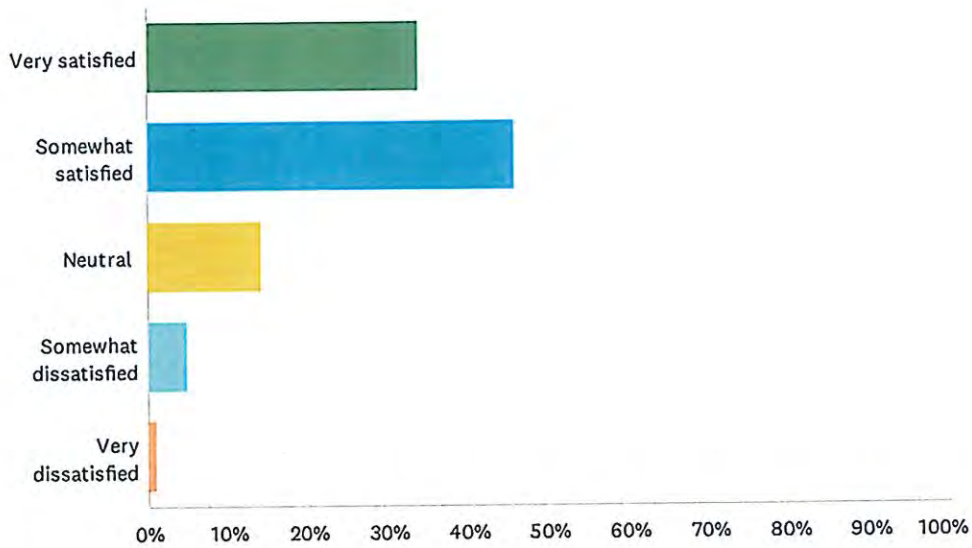
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|----|
| Clarksville Community Center | 36.74% | 79 |
| Clarksville Cove Aquatic Center | 44.65% | 96 |
| Clarksville Softball Complex | 16.74% | 36 |
| Disc Golf Course at Lapping Park | 33.02% | 71 |
| Endris Lodge at Lapping Park | 38.60% | 83 |
| Little League Complex | 33.49% | 72 |
| Wooded View Golf Course | 33.49% | 72 |
| Total Respondents: 215 | | |

Q6 Overall, how satisfied are you with Clarksville's parks, trails, and facilities?

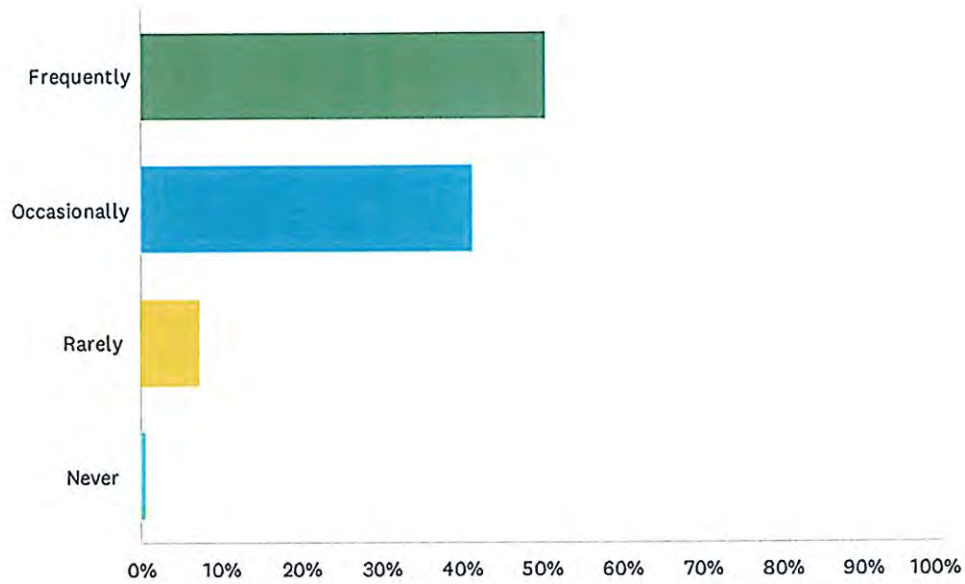
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----|
| Very satisfied | 33.81% | 95 |
| Somewhat satisfied | 45.91% | 129 |
| Neutral | 14.23% | 40 |
| Somewhat dissatisfied | 4.98% | 14 |
| Very dissatisfied | 1.07% | 3 |
| TOTAL | | 281 |

Q7 How frequently do you use Clarksville's parks, trails, and facilities?

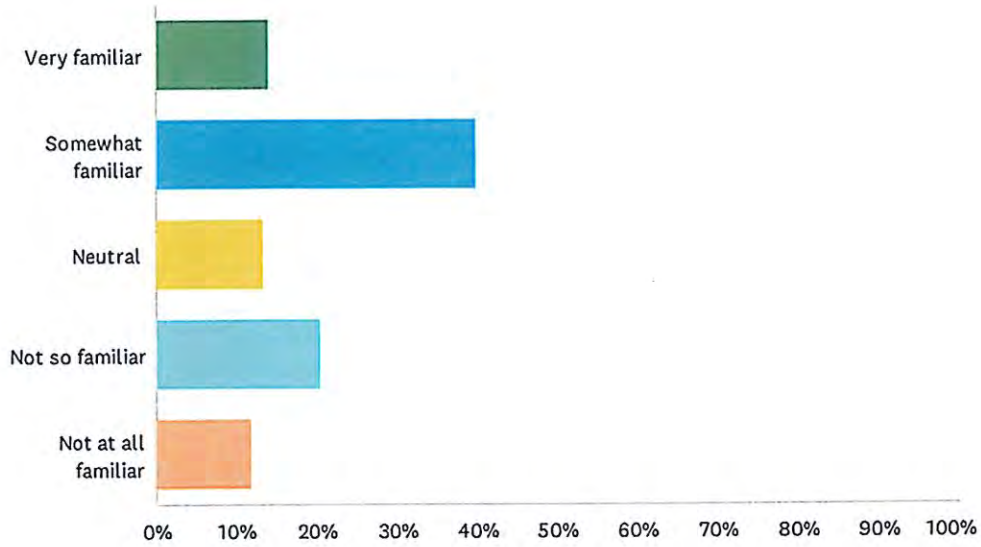
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|-----------|-----|
| Frequently | 50.53% | 143 |
| Occasionally | 41.34% | 117 |
| Rarely | 7.42% | 21 |
| Never | 0.71% | 2 |
| TOTAL | | 283 |

Q8 How familiar are you with Clarksville's classes, trips, programs and/or special events?

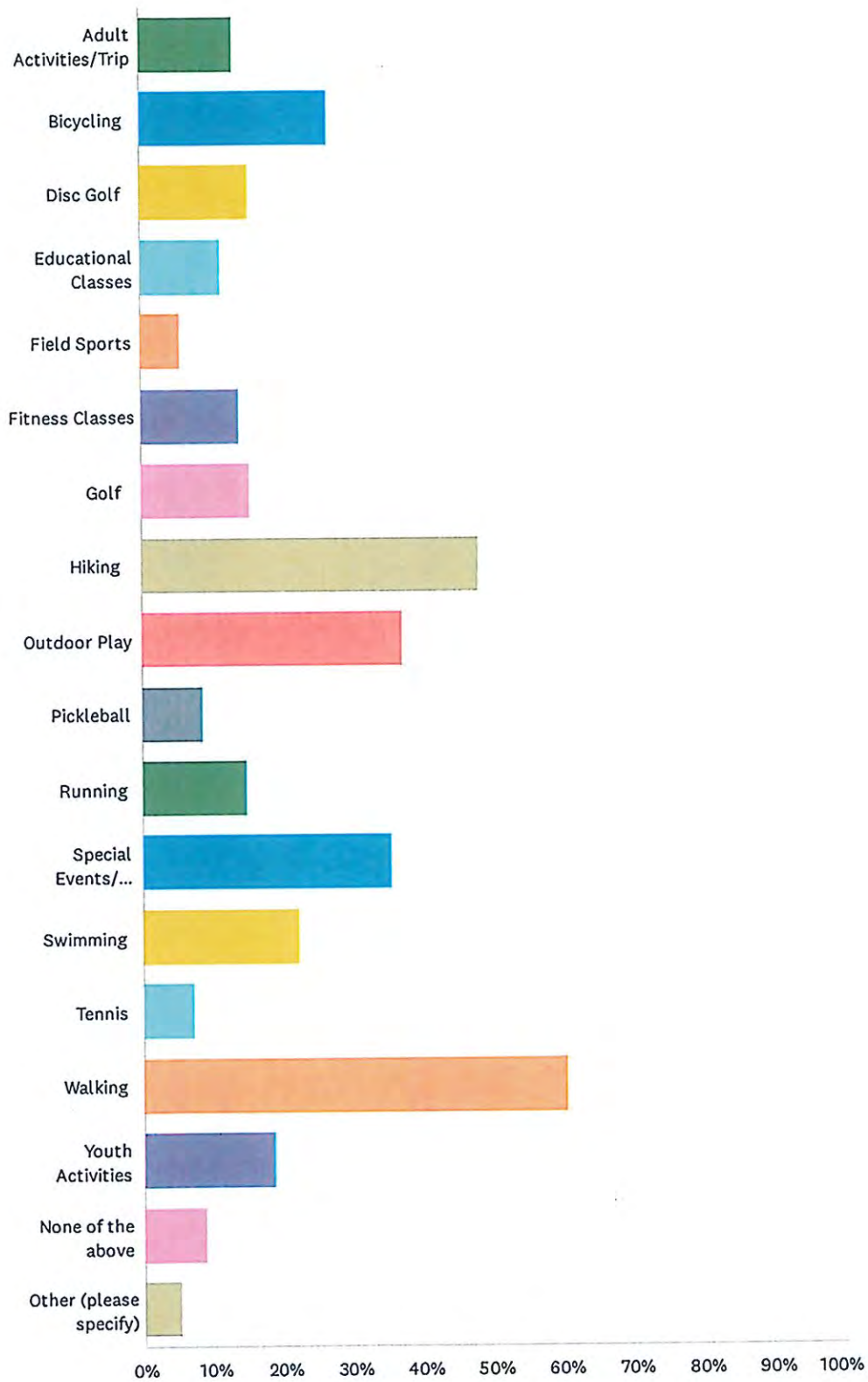
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|---------------------|-----------|-----|
| Very familiar | 14.13% | 40 |
| Somewhat familiar | 39.93% | 113 |
| Neutral | 13.43% | 38 |
| Not so familiar | 20.49% | 58 |
| Not at all familiar | 12.01% | 34 |
| TOTAL | | 283 |

Q9 Which recreational activities have you or members of your household participated in within the last year?

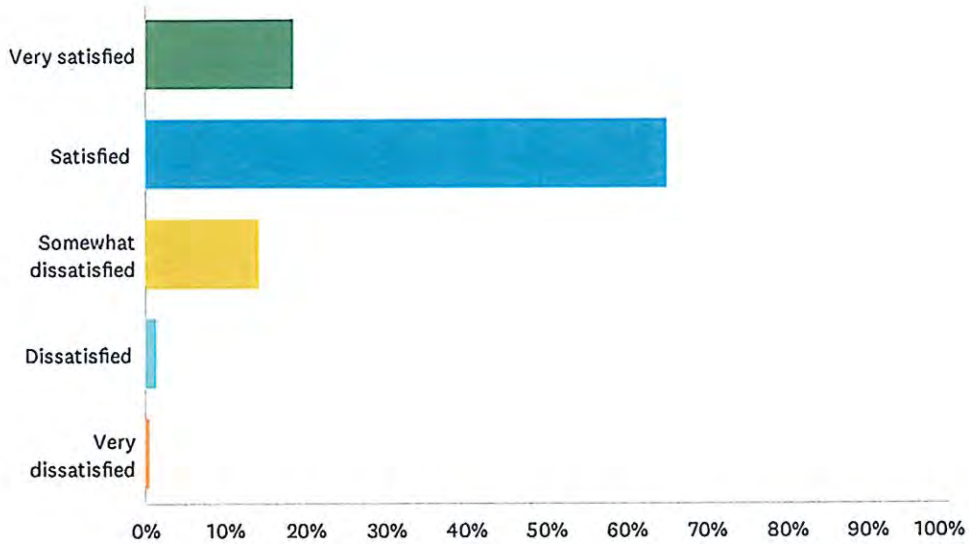
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----|
| Adult Activities/Trip | 13.41% | 37 |
| Bicycling | 26.81% | 74 |
| Disc Golf | 15.58% | 43 |
| Educational Classes | 11.59% | 32 |
| Field Sports | 5.80% | 16 |
| Fitness Classes | 14.13% | 39 |
| Golf | 15.58% | 43 |
| Hiking | 48.19% | 133 |
| Outdoor Play | 37.32% | 103 |
| Pickleball | 8.70% | 24 |
| Running | 14.86% | 41 |
| Special Events/ Festivals | 35.51% | 98 |
| Swimming | 22.46% | 62 |
| Tennis | 7.25% | 20 |
| Walking | 60.51% | 167 |
| Youth Activities | 18.84% | 52 |
| None of the above | 9.06% | 25 |
| Other (please specify) | 5.43% | 15 |
| Total Respondents: 276 | | |

Q10 Overall, how satisfied are you with the Clarksville's recreational programming?

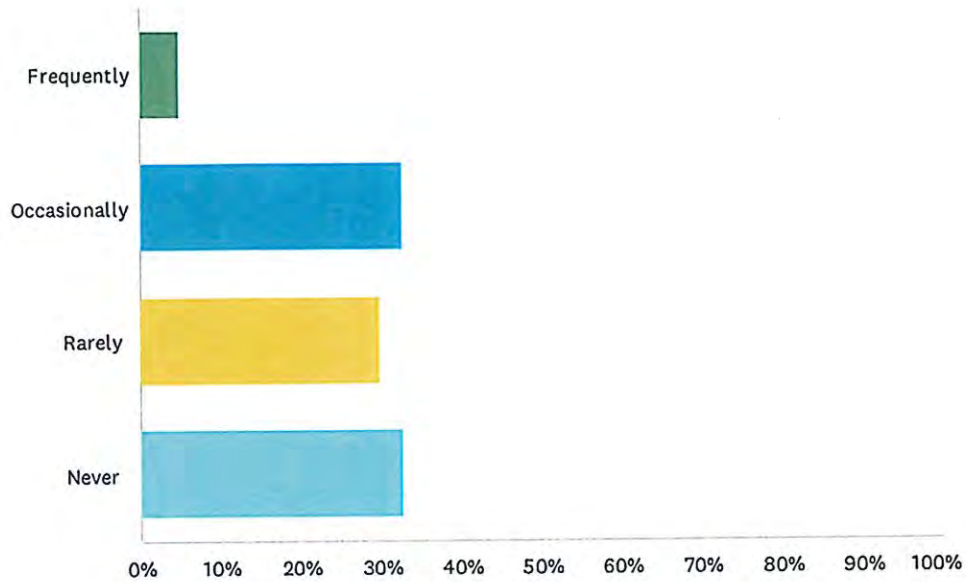
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----|
| Very satisfied | 18.55% | 51 |
| Satisfied | 65.09% | 179 |
| Somewhat dissatisfied | 14.18% | 39 |
| Dissatisfied | 1.45% | 4 |
| Very dissatisfied | 0.73% | 2 |
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Q11 How frequently do you participate in classes, trips, programs, and/or special events offered by Clarksville's Parks and Recreation?

