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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Need for a Plan

Located about an hour west of Dallas in Parker County, Weatherford provides a diverse park system and unique features, services, and events that draw regional participation. While Weatherford has seen steady population growth over the past 20 years, continued growth is expected. To support this growth and preserve natural features, the city must evaluate its existing services, including Parks, Recreation, and Special Events. The age and high usage of the recreation facilities offered by the city underscores the need for improvement to existing amenities and measured development of parkland to best serve this growing and diversifying population. As a replacement to the *2016 Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan,* this new plan will evaluate the progress made since then and provide guidance for the next 5 to 10 years.

This *2023 Weatherford Parks, Recreation, and Special Events Master Plan* will be critical to the city's future as it clarifies the department's own responsibilities and needs, as well as what partnerships can be leveraged to best deliver parks, facilities, and recreational choices to the citizens. Meant to instill focus, establish priorities, and inspire action, this Master Plan was produced with guidance from an active steering committee appointed by city staff. It is supported by robust data collection, including hours of in-person engagement, and affirms the special potential that the Weatherford Parks, Recreation, and Special Events Department has to be the community's primary provider of recreation facilities and experiences.

Changing community needs, development goals, and operational feasibility are all reasons enough for producing a future-forward plan. Communities across Texas are continuing to invest in their strained park systems in reaction to increased demand brought on by the 2020 pandemic. At the state level, unprecedented demand from Texans from all walks of life are seeking solace in nature and the outdoors.[1] Even before the pandemic, in response to the free fishing day held in 2019, Parker County Extension Agent Jay Kingston states, "…it is getting more and more important to keep youth linked to nature and our environment".[2] As civic spaces, parks act as operational hubs for addressing chronic issues like physical inactivity and poor health. Having even a simple connection to nature can relieve stress, improve mental health, and provide opportunities for interpersonal interaction.[3] Exposure to parks and greenspace can improve physical and mental health while providing nature-based alternatives for upstream health promotion.[4]

As the pandemic wanes, the increasing demand for outdoor and recreation spaces has remained high, adding stress to existing parks and outdoor infrastructure across the country.[5] This Master Plan reinforces the critical role parks and recreation plays in Weatherford and is essential for building a strong and vibrant community.

Existing Conditions of Parks and Recreation in Weatherford

Due to the nature of the existing park system in Weatherford, it is necessary to classify the parks according to their functions. A park system should be evaluated as a composite of recreation areas with each meeting a particular public need; the system should provide a combination of smaller neighborhood parks, larger community parks, and special use parks. For all residents, whatever their background, parks help provide a variety of passive and active outdoor recreational opportunities. Proximity to these valuable resources invariably improves community health and wellness, not to mention create more adaptable, robust local economies.[6]

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Weatherford maintains nearly 850 acres of parkland making up 32 parks including historical sites and an athletic complex. In addition to city parks, Weatherford residents also have access to various public and private recreation areas both in and near the city.

Demographic and Benchmarking Analysis

A strong, proactive approach to department operations requires knowledge and understanding of community demographics. The findings of this Master Plan (Chapter 2) show that the population has steadily grown over the past 20 years with projected growth into 2030, and diversity of the population has increased. The senior population (age 65+) will continue to be larger than the state but lower than Parker County.

The analysis of existing conditions includes a benchmark comparison to 39 similar agencies using the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) Park Metrics database. The benchmarking analysis shows the city has lower service ratios (per 10,000 population) for tennis courts, pickleball courts, adult softball fields, and rectangular fields. The swimming pool, dog parks, and youth softball fields have the most strain.

Service Area Analysis (Gaps)

Maps of service areas for various parks and facilities were used to identify "Service Gaps" or underserved areas within Weatherford. Maps were also created to illustrate levels of access to various park categories and facilities.

A composite service areas map shows the overall level of service for parks and facilities, ranked from high to low, in turn revealing spaces of need and opportunity. Dark shades of blue indicate high service levels, while red areas show the areas with the lowest level of service to parks and facilities. As shown in the graphic below, 37% of Weatherford residents live within the low to medium-low service areas and 31% live within the high to medium-high service area.

Combining the composite service areas with the socially vulnerable areas, the priority investment areas became clear. The portions of the city identified through this combined map may need special consideration for park improvements, including additional features or potentially new parks. The "very high" areas are those with a combination of low or medium-low service levels and high or medium-high social vulnerability. The "high" category represents areas that are medium in both measurements.

Service Level	Population	Cumulative Population
High	11%	11%
Medium-High	20%	30%
Medium	33%	63%
Medium-Low	28%	91%
Low	9%	100%

Overall, Weatherford has a medium level of service for some type of park access whether that be a Weatherford property or another type of recreation area. The analysis highlights a need for park investment in the periphery portions of the city and particularly where future development is anticipated.

A Citizen Driven Plan

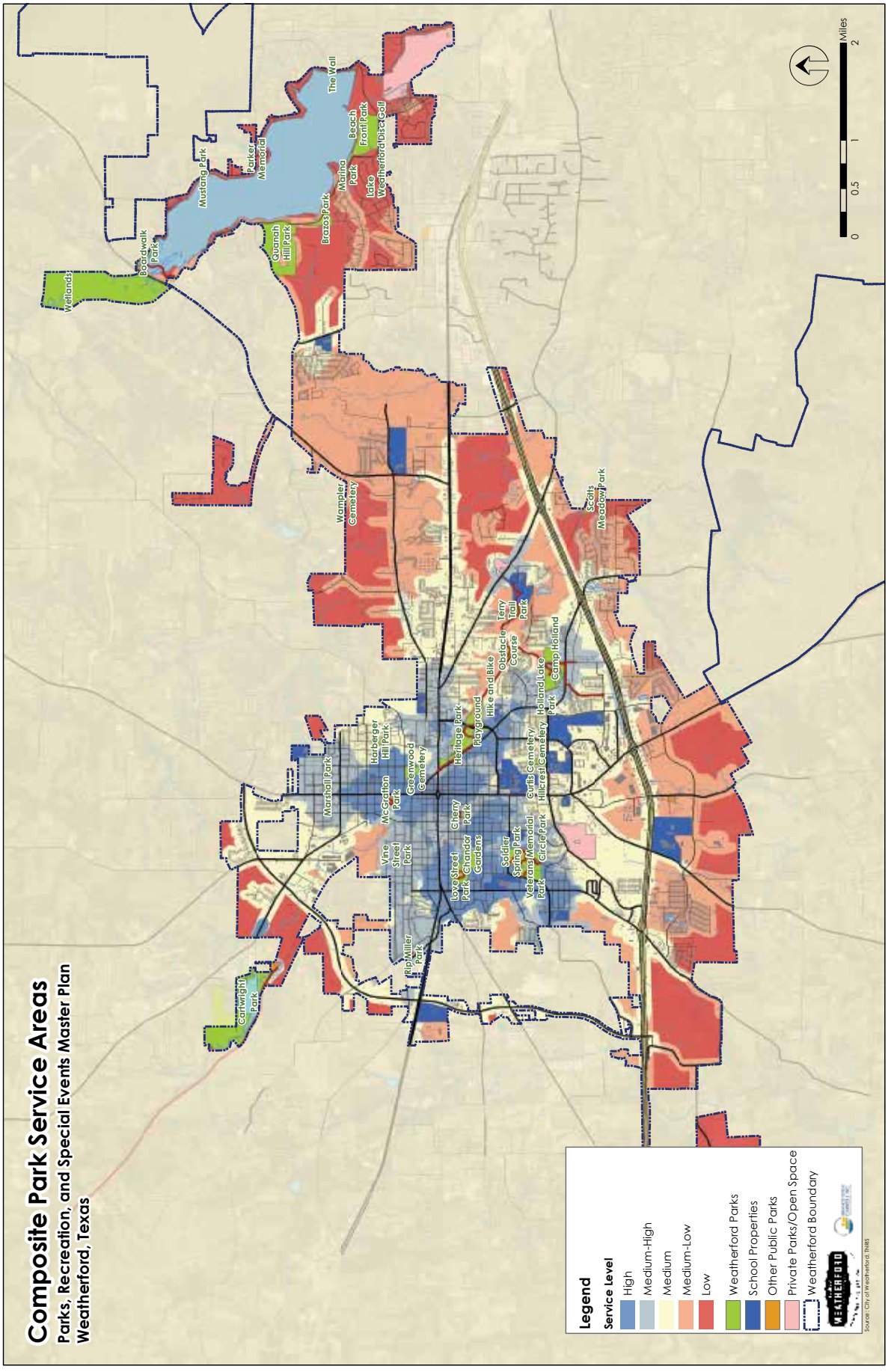
To make informed decisions moving forward, Weatherford needs meaningful public input in addition to robust statistical and performance analysis. Including resident participation in the planning process gives actual park users a means to share their individual needs, perceptions, concerns, and desires for the park system they themselves use. This Master Plan process utilized several methods to connect with the community.

As the city begins to implement this plan, sustained efforts will be necessary to continuously solicit public feedback about development projects; allowing direct participation whenever possible will ensure the community feels heard and has pride in their parks. Engagement efforts should be flexible and creative, utilizing tools like on-site feedback and interactive online platforms.

The summary below indicates the various ways the public was involved throughout this Master Plan process.

Engagement Summary

1. A public workshop open house held on June 1st, 2022 at Weatherford Heritage Park allowed attendees to learn more about the Master Plan and provide input on three general topics – "Parks and Facilities," "Trails and Natural Areas," and "Programs and Special Events."
2. Meetings with stakeholder groups (June 2022) representing:
   - Recreation Center Committee
   - Chandor Garden Foundation
   - Weatherford Pickleball
   - Weatherford Disc Golf
   - Mountain Bike Club
   - Weatherford Little League
   - Weatherford Adult Softball
   - Weatherford Soccer Association
   - McGratton Skatepark Users
   - Parker County Tennis
   - Parks Board
3. A web-based survey – available from spring to fall of 2022 and powered by Survey Monkey – completed by 2,755 respondents (about 9% of the total City of Weatherford population)


Composite Park Service Areas
Parks, Recreation, and Special Events Master Plan
Weatherford, Texas
Legend
Service Level
High
Medium-High
Medium
Medium-Low
Low
Weatherford Parks
School Properties
Other Public Parks
Private Parks/Open Space
Weatherford Boundary
Miles
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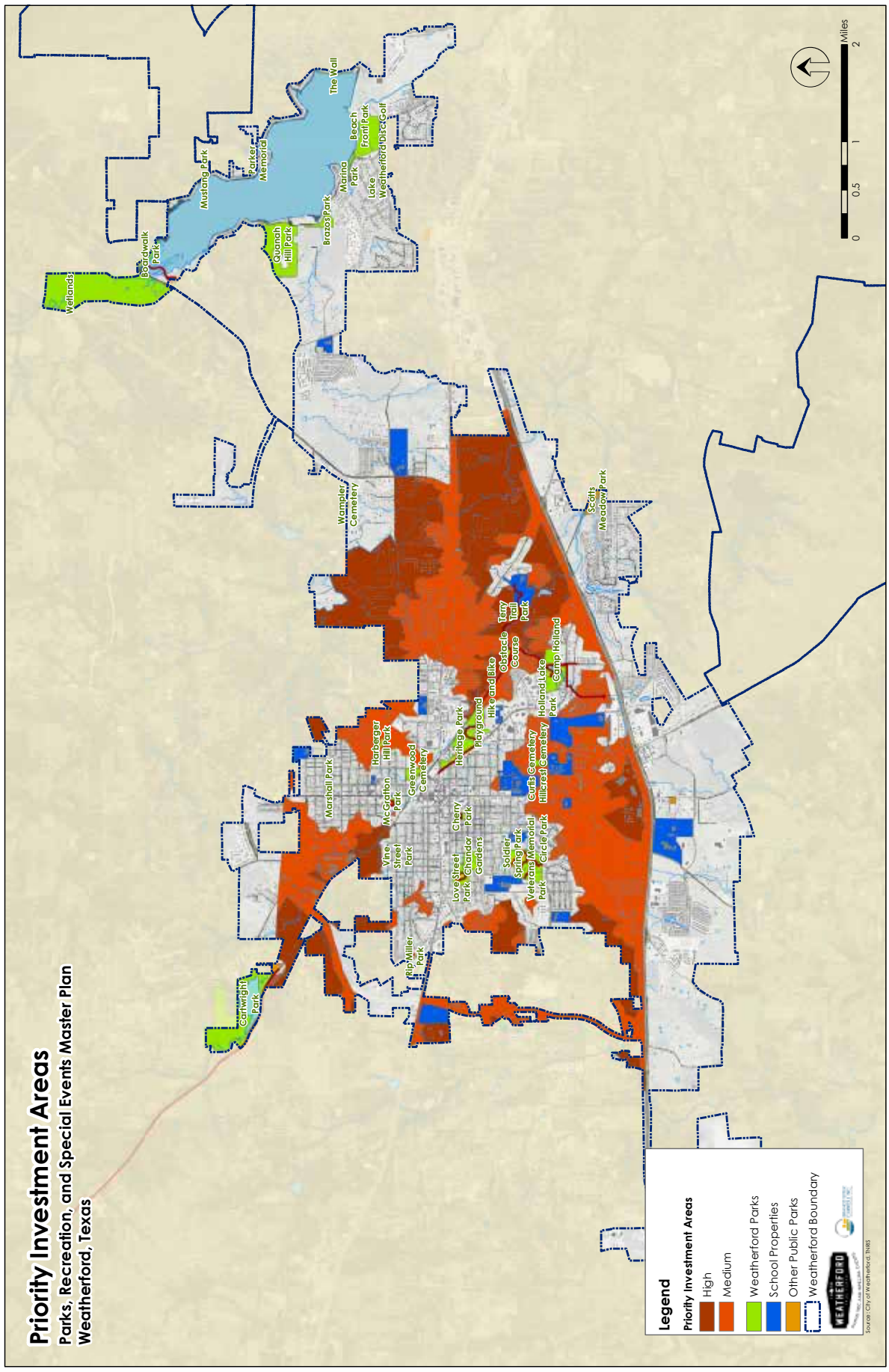
2
The Wall
Beach Front Park
Parker Memorial
Mustang Park
Marina Park
Lake Weatherford Disc Golf
Brazos Park
Quanah Hill Park
Boardwalk Park
Wetlands
Wampler Cemetery
Scott's Meadow Park
Terry Trail Park
Obstacle Course
Hike and Bike
Playground
Heritage Park
Holland Lake Park
Camp Holland
Harberger Hill Park
Greenwood Cemetery
Curtis Cemetery
Hillcrest Cemetery
Marshall Park
McCrachon Park
Cherry Park
Vine Street Park
Love Street Park
Chandor Gardens
Soldier Spring Park
Veterans Memorial Park
Circle Park
Rip Miller Park
Cartwright Park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What Weatherford Residents Said

Information gathered from these public input methods were used to identify the needs of Weatherford residents.

Stakeholder Groups

Upgraded Facilities

- Additional site amenities
- Ballfield improvements
- Improvements to traffic flow at parks
- Tennis and pickleball court improvements

New Facilities

- Recreation center
- Skatepark
- Diamond fields
- Soccer fields
- Dedicated pickleball courts
- Disc golf expansion
- More mountain bike trails

Implementation of Chandor Gardens Plan

- Increase parking availability
- Indoor event/visitor center
- Welcome center with retail space

Connectivity & Wayfinding

- More trails
- Informational signage throughout trails - Quanah Hill, Holland Lake
- Connect trails to park system

Tournament Level Facilities

- Large complex with tournament quality facilities
- Artificial turf
- Shade
- Irrigated fields
- Concessions, restrooms, offices

Operations

- Regular field need assessments
- Analyze cost to operate additional fields and tournament level complexes

Survey Results

Visitation

According to the survey, 45% of the respondents visited parks 20 or more times. The most visited parks in the past year include Holland Lake Park, Cherry Park, and Heritage Park followed by Lake Weatherford Parks and Cartwright Park.

Physical Condition

Most households (71%) rated facility conditions as good or excellent with only 3% rating them as poor. These results indicate overall satisfaction with the condition of facilities, but they also show some room for improvement.

Types of Investment Desired

Respondents indicated playgrounds, basketball courts, picnic shelters, large community parks, and natural areas need revitalization. Respondents also indicated water fitness programs, swim lessons/swim team, special needs programs, and teen programs need additional capacity or times. Along with investment in existing facilities and programs, respondents identified which new recreation opportunities they would like to see:

New Development of Facilities

1. Swimming pools (indoor)
2. Gymnasium/court space
3. Fitness equipment/obstacle course (outdoor)
4. Community recreation center
5. Pickleball & volleyball courts

New Development of Programs

1. Special needs programs
2. Teen programs
3. Age 50+ programs
4. Art, dance, performing arts (adult)
5. Fitness and wellness programs (youth)

Learning about Activities

The preferred method for learning about happenings at parks and recreation facilities is by far social networking (79%) and the Weatherford website (72%). The department should continue to utilize social media and keep the website current to maintain positive communication.

Engagement Key Findings

Results indicate that generally the Weatherford community desires:

- Upgrades and improvements to existing parks and facilities – playgrounds, ADA accessible spaces, Cherry Park pool, disc golf expansion
- Improvements to existing athletic fields - diamond fields and multipurpose fields
- Connectivity and trails – new trails, mountain biking, signage and wayfinding

- New spaces and facilities – indoor recreation space & gymnasiums, indoor pool, skatepark, pickleball courts
- Expanded programming and events – youth & adult sports, nature programs, teen programming, special needs programs, fitness programs, aquatic programs, art/performing arts, and age 50+ programs
- Support amenities – restrooms, more shade, improved wayfinding

Vision, Mission, and Values for Parks and Recreation in Weatherford

Weatherford and the steering committee, with support from the planning team, worked to craft a strategic plan. This facet of the document solidifies the daily purpose of the agency, its guiding values, and the long-term view of success.

Vision

Connecting the community through innovative and amazing experiences

Mission

Enhance quality of life through exceptional programs, parks, and facilities

Values

Community — Providing events, activities, and facilities that help build relationships

Health — Promoting community health and wellness through accessible parks and programs

Opportunity — Ensuring lifelong recreation experiences for all

Innovation — Leading the industry with creative and engaging opportunities

Goals & Objectives

The following goals and objectives will guide the operations, improvements, and services in parks and recreation in Weatherford over the next 5-10 years.

Goal 1: State-of-the-Art Spaces

Offer excellent facilities that inspire play and enjoyment

Objective 1.1 – **Places:** Provide innovative parks and facilities that activate spaces and engage the community

Objective 1.2 – **Amenities:** Pursue responsive development and strategic replacement of structures and support features

Objective 1.3 – **Stewardship:** Employ sustainable practices to ensure continued community access to nature

Goal 2: Continuous Connections

Build physical and social connections throughout the entire community

Objective 2.1 – **Gathering:** Offer accessible and inviting opportunities for community interaction

Objective 2.2 – **Connecting:** Improve connections to parks, schools, and popular destinations

Objective 2.3 – **Engaging:** Continuously determine and respond to the community's evolving needs

Goal 3: Exceptional Experiences

Provide a wide and growing array of experiences that promote community fun and health

Objective 3.1 – **Events:** Collaborate to provide year-round possibilities for interaction, fun, & learning

Objective 3.2 – **Wellness:** Encourage exploration & growth through multi-generational physical and educational opportunities

Objective 3.3 – **Collaboration:** Accommodate partner organizations to optimize services and programs

Goal 4: Adaptable Administration

Employ strong leadership to direct an engaged workforce

Objective 4.1 – **Structure:** Encourage and empower valued staff

Objective 4.2 – **Operations:** Implement clear performance standards and training practices for quality and flexibility

Objective 4.3 – **Funding:** Explore creative operational practices and funding strategies to ensure action and improvement

Systemwide Recommendations

Public input (Chapter 3) and a needs assessment (Chapter 2) together informed the recommendations for improvements outlined in Chapters 5 and 6. The following items are the top priorities determined by the Master Plan process along with regular consultation with the steering committee.

1. Upgrade and improve existing parks and facilities
2. Improve and add support features throughout the park system (e.g., restrooms, seating, shade, parking, and landscaping)
3. Ensure ADA accessibility throughout the park system
4. Develop an indoor recreation center after determining the ultimate size and elements offered as well as the city's contribution to its development
5. Continue to partner with the Chandor Gardens Foundation to implement the Chandor Gardens Master Plan to ensure this historic property reaches its

highest potential

Key elements include:

- Parking area (Phase I)
- Maintenance building & infrastructure (Phase II)
- Welcome center w/ parking (Phase III)
- Event center (Phase IV)
- Hilltop garden, amphitheater, visual art studios, connection to Dubellette St (Phase V & VI)

6. Upgrade and modernize athletic fields and corresponding facilities
7. Add, upgrade, and replace playground equipment throughout the park system
8. Replace the skatepark at McGratton Park (or potentially relocate it to Love Street)
9. Add and improve game courts, especially pickleball and tennis, to meet the community's needs
10. Evaluate opportunities to add trails at parks and identify potential trail linkages throughout the community
11. Prepare a feasibility study for the development of a sports tournament complex to support residents and promote tourism; consider alternatives to meet growing field needs
12. Adjust event and program offerings in response to community feedback and changing needs
13. Utilize a standardized process to evaluate the success of all events and programs
14. Continuously engage the community throughout implementation of this Master Plan
15. Ensure staffing levels meet the needs of the park system as it evolves and grows – programming and operations
16. Continue to seek and utilize partnerships to maximize offerings and avoid duplication
17. Consider creating a parks foundation to raise funds, organize volunteers, and see grants for the whole park system
18. Consider developing existing (under or undeveloped) parkland as a neighborhood parks (to meet a variety of needs and improve access to parks
19. Include technological updates with the renovation and addition of new facilities such as Wi-Fi, electrical hook ups, and lighting
20. Strategically and consistently place signage (entrance, wayfinding, etc.) within the park system

The top 10 improvements for existing and new facilities are listed below:

Existing Park/Facilities

1. ADA access
2. Playgrounds
3. Restrooms
4. Shade
5. Field improvements
6. Paved park trails
7. Lighting
8. Picnic shelters
9. Parking
10. Signage

New Development

1. Recreation center
2. Pickleball courts
3. Skatepark
4. Nature/water access
5. Chandor Gardens Master Plan implementation (partnership)
6. Additional fields/complex
7. Connectivity/trails outside of parks
8. Paved park trails
9. Neighborhood parks (additional)
10. Fitness equipment/obstacle courses (outdoor)

Action Plan

The *2023 Weatherford Parks, Recreation, and Special Events Master Plan* concludes with an Action Plan of 115 strategies and recommendations. These action items, which can be found in Chapter 6, detail specific actions Weatherford can take to implement this 10-year Master Plan.

City of Weatherford

2023 Parks, Recreation, & Special Events Master Plan

Introduction

This Master Plan is critical to the city's future as it clarifies the department's responsibilities,the community's desires, and the importance of partnerships.

Mission

Enhance quality of life through exceptional programs, parks, and facilities

Vision

Connecting the community through innovative and amazing experiences

Values

Community
Providing events, activities, and facilities that help build relationships

Health
Promoting community health and wellness through accessible parks and programs

Opportunity
Ensuring lifelong recreation experiences for all

Innovation
Leading the industry with creative and engaging opportunities

Goals

GOAL 1: State-of-the-Art Spaces

Objectives

Places: Innovative and activating parks and spaces
Amenities: Responsive and strategic support features
Stewardship: Ensure community access to nature

GOAL 2: Continuous Connections

Objectives

Gathering: Accessible community interaction
Connecting: Interconnected schools, parks, & destinations
Engaging: Responsiveness to community's needs

GOAL 3: Exceptional Experiences

Objectives

Events: Year-round fun, learning, & interaction
Wellness: Multi-generational physical & educational opportunities
Collaboration: Optimize services & programs through partnerships

GOAL 4: Adaptable Administration

Objectives

Structure: Encourage empowered and valued staff
Operations: Clear performance standards and training
Funding: Explore creative funding strategies

Top Recommendations

Existing Park/Facilities

1. ADA Access
2. Playgrounds
3. Restrooms
4. Shade over features & seating
5. Field improvements
6. Park trails
7. Lighting at courts & fields
8. Picnic shelters
9. Parking areas
10. Signage

New Development

1. Recreation center
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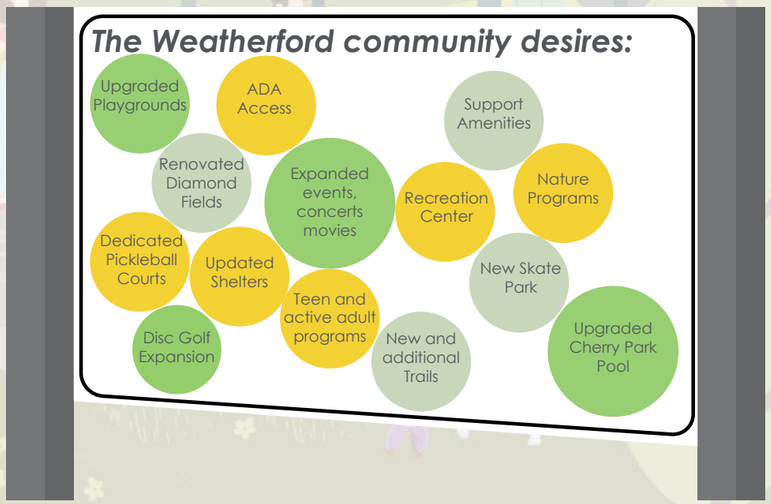
Operational

1. Adjust event & program offerings based on needs
2. Use standard process to review all programs and events
3. Continuously engage the community
4. Ensure staffing matches current system needs
5. Seek & utilize partnerships
6. Consider creating a parks foundation







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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Need for a Plan

The purpose of this 2022 Parks, Recreation, and Special Events Master Plan is to provide an ambitious yet feasible roadmap for the future which encompasses the needs and desires of both the residents and staff of the City of Weatherford. In the spring of 2022 Brandstetter Carroll Inc., a consulting firm based out of Lexington, Kentucky, partnered with the city to develop this publicly driven plan.

This plan is important because it…

- Provides a vision for the future of parks and recreation in Weatherford
- Ensures department offerings are aligned with community needs
- Fosters civic engagement and creates a sense of community
- Develops clear priorities based on community needs and desires
- Identifies gaps & inequities in service delivery
- Strengthen fiscal responsibility, sustainability, and efficiency
- Identifies future funding requirements and potential sources
- Increases user participation, satisfaction, revenue, and capital investment
- Ensure that the city keeps up with parks and recreation trends
- Ensure no duplication of service, improves partnerships

Parks are part of hyper-local civic infrastructure (so-called "third-spaces"[1]) needed now more than ever, where citizens practice the "art of association" and do the work of knitting communities together.[2]

Weatherford, located approximately one hour west of Dallas, Texas with a population of about 30,000 has steadily grown over the past 20 years and is projected to continue through 2030. The demographics of the city are also expected to continue to change with the city becoming older and more diverse.

Weatherford Parks, Recreation, and special events provides aout 850 acres of parkland and 20 parks, including:

- 1 mini park
- 3 neighborhood parks
- 6 community parks
- 4 lakefront parks
- 2 athletic complexes

The city has an abundant amount of undeveloped parkland with multiple plans in place that pave the future for parks and recreation offerings in the city.

1.2 Master Planning Process

This Master Plan acts as a compass for the department and incorporates findings from the four-phase process including:

- Evaluating existing facilities and programs
- Analyzing current trends and benchmarking
- Engaging with a steering committee, community stakeholders, staff, and the public (open houses, online surveys, and group meetings)
- Visioning sessions
- Reviewing recommendations and strategy prioritization

[1] National Recreation and Park Association, "Health and Wellness," https://www.nrpa.org/our-work/Three-Pillars/health-wellness/, (December, 10 2019).
[2] Redefining Infrastructure & Public Space. Reimagining the Civic Commons. 2021. https://medium.com/reimagining-the-civic-commons/redefining-infrastructure-and-public-space-2e311edfde68

Figure 1.1: Project Process



1.3 How to Read this Plan

The **EVALUATE** phase is encompassed in chapters 1 & 2 and provides a baseline understanding of the existing conditions of Weatherford as a whole, the Parks, Recreation, and Special Events facilities/programs, and the department. Additionally, these chapters include a trends and benchmarking study which reveals how Weatherford measures up to surrounding communities of similar make up and to national recreation trends. Contents include:

- ***Parkland and Facility Inventory & Analysis***
- ***Program Analysis***
- ***Benchmark Comparisons of Similar Agencies***
- ***Geographic Park and Facility Service Area Mapping***
- ***Trends in Parks and Recreation***

The **ENGAGE** phase is covered in chapter 3 and ultimately leads the discussions throughout the rest of the Master Plan. Identifying what the community desires helps determine and prioritize the future of the parks, recreation facilities, and special events/programming.

- ***Open House Workshop***
- ***Web/Handout Surveys***
- ***Stakeholder Group Meeting***

The **ENVISION** phase is led by the visioning sessions and meetings with the steering committee and can be found in chapter 4. Findings from the evaluate and engage phase are reviewed and are used to produce a specific vision, mission, values, goals, and objectives for the department.

- ***Steering Committee Meetings***
- ***Needs, Standards, & Guidelines for Parks and Recreation***
- ***Facility Needs Analysis & Level of Service Standards***

The **PLAN** phase consumes all of the information gathered throughout the past three phases of the planning process and formulates both systemwide and individual park recommendations as well as an achievable action plan. Chapters 5 - 6 discuss these topics at length and help provide the direction for the department for the next 5-10 years.

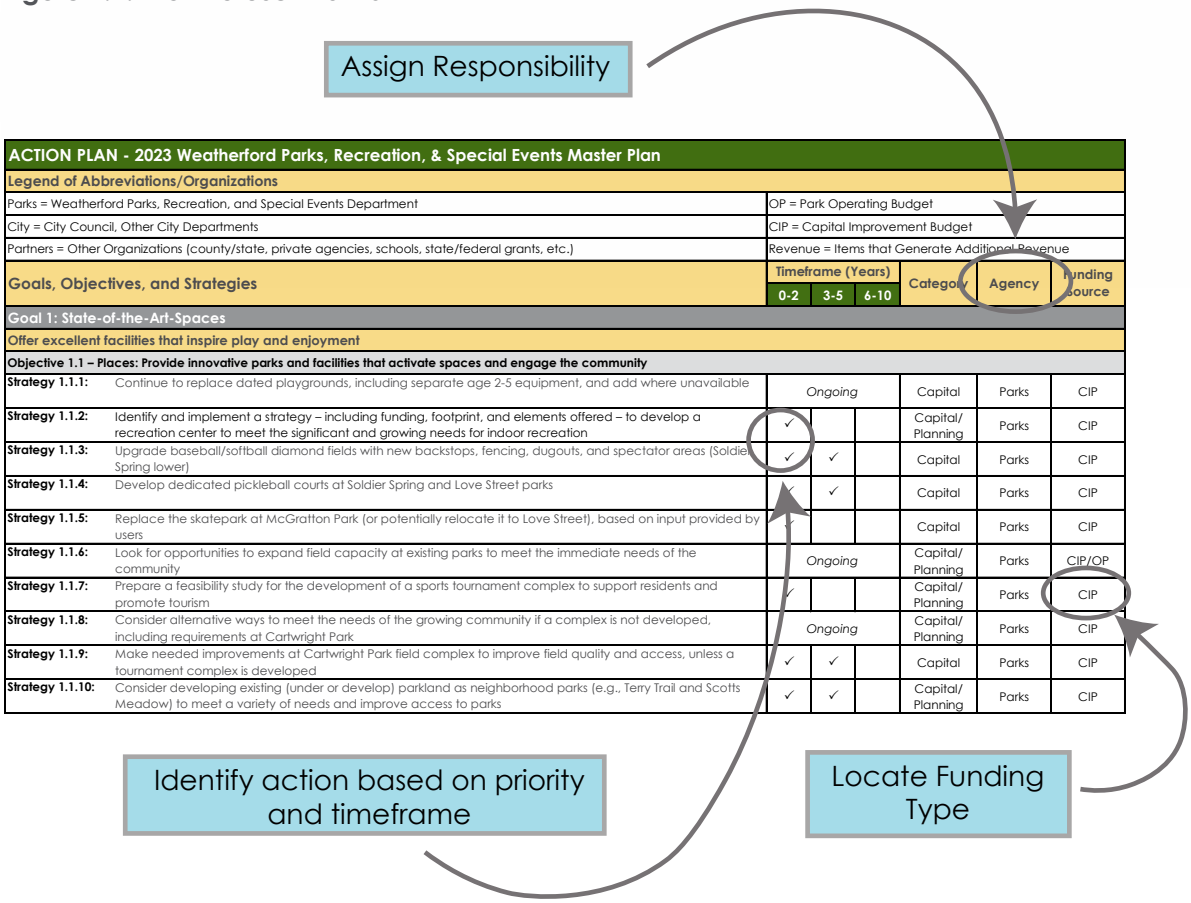
- ***Systemwide Recommendations***
- ***Individual Park Recommendations***
- ***Action Plan***

1.4 How to Use this Plan

Taken altogether, the action plan is a living document. This plan will act as a guiding document over the next 10 years for future development within the parks, recreation, and special events department that should, at least, be revisited annually to measure progress. The recommendations found in the latter half of the plan include capital lists of improvements that prioritize systemwide, departmental, and individual park enhancements.

Upon acceptance of this plan, the action plan provided in Chapter 6 will begin to take form and will bring to life the needs and desires of the department and the community.

Figure 1.2: How to Use this Plan



ACTION PLAN - 2023 Weatherford Parks, Recreation, & Special Events Master Plan								
Legend of Abbreviations/Organizations								
Parks = Weatherford Parks, Recreation, and Special Events Department				OP = Park Operating Budget				
City = City Council, Other City Departments				CIP = Capital Improvement Budget				
Partners = Other Organizations (county/state, private agencies, schools, state/federal grants, etc.)				Revenue = Items that Generate Additional Revenue				
Goals, Objectives, and Strategies				Timeframe (Years)			Category	Agency	Funding Source
				0-2	3-5	6-10			
Goal 1: State-of-the-Art-Spaces									
Offer excellent facilities that inspire play and enjoyment									
Objective 1.1 – Places: Provide innovative parks and facilities that activate spaces and engage the community									
Strategy 1.1.1:	Continue to replace dated playgrounds, including separate age 2-5 equipment, and add where unavailable			Ongoing			Capital	Parks	CIP
Strategy 1.1.2:	Identify and implement a strategy – including funding, footprint, and elements offered – to develop a recreation center to meet the significant and growing needs for indoor recreation			✓			Capital/ Planning	Parks	CIP
Strategy 1.1.3:	Upgrade baseball/softball diamond fields with new backstops, fencing, dugouts, and spectator areas (Soldier Spring lower)			✓	✓		Capital	Parks	CIP
Strategy 1.1.4:	Develop dedicated pickleball courts at Soldier Spring and Love Street parks				✓		Capital	Parks	CIP
Strategy 1.1.5:	Replace the skatepark at McGratton Park (or potentially relocate it to Love Street), based on input provided by users			✓			Capital	Parks	CIP
Strategy 1.1.6:	Look for opportunities to expand field capacity at existing parks to meet the immediate needs of the community			Ongoing			Capital/ Planning	Parks	CIP/OP
Strategy 1.1.7:	Prepare a feasibility study for the development of a sports tournament complex to support residents and promote tourism			✓			Capital/ Planning	Parks	CIP
Strategy 1.1.8:	Consider alternative ways to meet the needs of the growing community if a complex is not developed, including requirements at Cartwright Park			Ongoing			Capital/ Planning	Parks	CIP
Strategy 1.1.9:	Make needed improvements at Cartwright Park field complex to improve field quality and access, unless a tournament complex is developed			✓	✓		Capital	Parks	CIP
Strategy 1.1.10:	Consider developing existing (under or develop) parkland as neighborhood parks (e.g., Terry Trail and Scotts Meadow) to meet a variety of needs and improve access to parks			✓	✓		Capital/ Planning	Parks	CIP

1.5 Related Planning Efforts

This Master Plan supports existing community efforts to revitalize the City of Weatherford. Listed to the right are some of the documents which were considered during the planning process.[3]

- 2013 City of Weatherford Thoroughfare Plan
- 2016 Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan
- 2018 City of Weatherford General Plan
- 2020 Draft Parker County Community Recreation and Aquatic Center Feasibility Study
- Lake Weatherford Parks and Trails Master Plan
- Quanah Hill Trailhead Parking Lot Concept
- Skateboarding in Weatherford
- Chandor Gardens Master Plan

[3] Planning Documents and summaries can be found in Appendix B





2

COMMUNITY BACKGROUND & NEEDS ASSESSMENT

2.1 Introduction

The Community Background & Needs Assessment chapter provides an evaluation of the existing conditions of parks and recreation in Weatherford. This chapter provides detailed analysis of the following:

- Population demographics
- Existing inventory of parks and facilities
- Benchmarking against similar agencies
- Service areas of parks and facilities
- Trends in parks and recreation

The ensuing text serves to provide the context needed to understand the existing and potential future needs of the community. The data compiled in this chapter is necessary to understand and interpret the desires of the community which are outlined in Chapter 3.

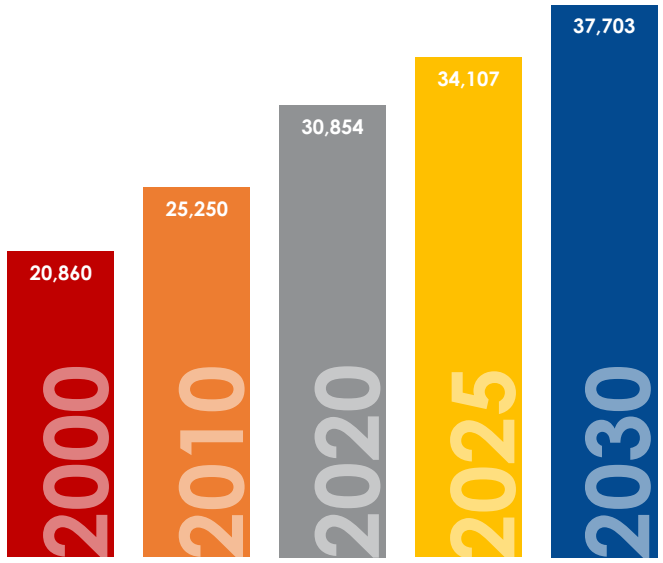
2.2 Population and Demographic Trends

An overall understanding of population trends in Weatherford is necessary to identify current conditions and to anticipate future needs for parks and recreation services and facilities. Needs vary between demographic groups, and these needs also change over time. Each of the following demographic categories examines specific elements of the population.

2.2.1 Population Change

Figure 2.1 uses US Census Bureau data to illustrate the population change in Weatherford from 2000 to 2030. The population of Weatherford has steadily increased over the past 20 years with rates similar to those seen for Texas which is currently the fastest growing state in the country. Based on the same annual percent change of the population from 2010 to 2020, it is projected that the population will grow to 34,000 by 2025 and nearly 38,000 by 2030.

Figure 2.1: City of Weatherford Population Growth



2.2.2 Household Size

Table 2.1 shows the number of households (in 2021) plus the average household sizes between 2000 and 2026 for Weatherford, Parker County, Texas, and the USA. Household size in Weatherford has slightly decreased over the 20 years since 2000. Parker County and the nation's household sizes have remained the same since 2010 but are slightly lower than in 2000. In contrast, household sizes

in Texas have increased over the same period. Projections for 2026 show Weatherford's average household size will be 2.49 (compared to 2.51 in 2000). Prior to the decline in household size in Weatherford, the city already had smaller households than comparison geographies.

Table 2.1: Average Household Size

	Households	Average Household Size			
	2021	2000	2010	2021	2026
USA	126,470,675	2.59	2.58	2.58	2.58
Texas	10,615,809	2.74	2.75	2.77	2.77
Parker County	53,261	2.75	2.71	2.71	2.71
Weatherford	11,917	2.51	2.48	2.50	2.49

Source: US Census Bureau, Esri forecasts

2.2.3 Age

Understanding the age makeup of Weatherford is critical for ensuring that this Master Plan addresses future development and opportunity in a way that best serves the community. Table 2.2 shows the median age for Weatherford, Parker County, Texas, and the nation from 2000 through 2026. The median age in Weatherford has increased since 2010 (from 35.7 to 38.6 in 2021). While all geographic levels have risen since 2000, but Parker County and Weatherford have the oldest median ages. As with the other geographies, **the average age in Weatherford is projected to continue increasing into 2026**.

Table 2.2: Median Age

	2000	2010	2021	2026
USA	35.3	37.1	38.8	39.5
Texas	32.3	33.6	35.3	35.8
Parker County	36.7	38.8	41.4	42.4
Weatherford	36.4	35.7	38.6	39.3

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Esri forecasts

Table 2.3 displays the population age 65 and over from 2000 to 2026 and shows that this age group has increased considerably over the last 20 years, with projected sustained increase (representing 20.3% of Weatherford's population by 2026). While a similar trend of growth is evident at all other geographic levels, the City of Weatherford shows a higher percentage of residents over 65, with only Parker County outpacing Weatherford in growth of this demographic. As evident in Table 2.4, the percentage of seniors is approaching the percentage of the city's population under age 18. This increase Weatherford is experiencing – and will continue experiencing – is evident in all comparison geographies and most communities throughout the nation. This change emphasizes the need for facilities and services for the 65+ population and should guide future development and opportunities.

Table 2.3: Population Age 65 and Over

	2000	2010	2021	2026
USA	12.4%	13.0%	17.2%	19.2%
Texas	9.9%	10.4%	13.8%	15.4%
Parker County	10.5%	12.2%	17.7%	20.6%
Weatherford	15.9%	15.1%	18.8%	20.3%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Esri forecasts

Table 2.4 presents the population under age 18 from 2000 to 2026. The table indicates that in Weatherford, the percentage of children decreased from 25.6% to 22.8% between 2000 and 2021; the percentage of the population within this age group is expected to remain roughly the same through 2026. At the state, regional, and national levels a continued decreasing trend is predicted through 2026. Although the population under 18 is experiencing a decline nationwide, **children will continue to represent a valuable and significant portion of the Weatherford community** and should be accommodated accordingly.

Table 2.4: Population under Age 18

	2000	2010	2021	2026
USA	25.7%	24.0%	21.7%	21.5%
Texas	28.2%	27.3%	24.8%	24.7%
Parker County	27.6%	25.5%	22.2%	21.9%
Weatherford	25.6%	25.0%	22.8%	22.9%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Esri forecasts

2.2.4 Poverty

Table 2.5 shows the percentage of the population living below the poverty line at each of the geographic levels. The table shows that the poverty level in Weatherford is greater than the county but less than the state and nation. Like in the USA, Texas, and Parker County, the poverty level in Weatherford decreased from its peak in 2010 (15.1%) to 10.6% in 2019. The numbers for child poverty (Table 2.6) follow similar trends but are higher overall.

While parks and recreation can play a role in promoting economic growth through tourism and special events, the department must also consider the financial burden of programming and services on the poorest of the community and ensure their ability to participate.

Table 2.5: Population Under the Poverty Line

	2000	2010	2019
USA	12.4%	15.3%	13.4%
Texas	15.4%	17.9%	13.6%
Parker County	8.3%	14.1%	8.4%
Weatherford	11.5%	15.1%	10.6%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, ACS

Table 2.6: Children Under the Poverty Line

	2000	2010	2019
USA	16.1%	21.2%	18.2%
Texas	20.2%	25.7%	19.2%
Parker County	9.3%	22.6%	8.7%
Weatherford	11.9%	21.1%	11.3%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, ACS

2.2.5 Income and Educational Attainment

The median household income in Weatherford ($68,294 as of 2021) is below Parker County but higher than the state and nation. **Unlike the USA as a whole, Weatherford's household income growth has significantly outpaced inflation.**

Looking at the individual level, per capita income in Weatherford ($31,591) is slightly lower than the comparisons. As with household incomes, per capita incomes have increased at all geographic levels, including Weatherford, even after adjusting for inflation.

Table 2.7: Household Income

	2000	2000 Adjusted	2021	2026
Median Household Income				
USA	$41,994	$65,076	$64,730	$72,932
Texas	$39,927	$61,873	$63,524	$70,662
Parker County	$45,497	$70,505	$82,886	$89,440
Weatherford	$37,714	$58,444	$68,294	$75,323
Per Capita Income				
USA	$21,587	$33,452	$35,106	$39,378
Texas	$19,617	$30,400	$32,007	$35,598
Parker County	$20,305	$31,466	$36,809	$40,594
Weatherford	$19,787	$30,663	$31,591	$34,864

Source: U.S. Census Bureau 2019 ACS 5-year Estimates, Esri forecasts, BLS

Table 2.8 shows the change in educational attainment in Weatherford since 2000. As of 2021, 14.7% of residents age 25 and older have a bachelor's degree, and 8.1% have a master's degree or above. The percentage of Weatherford's population with higher education degrees is below Parker County, Texas, and the USA. Unlike the comparison geographies, the City of Weatherford has not seen an increase in the percentage of residents over 25 with bachelor's degrees or above since 2000, although those lacking high school diplomas have had a similar decrease to the comparisons.

2.2.6 Population Diversity

Like much of the nation, racial diversity is increasing in Weatherford (Table 2.9). All groups increased in total population from 2010 to 2021 with two or more races increasing at the fastest rate (295.7%). The white alone population grew by the largest amount in absolute numbers followed by the Hispanic or Latino population.

Changes in the community's population may correspond with different recreation preferences, especially in considering when the parks were originally constructed. While the racial makeup of the population has changed, the growing populations are projected to continue growing (even as they are often undercounted). **Engagement of all demographic groups is essential for parks and recreation offerings to successfully meet the needs of the entire community.**

2.2.7 Conclusion

These demographic trends indicate aging, diversification, and increased education of the population along with increasing incomes, surpassing the rate of inflation. These trends will continue to shape the future of Weatherford. The direction Weatherford chooses for its parks and recreation will determine the availability of recreation opportunities for residents and will help enrich the overall quality of life in the community for years to come.

Table 2.8: Educational Attainment Age 25 and Over

Educational Attainment (Highest Level)	Weatherford		Parker County		Texas		USA	
	2000	2021	2000	2021	2000	2021	2000	2021
No High School Diploma	19.0%	11.7%	19.5%	10.4%	24.4%	14.9%	19.6%	11.1%
High School/GED	26.5%	29.9%	30.4%	29.0%	24.8%	25.3%	28.6%	26.9%
Some College, No Degree	23.9%	25.6%	25.3%	22.8%	22.4%	21.0%	21.0%	19.8%
Associates Degree	7.7%	10.1%	6.2%	10.2%	5.2%	7.6%	6.3%	8.7%
Bachelors Degree	13.6%	14.7%	12.5%	18.4%	15.6%	20.3%	15.5%	20.6%
Graduate/Professional/Doctorate Degree	9.3%	8.1%	6.1%	9.2%	7.6%	11.0%	8.9%	13.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Esri forecasts, ACS 5-year estimates

Table 2.9: Population by Race and Ethnicity

Year	Total Population	White Alone		Black Alone		Asian or Pacific Islander Alone		Other Race Alone		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino*	
		#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
2010	25,250	20,494	81.2%	576	2.3%	235	0.9%	158	0.6%	350	1.4%	3,437	13.6%
2020	30,854	23,757	77.0%	599	1.9%	345	1.1%	270	0.9%	1,385	4.5%	4,498	14.6%
# Change	5,604	3,263		23		110		112		1,035		1,061	
% Change	22.2%	15.9%		4.0%		46.8%		70.9%		295.7%		30.9%	

*Includes Hispanic or Latino of any race, which are not included in other counts

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Esri Forecasts

2.3 Inventory of Weatherford Parks and Recreation Areas

A park classification system helps to evaluate the overall recreation opportunities available to the public. In some cases, communities may "meet the standard" in terms of acreage with a single park providing more of the acreage without providing access for the entire community. A park system should be evaluated as a composite of recreation areas that collectively meet public needs. It should provide a combination of smaller neighborhood parks, larger community parks, special use parks, and natural areas, located throughout the community.

The facilities inventory in this chapter identifies each park by its classification and lists the specific facilities it provides. Table 2.10 defines each park category by its typical size and service area, population served, typical features and facilities, and desirable characteristics. Categories and descriptions are adapted to meet the specific needs of the Weatherford system from "Recreation, Park and Open Space Standards and Guidelines," by the National Recreation and Park Association.

Residents of Weatherford are offered a variety of parks, recreation facilities, and programs. The Park and Recreation Resources Inventory (Table 2.11) provides a summary of all the offerings in Weatherford as well as the classification for each property. The table indicates the location of the property by park type category as defined in Table 2.10. The Existing Parks and Trails map (Figure 2.2) shows the location of each of the parks and recreation areas offered by the City of Weatherford. The following text provides a detailed narrative summary of these facilities. Photos of each park, with assessment of their condition, can be found in Appendix A.

2.3.1 Neighborhood Parks

A neighborhood park is a small but highly developed park located within a short (10-minute) walking or biking distance of residents with facilities such as game courts, playgrounds, picnic areas/shelters, athletic fields, and walking trails. A mini park is a small neighborhood park, typically located in more densely populated areas where availability of land is limited. Weatherford Parks, Recreation, and Special Events oversees four neighborhood parks.



Marshall Park

- Marshall Park
- McGratton Park
- Miller Park
- Vine Street Park (Mini)

2.3.2 Community Parks

Community parks are larger parks that serve multiple neighborhoods and offer a wider variety of facilities. Community parks should be conveniently located (within approximately 5-minute drive) and easily accessible with facilities intended to occupy visitors for extended periods of time (field or game court complex, disc golf, etc.). Weatherford Parks, Recreation, and Special Events offers six community parks located across the city.



Holland Lake Park

- Cartwright Park
- Cherry Park
- Holland Lake Park
- Love Street Park
- Soldier Spring Park
- Weatherford Heritage Park
- Beach Front Park
- Brazos Park
- Clear Lake Park
- Marina Park
- Obstacle course
- Scotts Meadow Park
- Soldier Spring Park Trail and Nature Area
- Terry Trail Park
- The Boardwalk
- The Wall
- Town Creek Hike and Bike Trail
- Wetlands (at The Boardwalk)

Table 2.10: Park Classifications

PARK CLASSIFICATION	TYPICAL SIZE and SERVICE AREA	DEVELOPED ACRES/1,000 POPULATION	TYPICAL FEATURES/ FACILITIES	DESIRABLE CHARACTERISTICS
Active Parks				
Mini Park (MP)	Size: Less than 2 acres of developed parkland; less than 3 total acres 1/2-mile service area 10-minute walk	Combined with Neighborhood Park	Typical facilities may include playgrounds, small multi-use court area, and benches.	Often provided in association with school facilities. Some developed as part of residential developments. May also provide open space as needed to serve high density neighborhoods where households have limited yard space.
Neighborhood Park (NP)	Size: 2-10 acres of developed parkland; 3-15 total acres 1-mile service area 10-minute walk To serve a population up to 5,000	1.0 Acre/1,000	Suited for intense development Typical facilities include athletic fields, game courts, playgrounds, drinking fountains, picnic areas/shelters, and walking paths.	Easily accessible to neighborhood population (safe walking and bike distance). May be developed as park/school facility or in conjunction with service agency facility. May not be needed in areas served locally by larger parks.
Community Park (CP)	10-30+ acres of developed parkland; 15 or more total acres 2-mile service radius 5-minute drive To serve several neighborhoods with populations up to 20,000	5.0 Acres/1,000	Typical facilities include all those listed for neighborhood parks, plus swimming pool, field or game court complex, dog park, recreation or community center, etc. May include natural areas or picnicking, walking, etc. May have an active or passive recreation focus or a balance of both. Parks with passive focus will have a higher percentage of undeveloped land	Capable of providing a range of intensive recreational activities or provides one or two activities that attract users from multi-neighborhood areas. May meet neighborhood park needs for users within a 10-minute walk.
Specialized Parks				
Lake Front Parks/ Natural Areas (NAT)	Serves community-wide area	1.0 Acre/1,000	Areas of low or limited development. Includes undeveloped areas, urban greenspaces, and small designated natural areas. May include urban greenspaces (mowed and landscaped areas) of any size that are considered developed but have predominantly passive uses. Typical facilities include walking/hiking trails, water access, picnic areas, gardens, and open grass areas.	Includes undeveloped properties that may be developed in the future. May also function as nature parks. Educational opportunities desirable in developed or undeveloped areas.
Special Use (SU)	Serves community-wide area	N/A (but may contribute to total open space requirement)	Area for specialized or single purpose recreational activities such as plazas, major pools, riverfront park areas, golf courses, athletic complexes, indoor facilities, etc.	Area should be located to meet the specific needs of the intended use.

2.3.3 Lake Front Parks & Natural Areas

Lake Front Parks and natural areas are either man made or natural features that exist in the park system to provide the public with a connection to nature. Unique to Weatherford, is the reservoir – Lake Weatherford. Utilizing the natural beauty of the lake and areas surrounding it, multiple parks have been established along the lakefront.

2.3.4 Special Use Parks & Facilities

Special use parks are areas designed for specialized or single purpose recreational activities, and can include places such as plazas, singe use facilities, sports complexes, and indoor spaces. Weatherford offers several of these parks, such as the historic Chandor Gardens and Quanah Hill mountain bike trails.

- Camp Holland
- Chandor Gardens
- Circle Park
- Harberger Hill
- Holland Lake Sports Complex
- Lake Weatherford Disc Golf Course
- Mount Pleasant
- Patsy Hooks Dog Park
- Quanah Hill
- Veterans Memorial Park



Autumn Art Walk, Chandor Gardens



The Boardwalk



Lake Weatherford Boardwalk

2.4 Parks by Others

Table 2.12 shows parks and recreation areas that may be available to residents of Weatherford but are neither owned nor maintained by the Parks, Recreation, and Special Events Department. These parks are located either in the city itself or nearby (see Figure 2.2). These parks are owned and maintained either by the school system, a nonprofit, a state or local organization, another park agency, or a private entity. Each of these spaces contributes to the full spectrum of recreational opportunities available to residents of Weatherford.

These parks are included in this section to create a full inventory of all recreation amenities available to residents. If major improvements are made in any of these parks, the city and the owners of these spaces should coordinate their efforts to best address the community's needs and to avoid potentially costly and inefficient duplication of services and amenities.



Lake Mineral Well State Park Trail

2.5 Program Inventory

Quality recreational programming is an important aspect of a vibrant and healthy community. Programs can be useful for meeting specific needs of different groups in the community – like active adults, young children, families, or teenagers – in a way that is more creatively tailored. In fact, programs can be an essential access-point for users; offerings such as fitness classes, sports leagues, cultural crafts, and camps give residents unique ways to meaningfully interact with parks in their community. When properly managed and promoted, programs are an invaluable tool for strengthening social connectivity and enhancing the livability of a community.

2.5.1 Core Program Guidelines

The core program concept provides direction in the planning, scheduling, and coordination of community-based recreational activities. Involvement of community representatives, parents, participants, and advisory groups in the planning and development of program opportunities is critical for success.

The Core Program Guidelines include six components used as benchmarks for determining the quality of specific activities conducted at each program location. The level

Table 2.11: Parks and Recreation Resource Inventory

PARK NAME	PARK TYPE	Acreage		Athletic Fields						Game Courts			Outdoor Facilities					Trails (Mi)		Passive Recreation							Indoor		Support			Special Features/Notes
		Total	Developed	Small Diamond	Large Diamond	Backstop/Playfield	Batting Cages	Small Rectangular	Large Rectangular	Basketball Courts	Tennis Courts	Pickleball Courts	Playgrounds	Skate Parks	Aquatic Centers	Splash Pads	Disc Golf (Holes)	Paved	Unpaved	Dog Parks	Stage or Amphitheater	Fishing/Water Access	Boat Ramp	Large Shelters	Medium Shelters	Gazebos/Small Shelter	Community Center	Rental Facility	Restroom Buildings	Concessions Buildings	Parking (Spaces)	
Weatherford Parks and Recreation																																
Neighborhood Parks																																
Marshall Park	Neighborhood	2.2	2.2										1			1									1						33	
McGratton Park	Neighborhood	3.9	3.9	1		1				2			1	1				0.2						1							32	
Miller Park	Neighborhood	2.6	2.6							1			1					0.1													8	
Vine Street Park	Mini	0.8	0.8										1													1					0	Street parking only, picnic tables
Subtotal - Neighborhood Parks		**9.6**	**9.6**	**1**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**0**	**4**	**1**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0.3**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**73**	
Community Parks																																
Cartwright Park	Community	187.5	66.5		1	1		11	2				1									1	1	1					1	1	350	30-acre lake, Fishing Pier
Cherry Park	Community	4.0	4.0										1		1			0.2								2	1		1		73	Pool
Holland Lake Park	Community	20.4	4.7										1					0.5				1		1					1		103	
Love Street Park	Community	15.7	10.8							1			1			1		0.3				1		1					1		63	Horseshoe pits (12)
Soldier Spring Park	Community	18.1	18.1	6	1		3				7	4	1											1					3	1	150	Pickleball shared with jr tennis
Weatherford Heritage Park	Community	59.9	35.8										1								1			1				1			279	Event grounds
Subtotal - Community Parks		**305.5**	**139.8**	**6**	**2**	**1**	**3**	**11**	**2**	**1**	**7**	**4**	**6**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**1.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**1**	**3**	**1**	**5**	**0**	**2**	**1**	**1**	**7**	**2**	**1,018**	
Lake Front Parks/Natural Areas																																
Beach Front Park	Undeveloped	23.7	0.0																												0	
Brazos Park	Undeveloped	12.8	0.0																												0	Picnic tables, water access
Clear Lake Park	Undeveloped	3.0	0.0																												0	
Marina Park	Lake Front	2.7	2.7																			1									36	Picnic tables, water access
Mustang Park	Lake Front	1.3	0.1																												4	
Obstacle Course	Undeveloped	3.7	0.0																												0	
Scotts Meadow Park	Undeveloped	10.0	0.0																												0	
Soldier Spring Park Trail and Nature Area	Natural Area	33.8	3.6															1.0													21	
Terry Trail Park	Undeveloped	7.3	0.0																												0	
The Boardwalk	Lake Front	7.4	7.4															0.6				1			1						42	Floating Bridge, swimming access
The Wall	Lake Front	2.9	2.9																			1									0	
Town Creek Hike and Bike Trail	Linear	12.0	12.0															4.1													0	
Wetlands (at The Boardwalk)	Undeveloped	243.4	0.0																												0	
Subtotal - Lake Front Parks/Natural Areas		**364.0**	**28.8**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**5.7**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**103**	
Special Use Parks																																
Camp Holland	Special Use	13.9	3.2																									1			GR	Historic Cabins & camp sites
Chandor Gardens	Historic	17.4	5.3																0.6							1		1			50	Gardens/wedding venue
Circle Park	Median	0.6	0.6																												0	Greenspace in median
Harberger Hill	Special Use	2.7	2.7																								1				100	
Holland Lake Sports Complex	Athletic Complex	9.9	9.9		3																			1					1	1	85	
Lake Weatherford Disc Golf Course	Special Use	31.7	31.7														18								1	3			1		50	
Mount Pleasant	Special Use	4.2	4.2																							1		1			16	Restored Historic African American School
Patsy Hooks Dog Park	Special Use	N/A	N/A																	1											50	Large & Small dog area at Heritage Park
Quanah Hill	Special Use	97.4	13.2																6.7										1		50	MTB trails
Veterans Memorial Park	Special Use	4.9	1.4																												22	
Subtotal - Special Use Parks		**182.6**	**72.1**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**18**	**0.0**	**7.3**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**5**	**1**	**3**	**3**	**1**	**423**	
Total - Weatherford Parks, Recreation, and Special Events		**861.6**	**250.3**	**7**	**5**	**2**	**3**	**11**	**2**	**4**	**7**	**4**	**10**	**1**	**1**	**2**	**18**	**7.0**	**7.3**	**1**	**1**	**6**	**1**	**7**	**3**	**8**	**2**	**4**	**10**	**3**	**1,617**	

Figure 2.2: Existing Parks and Trails

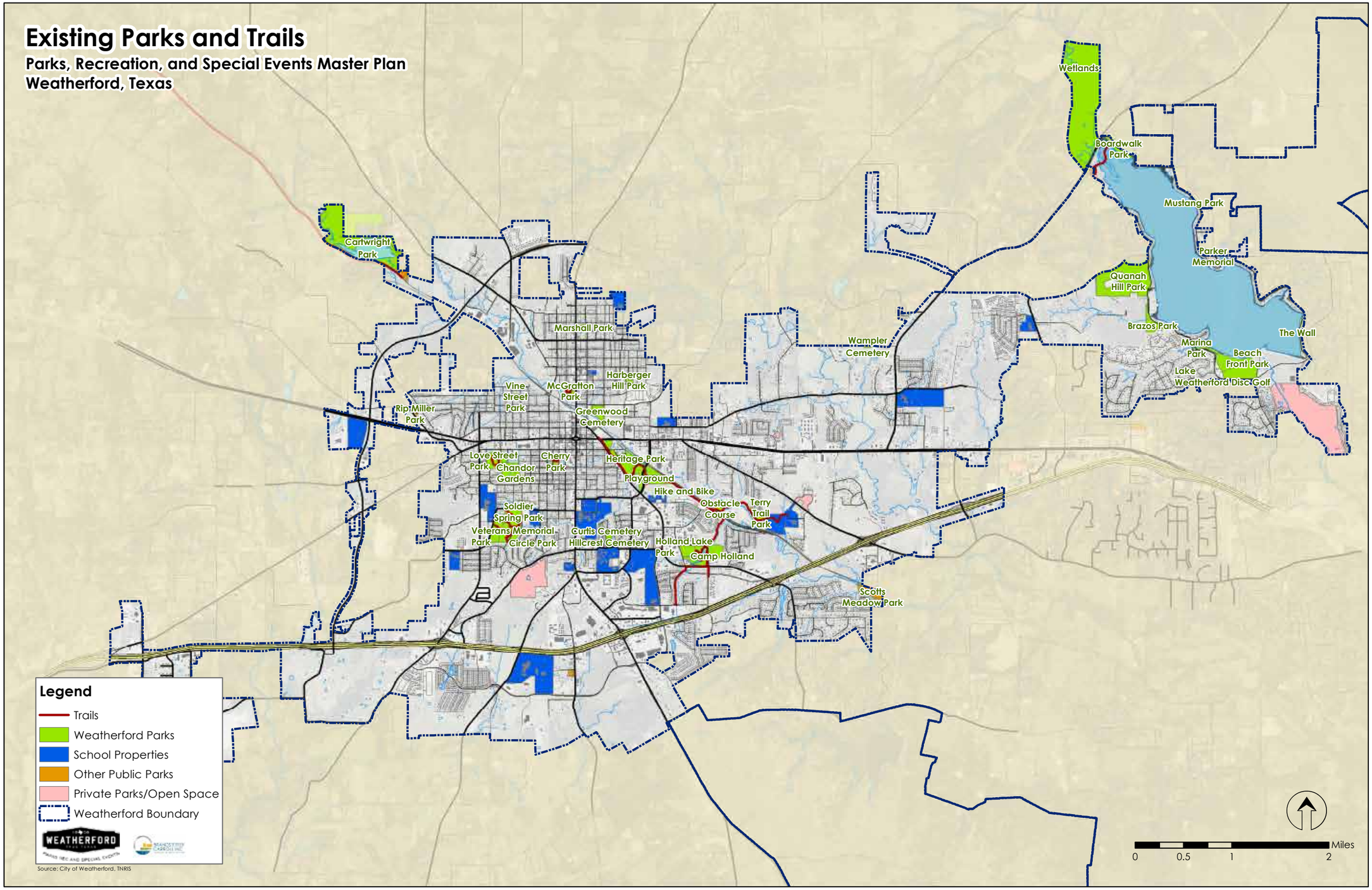


Table 2.12: Parks by Others

Facility Name	Agency	Playgrounds	Basketball Courts	Tennis Courts	Backstops	Ballfield	Multipurpose Fields	Picnic Shelters	Pools (Outdoor)	Stage/Amphitheate	Golf (Holes)	Trails (Miles)
School Parks												
Austin Elementary	Weatherford Independent Schools	1			1							
Crockett Elementary	Weatherford Independent Schools	1			2							
Curtis Elementary	Weatherford Independent Schools	1			2							
Ikard Elementary	Weatherford Independent Schools	1	1.5		2							
Martin Elementary	Weatherford Independent Schools	1	3				1					
Seguin Elementary	Weatherford Independent Schools	1	2				1					
Wright Elementary	Weatherford Independent Schools	1						1				0.3
Weatherford High School Tennis	Weatherford Independent Schools			8								
Parks by Others												
Lake Mineral Wells State Trailway	Texas Parks and Wildlife											20.0
Miracle League Field Parker County	Miracle League Field Parker County					1						
Private Parks												
Fox Hollow Playground	HOA	1	0.5						1			
Oeste Ranch Golf Course	Private										18	
Silverstone Homeowners Association	HOA								1			
Westover Village Estates	HOA								1			
Total - Other Parks in Weatherford		**8**	**7**	**8**	**7**	**1**	**2**	**1**	**3**	**0**	**18**	**20.3**

Parks by Others near Weatherford												
Gene L Voyles Park	Hudson Oaks							1		1		0.2
Kings Gate Rd Park	Willow Park	1					2					0.9
Splash Kingdom Wild West	Splash Kingdom								1			
Squaw Creek Golf Course	Private											
Willow Park FD/Cross Timbers	Willow Park	1										0.2
Total - Other Parks near Weatherford		**2**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**1.3**

of Core Program offering may vary in activity type, intensity, and scope depending on such factors as size of the facility, equipment availability, and the number of staff required. The discussion below provides a description of the core program components as well as a summary of and how well Weatherford Parks, Recreation, and Special Events, as of 2020, addressed these components. Appendix E provides an expanded description of each broad program category (component six). It includes possible program formats, identifies the primary values served by the activity, and lists specific program examples. The list can be a helpful resource for determining and developing programs in the city of Weatherford.

Core Program Components

The summary below uses the following abbreviations after each bullet point to describe whether Weatherford is meeting the core program components:

- Y = Yes offered by Weatherford Parks, Recreation, and Special Events
- L = Limited offerings by Weatherford Parks, Recreation, and Special Events
- O = Offered by partner organizations in Weatherford
- N = No, not offered in Weatherford

This analysis is based on the cumulative offerings and participation rates over the last five years.

1. **Broad Appeal**
   - Parks and community centers should have broad appeal by conducting activities and special events for people young and old and of varying needs and skill levels. Target groups for programs include:
   - Preschool (Y)
   - Elementary School Age (Y)
   - Teens (Y)
   - Adults (Y)
   - Seniors (Y)

- Intergenerational (Y)
- Multiple Ages (Y)
- Special Needs (N)

2. Administrative Feasibility

Activities should be administratively feasible, and the following factors should be considered as part of any program development process:

- Facility and Equipment Requirements (Y)
- Safety (Y)
- Cost vs. Benefits (Y)
- Specialized Instruction Requirements (Y)

Weatherford has not yet completed a detailed analysis of the costs of programs. This type of analysis can determine the cost of each program per participant in terms of dollars and staff time and compare those numbers to program outcomes and revenues. This type of an analysis can be especially useful for evaluating partnerships with partner organizations.

3. Coordination

Program and service offerings should be of a coordinated nature within the community, thus serving to complement rather than duplicate activities already provided elsewhere by other organizations or agencies.

Weatherford coordinates with partner organizations to expand recreational services; partner relationships range from regularly scheduled programming to one-time collaborations or providing space. The following entities are either current or past partners with Parks, Recreation, and Special Events in providing programs and activities to the community (not an exhaustive list):

- Fast forward Kids
- Parker County Tennis Association
- Chandor Gardens
- Weatherford Pickleball Club
- Mad Science

4. Settings and Times

Activities should be conducted in a variety of settings and formats, formal and informal. Programs should also be offered at a variety of times to meet the competing schedules of residents. For example, working adults may not be able to participate in programs until the evening or on weekends. Additionally, parents with children may benefit from availability of childcare or children's programs running concurrent to their chosen activity.

Settings and formats include:

- Instructional Classes (Y)
- Progressive Skill Levels (Y)
- Drop-In (Y)
- Special Events (Y)
- Special Interest Clubs (N)
- Leagues and/or Tournaments (Y)
- Outings and Field Trips (N)
- After School Programs (N)
- Camps (Y)



5. Constructive Nature

Programs should be constructive in nature and satisfy the creative, cultural, physical, and social desires of the participants.



6. Diverse Range of Activities

A diverse range of activities should be offered and should include a balanced mix of the following broad program categories:

- Athletics (Y)
- Community Events (Y)



- Creative Arts (Y)
- Cultural Performances (Y)
- Education, Life Skills, and Fun (Y)
- Games (L)
- Green Living/ Environmental Education (N)
- Health, Fitness, and Wellness Activities (Y)
- Health and Wellness Education (O) – Better Health Market, McAfee Chiropractic
- Heritage and History (O) – The Doss Center
- Nature/Outdoor Programs (O) – Texas 4H Programs in Parker County



- Performing Arts (O) – Theatre Off the Square, Rock of Sport & Performing Art, Foot Works Performing Arts Center
- Volunteer Training & Opportunities (Y)

Weatherford Parks, Recreation, and Special Events has a diverse line up of programs, events, and activities for the community to enjoy. If not provided by the department, other organizations or businesses in the city are available that fill some of the needs for programs not offered. Of the programs listed above, environmental education and outdoor programs are not currently offered by the department. Performing arts are also not offered by the department but are offered by private groups elsewhere. **According to the survey results in the next chapter, nature programs are among the top 5 programs of importance to responders and performing arts (both youth and adult) ranked high when asked what new programs should be added.** Additional partnerships with organizations that can provide this type of programming at parks and recreation facilities may fill this need.

2.6 Benchmarking Comparisons

One method for evaluating parks and recreation services offered in a community is to use benchmark comparisons to other communities. The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) Park Metrics program provides a variety of data for use in benchmarking. The following analysis uses data from 39 agencies located in Texas, New Mexico, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana (serving populations between 15,000 and 50,000) that participated in the Park Metrics program (Table 2.13). Additionally, NRPA provides an annual report[1] which includes national performance benchmarks; these figures are also used in this evaluation process.

Table 2.13: Benchmark Agencies

Agency	State	Year	Population	Budget
Alamogordo	NM	2019	31,248	N/A
Alvin Parks & Recreation Department	TX	2021	28,000	$1,963,430
Ardmore Parks and Recreation	OK	2019	24,500	N/A
Athens Parks and Recreation	AL	2020	27,366	N/A
Bay City (City of) Parks and Recreation	TX	2021	17,000	$1,400,167
Boerne PARD	TX	2021	18,232	N/A
Brenham (City of)	TX	2019	17,863	$2,460,776
Brownwood Texas Parks & Rec	TX	2019	18,714	N/A
Brushy Creek Municipal Utility District	TX	2020	21,500	$5,165,399
Bryant (City of) Parks and Recreation	AR	2021	21,700	$2,675,603
Cedar Hill (City of)	TX	2021	47,930	$16,179,354
Celina (City of)	TX	2022	20,000	N/A
Clovis (City of)	NM	2021	39,000	$5,000,000
Coppell (City of)	TX	2021	41,100	$11,500,000
Cullman City Parks and Recreation	AL	2020	16,034	N/A
Deer Park Parks and Recreation	TX	2020	33,391	$7,429,619
Ennis (City of)	TX	2021	20,000	$500,000
Farmers Branch (City of)	TX	2019	40,000	$11,947,230
Farmington (City of) Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs	NM	2021	41,629	$15,721,981
Greenville (City of)	TX	2022	30,067	$2,687,685
Greenville (City of) Parks & Recreation	MS	2019	28,000	N/A
Harker Heights Parks and Recreation	TX	2021	34,000	$2,440,700
Homewood Parks & Recreation	AL	2021	25,534	N/A
Jacksonville Parks and Recreation	AR	2021	30,000	$2,700,000
Lakeway (City of) Parks and Recreation	TX	2020	15,981	$2,601,234
Lancaster (City of)	TX	2019	39,386	$2,350,306
Marshall (City of)	TX	2021	23,750	$385,400
Mount Pleasant (City of) Parks and Recreation	TX	2021	15,924	$1,663,167
Pecos City (Town of)	TX	2020	15,000	N/A
Prichard (City of)	AL	2021	40,000	$38,500
Rosenberg Parks and Recreation	TX	2019	49,000	$1,900,000
Sherman Parks and Recreation	TX	2020	44,000	N/A
Siloam Springs Parks & Recreation	AR	2020	15,039	$1,174,648
Southlake (City of)	TX	2021	31,199	$5,339,092
Starkville Parks and Recreation	MS	2019	24,775	$1,740,045
Terrebonne Parish	LA	2020	21,007	$1,344,415
Texarkana (City of) Parks and Recreation	AR	2020	30,283	N/A
Vestavia Hills	AL	2019	34,400	$7,113,808
West University Place (City of) Parks and Recreation Department	TX	2020	15,585	$3,558,470

Figures were calculated based on information provided by the city and information from the most recent NRPA program information provided by Weatherford. Because the data for other park systems was limited to parks and facilities managed by those agencies, only parks and facilities managed by the City of Weatherford are included

[1] National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), "2022 NRPA Agency Performance Review Park And Recreation Agency Performance Benchmarks," https://www.nrpa.org/siteassets/2022-nrpa-agency-performance-review.pdf (accessed August 9, 2022).

in this analysis (other agencies, schools, and private facilities were not included). The figures used in this analysis for Weatherford were those projected for fiscal year 2022, and the figures for the comparison municipalities were those entered for 2019 through 2022 (most recent year available).

The comparisons are organized into the following categories:

- Parkland information
- Trail information
- Department functions
- Staffing
- Operating budget
- Capital budget
- Programs
- Facilities

The following text details the findings of the benchmark analysis. The values presented in these comparisons are based on information reported to Park Metrics by the municipalities and may vary from actual budgets and measurements.

2.6.1 Parkland Information

Table 2.14 shows aspects of parks coverage managed by the City of Weatherford. For instance, the city provides 27.5 acres of parkland per thousand population, nearly three times more than the benchmarks (9.5 acres) and more than double the national average of 10.4 acres. As a percentage of the entire jurisdiction, which controls for the different land area of the comparison agencies, 4.5% of land in Weatherford is city-operated parkland, significantly more than the benchmark median (1.0%). Taken together, these values indicate **Weatherford has an exceptional amount of parkland given its population and total land area.**

Just under a third (30%) of Weatherford's parkland is considered developed, much lower lower than the benchmark (89%). The population served per park (1,543) is lower than the benchmark (1,917). **Weatherford has more parks than the comparisons and, due to the high percentage of undeveloped parkland, has significant potential for improving existing parks through thoughtful development to expand service and availability.**

Table 2.14: Parkland Information

PARKLAND INFORMATION	Weatherford	Benchmark	National
Acreage of Parkland			
Lower Quartile		145.0	
Value	**847.4**	**284.5**	**N/A**
Upper Quartile		489.3	
Acreage of Parkland per 1,000 Population			
Lower Quartile		5.0	5.1
Median/Agency Value	**27.5**	**9.5**	**10.4**
Upper Quartile		18.3	18.2
Population per Park			
Lower Quartile		1,333	1,301
Median/Agency Value	**1,543**	**1,917**	**2,323**
Upper Quartile		2,769	4,566
Parkland as a Percentage of Jurisdiction			
Lower Quartile		0.0%	
Median/Agency Value	**4.5%**	**1.0%**	**N/A**
Upper Quartile		3.4%	
Percent of Acreage Developed			
Lower Quartile		28%	
Median/Agency Value	**30%**	**89%**	**N/A**
Upper Quartile		100%	

2.6.2 Trail Information

A comparison of total miles of trails managed by the City of Weatherford (Table 2.15) shows 14.3 miles of trails, compared to the benchmark median of 6.0 miles. Total trail miles per jurisdiction square mile is a measurement that controls for differences in the physical size of comparative municipalities. Weatherford has 0.5 miles of trails per square mile of the city, slightly more than the benchmark median of 0.4 mile. The trail miles per ten thousand population measurement, which controls for the population difference between the benchmark communities, shows a value of 4.6 for Weatherford, well above the benchmark median (2.3).

Table 2.15: Trail Information

TRAILS	Weatherford	Benchmark
Total Trail Miles Managed or Maintained		
Lower Quartile		4.0
Median/Agency Value	**14.3**	**6.0**
Upper Quartile		13.0
Total Trail Miles per Jurisdiction Sq. Mi.		
Lower Quartile		0.14
Median/Agency Value	**0.5**	**0.4**
Upper Quartile		0.78
Total Trail Miles per 10,000 Population		
Lower Quartile		1.4
Median/Agency Value	**4.6**	**2.3**
Upper Quartile		4.5

It is important to note than nearly half of the city's trails (6.7 miles) are part of the Quanah Hill mountain bike system. Another 4.1 miles are part of the Town Creek Hike and Bike Trail, resulting in uneven access throughout the community. **With connectivity an ever-growing demand in communities all over the country, including Weatherford, it will be important for the city to continue to develop and maintain its trail system.**

2.6.3 Department Functions

The list of department functions in Table 2.14 shows the percentage of benchmark and national agencies that have each responsibility or service and if Weatherford Parks, Recreation, and Special Events does as well. Weatherford has most of the responsibilities/services listed. **The most notable function absent in Weatherford is *operate, maintain, or contract an indoor swim facility*, a function provided by 41% of benchmark communities.** The nearest indoor pool to Weatherford is at the Benbrook YMCA which is a 30-minute drive. Farmers markets are also a service Weatherford does not offer that more than a quarter of benchmarks provide (34%). Table 2.16 shows that the City of Weatherford does provide an amphitheater that is only offered by fewer than a quarter of the benchmark comparisons (21%).

2.6.4 Operating Budget

In 2022, the total operating budget (Table 2.17) for Parks, Recreation, and Special Events in Weatherford was $2.8 million, just above the benchmark median ($2.5 million). The per capita operating expenditure for the City of Weatherford was $91, slightly below the $97 median of benchmark municipalities and the national $93 per capita. Although Weatherford has a lower percentage of developed parkland, the total operating expenditure per acre of parkland was $11,232 which is just below the benchmark median of $12,161.

The $500,000 in earned revenue is above the benchmark median ($377,000). This revenue represents only 18% of the Parks, Recreation, and Special Events budget, above the median cost recovery of the benchmark communities but well below the national number (24%). Weatherford generated $17 non-tax revenue per capita (2020) versus the benchmark ($14) and national ($22) medians.

2.6.5 Staffing

Staffing metrics for Weatherford compared to benchmark communities are identified in Table 2.18. Weatherford employs 44.5 full-time equivalent employees, higher than the benchmark median (29.0). Additionally, Weatherford has 14.4 full-time employees for every 10,000 residents, also above the benchmark (10.8).

The larger number of staff is related to the extensive programming offered by Weatherford, especially the extensive special event offerings. It is also worth noting that Weatherford has more than double the number of staff but maintains a lower operating expenditure per capita. Additionally, operating expenditures per FTE in Weatherford are less than the benchmark ($63,153 vs. $88,787).

Table 2.16: Department Functions

AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES	Weatherford	Benchmark	National
The agency...			
Operate and maintain park sites	✓	100%	98%
Operate and maintain indoor facilities	✓	97%	91%
Provide recreation programming and services	✓	97%	94%
Have budgetary responsibility for its administrative staff	✓	86%	87%
Conduct major jurisdiction wide special events	✓	90%	81%
Operate, maintain, or manage trails, greenways, and/or blueways (TGB)	✓	69%	81%
Operate, maintain, or contract outdoor swim facilities/water parks	✓	79%	67%
Operate and maintain non-park sites	✓	72%	69%
Administer or manage tournament/event quality outdoor sports complexes	✓	69%	56%
Operate, maintain, or manage special purpose parks and open spaces	✓	69%	73%
Include in its operating budget funding for planning and development	✓	69%	71%
Operate, maintain, or contract racquet sport facilities	✓	55%	63%
Operate, maintain, or contract tourism attractions	✓	41%	36%
Operate, maintain, or contract indoor swim facility		41%	32%
Administer or manage farmer's markets*	✓	34%	21%
Administer community gardens		34%	45%
Operate, maintain, or contract golf courses		31%	36%
Administer or manage tournament/event quality indoor sports complexes		24%	20%
Manage large performance outdoor amphitheaters	✓	21%	37%
Maintain, manage or lease indoor performing arts center		17%	20%
Operate, maintain, or contract campgrounds		17%	18%
Administer or manage professional or college-type stadium/arena/racetrack		7%	9%

*Operated by partner

Table 2.17: Operating Budget

OPERATING BUDGET	Weatherford	Benchmark	National
Agency's TOTAL Operating Expenditures for the Fiscal Year			
Lower Quartile		$1,465,917	$1,969,110
Median/Agency Value	**$2,810,329**	**$2,531,005**	**$5,079,256**
Upper Quartile		$5,295,669	$14,157,797
Agency's TOTAL Non-Tax Revenue for the Fiscal Year			
Lower Quartile		$47,158	
Median/Agency Value	**$513,033**	**$372,649**	**N/A**
Upper Quartile		$826,773	
Revenue as a Percentage of Total Operating Expenditures			
Lower Quartile		6%	11%
Median/Agency Value	**18%**	**17%**	**24%**
Upper Quartile		25%	43%
Operating Expenditures per Capita			
Lower Quartile		$66	$51
Median/Agency Value	**$91**	**$97**	**$93**
Upper Quartile		$219	$171
Operating Expenditures per Acre of Land Maintained			
Lower Quartile		$4,857	$3,648
Median/Agency Value	**$11,232**	**$12,161**	**$7,823**
Upper Quartile		$32,765	$18,379
Non-Tax Revenue per Capita			
Lower Quartile		$3	$6
Median/Agency Value	**$17**	**$13**	**$22**
Upper Quartile		$37	$54

*Average values used

Table 2.18: Staffing

STAFFING	Weatherford	Benchmark	National
Full-Time Employees			
Lower Quartile		11.3	
Median/Agency Value	**23**	**21.0**	**N/A**
Upper Quartile		44.5	
Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Employees			
Lower Quartile		13.8	17.3
Median/Agency Value	**44.5**	**29.0**	**49.4**
Upper Quartile		49.8	127.3
FTE per 10,000 Population			
Lower Quartile		7.0	4.7
Median/Agency Value	**14.4**	**10.8**	**8.9**
Upper Quartile		22.9	15.4
Acres of Parkland per FTE			
Lower Quartile		1.6	
Median/Agency Value	**19.0**	**7.8**	**N/A**
Upper Quartile		16.3	
Operating Expenditures per FTE			
Lower Quartile		$63,681	$75,933
Median/Agency Value	**$63,153**	**$88,787**	**$102,530**
Upper Quartile		$142,836	$143,389

2.6.6 Capital Budget

Table 2.19 shows capital budget comparisons for the benchmark communities. The 5-year capital improvements expenditures in Weatherford should be determined by the findings of this Master Plan. The capital expenditures per capita incurred by Weatherford Parks, Recreation, and Special Events were $5 compared to the benchmark of $21. **To match the per capita expenditures of the benchmark median, the city would need to devote about $650,000 per year to capital projects or $3.3 million over five years.**

Table 2.19: Capital Budget

CAPITAL BUDGET	Weatherford	Benchmark
Total Capital Park Budget for Next 5-Years		
Lower Quartile		$622,500
Median/Agency Value	**TBD**	**$2,418,750**
Upper Quartile		$6,916,614
Total Capital Budget this Fiscal Year		
Lower Quartile		$100,000
Median/Agency Value	**$152,680**	**$595,500**
Upper Quartile		$795,898
Total Capital Expenditures per Capita this Fiscal Year		
Lower Quartile		$6
Median/Agency Value	**$5**	**$21**
Upper Quartile		$37

2.6.7 Programs

The list of program categories in Table 2.20 includes the percentage of benchmark departments that offer each type of program listed and whether Weatherford offers them. The data in Table 2.20 is separated into two types of programs: "Activities," which cover general program categories intended for all users, and "Out-of-School-Time Activities," which include programs targeted for specific user groups (children, seniors, etc.).

Weatherford Parks, Recreation, and Special Events offers programming in 15 categories, including two OST activities. The department currently hosts over 50 events annually and offers youth camps, swimming lessons and swim teams, rentals, athletic leagues, cookoffs, and tournaments.

Although Weatherford provides a significant number of events and programming offerings, some activities are not included. Martial arts, after school, and STEM programs are offered by 40% or more of benchmarks but not by Weatherford. However, there are other resources available for school aged children at private facilities such as daycares, learning centers, and through the school district.

Table 2.20: Programs

PROGRAMS	Weatherford	Benchmark	National
Activities			
Team sports	✓	93%	87%
Themed special events	✓	89%	90%
Fitness enhancement classes	✓	85%	82%
Social recreation events	✓	85%	88%
Aquatics	✓	78%	70%
Health and wellness education	✓	78%	80%
Individual sports	✓	74%	76%
Safety training	✓	70%	72%
Martial arts		59%	59%
Trips and tours	✓	56%	61%
Cultural crafts	✓	56%	62%
Running/cycling races	✓	52%	50%
Racquet sports	✓	48%	71%
Natural and cultural history activities	✓	44%	62%
Performing arts	✓	37%	64%
Visual arts		33%	63%
Golf		30%	48%
eSports/eGaming		4%	12%
Out-of-School Time (OST) Activities			
Specific senior programs	✓	81%	79%
Summer camp	✓	74%	83%
After school programs		44%	55%
STEM Programs		41%	58%
Specific teen programs		33%	66%
Programs for people with disabilities		33%	62%
Preschool		22%	34%
Before school programs		7%	19%
Full daycare		4%	7%

2.6.8 Facilities

Table 2.21 provides a comparison of facilities offered and population per facility to evaluate the existing supply. Looking at population served per facility can help identify new facilities that the city may want to add in the future. This table shows the benchmark median values for a range of facilities – outdoor and indoor, respectively. A lower value indicates a higher level of service.

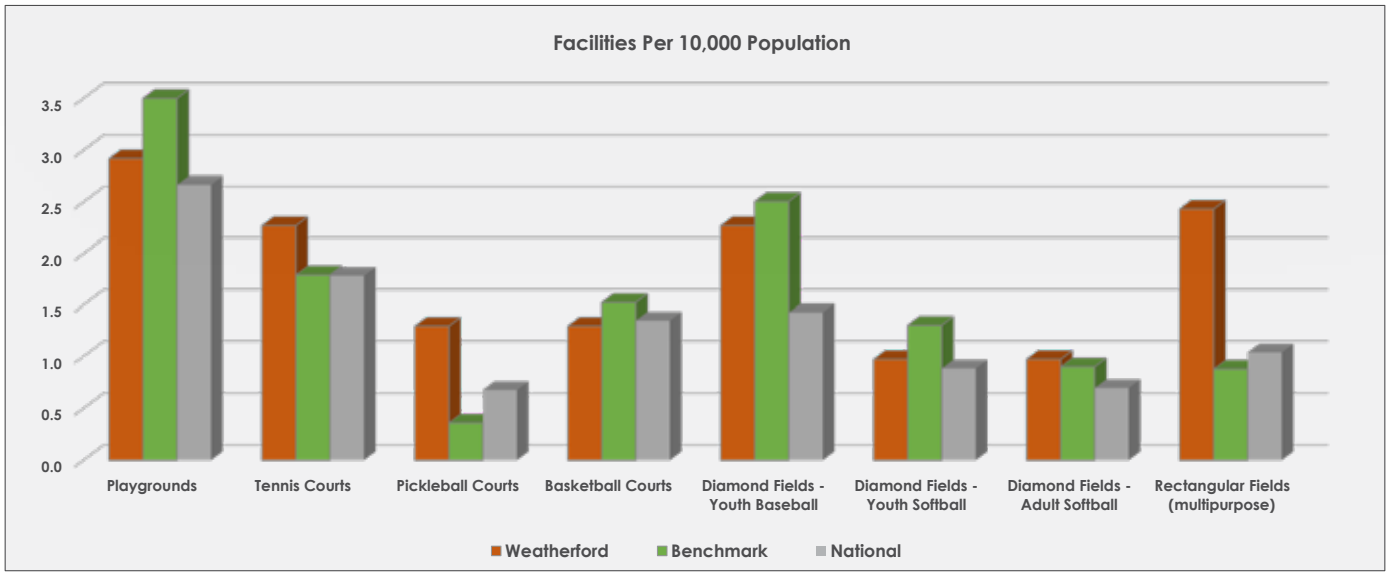
Weatherford offers all outdoor facilities provided by 40% or more of the benchmark communities. Of the outdoor facilities offered by more than 40% of benchmarks, Weatherford does not offer community gardens. Weatherford does offer an outdoor amphitheater that is only offered by 26% of benchmark agencies.

Of indoor facilities, Weatherford currently only offers a community center. As noted previously, the department does not offer some types of programming; however, indoor facilities to host those activities are available. **Notably, Weatherford has a lower service ratio for playgrounds and a higher ratio for multipurpose rectangular fields.**

Table 2.21: Facilities Offered and Service Levels

FACILITIES	Weatherford		Benchmark		National	
Outdoor	**Offered**	**Pop. per**	**% Offered**	**Pop. per**	**% Offered**	**Pop. per**
Playgrounds	✓	3,085	100%	2,753	95%	3,750
Diamond Fields - Youth Baseball	✓	4,408	96%	3,992	79%	7,000
Basketball Courts	✓	7,714	93%	6,564	86%	7,403
Trails	✓	2,158	86%	N/A	81%	N/A
Tennis Courts	✓	4,408	81%	5,581	78%	5,608
Diamond Fields - Youth Softball	✓	10,285	81%	7,660	62%	11,339
Rectangular Fields (multipurpose)	✓	4,114	81%	11,417	68%	9,622
Dog Parks	✓	30,854	78%	24,775	67%	43,586
Diamond Fields - Adult Softball	✓	10,285	78%	11,130	54%	14,302
Swimming Pools	✓	30,854	63%	21,700	53%	38,000
Community Gardens		N/A	41%	24,500	51%	30,140
Skateparks	✓	30,854	37%	26,250	39%	53,708
Performance Amphitheater	✓	30,854	26%	31,199	36%	68,181
Pickleball Courts	✓	7,714	11%	28,000	18%	14,714
Multipurpose Synthetic Field		N/A	7%	14,530	22%	39,736
Indoor						
Recreation Centers		N/A	70%	31,199	64%	31,239
Community Centers	✓	15,427	70%	21,500	N/A	N/A
Senior Centers		N/A	52%	32,319	41%	59,603
Competitive Swimming Pools		N/A	19%	39,000	N/A	N/A
Nature Centers		N/A	26%	39,386	31%	114,696

Figure 2.3: Facilities Per 10,000 Population



2.7 Geographic Distribution of Parks and Recreation Areas

The spatial distribution of parks throughout Weatherford is important to consider; residents are better able and more willing to utilize facilities that are close to their homes. Figures 2.4 and 2.5 show Weatherford's existing parks with service areas described for different park classifications. The methodology for this analysis (and the facility analysis) can be found in Appendix C. These service areas are not necessarily representative of all users of the city's parks; after all, some users may be more willing to travel greater distances than those defined in the figures below. However, the most frequent users generally do live within the areas indicated and usage rates do tend to decline sharply in relation to travel times.

A 10-minute walking distance represents about a half mile range and is a commonly used measurement for the walkability of an area; most residents can easily travel this distance without using a car. The Trust for Public Land, NRPA, and the Urban Land Institute have all joined forces to develop the "10-minute Walk Campaign" which strives for healthy, walkable communities and easy access to greenspace for everyone in the country.

Figure 2.4 shows the areas in Weatherford that are within a 10-minute walking distance to neighborhood parks (or larger) and school parks. The central most part of the city is located within a 10-min walk to a park while the periphery areas can only access these by car. About 25% of Weatherford residents are within a 10-minute walk to a neighborhood park or larger with about 15% within walking distance of a school park. In total, about 40% of the population is within walking distance to any type of park. Overall, the walkability and connectivity to Weatherford parks, while strong centrally, decreases as distance increases from the center of town.

Figure 2.5 shows the drivetime (5- and 10-minutes) to community parks. This figure shows that residents live within a 5-minute drive to a larger park, and only the far eastern portion of the city is beyond a 10-minute drive of one of these parks.

2.8 Geographic Distribution of Facilities

This portion of the needs analysis focuses on the distribution of facilities provided by Weatherford for use by residents. Service areas for these key facilities within Weatherford are illustrated in Figures 2.6 through 2.16. As with the geographic distribution of parks, both drive and walk times are used for defining service areas

Larger and unique facilities are intended to serve greater populations; typically, residents are willing to travel longer distances to access these amenities. In contrast, smaller and more common facilities usually serve more localized (smaller) populations and are more often within walking distance. The following sections outline the overall need for facilities in Weatherford; though portions of the city are highlighted that are located outside of facility service areas, a new facility is not necessarily recommended for these areas.

2.8.1 Playgrounds

Figure 2.6 shows the service areas (10-minute walk and 5-minute drive) for playgrounds in Weatherford offered by the city or other public agencies. The city offers playgrounds at 10 different parks; residents also have access to additional playgrounds provided by schools which have limited availability outside of school hours and neighboring communities. Walkable access is focused on the central /western part of the city with the 5-minute drive areas extending to cover most residential areas.

Figure 2.4: Neighborhood Park Service Areas

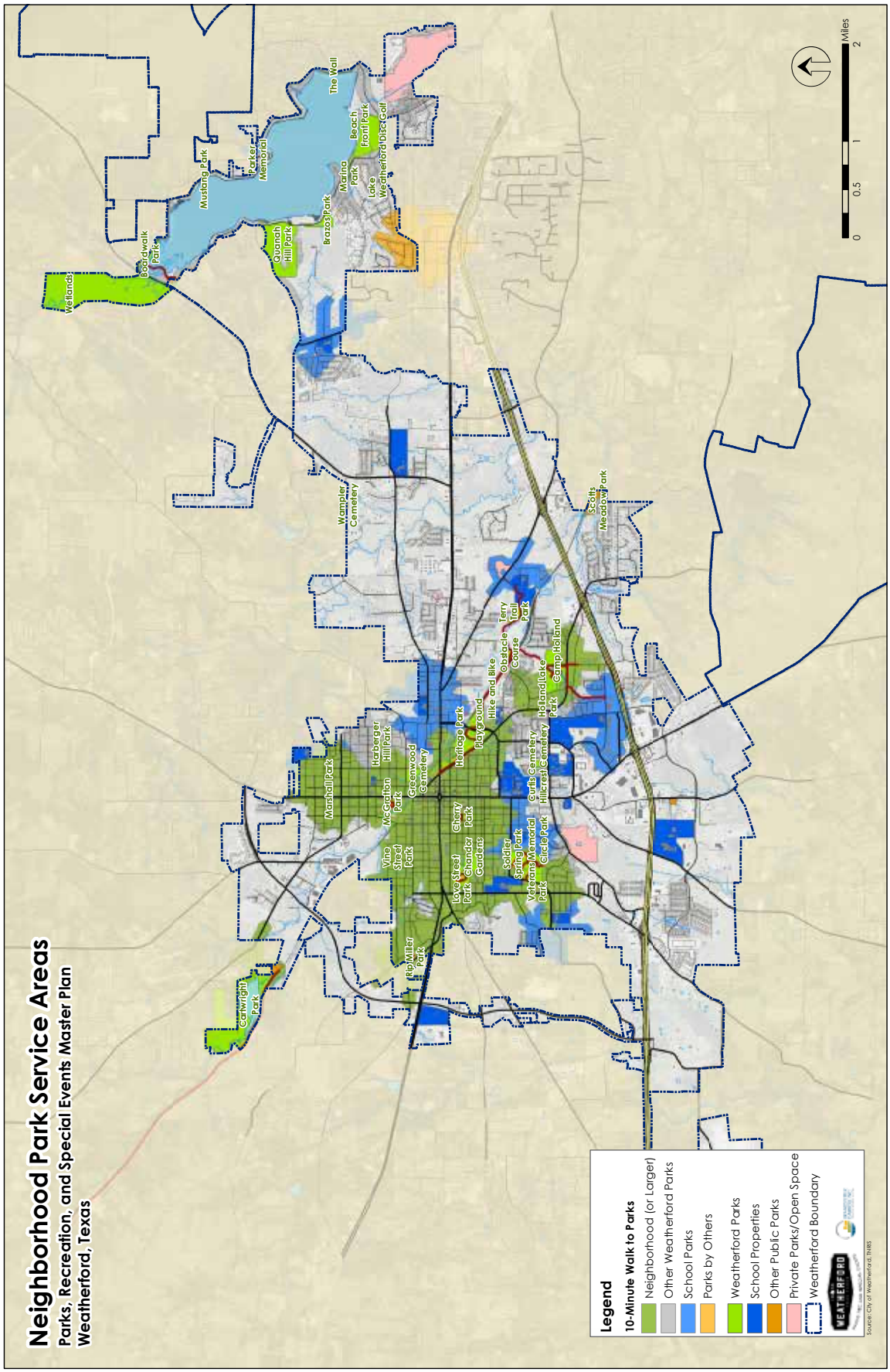


Figure 2.5: Community Park Service Areas

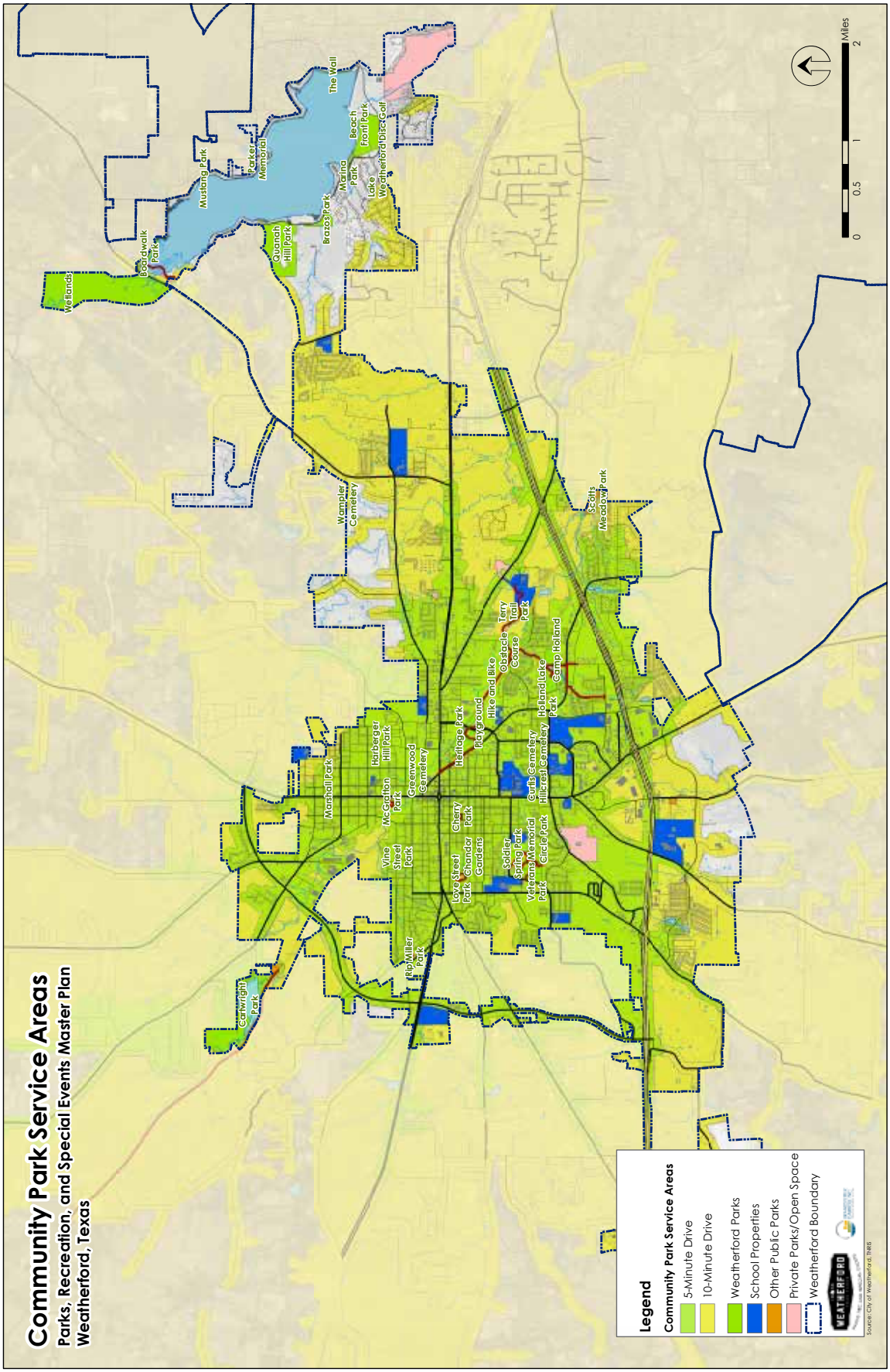
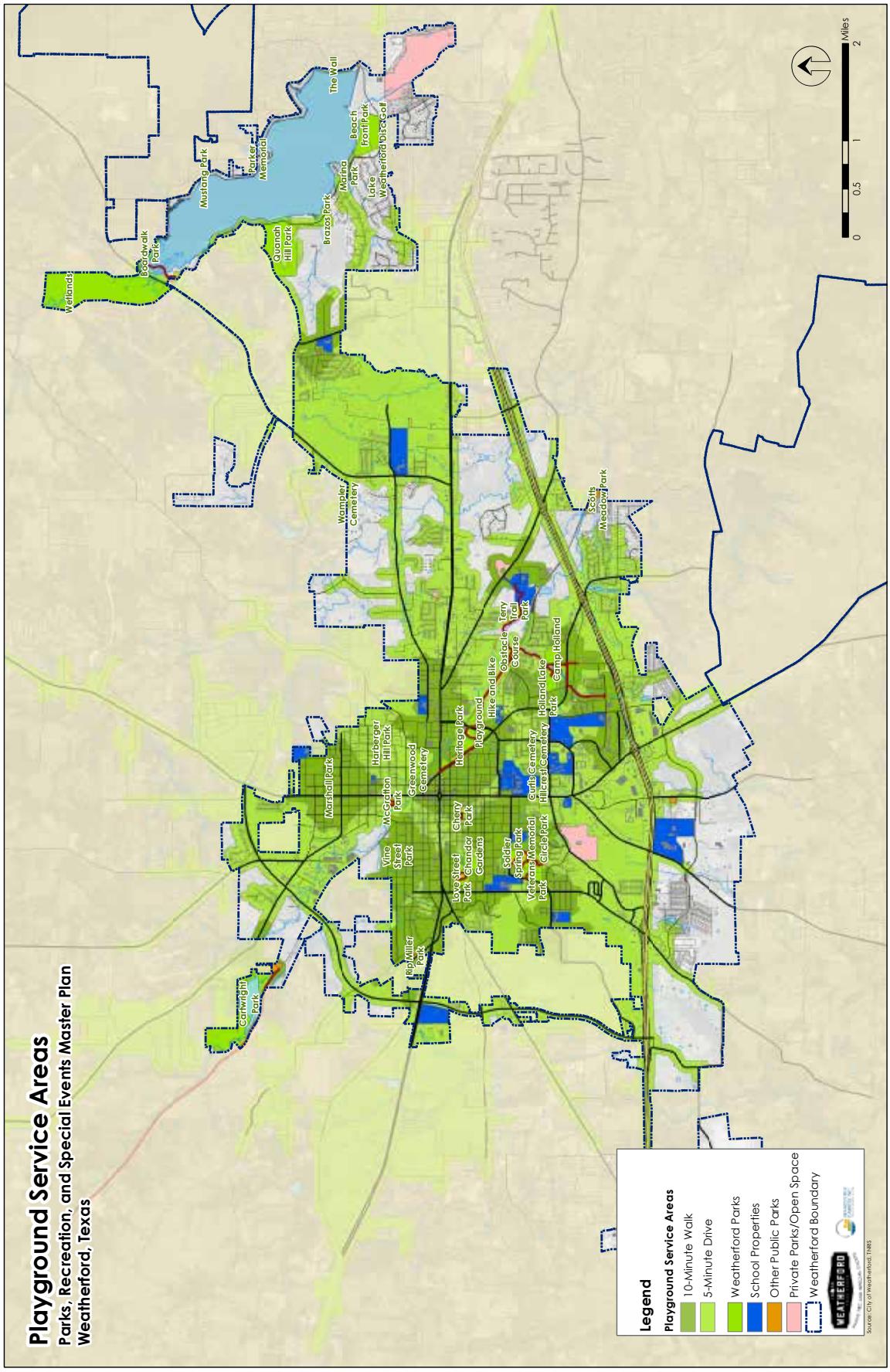


Figure 2.6: Playground Service Areas



2.8.2 Basketball Courts (Outdoor)

Figure 2.7 displays service areas for outdoor basketball courts calculated by the same access measures as playgrounds (10-minute walk and 5-minute drive). Weatherford offers basketball courts in three different parks; there are courts also offered at three elementary schools in Weatherford's city limits. The western and central portions of the city is within a 5-minute drive to a basketball court with small pockets of residential areas within a 10-minute walk primarily in the western half.

2.8.3 Baseball/Softball Diamond Fields

Weatherford's diamond ballfield service areas are illustrated in Figure 2.8 with distances defined by 10-minute walk, 5-minute drive, and 10-minute drive. Much of the denser part of the city is within a 5-minute drive of a diamond field, while 10-minute walking access is concentrated towards the complexes Soldier Spring Park and Holland Lake Park. Most of the remainder of the city is within a 10-minute drive to a diamond field.



Soldier Springs Park

2.8.4 Multipurpose Rectangular Fields

Weatherford's multipurpose rectangular field service areas are illustrated in Figure 2.9 with distances defined by the same measures as other features. Unlike the previously discussed facilities, service areas for multipurpose rectangular fields are restricted to the northwestern portion of the city. Although limited, the service areas encompass the most densely populated part of the city but mostly at a 10-minute drive with smaller portions within a 5-minute drive. Only a few residences are within walking distance. This lower level of service result is because all of the city's rectangular fields are located at Cartwright Park, at the most northwest tip of city limits.



Cartwright Park

2.8.5 Aquatic Center

Figure 2.12 shows the service area for the city's aquatic center, Cherry Park Pool. The service areas show 10-minute walk, 5-minute drive, and 10-minute drive ranges. The facility is within a 10-minute drive from all areas of the city and within a 5-minute drive from most residential areas. Walking distance is limited to the densely populated areas surrounding the park.



Cherry Park Pool

2.8.6 Splash Pads

Figure 2.11 shows the service area for the city's two splash pad, located at Marshall Park and Love Street Park. The facilities access ranges are measured using the same metrics as aquatics facilities. The north and western portion sof the city enjoy a 5-minute drive to a splash pad, while the splash pads are within a 10-minute drive for nearly the entire city. Only the eastern portions of the city located near the lake are the furthest from the splash pads and, beyond the service areas.



Marshall Park

2.8.7 Skate Park

Skatepark access (Figure 2.12) is similar to that of splash pads; however, less of the city is within walking distance to the skatepark offered at McGratton Park. Once again, the most populated portions of the city are within the 5-minute drive service area with most of the rest of the city within a 10-minute drive.

2.8.8 Tennis Courts

Figure 2.13 shows the service areas for tennis courts within the city. Weatherford offers seven tennis courts (including four junior tennis courts) at Soldier Spring Park, located on the southwestern part of the city. Weatherford High School also offers eight tennis courts which have availability outside of school use. Walkability is limited to residential areas around the park and the high school, but most of the southwestern portion of the city is within a 5-minute drive. Much of the rest of the city is within the 10-minute drive service area with only except the areas nearest the lake.



Soldier Springs Park

2.8.9 Pickleball Courts

Figure 2.14 shows that service areas for pickleball courts, which shared with the junior tennis courts at Soldier Spring Park, are slightly less comprehensive than tennis courts because they are not offered at the high school tennis courts. The 10-minute walking service area is focused near the park with the 5-minute drive area covering most of the southwestern portion of the city. Most residential areas in Weatherford are within a 10-minute drive to the pickleball courts, with the exception of the eastern portion of the city.



Soldier Springs Park

2.8.10 Trails

Figure 2.15 shows a range of service areas across the city for trails: 10-minute walk to a trail access point, a 5-minute drive to at least a ½-mile trail, and a 10-minute drive to at least a 1-mile trail. Walkable access to trails is focused within the more densely population areas of the city. Walkability to these trails is primarily found around most residential areas near the center of the city. Areas within a 5-minute drive to a trail greater than half a mile cover most of Weatherford. As noted previously, most of the city's trail miles are at Quanah Hill or part ofTown Creek Hike and Bike Trail. Demand for trails will also likely continue to increase in the future.



Quanah Hill Park

2.8.11 Dog Park

Weatherford offers one dog park, Patsy Hooks Dog Park, located within Weatherford Heritage Park. This location provides limited walkable access is within a 5-minute drive to many households (Figure 2.16). Most of the remainder of the city is within a 10-minute drive. The portions of the city outside of the service areas are nearest the lake.



