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Parks & Recreation Master Plan

Paducah, Kentucky

April 15, 2019



Agenda

- Introductions
- Service Area Mapping
- Benchmarking Comparisons
- Survey Review
- Open House Summary
- Stakeholder Groups Summary

Planning Process





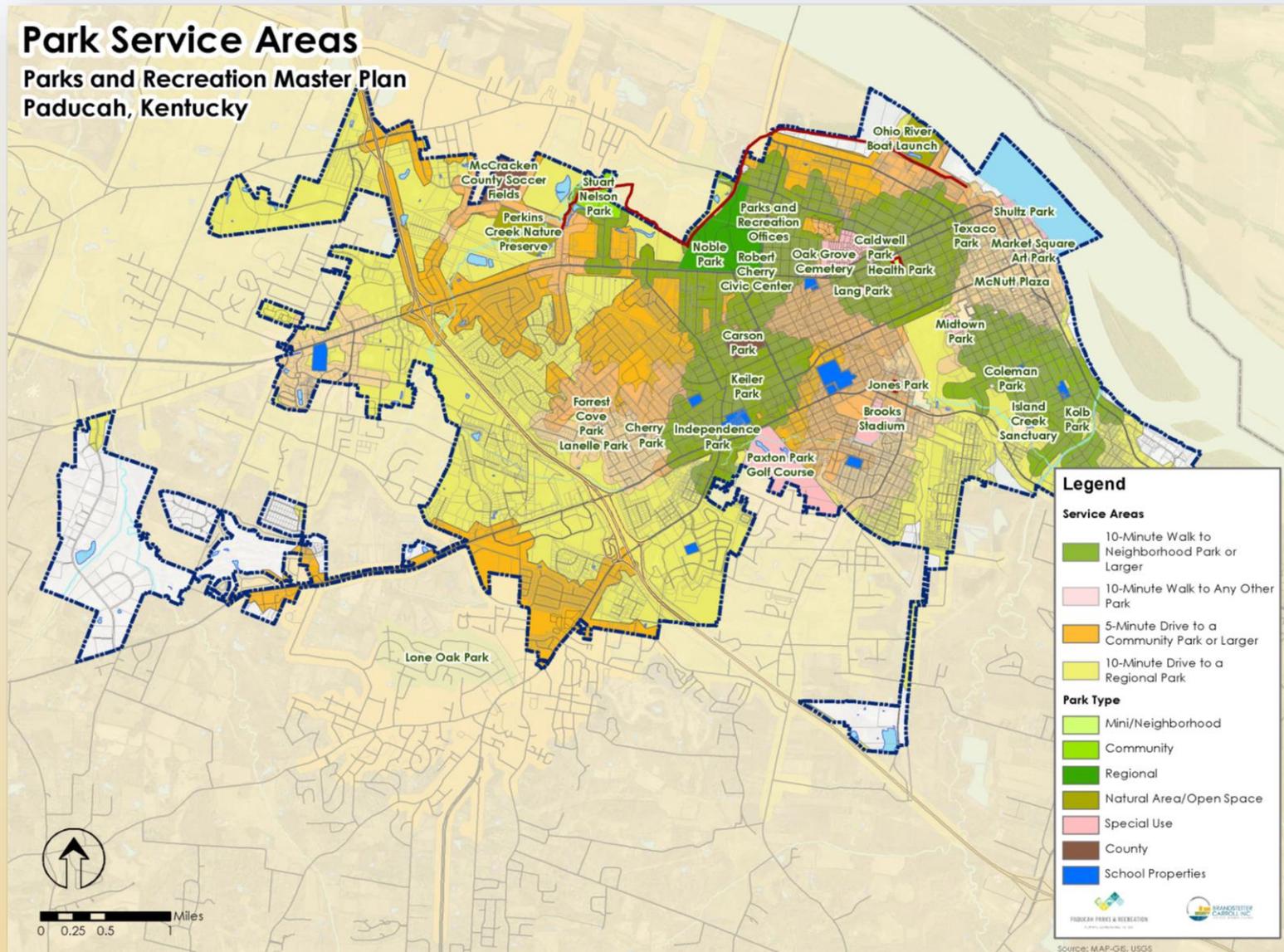
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Park & Facility Service Areas Mapping