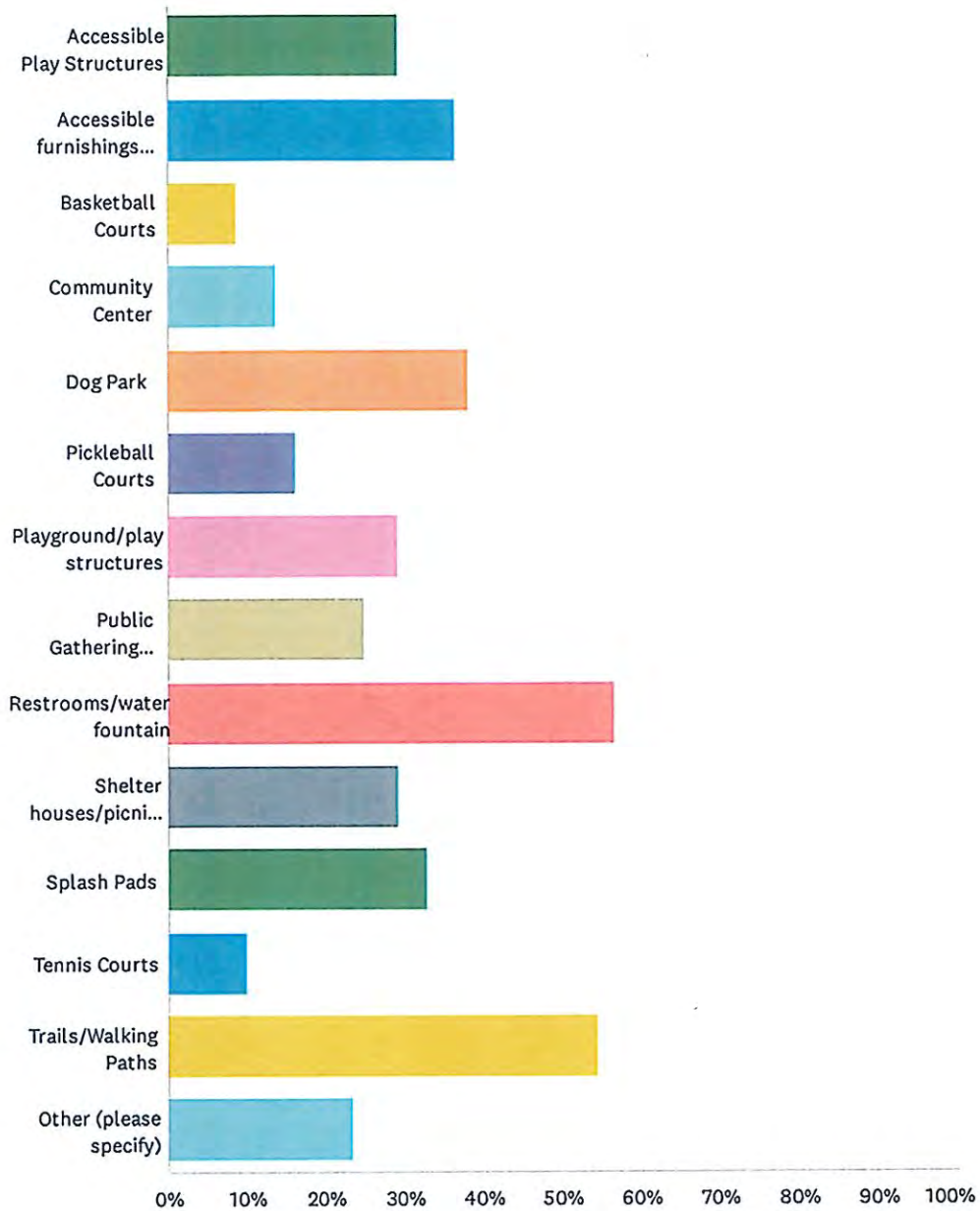
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
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| Frequently | 4.96% | 14 |
| Occasionally | 32.62% | 92 |
| Rarely | 29.79% | 84 |
| Never | 32.62% | 92 |
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Q12 Which of the following amenities would you like more of in the parks?

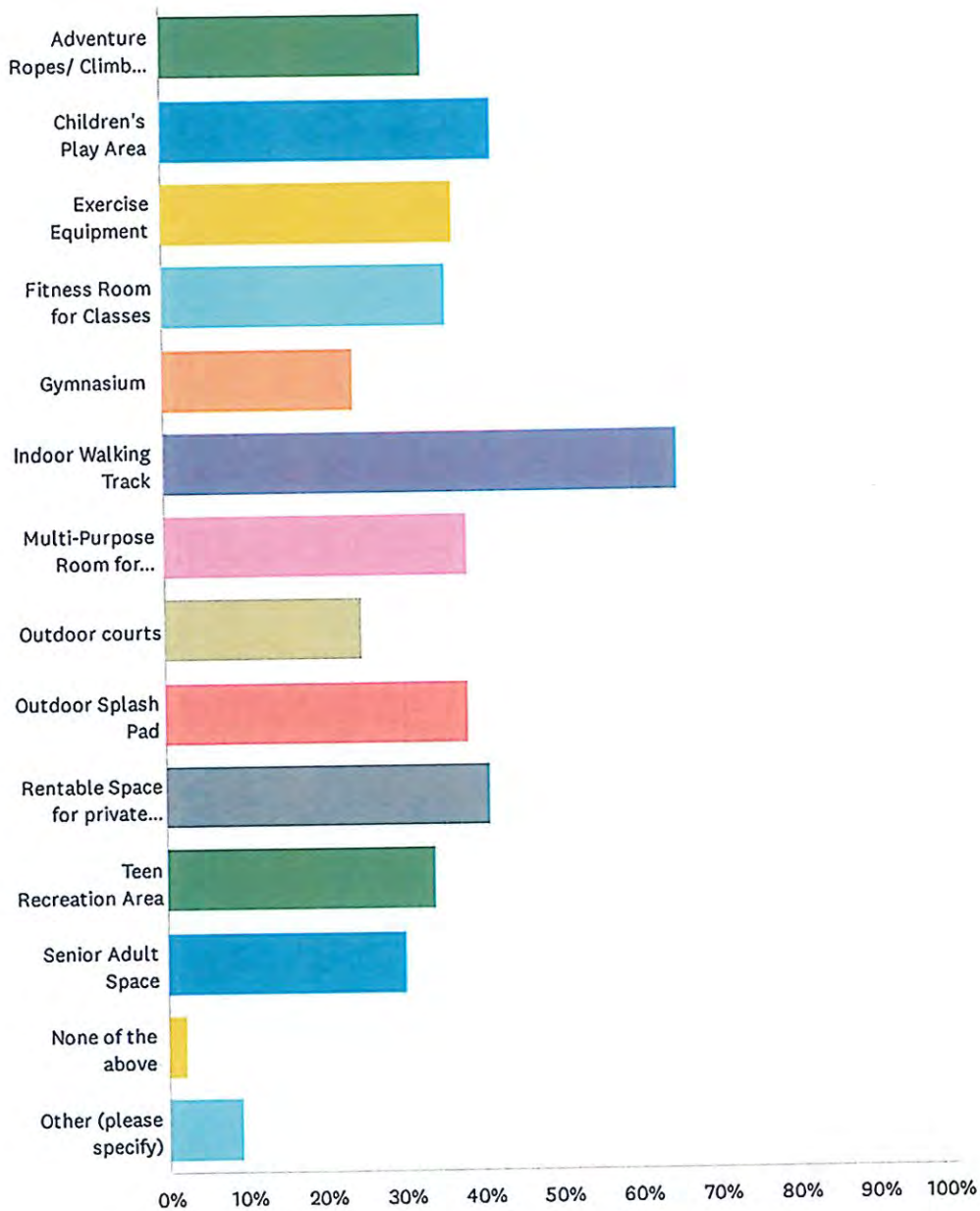
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|--|-----------|-----|
| Accessible Play Structures | 29.24% | 81 |
| Accessible furnishings (benches, tables, etc...) | 36.46% | 101 |
| Basketball Courts | 8.66% | 24 |
| Community Center | 13.72% | 38 |
| Dog Park | 38.27% | 106 |
| Pickleball Courts | 16.25% | 45 |
| Playground/play structures | 29.24% | 81 |
| Public Gathering Spaces | 24.91% | 69 |
| Restrooms/water fountain | 56.68% | 157 |
| Shelter houses/picnic areas | 29.24% | 81 |
| Splash Pads | 32.85% | 91 |
| Tennis Courts | 10.11% | 28 |
| Trails/Walking Paths | 54.51% | 151 |
| Other (please specify) | 23.47% | 65 |
| Total Respondents: 277 | | |

Q13 If Clarksville had the opportunity to build a community center, which amenities would you like to see included in the center?

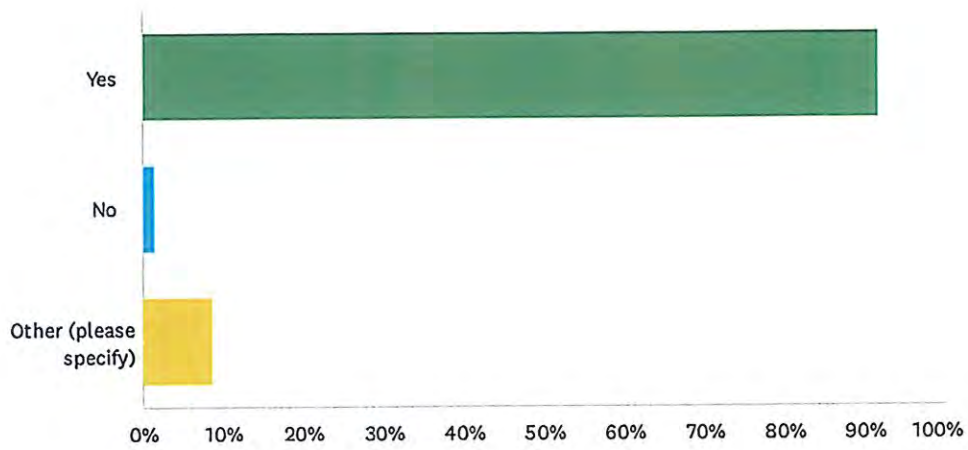
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|---|------------------|-----|
| Adventure Ropes/ Climbing Area | 33.33% | 89 |
| Children's Play Area | 41.95% | 112 |
| Exercise Equipment | 37.08% | 99 |
| Fitness Room for Classes | 35.96% | 96 |
| Gymnasium | 24.34% | 65 |
| Indoor Walking Track | 65.17% | 174 |
| Multi-Purpose Room for programs and classes | 38.58% | 103 |
| Outdoor courts | 25.09% | 67 |
| Outdoor Splash Pad | 38.58% | 103 |
| Rentable Space for private events | 41.20% | 110 |
| Teen Recreation Area | 34.08% | 91 |
| Senior Adult Space | 30.34% | 81 |
| None of the above | 2.25% | 6 |
| Other (please specify) | 9.36% | 25 |
| Total Respondents: 267 | | |

Q14 Should Clarksville invest more funds into parks?

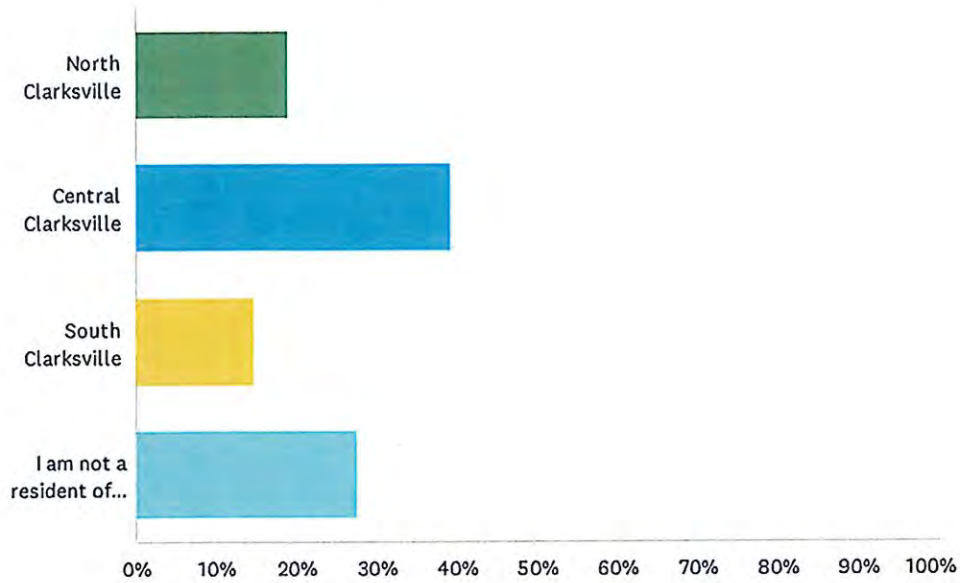
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|------------------------|-----------|-----|
| Yes | 91.70% | 243 |
| No | 1.51% | 4 |
| Other (please specify) | 8.68% | 23 |
| Total Respondents: 265 | | |

Q15 Where is your primary residence located?

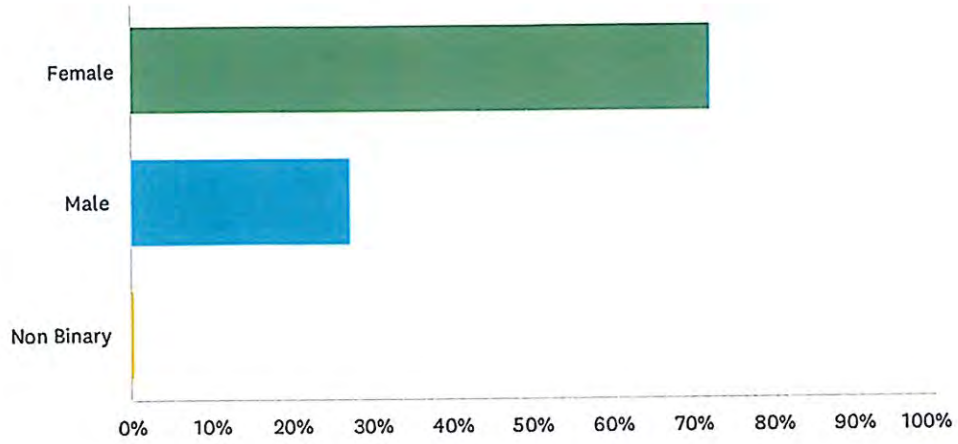
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----|
| North Clarksville | 18.93% | 53 |
| Central Clarksville | 39.29% | 110 |
| South Clarksville | 14.64% | 41 |
| I am not a resident of Clarksville | 27.50% | 77 |
| Total Respondents: 280 | | |

Q16 What is your gender?

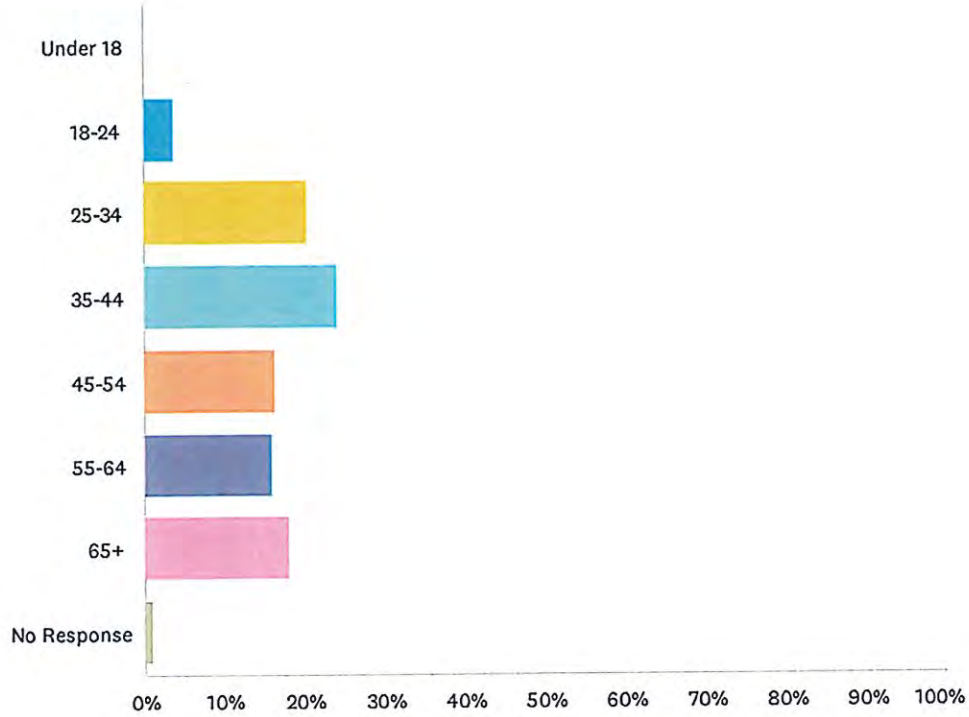
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|-----------|-----|
| Female | 72.34% | 204 |
| Male | 27.30% | 77 |
| Non Binary | 0.35% | 1 |
| TOTAL | | 282 |

Q17 What is your age range?