Patsy Hooks Dog Park

Figure 2.7: Outdoor Basketball Court Service Areas

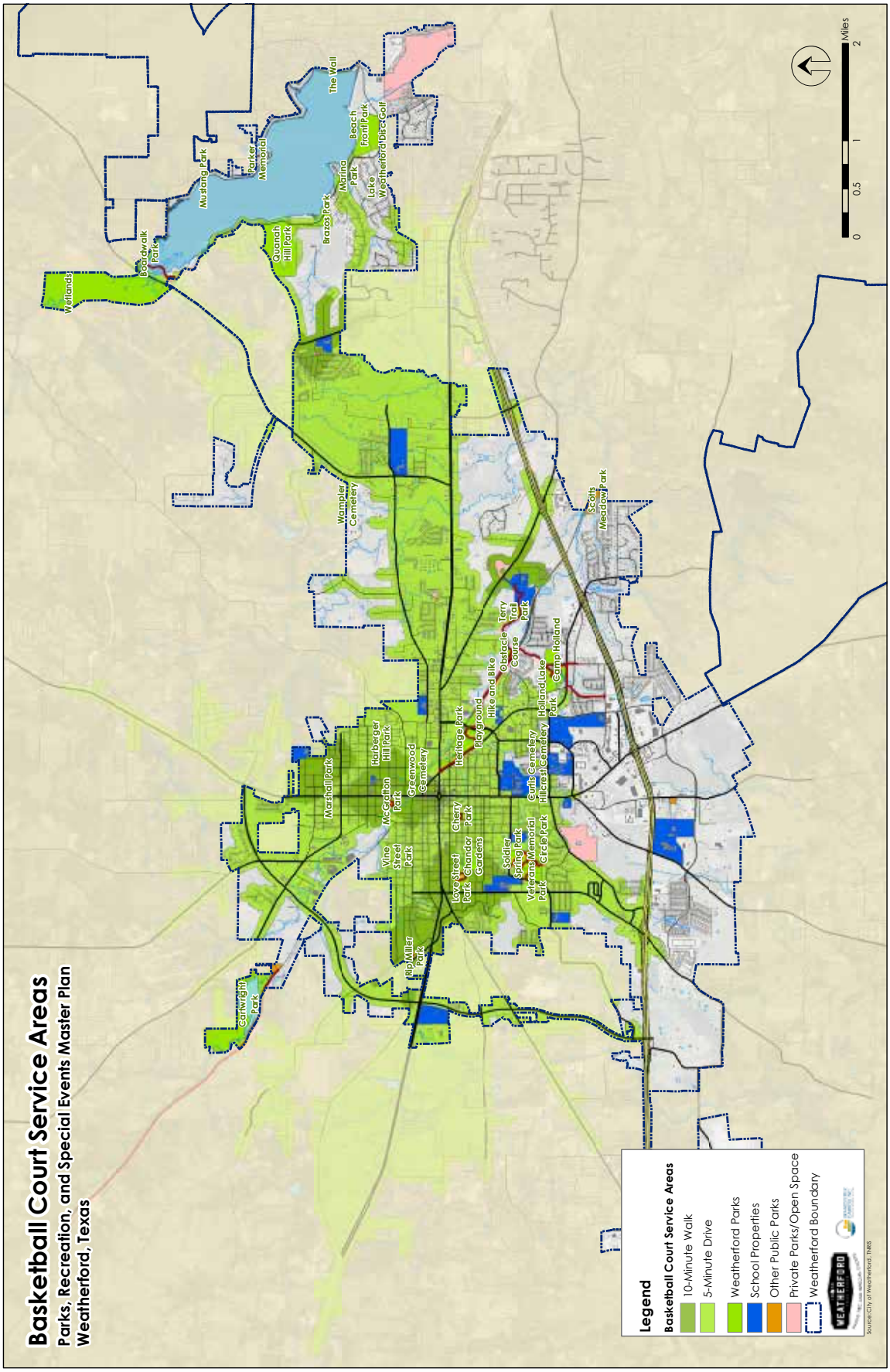


Figure 2.8: Diamond Field Service Areas

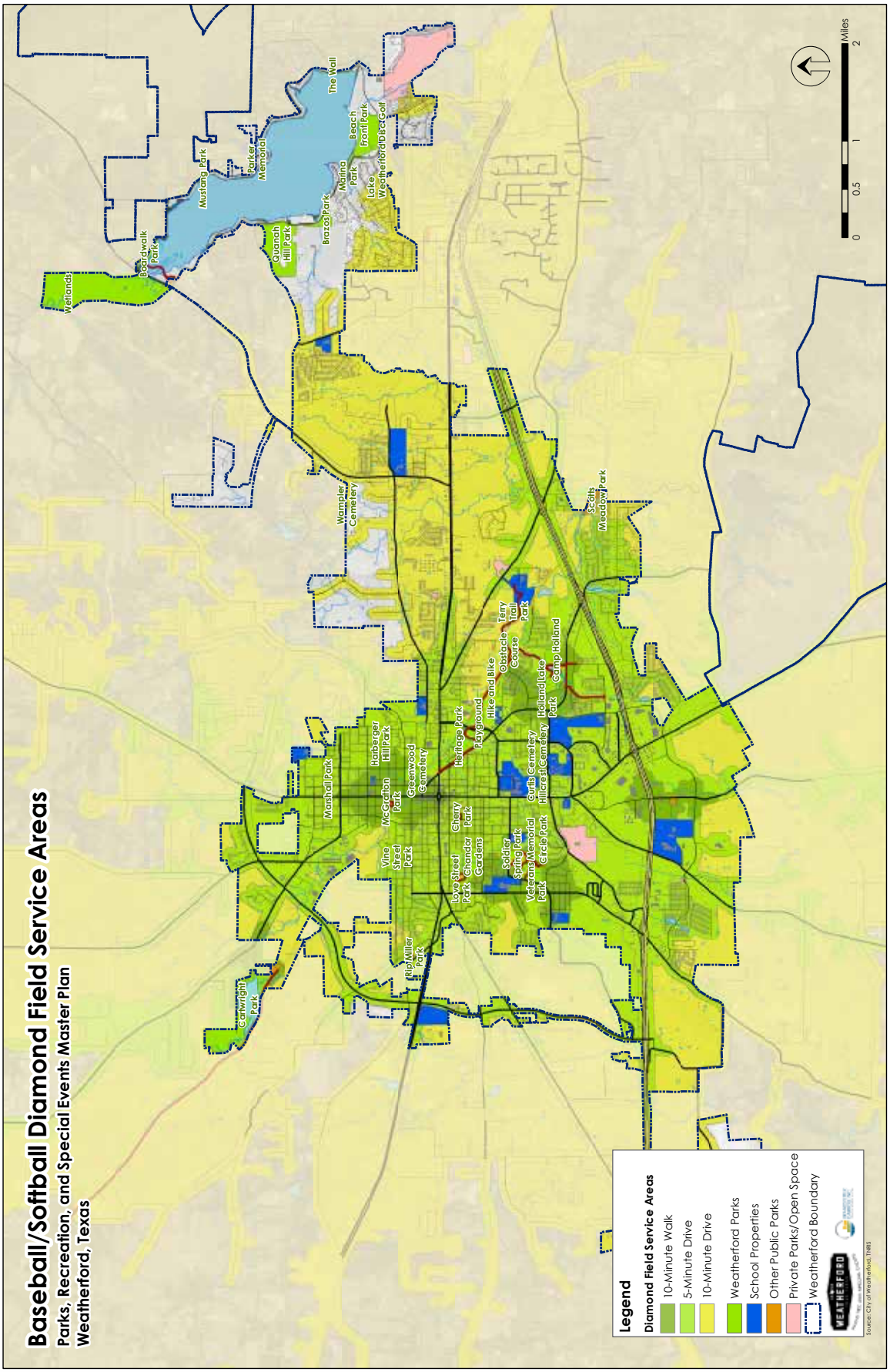


Figure 2.9: Multipurpose Rectangular Field Service Area

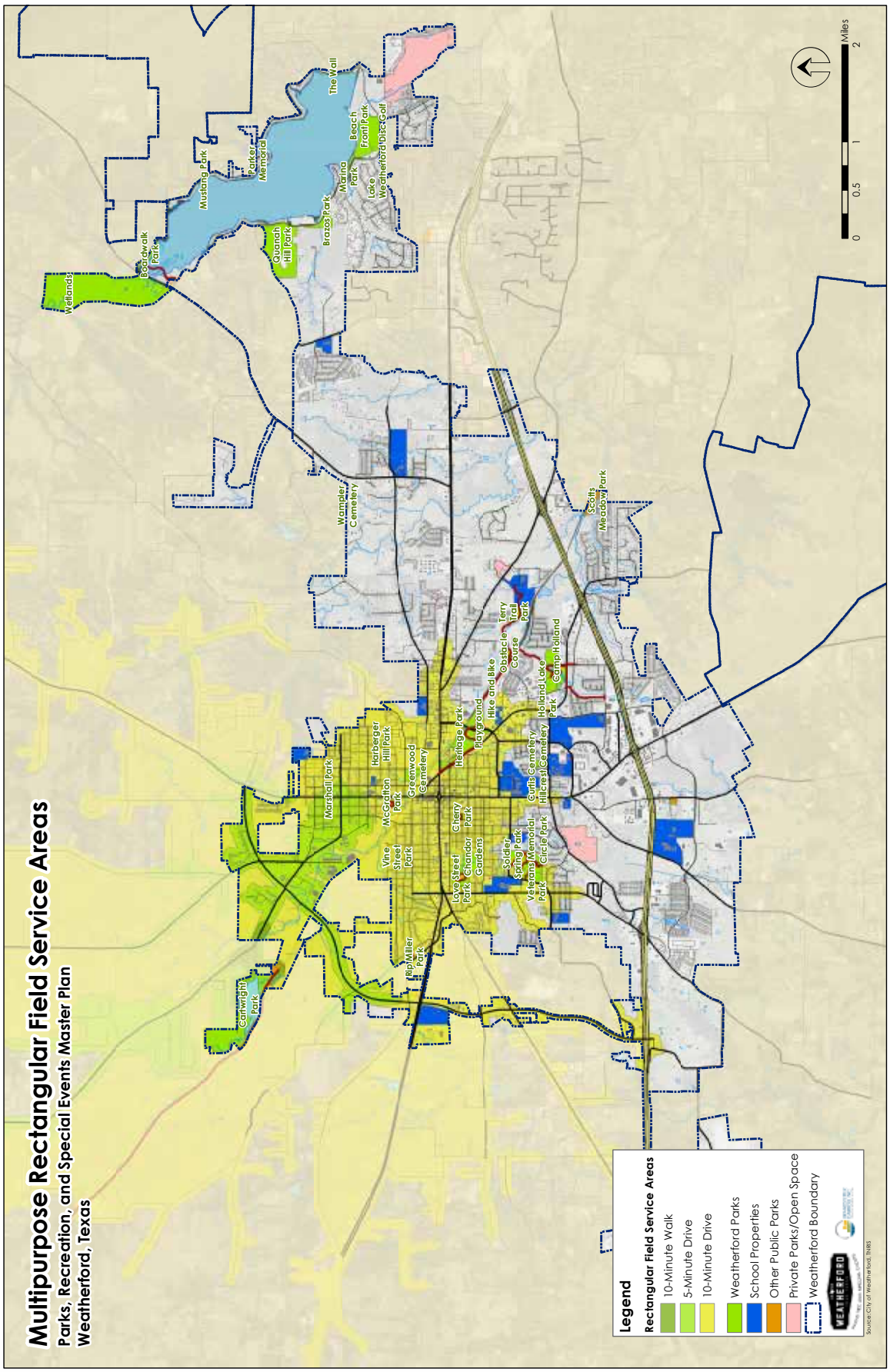


Figure 2.10: Aquatic Center Service Areas

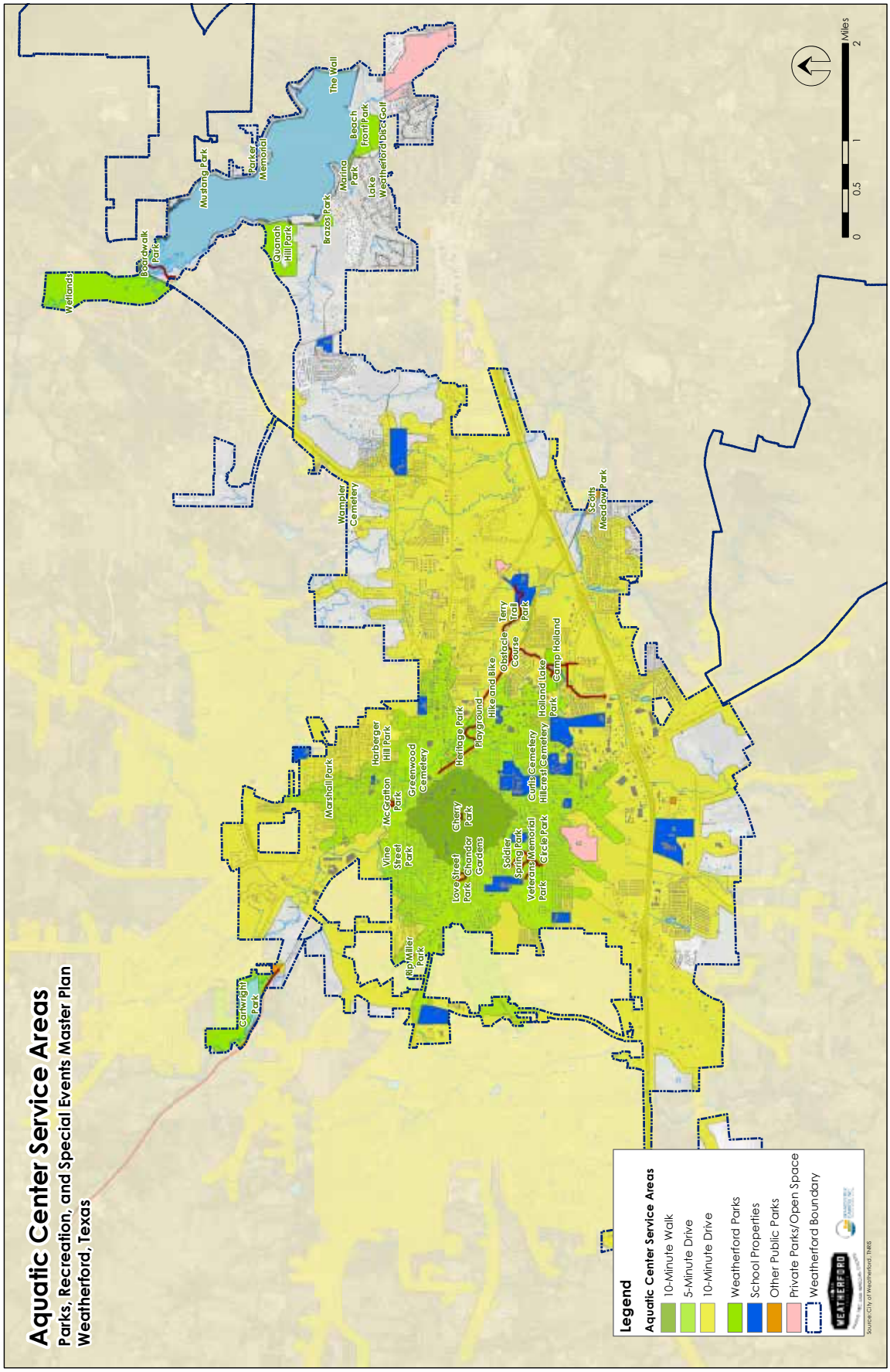


Figure 2.11: Splash Pad Service Areas

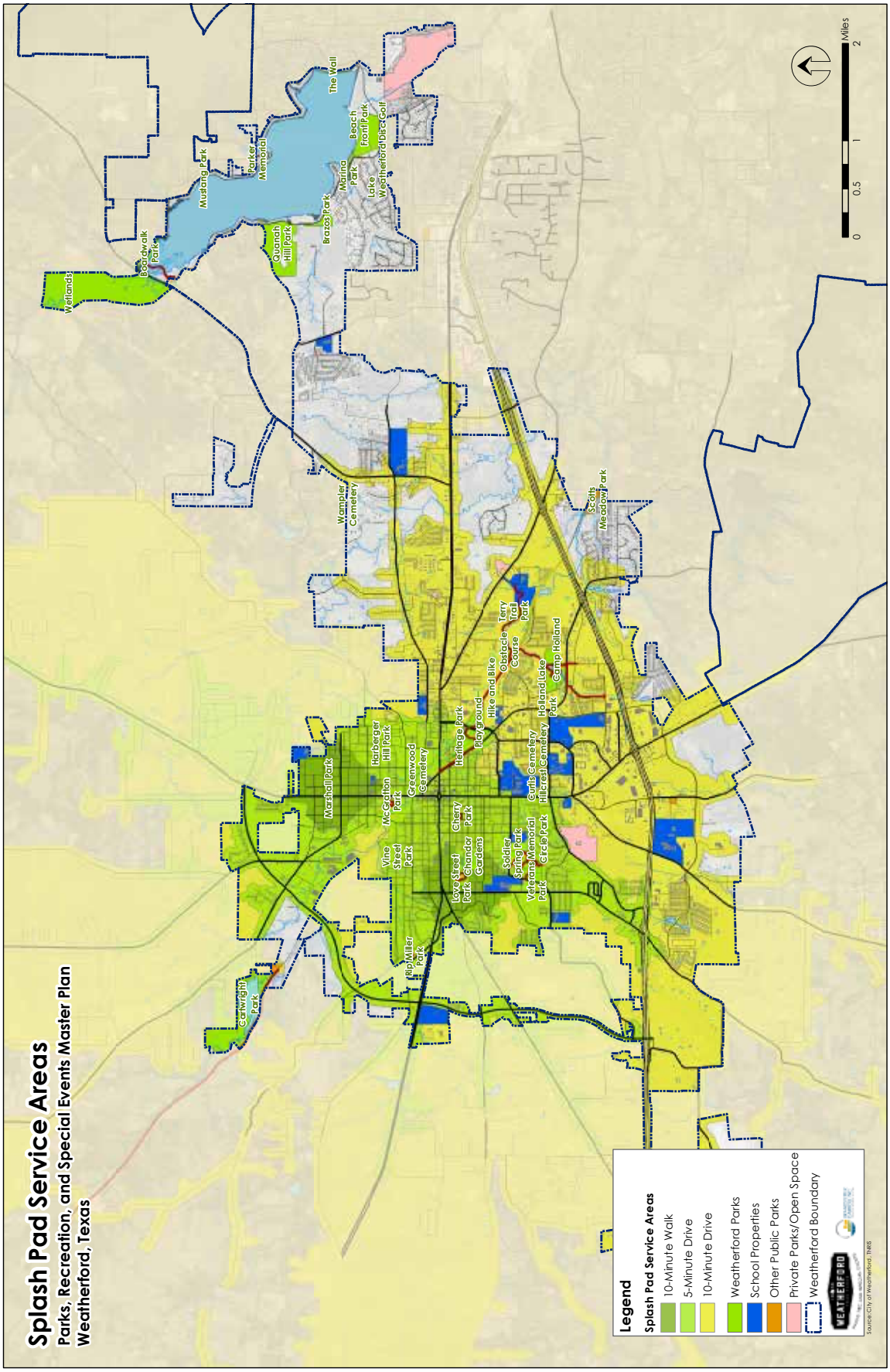


Figure 2.12: Skatepark Service Area

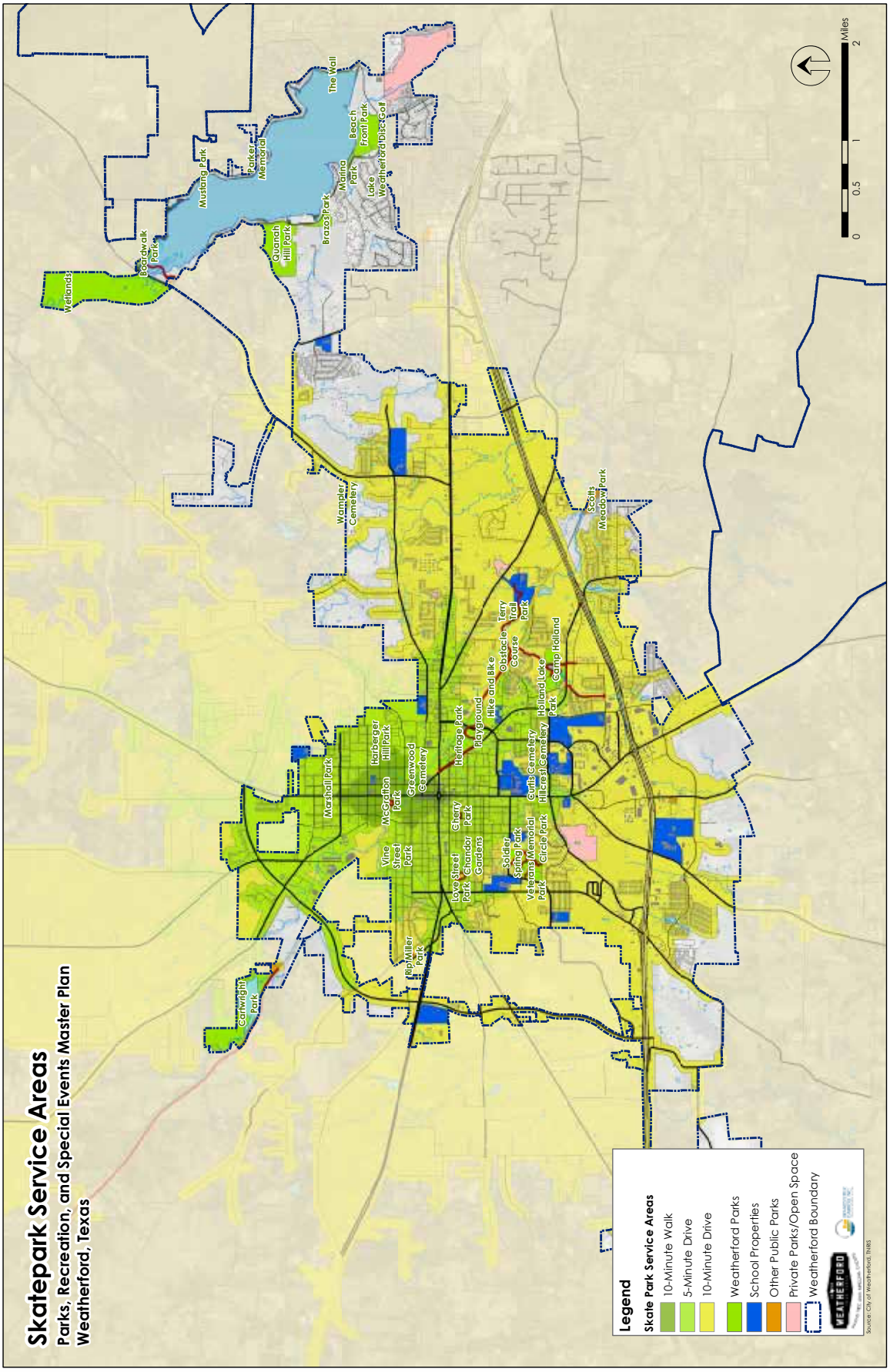


Figure 2.13: Tennis Service Area

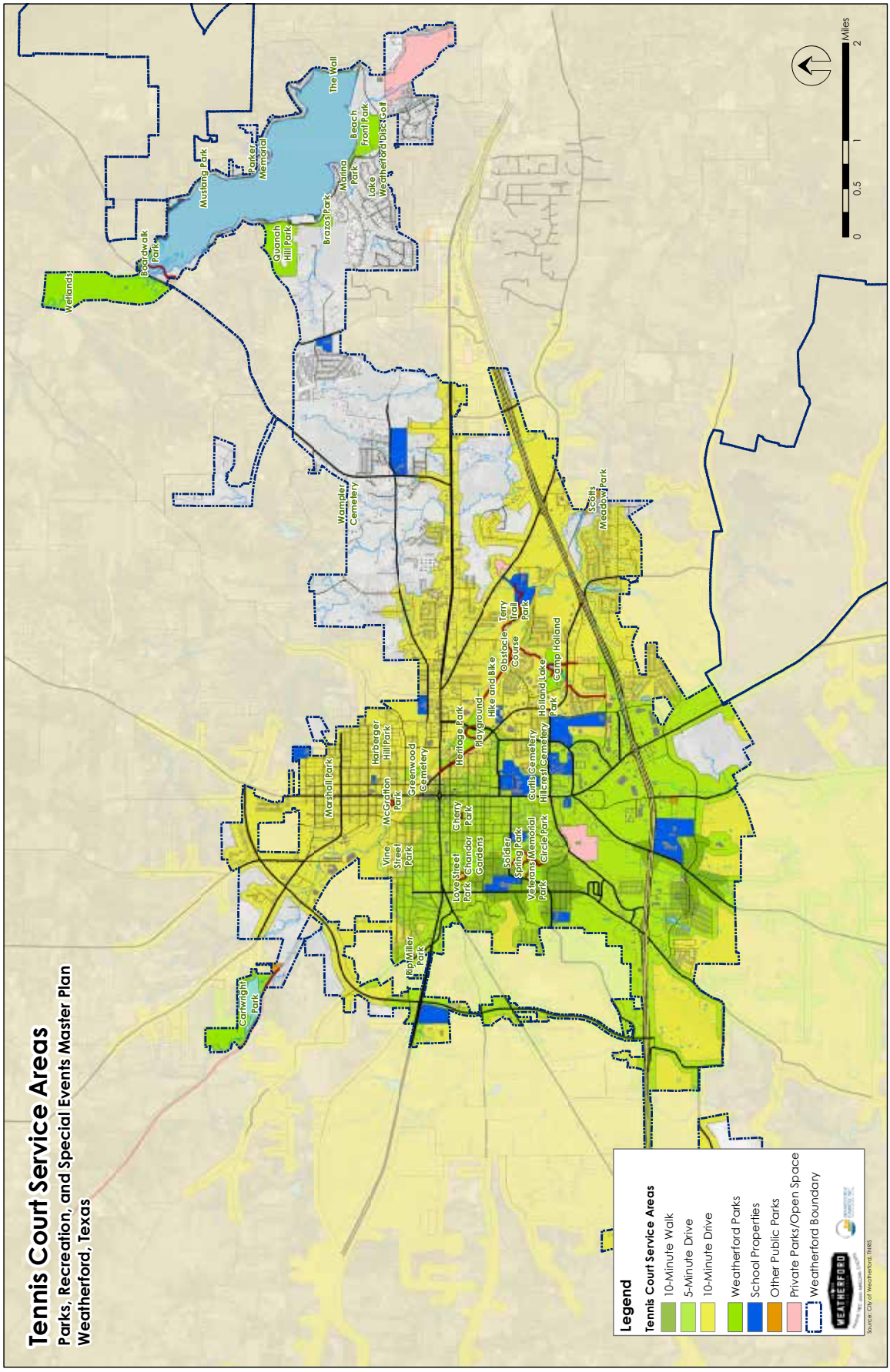


Figure 2.14: Pickleball Service Areas

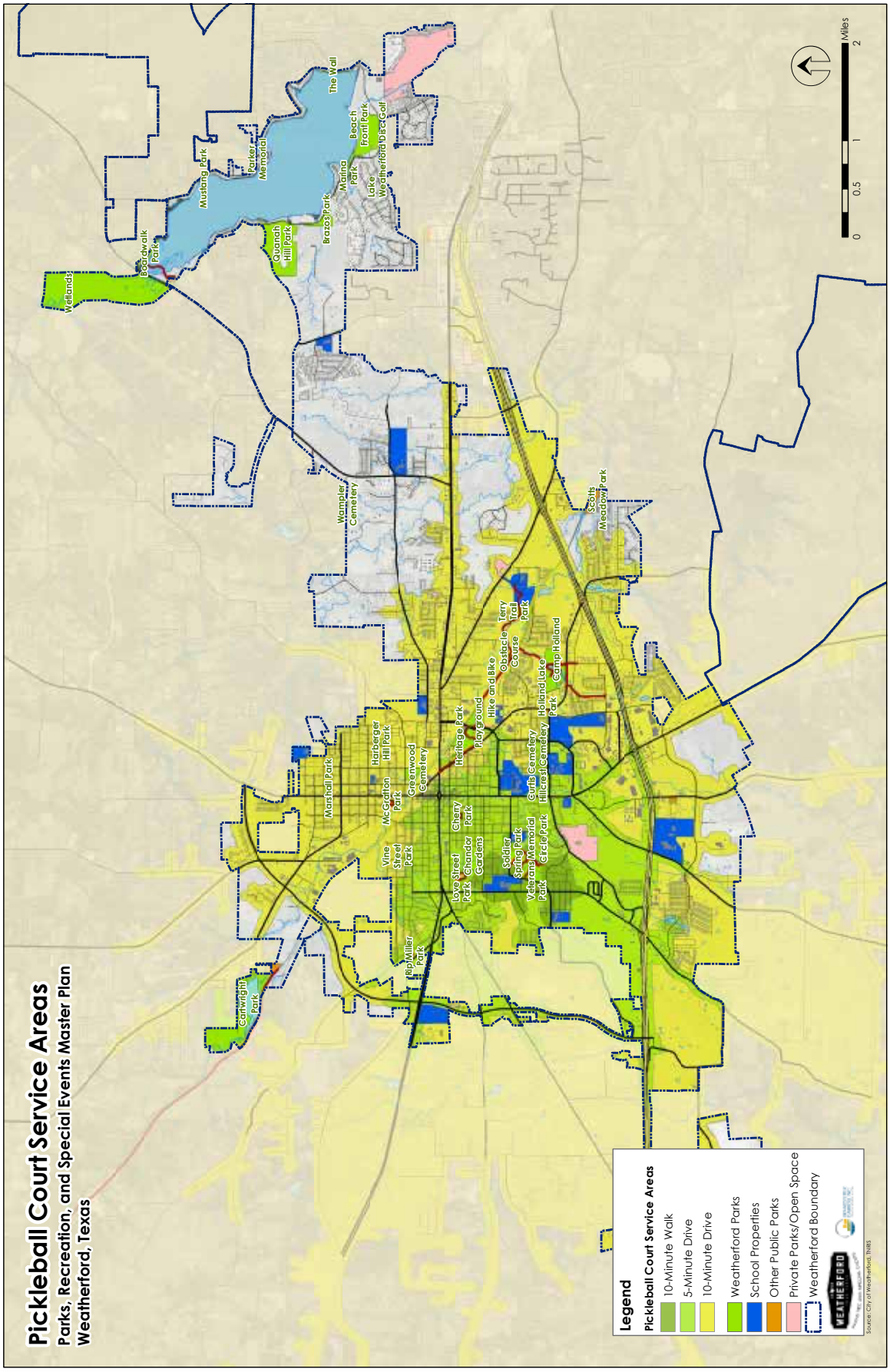


Figure 2.15: Trail Service Areas

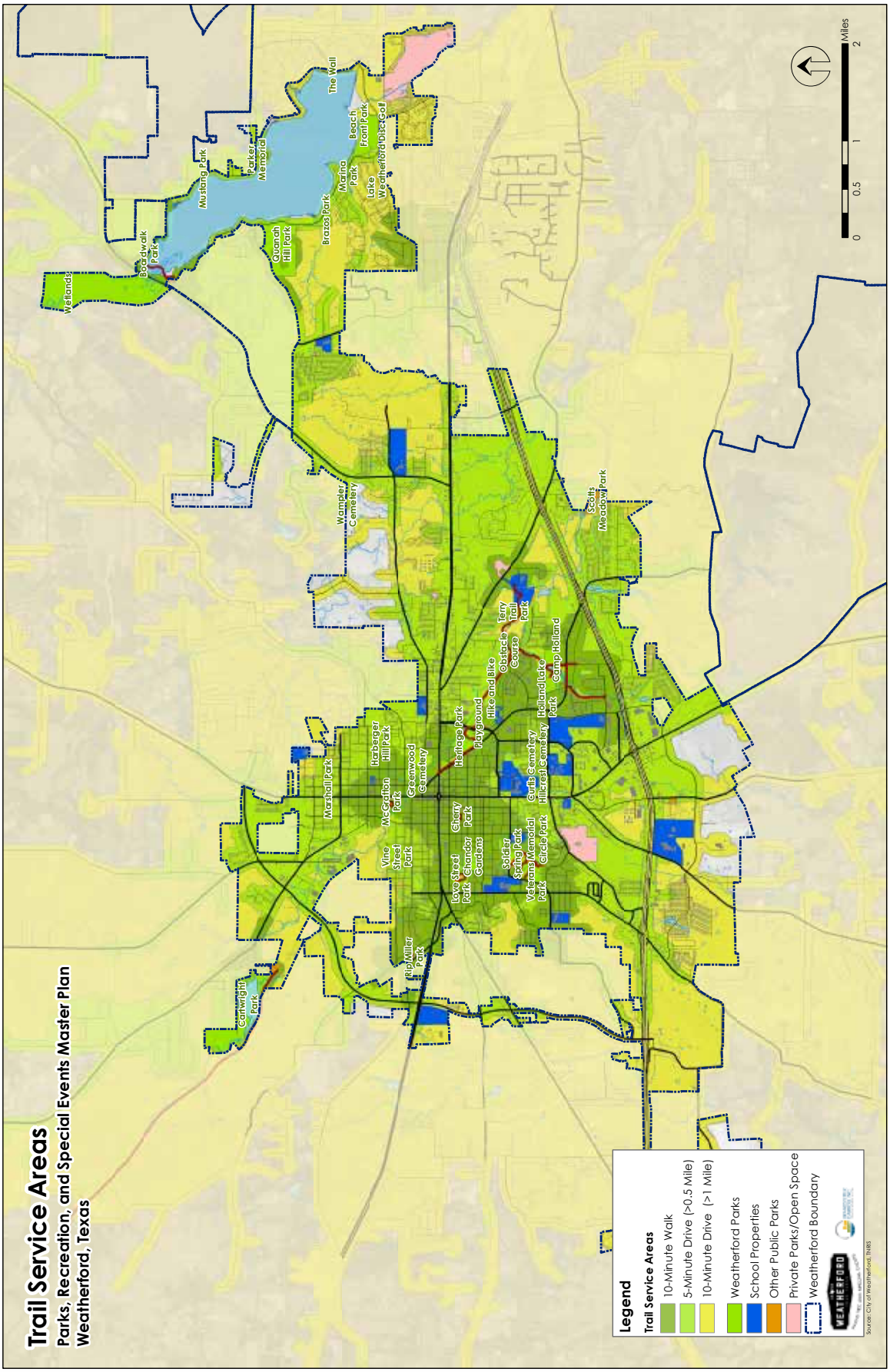
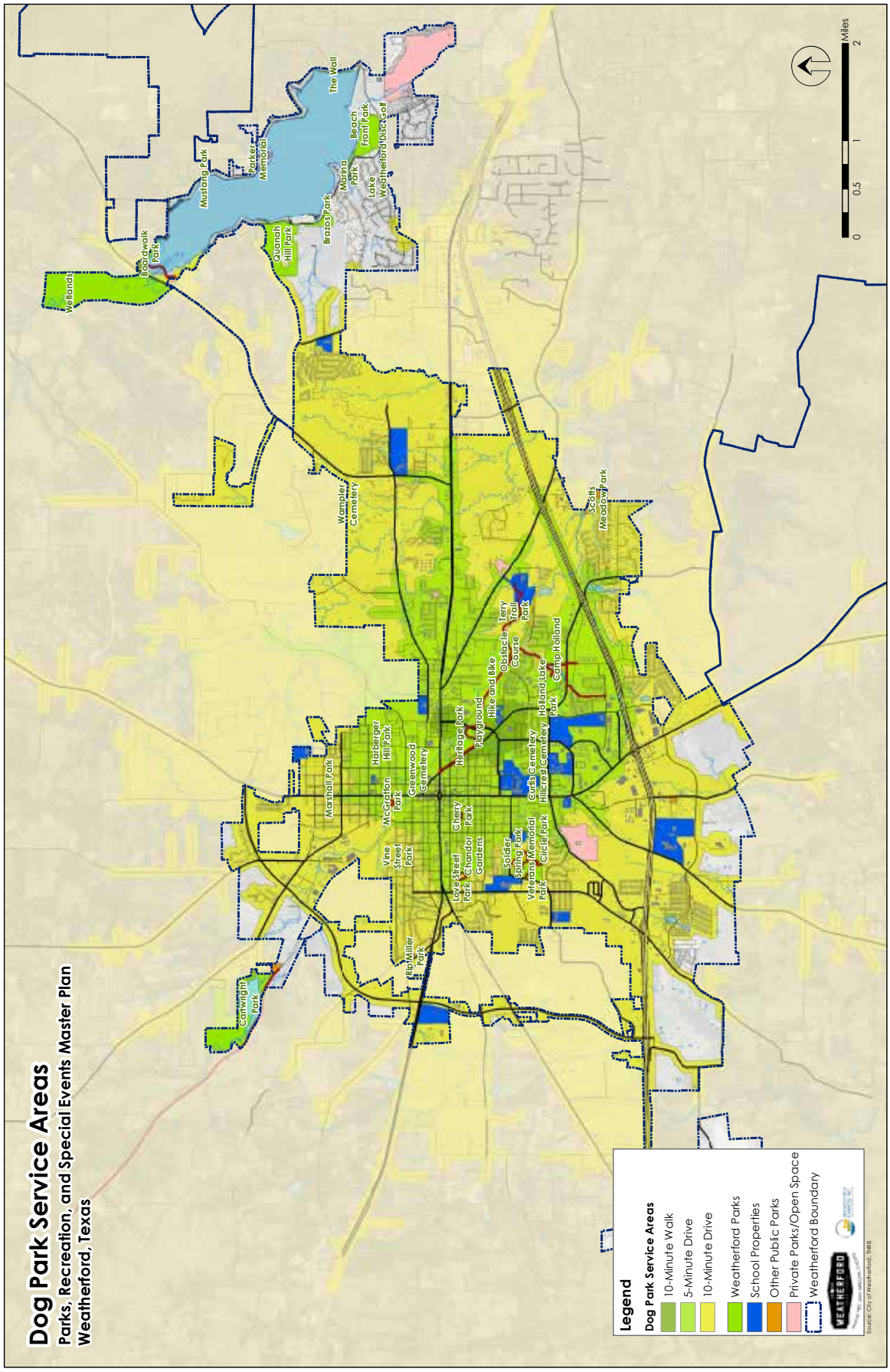


Figure 2.16: Dog Park Service Area



2.9 Social Vulnerability Index

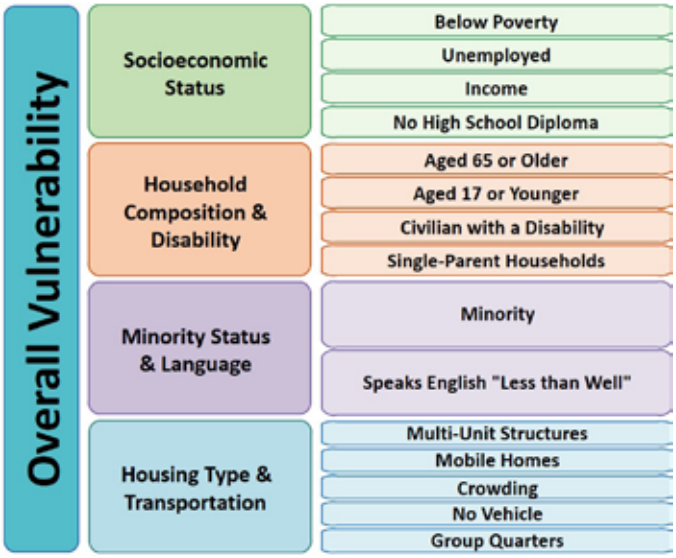
Analyzing demographic and socioeconomic characteristics is a critical step towards identifying what populations throughout Weatherford are most likely to need or utilize public programs, services, and facilities. The analysis that follows offers results that can be applied to services beyond those related to parks and recreation. Essentially, the following descriptions help to indicate which portions of the city are most likely to benefit from community services.

2.9.1 Methodology

Designed to identify communities most likely to need support before, during, or after a hazardous event, the Social Vulnerability Index (SVI) uses 15 social factors to calculate a score (between 0 and 1) that compares all census tracts in the USA to each other – a score of 0 being the least vulnerable and 1 being the most. The 15 facilities are placed into four categories as seen in Figure 2.17, each with its own score that is used to determine the overall SVI score.[2]

This information provides a valuable resource to identify the portions of a community that are most likely to need community services overall, including parks and recreation. The demographic data used for the 2018 SVI (the most recent available) comes from the American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year estimates from (2014-2018). Census tracts included in the analysis are those that are completely or partially within the boundary of Weatherford.

Figure 2.17: Social Vulnerability Factors



2.9.2 Results

Once the SVI was acquired for each census tract in Weatherford, the results were divided into five categories based on percentiles which can be seen in Figure 2.18. This map shows areas with higher levels of social needs in red and areas with lower levels in blue. Weatherford does not have any census tracts with high or medium-high vulnerability. Several tracts in the central portion of the city have medium vulnerability, and these tracts represent the majority of the city's population. **Based on this data, those living within the central part of the city would benefit the most from improvement to public parks and recreation services.**

2.10 Composite Geographic Park Service Areas

While the preceding text outlined the level of access to parks and facilities by geographic distribution and type, a composite analysis provides a more robust depiction of the level of service residents experience across the city. Service areas for two park classifications and 14 facilities (some not mapped) were assigned scores based on distance from the amenity (e.g., 5-minute drive vs. 10-minute walk), then GIS software (ArcGIS) was used to produce an overlay map with a combined score for all areas of Weatherford. Figure 2.19 shows the composite service areas for the city based on this multi-layered level of access analysis. A more detailed description of the methodology can be found in Appendix C.

In the figure, blue indicates a higher level of service for parks and facilities per location (the deeper the shade, the better) while red areas have the lowest level of service (similarly, the deeper the red, the lower the service level). For example, a resident living within one of the dark blue areas would more likely be within a short walk to park and/or many of the facilities previously described (e.g., playgrounds and picnic shelters).

As shown in the map, areas with the highest composite level of service are anchored to the larger community parks, such as Soldier Spring Park and Weatherford Heritage Park. Looking at population distribution, about 30% of the community enjoy a medium-high to high level of service, while 37% of residents are living in areas with low to medium-low service. About a third (33%) of residents are experiencing medium levels of service.

Table 2.24 explores the service levels and population demographics in greater detail. While about two-thirds of the city's population lives at a medium level of service or a better, the areas with the lowest levels of service have

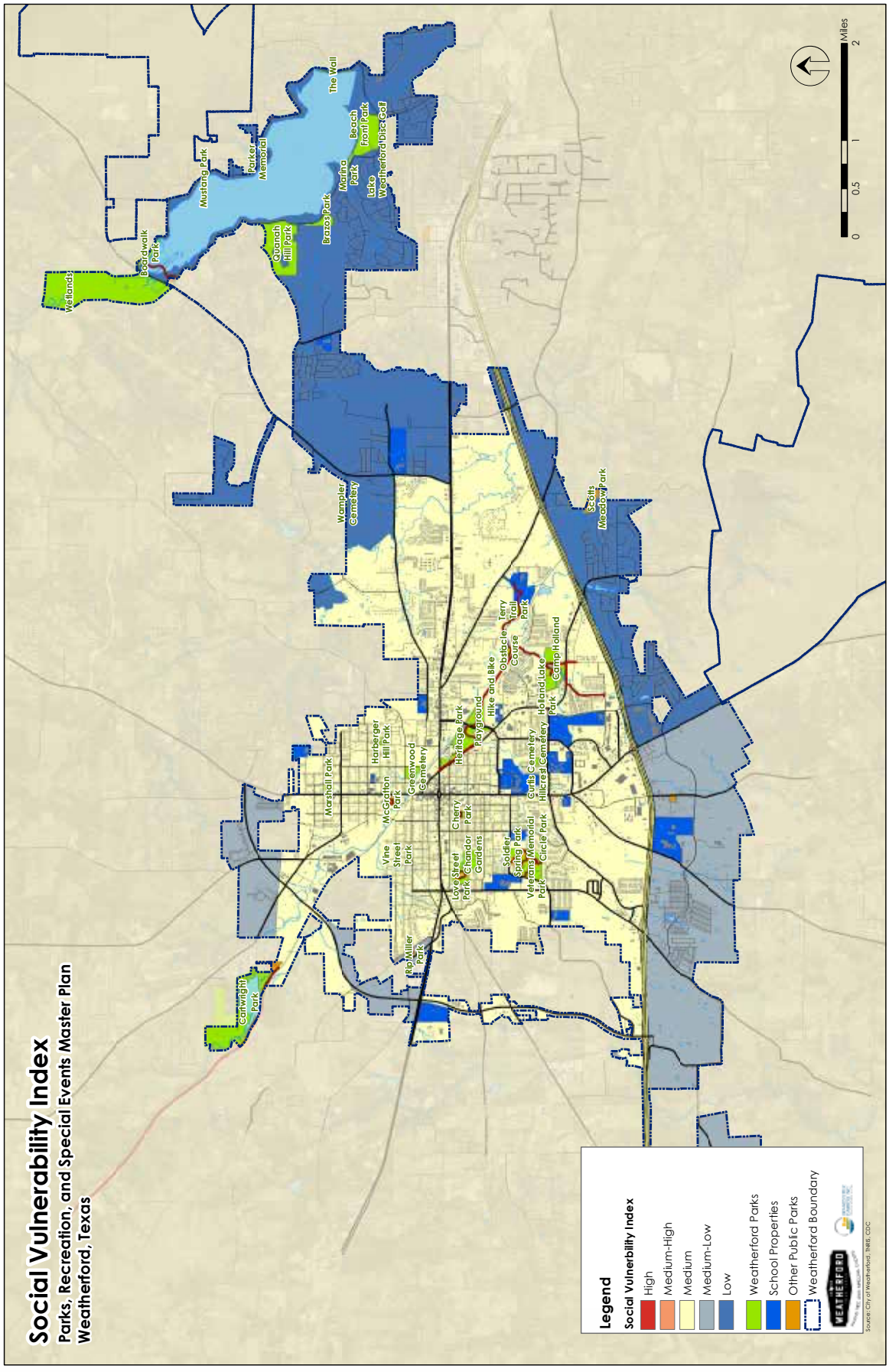
Table 2.22: Population by Composite Service Area

Service Level (Rank)	Proportion at Composite Service Level				Median Household Income	Diversity Index	Median Age	Children[1]
	Population	Cumulative Population	Area	Cumulative Area				
High	11%	11%	7%	7%	$65,081	55.0	39.8	22%
Medium-High	20%	30%	11%	18%	$61,194	56.1	38.3	23%
Medium	33%	63%	25%	43%	$71,074	48.7	37.1	22%
Medium-Low	28%	91%	27%	70%	$87,762	46.6	39.7	24%
Low	9%	100%	30%	100%	$108,706	39.7	45.5	21%

1. % of population of each area

[2] Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, "CDC/ATSDR Social Vulnerability Index," https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/placeandhealth/svi/index.html

Figure 2.18: Social Vulnerability Index



the highest median household incomes. The percentage of children within each area is similar, however. The lowest service area also has the highest median age.

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2.11 Priority Investment Areas

While the composite service areas analysis helps identify portions of Weatherford with lower levels of access to parks and recreation service, the Social Vulnerability Index (Figure 2.18) aids in identifying locations with the greatest need for public services, including parks and recreation facilities. The combination of these two processes can help to identify areas within Weatherford most in need of additional park investment (higher vulnerability and lower service levels).

A map showing these areas can be seen in Figure 2.20. The portions of the city indicated in this combined map may need special consideration for park improvements, including additional features or potentially new parks. The "High" areas are those with a combination of low or medium-low service levels and medium social vulnerability. The "Medium" category represents areas that are medium in both measurements. This map highlights the need for the investment in the areas to the east of downtown Weatherford that currently lack parks.

2.12 Trends in Parks and Recreation

The following text analyzes national trends in recreation, including types of activities and their associated facilities. First, a look at participation rates for various activities – using data from the Sport and Fitness Industry Association – then a deeper dive into the latest trends (relevant to Weatherford) occurring in programming and facilities across the nation.

There will be different emphasis and considerations particular to Weatherford, but also an exploration of overall patterns. Looking through a broader lens can provide insight into the origin and trajectory of more localized preferences. Understanding how trends in fitness, recreation, athletics, and cultural resources reflect in the parks and recreation industry illuminates present conditions and future possibilities in Weatherford. Equipped with industry context the Weatherford Parks, Recreation, and Special Events Department can better sustain, expand, and realign its existing offerings.

2.12.1 Trends In Participation

On an annual basis, the Sport and Fitness Industry Association (SFIA) conducts a survey of individuals and households throughout the United States to determine participation in a variety of sports and fitness activities. By using a weighting technique, the survey produces results reflective of the total U.S. population age 6 and older; the 2020 sample consisted of 18,000 online interviews of households. The following text examines the findings of this SFIA report and connects relevant data to generate insights about Weatherford.

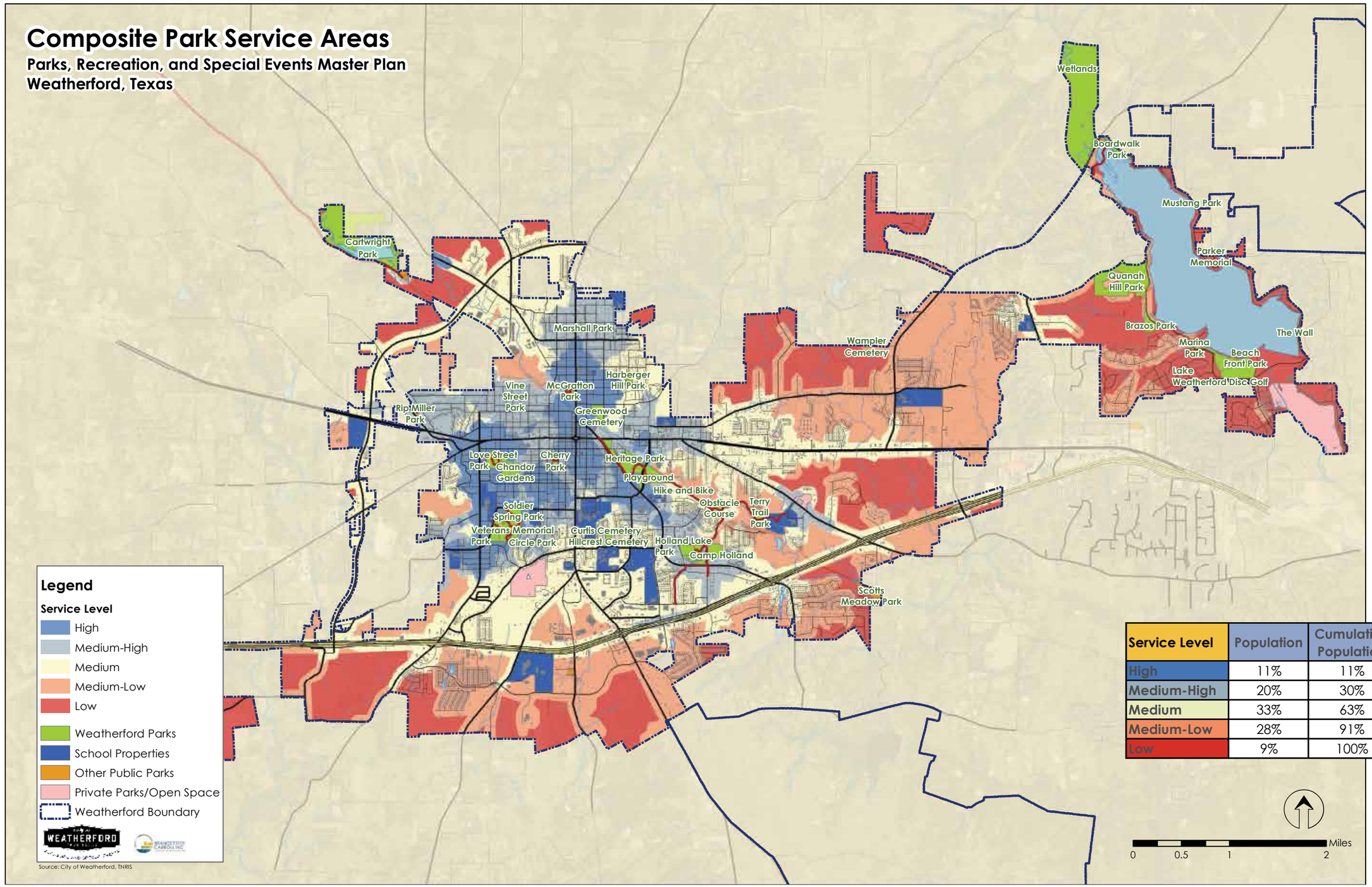
Figure 2.21 shows the difference in participation rates between generations for seven types of sports. The youngest generation (Gen Z) had the highest participation rates for Individual Sports (e.g., archery, skateboarding, golfing, etc.), Team Sports (e.g., baseball, ultimate frisbee, soccer, etc.), and Outdoor Sports (e.g., hiking, trail running, bicycling, etc.). With each generation, participation rates dropped as age increased except for fitness space. The other three generational groups had high participation rates in Fitness Sports (e.g., barre, weight-training, kettlebells, etc.) The remaining three types of sports (Racquet, Winter, and Water Sports) have similar trends, Millennial's and Gen Z representing the highest levels of participation.

With growing percentages of Weatherford residents in the older two generations, demand for fitness sports programming is likely to increase into the future. Even though participation diminishes with age, outdoor sports remain popular with all age groups (39% of Boomers take advantage of outdoor fitness activities). Team sports are far more popular with the youngest generation (56% Gen Z and only 4% Boomers).

Table 2.25 displays the 5-year participation rates for 55 different sports and fitness activities. This table also shows the 5-year annual growth rate and highlights which activities show either significant growth or decline in participation rates. The fastest growing sports are highlighted in blue; *pickleball, day hiking, trail running, BMX bicycling*, and *skateboarding* show the fastest rate of growth over the 5-year period.

Walking for fitness, day hiking, free weights (hand weights), running/jogging, and *treadmill* have the largest number of participants. Walking for fitness has by far the greatest number of participants (over 100 million participants nationally) and hiking is growing over 9% annually even with already high participation (nearly 60 million). Three of the top five activities are oriented around trails (bicycling, ranked six). It is no surprise these facilities are in such high demand; Weatherford residents are not unusual in expressing their strong interest in trail-based activities.

Figure 2.19: Composite Park Service Areas



Service Level	Population	Cumulative Population
High	11%	11%
Medium-High	20%	30%
Medium	33%	63%
Medium-Low	28%	91%
Low	9%	100%

Figure 2.20: Priority Investment Areas

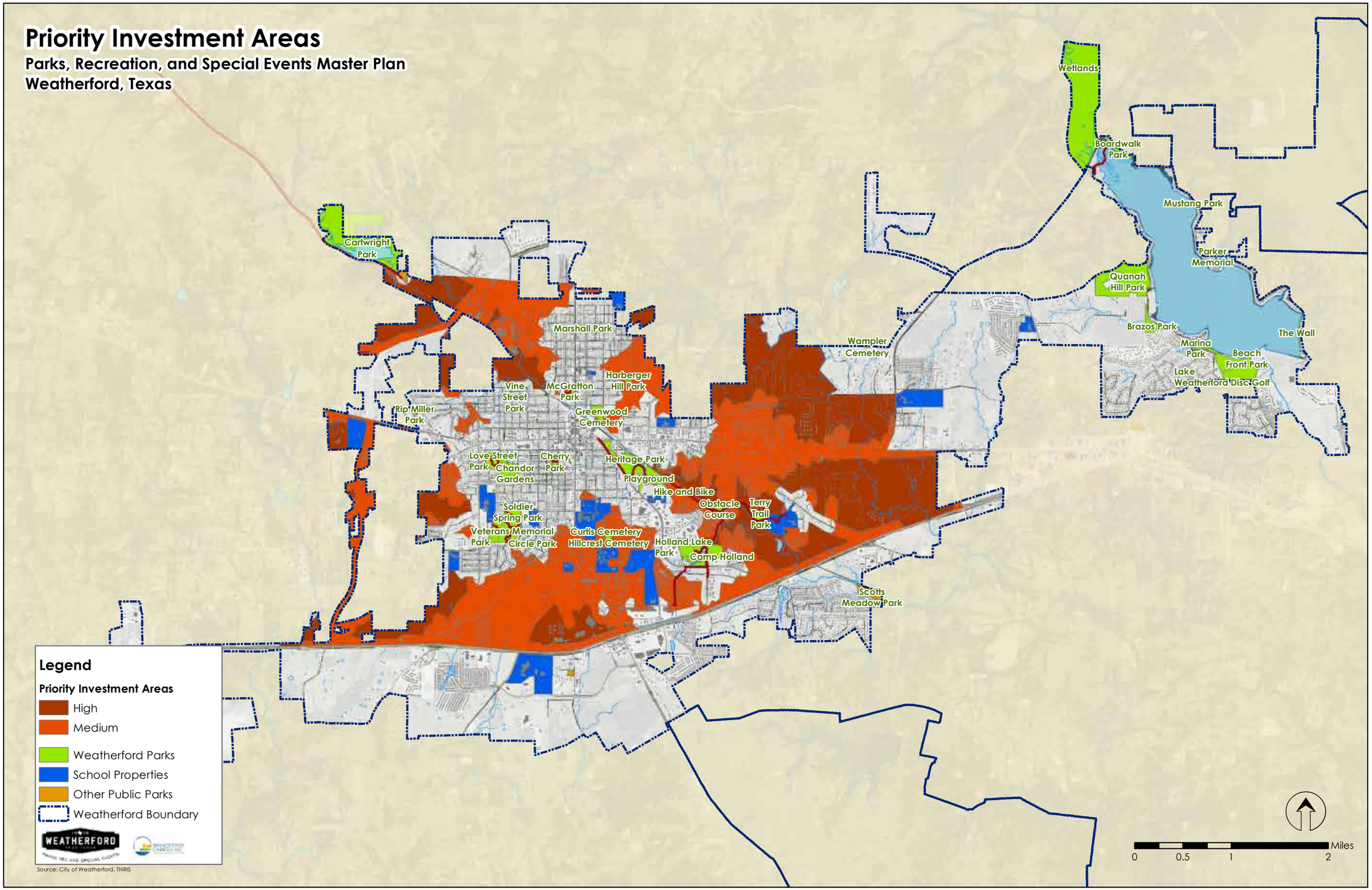


Figure 2.21: Trends in Recreation

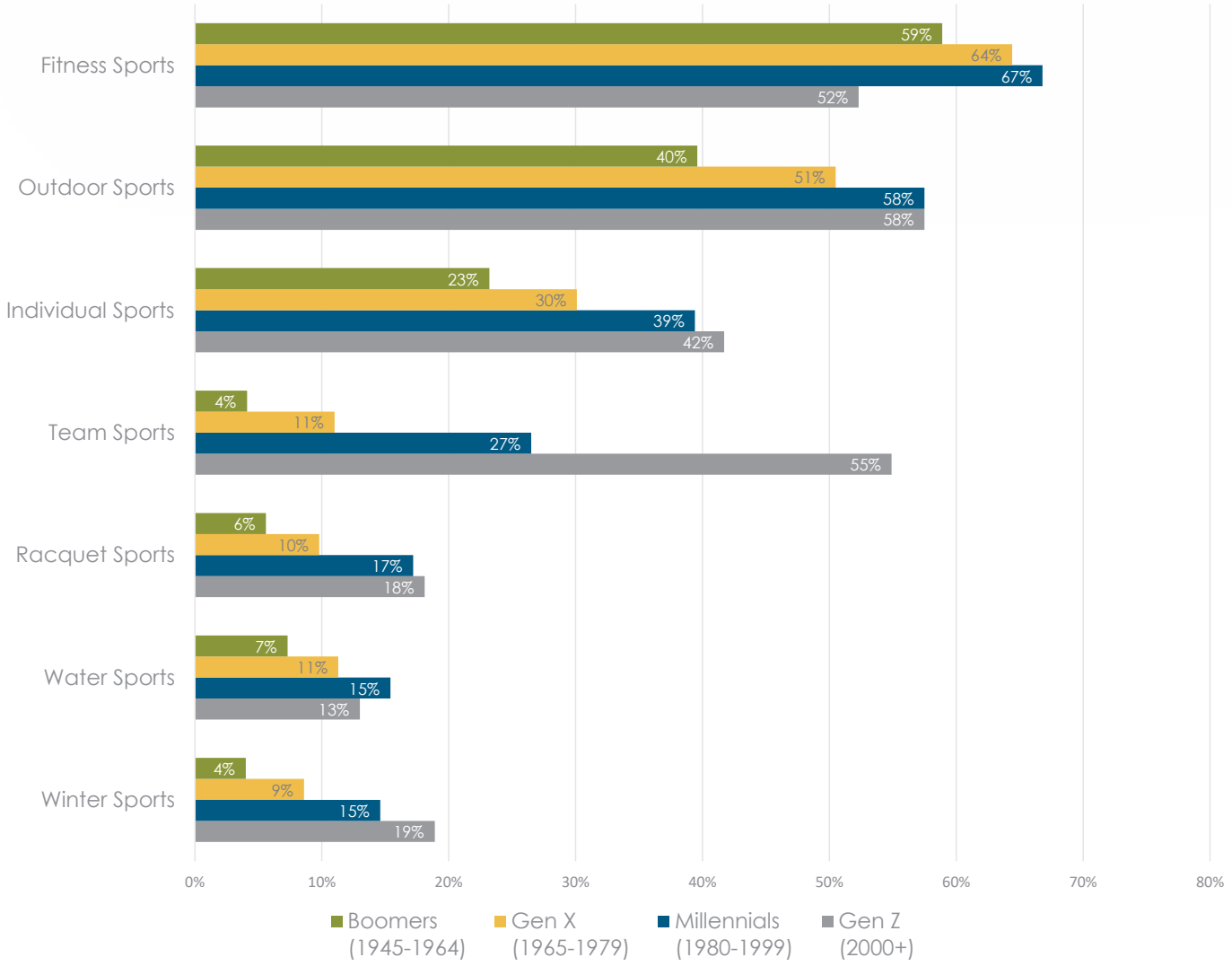


Table 2.23: Nationwide 5-Year History of Selected Sports Participation

Sport/Fitness Activity	Category	Participants (in Thousands)						5-Year Average Annual Growth
		2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
Adventure Racing	Individual Sports	2,864	2,999	2,529	2,215	2,143	1,966	-7.0%
Aquatic Exercise	Aerobic Activities	8,226	10,575	10,459	10,518	11,189	10,954	3.7%
Archery	Individual Sports	8,378	7,903	7,769	7,654	7,449	7,249	-2.8%
Badminton	Racquet Sports	7,198	7,354	6,430	6,337	6,095	5,862	-3.9%
Baseball	Team Sports	13,711	14,760	15,642	15,877	15,804	15,731	2.8%
Basketball	Team Sports	23,410	22,343	23,401	24,225	24,917	27,753	3.6%
Bicycling (BMX)	Outdoor Activities	2,690	3,104	3,413	3,439	3,648	3,880	7.7%
Bicycling (Mountain/Non-Paved Surface)	Outdoor Activities	8,316	8,615	8,609	8,690	8,622	8,998	1.6%
Bicycling (Road/Paved Surface)	Outdoor Activities	38,280	38,365	38,866	39,041	39,388	44,471	3.2%
Birdwatching (>¼ Mile from Home)	Outdoor Activities	13,093	11,589	12,296	12,344	12,817	15,228	3.5%
Cardio Tennis	Racquet Sports	1,821	2,125	2,223	2,499	2,501	2,503	6.8%
Cheerleading	Team Sports	3,608	4,029	3,816	3,841	3,752	3,308	-1.4%
Elliptical Motion Trainer	Aerobic Activities	32,321	32,218	32,283	33,238	33,056	27,920	-2.6%
Fishing (Fly)	Outdoor Activities	6,089	6,456	6,791	6,939	7,014	7,753	5.0%
Fishing (Freshwater)	Outdoor Activities	37,682	38,121	38,346	38,998	39,185	42,556	2.5%
Football (Flag)	Team Sports	5,829	6,173	6,551	6,572	6,783	7,001	3.8%
Football (Tackle)	Team Sports	6,222	5,481	5,224	5,157	5,107	5,054	-4.0%
Free Weights (Hand Weights)	Strength	54,716	51,513	5,217	51,291	51,450	53,256	-0.5%
Golf	Individual Sports	24,120	23,815	23,829	24,240	24,271	24,804	0.6%
Gymnastics	Team Sports	4,679	5,381	4,805	4,770	4,699	3,848	-3.2%
High Impact/Intensity & Training	Aerobic Activities	20,464	21,390	21,476	21,611	22,044	22,487	1.9%
Hiking (Day)	Outdoor Activities	37,232	42,128	44,900	47,860	49,697	57,808	9.3%
Ice Hockey	Team Sports	2,546	2,697	2,544	2,447	2,357	2,270	-2.2%
Ice Skating	Individual Sports	10,485	10,315	9,998	9,721	9,460	9,857	-1.2%
Kayaking (Recreational)	Water Sports	9,499	10,017	10,533	11,017	11,382	13,002	6.5%
Kayaking (White Water)	Water Sports	2,518	2,552	2,500	2,562	2,583	2,605	0.7%
Lacrosse	Team Sports	2,094	2,090	2,171	2,098	2,115	1,884	-2.0%
Martial Arts	Individual Sports	5,507	5,745	5,838	5,821	6,068	6,064	2.0%
Mixed Martial Arts for Fitness	Individual Sports	2,612	2,446	2,376	2,365	2,405	2,445	-1.3%
Pickleball	Racquet Sports	2,506	2,815	3,132	3,301	3,460	4,199	11.0%
Pilates Training	Conditioning	8,594	8,893	9,047	9,084	9,243	9,905	2.9%
Racquetball	Racquet Sports	3,883	3,579	3,526	3,480	3,453	3,426	-2.4%
Roller Hockey	Team Sports	1,907	1,929	1,834	1,734	1,616	1,500	-4.6%
Rugby	Team Sports	1,349	1,550	1,621	1,560	1,392	1,242	-1.2%
Running/Jogging	Aerobic Activities	48,496	47,384	50,770	49,459	50,052	50,652	0.9%
Scuba Diving	Water Sports	3,274	3,111	2,874	2,849	2,715	2,588	-4.6%
Skateboarding	Individual Sports	6,436	6,442	6,382	6,500	6,610	8,872	7.4%
Soccer (Outdoor)	Team Sports	12,646	11,932	11,924	11,405	11,913	12,444	-0.2%
Softball (Fast Pitch)	Team Sports	2,460	2,467	2,309	2,303	2,242	1,811	-5.6%
Softball (Slow-Pitch)	Team Sports	7,114	7,690	7,283	7,386	7,071	6,349	-2.1%
Stand Up Paddling	Water Sports	3,020	3,220	3,325	3,453	3,562	3,675	4.0%
Stationary Cycling	Aerobic Activities	35,553	36,118	36,035	36,668	9,930	6,054	-5.0%
Swimming for Fitness	Aerobic Activities	26,319	26,601	27,135	27,575	28,219	25,666	-0.4%
Swimming on a Team	Team Sports	2,892	3,369	3,007	3,045	2,822	2,615	-1.5%
Table Tennis	Racquet Sports	16,565	16,568	16,041	15,592	14,908	16,854	0.5%
Tai Chi	Conditioning	3,651	3,706	3,787	3,761	3,793	3,300	-1.8%
Tennis	Racquet Sports	17,963	18,079	17,683	17,841	17,684	21,642	4.2%
Trail Running	Individual Sports	8,139	8,582	9,149	10,010	10,997	11,854	7.8%
Treadmill	Aerobic Activities	50,398	51,872	52,966	53,737	56,823	49,832	0.0%
Track and Field	Team Sports	4,222	4,116	3,126	2,710	2,290	2,325	-1.0%
Triathlon (Traditional/Road)	Individual Sports	2,498	2,374	2,162	2,168	2,001	1,846	-5.8%
Ultimate Frisbee	Team Sports	4,409	3,673	3,126	2,710	2,290	2,325	-11.8%
Volleyball (Beach/Sand)	Team Sports	4,785	5,489	4,947	4,770	4,400	4,320	-1.7%

Table 2.25: Nationwide 5-Year History of Selected Sports Participation (Continued)

Sport/Fitness Activity	Category	Participants (in Thousands)						5-Year Average Annual Growth
		2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
Volleyball (Court)	Team Sports	6,423	6,216	6,317	6,317	6,487	5,410	-3.1%
Walking for Fitness	Aerobic Activities	109,829	107,895	110,805	111,001	111,439	114,044	0.8%
Weight/Resistance Machines	Strength	35,310	35,768	36,291	36,372	36,181	30,651	-2.6%
Yoga	Conditioning	25,289	26,268	27,354	28,745	30,456	32,808	5.4%

Legend

	>3% Increase
	1-3% Increase
	Minimal Change
	1-3% Decrease
	>3% Decrease

2.12.2 Aging Communities

Throughout the United States and in Weatherford, the median age of the population is increasing along with the number of persons 65 years and older. Census data indicates that the percentage of the Weatherford population age 65 and older was 15.1% in 2010 but is expected to increase to reach over 20% by 2026.



Photo Credit: The Conversation (2017) "Why Communities Should Be Designing Parks for Older Adults"

Active Seniors in Parks

Senior centers are shifting from a focus on activities like card games to more active programming such as fitness activities and outdoor activities such as hiking, biking, and nature programs.

While the aging population should inspire parks and recreation agencies to invest more in activities, programs, and facilities for older users such as walking trails, fishing areas, community gardens, and cultural and nature education programs, many of these more involved and nature-oriented activities are appealing to all generations.

The big picture data is certainly mirrored at the local level in Weatherford. The survey and other forms of public engagement show strong community support for expanding programs and facilities to accommodate residents age 50 and older.

2.12.3 Universal Access

Many park systems are developing unique facilities that are designed to go well beyond the minimum requirement for the Americans with Disabilities Act. Park system administrators are uniquely positioned to set the best example for inclusivity - by creating an environment that is totally accessible to persons of all ages and abilities, parks and recreation agencies are changing the landscape not just physically but also culturally and in terms of mental health.



Photo Credit: Ann Arbor's Gallup Universal Access Park (2017)

Ann Arbor's Universal Access Park

Some simple examples of physical treatments that go beyond the basic ADA requirements: textured edging on trails help to make the facilities more accessible for the visually impaired; fragrant plants and sensory gardens, as well as interactive displays provide a more hands-on approach to education and engagement; including therapeutic textures, ground-level features, and mobility-enhancing elements like ramps or bridges in playground equipment ensures all children – including those who are differently-abled – have space to play.

Universal access extends beyond the physical to include interpretive signage, buildings, and all programs. **Providing barrier-free features is an essential part of the process for any park improvement.** Several equipment providers are available for exploring options; grant funding is potentially available.[3]

[3] For example: https://www.playandpark.com/funding/grant-opportunities via PlayCore

Some existing playgrounds in the city need improvement and replacement; the city has a real opportunity to prioritize accessibility and universal access for the benefit of the community. In some cases, existing play equipment and access to amenities are at the standard needed for a fully engaging and participatory experience.

2.12.4 Pickleball

Another national trend sweeping the nation is the growing sport of pickleball. No more are the days of pickleball being for the older generation. Even during the engagement process, it is evident Weatherford park goers would like to see the development of additional pickleball courts.

Pickleball is a court sport played on a badminton-sized court with the net set to a height of 34 inches at the center. It is played with a perforated plastic ball and composite or wooden paddles about twice the size of ping-pong paddles. It can be played one on one or two on two. Pickleball grew in 2021 to 4.8 million players in the US, according to the 2022 Sports & Fitness Industry Association (SFIA) Single Sport Report on Pickleball.


Photo credit: USA Pickleball Association

Pickleball Tournament

While growth of the sport began with seniors, popularity is growing with all ages. Under age 24 was the fastest growing group from 2020 to 2021 at 21%; growth for ages 55 and under was 10%. Core players (play 8 times or more a year) are more likely to be older, while casual players (1-7 times per year) are more likely to be younger.[4]

While Weatherford currently offers four courts at Soldier Spring Park, they are shared with the junior tennis court. The city has no dedicated pickleball courts. The existing courts are not currently meeting the needs of the public, so additional courts will likely be needed to satisfy demand as this sport continues to grow.

2.12.5 Technology

The use of technology is becoming increasingly common in parks and recreation. Many park users want to remain connected while visiting parks and expect instant access to information about facilities and programs at those parks. They also want to be able to register for the events and programs they discover on their mobile device. While there may sometimes be concerns about distraction, especially in nature-oriented spaces, technology – when applied intentionally – can be a tool to enhance park experience. Considering the extent to which technology is part of many user experiences across sectors, it is likely going to be an element necessary to keep people – especially youth – engaged.



Photo credit: mycountyparks.org, Denison, IA

Smart Trail Signage, Denison, IA

Potential applications of technology in parks:

- Wi-Fi hotspots – to record the number of connections or searches to create a picture of visitation trends[5]
- Beacon counters – to detect cellphone signals to help determine the number of users in an area[6]
- Device-charging areas
- QR codes – to promote and inform
- Trail counters – to detect record types of users
- Social media

The department currently maintains an active Facebook presence and offers interpretive signage with QR codes along the trail at Love Street Park. Keeping social media relevant with varied posts (e.g., video content, informational flyers, community polls, etc.) will be helpful for attracting followers and expanding impact. These posts would, in turn, provide the department with additional means of gathering information on park condition, plant health, visitation levels, and more. Additionally, the city could extend its effort to provide public Wi-Fi into heavily used areas of parks, improving user experiences while also potentially providing information about park and program visitation.

2.12.6 Nature Programming

Geocaching

Geocaching is a technology-based activity that has been growing in popularity since the early 2000s, when GPS technology improved significantly. Participants travel to

[4] USA Pickleball Association. (2022, August 30). Pickleball fact sheet. USA Pickleball. Retrieved November 1, 2022, from https://usapickleball.org/about-us/organizational-docs/pickleball-fact-sheet/#:~:text=Pickleball%20is%20a%20court%20sport,size%20of%20ping%2Dpong%20paddles.

[5] National Recreation and Park Association, "Parks Using Technology to Engage and Inspire," https://www.nrpa.org/parks-recreation-magazine/2017/may/parks-using-technology-to-engage-and-inspire/. (May 1, 2017)

[6] Dolesh, R. J. (2019, January). Top Trends in Parks and Recreation for 2019. Parks & Recreation.

local parks and open spaces to hunt for objects previously hidden by others using a set of coordinates and a digital GPS device (typically on a smart phone). Once found, participants generally exchange the now-discovered item for a new item, guaranteeing future use of the same geocache. The search can have varying levels of complexity – one cache leads to another, or a puzzle must be completed.[7]



Geocaching

Weatherford Parks, Recreation, and Special Events is already ahead of this trend, partnering with a group called The Caching Dead of The Geocaching Academy which kicked off in 2018. Weatherford parks geocaching series includes 10 caches at various parks throughout the city.

Environmental Education

There is a need for expanded environmental education and parks and recreation agencies have a considerable role to play. Environmental education centers throughout the country are having great success as communities are seeking out better access to engage with and learn from their natural environment. Potential subjects include natural processes, resource management, and wildlife habitats.



Environmental education at Mammoth Cave, KY

Not only does this outreach promote and encourage greater use and appreciation of local parks in the community, but it also creates opportunity for collaboration between organizations, institutions, and advocacy groups and it helps instill a lasting connection to the natural world.



Educational signage at Lake Weatherford Boardwalk

Weatherford could potentially partner with Parker County and local colleges to offer and promote additional nature education programs at Lake Weatherford, Cartwright Park, Soldier Spring Park, and other city parks.

Birdwatching (or Birding)

According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service nearly 545 million Americans participate in birdwatching (as of 2016) or about 13% of the population. The most common form of birding is watching birds near one's home; however, 35% of birders, or 16 million people, participate in birding away from the home. Participants in birdwatching tend to be older and more highly educated than the general population.



The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service report also includes an analysis of the economic impact of birdwatching activities. Birdwatchers direct substantial amounts of dollars into the economy because of trip-related ($14.9 million) and equipment expenditures ($26 million). The report finds that the birding industry, including indirect effects resulting from the multiplier effect, generates about $96 billion annually throughout the United States and supports 782,000 jobs.

[7] National Recreation and Park Association, "How to Leverage Geocaching to Promote Park and Recreation Events," https://www.nrpa.org/parks-recreation-magazine/2017/october/how-to-leverage-geocaching-to-promote-park-and-recreation-events/. (October 5, 2017)

These expenditures lead to an additional $16 million in local, state, and federal tax revenue.[8]

The engagement phase for this Master Plan confirmed the desire for these types of opportunities in Weatherford as residents seek additional opportunities to connect and interact with nature. Weatherford Parks, Recreation, and Special Events should pursue opportunities for collaboration with other interested groups to provide expanded nature programming opportunities.

2.12.7 Environmental Best Management Practices (BMPs)

Many communities utilize parks as examples of best management practices (BMPs) to serve as models for minimizing environmental impacts and maximizing the sustainability of both park sites and operations. Parks and recreation departments are in great positions to lead in the implementation of these practices because they are typically among the largest landowners (if not the largest) in their jurisdictions. To assist in the implementation of these practices, some park departments establish manuals detailing the BMPs which are generally divided into categories.[9] Some potential categories include (with examples):

- Site Selection – which properties to acquire and protect
- Design – strategies for management of stormwater, water quality, riparian/wetland buffers; use of vegetation; choice of building materials
- Construction – controlling of pollutants, soil restoration, recycling of construction materials
- Operation and Maintenance – practices for water conservation, use of organics, weed control, composting, energy use, etc.
- Programs and Special Events – consider carrying capacity of facility, provide recycling receptacles

Soldier Spring Park and the Lake Weatherford parks are valuable ecological assets to the Weatherford community. While Weatherford Parks, Recreation, and Special Events currently operates multiple lake front parks and natural areas, **future development at all properties should consider best management practices during development.**

2.12.8 Nature Play Areas

Many parks and recreation agencies are placing increased emphasis on the availability of nature play areas and programming for children. The Natural Learning Initiative (NLI) and the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) recently released a document titled *Nature Play & Learning Places*, which provides a series of national guidelines for the creation of places for children to interact with nature. The guidelines are meant to support communities in providing opportunities for children to learn about their natural environment and to develop healthy active habits. The guidelines also encourage incorporating natural materials like plants, stones, water, fallen trees, etc. to augment sensory experience and facilitate tactile play. According to the guidelines, a nature play or learning place is:

"A designated, managed area in an existing or modified outdoor environment where children of all ages and abilities play and learn by engaging with and manipulating diverse natural elements, materials, organisms, and habitats, through sensory, fine motor and gross motor experiences."[10]



Natural play structure (Silver Falls State Park – Oregon)

The following are examples of nature play features:

- Natural Play Structures
- Multipurpose Lawns
- Meadows and Woodlands
- Vegetable Gardens
- Natural Aquatics
- Gathering and Performance Structures

Weatherford has not yet added many nature play features, but **many opportunities exist in Weatherford to incorporate these types of features.** One possible location to add nature play is at Cartwright Park. The need to replace the existing playground, combined with the passive nature of the park, makes it a great potential location for nature play.

2.12.9 Bike Facilities

Off-road bicycling activities are growing in popularity, although they still represent a relatively small percentage of all bicycling activities. Modern mountain biking (MTB) originated in the 1970s in California with a group of enthusiasts who modified existing bikes for off-road use. These cyclists organized first downhill races which they called "Repack." This name referred to the need to

[8] Birding in the United States: A Demographic and Economic Analysis, Addendum to the 2016 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. 2019.
[9] Environmental Best Management Practices Manual. City of Fort Collins Parks and Recreation, 2011
[10] Moore, R. (2014). Nature Play & Learning Places. Creating and managing places where children engage with nature. Raleigh, NC: Natural Learning Initiative and Reston, VA: National Wildlife Federation. Version 1.6. (pages vii, 5, 7-8, 51, 65, 71-83).

"repack" the brakes with fresh grease after each race due to the excessive heat from braking during the descent.[11]



Silver Creek Bike Park, Berea, KY



Quanah Hill

During the early years of mountain biking, enthusiasts used single-track trails intended for hiking as bikes were not specifically forbidden from using these trails. However, as the sport gained in popularly, bikes have been banned from most hiking trails, and single-track trails designed specifically for mountain bikes have been established.[12] More recently, a new style of trail called a "flow trail" has appeared which provides more predictable surfaces, banked turns, and a lack of obstacles. These trails require little peddling and minimal braking that appeal to a wider variety of users, including families. These trails can be designed to allow beginners to bypass any more technical trails.[13]

Another trend in off-road bicycle facilities is the pump track. These tracks, which began to appear in the 2000s, are looping tracks that can be ridden continuously without the need to pedal. A user's speed is dependent on "pumping" the terrain transitions of the track. A pump track requires approximately 50' by 50' of space (minimum) and generally feature a series of rollers and steeply bermed corners.[14] Unlike many of the other off-road facilities, pump tracks are usable by both mountain bike and BMX riders.

Weatherford is also ahead of this trend with an extensive mountain bike trail network at Quanah Hill, which has a 7-mile trail of various difficulties and terrain. **Given its existing popularity in Weatherford and as mountain biking and other bike-oriented facilities continue to grow in popularity, Weatherford can continue to respond proactively to this trend.**

2.12.10 Creative Placemaking

The Trust for Public Land – a nonprofit organization with a mission to bring high-quality parks within a 10-minute walk of every person in the U.S. – is a leading champion of creative placemaking as a strategy for affecting change. Creative placemaking is a collaborative, community-based process that captures the power of art, vibrancy of local heritage, and potential of place to build memorable spaces rooted in culture and local identity. Parks and recreation agencies around the nation offer community connection in physical and social forms; creative-placemaking is just another tool for ensuring successful



Creative Placemaking in the Madisonville Neighborhood of Cincinnati (2015)



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[11] Marin Museum of Bicycling, "Mountain Biking History," http://mmbhof.org/mtn-bike-hall-of-fame/history/, (April 8, 2019).
[12] Singletracks, "Visiting the Birthplace of Mountain Biking: Marin County, California," http://www.singletracks.com/blog/mtb-trails/visiting-the-birthplace-of-mountain-biking-marin-county-california/, (April 8, 2019).
[13] IMBA, "Flow Trails," https://www.imba.com/model-trails/flow-trails, (April 15, 2016).
[14] Adventure Sports Journal, "Pumpin': An Introduction to the World of Pump Tracks," http://adventuresportsjournal.com/pumpin-an-introduction-to-the-world-of-pump-tracks/, (April 8, 2019).

parks that equitably reflect the people who use them.[15] Many agencies partner with local entities (like other government departments, nonprofits, schools, places of worship, art institutions, and other groups) to put in place opportunities for resident-led installations, programs, and events.

Creative-placemaking can take countless forms. It may look like an outdoor sculpture walk at the center of the neighborhood park featuring resident and local artists' work. It might be an annual arts performance downtown that showcases immigrant and refugee cultures in the community. It can also be as low-profile as a pollinator garden including interpretive signage about the plants chosen and why. Whatever it may look like, it is essential that the community be inclusively integrated into every phase: ideation, selection (of artists, pieces, features, etc.), installation, activation, and long-term care.

When parks and recreation agencies prioritize local traditions, cultural identities, and native resources, making sure these are reflected in program and facility offerings, users will be more likely to participate and do their part to sustain the system. A reciprocal relationship forms, where community engages with parks and recreation to the extent that parks and recreation seeks to provide place-based resources.

Weatherford could include creative placemaking into any future park improvement by incorporating it into the planning process. It provides an opportunity to make every park unique and to build and connect community around these parks. With clear expectations, fair compensation, and meaningful engagement, the arts community in Weatherford has the power to enliven the city's parks and community spaces.

2.12.11 Drones

Since the late 2000s, the use of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) has increased tremendously. Used for both military and civilian purposes, these devices are having a considerable impact on parks and recreation agencies nationwide. A contentious activity, tensions exist around safety, privacy, and environmental impact, as well as applications (professional and recreational) like habitat and wildlife monitoring, photography, and map-making.



Photo: NRPA 2018

Popularity of drones is only growing, but regulations at the federal, state, and local levels have been slow to prevent, mitigate, or manage negative impacts. Many cities have enacted no-fly zones and other restrictions which means UAV-users – licensed or not – have limited available spaces. This then has led drone pilots to look to parks and public open space for flying opportunities.

Requiring permits (day or seasonal) and designating fly areas with set times for flying are tactics agencies are using. These measures help legitimize UAV use and maintain safe park spaces; permitting is also a potential revenue opportunity. Since drone use is only increasing, the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) offers useful insight into the future of drone-use in parks:

"[P]ark agencies will face increasing public pressure to look at allowing hobbyist flights and commercial-use drones in parks… By creating stronger guidelines and policies about how to fly drones in parks instead of adopting blanket restrictions, parks can give people an outlet and place to fly recreationally. New programming and events can be planned around drones, bringing in visitors and related businesses that benefit the parks…[K]eep it focused on safety and respect for all parties. [A]cceptance will protect the public and park resources and enable an exciting new form of recreation to take place."[16]

Weatherford does not have a designated location for launching drones and lacks an official policy for flying them in the parks. As their popularity continues to increase, the city will likely need to designate such an area, as well as formulate and post a policy for (or against) use of drones within the park system.

2.12.12 Conclusion

Data in this chapter describes a growing, aging, and slowly diversifying population in the City of Weatherford. These changes in population composition have and will likely continue to alter the parks and recreation needs of the community. Additionally, the city generally compares favorably to the benchmarks, but there are opportunities to improve services, and the benchmarks are also facing needs to change.

The inventory and the mapping analysis show higher levels of service in the center of the city, with lower service on the surrounding outskirts of the community, especially on the east side. This analysis will help guide the recommendations of both what and where to add features in the future. **These service area findings also identify potential priority areas for investment for the Weatherford Parks, Recreation, and Special Events Department.**

[15] Trust for Public Land, Creative Placemaking, https://www.tpl.org/our-work/creative-placemaking

[16] Wootton, Courtney; Bradley, Michael J.; Ray Neal NRPA. Drones in Parks: It's All About Perspective. https://www.nrpa.org/parks-recreation-magazine/2018/december/drones-in-parks-its-all-about-perspective/



3

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

3.1 Introduction

This chapter describes the processes used and the public input gathered throughout the planning process and summarizes the following elements:

1. Public Meetings
2. Stakeholder Conversations
3. Web Survey

The public engagement process is essential for identifying the needs and preferences of Weatherford residents. The findings of the public input process are, therefore, integral to the vision for the future and serve as the foundation of the recommendations of this Master Plan.

3.2 Open House Workshop

The city held an open house workshop on June 1, 2022 at Weatherford Heritage Park to introduce the project to the public and to solicit feedback from the community regarding the present and future of parks and recreation in Weatherford.

Upon arrival, attendees were asked to sign in and given a dot to place on a map to indicate where they live. This map (Figure 3.1) shows the distribution of the meeting attendees. The map shows that the attendees were generally well-distributed throughout Weatherford and nearby areas.

The meeting allowed participants to visit a series of stations in order to provide their input and learn more about the Master Plan. The primary input stations were arranged around the room and provided opportunities for input on three general topics. At each of these stations, participants were asked to share their responses to two questions: "What makes them great now?" and "What would make them better?"

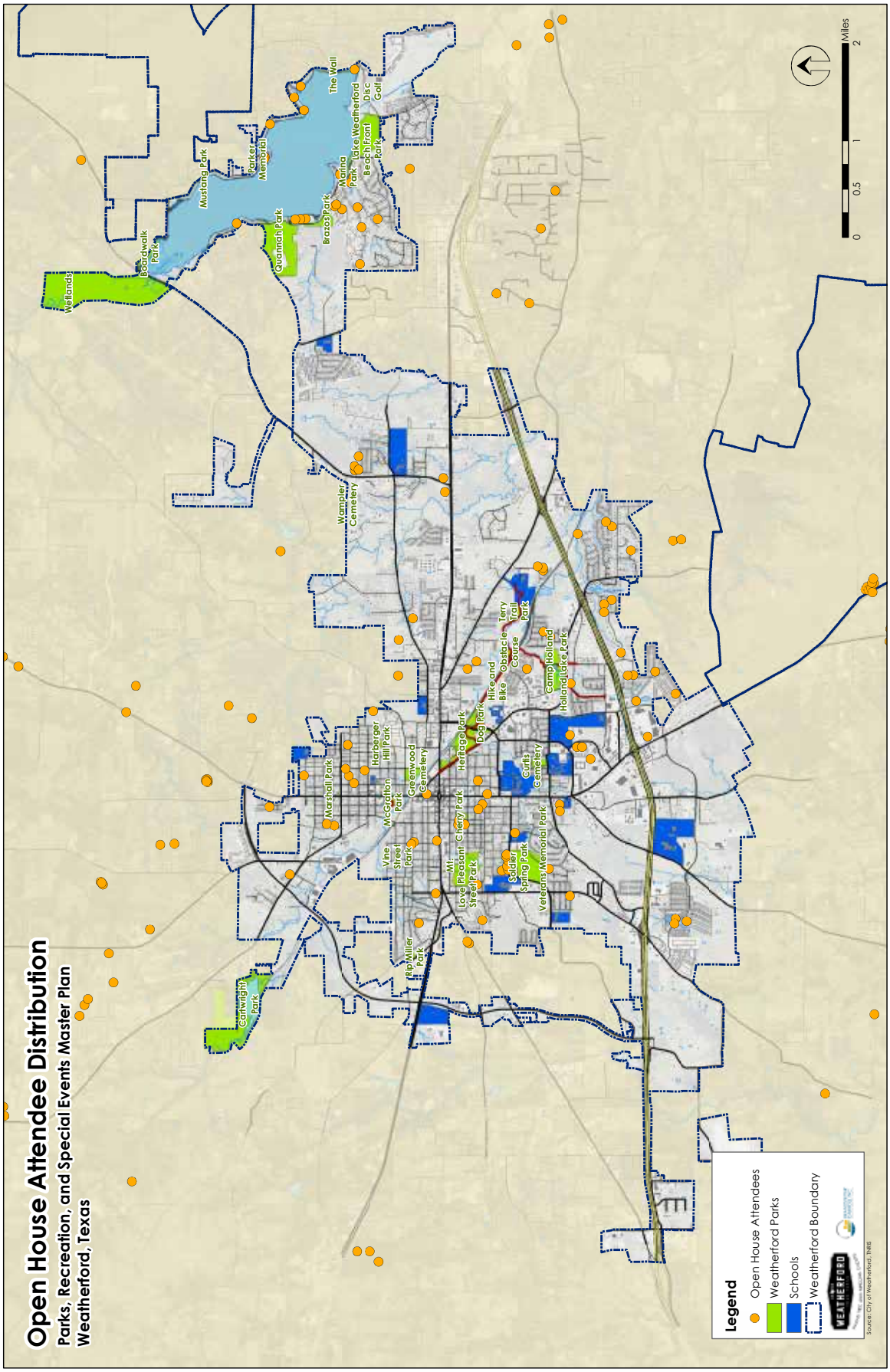
The three input topics were as follows:

- Parks & Facilities
- Trails & Natural Areas
- Programs & Special Events



The final stations provided activities, including dollar allocation and dot voting (see Section 3.3). The summaries of comments in the ensuing text reflect the top noted items. The full text of comments can be found in Appendix D.

Figure 3.1: Open House Attendee Distribution



Parks & Facilities

This topic represented built amenities and general recommendations for parks. The largest number of comments were regarding the need for a new skatepark and desire for more pickleball courts (indoor and outdoor).



What makes them great now?

- *Aquatics facilities*
- *Pickleball facilities*

What would make them better?

556 comments and checkmarks/likes (# in parentheses), top items only

- *New/improved skatepark (306) – skatepark, maintenance*
- *Improve/upgrade existing parks (276) – skatepark*
- *Specific park improvements (98) – skatepark, field improvements*
- *Outdoor pickleball improvements (69)*
- *Indoor recreation space (50)*
- *Partnerships (48)*
- *Indoor pickleball courts (39)*
- *Improved maintenance (36)*
- *More greenspace/natural areas (34)*
- *Rock climbing opportunities (22)*

Trails & Natural Areas

This station encouraged discussion of natural areas and trails. Most comments were related to desire for more trails and better connectivity.

What makes them great now?

- *Running trails, especially at Cartwright & Holland Lake*
- *Boardwalk*
- *New fishing dock at the lake*

What would make them better?

238 comments and checkmarks/ likes (# in parentheses), top items only

- *More trails (72)*
- *Nature trails (29)*
- *Specific trail Improvements (29)*
- *Improve/upgrade existing trails (29)*
- *Walking trails (28)*
- *Bike trails (22)*
- *Improved connectivity/trail system (15)*
- *Mountain bike trails (14)*

Programs & Special Events

This topic provided a location for comments about programs, including sports, special events, and more. Overall, attendees indicated desire for more family-oriented programs and nature programs, such as lake cleanup.

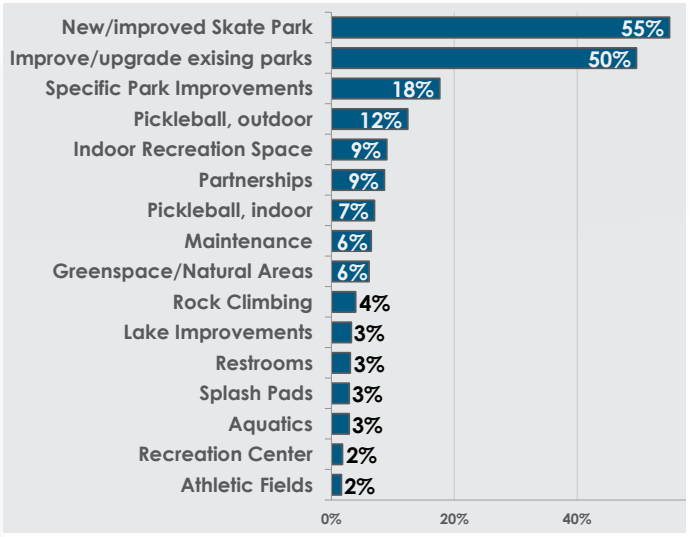


3.2.1 Overall Open House Comment Summary

Figure 3.2 provides a summary of the comments to the question, "What would make them better?" at all stations. Each of the over 700 interactions (comments and checkmarks/likes) were placed into one or more categories to show what improvements attendees of the meeting desired to see in the future. The list includes both general and specific items, so many comments qualified for multiple categories. Additionally, some comments discussed more than one topic and were categorized accordingly. The chart presents the results as a percentage of overall comments. The results indicate that attendees want improvements/upgrades to existing parks and a new/improved skatepark. Additionally, many want more trails and connectivity and more pickleball courts.



Figure 3.2: Distribution of Open House Comments (top topics)



3.3 Preferences Boards and Dollar Voting

3.3.1 Preference Boards

Attendees of the open house workshop were given three red dots to place on a board indicating their preferences for park features. The board provided a list of 16 park amenities with pictures. Attendees of the open house were also given three green dots for a second board. This board provided a list of 16 program categories also with pictures. These activities asked participants to choose the features and programs most important to them and their households. Children were also invited to participate. Nearly 200 community members participated in these activities. Results of the selections are presented in Figures 3.3 and 3.4.

Figure 3.3: Feature Preference Results

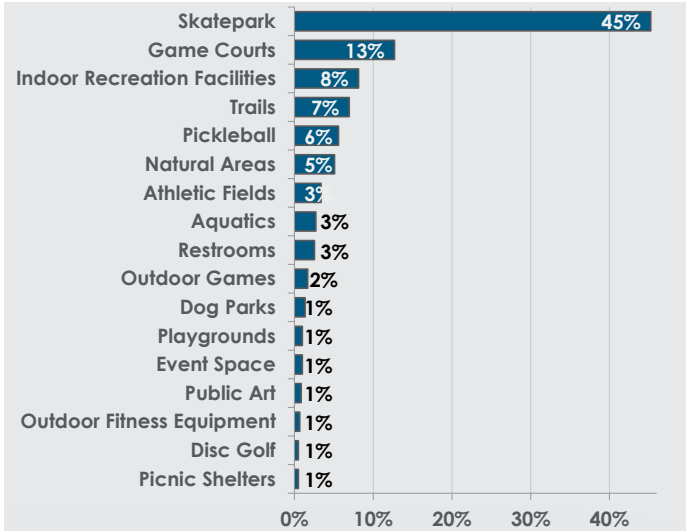
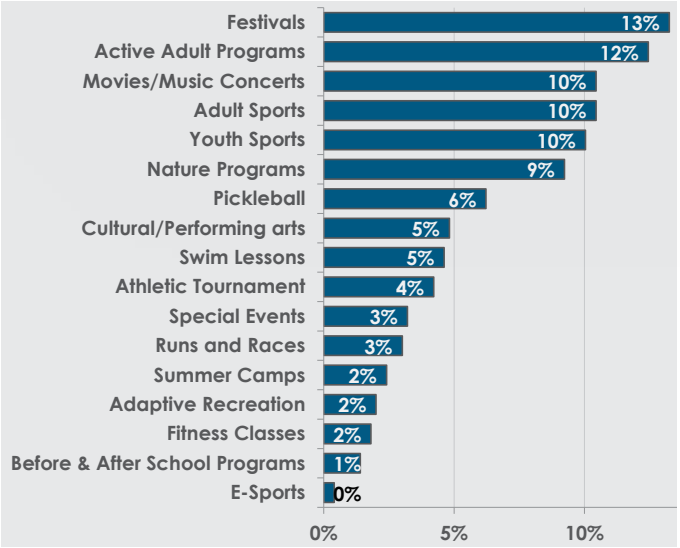


Figure 3.4: Program Preference Results



On the features board (Figure 3.3), skatepark received the largest number of dots (267 or 45%), followed by game courts (75 – mostly pickleball added and shown separately on the table). The provided features were intended to be general, so features were combined into categories whenever possible. On the programs board (see Figure 3.4), festivals received the largest number of dots (66 or 13%), followed by active adult programs (62).

3.3.2 Dollar Voting Dollar Voting

Participants at the open house workshop were given $1,000 in play money to place into boxes to indicate how they would like Weatherford to allocate funds for parks and recreation. Table 3.1 shows the total allocations for each of seven categories (or boxes). Participants could also place money into an "other" box to request specific amenities or improvements not included in one of the seven provided categories.

Of the provided options skatepark received the largest allocation at about $49,000 or 32% of total dollars. "Other" was second with most of the dollars allocated for pickleball, which accordingly listed in Table 3.1 at 22% of total dollars. Individual "other" comments can be found in Appendix D. New recreation facilities ranked third with 9% of the total allocation.



Table 3.1: Dollar Voting Allocation

Action (Box Title)	Total
Skatepark	$49,400 32%
Pickleball	$33,900 22%
New Recreation Facilities	$14,000 9%
Existing Facilities/Maintenance	$11,700 8%
Athletic Field Complex	$10,800 7%
Trails	$9,900 6%
Splash Pads/Pools	$6,100 4%
New Parks	$4,400 3%
Community Gathering Spaces	$2,900 2%
Programs/Events	$2,100 1%
Other	$9,900 6%
Total	$155,100

3.4 Stakeholder Groups

In June 2022, the consultant met with a series of stakeholders to determine their priorities for Parks, Recreation, and Special Events in Weatherford. More than 10 stakeholder groups participated in these discussions, contributing their respective visions to this Master Plan. At these meetings, stakeholders were asked a series of questions about Weatherford parks, recreation facilities, and programs that included discussions of strengths as well and future opportunities. Summaries of the meetings with complete comments are included in Appendix D.

3.4.1 Groups Engaged

The following stakeholder group meetings were held as part of this Master Plan:

- Recreation Center Committee
- Chandor Gardens Foundation
- Parks Board
- Parker County Tennis
- Weatherford Pickleball
- McGratton Skatepark
- Weatherford Disc Golf
- Mountain Bike Club
- Weatherford Little League
- Weatherford Adult Softball
- Weatherford Soccer Association

3.4.2 Stakeholder Broad Recommendations

Upgraded Facilities

- Additional site amenities
- Ballfield improvements
- Improvements to traffic flow at parks
- Tennis and pickleball court improvements

New Facilities

- Recreation center
- Skatepark
- Diamond fields
- Soccer fields
- Dedicated pickleball courts
- Disc golf expansion
- More mountain bike trails

Implementation of Chandor Gardens Plan

- Increased parking availability
- Indoor event/visitor center
- Welcome center with retail space

Connectivity & Wayfinding

- More trails
- Informational signage throughout trails - Quanah Hill, Holland Lake
- Connect trails to park system

Tournament Level Facilities

- Large complex with tournament quality facilities
- Artificial turf
- Shade
- Irrigated fields
- Concessions, restrooms, offices

Operations

- Regular field need assessments
- Analyze cost to operate additional fields and tournament level complexes

3.5 Public Opinion Survey

The following pages summarize the findings of the online survey. The survey results reflect the views of respondents, not necessarily Weatherford residents as a whole; online survey respondents are often already engaged in some way with the city's parks and programs. Of the figures that follow, some show only the top results for a survey question; however, full results can be found in Appendix F.

3.5.1 Web Survey – Overview and Methodology

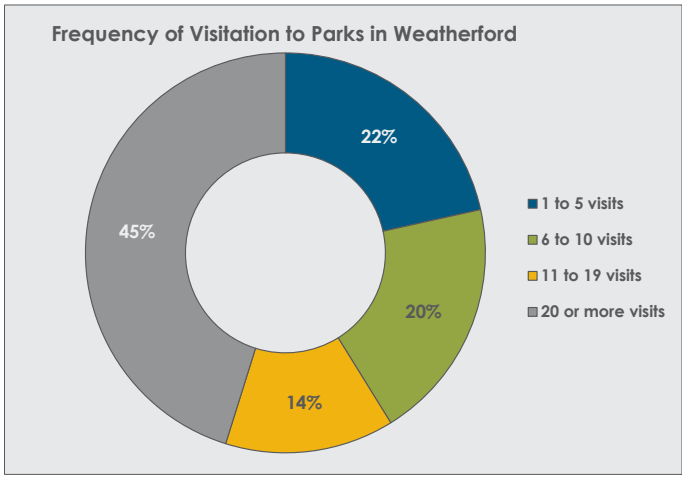
The survey was conducted in the spring of 2022 and was powered by Survey Monkey with a total of 2,755 surveys completed. These responses are equivalent to about 9% of the total City of Weatherford population or 11% of the population age 18 and older. Eighty percent (80%) of respondents said they live in Weatherford with 20% from outside of the city.

3.5.2 Results – Frequency of Visits to Parks & Recreation Facilities in Weatherford

Respondent households that visited Weatherford Parks, Recreation, and Special Events facilities during the last year were asked how often they have visited those facilities over that time. The results are presented in Figure 3.5.

According to the survey, households who visited the city's parks and recreation facilities in the last year likely visited many times. **Forty-five percent (45%) reported visiting 20 or more times.** Other results were: 22% visited 1-5 times, 20% visited 6-10 times, and 14% visited 11-19 times. Looking at the responses cumulatively, 59% of households visited parks 11 or more times, and 78% visited parks six or more times. These results indicate a high rate of visitation to Weatherford parks and facilities.

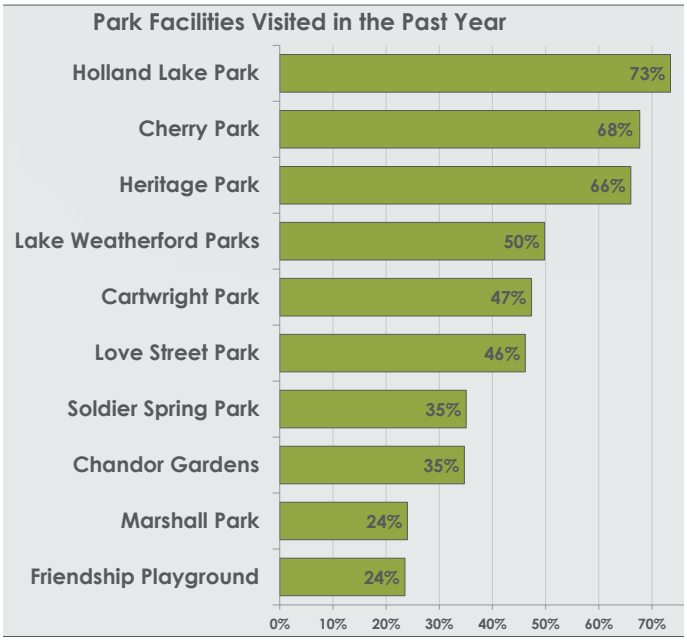
Figure 3.5: Frequency of Visitation



3.5.3 Results – Parks and Recreation Facilities Visited Over the Past Year

Survey respondents were asked to indicate which of the parks offered by Weatherford their household visited over the past year. Figure 3.6 shows what percentage of respondents have used each park or facility in the past year.

Figure 3.6: Parks Visited

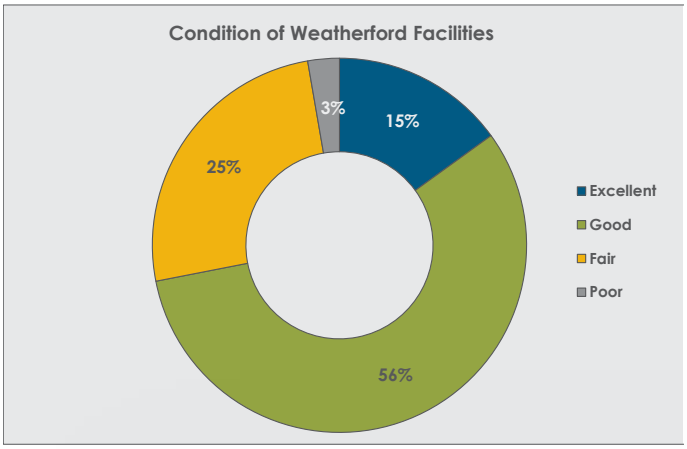


According to the survey, Holland Lake Park, Cherry Park, and Heritage Park were the most visited parks in the past year. These parks are heavily visited due to the amenities offered. Holland Lake Park offers a variety of active and passive features, and Cherry Park has the city's only aquatic center. Heritage Park likely ranks high in this list due to the numerous special events hosted in the park. These results indicate a very high level of use of the parks.

3.5.4 Results – Physical Condition of Facilities Offered by Weatherford

Respondents were asked to rate the physical condition of facilities they visited. Figure 3.7 shows respondents' ratings of the condition of facilities in Weatherford. Over half (56%) of respondents rated the condition of those facilities as *good*, **15% rated the condition of the facilities as *excellent*** with 25% rating the condition as *fair* and 3% as *poor*. Taken altogether, **71% of respondents see the condition of Weatherford's facilities as either *excellent* or *good***. These results indicate overall satisfaction with the condition of facilities, but they also show room for improvement.

Figure 3.7: Condition of Facilities

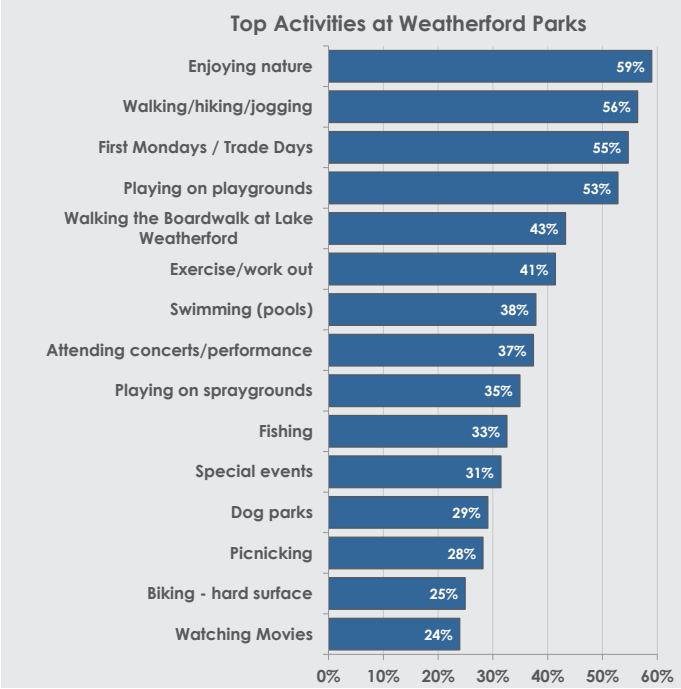


3.5.5 Results – Activities Typically Enjoyed at Parks or Facilities

Households were asked to report the typical activities enjoyed in a year at Weatherford parks and facilities (Figure 3.8). **Over half (59%) of respondents indicated enjoying nature at parks in Weatherford, by far the most enjoyed activity.** Overall, the top two activities at Weatherford parks and recreation facilities were passive recreation. First Mondays and Trade Days ranked third with playing on playground fourth. The top-ranking items – with the exception of playgrounds – were those that can be enjoyed by all ages.

A follow-up question asked what activity they would like more opportunities to do in the future (Figure 3.9). The results generally correlate with existing activities with a couple notable exceptions. Swimming in pools and mountain biking jumped to the top in this follow-up question, indicating that the current opportunities are not quite meeting the needs of these users.

Figure 3.8: Activities Enjoyed at Weatherford Parks



3.5.6 Results – Facility Needs (Current Use or Desired Use) in Weatherford

Respondents were asked what facilities members of their household currently use or would like to use if available. Figure 3.10 shows those results. Respondents report the highest level of need for walking and hiking trails, indoor swimming pools, Lake Weatherford Boardwalk, natural areas/nature parks. These results are consistent with the previous findings showing demand for passive activities, playgrounds, and swimming. These results also indicate that the desire for more swimming in Figure 3.9 is related to indoor needs.

Figure 3.9: Activities Respondents Would Like More Opportunities to Do

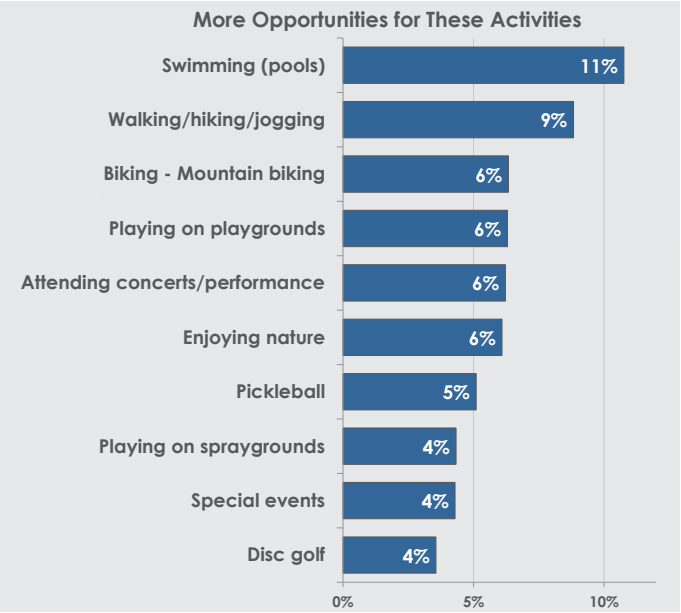
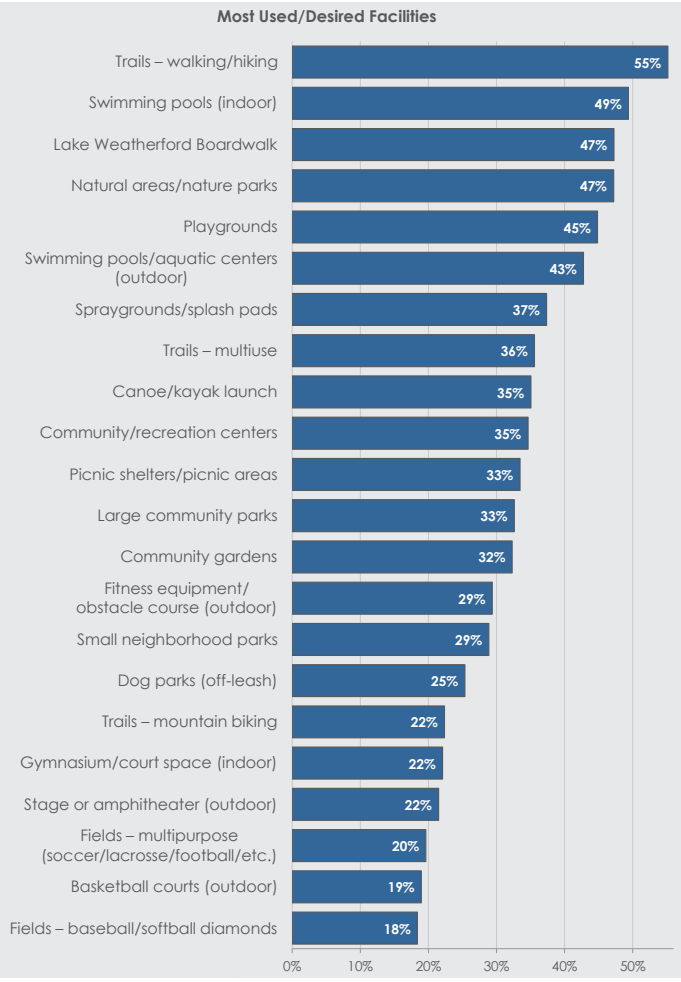


Figure 3.10: Used/Desired Facilities



Types of investment Desired

After identifying desired facilities, respondents were asked to choose a preferred action for each facility (limited to those selected in the previous question) – revitalization/ upgrades to existing, new development, both, or no investment needed. The results for revitalization/upgrades and new development are shown in Figures 3.11 and 3.12. Responses indicating "both" are included in both figures.

