CHAPTER TWO – PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT FINDINGS

INTRODUCTION

Franklin County ("County") requested public engagement for the Lakeview Park Feasibility Study. During the kick-off meeting the consulting team and staff identified the engagement strategy to include focus groups of staff and key stakeholders, an event in the park with intercept survey, website information and an online community needs assessment. These engagement methods were greatly supported and in total the team engaged 1,207 residents and visitors by multiple means. The following section represents the findings summary of public engagement. The findings summary can also be found at the end of the document following the findings sections.

FINDINGS SUMMARY

The following tables are comparing the top five emerging themes from the stakeholder input to the identified the top five responses for major actions, Indoor Amenities, and Outdoor Amenities households would be willing to fund. This comparison helps to identify commonalities to help define the core program for the site design.

These capital assets will be analyzed and compared against the market analysis where competition is identified from a 25-mile radius and a five-hour drive time for drawing visitors regionally. In addition, the consulting team will need to take into consideration the lakeview Park property only has so many acres to develop, space needs of the top responses from the community will need to be considered, and the State will need to inform the consulting team of any protected areas within the park that may impact the design.

The Stakeholder input is the overarching goals for the core program of the site to achieve. The process involves identifying which amenities will help achieve the outcomes from the stakeholder input. Stakeholder input in bold identifies that the amenities will help achieve that specific outcome. The colors in the columns of the intercept survey and needs assessment demonstrate a match between the intercept survey and needs assessment for that specific amenity and the match is the same color.

MAJOR ACTIONS

Major Actions have four of the top five from both the intercept survey and the needs assessment that will help to address all five of the stakeholder themes

Major Actions				
	Stakeholder Input	Intercept Survey	Needs Assessment	
1	Year-round Programming	New convention center	New indoor/outdoor aquatic facility	
2	Athletics (Tennis, Soccer, Baseball/Softball, Basketball, Volleyball)	Indoor/outdoor aquatic facility	New convention center	
3	Serve as many age segments as possible	New walking trails	Develop space for performing arts	
4	Preserve the heritage of Franklin County	Improve existing restrooms	New walking trails	
5	Improve aging and underutilized spaces	Develop additional ballfield quad	Improve existing restrooms	



INDOOR AMENITIES

Indoor Amenities have all five of the top response from both the intercept survey and the needs assessment that will help to address four of the five stakeholder themes. Since these are indoor amenities, they will not address improving aging and underutilized spaces, as those are outdoor amenities.

Indoor Amenities				
	Stakeholder Input	Intercept Survey	Needs Assessment	
1	Year-round Programming	Indoor walking/jogging track	Indoor swimming facility	
2	Athletics (Tennis, Soccer, Baseball/Softball, Basketball, Volleyball)	Indoor sports	Indoor sports	
3	Serve as many age segments as possible	Indoor swimming facility	Indoor walking/jogging track	
4	Preserve the heritage of Franklin County	Convention space	Convention space	
5	Improve aging and underutilized spaces	Multi-purpose activity pools	Multi-purpose activity pools	

OUTDOOR AMENITIES

Outdoor Amenities have only two of the top response from both the intercept survey and the needs assessment that will help to address three of the five stakeholder themes. This should not be discouraging, as there is a large desire to improve the exiting park and amenities. It is most likely necessary to update all outdoor amenities to match the quality of what will be proposed new indoor spaces, since the outdoor amenities will be visible to visitors from the road and even before they would go inside to see the new. It is important with a regional draw to make a great first impression.