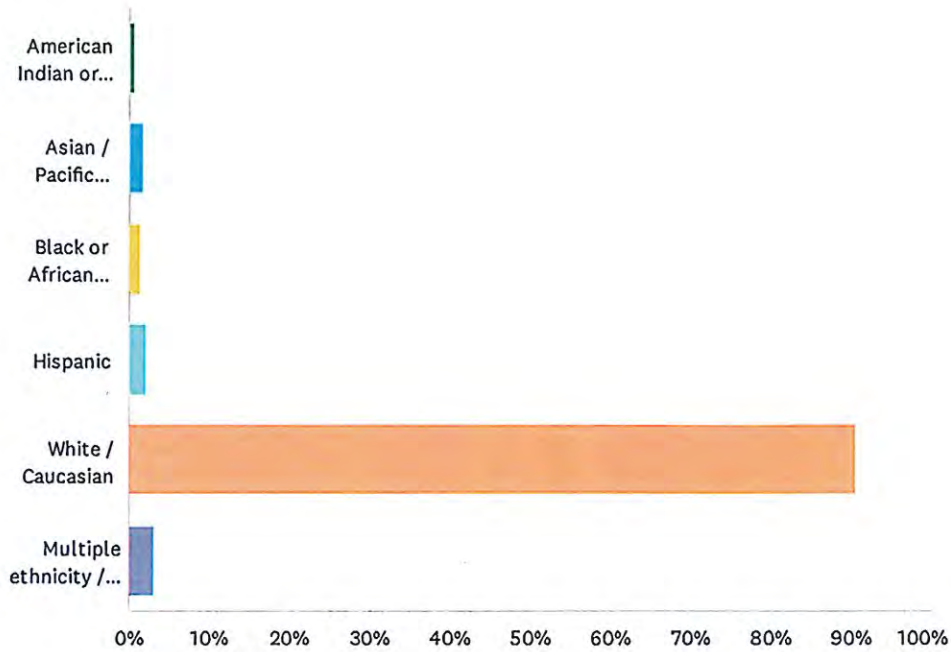
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|-----------|------------|
| Under 18 | 0.00% | 0 |
| 18-24 | 3.90% | 11 |
| 25-34 | 20.57% | 58 |
| 35-44 | 24.11% | 68 |
| 45-54 | 16.31% | 46 |
| 55-64 | 15.96% | 45 |
| 65+ | 18.09% | 51 |
| No Response | 1.06% | 3 |
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Q18 Which race/ethnicity best describes you? (Please choose only one.).

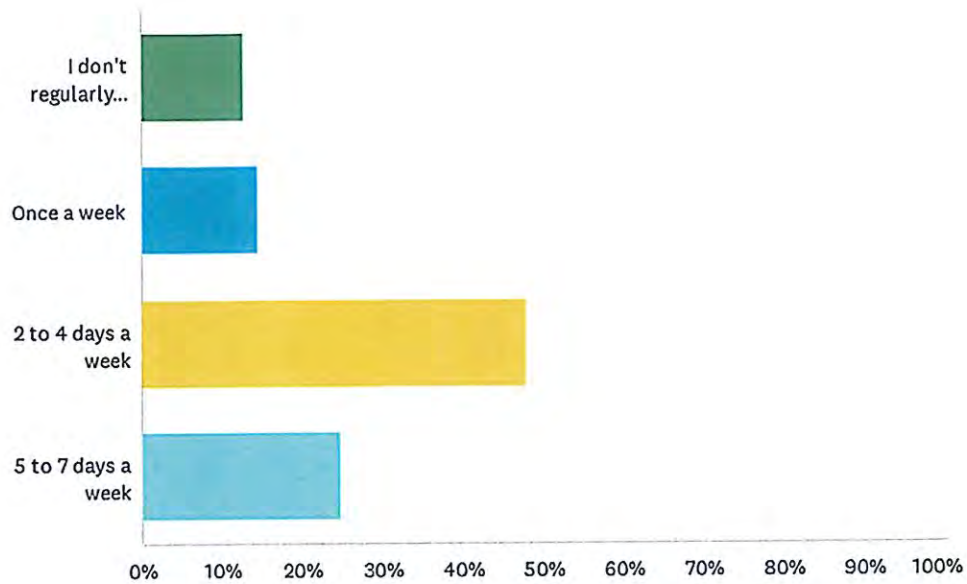
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|---|-----------|------------|
| American Indian or Alaskan Native | 0.72% | 2 |
| Asian / Pacific Islander | 1.81% | 5 |
| Black or African American | 1.44% | 4 |
| Hispanic | 2.17% | 6 |
| White / Caucasian | 90.61% | 251 |
| Multiple ethnicity / Other (please specify) | 3.25% | 9 |
| TOTAL | | 277 |

Q19 In a typical week, how many days do you exercise?

Answered: 282 Skipped: 2



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----|
| I don't regularly exercise | 12.77% | 36 |
| Once a week | 14.54% | 41 |
| 2 to 4 days a week | 47.87% | 135 |
| 5 to 7 days a week | 24.82% | 70 |
| TOTAL | | 282 |

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What type of recreational activities do you participate in currently?

Outdoor tennis & walk around park

Q2

What type of programming activities do you participate in currently?

N/A

Q3

Currently, where do young adults go for recreational activities?

Parks

Q4

Currently, where do young adults go for programming activities?

Not sure

Q5

Please name three programs or activities that you would attend if available?

Tennis, swim, and kickball

Q6

Are you interested in E Sports?

Yes

Q7

Yes

Would you be interested having a community center?

Q8

What would you like to see in a new community center space?

Ping ping and fooze ball

Q9

What is your age?

18

Q10

In what city do you live?

New Albany

Q11

Female

What is your gender?

#2

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Q1

What type of recreational activities do you participate in currently?

Swimming

Q2

What type of programming activities do you participate in currently?

N/A

Q3

Currently, where do young adults go for recreational activities?

Go to the park

Q4

Currently, where do young adults go for programming activities?

Through schools

Q5

Please name three programs or activities that you would attend if available?

Water aerobics
Pool movie nights
Outdoor concerts

Q6

Are you interested in E Sports?

No

Q7

No

Would you be interested having a community center?

Q8

What would you like to see in a new community center space?

Free exercise classes

Q9

What is your age?

21

Q10

In what city do you live?

Jeffersonville

Q11

Female

What is your gender?

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Q1

What type of recreational activities do you participate in currently?

Going to the park

Q2

What type of programming activities do you participate in currently?

N/A

Q3

Currently, where do young adults go for recreational activities?

The cove, downtown, the park

Q4

Currently, where do young adults go for programming activities?

Town hall

Q5

Please name three programs or activities that you would attend if available?

Yoga class, music/shows

Q6

Are you interested in E Sports?

Sure

Q7

Yes

Would you be interested having a community center?

Q8

What would you like to see in a new community center space?

Technology center

Q9

What is your age?

18

Q10

In what city do you live?

New Albany

Q11

Female

What is your gender?

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Q1

What type of recreational activities do you participate in currently?

Dance

Q2

What type of programming activities do you participate in currently?

Anchor club

Q3

Currently, where do young adults go for recreational activities?

Other peoples houses, movies, swim

Q4

Currently, where do young adults go for programming activities?

School

Q5

Please name three programs or activities that you would attend if available?

Water arobics, concert, and movies

Q6

Are you interested in E Sports?

No

Q7

No

Would you be interested having a community center?

Q8

What would you like to see in a new community center space?

Pool table

Q9

What is your age?

18

Q10

In what city do you live?

New albany

Q11

Female

What is your gender?

#5

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Q1

What type of recreational activities do you participate in currently?

Play tennis, hang with friends

Q2

What type of programming activities do you participate in currently?

Self defense class

Q3

Currently, where do young adults go for recreational activities?

Pools, movie theaters and parks

Q4

Currently, where do young adults go for programming activities?

Stuff that is mandatory

Q5

Please name three programs or activities that you would attend if available?

Self defense class, movie night, parks, pickle balling

Q6

Are you interested in E Sports?

Not currently but wouldn't be opposed

Q7

Yes

Would you be interested having a community center?

Q8

What would you like to see in a new community center space?

Ping pong tables and lounge chairs

Q9

What is your age?

18

Q10

In what city do you live?

New Albany

Q11

Female

What is your gender?

#6

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Q1

What type of recreational activities do you participate in currently?

concerts at the parks, walking (w dogs)

Q2

What type of programming activities do you participate in currently?

swim lessons

Q3

Currently, where do young adults go for recreational activities?

downtown new albany, downtown jeffersonville, walking parks

Q4

Currently, where do young adults go for programming activities?

pool

Q5

Please name three programs or activities that you would attend if available?

concerts, dog parties, festivals, food truck night

Q6

Are you interested in E Sports?

no

Q7

No

Would you be interested having a community center?

Q8

What would you like to see in a new community center space?

lounge, games, books

Q9

What is your age?

18

Q10

In what city do you live?

new albany

Q11

Female

What is your gender?

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Q1

What type of recreational activities do you participate in currently?

concerts at the park, walking, swimming

Q2

What type of programming activities do you participate in currently?

teach swim lessons

Q3

Currently, where do young adults go for recreational activities?

downtown areas, riverfront, pool

Q4

Currently, where do young adults go for programming activities?

pool

Q5

Please name three programs or activities that you would attend if available?

concerts, festivals, food truck night

Q6

Are you interested in E Sports?

no

Q7

No

Would you be interested having a community center?

Q8

What would you like to see in a new community center space?

lounge, games, books

Q9

What is your age?

18

Q10

In what city do you live?

New Albany

Q11

Female

What is your gender?

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Q1

What type of recreational activities do you participate in currently?

Just swimming at home

Q2

What type of programming activities do you participate in currently?

Church on weekends/serving

Q3

Currently, where do young adults go for recreational activities?

Church' public meetups

Q4

Currently, where do young adults go for programming activities?

Church

Q5

Please name three programs or activities that you would attend if available?

Young adult amputee support group homeschool group young adult art club

Q6

Are you interested in E Sports?

No

Q7

Yes

Would you be interested having a community center?

Q8

What would you like to see in a new community center space?

Carpet ball

Tv

Lounge

Q9

What is your age?

18

Q10

In what city do you live?

Sellersburg

Q11

Female

What is your gender?

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Q1

What type of recreational activities do you participate in currently?

nap, go to target, eat chick-fil-a, sit at the river

Q2

What type of programming activities do you participate in currently?

culinary

Q3

Currently, where do young adults go for recreational activities?

parks, rivers, restaurants

Q4

Currently, where do young adults go for programming activities?

pottery, cooking class, painting class

Q5

Please name three programs or activities that you would attend if available?

cooking class, concert (local), bingo

Q6

Are you interested in E Sports?

no

Q7

Yes

Would you be interested having a community center?

Q8

What would you like to see in a new community center space?

table games, yoga balls, a gym

Q9

What is your age?

18

Q10

In what city do you live?

new albany

Q11

Female

What is your gender?

#10

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Q1

What type of recreational activities do you participate in currently?

play video games, sleeping, going to parks

Q2

What type of programming activities do you participate in currently?

culinary

Q3

Currently, where do young adults go for recreational activities?

parks, rivers, restaurants

Q4

Currently, where do young adults go for programming activities?

art class, reading clubs, piano classes

Q5

Please name three programs or activities that you would attend if available?

going to a concert, bingo, drive-in

Q6

Are you interested in E Sports?

yes

Q7

Yes

Would you be interested having a community center?

Q8

What would you like to see in a new community center space?

pool table, foosball, music

Q9

What is your age?

18

Q10

In what city do you live?

New Albany

Q11

Female

What is your gender?

#11

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Q1

What type of recreational activities do you participate in currently?

Play basketball

Q2

What type of programming activities do you participate in currently?

Organized sports

Q3

Currently, where do young adults go for recreational activities?

Basketball courts

Q4

Currently, where do young adults go for programming activities?

The pool, school

Q5

Please name three programs or activities that you would attend if available?

Water aerobics

Q6

Are you interested in E Sports?

No

Q7

Yes

Would you be interested having a community center?

Q8

What would you like to see in a new community center space?

Pool table

Q9

What is your age?

18

Q10

In what city do you live?

Clarksville

Q11

What is your gender?

Other (specify):

They/them

#12

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Q1

What type of recreational activities do you participate in currently?

Go to the river, swim, walk, shop.

Q2

What type of programming activities do you participate in currently?

Culinary (prosser)

Q3

Currently, where do young adults go for recreational activities?

River, parks, restaurants

Q4

Currently, where do young adults go for programming activities?

Painting classes, cooking classes, swim classes

Q5

Please name three programs or activities that you would attend if available?

Concerts, drive in, bingo

Q6

Are you interested in E Sports?

No

Q7

Yes

Would you be interested having a community center?

Q8

What would you like to see in a new community center space?

Game Tables, bowling, board games, music

Q9

What is your age?

18

Q10

In what city do you live?

Clarksville

Q11

Female

What is your gender?

#13

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Q1

What type of recreational activities do you participate in currently?

Playing pickle ball, volleyball, painting

Q2

What type of programming activities do you participate in currently?

Organized sports, outdoor movies, outdoor concerts, water aerobics

Q3

Currently, where do young adults go for recreational activities?

The river, hiking trails, the pool

Q4

Currently, where do young adults go for programming activities?

The pool, the Jeff river stage,

Q5

Please name three programs or activities that you would attend if available?

Volleyball tournament, sports tournaments, movies at the pool, themed exercise night (Zumba, etc) that cater to our age, game nights

Q6

Are you interested in E Sports?

No

Q7

Yes

Would you be interested having a community center?

Q8

What would you like to see in a new community center space?

Pool table, ping pong table, tech station, study station, mini kitchen, games, exercise room, various

Q9

What is your age?

18

Q10

In what city do you live?

Clarksville

Q11

Female

What is your gender?

#14

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Q1

What type of recreational activities do you participate in currently?

tennis, basketball, soccer, volleyball, walks, run, take my dog out

Q2

What type of programming activities do you participate in currently?

Water aerobics, concerts, movies, any event with animals

Q3

Currently, where do young adults go for recreational activities?

paint, yoga, exercise, sports, water aerobics,

Q4

Currently, where do young adults go for programming activities?

riverfront, school, coffee shops

Q5

Please name three programs or activities that you would attend if available?

water aerobics, movie nights, exercise classes

Q6

Are you interested in E Sports?

no

Q7

Yes

Would you be interested having a community center?

Q8

What would you like to see in a new community center space?

rock wall, free or cheap exercise classes, painting courses, mental health counseling,

Q9

What is your age?

18

Q10

In what city do you live?

New Albany

Q11

Female

What is your gender?

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Parks master plan in the works

Clarksville seeks input from public

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CLARKSVILLE — The Clarksville Parks and Recreation Department is seeking input for a new 5-year master plan.