Park Service Areas Parks and Recreation Master Plan Paducah, Kentucky

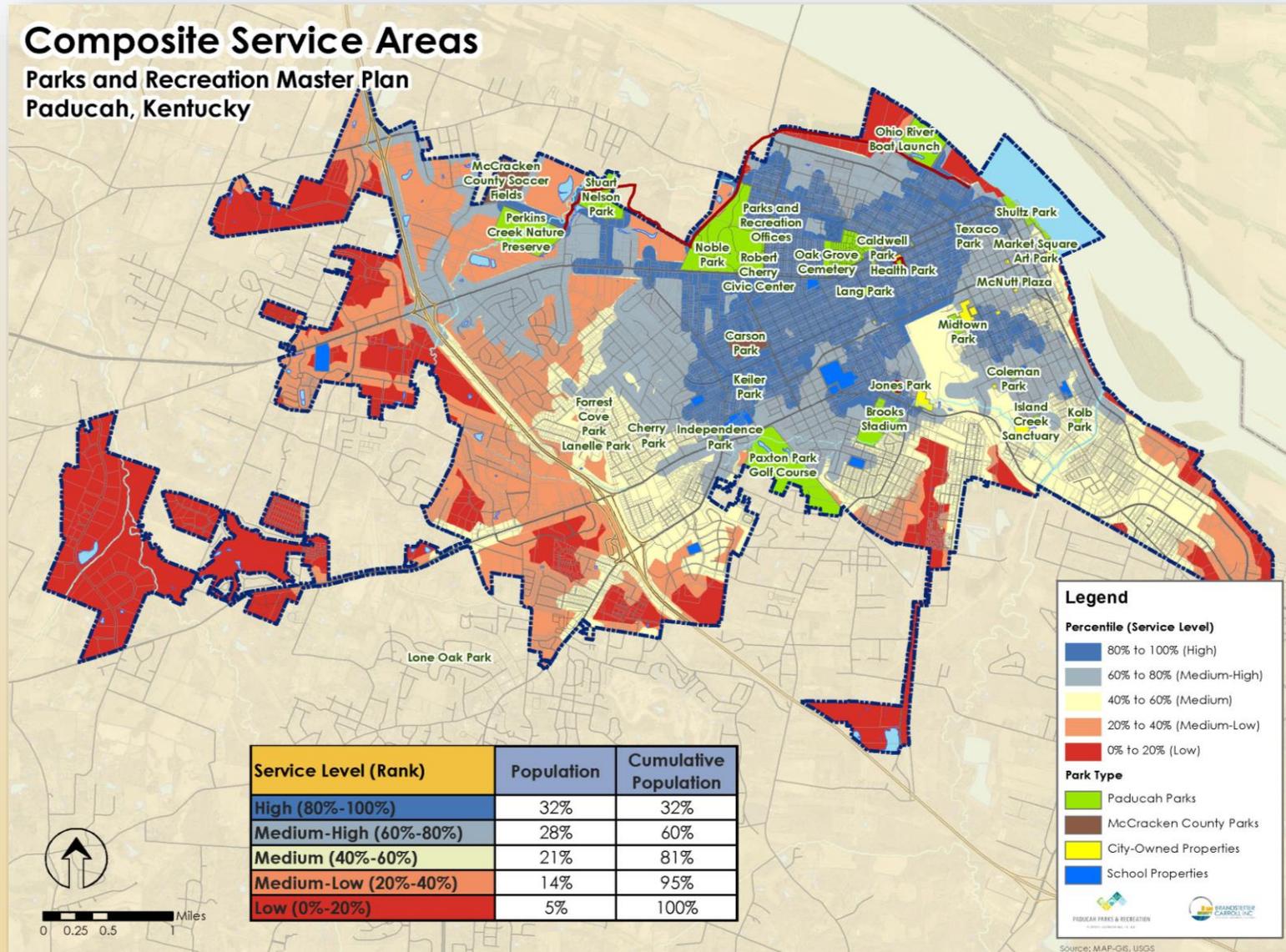


- 31% live within a 10-minute walk of a Neighborhood Park or larger
- 55% live within a 10-minute walk of any park

Composite Service Areas

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- 22 park and facility types included



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Surveys



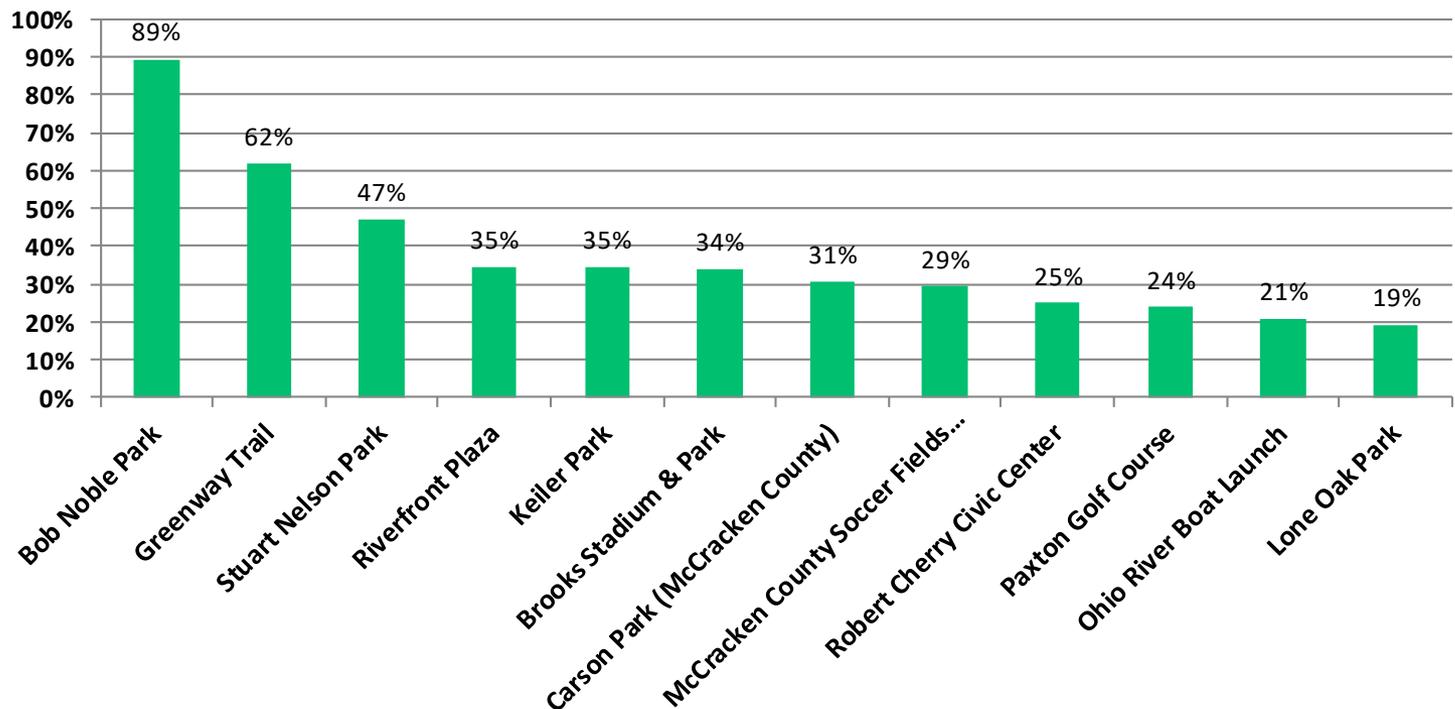
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- Statistically Valid Mail Survey
 - Goal is 600
 - 400 in Paducah
 - 200 in McCracken County (outside of Paducah)
- Web and Handout Survey
 - 1,408 completed so far
 - 46% in Paducah
 - 41% McCracken County (outside of Paducah)
 - 13% Outside of McCracken County