Outdoor Amenities			
	Stakeholder Input	Intercept Survey	Needs Assessment
1	Year-round Programming	Improve sports fields	Walking trail
2	Athletics (Tennis, Soccer, Baseball/Softball, Basketball, Volleyball)	New area for leisure games	Improve playground
3	Serve as many age segments as possible	Improve existing shelters/pavilions	Improve sports fields
4	Preserve the heritage of Franklin County	Improve playground	Amphitheater/ Stage
5	Improve aging and underutilized spaces	Improve existing park	Outdoor event spaces



FOCUS GROUPS AND STAKEHOLDER QUESTIONNAIRE

Key stakeholders and Parks and Recreation Staff were invited to focus groups. In all 40 participated in the focus groups and stakeholder survey. The following represents the findings from the focus groups and survey.

FOCUS GROUP FINDINGS

During the focus groups the following emerging themes surfaced and helped to direct the development of the intercept survey and online needs assessment.

- Goals of the site should be year-round programming, use a wide range of funding sources, improve operations, alternative revenue sources, and create an economic impact to the County.
- Stakeholders identified revenue generation as the highest priority.
- Indoor event space was identified and included indoor athletics spaces, exhibit spaces, convention center, and spaces for operations.
- User Groups of existing amenities identified expanding and improving these spaces for their organizational needs. These include soccer and softball.
- Performance for all ages including an indoor performing arts center and outdoor amphitheater.
- Programming for all ages to increase the target markets and increase participation and use of site.
- Preserve the history of the site and make it unique to Frankfort and Franklin County.
 Distilleries and equestrian are State heritage locally, land use prior to becoming a park, and other heritage from Franklin County and Frankfort.
- Connectivity on site and to existing trail systems.
- Playground and aquatic improvements including universal playground, expanding splash pad and aquatic facility.
- Develop a tennis facility or indoor tennis capability.
- Improvements to the motor sports arena.
- Organization to oversee the site
 - Sports Corp
 - Sports Tourism Commission
 - Joint City/County Parks and Recreation



STAKEHOLDER QUESTIONNAIRE FINDINGS

Stakeholders were asked four open-ended questions; what are the park's strengths, what are the opportunities, what is your priority, and other comments. The following represents the summary of findings from the stakeholder questionnaire.

STRENGTHS	OPPORTUNITIES	PRIORITY
Walking trails	Improve underutilized areas	Sports field upgrades/expansion
Sports fields	Sports field improvements	Multi-use indoor spaces
Fair Location	Tournaments	More County Parks
Historic / Heritage	Indoor multi-faceted gathering spaces	
	Heritage preservation	
	Events to the park for economic impact	

Other Comments:

- Concerns about the budget and funding sources
- Make sure Fair continues
- Noise concerns with residential areas surrounding the property



EVENT IN THE PARK & INTERCEPT SURVEY

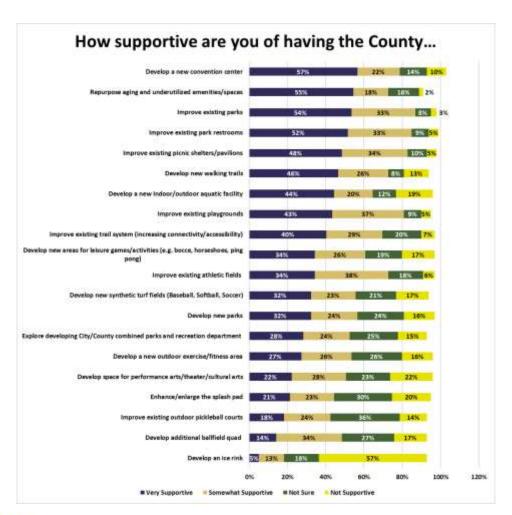
METHODOLOGY

The consulting team held an open house event on July 17, 2021 in Lakeview Park. In a four-hour period, the team engaged 281 visitors and encouraged them to visit the website to take the survey. People were engaged walking on the trail, at youth soccer games, pageant rehearsal for the County Fair, golfers, dog park visitors, and those specifically at Lakeview Park for the open house. For those interested, a five-minute intercept survey was available. We received 127 responses and the results (findings) can be found in the following sections.