The department is planning three public meetings to gather feedback from the community as it begins the development of the comprehensive plan. The first meeting will take place Wednesday at the Clarksville Town Hall.

The 5-year plan will begin in 2024, and Clarksville Parks Superintendent BJ Nelson Lynton expects that it will be finished by the end of the year.

According to a Friday news release, the plan will allow the department to "analyze public recreation needs and preferences, determine what recreation facilities and programs are publicly desired and appropriate, and prioritize and plan for new and renovated facilities and programs."

"We just want to know what the community wants in a park, what they think our facilities and parks so far, and then what they would like to see in the future," Nelson Lynton said.

Clarksville Town Manager Kevin Baity said the 5-year master plan makes the department eligible for state and federal funding.

Nelson Lynton noted that the

existing 5-year plan guided the town as it developed the Discovery Trail, a 2-mile paved trail that connects with the Ohio River Greenway. The trail opened in 2020, and it runs from Applegate Lane to Silver Creek.

Baity said the master plan also helped as the town completed its purchase of Ashland Park along Riverside Drive. The Clarksville Parks Department previously leased the park from the Marathon Oil Corporation, but earlier this year, the town finalized the purchase of the 18-acre riverfront property.

According to Nelson Lynton, one of the goals is to create an inclusive playground at Ashland Park that is accessible to those of all abilities.

"We'd really like to incorporate an inclusive playground into our park system and, because of the improvements taking place in South Clarksville and along Riverside Drive, we feel that replacing the aging equipment at Ashland Park makes perfect sense," she said. "We'd like to add a play structure that will be fun for all."

Another goal includes the expansion of the trail system. The addition of a linear trail to connect with the existing system in Clarksville was included in the last 5-year plan, and it will likely carry over into the new one.

"We've done a great job connecting our trails in central and



Gateway Park in Clarksville features amenities such as playgrounds, a shelter house and a baseball/softball complex.

More Information

Wednesday: 5:30 p.m. at council chambers of Clarksville Town Hall, 200 Broadway St.

Friday: 7 p.m. in lobby of Bolt + Tie, 1400 Main Street, Clarksville

Monday: 5 p.m. at Clark County REMC, 7810 Ind. 60, Sellersburg

south Clarksville, but we need to find a way to reach our residents in the north end so that they can safely access areas such as Lapping Park," she said.

In addition to creating new amenities and updating existing ones, programming is a major focus.

"So besides parks and facilities, we also want to know about programming for the different ages and what people want to see for kids, teens, adults [and] seniors,"

Nelson Lynton said.

Baity discussed the importance of park planning as the town continues to expand and develop.

"Based on the number of residents you have, there's a formula as to how much green space and parks should truly be developed so that people have space to recreate and get out and enjoy nature," she said. "So having the master

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Gary Hug walks his dog, Bobo, Monday at Ashland Park in Clarksville.

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PLAN

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plan will help assure that as we either redevelop areas or develop undeveloped areas, we are also creating the proper amount of green space for people to enjoy."

He said like other plans created by the Town of Clarksville, the park master plan is a "roadmap and guide," but "it's not 100% of what we will do."

Nelson Lynton feels the

town is in "a really good place" for parks and recreation. The town has 13 parks, and the department operates facilities such as the Wooded View Golf Course, Clarksville Cove, Clarksville Community Center, the Little League Complex and the Clarksville Softball Complex.

She encourages people to come to the upcoming meetings, and if they cannot attend, they can submit an online survey about the plan, which will soon be available from the parks department.



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LOUISVILLE, Ky. (WAVE) - The Clarksville Parks and Recreation Department has scheduled meetings to get the public's input on the department's five-year master plan.

Officials said it is essential to get input from residents so that the department can better understand how the parks can meet current and future needs. The meetings will help Clarksville Parks and Recreation determine their plans for new and renovated facilities and programs.

The meetings are currently scheduled for:

- Wednesday, August 9 at 5:30 p.m. - Clarksville Town Hall Council Chambers - 2000 Broadway Street, Clarksville, IN
- Friday, August 11 at 7 p.m. - Bolt + Tie Lobby - 1400 Main Street, Clarksville, IN
- Monday, August 14 at 5 p.m. - Clark County REMC - 7810 S.R. 60, Sellersburg, IN

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APPENDIX TWO

COMMUNITY PLANS

Recommended Thoroughfare Plan Projects - Multimodal Connectivity

Heritage Trail Extension

Description: Extending an arm of the Heritage Trail through the former Colgate property in the North Clarks Landing and the Marathon Oil property which would connect Colgate Park and the Clarksville Aquatic Center with the riverfront and Ohio River Greenway.

Start Location:
Montgomery Avenue / State Street

End Location:
Riverside Drive Multimodal Connectivity

Source:
2015 Comprehensive Plan

Jeffersonville 9th Street / Clarksville Montgomery Avenue Multimodal Connection

Description: Design and construction of multimodal connection between Jeffersonville and Clarksville's Arts Districts, underneath I-65 along Montgomery Avenue and 9th Street. The design will include new sidewalks, bicycle paths, lighting, and other aesthetic amenities. Project length is 0.64 miles.

Start Location:
S Clark Boulevard

End Location:
Indiana Avenue

Source:
KIPDA MTP

North Clarksville Multiuse Trail

Description: 10' Multi-use bike and ped trail that follows a sewer easement. Will connect the Town's northern areas with the main commercial district and Town's golf course.

Start Location: I-265

End Location: SR 60

Source: KIPDA MTP & RDC

Randolph Avenue Pedestrian Connection

Description: Streetscape project to add sidewalks to Randolph for pedestrian crossing at Brown's Station Way.

Start Location: Brooks Avenue

End Location: Francis Avenue

Source:
Connect Clarksville Thoroughfare Plan

Lapping Park to Lewis and Clark Parkway Connector Trail

Description: Shared-use path along Cedar street and Sam Gwin Dr. to connect Lapping Park/North Clarksville Trail to Lewis and Clark Parkway

Start Location: Lewis and Clark Parkway

End Location: Lapping Park

Source:
Connect Clarksville Thoroughfare Plan

PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS

In addition to specific projects, there is additional planning work that the Town should undertake to advance the goals of Connect Clarksville. These Program Recommendations take the form of studies and investments.

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN

Connect Clarksville identifies priority trail projects to increase the connectivity of the trail system. It also identifies multimodal enhancement projects that expand the provision of biking and walking facilities along existing routes. However, a thorough bicycle and pedestrian master plan is needed to fully assess the gaps in the sidewalk and bicycling network and propose a capital improvement plan specific to active transportation projects. The plan should also include a classification system for bike infrastructure and sidewalk/walking infrastructure similar to the roadway functional classification system. Bicycle level of traffic stress is one classification method to be considered.

The Town has already identified priority bike routes in addition to those shown in this Plan. However, those were not included in the Recommended Projects as they have not been studied further. These include routes along Tennyson Drive, Potters Lane, and Providence Way. These routes would be evaluated within the overall system a part of a Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan.

CLARKSVILLE TRANSIT ACCESS STUDY

Currently, only one bus line operates within the Town of Clarksville. In addition to researching possible transit needs and proposing new TARC routes, the Town should perform a Transit Access Study. This would involve assessing ridership data, determining what percentage of residents live within 1 mile of a bus stop,

evaluating existing and proposed large transit ridership generators, and researching non-traditional solutions such as microtransit. The study would engage with TARC, KIPDA, and the public to develop a strategic plan for increasing Clarksville residents' access to transit.

Additionally, as Amtrak evaluates restarting a Louisville to Indianapolis commuter rail line, Clarksville could evaluate developing commuter station in South Clarksville to link residents with commuter rail service. A train station in South Clarksville could also serve as a multimodal transportation hub and include economic development opportunities.

SOUTH AND WEST SIDE TRANSIT ROUTE

Clarksville has explored the feasibility of a bus route to serve South Clarksville. In preliminary discussions with TARC, it was clear that this route will be more feasible as the population density in this area returns with the new developments.

However, it is critical that the Town advocate for this route expansion and for a bus route that serves west Clarksville, including Origin Park and neighborhoods west of Blackiston Mill Road. These routes would increase the connectivity of the Town's multimodal thoroughfare network, one of the goals identified in this plan.

As noted in TARC's Long Range Plan, KIPDA can serve as a collaborator to facilitate these discussions.

MULTIMODAL DATA COLLECTION

The Town has mapped its sidewalk inventory, developed an assessment tool to determine sidewalk quality, and deployed this tool. The Town can use this data to inform when and where to close the sidewalk gaps or perform sidewalk maintenance. The Town also has some trail user data by means of bicycle counters on some of the trails.

COMMERCIAL REHABILITATION OBJECTIVE

Significant public expenditure has occurred along Eastern Boulevard, Lewis and Clark Parkway and Veterans Parkway in recent years as an effort to rehabilitate and improve Clarksville's primary commercial corridors.

The Town invested over \$5 million into the roadway improvements along Eastern Boulevard around 2006. It also made major investments into the redevelopment of the old Value-City property along Eastern Boulevard and surrounding properties with the Little League Park, Gateway Park, Renaissance Academy, and Wolverton Way. As a result many new commercial structures have been built along the strip and multiple businesses have located to the area from outside of town.

Likewise, the town invested several million dollars into physical improvements along the Lewis and Clark Parkway corridor by widening the road and making streetscape improvements. Some evidence of the private investment leveraged by the public expenditure along Lewis & Clarks Parkway can be seen in the form of new businesses such as Charlie Wilson Appliances and Louisville Overstock Warehouse and improvements to the façades of Arby's Restaurant, Applebee's Restaurant, Sam Swope VW, Carriage Ford, First Savings Bank, and Red Lobster Restaurant, and the new CVS Pharmacy.

Both Eastern Boulevard and Lewis & Clark Parkway experienced negative economic impacts and growth following the creation of Veterans Parkway. The Town has administered the necessary steps to prevent both corridors from experiencing further decline. Part of this decline is the natural evolution of commercial property from growth to decline and re-growth. However, there are many vacant stores and perceptions of the need for maintenance and improvements to buildings, as well as parking lots. At the citizen workshops for the Comprehensive Plan, there were a number of "eyesores" which were identified by participants. These eyesores included some of the structures, at the interchange of I-65 and Eastern Boulevard as well as former commercial structures, formerly known as the Peddler's Mall property, near Eastern Boulevard and Ettle's Lane.

Commercial rehabilitation could take the form of façade improvements along Eastern Boulevard and Lewis and Clark Parkway. Façade improvements could be funded through a revolving loan or forgivable loan program; either from grant sources or from economic development income tax (edit funds). The financial participation in the form of loans would not be for 100% of the project, but only for a portion which would be used as seed money for an incentive for property owners to make building improvements visible to the public.

PARKS OBJECTIVE

The Clarksville Board of Parks and Recreation maintains a Master Plan for the park system. The Master Plan is updated every five years, and the next update is due in 2018. The Parks Master Plan not only includes plans for future parks, but also for the maintenance and improvement of existing parks throughout the town. It's an objective of this Comprehensive Plan that the Clarksville Parks Board continue to update their Master Plan every five years. The citizen workshops identified the need for a Park on the west side of Blackiston Mill Road near the Silver Creek and a Park in the north part of town across the Silver Creek. The residents recognized that the park system and recreation program performed by the Parks Department is an outstanding asset to the town. They also identified a need to have a landscaped area with shaded benches and picnic tables along Veterans Parkway corridor for a large number of people that visit and work in the retail district. The workshop participants felt that Lapping Park is a great community asset but it could be improved by adding additional amenities and creating a pedestrian bridge across the Silver Creek. The feasibility of constructing such a bridge would have to be studied. A town wide trail system was frequently discussed and praised by attendees. There was a particular interest in constructing a north trail along the wastewater easement that bisects the town south to north.

UNIQUE NATURAL AND HISTORIC AREAS OBJECTIVE

Clarksville's history dates back further than the settlement of the area by George Rogers Clark in 1783. The West Riverfront area, adjacent to the Ohio River Wildlife Conservation Area, is rich with cultural and historical resources.

screen area, grit building, and clarifiers were eliminated altogether. The rusted conveyor in the sludge handling building is also due to be replaced.

The wastewater department intends to rehabilitate ten wastewater lift stations within the next two to three years. One additional lift station is being reviewed with other upgrades on Clevidence Blvd. With the station upgrades, a new SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) system for the stations is being implemented. This SCADA in conjunction with the SCADA for the new facility will bring an incredible amount of information to the department's fingertips and can increase efficiency.

It is a policy that the town continues its operation and maintenance plan for the wastewater system in order to maintain the physical asset in the best possible condition. It is also a policy that a developer of a subdivision or commercial development installs wastewater collection facilities to serve new development. In some cases, the development may be so large that it's necessary for the developer to cost share in the expansion of the wastewater treatment plant facility or collection system. At the very least, the developer pays for the capacity used at the wastewater treatment plant and expansion or improvement of the collection system.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION CURATION FACILITY PUBLIC BUILDING POLICY

The Historic Preservation Commission is responsible for protecting two locally designated historic districts. They include a portion of the former Colgate property and part of the original town in the West Riverfront area.

The former Colgate property includes nine historically significant structures. Four structures have been classified as outstanding, and three have been classified as notable. The two remaining structures are non-contributing to the historic district.

The West Riverfront area is a large area composed of approximately 275 acres. Most of the West Riverfront area is owned and controlled by public entities. While there are no historic structures in the preservation district, it encompasses several significant archeological and cultural resource sites.

There have been many archeological studies of the West Riverfront area over the past two decades. The artifacts from these sites are located in other communities that have proper facilities for curation and storage. It is an objective of the Historic Preservation Commission to construct a curation facility to store and display these artifacts. The West Riverfront Master Plan included a Discovery Center building on property previously purchased for the West Riverfront Park.

This Discovery Center could be programmed to include curation or laboratory space, exhibits, classrooms, business center for visiting archeologist or a small gift shop. A themed playground with benches could be considered here. Trails from the Discovery Center would provide connections to Clark's Cabin, nearby picnic areas, and other portions of the West Riverfront development area. The West Riverfront, historic and cultural area has potential of becoming a heritage tourism destination point. With the land assemblage progressing and the trail soon to be completed, it should be a policy to continue the development of the area as a Park.

PARKS AND RECREATION PUBLIC LANDS POLICY

Clarksville has several high-quality neighborhood parks for residents to utilize in the central and southern parts of town, but there are no community parks close to the northern neighborhoods.

The Parks Department prepares a five-year Parks and Recreation Master Plan to guide development and maintenance of the Park system. The most recent Master Plan was completed in 2013 and included an inventory of the Park system as well as a user survey. The user survey was instrumental in selecting proposed developments in regards to the Park system as it illustrated that the typical park user is not typical of the population as reported by the U.S. Census.

The Park Department has several neighborhood parks and regional parks that serve large populations. One of the most notable parks is Lapping Park and Wooded View Golf Course. Major renovations are proposed for this Park before 2018. Lapping Park is one of the few parks that have access to Silver Creek or any body of water. For that reason, a canoe launch is proposed as part of the future development of Lapping Park. Other notable parks include the Clarksville Family Aquatic Center, which is planned to have a complete renovation and new water features added in the next 2 years.

Ashland Park, along the Ohio River, is a well-used park for not only local citizenry, but also the entire Louisville, Kentucky-Indiana Metropolitan area. A major renovation is planned for this Park over the next three years. Included will be the playground replacement and remodeling of the bathrooms.

Another park close to the Ohio River is the Lewis and Clark Park and trail which is planned to be developed, and connected to the Ohio River Greenway. Planned along with this trail is a bridge over Silver Creek to connect with New Albany to the west. A total renovation of this Park and trail are major objectives of the Parks Department

The Town recently purchased eleven acres near Eastern Boulevard. As part of the purchase four acres were used to construct Gateway Park, a three acres parcel was donated to the Clarksville School Corporation for a new-technology school, and the remaining land will become a surface parking lot. The parking lot will serve not only the new park but also the adjacent Little League Park. It is an objective of Town that the new park serve as a primary location for community festivals and celebrations. Gateway Park is the newest town park and will be a place to host community events and improve civic engagement. The location is just off of Eastern Boulevard on Wolverton Way and near the Little League Park.