These results show what respondents would like to see in response to their unmet needs from Figure 3.10. As would be expected, the top items for "revitalization/upgrades" are amenities that Weatherford currently offers but may need some improvements. In contrast, the items in the "new development" represent features not currently offered or offerings are limited. These result mirror those from other types of input, stakeholder groups and the open house.

Revitalization/Upgrades to Existing (Top 5)

1. **Playgrounds**
2. **Basketball courts (outdoor)**
3. **Picnic shelters/picnic areas**
4. **Large community parks**
5. **Natural areas/nature parks (tie)**
   Fields – multipurpose (tie)

New Development of Facilities (Top 5)

1. **Swimming pools (indoor)**
2. **Gymnasium/court space (indoor)**
3. **Fitness equipment/obstacle course (outdoor)**
4. **Community/recreation centers**
5. **Pickleball courts (tie)**
   Volleyball courts (tie)

Figure 3.11: Revitalization/Upgrades to Existing Facilities

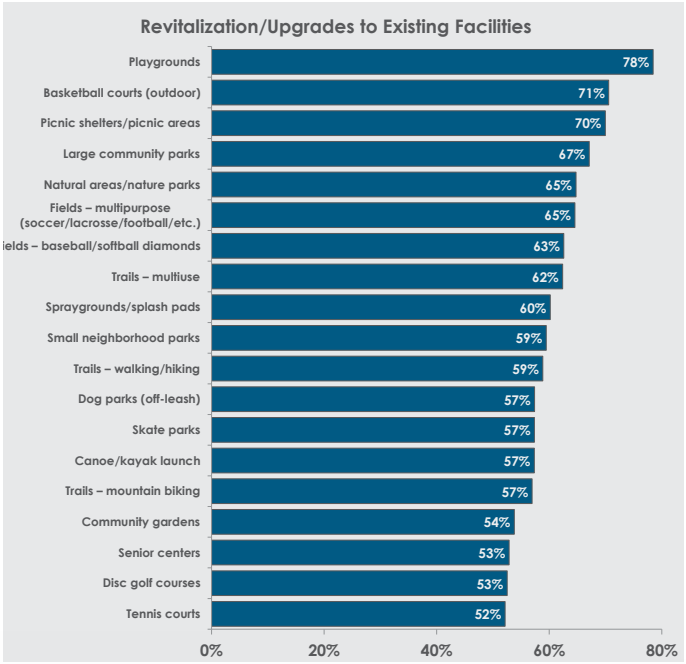
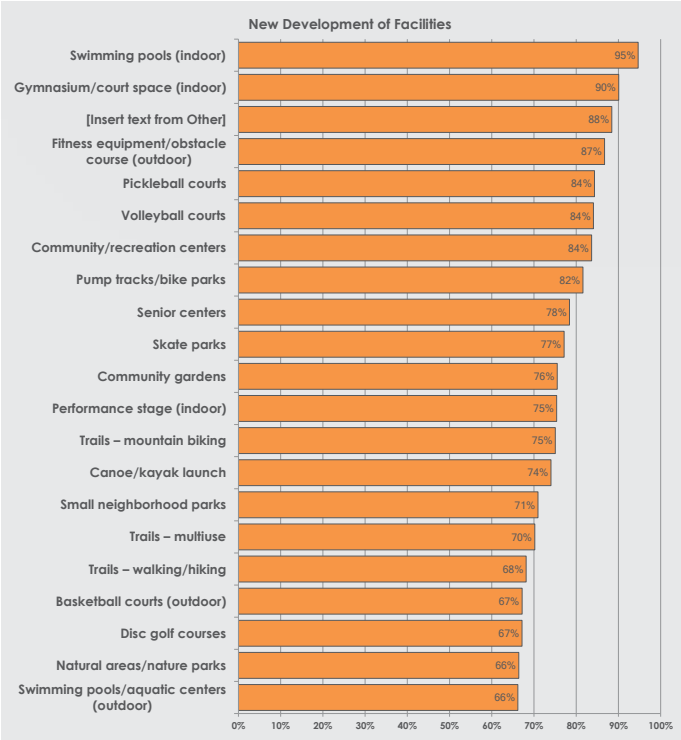


Figure 3.12: New Development of Facilities



3.5.7 Results – Program Needs (Current Use or Desired Use) in Weatherford

Respondents were asked to identify all program categories they attended or would like to attend if offered (Figure 3.13). Concerts and movies were the top two choices followed by adult fitness and wellness programs and special events. Overall, the top items were programs for families or all ages.

Similarly, respondents were asked to choose a preferred action for each type of program they attend or would like to attend – additional capacity or times for existing (Figure 3.14), new development (Figure 3.15), both, or no investment needed, limited to those who indicated interest in each program category.

Similar to the facilities question, these results show what respondents would like to see in response to unmet needs. Special needs programs and teen programs appear near the top of both lists, indicating that the demand, although lower in the list overall from Figure 3.13, is currently largely unmet. Aquatics programs are, unsurprisingly in high demand, as are age 50+ programs, fitness programs, and the arts.

Additional Capacity or Times to Existing (Top 5)

1. Water fitness programs
2. Swim lessons/swim team
3. Special needs programs
4. Teen programs
5. Preschool programs

New Development of Programs (Top 5)

1. Special needs programs
2. Teen programs
3. Programs for persons ages 50+
4. Art, dance, performing arts (adult)
5. Fitness and wellness programs (youth)

Figure 3.13: Attended/Desired Programs

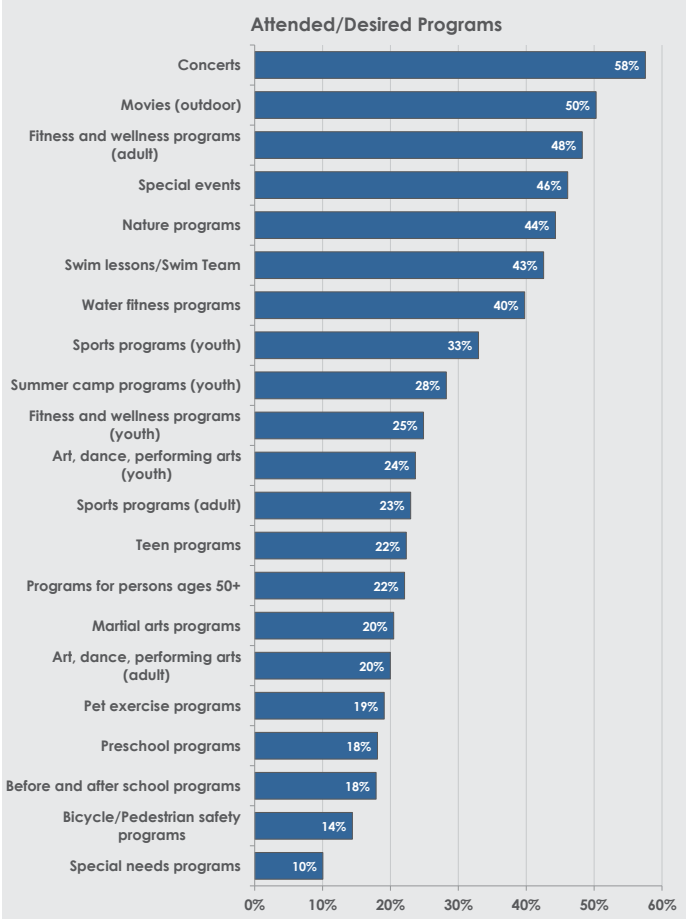


Figure 3.14: Additional Capacity or Times for Existing Programs

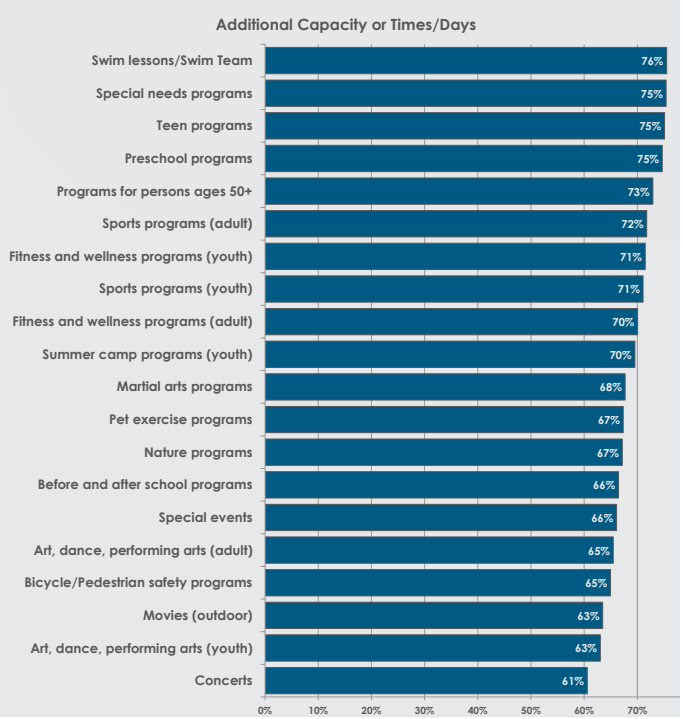
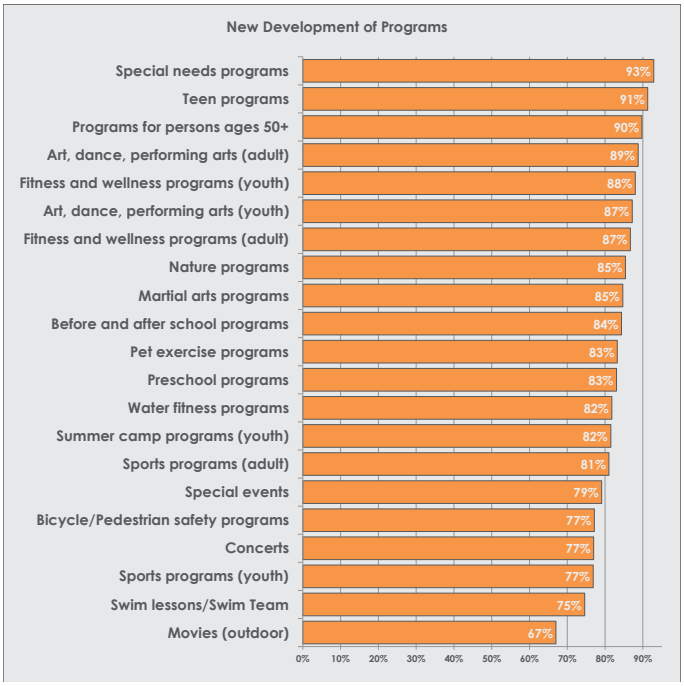


Figure 3.15: New Development of Programs



3.5.8 Results – Support for Actions Needed by Weatherford

The survey provided a list of action items the city could take to improve the park system (Figure 3.16). Overall, respondents were supportive of all actions provided, as the sum of "very supportive" and "somewhat supportive" is over 70% for every option. **Protecting the city's natural areas and resources received support from nearly everyone (97% overall with 85% very supportive).**

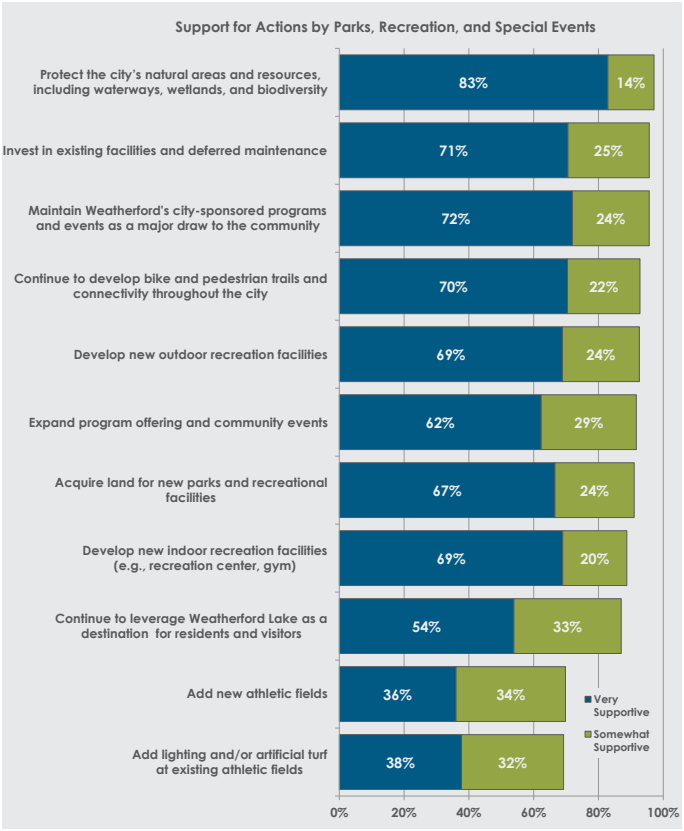
Investing in existing facilities and maintaining city sponsored programs and events were next, each with 86% supporting. Notably, the least support was given to adding and improving athletic fields, although support was still high (70%).

When asked to choose a single most important action (Figure 3.17), the top items varied from the previous results. **The most notable difference was the importance of an indoor recreation facility which jumped to first on the list,** compared to eighth for overall support, indicating that this improvement is a top priority for many in Weatherford.

3.5.9 Results – Motivation to Utilize Facilities and Programs

Figure 3.18 shows what would motivate respondents to utilize existing facility and program offerings more often. The top option by a large margin was to add shade features. Adding or improving existing restroom facilities was next. Residents would also like to see development of needed facilities and programs.

Figure 3.16: Support for Actions by Parks and Recreation



These results indicate lack of shade is preventing use and potential enjoyment at parks. In open-ended sections of the survey, many respondents noted a specific need

for shaded playgrounds. The desire for more or better restrooms indicates respondents desire to spend more time at parks and facilities in Weatherford.

Figure 3.17: Most Important Actions

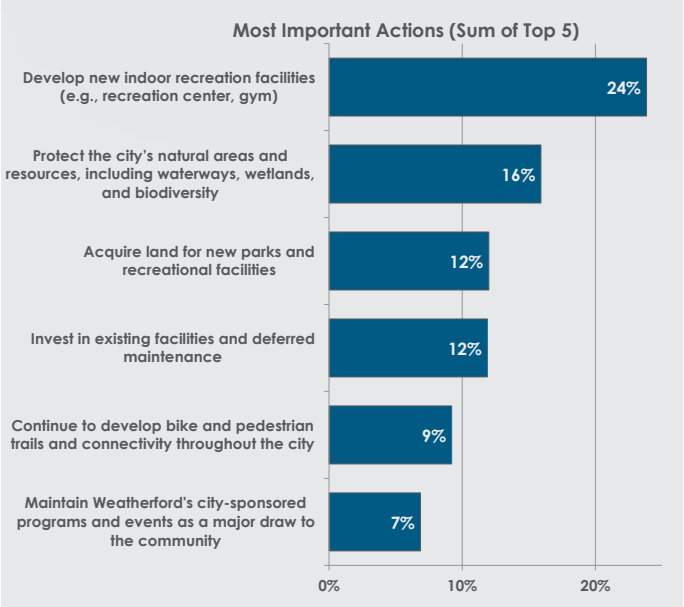
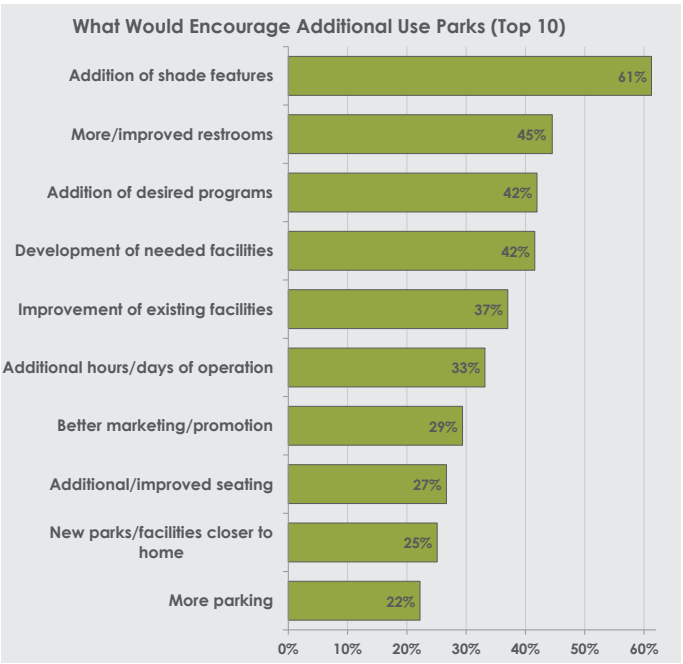


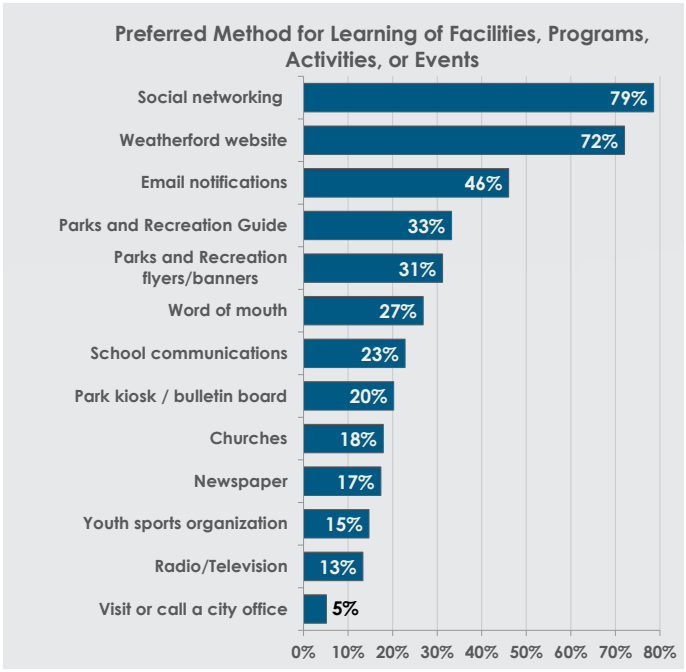
Figure 3.18: Motivation for Additional Use



3.5.10 Results – Learning Offerings

Respondents were also asked to select ways they prefer to learn about facilities, programs, and events offered by Weatherford Parks, Recreation, and Special Events (Figure 3.19). Most identified social networking (79%) and the Weatherford website (72%) as the preferred methods of learning about offerings, far above the other methods.

Figure 3.19: Preferred Method for Learning of Facilities



3.5.11 Results – Demographics

Figure 3.20 shows Weatherford's population by age range for Weatherford as a whole and of the households who responded to the survey. The largest cohort responding to the survey were those between 35-44 years old, likely with children between 5 and 14 years old. Compared to the overall population of Weatherford, these age cohorts were overrepresented in the survey. These age groups represent families with children who are more likely to be already engaged in the department's offerings.

Figure 3.20: Age Demographics of Survey Respondents

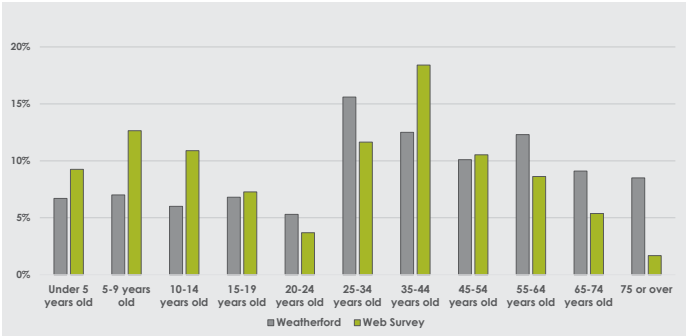
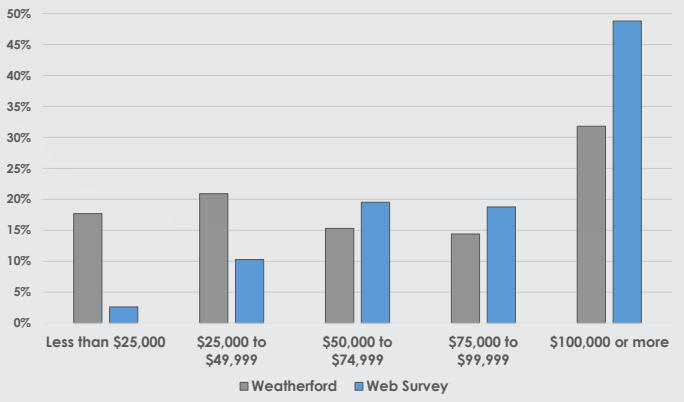


Figure 3.21 compares the respondents to the household income of the City of Weatherford as a whole. Households with incomes over $100,000 represented about half of survey respondents, compared to the actual representation in Weatherford of 32%. Overall, those making over $50,000 were overrepresented while lower income levels were underrepresented, especially those under $25,000. This data emphasizes the need for the city to make additional efforts to engage lower income residents.

Figure 3.21: Household Income Levels of Survey Respondents



3.6 Conclusion

On the whole, the public engagement process provided an abundance of information about the needs and desires of Weatherford residents. While a variety of methods were used to collect data, some trends do emerge with residents desiring:

- Upgrades and improvements to existing parks and facilities
  - Playgrounds
  - Accessible spaces & features
  - Baseball/softball diamonds (grading, lighting, shade)
  - Picnic shelters
  - Cherry Park Pool
  - Multipurpose rectangular fields
- Preservation of and access to natural areas
- Connectivity and trails
  - New trails
  - Additional mountain bike trails
  - Signage and wayfinding
  - Accessibility across the system
- New facilities
  - Indoor recreation center
  - Indoor pool
  - Skatepark
  - Pickleball courts
  - Outdoor fitness
  - Disc golf expansion
  - Dog park improvements
  - Water access for fishing opportunities
- Expanded programming and events
  - More special events, including concerts, movies, and performances
  - Nature programs
  - Teen activities/programming
  - Special needs programming
  - Fitness programs
  - Aquatics programs
  - Art, dance, performing arts programs
  - Active adult (age 50+) activities
- Support amenities
  - More shade
  - Restrooms
  - Improved wayfinding
  - Parking

The word cloud image (Figure 3.22) uses font size to show how frequently a word appears in the survey results. While positive or negative value is not applied to a word, the graphic is valuable because it illustrates the elements of parks and recreation in Weatherford that are most important to the community. This image is provided in conclusion to reinforce the myriad comments, suggestions, and requests heard during the multifaceted public engagement phase.

Figure 3.22: Public Input Word Cloud


disc golf
pool
Recreation center
pickleball
lake
Dog Park
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swimming
trail
love
skate
pickle
trails
fields
play
events
theatre
ball
patsy
wheelchair
fitness
parking
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splash
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VISION FOR THE FUTURE

4.1 Introduction

The *2023 Weatherford Parks, Recreation, and Special Events Master Plan* represents a collective imagination of the future. While the action plan component (Chapter 6) is a detailed account of all the recommendations developed – both operational and capital – to guide investment priorities, the strategic plan component in this chapter is intended to provide the department with a clearly defined purpose and underlying motivation for tackling those action items.

Developed out of all the input gathered during the engage phase, and with full support of the steering committee, this strategic plan articulates a freshly inspired vision, mission, and set of defining values. These strategic elements will help pilot implementation of actions identified in this Master Plan, and thereby shape the future of parks and recreation in Weatherford. Also included at the end of this chapter are goals and objectives. These are incorporated later in the master plan to categorize and better define the wide range of recommendations in the action plan.

Finally, the chapter includes updated level of service standards and guidelines that are consistent with the vision for the future of parks and recreation in Weatherford. These targets help to quantify the future needs of the community and provides measurable outcomes for level of service throughout the city.

4.2 Vision

4.2.1 Purpose of a Vision

A vision describes a unique horizon, an intended outcome. It defines a clear standard of accomplishment and in so doing, helps unify effort. A vision should:

1. Provide clear direction
2. Focus effort
3. Guide long-term action
4. Illustrate the department's purpose
5. Inspire and motivate
6. Visualize an ideal

4.2.2 Proposed Vision for Weatherford Parks, Recreation, and Special Events

Fully informed by the values and visioning input generated by the steering committee, and with their support and approval, the following vision statement was crafted for Weatherford Parks, Recreation, and Special Events:

Connecting the community through innovative and amazing experiences

4.3 Mission

4.3.1 Purpose of a Mission

A mission defines the daily work and an enduring purpose. More specifically, a mission should answer questions like what the department does, how, and why it does this. The mission is an action-oriented statement that informs day-to-day action.

Like the vision statement, the mission should be easy to remember and to share with others. It should be the foundation of all departmental decision-making.

4.3.2 Previous Mission for Weatherford Parks, Recreation, and Special Events

The department's existing mission at the begining of the planning process was:

The Weatherford Parks, Recreation and Special Events Department is committed to enriching the quality of life through exceptional programs, parks and facilities while

preserving the community's natural environment for the enjoyment of current and future citizens.

4.3.3 Proposed Mission for Weatherford Parks, Recreation, and Special Events

Building from the foundational visioning exercise conducted with the Master Plan Steering Committee – and in consideration of the factors described above – the following is the proposed mission statement for Weatherford Parks, Recreation, and Special Events moving forward:

Enhance quality of life through exceptional programs, parks, and facilities

4.4 Values for Weatherford Parks, Recreation, and Special Events

4.4.1 Purpose of Values

An organization's values serve as a "lighthouse" of guiding principles, informed by personal and organizational beliefs. Values are straightforward phrases or words that should:

1. Direct staff conduct
2. Express department ideals
3. Reflect department personality
4. Complement community's aspirations
5. Communicate what is important
6. Ensure quality staff experience
7. Instill positive focus system-wide

identify areas of strategic priority and provide the broad, overarching organization for departmental actions. Together, goals and objectives:

1. Provide focus for actions and aspirations
2. Shape a designated timeframe for improvements
3. Create direction for investments of time, skills, and resources
4. Clarify what the department will and will not do

Generally, goals describe elements of the vision, defining what is achievable through the daily execution of the mission. Objectives – and therefore specific strategies or recommendations – fit within the scope of each goal.

Goals:

1. Overarching areas of strategic priority
2. Broad descriptions of intent
3. Rooted in outcome, rather than specific activity
4. Longest timeframe (i.e., as long as it takes to accomplish the vision)

Objectives:

1. Frame individual actions
2. More detailed description of what needs to be done
3. Measurable metrics (e.g., "increase," "reduce," "consolidate," "improve," "distribute," etc.)
4. Variable timeframes (0-2, 3-5, 5-10 years)

4.4.2 Proposed Goals and Objectives for Weatherford Parks, Recreation, and Special Events

The following goals and objectives are intended to help guide improvements, operations, and services in parks and recreation in Weatherford over the next 10 years.

Goal 1: State-of-the-Art Spaces

Offer excellent facilities that inspire play and enjoyment

Objective 1.1 – **Places:** Provide innovative parks and facilities that activate spaces and engage the community

Objective 1.2 – **Amenities:** Pursue responsive development and strategic replacement of structures and support features

Objective 1.3 – **Stewardship:** Employ sustainable practices to ensure continued community access to nature

Goal 2: Continuous Connections

Build physical and social connections throughout the entire community

Objective 2.1 – **Gathering:** Offer accessible and inviting opportunities for community interaction

Objective 2.2 – **Connecting:** Improve connections to parks, schools, and popular destinations

Objective 2.3 – **Engaging:** Continuously determine and respond to the community's evolving needs

Goal 3: Exceptional Experiences

Provide a wide and growing array of experiences that promote community fun and health

Objective 3.1 – **Events:** Collaborate to provide year-round possibilities for interaction, fun, & learning

Objective 3.2 – **Wellness:** Encourage exploration & growth through multi-generational physical and educational opportunities

Objective 3.3 – **Collaboration:** Accommodate partner organizations to optimize services and programs

Goal 4: Adaptable Administration

Employ strong leadership to direct an engaged workforce

Objective 4.1 – **Structure:** Encourage and empower valued staff

Objective 4.2 – **Operations:** Implement clear performance standards and training practices for quality and flexibility

Objective 4.3 – **Funding:** Explore creative operational practices and funding strategies to ensure action and improvement

4.5 Strategies

As already mentioned, specific strategies are provided for each of the objectives listed above later in this report. These strategies will be discussed in Chapter 5 (organized by category, like "programming" and "facility improvements") as well as listed in the Action Plan (Chapter 6), which also identifies a timeframe, responsible party, and potential funding source.

4.6 Improvement Priority Ranking

At the end of the visioning process, the steering committee reviewed potential solutions and ranked capital and operational recommendations. This exercise helped to verify improvement priorities for this Master Plan. Committee members were asked to rate each of the potential improvement projects using the interactive engagement software Mentimeter on a scale of 0-5 with 5 as high priority and 0 as not a priority.

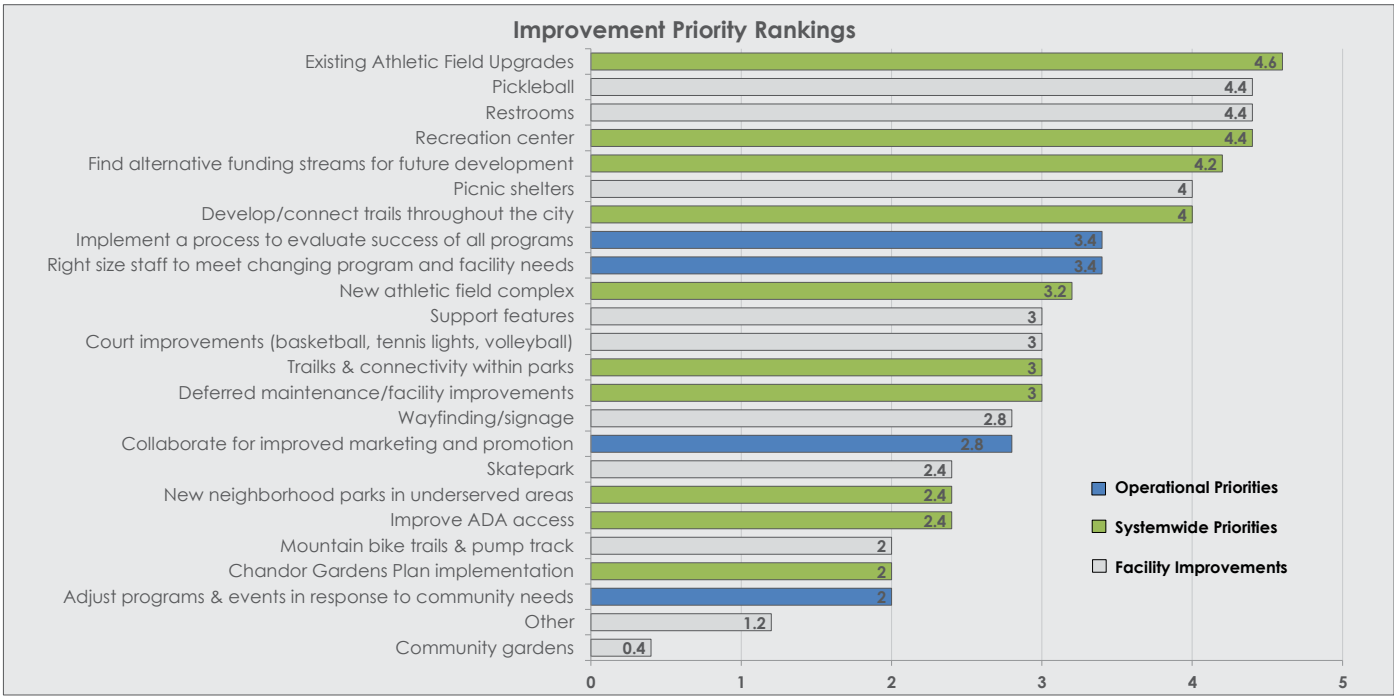
Figure 4.1 identifies the capital improvement rating based on the average of the ranking for each item. These rankings, along with public input and analyses, help guide the process for recommending priorities and the level of service standards in the ensuing sections of this chapter.

4.7 Needs, Standards, and Guidelines for Parkland and Recreation Areas in Weatherford

Analysis of the level of service for parks and recreation in Weatherford requires various perspectives to tell a complete story. A service level might be described as adequate by one method of measurement but deficient by another. For example, acreage standards (i.e., measurement based on the total number of acres) are useful for determining the level at which the city is providing parkland. However, total acreage alone does not account for where park acres are located and, therefore, which residents have access. Accordingly, it is critical to consider the location of the city's parkland in determining the level of service.

Standards provided in this chapter are meant to be achievable targets (e.g., specific acreage totals and service goals) that can realistically be met over the implementation timeline of this plan. Guidelines are offered to cover more general goals of improvement, acquisition, and maintenance. These standards and guidelines are meant for both developed parkland and total open space in the system. Tailored specifically for Weatherford, they are intended to be obtainable but also ambitious enough to inspire Weatherford Parks, Recreation, and Special Events in its continuing work of improving the quality of life for residents.

Figure 4.1: Improvement Priority Ranking



4.7.1 Level of Service Standards for Developed Acres

Parkland can be classified as either developed or undeveloped. Developed acres include features such as athletic fields and courts, picnic shelters, playgrounds, and any mowed areas, while undeveloped acres are those in their natural state – including woodlands, prairies, and wetlands – without developed features or routine maintenance. Both types of land usage can have a tremendous positive impact on the human population and the environment but meet different needs.

Chapter 2 describes the different classifications of parks and recreational areas and provides an overview of facilities in Weatherford. That inventory – combined with an examination of existing conditions, a thorough analysis of public input, and most importantly, the vision for the future presented above – assists with accurately defining the level of service standards (acres per thousand population) by park classification in Weatherford.

The chart that follows, service level standards by park classification (Table 4.1), offers a breakdown of the needs (or target acres) for each type of park in Weatherford. This table includes only properties offered by Weatherford Parks, Recreation, and Special Events. These standards focus on developed acres only, because these acres represent improved land with amenities and are, therefore, the best basis for drawing a comparison between available features.

Table 4.1 identifies the current developed park acreage for Weatherford (see Chapter 2 for specific offerings). While the population is projected to increase by roughly 7,000, there is also an ongoing trend of diversification which will likely continue. Existing acreage per 1,000 population indicates that the community parks consist of the most acreage enjoyed by the public while the neighborhood parks have the least. Looking ahead to 2030 and calculating with the same target per population quantities, community and neighborhood park acreage deficits will increase the most.

Fortunately, some of these deficits, especially for neighborhood parks, can be met through the partnerships, development of existing parkland and existing city owned property, such as Scotts Meadow Park. Guidelines for Open Space

Park systems provide invaluable benefits to public health,[1] economies,[2] local environment and ecology,[3] community social fabric, and overall quality of life.[4] Beyond the developed park acreage, a park system includes additional undeveloped open space and natural areas. These acres, while often overlooked, have tremendous potential to benefit the community. Undeveloped open space, or even acres that are lightly developed as parks, can positively impact an entire community through improvements to air and water quality, increased biodiversity, wildlife habitat protection, noise reduction, reduction of erosion, and protection of water resources.[5]

Setting acreage targets – aiming for a certain number of parkland acres overall – is one way of achieving a desired level of open space. Target acreage can be a useful way for evaluating the progress of open space acquisition, but effective conservation also requires more intentional acquisitions based on a specific resource and where it is found. In other words, looking at open space acquisitions through a conservation lens, the amount of land preserved depends on aspects of that particular resource not just on the number of acres. Land preservation in general has many benefits, such as increased quality of life for residents and elevated property values. In order for these benefits to be shared equitably – benefits typically are higher the closer the proximity – open space should be looked at from a holistic perspective taking into additional consideration natural resources and distribution. What follows is an examination of the current state of open space in Weatherford.

Methods of Measurement

There are two common metrics for measuring the level of service of open space: acres per population and percentage of total area. Both are provided below to serve as guidelines for evaluating and measuring open space

Table 4.1: Service Level Standards for Developed Acreage by Park Classification

Park Classification	Existing Developed Acres	Existing Developed Acres per 1000 Population	Target Acres per 1000 Population	2020 Developed Acres Target	2020 Surplus (+) Deficit (-)	2030 Developed Acres Target	2030 Surplus (+) Deficit (-)
Neighborhood	9.6	0.3	1.0	30.9	-21.3	37.7	-28.1
Community	139.8	4.5	5.0	154.3	-14.5	188.5	-48.7
Lake Front/Natural Areas	28.8	0.9	1.0	30.9	-2.1	37.7	-8.9
Special Use	72.1	2.3	2.3	72.1	0.0	88.1	-16.0
Total	**250.3**	**8.1**	**9.3**	**288.1**	**-37.8**	**352.0**	**-101.7**

1. See Chapter 2 for population estimates
2. Does not include parks by others or school grounds

[1] Centers for Disease Ctontrol and Prevention. Parks, Trails, and Health Resources. cdc.gov/healthyplaces/healthtopics/parks_resources.htm
[2] WeConservePA. (2012). The Economic Benefits of Land Conservation: A Guide. Pennsylvania Land Trust Association.
[3] John L. Crompton (2008). Empirical Evidence of the Contributions of Park and Conservation Lands to Environmental Sustainability: The Key to repositioning the Parks Field. World Leisure Journal, 50(3), 154-172
[4] John L. Crompton (2008). Empirical Evidence of the Contributions of Leisure Services to Alleviating Social Problems: A Key to Repositioning the Leisure Services Field. World Leisure Journal, 50(4), 243-258.
[5] F.D.B. (2007). The economic benefits of land conservation. San Francisco, CA: The Trust for Public Land.

available in Weatherford. Table 4.2 identifies total acres of parks and open space acreage, both developed and undeveloped, in Weatherford.[6] The table shows targets based on 25 acres per 1,000 population and 5% of the total acreage in the city.

These values were chosen because Weatherford is significantly above the per 1,000 population median and the median for the overall percentage of the jurisdiction (see benchmarking in Chapter 2). With his additional parkland and based on public input, the desired development of trails, diversified and additional recreation opportunities on existing parkland, and additional access to nature is achievable.

Acres per Population

Using the target of 25 acres per 1,000 population, Weatherford has (as of 2020) an open space surplus of around 75 acres. Although there is currently a surplus, based on the projected population growth and keeping proportional target acreage, by 2030 the city would have an acreage deficit of about 95 acres. These targets represent roughly what would be required to meet unmet community needs as indicated by the public input.

Percentage of Total City Area

The percentage of total area is not tied to population which means it can potentially represent a more flexible objective that may be adjusted over time. Weatherford's 5% target is adjusted based on existing parkland, community engagement, and the benchmarking amounts. Both the acreage and the percentage of the total area of the city are small increases to allow for some acquisition for smaller neighborhood parks and expansion of existing parkland.

Table 4.2: Open Space Guidelines

Measurement	Existing Acres	Existing LoS	Target LoS	2020 Target Acres	2020 Surplus/ Deficit	2030 Target Acres	2030 Surplus/ Deficit
Acres per 1000 population	847.4	27.5	25.0	771.4	76.1	942.6	-95.2
% of Jurisdiction		4.6%	5.0%	922.9	-75.5	922.9	-75.5

1. See Chapter 2 for population estimates

4.8 Facilities Needs Analysis and Level of Service Standards

Like the recommendations for parkland described previously, level of service standards for individual park facilities are useful for determining the quantity of recreation facilities needed in the community, both at present and in the future. These standards emerge through examination of the benchmarking (Chapter 2) and the public input findings (Chapter 3). Table 4.3 details the facilities by type and compares the available supply with the amount needed to meet the targets identified in the table.

4.8.1 Facility Level of Service Rationale

The following text provides the basis for the per population targets for each of the facilities in Table 4.3. Each section breaks down individual elements by describing how the per population target compares to the existing per population supply and makes justifications for any recommended change. As with previous elements in this chapter, the following analysis combines benchmarking data (Chapter 2) with public input (Chapter 4).

Outdoor Recreation Areas

- Playgrounds - Set at benchmark, slight increase due to demand and current distribution
- Picnic Shelters - Set at increase due to demand and current distribution
- Trails - Set at increase due to demand, trends, and current distribution
- Skateparks - Set at current/slightly below benchmark
- Amphitheaters - Set at current, meeting demand
- Dog Parks - Set at benchmark, sight increase due to demand and trends
- Community Gardens - Set at increase to 1 due to demand and trends
- Swimming Pools - Set at current (1), slightly below benchmark but expansion capacity preferred
- Splash Pads - Set at slight increase to due to demand and current distribution

Outdoor Fields & Courts

- Youth Baseball Fields - Set at benchmark, slight increase
- Youth Softball Fields - Set at benchmark, slight increase
- Multipurpose Fields - Set at current, above benchmark, improvements needed over expansion
- Artificial Turf Fields - Set at benchmark, none currently
- Basketball Courts - Set at between current and benchmark, slight increase
- Tennis Courts - Set between current and benchmark, currently above
- Pickleball Courts - Set at increase due to trends and growing demand, currently only shared courts

Indoor Areas

- Recreation Centers - Set at increase to 1 due to demand and trends
- Gymnasiums - Set at increase to 1 due to demand and trends
- Senior Centers - Set at increase to 1 (part of recreation center) due to demand and trends
- Nature Centers - Set at increase to 1 due to demand and trends

[6] These totals do include some structures, but these features represent a relatively small percentage of the total acreage.

4.8.2 Facility Level of Service Standards

The values in Table 4.3 illustrate potential need for various facilities. The largest current facility deficits (as of 2020) are for trails (-6.3), picnic shelters (-2.3), pickleball courts (-2.2), and artificial turf fields (-2.1). Most facilities have deficits by 2030. While values in Table 4.3 highlight what additional facilities are needed to adequately meet the demand, they do not indicate where in Weatherford these new facilities should be located. The recommendations in Chapter 5 consider this information collectively with the service area analysis in Chapter 2.

Table 4.3: Facility Level of Service Standards

Facility	Per Population Target	Existing per Population	Existing Total Supply	2020 Target	2020 Surplus / Deficit	2030 Target	2030 Surplus / Deficit	*Benchmark Median*
Outdoor Recreation Areas								
Playgrounds	3,000	3,085	10	10.3	-0.3	12.6	-2.6	*2,800*
Picnic Pavilions/Shelters	2,500	3,085	10	12.3	-2.3	15.1	-5.1	*N/A*
Trails (miles)	1,500	2,158	14.3	20.6	-6.3	25.1	-10.8	*4,400*
Skateparks	32,000	30,854	1	1.0	0.0	1.2	-0.2	*26,300*
Amphitheaters	32,000	30,854	1	1.0	0.0	1.2	-0.2	*N/A*
Dog Parks	25,000	30,854	1	1.2	-0.2	1.5	-0.5	*24,800*
Community Gardens	32,000	N/A	0	1.0	-1.0	1.2	-1.2	*24,500*
Swimming Pools	32,000	30,854	1	1.0	0.0	1.2	-0.2	*21,700*
Splash Pads	15,000	15,427	2	2.1	-0.1	2.5	-0.5	*N/A*
Outdoor Fields & Courts								
Youth Baseball Fields	4,000	4,408	7	7.7	-0.7	9.4	-2.4	*4,000*
Youth Softball Fields	8,000	10,285	3	3.9	-0.9	4.7	-1.7	*7,700*
Multipurpose Fields	4,000	4,114	7.5	7.7	-0.2	9.4	-1.9	*11,400*
Artificial Turf Multipurpose Fields	15,000	N/A	0	2.1	-2.1	2.5	-2.5	*14,500*
Basketball Courts	7,000	7,714	4	4.4	-0.4	5.4	-1.4	*6,600*
Tennis Courts	5,000	4,408	7	6.2	0.8	7.5	-0.5	*5,600*
Pickleball Courts	5,000	7,714	4	6.2	-2.2	7.5	-3.5	*28,000*
Indoor Areas								
Recreation Centers	32,000	N/A	0	1.0	-1.0	1.2	-1.2	*31,200*
Gymnasiums	32,000	N/A	0	1.0	-1.0	1.2	-1.2	*N/A*
Senior Centers	32,000	N/A	0	1.0	-1.0	1.2	-1.2	*32,300*
Nature Centers	32,000	N/A	0	1.0	-1.0	1.2	-1.2	*39,400*

1. See Chapter 2 for population estimates and benchmarking



5 RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 Introduction

Weatherford's population has been growing steadily for decades, but the park system has not grown at the same rate. Additionally, many of the city's parks and facilities are aging and in need of investment. This Master Plan identifies needs for investment in both new and existing amenities and infrastructure. In order for many of these community desires to be met, the continuation and growth of partnerships with other providers will be critical as Parks, Recreation, and Special Events, even the city overall, cannot meet all of these needs alone.

Families, seniors, youth, and everyone in between will always need ample opportunity to connect socially, to practice healthy habits, and to enjoy all the benefits of time in nature. Parks and recreation agencies across the nation have a critical role to play in a brighter, more equitable future.

The COVID-19 pandemic has greatly impacted how and whether users experience parks and recreation. In a time of public health inequity and economic disruption, people everywhere are feeling the effects of having (or not having) access to open space and parks.[1] For nearly three years, the coronavirus pandemic and its economic impacts have blazed through communities, and public parks and open space continue to provide respite, solace, and connection. Parks helped people cope, and they will continue to help communities recover.[2] These past few years have changed usage patterns and desires for parks, and some of the recommendations in this chapter are a direct result of those changes, while others represent existing trends that were accelerated by the pandemic.

This chapter presents observations and findings gained through the first three phases of the master planning process – Evaluate, Engage, and Envision. These recommendations are divided into the following categories:

- Upgrades to Existing Parks and Features
- Outdoor Athletic Fields and Courts
- Trails and Connectivity
- New Park and Facility Development
- Operations and Budget
- Capital Improvements and Estimated Costs

5.2 Systemwide Recommendations Summary

Systemwide recommendations represent high level, aspirational strategies and are, therefore, more general in nature. However, these actions refer to capital improvements and are essential for the successful implementation of goals of this master plan and represent ongoing efforts that require annual review and evaluation.

These systemwide recommendations focus on the development of parks and facilities in underserved areas to meet unmet needs throughout the community. This section describes general concepts and overall needs for facilities.

Top recommendation include:

1. Upgrade and improve existing parks and facilities
2. Improve and add support features throughout the park system (e.g., restrooms, seating, shade, parking, and landscaping)

[1] McCormick, Kathleen. Room to Roam: The Pandemic Has Underscored the Need for More Urban Parks; So What Comes Next? Lincoln Institute of Land Policy. https://www.lincolninst.edu/publications/articles/2020-10-room-roam-pandemic-urban-parks-what-comes-next. Accessed November 2020.

[2] A Trust for Public Land Special Report: Parks and the Pandemic. https://www.tpl.org/sites/default/files/Parks%20and%20Pandemic%20-%20TPL%20special%20report.pdf

3. Ensure ADA accessibility throughout the park system
4. Develop an indoor recreation center after determining the ultimate size and elements offered as well as the city's contribution to its development
5. Continue to partner with the Chandor Gardens Foundation to implement the Chandor Gardens Master Plan to ensure this historic property reaches its highest potential
6. Upgrade and modernize athletic fields and corresponding facilities
7. Add, upgrade, and replace playground equipment throughout the park system
8. Replace the skatepark at McGratton Park (or potentially relocate it to Love Street)
9. Add and improve game courts, especially pickleball and tennis, to meet the community's needs
10. Evaluate opportunities to add trails at parks and identify potential trail linkages throughout the community
11. Prepare a feasibility study for the development of a sports tournament complex to support residents and promote tourism; consider alternatives to meet growing field needs
12. Adjust event and program offerings in response to community feedback and changing needs
13. Utilize a standardized process to evaluate the success of all events and programs
14. Continuously engage the community throughout implementation of this Master Plan
15. Ensure staffing levels meet the needs of the park system as it evolves and grows – programming and operations
16. Continue to seek and utilize partnerships to maximize offerings and avoid duplication
17. Consider creating a parks foundation to raise funds, organize volunteers, and see grants for the whole park system
18. Consider developing existing (under or undeveloped) parkland as a neighborhood parks (to meet a variety of needs and improve access to parks
19. Include technological updates with the renovation and addition of new facilities such as Wi-Fi, electrical hook ups, and lighting
20. Strategically and consistently place signage (entrance, wayfinding, etc.) within the park system

5.3 Upgrades to Existing Parks and Features

5.3.1 Observations and Analysis

Through the public input process, Weatherford residents voiced a strong desire for improvements to existing parks. Many of those who attended the open house requested upgrades to existing parks, with 43% of comments requesting such improvements. The largest number of comments were for upgrades or replacement of the skatepark, but many other improvements were requested as well.

Playground, basketball court, and picnic shelter upgrades were at the top of the list for improvements to existing features in the online survey. Upgrades to large community parks, natural areas, and multipurpose fields were next. Additionally, the site assessments indicated needs for improvements to these amenities, supporting the survey results.

When adding and replacing playgrounds, it is important to ensure that the system offers a variety of play structures and elements. Unique equipment can encourage users to visit multiple parks and ensures that everyone's needs are met. It is also important to continue to engage the public, especially adjacent neighborhoods, when making these improvements.

The top changes that would encourage additional use of parks were for support features and site amenities, most notably additional shade and new or improved restrooms. Most Weatherford community parks have restroom buildings, but some are old and in need of renovation or replacement. Many parks offer some shade, but users would like more, especially at seating areas and playgrounds. Additional parking is needed in some areas, especially at Cherry Park Pool, and survey results indicated that insufficient parking was a reason for not using parks.

All parks need consistent entrance signage identifying them as part of the city park system. Some park entrances lack signage with only rules signage present. Wayfinding signage within parks is limited, and wayfinding between parks and across the city is also lacking. Numerous stakeholder groups discussed needs for various types of signage, including entrance, wayfinding, interpretive (e.g., educational, historical, etc.), and informative (e.g., bulletins, program opportunities, and development updates). The department already has some examples, such as installation of informational signage along the trail at Love Street Park.

Weatherford Parks, Recreation, and Special Events has just begun implementing technology-related improvements at parks. The city has room to better utilize technology, such as park related apps and mobile device charging stations. Many of these technological improvements would require Wi-Fi hotspots in Weatherford parks, which would help the success of any future app and would also allow the city to collect data about park usage. If implemented, Wi-Fi access should include information indicating its availability.

5.3.2 Recommendations

1. Add support features throughout the park system such as seating/benches, shade structures, trash/recycling receptacles, drinking fountains, and trees & landscaping
    - Provide drinking fountains in heavy use areas and ensure bottle fillers are included when adding or replacing features
2. Expand parking to accommodate additional park usage, especially at Cherry Park Pool

3. Add or improve restrooms throughout the park system; include family restrooms at larger parks
4. Pursue and implement an ADA Accessibility Audit of all facilities, programs, and communications
5. Ensure accessible walkways to all facilities and seating areas
6. Add and upgrade signage – entrance, wayfinding, interpretive, and informative – throughout the park system
7. Develop additional interpretive and informational signage throughout the park system (will require signage plans) to help visitors understand the natural features and history of Weatherford parks while improving awareness of sensitive ecosystems and rare species
8. Continue to replace dated playgrounds, including separate age 2-5 equipment, and add where unavailable
9. Consider themed playground equipment, such as climbing rocks, sensory features, etc., potentially providing for marketing and resident/visitor photo opportunities
10. Incorporate nature play elements as part of playground development and replacement, especially in more passive park areas
11. Add and upgrade picnic shelters at parks to increase overall access to these facilities, as well as make them more inviting, and to facilitate opportunities for outdoor community gatherings
12. Incorporate shade features over existing amenities such as playgrounds to facilitate year-round usage
13. Add Wi-Fi access to parks; promote park hotspots to ensure awareness
14. Upgrade and utilize technology in parks for the benefit of both patrons and staff (see trends discussion in Chapter 2)
15. Add security cameras and lighting throughout parks in locations that have perceived security concerns
16. Acquire land contiguous to existing parks, when available, to allow for additional features and overall parkland with minimal impact to system maintenance and operations
17. Explore development of a searchable mobile app to communicate site locations, services, and special events to the public

5.4 Outdoor Athletic Fields and Courts

5.4.1 Observations and Analyses

Compared to the benchmarks, Weatherford provides a similar level of service for baseball/softball diamonds and a much higher service level for multipurpose rectangular fields. These numbers only evaluate the quantity of facilities, not the quality. The site assessments (see Appendix A) indicate that many of the fields need improvements, and residents indicated desire for upgrades to these facilities through the survey, stakeholder groups, and the open house.

Weatherford has a higher level of service for tennis courts and slightly lower level of service for basketball courts. Increased needs for these amenities are primarily related to the growing population. The benchmarking shows a higher level of service for pickleball courts, but this sport is fast-growing the existing courts are shared with junior tennis.

As the makeup of the population of Weatherford changes, especially as diversification and aging trends continue, needs will shift. When parks are improved, there will be opportunities to meet these changing needs.

5.4.2 Athletic Fields

Baseball/Softball Diamonds

Most of Weatherford's diamond fields are currently located at Soldier Spring Park with a few more at Holland Lake Sports Complex. Most of the fields are in good condition, but some improvements are needed. A couple of fields are located within other parks but see limited use. As noted previously, the level of service is similar to other communities, but demand will continue to increase with the growing population.

Stakeholder groups indicated a need for improvements at some of the fields, including grading. The site assessments also indicated some needs at existing fields. The survey results strongly supported improvements to facilities overall, and, although lowest in the list of actions, 70% of respondents indicated support for new and improved fields.

Overall, the fields should be upgraded so that all fields are similar in condition to those at Holland Lake. ADA accessibility at many fields also needs to be improved as the fields, dugouts, and spectator seating all need to be accessible by wheelchair. Additionally, new standards require a fence along the upper portion of 5-row or higher bleachers. Some bleachers in Weatherford do not meet this requirement.

Multipurpose Rectangular Fields

All of the multipurpose rectangular fields, including those used for both soccer and football, are located at Cartwright Park. This complex houses a large number of fields but is in need of substantial improvements. Many of the fields need regrading and could use some lighting for extended use. Additionally, much of the complex is not ADA accessible and the layout of the current parking areas could be reconfigured.

Because national trends indicate faster growth of sports that use multipurpose rectangular fields than those using diamond fields, the need for multipurpose fields will likely continue to grow. Several stakeholders also indicated a desire for artificial turf fields. This type of field can better withstand heavy use, limiting turf damage and reducing the number of rain outs.

Field Complex

It will be challenging for the city to meet the growing need for athletic fields at existing parkland. Existing parks can possibly accommodate the expected growth over the next 10 years, but eventually a new location or locations will be needed if the city continues to grow. Additionally, stakeholder groups indicated a desire to host tournaments, which requires high quality fields in a single location.

Existing fields cannot host the larger tournaments that could potentially draw visitors to Weatherford. A new complex with tournament quality facilities, including artificial turf fields (rectangular and diamond), would be required for these large events. Obviously, such a complex would also help meet the growing needs of Weatherford residents and leagues when not used for tournaments.

These large tournament complexes require careful planning and design. Prior to developing any complex, the city should prepare a feasibility study, similar to the existing recreation center study, to determine the specific needs of the facility. In addition to determining the size of the complex, the study should evaluate the potential number of tournaments hosted annually, funding mechanisms, potential partnerships, competing facilities, and more. Additionally, the study should identify operations requirements for management and maintenance.

As noted previously, if a field complex is not developed, the city will likely still need to develop athletic fields in a new park location as potential for additional fields at existing parkland is limited. However, the requirements to meet the needs of the community may be different from those of outside tournaments. A decision should be made about a future complex prior to making improvements to the fields at Cartwright Park as they need substantial investment.

5.4.3 Game Courts

Basketball

The existing basketball courts offer a lower level of service than the benchmarks (one per 7,714 compared to a median of one per 6,564). These facilities are also located at only three different parks. However, opportunities to add additional courts could be made at future neighborhood parks.

Tennis

The level of service for tennis courts is higher than the benchmarks (one per 4,408 compared to a median of one per 5,581). The junior courts contribute to this higher level of service, and additional courts will be needed eventually to counter population growth. The courts need new lighting which should be added in the short term to minimize impact to availability.

As shown through the public engagement process of this project, shade is a valuable tool to increase the usability of an amenity. Nearly, two-thirds (61%) of respondents to the survey indicated that the addition of shade features would increase overall park usage. Given Weatherford's climate, even adding shade to existing tennis courts – or including when process of building new courts – would increase access during the warmer months.

Pickleball

Pickleball is currently the fastest growing sport in the country, but the city does not yet offer any dedicated courts, As noted previously, pickleball is a rising trend in parks and recreation across the country, due in part to its popularity with older residents. Weatherford has just begun to respond to this trend with lines on the junior tennis courts. While sharing court space with tennis is a good opportunity to provide multiple uses of space, these courts are not meeting the fast-growing needs. Pickleball players came to the open house meeting in large numbers to request dedicated, preferable covered courts.

Futsal/Other

Futsal is a growing sport in parks and recreation due in part to limited field space in many communities. Futsal courts give users a chance to play soccer where space is otherwise limited and provide for a faster paced game. Although not a high priority according to the public input, these courts would provide opportunities for pick-up play without placing additional stress on existing or new field spaces. They could also be added at future parks that lack the space for larger fields. These courts are an example of a potential "neighborhood determined/placemaking feature" which should be considered at the individual park planning level and can be lined for multiple sports.

5.4.4 Recommendations

1. Upgrade baseball/softball fields throughout the system
    - Upgrade baseball/softball diamond fields with new backstops, fencing, dugouts, and spectator areas (Soldier Spring lower)
    - Provide accessible spectator areas with shade at all fields, seating, and player benches
    - Replace or upgrade bleachers to meet the requirement of a fence along the upper portion when 5-rows or more
    - Look for opportunities to expand field capacity at existing parks to meet the immediate needs of the community
    - Consider adding artificial turf at select infields if tournament complex is not developed
2. Make needed improvements at Cartwright Park field complex to improve field quality and access, unless a tournament complex is developed
    - Consider adding artificial turf fields if not developed as part of a separate complex
3. Prepare a feasibility study for the development of a sports tournament complex to support residents and promote tourism
    - Consider the potential number of tournaments hosted annually, funding mechanisms, potential partnerships, competing facilities, and operations requirements

- Consider alternative ways to meet the needs of the growing community if a complex is not developed, including requirements at Cartwright Park

4. Upgrade and replace lighting at Soldier Spring Park tennis courts
5. Develop dedicated pickleball courts at Soldier Spring and Love Street parks
   - Consider shaded courts to allow for year-round play
6. Monitor community needs for futsal courts at existing and future parks
7. Consider adding basketball courts at any new neighborhood parks to improve access

5.5 Trails and Connectivity

5.5.1 Observations and Analyses

According to the benchmarking in Chapter 2, Weatherford has 4.6 miles of trail per 10,000 population, well above the median of the benchmark communities (2.3). However, half of the trails are at Quanah Hill, and most of the rest are part of the Town Creek Hike and Bike Trail. Throughout the country, trails consistently emerge at the top for desired improvements, even in jurisdictions that have extensive networks of trails. The COVID-19 pandemic only emphasized the demand for trails as park usage rates skyrocketed, and trails were one of the best providers of outdoor, physically-distanced activities.

Weatherford is no different; residents clearly communicated their preference for more trail connectivity, through stakeholder discussions, the open house workshop, and survey responses. According to the survey results, 56% walk, hike, or jog in city parks, the second most common activity after enjoying nature. They also desire more opportunities for these activities. Trails were the most desired facilities, and most want to see both improvements to existing trails and new construction of trails.

Most parks in Weatherford that can accommodate perimeter trail loops already have them; however, there are opportunities for improvements within some existing parks. The most obvious location for a new paved multipurpose trail is in Cartwright Park around Sunshine Lake, connecting to the existing Lake Mineral Wells State Trailway. Marshall Park could also offer a short perimeter trail. Other opportunities exist in future parks, including on land already in the system.

The paved trails in Soldier Spring Park need resurfacing and improved connectivity within the park and the adjoining Veteran's Memorial Park. The park also has a series of natural surface trails that lack wayfinding or clear routes to follow. These paths and updates to the perimeter path should both be considered during the planning for updates at the park.

The previous park system master plan, *2016 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan*, provided an updated map of potential trail linkages throughout the city. The proposed system of trails was originally presented in the *2013 City of Weatherford Thoroughfare Plan*, completed about 10 years ago. Due to community growth and other potential changes in needs over this time period, the city should update the trail plan in response to these changes as well as increasing chances of being awarded grants for improvement. The update should also include formalized standards for design, signage, and maintenance (including staffing requirements) to ensure trail experiences are consistent throughout Weatherford. The plan should also identify priorities, feasibility, and potential costs.

The city has great mountain biking trails at Quanah Hill. These trails are well used and highly regarded by users. The Weatherford Mountain Bike Club (WMBC), who partners with the city for trail maintenance, would like to see improvements at the park, primarily parking. The group also has several proposals for additional trails in the area, including some that are within the Weatherford ETJ. The city should continue to partner with this group to obtain property access where applicable and to promote any new trails that are developed.

The effort to establish a trail system coincides with the "10-Minute Walk Campaign" led by the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA), Trust for Public Land (TPL), and Urban Land Institute – a national movement supported by hundreds of communities across the country to ensure everyone has walkable access to parks and trails.[3] Trail and connectivity improvements in Weatherford will establish safe routes, create alternate means of transportation, increase access to parks and destinations throughout the city, as well as contribute to an overall sense of community cohesion. The city has a way to go to reach this target, but it presents a potential long-term goal for Weatherford.

5.5.2 Recommendations

1. Update the city's existing trail plan from *2013 City of Weatherford Thoroughfare Plan*
   - Include standards for design, signage, maintenance, prioritization, and costs
   - Incorporate other relevant plans, including the *Lake Weatherford Parks & Trails Master Plan*, the *Weatherford General Plan*, and plans by adjoining communities
   - Consider linkages between parks, schools, and other popular destinations
2. Offer paved trail loops at all parks where appropriate
   - Add a paved trail loop in Cartwright Park around Sunshine Lake, connecting to the Lake Mineral Wells State Trailway
   - Include trail connections between parks and adjacent neighborhoods wherever possible
   - Add at all future parks
3. Improve existing trail surfaces to enhance longevity and ensure proper accessibility (e.g., Soldier Spring)

[3] NRPA, TFPL, and ULI's 10-Minute Walk campaign: https://10minutewalk.org/

4. Continue to partner with WMBC to add and promote mountain bike trails
5. Consider signing on to the 10-Minute Walk Mission by the TPL and NRPA to show the city's commitment to connectivity and access to parks

5.6 New Park and Facility Development

5.6.1 Observations and Analyses

Trends indicate a steadily growing population in Weatherford that is expected to continue growing through 2030. The current population is about 31,000 and is expected to grow by over 7,000 residents over the next 10 years. As population grows, the composition is also becoming more diverse. The system has not grown with the population, especially in the southern part of Weatherford. Additionally, the needs of residents have changed over time, which is a reason for which this Master Plan was authorized.

The population age 65 and over has increased as a percentage since 2000 and is expected to reach over 20% by 2026. At the same time, the percentage of children (under age 18) has declined slightly but is expected to remain about the same through 2026. Accordingly, facilities for children will remain important, but demand for senior activities will continue to increase. The needs of specific demographic groups should be addressed during the individual park master planning process.

5.6.2 New and Upgraded Parks

A little under a third (30%) of the population lives in areas with "high" or "medium-high" service levels, and a bit more than a third (37%) live in areas with "low" or "medium-low" service levels (see Composite Park Service Areas map, Figure 2.23 in Chapter 2). These service levels emphasize the need for new parks and facility locations. Most of the need for new parks is limited to smaller neighborhood parks strategically located in underserved areas. Figure 5.1 shows the locations of potential new and upgraded parks in Weatherford. Three of the five proposed park locations would utilize existing city-owned land.

Currently, only about 40% of the population lives within a 10-minute walk from a neighborhood park (or larger), including elementary schools. Development of new parks – including upgrades to undeveloped or underdeveloped parks – will increase the proportion of residents that live within a walkable range of a park.

Any individual park (new or existing) undergoing significant development should have a master plan finalized prior to new development or redevelopment. This will help ensure facilities are accessible, complementary features are located appropriately, and, most importantly, desired features fit on the site. Planning is a critical tool for enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of maintenance, making it easier to be proactive, instead of reactive, in the face of challenges and changing circumstances.

Another potential strategy to improve access to parks is to encourage developers to set aside land or even develop parks as part of residential subdivisions. Currently, only a small number of housing developments include recreation amenities, and when present, they tend to be limited. In general, the city should consider incentives for providing parks or usable parkland, while not accepting donations that do not have potential for public use.

New Neighborhood Park Standards

As noted in Chapter 2, neighborhood parks should be minimum of 8 to 10 acres in size (at least 2 acres developed). With the recommendation to develop up to four new neighborhood parks over the next 10 years, Weatherford should have a standard list of elements to include in each park. These standards should function as a starting point for engagement with the community but should ensure that all new parks provide a variety of amenities for all users. Partners, including developers, that develop neighborhood parks should be encouraged to follow these standards.

Typical neighborhood park elements include:

1. Playground
2. ½ basketball court (may be swapped for another feature if desired by the community)
3. Gathering area/picnic shelter
4. Walking trail
5. Good circulation – walkways/ADA access
6. Restrooms (small)
7. Landscaping
8. Shade – trees and/or structures
9. Open grass area/athletic field – practice or pick-up use (if adequate space exists)
10. Unique neighborhood determined feature(s) based on local interest – could be related to sports, environment, arts, etc., should consider placemaking opportunities
11. Parking (if space allows)

5.6.3 Recreation Center

A recreation center is a long-standing need in Weatherford. It was a top recommendation of the previous park system master plan in 2016. This demand led to the *County Community Recreation and Aquatics Center Study*, which was created through a collaboration between the City of Weatherford and the Parker County Hospital District to address these needs through the development of a potential multigenerational recreation center. The public input for this 2023 Master Plan reiterated the high demand in Weatherford for an indoor recreation center.

The study identified potential sites as well as preferred spaces with a potential total footprint of 110,000 square feet. A floor plan of the proposed Weatherford Recreation and Aquatics Center can be seen in Figure 5.2 from the study. The study identified the following major elements to be included in the center:

- Walking/jogging track
- Meeting rooms/classrooms

Figure 5.1: Proposed New Park Locations

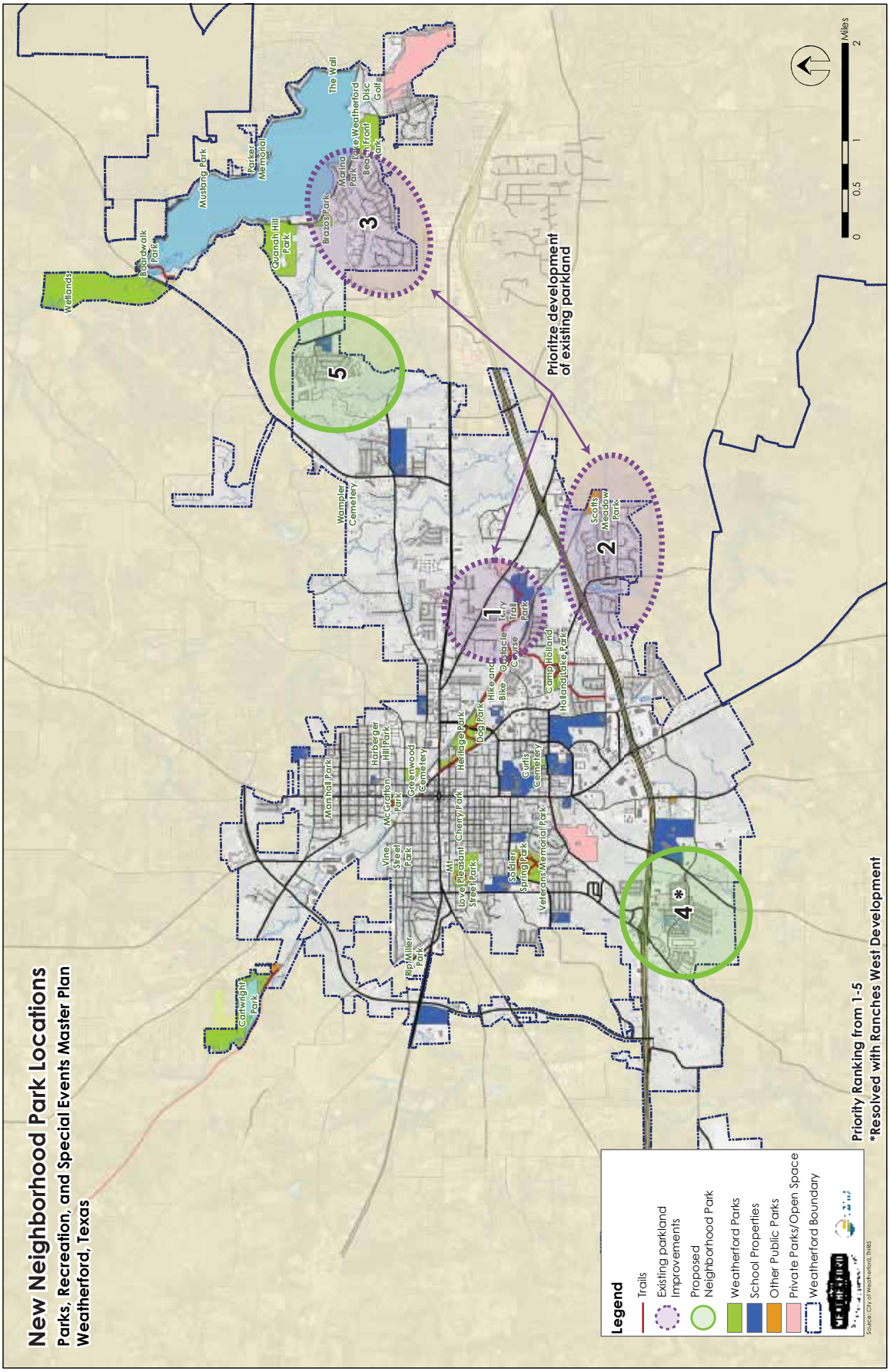
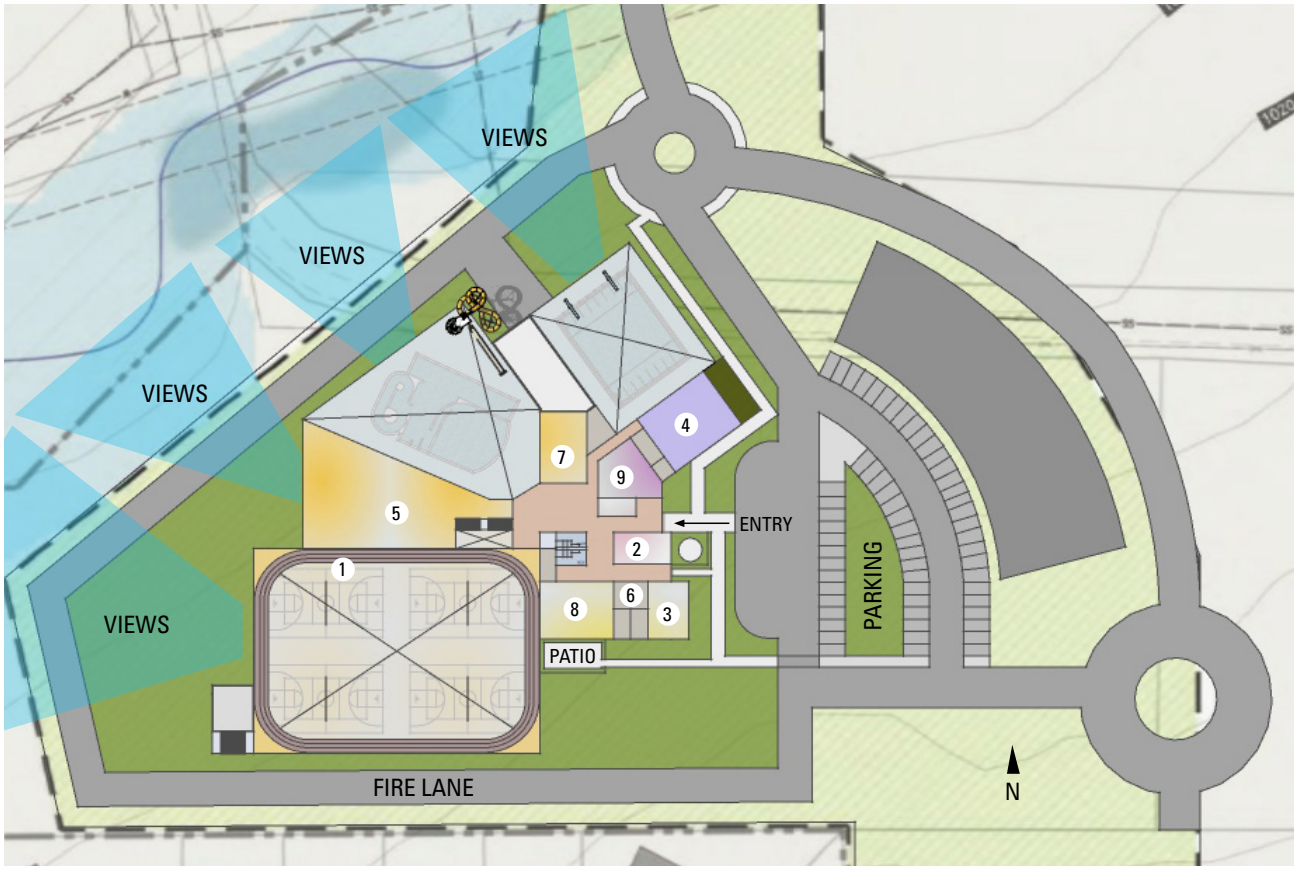


Figure 5.2: Proposed Recreation Center Floorplan



- Wellness clinic
- Fitness center
- Catering kitchen
- Four gymnasiums
- Party room
- Dance studio
- Lap & recreation pools

The study does not provide a source of capital funding but does identify potential partners, including ISDs, Weatherford College, Parker County Hospital District, Weatherford & Parker County Family Foundations, and Parker County. With an estimated capital cost of nearly $70 million, determining funding is an essential element necessary before the facility can be constructed. Ultimately, the City of Weatherford must make decisions regarding the city's contribution and the ultimate size and elements offered in the recreation center.

5.6.4 Chandor Gardens

The Chandor Gardens Foundation, in partnership with the City of Weatherford, recently completed a master plan for the entire 17-acre property. The Chandor Gardens Master Plan 2022 focuses on the four distinct roles of the property, which focus on quality of life in Weatherford and tourism.[4]

The four roles are:

1. As a boutique display garden
2. As a meeting and rental facility
3. As a center for arts and culture
4. As a location to access nature and observe wildlife

Figure 5.3 shows the proposed master plan for the property. The key elements included in this plan are additional parking, a relocated maintenance building, a welcome center, and an event center. The welcome center will serve as an area to greet, orient, and direct visitors, an archive space for historic documents, and a gift shop. The event center is intended to relieve the pressures off of the existing historic Chandor House and expand the capacity of events at the Garden and will also include an outdoor performing arts venue.

The implementation of the plan is broken down into phases as indicated below:

- Phase I: Parking area – the highest current priority as parking is insufficient for event guests
- Phase II: Maintenance building & infrastructure – needed to ensure efficiency of operations and to make room for the welcome center
- Phase III: Welcome center w/ parking – will provide a true botanical garden and museum experience with locations for admissions, orientation, and a gift shop

4 Future Plans for Chandor Gardens, https://www.chandorgardensfoundation.org/learn-more/future.html

- Phase IV: Event center – dedicated space for arts and culture and a venue for concerts or other special events, in addition to rental space
- Phase V: Hilltop garden, amphitheater, visual art studios – other potential enhancements for the future
- Phase VI: Connection to Dubellette St (& VI) – an additional entrance

These improvements proposed in the Chandor Gardens Master Plan 2022 include all of the elements of a nature center, both indoor and outdoor, potentially meeting a top request of the public input. If the property is developed as planned, it will be able to host a wide variety of nature programming, including classes, activities, and displays. These plans for Chandor Gardens would also meet the existing desires expressed by the community for greater access to nature, indoor recreation space, and additional event space.

5.6.5 Other New Facilities

Skatepark

The existing skatepark at McGratton Park is in fair condition overall, and several elements need replacement. Users of this facility came to the open house workshop in large numbers to advocate for a new skatepark. Representatives of these attended one of the stakeholder groups and provided a document detailing what they would like to see at a new skatepark, including a skateboarding path, areas for different experience levels, specific elements (e.g., a bowl, stairs, and pump bump humps), seating, and restrooms. This group should be engaged when the skatepark is upgraded, either in its current location or at Love Street Park.

Outdoor Fitness/Obstacle Course

Outdoor fitness equipment has become a popular addition to parks for users of all ages (in addition to active adults/ seniors). These facilities ranked near the top of the list for new development of new facilities as no park currently offers this equipment. It could be added at relatively low cost at parks throughout Weatherford to provide even distribution. Small amounts of this equipment can also be incorporated into playground development. Larger groups of equipment provide a potential gathering space and a venue for programs. Different equipment appeals to different age groups with obstacle courses or park our appealing to younger users. The city should add a variety of equipment throughout the system to meet the different needs of residents.

Disc Golf

Weatherford Parks, Recreation, and Special Events already offers one 18-hole disc golf course, the Lake Weatherford Disc Golf Course. The local club, Weatherford Disc Golf, would like to expand this course into the adjacent property (Beach Front Park) and has already begun to work with the city on this improvement. As noted in Chapter 2, disc golf is a fast-growing sport throughout the country, and the city should continue to partner with the group for new and upgraded courses in city parks where they do not conflict with other uses.

Figure 5.3: Chandor Gardens Master Plan



Dog Parks

The city currently only offers one dog park at Heritage Park, the Patsy Hooks Dog Park. It is quite popular, and the only concern users had was that it sometimes stays wet after a storm.

Some users also requested some agility and training features. Due to the popularity of these features, Weatherford will likely need more than one dog park within the next 10 years. Optimally, one would be located on the east side of the city. Optimally, any new dog parks should offer shade for both dogs and owners. A new dog park would also potentially provide an alternative location if Patsy Hooks Dog Park is still too wet to use, days after a storm.

Community Gardens

The survey results indicated a potential need for community gardens in Weatherford as the city does not currently offer an area where residents can grow their own food or learn about gardening. According to the survey, 32% of respondents would like to use community gardens if available. Even residents with access to yards may prefer community gardens for socialization and assistance in plot preparation. Educational programs are also common at community garden facilities. Opportunities to partner with an interested group should be considered to provide this amenity in one of Weatherford's parks.

5.6.6 Recommendations

1. Utilize existing parkland to meet unmet facility needs and to improve access to park features
2. Identify and implement a strategy – including funding, footprint, and elements offered – to develop a recreation center to meet the significant and growing needs for indoor recreation
3. Prepare park master plans for existing parks and any future parks prior to development of facilities to ensure that added features are complementary, desired, and fully accessible
4. Develop an indoor recreation center after determining the ultimate size and elements offered in the recreation center as well as the city's contribution to its development
5. Continue to partner with the Chandor Gardens Foundation to implement the Chandor Gardens Master Plan to ensure this historic property reaches its highest potential
6. Consider developing existing (under or develop) parkland as neighborhood parks (e.g., Terry Trail and Scotts Meadow) to meet a variety of needs and improve access to parks
7. Continually evaluate opportunities to develop new parks in underserved areas, especially at land already owned by the city
8. Replace the skatepark at McGratton Park (or potentially relocate it to Love Street), based on input provided by users
9. Include a neighborhood determined feature at each neighborhood park, ensuring development aligns with needs and encouraging a sense of local investment and opportunities for placemaking in parks
10. Consider providing incentives to developers to develop parks in new communities
    - Encourage these developers to follow city park design guidelines
11. Add outdoor fitness equipment or obstacle courses at select parks to expand opportunities for improved community health
12. Look for opportunities for additional dog parks, especially in the eastern portion of the city
13. Continue to partner with the disc golf group to expand the course at Lake Weatherford Disc Golf Course/ Beach Front Park
14. Evaluate the demand for community gardens, find a location for the plots if demand exists, and identify potential partnerships
15. Formulate and post a policy for (or against) use of drones within the park system and implement signage to designate whether (and where) drones are permitted

5.7 Operations and Budget

5.7.1 Observations and Analyses

Weatherford Parks, Recreation, and Special Events staff ensure that residents enjoy a well-organized system of parks, facilities, and programs. On a per population basis, Weatherford employs more full-time equivalent (FTE) staff per 10,000 population (14.4) than the benchmark median. The larger number of staff is related to the extensive programming offered by Weatherford, especially the special event offerings. It is also worth noting that Weatherford has more staff but maintains a lower operating expenditure per capita compared to the benchmark communities and has much lower expenditures per FTE.

The total operating budget for Parks, Recreation, and Special Events in Weatherford for 2022 was $2.8 million with a per capita operating expenditure of $91, slightly below the benchmark median of $97. Proposed facility development would obviously have a large impact on the overall budget of the department, and the city should be prepared for these additional budgetary and staffing demands when expanding or developing new facilities.

5.7.2 Programming

Weatherford currently offers a wide array of programs; however, specific deficiencies were revealed through the public input process. According to the survey, adding additional capacity or alternative times would help increase user satisfaction. Open house workshop attendees indicated that they would like to see more family-oriented programs, nature programs, a greater variety of concerts, and festivals. The ability to address the potential growing needs is limited without additional resources. Additional facilities and staff are needed to meet many of the

program requests of residents.

Top program request included:

- Water fitness programs
- Swim lessons/swim team
- Special needs programming
- Teen programs
- Preschool programs
- Age 50+ programs
- Art, dance, performing arts
- Fitness & wellness programs

Nearly all unmet program needs listed above either require or are typically conducted within indoor recreation facilities. The city does not offer these programs – or offers fewer of them – is due to the lack of the required facility. The development of a recreation center will allow for the addition of expansion of most of the desired programs, and the Chandor Gardens upgrades would accommodate the rest.

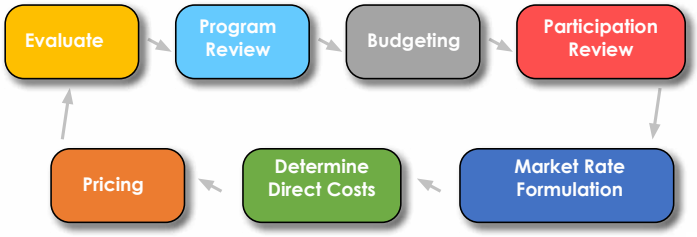
5.7.3 Annual Implementation Plan for Business Operations

Figure 5.4 illustrates the ongoing evolution of a typical parks and recreation agency's working operations. Each cycle begins with an annual plan and ends with evaluation. Creating an annual plan allows the department to establish goals for both internal operations and external performance (i.e., programming). An annual operations plan is helpful for establishing pricing and costs, as well as for defining more specifically the ways which the agency will benefit the community; a yearly evaluation is critically important to ensure efficiency, appropriateness, and vitality. Hosting a year-end retreat for the department staff is a helpful way to collectively evaluate performance and to identify goals and objectives for the coming year.

While the programs currently or recently offered are generally popular and well-attended, there is a real opportunity to strengthen and refresh programming; doing so would benefit not only the community, but department staff as well. Weatherford Parks, Recreation, and Special Events must consider overall operations in their entirety then determine what operations the department should "stop, start, or continue." This is practical strategy for proactively addressing need and challenges and can meaningfully realign services. Considering the condition of facilities, the success of both existing and former program offerings, and how extended the current staff is, the department will benefit from assessing what strengths and opportunities there are to build stronger programs and more sustainable operations.

The following steps are intended to guide the department in defining the purpose of its programming and the direction the agency would like to take moving forward:

Figure 5.4: Ongoing Annual Operation Plan Diagram



Program Review

Review every program in the department to determine answers to the following:

- What is the purpose of the program or activity?
- What does the program attempt to accomplish?

Using the answers to these questions, set specific goals for each program.

Budgeting

Use budget information to review actual direct costs from the previous year.

- Review part time wages, supplies, instructors' costs, etc.
- Separate the indirect costs of the full-time wages, maintenance costs, or utilities

Participation

Estimate participation based on historic data from previous years.

- Determine minimum number of participants
- Determine maximum number of participants

Determine Market Rate

Use each program's total direct cost to the annual budget, set the market rate price.

Evaluate Direct Costs

Prior to determining pricing, the department should assess direct costs. Establish a cost-recovery percentage by calculating all direct costs for each program.

Pricing

Based on the calculations of direct costs and cost recovery percentages, set price amounts for each program. Establish a market rate, but also calculate a resident discount.

Evaluate

- Reflect on and assess the purpose of each program
- Establish a goal for participation
- Establish a goal for cost recovery

5.7.4 Park Operations

Moving forward over the next 10 years, the Weatherford Parks, Recreation, and Special Events Department needs a strategy of sustainability – not simply environmental, but economic as well. Qualities like consistency, fairness, and flexibility will be crucial to the long-term durability of the department and the services it provides to the entire community. To efficiently operate an extensive and high-quality system like that in Weatherford, an appropriate amount of funds for staffing, equipment, and grounds management must be in place.

Park and recreation agencies are increasingly focusing on preservation and restoration of natural resources. Natural areas provide numerous benefits to the health and wellness of a community, including opportunities for all residents. Studies indicate that a connection to nature can relieve stress, improve interpersonal relationships, and improve mental health.[5] Because they are typically one of the largest landowners in their jurisdictions, park and recreation departments have the opportunity to lead in the implementation of sustainability or best management practices (BMPs), efforts that can double as engagement and educational opportunities.

The primary purpose of a successful maintenance management plan is to identify the proper amount of funding each year to administer the park system while implementing this Master Plan. It is essential that the department understands the long-term costs and works closely with the city's budget administrators to alleviate any concerns and prevent budget surprises.

Maintenance Requirements

First, maintenance requirements should be measurable. Each element of park maintenance needs a standard. For example:

- Level 1,2,3,4 or 5 turf – standards determined by the department
- Restroom cleaning (e.g., daily, twice daily, etc.) – standards set by the department
- Capital replacement (e.g., roofs, HVAC systems, etc.) requires items to be placed on a list with an "expiration date" based on the general length of time an item lasts in good condition. Costs should be determined and provided to the city's budgetary administration years in advance to ensure the city is prepared for necessary appropriations.
- Painting schedule (e.g., number of years between re-painting, per item) – standards set by the department; painted items should be included on a multi-year list for funding
- Maintenance equipment replacement (e.g., lawn mowers, trucks, irrigation systems, etc.) – standards set by the department in collaboration with the city

Parks, Recreation, and Special Events should determine the level of maintenance service to provide at each park or portion of a park. This decision should be a proactive exercise where funding is put in place in accordance with what level of maintenance service is desired.

Staffing Needs

The success of any future development hinges equally on funding and staffing capacity. It is likely that additional staff will be needed as more land, features, and programs are added to the system. It is important that the department have the staff needed to maintain and operate the system as it evolves. This requirement is related to both the number of staff and their skills and qualifications. Different programs and facilities may require different and often more staff than are currently employed by the department. It is essential for the department to have the staff needed to manage the park system of the present (not the past) and the future when it arrives.

5.7.5 Training

Staff and the department itself will benefit from continued training for leadership and cultivated growth within their respective fields. For example, the existing and future staff should pursue appropriate certifications for overseeing Parks, Recreation, and Special Events operations, including Certified Park and Recreation Professional (CPRP), Certified Playground Safety Inspector (CPSI) and Aquatic Facility Operator Certification (AFO). As needs arise, staff may pursue other relevant certifications. To accommodate staff seeking these credentials, Weatherford must identify and allocate funding for professional development opportunities (e.g., conferences, training, memberships, etc.) with consideration to the licensure and requirements for certifications.

5.7.6 Partnerships

As noted throughout this chapter, collaborative partnerships will continue to play a critical role in the future of parks and recreation in Weatherford. Through strategic and transparent partnerships, the department can both reduce costs and generate additional revenue. In stakeholder conversations, the need for partnership and collaboration emerged over and over. Weatherford already has several formal partnerships – including with sports, schools, and business groups – as well as a widely held positive and responsive reputation in the community.

Looking forward along the 10-year timeline of this Master Plan, many actions will require expanded support from partner groups to be truly successful. In fact, some new facilities will likely only be possible through partnerships with other organizations to adequately cover both capital and operating costs. Any partnership the department pursues must be mutually beneficial, and terms clearly stated for all parties. The city has an opportunity to establish more consistent lines of communication with existing and potential partner groups such as WISD, Texas Parks and

[5] National Recreation and Park Association, "Health and Wellness," http://www.nrpa.org/About-NRPA/Impacting-Communities/Health-and-Wellness/, (April 17, 2020)

Wildlife, Parker County, and private recreation providers. Each agency should convey its priorities and objectives, helping clarify services provided to ensure facilities and programs are provided while avoiding inefficient duplication of effort from all entities.

5.7.7 Marketing and Outreach

The community has indicated a desire for continuous, ongoing engagement with Parks, Recreation, and Special Events to make sure public needs are heard and addressed (Chapter 4). Some of the specific park improvements recommended in this plan will require local resident engagement to ascertain whether needs are effectively being met or if adjustments should be made. In the upcoming years of implementing this Master Plan, any major improvement project – whether capital or operational – should incorporate authentic outreach and engagement, as well as follow consistent standards of communication, to ensure transparency. Over a quarter of survey respondents indicated that they would use parks and programs more often if marketing was improved. Most (79%) prefer learning about opportunities through social media or the city website (72%).

Social media platforms are useful for staying connected but can be a challenge to sustain and update with engaging, interactive content. The department already uses Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube to post updates, images, videos, and more. There is always opportunity to improve this outreach to engage as much of the community as possible. Additionally, promoted postings can reach residents who do not follow the department's accounts. Promoted postings are fairly inexpensive and will allow the department to reach less engaged residents.

5.7.8 Potential Funding Sources

Parks and recreation projects can be funded in many ways, including maintenance endowment funds, conservation districts, license tags, transient occupancy taxes, income taxes, lease backs, real-estate transfer fees, land dedication and/or park impact fees, and park authorities. Although all of these should be considered, the strategies below could have an immediate impact on the operations and capital improvements of Weatherford Parks, Recreation, and Special Events.

Forming a Parks Foundation

Establishing a Weatherford Parks Foundation, which would operate separately as a 501c3 organization, is an opportunity Weatherford should pursue. While the Chandor Gardens Foundation currently exists for that property, a separate parks foundation would enable the city, its programs, and its facilities to receive philanthropic funds. A foundation must be promoted and actively utilized to fund park improvements. There must be a foundation board to guide efforts, and the members of this board should be intentionally recruited. Funds generated can create opportunities for both capital projects and programming. Funding can also be used to support volunteer recruitment and organization, enabling the city to introduce park ambassadors and other engaged members as part of Weatherford's parks and recreation service.

As noted previously, Weatherford residents generally believe that program costs are fair. For those in the community who are unable to pay, the department is flexible in allowing them to participate in programs. Yet, there is currently no system for tracking these informal agreements and no set guidelines for determining who is qualified for assistance. However, the pricing for programs may still not be affordable for everyone in the community. A parks foundation can solicit donations for any participant that may not be able to pay for offerings, including covering program and user fees.

Volunteer Power

Park ambassadors provide directions, offer assistance, or remind visitors of park policies. They may also assist with maintenance activities, like litter pickup. The presence of ambassadors often helps visitors feel more comfortable in park spaces, and they can monitor sites to make sure people feel welcome and have good access to features of the park.

Adopt-A-Trail or Adopt-A-Park programs are an additional, more formalized way for volunteers to assist with park maintenance in Weatherford. These programs encourage interested residents and groups to become involved in keeping parks clean for their community. These programs give new possibilities for involvement to those residents who have the interest but need a structured opportunity.

The department has an adopt-a-spot program that could be expanded to include trails and more park areas. Weatherford Beautiful also manages a trash-off that focuses on the city's streets and neighborhoods. An additional program as part of this initiative could be utilized for the city's parks and trails. Again, partnerships with local entities can be a great way to explore and initiate volunteer interest in the city. And target areas can be as small as a single facility or as large as an entire park.

Creating a Scholarship Fund

Around the country, parks and recreation agencies are exploring ways to utilize the patronage of those already paying for recreation services. Weatherford Parks, Recreation, and Special Events can explore a couple of options for building a robust scholarship fund:

- Apply an additional $2.00 charge to the registration fee for all those who pay for programs. Funnel the funds generated into a scholarship fund that can be accessed for those patrons unable to pay
- Add an option to the registration process where those signing up can opt to donate (e.g., $2.00 or $5.00) to help those in their community who are unable to pay to participate

Rentals

Several amenities in Weatherford are available for rental for relatively modest fees. Many of the improvements recommended in this plan have potential for rental usage and fees, including amphitheaters, picnic shelters, and any

indoor space. There is also substantial demand for rental areas adjacent to the splash pads. When any of these amenities are developed, they should be added to the rental inventory, and the fees should be reevaluated to ensure they match what the public is able and willing to pay. Upgrades to existing diamond fields would also help meet the demand for field rental and increase the level of service to the community.

American Rescue Plan

The American Rescue Plan Act was passed by Congress and signed into law by the President on March 12, 2021. The bill provides direct aid to local governments that can be used for a wide variety of city needs, including potentially parks and recreation improvements. Access to these funds would allow the city to quickly begin to implement the recommendations of the plan. According to the fiscal year 2023 city budget, Weatherford will have $4,278,617 undesignated ARPA funds at the start of FY2024.

Grants and Application for Funding

Weatherford has previously taken advantage of grants for facility development, particularly with Texas Parks and Wildlife. The City of Weatherford should continue to be on the lookout for grants that will enhance the park system. Applying to established foundations is often easier and has a higher acceptance rate. There are sometimes local foundations that are more amenable to giving locally. In all, grants can come from the federal government, state sources, and sometimes local entities. Indianapolis, for example, has received over $100 million in foundation grants from the Lilly Endowment over the past 20 years for park related improvements in the city.

Example grant sources:

- National Recreation Trails Program (administered by TPW)
- Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)
- National Park Service Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program
- America The Beautiful (U.S. Department of the Interior)
- Conservation Reserve Fund
- Community Forest and Open Space Program (Federal)
- Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Grant (FEMA)
- Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Grants (USDA)
- Land and Water Conservation Fund (Federal)
- Local Parks Grants (TPW)
- AARP Community Challenge

General Funding Sources for Parks, Recreation, and Sports Facility Operations

Below is a general list of ideas that communities have used to supplement the costs of operations. Some of these may be more effective in Weatherford than others.

- Official drink for Parks, Recreation, and Special Events
- Tournament fees – if an outside vendor makes money, the city should as well
- Scoreboard sponsors
- Parking fees at events
- Field permits when outside groups are not using the fields
- Advertising Sales
- Wi-Fi revenue through sponsorship, if a vendor provides the Wi-Fi
- Cell Tower Leases
- Privatization of various park and recreation programs and services
- Sports booster clubs
- Corporate sponsorship in exchange for advertising

Bond Referendum

A bond program would enable the city to fund some of the high capital cost items, such as an indoor recreation center. These funds would also allow the city to add parks in underserved areas while keeping pace with new demand as the population grows. Were the city to move forward with this initiative, the public will need to be provided with tangible specifics about future improvements. It is vital to departmental approval for taxpayers to understand where their dollars will be directed.

5.7.9 Recommendations

Programming

1. Be a mission driven agency; pay very close attention to the new mission of Parks, Recreation, and Special Events (Chapter 6)
    - Ensure every action and decision always connects back to the department's mission
2. Establish and maintain an annual assessment process to determine if Weatherford should stop offering a program, continue offering a program, or start a new program (Annual Implementation Plan for Business Operations)
3. Regularly evaluate program times to ensure programs are offered when community members can actually participate
4. Adapt the existing concert, movie, and live performance program offerings to address unmet community needs
    - Utilize the proposed amphitheater at Chandor Gardens for additional and enhanced program opportunities
5. Establish split revenue percentages for any program partnerships with funding channeled directly to Parks, Recreation, and Special Events
6. Continuously evaluate the demand for new or expanded programs as indicated by the survey results and other public input

7. Seek opportunities to add Esports programs to attract the hard-to-reach teenage population
8. Make full use of new facilities – recreation center, outdoor finess equipment, picnic shelters, pickleball courts, nature center, etc. – by programming and offering activities anchored around these sites
9. Seek partnerships with local entities to develop more age 50+ programming and to ensure offerings align with local needs
10. Consider branding and marketing active senior programs together under a unique category, such as "active adults" to increase participation
    - Strategically market these programs with support from partners and related service-providers
11. Continue to respond to the growing demand for pickleball programs and leagues, both indoor and outdoor, especially after a new court complex is developed
12. Monitor nationwide and regional recreation trends regularly, especially concerning growing population groups to best serve the needs of the whole community
    - Regularly identify the needs of underserved populations
13. Explore partnerships with nearby environmental and nature organizations to create and promote additional nature-based group outings, participatory activities, and community events
14. Partner with other agencies to organize events and community-engaged activities around trails and bike paths

Operation and Maintenance

1. Adopt this Master Plan at the level of City Council; ensure commitment of legislative officials and city leaders
2. Prepare an Operations Plan which defines Maintenance Standards
3. Consider maintenance and staffing needs when adding parkland and features to the system
4. Ensure the staffing level of the department, both quantity and skillset, matches the needs of the park system as it evolves and grows
5. Create and continuously update a comprehensive preventive maintenance plan for all equipment
6. Implement conservation policies and sustainable practice guidelines for future development and management of park properties
7. Elevate parks by setting examples for Best Management Practices (BMPs) like stormwater detention, recycling, etc.
8. Create and implement professional and career development strategies for management and supervisory staff
9. Identify and allocate funding for critical staff development opportunities (including conferences, training, memberships, etc.) with consideration to licensure and certification requirements
10. Encourage continued staff training for leadership and continued growth within respective fields
11. Incentivize management level staff to attend professional development programs offered by state, regional, and national training organizations
12. Incentivize and support staff members to pursue Certified Park & Recreation Professional (CPRP), Certified Playground Safety Inspector (CPSI), and Aquatic Facility Operator (AFO) certifications

Partnerships and Sponsorships

1. Treat all vendors, contractors, and partners in a professional, consistent manner with legal, signed contracts containing obligations of each party, terms, price, and responsibilities
2. Develop working agreements with all partners (all outside groups using Weatherford facilities) including measurable outcomes; review every two years, at minimum
3. Ensure all future contracts benefit Weatherford and its residents, in addition to the relevant partnering vendor or contractor
4. Understand all agency costs, both indirect and direct, before entering into agreements; understand how much investment a partner will commit to collaboration
5. Host quarterly or semiannual check-ins with all community partners; host roundtable discussion where all parties share program progress and emerging needs
6. Require a maintenance plan that identifies ongoing funding needs for partnership projects
7. Establish policies for accepting sponsorships and selling naming rights
8. Seek opportunities to install public art in additional parks and develop cultural programming in collaboration with creative, arts-advocacy entities in Weatherford
9. Continue open dialog with developers as neighborhoods are planned to ensure coordinated, strategic growth and the inclusion of needed park space and facilities

Engagement and Promotion

1. Develop a Master Plan Implementation Committee (e.g., can include members of plan steering committee) to facilitate, market, and guide implementation of the Action Plan (Chapter 6)
2. Maintain continuous public engagement throughout the implementation of this plan
    - Engage neighborhood residents during park improvement processes using bulletin boards, monitored social media posts, and other methods
3. Consider expanding the departments social media presence, including the use of paid promotion
4. Expand marketing of programs and facilities through existing and future collaborative relationships to increase community awareness and participation

5. Utilize this Master Plan to guide decision making – regularly monitor progress
6. Collaborate with partners and other service-providers in the city to cross-promote and share information about services

Management and Budget

1. Know the true costs to deliver services (direct and indirect costs)
    - Inform users, partners, and citizens of these costs of services
2. Know the value of assets (excluding land values); know where those assets are in their life cycle
3. Establish and adjust fees for programs according to direct and indirect costs
4. Determine maintenance standards that include how many employees are required to maintain one acre of parkland; consider these standards when adding parkland to the system

Cost Recovery

1. Increase cost recovery as new features are developed, and new programs are added
2. Institute an easy-to-understand Cost Recovery and Pricing Plan for everything that is offered
3. Price services furthest away from the mission at full cost recovery levels
4. Analyze potential costs versus revenue before adding new features
5. Add new facilities to the rental inventory as they are developed
6. Reevaluate rental fees as amenities are updated, replaced, or added to the inventory
7. Identify potential revenue sources at community events, including sponsorships and entry fees
8. Develop a program for recruiting and scheduling volunteer park ambassadors to promote wellbeing and provide assistance at parks
    - Partner to expand Keep Weatherford Beautiful for park and trail clean-up

Funding Sources

1. Find dedicated funding sources for Parks, Recreation, and Special Events that can be depended upon annually
2. Seek philanthropists in the community to support the agency's causes
3. Create a Weatherford Parks Foundation to raise funds, recruit and organize volunteers, and promote the parks
4. Continue seeking grants and apply to foundations for project funding that enhances the park system; be sure this is consistent with the mission of Parks, Recreation, and Special Events while also considering associated costs to the city
5. Create a Scholarship Fund, potentially by requesting an optional additional $2.00 charge during registration
6. Consider utilizing a portion of the American Rescue Plan funds allocated to the City of Weatherford for parks and recreation improvements to help implement the recommendations of this plan
7. Consider a bond referendum to provide a funding stream to capital improvements based on robust public support for many of the capital improvement recommendations in this plan

5.8 Capital Improvements and Estimated Costs

This section provides recommendations for individual park improvements including proposed new facilities and upgrades to existing parks. These recommendations are presented as a starting point for future discussions with users, neighbors, partners, and the community at large. Before pursuing development, each park site will need a deeper investigation into capacity and precise details like placement, materials used, and maintenance considerations.

Improvements by park are presented in Table 5.1. Improvements that apply to the whole system or currently lack a specific location and listed at the top under "systemwide."These improvements should be reevaluated prior to new development and after any follow-up planning studies. All costs in Table 5.1 are estimated in 2022 dollars and will need to be evaluated for potential escalation at the time of development. The master planning process completed before large-scale improvements should include a detail estimate of the costs for the improvements at each park.

Grant opportunities exist and should be explored for many of these improvements, particularly trail system development, helping to reduce the required contributions by the City of Weatherford. Additionally, partnerships, including for fundraising efforts, should be considered as part of any improvement, particularly those with substantial capital costs.