FINDINGS

PLEASE INDICATE HOW SUPPORTIVE YOU WOULD BE OF EACH OF THE FOLLOWING MAJOR ACTIONS THAT FRANKLIN COUNTY COULD TAKE TO IMPROVE LAKEVIEW PARK?

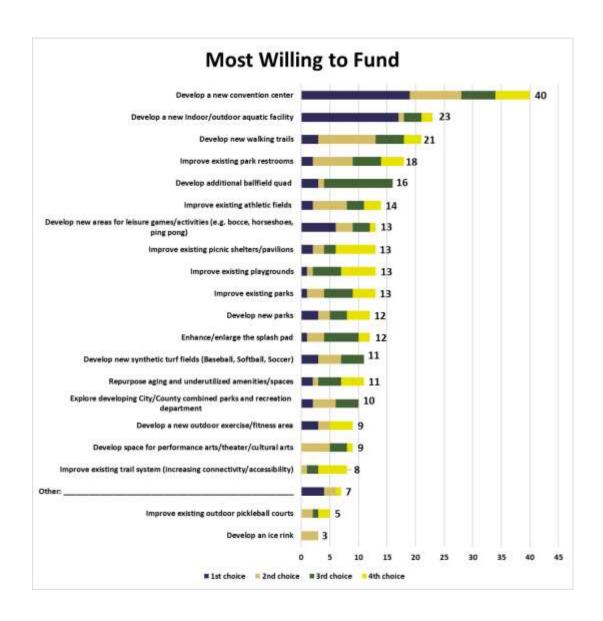
In terms of being "Very Supportive", develop a new convention center (57%), repurpose aging and underutilized amenities/spaces (55%), improve existing park (54%) and improve existing park restrooms (52%) are all selected by at least two out of every four people surveyed. The actions with the least level of support were develop an Ice Rink (5% Very Supportive, 57% Not Supportive), develop additional ballfield quad (14% Very Supportive, 17% Not Supportive), and improve existing outdoor pickleball courts (18% Very Supportive, 14% Supportive).





WHICH FOUR OF THE ITEMS LISTED IN THE QUESTION ABOVE WOULD YOU BE MOST WILLING TO FUND?

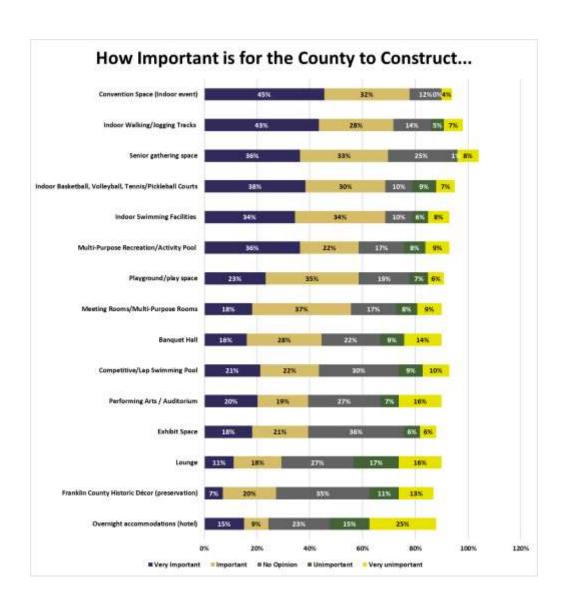
We see more support for a new convention center here as 40 of survey respondents listed it as one of the four items, they would be most willing to fund. Develop a new indoor/outdoor aquatic facility (23) was a fairly distant second, develop new walking trails (21) was third, with improve existing park restrooms (18) as the fourth.





THE ITEMS LISTED BELOW FOCUS ON INDOOR AMENITIES/FACILITIES THAT COULD BE CONSIDERED IN LAKEVIEW PARK AS PART OF AN INDOOR MULTI-FUNCTIONAL FACILITY. FOR EACH ITEM, CHOOSE THE RESPONSE THAT BEST DESCRIBES HOW IMPORTANT OR UNIMPORTANT IT WOULD BE FOR THE COUNTY TO CONSTRUCT AT LAKEVIEW PARK.