Other major projects to be undertaken by the Parks Department include a town wide Trail Plan as well as a trail to link the northern part of town with the central and southern portions of the town. A new park in the northern part of town is also a top priority. The Parks Department continues to include a much-needed new community center in the Master Plan. Improvements and renovations are also planned to other parks in the system.

The West Riverfront Park and Archaeological Park in the most southwestern part of town includes the Lewis and Clark Trail as well as Lewis and Clark Park. The sub-area Master Plan was completed for this Park in 2011. This is a large area of land that has been adversely impacted by illegal dumping and filling. The acquisition of this area, cleanup, and development into a regional Park is an objective of the Parks Department and the Historic Preservation Commission. The development of this area will take several years, but over time will be completed

Construction of a discovery center and curation Discovery Center could be programmed to include curation or laboratory space, exhibits, classrooms, business center for visiting archeologist or a small gift shop. A themed playground with benches could be considered here. Trails from the Discovery Center would provide connections to Clark's Cabin, nearby picnic areas, and other portions of the West Riverfront development area. The West Riverfront, historic and cultural area has potential of becoming a heritage tourism destination point. With the land assemblage progressing and the trail soon to be completed, it should be a policy to continue the development of the area as a Park.

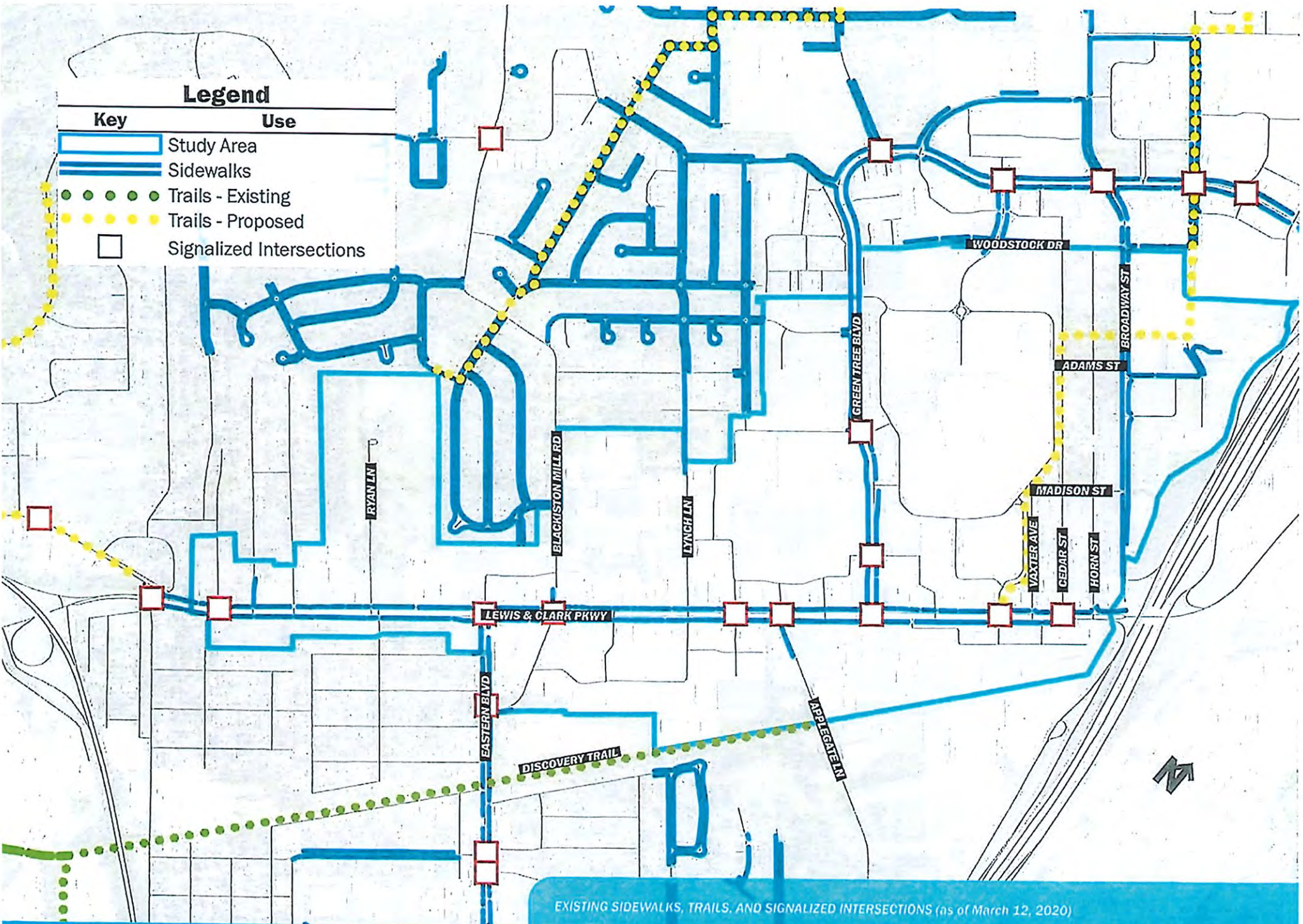
The Parks Department updates their town wide and Park District Parks and Recreation Master Plan every five years. The Park Master Plan is a part of this Comprehensive Plan as if it were physically incorporated. Citizen input from the workshops held for the Comprehensive Plan identified the need to consider a community Park in the northern part of town as well as a neighborhood Park at the northern end of Blackiston Mill Road. These proposals should be considered in 2018 when the master plan is updated.

TOWN COURT PUBLIC PLACE AND STRUCTURE POLICY

There is a need to upgrade or reconstruct a select number of public buildings and structures. The most notable need stems from the Town Court facilities located in the Municipal Center. The court's current facilities have become overcrowded due to an increase in case load as other town and city courts have terminated operations.

Legend

| Key | Use |
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| | Study Area |
| | Sidewalks |
| | Trails - Existing |
| | Trails - Proposed |
| | Signalized Intersections |



EXISTING SIDEWALKS, TRAILS, AND SIGNALIZED INTERSECTIONS (as of March 12, 2020)

TOWN OF CLARKSVILLE

Clarksville's population has remained relatively constant since 2000, while annual population growth in Clark County has been concentrated north and east of Clarksville. Clarksville remains one of the largest towns in the county, second only to Jeffersonville. With the growth happening outside of Clarksville, the town has lost county share of population, households, and housing units since 2000. Clarksville also has the fastest aging population, a growing share of non-family households, and the oldest housing stock in the county.

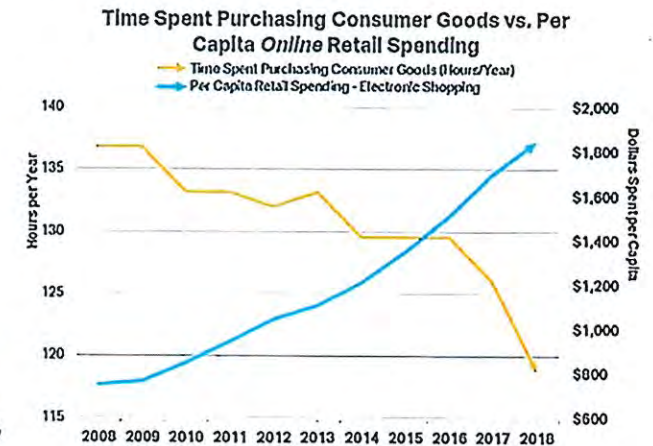
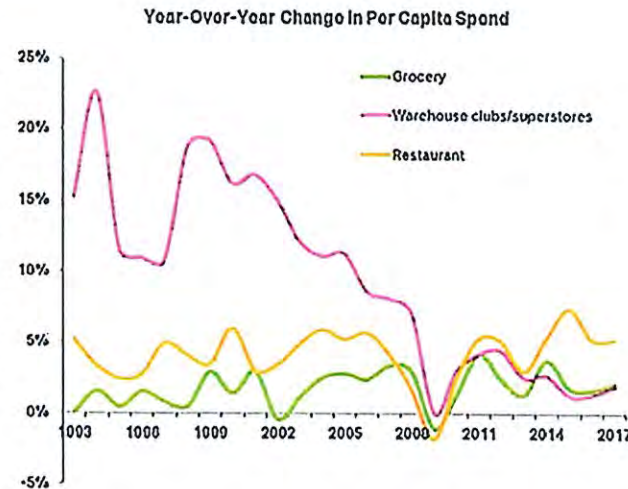
Clarksville's shrinking number of households and household size is coupled with the oldest population in the county and a median age older than the nation and the MSA. Like population, Clarksville has the second largest housing market after Jeffersonville, but towns smaller than Clarksville, including Sellersburg and Charlestown, added more housing units between 2010 and 2017. In comparison to its neighboring towns in Clark County, Clarksville has the oldest housing market. Over 75 percent of its structures are over 40 years old. With stagnant population growth, smaller than average household size, a growing number of non-family households, and the oldest median age in the county, Clarksville's housing stock is not attracting young families with children, or adults aged 24 – 29 years old. Clarksville has one of the lower valued housing markets in the county and MSA. However, having one of the highest income-to-home value ratios in the county, new construction home values replacing aging housing stock has the potential to raise home values.

Regarding employment, Clarksville and its neighbors, Jeffersonville and New Albany, deviate from their region trend by having a net inflow of people. This means more workers travel into town for work than residents who travel out. While Jeffersonville and New Albany see a greater proportion of residents who also work in each respective community, all three communities experience less than half of their resident populations also working within the town, indicating they are bedroom communities to Louisville.

Clarksville has the second largest job market in the county, providing 25% of the county's jobs. However, Jeffersonville is outpacing Clarksville in job growth causing Clarksville's share of county jobs to decline. Since Clarksville's annual job market growth is larger than its population and housing unit growth, Clarksville's aging housing stock is likely contributing to an inability to retain employees and residents at higher rates.

Clarksville has over 5.4 million square feet of building space for retail, office, and commercial uses in its core. Nearly 38% of Clarksville's retail space is over 40 years old, and higher vacancies are seen in the older spaces. In fact, approximately 50% of the study area buildings are over 40 years old, with 37% of those 40-year-old buildings vacant.

Some of this increased vacancy is likely a result of changes to the retail landscape. In 2009, there was a significant decline in shopping and visiting restaurants. Recovery has been slow and shopping at department stores, big box specialty stores, and superstores might not ever get back to where they were in the early 1990s given the increase in online retail spending. Online shopping has transformed the commercial industry leaving a large footprint behind to be filled with new, innovative ways to replace businesses no longer there.





Town of Clarksville IDNR Community and Urban Forestry Grant Project Findings

Report Summary:

The Indiana DNR Community and Urban Forestry provided a grant to the town to begin work on a tree inventory and planting project. The grant provided funding to plant 72 trees throughout the Town and provided a comprehensive tree inventory. In August 2022 PlanIT Geo completed a comprehensive GPS inventory of the trees in the parks and along street rights-of-way in Clarksville, Indiana. PlanIT Geo assigned an ISA certified arborist to collect detailed information on the condition, size, species, maintenance recommendations, etc. for all the trees within the Town boundary. This summary includes a total of **4,047** trees and **20** stumps. Of the tree data collected **3, 179 (78%)** in City Parks or vacant green spaces and **870 (22%)** were collected along streets rights-of way.

Significant Findings from the Inventory:

- The five most common species found in the Town of Clarksville are: Sweetgum (341 trees, 16.2%), American beech (334 trees, 15.9%), Northern Red oak (252 trees, 12%), Honeylocust (249 trees, 11.9%), and Red maple (224 trees, 10.7%)
- The three most common young trees (under 6" DBH) are: Red maple (67 trees), Honeylocust (28 trees) and Sugar maple (14 trees)
- The three most common mature trees (over 25" DBH) are: Red oak (143 trees), Cottonwood (101 trees), and Pin oak (59 trees)
- 74.5% of the Town of Clarksville trees are in Good condition, while 18.4% are in Fair condition
- Total Annual Monetary Ecosystem Benefit: \$21,638.66
- Breakdown of environmental benefits:
 - o Stormwater interception: 511,924 cubic feet/year valued at \$5,402/year
 - o Carbon sequestration: 461,113 lbs/year valued at \$10,724.20
 - o Improved air quality: 3,166 lbs/year valued at \$5,512.19

Management Recommendations:

- Large amount of Crown dieback throughout the Town
- 75 ash trees need removed
- 110 dead or dying trees need removed

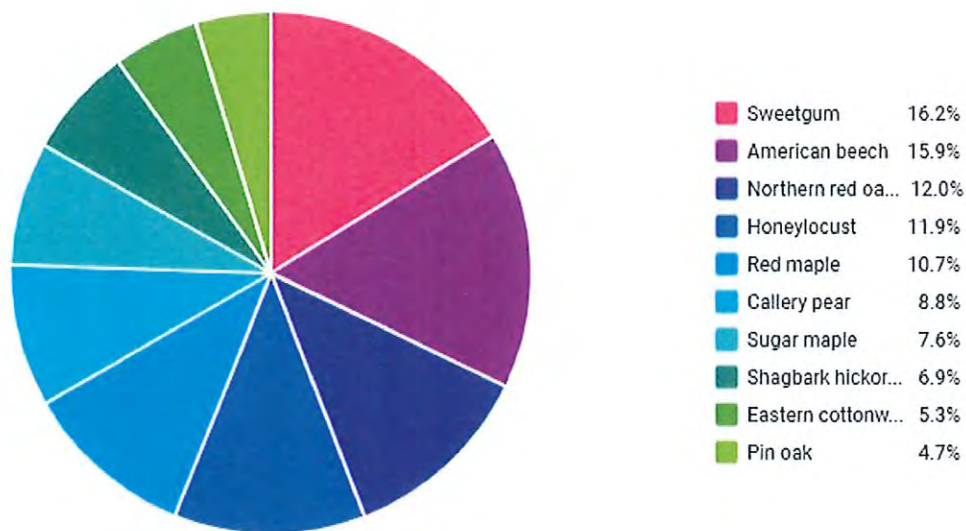
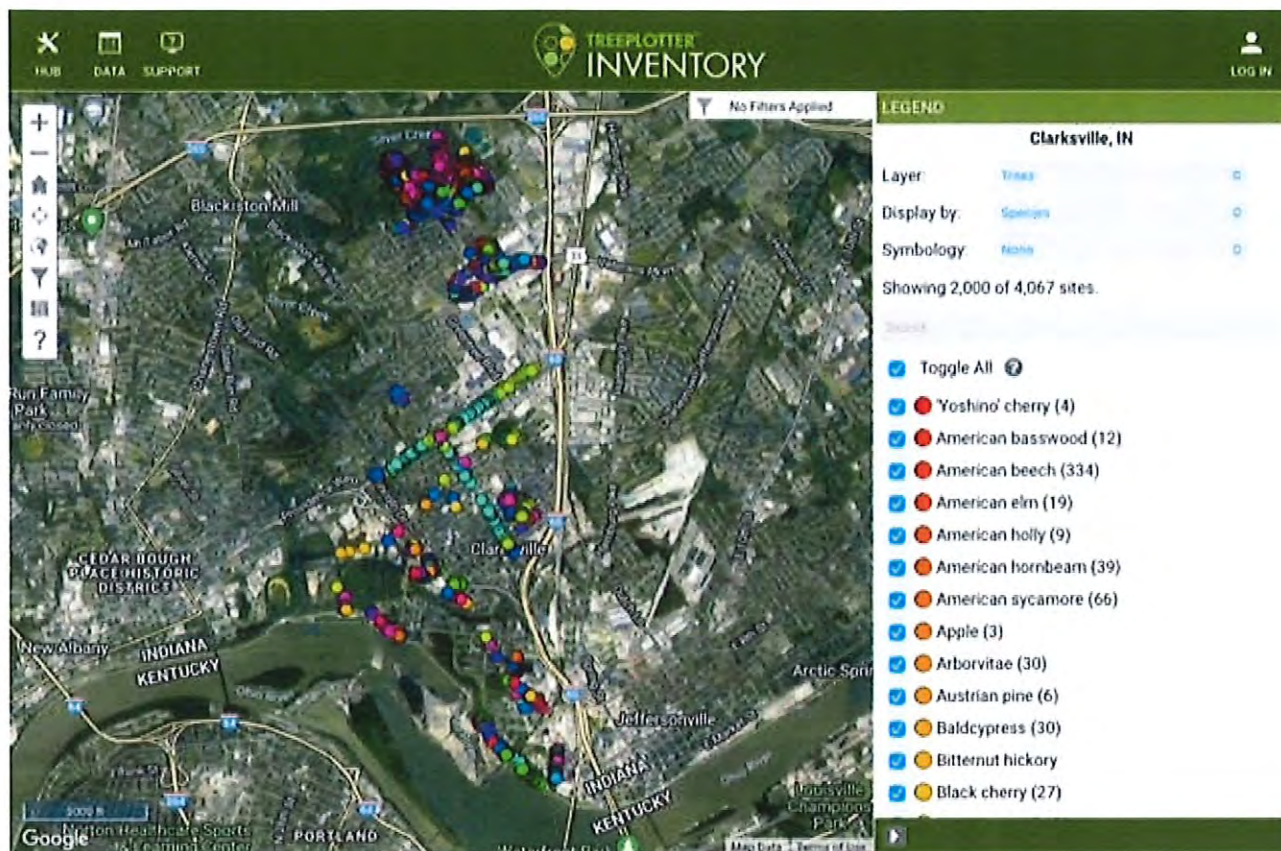