Preliminary Results

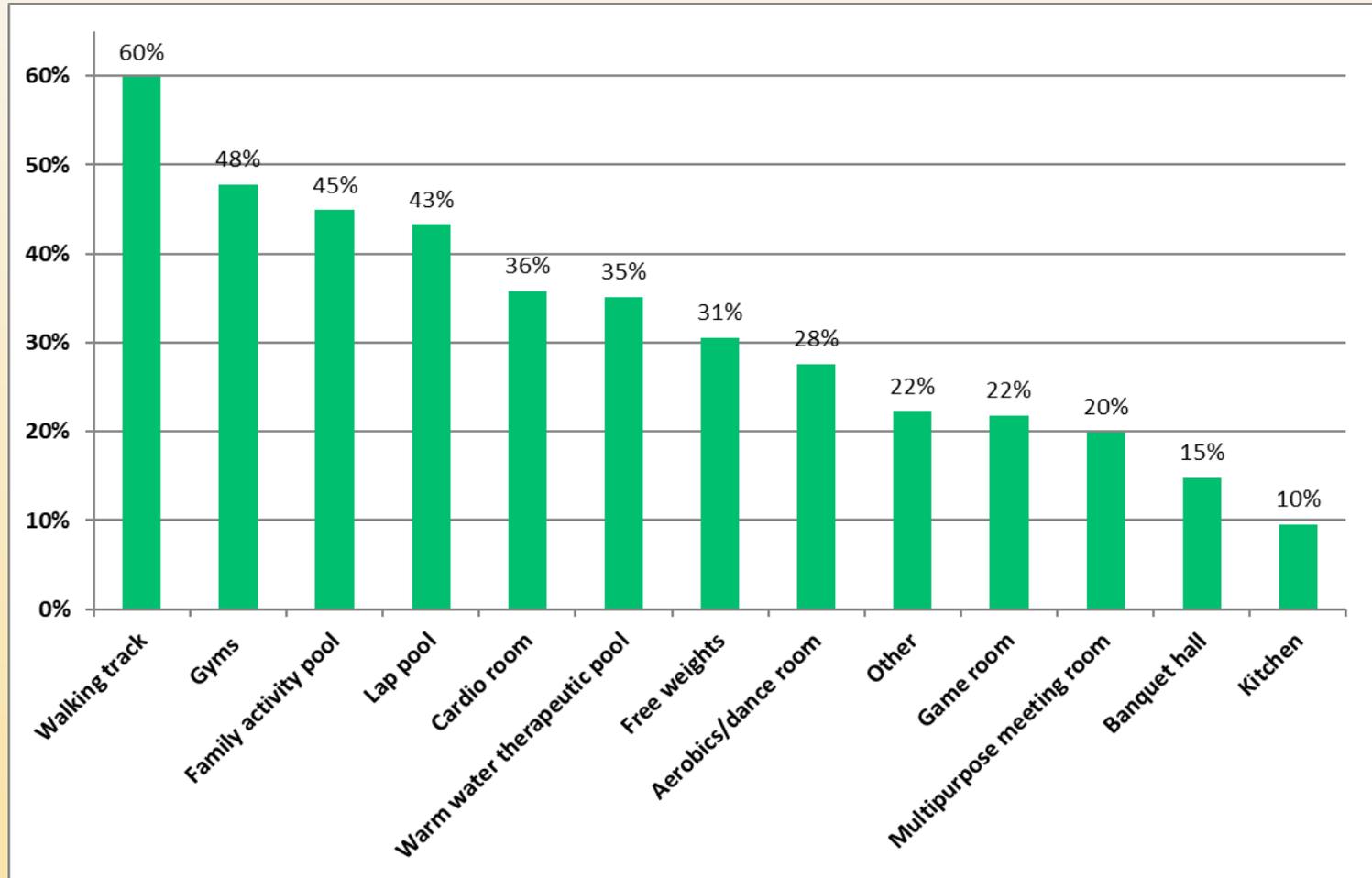
- 96% Visited Parks
- 49% Visited 20 or More Times
- 51% Rated Condition “Good,” 28% “Fair,” 14% “Excellent,” and 7% “Poor”