The top 10 improvement for existing and new facilities are listed below:

Existing Park/Facilities

1. ADA access
2. Playgrounds
3. Restrooms
4. Shade
5. Field improvements
6. Paved park trails
7. Lighting
8. Picnic shelters
9. Parking
10. Signage

New Development

1. Recreation center
2. Pickleball courts
3. Skatepark
4. Nature/water access
5. Chandor Gardens Master Plan implementation (partnership)
6. Additional fields/complex
7. Connectivity/trails outside of parks
8. Paved park trails
9. Neighborhood parks (additional)
10. Fitness equipment/obstacle courses (outdoor)

Table 5.1: Capital Improvement Cost Estimates

	Park Name	Term	0-2 Years	3-5 Years	6-10 Years	Total
Systemwide						
1	ADA accessibility assessment	Short	$30,000	$0	$0	$30,000
2	Consistent signage at all park entrances	Short	$74,000	$0	$0	$74,000
3	Recreation center	Short/Medium	$0	$74,000,000	$0	$74,000,000
4	Wayfinding plan & signage for all parks	Short	$123,000	$0	$0	$123,000
5	Landscaping plan & implementation	Short/Ongoing	$103,000	$103,000	$103,000	$309,000
6	Drinking fountains/bottle fillers throughout system	Ongoing	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000	$75,000
7	Security cameras & lighting throughout system	Ongoing	$41,000	$41,000	$41,000	$123,000
8	Site furnishing upgrades at all existing parks (trash & recycling receptacles/bike racks/pet waste stations)	Ongoing	$41,000	$41,000	$41,000	$123,000
9	Wi-Fi hotspots	Ongoing	$82,000	$82,000	$82,000	$246,000
10	Field complex (partnership), pending a feasibility study	Medium	Partnership	Partnership	Partnership	Partnership
11	New neighborhood parks (2)	Long	$0	$0	$1,232,000	$1,232,000
12	Volleyball courts	Long	$0	$0	$246,000	$246,000
	Systemwide Total		**$519,000**	**$74,292,000**	**$1,770,000**	**$76,581,000**
Neighborhood Parks						
Marshall Park						
1	ADA walkways - 6' wide	Short	$22,000	$0	$0	$22,000
2	Playground expansion	Medium	$0	$123,000	$0	$123,000
3	Trail - paved perimeter - 8' wide	Medium	$0	$77,000	$0	$77,000
4	Fitness equipment (outdoor) w/ shade	Long	$0	$0	$185,000	$185,000
	Project Total		**$22,000**	**$200,000**	**$185,000**	**$407,000**
McGratton Park						
1	Field improvements - replace or remove backstop	Short	$62,000	$0	$0	$62,000
2	Playground replacement	Short	$246,000	$0	$0	$246,000
3	Basketball court improvements - resurface/repaint, replace surrounding asphalt & fencing	Medium	$0	$92,000	$0	$92,000
4	Lights - upgrade court & skatepark lighting to LED	Medium	$0	$123,000	$0	$123,000
5	Restroom building	Medium	$0	$370,000	$0	$370,000
6	Skatepark - upgrade and replace (if kept in this location)	Medium	$0	$616,000	$0	$616,000
7	Neighborhood determined/placemaking feature (if skatepark is relocated)	Long	$0	$0	$74,000	$74,000
	Project Total		**$308,000**	**$1,201,000**	**$74,000**	**$1,583,000**
Miller Park						
1	Picnic shelter (medium)	Medium	$0	$99,000	$0	$99,000
2	Neighborhood determined/placemaking feature	Long	$0	$0	$74,000	$74,000
	Project Total		**$0**	**$99,000**	**$74,000**	**$173,000**
Vine Street Park						
1	Playground expansion (age 2-5)	Medium	$0	$62,000	$0	$62,000
2	Playground shade structures	Medium	$0	$49,000	$0	$49,000
3	Neighborhood determined/placemaking feature	Long	$0	$0	$74,000	$74,000
	Project Total		**$0**	**$111,000**	**$74,000**	**$185,000**

Table 5.1: Capital Improvements by Park (Continued)

	Park Name	Term	0-2 Years	3-5 Years	6-10 Years	Total
Community Parks						
Cartwright Park						
1	Park master plan - determine future of soccer complex in this location and nature park potential	Short	$50,000	$0	$0	$50,000
2	Playground replacement (convert to nature play)	Short	$370,000	$0	$0	$370,000
3	ADA walkways - 6' wide	Medium	$0	$216,000	$0	$216,000
4	Field improvements - grading & turf	Medium	$0	$740,000	$0	$740,000
5	Playground - new at soccer complex	Medium	$0	$250,000	$0	$250,000
6	Swinging benches	Medium	$0	$246,000	$0	$246,000
7	Trail - paved perimeter - 10' wide w/ connections to Lake Mineral Wells State Trailway	Medium	$0	$1,000,000	$0	$1,000,000
8	Parking lot resurfacing, reconfiguration, expansion (field complex)	Medium/Long	$0	$1,386,000	$1,386,000	$2,772,000
9	Artificial turf field, if complex not developed	Long	$0	$0	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
10	Canoe/kayak launch	Long	$0	$0	$123,000	$123,000
11	Field expansion - if complex not developed	Long	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
11	Field lighting - 4 fields	Long	$0	$0	$2,464,000	$2,464,000
12	Field irrigation (additional)	Long	$0	$0	$197,000	$197,000
13	Fishing piers	Long	$0	$0	$74,000	$74,000
14	Parking lot improvements (playground/lower), including road/guardrail	Long	$0	$0	$1,386,000	$1,386,000
15	Restroom building - near playground and boat ramp	Long	$0	$0	$370,000	$370,000
16	Restroom/concessions renovation	Long	$0	$0	$370,000	$370,000
	Project Total		**$420,000**	**$3,838,000**	**$7,370,000**	**$11,628,000**
Cherry Park						
1	Parking lot expansion at Cherry Park Pool	Short	$112,500	$0	$0	$112,500
2	Playground replacement	Short	$370,000	$0	$0	$370,000
3	Basketball court improvements - repaint, add fence along parking (95' fence)	Medium	$0	$18,000	$0	$18,000
4	Playground surfacing improvements	Medium	$0	$7,000	$0	$7,000
	Project Total		**$482,500**	**$25,000**	**$0**	**$507,500**
Holland Lake Park and Sports Complex						
1	Fitness equipment (outdoor) w/ shade	Medium	$0	$99,000	$0	$99,000
2	Trail connection between softball complex and loop (10' wide)	Medium	$0	$99,000	$0	$99,000
3	Bike repair station at trailhead	Long	$0	$0	$5,000	$5,000
4	Cabin repairs - boarded windows	Long	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
5	Fishing pier	Long	$0	$0	$37,000	$37,000
	Project Total		**$0**	**$198,000**	**$42,000**	**$240,000**
Love Street Park						
1	Park master plan	Short	$30,000	$0	$0	$30,000
2	ADA walkways - 6' wide	Medium	$0	$17,000	$0	$17,000
3	Basketball court improvements - repaint, add fence along parking	Medium	$0	$18,000	$0	$18,000
4	Fitness equipment (outdoor) w/ shade	Medium	$0	$148,000	$0	$148,000
5	Picnic shelters (2 medium) for additional rental opportunities	Medium	$0	$197,000	$0	$197,000
6	Playground shade	Medium	$0	$49,000	$0	$49,000
7	Skatepark - upgrade and replace (if relocated to this park)	Medium	Alternate	Alternate	Alternate	Alternate
8	Splash pad replacement w/ vertical structures	Medium	$0	$740,000	$0	$740,000
9	Trail connectivity w/ Chandor Gardens and Mt. Pleasant	Medium	$0	$123,000	$0	$123,000
10	Restroom improvements	Long	$0	$0	$123,000	$123,000
11	Pickleball courts (8-12) w/ lights	Long	Partnership	Partnership	Partnership	Partnership
	Project Total		**$30,000**	**$1,292,000**	**$123,000**	**$1,445,000**
Soldier Spring Park and Natural Area						
1	Park master plan	Short	$40,000	$0	$0	$40,000
2	ADA walkways - 6' wide, connections to all amenities, fields, and seating areas	Short	$52,000	$0	$0	$52,000
3	Bleacher upgrades - fence needed along back	Short	$123,000	$0	$0	$123,000
4	Field improvements (Charles St) - replace side & outfield fencing	Short	$123,000	$0	$0	$123,000
5	Field improvements (Chesney) - replace dugout fencing/add gates	Short	$86,000	$0	$0	$86,000
6	Field improvements (Noon Lions) - replace bleacher structure, backstop/fencing (side & outfield), dugouts	Short	$216,000	$0	$0	$216,000
7	Parking lot - resurface & reconfigure at Lions, Charles St, and Chesney, separate walks	Short	$650,000	$0	$0	$650,000
8	Playground expansion - add age 2-5, swings, and shade	Short	$123,000	$0	$0	$123,000
9	Tennis court lighting replacement	Short	$99,000	$0	$0	$99,000
10	Field lighting - upgrade all to LED	Medium	$0	$1,417,000	$0	$1,417,000

Table 5.1: Capital Improvements by Park (Continued)

	Park Name	Term	0-2 Years	3-5 Years	6-10 Years	Total
11	Pickleball courts (4) w/ lights	Medium	$0	$250,000	$0	$250,000
12	Trails (paved) - resurface all, improve ADA access and wayfinding, connectivity to Veterans Memorial	Medium	$0	$300,000	$0	$300,000
13	Trails (unpaved) - reconfigure, simplify, add wayfinding	Medium	$0	$92,000	$0	$92,000
14	Artificial turf infields - 3-5 fields, depending on development of complex	Long	$0	$0	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
15	Fields (new w/ lights) - add 2 if complex not developed	Long	$0	$0	$2,000,000	$2,000,000
	Project Total		**$1,512,000**	**$2,059,000**	**$3,500,000**	**$7,071,000**
Weatherford Heritage Park						
1	ADA walkways - 6' wide	Medium	$0	$17,000	$0	$17,000
2	Fitness equipment (outdoor) w/ shade	Medium	$0	$99,000	$0	$99,000
3	Patsy Hooks Dog Park - ADA access and seating, more obstacles/training	Medium	$0	$123,000	$0	$123,000
4	Restroom building - near playground and dog park	Long	$0	$0	$308,000	$308,000
	Project Total		**$0**	**$239,000**	**$308,000**	**$547,000**
Lake Front Parks/Natural Areas						
Brazos Park						
1	Upgrade to neighborhood park	Medium	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2	Park master plan	Medium	$0	$30,000	$0	$30,000
3	ADA walkways - 6' wide	Medium	$0	$17,000	$0	$17,000
4	Parking lot	Medium	$0	$92,000	$0	$92,000
5	Playground	Medium	$0	$250,000	$0	$250,000
6	Shelter (medium)	Medium	$0	$99,000	$0	$99,000
7	Trail - paved perimeter - 8' wide	Medium	$0	$320,000	$0	$320,000
8	Dog park	Long	$0	$0	$185,000	$185,000
9	Neighborhood determined/placemaking feature	Long	$0	$0	$74,000	$74,000
	Project Total		**$0**	**$808,000**	**$259,000**	**$1,067,000**
Marina Park						
1	No improvements at this time	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Project Total		**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
Mustang Park						
1	Fishing pier	Long	$0	$0	$37,000	$37,000
2	Picnic shelter (medium)	Long	$0	$0	$99,000	$99,000
	Project Total		**$0**	**$0**	**$136,000**	**$136,000**
Obstacle Course						
1	Include with Terry Trail Park master plan	Short	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Project Total		**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
Scotts Meadow Park						
1	Upgrade to neighborhood park	Long	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
1	Park master plan	Medium	$0	$30,000	$0	$30,000
2	ADA walkways - 6' wide	Long	$0	$0	$34,000	$34,000
3	Basketball half court	Long	$0	$0	$43,000	$43,000
4	Neighborhood determined/placemaking feature	Long	$0	$0	$74,000	$74,000
5	Parking lot	Long	$0	$0	$46,000	$46,000
6	Picnic shelter (medium)	Long	$0	$0	$99,000	$99,000
7	Playground	Long	$0	$0	$246,000	$246,000
8	Trail - paved perimeter - 8' wide	Long	$0	$0	$173,000	$173,000
	Project Total		**$0**	**$30,000**	**$715,000**	**$745,000**
Terry Trail Park						
1	Upgrade to neighborhood park	Medium	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2	Park master plan	Short	$30,000	$0	$0	$30,000
3	ADA walkways - 6' wide	Medium	$0	$34,000	$0	$34,000
4	Basketball half court	Medium	$0	$43,000	$0	$43,000
5	Neighborhood determined/placemaking feature	Medium	$0	$74,000	$0	$74,000
6	Open field area	Medium	$0	$6,000	$0	$6,000
7	Parking lot	Medium	$0	$46,000	$0	$46,000
8	Picnic shelter (medium)	Medium	$0	$99,000	$0	$99,000
9	Playground	Medium	$0	$246,000	$0	$246,000
10	Trail - paved perimeter - 8' wide w/ connection to Town Creek Hike and Bike Trail	Medium	$0	$173,000	$0	$173,000
	Project Total		**$30,000**	**$721,000**	**$0**	**$751,000**
The Boardwalk						
1	Fitness equipment (outdoor) w/ shade overlooking lake	Medium	$0	$99,000	$0	$99,000

Table 5.1: Capital Improvements by Park (Continued)

Park Name		Term	0-2 Years	3-5 Years	6-10 Years	Total
2	Restroom building (small)	Medium	$0	$246,000	$0	$246,000
3	Swinging benches	Medium	$0	$62,000	$0	$62,000
	Project Total		**$0**	**$407,000**	**$0**	**$407,000**
The Wall						
1	No improvements at this time	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Project Total		**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
Special Use Parks/Facilities						
Camp Holland						
1	ADA walkways - 6' wide	Short	$80,000	$0	$0	$80,000
2	Parking lot improvements	Short	$140,000	$0	$0	$140,000
	Project Total		**$220,000**	**$0**	**$0**	**$220,000**
Chandor Gardens						
1	Implement Chandor Gardens Master Plan which includes the EMD recommendations and Bennet Partner program cost estimates	Short	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2	Parking area and Event Center utilities (Phase I)	Short	$660,000	$0	$0	$660,000
3	Maintenance building & infrastructure (Phase II)	Short	$700,000	$0	$0	$700,000
4	Welcome center w/ parking (Phase III)	Medium	$0	$1,840,000	$0	$1,840,000
5	Event center (Phase IV)	Medium	$0	$7,960,000	$0	$7,960,000
6	Hilltop garden, amphitheater, visual art studios (Phase V)	Long	TBD	TBD	$0	TBD
7	Connection to Dubellette St (Phase VI)	Long	TBD	TBD	$0	TBD
	Project Total		**$1,360,000**	**$9,800,000**	**$0**	**$11,160,000**
Circle Park						
1	ADA walkways - 6' wide	Medium	$0	$54,000	$0	$54,000
2	Neighborhood determined/placemaking feature	Medium	$0	$74,000	$0	$74,000
3	Picnic shelter (small)	Medium	$0	$62,000	$0	$62,000
	Project Total		**$0**	**$190,000**	**$0**	**$190,000**
Harberger Hill						
1	Parking lot resurfacing/paint	Short	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Project Total		**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
Lake Weatherford Disc Golf Course/Beach Front Park						
1	Disc golf course expansion	Short	Partnership	Partnership	Partnership	Partnership
	Project Total		**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
Mount Pleasant						
1	No improvements at this time	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Project Total		**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
Quanah Hill						
1	Parking lot - paved (47 spaces)	Short	$231,000	$0	$0	$231,000
2	Parking lot - secondary grass parking (27 spaces) w/ gate	Medium	$0	$65,000	$0	$65,000
3	Picnic areas	Long	$0	$0	$43,000	$43,000
4	Picnic shelter (medium)	Long	$0	$0	$99,000	$99,000
	Project Total		**$231,000**	**$65,000**	**$142,000**	**$438,000**
Veterans Memorial Park						
1	Trail connectivity w/ Soldier Spring Park	Medium	$0	$37,000	$0	$37,000
	Project Total		**$0**	**$37,000**	**$0**	**$37,000**
TOTAL PARKS			**$5,134,500**	**$95,612,000**	**$14,772,000**	**$115,518,500**
TOTAL PARKS (w/o Rec Center)			**$5,134,500**	**$21,612,000**	**$14,772,000**	**$41,518,500**

*Values include 10% contingency and 12% for design, engineering, bidding, construction administration, etc. (except non-construction items)



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ACTION PLAN

6.1 Introduction

The Action Plan table on the following pages (Table 6.1) provides a detailed list of recommendations for the *2023 Weatherford Parks, Recreation, and Special Events Master Plan*. These strategies represent specific actions to take to implement this plan.

6.2 Action Plan Strategies

These strategies are listed under the four goals and 12 objectives from the Strategic Plan (Chapter 4). The legend at the top of the table identifies the abbreviations used throughout the table. Checkmarks indicate the timeframe for the completion of each strategy within the time periods of 0-2 years, 3-5 years, or 6-10 years. Some strategies are indicated as "Ongoing" as they apply to all timeframes or represent more general actions that should always be considered. A total count of strategies by timeframe is located at the end of the table in the corresponding columns.

The other columns provide information regarding the implementation of each strategy. "Category" describes the type of action within the following four options: capital (capital improvements); policy (guidelines for the city and the department, possibly including legislation); planning (long-term parks outlook, which includes conduction of studies); or operations. The column for "Agency" indicates who is expected to implement the strategy, usually the City of Weatherford Parks, Recreation, and Special Events Department, another city department, or partners. "Funding Source" indicates how the strategy should be funded or the type of funds used (operating or capital funds).





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Legend of Abbreviations/Organizations

Parks = Weatherford Parks, Recreation, and Special Events Department	OP = Park Operating Budget
City = City Council, Other City Departments	CIP = Capital Improvement Budget
Partners = Other Organizations (county/state, private agencies, schools, state/federal grants, etc.)	Revenue = Items that Generate Additional Revenue

Goals, Objectives, and Strategies		Timeframe (Years)			Category	Agency	Funding Source
		0-2	3-5	6-10			
Goal 1: State-of-the-Art-Spaces							
Offer excellent facilities that inspire play and enjoyment							
Objective 1.1 – Places: Provide innovative parks and facilities that activate spaces and engage the community							
Strategy 1.1.1:	Continue to replace dated playgrounds, including separate age 2-5 equipment, and add where unavailable	*Ongoing*			Capital	Parks	CIP
Strategy 1.1.2:	Identify and implement a strategy – including funding, footprint, and elements offered – to develop a recreation center to meet the significant and growing needs for indoor recreation	✓			Capital/ Planning	Parks	CIP
Strategy 1.1.3:	Upgrade baseball/softball diamond fields with new backstops, fencing, dugouts, and spectator areas (Soldier Spring lower)	✓	✓		Capital	Parks	CIP
Strategy 1.1.4:	Develop dedicated pickleball courts at Soldier Spring and Love Street parks	✓	✓		Capital	Parks	CIP
Strategy 1.1.5:	Replace the skatepark at McGratton Park (or potentially relocate it to Love Street), based on input provided by users	✓			Capital	Parks	CIP
Strategy 1.1.6:	Look for opportunities to expand field capacity at existing parks to meet the immediate needs of the community	*Ongoing*			Capital/ Planning	Parks	CIP/OP
Strategy 1.1.7:	Prepare a feasibility study for the development of a sports tournament complex to support residents and promote tourism	✓			Capital/ Planning	Parks	CIP
Strategy 1.1.8:	Consider alternative ways to meet the needs of the growing community if a complex is not developed, including requirements at Cartwright Park	*Ongoing*			Capital/ Planning	Parks	CIP
Strategy 1.1.9:	Make needed improvements at Cartwright Park field complex to improve field quality and access, unless a tournament complex is developed	✓	✓		Capital	Parks	CIP
Strategy 1.1.10:	Consider developing existing (under or develop) parkland as neighborhood parks (e.g., Terry Trail and Scotts Meadow) to meet a variety of needs and improve access to parks	✓	✓		Capital/ Planning	Parks	CIP
Strategy 1.1.11:	Consider adding basketball courts at any new neighborhood parks to improve access	✓	✓		Capital	Parks	CIP
Strategy 1.1.12:	Consider adding artificial turf at select infields if tournament complex is not developed		✓		Capital	Parks	CIP
Strategy 1.1.13:	Seek opportunities to install public art in parks	*Ongoing*			Capital/ Operations	Parks/ Partners	CIP/OP
Objective 1.2 – Amenities: Pursue responsive development and strategic replacement of structures and support features							
Strategy 1.2.1:	Add support features throughout the park system such as seating/benches, shade structures, trash/recycling receptacles, drinking fountains, and trees & landscaping	✓			Capital	Parks	CIP
Strategy 1.2.2:	Provide drinking fountains in heavy use areas and ensure bottle fillers are included when adding or replacing features	✓			Capital	Parks	CIP
Strategy 1.2.3:	Expand parking to accommodate additional park usage, especially at Cherry Park Pool	✓	✓		Capital	Parks	CIP
Strategy 1.2.4:	Add or improve restrooms throughout the park system; include family restrooms at larger parks	✓	✓		Capital	Parks	CIP

Table 6.1: Action Plan (CONTINUED)

Goals, Objectives, and Strategies		Timeframe (Years)			Category	Agency	Funding Source
		0-2	3-5	6-10			
Strategy 1.2.5:	Add and upgrade signage – entrance, wayfinding, interpretive, and informative – throughout the park system	✓			Capital	Parks	CIP
Strategy 1.2.6:	Incorporate shade features over existing amenities such as playgrounds to facilitate year-round usage	✓	✓		Capital	Parks	CIP
Strategy 1.2.7:	Consider shaded courts to allow for year-round play	✓	✓		Capital	Parks	CIP
Strategy 1.2.8:	Upgrade and replace lighting at Soldier Spring Park tennis courts	✓			Capital	Parks	CIP
Strategy 1.2.9:	Add Wi-Fi access to parks; promote park hotspots to ensure awareness	✓			Capital	Parks	CIP
Strategy 1.2.10:	Add security cameras and lighting throughout parks in locations that have perceived security concerns	*Ongoing*			Capital	Parks/ Partners	CIP
Strategy 1.2.11:	Upgrade and utilize technology in parks for the benefit of both patrons and staff	*Ongoing*			Capital	Parks/ Partners	CIP
Strategy 1.2.12:	Explore development of a searchable mobile app to communicate site locations, services, and special events to the public	*Ongoing*			Capital	Parks/ Partners	CIP/ Partners
Objective 1.3 – Stewardship: Employ sustainable practices to ensure continued community access to nature							
Strategy 1.3.1:	Improve existing trail surfaces to enhance longevity and ensure proper accessibility (e.g., Soldier Spring)	✓			Capital	Parks	CIP
Strategy 1.3.2:	Utilize existing parkland to meet unmet facility needs and to improve access to park features	*Ongoing*			Capital/ Planning	Parks	CIP
Strategy 1.3.3:	Acquire land contiguous to existing parks, when available, to allow for additional features and overall parkland with minimal impact to system maintenance and operations	*Ongoing*			Capital/ Planning	Parks	CIP
Strategy 1.3.4:	Incorporate nature play elements as part of playground development and replacement, especially in more passive park areas	*Ongoing*			Capital	Parks	CIP
Strategy 1.3.5:	Explore partnerships with nearby environmental and nature organizations to create and promote additional nature-based group outings, participatory activities, and community events	*Ongoing*			Capital	Parks/ Partners	OP/ Partners
Strategy 1.3.6:	Implement conservation policies and sustainable practice guidelines for future development and management of park properties	✓			Operations	Parks	OP
Strategy 1.3.7:	Develop additional interpretive and informational signage throughout the park system (will require signage plans) to help visitors understand the natural features and history of Weatherford parks while improving awareness of sensitive ecosystems and rare species	✓	✓		Capital	Parks/ Partners	CIP
Strategy 1.3.8:	Elevate parks by setting examples for Best Management Practices (BMPs) like stormwater detention, recycling, etc.	*Ongoing*			Operations	Parks	OP
Goal 2: Continuous Connections							
Build physical and social connections throughout the entire community							
Objective 2.1 – Gathering: Offer accessible and inviting opportunities for community interaction							
Strategy 2.1.1:	Pursue and implement an ADA Accessibility Audit of all facilities, programs, and communications	✓			Capital/ Planning	Parks	CIP
Strategy 2.1.2:	Ensure accessible walkways to all facilities and seating areas	*Ongoing*			Capital	Parks	CIP
Strategy 2.1.3:	Provide accessible spectator areas with shade at all fields, seating, and player benches and replace or upgrade bleachers to meet the requirement of a fence along the upper portion when 5-rows or more	✓	✓		Capital	Parks	CIP
Strategy 2.1.4:	Add and upgrade picnic shelters at parks to increase overall access to these facilities, as well as make them more inviting, and to facilitate opportunities for outdoor community gatherings		✓	✓	Capital	Parks	CIP

Goals, Objectives, and Strategies		Timeframe (Years)			Category	Agency	Funding Source
		0-2	3-5	6-10			
Strategy 2.1.5:	Look for opportunities for additional dog parks, especially in the eastern portion of the city			✓	Capital	Parks	CIP
Objective 2.2 – Connecting: Improve connections to parks, schools, and popular destinations							
Strategy 2.2.1:	Update the city's existing trail plan and include standards for design, signage, maintenance, prioritization, and costs	✓			Planning	City	OP/CIP
Strategy 2.2.2:	Incorporate (into trail planning) other relevant plans, including the Lake Weatherford Parks & Trails Master Plan, the Weatherford General Plan, plans by adjoining communities, and connections to the regional veloweb	*Ongoing*			Planning	City	OP/CIP
Strategy 2.2.3:	Add a paved trail loop is in Cartwright Park around Sunshine Lake, connecting to the Lake Mineral Wells State Trailway		✓	✓	Capital	Parks	CIP
Strategy 2.2.4:	Include trail connections between parks and adjacent neighborhoods wherever possible	*Ongoing*			Capital	Parks	CIP
Strategy 2.2.5:	Offer paved trail loops all parks where appropriate, including new parks	*Ongoing*			Capital	Parks	CIP
Strategy 2.2.6:	Consider signing on to the 10-Minute Walk Mission by the TPL and NRPA to show the city's commitment to connectivity and access to parks	*Ongoing*			Policy	City	OP
Objective 2.3 – Engaging: Continuously determine and respond to the community's evolving needs							
Strategy 2.3.1:	Maintain continuous public engagement throughout the implementation of this plan and engage neighborhood residents during park improvement processes using bulletin boards, monitored social media posts, and other methods	*Ongoing*			Operations	Parks	OP
Strategy 2.3.2:	Prepare park master plans for existing parks and any future parks prior to development of facilities to ensure that added features are complementary, desired, and fully accessible	*Ongoing*			Capital/ Planning	Parks	CIP/Partners
Strategy 2.3.3:	Expand marketing of programs and facilities through existing and future collaborative relationships to increase community awareness and participation and to cross-promote services	✓			Operations	Parks/ Partners	OP/ Partners
Strategy 2.3.4:	Consider expanding the departments social media presence, including the use of paid promotion	✓			Operations	Parks	OP
Strategy 2.3.5:	Include a neighborhood determined feature at each neighborhood park, ensuring development aligns with needs and encouraging a sense of local investment and opportunities for placemaking in parks	*Ongoing*			Capital	Parks	OP
Strategy 2.3.6:	Monitor nationwide and regional recreation trends regularly, especially concerning growing population groups to best serve the needs of the whole community	*Ongoing*			Operations	Parks	OP
Strategy 2.3.7:	Monitor community needs for futsal courts at existing and future parks	*Ongoing*			Capital/ Planning	Parks	CIP
Strategy 2.3.8:	Evaluate the demand for community gardens, find a location for the plots if demand exists, and identify potential partnerships	*Ongoing*			Operations/ Policy	Parks/ Partners	Partners
Goal 3: Exceptional Experiences							
Provide a wide and growing array of experiences that promote community fun and health							
Objective 3.1 – Events: Collaborate to provide year-round possibilities for interaction, fun, & learning							
Strategy 3.1.1:	Establish and maintain an annual assessment process to determine if Weatherford should stop offering a program, continue offering a program, or start a new program (Annual Implementation Plan for Business	*Ongoing*			Operations	Parks	OP
Strategy 3.1.2:	Adapt the existing concert, movie, and live performance program offerings to address unmet community needs	*Ongoing*			Operations	Parks	OP
Strategy 3.1.3:	Utilize the proposed amphitheater at Chandor Gardens for additional and enhanced program opportunities	*Ongoing*			Operations	Parks/ Partners	OP/ Partners
Strategy 3.1.4:	Partner with other agencies to organize events and community-engaged activities around trails and bike paths	*Ongoing*			Operations	Parks/ Partners	OP/ Partners

Table 6.1: Action Plan (CONTINUED)

Goals, Objectives, and Strategies		Timeframe (Years)			Category	Agency	Funding Source
		0-2	3-5	6-10			
Strategy 3.1.5:	Seek opportunities to add Esports programs to attract the hard-to-reach teenage population	*Ongoing*			Operations	Parks	OP
Objective 3.2 – Wellness: Encourage exploration & growth through multi-generational physical and educational opportunities							
Strategy 3.2.1:	Regularly evaluate program times to ensure programs are offered when community members can actually participate	*Ongoing*			Operations	Parks/ Partners	OP
Strategy 3.2.2:	Continuously evaluate the demand for new or expanded programs as indicated by the survey results and other public input	*Ongoing*			Operations	Parks/ Partners	OP
Strategy 3.2.3:	Continue to respond to the growing demand for pickleball programs and leagues, both indoor and outdoor, especially after a new court complex is developed	✓	✓		Capital	Parks	CIP
Strategy 3.2.4:	Seek partnerships with local entities to develop more age 50+ programming and to ensure offerings align with local needs	*Ongoing*			Operations	Parks	OP/ Partners
Strategy 3.2.5:	Consider branding and marketing active senior programs together under a unique category, such as "active adults" to increase participation and strategically market these programs with support from partners and related service-providers	✓			Operations	Parks	OP/ Partners
Strategy 3.2.6:	Develop cultural and performing arts programming in collaboration with creative, arts-advocacy entities in Weatherford	✓	✓		Operations	Parks	OP/ Partners
Strategy 3.2.7:	Add outdoor fitness equipment or obstacle courses at select parks to expand opportunities for improved community health		✓	✓	Capital	Parks	CIP
Strategy 3.2.8:	Consider themed playground equipment, such as climbing rocks, sensory features, etc., potentially providing for marketing and resident/visitor photo opportunities	*Ongoing*			Planning	Parks	OP
Objective 3.3 – Collaboration: Accommodate partner organizations to optimize services and programs							
Strategy 3.3.1:	Treat all vendors, contractors, and partners in a professional, consistent manner with legal, signed contracts containing obligations of each party, terms, price, and responsibilities	*Ongoing*			Operations	Parks	OP/CIP
Strategy 3.3.2:	Host quarterly or semiannual check-ins with all community partners; host roundtable discussion where all parties share program progress and emerging needs	*Ongoing*			Operations	Parks/ Partners	Revenue/ Partners
Strategy 3.3.3:	Develop working agreements with all partners (all outside groups using Weatherford facilities) including measurable outcomes; review every two years, at minimum	✓			Operations	Parks	CIP/ Partners
Strategy 3.3.4:	Ensure all future contracts benefit Weatherford and its residents, in addition to the relevant partnering vendor or contractor	✓			Operations	Parks/ Partners	OP/ Revenue
Strategy 3.3.5:	Understand all agency costs, both indirect and direct, before entering into agreements; understand how much investment a partner will commit to collaboration	*Ongoing*			Operations	Parks	OP
Strategy 3.3.6:	Continue to partner with the Chandor Gardens Foundation to implement the Chandor Gardens Master Plan to ensure this historic property reaches its highest potential	✓	✓		Capital/ Policy	Parks	Partners
Strategy 3.3.7:	Continue to partner with the disc golf group to expand the course at Lake Weatherford Disc Golf Course/Beach Front Park	✓			Capital/ Policy	Parks	OP/ Partners
Strategy 3.3.8:	Continue to partner with WMBC to add and promote mountain bike trails	*Ongoing*			Capital/ Policy	Parks	CIP/ Partners
Strategy 3.3.9:	Require a maintenance plan that identifies ongoing funding needs for partnership projects	*Ongoing*			Operations	Parks	OP/ Partners
Strategy 3.3.10:	Continue open dialog with developers as neighborhoods are planned to ensure coordinated, strategic growth and the inclusion of needed park space and facilities	*Ongoing*			Policy/ Planning	City	OP/ Partners
Strategy 3.3.11:	Consider providing incentives to developers to develop parks in new communities and encourage developers them to follow city park design guidelines	*Ongoing*			Policy	City	OP/ Partners

Table 6.1: Action Plan (CONTINUED)

Goals, Objectives, and Strategies		Timeframe (Years) 0-2	3-5	6-10	Category	Agency	Funding Source
Goal 4: Adaptable Administration							
Employ strong leadership to direct an engaged workforce							
Objective 4.1 – Structure: Encourage and empower valued staff							
Strategy 4.1.1:	Ensure the staffing level of the department, both quantity and skillset, matches the needs of the park system as it evolves and grows	*Ongoing*			Operations	Parks/City	OP
Strategy 4.1.2:	Create and implement professional and career development strategies for management and supervisory staff	✓			Operations	Parks	OP
Strategy 4.1.3:	Identify and allocate funding for critical staff development opportunities (including conferences, training, memberships, etc.) with consideration to licensure and certification requirements	✓			Operations	Parks	OP
Strategy 4.1.4:	Encourage continued staff training for leadership and continued growth within respective fields	*Ongoing*			Operations	Parks	OP
Strategy 4.1.5:	Incentivize management level staff to attend professional development programs offered by state, regional, and national training organizations	*Ongoing*			Operations	Parks	OP
Strategy 4.1.6:	Incentivize and support staff members to pursue Certified Park & Recreation Professional (CPRP), Certified Playground Safety Inspector (CPSI), and Aquatic Facility Operator (AFO) certifications	*Ongoing*			Operations	Parks	OP
Strategy 4.1.7:	Determine maintenance standards that include how many employees are required to maintain one acre of parkland; consider these standards when adding parkland to the system	✓			Operations	Parks	OP
Strategy 4.1.8:	Consider maintenance and staffing needs when adding parkland and features to the system	*Ongoing*			Operations	Parks	OP
Objective 4.2 – Operations: Implement clear performance standards and training practices for quality and flexibility							
Strategy 4.2.1:	Be a mission driven agency; pay very close attention to the new mission of Parks, Recreation, and Special Events and ensure every action and decision always connects back to the department's mission	*Ongoing*			Operations	Parks	OP
Strategy 4.2.2:	Adopt this Master Plan at the level of City Council; ensure commitment of legislative officials and city leaders	✓			Policy	City	OP
Strategy 4.2.3:	Develop a Master Plan Implementation Committee (e.g., can include members of plan steering committee) to facilitate, market, and guide implementation of the Action Plan (Chapter 6)	✓			Operations	Parks	OP
Strategy 4.2.4:	Utilize this Master Plan to guide decision making – regularly monitor progress	*Ongoing*			Operations/ Policy	Parks/City	OP
Strategy 4.2.5:	Use this Master Plan and the list of capital improvements (Table 5.1 of Chapter 5) as a guide for park development over the next 10 years	*Ongoing*			Policy	Parks/City	CIP/ Partners
Strategy 4.2.6:	Make full use of new facilities – recreation center, outdoor fitness equipment, picnic shelters, pickleball courts, nature center, etc. – by programming and offering activities anchored around these sites	*Ongoing*			Operations	Parks	OP
Strategy 4.2.7:	Prepare an Operations Plan which defines Maintenance Standards	✓			Operations	Parks	OP
Strategy 4.2.8:	Create and continuously update a comprehensive preventive maintenance plan for all equipment	*Ongoing*			Operations	Parks	OP
Strategy 4.2.9:	Know the value of assets (excluding land values); know where those assets are in their life cycle	*Ongoing*			Operations	Parks	OP
Strategy 4.2.10:	Know the true costs to deliver services (direct and indirect costs) and inform users, partners, and citizens of these costs of services	*Ongoing*			Policy	Parks	OP
Strategy 4.2.11:	Establish and adjust fees for programs according to direct and indirect costs	*Ongoing*			Policy	Parks	OP/ Revenue
Strategy 4.2.12:	Increase cost recovery as new features are developed, and new programs are added	*Ongoing*			Operations	Parks	OP/ Revenue

Table 6.1: Action Plan (CONTINUED)

Goals, Objectives, and Strategies		Timeframe (Years)			Category	Agency	Funding Source
		0-2	3-5	6-10			
Strategy 4.2.13:	Institute an easy-to-understand Cost Recovery and Pricing Plan for everything that is offered	✓			Operations	Parks	OP
Strategy 4.2.14:	Price services furthest away from the mission at full cost recovery levels	*Ongoing*			Policy	Parks	OP
Strategy 4.2.15:	Analyze potential costs versus revenue before adding new features	*Ongoing*			Policy	Parks	OP
Strategy 4.2.16:	Add new facilities to the rental inventory as they are developed	*Ongoing*			Policy	Parks	OP
Strategy 4.2.17:	Formulate and post a policy for (or against) use of drone within the park system and implement signage to designate whether (and where) drones are permitted	✓			Capital/ Policy	Parks/ Partners	CIP
Objective 4.3 – Funding: Explore creative operational practices and funding strategies to ensure action and improvement							
Strategy 4.3.1:	Find dedicated funding sources for Parks, Recreation, and Special Events that can be depended upon annually	*Ongoing*			Operations	Parks/ Partners	OP/ Revenue
Strategy 4.3.2:	Consider a bond referendum to provide a funding stream to capital improvements based on robust public support for many of the capital improvement recommendations in this plan	✓			Operations	City	Revenue
Strategy 4.3.3:	Consider utilizing a portion of the American Rescue Plan funds allocated to the City of Weatherford for parks and recreation improvements to help implement the recommendations of this plan	✓			Operations	City	N/A
Strategy 4.3.4:	Create a Weatherford Parks Foundation to raise funds, recruit and organize volunteers, and promote the parks	✓			Operations	Parks/ Partners	OP/ Revenue
Strategy 4.3.5:	Develop a program for recruiting and scheduling volunteer park ambassadors to promote wellbeing and provide assistance at parks	✓			Planning	Parks/City	OP
Strategy 4.3.6:	Establish policies for accepting sponsorships and selling naming rights	✓			Operations/ Policy	Parks	OP/ Revenue
Strategy 4.3.7:	Continue seeking grants and apply to foundations for project funding that enhances the park system while considering associated costs to the city	*Ongoing*			Operations	Parks/ Partners	OP/ Revenue
Strategy 4.3.8:	Seek philanthropists in the community to support the agency's causes	*Ongoing*			Operations	Parks/ Partners	OP/ Revenue
Strategy 4.3.9:	Identify potential revenue sources at community events, including sponsorships and entry fees	*Ongoing*			Operations	Parks/ Partners	Revenue
Strategy 4.3.10:	Establish split revenue percentages for any program partnerships with funding channeled directly to Parks, Recreation, and Special Events	*Ongoing*			Operations	Parks/ Partners	Revenue
Strategy 4.3.11:	Reevaluate rental fees as amenities are updated, replaced, or added to the inventory	*Ongoing*			Policy	Parks	OP/ Revenue
Strategy 4.3.12:	Expand Keep Weatherford Beautiful for park and trail clean-up	✓			Planning	Parks/ Partners	Partners
Strategy 4.3.13:	Consider as part of the sports complex feasibility complex the potential number of tournaments hosted annually, funding mechanisms, potential partnerships, competing facilities, and operations requirements	✓			Policy	Parks/City	OP
Strategy 4.3.14:	Create a scholarship fund, potentially by requesting an optional additional $2.00 charge during registration	✓			Operations	Parks/ Partners	Revenue
Totals by Timeframe	**Ongoing = 49**	**48**	**18**	**4**			
Total Number of Strategies = 115							

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Legend for Conditions

	Excellent - New/Well Maintained Condition, No Improvements Needed
	Good - Minor Wear, Minimal Improvements Needed
	Fair - Significant Wear/Damage, Needs Repair
	Poor - Needs Replacement

NOTE: Most photos taken in summer 2022



MARSHALL PARK
115 E 5th St
Park Size:
2.2 Acres
Park Classification:
Neighborhood

Park Amenities	Quantity	Condition
Developed Acreage	2.2	
Outdoor Facilities		
Playground	1	
Splash Pad	1	
Passive Recreation		
Medium Shelter	1	
Support Features		
Parking Spaces	33	
Restroom	1	

















MCGRATTON PARK
645 N Main St
Park Size:
3.9 Acres
Park Classification:
Neighborhood

Park Amenities	Quantity	Condition
Developed Acreage	3.9	
Athletic Fields		
Small Diamond	1	
Game Courts		
Basketball Courts	2	
Outdoor Facilities		
Playground	1	
Skatepark	1	
Trails (Mi)		
Paved Trails	0.2	
Passive Recreation		
Large Shelter	1	
Support Features		
Parking Spaces	32	













MILLER PARK
1501 W Ball St
Park Size:
2.6 Acres
Park Classification:
Neighborhood

Park Amenities	Quantity	Condition
Developed Acreage	2.6	
Game Courts		
Basketball Court	1	
Outdoor Facilities		
Playground	1	
Trails (Mi)		
Paved Trails	0.1	
Support Features		
Parking Spaces	8	















RANCHES WEST PARK
Address
Park Size:
XX Acres
Park Classification:
Neighborhood

Park Amenities	Quantity	Condition
Developed Acreage		
Athletic Fields		
Soccer Field	1	
Outdoor Facilities		
Playground	1	
Passive Recreation		
Dog Park	1	
Gazebos/Small Shelter	1	









VINE STREET PARK
West, 700 Vine St
Park Size:
0.8 Acres
Park Classification:
Mini

Park Amenities	Quantity	Condition
Developed Acreage	0.8	
Outdoor Facilities		
Playground	1	
Passive Recreation		
Small Shelter	1	

















CARTWRIGHT PARK
100 Cartwright Park Rd
Park Size:
187.5 Acres
Park Classification:
Community

Park Amenities	Quantity	Condition
Developed Acreage	66.5	
Athletic Fields		
Large Diamond	1	
Backstop	1	
Small Rectangular Fields	11	
Large Rectangular Fields	2	
Outdoor Facilities		
Playground	1	
Passive Recreation		
Fishing/Water Access	1	
Boat Ramp	1	
Large Shelter	1	
Support Features		
Restroom Building	1	
Concession Building	1	
Parking Spaces	350	













CHERRY PARK
300 S Alamo St
Park Size:
4.0 Acres
Park Classification:
Community

Park Amenities	Quantity	Condition
Developed Acreage	4.0	
Game Courts		
Basketball Court	1	
Outdoor Facilities		
Playground	1	
Aquatic Center	1	
Trails (Mi)		
Paved Trail	0.2	
Passive Recreation		
Gazebos/Small Shelters	2	
Indoor		
Community Building	1	
Support Features		
Restroom Building	1	
Parking Spaces	73	













HOLLAND LAKE PARK AND ATHLETIC COMPLEX
1419 Holland Lake Dr
Park Size:
20.4 Acres
Park Classification:
Community/Athletic Complex

Park Amenities	Quantity	Condition
Developed Acreage	14.6	
Athletic Fields		
Large Diamonds	3	
Outdoor Facilities		
Playground	1	
Trails (Mi)		
Paved Trail	0.5	
Passive Recreation		
Large Shelters	2	
Medium Shelter	1	
Support		
Restroom Buildings	2	
Concession Buildings	1	
Parking (Spaces)	188	





























LOVE STREET PARK
309 Love St
Park Size:
15.7 Acres
Park Classification:
Community

Park Amenities	Quantity	Condition
Developed Acreage	10.8	
Game Courts		
Basketball Court	1	
Outdoor Facilities		
Playground	1	
Splash Pad	1	
Trails (Mi)		
Paved Trail	0.3	
Passive Recreation		
Fishing Dock	1	
Large Shelter	1	
Support Features		
Restroom Building	1	
Parking Spaces	63	



















SOLDIER SPRING PARK AND SPORTS COMPLEX
1011 Charles St
Park Size:
18.1 Acres
Park Classification:
Community

Park Amenities	Quantity	Condition
Developed Acreage	18.1	
Athletic Fields		
Small Diamonds	6	
Large Diamond	1	
Batting Cages	3	
Game Courts		
Tennis Courts (Full Size)	3	
Jr Tennis/Pickleball Courts	4	
Outdoor Facilities		
Playground	1	
Passive Recreation		
Large Shelter	1	
Support Features		
Restroom Buildings	3	
Concession Building	1	
Parking Spaces	150	

SOLDIER SPRING PARK AND SPORTS COMPLEX (CONTINUED)

























WEATHERFORD HERITAGE PARK
317 Santa Fe Dr
Park Size:
59.9 Acres
Park Classification:
Community

Park Amenities	Quantity	Condition
Developed Acreage	35.8	
Outdoor Facilities		
Playground	1	
Passive Recreation		
Amphitheater	1	
Large Shelter	2	
Medium Shelters	2	
Small Shelters	3	
Patsy Hooks Dog Park	1	
Indoor		
Event Center	1	
Farm and Ranch Area	1	
Support Features		
Parking Spaces	329	






























LARGE
DOGS





MARINA PARK
4033 Marina Dr
Park Size:
2.7 Acres
Park Classification:
Lake Front

Park Amenities	Quantity	Condition
Developed Acreage	2.7	
Passive Recreation		
Medium Shelter	1	
Fishing/Water Access	1	
Support Features		
Parking Spaces	36	









MUSTANG PARK
3600 Winscott Plover Rd
Park Size:
1.3 Acres
Park Classification:
Lake Front

Park Amenities	Quantity	Condition
Developed Acreage	0.1	
Support Features		
Parking Spaces	4	













VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK
1011 Charles St
Park Size:
4.9 Acres
Park Classification:
Special Use

Park Amenities	Quantity	Condition
Developed Acreage	1.4	
Support Features		
Parking Spaces	21	





















THE BOARDWALK
2864 East Lake Dr
Park Size:
7.4 Acres
Park Classification:
Lake Front

Park Amenities	Quantity	Condition
Developed Acreage	7.4	
Trails (Mi)		
Paved Trail	0.6	
Passive Recreation		
Fishing/Water Access	1	
Medium Shelter	1	
Support Features		
Parking Spaces	42	













THE WALL
919 E Lake Dr
Park Size:
2.9 Acres
Park Classification:
Lake Front

Park Amenities	Quantity	Condition
Developed Acreage	2.9	
Passive Recreation		
Fishing Pier	1	





TOWN CREEK HIKE AND BIKE TRAIL
Trail Length:
4.1 Paved Miles
Park Size:
12.0 Acres
Park Classification:
Linear













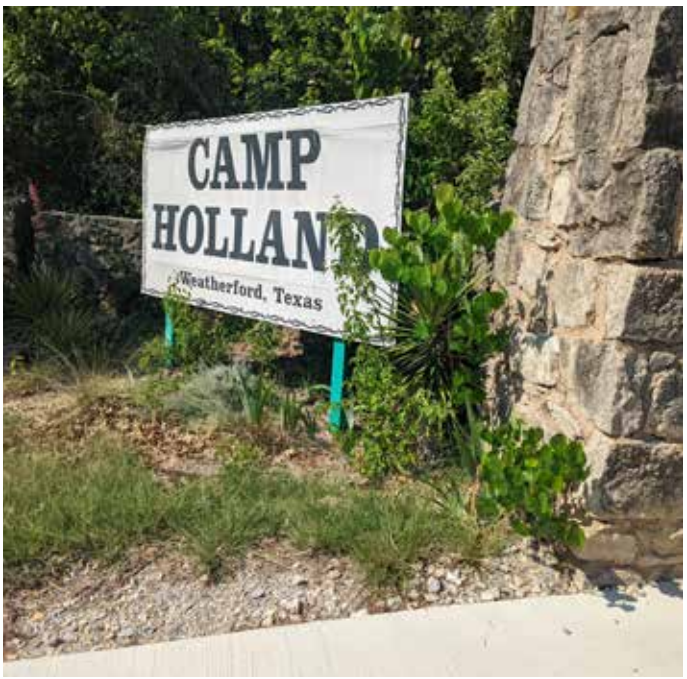


CAMP HOLLAND
1301 Holland Lake Dr
Park Size:
13.9 Acres
Park Classification:
Special Use

Park Amenities	Quantity	Condition
Developed Acreage	3.2	
Indoor		
Holland Lake Park Pavilion	1	
Support Features		
Parking Lot (Gravel)	1	















CHANDOR GARDENS
711 W Lee Ave
Park Size:
17.4 Acres
Park Classification:
Historic

Park Amenities	Quantity	Condition
Developed Acreage	5.3	
Trails (Mi)		
Unpaved Trail	0.6	
Passive Recreation		
Gazebo	1	
Indoor		
Chandor Historic Home	1	
Support Features		
Parking Spaces	50	









CIRCLE PARK
209 S Hill Dr
Park Size:
0.6 Acres
Park Classification:
Median

Park Amenities	Quantity	Condition
Developed Acreage	0.6	





HARBERGER HILL
701 Narrow St
Park Size:
2.7 Acres
Park Classification:
Special Use

Park Amenities	Quantity	Condition
Developed Acreage	2.7	
Indoor		
Community Center	1	
Support Features		
Parking Spaces	100	











LAKE WEATHERFORD DISC GOLF COURSE
1197 Mikus Rd
Park Size:
31.7 Acres
Park Classification:
Special Use

Park Amenities	Quantity	Condition
Developed Acreage	31.7	
Outdoor Facilities		
Disc Golf Holes	18	
Passive Recreation		
Medium Shelter	1	
Small Shelters	3	
Support Features		
Restroom Building	1	
Parking Spaces	50	









MOUNT PLEASANT
113 Rayond George Way
Park Size:
4.2 Acres
Park Classification:
Special Use

Park Amenities	Quantity	Condition
Developed Acreage	4.2	
Indoor		
Historic School Rental Facility	1	
Support Features		
Parking Spaces	16	











QUANAH HILL
810 W Lake Dr
Park Size:
97.4 Acres
Park Classification:
Special Use

Park Amenities	Quantity	Condition
Developed Acreage	13.2	
Trails (Mi)		
Unpaved Trail	6.7	
Support Features		
Restroom Building	1	
Parking Lot (Gravel)	50	











APPENDIX B - PREVIOUS PLANS AND STUDIES

Appendix B

Summary of Previous Plans and Studies

2016 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan

This 2016 Master Plan includes much of the same types of information gathered in this most recent 2022 update. This plan begins with a synopsis of previous planning studies and discusses goals and objectives for the Weatherford Parks, Recreation, and Special Events department. A demographic analysis is included showing the growth of the city over the past three decades and an aging population with younger children. Parks were then classified by type and analyzed using the National Recreation and Park Association Guidelines and Standards. The next sections provide public engagement data and service areas for the existing parks. Recommendations and future park plans follow, with a 10-year city priority list of action items to achieve the goals and objectives set at the beginning of this plan.

Overall, recommendations in this plan consist of both active and passive park uses from hiking and biking trails, playground updates, and shelters to new or updated athletic fields. Water conservation was also a hot topic among public engagement sessions which is currently being implemented with the recycling of water at the splash pad at Love Street Park. Renovation projects at existing parks were identified with smaller construction budgets while generally new construction projects require the use of dollars from the city fund or a bond which requires voter approval.

Lake Weatherford Parks and Trails Master Plan

The Lake Weatherford Parks and Trails Master Plan provides design guidelines for the parks and natural areas surrounding Lake Weatherford. Unlike the other parks within the park system, these parks have unique geographical features and therefore, a master plan specific to those features was created. Although the other parks in the system are different, many of the topics and guidelines discussed can also be applied to the parks located elsewhere.

Recommendations include designs and concepts from building types and form, streetscapes, hardscapes, and planting elements. Implementation guidelines are also included and concern sustainable site design, stormwater management, along with other specific environmental details.

Parker County Community Recreation and Aquatics Center Feasibility Study (Draft)

The County Community Recreation and Aquatics Center Study was created in collaboration with the City of Weatherford and the Parker County Hospital district to address the needs of residents through the development of a future multigenerational recreation center. In 2016 The Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan identified a new recreation center as a top need in the community and thus, the feasibility study began in 2018.

Similar to this master planning process, community engagement, analysis, and recommendations were developed. Recommended programming, funding, and capital costs are pertinent to this master plan update. While this master plan update's recommendations are more broad and compacted gravel. Also included in the design is a concrete pad with picnic tables along with trees and other landscape features. speak to the entire system, the recommendations made in this study provide a more granular approach and help to guide future development of a recreation center specifically.

Quanah Hill Trailhead Parking Lot Concept

As indicated through public input, parking at the Quanah Hill recreation area is in need of repair and expansion. This concept proposes adding additional parking which include three types of parking surfaces and creates 72 parking spaces. Parking surfaces include grass, pavement and compacted gravel. Also included in the design is a concrete pad with picnic tables along with trees and other landscape features.

Weatherford General Plan

The Weatherford General Plan is a comprehensive plan adopted in 2018 and is meant to provide guidance for future development of the City of Weatherford and discusses many facets of the city including the parks and recreation system. Chapter 7 focuses on parks and open space within the city and identifies similar needs included in this updated master plan. Citizen input gathered from this plan show a desire for more hike and bike trails, indoor recreation, open space/nature areas, and additional playgrounds. Based on these needs, a future parks, recreation, and open space plan follows this analysis. This 10-year action plan for both outdoor and indoor facilities mirrors many of the recommendations in this updated master plan.

2013 City of Weatherford Thoroughfare Plan

While not directly related to Weatherford Parks, Recreation, and Special Events, the transportation plan highlights the importance of designing for pedestrian oriented travel which can increase the walkability and access to the city's parks and open spaces. Chapter 6 includes a section regarding bike and pedestrian integration and recommends extension of existing trails to the Mineral Wells State Trailway trailhead. Connecting city amenities such as parks, schools, and public buildings remains an important goal for the community as indicated by previous plans and public input.

Chandor Gardens Master Plan

In May of 2022, the City of Weatherford partnered with architectural firm-Bennett Partners to produce a master plan for Chandor Gardens that exemplifies the mission and vision of the Foundation. The plan focuses on the four existing roles of the gardens as a boutique display, a meeting and rental facility, a center for arts and culture, and a location to access nature and observe wildlife. Included in this plan is additional parking, relocated and new maintenance building, a welcome center with a gift shop and archive space for historic documents and materials, and an event center with performing arts facilities. These expansions would foster opportunities to offer Weatherford residents and the surrounding areas a larger, unique event space that could simultaneously increase departmental revenues and fill the need for additional programming as expressed throughout this updated Master Plan.

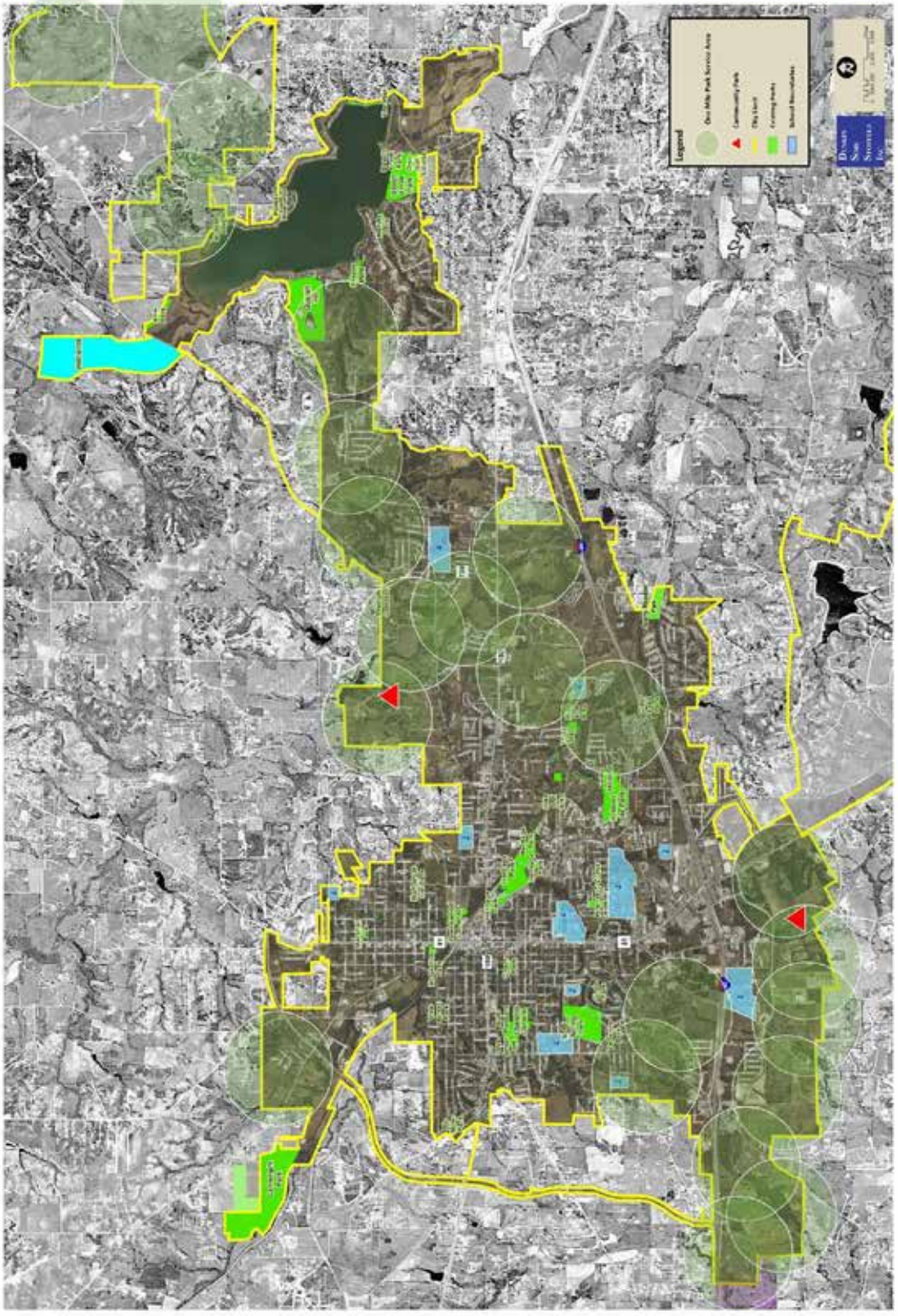
Skateboarding in Weatherford

The Skateboarding in Weatherford document assembled by Connie and Allen Wright of Spring Creek Baptist Church, contains specific skatepark features requested by the user groups of McGratton Park. Upgraded features include a continuous longboarding path, areas for all skill levels, diverse obstacles, and extended hours. Additional support features were also requested such as trash receptacles, phone charging stations, water fountains, picnic tables with shade, and restrooms which are all items requested via the public engagement process of this master plan.


ARCHITECTURE INTERIORS PLANNING
bennett partners
1. Existing Trail
2. Hilltop Garden
3. New Trail
4. Cattle Water Trough
5. Crosswalk
6. Porte Cochere
7. Event Center
8. Amphitheater
9. Event parking
10. Service Entrance
11. Material Laydown Area
12. Maintenance Building
13. Existing Greenhouse
14. Visual Arts Studios
15. Performing Art Below
16. Gate
17. Existing Master Gardener Memorial
18. Garden parking
19. Welcome Center
20. Water Tank
21. Chandor Nature Trail Entrance
Parking Chart:
Event Center
Garden Parking
parking spaces
121
49
W Lee Ave
W Simmons Ave
Chandor Gardens Master Plan 2022

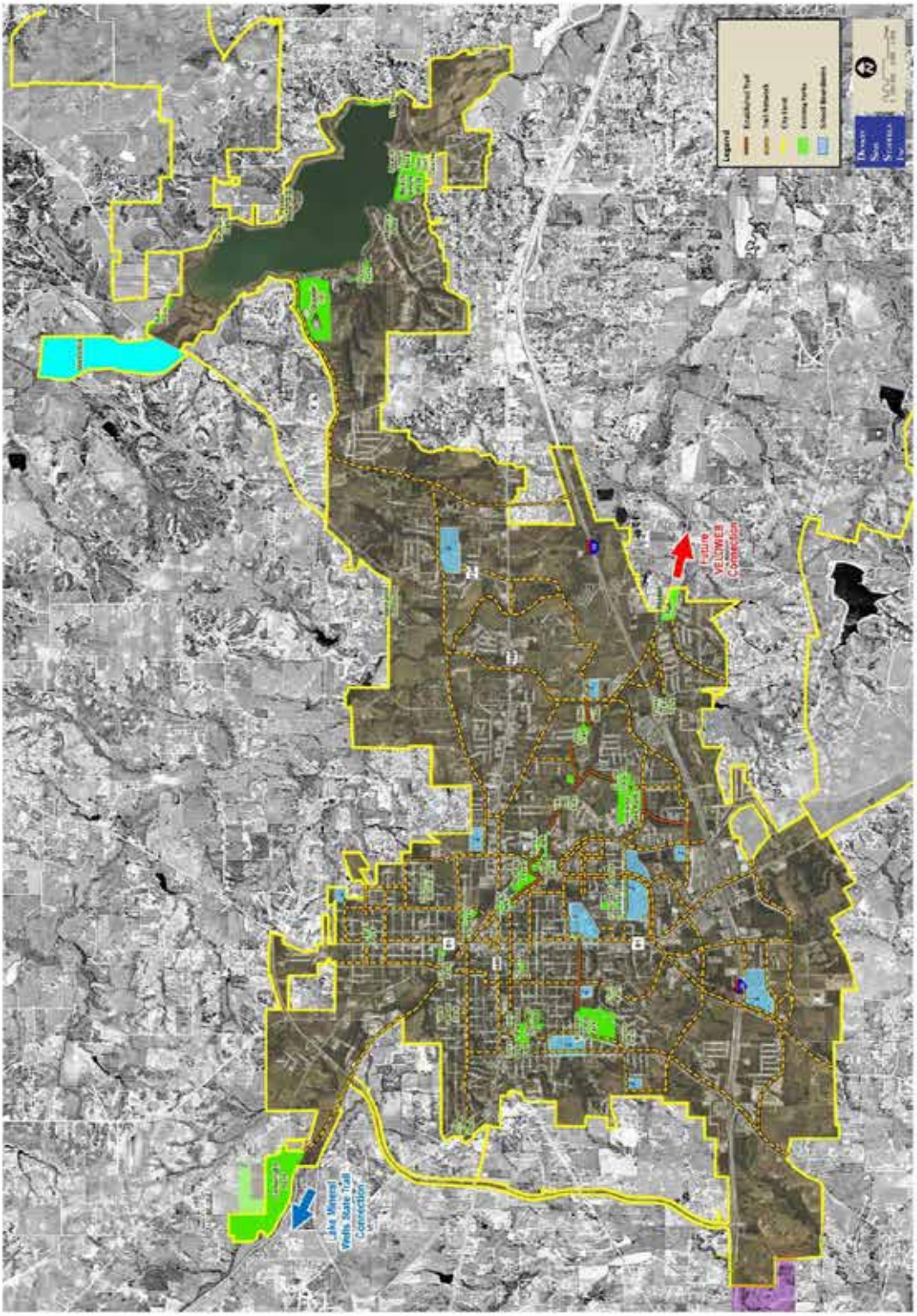
FUTURE PARK PLAN

City of Weatherford, Texas



FUTURE TRAIL NETWORK PLAN

City of Weatherford, Texas



Section 2

Master Plan and Concepts

Brazos Dog Park

Brazos Park is proposed to be repurposed as a Dog Park. The dog park will include multiple paddocks for different sized dogs and activity levels, entry plaza and parking. Existing utilities located in the area create opportunities for water fountains and other amenities often found in popular dog parks. Estimated total cost of proposed improvements: $435,000

The Sea Wall

The Sea Wall is an existing popular fishing spot that received its name by residents. This concept enhances the area by incorporating the looped lake trail allowing for easier access to the space along with several fishing docks with constructed habitat to provide additional access to the water and fishing opportunities. Estimated total cost of proposed improvements: $85,000

Brazos Dog Park



The Sea Wall



Section 2

Master Plan and Concepts

Marina Park



LEGEND
1. Vehicular Parking - 10 stalls
2. Boat Trailer Parking - 24 stalls
3. Existing Pavilion - 3
4. Proposed Pavilion - 1
5. Picnic Area/Lake Access
6. Lake Looped Trail
7. Pedestrian and Vehicular Connection to Marina
8. Public Restroom

Located on the southwest end of the lake this park provides pavilions, picnic areas, lake access. Formalized vehicular parking, additional truck and trailer parking, enhancing vehicular and pedestrian connections to the existing marina, a public restroom, and connections to the looped lake trail. Estimated total cost of proposed improvements: $582,000

Mustang Cove



LEGEND
1. Paved Vehicular Parking - 5 stalls
2. Lake Looped Trail
3. Proposed Pavilion - 3
4. Picnic Area
5. Fishing Docks

Located on the northeast side of the lake, proposed improvements include docks, pavilions, picnic areas, lake access for swimming, vehicular parking and connections to the looped lake trail. Estimated total cost of proposed improvements: $156,000

Neighborhood Park



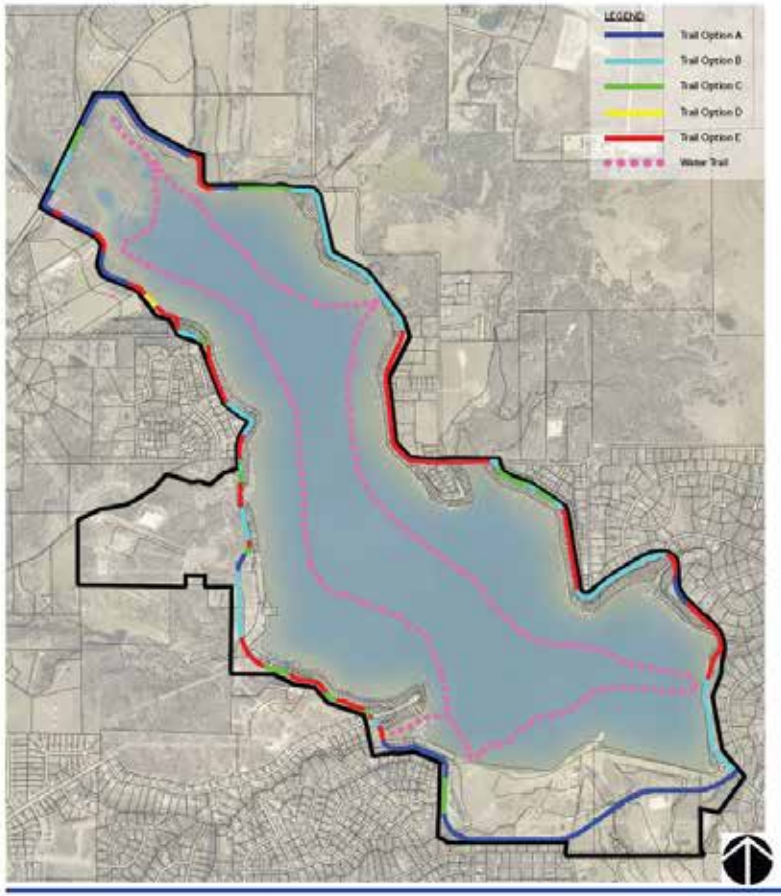
LEGEND
1. Lake Looped Trail
2. Large Pavilion
3. Picnic Area
4. Playground Area
5. Open Space

A neighborhood park is proposed on the southeast side of the lake and includes a large pavilion for group gatherings, picnic area, playground for all ages and flexible open space for group activities and play. Estimated total cost of proposed improvements: $72,000

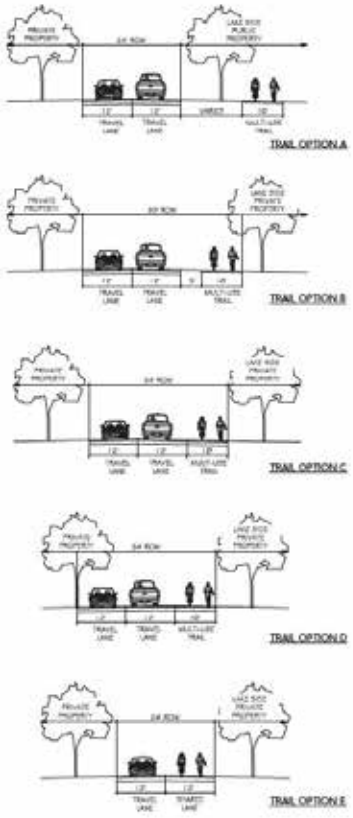
Section 2

Master Plan and Concepts

Trail Map



Trail Sections



Looped and Water Trails

Access in and around the lake are key priorities in the development of the Master Plan. Two types of trails are proposed for access around the lake: a looped multi-use trail and a water trail.

The looped multi-use trails extends around the perimeter the entire lake and provides access to all eleven parks in the park system. Due to available right-of-way constraints five separate trail options have been proposed. These trail options range from meandering trails through parks to sharing a vehicular lane of traffic. In all scenarios, a 10' minimum width trail will extend around the entire lake. Estimated total cost of proposed improvements: $4,900,000

The water trail provides opportunities for non-motorized boats, such as canoes and paddle boats, to have access to the entire lake. Docks have been proposed at each park area abutting the lake providing resting areas, observations areas and access to the trail for boat launching. Water trail costs are built into the docks at the individual park locations.

BUILDING PROGRAM

FITNESS

The fitness areas will have multiple components including a 12,000 square foot weight/cardio/functional training area. There will be three aerobics/dance studios of various sizes that will be programmed with a variety of group fitness classes with multiple levels of intensity and ability. Finally, a 3-lane, 10-lap per mile elevated walk/jog track will circle the gymnasium suitable for exercise walking and jogging.

COMMUNITY SPACE

Classrooms – Multiple classrooms will be part of the center. The classrooms will be of different sizes and divisible (when appropriate) and will be used for art and educational programming. Classrooms will be available for rent for parties, meetings and other appropriate gatherings desired by the community.

Child Watch – Center members will have the opportunity to drop off their children or grandchildren to be watched by center staff while they participate in the opportunities provided. This service will be fee based and limited to pass holders only, and likely limited to two hours while guardians must remain in the building. It is important to note, this is not a licensed day care.

Catering Kitchen – The warming kitchen will provide groups renting spaces in the center a place to store and serve prepared foods and snacks to event guests.

PARTNERSHIP SPACE

A Wellness Center is planned that will support the Parker County Hospital's with physical therapy needs. Patrons will have access to the multiple activity areas the center will provide.



BUILDING PROGRAM

The Weatherford Recreation and Aquatics Center will be multi-generational serving all ages and abilities. The Center will host the following areas as shown in Figure H.

REQUIRED SPACES

Administration – staff offices, workspaces, break room, restrooms, conference room

Lobby and Support Spaces – front desk, lounge, staging areas, public restrooms, building storage, mechanical spaces

Locker Rooms – men's, women's and universal changing rooms

GYMNASIUM

Four high school sized courts suitable for multiple functions such as basketball, volleyball, pickleball, badminton, etc.

Sport tournaments are expected to part of the dynamic local and regional programming for the gymnasium.

Event Space – The space will also be useable for large events such as trade shows and conferences. The gymnasium will be made available for rental by local youth and adult sports organizations, Weatherford College and other interested parties.

AQUATICS

8-lane x 25-yard Lap Pool – The lap pool will be used by local school districts, Weatherford College, local swim teams and Master's Swim. It will also be highly desired by center members who choose swimming as their primary source of fitness.

Leisure Pool – The aquatics area will have a dynamic and fun warm water leisure pool that will have recreation and swim programming features for all ages including a lazy river, play structure, zero depth entry for accessible access, water slides and various other fun spray and interactive features.

An aquatic support space will have offices for supervisors, coordinators, lifeguards and supplies.

PROGRAM SPACE	GROSS AREA
Administration	1,966
Lobby and Support Spaces	4,843
Locker Spaces	5,040
Partner/Hospital Wellness Center	3,226
Child Watch	1,065
40 Person Classroom Space	1,416
80 Person Classroom	2,194
Classroom/Party Room/Dry Craft Room (3)	1,264
Catering Kitchen	644
Four High Court School Gymnasium	33,186
10 Laps/Mile Elevated Walk Jog Track	8,531
12,000 Fitness & Weights	13,125
15-20 Person Aerobics/Dance Studio	1,053
30-35 Person Aerobics/Dance Studio	2,340
45-50 Person Aerobics/Dance Studio	3,248
Aquatics Support	866
8-Lane x 25-Yard Pool	12,328
5,400 Recreation Activity Pool	13,178
	TOTAL: 109,509 SF

FIGURE H

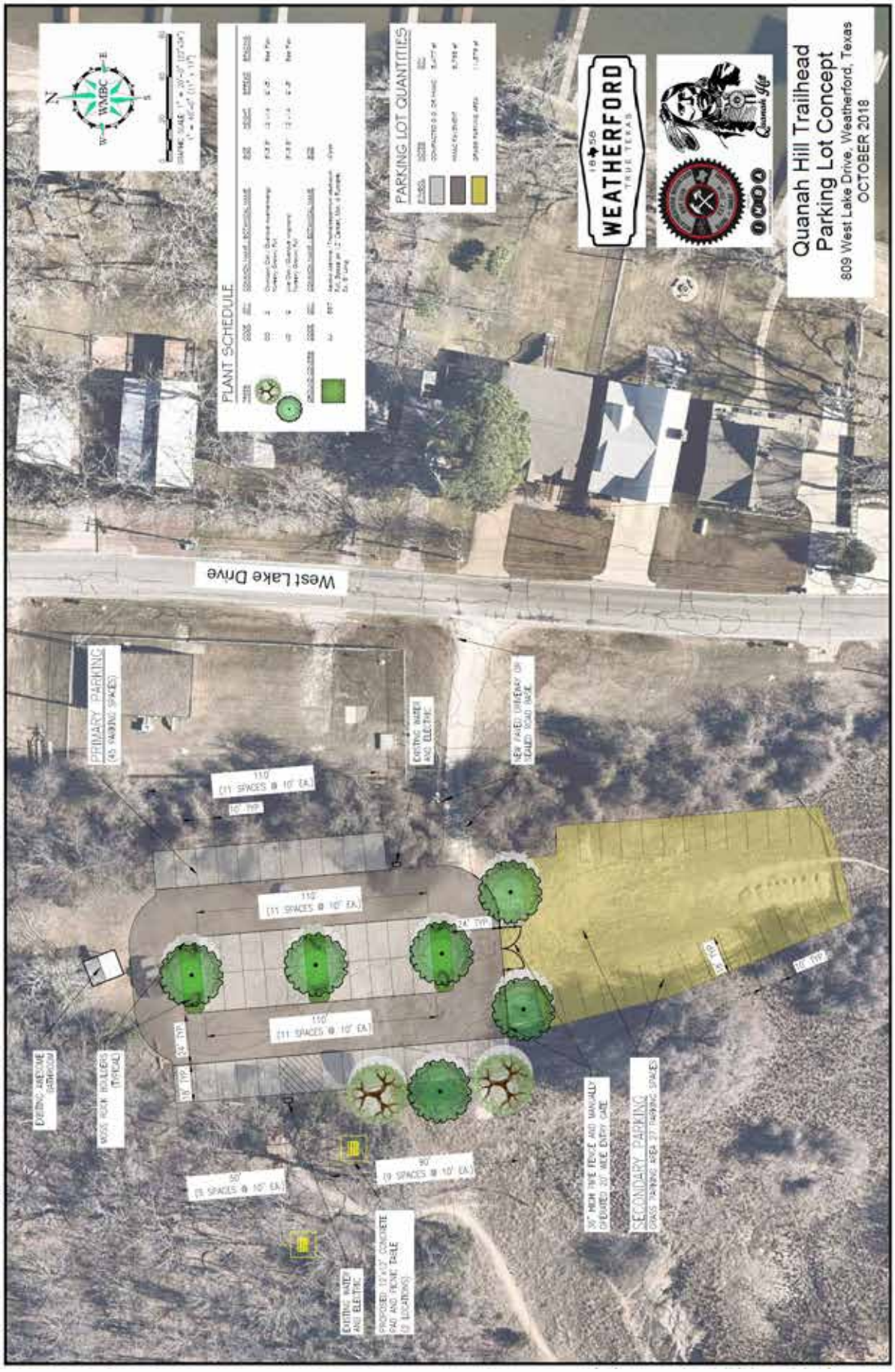
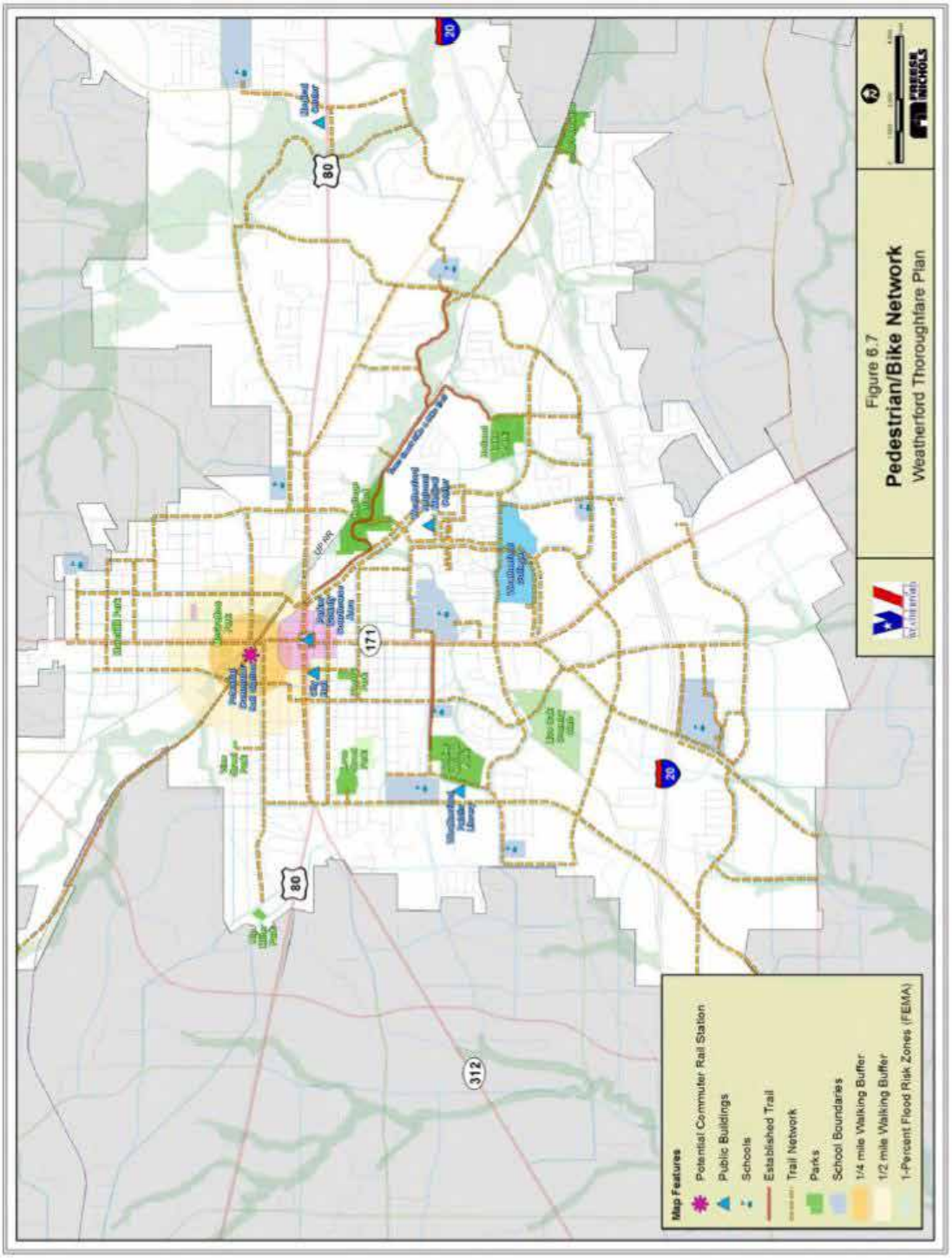

Quanah Hill Trailhead
Parking Lot Concept
809 West Lake Drive, Weatherford, Texas
OCTOBER 2018
WEATHERFORD
TRUE TEXAS
PLANT SCHEDULE
PARKING LOT QUANTITIES
West Lake Drive
PRIMARY PARKING
(45 PARKING SPACES)
SECONDARY PARKING
110'
(11 SPACES @ 10' EA.)
90'
(9 SPACES @ 10' EA.)
50'
(5 SPACES @ 10' EA.)
EXISTING WATER AND ELECTRIC
NEW PAVED DRIVEWAY OFF
MOSS ROCK BOULDERS
(TYPICAL)
PROPOSED 10'x10' CONCRETE
PAD AND PICNIC TABLE
(3 LOCATIONS)
36" HIGH PIPE FENCE AND MANUALLY
OPERATED 20' WIDE ENTRY GATE

Figure 6.7 Pedestrian/Bike Network



APPENDIX C - METHODOLOGY

3.1 Service Area Analysis

The spatial distribution of parks throughout Weatherford is important because residents are more able and willing to access facilities that are close to their homes. For this analysis, travel times (walking or driving) based on the street network were used to determine service areas for parks by park type and for specific facilities within parks. The size of service areas varies depending on the amenity in question. This analysis used the ArcGIS Online and ArcMap by ESRI for the development of both the spatial data and the maps used in the report.

This process to develop the service area consisted of six steps for each service area distance.

1. Create shapefile with park entrances in ArcMap
2. Upload shapefile with park entrance points to ArcGIS online
3. Select "Perform Analysis"→"Use Proximity"→ "Create Drive-Time Areas"
4. Select Walking Time or Driving Time (depending on measurement)
    - Toward facility at 12pm on Saturday
5. Select "Run Analysis"
6. "Export to Shapefile" and download

This process was repeated to generate service areas representing the following travel times:

- 10-minute walk
- 5-minute drive
- 10-minute drive

The shapefile for park entrances was created using the "Weatherford_Parks" and "Weatherford_Centerlines" shapefiles provided by the City of Weatherford, combined with aerial imagery (Google Maps).

Once the service areas were generated, the results were reduced to a single polygon for each site using the "Dissolve" function in ArcGIS. The service area shapefiles were then linked to the inventory table presented in Chapter 2 (Table 2.11) to allow for the selection of the service area of each site by facilities offered.

Once the service area ranges were calculated, the next step in the process was to assign service areas to parks by park type and various recreational facilities. The travel times associated with each park or facility are based on common travel time measurements. For example, a 10-minute walk is a commonly used measurement for the distance a person will travel for a frequently used service. The travel times assigned are based on the use level of the amenity, which corresponds with the length of time a user is likely to spend at the destination. For example, users are likely to be willing to travel a greater distance to use a large community park than a small neighborhood park, because the larger park will likely keep visitors and their families occupied for longer.

The travel time shapefiles for the previous step were used to create a series of service area maps. For each map, the locations of each amenity in question were selected using "Definition Query" from the travel time layers. For example, the Neighborhood Park Service Areas map (Figure 2.4) shows a 10-minute walk to any park (green for Weatherford Neighborhood Parks; orange for parks by others; grey for parks without access or amenities. In contrast, a 5-minute drive and 10-minute drive measurement was used for other types of parks and specific park amenities; dark green for 10-minute walk, light green for 5-minute drive, and yellow for 10-minute drive). These areas were turned-on (or the other areas were turned-off) in the corresponding travel time layers within ArcGIS (using "Definition Query") because they contained the specific park feature represented in the map.

The composite service areas map consists of a weighted overlay of each of the park and facility service areas. A single shapefile was created for each of the 14 facilities and two park classifications listed in Table C.1 below with the levels of service (travel times) indicated in the table. Scores were assigned to the travel time from each facility as indicated with a higher score for a shorter travel time. The "Union" function in ArcGIS was used to combine these 16 layers into one composite layer.

Once the scoring for all layers was combined into a single layer, a Field was added to the Attribute Table to indicate the composite score. The scores for the 14 facilities and park classifications were tallied to represent this composite score for all areas in Weatherford. Each of the five ranges represents approximately 10 points since the highest scoring location in Weatherford scored a 6 (out of 67 possible points). Therefore, each category represents the score of the area as a percentage of the points between the lowest (0) and highest score (52). These areas were then presented in the Composite Service Areas map. The five areas were then exported to a new shapefile and uploaded to ESRI Business Analyst to estimate the population and demographics for those living within each level of service.

3.2 Priority Investment Areas

This analysis was intended to show portions of Weatherford most in need of additional park services. The highest level of need consists of areas that have both low a level of park services and a high level of social vulnerability (SVI), according to the Social Vulnerability Index described in Chapter 2. The first step in this analysis was to combine the two layers into a single shapefile so that areas of overlap could be selected for display. The "Union" function in ArcGIS was used to produce this layer.

Once these layers were combined, this layer was then reduced using "Definition Query" to show only areas with the medium or above social vulnerability and medium or below service levels for parks (indicated in red on the map). Of the identified areas, those with medium levels of both social vulnerability and park services were assigned

"High" priority. The areas with "Medium-High" or "High" in SVI or "Medium-Low" or "Low" in park services (and at least Medium in the other measurement) were assigned "Highest" priority.

Table C.1: Composite Map Scoring

Facility/Score	10 Minute Walk	5 Minute Drive	10 Minute Drive	Total Points	Notes
Park Classification					
Neighborhood Park	6	N/A	N/A	6	Inc. Community
School Park	*4*	*N/A*	*N/A*		
Community Park	N/A	3	2	3	
Park Points				**9**	
Recreation Amenities					
Playground	6	3	N/A	6	Inc. schools
Basketball Court	4	2	N/A	4	Inc. schools
Trails	4	2	1	4	Park trails > ½ mile only for 5d and >1 mile for 10d
Diamond Ballfield	4	2	1	4	
Multipurpose Rectangular Field	4	2	1	4	
Picnic Shelter	4	2	1	4	
Aquatic Center	4	2	1	4	
Tennis Court	4	2	1	4	
Pickleball Court	4	2	1	4	
Dog Park	4	2	1	4	
Splash Pad	4	2	1	4	
Skate Park	4	2	1	4	
Disc Golf*	4	2	1	4	
Amphitheater*	4	2	1	4	
Facility Points				**58**	
Total Points				**67**	

*Not Mapped in Chapter 5

APPENDIX D - PUBLIC INPUT SUMMARIES

CONFERENCE MEMORANDUM
WEATHERFORD PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN
PROJECT NO. 22022

Present: **Keith Rodenhauser, Brandstetter Carroll Inc.**
Patrick D. Hoagland, ASLA, Brandstetter Carroll Inc.

June 3, 2022

An open house was held on June 1. Approximately 200 residents attended this meeting. As people entered, they were given a dot to place on a map to illustrate where they lived. They were shown to three stations where they could provide input and then given dots to vote on their most important park features and programs (3 each). Participants were also given $1,000 in play money to vote for improvements that should be made to parks. The following are the responses to the write in comments at each of the three stations. A ✓ indicates where a person agreed with a comment. BCI staff prepared the materials and facilitated the meeting.

June 1, 2022

Parks

1. What makes them great now?
   - Pickleball courts not shared with Jr. tennis ✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓
   - Chandor is great, add on in the empty land ✓
   - Indoor recreation/pool ✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓
   - Good playground equipment in Lake Holland ✓✓✓
   - Quanah Hill is a gem ✓✓✓✓
   - Love the equipment at the parks ✓
   - Handicap accessible stalls/ramps ✓✓
2. What would make them better?
   - Stop building in area around lake, birds/deer/others losing natural habitat ✓
   - Need a new skateboard park ✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓

- Restrooms ✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓
- Dog Park ✓✓✓
- Keep up with maintenance at Lake Parks, mowing ✓✓✓✓✓
- Dog leash laws enforced ✓✓✓
- Indoor pickleball courts ✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓
- Indoor/outdoor pickleball complex ✓✓✓✓✓✓✓
- Picnic shelters ✓✓✓✓✓✓
- Skate park improvements ✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓

2. What would make them better?
    - Walking trails on Lake Weatherford ✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓
    - Cleanup activities at lake ✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓
    - More trails ✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓
    - Natural areas ✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓
    - Green space ✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓
    - Safer walking/cycling areas around lake ✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓
    - Walking and running trails with no bikes ✓✓✓✓✓✓✓
    - Constant lake level ✓✓✓✓✓
    - Preservation and fishing access ✓✓✓✓✓✓✓
    - Bike trails extended /or groom MW trail ✓✓✓✓✓✓✓
    - Dredge lake ✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓
    - Control beaver activity in north end of lake ✓✓✓✓✓✓✓
    - More places like Quanah Hill ✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓
    - Senior programs ✓

Programs

1. What makes them great now?
    - Pickleball courts ✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓

- Family festivals ✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓
- More native open space parks ✓
- Christian music family friendly
- Indoor rec center with year-round pool ✓
- Senior center, bathrooms need remodeling
- More concerts monthly ✓✓
- Movies in parks ✓
- Nature and senior programs ✓✓
- Invest in soccer field at Cartwright Park ✓✓✓✓✓✓
- Fix ramps in skate park – McGratton ✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓

Dollar Voting

Participants were given $1,000 in play money to place in boxes with the following categories:

Action (Box Title)	Total
Skate Park	**$49,400**
	32%
Pickleball	**$33,900**
	22%
New Recreation Facilities	**$14,000**
	9%
Existing Facilities/Maitenance	**$11,700**
	8%
Athletic Field Complex	**$10,800**
	7%
Trails	**$9,900**
	6%
New Parks	**$4,400**
	3%
Splash Pads/Pools	**$6,100**
	4%
Community Gathering Spaces	**$2,900**
	2%
Programs/Events	**$2,100**
	1%
Other	**$9,900**
	6%
Total	**$155,100**

Other:

Pickleball	$33,900
Skatepark	$800
Indoor Rec Center	$1,000
Public Pools	$1,000
Skating Rink	$400
Lake Fest 2023	$1,000
Dredge Lake	$1,000
Maintain Current Parks	$100
Restrooms	$500
Splash Pad	$200
Rock Climbing Wall	$500
Lake Weatherford Improvements	$1,000
Nature Area Center	$400
New trails and parks	$1,000
Marina Park	$1,000

Features Board

Participants were given three red dots to place on 16 park amenities (represented by pictures). The results are presented in the table below.

Park Features

Park Features	Total	%
Skatepark	267	45%
Game Courts	75	13%
Indoor Recreation Facilities	48	8%
Trails	41	7%
Pickleball	33	6%
Natural Areas	30	5%
Athletic Fields	20	3%
Aquatics	16	3%
Restrooms	15	3%
Outdoor Games	10	2%
Dog Parks	8	1%
Event Space	6	1%
Playgrounds	6	1%
Public Art	5	1%
Outdoor Fitness Equipment	4	1%
Picnic Shelters	3	1%
Disc Golf	3	1%
Total	**590**	
Participants	**197**	



Programs

Programs	Total	%
Festivals	66	13%
Active Adult Programs	62	12%
Adult Sports	52	10%
Movies/Music Concerts	52	10%
Youth Sports	50	10%
Nature Programs	46	9%
Pickleball	31	6%
Cultural/Performing arts	24	5%
Swim Lessons	23	5%
Athletic Tournament	21	4%
Special Events	16	3%
Runs and Races	15	3%
Summer Camps	12	2%
Adaptive Recreation	10	2%
Fitness Classes	9	2%
Before & After School Programs	7	1%
E-Sports	2	0%
Total	**498**	
Participants	**166**	



If you should disagree with any information contained herein, please kindly notify our office in writing within 10 days of receipt of this memorandum.

Keith E. Rodenhauser, AICP, GISP, SITES AP 06/03/2022

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CONFERENCE MEMORANDUM
STAKEHOLDERS MEETING
WEATHERFORD PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN
PROJECT NO. 22020

Present: **Patrick D. Hoagland, ASLA, BCI**
Keith Rodenhauser, Senior Planner, BCI

BRANDSTETTER CARROLL INC

June 1, 2022

1. Background - Recreation Center – 9:00 A.M.
   - Started 2017, tour of other facilities
   - Weatherford partially funded; Parker County Hospital paid rest
   - Finished around the beginning of COVID
   - Property available at Santa Fe and Holland Lake road, 10 acres
     - Near convention center
   - Convention center to be built on Holland Lake Road
     - 8 lanes with vortex
     - Possible phased in
     - Partnerships important
     - Based on Grapevine facility
     - Healthcare partner
   - Possible to bring in ISD swim team
     - Pool to overlook trees on plan
   - 35 acres for senior center available. Currently has a building. Not sure of future plans
     - Parker County Committee on Aging, possible partner
   - City response – other properties, safety building, maybe 2023
2. Chandor Gardens – 9:00 A.M.
   - Background
   - Proposed for undeveloped portion
   - Started in 2016, Concept Plan, Master Plan May 27, 2022
   - 13 acres undeveloped
   - Purchased in 2002
   - #1 tourist destination in Weatherford
   - Originally a cow pasture before home built
   - Naturalists find many species on property
   - Need welcome center, retail space, parking, visitor center, event center
   - Limited seating
   - More potential for arts and culture
   - 6 phases, parking #1 and utilities

- 60' elevation change on site, challenging topography
- Event center
  - More program opportunities
  - Meeting spaces
  - Promoting only best offer for event center
- Phases 1-4 – 4-5 years, Phase 1 this year
- Have started programming, just need facility
- City/Council response
  - Very positive
  - Needs to happen, encouraged best option
- OK to use graphics on Master Plan

3. Tennis and Pickleball - 10:30 A.M.
   - Tennis
     - 3 tennis, 70's, Parker County Tennis Association manages and puts money into
     - Most currently managed by Parker County Tennis Association
     - Built building for storage
       - Concrete, City used brick
     - High School has courts
       - JR High has 2 schools, public use at HS and 9th grade center
       - No public use at Tyson
     - College to build 16 court facility, strong tennis support
       - Expert tournaments
       - Public use unsure, who runs?
     - Greater FW tennis coaching – USTA – run leagues
       - Umbrella group – provide funds
       - Most leave Weatherford for leagues
     - Currently play MWF mornings
     - Parker Co – Team lessons and camps
       - About 200 people
   - Pickleball
     - Forming a board an 501c3, parking low for pickleball
     - NS Baptist – 3 indoor courts
     - 2 indoor courts at 1st Baptist
     - Aledo Church as well
     - Aledo Volleyball Center
   - 3 groups managed
     - 280 signed in individually
     - 400-500 phone numbers

- Needs
  - 12 courts at Love St – Pickleball
  - Possible to expand to 16
  - A community center – some indoor space
  - Biggest issue no money
- Willow Park has some plans to build some courts
- No courts in Parker County
- Design ideas
  - LED Lights designed for pickleball
  - Permanent nets
  - Need wind screens all the way around
  - Fence between courts
  - Spectator areas
  - Enter at each court
  - Misters to cool off
  - Restrooms
  - 7 indoor courts – optimally
  - Possible covered
- Pickleball builds relationships, very inclusive
  - Teach people to play
  - Have some walking paths, city provides some balls
- Other needs
  - Need trail connectivity
  - Trail from Weatherford to Millbrook
    - Connect to Trinity Trails
  - Lack of safe routes
  - Existing Master Trail Plan needs implementation
  - Rec center with indoor pool
    - Senior time
  - Indoor water park
  - Progress

4. Skatepark, MTB, Disc Golf – 1:00 P.M.
   - Skateboarding – team from Spring Creek Baptist Church
     - Monday 6 p.m. for 19 months, talking to kids at skatepark
     - Determine needs
     - Give away skateboarders competition
       - Sponsors donate others
       - Funk Monkey – provide shaved ice

- Park has improved, skatepark needs it
- Provides safe place for kids
- Give kids a place to belong
  - Mentor others
- List in handout
  - A bowl and one for beginners
  - Mostly obstacles
  - Extended hours
  - Stairs

- Disc Golf – Weatherford Disc Golf Club, 190 members
  - Long relationship, pay for improvements
  - 12 years running JWC golf course – 18 holes
    - Maintain, pick up trash
  - Need
    - one more bridge
    - Erosion
    - New course adjacent to existing, would like to push back fence
  - Have multiple tee pads
    - Can use more pin locations
  - Host tournaments
    - Have Wed and Sat tournaments
    - Minimum – 40-50 per night in summer
    - Partner with private groups for tournaments
    - Those selling equipment
    - Boy Scouts built a bridge
    - Harder to find volunteers
    - Working on a new tee sign and course pump
  - Vision
    - Expansion of course and users
    - Bridge needed to access land
- Weatherford MTB Club
  - Partnered with city to create Quanah Hill
  - Have another trail on Aledo and Mineral Wells
  - Partnering for skill case in Aledo for kids
  - Volunteer leaders and trail contractor
  - 2015 – 7 members $500
  - 2016 - 57
  - 2021 – 164

- 21 miles of trail $50,000
- Dues $39 per year
  - Dumpster of international bicycles
  - IMBA
  - 501c3
  - 320 Members
  - Benefits, $70 supplemental policy covers bike injuries
  - T-shirts
  - Discounts for travel
  - 30-35 cars per day at Quanah Hill
  - Age 34-54, professionals
- MTB project #11 top trail in state
- Needs for future
  - Connections, sign system for connections between Quanah Hill and downtown Aledo
  - 1,900 linear foot connection, all that is used in Willow Park
  - East Parker County trails
  - MTD trail comes in Willow Park
  - Quanah Hill
    - ✓ Parking lot plan
    - ✓ Improve surface to park
    - ✓ Formalize secondary parking
- Second location for trails in Weatherford
  - 220-acre farm, not practical to farm
  - In ETJ, 150 acres with elevation changes
  - Space for disc golf
  - Tintop Rd
  - County owned
  - Land at Heritage Park, water, schools
  - Lots of people walk on trails

- 3:00 Softball/Baseball/Soccer/Adult Softball/Football
  - Adult Softball, Thursday-Friday
    - 605 per week
    - Has started to go up a bit
    - Church players have trailed off
    - Large tournament twice per year
    - 46 teams in 2 days
    - Need more fields, 3 fields is not enough for these teams
    - Need at least 9 fields

- Artificial turf, rainouts
- More would play
- Concessions and restrooms, new facility
- Holds water
- Rainouts 2 days after rain
- Scoreboards need upgrading, only work sometimes
- Lighting is decent, could be improved
- No turf in Parker County

- Little League
  - 613 registered and paid players – Spring
  - 59 teams
  - T-ball to Senior league
  - Need intermediate field
  - 90 bases, senior 13-15, 8-9 grade
  - Noon line, same phone as Jrs
  - All fields are game fields and double as practice
  - Benbrook is a good example
    - ✓ Private
  - Blue Bonnet in Ennis
  - $20 per car
  - $96 per season
- 7 fields
  - All in Charles St, Soldier Spring
  - 3-4 nights per week
  - Need ability to turn light on/off
  - Turn fields over for schooling
- Needs
  - 9 fields
  - 2 T-ball op 1
  - Dirt grass
  - 3-80 cp2 – softball
  - 1 grass, 2 dirt
  - 2 minor
  - 1 major 75'
  - 1 jr, 3rd
  - Expect double signups with better facilities
  - 12-14 for larger tournaments

- Soccer

- 620 players for spring
- 70+ teams
- 800 players in fall
- 300 signed up already
- 13 fields adding 8 more
- Will need more as they grow
- Adult league considered in future
- U15 are out but have U18
- Four signups
- Play adjoining cities
- Issues with irrigation
- Would love turf
- Fencing to keep wildlife out
- Reevaluate concessions (selection)
    - Breakers flip
- Would like lights
- Need some regrading of fields
- Need more practice fields
- Need space to grow
- Parking is an issue, people block road, hard to get in and out
- Hard to maintain turf conditions

- Complex
    - 12-14 diamond fields
    - 5 full size + smaller fields
    - 8 full size equivalent, 200x300
    - 22 acres currently with parking
    - 16 acres of field space
    - No shade at any fields currently
    - Adult softball
    - State of the art concessions and office space, separate for leagues
    - Playgrounds even at existing soccer complex 9+10
    - Large common areas
    - Easily accessible



Parks & Recreation Master Plan

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PARKS REC AND SPECIAL EVENTS

May 31, 2022

BRANDSTETTER CARROLL INC

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- **Schedule**
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Project Team

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Why Prepare a System Master Plan?

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DISCUSSION

- Find out what the public really wants through **Civic Engagement**
- Develop **clear priorities** based upon Community Consensus
- Assess **Existing Conditions** and Opportunities
- Assistance in applying for **grants**
- Identify **Gaps/Inequities in Service** Delivery
- Prepare for the **2023 Bond**
- Study Feasibility for a **Sports Complex**
- Identify **Future Funding** Required
- Increase user participation, satisfaction, revenues, and capital investment
- **Prepare for Future** Development & Changes
- Keep up with **Trends**

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Project Approach

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Master Plan Process

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Facility Inventory & Assessment

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DISCUSSION

- Detailed site assessment (Qualitative Assessment Forms)
- Categorize each facility or amenity as Excellent, Good, Fair, or Poor
- Review ADA accessibility
- Identify recommendations
- Identify repair/replacement cost





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Service Gaps Analysis

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DISCUSSION

- Individual Facilities Locations
- Identifies "GAPS" in the delivery of services
- Facilities Mapped
  - Picnic Shelters
  - Baseball/Softball Diamonds
  - Recreation Centers
  - Rectangular Fields
  - Playgrounds
  - Trails
  - Basketball Courts
  - Tennis Courts
  - Aquatic Facilities
  - More
- Composite Service Areas Map

Service Level (Rank)	Population	Cumulative Population
High (80%-100%)	23%	23%
Medium-High (60%-80%)	47%	71%
Medium (40%-60%)	18%	88%
Medium-Low (20%-40%)	9%	97%
Low (0%-20%)	3%	100%




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Programs Analysis

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DISCUSSION

- Identify program users served to identify gaps
  - Who are you serving? Which groups are underserved?
- Ask WHY you are providing the programs you offer
- How do they relate to your vision and mission?
- Program pricing philosophy
- Identify desired programs
- Identify innovative programs that further your mission

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Benchmarking (Example)

- NRPA Park Metrics
- Select similar agencies in size and by region
- National benchmarks from 1000 agencies
- Also referenced Level of Service guidelines

*Based upon agencies in the NRPA ParkMetrics Program with populations between 10,000 and 30,000 in the Midwest

Category	Green	Benchmark	Comparison
Acres per 1,000 population	25.7	10.0	Higher
Parkland as a percentage of city	3.3%	5.1%	Lower
Trail miles per 10,000 population	3.1	2.5	Similar
Trail miles per Jurisdiction Sq. Mi.	0.25	0.66	Lower
Percent of parkland developed	43%	76%	Lower
FTE staff per 1000 population	8.9	11.6	Lower
Operating expenditures per capita	$77	$106	Lower
Revenue generated per capita	$5	$52	Lower
Cost Recovery	6%	45%	Lower
Capital costs per capita	$62	$34	Higher

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Engage Phase

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Engage

Engagement Strategies
- Community events
- Interactive public open houses
- Stakeholder groups
- Web based and handout surveys

Results
- Community connection and direction
- Inform and direct the Plan



How:
- Steering Committee
- Stakeholder Groups
- Interactive Open Houses
- Online Engagement
- City Website Promotion
- Web/Handout Survey
- Community Events

Raise Awareness
Create Buy-In
Identify Needs

Use to create

Envision

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Citizen Engagement

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Citizen Engagement

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Online Public Engagement

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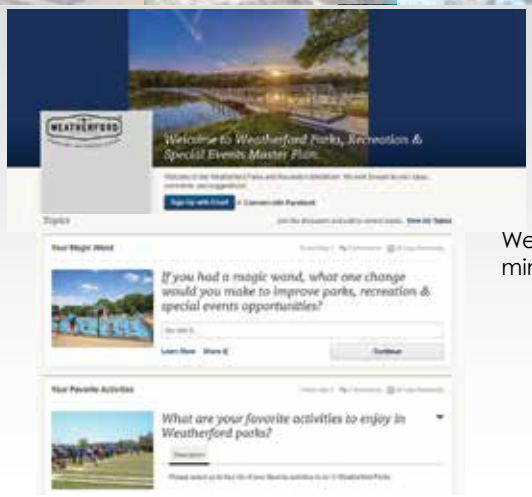

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Engage Phase

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EXPERIENCE

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DISCUSSION

Stakeholder Groups

- City Council & Mayor
- Schools
- Chamber of Commerce/Tourism
- Foundations
- Athletic Organizations
  - Youth Football
  - WAS Soccer
  - WLL
- Senior Citizen Groups
- Chandor Gardens Foundation
- Cultural Arts Groups
- Partner Organizations
- Other User Groups
  - Pickleball, Disc Golf, Skatepark, Tennis, Mountain Biking
- Other City Departments (e.g., Planning & Zoning)
- Weatherford Parks, Recreation & Special Events Staff



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Engage Phase

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DISCUSSION

Weatherford Parks Staff Engagement

- Series of group discussions
- **Strengths** - What makes us a great system today?
- **Opportunities** – How can we become an even stronger system tomorrow?
- Discussion Headings/Stations
  - Parks & Facilities
  - Operations
  - Services







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Web/Handout Survey

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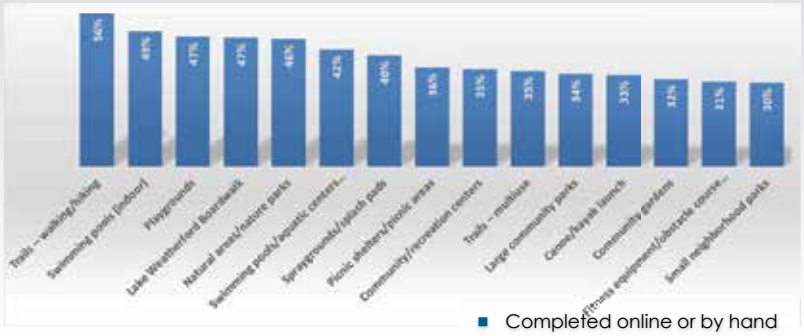
DISCUSSION

- Facilities Household Members Currently Use or Would Like to Use



- Completed online or by hand
- www.surveymonkey.com/r/WParks
- 1,157 Completed so far

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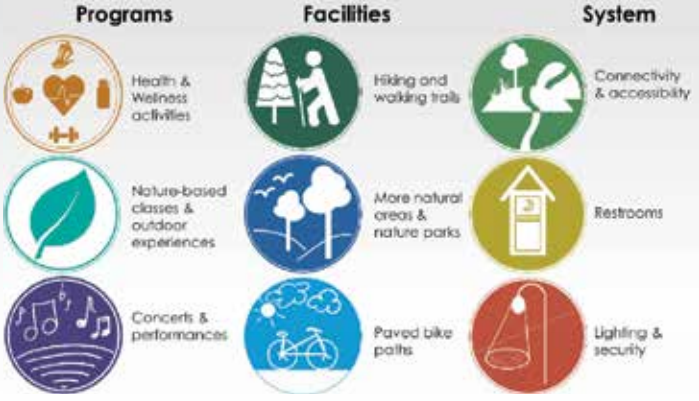
What the Community Desires...