Figure 1 Most Common Species - Top 10

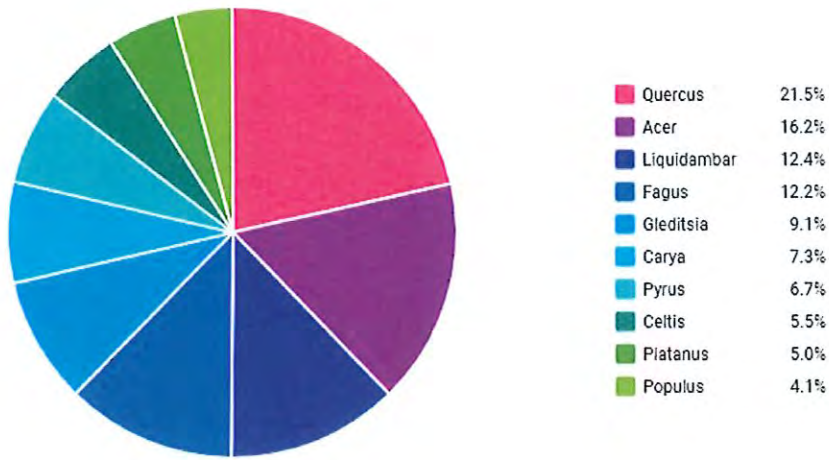


Figure 2 Most Common Genus - Top 10

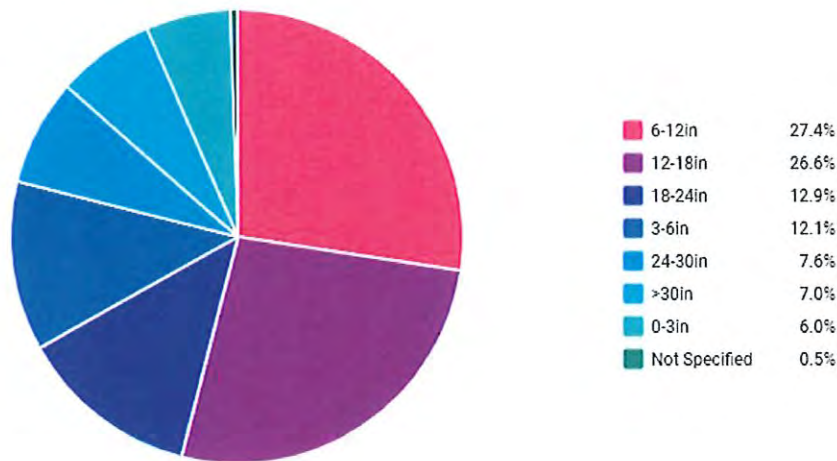


Figure 3 Trees by DBH

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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
THE TOWN OF CLARKSVILLE and
RIVER HERITAGE CONSERVANCY, INC.**

This Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) dated this 17th day of October, 2023 is entered into between the Town of Clarksville, Indiana (“Town”) and River Heritage Conservancy, Inc. (“RHC”), (collectively “the Parties”).

WHEREAS RHC is a non-profit Indiana corporation established to design, create, and sustain vital public park spaces on the North Shore of the Ohio River that enhance the quality of life for the residents of Clark and Floyd Counties, and their guests; and

WHEREAS the real property defined herein is owned by the Town and administered by its Parks and Recreation, Redevelopment, or Public Works Departments. Such Town-owned real property is more specifically described in Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS the Town and RHC created a collaborative park planning partnership in 2018 that permitted RHC to invest over \$9,000,000 to date in the acquisition of land for the future park, property cleanup, implementation and completion of its master plan/designs for Origin Park (defined as the “Park”) with world-class design firms, and providing operational management of a functioning park entity with the startup of trails and initial park-related programming to the broader local community; and

WHEREAS the Town and RHC desire to advance this collaboration permitting both RHC and the Town to work together to make additional investments in the Park; and

WHEREAS the Town desires to facilitate RHC's work raising funds, completing site improvements, and sustaining the use of these improvements in the Park;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and commitments contained herein, with good and valuable considerations, and a commitment by both parties to

accommodating the betterment of the public's interest and the special resources found within the Park through this partnership, it is agreed as follows:

1. Term of MOU and Mutual Cooperation.

a) The initial term of this MOU shall be fifteen (15) years from the date of commencement and shall automatically renew for additional fifteen (15) year terms unless terminated by either the mutual agreement of the Parties or one of the Parties materially breaches this MOU that remains uncured for a period in excess of thirty (30) days after the non-breaching party provides written notice of such material breach to the breaching party.

b) The Parties shall cooperate with each other in good faith to effectuate the terms of this MOU.

c) The Parties shall negotiate with each other in good faith regarding the execution and delivery of an operation and maintenance agreement, deed restrictions, easements, and such other documents that may be required from time to time with respect to the operation of the Park and/or the maintenance of Town Lands (as hereinafter defined).

2. Town Appointment to RHC Board.

a) RHC offers and the Town accepts one (1) Ex Officio Member position on the RHC Board pursuant to the RHC Bylaws as may be amended from time to time. The Ex Officio Member may participate in regularly scheduled Board meetings but may not vote. The Ex Officio Member shall be appointed annually by the Town Council President and may not be represented by proxy. Such appointment shall be made upon the adoption of amendments to the RHC Bylaws allowing for such appointment, which shall be made within thirty (30) days of execution of this MOU.

b) Such Ex Officio Member may not be an elected official and shall maintain

strict confidentiality with respect to information and documentation obtained in their capacity as an Ex Officio Member and shall be subject to other fiduciary duties owed to RHC as a member of the RHC Board.

3. Perpetual Use of Town Owned Parcels for Park Purposes.

a) The Town grants RHC the perpetual and sole use of the parcels in Exhibit A (“Town Lands”) for the purpose of constructing and operating a public park as proposed in the Master Plan (hereinafter defined).

b) Recorded documents on Town Lands shall include restrictive covenants, in compliance with the Master Plan, that they be maintained in perpetuity as public park land for the benefit of the citizens of Clark and Floyd Counties and their guests.

c) The Town shall execute any documents necessary to effectuate the aforementioned.

d) RHC shall maintain general liability insurance in the amount of \$2,000,000 bodily injury and property damage combined single limit. The Town shall be covered as an additional insured under the general liability insurance policy. RHC shall additionally maintain workers compensation insurance as may be required by the State of Indiana.

e) In the event of the corporate dissolution of RHC, whether voluntarily or involuntarily, and provided that no successor organization, acceptable to the Town, assumes the assets, duties, responsibilities, liabilities, and activities of RHC, all Town Lands and improvements made on Town Lands along with the liabilities therewith shall revert to the Town to the extent permitted by law.

4. Adherence to Master Plan.

a) The RHC Board adopted the Master Plan for Origin Park (“Master Plan”)

in 2020, which subsequently has been amended and may continue to be amended from time to time. A copy of the most recently adopted Master Plan is attached hereto as Exhibit B. In addition, a plan for "Phase I" that includes Town Lands was approved by the RHC Board in 2021. These plans shall be considered the guiding documents for the Park. For the avoidance of doubt, any references to "Master Plan" in this MOU shall refer to the most recently adopted Park Master Plan.

b) In constructing and operating the Park, RHC shall adhere to the Master Plan.

c) The Town and RHC shall support the Park together, in good faith cooperation, consistent with the Master Plan and the MOU.

5. Mutual Indemnification.

a) Except as caused or occasioned by the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the Town and any Town agency, body, and board, and their respective officers, employees, attorneys, and agents (each a "Town Indemnitee" and, together, "Town Indemnitees"), RHC shall indemnify and hold harmless the Town Indemnitees from any and all claims, damages, demands, expenses, and liabilities relating to bodily injury, property damage, or any other claim or loss resulting directly or indirectly from RHC's (and/or any of its employees, agents, contractors, and sub-contractors) gross negligence or willful misconduct with respect to the improvements at the Park within the jurisdiction of the Town, activities at the Park within the jurisdiction of the Town, and use of the Town Lands. If any action or proceeding is brought against one or more Town Indemnitees, (i) each Town Indemnitee may, in its sole discretion, select its own counsel, (ii) the Town Indemnitee(s) seeking indemnification shall give notice of such action or proceeding to RHC in writing, and (iii) RHC shall reimburse such Town Indemnitee(s) for all reasonable costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees,

incurred by such Town Indemnitee(s) in connection with the defense of such action or proceeding.

b) Except as caused or occasioned by the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the RHC and any RHC employees, agents, and attorneys (each a "RHC Indemnitee" and, together, "RHC Indemnitees"), the Town shall indemnify and hold harmless RHC Indemnitees from any and all claims, damages, demands, expenses, and liabilities relating to bodily injury, property damage, or any other claim or loss resulting directly or indirectly from Town's (and/or any of its employees, agents, contractors, and sub-contractors) gross negligence or willful misconduct with respect to the improvements at the Park, activities at the Park, and use of the Town Lands. If any action or proceeding is brought against one or more RHC Indemnitees, (i) each RHC Indemnitee may, in its sole discretion, select its own counsel, (ii) the RHC Indemnitee(s) seeking indemnification shall give notice of such action or proceeding to the Town in writing, and (iii) Town shall reimburse such RHC Indemnitee(s) for all reasonable costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred by such RHC Indemnitee(s) in connection with the defense of such action or proceeding.

6. **Amendment.** This MOU may only be modified, amended, or terminated by the mutual written consent of authorized representatives of the Parties.

7. **Authority.** Each party executing this MOU certifies that he or she is duly authorized to sign this document.

[Signature Page to Follow]

TOWN OF CLARKSVILLE:

RIVER HERITAGE
CONSERVANCY, INC.:

PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

*Signature Page to Memorandum of Understanding Between the Town of Clarksville and River
Heritage Conservancy, Inc.*

EXHIBIT A

Description of Town Lands

(attach)

Town of Clarksville-Owned Real Property

June 28, 2023

| Parcel # | Legal Description | Property Owner (per Elevate) |
|--------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| 10-24-00-101-175.000-013 | Gt 1-5.338 Ac | Clarksville Redevelopment Authority |
| 10-24-01-800-346.000-013 | Gt 18-0.965 Ac | Clarksville Redevelopment Authority |
| 10-24-01-800-347.000-013 | Gt 18-0.265 Ac | Clarksville Redevelopment Authority |
| 10-14-00-100-060.000-011 | GT .8 AC. LOTS 79-80-81-82 | Town Of Clarksville |
| 10-14-00-100-061.000-011 | OLD TOWN LOT 22 | Town Of Clarksville |
| 10-14-00-100-062.000-011 | CLARK PLACE OLD TOWN LOT 21 | Civil Town Of Clarksville |
| 10-14-00-100-063.000-011 | OLD TOWN LOTS 20, 50 & 51 | Civil Town Of Clarksville |
| 10-14-00-100-064.000-011 | CLARK PLACE OLD TOWN LOT 49 | Town Of Clarksville |
| 10-14-00-100-065.000-011 | CLARK PLACE OLD TOWN LOT 97-98 E 1/2 | Town Of Clarksville |
| 10-14-00-100-067.000-011 | CLARK PLACE PT 107-108-110 | Civil Town Of Clarksville |
| 10-14-00-100-068.000-011 | OLD TOWN PT LOT 108, 109 & PART OF 110 | Civil Town Of Clarksville |
| 10-14-00-100-069.000-011 | CLARK PLACE OLD TOWN LOTS PTS 95-96-97 | Civil Town Of Clarksville |
| 10-14-00-100-070.000-011 | Lot 52 | Civil Town Of Clarksville |
| 10-14-00-100-071.000-011 | CLARK PLACE PT LOTS 107-108 | Clarksville Town |
| 10-14-00-100-072.000-011 | OLD TOWN PT LOT 108 | Clarksville Town |
| 10-14-00-100-073.000-011 | CLARK PLACE OLD TOWN PTS LOTS 95-96-97 0.61 AC | Civil Town Of Clarksville |
| 10-14-00-100-074.000-011 | CLARK PLACE PT LOT 107 PT LOT 108 | Civil Town Of Clarksville |
| 10-14-00-100-075.000-011 | OLD TOWN PT LOT 108, 109 | Civil Town Of Clarksville |
| 10-14-00-100-076.000-011 | CLARK PLACE OLD TOWN LOTS PTS 95-96 | Civil Town Of Clarksville |
| 10-14-00-100-077.000-011 | CLARK PLACE OLD TOWN PTS LOTS 95-96-97 0.055 A | Civil Town Of Clarksville |
| 10-14-00-100-311.000-011 | OLD TOWN LOTS 23-24 | Town Of Clarksville |
| 10-14-00-102-369.000-012 | GT 30 16.37 AC. REM. | Town of Clarksville |
| 10-14-00-103-522.000-012 | Railroad Property; 1.36 Ac By Deed | Clarksville Redevelopment Authority |
| 10-14-00-103-523.000-012 | Railroad Property; 1.205 Ac By Deed | Town Of Clarksville |
| 10-14-00-103-524.000-012 | Pt of Outlot 48 Permanent Right of Way 0.011 Ac | Town Of Clarksville |
| 10-14-00-103-525.000-012 | Pt of Outlot 48 Permanent Right of Way 0.045 Ac | Town Of Clarksville |
| 10-14-00-103-526.000-012 | Part of Tract No 3 Permanent Right of Way 0.208 Ac | Town Of Clarksville |
| 10-14-00-103-546.000-012 | Rail Road Property 0.04 Ac Split To 14-05-07 | Clarksville Redevelopment Authority |
| 10-24-00-100-009.000-013 | CLARK PLACE LOT 48 | Town Of Clarksville |
| 10-24-00-100-010.000-013 | CLARK PLACE LOT 15 | Civil Town Of Clarksville |
| 10-24-00-100-026.000-013 | CLARK PLACE LOTS 45 46 47 16 PT 17 76 77 | Town Of Clarksville |
| 10-24-00-100-027.000-013 | GT 29 38.65A | Town of Clarksville |
| 10-24-00-100-054.000-013 | OUTLOT 47 30.42A | Town of Clarksville |
| 10-24-00-100-058.000-013 | CLARK PLACE PT LOT 18 | Town Of Clarksville |
| 10-24-00-100-061.000-013 | CLARK PLACE PT LOTS 45 46 16 17 | Civil Town Of Clarksville |
| 10-24-00-101-172.000-013 | Lewis & Clark Trail; 0.166 Ac | Town Of Clarksville, In |
| 10-24-00-101-173.000-013 | Hydro park 0.032 Ac | Civil Town Of Clarksville |
| 10-24-00-101-174.000-013 | Gt 1-5.851 Ac | Clarksville Redevelopment Authority |
| 10-24-00-101-176.000-013 | Gt 1-0.053 Ac | Clarksville Redevelopment Authority |
| 10-24-01-800-345.000-013 | Grant 30 Former R. R. Property; 0.169 Ac | Clarksville Redevelopment Authority |
| 10-24-01-800-348.000-013 | Gt 18-3.077 Ac | Clarksville Redevelopment Authority |
| 10-24-02-900-533.000-013 | Gt 29 - 8.395 Ac Sold 2001 Tax Sale Red 8-30-02 Sold 97 Tax Sale 2000 Tax Sale No Bid | Town Of Clarksville |
| 10-24-02-900-534.000-013 | GT 29 2.146 AC | Town Of Clarksville |