Parks and facilities visited in the past year



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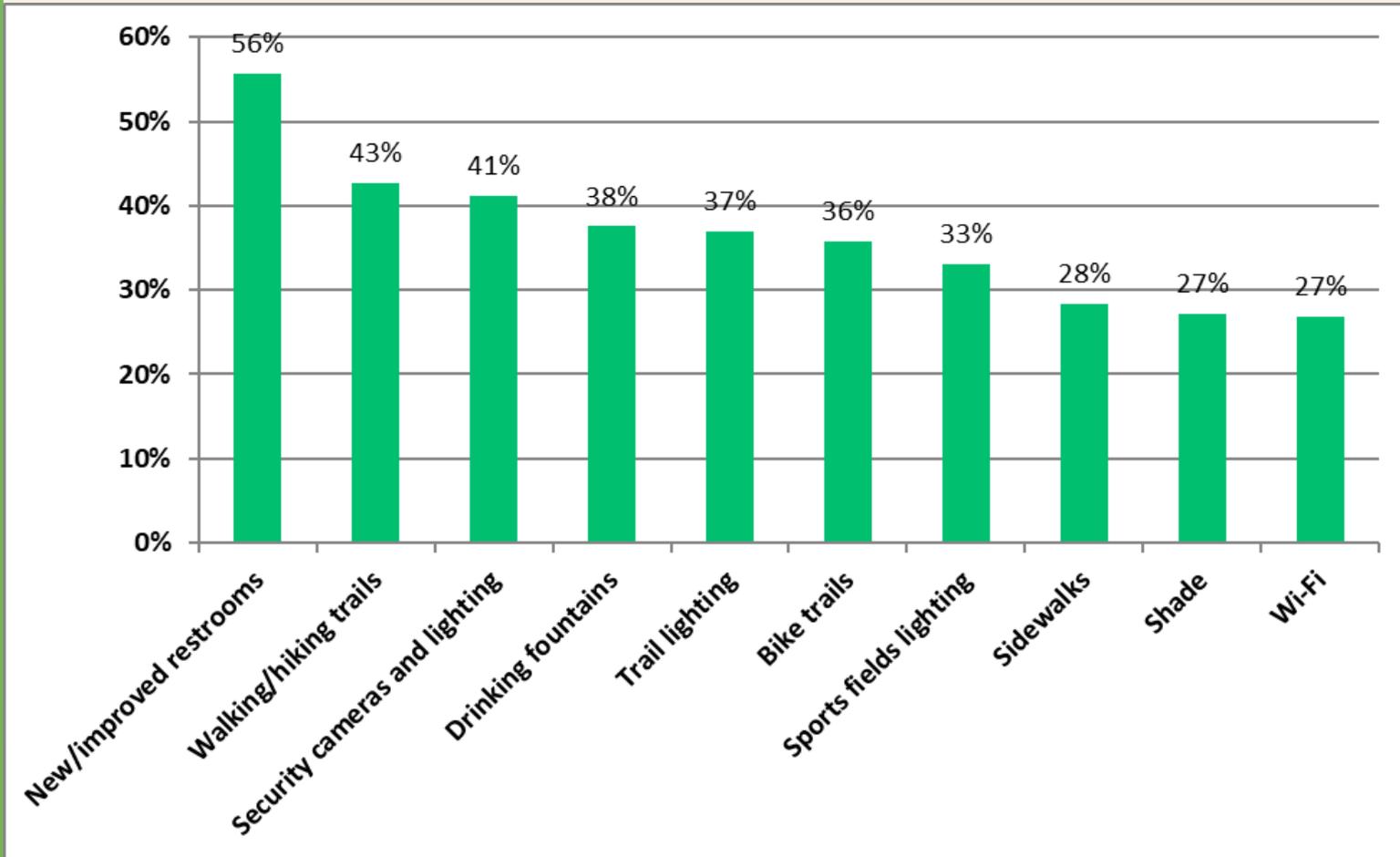
- Facilities that would be used at a new recreation center