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Example Goal Areas – Green, Ohio Parks & Recreation Master Plan

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Action Plan







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DISCUSSION

- Timeline and Action Strategies
  - 10 -Year Park and Facility Development w/ Prioritization
  - Continuity with Other Planning Documents
  - Organizational Structure & Staffing
  - Partnership Opportunities
  - Programs & Services
  - Policies
- Draft and Final Reports
- Public Presentations
- Executive Summary

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Priority Setting (Menti Polls)

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Concept Plans

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Action Plan

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DISCUSSION

ACTION PLAN - One Charleston Parks and Recreation Master Plan								
Legend of Abbreviations/Organizations					**City Plan Reference**			
Rec = Charleston Recreation Department					CF#* = Community Facilities			
Parks = Charleston Parks Department					RE# = Resilience & Equity			
City = City Council, Other City Departments (e.g., Cultural Affairs; Planning, Preservation & Sustainability)					LU# = Land Use			
Partners = Other Organizations (foundations, businesses, schools, civic associations, state/federal grants, etc.)					H# = Housing			
CPC = Charleston Parks Conservancy					T# = Transportation			
OP = Operating Budget					CR# = Cultural Resources			
CIP = Capital Improvement Budget					ED# = Economic Development			
					* refers to specific recommendation			
Goals, Objectives, and Strategies	**Timeframe (Years)**			**Category**	**Agency**	**Funding Source**	**City Plan Reference**	
	0-2	**3-5**	**6-10**					
Goal 1: Health & Wellness for All Our Residents								
Provide resources that encourage active living and foster wellness for the mind and body								
Objective 1.1 – Athletics: Innovate to provide comprehensive access and increased opportunity								
Strategy 1.1.1: Consider future field needs during renovations and improvements to parks and athletic fields – make multiuse spaces wherever possible	*Ongoing*						CIP	
Strategy 1.1.2: Cultivate programmatic partnerships with area school districts to expand access to recreational experiences	*Ongoing*			Operations	Rec/Parks		OP	CF7
Strategy 1.1.3: Develop athletic recreation facilities like outdoor field and court spaces, per core services (Chapter 8); development should be based on specific needs of each service district	*Ongoing*			Capital	Parks/Rec		CIP	CF5
Strategy 1.1.4: Renovate James Island Recreation Complex			✓	Capital	Parks		CIP	
Strategy 1.1.5: Renovate Municipal Golf Course clubhouse to enhance user experience and improve efficiency of service			✓	Capital	Parks		CIP	
Strategy 1.1.6: Replace aging and damaged fencing around athletic facilities (e.g., Thomas Johnson Playground)			✓	Capital	Parks		CIP	
Objective 1.2 – Facilities: Provide state-of-the-art accessible amenities and features to enrich user experiences								
Strategy 1.2.1: Ensure ADA accessibility to all athletic fields and in every spectator area, including connecting pathways	✓	✓		Capital	Parks		CIP	
Strategy 1.2.2: Allow for adequate staff to monitor all existing and future restroom facilities, ensuring quality conditions and service to the public	*Ongoing*			Operations	Parks		OP	
Strategy 1.2.3: Open all existing restroom facilities to address high public demand	✓			Operations	Parks/Rec		OP	
Strategy 1.2.4: Consider online reservations for all rental facilities with a calendar to view availability; include multiple rental opportunities per facility per day	✓			Operations	Rec		OP	
Strategy 1.2.5: Make full use of new facilities – amphitheaters, outdoor fitness equipment, picnic shelters, etc. – by programming and offering activities anchored around these sites	*Ongoing*			Operations	Rec		OP	

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One Page Summary

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Project Schedule

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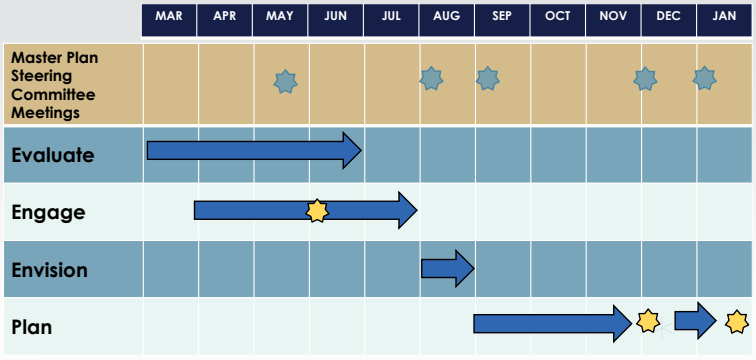

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Future Steering Committee Agendas

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DISCUSSION

- Meeting 1
  - Kick-Off
  - Process Review
  - Discussions
- Meeting 2
  - Review Needs Assessment and Survey Findings
  - Discuss the Vision, Goals and Objectives
- Meeting 3
  - Review and Refine the Draft Vision, Mission, Goals and Objectives
- Meeting 4
  - Review Park and Facility Analysis
  - Review and Prioritize Capital Improvement List
- Meeting 5
  - Present and review Draft Implementation Plan with Staff, Committee, and Council

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BCI Mission

"We Enhance Community and Quality of Life"

We look forward to working with

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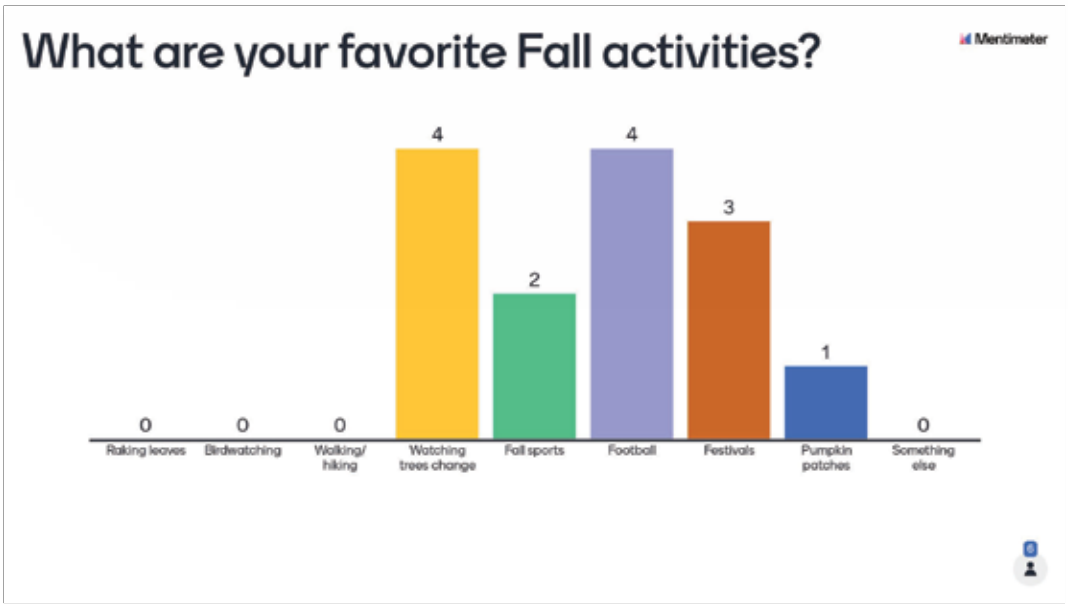
What are your favorite Fall activities?
Mentimeter
4
4
3
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Raking leaves
Birdwatching
Walking/ hiking
Watching trees change
Fall sports
Football
Festivals
Pumpkin patches
Something else


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PARKS REC AND SPECIAL EVENTS
Parks, Recreation, and Special Events Master Plan
Steering Committee Meeting #2
Weatherford, Texas
October 19, 2022
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On the Agenda:
Review Demographics & Benchmarking
Service Area Mapping
Public Input Summary
Visioning Exercise
Next Steps
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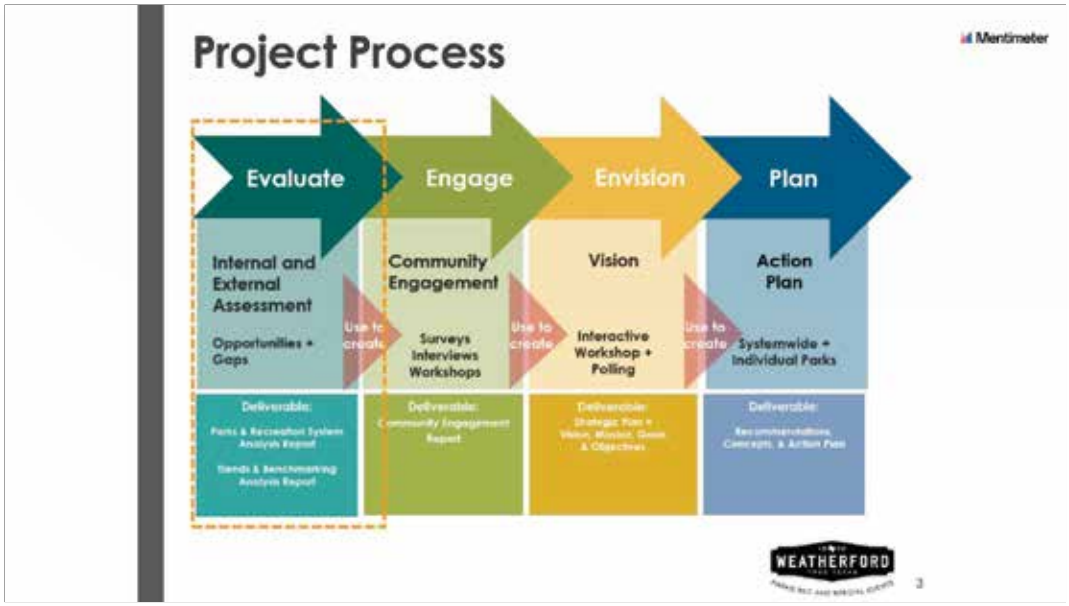

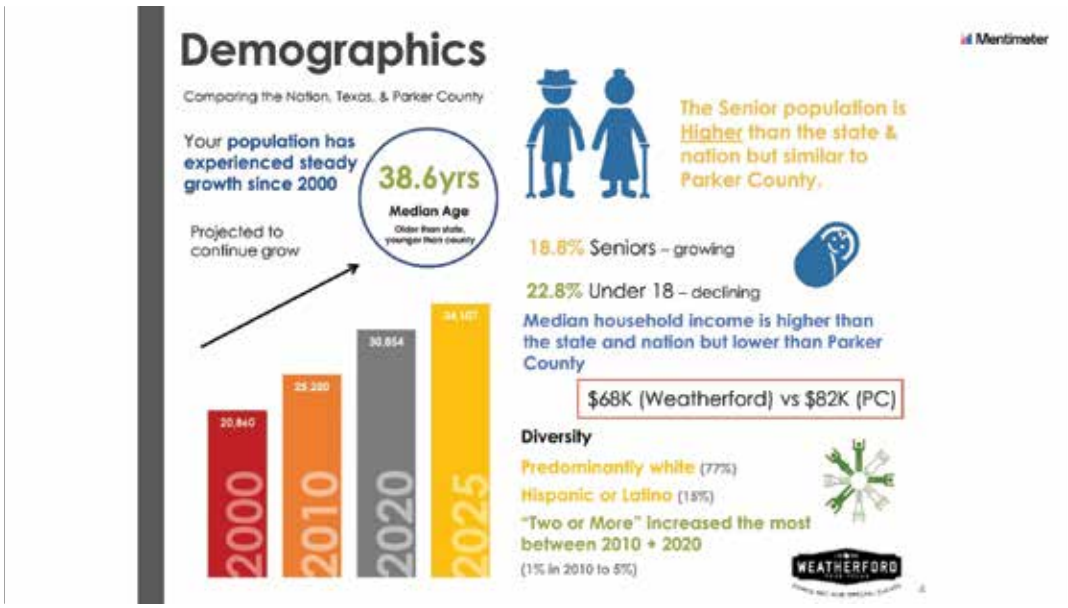

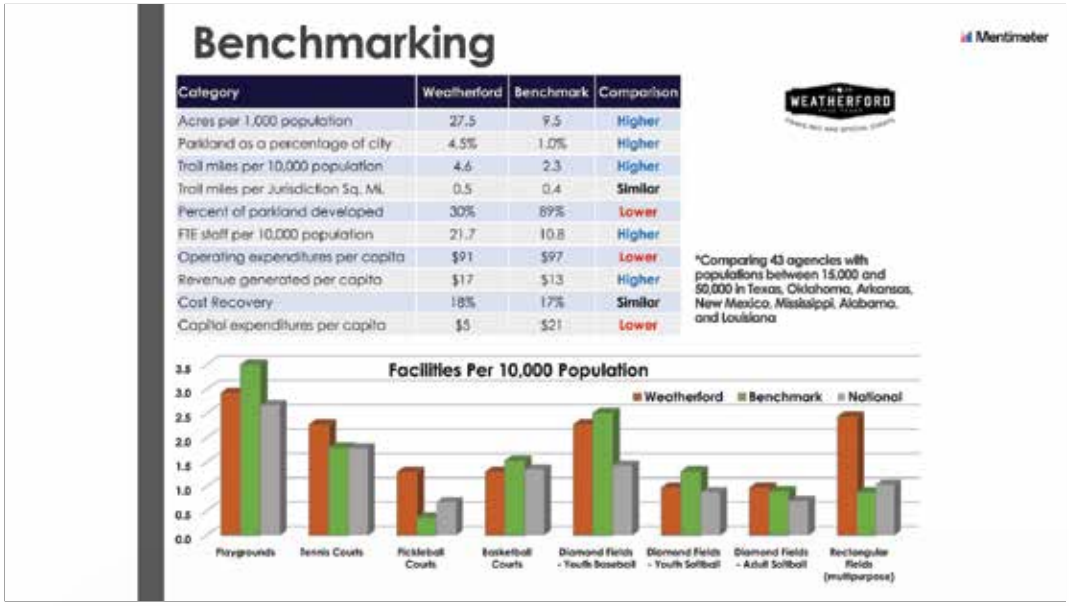

Category	Weatherford	Benchmark	Comparison
Acres per 1,000 population	27.5	9.5	Higher
Parkland as a percentage of city	4.5%	1.0%	Higher
Trail miles per 10,000 population	4.6	2.3	Higher
Trail miles per Jurisdiction Sq. Mi.	0.5	0.4	Similar
Percent of parkland developed	30%	89%	Lower
FTE staff per 10,000 population	21.7	10.8	Higher
Operating expenditures per capita	$91	$97	Lower
Revenue generated per capita	$17	$13	Higher
Cost Recovery	18%	17%	Similar
Capital expenditures per capita	$5	$21	Lower

Service Area Mapping – Neighborhood Parks

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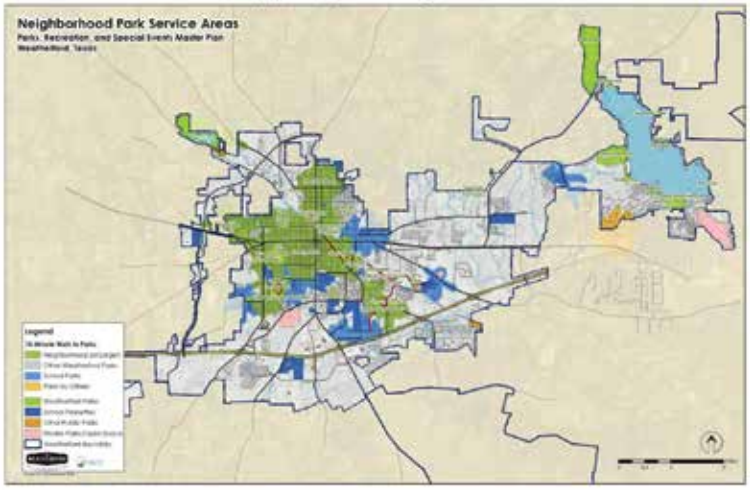

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Service Area Mapping – Community Parks

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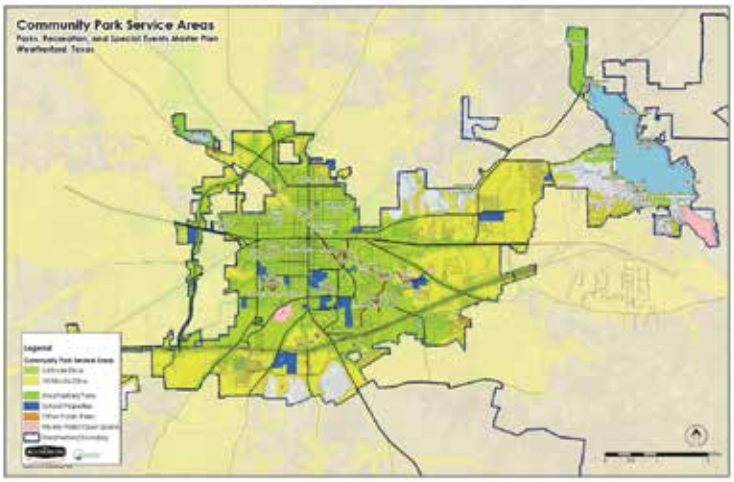

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Service Area Mapping – Playgrounds

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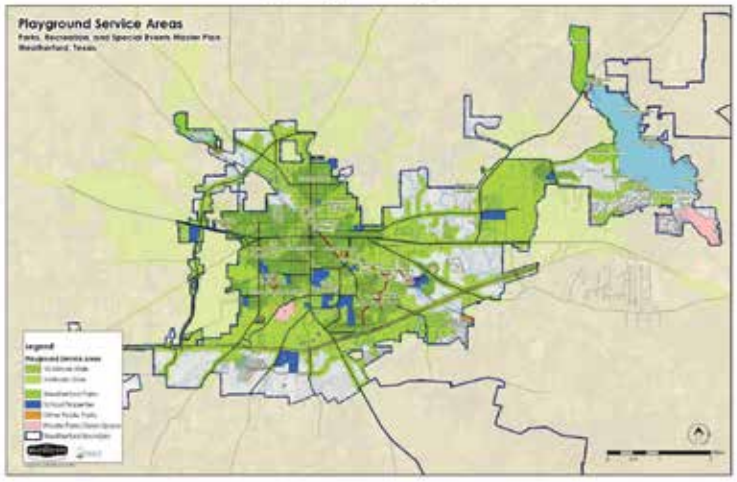

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Composite Service Area Map

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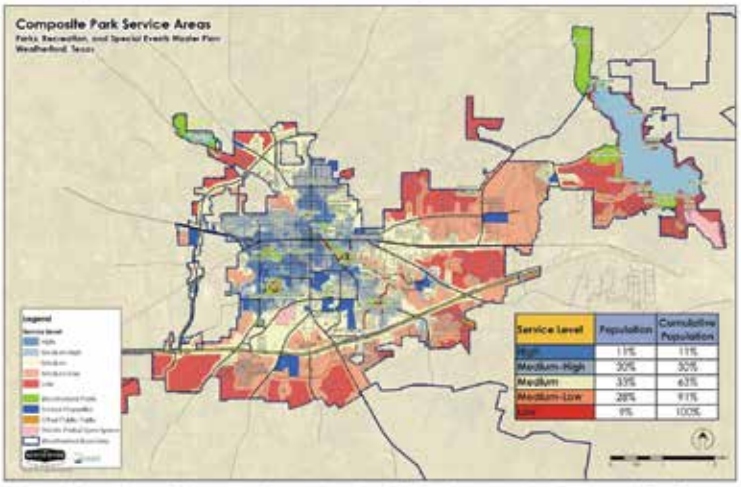

Combination of layers (2 park classifications and 14 amenities)

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Social Vulnerability Index

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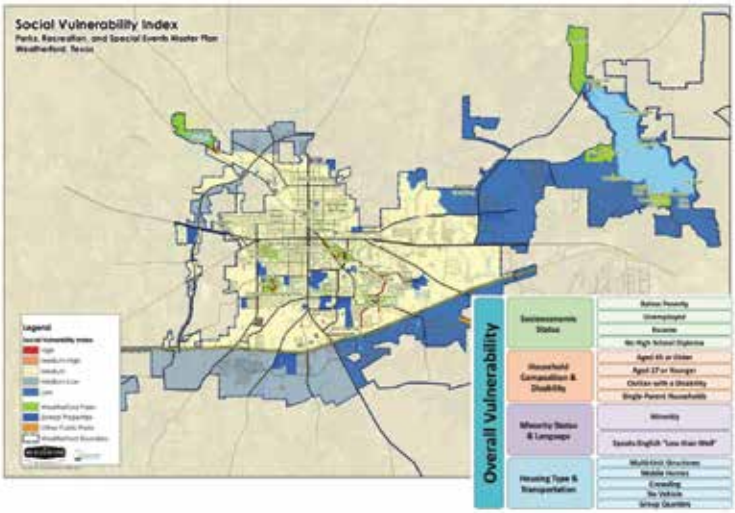

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Priority Improvement Areas

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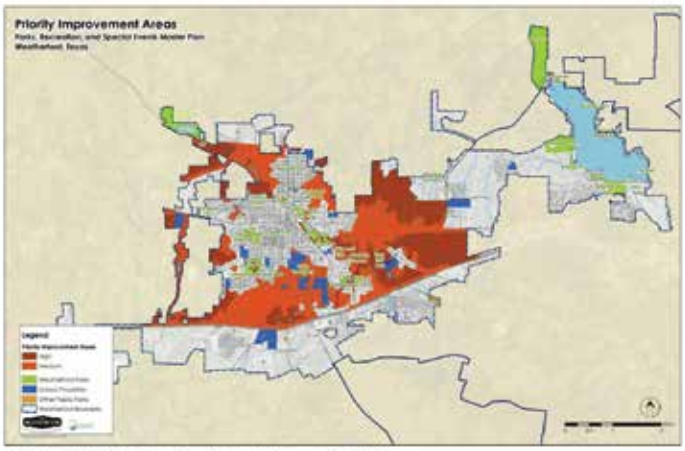

High = SVI of M & Service Level of Low or Med-Low

Medium = SVI of M & Service Level of M

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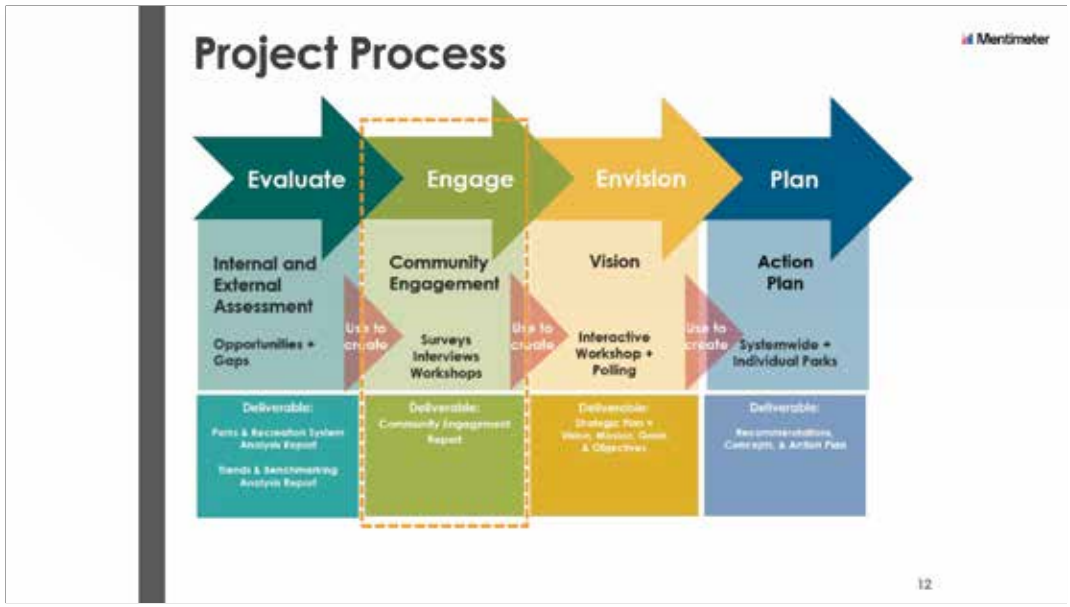
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Evaluate
Engage
Envision
Plan
Internal and External Assessment
Opportunities + Gaps
Community Engagement
Surveys Interviews Workshops
Vision
Interactive Workshop + Polling
Action Plan
Systemwide + Individual Parks
Deliverable:
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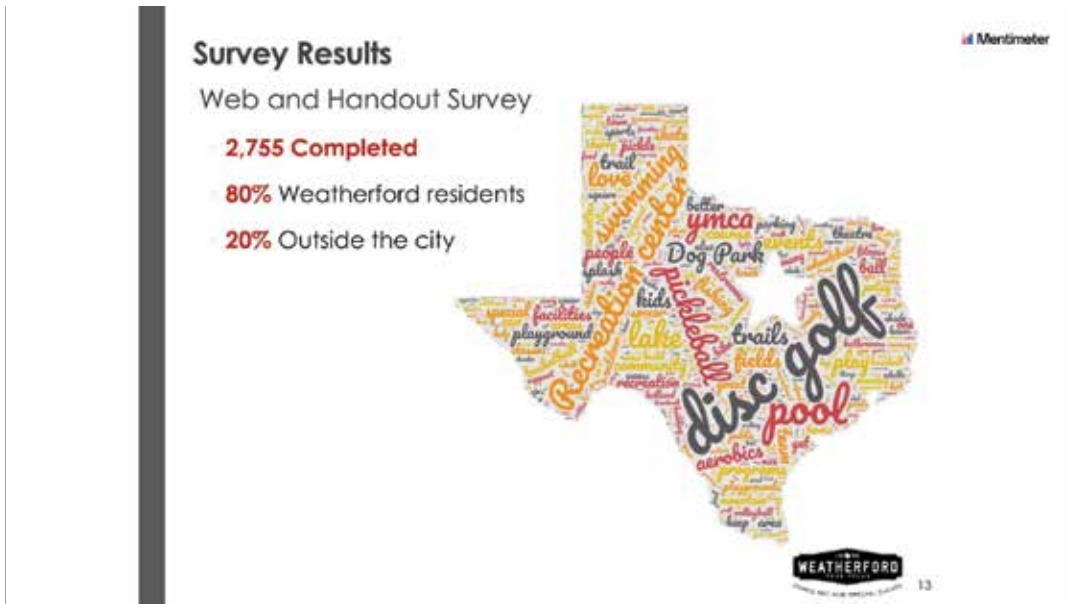
Survey Results
Mentimeter
Web and Handout Survey
2,755 Completed
80% Weatherford residents
20% Outside the city
ymca
Dog Park
Recreation center
pickleball
disc golf
pool
trails
lake
kids
playground
facilities
aerobics
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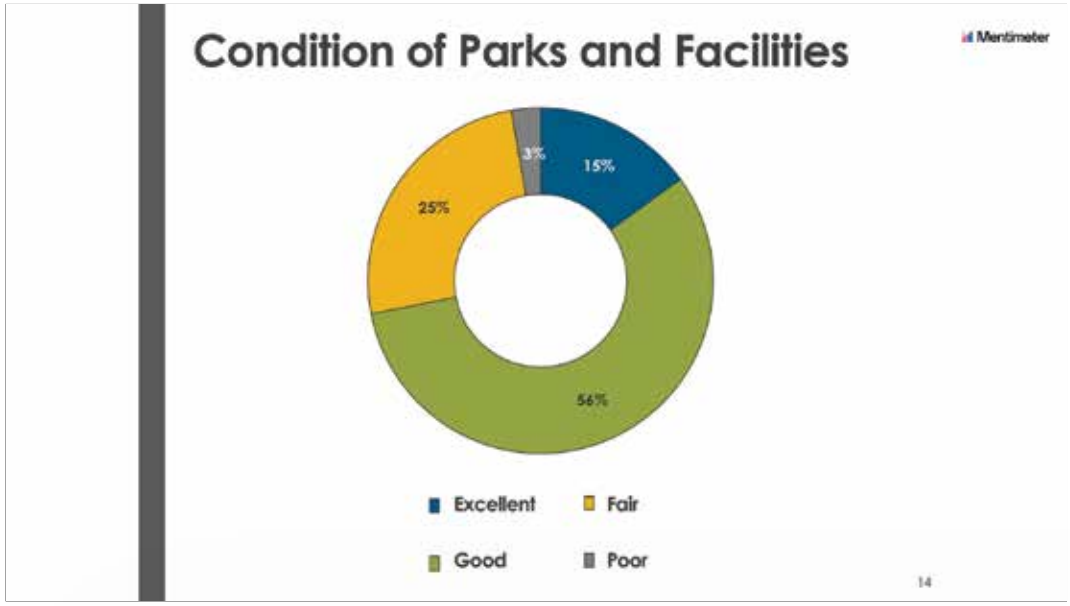
Condition of Parks and Facilities
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15%
56%
25%
3%
Excellent
Fair
Good
Poor
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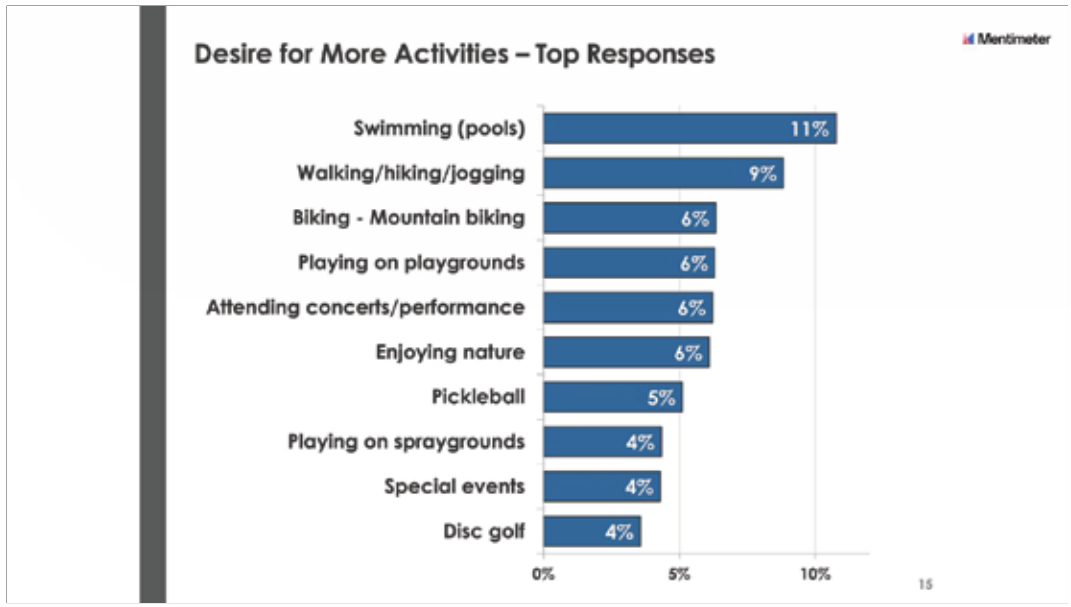
Desire for More Activities – Top Responses
Mentimeter
Swimming (pools) 11%
Walking/hiking/jogging 9%
Biking - Mountain biking 6%
Playing on playgrounds 6%
Attending concerts/performance 6%
Enjoying nature 6%
Pickleball 5%
Playing on spraygrounds 4%
Special events 4%
Disc golf 4%
0%
5%
10%
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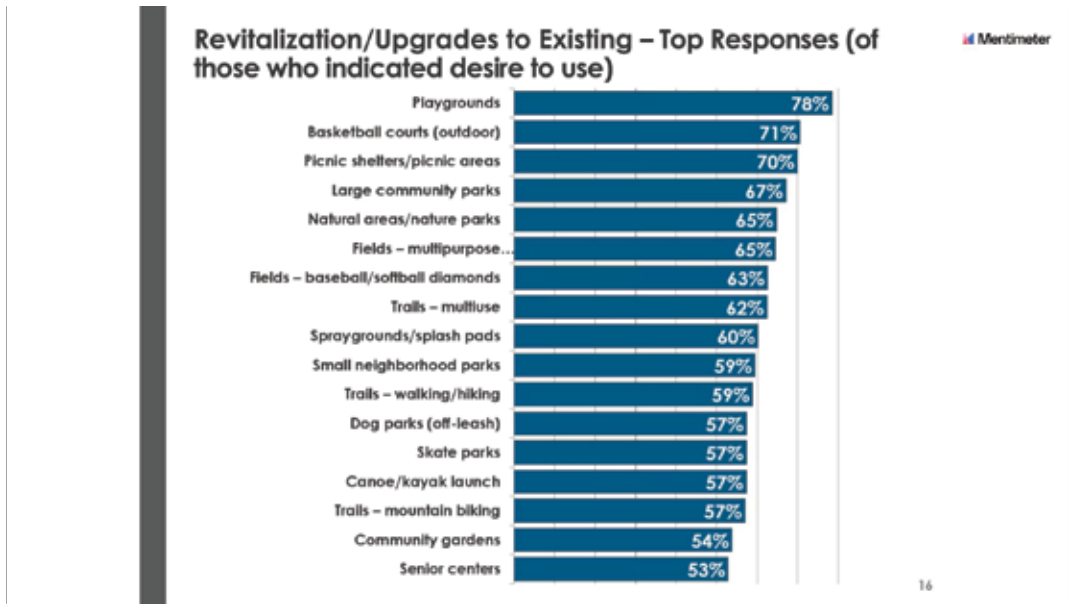
Revitalization/Upgrades to Existing – Top Responses (of those who indicated desire to use)
Mentimeter
Playgrounds 78%
Basketball courts (outdoor) 71%
Picnic shelters/picnic areas 70%
Large community parks 67%
Natural areas/nature parks 65%
Fields – multipurpose... 65%
Fields – baseball/softball diamonds 63%
Trails – multiuse 62%
Spraygrounds/splash pads 60%
Small neighborhood parks 59%
Trails – walking/hiking 59%
Dog parks (off-leash) 57%
Skate parks 57%
Canoe/kayak launch 57%
Trails – mountain biking 57%
Community gardens 54%
Senior centers 53%
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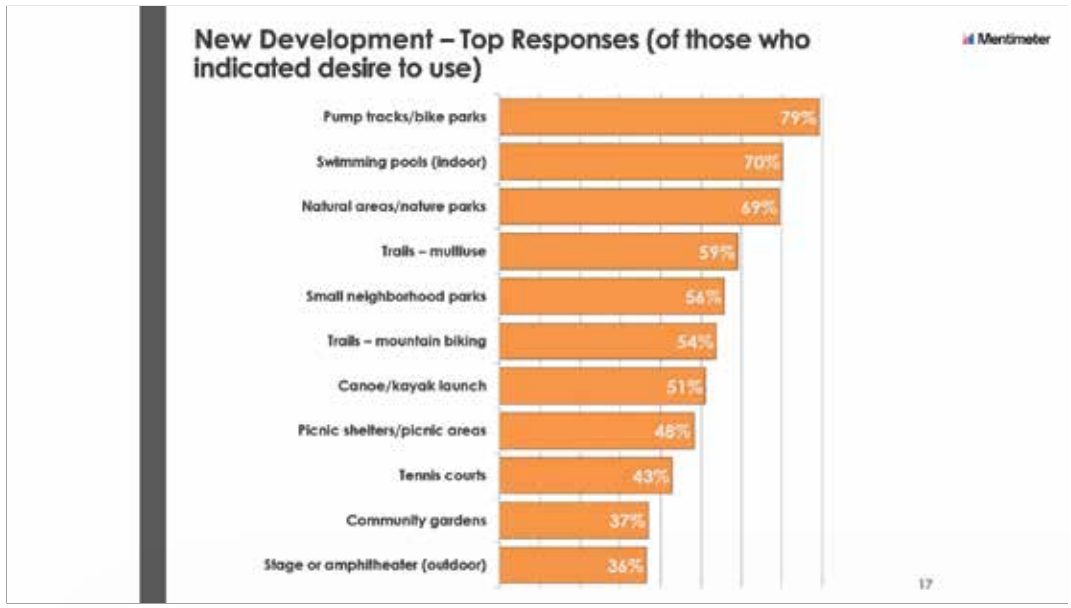
New Development – Top Responses (of those who indicated desire to use)
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Pump tracks/bike parks 79%
Swimming pools (indoor) 70%
Natural areas/nature parks 69%
Trails – multiuse 59%
Small neighborhood parks 56%
Trails – mountain biking 54%
Canoe/kayak launch 51%
Picnic shelters/picnic areas 46%
Tennis courts 43%
Community gardens 37%
Stage or amphitheater (outdoor) 36%
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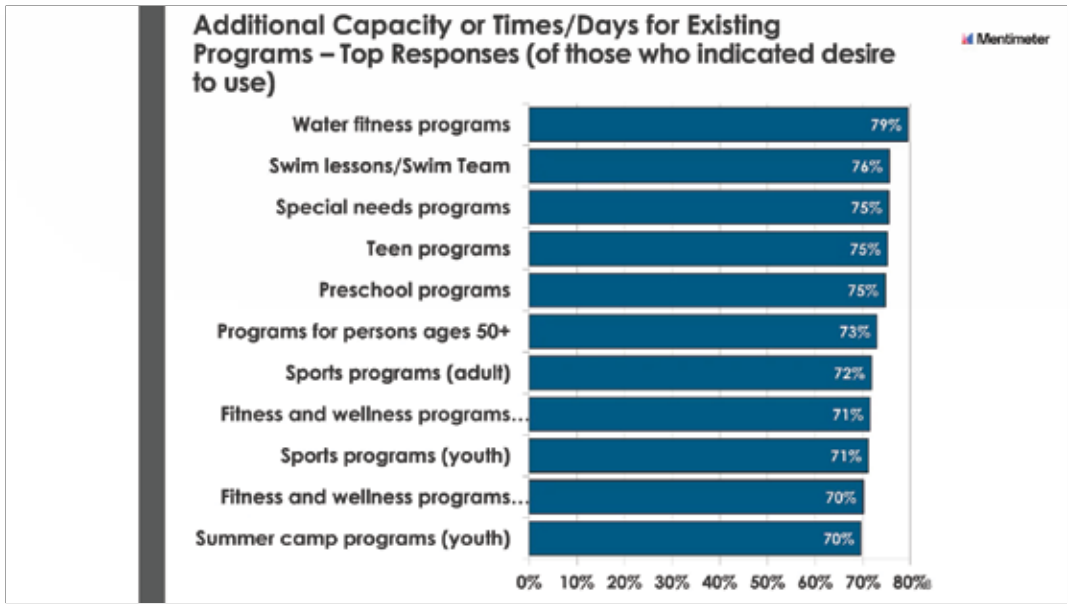
Additional Capacity or Times/Days for Existing Programs – Top Responses (of those who indicated desire to use)
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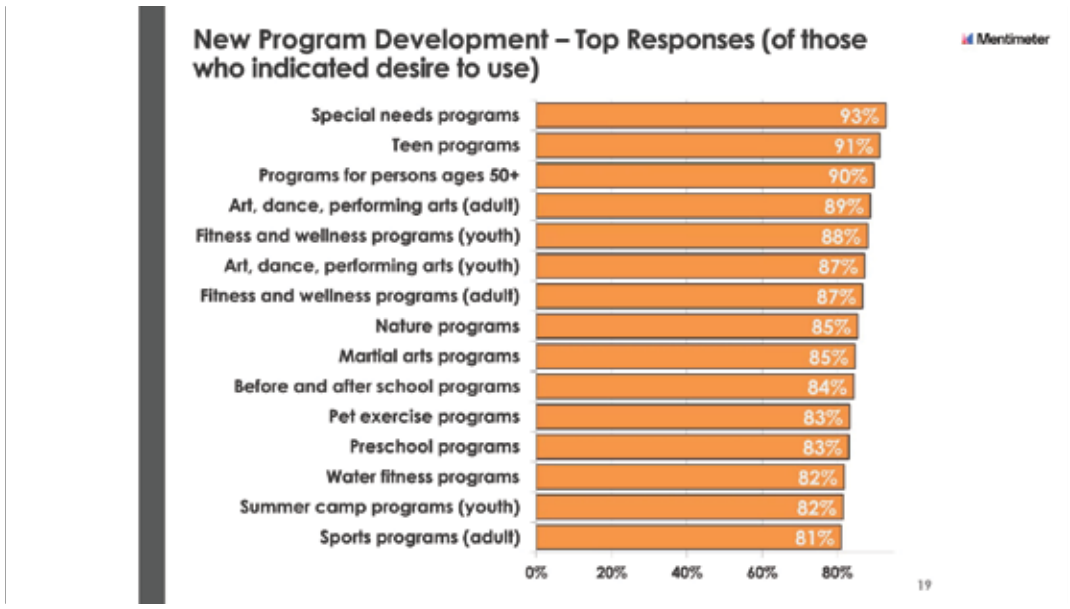
Water fitness programs 79%
Swim lessons/Swim Team 76%
Special needs programs 75%
Teen programs 75%
Preschool programs 75%
Programs for persons ages 50+ 73%
Sports programs (adult) 72%
Fitness and wellness programs... 71%
Sports programs (youth) 71%
Fitness and wellness programs... 70%
Summer camp programs (youth) 70%
0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80%


New Program Development – Top Responses (of those who indicated desire to use)
Mentimeter
Special needs programs 93%
Teen programs 91%
Programs for persons ages 50+ 90%
Art, dance, performing arts (adult) 89%
Fitness and wellness programs (youth) 88%
Art, dance, performing arts (youth) 87%
Fitness and wellness programs (adult) 87%
Nature programs 85%
Martial arts programs 85%
Before and after school programs 84%
Pet exercise programs 83%
Preschool programs 83%
Water fitness programs 82%
Summer camp programs (youth) 82%
Sports programs (adult) 81%
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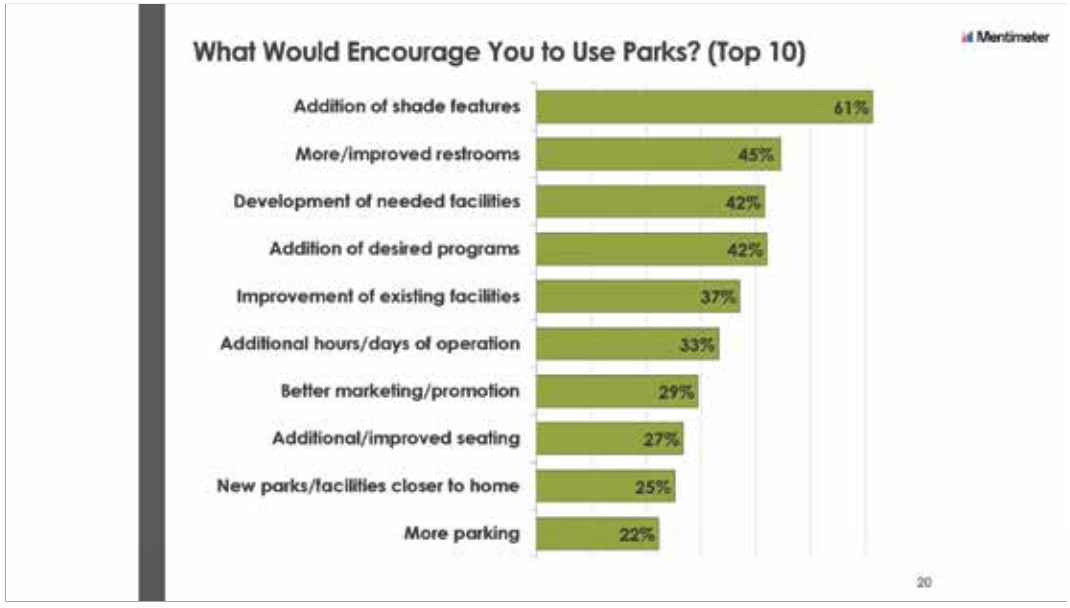
What Would Encourage You to Use Parks? (Top 10)
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Addition of shade features 61%
More/improved restrooms 45%
Development of needed facilities 42%
Addition of desired programs 42%
Improvement of existing facilities 37%
Additional hours/days of operation 33%
Better marketing/promotion 29%
Additional/improved seating 27%
New parks/facilities closer to home 25%
More parking 22%
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Public Workshop/Open House

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200 Participants
(Approximately)







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Input Stations

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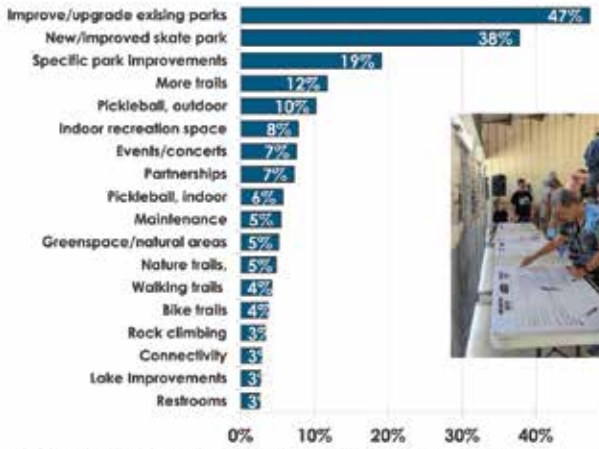

- Nearly 1000 comments/checkmarks at 3 stations

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Dollar Voting

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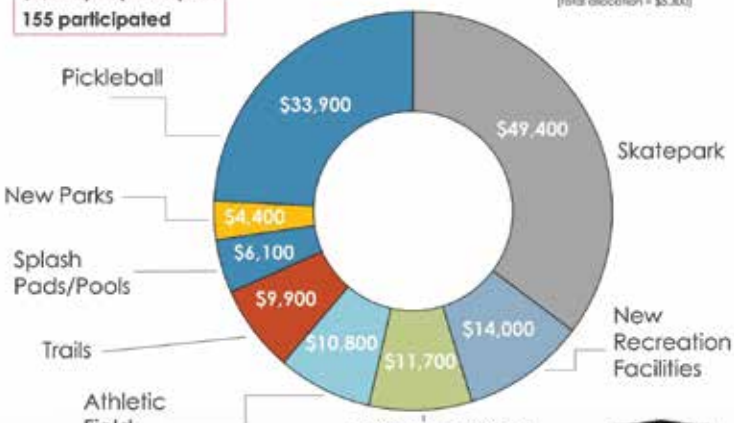
$1,000 per participant
155 participated

Other: Indoor Rec Center, Public Pools, Lake Fest 2023, Dredge the Lake (total allocation = $5,300)



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Most Important Features

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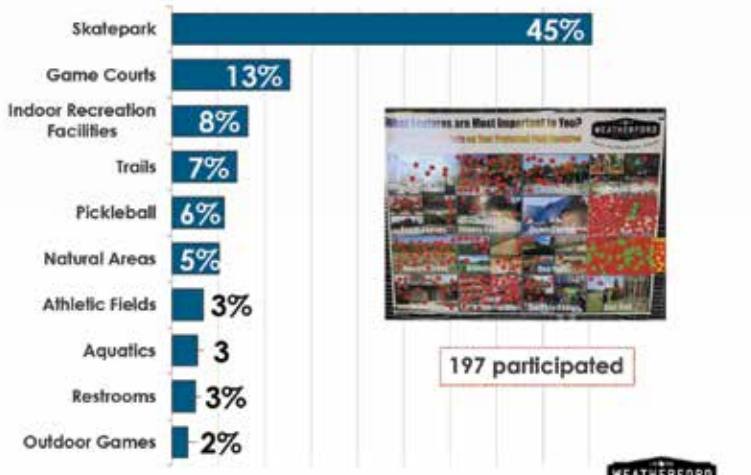

197 participated

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Most Important Programs

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166 participated

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Stakeholder Groups

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- More than 10 partners & user groups
- Upgraded facilities – existing parks and facilities
  - Site amenities – shade, lighting, restrooms
  - Skatepark improvements – new obstacles for all skill levels
  - Improvements to parking and traffic flow at parks
  - Courts – dedicated pickleball, wind screens, restrooms, lighting
- New facilities – Disc golf (additional course at existing), skatepark, diamond fields, soccer fields
- Mountain biking trails (additional locations)
- Connectivity & wayfinding
  - Informational signage throughout trails – Quanah Hill, Holland Lake
  - Connect trails to the park system
- Tournament level facilities, including concessions, restrooms, office space
  - Artificial turf fields, shade features, irrigation

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Residents Want:

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- **Upgrades + improvements to existing parks + facilities –** Athletic field improvements, ADA accessible features, playground improvements, court improvements, picnic shelter renovations, outdoor swimming pool improvements, dog park improvements
- **More connectivity + trails –** New hiking, walking, biking/mountain biking trails, signage + wayfinding, accessibility across the system
- **New facilities –** Indoor recreation space & gymnasiums, a new skate park, pickleball courts, disc golf course expansion
- **Expanded programming + events –** Special needs programs, teen programs, active adult (50+), fitness programs, arts (youth and adult, nature programs
- **Support amenities –** Restrooms, additional shade, improved wayfinding signage, parking improvements

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Project Process

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Envision Phase = Evaluate + Engage

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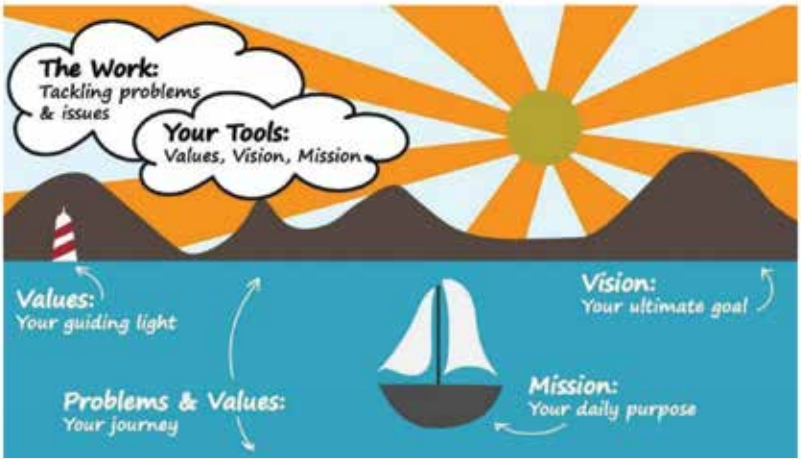
Process we'll go through together:



What does (and should) make parks and rec special in Weatherford?

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- Athletics: 2
- Fitness & Wellness: 4
- Trails & Connectivity: 3
- Programs: 6
- Staff: 3
- Natural Areas & Open Space: 2
- Community Events: 4
- Experiences: 5
- Something Else: 0

What are Core Values?

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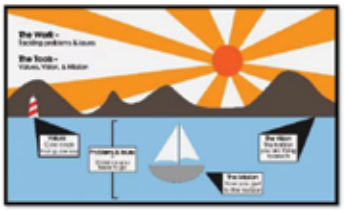
- **Guidelines** for Action & Belief
  - Direct staff conduct
  - Express city ideals
  - Reflect community's personality
- **Signpost** for the Future
  - Shaped by culture, experience, context
- Straightforward **Phrases or Words**



It's your lighthouse!

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Example Core Values:

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Sustainability
ensuring the wise use of our assets and resources

Diversity
creating parks and programs that reflect community culture

Equity and Inclusion
providing park benefits and play opportunities for all

Connectivity
enhancing trail connections through the city and beyond

Health & Wellness
supporting healthy lifestyles, including individual and community health

Social Cohesiveness
cultivating community through events and activities

Resilience
regaining park system vitality amidst adversity and challenges

Enrichment
promoting quality park experiences and Amarillo's identity

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Example Core Values:

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Lifelong Recreation Opportunities

Inclusion

Health and Wellness

Sustainability

Accountability

Collaboration

Customer Service

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What values should guide Parks and Rec in Weatherford?

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What is a Vision?

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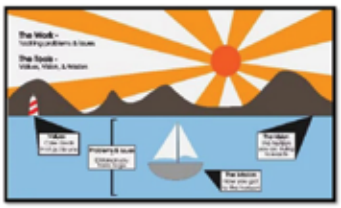

It's your horizon! Should be aspirational, compelling, easy to understand.

- **Describes:**
  - **Where** you want to go
  - **What** you hope to accomplish
- **Directs** your impact & what you become
- **Stays with you for the long haul...**

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Example Vision Statements

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A connected community where exceptional parks and programs enrich quality of life for all

The Parks and Recreation Department will be an innovative leader in parks and recreation experiences

A vibrant city that enjoys a high quality of life through great parks and exceptional recreational opportunities

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How would you rank these visions?

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What is a Mission?

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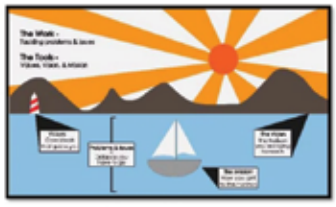

It's your boat!

- Answers 4 questions
  - **What** do you do?
  - **Who** you do it for?
  - **How** you do it?
  - **Why** do you do it?
- One sentence, **simple and concise**
- Should be **easy to remember** and share with others
- Includes **action** words

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Existing Mission Statement

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The Weatherford Parks, Recreation and Special Events Department is committed to enriching the quality of life through exceptional programs, parks and facilities while preserving the community's natural environment for the enjoyment of current and future citizens.

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What do you think of this existing statement?

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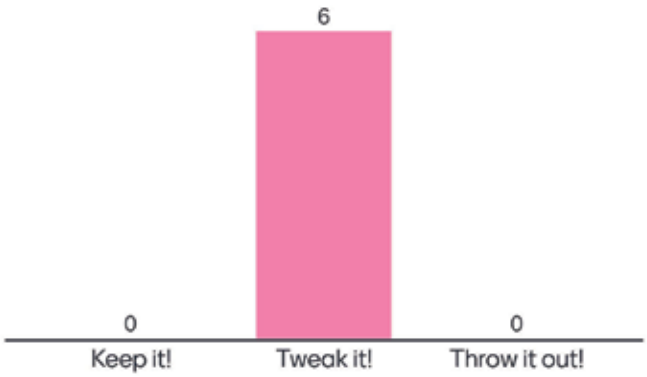

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Example Mission Statements:

Together we connect and enrich our community through exceptional experiences — Raleigh

Build community and enrich life through parks, programs and play — LEXINGTON Parks & Recreation

Champion lifelong recreation and serve as responsible stewards of the city's parks, trails, and open spaces. — Dallas Park & Recreation

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How would you rank these mission statements?

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What are Goals and Objectives?

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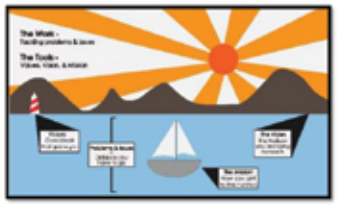

Think of these as your stops along the way.

- **More Specific** description of actions and aspirations
- **Focused** direction for investments of:
  - Time, Talent, & Resources
- Clarifies what you **will** & **will not** do
- Supported by Strategies or **Actions**

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Goals

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Think of goals as **categories** for your intended actions.
They should be oriented around the following:



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Example - Goals & Objectives



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Example - Goals & Objectives



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Example - Goals & Objectives

Great Spaces
Connect people in a variety of environments through parks and spaces

Great Experiences
Promote health, wellness and experiences for our growing population through programs and events

Great Stewardship
Value Lexington's resources through preservation, education and sustainable management practices

Great Engagement
Engage members of the community in planning and promoting quality parks and programs

Great Leadership
Assure that people, process and finances are managed efficiently and effectively

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Example of Plan Summary
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City of Berea
2022 Parks & Recreation Master Plan
Introduction
Public Engagement
Priority Investment
Goals
Objectives
Actions
Healthy Community
Connected Community
Modern Community
Driven Community


Imagine it's the year 2032: how have parks & recreation improved in Weatherford?
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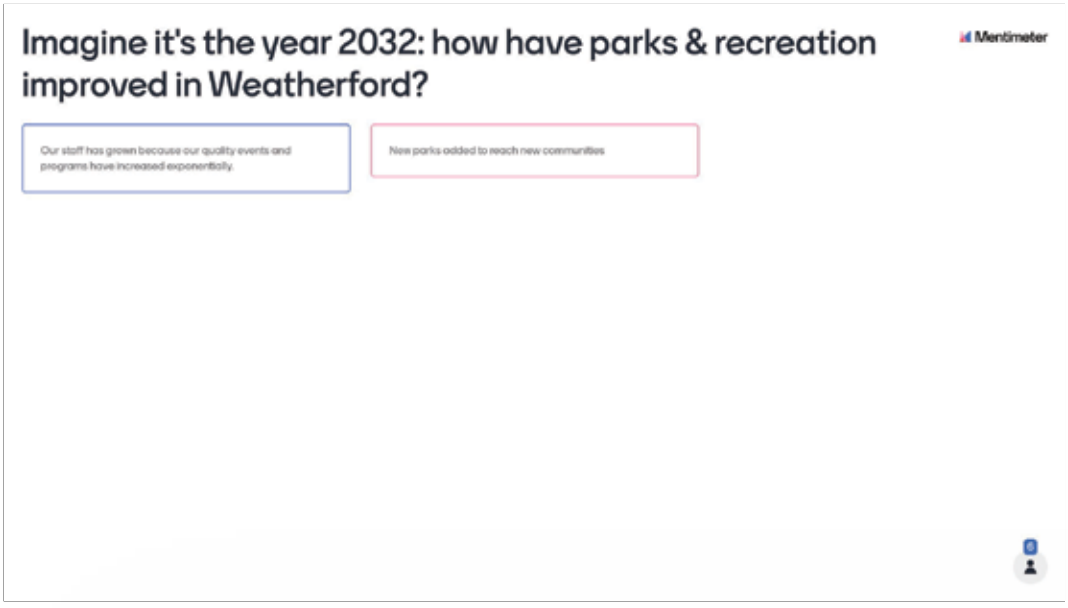
Accessibility to all demographics in a united year round available environment
Serve the special needs community
Created more recreational opportunities, sports complex and rec center. Enhanced park system with top of the line play equipment. More trails created.
World rebound recreation center, connected though trails to every park, neighborhood, that has measurably increased the life expectancy, and reduced the divorce, dropout, and conviction rates in Weatherford
Residents can get around town through our extensive trail system
Broad base recreation. More inclusive demographics. Anticipating and focused on needs the mature population
Our athletic complex is located near the interstate and includes baseball/softball fields, soccer fields, and an indoor complex. (Maybe a skate park?)
Innovated programs and events.
State-of the art parks, recreation facilities and places for sports for all ages and abilities.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Our staff has grown because our quality events and programs have increased exponentially.
New parks added to reach new communities

What do you need to get to that future?

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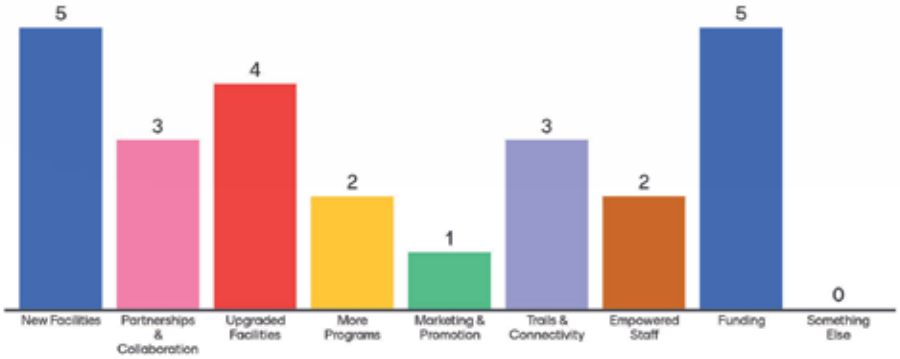

Let's get focused: What specific actions are needed? What improvements must be addressed for this plan to be a success?

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- Sports complex
- Rec center
- Improved parks, sports complex, rec center
- Multi-purpose athletic complex
- More funding!!!
- Funding
- Commitment and dedication to the plan The facilities to maintain the improvements
- Rec center
- Funding!

Let's get focused: What specific actions are needed? What improvements must be addressed for this plan to be a success?

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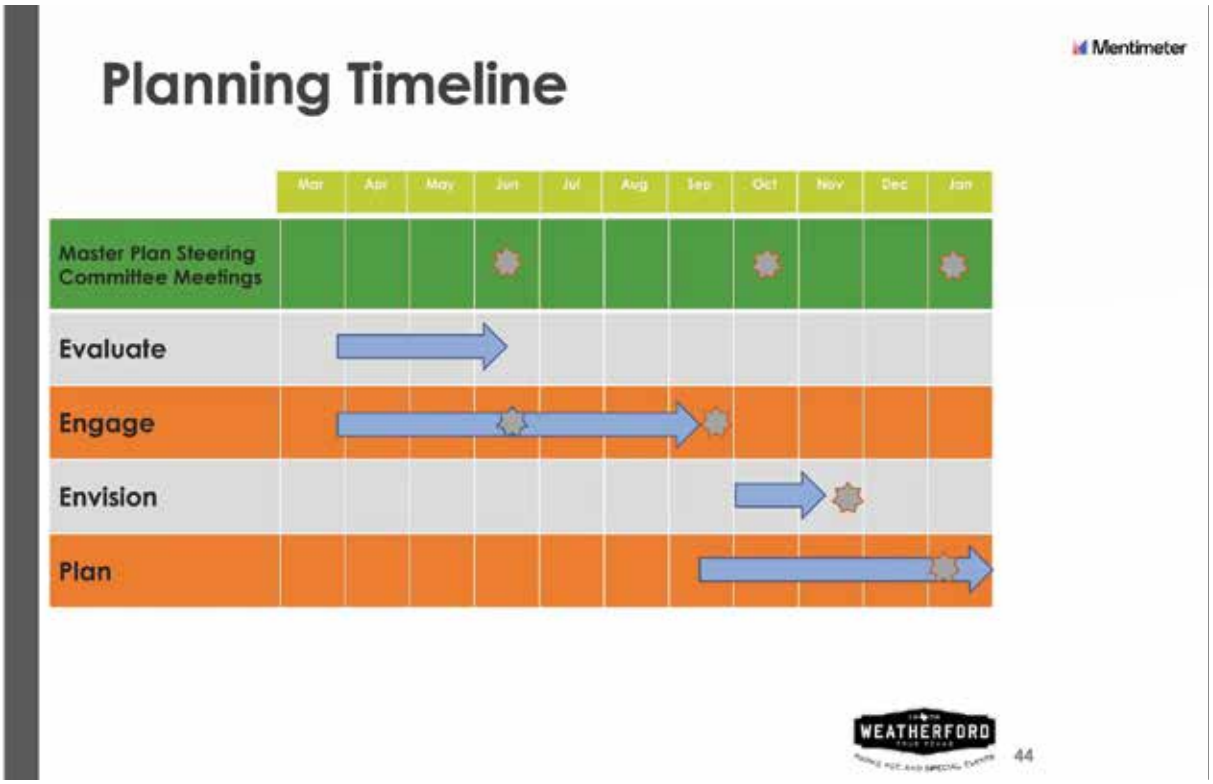
- Planning
- Sports complex
- Connectivity
- Sports complex!!!
- Empathic vision that inspires people to connect.
- Improve /create arts and culture.
- More staff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Questions? Let's Talk!
What's next:
Draft Strategic Plan &Visioning Meeting #2
Preliminary Recommendations
Draft Master Plan
Final presentation to City Council
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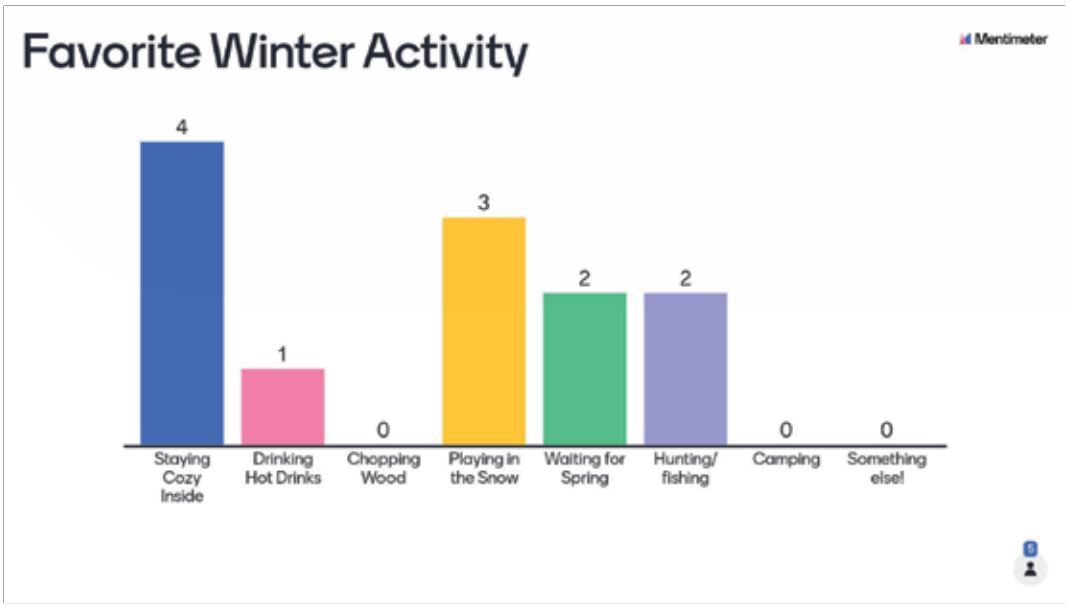
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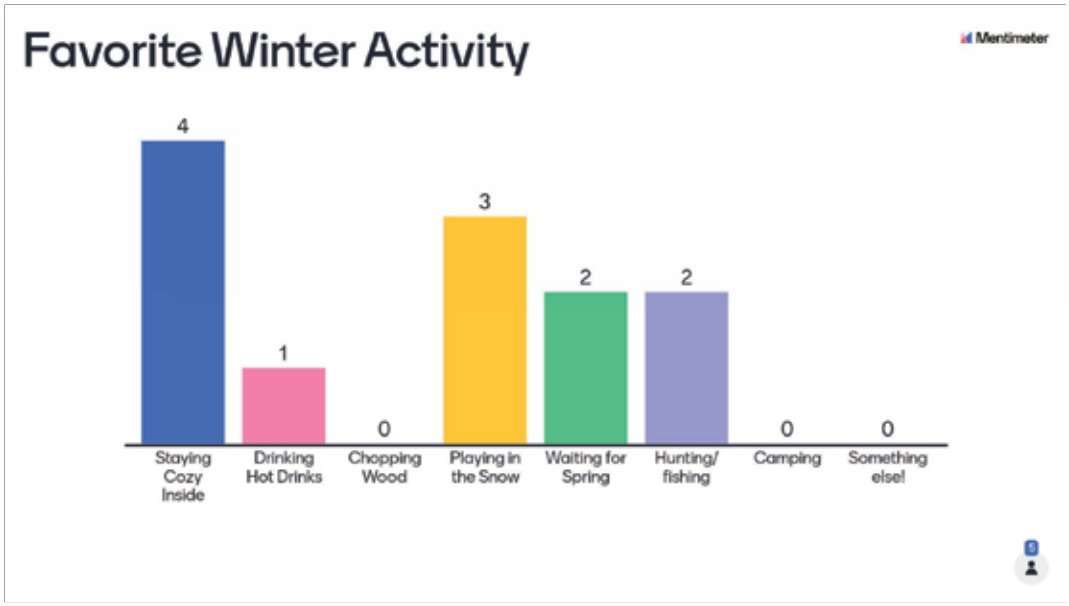
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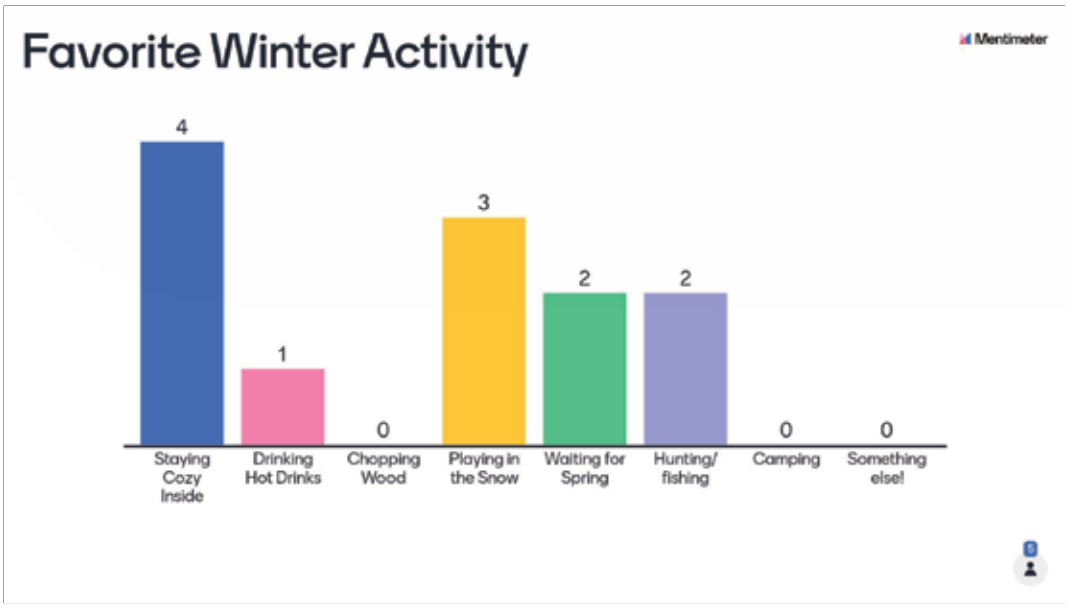
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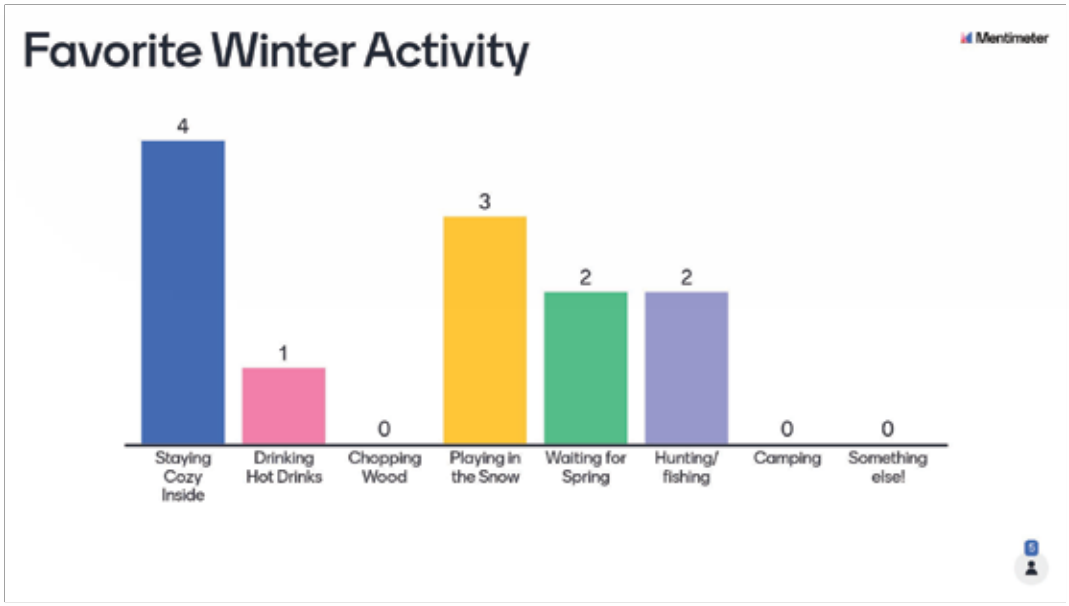
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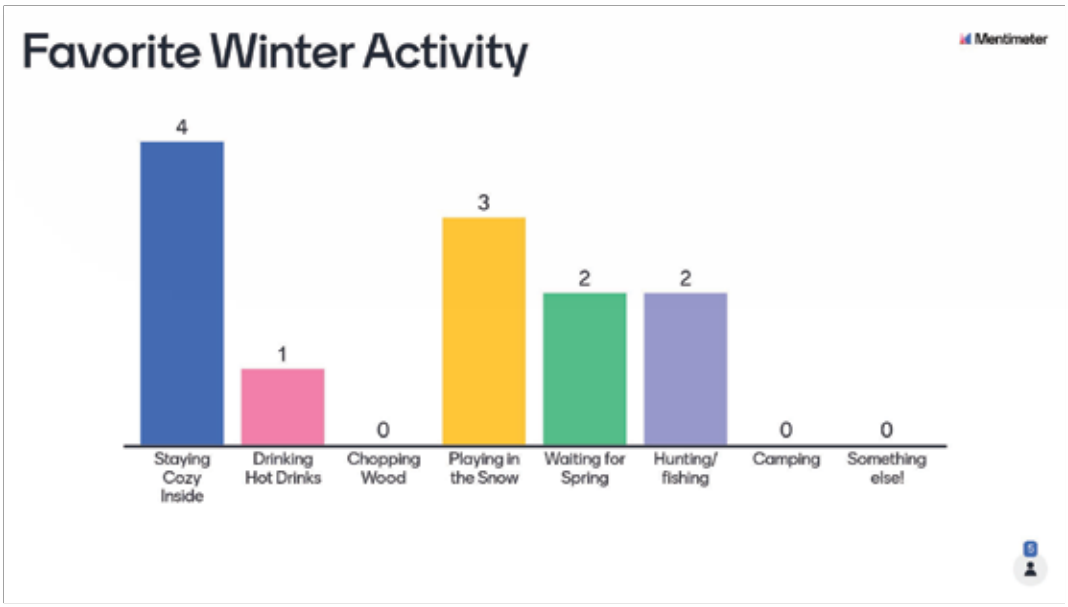
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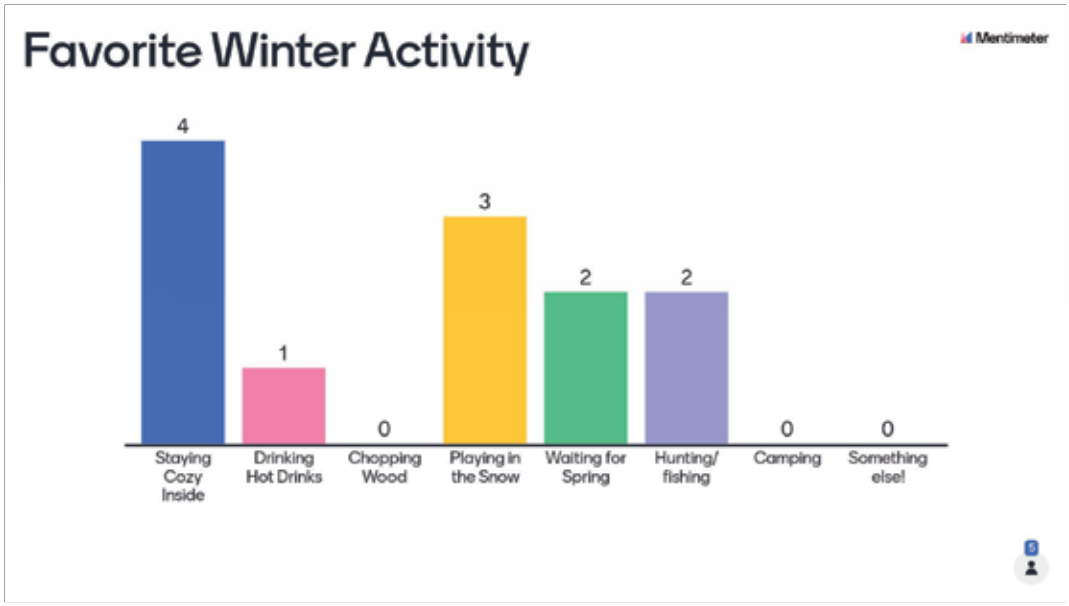
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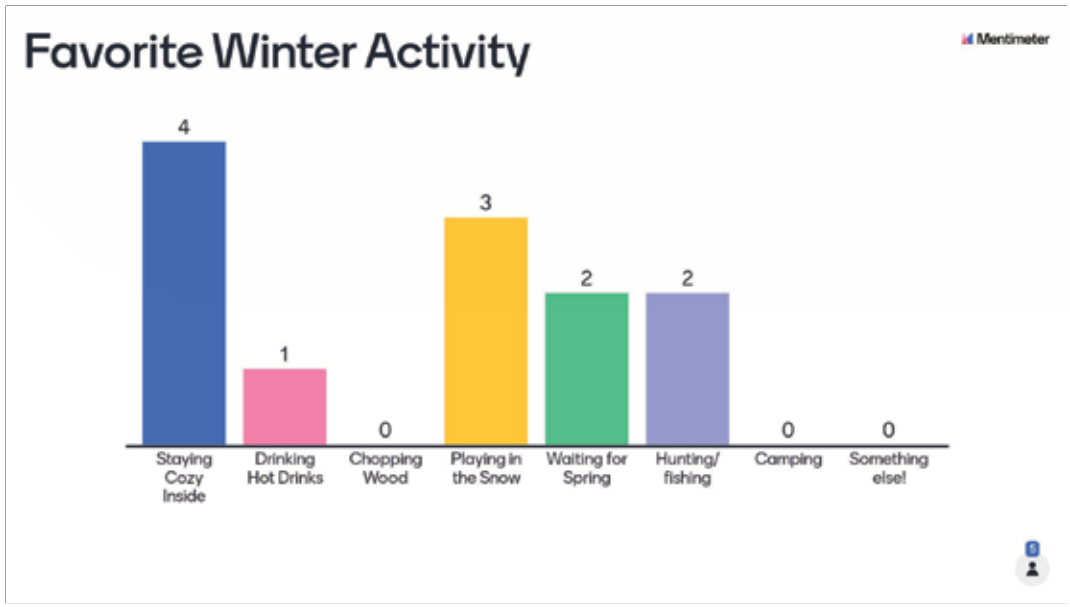
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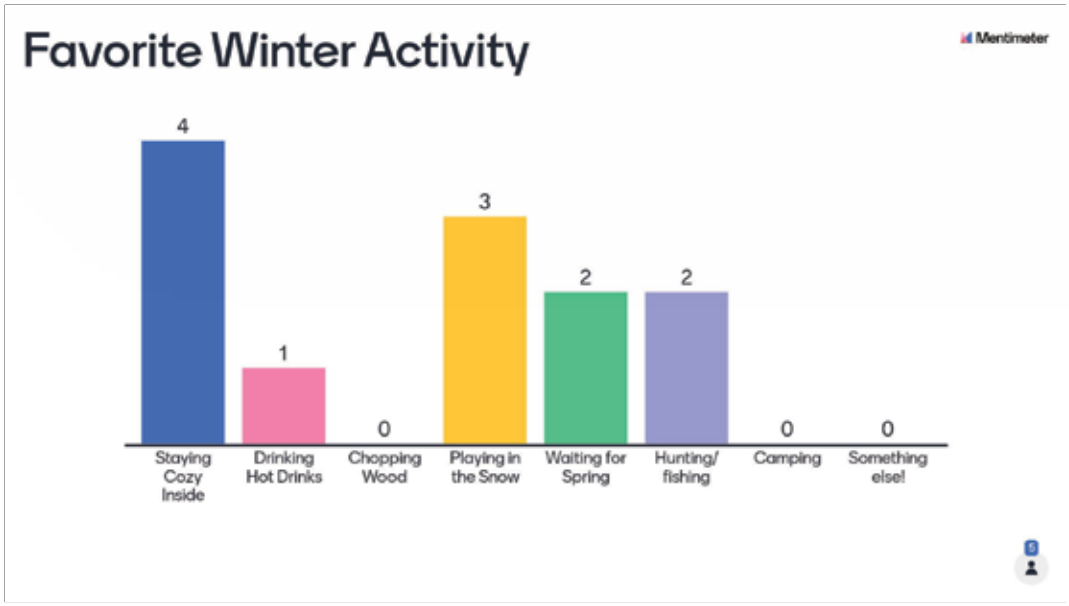
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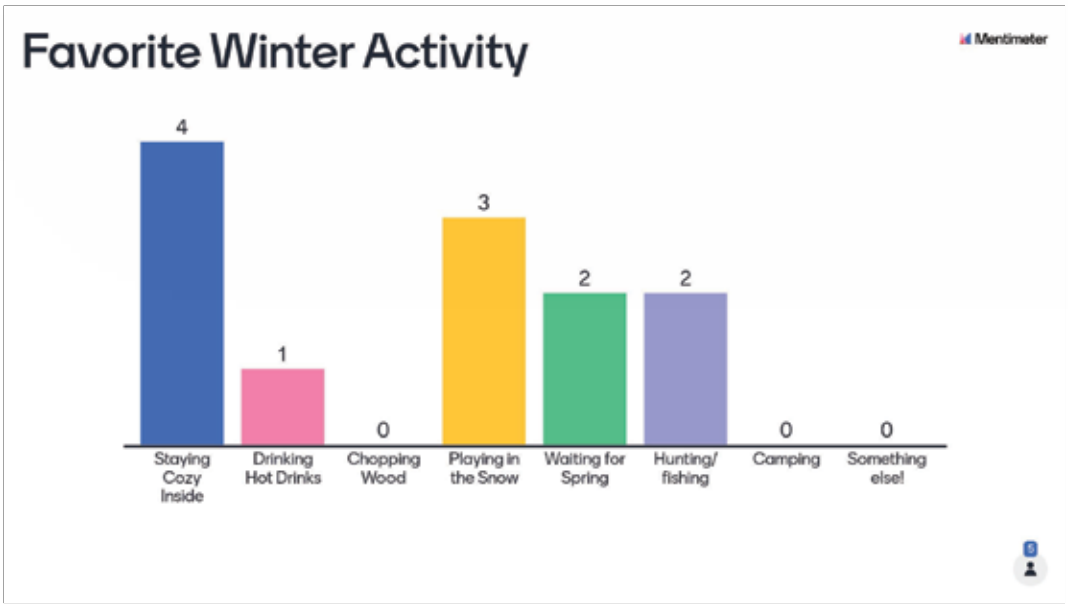
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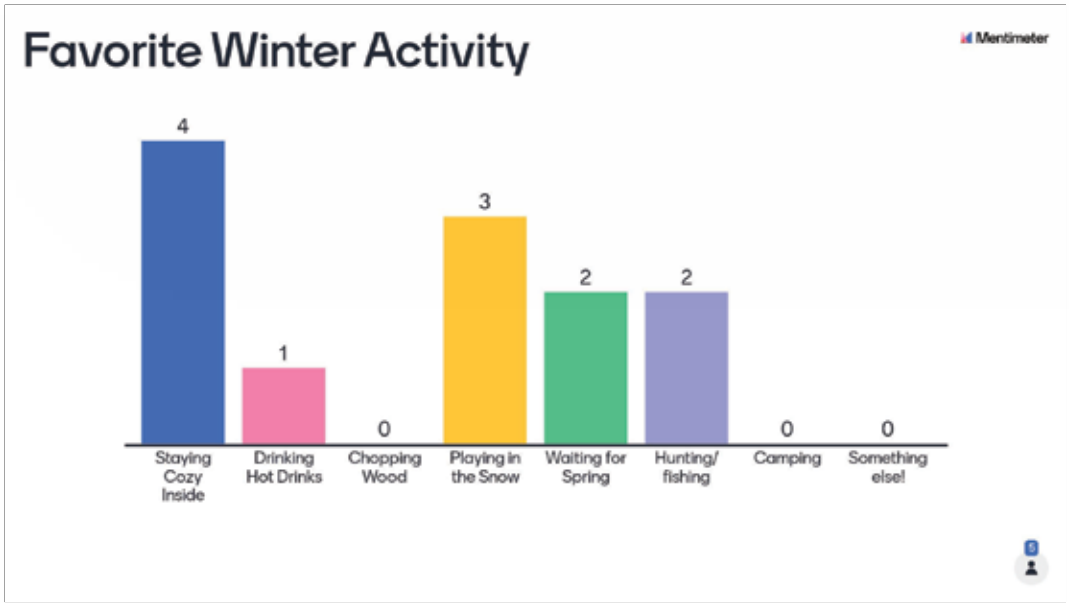
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APPENDIX E - CORE PROGRAM GUIDELINES

CORE PROGRAM CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS

5.1 Athletics

Definition: Leisure activities which focus on skill development and athletic enjoyment.

1. **Audience:**
   - Team
   - Individuals
   - All ages
2. **Formats:**
   - Seasonal
   - Rec League
   - Competitive
   - Participant & Spectator
   - Progressive levels of skill development
3. **Athletic activities provide the opportunity to:**
   - Enjoy physical activity and have fun
   - Develop and maintain an effective level of physical fitness
   - Utilize a positive outlet for aggressive behavior
   - Provide an opportunity to feel connected to and participate with a group (socialization).
   - Participate in healthy competition
   - Develop sportsmanship and character
4. **Types of Activities Include (not limited to):**

   - Badminton
   - Baseball
   - Basketball
   - Bocce
   - Bowling
   - Cricket
   - Cycling
   - Equestrian programs
   - Fencing
   - Flag football
   - Golf
   - Lacrosse
   - Martial arts
   - Pickleball
   - Racquet ball
   - Roller hockey
   - Ice hockey
   - Skating
   - Soccer
   - Softball
   - Swim team
   - Tennis
   - Ultimate frisbee
   - Volleyball
   - Evolving and new sports

5.2 Health, Fitness, and Wellness Activities

Definition: Leisure activities which focus on body movement oriented in direction of fitness, skill development, and physical enjoyment.

1. **Audience:**
   - Individuals
   - Groups
   - Seniors (e.g., Silver Sneakers)
   - Youth
   - All ages

2. **Formats:**
   - Seasonal
   - Participant & spectator
   - Progressive levels of skill development
3. **Activities provide the opportunity to:**
   - Have fun
   - Develop and maintain an effective level of physical fitness
   - Utilize a positive outlet for aggressive behavior
   - Provide an opportunity to feel connected to and participate with a group (socialization)
   - Compete
   - Develop sportsmanship and character
4. **Topics include (not limited to):**
   - Aerobics
   - Cycling
   - Fitness activities
   - Boot camp
   - Barre
   - Cross country skiing
   - Walking clubs
   - Therapeutic horseback riding
   - Movement fitness
   - Yoga
   - Paddling
   - Walking
   - Cardio hikes
   - 5/10k runs
   - Snowshoeing
   - Water aerobics and exercise
   - Swimming
   - Weight lifting

5.3 Health and Wellness Education

Definition: These programs go beyond the traditional view of recreation and promote the individual's optimal well being physically, emotionally, socially and intellectually.

1. **Format:**
   - Testing/screening
   - Instructional workshops and classes
   - Speakers
   - Community forums
   - Partnerships/programs with other agencies
2. **Health, Wellness and Educational Programs provide opportunities to:**
   - Extend and continue the learning process
   - Create public awareness and understanding
   - Allow the individual to feel connected to his/her community
   - Enhance self-esteem
3. **Types of Activities Include (not limited to):**
   - Stress management
   - Cessation programs (e.G., Quitting smoking & substance abuse support)
   - Nutrition & weight control
   - Vision screening
   - Healthcare assistance (e.G. Signing up for medicare)
   - Personal training
   - Diabetes support
   - Arthritis therapy
   - Heart health activities

5.4 Creative Arts

Definition: Activities that result in the creation of something tangible. The process usually involves artistic expression or effort of the imagination:

1. **Format:**
   - Progressive skill development
   - Individual and/or group projects
   - Exhibits, shows, displays
   - Classes and workshops
2. **Creative Arts provide the opportunity to:**
   - Express creativity
   - Work with hands
   - Develop fine motor skills
   - Enhance the appreciation for the arts
   - Give personal satisfaction and pride in accomplishment
3. **Types of Activities Include (not limited to):**

   - Ceramics/Glass
     - Glazing & staining
     - Greenware
     - Hand building
     - Raku
     - Stained glass
     - Wheel (throwing)
   - Crafts
     - Copper foil art
     - Paper making
     - Decoupage
     - Papier mache
     - Enameling
     - Plaster crafts
     - Jewelry making
     - Plastic crafts
     - Mobiles
     - Print making
     - Book-binding
     - Mosaics
     - Silk screening
     - Paper crafts
     - Wood working
   - Drawing/Painting-Calligraphy
     - Pastels
     - Cartooning
     - Pen & ink
     - Charcoal
     - Sketching
     - Mixed media
     - Water colors
     - Oil
     - Preschool drawing
   - Fabric
     - Batik
     - Needle point
     - Crochet
     - Quilting
     - Knitting
     - Sewing
   - Photography
     - Composition
     - Pinhole cameras
     - Using 35mm cameras
     - Digital workshops
   - Sculpture
     - Casting
     - Plaster
     - Clay
     - Soft (fabric)
     - Mobiles
     - Wire
     - Paper

- Weaving
  - Basketry
  - Dyeing
  - On or off the loom
  - Spinning

5.5 Performing Arts

Definition: Activities that allow the participant to use their own self as the medium of expression. The process of "doing" is important whether or not an audience is involved.

1. **Formats:**
   - Progressive skill level development
   - Classes and workshops
   - Knowledge-sharing
   - Special events
   - Neighborhood projects
2. Performing and Creative Arts provide the opportunity to:
   - Discover themself as a person, by being creatively involved in learning new skills, exploring and expressing talents
   - Create their own entertainment
   - Enjoy artistic expression at all ages
   - Develop and enrich cultural appreciation
3. **Types of Activities:**
   - Dance
     - Ballet
     - Ballroom dance
     - Clogging
     - Creative movement
     - Folk dance
     - Jazz dance
     - Modern dance
     - Square dance
     - Tap dance
     - Line dancing
   - Drama
     - Acting
     - Backstage crafts & set-making
     - Games, charades, stunts, and skits
     - Pantomime and improvisation
     - Poetry readings
     - Puppetry
     - Storytelling
     - Theater groups
   - Music
     - Choral groups
     - Guitar
     - Piano
     - Rhythm instruments (bells, triangles, blocks, drums)
     - Recorder
     - Singing
     - Talent/variety shows
     - Special needs music program
     - Music fundamentals

5.6 Concerts and Performances

Definition: Activities in which the person is a spectator of a cultural performance.

1. **Formats:**
   - Progressive skill level development
   - Special events
   - Concerts, live shows, screenings, etc.

2. **Cultural Performances provide the opportunity to:**
   - Provide the participant with the opportunity to discover and appreciate various forms of performing arts
   - Serves to develop and enrich cultural appreciation
3. **Types of Activities:**
   - Ballet
   - Musical performances
   - Concerts, recitals
   - Theater - plays
   - Musicals
   - Talent shows

5.7 Education, Life Skills, and Fun

Definition: Programs that offer fun and educational activities which can be enjoyed for a lifetime.

1. **Audience:**
   - Individuals
   - Families
   - Group
   - All ages or specific age range
2. **Format:**
   - Instructional workshop or class
   - Speaker/presenters
   - Travel program itinerary
3. **Education and Life Skills Programs provide opportunities to:**
   - Enhance a skill
   - Improve safety and awareness
   - Learn
   - Explore
   - Socialize
4. **Types of Activities Include (not limited to):**

   - Informational referrals
   - Parenting skills
   - CPR & first aid
   - G.E.D. Programs
   - Tutoring
   - Summer camp
   - Personal safety
   - Baby sitting classes
   - Computer skills
   - How-to classes
   - Tax assistance
   - Social meetings
   - Financial literacy training and assistance
   - Introductory classes or activities
   - Group outings/travel
   - Scout programs
   - Aquatics
     - Swim lessons
     - Red cross courses
     - Scuba

5.8 Community and Annual Events

Definition: Activities that bring the community together to celebrate holidays, seasons, traditions, local makers, etc. May overlap with Cultural Performances.

1. **Formats:**
   - Large gatherings in parks or along parade routes
   - Admission fee – may or may not charge
2. **Events provide opportunities to:**
   - Gather with community to celebrate holidays, events and traditions
   - Meet neighbors
   - Build a sense of unity and shared experience
3. **Types of Activities:**

   - Festivals
   - Parades
   - Fairs
   - Concerts
   - Cultural celebrations
   - July 4th fireworks
   - Holiday events
   - Seasonal events
   - Social activities
   - Movies
   - Markets (art, crafts, etc.)

5.9 Games

Definition: Activities oriented around play and governed by specific rules; intended to provide challenges, diversion and enjoyment.

1. **Audience:**
   - Groups
   - Individuals
   - Youth
   - Seniors
   - Families
   - All ages
2. **Formats:**
   - Active or semi-active group games
   - Social games, mixers, ice breakers
   - Mental games, quizzes, puzzles, paper & pencil games
   - Table and equipment games
   - Quiet games
3. **Games provide the opportunity to:**
   - Develop ability to cooperate effectively with others
   - Learn to accept and abide by the rules of the game
   - Accept victory and/or defeat in good spirit
   - Learn perseverance
   - Develop good sportsmanship and consideration for the rights of others
   - Learn to take turns and to accept boundary limits (either in a physical sense, or in terms of personal behavior)
4. **Types of Activities Include (not limited to):**

   - Air hockey
   - Billiards
   - Board & table games
   - Cards
   - Horse shoes
   - Low organized games (lead-up, relays, tag, dodge ball)
   - Magic stunts & tricks
   - Table tennis

- Checkers
- Chess
- Dominoes
- Cornhole
- Shuffleboard
- Skittles
- Word games
- World wide games
- Fooseball

5.10 Nature/Outdoor Programs

Definition: Activities that are best conducted outdoors and that have, in some way, a direct relationship with nature or place the participant in direct contact with the elements.

1. **Audience**
   - Individuals
   - Groups
   - All ages
2. **Format:**
   - Classes/workshops
   - Teambuilding
   - Program partnerships with other agencies
   - Role playing
   - Field trips
   - Sensory awareness activities
   - School activities
   - Summer camp
3. **Outdoor education activities provide the opportunity to:**
   - Develop an awareness and appreciation of our natural resources
   - Develop skills for adaptation to vocational or leisure pursuits
4. **Types of Activities Include (not limited to):**
   - Bird feeding & watching
   - Sledding
   - Orienteering
   - Canoeing
   - Kayaking
   - Nature play
   - Camping
   - Glamping (glamour camping)
   - Archery
   - Paddling (canoe and kayak)
   - Hiking
   - Fishing / fishing derby
   - Geocaching
   - Pet shows
   - Repelling/climbing
   - Survival skills

5.11 Green Living/Environmental Education

Definition: Programs and activities that inform and help individuals or groups minimize their impact on the environment in order to provide for a sustainable future.

1. **Audience:**
   - Family
   - Individuals
   - School groups
   - All ages

2. **Formats:**
   - Seasonal events
   - Summer camps
   - Hands-on activities
   - Group hikes
   - Field trips
3. **Activities provide the opportunity to:**
   - Learn methods to minimize our footprint on the environment
   - Participate with others toward a goal of a more sustainable future
   - Learn methods which can be practiced at home and in parks at a larger scale
4. **Types of Activities Include (not limited to):**
   - Land/wildlife conservation
   - Recycling
   - Gardening
   - Rain barrel making
   - Small footprint spring cleaning
   - Landscaping with native plants
   - Earth day celebrations
   - Butterfly gardens
   - Backyard conservation workshops
   - Composting how-to and support
   - Invasive species removal
   - Weather, climate observation

5.12 Heritage and History

Definition: Programs that offer educational opportunities to interpret the heritage and history of a community, location, environment, or culture.

1. **Audience:**
   - Families
   - School groups
   - Individuals
   - Tourists
2. **Format:**
   - Instructional workshops and classes
   - Speaker presentations
   - Reenactments
   - Interpretive events
3. **Heritage and History Programs provide opportunities to:**
   - Understand and celebrate local natural and cultural history
   - Enjoy nature, heritage, and culture as a family or group
   - Feel connected to the environment and local history
4. **Types of Activities Include (not limited to):**
   - Heritage walks
   - Maple sugaring
   - Heritage farming methods
   - Native American studies
   - Storytelling
   - Military reenactments
   - Live-action museums

5.13 Volunteer Training

Definition: Because parks and recreation department staff cannot possibly perform all of the tasks needed to accomplish their mission, volunteers are necessary. Through programs that coordinate, educate, and supervise volunteers the work of the department can be carried out in an efficient, effective, and communal manner.

1. **Audience:**
   - Individuals

- Families
- Group
- Partners

2. **Volunteer Training Programs provide opportunities to:**
   - Participate toward the overall goals of the department
   - Assist in tasks that are beyond the staff limitations of the agency (help to accomplish tasks in a timely and efficient manner)
   - Be an integral part of an organization protecting the environment and supporting facilities and programs offered
   - Gain experience using a wide array of skills
   - Share interests with people of all ages
   - Improve overall quality of life through community connectedness
   - Receive professional training on a variety of topics
   - Learn about the natural world
   - Foster friendships
   - Interact with park visitors
   - Exercise in the great outdoors
   - Be creative
3. **Types of Activities Include (not limited to):**
   - Orientations
   - Park cleanups
   - Educational session leader training
   - Nature center hosts
   - Naturalist training
   - Invasive species removal
   - Adopt a park/trail
   - Trail patrol and maintenance
   - Sustainable trail building
   - Conservation orientation

5.14 Adaptive & Therapeutic Recreation

Definition: Programs and activities for those with disabilities or special needs to improve quality of life and facilitate participation.

Audience:

- Individuals
- Family
- All ages

Formats:

XActivities provide the opportunity to:

- Improve physical and cognitive abilities
- Increase confidence and self-esteem
- Foster greater involvement in the community
- Strengthen interpersonal skills and relationships
- Encourage a greater sense of accomplishment
- Realize the benefits of a healthy leisure lifestyle

Types of Activities Include (not limited to):

- Adaptive fitness classes
- Adaptive water skiing
- Camping trips
- Ceramics
- Sensory programs
- Social & theme dances
- Social events
- Special Olympics

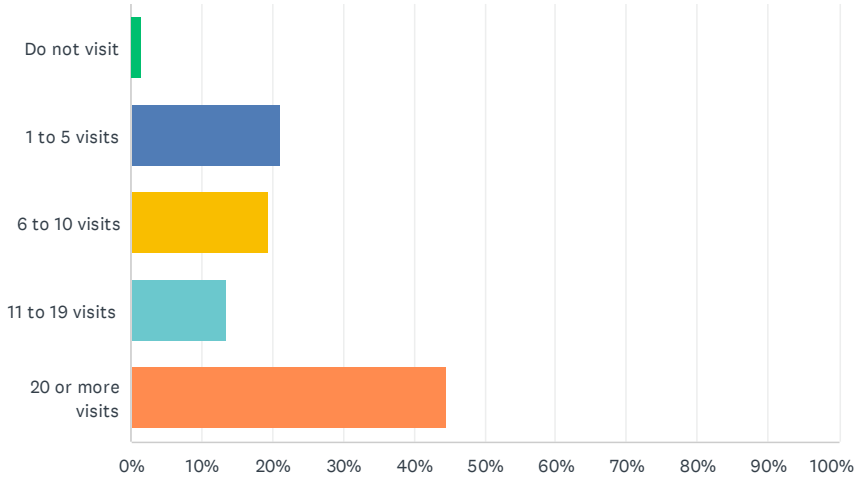
- Community excursions for all ages
- Cooking
- Crafts
- Cycling
- Hiking
- Instructional sports
- League sports
- Martial arts & safety
- Music
- Swim exercise/open swim
- Swim lessons
- Teen events
- Theater
- Walking
- Wheelchair basketball
- Wheelchair rugby
- Wheelchair tennis
- Yoga

APPENDIX F - SURVEY RESULTS

Weatherford Parks, Recreation and Special Events Master Plan Survey

Q1 How often do you or members of your household visit parks and recreation facilities or attend special events offered by the City of Weatherford in a year?

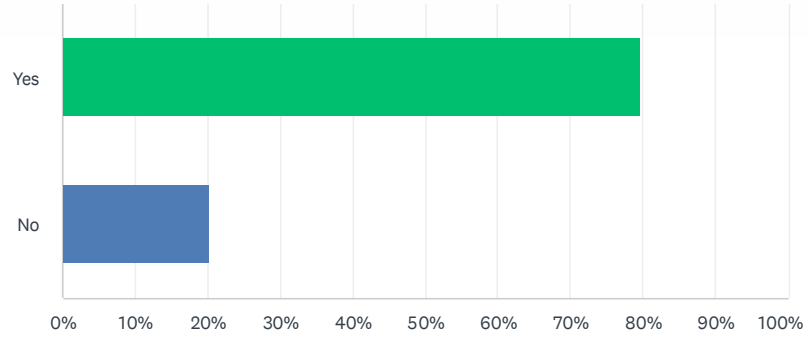
Answe ed: 2,739 Sk pped: 16



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Do not v s t	1.46%	40
1 to 5 v s ts	21.21%	581
6 to 10 v s ts	19.35%	530
11 to 19 v s ts	13.47%	369
20 o mo e v s ts	44.51%	1,219
TOTAL		2,739

Q2 Do you live in Weatherford?

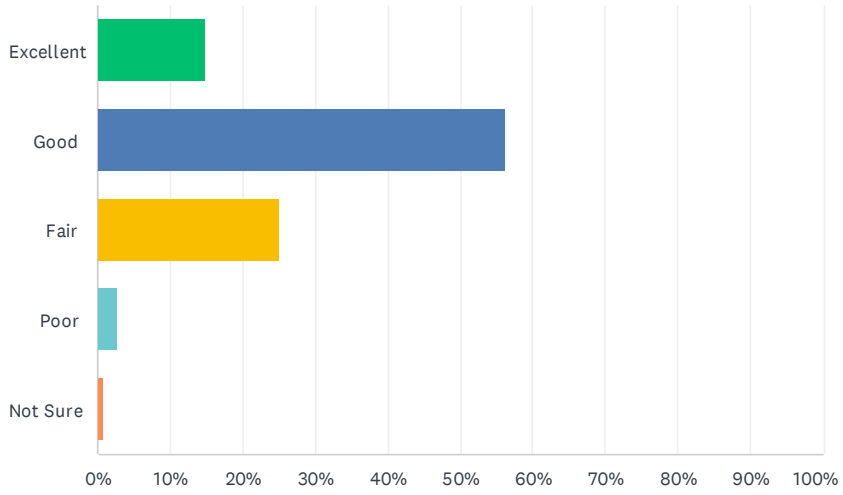
Answered: 2,755 Sk pped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	79.75%	2,197
No	20.25%	558
TOTAL		2,755

Q3 How would you rate the physical condition of the parks and recreation facilities you have visited in Weatherford?

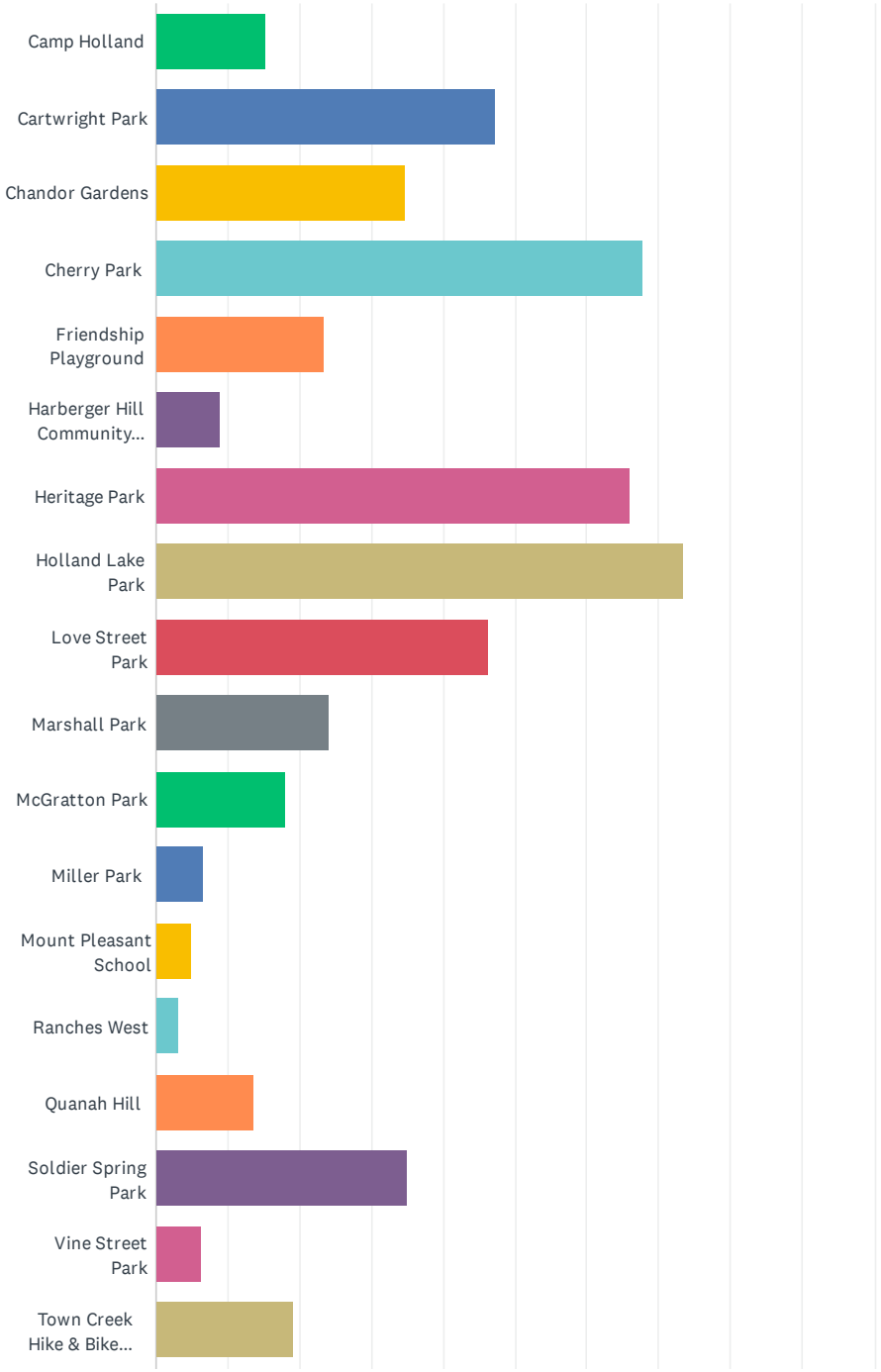
Answe ed: 2,738 Sk pped: 17

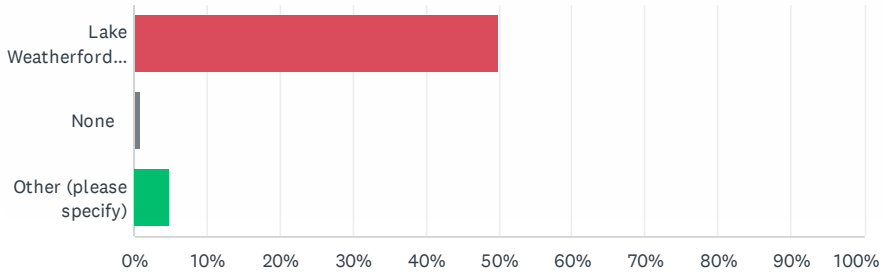


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Excel ent	14.90%	408
Good	56.39%	1,544
Fa	25.13%	688
Poo	2.70%	74
Not Su e	0.88%	24
TOTAL		2,738

Q4 Please CHECK ALL parks and facilities in Weatherford that you or household members visited in the PAST YEAR.

Answered: 2,740 Skipped: 15





ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Camp Ho and	15.44%	423
Ca twr ght Pa k	47.34%	1,297
Chando Ga dens	34.71%	951
Che y Park	67.70%	1,855
F endsh p P ayg ound	23.54%	645
Ha be ger H Commun ty Bu d ng	9.05%	248
He tage Pa k	66.02%	1,809
Ho and Lake Pa k	73.47%	2,013
Love St eet Pa k	46.17%	1,265
Ma sha Pa k	24.01%	658
McG atton Pa k	18.14%	497
M e Pa k	6.57%	180
Mount P easant Schoo	4.96%	136
Ranches West	3.14%	86
Quanah H	13.58%	372
So d er Sp ng Pa k	35.07%	961
V ne St eet Pa k	6.35%	174
Town C eek H ke & B ke T a	19.09%	523
Lake Weathe fo d Pa ks	49.82%	1,365
None	0.91%	25
Othe (p ease spec fy)	4.93%	135
Tota Respondents: 2,740		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Tenn s cou ts at so d e sp ngs	8/10/2022 6:09 PM
2	Theate off the Squa e	7/22/2022 12:18 PM

3	.	7/22/2022 8:22 AM
4	We just moved here	7/21/2022 10:03 PM
5	Pool at Cherry Park	7/21/2022 6:34 PM
6	Theater Off the Square	7/21/2022 3:12 PM
7	Theatre off the Square	7/21/2022 2:35 PM
8	Theatre off the square	7/21/2022 1:06 PM
9	Trailway	7/20/2022 5:18 PM
10	Weatherford Disc golf course	7/20/2022 2:04 PM
11	Patsy hook dog park	7/20/2022 9:18 AM
12	Please fix trailways at soldier springs park	7/19/2022 7:43 PM
13	Need better access at the lake , parking for kayaker and boaters closer to water with less obstacles	7/19/2022 5:39 PM
14	Floating Bridge Lake Weatherford	7/19/2022 5:18 PM
15	Patsy Hook	7/19/2022 11:41 AM
16	Patsy Hooks Dog park	7/18/2022 7:46 PM
17	We walk the trail behind police station 5 times a week.	7/18/2022 1:05 PM
18	Y	7/18/2022 9:07 AM
19	No others in weatherford	7/18/2022 8:07 AM
20	First Monday Grounds	7/17/2022 11:25 AM
21	Splash pad, cherry pool	7/17/2022 2:34 AM
22	I'm not sure but the bridge over part of the lake too!	7/16/2022 11:35 PM
23	No	7/16/2022 8:56 PM
24	Start charging a fee at sunshine lake to maintain and preserve it. For example wheeler branch lake and place some mossback habitats for the small bait fish.	7/16/2022 11:37 AM
25	Downtown activities	7/16/2022 12:13 AM
26	Parks of Aledo	7/15/2022 9:07 PM
27	Weatherford disc golf park	7/15/2022 7:31 PM
28	Boardwalk	7/15/2022 7:09 PM
29	The dog park	7/15/2022 7:00 PM
30	Patsy hook dog park (the one by the police station)	7/15/2022 4:58 PM
31	Dog park!! Daily	7/15/2022 3:36 PM
32	Parks if Aledo mountain bike trail	7/15/2022 3:10 PM
33	Dog Park	7/15/2022 3:04 PM
34	Patsy Hooks dog park	7/15/2022 12:42 PM
35	Dog Parks- at heritage	7/15/2022 12:40 PM
36	Patsy hook dog park	7/15/2022 12:29 PM
37	Disc Golf	7/15/2022 12:25 PM
38	dog park	7/15/2022 12:00 PM
39	Sunshine lake	7/15/2022 11:07 AM

40	Walk ng path beh nd an ma she te	7/15/2022 10:59 AM
41	Boa dwa k	7/15/2022 8:45 AM
42	I su e of a the names we are new here	7/15/2022 12:42 AM
43	I checked MgG atten, we go to the skate park on occas on	7/14/2022 8:44 PM
44	F st Monday g ounds	7/14/2022 8:32 PM
45	Patsy Hooks Pa k	7/14/2022 7:32 PM
46	Walk ng path f om F st Monday G ounds to Ho ands Lake.	7/14/2022 6:27 PM
47	Downtown squa e, f st monday g ounds	7/14/2022 5:57 PM
48	Patsy Hooks Dog Pa k	7/14/2022 1:03 PM
49	Dog park	7/14/2022 12:25 PM
50	Spa k n the Pa k	7/4/2022 7:39 PM
51	[redacted]	7/4/2022 7:10 PM
52	The one by the po ce stat on	6/27/2022 5:20 PM
53	Dog Pa k	6/23/2022 7:55 PM
54	1st Monday	6/23/2022 10:19 AM
55	Bas ca y a	6/23/2022 3:40 AM
56	Skate pa k off of No th Ma n	6/22/2022 8:32 PM
57	Dog park	6/22/2022 7:52 PM
58	H ke t a	6/22/2022 5:55 PM
59	Vete ans Memo a Pa k	6/22/2022 5:15 PM
60	F st Monday	6/22/2022 5:06 PM
61	Tenn s cou ts	6/22/2022 4:39 PM
62	F st Monday T ade Days	6/22/2022 4:19 PM
63	Sunsh ne Lake	6/22/2022 4:11 PM
64	Dog park	6/15/2022 5:23 PM
65	Parks of A edo T a	6/3/2022 11:04 AM
66	Doss museum	6/3/2022 10:53 AM
67	s x st,	6/3/2022 9:32 AM
68	dog pa k	6/3/2022 8:11 AM
69	D sc golf cou se	6/3/2022 12:08 AM
70	Boa dwa k	6/2/2022 11:20 PM
71	The baseba /softba f e ds	6/2/2022 8:13 AM
72	Weatherfo d d sc go f cou se	6/1/2022 8:53 PM
73	Boa d Walk At Lake Weatherfo d	5/31/2022 5:46 PM
74	Socce f e ds	5/31/2022 2:23 PM
75	P ck eba	5/31/2022 8:29 AM
76	Jack Bo den and the Dog Park	5/31/2022 7:34 AM
77	I don't emembe what t's ca ed- the skate pa k on North Ma n	5/30/2022 10:34 PM

78	I	5/30/2022 10:21 PM
79	N/a	5/30/2022 9:45 PM
80	A New Swimming Pool Should Be at the Top of the List!	5/29/2022 9:33 PM
81	Chandor Trail	5/27/2022 6:40 PM
82	Weatherford disc golf course	5/26/2022 10:44 PM
83	Baseball Fields WLL	5/26/2022 7:24 AM
84	Cherry Park Pool!	5/25/2022 11:12 AM
85	Need indoor pool	5/25/2022 9:45 AM
86	Cherry park pool, library	5/25/2022 12:11 AM
87	Weatherford disc golf	5/24/2022 9:51 PM
88	Disc golf park	5/24/2022 8:49 PM
89	weatherford disc golf park	5/24/2022 6:23 PM
90	Disc Golf Course	5/24/2022 5:55 PM
91	One behind the police department	5/24/2022 3:14 PM
92	Weatherford Little League	5/24/2022 1:41 PM
93	Weatherford disc golf course	5/24/2022 11:46 AM
94	Weatherford Disc Golf Course	5/24/2022 11:23 AM
95	Disc golf course.	5/24/2022 10:24 AM
96	Disc golf	5/24/2022 10:12 AM
97	Disc golf course	5/24/2022 9:10 AM
98	Disc golf Course	5/24/2022 9:09 AM
99	The dog park	5/23/2022 10:07 PM
100	Holland Lake Trail daily	5/23/2022 9:48 PM
101	I dont know what the name of the park by PD is called	5/21/2022 12:55 PM
102	We visit more parks but we have family names for them, I don't know their real names.	5/21/2022 10:15 AM
103	Board walk	5/20/2022 5:37 PM
104	dog park	5/20/2022 3:32 PM
105	Skate park ramps need lots of repairs	5/20/2022 8:37 AM
106	Lake Weatherford	5/20/2022 8:05 AM
107	Patsy Hooks Dog Park	5/19/2022 12:09 PM
108	Trailway to Mineral Wells	5/19/2022 8:28 AM
109	Weatherford lake needs a beach.	5/18/2022 11:22 PM
110	Lake Weatherford Disc GOLF	5/18/2022 9:18 PM
111	Patsy Hook dog park - visit daily	5/18/2022 6:06 PM
112	Pickleball courts	5/18/2022 5:32 PM
113	Dog park	5/18/2022 3:57 PM
114	Tennis courts and pickle ball	5/18/2022 3:01 PM
115	Patsy Hooks Dog Park	5/18/2022 2:43 PM

116	Trails	5/18/2022 2:31 PM
117	Weatherford Little League Fields	5/18/2022 1:34 PM
118	Just moved here and plan on utilizing more!	5/18/2022 1:30 PM
119	Holland Lake Softball Fields	5/18/2022 1:30 PM
120	Mt Pleasant School	5/18/2022 12:40 PM
121	Dog park	5/18/2022 12:38 PM
122	Parks of Aledo	5/18/2022 11:53 AM
123	The one by police dept.	5/18/2022 10:00 AM
124	Parks of Aledo (not sure it's part of system)	5/18/2022 9:58 AM
125	Lake Weatherford	5/18/2022 9:44 AM
126	I live in wise county to play pickleball with an amazing group, need courts specifically for this sport. Thank you	5/18/2022 9:22 AM
127	Also walk soldier springs trails almost daily .. use SS for Pickleball courts	5/18/2022 9:22 AM
128	The new trail by Chandor Gardens - completely filled with ticks!	5/18/2022 9:13 AM
129	Soldier Springs for pickleball	5/18/2022 9:07 AM
130	Dog park	5/18/2022 4:36 AM
131	Weatherford Disc Golf Course	5/17/2022 10:53 PM
132	Pickle ball courts	5/17/2022 10:13 PM
133	Patsy Hook Dog Park	5/17/2022 7:49 PM
134	We visit the Patsy Hooks dog part every single weekend. Multiple times a weekend	5/17/2022 7:35 PM
135	Boardwalk	5/11/2022 1:35 PM

Q5 Please check ALL ACTIVITIES you or household members typically enjoy at parks or facilities in Weatherford in a year.