EXHIBIT B

Park Master Plan

(attach)



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park

SITE PLAN

- ① OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CENTER
- ② NATURE PLAY + TREE HOUSE
- ③ BASE CAMP LAWN
- ④ BOATHOUSE PAVILION
- ⑤ EVENT PAVILION
- ⑥ MEADOW PLAY
- ⑦ INDUSTRIAL MEADOWS
- ⑧ WARBLER WALK
- ⑨ MILL CREEK MEANDER
- ⑩ BUTTONBUSH BOARDWALK
- ⑪ EVENT CENTER
- ⑫ UPPER WAY
- ⑬ BUFFALO TRACE LAWN
- ⑭ RIVER WALK OVERLOOK
- ⑮ PADDLING ACCESS
- ⑯ OHIO RIVER GREENWAY
- ⑰ INFINITY LOOP
- ⑱ RIVER ARTS HOUSE
- Ⓜ RESTROOMS

- ROAD
- GREENWAY
- MULTI-USE
- - - PEDESTRIAN
- ≡≡≡ BOARDWALK
- CANOPY WALK

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PHASE 1

- 1 RIVER ARTS HOUSE
- 2 RAVINE BRIDGE
- 3 EVENT CENTER
- 4 EVENT LAWN
- 5 PICNIC GROVES
- 6 PICNIC SHELTER
- 7 MILL CREEK OVERLOOK
- 8 UPPER WAY
- 9 WARBLER WALK
- 10 BUTTONBUSH BOARDWALK
- 11 SEDGE MEADOW
- 12 CROGHAN LAUNCH

- ROAD
- GREENWAY
- MULTI-USE
- PEDESTRIAN
- BOARDWALK
- ELEVATED WALK



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**ADDENDUM NO. 1 TO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE
TOWN OF CLARKSVILLE AND RIVER HERITAGE CONSERVANCY, INC.-
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT**

THIS ADDENDUM NO. 1 TO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TOWN OF CLARKSVILLE AND RIVER HERITAGE CONSERVANCY, INC.- OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT (the "Maintenance Agreement") is entered into as of this 19th day of December, 2023 (the "Effective Date") by and between the **TOWN OF CLARKSVILLE** (the "Town"), a political subdivision of the State of Indiana whose address is 2000 Broadway Street, and Clarksville, Indiana 47129, and **RIVER HERITAGE CONSERVANCY, INC.**, an Indiana non-profit corporation, whose address is 129 East Court Avenue, Jeffersonville, Indiana 47130 ("RHC") (collectively, the "Parties").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Town is the owner of certain real property located adjacent to or near the North Shore of the Ohio River in Clarksville, Clark County, Indiana, and more particularly described in Exhibit A (the "Property") to the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Town of Clarksville and River Heritage Conservancy, Inc., which was entered into by the Parties on October 17, 2023 (the "MOU");

WHEREAS, the Parties desires to enter into this Maintenance Agreement to establish the respective roles and responsibilities of the Town and RHC with respect to the Property as more particularly described below, which will assist RHC in conserving, preserving, and maintaining the Property in accordance with the Master Plan for Origin Park, which was originally adopted by the RHC Board in 2020 and has been subsequently amended, a current copy of which is attached as Exhibit B to the MOU (the "Master Plan"); and

WHEREAS, Origin Park encompasses the entirety of the Property along with certain other parcels of real property located adjacent to or near the North Shore of the Ohio River in Clarksville, Clark County, Indiana, including but not limited to certain parcels of real property owned by RHC (the "Park"); and

WHEREAS, the conservation, preservation, and maintenance of the Park will be done only in accordance with the Master Plan, which is of significant importance to the Town, RHC, and the residents of Clarksville, Indiana and the residents of the State of Indiana; and

NOW THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Town and RHC hereby agree as follows:

1. Term. This Maintenance Agreement shall run for a term concurrent with the term of the MOU (the "Term"). Upon expiration of the initial Term, the Term shall automatically renew for additional terms concurrent with the MOU unless terminated by either the mutual written agreement of the Parties or one of the Parties materially breaches this Maintenance Agreement that remains uncured for a period in excess of thirty (30) days after the non-breaching party provides

written notice of such material breach to the breaching parties. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Maintenance Agreement shall automatically terminate upon the termination of the MOU.

2. Compliance with Master Plan. RHC shall operate and maintain the Park in accordance with the Master Plan.

3. Park Expenses. Unless otherwise specified in this Maintenance Agreement or mutually agreed upon by the Parties, RHC shall pay all costs and expenses in connection with the Park, including operating expenses and capital expenses.

4. Park Revenues. RHC shall be entitled to retain all revenues, income, and fees generated within the Park.

5. Repairs and Maintenance. Subject to the provisions of Section 6 of this Maintenance Agreement and to the extent that any repair or maintenance work needs to be performed within the Park, which shall be determined in RHC's sole discretion, RHC will be responsible for paying such repair and maintenance expenses. The Town may in its sole discretion assist RHC with paying for repair and maintenance expenses within the Park.

6. Maintenance and Control of Park Roads. The Town at Town's expense shall maintain all publicly owned, Town owned, or instrumentality of Town owned roads and municipally owned utilities located within the Park, including but not limited to pavement markings and repairs. The Town agrees to work with RHC to set speed limits on all Park roads based on traffic patterns, traffic studies, and, if necessary, the needs of the Park.

7. Access to Certain Land in Town Public Works Site. Throughout the duration of this Maintenance Agreement, the Town shall lease or license and permit the use and access of certain designated land to RHC within the site of the Town's Department of Public Works, which has an address of 3 Leuthart Drive, Clarksville, Indiana 47129, for the use of Park operations and maintenance ("Operations Property"), as depicted on Exhibit 1, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Within the Operations Property, RHC may erect temporary or permanent structures and associated improvements and appurtenances on and at the Operations Property to be used daily by RHC to support Park operations and maintenance or the Town may also construct a building on the Operations Property and lease or license and permit the use and access to such building to RHC. The Operations Property may be used by RHC, RHC employees, and RHC contractors to store equipment and supplies and provide workspace for operational employees and contractors of RHC. The Town shall provide RHC, RHC employees, and RHC contractors with direct access to the Operations Center from the new entry drive to the Park that the Town is constructing and shall provide access to electrical, water, and sanitary sewer services on the Operations Property.

8. Vacation of Public Roads within Park. Upon request by RHC, the Town shall use its best efforts to vacate all remaining unimproved, platted public roads within the Park. All roads constructed within the Park shall be built in accordance with road standards adopted by the Town and shall be maintained by the Town unless otherwise designated by RHC.

9. Temporary Office Facilities. RHC in its sole discretion may place temporary modular office and operations facilities within the Park with appropriate Town zoning approval.

10. Inspections. The Town shall have the right to inspect the Park and to exercise its rights or duties to ensure compliance with applicable laws within the Park. The Town may conduct regular and periodic inspections within the Park to ensure that RHC is complying with applicable fire, safety, and sanitation laws and regulations and any other applicable provisions contained within this Maintenance Agreement or within Town ordinances. Following each inspection, the Town shall promptly notify RHC of findings and specify any items needing attention to comply with laws and regulations.

11. Emergency Closure of Park. In the event that any portion of the Park poses an immediate, serious threat to the health or safety of the public, the Town and RHC shall mutually confer with each other and all or a portion of the Park may be closed with the mutual written consent of the Parties (“Emergency Closure”). Upon an Emergency Closure taking effect, the Town and RHC shall use each of their best efforts to notify the public of the Emergency Closure and take such other steps as reasonably necessary for the safety of the public.

12. Safety and Security.

- (a) The Town shall provide standard police and firefighting services throughout the Park in a manner consistent with the level of such services provided throughout the Town. Unless otherwise agreed upon by the Town and RHC, for any large-scale special events, the Town shall provide standard police and firefighting services and RHC shall be responsible for the costs of any additional services above and beyond such standard police and firefighting services.
- (b) The Town’s police services provided within the Park include but are not limited to towing, traffic enforcement, and public safety services.
- (c) The Town’s Police Department shall patrol the Park on a regular basis.
- (d) RHC may, in its sole discretion, supplement the Town’s police services within the Park with supplemental security measures such as hiring private security personnel, establishing a ranger unit, installing cameras and lights, and taking other measures.
- (e) RHC shall work with the Town to ensure public safety officials of the Town have reasonable access to locked gates within the Park.
- (f) RHC shall provide the Town with a designated individual to serve as the RHC contact for public safety matters.
- (g) Representatives of RHC and Town first responders shall meet regularly and as requested by either party to assess and coordinate safety and security measures within the Park.

13. Programming and Events. In addition to RHC's rights and obligations otherwise set forth herein, RHC shall have the right in its sole discretion to provide programming and host events within the Park, including, but not limited to, holding fundraisers for RHC, coordinating volunteer events, holding educational presentations, holding festivals and public events, managing concessions and restaurant venues, managing all third-party facility rentals in the Park, and utilizing the Park for marketing and fundraising purposes.

14. Reserved.

15. Park Rules and Regulations. RHC may in its sole discretion establish rules and regulations and reservation policies for the Park.

16. Compliance with Laws. RHC acknowledges that the Park is subject to all Town ordinances, state laws, and federal laws now in effect, including but not limited to laws pertaining to zoning and land use.

17. Concessions and Dining Amenities. RHC shall secure or cause to be secured all applicable permits and licenses required by law in connection with the operation of concession stands and other dining amenities within the Park.

18. No General Admission Fee to Park. In no event shall RHC impose any general admission fee or other charge for general entrance into the Park. Notwithstanding the foregoing, RHC may in its sole discretion set other fees, including, but not limited to, fees for admission to special events and programs, fees to reserve certain Park structures, facilities, outdoor areas, and amenities; and fees for concessions.

19. Maintenance of Corporate Existence. Throughout the duration of this Maintenance Agreement and the MOU, RHC shall remain a nonprofit corporation in good standing with the State of Indiana.

20. Nuisances and Hazards. Upon becoming aware of a nuisance or hazard, RHC shall take reasonable actions to eliminate nuisances and hazards related to activities within the Park in accordance with law.

21. Park Volunteers and Personnel. Any individuals employed by or volunteering on behalf of RHC shall be deemed employees, contractors, or volunteers of RHC and shall not be deemed employees, contractors, or volunteers of the Town.

22. Good Faith Cooperation. The Town and RHC shall support the Park together, in good faith cooperation, consistent with the Master Plan, this Maintenance Agreement, and the MOU. Operational items not specifically designated to the Parties in this Maintenance Agreement and the MOU shall be resolved by the Town Manager and RHC and subject to approval by the Town Council.

23. Annual Report to Town Council. RHC shall at least annually present a report on activities within the Park to the Town Council in a public meeting.

24. Donations to Park and Fundraising. The Parties acknowledge and agree that other parties, public and private, may contribute to the development and improvement of the Park through either cash or in-kind contributions. Such contributions shall belong solely to RHC to use in connection with the Park. The Parties acknowledge and agree that RHC shall be the primary fundraising agent for the Park. Notwithstanding the foregoing, RHC and Town may coordinate together in raising funds to be used in connection with the Park.

25. Resolving Disputes. Should the Parties be unable or unwilling to resolve a conflict or disagreement in the implementation of the MOU or this Maintenance Agreement or addressing any other items in connection with the Park, the Town and RHC shall commit to mediation under the Indiana Rules for Alternative Dispute in a first attempt to resolve such matter. In the event such matter goes before a mediator, the Parties shall equally split the costs of such mediator fees.

26. Execution of Other Documents. The Parties agree to execute such other agreements or instruments as may be necessary or desirable to effectuate the provisions of this Maintenance Agreement. The Town agrees to execute such documents necessary to provide RHC with a leasehold interest in the Property and such other documents necessary for RHC to have unfettered use, interest, and access to the Property ("Town Property Documents"). The Town authorizes the Town Manager to finalize and execute Town Property Documents on behalf of the Town.

27. Amendment. This Maintenance Agreement may only be modified, amended, or terminated by the mutual written consent of authorized representatives of the Parties.

28. Entire Agreement. This Maintenance Agreement, the MOU, and any other agreement entered into between the Town and RHC constitute the entire agreement between the Town and RHC relating to its subject matter. This Maintenance Agreement supersedes, in all respects, all prior written or oral agreements between the parties related thereto, and there are no agreements, understandings, warranties, or representations between the Town and RHC except for the MOU, which shall remain in full force and effect in accordance with their respective terms. To the extent of any conflict between this Maintenance Agreement and the MOU, the provisions of the MOU shall supersede and control.

29. Authority. Each party executing this Maintenance Agreement certifies that he or she is duly authorized to sign this document.

30. Severability. The Parties agree that each provision of this Maintenance Agreement shall be construed independent of any other provision. The invalidity or unenforceability of any particular provision of this Maintenance Agreement shall be construed in all respects as if such invalid or unenforceable provision were omitted.

31. Governing Law. This Maintenance Agreement and the obligations of the Parties hereunder shall be governed by and shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Indiana in all respects.