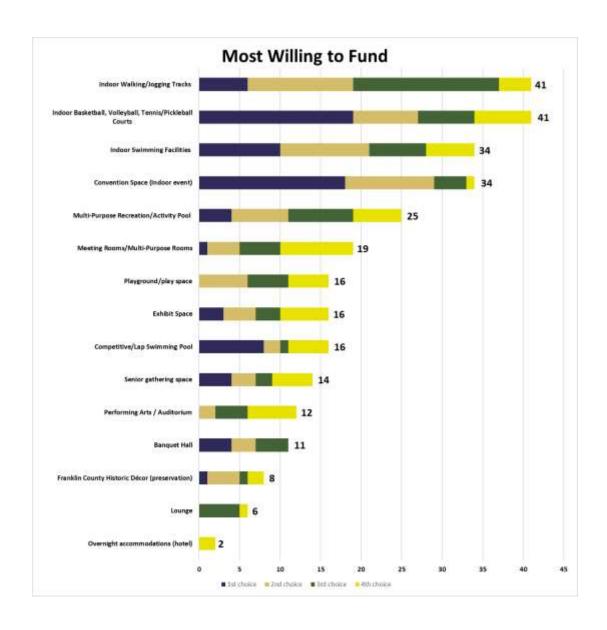
The most important proposed indoor amenities/facilities according to those surveyed were Indoor Convention space (indoor event) (45% Very Important, 32% Important), Indoor walking/jogging track (43% Very Important, 28% Important), Senior gathering space (36% Very Important, 33% Important), Indoor basketball, volleyball, tennis, pickleball courts (38% Very Important, 30% Important), and Indoor swimming facilities (34% Very Important, 34% Important).





THE ITEMS LISTED BELOW FOCUS ON INDOOR AMENITIES/FACILITIES THAT COULD BE CONSIDERED IN LAKEVIEW PARK AS PART OF AN INDOOR MULTI-FUNCTIONAL FACILITY. FOR EACH ITEM, CHOOSE THE RESPONSE THAT BEST DESCRIBES HOW IMPORTANT OR UNIMPORTANT IT WOULD BE FOR THE COUNTY TO CONSTRUCT AT LAKEVIEW PARK.

We see equal support for an Indoor walking/jogging track and Indoor basketball, volleyball, tennis, pickleball courts with 41 survey respondents listed both as the items they would be most willing to fund. Develop indoor swimming facilities (34) and convention space (indoor event) was equally scored to round out the top four.





ANY OTHER COMMENTS YOU HAVE ABOUT LAKEVIEW PARK AND THE IMPROVEMENT BEING CONSIDERED BY FRANKLIN COUNTY LEADERS?

- Several comments aimed at leadership and elected officials
- How about building a casino?
- There is no mention in this survey about lakeview golf course. This is a vital course for our older golfers.
- Spend money, raise my taxes, I want it to be the best in the State!
- A new farmers market. People that wish to participate are turned away. Better parking, more spaces.
- Need more facilities for low-income families
- This could make Frankfort a more desirable place
- Outdoor basketball, other activities
- Outside activities
- Indoor events are important, however, the citizens should not be paying more. This park should be improved for the tax-paying citizens
- Outdoor sports basketball volleyball, horseshoes, firepits
- Outdoor basketball double rim
- It sounds awesome, I wish I lived closer
- The park draws no outside visitors. Other than golf, there is no reason to go. Hotel is the most ignorant idea. No business will support this park.
- · Maintain and improve golf course
- Outdoor basketball courts, pond to fish, small food court
- Very good questions most interested that our high school seniors stay in Franklin County for graduation
- Camp ground to entice visitors
- Should not have torn down convention center
- Take care of current things at park.
- Great park for outdoor activities and the improvement plan could focus on outdoor activities and a central location for the indoor activities.
- Tired of nasty porta potty
- Food volleyball, basketball outside, batting cages, more bathrooms in back.
- Flowers, beautification o the spaces. Rarely see anyone play disc golf.
- Changes should be geared more towards low income families
- Park amenities need to meet or exceed the quality of surrounding counties
- No money for this, improve what we have now