- Other: Not needed, field space, pickleball, ice rink

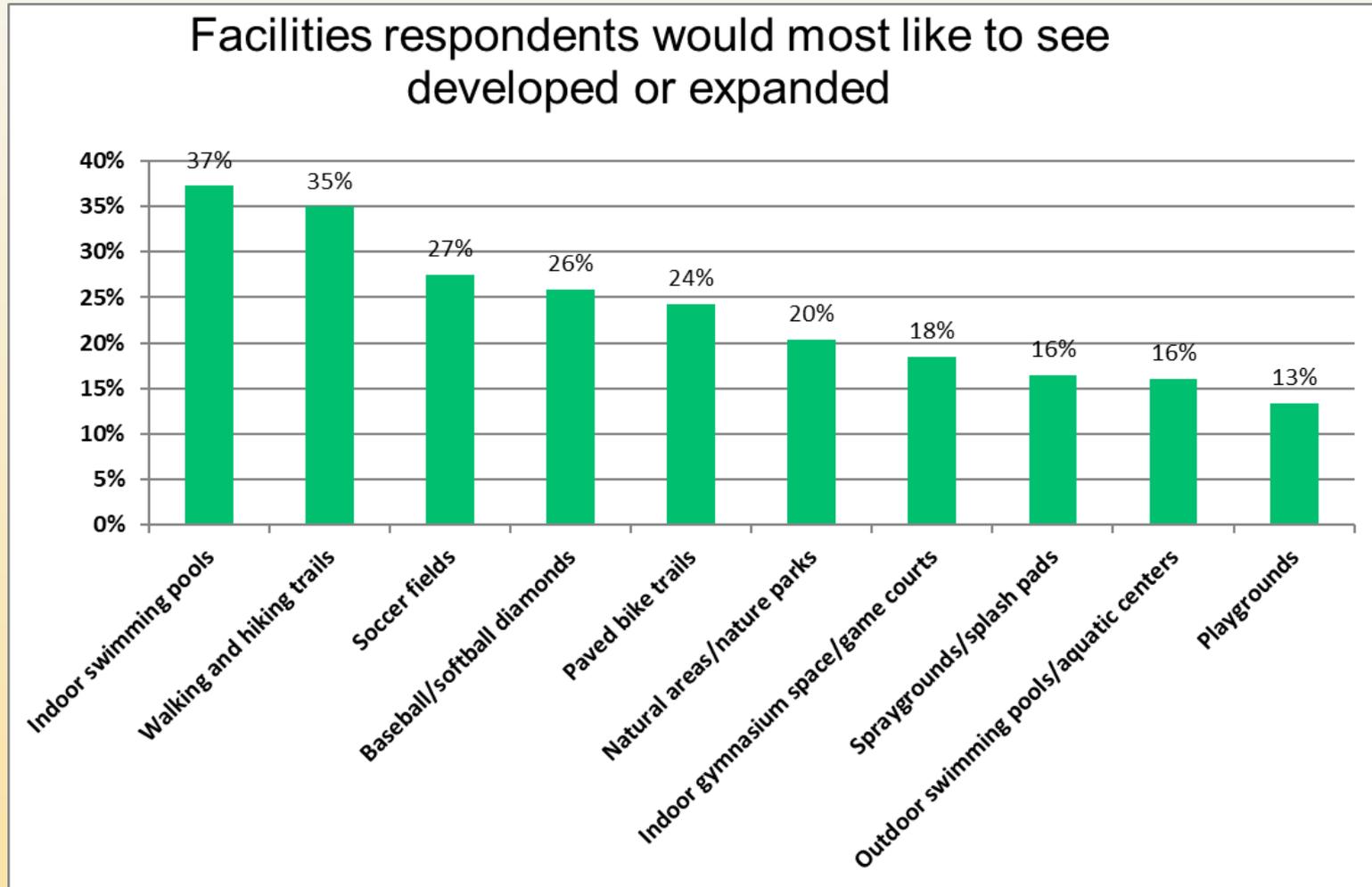
Preliminary Results

- Preferred upgrades to existing parks (top 10)