TOWN OF CLARKSVILLE:

RIVER HERITAGE
CONSERVANCY, INC.:

PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

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*Signature Page to Addendum No. 1 to Memorandum of Understanding Between the Town of
Clarksville and River Heritage Conservancy, Inc.-Operation and Maintenance Agreement*

EXHIBIT 1

Depiction of Site of RHC Operations Center

(attach)

Proposed Access Road and Maintenance Facility for Origin Park



 **Proposed Origin Park Public Works Building**

 **Proposed Entrance Road to Origin Park**

APPENDIX THREE

PROGRAMMING DATA

Programs offered

Adult Volleyball
Clarksville Cruisers
Hatha Yoga
Zumba
Line Dancing
Orienteering Meets
Starfish Swim School
Starbabies & Tots Swim Lessons
Adult Softball
U-Jam Fitness
Water Aerobics
Little Generals Football
Little Generals Cheerleading
Lifeguard Certification Class
Summer Running Series
Vibrant Game Club
Saturday Morning Program - Movie
Saturday Morning Program - Swim
Saturday Morning Program - Valentine Party
Saturday Morning Program - Art Exploration
Saturday Morning Program - Interpretive Center
Saturday Morning Program - St. Patty's Party
Saturday Morning Program - Fit Trip
Saturday Morning Program - Bowling
Saturday Morning Program - Booger Wars
Saturday Morning Program - Tie Blankets
Saturday Morning Program - Ice Skating
Saturday Morning Program - Dance
Summer Explorers
iStroll
Grow it, Cook it - Broccoli
Grow it, Cook it - Winter Squash
Grow it, Cook it - Herbs
Grow it, Cook it - Cucumbers
Mission to Mars
Motion Commotion
"Nature" of Teaching
Rockets to the Rescue
Robotics
9-patch Quilting
Table Carrot Decoration: Quilting
Friendship Star: Quilting
Beginning Quilting
Christmas Stockings
Barre Above
Empower me to Be Clutter Free: Part 1

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| Empower me to Be Clutter Free: Part 2 | |
| Wholly Rustic: 3D Barn Quilt | |
| Wholly Charcuterie | |
| Painting Pals | |
| Wholly Rustic: Porch Sign | |
| Dance Aerobics | |
| Board Games | |
| E-Sports Season Pass | |
| Cosmic Claw | |
| Stellar Optics | |
| Gobbler Games | |
| String Art Class | |
| Holiday Sled Painting | |
| 1st Time Homebuyers | |
| Reindeer Games | |
| Disc Golf | |
| Junior Golf Clinic | |
| Private Golf Lessons | |
| Group Golf Lessons | |
| Junior PGA | |

Special Events offered

Junior Police Academy

Camp Discover

Firehouse Fun Day

Breakfast with Santa

Touch-A-Truck

Community Yard Sale

Fall Harvest Hayride

Baseball Skills Clinic

Softball Skills Clinic

Football Skills Clinic

Egg My Yard

Egg-Stravaganza

NYE Kit - 2022

Flag Football

Family Campout

Comedy in the Park

Movies in the Park

Stuff a Bus

Little Elves Workshop

Golf Outings - Wooded View

ClarkFest

Bluegrass Music in the Park

Clarksville Challenger League

Trips

Bally's Evansville

Gift & Décor Show

Hard Rock Casino

Newport

America's Cowboy Trip

Irish Splendor Trip

A Fall Day in Frankfort

Appendix Four

Public Hearing Notice

Public Hearing Sign In

Public Hearing Minutes

Public Hearing Media

Public Hearing Online Comments

**Proof of
Publication**

**NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING**

The Town of Clarksville Parks and Recreation Department will hold a public hearing to take comments and to consider action on the Town of Clarksville Parks and Recreation Department Five Year Master Plan. The public hearing will take place on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 5PM at the Clarksville Town Hall 2000 Broadway Street Council Chambers Clarksville, IN 47130.

Information related to the master plan will be available for review prior to the public hearing as of Wednesday, February 20, 2024 at the Town of Clarksville Parks and Recreation Department located at 2000 Broadway Street Suite 221 between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM. Copies will also be available online at <https://clarksvilleparks.com/>. Interested citizens are invited to provide comments regarding these issues at the public hearing or by prior written statement. Written statements should be submitted to: BJ Nelson-Lynton, Parks Superintendent 2000 Broadway Street Suite 221 Clarksville, Indiana 47129 no later than Monday, March 4, 2024 by 4:00 PM in order to ensure their placement in the record. For additional information concerning the proposed plan, please contact BJ Nelson Lynton.

Persons with disabilities or non-English speaking persons who wish to attend the public hearing and need assistance should contact: BJ Nelson-Lynton (812) 283-5313 before Monday, March 4, 2024. Every effort will be made to make reasonable accommodations to these persons.

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COUNTY OF CLARK -SS**

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advertisement was published in said paper for
#(1) time(s) to-wit: In issue of said NEWS AND TRIBUNE**

Dated: 02-24 2024

(X) Candice Henderson

**STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF CLARK**

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

26th day of February 2024

(X) Theresa Wheatbrook
Theresa Wheatbrook



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2024 - 2029 Master Plan Draft Review
Public Input Meeting Sign-In Sheet

March 5, 2024

Clarksville Town Hall



Clarksville Parks

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| Ken Conklin | 8520 Plum Valley Ct. | Sellersburg | 502-471-7398 | kenofkconklin@hotmail.com |
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| Jennifer Voignier | 954 Parkwood Dr. | Clarksville, TN | 812-466-7892 | ya know!! |
| KEVIN BAITY | 2601 2601 SANDY BRADEN CT. | CLARKSVILLE, TN | 812-914-1060 | kbaity@townofclarksville.com |
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| WATE WALLS | 2254 Birch | Clarksville | 502-639-5536 | |
| Sharon Grant | 60 Farley Dr | | 502-475-5706 | |
| Jeffrey Lovin | 6 Virginia Dr. | Jeffersonville | 502-681-6762 | |
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PUBLIC HEARING
Town of Clarksville
FIVE YEAR PARKS MASTER PLAN
March 5, 2024 5:00 PM (LOCAL TIME)

MINUTES

Attendance: See sign-in sheet.

Superintendent BJ Nelson-Lynton, Clarksville Parks and Recreation opened the public hearing for the Town of Clarksville Department of Parks and Recreation at 5PM on Tuesday, March 5, 2024. Ms. Nelson-Lynton introduced Mr. Don. Lopp, Beacon Street Consulting, the Master Plan Consultant to the audience. Mr. Lopp explained the purpose of the meeting was to take public comment on the proposed Five Year Master Plan that was being submitted to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

Mr. Lopp explained that the overall findings and recommendations of the plan that included the expansion of the community's existing trail system, development of a new community center, dog park, and improvements in the areas of accessibility to playgrounds. Additionally, it was noted that the communities' demographics indicated large cohort of seniors and a growing Hispanic community.

Mr. Lopp opened the hearing to any comments from the public.

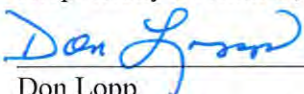
Mr. Brian Kaluzny 1046 Potters Lane: Stated he liked the plan and was interested in the development of the community center.

Mr. Rick Parr 2304 Plum View Drive: Stated he was interested in the development of a community center as well.

There was no further comments.

Mr. Lopp asked if there were any further question. Hearing no further questions from the audience, the hearing was adjourned at 5:32 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Don Lopp
Beacon Street Consulting, LLC



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[Things to Do](#)



[Explore the Future with Our New 5-Year Master Plan](#)

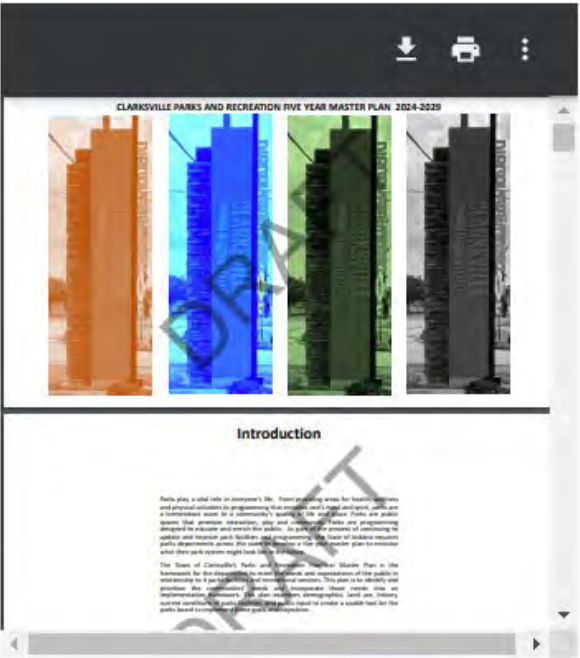
Delve into our exciting vision for the next five years. Uncover our comprehensive strategy for enhancing Clarksville's parks and recreational spaces. Your feedback can help shape our community's future. Click to review the Preliminary 5-Year Master Plan and share your thoughts.

[Shape Our Parks](#)

Master Plan 2024-2029

Unveiling the Preliminary 5-Year Master Plan

Following extensive planning and numerous public consultations, the Clarksville Parks and Recreation Department is excited to unveil the preliminary version of our forthcoming 5-Year Master Plan, covering the period from 2024 to 2029.



[Draft Master Plan Clarksville Parks](#)

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Master Plan Highlights and Community Benefits

Designed to navigate our department's future endeavors, the master plan outlines a variety of key elements. These include a proposed timeline for upgrading park amenities and equipment, a set of strategic objectives for our team, and the findings from a recent needs assessment conducted among the Clarksville community. Additionally, this document is crucial for securing state-level grants and funding in Indiana.

Call for Community Feedback

We strongly encourage all Clarksville community members to engage with the plan and share their feedback or suggestions. Your valuable insights will play a critical role in refining the final version of the master plan.

Join the Public Discussion

To further facilitate community input, we cordially invite you to a public forum scheduled for **5:00 p.m.** on **Tuesday, March 5**, at the **Clarksville Town Hall**. This meeting will be a significant opportunity for you to contribute your perspectives and ideas.

If you're unable to join us at the upcoming public meeting, your input remains invaluable to us. We ensure every voice in our community is heard and considered in shaping the future of Clarksville Parks and Recreation. To make sure you're a part of this process, kindly fill out the form provided below with your feedback and suggestions regarding our Master Plan.

Name

Email

Please rate our Master Plan

- 1 – Very Dissatisfied
- 2 – Dissatisfied
- 3 – Neutral
- 4 – Satisfied
- 5 – Very Satisfied

Ideas for Enhancement?

Send Feedback

Alternatively, you can directly email your comments to gnelson@clarksvilleparks.com or send them via mail to the following address:

Clarksville Parks & Recreation
ATTN: Master Plan Comments
2000 Broadway Street, Suite 221
Clarksville, IN 47129

Every piece of feedback is a step towards enhancing our community's parks and recreational spaces. We look forward to hearing your valuable insights and ideas. Thank you for contributing to the future of Clarksville's Parks and Recreation.

Clarksville asks for input on 5-year parks, recreation master plan draft

ANDREW HARP
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CLARKSVILLE — The Clarksville Parks and Recreation Department released the first draft of its new five-year master plan on Tuesday, which spans 2024-2029.

A master plan is required for the department to obtain grant and funding from the state. The department is asking residents to view the plan and submit comments and suggestions.

Superintendent BJ Nelson Lynton said the department has been creating five-year master plans since the mid-1980s. In August 2023, the department collected public input before the plan was drafted.

A news release said the plan includes things such as a suggested schedule of updates for park facilities and equip-



Provided by Town of Clarksville

The Clarksville Parks and Recreation Department is asking for input for the draft of the five-year master plan.

ment and a list of goals for the department.

One of the major parts of the master plan that Nelson Lynton mentioned was the

creation of a new, dedicated community center. She said the building being used as a center now near the town hall is too small. A new community

center would have more facilities and rooms like an indoor gym and walking track.

Another aspect to the plan was connecting the north

end of Clarksville to central Clarksville through trails that can access areas like Lapping Park and the Ohio River Greenway, and to potentially build another park in the area as well.

“Just to get everything in Clarksville connected would be one of our goals,” she said.

Other items on the plan that Nelson Lynton pointed out was a dog park, more pickleball courts, more baskets and infrastructure for disc golf and more programming for all ages.

Nelson Lynton said that the department can’t always rely on its budget to improve and create new projects, so they do apply for grants to make these happen.

One grant that she said they are now waiting on for a response is a grant through the Indiana Department of Natural Resources that would possibly replace the playground equip-

ment at Ashland Park.

“We can continue to keep everything upgraded,” she said.

She said that a finished master plan will be sent to the state for approval in the next four to six weeks.

Residents are invited to a public meeting at 5 p.m. March 5 at Clarksville’s Town Hall to provide input on the plan.

The resident input will then be used to develop the final version of the master plan. The draft plan is available for public view at ClarksvilleParks.com

Residents who are unable to make the meeting may submit their comments via email to bnelson@clarksvilleparks.com, or mail to:

Clarksville Parks & Recreation, ATTN: Master Plan Comments, 2000 Broadway Street, Suite 221, Clarksville, IN 47129

Clarksville Parks and Recreation asks for community input for 5-year master plan

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**Jamie Mayes** ✉

Reporter

CLARKSVILLE, Ind. —

Staff at Wooded View Golf Course in Clarksville, Indiana, say when golfers book a tee time at their facility, they're coming for more than a game. It's an experience.

"It brings a lot of people together. It brings people from the ages of 9 or 10 years old to guys in their 70's and 80's that are retired," Joey Steinert, Wooded View Golf Course, said. Clarksville Parks Board member Paul Gibson says the town has plans to further connect and improve the livelihood of the community.

"We're wanting to provide more soccer fields, more things for the children," Gibson said.

The Parks and Recreation Department has created the first draft of its new 5-Year Master Plan. Some proposed projects include merging trails from different ends of the town, more programming for all age groups, a dog park, and the development of a new community center.

"There would be activities for the children and for the young adults as well as the seniors," Gibson said.

They're also looking at the possibility of redesigning the Wooded View Golf Course and adding an additional nine holes.

Before a final version of the plan is created, Gibson says it's important to receive more input from local families.

"We keep our ears open to what people are saying, whether there's a negative or positive. We like to hear both," Gibson said.

The master plan is also required in order for the department to obtain grants and/or funding from the State of Indiana.

The Clarksville Parks and Recreation Department is asking Clarksville residents to review the plan and submit any comments or suggestions for the plan. Resident input will be used to develop a final version of the master plan. The department will also host a public meeting at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 5, at Clarksville's Town Hall, to provide an opportunity for public input.

From: [James Hamilton](#)
To: [BJ Nelson-Lynton](#)
Subject: Master Plan Comments 2024-2029
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 11:29:15 AM

Name:
James Hamilton

Email:
chophamilton@gmail.com

Please rate our Master Plan:
3 - Neutral

Idea for Enhancement?:

Good morning, I believe that a " Giant Ferris Wheel " on our side of the river would be a great attraction to the area and produce revenue from Louisville, who will walk across 4th street bridge , ride Ferris wheel with kids/family to look at Kentucky , eat lunch and then walk back .

Placement is key , I think may be down by Widow Walk ice cream parlor??

I also believe it should not be "to close "to the Pedestrian bridge, for confrontational reasons (because some people can not behave)

but also to create a walk way for people to enjoy the stroll along the river to the Attraction and shop or eat along the way.

Thankyou for you time and by the way Paris has a nice wheel !!

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Please rate our Master Plan:
5 - Very Satisfied

Ideas for Enhancement?:
The playground in corydon is amazing! It would be great to have something like that for Clarksville parks.

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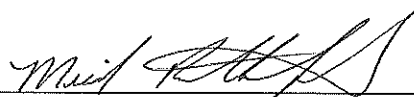
Section 504 Compliance

Board Resolution Adopting 5-Year Master Plan

**ASSURANCE OF ACCESSIBILITY COMPLIANCE WITH:
ARCHITECTURAL BARRIERS ACT of 1968 (As Amended);
SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973 (As Amended);
AND TITLE II OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990
(As Amended)**

The Clarksville Parks and Recreation Board (Applicant) has read the guidelines for compliance with the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 (As Amended); Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (As Amended); and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (As Amended) and will comply with the applicable requirements of these Acts.

SIGNATURE



APPLICANT PRESIDENT

Mick Rutherford

(President's printed name)

SIGNATURE



Paul Gibson

(Secretary's printed name)

DATE 03/13/2024

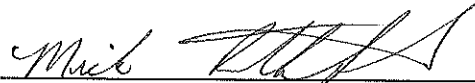
Board Resolution Adopting 5-Year Master Plan

WHEREAS, the Clarksville Parks and Recreation Board is aware of the parks and recreation needs of the residents of Clarksville, Indiana, and

WHEREAS, the Board realizes the importance of sound planning in order to meet the needs of its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CLARKSVILLE PARK AND RECREATION BOARD, by unanimous declaration, does adopt the 2024-2029 Clarksville 5-Year Comprehensive Park and Recreation Master Plan as its official plan for the next five years, for the growth and development of parks and recreational opportunities in Clarksville.

Passed and signed this 13th day of March, 2024.



Mick Rutherford, President



ATTEST: Paul Gibson, Secretary