ONLINE COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT

METHODOLOGY

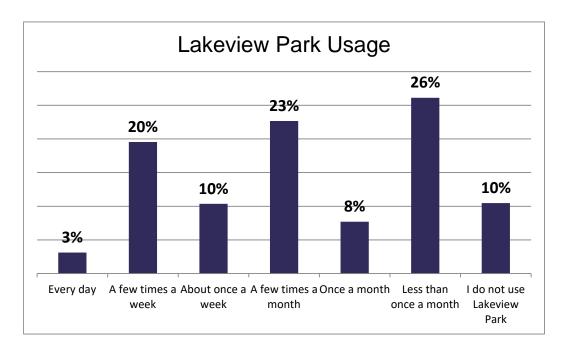
This technical report, detailing the community's needs and interests is a community-based data source to define the program for the Franklin County Lakeview Park Feasibility Study/Master Plan ("Plan). The Program is defined as the activities, services, facilities and amenities that will make up the master plan conceptual design. The consulting team conducted an online survey (powered by SurveyMonkey) to gain a better understanding of the characteristics, preferences, and satisfaction levels of Franklin County, Kentucky ("County") residents and users of Lakeview Park. The survey was open for just over three weeks, from July 13th through August 8th, 2021 and received a total of 875 responses.

FINDINGS

HOW OFTEN DO YOU AND MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD USE LAKEVIEW PARK?

While daily use was low (3%) approximately one out of five survey respondents state they visit Lakeview Park a few times a week, and over 64% utilize the park at least once a month. 10% of those surveyed said they do not use Lakeview Park.

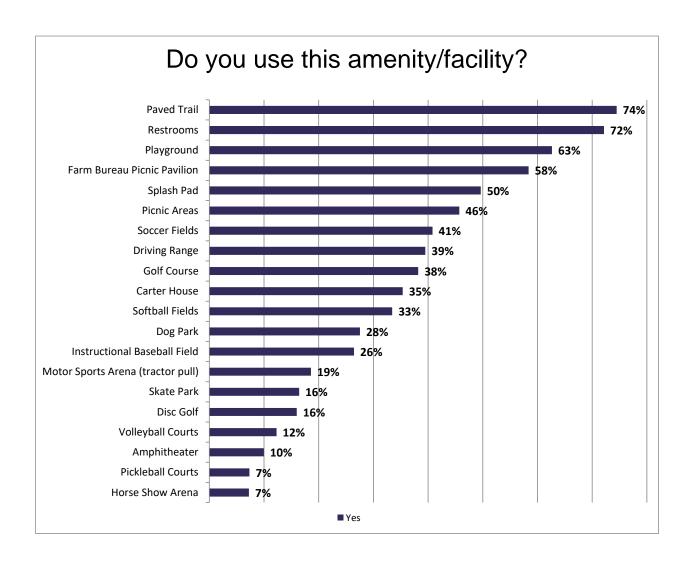






PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU OR ANY MEMBER OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD HAS USED ANY OF THE FOLLOWING LAKEVIEW PARK AMENITIES/FACILITIES DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS BY SELECTING EITHER "YES" OR "NO"