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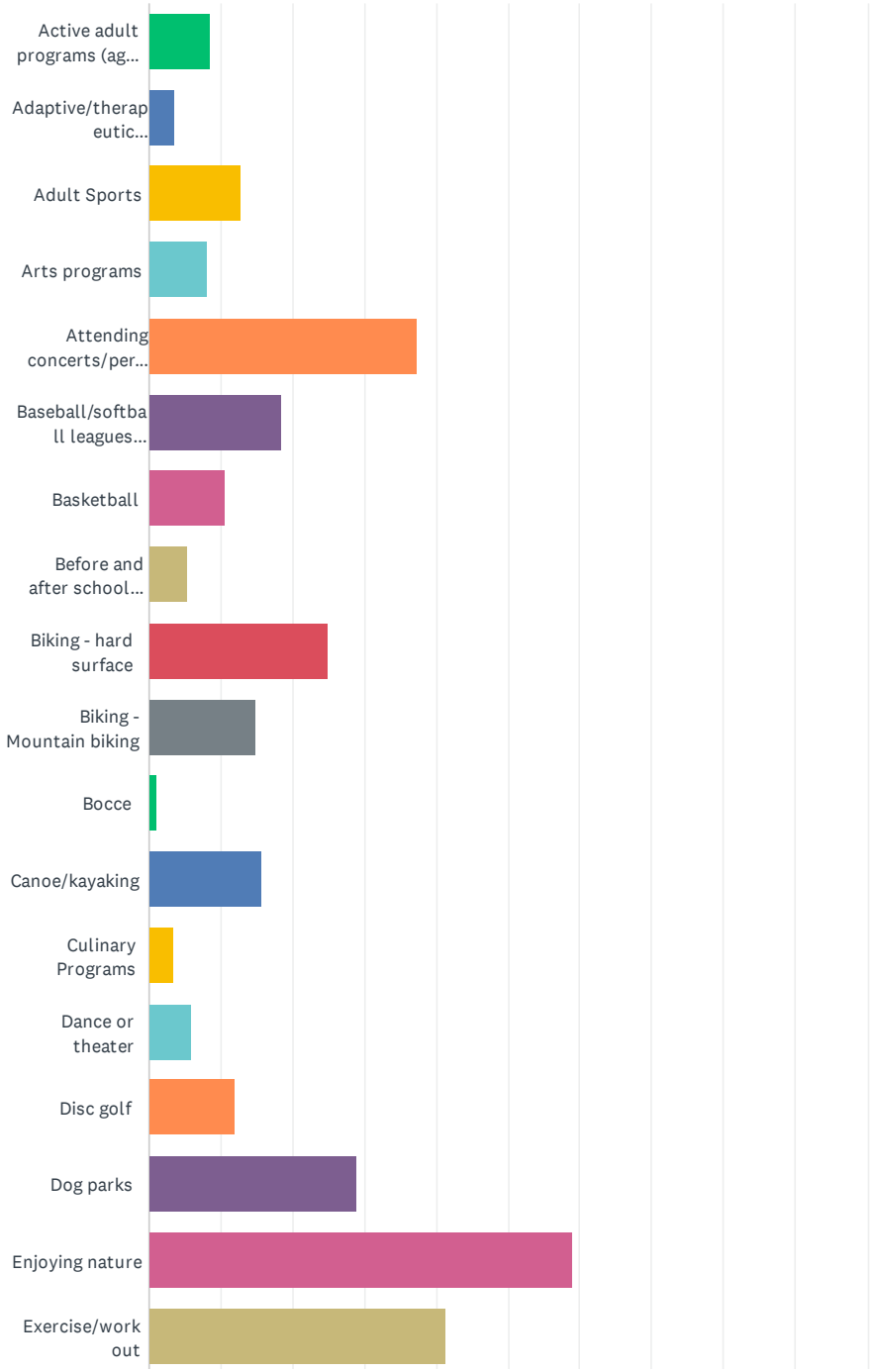

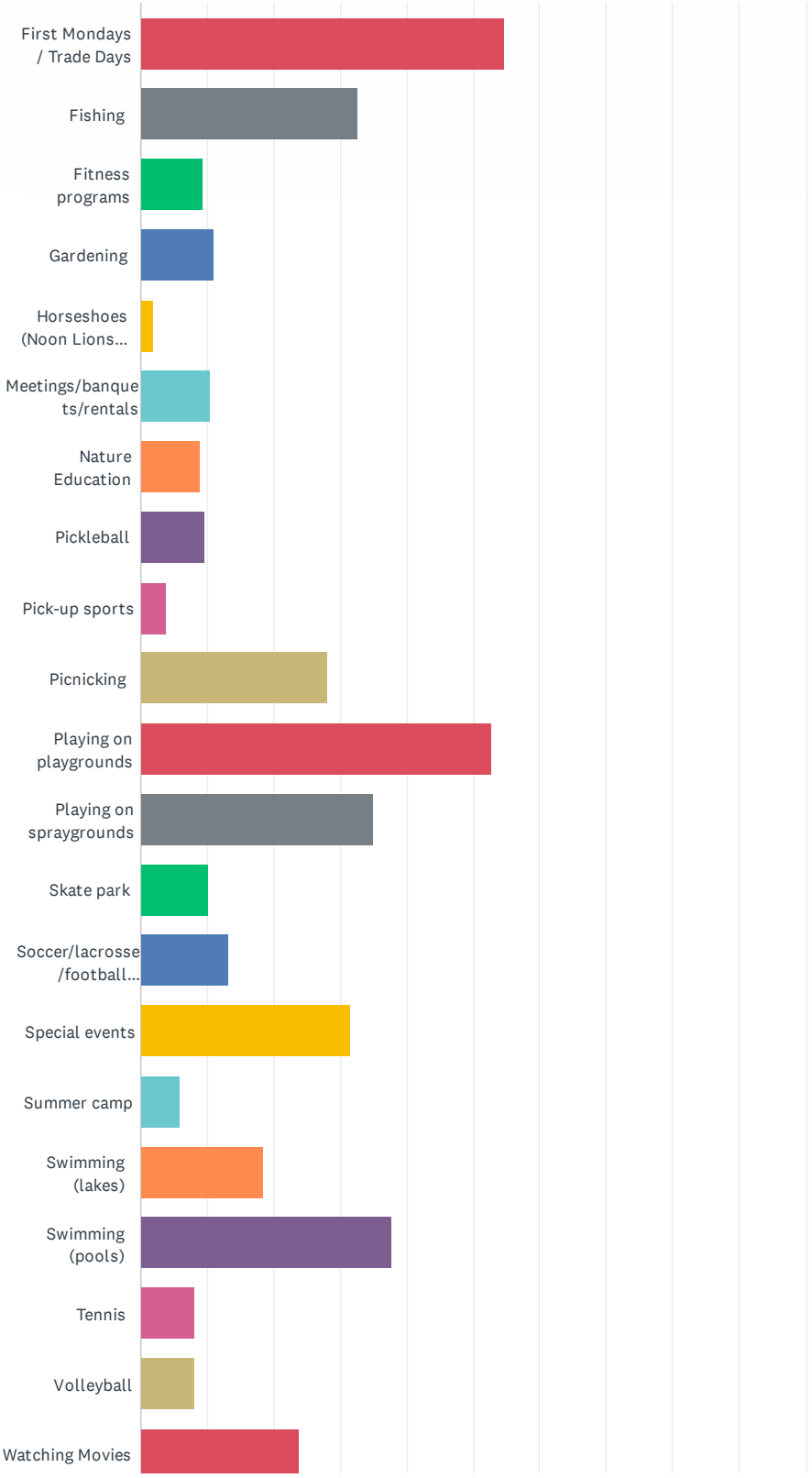
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Nature Education
Pickleball
Pick-up sports
Picnicking
Playing on playgrounds
Playing on spraygrounds
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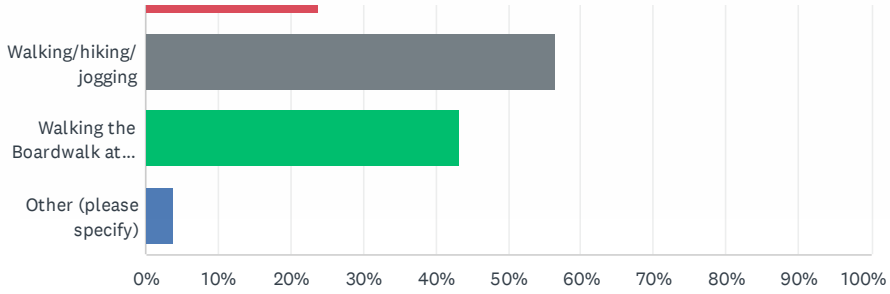
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Active adult programs (age 50+)	8.54%	232
Adaptive/therapeutic recreation	3.72%	101
Adult Sports	12.88%	350
Arts programs	8.02%	218
Attending concerts/performance	37.39%	1,016
Baseball/softball leagues (youth)	18.51%	503
Basketball	10.64%	289
Before and after school programs	5.37%	146
Biking - hard surface	24.95%	678
Biking - Mountain biking	14.91%	405
Bocce	1.07%	29
Canoe/kayaking	15.79%	429
Culinary Programs	3.39%	92
Dance or theater	6.04%	164
Disc golf	12.00%	326
Dog parks	29.08%	790
Enjoying nature	59.00%	1,603
Exercise/work out	41.41%	1,125
First Mondays / Trade Days	54.69%	1,486
Fishing	32.57%	885
Fitness programs	9.35%	254
Gardening	11.15%	303
Horseshoes (Noon Lions Ringer Alley)	1.88%	51
Meetings/banquets/rentals	10.53%	286
Nature Education	8.91%	242
Pickleball	9.68%	263
Pick-up sports	3.83%	104
Picnicking	28.19%	766
Playing on playgrounds	52.82%	1,435
Playing on spraygrounds	34.93%	949
Skate park	10.27%	279
Soccer/lacrosse/football leagues 9youth)	13.18%	358

Spec a events	31.47%	855
Summe camp	6.07%	165
Swimm ng (akes)	18.62%	506
Swimm ng (poo s)	37.84%	1,028
Tenn s	8.10%	220
Vo eyba	8.02%	218
Watch ng Mov es	23.96%	651
Wa k ng/h k ng/jogg ng	56.42%	1,533
Wa k ng the Boa dwa k at Lake Weathe fo d	43.25%	1,175
Othe (p ease spec fy)	3.90%	106
Tota Respondents: 2,717		

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1	Daughte s aut st c and on the senso y seek ng s de of the spect um. F endsh p Pa k being one of her favo te parks.	7/22/2022 11:17 AM
2	Theat e on the squa e	7/21/2022 6:19 PM
3	Wate ae ob cs	7/21/2022 4:59 PM
4	L ve theat e	7/21/2022 2:35 PM
5	We	7/21/2022 1:32 PM
6	Use of bu d ngs fo meet ng	7/21/2022 9:55 AM
7	WATER AEROBICS! T ai s. Commun ty a t c asses.	7/20/2022 5:18 PM
8	P ck eba	7/20/2022 3:37 PM
9	Keep pa ks open ater , not eve yone wo ks day sh ft and t's hot out he e	7/19/2022 5:39 PM
10	Dog park	7/18/2022 7:46 PM
11	Y	7/18/2022 9:07 AM
12	Spec a events / t ade days.	7/18/2022 5:43 AM
13	Yes	7/17/2022 11:59 PM
14	Swim team	7/17/2022 11:46 PM
15	Splash pad	7/17/2022 6:16 PM
16	Splash pad	7/17/2022 2:34 AM
17	Wate ae ob cs	7/16/2022 12:21 PM
18	Dog parks !!!	7/15/2022 3:36 PM
19	T ai unn ng	7/15/2022 12:48 PM
20	Geocach ng	7/15/2022 12:25 PM
21	Need to know whe e to see events posted to attend mo e	7/15/2022 10:59 AM
22	Wate ae ob cs	7/14/2022 11:59 PM
23	Conce ts	7/14/2022 7:29 PM
24	L ve mus c/ food t uck events	7/14/2022 5:57 PM

25	Christmas lights at heritage park	7/14/2022 5:49 PM
26	Girl Scout events at Camp Holland	7/14/2022 4:35 PM
27	Fishing	7/4/2022 7:11 PM
28	Ygy	7/4/2022 7:10 PM
29	We need a YMCA!!!!!!!!	6/28/2022 4:20 PM
30	Trade Days	6/27/2022 9:01 AM
31	Dog walking	6/26/2022 1:20 PM
32	Love these activities	6/23/2022 3:40 AM
33	Rent for birthday parties	6/22/2022 5:15 PM
34	Splash park	6/22/2022 5:07 PM
35	Camp Hope	6/22/2022 4:30 PM
36	Water aerobics	6/22/2022 3:59 PM
37	Really need to put some work in the little league fields these kids deserve a better place	6/18/2022 11:44 AM
38	Bmx pump track	6/15/2022 8:42 PM
39	Dodgeball	6/15/2022 1:01 PM
40	We need more pickle ball courts!!!!	6/3/2022 12:56 PM
41	skateboarding	6/3/2022 9:04 AM
42	fishing lakes	6/3/2022 8:27 AM
43	Nothing	6/2/2022 11:34 PM
44	Town Creek Trail is awesome!	6/2/2022 10:11 PM
45	Water aerobics	6/2/2022 9:42 PM
46	Homeschool gatherings - nature hikes/natural areas to explore and play safely	6/2/2022 10:53 AM
47	Water Aerobics	6/1/2022 2:56 PM
48	Kids Sports	5/31/2022 11:50 PM
49	Paddle boarding	5/31/2022 11:24 PM
50	Would love to see more community events with families. Also, rock climbing, more recreation sports leagues for kids & any fun outdoor activities to get the kids (& parents) outside more! We need more green spaces in Weatherford!	5/31/2022 3:10 PM
51	Water aerobics and would love for this to be year round with indoor pool.	5/31/2022 9:59 AM
52	N/a	5/30/2022 9:45 PM
53	Indoor Activity Center, for all ages!	5/29/2022 9:33 PM
54	Kids Playgrounds	5/28/2022 3:10 PM
55	Sons on the swim team!	5/25/2022 11:12 AM
56	Need indoor pool	5/25/2022 9:45 AM
57	Cheer	5/24/2022 3:37 PM
58	More more disc golf please. Disc golf brings in out of town people. Which in turn creates revenue for businesses	5/24/2022 2:26 PM
59	Football	5/24/2022 1:49 PM
60	Disc golf course	5/24/2022 10:24 AM
61	Soccer, not lacrosse, that's dumb	5/23/2022 10:11 PM

62	Flying kites, rock climbing, field day type games, pokemon go or other character driven activities	5/22/2022 2:37 PM
63	Sailing Lake Weatherford Sailing Club	5/22/2022 5:46 AM
64	We need pickle ball courts	5/20/2022 5:29 PM
65	Splash pads	5/20/2022 9:06 AM
66	Spend a lot of time on the lake	5/20/2022 8:05 AM
67	We have not lived in the area for one year yet, so our options would be more as time went and we learn about new things	5/19/2022 10:53 PM
68	Homeschool group	5/19/2022 9:41 PM
69	Geocaching	5/19/2022 8:20 PM
70	Mountain biking	5/19/2022 7:25 PM
71	WYA practice fields !!!	5/19/2022 4:14 PM
72	Drone flying	5/19/2022 3:33 PM
73	I wish weatherford lake had a beach!	5/18/2022 11:22 PM
74	Pickleball at Soldier Spring Park, need new facilities	5/18/2022 10:30 PM
75	Running trails	5/18/2022 6:08 PM
76	Bad need for dedicated pickle ball courts	5/18/2022 4:34 PM
77	Harberger hill clogging	5/18/2022 4:21 PM
78	Trail running	5/18/2022 3:42 PM
79	Photography	5/18/2022 3:24 PM
80	More Flat fields for Ultimate frisbee or soccer (like Ranches West)	5/18/2022 1:46 PM
81	Youth Football	5/18/2022 1:43 PM
82	Outdoor movies	5/18/2022 12:50 PM
83	Grilling	5/18/2022 12:42 PM
84	Water aerobics and lap swim	5/18/2022 12:40 PM
85	There are many wonderful opportunities that I would participate in, if I didn't have some injuries preventing me.	5/18/2022 12:25 PM
86	We live Pickelball but the SSP courts are packed, we play at our church when it is not being used. We go to other towns to play!	5/18/2022 11:33 AM
87	Practice pickleball drills	5/18/2022 10:44 AM
88	Hiking	5/18/2022 10:32 AM
89	Pickleball	5/18/2022 10:29 AM
90	Christmas	5/18/2022 10:02 AM
91	Pickleball courts are needed. The junior tennis courts are not deep enough and people run into fences. And we are not always guaranteed the area if tennis needs them.	5/18/2022 9:07 AM
92	Ultimate Frisbee	5/18/2022 12:05 AM
93	Rollerblading	5/17/2022 11:47 PM
94	We need an additional Splash Pad in East Weatherford possibly W Lake area near the Boardwalk	5/17/2022 11:11 PM
95	Birthday parties	5/17/2022 10:59 PM

96	Splash pad	5/17/2022 10:20 PM
97	Handicapped accessible/equipment	5/17/2022 9:56 PM
98	Playground equipment	5/17/2022 9:34 PM
99	Splash pads	5/17/2022 9:23 PM
100	Kid friendly	5/17/2022 8:18 PM
101	Plan others as my son starts children's sports in the next 2 years	5/17/2022 8:12 PM
102	geocaching	5/17/2022 8:03 PM
103	Are there plans to stock fish at Cartwright?	5/17/2022 7:55 PM
104	Food trucks	5/17/2022 7:49 PM
105	.	5/17/2022 7:49 PM
106	Playground	5/17/2022 7:40 PM

Q6 Which activity from the previous question would you most like to find more opportunities to do in the future?

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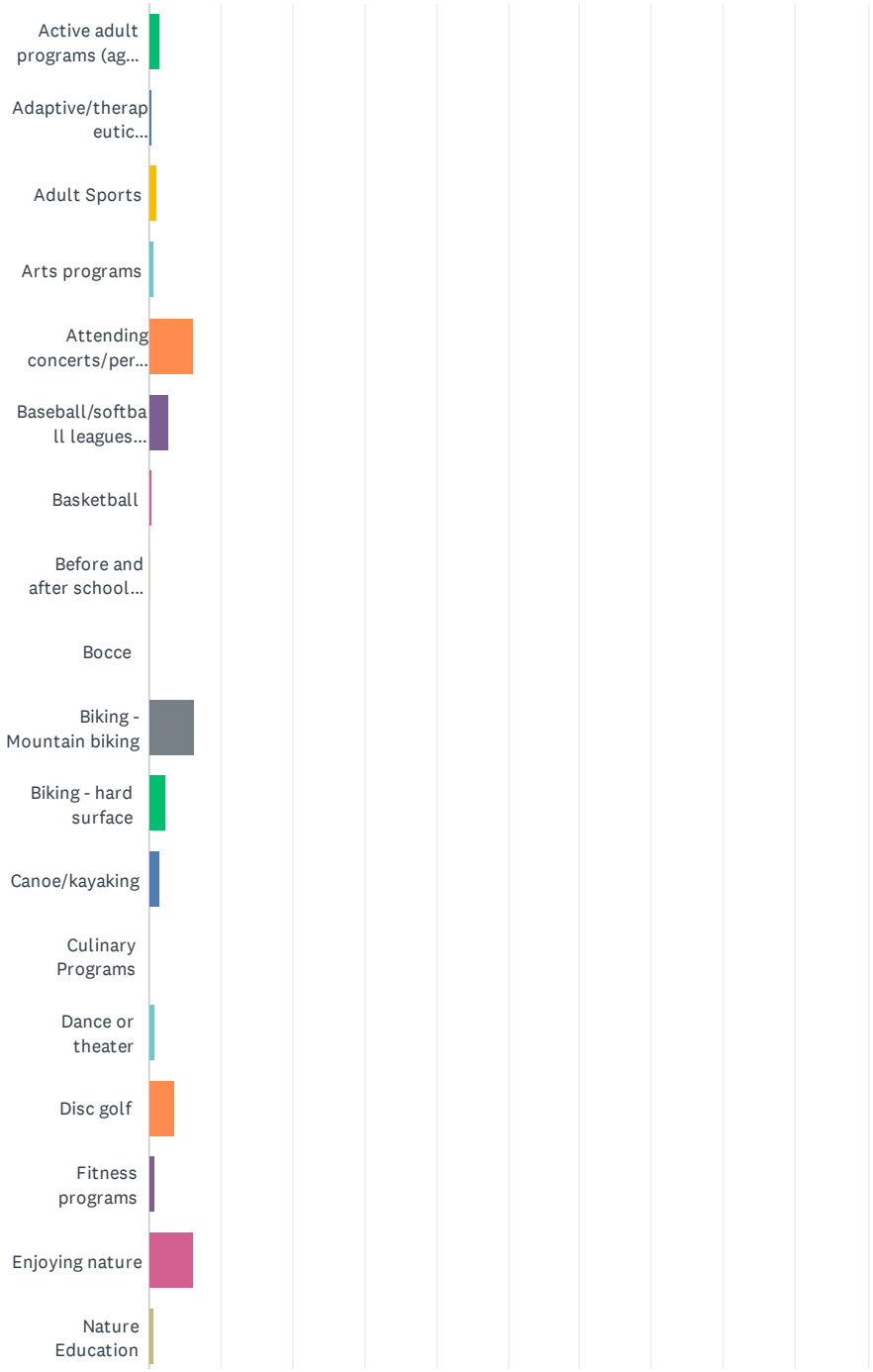

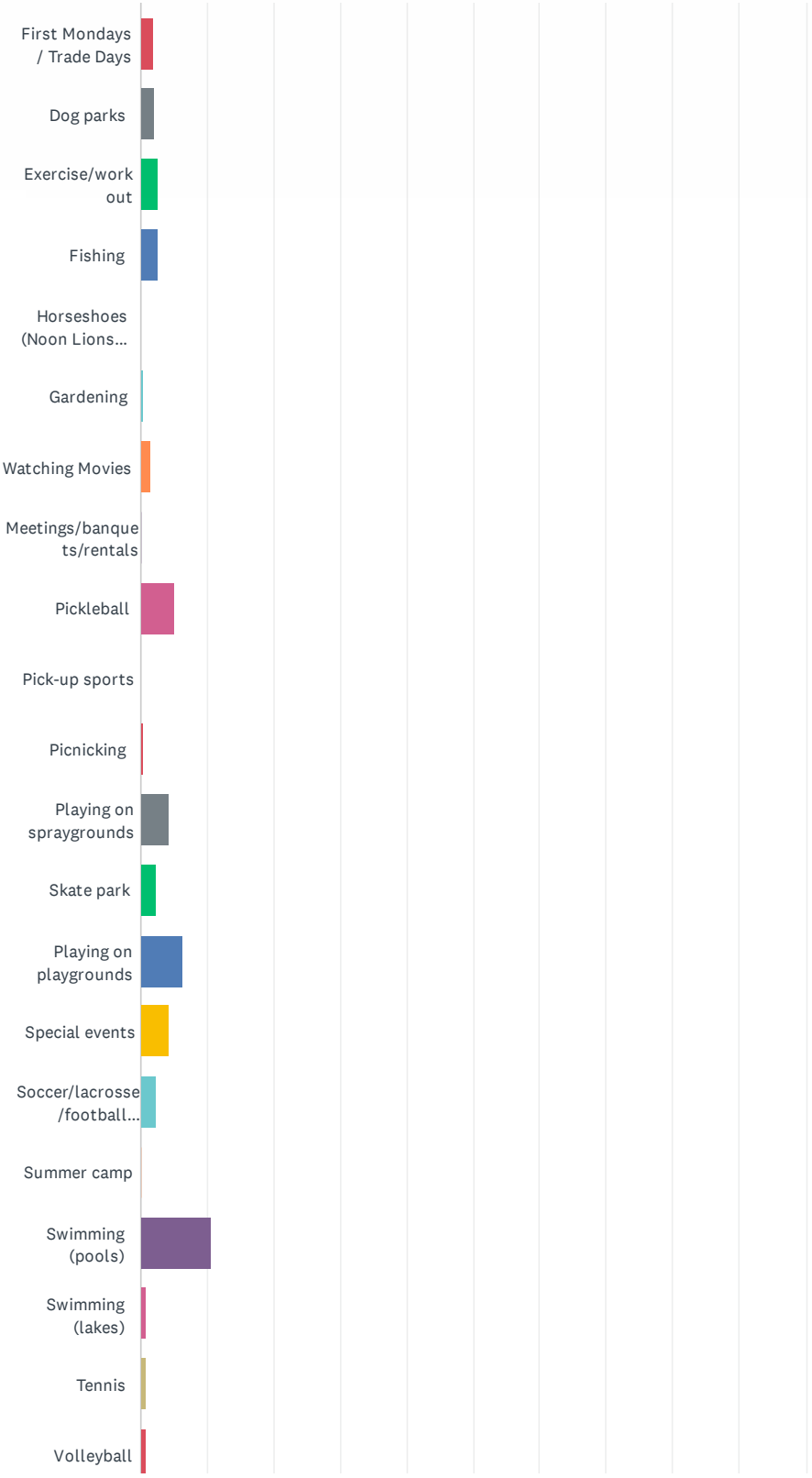
First Mondays / Trade Days
Dog parks
Exercise/work out
Fishing
Horseshoes (Noon Lions...
Gardening
Watching Movies
Meetings/banquets/rentals
Pickleball
Pick-up sports
Picnicking
Playing on spraygrounds
Skate park
Playing on playgrounds
Special events
Soccer/lacrosse/football...
Summer camp
Swimming (pools)
Swimming (lakes)
Tennis
Volleyball

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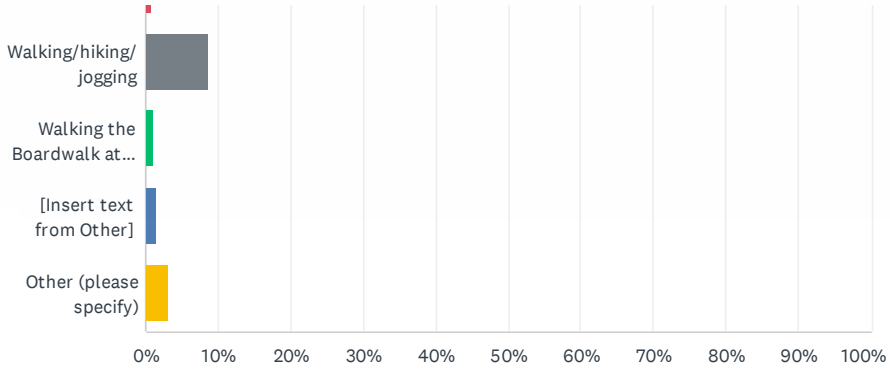

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Active adult programs (age 50+)	1.54%	36
Adaptive/therapeutic recreation	0.39%	9
Adult Sports	0.99%	23
Arts programs	0.56%	13
Attending concerts/performance	6.22%	145
Baseball/softball leagues (youth)	2.74%	64
Basketball	0.51%	12
Before and after school programs	0.26%	6
Bocce	0.04%	1
Biking - Mountain biking	6.34%	148
Biking - hard surface	2.31%	54
Canoe/kayaking	1.59%	37
Culinary Programs	0.04%	1
Dance or theater	0.81%	19
Disc golf	3.56%	83
Fitness programs	0.81%	19
Enjoying nature	6.09%	142
Nature Education	0.64%	15
First Mondays / Trade Days	1.97%	46
Dog parks	2.06%	48
Exercise/work out	2.57%	60
Fishing	2.66%	62
Horseshoes (Noon Lions Ringer Alley)	0.09%	2
Gardening	0.43%	10
Watching Movies	1.50%	35
Meetings/banquets/rentals	0.13%	3
Pickleball	5.10%	119
Pick-up sports	0.04%	1
Picnicking	0.39%	9
Playing on spraygrounds	4.33%	101
Skate park	2.36%	55
Playing on playgrounds	6.30%	147

Spec a events	4.29%	100
Socce / ac osse/footba eagues 9youth)	2.36%	55
Summe camp	0.21%	5
Swimm ng (poo s)	10.76%	251
Swimm ng (akes)	0.81%	19
Tenn s	0.94%	22
Vo eyba	0.77%	18
Wa k ng/h k ng/jogg ng	8.83%	206
Wa k ng the Boa dwa k at Lake Weathe fo d	0.99%	23
[Inse t text from Othe]	1.54%	36
Othe (p ease spec fy)	3.13%	73
TOTAL		2,333

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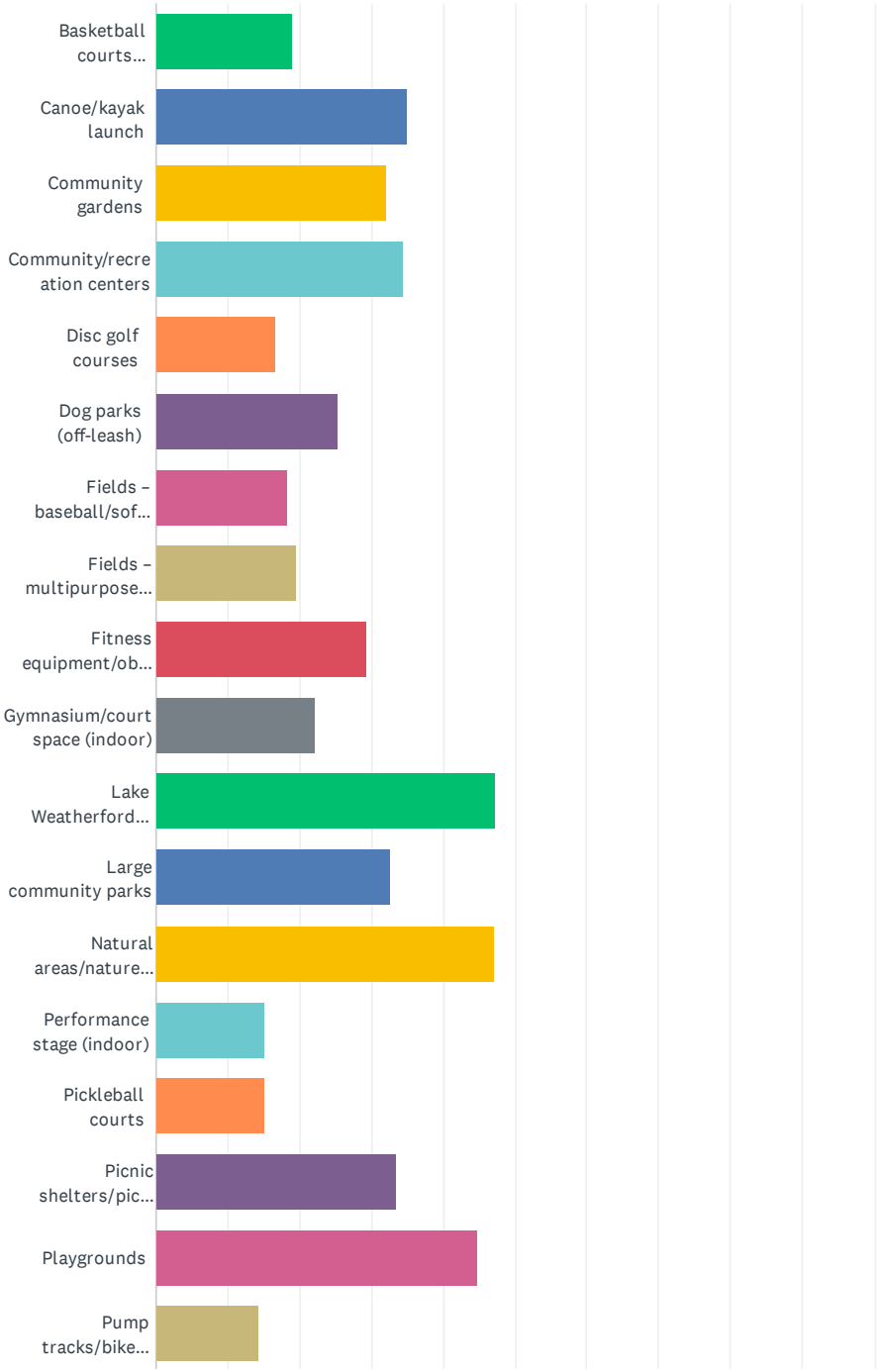
1	Swimm ng pool	7/22/2022 3:40 PM
2	Gu ded natu e h kes, maybe n ght h kes n summe	7/22/2022 1:52 PM
3	Swimm ng - poo s	7/21/2022 9:21 PM
4	Men's basketba eague	7/21/2022 12:52 PM
5	Swimm ng n ane poo s yea ound	7/20/2022 9:02 PM
6	Kayak ng	7/20/2022 7:58 AM
7	COVERED PLAYGROUND	7/20/2022 12:20 AM
8	Fest va s/ma kets	7/19/2022 11:18 PM
9	Indoor stuff	7/19/2022 7:08 PM
10	I d ove to see a dog un/wa k event	7/18/2022 7:19 PM
11	Swimm ng	7/18/2022 12:37 PM
12	Indoor swimm ng	7/18/2022 8:25 AM
13	yea ound ndoo - outdoor swimm ng poo .	7/17/2022 11:37 PM
14	Wate Aerob cs	7/17/2022 2:51 PM
15	B k ng	7/16/2022 11:56 PM
16	Indoor swimm ng fac ty	7/16/2022 9:14 PM
17	North and Wests de swimm ng wou d be exce ent	7/16/2022 10:08 AM
18	D sc golf n c ty m ts	7/15/2022 7:32 PM
19	Improved skatepark	7/15/2022 5:58 PM
20	P cn cs , hang ng out w th f ends	7/15/2022 5:16 PM
21	Indoor swimm ng and sports	7/15/2022 1:37 PM
22	Footba	7/15/2022 8:02 AM
23	Rec eat ona act v t es	7/14/2022 10:37 PM
24	Indoor act v t es ec cente etc	7/14/2022 10:15 PM

25	Indoor pool	7/14/2022 9:25 PM
26	Indoor swimming pool	7/14/2022 7:24 PM
27	YMCA	7/14/2022 5:27 PM
28	Indoor swim facility	7/14/2022 3:46 PM
29	Indoor basketball courts	7/14/2022 12:14 PM
30	Kid events	6/22/2022 10:31 PM
31	Soccer fields for practice - we own Metro West Soccer Club and we desperately need more practice fields. We currently have about 165 players and could probably help offset some of the cost.	6/22/2022 8:40 PM
32	Swimming pools- maybe an indoor pool	6/22/2022 5:57 PM
33	Better ways to tell people who come up or already at these locations that it is rented out without having to argue with them or even making a phone call to the police	6/22/2022 5:18 PM
34	Swimming	6/22/2022 4:50 PM
35	We could really use a rec center for teens	6/22/2022 3:57 PM
36	More options for recreational activity	6/21/2022 4:52 AM
37	Basketball and sand volleyball	6/15/2022 1:03 PM
38	We need an arts/music/food festival. The Peach Festival is too short, too hot, and too lame.	6/13/2022 4:07 PM
39	More Music events at heritage park	6/3/2022 5:27 PM
40	Basketball gyms	6/2/2022 8:09 PM
41	Indoor swimming	6/2/2022 9:36 AM
42	Chandor Garden	6/1/2022 2:47 PM
43	Sand volleyball	6/1/2022 1:48 PM
44	Playgrounds	5/31/2022 1:11 PM
45	Nature photography	5/31/2022 12:28 PM
46	Water aerobics year around	5/30/2022 11:29 PM
47	swimmimg	5/26/2022 10:19 PM
48	Indoor swimming pool	5/25/2022 11:25 AM
49	Swimming	5/25/2022 10:42 AM
50	Baseball & Kayaking	5/24/2022 1:43 PM
51	Indoor Swimming Pool!!!	5/24/2022 1:09 PM
52	Swimming for adults	5/23/2022 9:53 PM
53	Pickleball	5/19/2022 8:21 PM
54	Somewhere to rollerskate	5/19/2022 5:40 PM
55	Pickleball	5/19/2022 3:53 PM
56	More Swimming pools, good tennis courts	5/19/2022 12:16 AM
57	Swiming	5/18/2022 4:56 PM
58	Pickleball	5/18/2022 4:24 PM
59	Gardening	5/18/2022 2:57 PM
60	Shades to keep play equipment cooler during hot weather.	5/18/2022 1:33 PM

61	Pickleball	5/18/2022 12:57 PM
62	Public access boat ramp - Wford Lake	5/18/2022 12:57 PM
63	Playgrounds with shade	5/18/2022 10:35 AM
64	Pickleball	5/18/2022 10:28 AM
65	Swimming year round	5/17/2022 11:32 PM
66	We need an indoor recreation center, that houses a multi use sport court, a child's physical activity center, and adult cognitive center.	5/17/2022 11:19 PM
67	All	5/17/2022 9:22 PM
68	Art	5/17/2022 8:50 PM
69	Adult sport leagues like volleyball or soccer	5/17/2022 8:37 PM
70	Rec Center	5/17/2022 7:52 PM
71	Swimming/water exercises	5/17/2022 7:47 PM
72	Indoor recreation center with indoor pool	5/17/2022 7:35 PM
73	We need a community center, like a ymca with indoor and outdoor rec opps, year-round opps.	5/17/2022 7:34 PM

Q7 Please identify ALL FACILITIES you or household members currently use or would like to use if available.

Answered: 2,567 Skipped: 188



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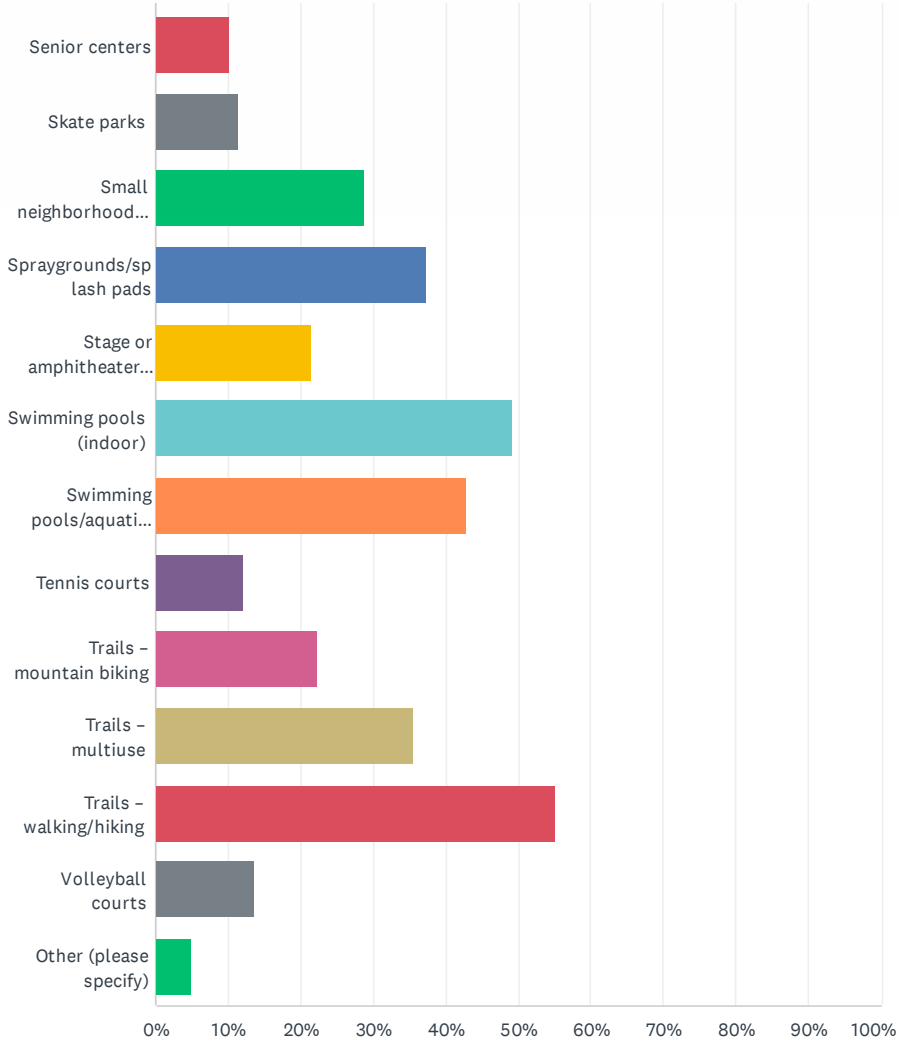

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Basketbal cou ts (outdoo)	18.97%	487
Canoe/kayak aunch	35.06%	900
Commun ty ga dens	32.29%	829
Commun ty/ ec eat on cente s	34.63%	889
D sc go f cou ses	16.67%	428
Dog pa ks (off-leash)	25.36%	651
F e ds – baseba /softba d amonds	18.39%	472
F e ds – mu t pu pose (socce / ac osse/footba /etc.)	19.63%	504
F tness equ pment/obstac e cou se (outdoor)	29.37%	754
Gymnas um/cou t space (ndoor)	22.09%	567
Lake Weathe fo d Boa dwa k	47.25%	1,213
Large commun ty parks	32.61%	837
Natu a areas/natu e pa ks	47.21%	1,212
Pe fo mance stage (indoor)	15.04%	386
P ck eba cou ts	15.23%	391
P cn c shelte s/p cn c a eas	33.46%	859
P ayg ounds	44.84%	1,151
Pump t acks/b ke pa ks	14.26%	366
Sen or cente s	10.17%	261
Skate parks	11.41%	293
Sma ne ghbo hood pa ks	28.87%	741
Sp ayg ounds/sp ash pads	37.36%	959
Stage o amph theater (outdoo)	21.50%	552
Swimm ng poo s (ndoo)	49.36%	1,267
Swimm ng poo s/aquat c cente s (outdoo)	42.77%	1,098
Tenn s cou ts	12.19%	313
T a s – mounta n b k ng	22.36%	574
T a s – mu t use	35.57%	913
T a s – wa k ng/h k ng	55.16%	1,416
Vo eyba cou ts	13.63%	350
Othe (p ease spec fy)	4.83%	124
Tota Respondents: 2,567		

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1	Equestrian center like Glen Rose has!!! How in Parker County, the horse capital can we not have that for equestrian events!!! So many of those things would be held here instead of Glen Rose and other places if we had something. Think of the business it would bring in to the hotel's restaurants and businesses in our community!!!! You must take note of the summer concert series in the park that stephenville does every year for 18 years or so. We have the amphitheater like theirs to do it now. However we need the big name artists because we definitely don't have that!!! We go to Sville every summer to their summer series each week (usually 6 weeks in a row). We eat there everytime we go. I wish WFord utilized their amphitheater the same way so we didn't have to go to other cities!!!!!	7/22/2022 2:27 PM
2	Theater	7/22/2022 12:18 PM
3	Things for special needs children.	7/22/2022 11:19 AM
4	Would love to opportunity for different sports for teens- like Rock climbing. Teen mountain biking group, etc. Please coordinate with Aledo- we NEED a nadatorium! I drive to Benbrook for swim team. Too far! There's NOTHING in Parker county. Skate park would be nice at Holland Lake, maybe? That is a great park!	7/22/2022 8:29 AM
5	Workout area located by trails.	7/22/2022 12:30 AM
6	I miss having an indoor pool for year round swimming like I had in Rockwall	7/21/2022 10:06 PM
7	Indoor pool with multiple use facility	7/21/2022 6:37 PM
8	Basketball indoor	7/21/2022 3:42 PM
9	Parks need shade otherwise they are unusable in the summer.	7/21/2022 2:16 PM
10	Use of buildings	7/21/2022 9:56 AM
11	Racquetball	7/20/2022 8:20 PM
12	COVERED PLAYGROUND areas because we have the hot sun for at least 5-6 months out of the year.	7/20/2022 12:20 AM
13	Indoor walk/running track	7/19/2022 7:08 PM
14	Advertise byob friendly areas	7/19/2022 5:40 PM
15	Off leash dog park with trails and a beach	7/19/2022 11:43 AM
16	Dog park	7/18/2022 7:48 PM
17	OHV Trails	7/18/2022 2:08 PM
18	Exercise parks with body weight equipment	7/17/2022 8:10 PM
19	Indoor rock climbing gym, drive-in theater, shuttle from town to Arlington baseball stadium	7/17/2022 6:11 PM
20	Water Aerobics	7/17/2022 2:51 PM
21	Would love to have an indoor pool/aquatic center!	7/17/2022 8:22 AM
22	rec center	7/17/2022 7:21 AM
23	Bike lanes and hard surface trails	7/17/2022 6:53 AM
24	Toddler safe area?	7/16/2022 11:22 PM
25	Swimming facility for adult water aerobics. Wellness pool indoors	7/16/2022 9:14 PM
26	additional pools	7/16/2022 10:08 AM
27	Dog agility	7/15/2022 3:37 PM
28	COVERED playgrounds	7/15/2022 11:25 AM
29	Protected cycling lanes	7/15/2022 9:54 AM
30	YMCA	7/15/2022 9:33 AM

31	Trails for horseback riding	7/15/2022 8:42 AM
32	Nice long running trail! Oh, and a running club!	7/15/2022 7:39 AM
33	Fishing ponds	7/15/2022 12:47 AM
34	YMCA w/Indoor pool	7/15/2022 12:21 AM
35	Indoor walking court/gym	7/14/2022 10:02 PM
36	We need a Rec Center like Texas Tech has. Look up their facility, that would be a great rec center to Model after!	7/14/2022 8:26 PM
37	Indoor playground with A/C	7/14/2022 8:07 PM
38	Indoor basketball courts	7/14/2022 6:00 PM
39	indoor track for walking/running	7/14/2022 4:46 PM
40	A recreation center with classes for children. Similar to the City of Hurst. They offer many classes and activities throughout the year.	7/14/2022 3:44 PM
41	A place for carnivals. They used to come to the first Monday grounds but now the city won't let it happen. I along with others miss them.	7/14/2022 2:56 PM
42	Recreation Center	7/14/2022 1:26 PM
43	Bird Watching Blind	7/14/2022 12:20 PM
44	Indoor basketball courts	7/14/2022 12:14 PM
45	Horse arena	7/5/2022 12:49 AM
46	Xrr	7/4/2022 7:10 PM
47	Cherry Park Building and Harberger Hill Building	7/3/2022 2:50 PM
48	need shade over playgrounds - equipment gets too hot for the kids	6/26/2022 4:17 PM
49	Just relaxing in the gardens.	6/25/2022 4:50 PM
50	I would like to see Special Olympics in our area and Shaded Handicap (wheelchair) fun for teens/adults	6/23/2022 1:29 PM
51	Better/larger splash pads for little kids	6/23/2022 8:52 AM
52	Bocce	6/23/2022 6:56 AM
53	Camping	6/22/2022 11:43 PM
54	Would love to see Weatherford get a rec center with indoor basketball courts	6/22/2022 11:41 PM
55	Bathrooms at the zip line park	6/22/2022 8:39 PM
56	Handicap/wheelchair accessible	6/22/2022 6:50 PM
57	Holiday bash, Halloween party, new year's	6/22/2022 5:04 PM
58	First Monday Trade Days	6/22/2022 4:20 PM
59	Public areas to ride horses/mules/donkeys	6/22/2022 4:20 PM
60	Nature preserve/wildlife refuge	6/20/2022 8:06 PM
61	Fishing piers	6/18/2022 12:41 PM
62	Large indoor pool so I don't have to go to Fort Worth	6/5/2022 11:56 AM
63	Special needs swimming on a weekend, special needs play ground.	6/5/2022 9:39 AM
64	Resurfaced rail to trail	6/4/2022 12:39 PM
65	Places for dogs to swim	6/4/2022 8:20 AM
66	Make a indoor Weatherford Swimming pool	6/3/2022 11:02 PM

67	Parkinson's Exercise class	6/3/2022 4:23 PM
68	Golf range	6/3/2022 5:54 AM
69	None	6/2/2022 11:34 PM
70	Racket Ball Courts	6/2/2022 9:27 PM
71	Dog pools	6/2/2022 8:24 PM
72	Basketball gyms	6/2/2022 8:09 PM
73	Marina park at the lake	6/2/2022 4:17 PM
74	Soccer Fields (not multi-purpose fields)!	6/1/2022 9:23 AM
75	Soccer field	6/1/2022 8:22 AM
76	Bike lane around lake weatherford	6/1/2022 1:03 AM
77	camping	5/31/2022 8:41 PM
78	We need a major indoor pool/racket ball/basketball ect. Complex	5/31/2022 3:14 PM
79	Would love to see more community events with families. Also, rock climbing, more recreation sports leagues for kids & any fun outdoor activities to get the kids (& parents) outside more! We need more green spaces in Weatherford!	5/31/2022 3:11 PM
80	Horse trails	5/31/2022 1:39 PM
81	More for teens and elderly but keep in mind of the wildlife stop pushing them out	5/31/2022 8:18 AM
82	N/a	5/30/2022 9:45 PM
83	Indoor or covered pickleball	5/27/2022 6:42 PM
84	Restroom at Ranches West Park - Hard to take the grand-kids to play on the playground when no facilities available.	5/26/2022 8:43 PM
85	INDOOR POOL for swim team!!!	5/25/2022 11:14 AM
86	Indoor pools	5/25/2022 10:16 AM
87	Natatorium!!	5/25/2022 9:07 AM
88	Indoor swimming pool for swim team!	5/25/2022 8:53 AM
89	Indoor swim facility that can be used for year round swim team!!	5/25/2022 7:35 AM
90	Camping	5/25/2022 12:12 AM
91	Weatherford needs a rec center that includes SENIOR CENTER and Swimming pool. Swimming is a vital skill for all of us to acquire and excellent exercise for all, especially seniors!! A recreation center with exercise rooms, pool, senior activities would make Weatherford a place that people are attracted to. Grapevine has excellent facility.	5/24/2022 1:09 PM
92	Actual bathroom at sunshine lake would be a nice addition.	5/24/2022 4:49 AM
93	Walking path around the lake	5/23/2022 9:41 PM
94	Community Sailing Center	5/22/2022 5:47 AM
95	Outdoor roller rink	5/21/2022 11:29 PM
96	Aquatic center/ YMCA	5/20/2022 9:20 PM
97	weatherford desperately needs a new bigger skate park with a pump track.	5/20/2022 1:52 PM
98	A community theatre!	5/20/2022 12:10 AM
99	Pickleball courts	5/19/2022 8:21 PM
100	Indoor swimming would be my #1 choice	5/18/2022 4:51 PM
101	Bike trails for road biking in the city	5/18/2022 3:53 PM

102	put in something like the Lake Boardwalk, between the NW side of Cartwright Park and the hike/bike trail - would make a nice circle walk	5/18/2022 1:55 PM
103	We need an indoor pool with water aerobics for senior adults.	5/18/2022 1:25 PM
104	Public Boatramp	5/18/2022 1:24 PM
105	indoor pool inside the recreation center	5/18/2022 1:16 PM
106	Public access boat ramp Wford Lake	5/18/2022 12:57 PM
107	Please add more non paved hiking areas. The concrete hurts my feet.	5/18/2022 12:30 PM
108	I'd play pickleball, if I were physically able.	5/18/2022 12:27 PM
109	Soccer Fields	5/18/2022 12:08 PM
110	Indoor pickleball courts	5/18/2022 10:55 AM
111	MTB jump lines	5/18/2022 10:11 AM
112	Lap swimming pool	5/18/2022 10:06 AM
113	Class 1 E-Mountain Bikes	5/18/2022 9:58 AM
114	Pickleball courts	5/18/2022 9:11 AM
115	Pickleball	5/18/2022 7:26 AM
116	Indoor skating	5/17/2022 11:48 PM
117	Additional Splash Pads	5/17/2022 11:13 PM
118	We need a recreational center in doors with court spaces and possibly a indoor pool	5/17/2022 8:30 PM
119	We would LOVE to see indoor tennis courts. It’s hard to use the tennis courts at Soldier Springs when the weather is nice, because they’re also in use by the school. We would LOVE a YMCA type indoor center here in Weatherford meant for public use and would even pay a membership to use it	5/17/2022 8:07 PM
120	Canoe/kayak rental, indoor fitness equipment	5/17/2022 8:06 PM
121	We need a YMCA or even a bigger more adaptive playground like DREAM park in Fort Worth	5/17/2022 8:00 PM
122	Would love to see a YMCA	5/17/2022 7:52 PM
123	Food Truck court/park	5/17/2022 7:51 PM
124	.	5/17/2022 7:51 PM

Q8 For these facilities, what kind of investment would you like to see in Weatherford?

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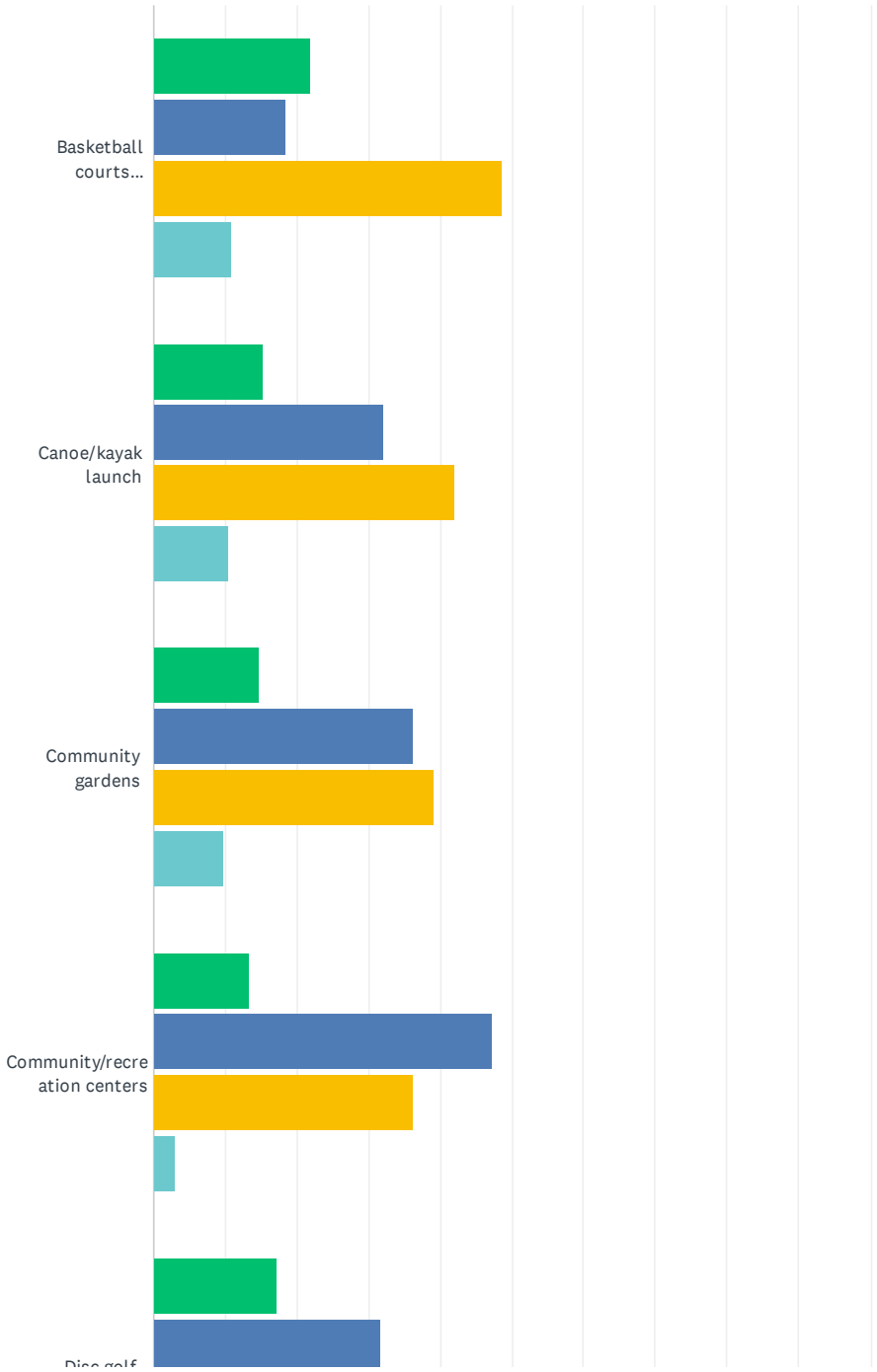
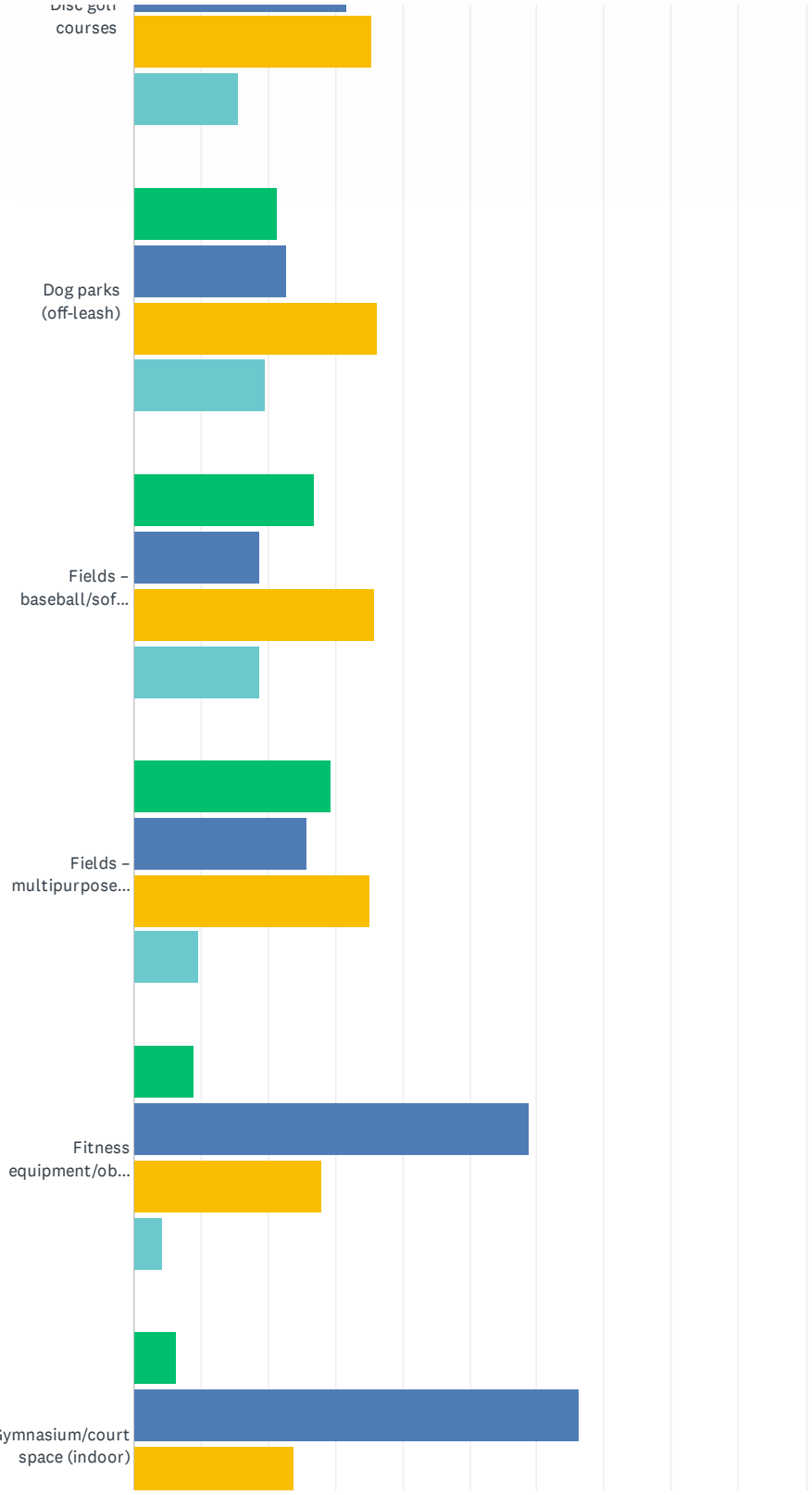
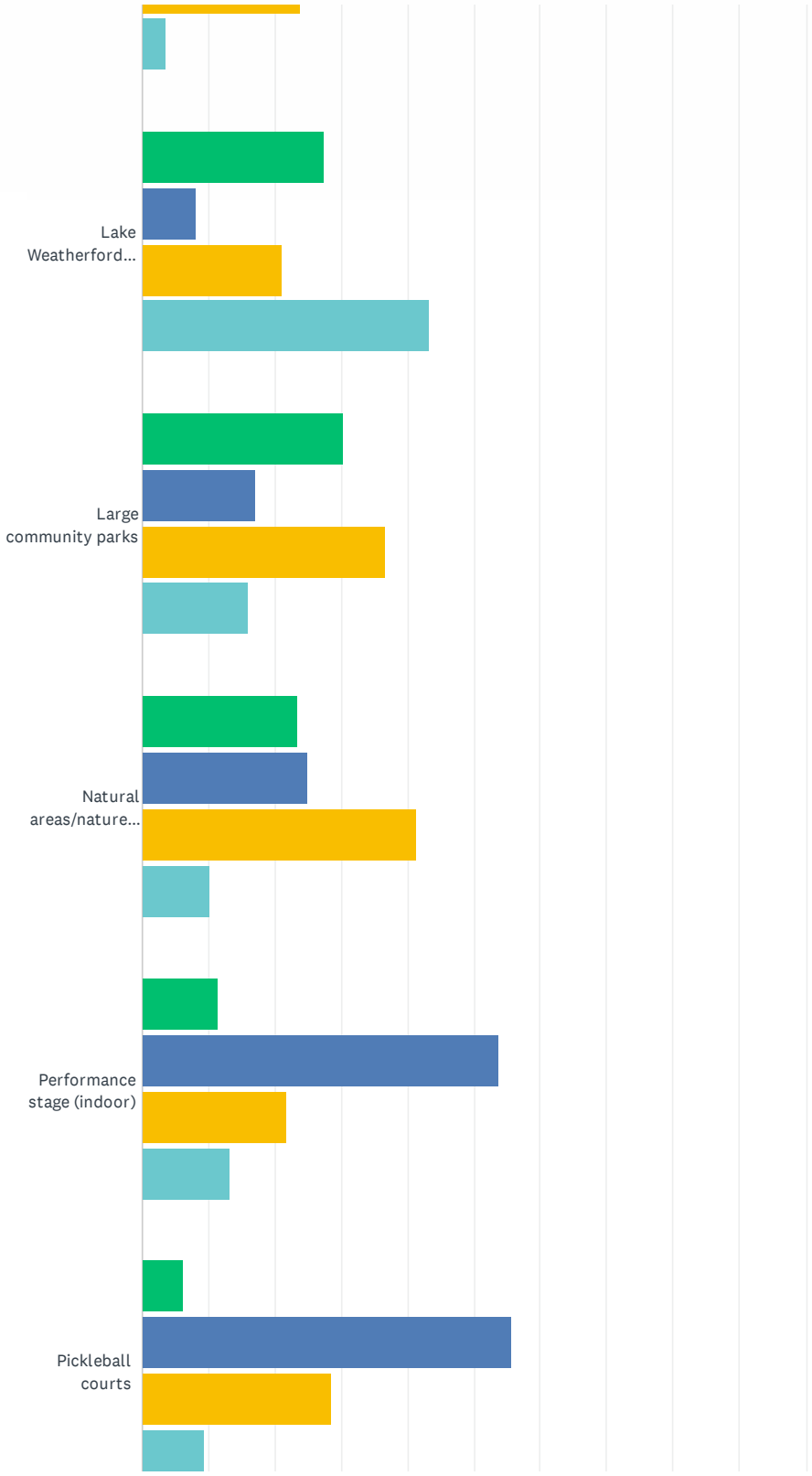
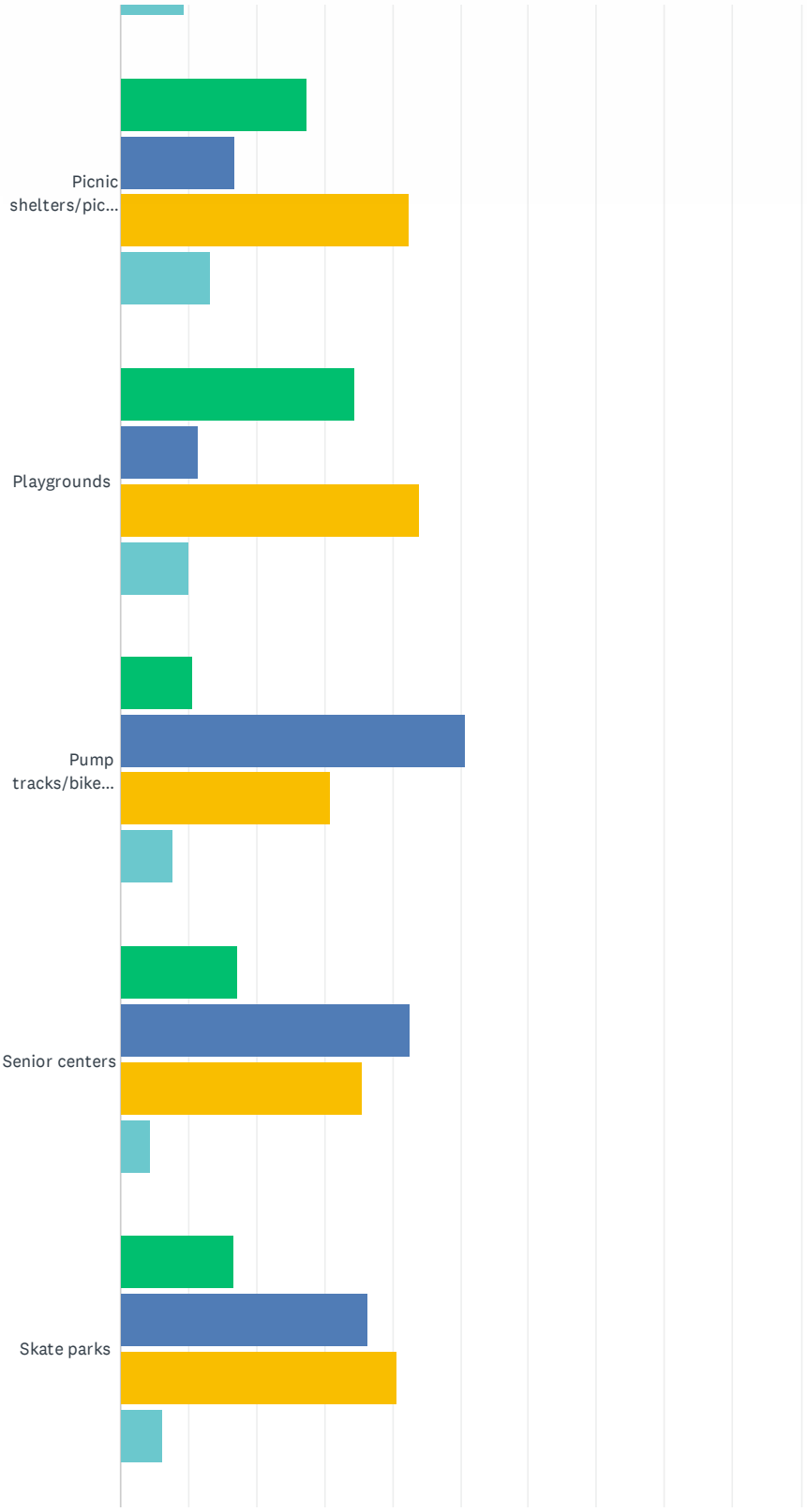
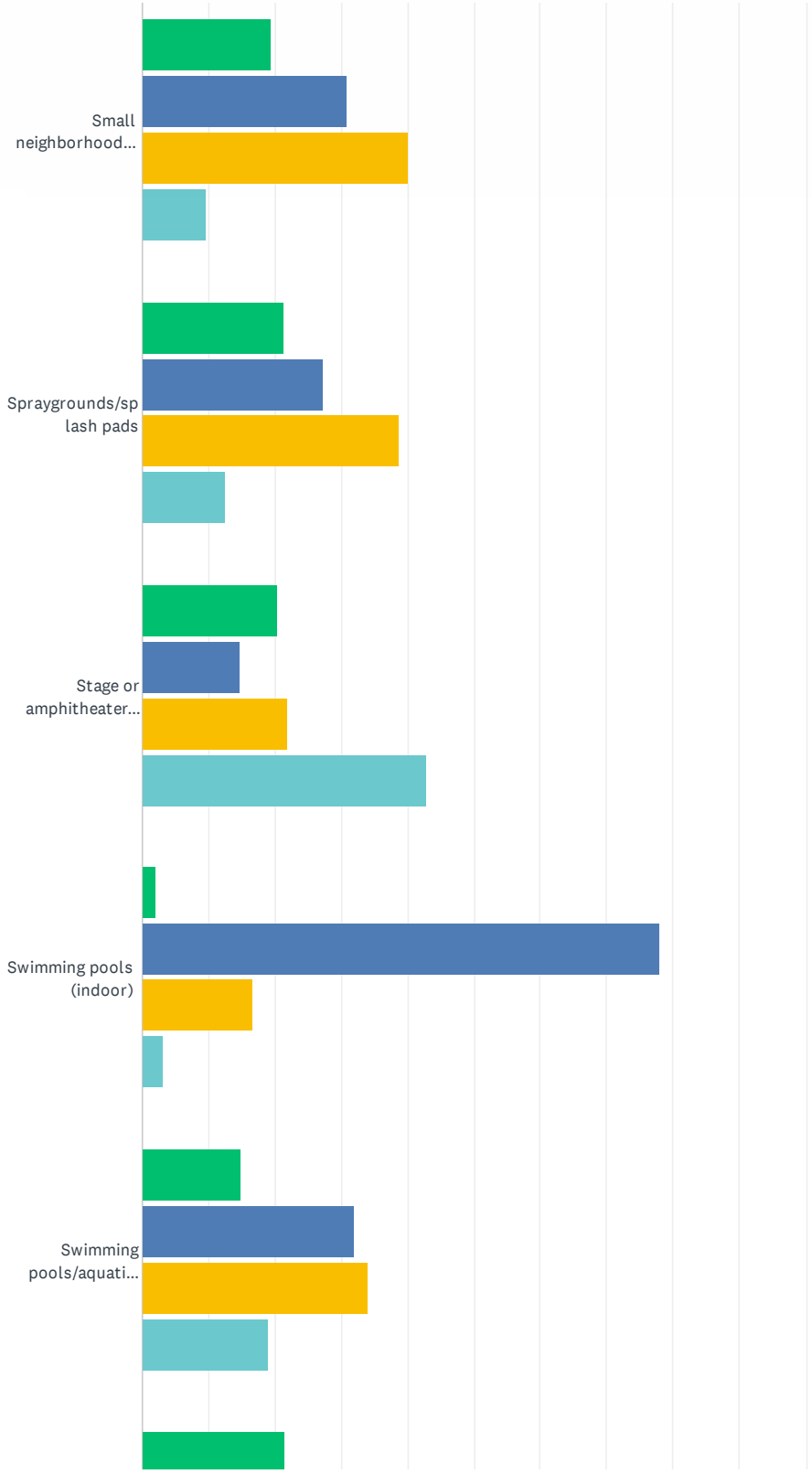



courses
Dog parks (off-leash)
Fields – baseball/sof...
Fields – multipurpose...
Fitness equipment/ob...
Gymnasium/court space (indoor)


Lake Weatherford...
Large community parks
Natural areas/nature...
Performance stage (indoor)
Pickleball courts


Picnic shelters/pic...
Playgrounds
Pump tracks/bike...
Senior centers
Skate parks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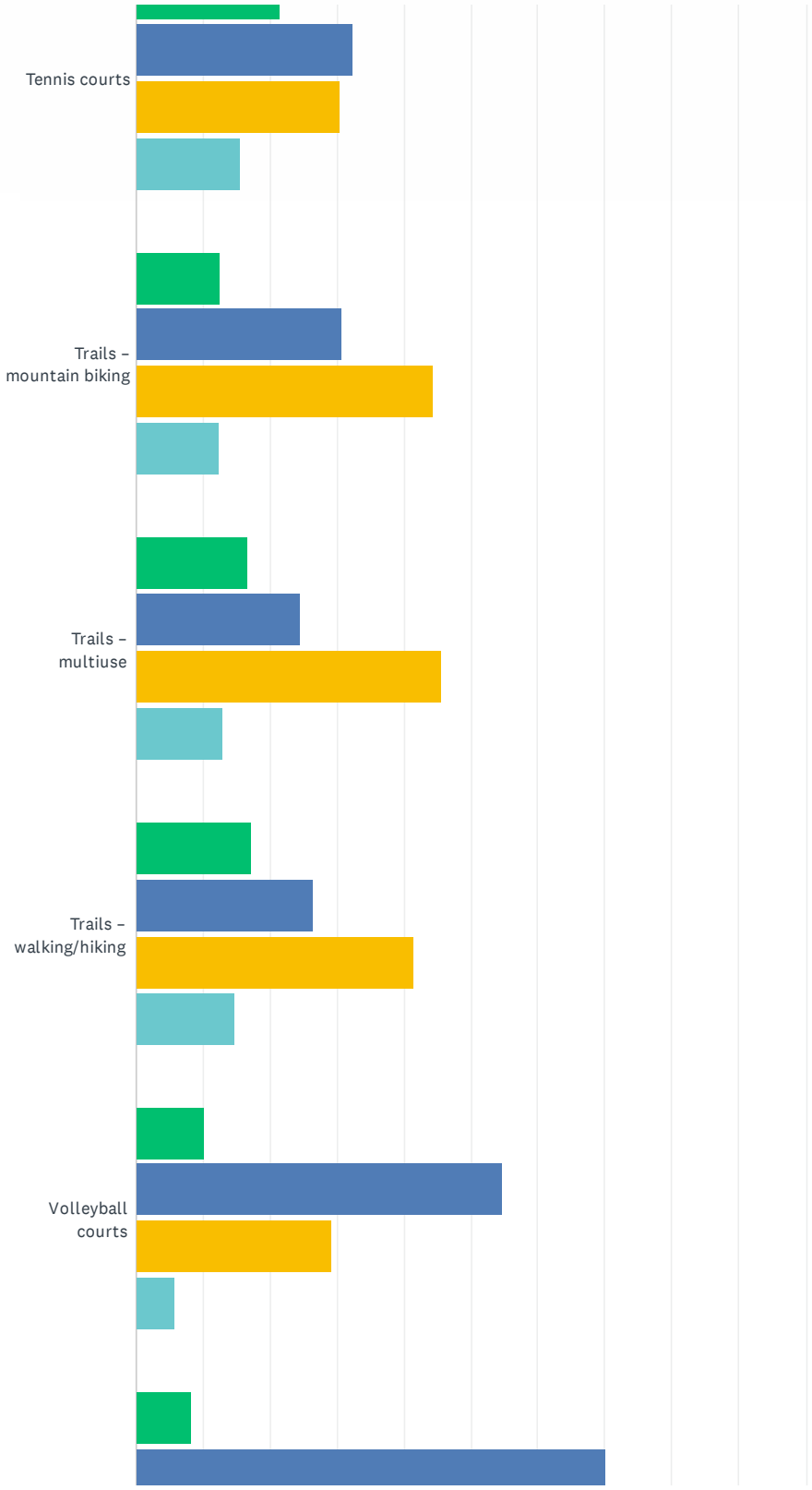
Spraygrounds/splash pads
Stage or amphitheater...
Swimming pools (indoor)
Swimming pools/aquati...


Tennis courts
Trails – mountain biking
Trails – multiuse
Trails – walking/hiking
Volleyball courts

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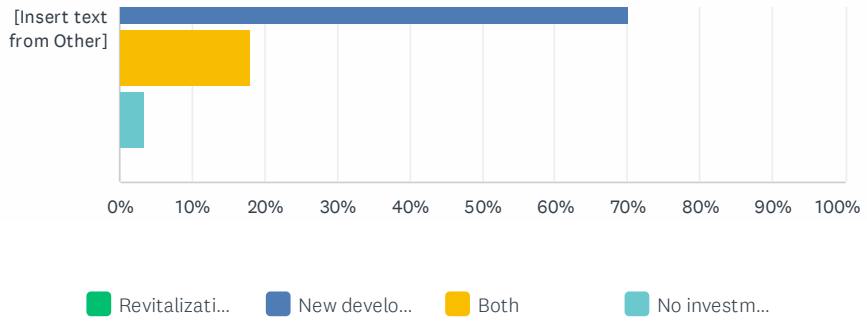

	REVITALIZATION/UPGRADES TO EXISTING	NEW DEVELOPMENT	BOTH	NO INVESTMENT NEEDED	TOTAL
Basketball courts (outdoor)	22.02% 98	18.65% 83	48.54% 216	10.79% 48	445
Canoe/kayak launch	15.44% 126	32.11% 262	41.91% 342	10.54% 86	816
Community gardens	14.65% 110	36.35% 273	39.15% 294	9.85% 74	751
Community/recreation centers	13.37% 112	47.37% 397	36.28% 304	2.98% 25	838
Disc golf courses	17.17% 68	31.82% 126	35.35% 140	15.66% 62	396
Dog parks (off-leash)	21.22% 125	22.92% 135	36.16% 213	19.69% 116	589
Fields – baseball/softball diamonds	26.79% 116	18.71% 81	35.80% 155	18.71% 81	433
Fields – multipurpose (soccer/lacrosse/football/etc.)	29.35% 135	25.87% 119	35.22% 162	9.57% 44	460
Fitness equipment/obstacle course (outdoor)	9.01% 61	58.79% 398	27.92% 189	4.28% 29	677
Gymnasium/court space (indoor)	6.30% 33	66.22% 347	23.85% 125	3.63% 19	524
Lake Weatherford Boardwalk	27.61% 302	8.04% 88	21.02% 230	43.33% 474	1,094
Large community parks	30.35% 227	16.98% 127	36.76% 275	15.91% 119	748
Natural areas/nature parks	23.41% 257	25.05% 275	41.35% 454	10.20% 112	1,098
Performance stage (indoor)	11.44% 39	53.67% 183	21.70% 74	13.20% 45	341
Pickleball courts	6.22% 23	55.68% 206	28.65% 106	9.46% 35	370
Picnic shelters/picnic areas	27.57% 212	16.78% 129	42.39% 326	13.26% 102	769
Playgrounds	34.62% 360	11.44% 119	43.85% 456	10.10% 105	1,040
Pump tracks/bike parks	10.68% 36	50.74% 171	30.86% 104	7.72% 26	337
Senior centers	17.18% 39	42.73% 97	35.68% 81	4.41% 10	227
Skate parks	16.67% 43	36.43% 94	40.70% 105	6.20% 16	258
Small neighborhood parks	19.37% 130	30.85% 207	40.09% 269	9.69% 65	671
Spraygrounds/splash pads	21.28% 186	27.23% 238	38.90% 340	12.59% 110	874
Stage or amphitheater (outdoor)	20.49%	14.75%	21.93%	42.83%	

	100	72	107	209	488
Swimming pools (indoor)	2.20% 26	78.00% 922	16.67% 197	3.13% 37	1,182
Swimming pools/aquatic centers (outdoor)	14.84% 150	32.05% 324	34.12% 345	18.99% 192	1,011
Tennis courts	21.58% 60	32.37% 90	30.58% 85	15.47% 43	278
Trails – mountain biking	12.57% 66	30.67% 161	44.38% 233	12.38% 65	525
Trails – multiuse	16.71% 139	24.52% 204	45.67% 380	13.10% 109	832
Trails – walking/hiking	17.25% 223	26.53% 343	41.61% 538	14.62% 189	1,293
Volleyball courts	10.19% 32	54.78% 172	29.30% 92	5.73% 18	314
[Insert text from Other]	8.26% 10	70.25% 85	18.18% 22	3.31% 4	121

Q9 Please identify ALL PROGRAMS you or household members currently use or would like to use if available.

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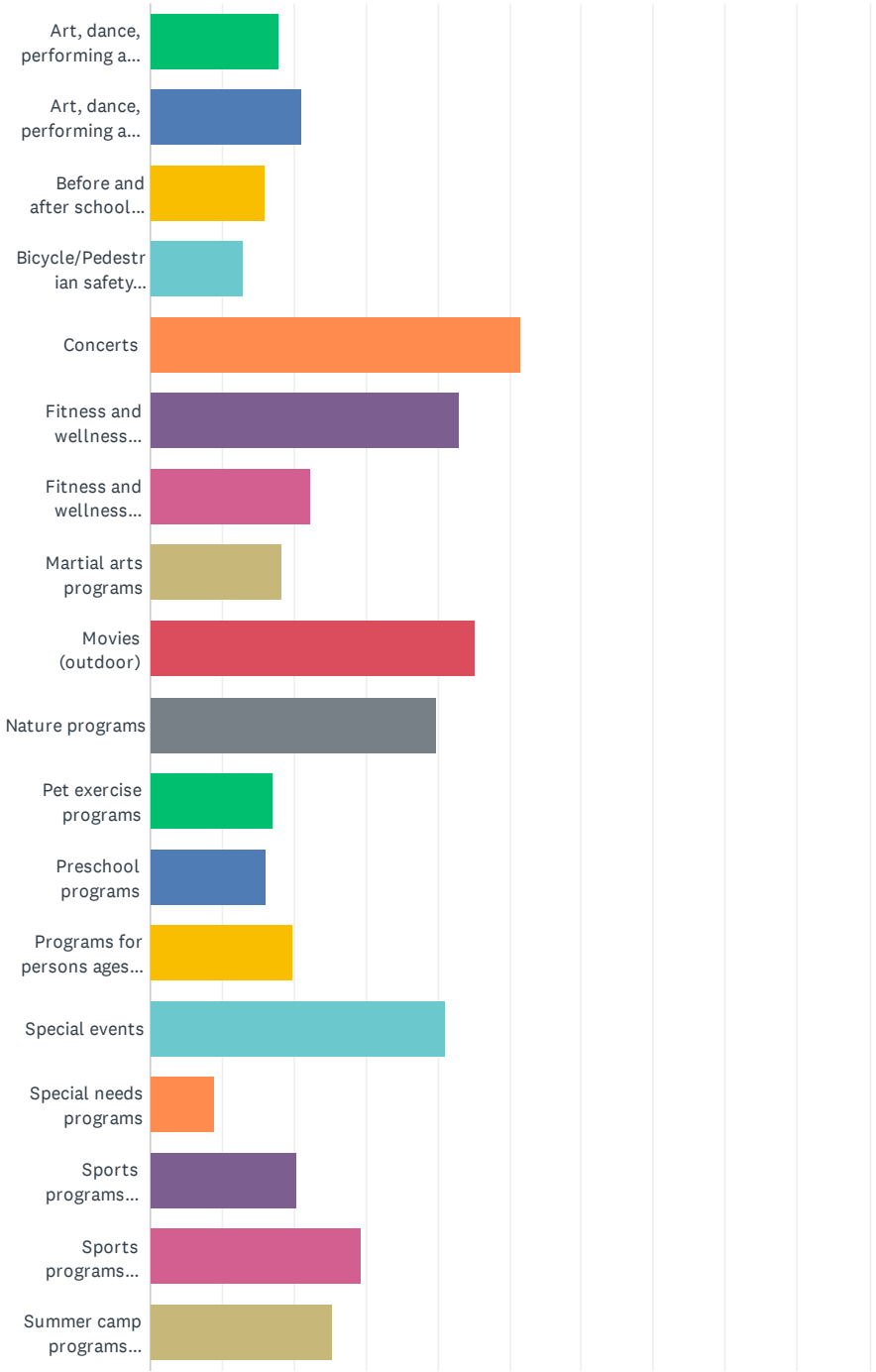

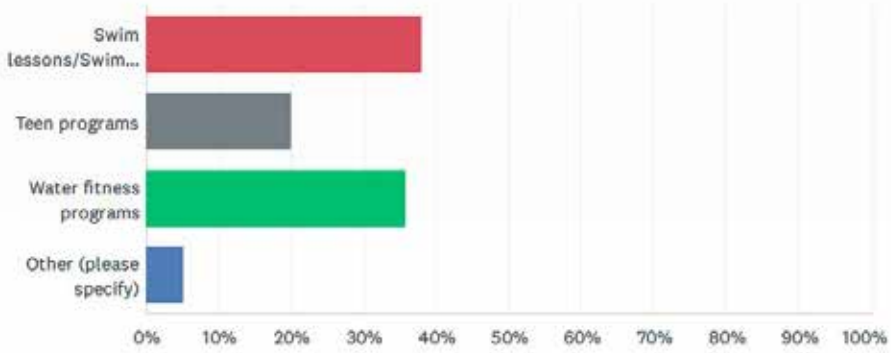

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
A t, dance, pe fo m ng arts (adu t)	17.98%	400
A t, dance, pe fo m ng arts (youth)	21.21%	472
Befo e and afte schoo prog ams	16.09%	358
B cyc e/Pedest an safety p og ams	12.94%	288
Conce ts	51.69%	1,150
F tness and we ness p og ams (adu t)	43.01%	957
F tness and we ness p og ams (youth)	22.34%	497
Ma t al a ts p og ams	18.43%	410
Mov es (outdoo)	45.26%	1,007
Natu e p og ams	39.78%	885
Pet exe c se p og ams	17.12%	381
P eschool p og ams	16.27%	362
P og ams fo pe sons ages 50+	19.82%	441
Spec a events	41.12%	915
Spec a needs prog ams	9.03%	201
Spo ts p og ams (adu t)	20.54%	457
Spo ts p og ams (youth)	29.39%	654
Summe camp prog ams (youth)	25.39%	565
Swim essons/Swim Team	37.89%	843
Teen prog ams	20.09%	447
Water fitness p og ams	35.78%	796
Othe (p ease spec fy)	5.08%	113
Tota Respondents: 2,225		

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#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Christmas in the park	7/22/2022 1:54 PM
2	Family concerts in the park for all ages	7/22/2022 9:34 AM
3	Would love to see a nature center like Acton or Fort Worth has with programming. Teen swim team, teen rock climbing, teen mountain biking group, teen advanced robotics	7/22/2022 8:35 AM
4	Food truck nights	7/22/2022 12:36 AM
5	Theater Off the Square	7/21/2022 7:40 PM
6	homeschool	7/21/2022 3:02 AM
7	Indoor water fitness	7/20/2022 8:22 PM
8	Trails. Community classes.	7/20/2022 5:20 PM
9	Disc golf youth program.	7/20/2022 2:08 PM
10	YMCA	7/18/2022 9:42 PM
11	Tennis courts public	7/18/2022 9:17 PM
12	Volleyball courts	7/18/2022 7:19 PM
13	Improve walkability and/or sidewalks in old residential areas surrounding City Hall (sometimes difficult/ unsafe to run with my dog in this area)	7/17/2022 6:18 PM
14	Pickle ball	7/16/2022 8:58 PM
15	Cooking, Winemaker, Brewing Classes	7/15/2022 11:19 PM
16	Wildlife walks and classes	7/15/2022 9:07 PM
17	Weatherford disc golf club	7/15/2022 7:33 PM
18	YMCA	7/15/2022 5:58 PM
19	Gardening	7/15/2022 5:24 PM
20	Maybe a small pond in the dog park (it gets really hot in the summer)	7/15/2022 4:59 PM
21	Dog parks!!	7/15/2022 3:39 PM
22	Yoga classes	7/15/2022 3:19 PM
23	Bike races, running races, night rides, guided rides	7/15/2022 1:41 PM
24	Geocaching	7/15/2022 12:27 PM
25	Just having access to the amenities are great for my family.	7/15/2022 9:36 AM
26	Community yoga/adult fitness opportunities	7/14/2022 9:27 PM
27	Strength training and workout classes. I'm a trainer and I can tell you everyone I know talks about wanting a rec center to facilitate this stuff here in weatherford.	7/14/2022 8:28 PM
28	Gydt	7/4/2022 7:10 PM
29	None	7/4/2022 6:15 PM
30	building rental all day for family reunions twice a year	7/3/2022 2:51 PM
31	Relaxing in the gardens	6/25/2022 4:51 PM
32	indoor recreational building for basketball,volleyball kids and adults	6/23/2022 3:48 PM
33	Weekly homeschool get togethers that include handicapped children/teens	6/23/2022 1:34 PM
34	City Leisure Leagues I.e: Horseshoes, Cornhole, Archery and YMCA-like community centers please see:https://www.thorntonco.gov/recreation/facilities/Pages/thornton-community-center.aspx	6/23/2022 12:51 PM

35	Baseball	6/23/2022 6:55 AM
36	Indoor adult therapy and lap swim pool	6/22/2022 6:30 PM
37	Sand volleyball	6/22/2022 5:59 PM
38	I don't care for the pop concerts you provide..more classical?	6/22/2022 4:59 PM
39	Junior tennis tournaments	6/22/2022 4:31 PM
40	Rec center with pool, basketball court, workout facility, and community/sports programs	6/22/2022 4:31 PM
41	First Monday Trade Days	6/22/2022 4:21 PM
42	Year round swim team	6/22/2022 4:08 PM
43	Land stewardship/restoration	6/20/2022 8:12 PM
44	Indoor swimming	6/20/2022 12:07 AM
45	Fishing spots	6/18/2022 12:43 PM
46	All I want, and many others do too, is for the Cherry Park swimming pool to expand availability into October, or at least through September.	6/15/2022 6:05 PM
47	Golf	6/15/2022 12:25 PM
48	Gardening	6/5/2022 9:55 AM
49	Hula hoop fitness/dancercise	6/3/2022 10:57 AM
50	skatepark	6/3/2022 8:56 AM
51	fishing tournaments	6/3/2022 8:31 AM
52	fishing tournaments	6/3/2022 8:12 AM
53	save & heal trees	6/3/2022 8:04 AM
54	None	6/2/2022 11:35 PM
55	YEAR ROUND water fitness program	6/2/2022 9:45 PM
56	Definitely pet exercise programs	6/2/2022 8:26 PM
57	Homeschool education, NEW LIBRARY!!!, community garden/farm education (see Herff Ranch in Boerne, TX), farmers market encouraging local healthy food options	6/2/2022 10:58 AM
58	Indoor aquatics and track center	6/1/2022 7:10 PM
59	Sand volleyball	6/1/2022 1:52 PM
60	Yoga community classes	6/1/2022 1:06 AM
61	Let's make what we have look nce	6/1/2022 12:14 AM
62	Lake festival	5/31/2022 10:12 PM
63	Would love to see more community events with families. Also, rock climbing, more recreation sports leagues for kids & any fun outdoor activities to get the kids (& parents) outside more! We need more green spaces in Weatherford!	5/31/2022 3:13 PM
64	N/a	5/30/2022 9:47 PM
65	We NEED a 100% WHEELCHAIR accessible PLAYGROUND and PARK! Our son can't do ANYTHING but watch his friends play and it's HEARTBREAKING. Even Fort Worth Dream Park claimed to be accessible yet there is NOTHING for a wheelchair user to use! So sad! There are wheelchair swings and companion swings and tons of other things! I'd LOVE to be a part of this development! ~ Brandy Costello (son Carter Costello)	5/25/2022 11:21 AM
66	Indoor Recreation center	5/25/2022 10:17 AM
67	Skate park/Pump track (Like Tyler, Tx)	5/25/2022 9:51 AM
68	Sand volleyball- love to see lake marina sand volleyball improved or another added	5/25/2022 8:55 AM

69	Year round water fitness	5/25/2022 12:15 AM
70	Disc golf	5/24/2022 9:39 PM
71	We	5/24/2022 4:18 PM
72	Disc golf summer youth camps and clinics	5/24/2022 4:02 PM
73	Water aerobics!!!!	5/24/2022 1:11 PM
74	Track	5/24/2022 12:52 PM
75	Disc golf	5/24/2022 12:32 PM
76	Disc Golf	5/24/2022 11:24 AM
77	Year round indoor wzterfitness	5/24/2022 8:32 AM
78	Youth Sailing Lessons	5/22/2022 5:49 AM
79	Mountain bike events - races, demo days, etc.	5/21/2022 8:45 AM
80	Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in America. I don't believe e	5/20/2022 5:34 PM
81	Pickleball courts	5/19/2022 8:22 PM
82	Pickleball	5/18/2022 8:34 PM
83	Pickleball	5/18/2022 7:22 PM
84	Yoga	5/18/2022 6:34 PM
85	Swimming pool lift for person in wheelchair	5/18/2022 6:30 PM
86	Indoor water aerobics	5/18/2022 5:07 PM
87	Would love a baseball choice through the city instead of WLL	5/18/2022 4:53 PM
88	Pickleball	5/18/2022 4:09 PM
89	Community orchestra	5/18/2022 2:46 PM
90	Camping	5/18/2022 2:11 PM
91	Pickleball	5/18/2022 1:33 PM
92	Large outdoor dog park/nature area	5/18/2022 1:32 PM
93	Deep Water Aerobics	5/18/2022 1:19 PM
94	Pickleball	5/18/2022 12:59 PM
95	Pickleball	5/18/2022 12:44 PM
96	Consider year-round indoor swimming facility	5/18/2022 12:42 PM
97	I think Wford offers a great variety of programs.	5/18/2022 12:30 PM
98	Pickleball for 50+	5/18/2022 11:08 AM
99	Pickleball	5/18/2022 10:31 AM
100	Allow E mountain bikes at Quanna	5/18/2022 9:59 AM
101	More mountain bike trails	5/18/2022 9:46 AM
102	New Pickleball courts	5/18/2022 9:14 AM
103	Pickleball	5/18/2022 9:11 AM
104	Pickleball courts needed-covered ones would be nice so we can continue to play during rain or high heat	5/18/2022 8:31 AM
105	Pickleball court access available at all times	5/18/2022 8:18 AM

106	Xy	5/17/2022 11:40 PM
107	better disseminating info about activities	5/17/2022 11:35 PM
108	Fishing programs	5/17/2022 10:00 PM
109	Hiking Trails/Nature trails	5/17/2022 8:58 PM
110	Coed or male volleyball	5/17/2022 8:15 PM
111	More homeschool rec classes offered during the day	5/17/2022 8:02 PM
112	Music festivals and events	5/17/2022 7:58 PM
113	Yoga, Tai chi, live theater	5/17/2022 7:36 PM

Q10 For these PROGRAMS, what kind of investment would you like to see in Weatherford?

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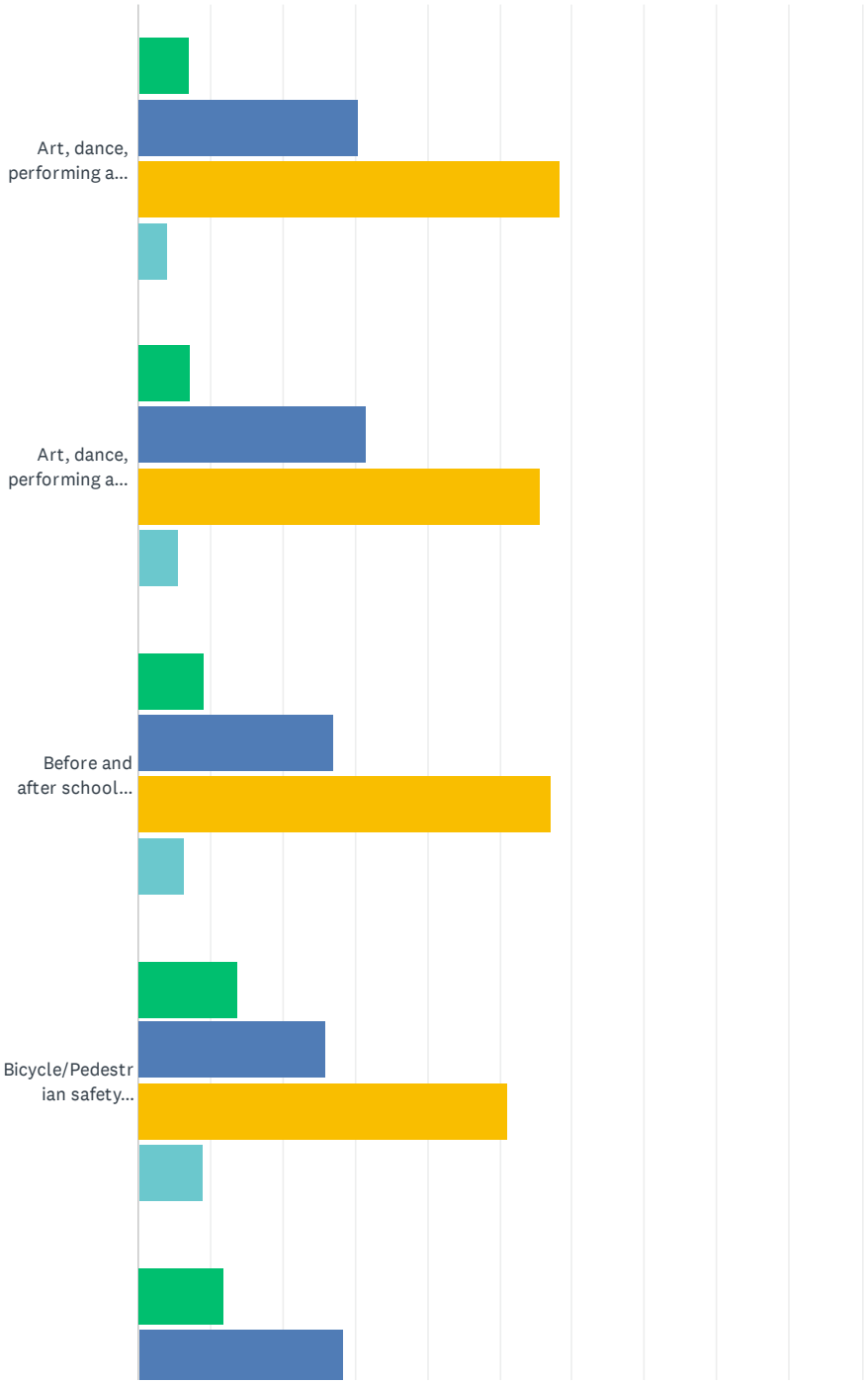

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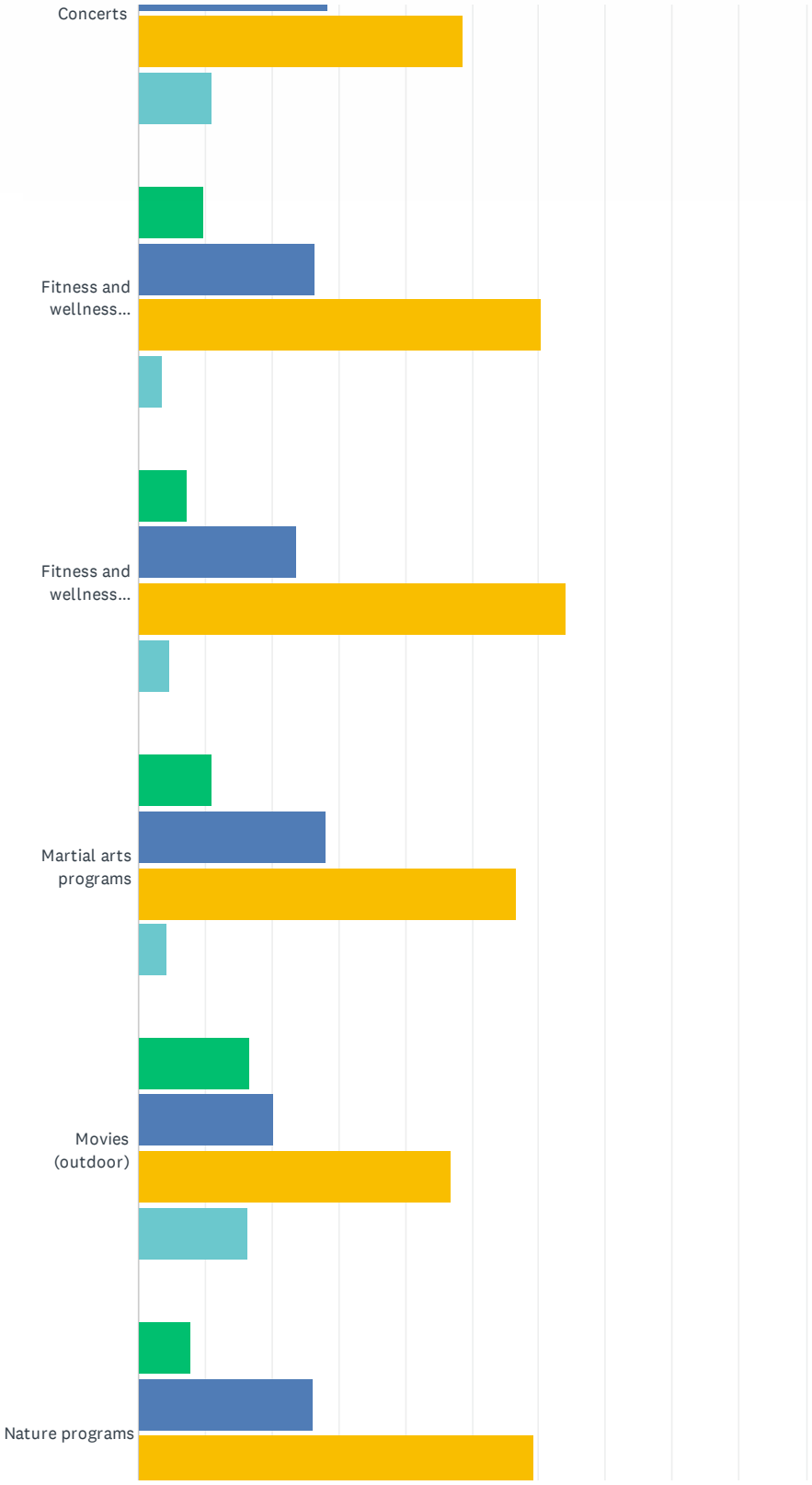

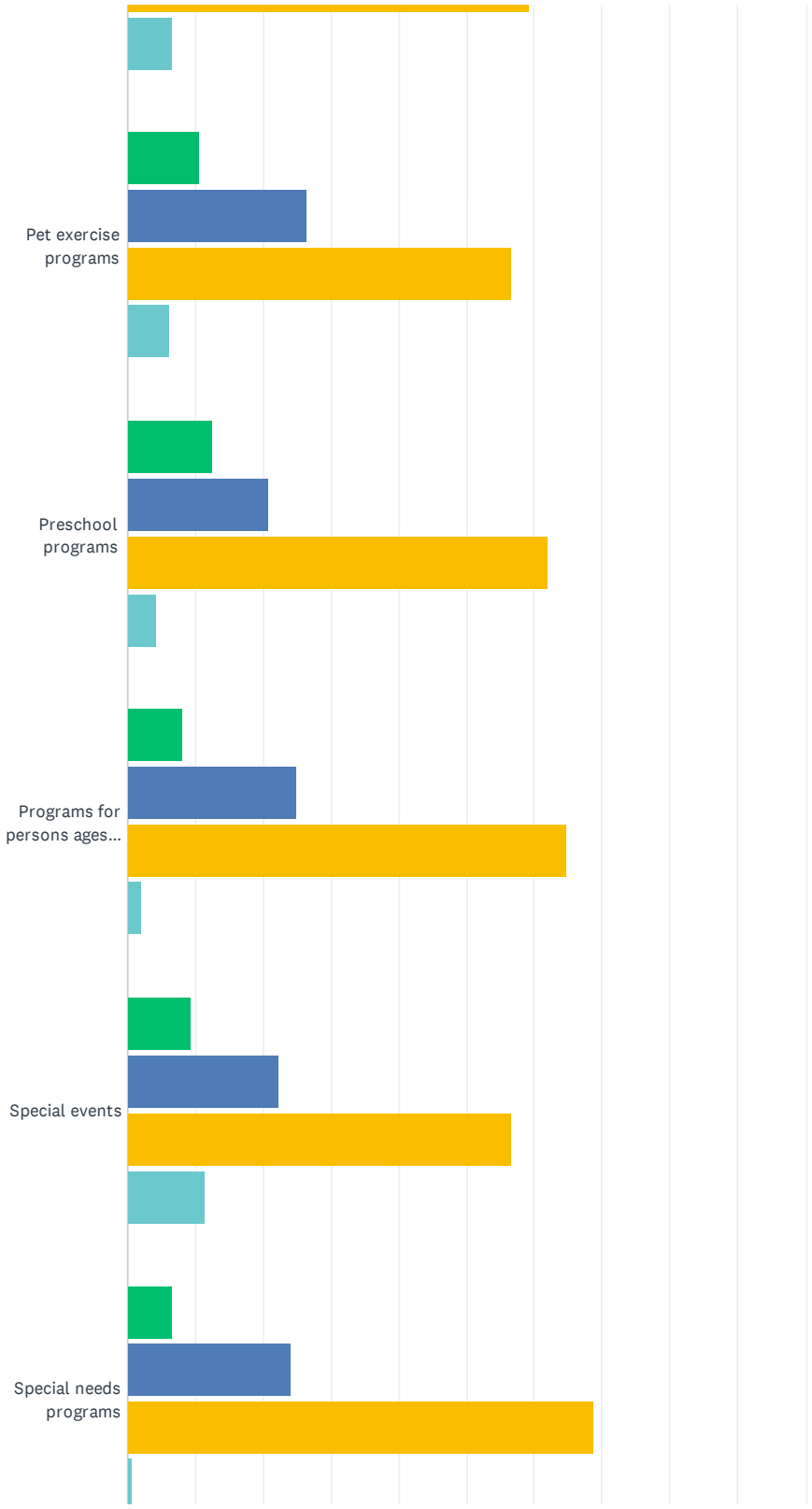
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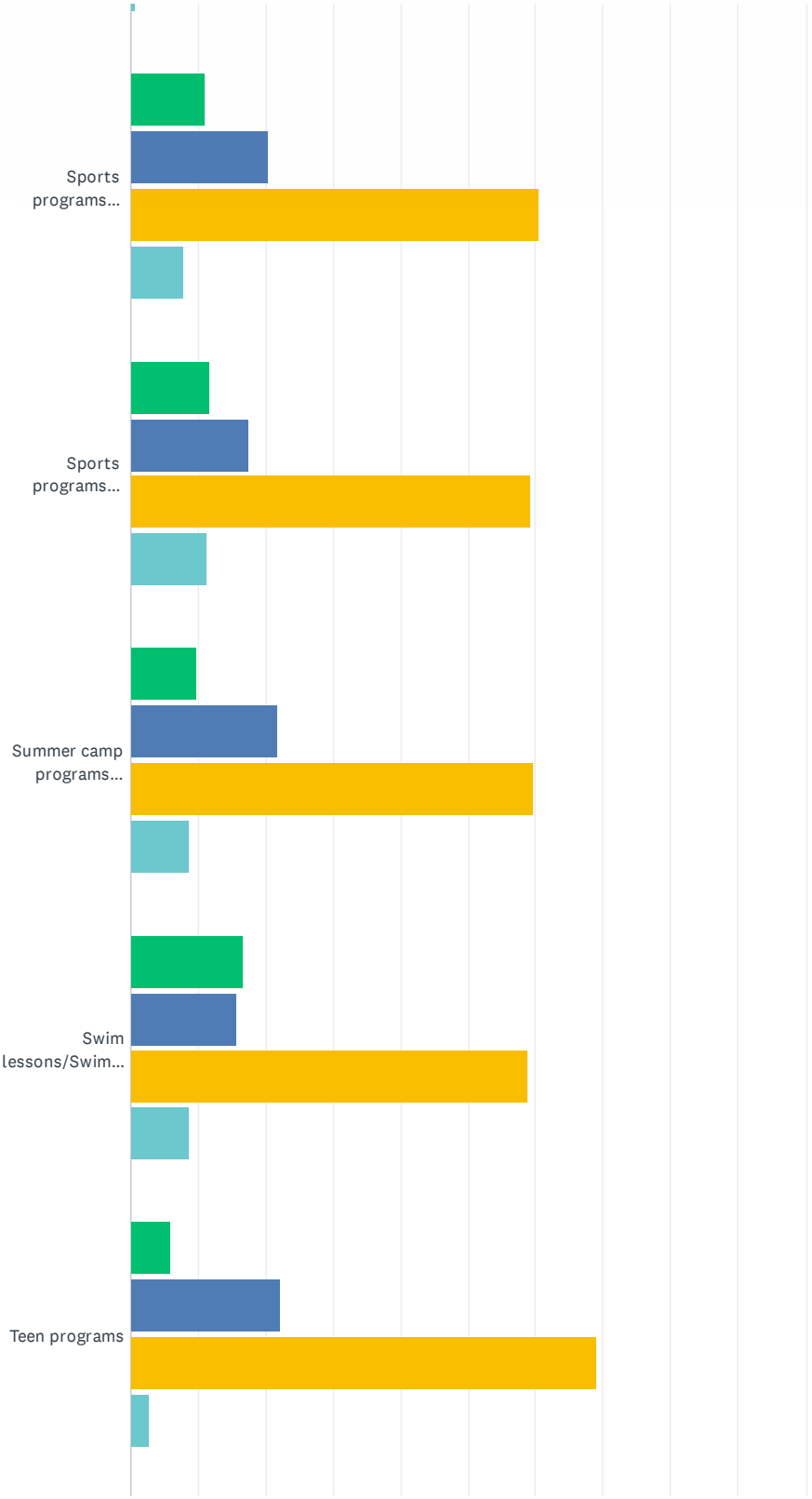
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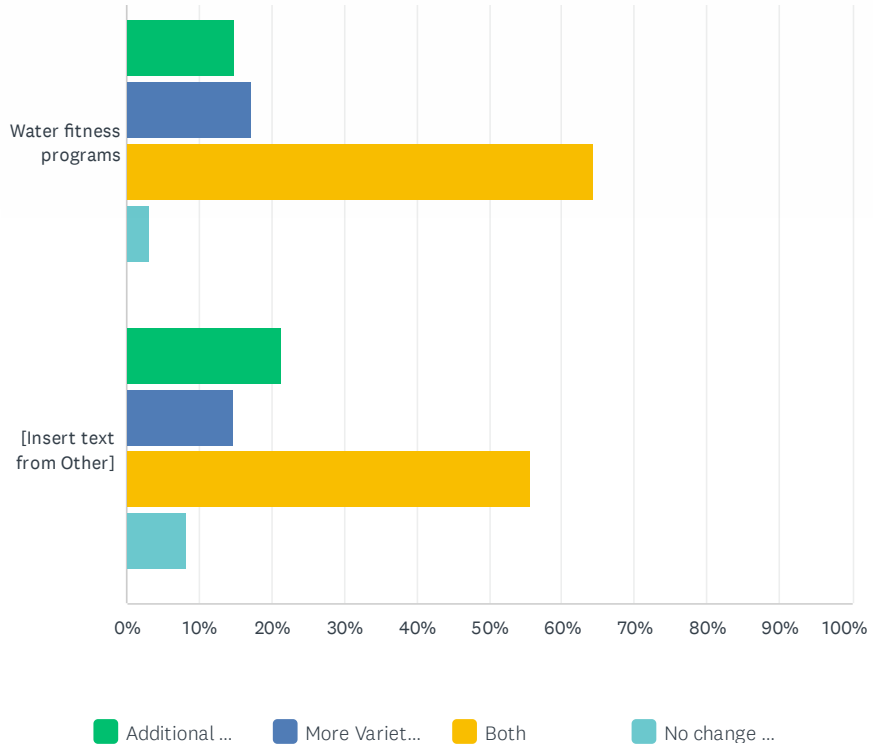
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Additional ...
More Variet...
Both
No change ...

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	ADDITIONAL CAPACITY OR TIMES/DAYS	MORE VARIETY OF PROGRAM OFFERINGS	BOTH	NO CHANGE NEEDED	TOTAL
Art, dance, performing arts (adult)	7.12% 26	30.41% 111	58.36% 213	4.11% 15	365
Art, dance, performing arts (youth)	7.35% 31	31.52% 133	55.69% 235	5.45% 23	422
Before and after school programs	9.27% 29	27.16% 85	57.19% 179	6.39% 20	313
Bicycle/Pedestrian safety programs	13.78% 35	25.98% 66	51.18% 130	9.06% 23	254
Concerts	11.98% 125	28.38% 296	48.61% 507	11.03% 115	1,043
Fitness and wellness programs (adult)	9.71% 84	26.36% 228	60.35% 522	3.58% 31	865
Fitness and wellness programs (youth)	7.24% 32	23.76% 105	64.25% 284	4.75% 21	442
Martial arts programs	11.05% 39	28.05% 99	56.66% 200	4.25% 15	353
Movies (outdoor)	16.67% 152	20.18% 184	46.82% 427	16.34% 149	912
Nature programs	7.92% 63	26.16% 208	59.25% 471	6.67% 53	795
Pet exercise programs	10.59% 36	26.47% 90	56.76% 193	6.18% 21	340
Preschool programs	12.65% 41	20.99% 68	62.04% 201	4.32% 14	324
Programs for persons ages 50+	8.05% 33	24.88% 102	64.88% 266	2.20% 9	410
Special events	9.36% 77	22.36% 184	56.74% 467	11.54% 95	823
Special needs programs	6.56% 12	24.04% 44	68.85% 126	0.55% 1	183
Sports programs (adult)	11.19% 46	20.44% 84	60.58% 249	7.79% 32	411
Sports programs (youth)	11.73% 69	17.52% 103	59.35% 349	11.39% 67	588
Summer camp programs (youth)	9.82% 50	21.81% 111	59.72% 304	8.64% 44	509
Swim lessons/Swim Team	16.67% 128	15.76% 121	58.85% 452	8.72% 67	768
Teen programs	5.97% 24	22.14% 89	69.15% 278	2.74% 11	402
Water fitness programs	15.00% 108	17.36% 125	64.44% 464	3.19% 23	720
[Insert text from Other]	21.30% 23	14.81% 16	55.56% 60	8.33% 9	108

Q11 What would encourage you and your household members to take better advantage of outdoor offerings by Weatherford Parks, Recreation & Special Events?