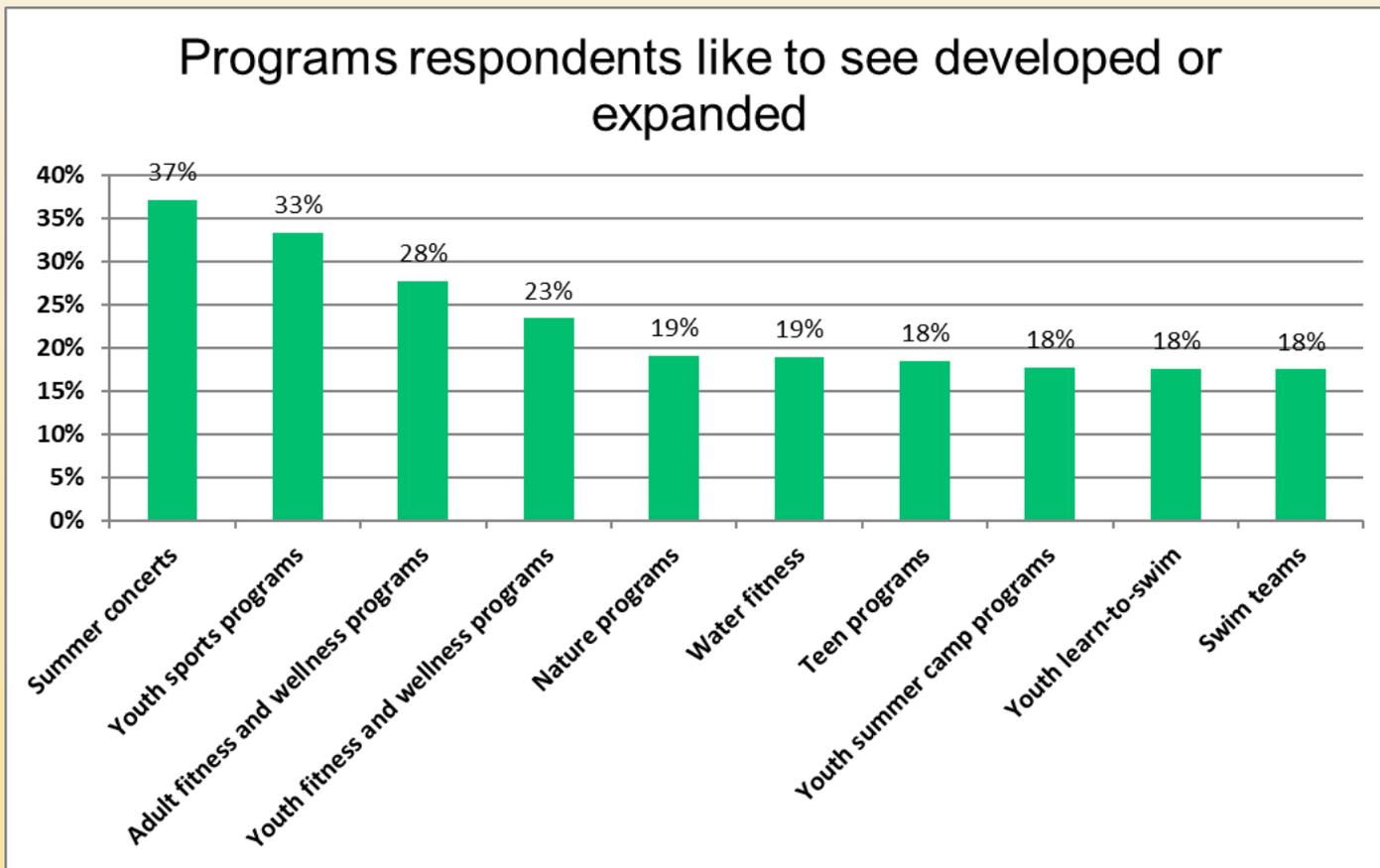
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- Facilities to develop or expand (Top 10)