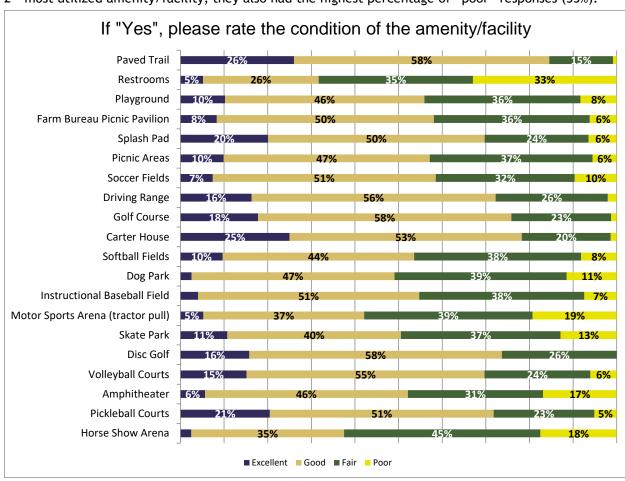
Paved Trail (74%), Restrooms (72%), Playground (63%), Farm Bureau Picnic Pavilion (58%), and Splash Pad (50%) are the only amenities/facilities used by over half of survey respondents. The least utilized amenities/facilities were Horse Show Arena (7%), Pickleball Courts (7%), Amphitheatre (10%), and Volleyball Courts (12%)





IF "YES", PLEASE RATE THE CONDITION OF THE SITE

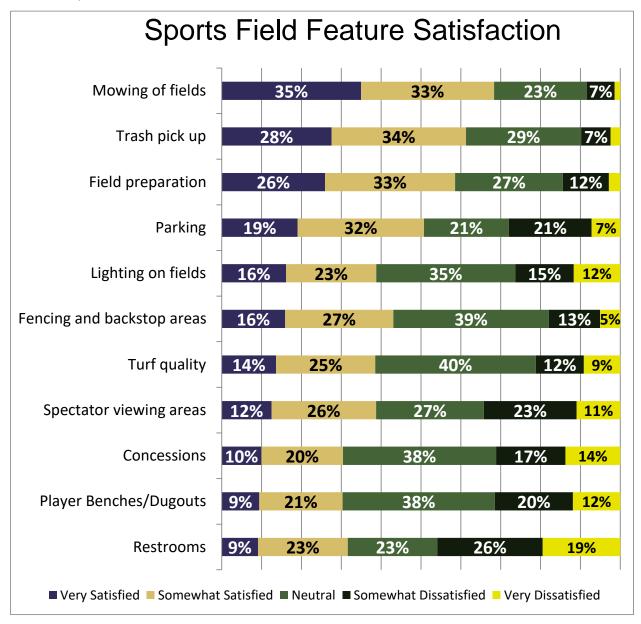
Paved Trail is not only the most used most used amenity/facility by respondents, it also had the most favorable rating in terms of condition with 74% grading it at "Good" or above. While restrooms were the 2^{nd} most utilized amenity/facility, they also had the highest percentage of "poor" responses (33%).





PLEASE RATE YOUR SATISFACTION WITH THE FOLLOWING FEATURES OF SPORTS FIELDS THAT ARE LOCATED IN LAKEVIEW PARK.

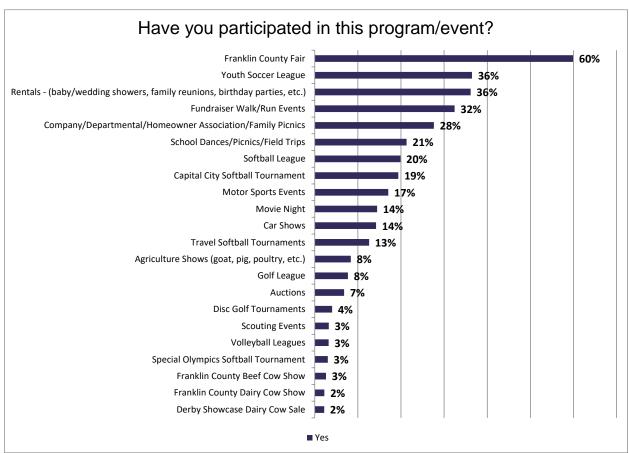
The Sports Field Features with the highest favorable satisfaction rates (combination of Very Satisfied and Somewhat Satisfied) were Mowing of Fields (68%), Trash pick-up (62%), Field preparation (59%), and Parking (51%). Respondents were least satisfied with the Restrooms (26% Somewhat Dissatisfied, 19% Very Dissatisfied).





PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU OR ANY MEMBER OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD HAS PARTICIPATED IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING LAKEVIEW PARK PROGRAMS/EVENTS DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS

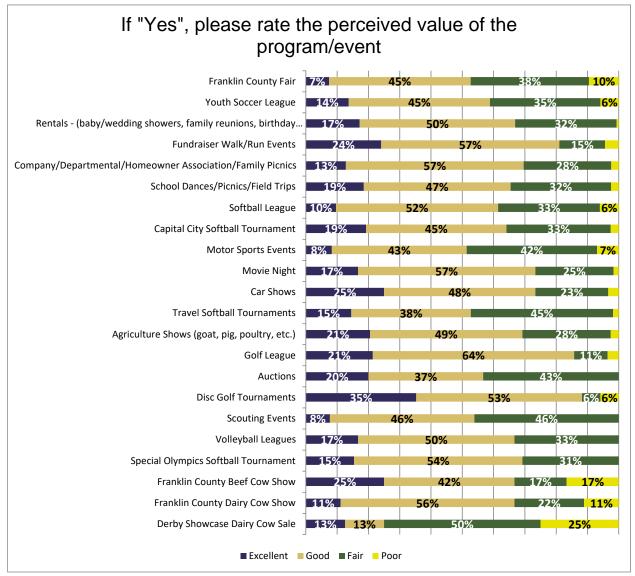
Franklin County Fair (60%) has by far been the most participated in program/event over the past two years by those surveyed. Youth Soccer League (36%) and Rentals (36%) were 2nd and 3rd. 10 of the 22 listed programs/events were participated in by less than 10% of respondents, with 7 of those being below 5%.





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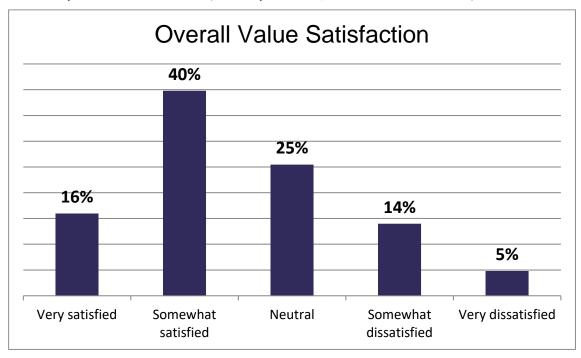
Although only 4% of respondents stated they participated in Disc Golf Tournaments, 88% of those who did participate perceived them to be of at least a "Good" value which is the highest of all the program/events listed. Franklin County Fair was the only program/event with over 50% participation and was considered to be in at least "good" condition by 52% of those who had attended. Derby Showcase Dairy Cow Sale was both the lowest attended (2%) and had the largest amount or "poor" (25%) responses





PLEASE RATE YOUR LEVEL OF SATISFACTION WITH THE OVERALL VALUE YOUR HOUSEHOLD RECEIVES FROM FRANKLIN COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT.