Answered: 2,174 Skipped: 581

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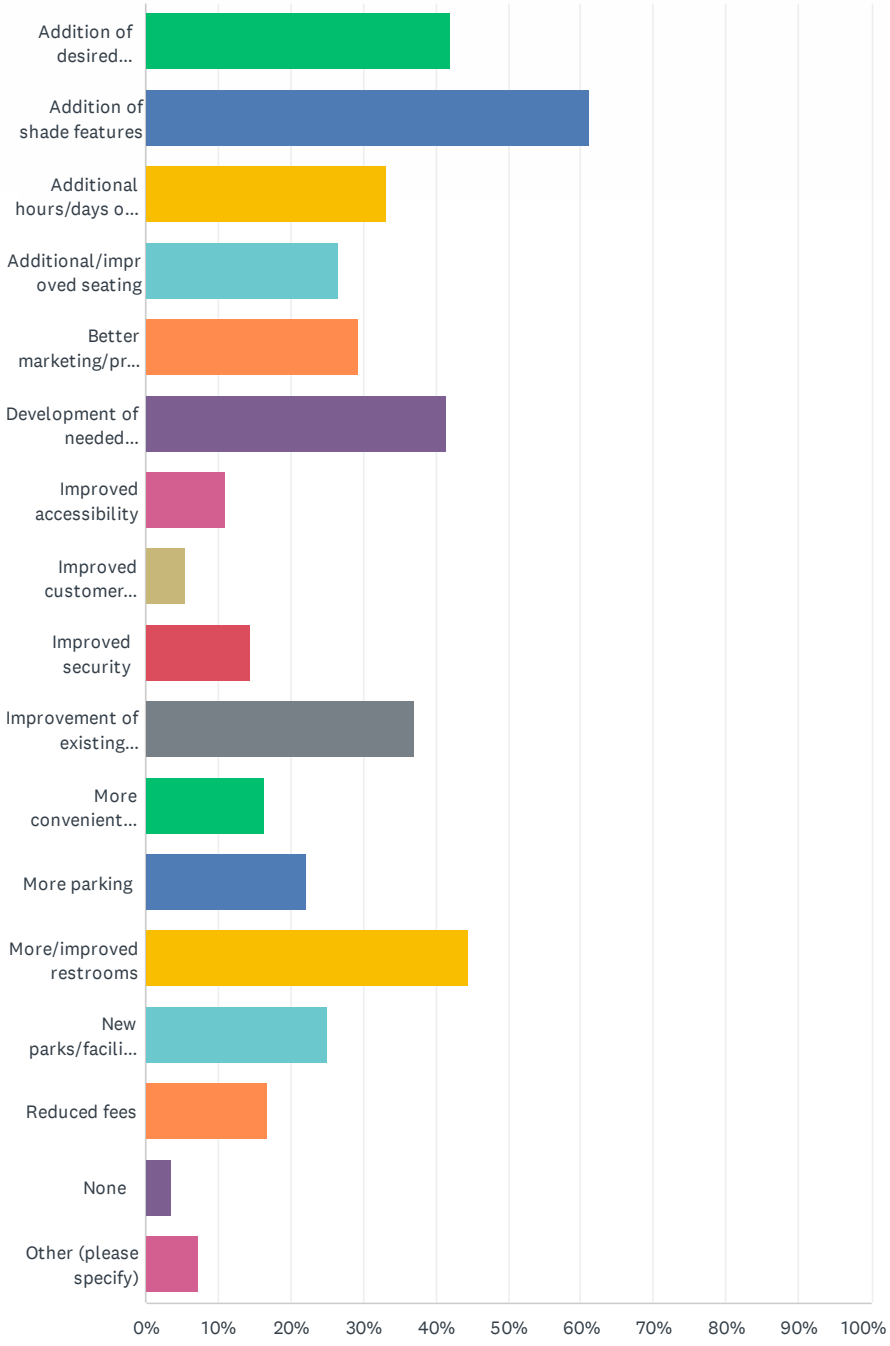


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Add t on of des ed p og ams	41.95%	912
Add t on of shade featu es	61.27%	1,332
Add t ona hou s/days of operat on	33.16%	721
Add t ona /imp oved seat ng	26.68%	580
Bette market ng/p omot on	29.39%	639
Development of needed fac t es	41.58%	904
Imp oved access b ty	11.18%	243
Imp oved custome se v ce by staff	5.47%	119
Imp oved secu ty	14.44%	314
Imp ovement of ex st ng fac t es	37.03%	805
Mo e conven ent p og am ocat ons	16.38%	356
Mo e pa k ng	22.22%	483
Mo e/imp oved est ooms	44.53%	968
New pa ks/fac t es c ose to home	25.11%	546
Reduced fees	16.74%	364
None	3.59%	78
Othe (p ease spec fy)	7.27%	158
Tota Respondents: 2,174		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	We ve n Texas- Eve y pa k shou d have equ pment that has a shade over t othe wise t s use ess 3-4months eve y yea	7/30/2022 5:08 PM
2	Mo e va iety fo A ages and pa t cu ar y for o de . Offe commun ty dances.	7/22/2022 11:53 AM
3	Make th ng ast onge then shutt ng stuff down at 4pm ke peach fest va need even ng hou s coo e temps mo e peop e wou d show up. 1st Mondays done at 4pm extens on of t mes p ease.	7/21/2022 9:35 PM
4	C ass ca mus c conce ts	7/21/2022 8:46 PM
5	Often there are adu ts without ch d en at playg ounds t y ng to talk to & u e the k ds away. And peop e smok ng! And we f nd used need es! I f nd myse f hes tant to take my k ds alone & a ways b ng peppe sp ay & stay on hugh a e t. Awfu that th s s ou commun ty!	7/21/2022 2:22 PM
6	Weatherfo d cou d benef t f om Two o mo e add t ona d sc go f cou ses	7/20/2022 2:12 PM
7	Cove the p ayg ound equ pment so we can enjoy what we have!!!!! The sun s hot he e fo ha f the yea .	7/20/2022 12:25 AM
8	B g name mus c acts	7/19/2022 2:01 PM
9	A commun ty cente o ymca	7/18/2022 9:45 PM
10	P ease nsta a ea bath oom at fr endsh p playg ound ... PLEASE	7/18/2022 6:25 PM
11	Extens on of t me C eek T a to meet Lake M ne a Wel s T a	7/18/2022 4:21 PM
12	Another d sc go f cou se to cate to P os and Ams al ke but not Rec eat ona p aye s wou d	7/18/2022 8:14 AM

	keep players playing in weatherford as compared to z-boaz in benbrook	
13	More things offered in the less hot months	7/18/2022 1:48 AM
14	More thought given to needs of senior citizens.	7/17/2022 10:26 PM
15	Free public access to Lake Weatherford	7/17/2022 6:23 PM
16	Special needs friendly	7/17/2022 8:29 AM
17	$5 for the City pool is too high. $20 for a family to go swimming for a few hours at the city pool just isn't affordable.	7/17/2022 2:50 AM
18	Indoor pool, YMCA, convetion center	7/16/2022 9:02 PM
19	Lights at pickle ball courts	7/16/2022 9:00 PM
20	Pet owners keeping their dogs leashed. Leash law enforced	7/16/2022 8:34 PM
21	A 2nd bridge to help with all the people leaving	7/16/2022 4:41 AM
22	Charge $1.00 extra on water bill to help fund parks and Rec.	7/16/2022 1:15 AM
23	Would like to see a new aquatic center built.	7/15/2022 11:41 PM
24	More MTB trails!	7/15/2022 10:04 PM
25	Wildlife Education	7/15/2022 9:11 PM
26	Indoor facilities for children, poor people have nowhere to take children to play on hot days	7/15/2022 6:10 PM
27	Better landscape of parks around lake. Mowing frequency and better tree trimming	7/15/2022 5:45 PM
28	You guys are really great!!	7/15/2022 3:41 PM
29	A recreational center with indoor pool	7/15/2022 1:42 PM
30	I would like a splash pad for dogs. Even 7am - 9am at Marshall Park please	7/15/2022 1:03 PM
31	More MTB trails please	7/15/2022 10:28 AM
32	Allow ebikes on trails	7/15/2022 10:03 AM
33	Better cycling infrastructure	7/15/2022 9:58 AM
34	I live near eagle mountain lake and weatherford offers a great escape from the city. More parks closer to he east side would get used a lot by my family.	7/15/2022 9:39 AM
35	Cooling stations and not being held in the worst part of summer hours	7/15/2022 8:33 AM
36	Shade features are a must with young children in Texas. And earlier hours for Cherry st pool for kids with nap times	7/15/2022 8:08 AM
37	We need indoor pool for seniors, swim lessons and swim sports. The land for sale on Santa Fe needs to be be part of Weatherford park system. Green space is very important to humans and communities!	7/15/2022 6:48 AM
38	Let me walk from my house on the walking trail.	7/15/2022 4:07 AM
39	It's not fair that people that work normal business hours only get to swim on the weekends	7/15/2022 12:48 AM
40	no fee for city, minimal fee for non-Weatherford residents to help clean	7/14/2022 10:39 PM
41	The city required new budiness within the city limit to have public restrooms. I don't understand why all of our parks do not have restrooms facilities.	7/14/2022 9:56 PM
42	Mostly marketing, never know about anything until right before or after. We live in Aledo, we'd come!	7/14/2022 8:48 PM
43	We need a rec center in weatherford.	7/14/2022 8:32 PM
44	Public rec center	7/14/2022 7:36 PM
45	We need a YMCA!!!	7/14/2022 7:12 PM

46	I tera y have neve seen an ad fo any p og am eve	7/14/2022 7:05 PM
47	Hou s fo t ade days. Later hou s n the summer, cause t s too hot for ea y want ng to be the e.	7/14/2022 6:49 PM
48	Fenced n p ayg ound so pa ents d t have to wo y about the todd ers unn ng off (ke wh te sett ement has at thei Rec cente)	7/14/2022 6:43 PM
49	Ou Rai s to T a s s a d saste . I haven't been n ove a yea , adm tte y, but that s because I c ashed my bike on the path. It needs eve ng and bette su face. It wou d also be a good dea to d ve a eave b ower down the path du ng the fa . Leaves cove the eno mous potho es mak ng t dange ous. Th s path was such a g eat dea. Why can't we better ma nta n t?	7/14/2022 6:33 PM
50	Love st pa k despe at on needs p ay a ea covers	7/14/2022 5:57 PM
51	Indoor fac t es su tab e fo adve se weathe	7/14/2022 4:05 PM
52	Rest ooms nstead of portable ones	7/14/2022 3:48 PM
53	Lake Weatherfo d parks needs a p ayg ound. Th s s the c osest pa k to my home and my ch d en wou d ove a p ayg ound he e.	7/14/2022 3:01 PM
54	Spo ts Complex s needed fo ou youth.	7/14/2022 5:36 AM
55	C eate ch d-f ee a eas fo peop e to enjoy without othe s [redacted] unn ng around eve ywhe e.	7/5/2022 12:26 AM
56	Ma ng/ema ng event schedu e	7/4/2022 9:59 PM
57	Fgh	7/4/2022 7:11 PM
58	A/C n the south est oom	6/29/2022 1:40 PM
59	I	6/28/2022 4:41 PM
60	G oup yoga c asses offered fo sen ors, YMCA with ndoo swimm ng fac ty	6/23/2022 4:50 PM
61	bette est oom fac t es , more hand cap park ng	6/23/2022 10:22 AM
62	Mo e Chando Events, Large depos ts	6/23/2022 8:58 AM
63	Camp ng	6/22/2022 11:47 PM
64	Keep the smoke s away from the pa ks! They ke to use the pa k ng ots to d ve to use the smoke b eak with a ca fu of smokers. Usua y pa k at the ent ance to Hol and Lake Park T a du ng morn ng hou s! C ga ette butts a e eft a ove the pa k. It's a p ob em!	6/22/2022 6:37 PM
65	Indoor adu t the apy ap pool	6/22/2022 6:34 PM
66	no	6/22/2022 6:09 PM
67	Indoor gym	6/22/2022 6:07 PM
68	Spec a events a e a ways a favor te, cause t s ke a new th ng to do fo a wh e	6/22/2022 6:05 PM
69	Indoor poo for swim team	6/22/2022 5:23 PM
70	P ease f x the Sp ash pads	6/22/2022 4:21 PM
71	F ee Pa k ng + Add t ona Hand cap Pa k ng	6/20/2022 8:27 PM
72	New akes / fish ng and camp ng spots	6/18/2022 12:48 PM
73	There needs to be mo e pa k ng at the dog pa k. The e needs to be mo e hand capped accessab ty fo moto zed whee chai s at events such as the 4th and of Ju y.	6/15/2022 5:30 PM
74	S ck of pay ng for EVERYTHING he e.	6/15/2022 11:37 AM
75	New ndoor Swimm ng poo and gym setup	6/13/2022 2:59 PM
76	Indoor poo and c ass c mov es for sen o s not just an mated.	6/10/2022 6:27 PM
77	Mo e bath ooms	6/9/2022 12:01 PM

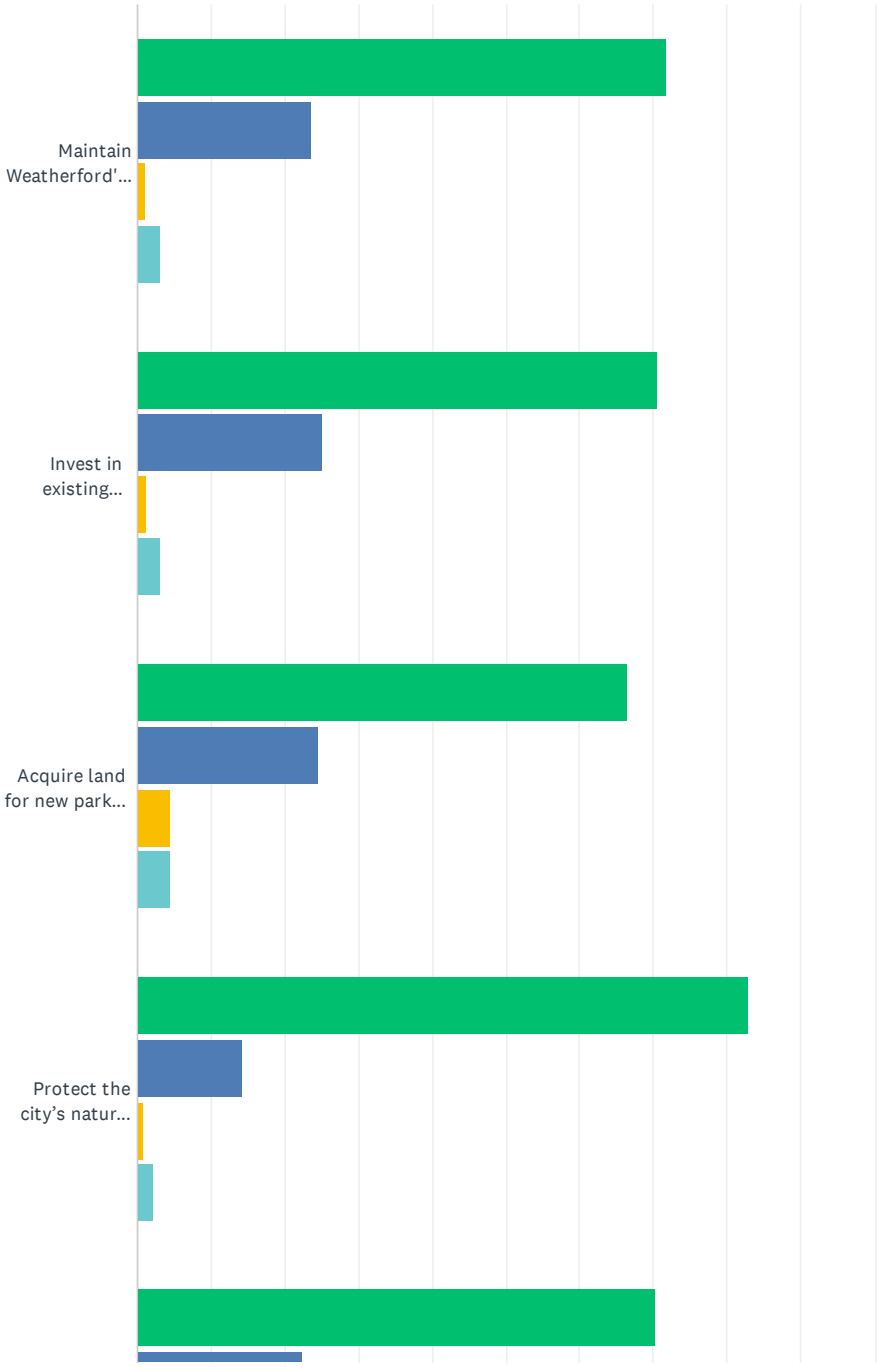
78	Better Entertainment	6/6/2022 10:36 AM
79	fishing tournaments	6/3/2022 8:14 AM
80	more parking for disabled	6/3/2022 8:06 AM
81	Restrooms at Cartright and Friendship park	6/1/2022 11:54 PM
82	A new 18 hole disc golf course	6/1/2022 8:57 PM
83	Chandor Gardens	6/1/2022 3:00 PM
84	Notifications	6/1/2022 1:39 PM
85	Holland Lake Park needs DOG "STATIONS", hwre bags to pick up poo and a disposal unit to put it in (and have this serviced by parks dept).	5/31/2022 3:33 PM
86	N/a	5/30/2022 9:50 PM
87	Restrooms at every park	5/26/2022 8:46 PM
88	Fix the fields at WLL.	5/26/2022 7:28 AM
89	Another disc golf course or two would've great. The one in the ground now is excellent I am very excited to see what it to come in the future.	5/25/2022 6:08 PM
90	Indoor swim programs year round	5/25/2022 11:32 AM
91	Wheelchair accessible everything from restrooms to parking room for van lifts to playgrounds, splash pads, fishing docs, 100% no limitations for a wheelchair user. Finally a place they can go and not be limited on everything they can do!	5/25/2022 11:27 AM
92	More of a YMCA format with indoor pool so we can have a swim team year around	5/25/2022 10:23 AM
93	Indoor pool for competitive swim/swim team	5/25/2022 9:14 AM
94	Parker county needs a nadatorium	5/25/2022 8:24 AM
95	Cherry park pool is NOT opened enough and paying when only watching/not swimming is ridiculous	5/24/2022 1:48 PM
96	I don't always see what is happening in Wford because I don't subscribe to newspaper. Please keep up social media information about upcoming events.	5/24/2022 1:19 PM
97	None	5/24/2022 1:10 PM
98	The mass amount of population increase in Weatherford has crowded the parks and schools.	5/24/2022 12:55 PM
99	Kayak launch pad at Sunshine Lake	5/24/2022 4:57 AM
100	Communication!! Wasn't aware we have these!	5/23/2022 10:25 PM
101	Better bathrooms/ portapotties not acceptable	5/23/2022 10:16 PM
102	Cleanliness of the playgrounds - most seem dirty	5/23/2022 10:00 PM
103	More bathrooms!	5/23/2022 9:45 PM
104	More water fountains on jogging trails	5/23/2022 2:27 PM
105	Fishing at the water at Ranches West	5/22/2022 9:31 AM
106	More food options	5/21/2022 10:20 AM
107	There is not one Pickleball court in all of Weatherford that is designated just for Pickle ball. It's a perfect game for adults over 50.	5/20/2022 5:41 PM
108	Pickleball courts	5/19/2022 8:28 PM
109	Special needs!! My son is in wheelchair and we can't get to a lot of places there isn't even a special needs playground	5/19/2022 5:55 PM
110	Better Lighting, clean restrooms with sinks, parking.	5/19/2022 4:52 PM
111	Wford lake playground	5/19/2022 4:21 PM

112	Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in our world and in our nation. Weatherford has developed the reputation of having grown the most admired group of players playing Pickleball in regards to overall sportsmanship, professionalism, and total class among its wonderfully diverse group of souls that have all found one another through Pickleball here in Weatherford. Pickleball is ready to absolutely explode positively in Weatherford, and Weatherford would do well to build world class facilities to help make that beautifully happen.	5/18/2022 11:25 PM
113	More Pickleball courts	5/18/2022 10:13 PM
114	Build south of 20	5/18/2022 7:47 PM
115	Holland lake park bathroom seems unsafe and dirty. Unsafe because it is so close to parking.Patsy Hooks park needs a restroom	5/18/2022 4:58 PM
116	More pickle ball courts. Covered courts. The fence is too close to the court	5/18/2022 4:53 PM
117	Pickleball complex	5/18/2022 4:16 PM
118	Wford is a growing city, we need more programs for families and seniors.	5/18/2022 4:01 PM
119	connect the town creek trails to the Wford/Mineral Wells hike/bike trails	5/18/2022 1:59 PM
120	Pickleball has become a very popular sport. The courts are full and have people waiting to play every day. It would be nice to have a facility for pickleball utilizing indoor and outdoor courts.	5/18/2022 1:39 PM
121	Need security cameras	5/18/2022 1:38 PM
122	Safety	5/18/2022 1:09 PM
123	INDOOR FACILITIES	5/18/2022 12:57 PM
124	Keep the parks clean! Very discouraging to see Trash. Holland lake, I always pick up trash. The lake appears dirty with too many turtles to fish.	5/18/2022 12:55 PM
125	We enjoy soldier spring park near veterans portion. A restroom there would allow longer contemplative visits.	5/18/2022 12:51 PM
126	Fix the grills at Cartwright park and at the Lake	5/18/2022 12:50 PM
127	Restrooms at Cherry Park have been well maintained in the past, but sometimes need a bit more attention. I appreciate that the restrooms are unlocked early in the morning when I walk my dog.	5/18/2022 12:35 PM
128	More events in cooler weather	5/18/2022 12:27 PM
129	More lighting	5/18/2022 11:24 AM
130	Allow Class 1 mountain bikes at Quanna Hill	5/18/2022 10:01 AM
131	Additional pickle ball courts	5/18/2022 9:31 AM
132	Pickleball is growing like wildfire. There are not enough courts to accommodate us some days. Since there are no lights at the current Pickleball courts, we also can not extend play into the night.	5/18/2022 9:14 AM
133	Lights and widen the courts	5/18/2022 8:57 AM
134	Build dedicated covered pickleball courts	5/18/2022 8:35 AM
135	Many travel to fw to play pickleball. Some because it's indoors, but many because they want regulation courts, SHADE nearby to watch while you take a break, and designated bathrooms. They do not go to Fort Worth just to play inside.	5/18/2022 8:20 AM
136	Soccer fields available to practice on	5/18/2022 8:05 AM
137	Need more pickleball courts	5/18/2022 7:56 AM
138	New Pickleball courts	5/18/2022 7:47 AM
139	Mist units are nice	5/17/2022 11:28 PM
140	More trash canisters at Holland Lake. Perhaps people would throw their trash away if it wasn't a half a mile between barrels. Also the trail that extends to the south across Santa Fe has	5/17/2022 11:14 PM

	been neglected in mowing compared to the rest of the trail.	
141	More unique play structures	5/17/2022 11:03 PM
142	More toddler specific facilities. The littles sometimes get overrun by older kids at parks making it a little difficult for them to explore and play safely.	5/17/2022 11:02 PM
143	Lock the gate at Cartwright Park at 10pm open it at 6am	5/17/2022 10:23 PM
144	Weatherford needs a larger swimming pool designed with more accommodation for adults such as adult only swim days and hours. Cherry Park was designed strictly for children and is completely not enjoyable for adults.	5/17/2022 9:59 PM
145	Bathrooms	5/17/2022 9:38 PM
146	we need an indoor LAP pool	5/17/2022 9:12 PM
147	We are often unaware of programs offered	5/17/2022 8:48 PM
148	Water fountains for people and dogs at parks	5/17/2022 8:45 PM
149	Specifically restrooms at friendship park	5/17/2022 8:28 PM
150	Free parking, debit card for parking fees	5/17/2022 8:21 PM
151	More lighting	5/17/2022 8:18 PM
152	I'd love to see more walk/hike/jogging areas like Lake Holland, especially if the natural features can be preserved.	5/17/2022 8:15 PM
153	Permanent Bathrooms at all park areas.	5/17/2022 8:10 PM
154	improve soccer fields	5/17/2022 7:55 PM
155	All areas need to be wheelchair friendly	5/17/2022 7:55 PM
156	Please please we need wheelchair accessible stalls in bathrooms. And I would love for there to be a actual bathroom near the dog park. I can use my wheelchair and safely use the portapottys there!	5/17/2022 7:41 PM
157	Please put toilet seats on toilets at Heritage Park.	5/17/2022 7:39 PM
158	Making it affordable for single parents is huge	5/17/2022 7:37 PM

Q12 Please indicate how supportive you are of actions the City of Weatherford could take to improve Parks, Recreation & Special Events offerings?.

Answered: 2,236 Skipped: 519



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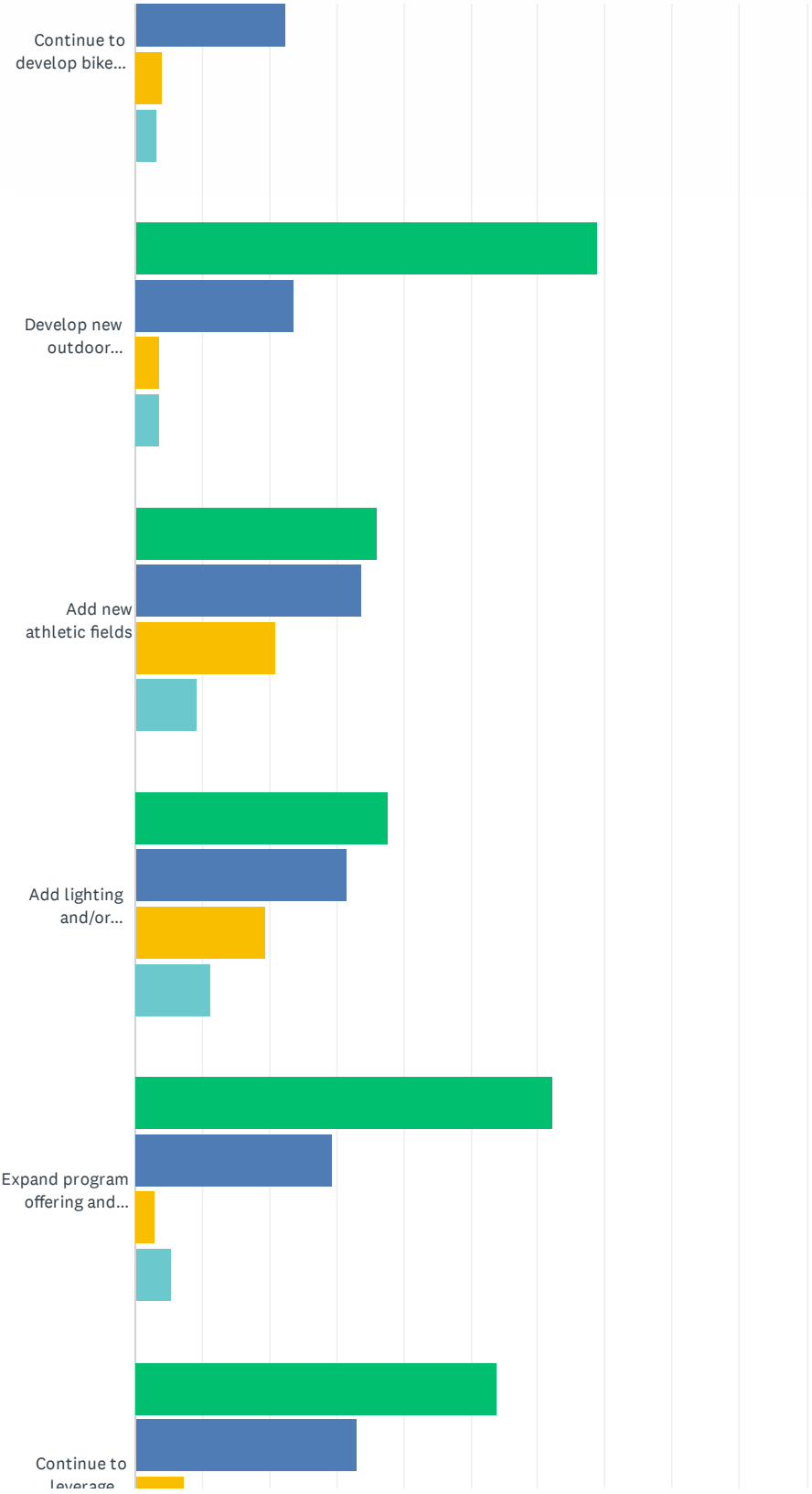

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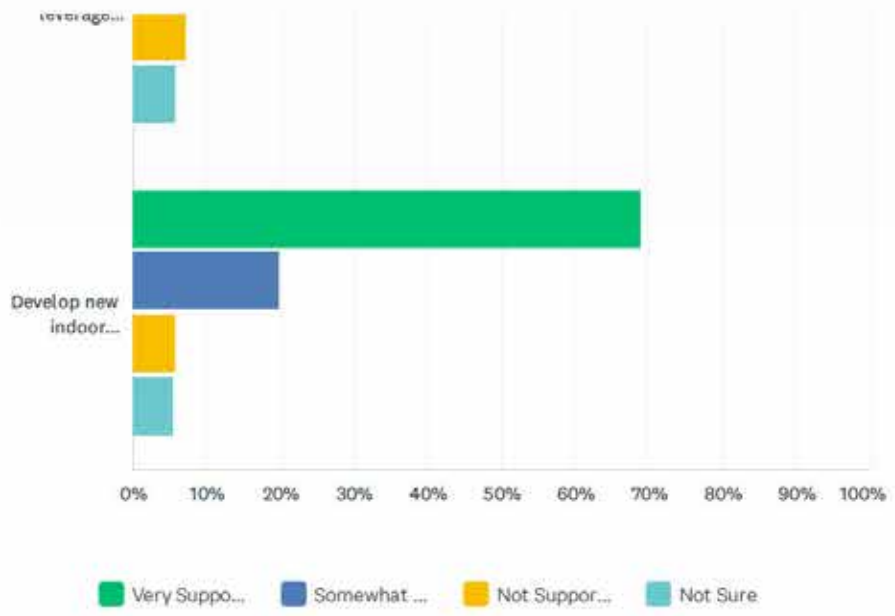


	VERY SUPPORTIVE	SOMEWHAT SUPPORTIVE	NOT SUPPORTIVE	NOT SURE	TOTAL
Ma ntain Weathe fo d's c ty-sponsored p og ams and events as a majo d aw to the commun ty	71.94% 1,592	23.72% 525	1.08% 24	3.25% 72	2,213
Invest n ex st ng fac t es and defe red ma ntenance	70.59% 1,558	25.10% 554	1.18% 26	3.13% 69	2,207
Acqu e and fo new pa ks and ec eat onal fac t es	66.56% 1,475	24.46% 542	4.56% 101	4.42% 98	2,216
P otect the c ty s natu a a eas and esou ces, nc ud ng wate ways, wet ands, and b od ve s ty	82.91% 1,834	14.24% 315	0.81% 18	2.03% 45	2,212
Cont nue to deve op b ke and pedest an t a s and connect v ty th oughout the c ty	70.41% 1,556	22.40% 495	4.03% 89	3.17% 70	2,210
Develop new outdoo ec eat on fac t es	68.86% 1,515	23.77% 523	3.73% 82	3.64% 80	2,200
Add new ath et c f e ds	36.03% 783	33.78% 734	20.98% 456	9.20% 200	2,173
Add ght ng and/o a t fic a tu f at ex st ng ath et c f e ds	37.72% 825	31.50% 689	19.43% 425	11.34% 248	2,187
Expand prog am offer ng and commun ty events	62.31% 1,362	29.37% 642	2.97% 65	5.35% 117	2,186
Cont nue to eve age Weathe fo d Lake as a dest nat on for es dents and v s to s	53.91% 1,187	33.11% 729	7.18% 158	5.81% 128	2,202
Develop new ndoo ec eat on fac t es (e.g., ec eat on cente , gym)	68.97% 1,516	19.79% 435	5.73% 126	5.51% 121	2,198

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Deve op a Theat e!!! Theat e Off the Squa e does not count. P ease Conact E zabeth Bake who has th v ng p og ams at bothe he school and othe ocat ons. Have her help and get th s town a eg t theat e. That w d aw peop e f om out of town. Look and G anbu y and C ebu ne.	7/30/2022 5:08 PM

	they have thriving theatres that draw people from out of town and are smaller than Weatherford.	
2	A rec center should have been built years ago. We are way behind the times.	7/23/2022 7:34 PM
3	Please don't overbuild the area. We love Weatherford for its nature and less-city like feel!	7/22/2022 4:02 PM
4	Why are we not digging the shallow side of Lake Weatherford deeper?	7/22/2022 11:23 AM
5	Invest in Performing Arts Spaces	7/22/2022 9:28 AM
6	I would support indoor facilities- pickleball, a nature center, or a nadatorium, probably not other indoor facilities.	7/22/2022 8:40 AM
7	We need an indoor pool open year round. A center like fit-n-wise in Wise Co. Would be amazing!	7/21/2022 11:23 PM
8	The city needs to invest in Theater Off the Square to help them with finding a more usable facility.	7/21/2022 7:42 PM
9	YMCA	7/21/2022 6:45 PM
10	Theatreoff the Square should get more attention	7/21/2022 2:38 PM
11	Indoor basketball courts and basketball programs	7/21/2022 12:58 PM
12	Indoor swimming pools are needed — multiple pools	7/21/2022 7:39 AM
13	Indoor pool	7/20/2022 8:25 PM
14	add more pickleball courts	7/20/2022 5:05 PM
15	I'm not supportive of you all because covers have been asked for, suggested for existing playground ls and nothing has been done sadly. So it's a waste of space, upkeep, and money to let the equipment sit there for 3-5 months with little to no use.	7/20/2022 12:25 AM
16	Stay within current budget or pull from less useful areas such as the massive police department	7/19/2022 5:46 PM
17	YMCA?	7/19/2022 2:32 PM
18	YMCA / community center	7/18/2022 9:45 PM
19	Indoor pool would be fantastic for kids swim teams	7/18/2022 6:25 PM
20	Indoor gym with a basketball court would be a great way for kids/teens to connect and play pick up games while staying out of the heat.	7/18/2022 2:49 PM
21	Indoor stadium/event center! Indoor pool	7/18/2022 1:48 AM
22	Year round indoor pool and fitness.	7/17/2022 10:26 PM
23	Indoor pool/ ymca	7/17/2022 8:39 PM
24	Open mountain bike trails for e-bikes	7/17/2022 7:00 AM
25	Please consider lower the pool cost back to $2 per person.	7/17/2022 2:50 AM
26	A new fitness center including an indoor pool for lap swimming, swim lessons, and water aerobics year-round would be a wonderful benefit to the entire community. Something similar to a YMCA.	7/16/2022 11:14 PM
27	Indoor pool for year round water aerobics for adults	7/16/2022 9:05 PM
28	Indoor pickle ball.	7/16/2022 9:00 PM
29	Indoor swimming, water aerobics year around	7/16/2022 5:34 PM
30	C& W Dancing for Seniors. Hood County does this very well!	7/16/2022 4:46 PM
31	Improve Lake Weatherford, deeper and wider and shade some of it	7/16/2022 10:11 AM
32	Extend cherry park to Oct Indoor pool etc	7/16/2022 9:29 AM

33	Build a permanent food truck park!	7/15/2022 11:49 PM
34	Upgrade soccer fields and water the grass.	7/15/2022 11:16 PM
35	Adult pool	7/15/2022 9:11 PM
36	New disc golf course in the city limits	7/15/2022 7:36 PM
37	We desperately need an indoor pool more than anything	7/15/2022 7:35 PM
38	Would love to see an indoor family friendly swimming facility!	7/15/2022 7:24 PM
39	Desperate need for indoor gym, recreation for young children, seniors	7/15/2022 6:10 PM
40	I would love to spend time at the beach at the lake, but it needs so much improvement	7/15/2022 5:27 PM
41	Dog parks	7/15/2022 3:41 PM
42	SHADE on the playgrounds	7/15/2022 2:13 PM
43	Indoor lap pool facility	7/15/2022 2:12 PM
44	Water activity for dogs, splash pad, pool	7/15/2022 1:03 PM
45	Can we please add some grass or turf to the dog parks— it's a dust bowl! And it would also be helpful to add a water station at the back of the park as well, some days we have upwards of 20 dogs at one given time, we would also like a dog wash station.	7/15/2022 12:44 PM
46	Indoor Pool Facility for Swim Team	7/15/2022 9:05 AM
47	The town is growing faster than we blink. Hopefully y'all have considered another highschool 9th grade center and some indoor facilities for them to hangout in that are also fun and educational and keeps them busy!	7/15/2022 8:33 AM
48	As well as adding a community theatre downtown.	7/15/2022 7:36 AM
49	Indoor pools!	7/15/2022 12:00 AM
50	Need a new gym	7/14/2022 11:59 PM
51	Keep Weatherford animal shelter open later	7/14/2022 11:35 PM
52	YMCA	7/14/2022 11:30 PM
53	Indoor pool	7/14/2022 8:57 PM
54	Yes. We need a rec center! Let's go! I'll gladly support a rec.	7/14/2022 8:32 PM
55	With pool, north side.	7/14/2022 7:36 PM
56	We need a YMCA!	7/14/2022 7:12 PM
57	My property taxes are outrageous. Please don't build anything unnecessary. Please just maintain what we have and market programs better.	7/14/2022 7:05 PM
58	Indoor Rec center with Olympic pool	7/14/2022 7:02 PM
59	YMCA	7/14/2022 5:57 PM
60	Something like the YMCA	7/14/2022 4:04 PM
61	More playgrounds in Weatherford Lake parks or close by it.	7/14/2022 3:01 PM
62	The Weatherford/Parker County area is experiencing unprecedented, continuous growth. The addition of a new recreational center should be at the top of this list, and a joint city/county facility makes sense.	7/14/2022 2:14 PM
63	Sand volleyball courts! There used to be one at the park with the newer splash pad, but y'all got rid of it.	7/14/2022 2:09 PM
64	Not parks and rec but we needs a boys and girls club of America!!!	7/14/2022 12:14 PM
65	Gg	7/4/2022 7:11 PM
66	Yoga classes & indoor fitness center such as YMCA	6/23/2022 4:50 PM

67	Chandor Indoor Pavillion t pool be developed by Hospital Dist	6/23/2022 8:58 AM
68	Please put money into building a rec center	6/22/2022 11:45 PM
69	Swimming pool	6/22/2022 6:12 PM
70	Indoor swim facility- year round swim team!	6/22/2022 6:07 PM
71	Indoor pool	6/22/2022 5:25 PM
72	We need an indoor pool and to dredge the Lake	6/22/2022 5:23 PM
73	We would greatly appreciate racquet ball courts!	6/22/2022 5:03 PM
74	We need a YMCA	6/22/2022 5:02 PM
75	Indoor pool to partner with school district for year round swim team	6/22/2022 4:57 PM
76	Improve WSA facilities, add lights, improve restrooms and fields	6/22/2022 4:26 PM
77	Indoor pool	6/22/2022 4:11 PM
78	YMCA	6/21/2022 12:01 AM
79	It would be benefit to all of Lake Weatherford became a constant level lake.	6/18/2022 1:03 PM
80	We need more lakes for swimming fishing and camping	6/18/2022 12:48 PM
81	Problem is that means more out of pocket money, taxes are already too high.	6/15/2022 11:37 AM
82	Utilize the SW and SE areas of Lake Weatherford and KEEP IT FULL of water.	6/13/2022 4:13 PM
83	Something south of I-20 would be nice	6/9/2022 12:01 PM
84	Indoor pool needed. More support for special needs toddlers. There currently is no support for special needs kids wanting to swim. They should get atleast 2 Saturdays and Sundays a month	6/5/2022 9:45 AM
85	More diverse activities for all ages.	6/5/2022 3:14 AM
86	We need dedicated Pickleball Courts for all ages	6/4/2022 8:16 AM
87	Parker county needs a natatorium!	6/4/2022 7:41 AM
88	Indoor Tennis facilities, please!	6/3/2022 1:28 PM
89	start a fishing tournament program	6/3/2022 8:14 AM
90	save trees	6/3/2022 8:06 AM
91	I wouldn't support any development if it comes at the expense of someone loosing their personal property.	6/2/2022 9:33 PM
92	Protect natural spaces - more access to hiking trails and natural areas is high priority. Not enough options for people who love the outdoors. Celebrate our rural roots with gardening/homesteading education, guided hikes by naturalists, etc, support community and health with a thriving farmers market, build a new state of the art library center as a destination for families - coffee shop and playground adjacent preferred! Lots of natural light and children's programming! So many homeschoolers in Parker county are desperate for all of these things!	6/2/2022 11:05 AM
93	YMCA	6/2/2022 9:15 AM
94	A place to walk indoors	6/2/2022 6:08 AM
95	Please keep as many trees and natural habitats intact as much as possible and stop beautiful land being turned into commercial lots, apartment complexes and parking lots.	6/1/2022 11:54 PM
96	Deterrent needed at Marina Park as people drive trucks & boats on north side of new sidewalk/lights to launch...makes myself & all neighbors on Marina View Ct extremely upset. This is a daily occurrence & we have pics	6/1/2022 7:59 PM
97	Make Lake Weatherford constant level. Dredge lake.	6/1/2022 6:53 PM

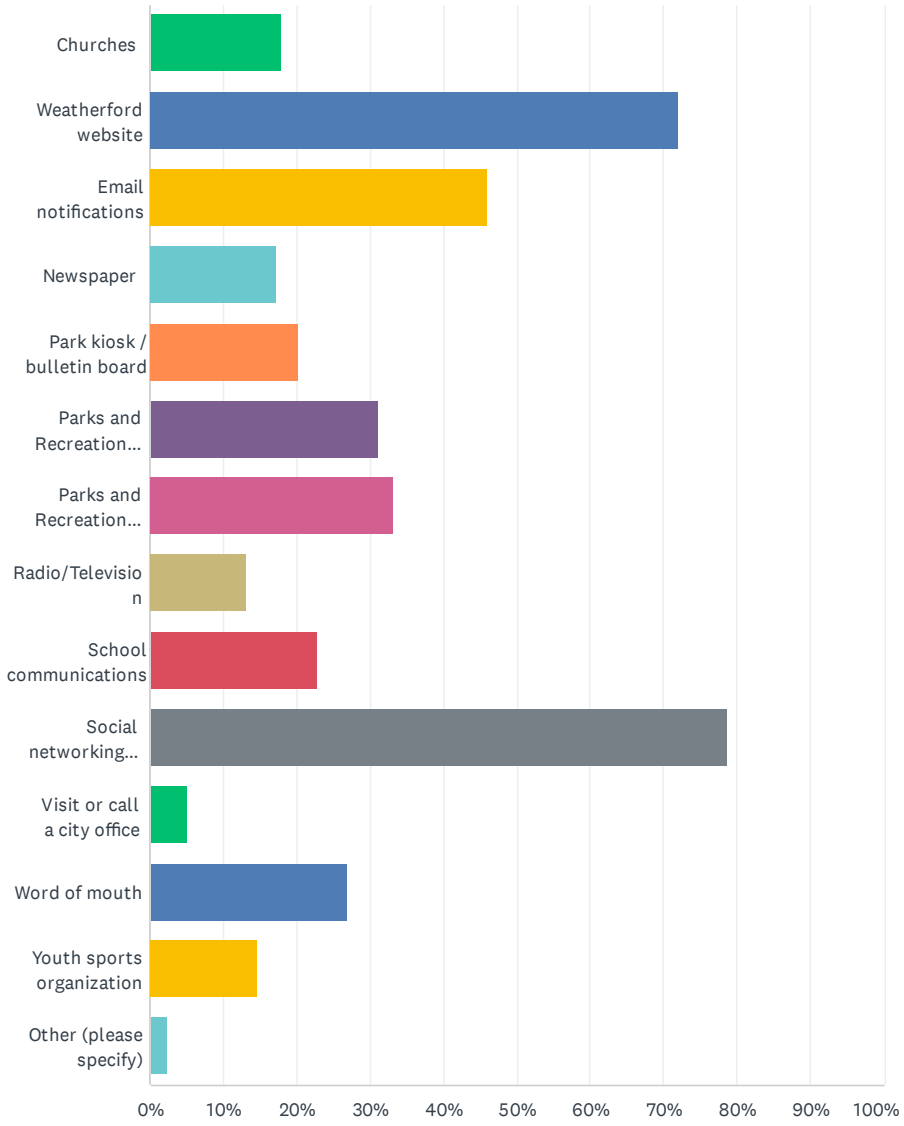
98	I would love to see a big YMCA with pool for swim teams. Baseball fields for tournaments etc, so we wouldn't have to drive to Dallas area so much!	6/1/2022 4:06 PM
99	Need new baseball facility	6/1/2022 12:26 PM
100	We need an indoor pool and a workout facility. We also need to invest in our soccer fields.	6/1/2022 9:31 AM
101	Pool	6/1/2022 8:49 AM
102	Dredge lake. It's too dangerous being low.	6/1/2022 6:03 AM
103	additional pickleball courts	5/31/2022 8:46 PM
104	Fix infrastructure roads for example or horrible condition	5/31/2022 6:58 PM
105	We need to utilize & upgrade the existing properties	5/31/2022 6:11 PM
106	The road going into Cartwright Park has been full of potholes for 20+ years. Potholes are all the way up and down it. Would be nice knowing we can go to the park and lake without fear of popping a tire.	5/31/2022 5:43 PM
107	Year round pool	5/31/2022 5:31 PM
108	More hiking/biking/walking trails that are are not concrete (like Quanah Hill & Aledo trails).	5/31/2022 3:17 PM
109	More pickle ball courts	5/31/2022 1:38 PM
110	N/a	5/30/2022 9:50 PM
111	indoor pool	5/26/2022 1:00 AM
112	Indoor swimming	5/25/2022 7:51 PM
113	Indoor swimming pool	5/25/2022 7:40 PM
114	Indoor swimming for year round	5/25/2022 6:29 PM
115	Indoor Pool for year round swim team!!!	5/25/2022 5:33 PM
116	YMCA please	5/25/2022 4:30 PM
117	INDOOR SWIMMING POOL FOR YEAR-ROUND LAP SWIMMING AND GROUP EXERCISE	5/25/2022 3:35 PM
118	Better advertising would be key!	5/25/2022 1:51 PM
119	Indoor pool/rec center for swim team so we can swim/practice year round. 100% wheelchair accessible playground/park etc!! So needed!	5/25/2022 11:27 AM
120	Indoor recreation center	5/25/2022 10:20 AM
121	We need an indoor pool	5/25/2022 9:39 AM
122	Indoor pool for swim team	5/25/2022 9:14 AM
123	Indoor swimming pool	5/25/2022 9:04 AM
124	We need a rec center with indoor pool!	5/25/2022 9:03 AM
125	We need an indoor sports facility with a pool	5/25/2022 8:24 AM
126	Indoor rec center/indoor pool has been needed for many years	5/25/2022 8:19 AM
127	Very supportive of Rec center with indoor pool	5/25/2022 7:39 AM
128	More weeks for pool swimming and fitness classes. Better Filtered water systems on splash pads.	5/25/2022 12:18 AM
129	Weatherford has plenty of baseball fields, we need indoor basketball courts and swimming in this town.	5/24/2022 4:22 PM
130	We've lived in Wford for 37 years. I plan to retire here but it is VERY disappointing that the senior center isn't funded properly by the county or city. Do we value seniors? The senior center currently runs on a very limited budget. I've seen other cities in DFW that have fabulous	5/24/2022 1:19 PM

	facilities and programs that bring people together and that encourage residents to stay fit and healthy. My husband and I support a recreation center to include SENIOR PROGRAMMING!!	
131	No new sports complex	5/24/2022 8:34 AM
132	Indoor pool and facility like the Brick in Burleson	5/23/2022 10:41 PM
133	I would be very supportive in any type of path (cement or dirt)	5/23/2022 10:00 PM
134	Indoor pool	5/23/2022 9:37 PM
135	an indoor rec center would be sooo useful	5/22/2022 10:01 AM
136	Weatherford lake is no longer pleasurable since it has been used as a pawn in the city's game. It use to be peaceful and of great importance to local fishermen. It has been robbed of that glory. Kayaking has been destroyed by the development of walkways over great kayak paths. It took away grom the outdoor experience. Very dissappointing to many of us.	5/22/2022 9:31 AM
137	Community Recreation and Sailing Center	5/22/2022 5:51 AM
138	Indoor pickle ball courts would help protect older adults from the extreme heat and Weatherford Summers.	5/20/2022 5:41 PM
139	weatherford needs a new real skate park and a pump track.	5/20/2022 1:58 PM
140	Need a multi use complex. Football, baseball and soccer fields	5/19/2022 8:56 PM
141	Indoor and outdoor pickleball courts	5/19/2022 8:28 PM
142	Special needs!!!	5/19/2022 5:55 PM
143	Land/building for sale next to magratton park could make a terrific place to expand the skate park..	5/19/2022 4:41 PM
144	Indoor pool	5/19/2022 3:53 PM
145	Natatorium	5/19/2022 8:34 AM
146	Indoor pool	5/18/2022 10:13 PM
147	Develop larger more intricate skate parks to promote more kids to get out and exercise	5/18/2022 8:42 PM
148	I don't know that I'd like a gym but would like an activities center like the Mansfield MAC	5/18/2022 7:47 PM
149	We need a adult day have for our special needs people in Weatherford	5/18/2022 5:33 PM
150	Indoor pool	5/18/2022 5:10 PM
151	Year round indoor swimming pool.	5/18/2022 4:58 PM
152	Keep the land natural stop putting up fast food chains and apartment buildings	5/18/2022 4:04 PM
153	We need a swim center with both indoor and outdoor options	5/18/2022 3:54 PM
154	Pool!!!! Indoor/outdoor. Like Keller's	5/18/2022 3:11 PM
155	Need a YMCA and pickleball!	5/18/2022 2:52 PM
156	Community Orchestra	5/18/2022 2:49 PM
157	The old Power facility land by lack Weatherford is perfect for a water side annex that could support a recreation center, a huge dock area. So many possibilites, but with the location could be the crown jewel of Weatherford	5/18/2022 2:13 PM
158	Indoor swimming	5/18/2022 1:09 PM
159	Public access boat ramp at Lake Wford	5/18/2022 1:00 PM
160	Improve fishing conditions, as stated earlier	5/18/2022 12:55 PM
161	With the population boom in our community, we need another community pool, preferably year-round indoor pool.	5/18/2022 12:51 PM
162	An outdoor or indoor recreation facility would help the community to have tournaments for	5/18/2022 12:49 PM

	baseball, football or soccer	
163	A Y or similar facility would be amazing	5/18/2022 12:48 PM
164	Indoor swimming pool should be top priority	5/18/2022 11:54 AM
165	Pickleball	5/18/2022 10:34 AM
166	We need a community center for kids and teenagers, centrally located and ideally with transportation for after school.	5/18/2022 10:08 AM
167	Allow E-mountain bikes at Quanna Hill	5/18/2022 10:01 AM
168	Pickleball courts needed as it's the fastest growing sport to include all ages and families	5/18/2022 9:29 AM
169	We need a indoor pool!	5/18/2022 9:26 AM
170	Need indoor pickleball courts	5/18/2022 8:35 AM
171	Create REAL pickleball courts and lots of them! VERY SUPPORTIVE	5/18/2022 8:20 AM
172	Need separate Pickleball courts	5/18/2022 7:47 AM
173	Ymca	5/18/2022 7:26 AM
174	More parking at the dog park	5/18/2022 4:40 AM
175	Please build a park on the random unused land on White Rock Court	5/18/2022 12:04 AM
176	Rec center encompassing all would be best way for community building and resources. It can be monitored and all encompassing. Personal opinion it could build the community. After school programs, senior citizen programs, youth programs, teen programs with pool, gym, track, dog park, bike track, amphitheater, covering all things in one place for all without age, race gender ect	5/17/2022 11:39 PM
177	Develop a small park area for younger kids and toddlers.	5/17/2022 11:02 PM
178	We need a rec center and new library	5/17/2022 9:30 PM
179	Indoor lap pool would be awesome	5/17/2022 9:12 PM
180	Weatherford desperately needs a community center like the YMCA	5/17/2022 9:00 PM
181		5/17/2022 8:47 PM
182	We need a indoor pool/activity center for year round enjoyment	5/17/2022 8:33 PM
183	All the play grounds need bathrooms	5/17/2022 8:15 PM
184	Lake is too valuable as a water resource, stop motorized boating!	5/17/2022 7:39 PM
185	I put someone supportive because I would need to know price points	5/17/2022 7:37 PM
186	Need a new large multi-sport complex	5/11/2022 1:44 PM

Q13 Please select ways you prefer to learn about facilities, programs, activities, or events.

Answered: 2,185 Skipped: 570



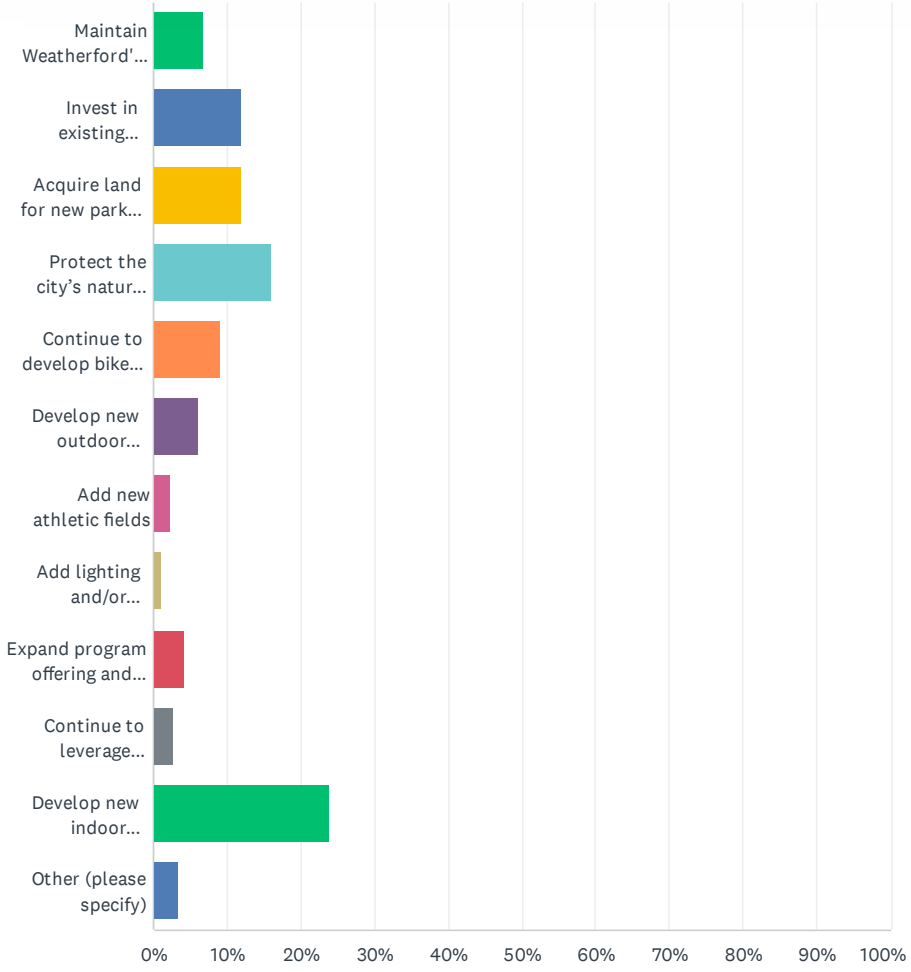
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Chu ches	17.89%	391
Weathe fo d webs te	72.04%	1,574
Ema not f cat ons	46.04%	1,006
Newspape	17.35%	379
Pa k k osk / bu et n board	20.23%	442
Pa ks and Rec eat on f ye s/banners	31.21%	682
Pa ks and Rec eat on Gu de	33.23%	726
Rad o/Te ev s on	13.32%	291
Schoo commun cat ons	22.79%	498
Soc al network ng (Facebook, Twitter, etc.)	78.58%	1,717
V s t o ca a c ty off ce	5.13%	112
Wo d of mouth	26.86%	587
Youth sports o gan zat on	14.69%	321
Othe (p ease spec fy)	2.29%	50
Tota Respondents: 2,185		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Facebook	7/30/2022 5:08 PM
2	Wou d ove a e able app that had a ca enda of events	7/18/2022 11:10 AM
3	Ma to c t zens.	7/17/2022 10:26 PM
4	Soc a med a	7/17/2022 4:55 PM
5	Ma ngs	7/17/2022 9:34 AM
6	Cha ge $1.00 ext a on wate b to he p fund pa ks and Rec.	7/16/2022 1:15 AM
7	Soc a med a	7/15/2022 5:45 PM
8	App	7/15/2022 5:29 PM
9	Soc a med a	7/15/2022 1:42 PM
10	St eam ng Serv ces (Hu u, YouTube, etc.)	7/15/2022 9:29 AM
11	Ma go back to the o d ways	7/15/2022 8:33 AM
12	Facebook events and webs tes	7/15/2022 8:08 AM
13	I ut ze a these esou ces to f nd events	7/14/2022 9:56 PM
14	F ye s n the oca gyms, we do that at Weathe fo d F tness and t wo ks ea y wel .	7/14/2022 8:32 PM
15	Informat on n c ty b (elect ic) as f ye	7/14/2022 8:30 AM
16	Weatherfo d now magaz ne	7/4/2022 11:49 PM
17	G	7/4/2022 7:11 PM
18	760 Magaz ne	6/22/2022 7:53 PM
19	State fa of texas	6/22/2022 6:13 PM

20	Parker County Today E News	6/22/2022 5:02 PM
21	Texting	6/20/2022 12:11 AM
22	We seem to find out through seeing crowds at gatherings.always a little late to go by then. Social media is ok but you forget until it's to late. Being born and raised here I've loved the banners as a reminder but so much going on we need a digital billboard for upcoming events !	6/18/2022 12:03 PM
23	postal mail	6/3/2022 6:05 PM
24	Notice with Utility billing	6/3/2022 4:29 PM
25	text notifications would be welcome	6/3/2022 1:28 PM
26	Facebook posts	6/3/2022 1:00 PM
27	Electronic signs in central locations	6/3/2022 12:53 PM
28	Email blasts to all Lake Weatherford residents b/c we all are very active, invite friends, love The Tavern on the Lake Restaurant & Bar with live music...Tavern run by Randy & Sheila Plyler is by far the biggest drawn for the lake. They serve high quality meat in their burgers, have an array of speciality items offered weekly & they keep cost as low as possible for cocktails. Again, this is a lake Weatherford's biggest asset to draw in bus loads to f traffic. I'm actually hosting a womens highs school reunion here in late June b/c of beautiful lake & the Tavern food	6/1/2022 7:59 PM
29	website	6/1/2022 11:34 AM
30	Mailouts	5/31/2022 1:42 PM
31	Send Mail like the old days	5/31/2022 8:30 AM
32	N/a	5/30/2022 9:50 PM
33	POST - maybe a booklet like community education sends	5/26/2022 1:00 AM
34	Bill boards	5/25/2022 12:52 PM
35	Weatherford magazine	5/24/2022 12:57 AM
36	The new digital sign you guys put by trade days is very helpful.	5/21/2022 10:20 AM
37	Weatherford Mountain Bike Club	5/21/2022 8:48 AM
38	Weatherford Mountain Bike Club	5/20/2022 3:31 PM
39	Social media	5/19/2022 9:25 PM
40	In the utility bill on bright paper	5/18/2022 10:21 PM
41	I like when mail out come in the mail like a guide of events	5/18/2022 7:47 PM
42	Text notifications	5/18/2022 1:15 PM
43	PARKS DIGITAL SIGNS	5/18/2022 12:57 PM
44	Citizen grop needs descun.	5/18/2022 11:39 AM
45	Being able to receive text message announcements would be helpful.	5/18/2022 10:08 AM
46	Senior center bulletins	5/18/2022 9:31 AM
47	Weatherford Pickleball group	5/18/2022 7:47 AM
48	This could be done at the community center	5/17/2022 11:39 PM
49	Display signs around town	5/17/2022 10:38 PM
50	Great Digital sign at First Monday. Great idea.	5/17/2022 8:44 PM

Q14 Which action is most important?

Answered: 1,791 Skipped: 964



Weatherford Parks, Recreation and Special Events Master Plan Survey

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Ma ntain Weathe fo d's c ty-sponsored p og ams and events as a majo d aw to the commun ty	6.87%	123
Invest n ex st ng fac t es and defe red ma ntenance	11.89%	213
Acqu e and fo new pa ks and ec eat onal fac t es	12.00%	215
P otect the c ty s natu a a eas and esou ces, nc ud ng waterways, wet ands, and b od vers ty	15.91%	285
Cont nue to deve op b ke and pedest an t a s and connect v ty th oughout the c ty	9.21%	165
Develop new outdoo ec eat on fac t es	6.14%	110
Add new ath et c f e ds	2.40%	43
Add ght ng and/o a t fic a tu f at ex st ng ath et c f e ds	1.12%	20
Expand prog am offer ng and commun ty events	4.30%	77
Cont nue to eve age Weathe fo d Lake as a dest nat on fo es dents and v s to s	2.79%	50
Develop new ndoo ec eat on fac t es (e.g., ec eat on center, gym)	23.84%	427
Othe (p ease spec fy)	3.52%	63
TOTAL		1,791

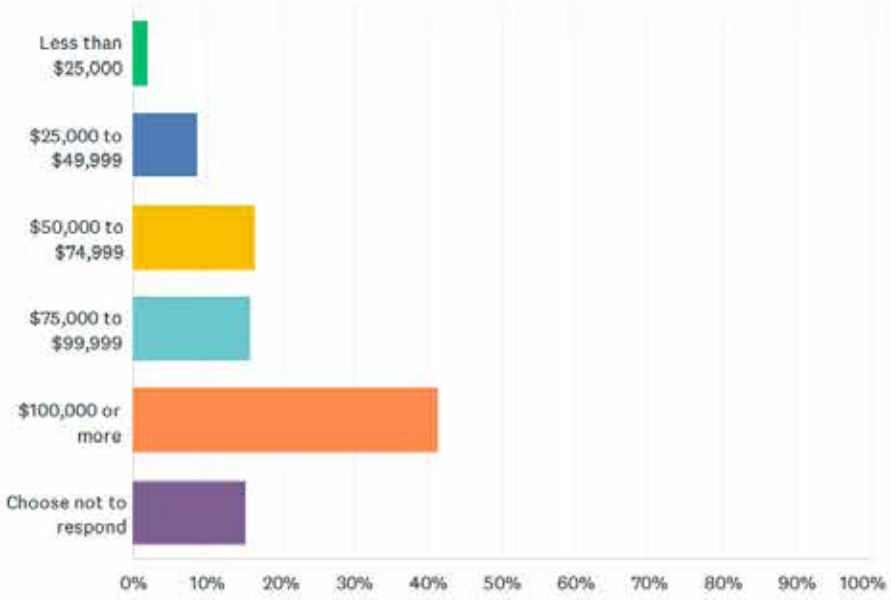
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Swimm ng cente ndoo	8/4/2022 4:59 PM
2	P ease Deve op an actual theat e fo Weathe ford es dents. Do not nvo ve Theat e Off the Squa e. You need a board that s not elated that knows how to un and ope ated a th v ng theat e that wi d aw people f om the met op ex. I be ve E zabeth Bake can help.	7/30/2022 5:17 PM
3	Deve op an ndoo equest ian mu t use fac ty as we as convent on cente !!!!!!!!	7/22/2022 3:43 PM
4	Deve op yea ound sw mm ng fac t es	7/21/2022 9:28 PM
5	F sh ng	7/21/2022 8:49 PM
6	L ve theat e	7/21/2022 2:40 PM
7	Weatherfo d cou d be a dest nat on c ty fo d sc go f and host major PDGA Sanct oned events. Bu d ng new cou ses, educat on of youth and host ng events. If we bu d t we wi make t happen. P ease ook at Empo a Kansas, same s ze as weathe fo d and the mass ve effect d sc go f has on the commun ty	7/20/2022 2:22 PM
8	P ayg ound equ pment cover ngs!!!!	7/20/2022 12:26 AM
9	Indoor cente fo events ke odeos, convent ons, etc and an ndoor swimm ng poo	7/18/2022 1:50 AM
10	Splashpads	7/17/2022 6:20 PM
11	Indoor swimm ng fac t es fo adu t/sen ors	7/16/2022 9:21 PM
12	Rev ta z ng skatepark	7/15/2022 6:05 PM
13	YMCA	7/15/2022 6:04 PM
14	SHADE at the p ayg ounds	7/15/2022 2:15 PM
15	Mo e Mountain b ke t a s	7/15/2022 10:31 AM
16	Extend ng open swim hou s past 5pm at Che y Pa k	7/15/2022 12:50 AM
17	Indoor swimm ng fac t es	7/14/2022 10:02 PM
18	T ade days. Later t mes	7/14/2022 7:24 PM

19	Really would like more stocked pond fishing opportunities around Weatherford and a kayak launch/access on Far East side of lake Weatherford	7/14/2022 5:39 PM
20	Restrooms	7/14/2022 3:49 PM
21	Shade	7/14/2022 8:16 AM
22	indoor swim facility- year round swim team	6/22/2022 6:08 PM
23	Indoor swimming facility	6/22/2022 5:08 PM
24	Indoor pool with water aerobics	6/22/2022 4:04 PM
25	To build new lakes open more public river access we need camping and fishing locations for families to enjoy	6/18/2022 1:05 PM
26	55+ programs including year round water aerobics	6/15/2022 4:19 PM
27	More support and swim times for special needs kids. New play ground specific for special needs	6/5/2022 9:50 AM
28	Dog pool for the summer time! I think you would get a great turnout from this!	6/2/2022 8:31 PM
29	New Skate Park	6/1/2022 6:04 PM
30	Year round swimming pool	5/31/2022 5:35 PM
31	Indoor pool with year round access	5/31/2022 10:04 AM
32	Upgrades and improvements to all existing areas	5/30/2022 11:18 PM
33	Restrooms at every park - Ranches West has nothing	5/26/2022 8:48 PM
34	building a new skate park	5/26/2022 3:47 PM
35	Indoor swimming	5/25/2022 10:22 PM
36	Indoor pool	5/25/2022 10:20 PM
37	indoor swimming pool	5/25/2022 3:38 PM
38	Indoor swim team pool & 100% wheelchair accessible playground/park center!!	5/25/2022 11:32 AM
39	Build a natatorium!	5/25/2022 9:11 AM
40	Disc golf	5/25/2022 9:02 AM
41	Disc golf	5/24/2022 9:43 PM
42	Would love another disc golf course on the other side of Town. Even if it's 9hole maybe Cartwright park. If not possible keep investing in the one very nice course we have	5/24/2022 10:17 AM
43	More disc golf please	5/24/2022 8:29 AM
44	skate park and pump track	5/20/2022 2:01 PM
45	Community theatre	5/20/2022 12:17 AM
46	Add new/better skate park	5/19/2022 7:44 PM
47	Special needs	5/19/2022 5:56 PM
48	Building more high quality Pickleball courts for a community wonderfully ripe and ready for such	5/18/2022 11:30 PM
49	New pickle ball court facility with lights	5/18/2022 8:39 PM
50	Adult special needs day hab	5/18/2022 5:35 PM
51	Rec facility that offers programs for all ages that is indoor/outdoor with pool indoor and out, pickle ball indoor and out, fitness programs for all ages.	5/18/2022 3:17 PM
52	I am most interested in investing in more pickleball courts both indoors and outdoors.	5/18/2022 1:44 PM
53	New pickelball courts	5/18/2022 1:32 PM

54	Invest in indoor year-round aquatics center	5/18/2022 12:57 PM
55	Fixing lake Weatherford as a place to grill and swim!	5/18/2022 12:53 PM
56	Allow Class 1 E-bikes at Quanna Hill	5/18/2022 10:05 AM
57	Multi use rec center with huge play pool, lap pool, courts of all kinds, etc	5/18/2022 8:27 AM
58	Develop a concrete skatepark that is self-regulated, community-driven, and all-inclusive	5/18/2022 6:59 AM
59	New Skate Park	5/17/2022 11:50 PM
60	Bathrooms at all parks and areas	5/17/2022 11:34 PM
61	Developing large inclusive playgrounds	5/17/2022 8:51 PM
62	Indoor pool	5/17/2022 7:43 PM
63	Need a new multi-sport complex that holds all sports and skate park. Destination! Tourism!	5/11/2022 1:47 PM

Q15 What is your annual household income?

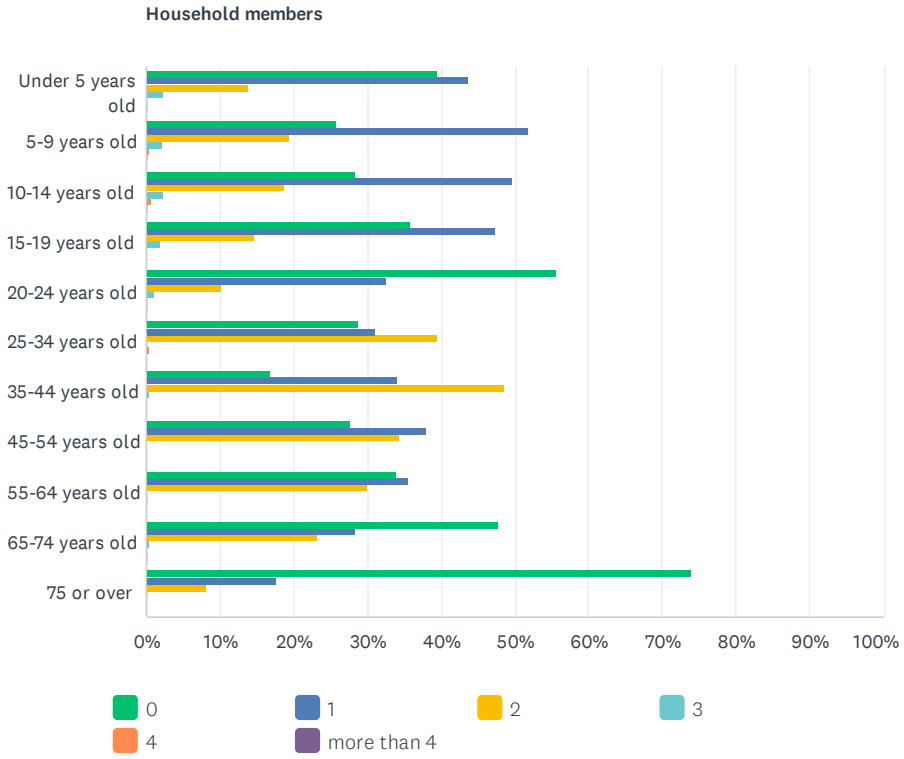
Answered: 2,194 Skipped: 561



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than $25,000	2.23%	49
$25,000 to $49,999	8.71%	191
$50,000 to $74,999	16.55%	363
$75,000 to $99,999	15.91%	349
$100,000 or mo e	41.34%	907
Choose not to espond	15.27%	335
TOTAL		2,194

Q16 Counting yourself, how many people in your household are of the following ages?

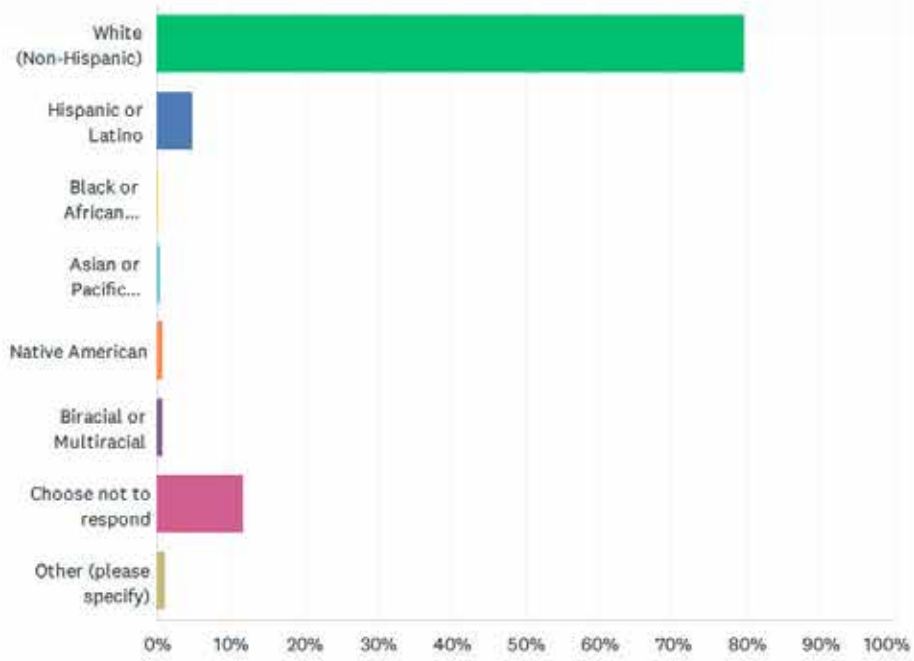
Answered: 2,163 Skipped: 592



Household members	0	1	2	3	4	MORE THAN 4	TOTAL
Under 5 years old	39.46% 348	43.76% 386	13.95% 123	2.38% 21	0.23% 2	0.23% 2	882
5-9 years old	25.80% 250	51.81% 502	19.50% 189	2.17% 21	0.41% 4	0.31% 3	969
10-14 years old	28.37% 244	49.65% 427	18.84% 162	2.44% 21	0.58% 5	0.12% 1	860
15-19 years old	35.89% 243	47.42% 321	14.77% 100	1.92% 13	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	677
20-24 years old	55.62% 272	32.72% 160	10.22% 50	1.02% 5	0.20% 1	0.20% 1	489
25-34 years old	28.70% 229	31.20% 249	39.47% 315	0.25% 2	0.38% 3	0.00% 0	798
35-44 years old	16.92% 181	34.02% 364	48.69% 521	0.37% 4	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	1,070
45-54 years old	27.73% 211	37.98% 289	34.30% 261	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	761
55-64 years old	33.82% 230	35.59% 242	30.00% 204	0.29% 2	0.29% 2	0.00% 0	680
65-74 years old	47.65% 254	28.33% 151	23.26% 124	0.38% 2	0.19% 1	0.19% 1	533
75 or over	73.92% 275	17.74% 66	8.06% 30	0.27% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	372

Q17 What is your race/ethnicity? (Optional)

Answered: 2,130 Skipped: 625



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
White (Non-Hispanic)	79.81%	1,700
Hispanic or Latino	4.84%	103
Black or African American	0.28%	6
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.47%	10
Native American	0.85%	18
Biracial or Multiracial	0.94%	20
Choose not to respond	11.78%	251
Other (please specify)	1.03%	22
TOTAL		2,130

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	White/Native American	8/2/2022 8:37 PM
2	American	7/20/2022 4:37 PM
3	It's unethical to even ask, shame on you.p	7/19/2022 5:50 PM
4	All of the above. :)	7/18/2022 6:54 PM

5	Why does this matter?	7/15/2022 10:39 AM
6	White and multi racial	7/14/2022 12:15 PM
7	H	7/4/2022 7:43 PM
8	Hxh	7/4/2022 7:11 PM
9	unrecognized Minority	6/23/2022 10:22 AM
10	White and Hispanic	6/22/2022 5:10 PM
11	White and African American	6/21/2022 11:47 AM
12	No	6/15/2022 12:27 PM
13	Shouldn't be a question.	5/31/2022 7:28 AM
14	My	5/20/2022 12:17 AM
15	Human	5/19/2022 8:55 AM
16	Caucasian and Asian	5/18/2022 5:36 PM
17	Why does this matter?	5/18/2022 3:17 PM
18	A combination of several ethnicitys listed above	5/18/2022 12:54 PM
19	White and biracial	5/18/2022 8:19 AM
20	Native and white	5/17/2022 8:18 PM
21	Husband is white, I'm native and Hispanic	5/17/2022 7:56 PM
22	Rude	5/17/2022 7:38 PM

Q19 What recommendations would you like for the city to consider in this Parks, Recreation & Special Events Master Plan?

Answe ed: 1,055 Sk pped: 1,700

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Ma n y PICKLEBALL cou ts. We p ay eve y n ght and we can on y use the 4 t ny k d s cou ts and they a e packed eve y n ght! We need way mo e fo th s commun ty!	8/10/2022 6:14 PM
2	Indoor swimm ng a ea	8/4/2022 4:59 PM
3	I wou d ke to see the c ty nvest n the A ts. Second Sta Theat e s a non-prof t theat e, w thout a home that s cu ent y be ng cou ted by M ne a We s. The majo of the boa d s f om Weatherfo d/Pa ke County. I wou d ke to see Weathe fo d fo ow G anbu y s mode the c ty enovated, the Ope a house, & eases t to G anbu y Theat e company (non-p ofit) fo a ve y easonab e ate. GTC b ing the best k nd of tou sm & arts nto G anbu y wh ch s much needed n Weatherfo d. The one theat e (TOTS), n Weathe fo d s poo y an & managed with te ib e fac t es. Weathe fo d can needs a eg onal theat e to va G anbu y & C ebu ne (both fantast c theat es). We have the ta ent to suppo t t. The amount of people who t ave dai y to these two town to part c pate n the e prog ams s aston sh ng. Those c t es, get the tou sm money when ou c t zens shop & eat there because they cannot f nd a qua ty p og am to pa t c pate n and Weathe fo d.	8/2/2022 8:37 PM
4	Add mo e mounta n b ke t a s f poss b e	8/1/2022 10:22 PM
5	I wou d eal y ove to see mo e suppo t fo the a ts n Weatherfo d. We have g eat y enjoyed Theat e off the Squa e and wou d ke mo e oppo tun t es ke th s.	7/31/2022 2:59 PM
6	New MTB t ai s, pump t ack	7/30/2022 8:06 PM
7	We need a th v ng theat e not a dy ng one. Contact E zabeth Bake (Ma y Mart n E ementa y Teache and Founde of Second Sta Theat e) Get he on boa d and I gua antee you can get a theat e up and unn ng that wi benef t not just Weatherfo d c t zens that want to be n ve theat e shows but a so the commun ty by b ng ng peop e n who wi eat and show befo e the shows they come to see	7/30/2022 5:17 PM
8	Rec Cente s the #1 p o ity. Large and wel equ pped. Do not bu d an unde s zed fac ty. It wi be used gua anteed. P ease nvest n bette andscap ng ma ntenance fo ou pa ks. A so, bette est ooms and step up the c ean ness of the pa ks. Commun ty events. Mo e conce ts, mov es, Easte egg hunts, t ck o t eat ng, etc. If anyone d sag ees with any of these needed tems n th s su vey they need to f nd a new job. It s t me fo W ford to step up.	7/23/2022 7:42 PM
9	Mo e teenager act v t es	7/23/2022 1:04 PM
10	Wou d ke fo the c ty to nvest n and he p with the theate off the squa e p og ams. They do a ot with k ds fo the summe to g ve stuff to do. Donate so they can cont nue	7/23/2022 8:03 AM
11	A cond t oned bath ooms at pa ks, espec al y those with p ayg ounds! It's so hot even with fans and a hot, bug-fi ed bath oom s ough w th 2 under 3 yea s o d!	7/22/2022 9:59 PM
12	Don t ove bu d th s c ty! If we wanted to ve n the c ty, we d move ove there :) keep t sma , wh e be ng p og ess ve. Keep the wi d fe n m nd he e, they e a b g eason peop e ve he e too! P ease don t over bu d. P ease.	7/22/2022 4:04 PM
13	You must cons der a smal convent on cente ke G anbu y has. We have noth ng n WFo d n wh ch to hold spec a events and ose out to su ound ng c t es!! Look at the events G anbu y has!!!!!! They ho d someth ng most eve y weekend and the squa e s hust ng and bust ng eve y weekend! Wfo d s shou d be too !!!! But we don t have events that b ng the tou sts n. Take notes f om G anbu y. Why not!? O just stay the same bor ng town squa e with no peop e st ol ng a ound and noth ng to do he e. We don t have an ndoor equest ian fac ty that wou d b ng n a those events! That s absolute y [redacted] n the cutt ng ho se capita . We a e n the center of some of the a gest anches and p ofess ona horse people n the wor d . We cou d be the d aw fo events but yet we just cont nue to not p ov de that and et the events and peop e	7/22/2022 3:43 PM

	go to Glen rose expo center. And finally have better concert series such as stephenville summer series with top name classic country artists. There also needs to be a better senior center with more to do. We also need an indoor swim facility and something for our youth. How about a YMCA!!!	
14	More offerings are always great, but improving current parks, in my opinion, would be a priority. You guys do a great job! Thank you for all you do.	7/22/2022 2:16 PM
15	Equine facilities would be wonderful!	7/22/2022 1:57 PM
16	Have a committee that includes all ages.	7/22/2022 11:55 AM
17	There are open lots at the back of the Briarwood neighborhood that would be perfect for a park. The houses were removed a few years ago. My understanding is because the land near the creek was deteriorating. Plenty of room for a decent play area for the neighborhood which has a lot of kids.	7/22/2022 11:11 AM
18	More Pickleball courts with lights.	7/22/2022 10:43 AM
19	We need swimming pools year round.	7/22/2022 10:22 AM
20	There is a growing need for performing arts space in Weatherford. This type of facility can be used to host conventions, support existing arts programs, educate youth through summer programs, and so much more. The economic impact of a performing arts center would pay for the investment over time, through increased tourism, usage fees, etc.	7/22/2022 9:32 AM
21	A nadatorium, indoor rock climbing training facility.	7/22/2022 8:47 AM
22	A community gym and more hiking trails	7/22/2022 7:10 AM
23	Build for the existing community, not with an eye toward attracting more people. Unless you are FIRST willing to improve infrastructure and road access!	7/22/2022 5:47 AM
24	Rec center for the kids	7/22/2022 12:54 AM
25	Put together a plan with healthy activities and venues for teens with diverse interests… provide a safe place for them to explore and fit in. Look at the 4H model for youth opportunities	7/22/2022 12:42 AM
26	We need a park and walking trail on the south side of the interstate.	7/22/2022 12:42 AM
27	Look up Fit-N-Wise in Decatur, TX in Wise Co. Something like this would be so beneficial to the city and residents of every age group. It will also encourage your citizens to stay healty. I am keeping my figers crossed for an indoor pool open year round!	7/21/2022 11:26 PM
28	A YMCA type gym/swimming center.	7/21/2022 10:54 PM
29	Something similar to a ymca- pool & fitness center	7/21/2022 10:17 PM
30	Indoor swimming pool for senior adults	7/21/2022 9:55 PM
31	No skate parks- bring creepy people	7/21/2022 9:36 PM
32	Classical music concerts. Outdoor pools.	7/21/2022 8:48 PM
33	Theater Off the Square needs to be supported and expanded.	7/21/2022 7:43 PM
34	YMCA	7/21/2022 6:47 PM
35	Invest in local theaters, especially Theatre Off the Square, which is a local treasure. They are non-profit and offer many opportunities for people of all ages. Support from the city for this organization would be greatly appreciated and would benefit the local community.	7/21/2022 6:04 PM
36	New disc golf park, more swimming pools	7/21/2022 5:44 PM
37	More trails more nature access	7/21/2022 3:51 PM
38	Build an indoor aquatic center or partner with the YMCA to do it.	7/21/2022 3:38 PM
39	volleyball.	7/21/2022 3:27 PM
40	More support for the local live theater	7/21/2022 3:19 PM
41	The arts, theatre	7/21/2022 3:08 PM

42	Invest in performance arts and local venues that offer this.	7/21/2022 2:43 PM
43	Expanding Theatre off the Square- live theatrein Parker County is so relevant. It needs city support.	7/21/2022 2:40 PM
44	YMCA type REC center, playgrounds with shade & clean restrooms	7/21/2022 2:23 PM
45	Host more outdoor theater events	7/21/2022 1:24 PM
46	Indoor basketball courts, basketball programs, and leagues (child & adult)	7/21/2022 1:00 PM
47	Updating Harberger Hill community center and Cheery park buildings	7/21/2022 10:03 AM
48	Indoor recreational center with swimming pools	7/21/2022 7:40 AM
49	More local equestrian trails would be fantastic!	7/21/2022 1:45 AM
50	More adult/senior programs	7/20/2022 11:56 PM
51	Need more playgrounds to accommodate special needs / handicapped	7/20/2022 9:56 PM
52	Protect biodiversity and create more natural areas as a priority; indoor pool; racquetball courts	7/20/2022 8:27 PM
53	Allocate resources and staff to improve our current system and plan for future parks and facilities as our population increases.	7/20/2022 6:29 PM
54	Indoor pool	7/20/2022 5:24 PM
55	more events for families	7/20/2022 5:07 PM
56	More concerts in the park and more tables with shade all along the outside of the concert in the park area	7/20/2022 4:37 PM
57	Special needs events for all ages	7/20/2022 4:34 PM
58	Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in America. In Weatherford we have outgrown the junior tennis courts and we are adding new people of ALL ages everyday. The fences at Soldier Field are so close to the baseline that people run into them all of the time.	7/20/2022 3:46 PM
59	Disc Golf. I would like to see weatherford embrace or prioritize disc golf with an eye toward becoming a disc golf destination city. I believe with proper facilities and through community education leagues and camps we could do something truly special. Please for an example of the effects disc golf can have on a city look at Emporia Kansas population 25,000. Or Peoria Illinois. I would be willing to help with planning and labor for new courses. I'd also help develop a community Ed league or course	7/20/2022 2:22 PM
60	More drought-resistant plants; stop unnecessary street redesigns.	7/20/2022 10:49 AM
61	Please keep Weatherford's rural and "hometown" feel! We love connecting with other locals and the concerts and movies that are put on. We have a great family feel at these events and our biggest fear is that Weatherford will become the next big city.	7/20/2022 10:08 AM
62	Please consider adding more fields to practice on for youth sports and upgrading existing fields. Our son's football team practices at Cherry Park and we get eaten allve by ants and stickers every year and since there's no lights that cuts into our practice times. I think new fields should be acquired and existing fields should be upgraded.	7/20/2022 9:28 AM
63	We live in Brock and enjoy all the parks and trails Weatherford has. We would very much like to see parks on the western side of Weatherford equivalent to Holland Lake Park, Love Street Park and Friendship Park. Since the city annexed areas to the west, I hope to see the city make investments for the residents who live here.	7/20/2022 8:18 AM
64	PLEASE GET PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT COVERINGS FOR EXISTING PARKS SO THE PLAYGROUND CAN BE USED ALL YEAR. THANK YOU	7/20/2022 12:26 AM
65	Please keep our green spaces.	7/19/2022 7:18 PM
66	Consider making more indoor facilities for families to enjoy. These Texas summers are brutal and parents would love a place to take their kids and get them out of the Boise and blow off steam and not have to worry about suffering through 100 degree temps.	7/19/2022 7:02 PM
67	We need a rec center with and indoor pool and kids swim area to allow for year round family	7/19/2022 6:01 PM

	swimm ng, swim team, and othe spo ts that wou d use the ec cente	
68	Pu the budget from ex st ng esou ces that a e too we funded.	7/19/2022 5:50 PM
69	Spec a needs p og ams, mo e adve t s ng f there are ke p og ams.	7/19/2022 5:38 PM
70	Indoor swimm ng pool s #1!	7/19/2022 4:34 PM
71	A new skate pa k, and new basketbal cou ts/ adu t eagues.	7/19/2022 3:35 PM
72	Commun ty theat e, YMCA, extended wa k ng/b ke t a s, eme gency ca boxes on t a s, add t ona ght ng on t a s, adu t obstac e cou se and outdoo wo kout stat ons	7/19/2022 2:36 PM
73	F x the eak ng d nk ng faucets at the park by the po ce stat on. They un a the t me!! Have the worke s watch for th ngs ke th s that cost the taxpaye 's money.	7/19/2022 2:32 PM
74	You shou d fence n Ho and pa k o a sect on of the t ai s n Sold e Spr ng to a ow off eash dog walk ng ke the M nnehaha dog park n M nneapol s	7/19/2022 11:50 AM
75	Outdoo ec eat on comp ex p ease! Espec a y youth footba f e ds	7/19/2022 9:11 AM
76	Splash pads need an upg ade, Che y park offe s the best expe ence ght now. As fa as pa ks some are m ss ng swings some are ve y bas c with no shade so t s ha d to take the k ds du ng the day. It wou d also be bette f wood ch ps we e eplaced by someth ng more comfo tab e fo the tt e ones.	7/19/2022 6:45 AM
77	Indoor ec eat on cente with gym games(poo , p ng pong, etc.) and swimm ng poo .	7/19/2022 2:38 AM
78	Indoor Commun ty Cente fo ou Youth & Fam es to enjoy!	7/19/2022 12:45 AM
79	I wou d ove to see new th ngs, but you have to take ca e of the ex st ng fac t es f st.	7/18/2022 11:02 PM
80	YMCA / commun ty cente	7/18/2022 9:46 PM
81	C ean up Ca twr ght pa k [redacted] c ose to new deve op a eas by ta get and owes. Socce f e ds, dog uns etc.	7/18/2022 9:20 PM
82	Improved and new dog pa ks and ndoor poo	7/18/2022 7:56 PM
83	Mo e shaded pa ks with wate featu es fo k ds - espec a y n Weatherfo d c osest to Hudson oaks bo de . Wate ava ab e most of the yea .	7/18/2022 7:43 PM
84	Indoor ec cente fo basketba , p ng pong, acquetbal th ngs of th s natu e and a commun ty sen o c t zen cente	7/18/2022 7:28 PM
85	I d ove to see a dog un/ walk a ound Ha oween, Thanksg v ng, o St. Pat ck s Day. The Peach Fest va d aws a ot of v s to s and the Ch stmas Event at F st Monday does too. I th nk a fal event s a g eat dea.	7/18/2022 7:23 PM
86	I have seen a t emendous enhancement of ou Parks and Rec eat on ove the past 10 yea s and am proud of the wo k that has been done. Kudos to keep ng up with commun ty ec eat on oppo tun t es. Go fo th and cont nue to do g eat th ngs.	7/18/2022 6:54 PM
87	Connect on from the Town C eek T a to the ake M nera We s T a .	7/18/2022 4:24 PM
88	Bette maintenance of ex st ng pa ks and ec eat on fac t es. New est ooms at al ex st ng pa ks!	7/18/2022 3:35 PM
89	D ve s ty of conce t pe fo me s and mo e food vendo s	7/18/2022 3:19 PM
90	Indoor gym/act v t es fo nc ement weathe /heat, mo e wa k ng t ai s/b ke paths...overa , ways to stay act ve!	7/18/2022 2:54 PM
91	Mo e f ee prog ams whe e people can ea n to c eate, and a so f ee c asses about benef c al knowledge (budget ng/money management, ga den ng n Texas, becom ng se f susta nable ect)	7/18/2022 2:21 PM
92	YMCA fac ty	7/18/2022 1:47 PM
93	A eady do a g eat job! Keep up g eat work!!	7/18/2022 1:14 PM
94	New ndoor swimm ng pool, ap poo , and gym fo the commun ty.	7/18/2022 12:48 PM
95	Don't tu n ou town nto a cement c ty. Save the g een spaces.	7/18/2022 11:13 AM

96	Indoor facility (like YMCA type area) More movie in the park nights	7/18/2022 11:12 AM
97	Please build a rec center with exercise equipment and an indoor pool, my fam would gladly pay 200-300 per year for access and even more for added features like toddler swim lessons, childrens dance classes, etc. We moved here from plano and that is what we miss most. I know it would go over well in weatherford. We don't need multiple rec centers like plano but 1 is definitely needed.	7/18/2022 8:33 AM
98	Shade at parks, pickleball courts	7/18/2022 8:24 AM
99	The current disc golf course is very accommodating to many skill levels but has now turned into a family park instead of an elite level disc golf course making pros and ams travel elsewhere to play like z-boaz in Benbrook. If we had a much more demanding course only competitive disc golfers enjoyed we'd keep wetherford golfers here.	7/18/2022 8:18 AM
100	Model City of Grapevine for water parks and sport centers	7/18/2022 6:11 AM
101	We need a SAFE skate park. With cement ramps that dont cut us up when we are skating. Also because we have no where else to skate.	7/18/2022 5:18 AM
102	YMCA	7/18/2022 3:51 AM
103	The city needs to have a Memorial Day parade!	7/18/2022 2:14 AM
104	Indoor swimming with hours available for people that work during the day	7/18/2022 12:07 AM
105	Indoor outdoor year round swimming lessons, college competition and professional training.	7/17/2022 11:53 PM
106	INDOOR SWIMMING FACILITY! My kids swim year round on swim team and we go to Fort Worth everyday. We don't have the roper facilities here to have a swim team and the high schools have to travel for practice	7/17/2022 11:52 PM
107	Consider putting the neighborhood park in the briarwood neighborhood like it was discussed when the houses were tore down for it! Thank you	7/17/2022 10:32 PM
108	More access and affordable programs for seniors. Extend pool days til October for Seniors. Understand who the Seniors are, and better communication with them.	7/17/2022 10:31 PM
109	Smaller disc golf park for kids	7/17/2022 10:23 PM
110	YMCA please!	7/17/2022 9:53 PM
111	Indoor pool/ ymca type facility	7/17/2022 8:40 PM
112	Exercise parks with body weight equipment	7/17/2022 8:16 PM
113	Consider making The Wall park more of a public beach / swimming area for residents to have free access to the lake. When we go to Lake Weatherford park near the marina/boat launch, we pay $5 per person to enter. Wish there was free access to dog-friendly swimming area for picnics, kayak entry point, etc. Also increased safe walkability around Weatherford (connected trails would be amazing!!)	7/17/2022 6:29 PM
114	Input of Splash Pad at Heritage Park	7/17/2022 6:20 PM
115	Indoor pool!	7/17/2022 6:10 PM
116	Indoor pool and gym	7/17/2022 3:55 PM
117	I am a school teacher for Weatherford and an indoor community place for kids to play and learn would be nice. A community center would be nice with an indoor water playground and lazy river, pools, gym, courts, track and community amenities.	7/17/2022 3:22 PM
118	Indoor pool/facility for year round use Access to restrooms	7/17/2022 2:58 PM
119	Indoor pool center	7/17/2022 11:41 AM
120	We desperately need a rec center.	7/17/2022 10:37 AM
121	Would like to see more designated and new bike trails throughout the city and parks. Another boat ramp with ample parking at lake Weatherford would be great! We hardly go anymore because it's too crowed at the one ramp. Not to mention the dangers of waiting in line to launch and no way to get out of the way when busy. Just too tight of an area.	7/17/2022 9:50 AM

122	Need a new lake built to accommodate all the new growth & strain on our water supply.	7/17/2022 9:39 AM
123	Our family is very supportive of the City & all it does. We understand that creating a draw for residents to relocate or visit is important. We feel that maintenance needs to be done in all our parks where there is play equipment, we take our kiddos and grandkid to them & many are beginning to look very worn down, or are in need of maintenance every time we go. Cherry Park could really use some updating and some sort of security would make us all feel safer at all the parks. We look forward to seeing what y'all do moving forward!	7/17/2022 9:33 AM
124	Let's de this!	7/17/2022 9:25 AM
125	N/A	7/17/2022 9:01 AM
126	More senior events	7/17/2022 8:45 AM
127	We would love to see kid friendly and special needs friendly events and programs. Our 7 year old has Down syndrome, and most summer programs would not let him attend without a parent attending. We would like to see him be able to do activities on his own as he grows, as well as be able to use recreational facilities at times when it's less crowded and less stimulating. As parents, we would love an indoor pool where we can lap swim year round and I would enjoy water aerobics or something similar. Kids would benefit from swim team, especially one for special needs kids.	7/17/2022 8:34 AM
128	We really need a rec center for the community to use for daily fitness opportunities and special events.	7/17/2022 7:29 AM
129	Additional bike paths through the city with all accessible for e-bikes so seniors and handicapped can enjoy them (including mountain bike paths).	7/17/2022 7:03 AM
130	More hike and bike trails connected throughout the city.	7/17/2022 6:58 AM
131	Lower Cherry Park pool back to $2 a person. At $5 a person it just is not affordable for the average family to go for a few hours.	7/17/2022 2:52 AM
132	We definitely need a few indoor pools! For exercise for adults and then one for kids as well with an indoor splash pad. Also, I think before building new stuff we should make what we already have, 10x better!	7/17/2022 1:09 AM
133	An indoor fitness center that includes a pool and workout equipment.	7/16/2022 11:15 PM
134	Things for senior citizens	7/16/2022 9:21 PM
135	A YMCA would be wonderful or an indoor swimming pool for year round use!	7/16/2022 9:09 PM
136	Install lights and perhaps shelter over existing pickleball courts. Alternatively a indoor sports complex could be built and charge member fees.	7/16/2022 9:05 PM
137	Indoor pool and gym	7/16/2022 9:03 PM
138	Connecting mtn bike trails through power line easements you could connect Q Hill to parks of Aledo for example. I know both are not in Wford but an example.	7/16/2022 9:00 PM
139	Enforcement of pet leash laws. I have had my dogs attacked by off leash dogs.	7/16/2022 8:36 PM
140	Adding a disc golf course at soldier springs park and expanding the disc golf park at the lake.	7/16/2022 8:22 PM
141	I would enjoy more water activities like splash pads and kid friendly pools.	7/16/2022 7:32 PM
142	Water aerobics thru September & on Saturday's An indoor pool would be awesome	7/16/2022 5:36 PM
143	Indoor pool for year around open swim would be a major benefit to community. Bonus for senior citizens as well looking for lower impact activities. Great avenue for healthy exercise options.	7/16/2022 5:26 PM
144	Turf fields. Indoor areas during the hot summer. Bigger playgrounds.	7/16/2022 4:52 PM
145	Putting in restrooms in all public park areas. The recent addition of restrooms are Lake Wfd Frisbee Park is great.	7/16/2022 4:49 PM
146	Senior indoor exercise facility and indoor pickleball	7/16/2022 4:12 PM
147	Natatorium for locals schools to use for swim team which will also generate income. If	7/16/2022 4:06 PM

	constructed properly. Ask the local swim coaches and parents for input. To build a successful money generator for the community to use.	
148	No recommendations	7/16/2022 2:02 PM
149	Keep working on mountain biking trails and upkeep.	7/16/2022 1:43 PM
150	My biggest hope is indoor rec center including an indoor pool. It could also include a senior center as part of it.	7/16/2022 12:41 PM
151	Community garden!!!! It would help the local environment and animals/bugs!!!	7/16/2022 12:22 PM
152	Fee for sunshine lake to fish there. Put a mossback habitats in the lake.	7/16/2022 11:46 AM
153	YMCA. Overdue and needed badly. Civic center with room for graduations and larger venues	7/16/2022 10:12 AM
154	Indoor pool and extending cherry park open to October	7/16/2022 9:31 AM
155	More parking at Holland Lake Park, the parking lot by the police station is not large enough, a rec center with an indoor pool, an outdoor pool that is not centered around children. The current pool was redone but now is geared more the younger crowd, more activities for 50+, if you cannot build another pool that the older generation can enjoy then offer more options for adults to use the current location by offering more times(right now the only times available are in the morning try opening it up in the evening as well) for lap swim or have the pool open just for adult swim.	7/16/2022 8:53 AM
156	I would like for quanah hill to allow electric bikes 1e so it's aligned with the rest of the biking community	7/16/2022 8:01 AM
157	Indoor pool open all year	7/16/2022 4:46 AM
158	I would love to see a second disc golf course to help bring bigger tournaments into the area. Lots of land right next to the existing course that looks ideal.	7/16/2022 1:57 AM
159	Charge $1.00 extra on water bill to help fund parks and Rec.	7/16/2022 1:16 AM
160	Digging the area out by the board walk making it deeper, fixing the boardwalk where it is on water the majority of the year (currently on dry land more than 60% of the year). Adding work out equipment along the trails.	7/16/2022 12:30 AM
161	I would love to see a permanent food truck park	7/15/2022 11:52 PM
162	-Grass at the dog park -Cleaning station for dogs -Additional drinking station for dogs	7/15/2022 11:48 PM
163	An aquatic center (indoor and outdoor). Recreation center where classes and activities are held at one central location.	7/15/2022 11:43 PM
164	Work with private landowners to find mutually beneficial ways to donate land suitable for parks. One example is the land west of Clear Lake Rd and Woodland Hills. It's one of the most beautiful pieces of land in the area and would make a great park if the owner wanted to work with the city.	7/15/2022 11:27 PM
165	An indoor aquatic center like they have in North Richland Hills.	7/15/2022 11:08 PM
166	Please put in a diaper changing table at Marshall Park. Also, please have a community swimming pool, or indoor playground.	7/15/2022 10:37 PM
167	More MTB trails! We could be the bentonville of Texas!	7/15/2022 10:05 PM
168	An indoor pool for adults only.	7/15/2022 9:14 PM
169	Promote first Monday trade days. Bring back the officer for security. Don't change the dates if it falls on another holiday like July 4th	7/15/2022 8:52 PM
170	Some sort of "paved" walking trails at Lake Weatherford in the disc golf area.	7/15/2022 8:13 PM
171	Adding a new disc golf park within the city limits. Closer to the college.	7/15/2022 7:38 PM
172	Our family would love an indoor swimming/recreational facility that would allow us to swim year round. Something similar to the Natatorium in Allen, TX would be awesome.	7/15/2022 7:37 PM
173	Once again I think we need an indoor pool more than anything. I hear it time and time again	7/15/2022 7:36 PM

	within the community and I know my family would certainly enjoy it as well.	
174	Please consider including a properly built freeride jump line. You mountain bike trails are amazing and also visit Parks of Alido. You can also learn from other cities, would also get feedback from those that built the jump line out at Big Cedar. They are massive jumps but built correctly for safety and progression. A jump line in progression with a mountain bike trail can pay huge economic dividends as people will come from all over DfW. You can also look toward or Erwin Park in McKinney or moreover Bentonville for more data. I drive to weatherford specifically to ride your trails with friends and family but also eat and spend when I'm there. I live in Mansfield TX which is about 45 min away.	7/15/2022 6:52 PM
175	Ebike trails	7/15/2022 6:15 PM
176	Indoor playground for children, no cost for foster children and low income families.	7/15/2022 6:13 PM
177	Adding regular swings to Friendship playground. It's a great park but it's lacking swings. Revitalization of the skatepark, not asking for a new concrete one but some ramps have been removed and not replaced. I grew up attending this skatepark 34 yrs old now kids love going to scooter and skate. Thanks for already providing an array of quality parks to our community!	7/15/2022 6:05 PM
178	YMCA	7/15/2022 6:04 PM
179	More frequent landscape service around the lake. More cleanup and attention to detail. Better tree trimming around the fishing area at lake. Park style tree trimming. Clean up brush, weeds ivy. Looks unkempt in areas. Dredge lili pads around boardwalk. Looks horrible	7/15/2022 5:48 PM
180	No big spending of tax dollars like what has been done around the square.	7/15/2022 4:18 PM
181	Repairs to automatic water & grass areas in really cool dog park.,	7/15/2022 3:43 PM
182	Would like to see Patsy Hooks have more grass and would really appreciate a dog wash off area.	7/15/2022 3:39 PM
183	Please rethink the approach to allowing e-bikes on mtb trails. They are harmless to the trail system and often slower than the fastest people on regular bikes, meaning they are no more dangerous to allow. I ride one because previous injuries don't allow me to ride my regular bike anymore and it would be nice to add more trails to where we can ride.	7/15/2022 3:30 PM
184	YMCA or something similar.	7/15/2022 3:27 PM
185	I would like a true farmers market at The location where First Monday is once a week. I use the Dog Park daily and I would like some grass because it's just a big dust bowl when the dogs are playing it just stirs up dirt everywhere that you're breathing also there are several dead trees and I have seen large limbs fall off while I'm there and it's a concern if they were to ever fall on someone for their pet. And if possible my wish list would include a spray off station for your dog because mine enjoys it so much she's filthy every time she leaves I carry water in my car to pour over her and towels to dry her off with before I can put her back in. I do realize that most dogs don't get as messy as mine. I'm even willing to purchase a special dog park pass to use that park and to help improve the facilities if you can think of something like that it would help pay for everything.	7/15/2022 3:18 PM
186	I am an avid mountain biker. I am getting older and have very bad knees so I have a pedal assist ebike. I don't understand why these are not allowed at the mountain bike parks in Weatherford. [redacted] I would like to be supportive of Weatherford's initiatives but I would be unable to do so if the current thinking on pedal assist bicycles continues within the Weatherford mountain bike community.	7/15/2022 3:17 PM
187	Allow E Bikes at Quanah	7/15/2022 2:56 PM
188	Allow e-bikes (pedal assist) on MTB trails!!!!	7/15/2022 2:49 PM
189	Update playgrounds	7/15/2022 2:31 PM
190	Adding features to mountain bike trails.	7/15/2022 2:30 PM
191	n/a	7/15/2022 2:26 PM
192	Quannah Hill is an excellent example of a well-planned, high-quality mountain bike/running/hiking trail. Please partner with WMBC to develop additional trails that provide	7/15/2022 2:16 PM

	challenging riding/running to intermediate/advanced level riders/runners. Thanks!	
193	Shade on all playgrounds would be appreciated. And real bathrooms at the Dog park.	7/15/2022 2:15 PM
194	Free ride mountain biking!	7/15/2022 1:56 PM
195	Continued partnership with weatherford mountain biking club. I absolutely love quanah hill as both and hiking trail. I'd love to see them hold events there like bike and trail running races, night rides, and other events.	7/15/2022 1:44 PM
196	Indoor pool and gym. Look at North Richland Hills	7/15/2022 1:43 PM
197	Community aquatic/athletics center with a cool city owned waterpark like Euless has and Flower Mound has and baseball fields, basket ball courts and volleyball and tennis, walking path with workout stations With lots of parking.	7/15/2022 1:25 PM
198	Water activity areas for dogs. Splash pad hours at marshall park for dogs..... 7am-9am or evening hours please. Pool time for dogs, they are as important to dog owners as children to parents.	7/15/2022 1:08 PM
199	The dog park at Holland Lake is in desperate need of grass and irrigation. It is entirely dust. It would also be amazing to have a dog wash station and/or additional foundations for the pups to drink from.	7/15/2022 12:56 PM
200	Community Center	7/15/2022 12:53 PM
201	Please improve the dog park. It's a dust bowl with no grass, and in need of a dog wash station, and hopefully additional water bowl station at the back of the park for high volume days. The front gates at the big dog side needs some love and attention.	7/15/2022 12:46 PM
202	Regular bathrooms at Cartwright Park and also cameras there to stop illegal dumping and to catch the thugs destroying the fields with their trucks	7/15/2022 12:43 PM
203	Extension of trail system	7/15/2022 12:38 PM
204	Please put better grass in the dog park	7/15/2022 12:33 PM
205	More disc golf and Geocaching	7/15/2022 12:30 PM
206	A new youth baseball complex	7/15/2022 11:32 AM
207	More covered areas. TX is hella hot	7/15/2022 11:31 AM
208	We need a park on East Lake Drive, near the boardwalk, tons of space not being used.	7/15/2022 11:19 AM
209	A community/rec center for indoor sports, athletics, exercise and swimming is much needed.	7/15/2022 11:14 AM
210	Indoor facility	7/15/2022 11:09 AM
211	More shaded areas at parks, and shade over the boardwalk like would be like amazing.	7/15/2022 11:04 AM
212	A recreation center similar to a YMCA, bike paths so people could more easily get safely around town without having to drive a car.	7/15/2022 11:04 AM
213	More parks with picnic and playground facilities. Bathrooms at parks!!!! Not gross outhouses!!! Recreation center with tennis courts, pool, exercise classes. Walking paths.	7/15/2022 10:39 AM
214	More mountain bike trails	7/15/2022 10:31 AM
215	Consider Weatherford as a destination for those in North Texas, or even further to come for mountain biking, and stay and spend money in our local economy while they're here!	7/15/2022 10:04 AM
216	Build a real skatepark please	7/15/2022 9:59 AM
217	Better cycling infrastructure	7/15/2022 9:59 AM
218	I live near eagle mountain lake and Weatherford offers a great escape from the city with their parks. More parks closer to he east side would get used a lot by my family.	7/15/2022 9:40 AM
219	For every major new residential development, consider including a Mountain Bike Trail as part of the plan.	7/15/2022 9:35 AM
220	Continued expansion of MTB trails	7/15/2022 9:34 AM

221	Mountain bike trails	7/15/2022 9:33 AM
222	Indoor Swimming Pool, swim team could practice year round	7/15/2022 9:06 AM
223	Indoor pool and recreation	7/15/2022 8:58 AM
224	YMCA	7/15/2022 8:55 AM
225	A community center with innovative programs for kids & teens. Indoor options for summer.	7/15/2022 8:48 AM
226	Aquatic centers swimming pools definitely need bigger or at least a few more in town. Better hours open from 8am to 10pm went to a private birthday at Cherry park and when the sun was down at 8pm that pool was outstanding. Try it you would be amazed. Also let the lifeguards in the pool time to time poor kids they were hot!! Great kids too! We need more swimming and cooling off places for people one little place isn't working and the hours definitely need to be adjusted. You don't need to spend money on sports stuff you have schools that have fields already so put the money into areas where it will benefit the people of Weatherford for years to come!!	7/15/2022 8:44 AM
227	An indoor swimming facility. Currently there is no option for swimming in Weatherford after September. With an indoor swimming facility, or even a city recreation center, then we could have a school swim team.	7/15/2022 8:35 AM
228	Exercise or group fitness for adults. I'd love to see pickleball courts and lessons or leagues for adults.	7/15/2022 8:18 AM
229	Shade. More shade features—I know they run in the tens of thousands… but in Texas shade is needed for summer movement outdoors.	7/15/2022 8:09 AM
230	More pickle ball courts and bring in a ymca type rec center	7/15/2022 8:03 AM
231	Cultural Arts. We are not all the same. We aren't all just into sports and country music. Those things are great but it's time for Weatherford to grow in the area of cultural arts to match the diverse interests of its people. I travel to nearby towns multiple times a week for cultural arts and they don't have anything special other than a city that has invested in making this a priority.	7/15/2022 7:48 AM
232	A nice LONG running/biking/walking trail similar to The Trinity in Fort Worth	7/15/2022 7:44 AM
233	Have more green space and acquire that. Have an indoor pool for swim lessons and exercise year around. Make more trails! We have done a good job with parks but,don't stop now. Conserve the ecosystem. Decrease noise coming of I-20. We live close to I-20. The noise pollution is awful! Dig out Lake Weatherford while the lake is low so more water can be obtained. Stop building apartments! There are enough. Y'all have done a great job updating the parks but Holland lake park need lots of updating and there needs to be more bathrooms and existing ones at Holland lake park need updating. Y'all have really done a great job with our parks in the last 10 years. Don't stop now. Be an example for all cities with or green space and wonderful parks.	7/15/2022 6:59 AM
234	Indoor swimming pool. Add/improve bathrooms at parks	7/15/2022 2:18 AM
235	It is imperative to have a good restroom facility next to the newer playground by the dog park. Those portable restroom are disgusting on Monday mornings and during the weekend. It is necessary to have facilities for all the families that gather there.	7/15/2022 1:02 AM
236	Extending the open swim hours M-F past 5pm!!!!	7/15/2022 12:50 AM
237	All of the current parks need better maintenance	7/15/2022 12:46 AM
238	Please consider keeping the land on Santa Fe and holland lake dr as an extension of the holland lake park trails as a natural park. A large indoor pool and swim team would be great. No more small parks, playgrounds or splash pads, we need more things for older kids and families	7/15/2022 12:33 AM
239	YMCA w/indoor pool	7/15/2022 12:26 AM
240	Indoor year round water aerobics	7/15/2022 12:05 AM
241	Bike and walking trail expansion in the Lake Weatherford area. The addition of permanent restrooms at Lake Weatherford Boardwalk.	7/15/2022 12:04 AM