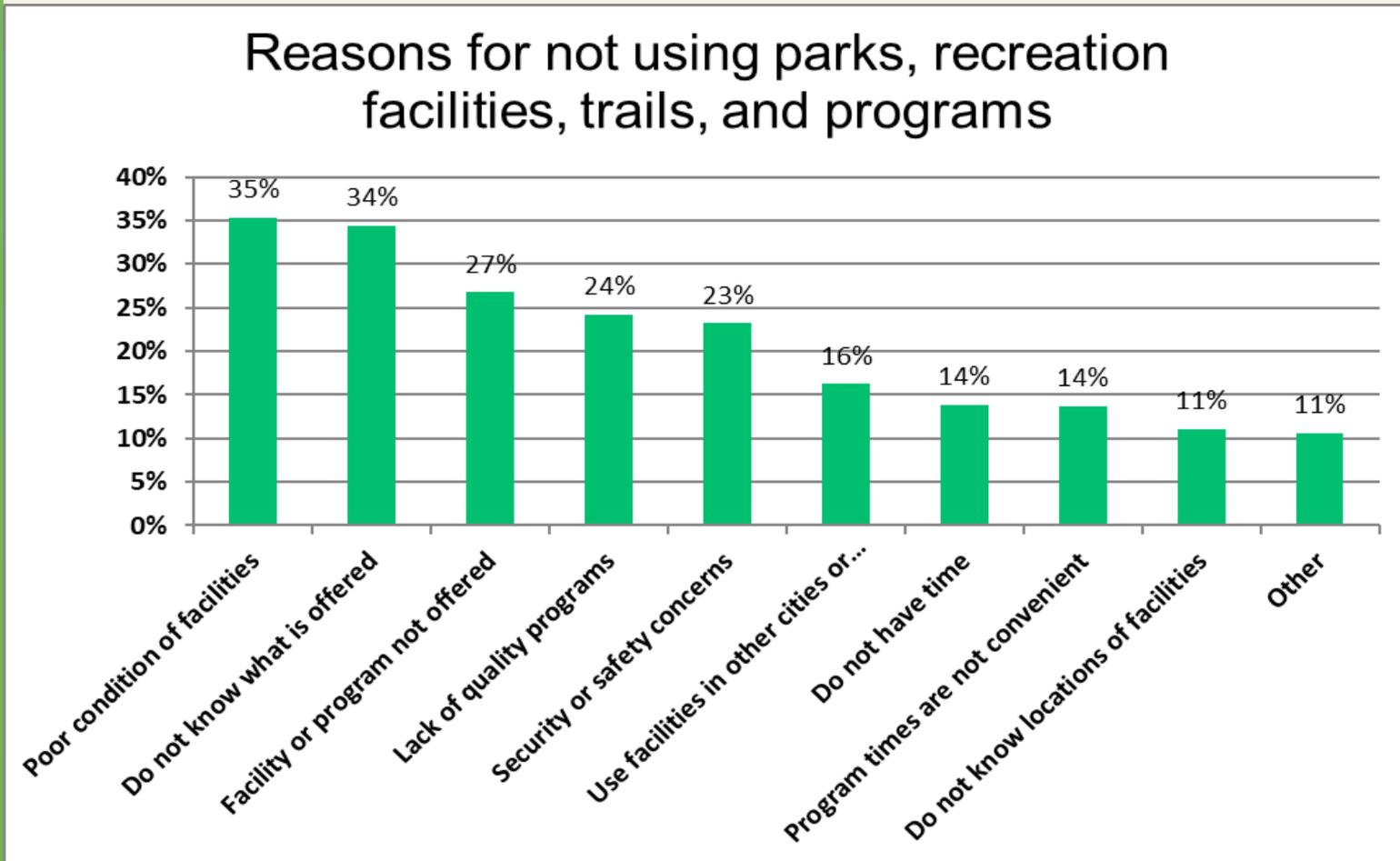
Preliminary Results

- 39% Used Programs
- 51% Rated Condition “Good,” 25% “Fair,” 19% “Excellent,” and 5% “Poor”
- Programs to develop or expand (Top 10):



Preliminary Results

- Reasons for not Using Parks, facilities, and programs (Top 5)



- Other: lack of facilities, maintenance, safety



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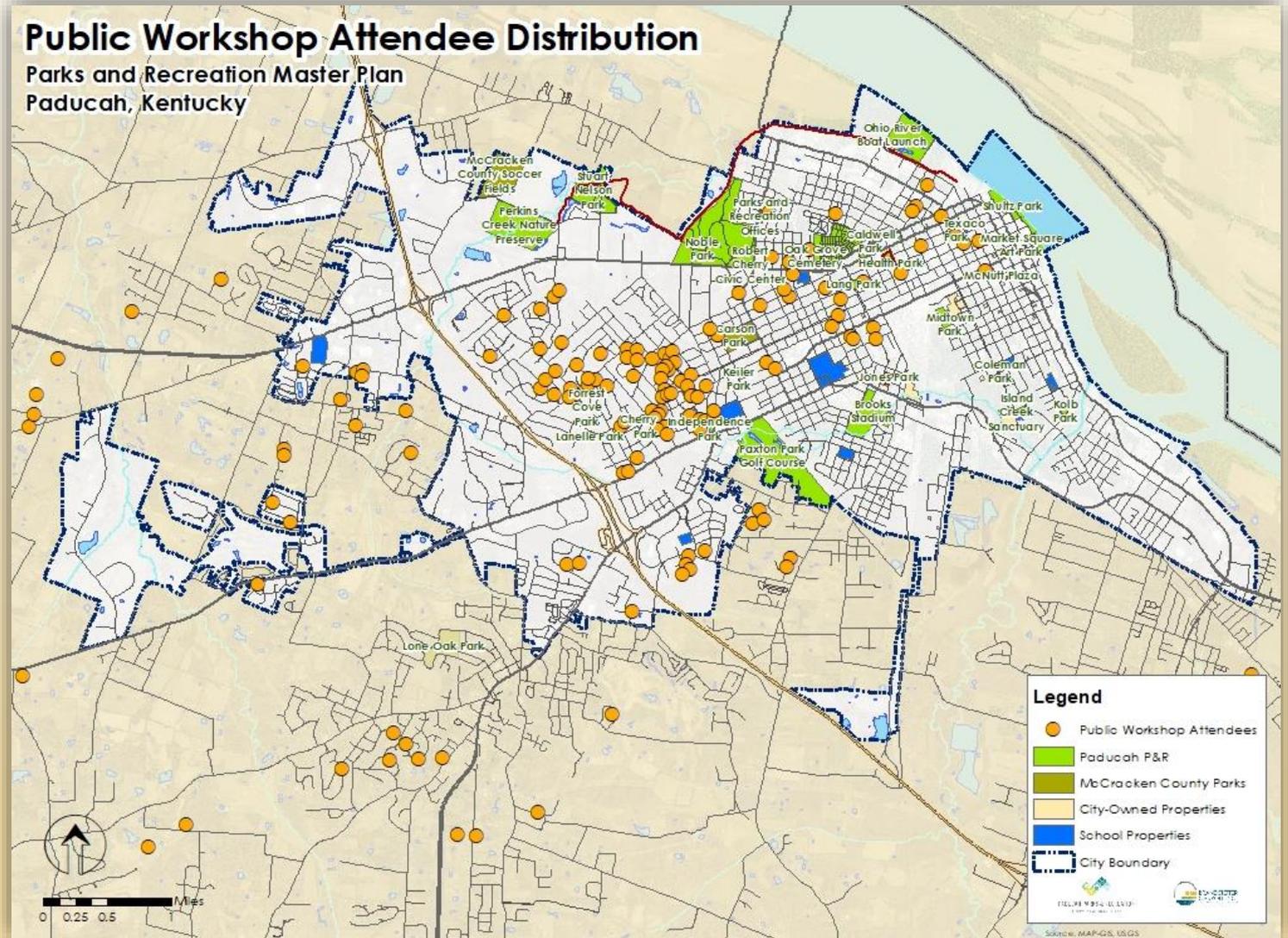
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Open House