242	Please add indoor pools- we certainly have a large enough population without any indoor pools nearby.	7/15/2022 12:03 AM
243	We need a rec center with a nice gym!	7/15/2022 12:00 AM
244	YMCA type facility....exercise equipment, indoor pool, walking track, basketball court, racquetball court, classes offered.	7/14/2022 11:56 PM
245	Easier access to field and court rental such as online registration	7/14/2022 11:28 PM
246	Definitely more exercise availability for older adults.	7/14/2022 11:27 PM
247	Please consider the impact that infrastructure expansion will have on the ecosystems of Weatherford. Please take advantage of our beautiful prairies/cross timbers by preserving them for education and active opportunities.	7/14/2022 11:16 PM
248	Indoor rec with swimming pool	7/14/2022 10:43 PM
249	Boys and Girls club Recreational Center/YMCA	7/14/2022 10:41 PM
250	we are laking in FOOD CHOICES, we don't need more chicken or mediocre Mexican food. Food truck park well done would be better than what we are currently offered.	7/14/2022 10:41 PM
251	Bathrooms at Friendship park PLEASE!!!!! Indoor Rec facility or YMCA would be great!	7/14/2022 10:38 PM
252	Golf course	7/14/2022 10:29 PM
253	More adult sports. More times for softball. Youth programs	7/14/2022 10:20 PM
254	YMCA type facility with indoor & outdoor lap pools!	7/14/2022 10:02 PM
255	I am very disappointed in the boardwalk. Better planning would have realized it would be in the mud most of the season. Something should be done to improve this very nice expensive floating bridge. All parks need restrooms.	7/14/2022 9:59 PM
256	N/A	7/14/2022 9:38 PM
257	The city needs a year-round indoor pool facility.	7/14/2022 9:33 PM
258	An indoor rec facility with a pool!	7/14/2022 9:31 PM
259	Have a pumpkin festival like the peach festival, in October.	7/14/2022 9:22 PM
260	Indoor req center. Indoor pool indoor work out room with equipment Indoor basketball/ gymnasium/ indoor walking	7/14/2022 9:00 PM
261	This is a great start, please execute new plans!!	7/14/2022 8:48 PM
262	Please include a recreation center. Check out what Texas Tech has inside of their rec center and I guarantee you it will lineup with many of the goals that this town wants. I'm a trainer at Weatherford Fitness and I see a lot of people and they all tell me the same thing about an indoor recreation facility and how many opportunities it would open up for the community to get involved and connect while engaging in fitness and wellness programs. Investing in an indoor recreation multi use facility will be one of the best investments the city has ever made hands-down. All we have in this town is concrete and chicken places and banks and we the people definitely need a very well funded recreation center to gather and connect. Everyone here is tired of eating chicken and going to the bank. That's all it looks like the city has to offer currently. Best of luck and you have my full support I look forward to receiving emails and see what I can do to personally help move any plans along! #GoWeatherford	7/14/2022 8:37 PM
263	Benches on the walking trails.	7/14/2022 8:19 PM
264	We need a lazy river	7/14/2022 8:00 PM
265	More outside concerts in the cooler weather!	7/14/2022 7:53 PM
266	State of the art baseball fields to generate income for the city, hotels, shops and restaurants.	7/14/2022 7:43 PM
267	Strongly suggest some indoor facilities. Recreational center with basketball indoor pool fitness areas	7/14/2022 7:29 PM
268	Later hours for trade days, especially summer months	7/14/2022 7:24 PM

269	Build a YMCA!!	7/14/2022 7:13 PM
270	Community Gardening, Playground Restoration	7/14/2022 7:06 PM
271	Indoor pool!!!	7/14/2022 7:03 PM
272	need a city rec center	7/14/2022 7:02 PM
273	Fenced in playgrounds	7/14/2022 6:44 PM
274	More walking and biking trails would be amazing.	7/14/2022 6:35 PM
275	Preserve our beautiful nature, while making it more accessible with new park land and paths	7/14/2022 6:35 PM
276	More walking trails across the city. Better community/convention center.	7/14/2022 6:26 PM
277	Playground, children's activities & walking trail near the Weatherford Lake Marina	7/14/2022 6:03 PM
278	A ymca type facility and cover for love street playground	7/14/2022 5:58 PM
279	Kayak launch/access Far East side of lake Weatherford, more public fishing opportunities like stocked ponds, more stocking of existing lakes/ponds. Great example would be Cartwright park	7/14/2022 5:39 PM
280	Put signage up every where about leash laws and picking up after their dogs. Too many dogs are let off leash on Holland Lake Trail	7/14/2022 5:37 PM
281	Improve walkablity, improve bikeability, create FREE public transit.	7/14/2022 4:58 PM
282	Investing in an indoor aquatic center would benefit not only the city residents, but also the local school district. The high school could use the aquatic center for swim team practice in the mornings and residents would be able to use the pool facilities for laps 7 days a week beyond just the 10 weeks that cherry park is open. The pool could also be used to host water fitness classes and a training space for those joining the navy and marines. An aquatic center would also open additional job opportunities for our teen life guards throughout the school year.	7/14/2022 4:08 PM
283	Something like the YMCA so Littles can do something while the parents so too.	7/14/2022 4:04 PM
284	Indoor swim facility	7/14/2022 3:57 PM
285	Our family loves being outdoors and taking advantage of the beautiful parks. As a homeschooling family, we would love more opportunities to stay local for classes and events at a Recreation center. The city of Hurst has a amazing recreation and aquatics centers with an abundance of classes available to people of all ages. Something similar to that in Weatherford would be wonderful!	7/14/2022 3:53 PM
286	Restrooms!	7/14/2022 3:49 PM
287	Add a YMCA I have lived in ither towns with one and it has been very beneficial to so many groups in that are. Also more things for teens to do we do not have enough places for the teens to stay busy and not get into trouble.	7/14/2022 3:48 PM
288	Inclusive parks for children with disabilities. walking/hiking/bike trails. Signs reminding folks that Parker county has leash laws.	7/14/2022 3:33 PM
289	Add more playgrounds and things for young children and teens to do at Weatherford Lake Parks.	7/14/2022 3:03 PM
290	My absolute #1 priority is monetary investment in existing arts organizations, specifically Theatre Off The Square.	7/14/2022 2:47 PM
291	Nothing is more important to my family than protecting the natural resources of the city.	7/14/2022 2:32 PM
292	Leave mature shade trees alone! Everyone I know is sick of seeing quality trees (especially large oaks) bulldozed instead of being incorporated into new landscaping.	7/14/2022 2:21 PM
293	More special needs accommodations.	7/14/2022 2:20 PM
294	Pool needs some kind of material on top of the concrete to help cool it off. My children have scolded their feet because of the heat radiating off the concrete. It's hard for a kid to walk(being screamed at by lifeguards) when they're feet are on fire.	7/14/2022 2:11 PM

295	Invest in a recreation center	7/14/2022 1:36 PM
296	I would really love to see more adult sports that are organized and more festivals and events nights. Rates are crazy though - should be free or cheap for locals.	7/14/2022 1:35 PM
297	We moved from Mid-cities area of Ft. Worth where we had an indoor pool with a lazy river area! Walking against the currant was an excellent cardio exercise for 50 and older!	7/14/2022 1:34 PM
298	New trash cans for our Veterans Memorial Park, the raccoons are pulling the trash and leftover foods on to the ground Our Walk of Honor needs to be redone so our bricks do not wash out. Should not cost over $15,000. Bricks do not need to be replaced or the ribbon curb	7/14/2022 1:15 PM
299	The bike trails the city has built are great. I love the progress that has been made. I would like to see the bike/pedestrian connectivity continue to grow and improve. Also, we love to walk the trails at Soldier Springs and they are getting pretty worn out with cracks and holes. Thank you for considering our opinions. And by the way, the social media team for the city is KILLING it! I think it's really well managed.	7/14/2022 1:14 PM
300	More shade or indoor recreation options, bathrooms at parks, fencing along roads/parking lots	7/14/2022 12:55 PM
301	A better well built skate park for the teens to enjoy	7/14/2022 12:50 PM
302	Expanded and additional bike/jogging/hiking trails	7/14/2022 12:38 PM
303	Indoor pool - YMCA type facility	7/14/2022 12:37 PM
304	We need a community center/convention center with reasonably priced meeting facilities for community organizations. The available parks buildings are shabby and inadequate.	7/14/2022 12:30 PM
305	A rec center or ymca. More splash pads. More hike/bike trails.	7/14/2022 12:26 PM
306	More sidewalks and bike-lanes that would make it easier to take walks and cycle throughout weatherford and not just on specified trails which makes you have to take a vehicle to the park first.	7/14/2022 12:15 PM
307	PLEASE build an INDOOR rec center. Use the North Richland Hills rec center as an example of what we need. Also please consider building a joint facility that would also include a new library. Having rec center and library all under one roof would be amazing.	7/14/2022 12:05 PM
308	Cover more play spaces at parks, provide seating, and have trails identified on map at each location (Cherry, soldier spring, love, etc)	7/14/2022 8:32 AM
309	More shade in Heritage park around the food court	7/14/2022 8:16 AM
310	Please build a multi-sport complex to better equip our youth of Weatherford with state of the art facilities for building our athletic programs in Football, Baseball, Basketball, Volleyball, and Soccer. Cartwright park does not have the amenities available that we need for youth sports, nor restrooms that aren't provided by the leasing sports leagues. -from a Weatherford Youth Association Board Member, that wants to invest in the future leaders of our city.	7/14/2022 5:44 AM
311	Year round indoor and outdoor pool! And a safe place to play bingo on Friday and Saturday	7/13/2022 4:03 AM
312	Bicycle routes	7/11/2022 11:23 PM
313	Not sure yet	7/7/2022 7:27 PM
314	I've lived here all my life and have always wished for a facility like a YMCA. It would benefit all age groups especially senior citizens such as myself. Water aerobics is the only exercise this old body can handle. Three months of the city pool is not enough	7/6/2022 12:53 AM
315	Horse arena to attract visitors from all over the country	7/5/2022 12:53 AM
316	More communal stuff where I as a teen could make friends. More events at the pool, as I'd love to go swimming but have no one to go with and don't want to go alone	7/4/2022 11:51 PM
317	Activities for teens to keep them out of trouble and in activities	7/4/2022 10:03 PM
318	Y	7/4/2022 7:43 PM
319	Bsbsbdbx	7/4/2022 7:11 PM
320	Keeping up maintenace on Cherry Park Building and Harberger Hill Building and continue to	7/3/2022 2:58 PM

	rent out buildings to include the all day flat fee option for rental.	
321	Fixing bathrooms at the parks	6/29/2022 1:55 PM
322	Kayak launch and actual restrooms at Cartwright park. Actual restrooms at the boardwalk near kayak launch. A City park off ranger hwy. more litter cleaning events. More shade for the seated areas close to pool, healthier food and drink options instead of Gatorade and chips	6/29/2022 4:30 AM
323	Ymca!!!	6/28/2022 4:42 PM
324	Connect EVERYTHING	6/28/2022 8:25 AM
325	Revamp the city basketball courts	6/27/2022 11:36 PM
326	Have a Pride Event next year. Or even just changing the lights on the square for Pride month in June to rainbow. Something that tells the community they are wanted and valued as much as everyone else.	6/27/2022 11:36 PM
327	Big splashpad with a slide. More interesting parks and playgrounds with shade.	6/27/2022 11:22 PM
328	I have a 4 year old that I like to wear out, and a couple of puppies that I adopted from the shelter who need solcization and a good park to run around. The current park is ok in size, but there are so many trees that don't allow sunlight in to dry up the ground with any rain.	6/27/2022 5:28 PM
329	Indoor pool, Indoor basketball, Rec room with ping pong, pool tables, shuffle board etc. Would like a safe place for teenagers to go to with healthy activities in the summer when it's too hot to be outside and on weekends. It would provide exercise and the opportunity to meet others in a safe environment.	6/27/2022 1:08 PM
330	Large YMCA	6/27/2022 9:42 AM
331	fix grounds at Heritage Park	6/27/2022 9:20 AM
332	Think of the pets too	6/27/2022 8:43 AM
333	For yeas Weatherford has needed an Indoor facility wit an Olympic size pool and a gym with activities for youth as well as adults especially older adults. Better outdoor facilities For the Public to use for family reunions and get togethers	6/26/2022 8:28 PM
334	We need a new skatepark. I'm tired of driving my family to towns with a better skatepark every weekend. They deserve to have one locally. The current skatepark has not been well maintained by parks and Rec.	6/26/2022 8:15 PM
335	More seating and shade - over the tennis courts and playgrounds. Friendship park is nice and shaded but usually crowded.	6/26/2022 4:22 PM
336	To recognize the diversity of the community and include them all when creating or developing new ideas	6/26/2022 2:56 PM
337	Water exercises	6/26/2022 1:29 PM
338	Electricity and water hookup in other parts of the Amphitheater area, with pavement	6/26/2022 6:31 AM
339	Please put more disability access parks for older folks, and deaf children signs	6/26/2022 1:11 AM
340	Indoor pool and recreation center for seniors and more ball parks and gymnasium	6/25/2022 10:57 PM
341	Indoor pool	6/25/2022 5:25 PM
342	I'd like Weatherford to become bike friendly, enabling people to bike to school and work safely.	6/25/2022 4:57 PM
343	More public tennis courts and bathrooms closer to existing tennis facilities.	6/25/2022 1:31 PM
344	Indoor aquatic center and workout/physical fitness center. It would be amazing to have a large center that could also house a connected library.	6/25/2022 10:31 AM
345	Consider the revenue and tourism that tournament softball/baseball draws. We travel to surrounding communities 3 weekends a month spending money on food/lodging/goods.	6/25/2022 9:28 AM
346	Indoor pool and YMCA	6/25/2022 8:48 AM
347	Restrooms	6/24/2022 8:51 AM

348	Indoor pool. Skate park.	6/24/2022 3:17 AM
349	Indoor gymnasium activities that accessible to everyone.	6/24/2022 2:10 AM
350	indoor pool for year round use	6/23/2022 11:52 PM
351	Lake Weatherford currently feels like a private lake for the owners of the houses around the lake. There should be less private homes and more open park areas for Weatherford citizens.	6/23/2022 8:03 PM
352	I would love to have an indoor fitness facility like a YMCA with indoor swimming & group activities such a yoga etc	6/23/2022 4:52 PM
353	indoor recreational/gym building	6/23/2022 3:56 PM
354	Indoor pool More skate parks	6/23/2022 3:09 PM
355	More events/programs, a lot more shade for parks and the playground equipment, and handicapped enrichment opportunities.	6/23/2022 1:42 PM
356	Shade!	6/23/2022 1:36 PM
357	Longer hours for city pool	6/23/2022 1:13 PM
358	Purchase considerable plots of land in each of the quadrants (NW, NE, SW, SE of the courthouse) to provide for true community centers, playgrounds, leisure spaces, picnic pavilions and open picnic spaces and parking.	6/23/2022 1:04 PM
359	just more financially able things to do with children, some summer things are expensive and a single income household is hard to afford when our children want to be outdoors.	6/23/2022 12:43 PM
360	Buying more land	6/23/2022 12:18 PM
361	Would like to see town hall meetings	6/23/2022 12:12 PM
362	Indoor recreation center with an indoor pool and fitness center and gymnasium would give all ages and interest access to wants/needs. YMCA concept!!	6/23/2022 11:34 AM
363	diversity - holidays/cultural	6/23/2022 11:21 AM
364	Please put in real bathrooms at the friendship park & add in more accessible things. Accessible swings & a zip line that has an actual seat for a special needs child would both be an awesome addition to this park! Many local physics therapists would be happy to give y'all some tips to improve friendship park.	6/23/2022 11:08 AM
365	Indoor pool and recreation facility	6/23/2022 10:00 AM
366	Expand trade days to include indoor selling areas	6/23/2022 9:20 AM
367	Develop more events with Chandor Gardens	6/23/2022 8:59 AM
368	Improving current or adding a Bigger splash pad in the area would be amazing for younger kids.	6/23/2022 8:58 AM
369	While parks and recreation is important, I know there are other items in need of repair. I would hope that needs of the town are met before recreational projects, and without raising property taxes anymore on our already financially stressed community.	6/23/2022 8:03 AM
370	Large Rec Center with gym, indoor track, racquetball courts, indoor basketball/volleyball/indoor soccer courts (multipurpose facilities), rock climbing towers, and coffee/smoothie cafe inside. Outdoor fields adjoining Rec Center with bathrooms would be an amazing addition. Pflugerville, Round Rock, and Georgetown are great examples of desired Recreation facilities.	6/23/2022 7:49 AM
371	To add community members to a planning board to get input	6/23/2022 6:56 AM
372	Cleaner environment and make available recycling bins	6/23/2022 5:06 AM
373	N/A	6/23/2022 1:08 AM
374	Something similar to YMCA will be nice	6/23/2022 12:42 AM
375	A place to camp! Turn Sunshine lake into a place camp and Lake Weatherford needs more day camp places to hang out.	6/22/2022 11:49 PM

376	Using what land they have already to its fullest potential. The other option would be to take back abandoned properties to use as future parks, instead of developing new land.	6/22/2022 10:33 PM
377	Indoor pool area. Even though I live outside of city limits, I would use a facility like this often. I appreciate that non city residents can use the parks and pool and other areas	6/22/2022 9:49 PM
378	Please give us a recreation center!!!	6/22/2022 9:35 PM
379	Adding shades over all existing playgrounds, adding more splash pads.	6/22/2022 9:09 PM
380	Like I previously stated. We run Metro West Soccer club. We currently have about 165 youth soccer players. We are currently seeding, mowing and lighting about 6 acres behind new Willow Park Baptist church, but it is land we don't own so we can't invest in sprinklers etc. We do charge dues for professional coaching and facilities so we could potentially help offset some of the cost of maintaining soccer fields with a long term lease or some other similar agreement. If you have any questions, please reach out! Jamie Mittendorf 817-629-0189	6/22/2022 8:46 PM
381	Indoor pool, city facilities on the east side of weatherford, closer to Tison and FM730	6/22/2022 8:41 PM
382	Indoor community pool and a Community rec center that includes a gym	6/22/2022 8:31 PM
383	Please please please make more sidewalks running trails and a rec center!	6/22/2022 8:00 PM
384	Unique Cost-Efficient Experiences....	6/22/2022 7:35 PM
385	True handicap/wheelchair accessible venues	6/22/2022 7:06 PM
386	Keep the parks cleaner. Encourage the parks/trails for healthy recreational use. Don't allow the smokers to take it over. Prohibit smoking (signage or random checks). Access to more facilities, ie: Recreational Center - Aquatics, Activities and Athletics.	6/22/2022 6:49 PM
387	All opinions of the citizens of weatherford and if it will make taxes go up	6/22/2022 6:41 PM
388	Family friendly and more shade	6/22/2022 6:37 PM
389	Indoor adult therapy lap pool and indoor fitness facility	6/22/2022 6:36 PM
390	More Concerts, more special events, maybe a pool hall /game room and or skating rink?	6/22/2022 6:10 PM
391	Do whatever it takes to get a YMCA to Weatherford.	6/22/2022 6:07 PM
392	.	6/22/2022 6:02 PM
393	More coverage for park areas, especially at Holland Lake Park. It gets too hot and the metal equipment burns in the summer. Cherry park equipment is over run by ants and the trashes are always overflowing. Plus teens hang out in the play areas at cherry park and act in inappropriate ways that small children don't need to see or hear.	6/22/2022 6:01 PM
394	Y'all are doing an awesome job! Keep up the good work!	6/22/2022 5:59 PM
395	We need a community gym like The Y with affordable classes for kids	6/22/2022 5:58 PM
396	Tennis courts on the Eastern side of town	6/22/2022 5:49 PM
397	Move 9th grade center and convert space into recreational use	6/22/2022 5:43 PM
398	Would love to see a YMCA in Parker County, preferably Weatherford. This would have an indoor and outdoor pool as well as gym and various multi purpose rooms for fitness classes and community activities.	6/22/2022 5:42 PM
399	Meetings space	6/22/2022 5:37 PM
400	Playground updates to allow older kids to have things to play on.	6/22/2022 5:31 PM
401	More time spent on updating what we have. Update building that are rented out for sure.	6/22/2022 5:27 PM
402	Weatherford desperately needs a YMCA type facility.	6/22/2022 5:25 PM
403	Information and resource access via social media link's to interactive website.	6/22/2022 5:23 PM
404	More things to get kids outdoors. Marshal park is a hit but it's so small bigger kids can't enjoy	6/22/2022 5:13 PM
405	Lazy River either out door or indoor (preferably indoor)	6/22/2022 5:10 PM

406	Holiday bash costume party Halloween, new year's party	6/22/2022 5:10 PM
407	Indoor swimming facility	6/22/2022 5:08 PM
408	More water fountains or misting units on the trails	6/22/2022 5:06 PM
409	Keep on keeping the parks beautiful! Thank you for the lovely parks. Our family enjoys them when we get a chance to!	6/22/2022 5:05 PM
410	Buy up & protect your green spaces and water zones	6/22/2022 5:03 PM
411	"Remodels"	6/22/2022 4:59 PM
412	We would love to we an indoor pool with the possibility of partnering with the school district to allow for a school swim team	6/22/2022 4:59 PM
413	Shade/covers for all playground equipment areas. Slides and kid playground equipment get to hot in sun to use. Can burn skin!!	6/22/2022 4:54 PM
414	Water & eco system at Lake Weatherford should be #1 priority.	6/22/2022 4:51 PM
415	Keep making Weatherford an awesome place for people to want to come so we can continue to build it better!	6/22/2022 4:50 PM
416	Go check out the City of Roanoke. They are great at putting on City Events. Bring in huge crowds and they always are top notch. Mary Tellam handles events there.	6/22/2022 4:45 PM
417	Added shade	6/22/2022 4:44 PM
418	Build a playground or other kid-friendly areas at Lake Weatherford! We live there and have to drive at least 10 minutes to get to a public playground!	6/22/2022 4:42 PM
419	Rec center. We came from Colorado where they have great rec centers in every city.	6/22/2022 4:37 PM
420	More clean restrooms with working plumbing in park areas.	6/22/2022 4:37 PM
421	Take advantage of areas such as the former "county farm" acreage on Tin Top Road to develop a park and trails instead of a dumping ground.	6/22/2022 4:35 PM
422	An aquatics center would be a wonder addition to our community. Swimming/diving team could be added to our 6A high school. There would be a place for people to swim year round.	6/22/2022 4:33 PM
423	I love all of the improvements over the past 10 years, and I can't wait to see what else the city does to increase its outdoor spaces!	6/22/2022 4:32 PM
424	Would really love to see some investment from the city on Cartwright park area and the WSA facilities. The roads all need improvements as does the park playground equipment. Also the soccer facilities have a lot of potential just need some love and attention.	6/22/2022 4:29 PM
425	I hardly ever know about events until they're already started and I have to google what is going on or why so many people are gathered at the parks/ outdoor concert area. I'd like to see more community involvement in the Arts/music/etc outdoor theatre area. A concert series performed by locals would be phenomenal.	6/22/2022 4:27 PM
426	Indoor pool for year round swimming.	6/22/2022 4:25 PM
427	Maintain the splash pads	6/22/2022 4:22 PM
428	We are really excited about being here and getting involved, I don't hear about it with enough time. Emails with updates would be great!	6/22/2022 4:20 PM
429	Make the roads in and out of Cartwright as well as field amenities better	6/22/2022 4:19 PM
430	12 Pickleball courts (not at Soldier Spring) Lights at tennis courts.	6/22/2022 4:18 PM
431	Major Improvements to the skate park. We need something like Granbury.	6/22/2022 4:14 PM
432	More variety	6/22/2022 4:13 PM
433	Indoor Rec renter with pool for swim team	6/22/2022 4:12 PM
434	more shade.	6/22/2022 4:12 PM

435	Stop raising property taxes and the one time fee on new construction.	6/22/2022 4:10 PM
436	New skate park	6/22/2022 4:10 PM
437	Indoor facility like the YMCA	6/22/2022 4:10 PM
438	Indoor pool	6/22/2022 4:05 PM
439	A free rec center for teens. There's such a bad drug problem in the high school that I wish the kids had somewhere safe & fun to hang out at without having to worry about drugs being thrown in their face. It would really help socialize them to.	6/22/2022 4:02 PM
440	I work as a social worker and see so many kids that are bored and getting into trouble More programs/activities for underprivileged youth during the summer, it would be great if transportation was provided so they could attend, and if it was income based or low cost.	6/21/2022 9:06 AM
441	Be mindful of how we're spending our money. We need to invest for the future and not for the short term.	6/21/2022 4:57 AM
442	Family concerts and events	6/21/2022 12:03 AM
443	We need an indoor rec center with pool, workout equipment, skating rink. Reasonable membership or use fees.	6/20/2022 10:36 PM
444	Using more native plants in park landscaping and controlling nonnative/invasive species, especially in greenbelts/natural areas - e.g. Japanese privet, Johnson grass which are noxious weeds that damage native habitats.	6/20/2022 8:57 PM
445	More indoor events for older adults and those with disabilities preventing outdoor activities.	6/20/2022 8:15 PM
446	Have indoor swimming	6/20/2022 12:14 AM
447	To aquire new land to build new lake, for more fishing, swimming and camping opportunities for families to enjoy. For more access for the public to enjoy the river. Every public access is getting closed down Dennis Bridge Horseshoe bend Millsap all closed to general public. Leaving us residents with practically no river access to fish camp etc like we once could. We need more of all that which is vital and important to a lot of us. A lot of us that enjoy camping and fishing got to drive over an hour just to find opportunities to do so. And that is a great bonding experience for families. So I would love to see more lakes more public access to river camping locations and better fishing opportunities. Weatherford lake is nice and needs continued development but it's a small waterway with no camping opportunities. Thanks for hearing me out on things that are important to me and my family as well as others too.	6/18/2022 1:05 PM
448	Need to continue up keep on existing parks and add to improve what we have. Also the young players need a facility to be proud of and inviting teams to play instead of traveling some of us grandparents can't travel so we miss out ! Community garden would be so rewarding for the old to teach the younger generations how to thrive in hard times. Beautification project to make our home town feel like home ! Like permanent hanging basket and pots around the square even donated could be optional including having family names attached. Last of all !!! our wildlife is running out of space they need a home too ! Leave some for them please and thank you	6/18/2022 12:27 PM
449	An indoor pool	6/15/2022 11:59 PM
450	Extend the days of operation of Cherry Park pool. Build indoor swimming facility. The number of weeks that Cherry Park is open is ridiculous given the amount of money invested.	6/15/2022 10:15 PM
451	Move the 9th graders to the high school and convert the 9th grade center into a community center.	6/15/2022 9:13 PM
452	As I've said in earlier surveys, in would gladly pay to swim at Cherry Park through September, and I'm not the only one. Please think creatively about how to expand use of the pool. A single lifeguard would be sufficient, I think. Don't have to be a high school student. It's ridiculous to close the pool in the middle of August in Texas! I'll bet a lot of kids would come to swim after school. Weatherford just had to be willing to break out if of the way it's always been fine to capitalize in the pool as a super resource. Also, while we are older, our grown children visit often with our grandchildren, so take that into account when tabulating the demographics of this survey. Thanks for all your good work .	6/15/2022 6:41 PM
453	A YMCA with indoor pool!	6/15/2022 6:01 PM

454	We need more money summer water fun Maybe another pool I have teens and we'll the little city pool is to small and really redesigned for smaller children.	6/15/2022 5:27 PM
455	Really need an ADA bathroom at Friendship Park. You have an adaptive playground that has no accessible bathroom. Also, the soccer fields need lights and maintenance. Lacrosse keeps getting put with soccer and football, but we do not have lacrosse right now.	6/15/2022 5:09 PM
456	Improved walking around lake weatherford, better publicity, more events at Chandor.	6/15/2022 2:49 PM
457	None	6/15/2022 12:27 PM
458	Most importantly, the city needs to keep the lake full. The city charges outrageous lot fees and does nothing when it runs dry every summer. The SW area of Lake Weatherford, the disc-golf course area, is incredibly underutilized. This area could be used for arts/music festivals and farmer's market style events. The boardwalk on the north end was a nice addition, but it rarely gets mowed and the increased traffic has led to tons of trash being dumped in and around the water. I think overall this project was a mistake and poorly designed/executed. The north end of Lake Weatherford is meant to be a bird sanctuary with sprawling wetlands to the northwest, crossing under FM730, and should be protected as such.	6/13/2022 4:23 PM
459	Boys and girls club to be built	6/13/2022 3:01 PM
460	Keep the community events going. They are a huge part of why I love living in Weatherford. I love the parades, the holiday events, the concerts in the park. Thank you for everything you do!	6/12/2022 1:35 PM
461	YMCA	6/10/2022 6:29 PM
462	Build a community center with pool, workout equipment, programming, meeting spaces, etc	6/10/2022 3:09 PM
463	More Restroom facilities and better maintained restrooms in all outdoor facilities. More shade areas with seating. Water fountains for drinking water, refilling bottles. Promote Recycling by having those bins available at parks. Clean tables and benches regularly of spiders and wasps nests-especially during spring and summer months!	6/9/2022 8:53 PM
464	Trash clean up, more lighting	6/9/2022 3:56 PM
465	I think getting outdoors is SO needed for human beings and now more than ever with technology invading every facet of our lives. Maintaining natural beauty and allowing humans to be a part of that should he the goal - walking and hiking paths and biking paths and parks that incorporate natural elements.	6/9/2022 1:29 PM
466	Cartwright park could be maintained better being it is right next to the maintenance yard	6/8/2022 11:23 PM
467	Nature areas, more parks/outdoor community spaces, COMMUNITY GARDENS, and connectivity throughout city would be amazing. I am so excited as a resident of Weatherford to see what we do with this plan. We just moved over by the Medical City Hospital and love the trails and parks and ease of access for citizens. Go Roos!	6/7/2022 9:44 AM
468	I'd like to see a YMCA here for families and kids to enjoy. More pools that are available to the community. Skating ring. A Bingo hall . We need more entertainment for Adults and families. Oh and bounce houses for children. More toddler stuff too.	6/7/2022 2:58 AM
469	Expand days/times of programs and facilities to allow use by homeschoolers who don't necessarily follow the typical school schedule (allow M-F use of splash pads outside summer break dates). Homeschool specific programs would be nice too.	6/6/2022 2:04 PM
470	Better Concerts times, entertainment and cooler temperatures when conducting.	6/6/2022 10:39 AM
471	Better spectator seating for the swim meets at Cherry park. Weatherford needs another public swimming pool.	6/6/2022 8:43 AM
472	Would like to see bicycle skills park at Marshal park: ex; pump track, trials(balance) features.	6/5/2022 3:36 PM
473	Connect trail system from Holland Lake to Mineral Wells Lake. Consider acquiring former Live Oak Country Club 9-hole golf course for public use via eminent domain or private purchase.	6/5/2022 12:06 PM
474	Special needs kids and toddlers should get a Saturday or Sunday of swimming at Cherry Park pool exclusively. The crowd from everyone else draws the special needs kids away due to loudness, and rudeness from Neurotypical people not understanding. All playgrounds are run	6/5/2022 9:50 AM

	down and dirty and are not special needs accessible. The ONE handicap swing at Love Street park is always being torn up by teenagers rough housing on it.	
475	Have a planning group and committees of all ages and ethnicity.. More female and ethnic diverse employees.	6/5/2022 3:16 AM
476	Promote the use of "air bricks" for dirt trails to preserve the dirt level and condition.	6/4/2022 12:49 PM
477	Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the USA, it can be played by people of all ages. Many residents would like to have dedicated courts to play that aren't shared with tennis players.	6/4/2022 8:18 AM
478	Natatorium	6/4/2022 7:42 AM
479	Pickleball courts	6/3/2022 11:11 PM
480	Renovation of the Douglas Chandor home, a visitors center, expanded parking, and construction of an event center on the property to reduce the burden on the home.	6/3/2022 7:22 PM
481	Before adding additional parks at Lake Weatherford you should seriously consider dredging the lake!!!	6/3/2022 5:31 PM
482	A recreation center, and if possible to connect the many trails of Weatherford.	6/3/2022 3:00 PM
483	There might be an easier way, but signing up for camps (clicking on a link) would help. I've tried, but tennis registration signups are difficult.	6/3/2022 1:30 PM
484	More pickle ball courts and basketball courts	6/3/2022 1:01 PM
485	No recommendations right now	6/3/2022 11:12 AM
486	Allow for e bikes and pedal assist bikes	6/3/2022 11:07 AM
487	Working with wmba regarding mountain biking facilities.	6/3/2022 11:00 AM
488	Making a commitment to install only inclusive and accessible playground equipment. Stop making barriers for children with disabilities and mobility equipment, so they can play along side their piers. Improve accessibility at the only "adaptive park" in town that has a completely exclusive slide up a ladder.	6/3/2022 10:50 AM
489	Indoor heated swimming for seniors	6/3/2022 10:06 AM
490	Bike path around weatherford lake	6/3/2022 10:03 AM
491	skatepark	6/3/2022 9:06 AM
492	A skatepark will give children and so many people a better escape. with new developments on the skatepark, people will visit and give back to the local economy. Visitors will go to gas stations, food spots, and get more people to visit. Equals: more money	6/3/2022 9:03 AM
493	a safe place for the community to get together	6/3/2022 8:58 AM
494	Please speak with someone that uses a wheelchair about accessible features needed. we need a skatepark!	6/3/2022 8:45 AM
495	make a skatepark by SPA, by the city & people (skateboarding community)	6/3/2022 7:56 AM
496	keep the areas clean. find a solution to complete the previously planned senior center with new facilities and senior housing. add sidewalks so people can walk and/or bike safely.	6/3/2022 2:35 AM
497	renovation to splash pads and park/ as well as a YMCA or some sort for adults and kids needs to be met	6/3/2022 12:38 AM
498	Fix the water problem under the bridge near the marina at Lake Weatherford. Mow the very long grass on the side of East Lake Drive and West Lake Drive at Lake Weatherford.	6/2/2022 11:28 PM
499	Lighting at existing fields and more pickle ball courts added. Also, more bike trails	6/2/2022 11:03 PM
500	More promotion of community events. I usually find out about it after its done. Please no skate park.	6/2/2022 10:18 PM
501	Build a facility to host baseball tournaments for youth players	6/2/2022 10:08 PM
502	More pickleball/tennis courts, indoor basketball or more outdoor basketball courts, indoor	6/2/2022 10:01 PM

	recreation center	
503	I've lived in Weatherford my whole life and love it here. There's not much I would change about my hometown but I have been waiting for an indoor basketball court. I play with countless random strangers at the parks around Weatherford and 90% of them have complained about not having a good indoor gym in town. I know it would stay busy and I believe it would benefit the community.	6/2/2022 9:59 PM
504	A Big Recreation center with an indoor pool to be used year round for water aerobics like a big YMCA.	6/2/2022 9:55 PM
505	I would love a "YMCA" in Weatherford. Also, Soldier Springs walking path needs to be redone. The bathrooms at Holland lake baseball fields are always dirty. I love walking at Heritage Park and wish there were bathrooms on the route.	6/2/2022 9:38 PM
506	Everything looks sooo nice!	6/2/2022 9:38 PM
507	Indoor Racquetball Court	6/2/2022 9:36 PM
508	Volleyball courts please. I mean Peaster has some for goodness sakes! Indoor pool for use year around.	6/2/2022 9:23 PM
509	Sidewalks to get to the vine neighborhood park safely.	6/2/2022 9:01 PM
510	As I completed this; I realized I am not aware of the full offering of recreational facilities. Newcomers are most likely aware, but not this born and raised gal. What is the current inventory of these recreational offerings? (concert stages, dog parks, sports fields, senior programs, etc.) I'm sure the families want the sports complexes. I would like a simple bench under the original tree at Mustang Cove.	6/2/2022 8:59 PM
511	I would love to see more dog friendly activities like a swimming pool for dogs!	6/2/2022 8:31 PM
512	Extend state park trail to connect to Heritage Park.	6/2/2022 8:22 PM
513	Build a skatepark by SPA, by the city and people (skateboard community)	6/2/2022 4:55 PM
514	Improve the Skatepark, ie New Ramps	6/2/2022 4:50 PM
515	Safety for children and pets on leash. Last few times I've been to the parks I felt fear from strangers that didn't fit and dogs off leash.	6/2/2022 3:41 PM
516	Please consider keeping the parks open until 11:00 pm. It a not good use of police resources to have then kick people out for walking their dogs at 10:15 pm. Especially in the summer when the days are longer.	6/2/2022 2:03 PM
517	Better road infrastructure to make any new developments traffic flow effectively.	6/2/2022 11:31 AM
518	As previously mentioned: more natural spaces with hiking trails and room to explore (current closest option is Lake Mineral Wells SP), modern library facilities, community gardens/education center. Parents need safe places to encourage a love of learning and the outdoors. Our town has so much potential to be a place that encourages local foods, parent involvement, love of learning, homesteading and gardening. Encourage families to get off the couch and be a part of the community and start appreciating the beauty that Parker county has to offer. As homeschoolers we are currently driving sometimes over an hour away just to have these things available to us. We want to support local community and invest in our town. We recently visited my hometown of Boerne and we're so impressed with all the city has done. Cibilo nature center, herff ranch, new library, river access points, and a revitalized downtown. It's absolutely thriving and families are flocking to the area. It could provide some inspiration!	6/2/2022 11:15 AM
519	Additional Disc golf courses in the city would allow for larger tournament opportunities. Which could be combined with current city events. The current disc golf course is one of the best in the metroplex , we are seeing large numbers of players at our weekly events. Thank You all for the maintenance of Lake Weatherford Park.	6/2/2022 10:56 AM
520	Better bathrooms in most parks	6/2/2022 10:48 AM
521	New indoor recreation facility and swimming pool	6/2/2022 9:57 AM
522	A recreation center with pre-teen and teenagers in mind that has adult staffing during all open hours.	6/2/2022 9:52 AM

523	Indoor pool, recreation, gym, basketball, with showers and lockers.	6/2/2022 9:44 AM
524	A YMCA	6/2/2022 9:16 AM
525	Indoor pool for seniors to use	6/2/2022 7:39 AM
526	Maintain soldier spring walking trails	6/2/2022 6:10 AM
527	To have a citizen input	6/2/2022 12:42 AM
528	Preserving natural animal habitats, maintaining and improving the tree canopy, water supply, consideration of the traffic flow, the well-being of the community and the environment. Thank you for providing this survey.	6/1/2022 11:58 PM
529	Add more parks with or add disc golf courses to parks	6/1/2022 9:47 PM
530	Outdoor exercise classes at a marina Park, an instructor, electric outlet for boom box for exercise music, flat surface for early morning stretches & fun exercise. A 30x30 ft section of the new boat parking area closest to the lake water, is all that is needed. Women (& some men I know) would attend this type class offered. People would definitely pay $3 per 45 minute class starting out & I'll t would massively grow, thus more people, more revenue.	6/1/2022 8:46 PM
531	More water in lake	6/1/2022 7:34 PM
532	A new indoor ref center and more sport and camp options for youth	6/1/2022 7:34 PM
533	Indoor aquatics track and field	6/1/2022 7:16 PM
534	Regular maintenance of existing parks (e.g. trim foliage next to walkways)	6/1/2022 6:57 PM
535	More water in the lake	6/1/2022 6:56 PM
536	Same as earlier question. Make Lake Weatherford a constant level lake.	6/1/2022 6:54 PM
537	Walking and Bike path around Lake	6/1/2022 6:27 PM
538	Make sure it's well thought out. Consider revenue streams long term, tourism, amenities etc	6/1/2022 6:25 PM
539	A New Skate Park	6/1/2022 6:04 PM
540	New festivals and events.	6/1/2022 5:27 PM
541	Affordability	6/1/2022 5:08 PM
542	The skateboarding community of Weatherford and surrounding areas would like a new and improved skate park for the fun and safety of everyone that loves to skate and needs a place to skate.	6/1/2022 4:57 PM
543	Safety and fun at an affordable price.	6/1/2022 4:57 PM
544	We need an indoor pool. For water activities in the winter	6/1/2022 4:33 PM
545	Indoor facilities for exercise, swimming sports	6/1/2022 4:18 PM
546	Indoor pool for Water aerobics year round.	6/1/2022 4:08 PM
547	Getting the Marina area at Lake Weatherford finished would be great!!	6/1/2022 4:08 PM
548	Enhance the partnership between the City and Parks Department to develop plans to expand the Arts (Cultural districts) in Weatherford.	6/1/2022 3:14 PM
549	Would love to see an indoor swim facility	6/1/2022 3:02 PM
550	Sand volleyball, more seating at parks	6/1/2022 1:57 PM
551	Ymca type facility with indoor pool, upgrade to parking at baseball fields, ugrade to practice fields for football at cartwright park	6/1/2022 1:51 PM
552	Mowing around lake	6/1/2022 1:41 PM
553	Baseball facilities a must	6/1/2022 12:28 PM
554	Better signage for park hours of operation	6/1/2022 11:54 AM

555	mountain bike trails and pump track	6/1/2022 11:36 AM
556	Improved soccer fields. Indoor swimming pool or recreation for kids	6/1/2022 10:47 AM
557	We need an indoor swimming pool that the youth can utilize for swim team. We also need to improve our soccer fields.	6/1/2022 9:33 AM
558	Invest in the soccer fields at Cartwright park. Lighting, irrigation, concession/bathroom improvements and creating safer fields for kids to play on.	6/1/2022 9:30 AM
559	Build the park by the Weatherford Lake Dam. Make cycling around the lake safe!	6/1/2022 8:32 AM
560	Please take a look at fort worth trinity trails when expanding the wford trail system. I was so upset when they put in all those houses less than 10 ft from the trail at Holland Lake. It feels like you are walking down a back alley instead of a nice trail. Its awful. Trinity trails apartments and housing is set WAY back off from the trail.	6/1/2022 8:02 AM
561	Please remove the concrete barriers preventing people from enjoying Mustang Cove.	6/1/2022 8:01 AM
562	boat races	6/1/2022 7:16 AM
563	Dredging of lake Maintain constant lake level	6/1/2022 6:05 AM
564	Safe biking around Lake Weatherford. Pump water back into the lake as soon as possible.	6/1/2022 5:57 AM
565	Bike/Pedestrian lane around Weatherford Lake perimeter	6/1/2022 1:12 AM
566	Revisit how the Boardwalk was meant to be. Seems like a great idea in theory but it stays on dry land	6/1/2022 12:20 AM
567	The lake is overloaded. Quit trying to bring more people.	6/1/2022 12:19 AM
568	A skating rink or a skate/bike park for the kids.	5/31/2022 11:48 PM
569	Indoor swimming pool	5/31/2022 11:26 PM
570	More fishing	5/31/2022 11:23 PM
571	Recreational center	5/31/2022 11:16 PM
572	An indoor pool is long overdue!	5/31/2022 10:35 PM
573	More music varieties in summer concert series	5/31/2022 10:20 PM
574	Expansion of the trail network, beautification/capitalization of waterways within the city.	5/31/2022 8:48 PM
575	Soccer fields and softball fields.	5/31/2022 8:06 PM
576	We need to upgrade our existing parks and maintain the trails before we consider dividing our maintenance resources. (Mow the trail especially north of Santa Fe) Regular trash pick up and additional trash cans at parks might help with the littering. I find a lack of convenient disposal and irregular pickup may contribute to the trash problem which then funnels into our lakes and waterways	5/31/2022 6:17 PM
577	More programs for toddlers would be exciting to see. Also, consider accepting credit cards at Cherry Park's City Pool.	5/31/2022 5:55 PM
578	The road going into Cartwright Park has been full of potholes for 20+ years. Potholes are all the way up and down it. Would be nice knowing we can go to the park and lake without fear of popping a tire.	5/31/2022 5:43 PM
579	Cartwright park needs improvement with the grass in fields There is a lot dirt and dust that flies in the players faces The road that leads past the baseball fields up to the soccer fields needs to be repaved. There are huge pot holes	5/31/2022 5:35 PM
580	Year round swimming pool Rec center	5/31/2022 5:35 PM
581	More bicycle trails. Pickle Ball Courts. More tennis courts. (Lighted)	5/31/2022 5:14 PM
582	More splash pads, larger playgrounds	5/31/2022 5:00 PM
583	Better bathrooms that are open during all soccer games at Cartwright park. My elderly parents and in laws came to watch their grandson in a soccer game this season and all needed to use	5/31/2022 4:20 PM

	the restroom before leaving to head back home- a 2 hour drive. They were closed and the only available 'staff' was a young girl (board members daughter) who told us they ALWAYS close early to clean. I felt bad for our parents and feel that if there's spectators/an event planned there should be a facility available.	
584	PLEASE...dog "stations" in Holland Lake Park, where there are bags and a disposal unit (serviced by Parks Dept) for people to use. Not everyone may use it, but some would be better than none. On my walk there the other day, there were piles of dog poo every 6 to 10 feet...NO EXAGGERATION!! With flies and stink. It was awful.	5/31/2022 3:36 PM
585	As stated a major sports complex	5/31/2022 3:22 PM
586	Would love to see more community events with families. Also, rock climbing, more recreation sports leagues for kids & any fun outdoor activities to get the kids (& parents) outside more! We need more green spaces in Weatherford! Another idea is to add more natural trails, not concrete, for hiking, hiking, & walking like Quanah Hill & Aledo Trails. Dirt bike riders would love to have areas to ride locally as well!	5/31/2022 3:21 PM
587	Upgrade bathrooms at all parks, put permanent bathrooms at parks that have portable potties.	5/31/2022 3:12 PM
588	More soccer programs	5/31/2022 2:39 PM
589	Have security	5/31/2022 2:21 PM
590	Texas heat and outdoor activities for the kids. Ie. include shading and cool off areas.	5/31/2022 1:52 PM
591	Build more Pickleball courts!	5/31/2022 1:49 PM
592	Horse trails and park	5/31/2022 1:42 PM
593	Pray about it :)	5/31/2022 1:27 PM
594	It would be great to have some New parks. The only park that looks halfway clean is Friendship Park. The others are old And broken	5/31/2022 1:15 PM
595	The Cartwright Park soccer fields need heavy investment and refurbishment. Bleacher seating needs to be re-installed. Player benches need to be re-installed. Fields need to be seeded and watered routinely. Covid is over and the neglect at these soccer fields is inexcusable. The parks department has done a disservice to the kids and families that are working hard to develop a sense of competition and community. The parks department should match or exceed the energy of these soccer players and make the Cartwright soccer fields stand out on game days. Soldier Springs tennis courts are a highlight. We enjoy the tennis camps with PCTA and the enthusiastic volunteers there. The stark contrast between our experiences at the tennis courts and the soccer fields is astonishing. Tennis courts = thumbs up. Soccer fields = thumbs down.	5/31/2022 1:12 PM
596	Improve current soccer fields and baseball fields. Watering and maintaining grass.	5/31/2022 12:43 PM
597	Bathrooms at friendship park and also swings at friendship park	5/31/2022 12:35 PM
598	Support soccer association	5/31/2022 12:25 PM
599	Paved side walked through town and down Main St. for walking and biking to the square, restaurants and bars!	5/31/2022 12:24 PM
600	We need new baseball and softball fields. We need an indoor pool. Look at Burleson or the YMCA for guides as to what Weatherford should have to offer our citizens	5/31/2022 12:14 PM
601	All sports should be covered. The city has been focused on baseball and football. Soccer has always been neglected. It was very difficult to deal with the city while I served on the soccer board. WSA was the red headed step child although WSA mad a lot of investments the city did not live up to their promises.	5/31/2022 11:53 AM
602	Indoor pool with year round access	5/31/2022 10:04 AM
603	Take into consideration about the wildlife and the trees this is what makes this town so unique let's keep it that way. One thing I have loved it friendship parks shade trees on a hot summer day so keep that in mind if creating more parks splash pads etc. People want shade and if you want less things left behind because we know not all good people take belongings home less they bring when shade is provided the better especially when they have their hands fulls with tons of children. Also just an idea look up on the web a place called Roy aquatic center in Utah	5/31/2022 8:41 AM

	might be better to just make a separate Weatherford aquatic center somewhere. It was the best thing ever and families enjoyed it so much! Plus it gives the teenage children in the community jobs in the summer as lifeguards and they have concession stands. The city makes money it's a great idea!	
604	More pickleball courts and add lights	5/31/2022 8:33 AM
605	Preserving as much natural environment including wildlife. We love the HP trails that go down to Jack Borden. We would love to see more trails connecting Weatherford.	5/31/2022 7:42 AM
606	Add some upgraded play on items and things that bigger kids might like to do too. Add some climb on stuff and maybe hoses for kids to spray at Love Street Splash pad.	5/31/2022 1:26 AM
607	Improved baseball facilities with revenue driving opportunities.	5/31/2022 12:43 AM
608	Community recreation center including indoor pool. That would provide much needed activities for all but especially seniors. Please	5/30/2022 11:39 PM
609	More natural areas, places for wildlife & fauna to be protected as our city/County grows and displaces them.... Places that will help us remember what "country" looked like, and why people chose to live here in the first place.	5/30/2022 11:20 PM
610	Cartwright Park soccer fields need lots of attention. There are not enough fields for the teams to practice and no lights make it very difficult to practice in the Fall.	5/30/2022 11:19 PM
611	Upgrade the splash pads, as well as maintain them better. Also maintain the restrooms better, put in restrooms, no one likes using a port a potty, maintain and install water fountains.	5/30/2022 11:18 PM
612	A larger outdoor water park/pavillion	5/30/2022 11:08 PM
613	Health center with gym and indoor pool	5/30/2022 10:47 PM
614	More stuff south of I20 or near it.	5/30/2022 10:45 PM
615	Better bathroom facilities at Heritage Park/Trade Days	5/30/2022 10:40 PM
616	Would like to see more and updated special events facilities for rental, more shade at the parks, a restroom and better parking at friendship park, and indoor pool would be beneficial year round!	5/30/2022 10:33 PM
617	I would like information on and access to fishing areas like docks where I can fish from the bank. Also like concerts and picnic areas.	5/30/2022 10:31 PM
618	N/a	5/30/2022 9:51 PM
619	Take care of the stuff the city already does. Keep areas from ending up in disrepair.	5/30/2022 12:47 PM
620	More small community parks and playgrounds close to home. More "wild" nature hiking areas.	5/30/2022 2:04 AM
621	Security and ways to fence in parks to keep kids from wandering off and unsavory characters from having immediate access to kids.	5/28/2022 3:14 PM
622	Learn from other smaller cities in what works or doesn't. More surveys like this are great too	5/27/2022 6:54 PM
623	Senior citizen activities.	5/27/2022 4:43 PM
624	A new skate park would be lovely!	5/26/2022 10:55 PM
625	Better communication would be great. I don't have grand suggestions on how to do that, but I feel like I have to go digging for info, and we miss out on a bunch.	5/26/2022 10:25 PM
626	Make sure restrooms at every park - similar to Cherry PARK. INSTEAD OF USING WOOD CHIPS AT PLAYGROUND, USE RUBBER MATTING	5/26/2022 8:48 PM
627	Indoor pool	5/26/2022 10:04 AM
628	Turf for Weatherford Baseball Fields. WWL or redo the fields. They are terrible.	5/26/2022 7:29 AM
629	Indoor pool for swim teams and competition throughout the year. It's a year round sport and can also benefit others that want to swim to stay healthy.	5/26/2022 6:32 AM
630	after school care programs, summer programs for children, indoor pool, sand volleyball court, better restroom facilities at parks	5/26/2022 1:04 AM

631	Indoor swim facility Additional pickle ball courts	5/25/2022 10:49 PM
632	Senior adult activities and in door pool	5/25/2022 10:20 PM
633	Please do recreations such as indoor pool, gym parks on the North side Weatherford. Everything is being built on south side and east.	5/25/2022 7:56 PM
634	We need an indoor rec center with an indoor track climbing wall and indoor pools	5/25/2022 7:41 PM
635	Indoor facilities are important as the heat can really wipe out the very young, and the very old.	5/25/2022 6:58 PM
636	Indoor pool/YMCA type facilities. We have needed this for years, look at granbury	5/25/2022 6:34 PM
637	Indoor swimming for year round	5/25/2022 6:29 PM
638	We need a Community Theater space, could be used for business presentations and indoor expos, Need an indoor pool YMCA facility for swimming, recreation center for all ages!!	5/25/2022 6:22 PM
639	More disc golf!	5/25/2022 6:09 PM
640	Please consider either using a portable dome to cover the Cherry Park pool or building a nauditorium that could be used by many surrounding schools which would provide revenue to offset the cost as well as year round swim lessons and water aerobics.	5/25/2022 5:35 PM
641	Indoor pool- YMCA	5/25/2022 4:32 PM
642	Develop an indoor aquatic facility and close the gap between Town Creek Trail and Mineral Wells Trailway.	5/25/2022 4:08 PM
643	Indoor swimming pool for year round lap swimming, swim team, group exercise classes. It is such a good low impact work out for an older community, and a healthy full body work out for the younger community. Texas is a HUGE swimming state. UIL Texas swimmers make up over half of the All American swimmers each year. It's a shame to not have it available at any level year round.	5/25/2022 3:38 PM
644	We've been saying for years that Weatherford could really use a rec center. Hope it happens!	5/25/2022 1:53 PM
645	An aquatics center that can be used for the city's competitive swim team and for the schools competitive swim teams.	5/25/2022 1:45 PM
646	New skate park	5/25/2022 1:43 PM
647	Indoor recreational facility with pool, basketball courts, indoor ice hockey, daycare.	5/25/2022 1:36 PM
648	Quit spend money on redoing media on Main Street & stuff don't need to be redone	5/25/2022 12:57 PM
649	More pools! The one city pool has very little time for just swimming & having fun. I work days, so I have to schedule my daughter swim lessons just so she can go swim in the summer time. Next year he will be too old for wim le on	5/25/2022 12:39 PM
650	Utilizing the already high tax rate	5/25/2022 12:37 PM
651	A true amphitheatre / concert venue!	5/25/2022 12:07 PM
652	We love the summer swim program. It would be amazing to have that available year round with an indoor pool	5/25/2022 11:34 AM
653	Indoor swimming center	5/25/2022 11:33 AM
654	Indoor pool for swim team so can practice & compete all year. Also, a 100% wheelchair accessible playground/park facility with zero limitations to a wheelchair user from parking to restrooms to the playgrounds, paved trails, swings, splash pad, fishing dock etc etc. I would LOVE to volunteer to participate in creating such a needed park for not only our son but all wheelchair users to FINALLY have a place of complete inclusion! They face exclusion everywhere everyday and it's heartbreaking!	5/25/2022 11:32 AM
655	Wheelchair accessibility everywhere needs to be improved. From access to venues and through venues. In addition, where spectating will occur, seating for wheelchairs where they can actually see would be amazing. An indoor pool and additional shade are very high on the list, too.	5/25/2022 11:22 AM
656	Indoor pool/aquatic center	5/25/2022 10:51 AM

657	More like a YMCA format setup for year around usage. Indoor swimming pool for swim team year around to be competitive with surrounding schools and offer scholarships for the students	5/25/2022 10:25 AM
658	Indoor recreation center pool	5/25/2022 10:22 AM
659	Our family would love to see a new indoor facility with an indoor pool and workout facility. We would also like to see a new skate park and pump track facility too. Similar to what Tyler, TX has. Especially an area for kids under 13 who enjoy riding scooters and skateboards. And an area for mountain biking for both younger kids and for adults too.	5/25/2022 10:06 AM
660	Indoor pool for swim team and other events	5/25/2022 10:04 AM
661	Natatorium	5/25/2022 9:55 AM
662	Year-round swim team!!!	5/25/2022 9:55 AM
663	An indoor swimming pool/bubble on the existing pool. To possibly partner with the school district. Something to allow for a year round swim team.	5/25/2022 9:27 AM
664	Indoor pool for competitive swim/swim team & lap swim	5/25/2022 9:16 AM
665	Natatorium!!	5/25/2022 9:11 AM
666	My children are on the summer swim team for Weatherford and we could be much more competitive to neighboring cities with an indoor pool. Would create the ability to practice year round and bring in revenue year round too for people wanting to use this facility or practice there. This would also allow for WHS to have a swim team like most other ISDs do.	5/25/2022 9:07 AM
667	We need a sports complex like Waxahachie/Burleson to pull in from the entire county and surrounding areas. Specifically baseball/softball to host tournaments and give a place for kids to practice with their travel teams. Another issue I have is that the fields at Holland Lake can only be booked one week in advance. This is not convenient and that booking window needs to be moved to at least a month out.	5/25/2022 9:07 AM
668	Indoor pool, continue to restore lake area and sand volleyball court and make the lake Marina area more appealing and a destination	5/25/2022 9:06 AM
669	Indoor pool and Rec rooms to be out of weather. Also to not share times with the city pool hours for swim team or classes!	5/25/2022 9:00 AM
670	A community rec center with childcare	5/25/2022 8:33 AM
671	An indoor sports facility and Parker county definitely needs an indoor pool. The cherry park pool is not utilized well and likely costs a lot to maintain. I am highly involved in the world of swimming and would love to see a natatorium in weatherford. There is no indoor pool close by and our growth is incredible. So many school districts and the hospital district could utilize it and our youth could have after school fitness programs . A pool costs a lot but would also bring in a lot of revenue bc it's highly needed in many surrounding counties nearby us. I will help however I can. I'd love to start a planning committee or be a part of one.	5/25/2022 8:30 AM
672	Indoor pool	5/25/2022 8:20 AM
673	We need a year round swimming facility!	5/25/2022 8:18 AM
674	Indoor swimming pool for swim team and all residents	5/25/2022 8:07 AM
675	I'd love to see a large rec center with an Olympic size pool outside and a lap pool inside, basketball courts, weight room, rooms for classes (yoga etc.) and oth active activities. This needs to be a safe place where kids can go and have fun!	5/25/2022 8:03 AM
676	Indoor Rec center with pool for year round swim team and partner with WHS to use for UIL swim	5/25/2022 7:41 AM
677	More programs in the mornings for homeschool families, less land developing and instead refurbish existing structures, more pool fitness availability because warm days are year round, farmers markets separate from first Monday with less selling restrictions to help with food and nature sustainability.	5/25/2022 12:23 AM
678	Not sure yet	5/25/2022 12:12 AM
679	More bike trails	5/24/2022 8:09 PM

680	Senior activities	5/24/2022 8:07 PM
681	1) Have more variety of times for families to enjoy events. Same type of events with a variety of times.) 2) Provide indoor activities. We need something similar to a YMCA that caters to ALL ages. 3) Provide more shade for outside activities. 4) Add additional trash cans in parks please. When walking the trails, people aren't willing to hold trash for 1/2-1 mile to drop it in the trash can.	5/24/2022 7:43 PM
682	Another disc golf course and upgrades to the existing Lake Waterford course for the fastest growing sport in America the last 3 years	5/24/2022 7:28 PM
683	Community center with indoor pool open to the public	5/24/2022 6:49 PM
684	New Little League baseball fields/complex.	5/24/2022 6:14 PM
685	Turf fields to prevent rainouts and an umpire changing room.	5/24/2022 5:43 PM
686	Adding another 9 to 18 hole Disc Golf Course	5/24/2022 5:18 PM
687	Build community center with inside basketball courts and swimming	5/24/2022 4:25 PM
688	More disc golf parks	5/24/2022 4:20 PM
689	With all the new development, is there fees added in the permit process to support new parks and facilities for these areas	5/24/2022 3:51 PM
690	An indoor pool would be amazing. I would love to be able to swim year round.	5/24/2022 3:51 PM
691	Additional discgolf course preferably on the west side of town since there is one at the lake	5/24/2022 3:37 PM
692	Something like a ymca or a game on center.	5/24/2022 3:11 PM
693	New Baseball / Softball Complex, and fishing opportunities.	5/24/2022 3:05 PM
694	Indoor pool for year round swim team, aquatic classes etc.	5/24/2022 2:36 PM
695	Invest and improve existing infrastructure before adding more. The city fails to meet the maintenance needs at current parks, adding more will only take away from already substandard upkeep.	5/24/2022 2:21 PM
696	We need more facilities for sports, alot of residents participate in youth baseball. There are not enough facilities for teams from all different organizations to play and practice.	5/24/2022 1:56 PM
697	City pool to either be bigger OR at an additional city pool somewhere... WITHOUT such limited hours! Not charge those that come to watch only and not swim.	5/24/2022 1:50 PM
698	FUNDED Senior Center: director and activities director, programming 5 days a week Indoor Pool with swimming/aerobics classes for adults	5/24/2022 1:22 PM
699	More disc golf would be awesome! Yalls course is amazing	5/24/2022 1:21 PM
700	Better football practice feilds for the youth also indoor pool for all year long swim lessons and swimming fun and gymnastic/ tumbling	5/24/2022 1:09 PM
701	Please please consider opening a bigger public pool, perhaps on the southern end of town. Indoors or out, it doesn't matter as long as their is ample shade	5/24/2022 1:03 PM
702	Improve the soccer field. Would be great for sprinkler system to help improve the grass.	5/24/2022 11:57 AM
703	Keeping the parks well maintained for the future use	5/24/2022 11:55 AM
704	Disc Golf	5/24/2022 11:31 AM
705	Disc golf course closer to Weatherford. City funded martial arts programs. Specifically Aikido as it is an art for any age or body type. And is focused not on destruction or damage but defense and body control.	5/24/2022 11:28 AM
706	More disc golf courses	5/24/2022 11:25 AM
707	Bathrooms. Beatification and parking	5/24/2022 11:17 AM
708	Another disc golf course please	5/24/2022 11:06 AM

709	SHOULD ADD MORE DISC GOLF OPTIONS AND PARTNER WITH THE LOCAL CLUB TO EXPAND	5/24/2022 10:29 AM
710	More disc golf	5/24/2022 10:24 AM
711	New disc golf course!!	5/24/2022 10:15 AM
712	Another disc golf course	5/24/2022 9:55 AM
713	More hiking and biking trails!	5/24/2022 9:54 AM
714	More disc golf. Specifically soldier spring park disc golf course	5/24/2022 9:50 AM
715	More disc golf courses	5/24/2022 9:49 AM
716	Additional disc golf courses	5/24/2022 9:09 AM
717	Adding another Disc Golf Course!	5/24/2022 9:06 AM
718	NO NEW SPORTS COMPLEX INVEST IN THE ALREADY EXISTING FIELDS	5/24/2022 8:37 AM
719	Sunshine Lake and the Boardwalk have bathrooms that are not portapotties. Sunshine Lake have a kayak launch pad. A mapped kayak trail on a river or creek, it is hard to know which areas are accessible. hiking areas, or any nature area that offer camping	5/24/2022 5:03 AM
720	None	5/24/2022 3:16 AM
721	If improving or making new parks, including some small slides and stairs for new walkers/small toddlers is much appreciated!	5/24/2022 1:00 AM
722	Have more activities for working adults (evening or weekends).	5/24/2022 12:22 AM
723	Youth sports programs like soccer, baseball, etc. It seems like the closest option we have currently is Benbrook. That's a trek I haven't wanted to make but my son misses soccer!	5/23/2022 10:47 PM
724	A facility like the Brick in Burleson and a Mardi Gras special event	5/23/2022 10:43 PM
725	Check with other successful Cities that incorporate and diversify their parks and Recs center. Don't recreate the wheel - steal Great Ideas - listen to what did not work and why	5/23/2022 10:29 PM
726	Cartwright Park should become a premier soccer field. It needs to be regularly watered and maintained, lighting needs to be added.	5/23/2022 10:18 PM
727	Trail way around the lake would be awesome. I've always been curious how many accidents happen between cyclists and drivers. I would be game to help when / where needed.	5/23/2022 10:04 PM
728	Education and training about conserving native Texas wildlife, birds and fish.	5/23/2022 10:02 PM
729	Walkable access to all facilities	5/23/2022 9:39 PM
730	We absolutely need a better skatepark.	5/23/2022 9:16 PM
731	Please add a recipe center or YMCA type facility for our community!	5/23/2022 9:03 PM
732	We need a REAL community center with clean and appealing space for classes that coukd also have availability as meeting rooms for community organizations. And an indoor pool would be nice. North Richland Hills has an amazing community and conference center. Then I visit the buildings at Cherry Park, Harburger Hill...the Senior Center...all built 40-50 years sgo, and poorly maintained. Surely Weatherford can do better than this.	5/23/2022 8:57 PM
733	More bike hike and jogging trails	5/23/2022 2:28 PM
734	I'm seeing a need for a better skatepark. All of my kids have use for a skatepark and our city doesn't have a good one. As a result, I'm taking my family to Granbury, Arlington, and Fort Worth multiple times per week to utilize their parks. We're shopping at their stores and eating at their restaurants as a result. Weatherford is losing money when their residents have to travel elsewhere for their recreational needs.	5/23/2022 1:58 PM
735	Hike & Bike trails, preservation of natural habitats, Increase maintenance of existing facilities, Improve Customer Service	5/23/2022 12:29 PM
736	Continue to improve Quanah Hill. Add recreation center.	5/22/2022 10:49 PM

737	Put a restroom at Ranches West park	5/22/2022 7:34 PM
738	Indoor rec center	5/22/2022 10:02 AM
739	Make the water at the back of phase 2 of Ranches west a fishing spot, by placing a fountain for aerating the water. The entire ranches west and many other Weatherford residents would love to be able to fish there and its plenty big. Place bathrooms at the pond that are not disgusting port-a-potties at all parks owned by the city, big or small. Little kids have small bladders, and port-a-potties look trashy. Weatherford is better than this guys!	5/22/2022 9:35 AM
740	Community Youth Sailing Program	5/22/2022 5:52 AM
741	Walking trails	5/22/2022 12:28 AM
742	Indoor recreation center with a pool area.	5/21/2022 11:35 PM
743	More parks, recreational area or new swimming area	5/21/2022 2:51 PM
744	Large Indoor pool	5/21/2022 2:27 PM
745	Indoor areas can accommodate people year round and there do not appear to be many indoor areas for residents, such as indoor pools/playground etc. Parents would appreciate the opportunity to have a cool indoor place to take kiddos during the summer when school is out.	5/21/2022 1:46 PM
746	Small community gardens throughout the city that can be rented or sponsored by individuals or businesses. Harvests can go to food pantries if not claimed. We have a similar model at UNT Health Science Center.	5/21/2022 10:56 AM
747	Another great mountain bike trail system like Quanah Hill, but in the vicinity southwest of Weatherford.	5/21/2022 10:26 AM
748	To develop rugged paths for hiking and biking that compromise the natural nature as little as possible.	5/21/2022 10:22 AM
749	Support for WMBC's efforts to maintain and improve trails at Quanah Hill. They are heavily used and showing signs of wear and erosion.	5/21/2022 8:50 AM
750	Be financial responsible of the taxpayers money.	5/21/2022 7:49 AM
751	We need more pickleball courts in Weatherford. (Indoor and outdoor) Groups playing virtually everyday and the wait times can be very long at times.	5/21/2022 7:25 AM
752	Bike rentals, exercise equipment, Bike path from Zion hill to town. Thank you for this opportunity to share ideas!	5/21/2022 5:33 AM
753	More space to have practice facilities for youth sports and maybe something around Lake Weatherdord.	5/20/2022 10:06 PM
754	Clean, established restrooms at playgrounds	5/20/2022 8:07 PM
755	Pickle ball courts! They are especially important to the "over 50" adults who still want/need to exercise and to socialize. There are only 4 courts in the city of Weatherford and they are shared by the junior tennis teams. People who play this game range in age from 8 to 80 year olds.	5/20/2022 5:49 PM
756	More family friendly picnic areas, clean and accessible restrooms	5/20/2022 5:44 PM
757	Focus on improvements and drinking water accessibility at existing parks. Also add water features (splash pads) for expanded year round use. Fencing and visibility is hugely helpful at playgrounds to reduce exits.	5/20/2022 5:28 PM
758	Coordinate closely with Weatherford Mountain Bike Club on trail development and maintenance.	5/20/2022 3:33 PM
759	Build a bathroom at Friendship park. Offer more hiking trails nearby. Add shade to existing playgrounds.	5/20/2022 3:18 PM
760	we need a new real skate park and a pump track the area we have is a joke, thank you.	5/20/2022 2:01 PM
761	With the explosive growth and our long term pre existing lack of entertainment, we need to get on track with what most cities offer. I appreciate that y'all now have events, but they are way too few & far between. A bit more diversity would be fantastic. Also please advertise more.	5/20/2022 12:17 PM

762	Security/patrolling, more trash cans	5/20/2022 8:53 AM
763	Fix, repair or change the ramps at the McCratton skate park	5/20/2022 8:47 AM
764	Indoor facility with pool and expand trails and hiking, sidewalks accessibility to neighborhoods.	5/20/2022 8:31 AM
765	Dig out the north west end of Lake Weatherford, community gym, pool, athletic facilities. Make a bridge on the board walk over the lake inlet. That was great fishing before is was closed off.	5/20/2022 8:31 AM
766	I would love to see a youth center	5/20/2022 7:09 AM
767	adding a special needs park	5/20/2022 7:02 AM
768	Cultural Arts - it's time We need a community theatre. And maybe if it needs to start out as a community center where we can do shows sometimes and be used as a multipurpose facility but it needs to be built as a theatre.	5/20/2022 12:17 AM
769	The city could greatly benefit from community gardens, concert venues, and more nature parks.	5/19/2022 11:41 PM
770	Additional baseball fields for youth. Additional pickle ball courts.	5/19/2022 11:30 PM
771	Better restroom areas. Lighting in restrooms, more trash cans around the larger parks (lakes/ponds).	5/19/2022 11:29 PM
772	Youth sports complex	5/19/2022 11:22 PM
773	New events. Summer Concert theme nights. Security.	5/19/2022 11:17 PM
774	Fitness Park	5/19/2022 11:02 PM
775	An indoor rec facility would be amazing.	5/19/2022 10:35 PM
776	Mountain bike trails, more outdoor movie dates for family	5/19/2022 9:15 PM
777	Please build a big sports complex with baseball, football and soccer fields	5/19/2022 8:58 PM
778	Pickleball courts at all parks and indoor courts at all recreational facilities	5/19/2022 8:32 PM
779	Fixing things that are broken currently at parks etc	5/19/2022 7:20 PM
780	More Pickleball courts	5/19/2022 7:10 PM
781	A community center such as a YMCA	5/19/2022 6:42 PM
782	Nice bathrooms and benches in the shade	5/19/2022 6:36 PM
783	More trails and wooded/shaded paths for hiking. More nature programs geared at children and families.	5/19/2022 6:17 PM
784	A year round aquatic center to create swim resources for ages above school children would be amazing. The idea that a swim program is only open memorial to labor day twice a week and not open until most people go to work is not a resource anyone with a normal 8-5 can take advantage of. Id also love to see more bike lanes and road bike safety invested in. There aren't any bike paths other than lake weatherford and the trail to mineral wells which has been closed the part of the year the weather was nice enough to use it. To see Weatherford invest in itself and account for the ongoing health and wellness of its community by providing bike routes and the opportunity to enjoy water fitness year round would make this a community that can pursue fitness in ways that allow its citizens to enjoy this amazing town in the process.	5/19/2022 6:09 PM
785	Please. Please. My son would love to have a playground his wheelchair can go to and on	5/19/2022 5:56 PM
786	Indoor gym/ pool would be nice and tennis programs	5/19/2022 5:39 PM
787	Shade will bring more families out to your already existing parks more than anything else! Texas gets HOT!	5/19/2022 5:37 PM
788	An indoor recreation facility along with revitalization / new soccer facilities would be the top priorities for our family.	5/19/2022 4:49 PM
789	Outdoor spaces - especially those that highlight our natural landscape - are of upmost importance for our community's mental health! And the arts! Music, theatre, festivals,	5/19/2022 4:49 PM

	etc...places that provide opportunities for artistic and creative expression! Community art studio and collaborative space? Restore the Opry for live theatre? Thank you for all you have already done.. our parks have improved by leaps and bounds over the past 10 years!	
790	WYA field late need lighting and fields, paved parking and restrooms. We need a new baseball facility!! Weatherford lake needs a playground and restrooms.	5/19/2022 4:23 PM
791	Need a new skatepark!!!!!!!!! The one that currently stand has SEVERAL safety hazards that could cause serious injury	5/19/2022 2:26 PM
792	Led exercise programs for older and disabled people.	5/19/2022 2:10 PM
793	I would love to see an indoor community area which includes a pool for all year use.	5/19/2022 12:29 PM
794	I would like to see a community center where you can rent rooms for small to large events, to hold classes such as yoga and martial arts. A center with courts and an indoor pool with aquatic programs etc...	5/19/2022 12:27 PM
795	fix the water at the dog park	5/19/2022 12:15 PM
796	Do a good job.	5/19/2022 9:29 AM
797	Walking trails Lake Weatherford Park is a must!	5/19/2022 9:22 AM
798	Would really love more multi use trails, everyone gets to enjoy them, hikers, runners, nature observers, cyclists.. both road and mountain bikers	5/19/2022 8:58 AM
799	Expand Pickleball facilities	5/19/2022 8:55 AM
800	Pickleball courts added	5/19/2022 8:27 AM
801	We love to play Pickleball. Really need more courts and preferably with all day/night use. Lighting would be nice.	5/19/2022 8:02 AM
802	Permanent restrooms for parks/ playgrounds.	5/19/2022 4:39 AM
803	Making sure excellent Pickleball courts are included. The sport will never go away ... and will only continue to grow in interest, exponentially.	5/18/2022 11:30 PM
804	More pickleball courts with lights	5/18/2022 10:52 PM
805	I see a great opportunity for the city of weatherford to benefit from a Rec center the amount of people who are active nowadays warrants a Rec Center. It will keep the youth off the streets	5/18/2022 10:24 PM
806	Indoor and/or lighted, covered pickleball courts. Minimum 6-10 courts	5/18/2022 10:24 PM
807	Indoor pool	5/18/2022 10:21 PM
808	More pickleball courts	5/18/2022 10:14 PM
809	I would like an indoor pool for water aerobics and also for year round swim lessons for my kids.	5/18/2022 9:15 PM
810	Larger more intricate skateparks and longboard/bike trails to promote exercise in teens and adults alike.	5/18/2022 8:45 PM
811	New Pickleball court with lights.	5/18/2022 8:39 PM
812	more media coverage of same	5/18/2022 8:38 PM
813	Need more outdoor Pickelball courts	5/18/2022 8:34 PM
814	Visit Mansfield	5/18/2022 7:54 PM
815	Pickleball courts	5/18/2022 7:27 PM
816	A new city recreational center, indoor pool for adults and kids. Also activities for adults, seniors and kids.	5/18/2022 7:05 PM
817	12 Pickleball courts located at Love Street Park!	5/18/2022 6:38 PM
818	Longer hours for all activities	5/18/2022 6:37 PM
819	Indoorr swimming pool with accessible lift.	5/18/2022 6:34 PM

820	More kayak launches specifically near the wall.	5/18/2022 6:24 PM
821	We'd love to see an indoor kids area, something similar to KidMania in north Fort Worth.	5/18/2022 6:23 PM
822	More dog parks!	5/18/2022 6:22 PM
823	Please put in real restrooms at all parks. Especially friendship park and dog parks.	5/18/2022 6:00 PM
824	A city Rec center would serve our youth and adults well. Citizens have been asking for this for years.	5/18/2022 5:53 PM
825	Special needs adult day hab.	5/18/2022 5:35 PM
826	Seek additional input from invested community members such as myself.	5/18/2022 5:35 PM
827	New Indoor and Outdoor Pickleball courts	5/18/2022 5:16 PM
828	Please preserve the green spaces that exist across from Holland Lake park. I've heard a developer wants to buy and build there. I'd like to see the city use that as a green space for deer and other wildlife	5/18/2022 5:12 PM
829	Concession Stand at Heritage Park.	5/18/2022 5:09 PM
830	Most important is keeping the parks safe and clean.More shaded play areas. Mcgratton park needs shade and a restroom. Patsy Hooks park needs a restroom. Holland lake park needs an update to the bathroom. It also faces the parking lot. It's not safe for children to go alone. I feel unsafe going as an adult woman. Would love the city to have an Indoor/outdoor swimming pool. Also would like to have sports for children though the city. That's my vote.	5/18/2022 5:08 PM
831	More drinking fountains & clean restrooms.	5/18/2022 5:01 PM
832	Indoor swim facility; walk/ bike trail around Lake Weatherford	5/18/2022 4:58 PM
833	Desperate need for dedicated pickle ball courts	5/18/2022 4:58 PM
834	A nature based play space with water play, natural materials and open play possibilities	5/18/2022 4:44 PM
835	Softball faculty.	5/18/2022 4:42 PM
836	Bathrooms and shaded play areas at every park Splash pads being open every day past school starting, it's normally still hot and toddlers use them most anyway	5/18/2022 4:42 PM
837	Your recent successes are the groundwork for even greater future successes! Thanks	5/18/2022 4:39 PM
838	Increase of trails to hike/bike. Quanah Hills is only place like that unless you go to Aledo	5/18/2022 4:36 PM
839	Please update Holland park playground. There are broken swings now.	5/18/2022 4:33 PM
840	Some basketball courts could be utilized for pickleball	5/18/2022 4:33 PM
841	Outdoor swimming!	5/18/2022 4:28 PM
842	New sports complex to hosts tournaments, so my family and the 1000 other parents and players don't have to drive to other cities every weekend. Soccer, volleyball, baseball	5/18/2022 4:20 PM
843	Pickleball complex	5/18/2022 4:19 PM
844	We need a sports complex to attract tournaments, events, and drive tourism in the city	5/18/2022 4:10 PM
845	Work on sticker control in the grass at playgrounds and sports facilities.	5/18/2022 4:06 PM
846	Increased safe walking/bike access to schools.	5/18/2022 4:00 PM
847	Build something similar to the "brick" in burleson. Indoor pool for year round swim team. Baseball, soccer field facility. Get our kids busy.	5/18/2022 3:56 PM
848	More shaded areas. Swim center for seniors/rehabilitation	5/18/2022 3:56 PM
849	Weatherford is in need of a new sports complex to incorporate all sporting activities.	5/18/2022 3:49 PM
850	New Parks - especially on the South side of Weatherford. Splashpads, green spaces, community gardens, etc.	5/18/2022 3:40 PM
851	Protect natural areas and greenbelts, provide shade structures at parks and public use areas.	5/18/2022 3:40 PM

	plant/protect trees.	
852	Better/added restrooms in some parks, more paths to walk on, better seating (some benches are uncomfortable!!)	5/18/2022 3:39 PM
853	Doing a great job Weatherford Parks and Recreation	5/18/2022 3:37 PM
854	A new skate park would be really beneficial to the youth and even older skaters in our community. A new park could be highly beneficial and will show the community that the people a skatepark brings together these days is waaay more positive now more than ever. Growing up here if you ever been to the park we have at the moment you KNOW it wasn't the best environment and it's only been an eyesore as the years have gone on. But with a new look and location (possibly) I think it could be a really nice scene for the city.	5/18/2022 3:25 PM
855	Add lights to the pickleball courts	5/18/2022 3:23 PM
856	connect trails into town- Fruit market, Downtown etc.	5/18/2022 3:17 PM
857	An indoor/outdoor rec facility and more outdoor recreation opportunities. Bike path connecting weatherford and aledo would be AMAZING!	5/18/2022 3:17 PM
858	Pickleball! Check Weatherford OK and what they have! It's time to add a YMCA and indoor pool to Weatherford.	5/18/2022 2:54 PM
859	New fishing piers at cartwright park.	5/18/2022 2:52 PM
860	Community Orchestra	5/18/2022 2:51 PM
861	More advertisement of events and activities that are available.	5/18/2022 2:41 PM
862	Pickleball courts are tiny and off leash dog parks aren't quality	5/18/2022 2:31 PM
863	Please add water/ pond for dog swimming at dog park	5/18/2022 2:29 PM
864	More bathrooms at parks	5/18/2022 2:20 PM
865	A Water front facility at the old power land on W Lake where city signs are currently made. You could have a sailing school which is huge on Lake Grapevine, regattas, parades, small community gym, indoor pool, fireworks display spot. So many possibilities at this location. 602 W Lake Drive.	5/18/2022 2:19 PM
866	Upgrade existing and build more Pickleball courts.	5/18/2022 2:13 PM
867	I would live to see more milti-use athletic fields (like Ranches West) with improved lighting and turf, and a development of outdoor exercise equipment near playgrounds for parents. Things like pull up bars, bars for bent over rows, climbing rope, etc. I would love to see a public, outdoor, crossfit type workout area for adults. Similar to the one that was by Anytime Fitness on Main Street.	5/18/2022 2:05 PM
868	2 things, at Cartwright Park, make a connection on the west side to the hike/bike trail - maybe a boardwalk across the leg of the lake like at Lake W'ford. 2nd, complete the connection of hte Town Creek trails to the Mineral Wells hike/bike trail.	5/18/2022 2:01 PM
869	Please clean up Holland Lake. It is disgusting. You cant fish it without snagging a lot of moss and branches. There are dead ducks in it, too.	5/18/2022 1:55 PM
870	Shaded free play areas for small children with building blocks. Classes for moms using their children/ child in strollers to excercise with. No childcare needed for these types of classes. Family friendly parks with a pool, ball fields all in one! Even a place to grill with lots of shade! Check out Frank Brown Park in Panama City Beach Florida!!!!	5/18/2022 1:53 PM
871	Indoor recreation center and pool. Significantly improve or replace Harberger Hill Community Center. Add an additional community center. Dredge the west side of the lake. Extend the boardwalk to increase free fishing opportunity. Capitalize on the use of the west side of the lake west of FM 730. Continue growing the hike and bike trail.	5/18/2022 1:48 PM
872	Baseball/softball improvement to fields (adult - turf, which would bring alot of interest in tournaments also and youth field/dugout quality upgrades) Improvements for fishing Bike trails expansion improvements Security/surveillance for outdoor facilities to protect the community (such as the trails)	5/18/2022 1:47 PM

873	A new and improved skatepark.	5/18/2022 1:45 PM
874	It would be wonderful to have a sports complex in Weatherford especially the addition of pickleball courts both indoor and outdoor. If we had better facilities we could host tournaments	5/18/2022 1:44 PM
875	More concerts with bigger names. More festivals and events on the square.	5/18/2022 1:43 PM
876	Adding cameras to parks and other areas that have had issues with vandalism to assist law enforcement in investigations.	5/18/2022 1:40 PM
877	The dog park gets too crowded on the large dog side. There's no grass or adequate drainage.	5/18/2022 1:37 PM
878	A community rec center with indoor pool for year round use & maybe a new outdoor pool for summer. Something connected to a building where classes or crafts could be held too - similar to a YMCA	5/18/2022 1:33 PM
879	Would like to see dedicated pickelball courts	5/18/2022 1:32 PM
880	Additional pickleball courts for Weatherford.	5/18/2022 1:30 PM
881	Provide youth sports facilities, restaurants and hotels to draw people and revenue to Weatherford instead of us having to go out of town	5/18/2022 1:28 PM
882	New irrigation at the soccer fields and lights, floating dock at Sunshine Lake and playground upgrade. Miller Park needs more shade and maybe a splash pad or covered picnic tables.	5/18/2022 1:27 PM
883	Create a public boat ramp	5/18/2022 1:26 PM
884	City indoor rec center with weight lifting and pool	5/18/2022 1:26 PM
885	YMCA Like building, indoor pool, activities for all ages.	5/18/2022 1:26 PM
886	Please more activities for seniors. Such ar as indoor water aerobics, especially deep water aerobics. I would also like for there to be line dancing classes.	5/18/2022 1:25 PM
887	New Skatepark	5/18/2022 1:17 PM
888	Better communication regarding events	5/18/2022 1:16 PM
889	We love the parks but the water fountains usually aren't working properly. The available Port a potty at some are difficult with small children. More picnic tables/shade for parents to watch kids and have lunch is always needed in the busy summer months.	5/18/2022 1:14 PM
890	Never let go of Chandor Gardens. It's our favorite garden park in the area, above Fort Worth Botanical	5/18/2022 1:12 PM
891	More indoor events / classes we as a family or individuals can take. My kids are homeschooled so I'd like more day time fun events they can do. I'd love an exercise fitness lose weight class!	5/18/2022 1:12 PM
892	Priority to indoor fitness and aquatic facility. Closest place to swim now year round is the YMCA in Benbrook. Our growing population would support this.	5/18/2022 1:12 PM
893	We have a lot of seniors and not a lot if things to do without getting run over by the younger people.	5/18/2022 1:08 PM
894	More pickleball courts . Demand is high and it is a sport for young and old alike .	5/18/2022 1:06 PM
895	Move major events such as Peach Festival to First Monday grounds..make the First Monday / Heritage Park area the base for all major city events..	5/18/2022 1:03 PM
896	Public access boat ramp at Lake Weatherford	5/18/2022 1:01 PM
897	New regulation Pickleball courts with lights	5/18/2022 1:01 PM
898	The expansion of existing outdoor areas and the development of new outdoor areas to accompdate a fitness aspect as well as hiking, running and biking.	5/18/2022 1:00 PM
899	Pickleball courts with Lights	5/18/2022 12:59 PM
900	More mountain bike trails and more connectivity for road biking	5/18/2022 12:59 PM
901	better cooling/water stations on the hike and bike trails, keep vegetation cleared better,	5/18/2022 12:58 PM

	especially during the fast growth seasons	
902	Already stated- keep the parks, lakes/ponds, and bathroom facilities clean.	5/18/2022 12:57 PM
903	Year-round indoor swimming pool. Also presently offer lap swim at cherry park pool in evenings and Saturday mornings again. Thank you!	5/18/2022 12:57 PM
904	This can be done without raising taxes	5/18/2022 12:54 PM
905	Fixing Lake Weatherford maybe add a playground and Sunshine Lake the playground needs to be updated	5/18/2022 12:53 PM
906	Add recreational facility to host tournaments for sports that will bring revenue to the city	5/18/2022 12:52 PM
907	A Y facility or something similar would be amazing	5/18/2022 12:49 PM
908	Build new pickleball courts. Our numbers are so high now that we have outgrown four courts.	5/18/2022 12:49 PM
909	Additional Pickleball courts	5/18/2022 12:46 PM
910	Variety of playground activities and shade!	5/18/2022 12:42 PM
911	I would really like to see more NATURAL hiking areas.	5/18/2022 12:35 PM
912	Maybe more dog activities. And Safety education	5/18/2022 12:35 PM
913	Indoor facility with 50+ activities	5/18/2022 12:33 PM
914	I believe that the city of Weatherford should build an indoor facility that has a gym, swimming pools, track, sport fields. Similar to a WYCA	5/18/2022 12:31 PM
915	Clean up soldier spring park. The paths are inferior to Holland lake trails. "Solider" Springs should be held to a higher standard as it's a living breathing monument representing our American families.	5/18/2022 12:27 PM
916	Top notch equipment, variety, water fountains	5/18/2022 12:27 PM
917	Tall sun screen at center field on field 3 I believe it is at Holland Lake Park. It's a danger to players potentially getting hit by a softball they can't see when they hit because of the sun in the evening.	5/18/2022 12:19 PM
918	Our youth could really use a rec center similar to the YMCA	5/18/2022 12:18 PM
919	I believe the only way to accomplish all these things would be a bond election	5/18/2022 12:05 PM
920	State of the art Community Fitness Center to accommodate our city growth.	5/18/2022 11:57 AM
921	Indoor pool, pickelball courts, tennis courts, more softball fields .	5/18/2022 11:49 AM
922	Too hot and too many people wanna play when it's nice Need more courts Pick a ball	5/18/2022 11:48 AM
923	Premier Pickleball facility to be able to host tournaments and club play.	5/18/2022 11:26 AM
924	louleg@swbell.net	5/18/2022 11:05 AM
925	Please consider acquiring more land for mountain bike, hiking trails. We have such beautiful land and it would be great to preserve more of it than go to commercial or large housing projects. Thank you.	5/18/2022 10:38 AM
926	Areas that draw in multiple age groups and activities in one place are great for a large and diverse community to enjoy and get to know other people.	5/18/2022 10:27 AM
927	New mountain bike trails	5/18/2022 10:21 AM
928	It is very important to me that the city of Weatherford places an emphasis on sustaining and preserving our natural areas and local wildlife-any new changes should be made with conservation in mind. I would love to see eco friendly technology and structural designs supported in our city.	5/18/2022 10:11 AM
929	Outdoor Pickleball courts with lights	5/18/2022 10:10 AM
930	Large skate park.	5/18/2022 10:08 AM
931	Vastly improved skate parks. There is a community of families and skate enthuslasts that has	5/18/2022 10:06 AM

	formed at McGratton Park, and it is exactly the kind of healthy, supportive micro-communities that make up a great city like Weatherford. It should be encouraged by investment from the city.	
932	Allow class 1 E-bikes at Quanna Hill. Older people in with less than perfect fitness and health deserve to be able to enjoy the mountain bike trails as well.	5/18/2022 10:05 AM
933	The growth that is coming to Parker county. So will either need to accommodate a lot of people or have multiple locations. Making them different on different sides of town.	5/18/2022 10:03 AM
934	Look at what Bentonville AR has done to build a destination Mnt bike area.	5/18/2022 9:51 AM
935	A public beach/picnic area.	5/18/2022 9:50 AM
936	Pickle ball courts. This is the fastest growing sport in America and we have not one facility of our own. We share 4 courts with the junior tennis club. The number of participants is expanding weekly! We get to the courts as early as 7 AM or before we play until noon, and another group comes in around 3 PM and plays until dusk. There are often all four courts filled and 6 to 8 people waiting their turn to play. This started out last year with mostly 50 year olds and older but now we are joined by every age group down to seven and eight year olds wanting to learn this game and needing a place to play it. I am almost 82 years old and there are several of us in our 80s playing. I LOVE This game it helps keep me active I'm out in the sunshine and being a widow it especially helps me to socialize with people of similar interests and they are all the nicest people I've ever met!	5/18/2022 9:45 AM
937	As much as I love playing Pickleball in Weatherford, and would benefit from more courts (indoor/outdoor) try to keep Weatherfords' land beautiful and not developed. Only thing we cannot have more of is land, and I feel Weatherford has too much development underway.	5/18/2022 9:44 AM
938	Restrooms are a big one! A pump track for BMX/STACYC bikes would be phenomenal since we have to drive to Dallas currently - Aledo Mtn bike won't let my 4 year old ride on his Stacyc which does zero harm to the trails :-/. If you'd like to know more about Stacyc bikes, my husband works for them. I can get you in touch if you move forward with a pump track and/or mountain bike trails.	5/18/2022 9:36 AM
939	Although don't live in Weatherford come to play pb. Eat,buy fuel, groceries ect. New pickleball courts growing sport for all ages. Thank you	5/18/2022 9:31 AM
940	Pickleball facility with restroom #1	5/18/2022 9:30 AM
941	Begin a conversation with the Parker County Commissioners about developing mountain bike trails at the Poor Farm. This property is in the the Weatherford ETJ.	5/18/2022 9:30 AM
942	We really need some sort of indoor pool, like the YMCA in Benbrook.	5/18/2022 9:27 AM
943	Security is foremost, variety of activities and resources.	5/18/2022 9:21 AM
944	Please build separate Pickleball courts with adequate room behind the baseline and lighting for nighttime play.	5/18/2022 9:17 AM
945	More pickleball courts lighted and indoor facilities	5/18/2022 9:17 AM
946	New pickleball courts please. Our members are overwhelming and the junior tennis courts are used 7 days a week. There are no lights or they would be used at night too. We may not live in Weatherford but we eat lunch, buy gas and shop in Weatherford because we are there playing pickleball.	5/18/2022 9:16 AM
947	More dog parks and more playgrounds for children age 5-10	5/18/2022 9:11 AM
948	Pickleball facility large enough to host events	5/18/2022 9:09 AM
949	Lights on outdoor pickleball courts	5/18/2022 9:09 AM
950	When I was a kid, the city I lived in had several parks, rec centers, and playgrounds that my brother and I could walk to and spend the day at. I would like the same for my children here. Indoor basketball and/or swimming would be such a great addition. However, I do think we need to protect and preserve the city's biodiversity above all else. So I support whatever decision is made.	5/18/2022 9:06 AM
951	Indoor pickleball courts	5/18/2022 9:03 AM

952	More Pickleball courts	5/18/2022 9:00 AM
953	New and more pickle ball courts to attract more players and tournaments	5/18/2022 8:58 AM
954	Courts dedicated to Pickleball play	5/18/2022 8:58 AM
955	Additional pickle ball courts	5/18/2022 8:47 AM
956	We need dedicated pickleball courts so tennis people are not running us off the courts. Indoor and outdoor are needed There are more folks playing pickleball than tennis these days.	5/18/2022 8:37 AM
957	Multi purpose rec center New outdoor pickleball courts… but done RIGHT (8-12, pavilion for shade, designated restrooms)	5/18/2022 8:27 AM
958	More activities for seniors and teens	5/18/2022 8:19 AM
959	We need designated pickleball courts	5/18/2022 8:14 AM
960	Pickleball. I have played basketball, tennis and many sports in my life. At my age Pickleball brings the most joy	5/18/2022 8:07 AM
961	More pickleball courts with lights n restrooms There are more an more people young an older playing this sport.	5/18/2022 8:00 AM
962	Separate Pickleball courts, covered with lights and wind breaks.	5/18/2022 7:49 AM
963	Accessibility of trails that bring you to the square and other places around town. We live south of the 20 and would like to be able to safely access the trails without having to drive. Would be nice to also be able to ride our bikes to get coffee, ice cream, etc at local destinations. Would lead to crawls and wellness events on the trail.	5/18/2022 7:40 AM
964	Pickleball courts. Fastest growing sport in the USA! Great activity for all ages! As of now anywhere from 6 yrs. old to 86 yrs. old! Come on Weatherford show us what you got!😁	5/18/2022 7:38 AM
965	More Pickleball courts with lighting!	5/18/2022 7:24 AM
966	We are planning to homeschool and there is a large homeschool population in and around Weatherford. We love getting our kids outside and learning, and offering events or activities specifically for homeschool kids during the weekdays would be amazing! Word would travel quickly through our groups and you would have a great turnout.	5/18/2022 7:16 AM
967	8-16 Pickleball courts. We have 4 borrowed now. (THANK YOU TENNIS PROGRAM) and it is time to have our own. We have grown that much and provide an essential PART for seniors, A community where we all come together and play and socialize while getting much needed exercise for the obvious reasons. seniors mainly and are growing exponentially for that group as well as having a small body of young people, too. And we all enjoy being with each other from 6-80's. Who else does this?	5/18/2022 7:13 AM
968	Anything that involves being outdoors with family that isn't a very specific niche	5/18/2022 7:00 AM
969	When building the new skatepark, ask the community what they want. Let us offer insight, assistance, and vision for a permanent skatepark that will be more consistently attended more than most sports arenas, parks, and other attractions presently in the community. This will not happen if the community is not consulted on design, development, and other factors involved with the project. You're not building one for us. You're building one with us.	5/18/2022 6:59 AM
970	More parking at the dog park.	5/18/2022 4:40 AM
971	Recreational facility with Indoor fitness and swimming pool.	5/18/2022 3:52 AM
972	Hiking,bike lanes around Lake Weatherford	5/18/2022 3:39 AM
973	Please build a new skate park, we have been doing meetings every Monday for the past year to get a new skate park built, I will bring more people to Weatherford	5/18/2022 2:30 AM
974	New adult softball facilities Upgraded youth baseball/softball/soccer/football facilities Upgrades to bathrooms in parks for cleanliness	5/18/2022 12:48 AM
975	Indoor pool with lap swim And outdoor water fountains that work!	5/18/2022 12:37 AM
976	Save tax payer money.	5/18/2022 12:26 AM

977	We definitely need a indoor basketball facility that the community can have access to. Such as a YMCA. We have the only school that now is just used for head start that could be changed into multiple gyms. Or work out area. We need something to get the community kids something to do.	5/18/2022 12:13 AM
978	There is undeveloped land in our neighborhood that would be the perfect spot for a neighborhood park. It's on Whiterock Drive between Bankhead and Ft Worth Hwy. There might even be a way to connect it to the Ikard Trailhead.	5/18/2022 12:07 AM
979	I really love the idea of more sidewalks and trails to connect the city even better. I'm on the north side of the city and would love to see a trail to Cartwright.	5/17/2022 11:55 PM
980	Please build a new skate park like Granbury has	5/17/2022 11:50 PM
981	Recreational center	5/17/2022 11:48 PM
982	Definitely, large indoor pool and recreation, like a Y. Better advertising, like those signs over the street. More things on north side of town.	5/17/2022 11:42 PM
983	Cleaning out the ponds better More trash cans at parks Better Porta potties at parks Adding more shade options above the playground the equipment gets too hot needs to be shaded. More parks with play area that are equipped for different age groups Upgrade love st splash pad Add more splash pads Add more toddler areas in parks, there's too many big kids with smaller kids. We need another or Add to the existing community pool. We need more then 1 community pool especially with all the new residents moving in. More water fountains at parks. Bathrooms at parks, our parks are being frequented more and Porta potties for the bathrooms is just not enough space,not as many as there should be.	5/17/2022 11:39 PM
984	It would be wonderful if the city could acquire the land on Santa Fe and Holland lake Drive and have it as an extension of the park with trails and even a small area with fitness equipment that young adults to active elderly can enjoy. It would make a beautiful park if as many of the trees and the natural water way could be preserved	5/17/2022 11:34 PM
985	The indoor recreation center should be a must have. More free "cooling" activities like the splash pads for lower income families. Block parties where we bring together foods and goods for our community.	5/17/2022 11:34 PM
986	Please build a ymca here	5/17/2022 11:33 PM
987	Additional Parking and amenities, splash pad to Lake Weatherford, W Lake Dr area.	5/17/2022 11:20 PM
988	Add more trash containers at Holland Lake Park. They are far and few between so people just dump their litter in the parking lot:	5/17/2022 11:18 PM
989	Growth of our population, a library I don't have to pay $50 to use, low socio economic areas to not be overlooked.	5/17/2022 11:15 PM
990	Miller park is in DESPERATE need of repair, it is by far the most rundown park in town. The spray ground at love street park really needs some attention, a lot of the sprayers either malfunction or just don't spray at all anymore, it's been that way for several summers now. The Weatherford Disc Golf Course is really great, but a couple of the footbridges out there really could use some repair. And a few putting baskets around the local parks would be awesome. I know the Weatherford lake was mentioned a few times, if we could develop a public beach like they have in Granbury that would be so amazing! We usually go out to the mineral wells state park for lake swimming because there's just no real good places to get in the water at lake Weatherford, which is kind of a bummer. I've got 3 kids and obviously we're very active outdoors and we love our Weatherford parks, I really look forward to the improvement and development of our city facilities!!	5/17/2022 11:15 PM
991	Indoor recreation center with indoor pool that is open to those in the city limits, or available at a low fee.	5/17/2022 11:12 PM
992	Invest more on pool area and splash pads. Something for moms with kids who ARENT in school yet	5/17/2022 11:00 PM
993	Permanent bathrooms	5/17/2022 10:51 PM
994	Cleaner parks	5/17/2022 10:50 PM
995	Connect the city with a network of sidewalks and bike lanes.	5/17/2022 10:48 PM

996	Improvements to the soccer fields at Cartwright. Add lighting, fence off the creek, even out the fields, get some grass growing and improve the facilities out there.	5/17/2022 10:43 PM
997	Looking at the community as a whole rather than just 1-2 areas in town. Looking into more things/parks that are useful for people who aren't available during hours you usually have events. I.e. events are cool but looking at how some of that money can go into a park or trailway that more people can use regularly throughout the year.	5/17/2022 10:41 PM
998	An indoor pool!!! That's at least 50m You guys butchered the pool and it's not even a standard length used in compete with swimming!!! Stop building splash pads!!	5/17/2022 10:37 PM
999	Health and wellness	5/17/2022 10:29 PM
1000	More real restrooms at parks. Friendship Park needs a restroom. No more port-o-potties please!	5/17/2022 10:25 PM
1001	Additional Splash pads for summer heat. Current 2 pads get overwhelmed with people. More shaded areas at parks to escape summer heat. Invest in accesible free drinking water at parks like water bottle filling stations.	5/17/2022 10 20 PM
1002	More hike/bike trails and bike lanes on roads - Weatherford is small enough to bike but the roads/traffic are not bike friendly. Also a hiking/biking paved trail developed around Lake Weatherford - nice area but not much space around the lake to be active.	5/17/2022 10:16 PM
1003	An indoor facility like a YMCA with a pool and gym equipment for citizens to use.	5/17/2022 10:12 PM
1004	YMCA	5/17/2022 10:09 PM
1005	Accessible for handicap folk wood chips and grass is not Accessible	5/17/2022 10:09 PM
1006	Improving the existing pool or building another to accommodate adults - not just children.	5/17/2022 10:01 PM
1007	Make the parks truly inclusive and adaptive! Woodchips and wheelchairs don't mix well. Swings that I have to hual dead weight into are a pain in the rear. Spend a day in a wheelchair and see how included you feel in this town.	5/17/2022 9:55 PM
1008	None	5/17/2022 9:53 PM
1009	New or updated skate park. I don't live far from it and it stays pretty busy. Kids and adults alike enjoy the skate part of the park. I don't skate and feel very passionate about it. It would be a GREAT addition to the so many other additions that have been added to Weatherford in the past 10 years. Also, something inexpensive indoors where kids can go...maybe even a skating rink or something like that. We don't have anything indoors like that. Could be a HUGE addition to Weatherford. Thanks for taking the time to interview us, the people of Weatherford. That's really neat.	5/17/2022 9:49 PM
1010	We love the concerts in the park, community events, walking on trails, and the nature...we feel giving our community safe, clean, up to date places to connect with their families throughout Weatherford accessible to all the different areas... is an important aspect of wonderful city... and as we grow we need to ensure all parts of our community have close by access to parks and recreation...we live in rural 76085...and drive 25-30 minutes to access our community... maybe a challenge for many	5/17/2022 9:38 PM
1011	More announcements about what events are happening and more on weekends	5/17/2022 9:36 PM
1012	We need a rec center with an indoor aquatics area. Look at North Richland Hills rec center as an example.	5/17/2022 9:32 PM
1013	Keep cost to residents low (taxes and cost of living are sky rocketing), affect of any new developments to residents/home owners, keep our city beautiful and small	5/17/2022 9:27 PM
1014	More parks & walking areas	5/17/2022 9:26 PM
1015	Please get bathrooms or improve existing at the playgrounds!!!!	5/17/2022 9:25 PM
1016	Better restrooms	5/17/2022 9:22 PM
1017	Something like the ymca	5/17/2022 9:16 PM
1018	We would love to have an indoor lap swimming pool. The triathlete community in Weatherford is a large one. The pool could also allow for the city's swim lessons and water aerobics	5/17/2022 9:15 PM

	classes year round. People drive to the closest indoor pools at the YMCA in Benbrook or Decatur right now. A Weatherford location would be celebrated by the community.	
1019	More Nature hiking and biking trails. Food tasting events. Revamp First Monday and it's parking situation. More family events. Kid events my granddaughter can attend when she visits.	5/17/2022 9:05 PM
1020	A recreational, indoor community center is desperately needed!	5/17/2022 9:01 PM
1021	Indoor swimming pool, more shade at parks	5/17/2022 9:00 PM
1022	Updating bathrooms Creating more accessibility	5/17/2022 8:49 PM
1023	Clean, air-conditioned bathrooms at all parks	5/17/2022 8:44 PM
1024	More special events would be great with a focus on parking, restrooms, security, and shade.	5/17/2022 8:37 PM
1025	Indoor activity center and a park/splash pad on the east side of town. For instance- closer to Mary Martin	5/17/2022 8:35 PM
1026	New skateboard park	5/17/2022 8:33 PM
1027	Continued funding for our ball parks to support kids. And the walking and entertainment parks.	5/17/2022 8:33 PM
1028	Restrooms at Friendship Park. It is central to town and frequently visited	5/17/2022 8:31 PM
1029	An indoor rec center would be amazing! A large skate park like Granbury or Chisolm Trail would be amazing also and I believe would get lots of good use! A healthy option for those not into traditional sports!	5/17/2022 8:24 PM
1030	A park for wheelchair bound kids/teens.	5/17/2022 8:24 PM
1031	More family events, movie nights, concerts	5/17/2022 8:22 PM
1032	Protect our nature areas and keep our land ours. Don't sell it away to investors who only care about making money.	5/17/2022 8:22 PM
1033	My hope is that Weatherford will continue to maintain excellence in its parks and to expand walking/jogging/hiking areas into natural areas to help preserve those resources and give additional outdoor opportunities to residents.	5/17/2022 8:19 PM
1034	Ymca with an indoor swimming pool! And daytime activities for homeschoolers	5/17/2022 8:18 PM
1035	Improve park bathrooms Preserve what we have Invest in expanding/new	5/17/2022 8:16 PM
1036	I'm unsure if the city cares for the little league fields but it's time for improvements to the parking lots.	5/17/2022 8:16 PM
1037	If Weatherford lake was better kept up. More and more people are coming out. The boardwalk was a horrible idea, when there is no water in the lake it's just a marsh, and the main entrance to the boardwalk just sits in mud.	5/17/2022 8:15 PM
1038	A YMCA like facility	5/17/2022 8:08 PM
1039	Multiple recreation centers throughout the city that can host indoor soccer, basketball, volleyball, skating, father/daughter dances, workout areas, art classes for kids and adults, birthday parties. Elzie Odom rec center in Arlington is AMAZING! If Weatherford had even one center like that it would be a game changer. Youth organizations cannot continue to use school facilities for such things, the city needs to take the lead and provide recreation services for residents.	5/17/2022 8:05 PM
1040	Affordable community recreation center (YMCA is too expensive), fish stocking at Cartwright, improvement and revitalization of Cartwright	5/17/2022 8:03 PM
1041	Tying the Holland lake/ Heritage park walking biking trail to the rails to trails hiking trails at Cartwright park	5/17/2022 8:02 PM
1042	To see the north end of Weatherford lake cleaned up.	5/17/2022 8:01 PM
1043	We really need an indoor swimming pool to be used for swim teams and exercise year round.	5/17/2022 7:57 PM
1044	LARGE Rec center	5/17/2022 7:57 PM

1045	We need a YMCA	5/17/2022 7:56 PM
1046	I'm disabled and use mobility aids. I would absolutely love if events had more access for wheelchairs, including the existing bathrooms. The bathrooms at the trade days location have over 5 normal stalls and one single accessible stall that is frequently out of order. And at the dog park which also has a children's park there is no real bathrooms only two portapottys that are frequently dirty, I've seen a moms struggle to get their kids to use the toilets there. And personally I'm disabled so I can't get my wheelchair in them and turn around without help to use the portapotty. And they're dirty and I have an auto immune disease that makes me vulnerable to germs so I can't "hover" like other people. It's not at all the fault of the man that cleans them. But if there were actual toilets even two real bathrooms that were accessible mom's and dads of children and other patrons would feel much safer using the bathroom. I also would love to see improvement in the dog park. When it rains the place floods and becomes a giant mud puddle and full of mosquitoes. Due to the massive trees the sunlight can't dry out the middle where the water collects. There is also NO grass and when the dogs are playing it becomes a dust bowl. Some of the limbs are dead on those big tall trees and I'm afraid one will fall and hurt somebody with the winds. I'd love to see an arborist come in and trim some of the dead limbs. Additionally it would be really cool if the dogs could have some kind of sprinkler pad installed so that they can cool off in the water. The fort worth dog park, Zbonz has a gazebo with chairs and tables available for doggy parents. Frequently at the dog park there will be large groups of dog parents having to sit on the ground because the benches are so spaced out you can't really sit with a group of friends and talk. A few picnic tables might be nice. The water fountain for the dogs is also broken. And sometimes is shut off completely and so we have to bring water for our dogs. But if you forget you're kinda outta luck. It would be nice to get a new water fountain for the dogs that also has a rinsing hose so we can clean off their feet! All in all I love the parks. I'm so thankful to get to spend my weekends enjoying the dog park and other facilities available. Especially the outdoor concerts and my favorite, trade days! Thank you so much for considering the opinions of the public!	5/17/2022 7:56 PM
1047	Restroom at friendship park	5/17/2022 7:54 PM
1048	Update playgrounds and add new playgrounds.	5/17/2022 7:53 PM
1049	More swimming pools. Cherry Park is often crowded and I don't like driving so far to swim.	5/17/2022 7:53 PM
1050	YMCA!!!!!	5/17/2022 7:48 PM
1051	A family friendly beach that is maintained at Weatherfordake	5/17/2022 7:47 PM
1052	Please build an indoor rec center like the Bric in Burleson. We need indoor swimming.	5/17/2022 7:43 PM
1053	As stated earlier, need a major investment into a community center like a ymca.	5/17/2022 7:40 PM
1054	Make sure the spending goes to the actual cause and not wasted. Hire competent people to be able to organize this	5/17/2022 7:38 PM
1055	There needs to be a large state of the art multi-sport complex that is a destination for tourism. Tournaments, etc. The fields we have are not adequate.	5/11/2022 1:47 PM