Attendees

- Over 180 residents of Paducah and McCracken County in attendance



Dollar Voting

Action (Box Title)	Total
Develop an indoor pool	18%
Build new athletic fields	17%
Build new walking and biking trails	12%
Upgrade existing parks and facilities	10%
Develop a recreation center	9%
Upgrade Noble Park Pool	9%
Restore natural areas	7%
Build new parks (including land acquisition)	6%
Expand program offerings	4%
Other	8%
Total	100%

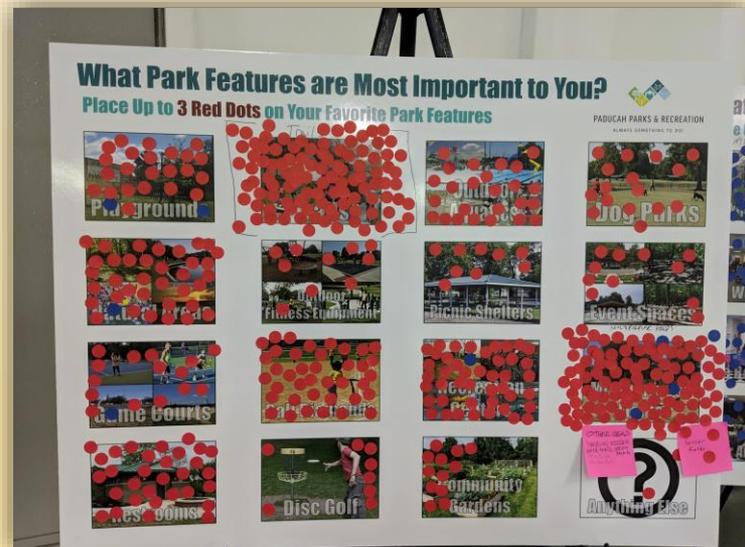
- Top “Other” Responses
 - Paxton Park
 - Wall for public art
 - Indoor/outdoor fields
 - Pickleball courts

282 Participants at open house and Egg Hunt event



Features Board

Feature	Count
Trails	103
Multipurpose Fields	103
Recreation Centers	45
Ball Diamonds	39
Natural Areas	37
Restrooms/Concessions	30
Aquatics	25
Playgrounds	25
Dog Parks	16
Game Courts	16
Community Gardens	12
Event Space	11
Outdoor Fitness Equipment	10
Picnic Shelters	9
Disc Golf	8
Other	2
Total	491
Participants	164



Recreation Center Board

Recreation Center Feature	Count
Indoor Field Space	132
Lap Pool	68
Walking Track	57
Game Courts/Gymnasiums	46
Family Activity Pool	35
Fitness Equipment	24
Warm Water Therapy Pool	22
Aerobics/Dance Rooms	17
Free Weights	15
Game Room	15
Senior Area	14
Theater	8
Multipurpose Meeting Rooms	7
Banquet Room	7
Kitchen	6
Other	2
Total	475
Participants	158



Station Discussions – Parks & Facilities

- What would make them better? (# of comments)
 - Athletic Fields (95)
 - Soccer Fields (57)
 - Athletic Complex (54)
 - Diamond Fields (27)
 - Aquatics (27)
 - Tournaments (21)



Station Discussions – Programs and Events

- What would make them better? (# of comments)
 - More Programs (28)
 - Athletic Programs (16)
 - Programs at Amphitheater (14)
 - Tournaments (13)
 - More Funding/Staffing (8)





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Stakeholder Meetings



Stakeholder Groups

- Sports Groups
 - Running
 - Cycling
 - Travel Baseball & Softball
 - Swimming
 - Tennis
 - Pickleball
 - Youth Football
 - Disc Golf
 - Mountain Bike Team
 - Youth Volleyball
 - Adult Volleyball
- McCracken County Soccer
- Pumas FC
- Partner Organizations
 - Paducah City Schools
 - Paxton Park
 - Brooks Stadium
- Other Organizations
 - LaNelle Park-West End Neighborhood Association

Stakeholder Top Recommendations

- Upgrade all parks
- Outdoor Sports Complex
 - Fields at the Info Age Park
 - Improved baseball/softball fields
- Improved Stuart Nelson Park – Fields, paved parking, disc golf
- Indoor Recreation Center
 - Track, basketball and volleyball courts, pools, meeting rooms, fitness areas
- Year-round swimming facility
 - 50 meter lanes, deep water diving area, warm-water pool, family pool, spectator area
- Continue the Greenway Trail; extend south
- Linkages between parks, schools, and neighborhoods – trails and sidewalks, safe routes to schools and parks
- Paved loop trail in Noble Park
- Trail around Info Age Park
- Lighted trails

Stakeholder Top Recommendations

- Year-round tennis facility; more outdoor courts
- Pickleball courts; some lighted
- P&R Dept. helps to coordinate and promote all sports activities
- A City football field with access to water, ice, and cool room
- The City is more beautiful with flowers and trees at every park
- Paxton Golf Course erosion abatement, assist with equipment replacement
- LaNelle Park as a passive native species park
- New outdoor spray park and pool
- More adult programs
- Programs for healthy living
- More/expanded mountain bike trails
- Growth of volleyball, disc golf, tennis, pickleball running, cycling, soccer, baseball, softball, etc.