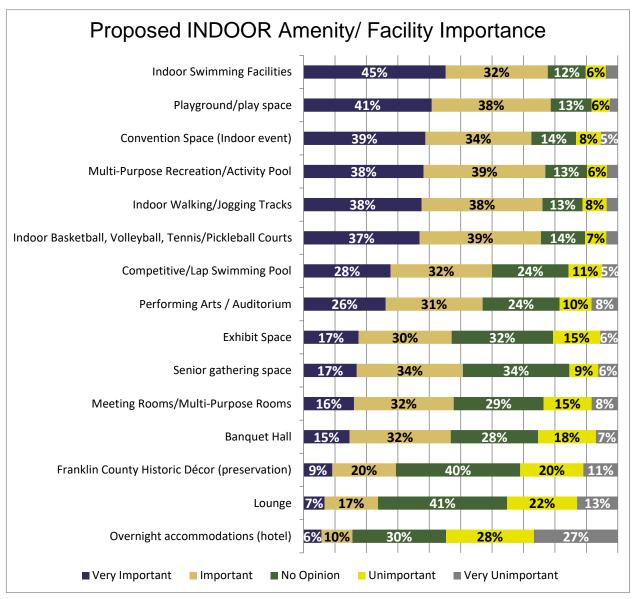
A majority of respondents indicated some level of satisfaction with the overall value received from Franklin County Parks and Recreation (16% Very satisfied, 40% Somewhat satisfied).





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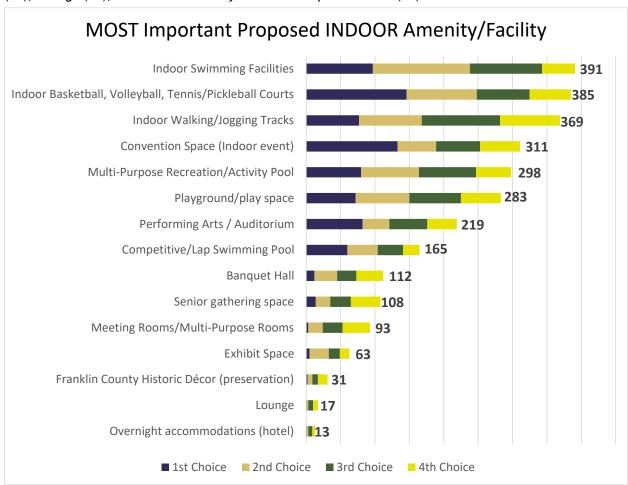
The most important proposed indoor amenities/facilities according to those surveyed were Indoor Swimming Facilities (45% Very Important, 32% Important), Playground/play space (41% Very Important, 38% Important), Indoor Convention Space (39% Very Important, 34% Important), Multi-Purpose Recreation/Activity Pool (38% Very Important, 39% Important), and Indoor Baskketball, Volleyball, Tennis/Pickleball Courts (37% Very Important, 39% Important).





WHICH FOUR INDOOR AMENITIES/FACILITIES FROM THE LIST IN THE ABOVE OUESTION ARE MOST IMPORTANT TO YOUR HOUSEHOLD?

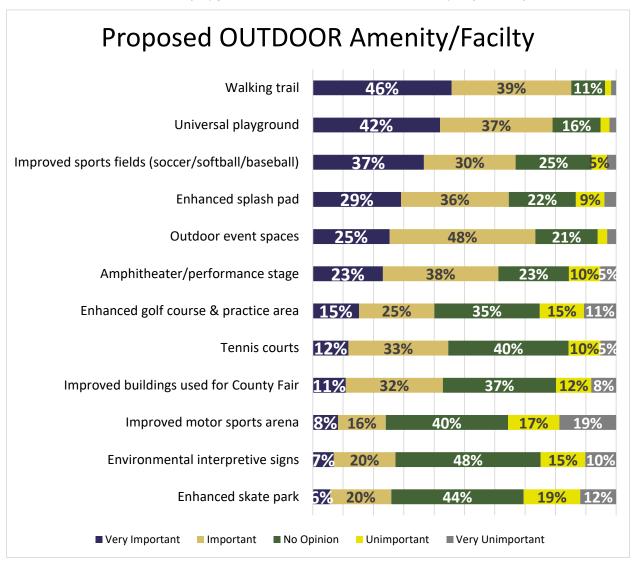
Indoor Swimming Facilities (391) was mentioned the most by respondents listing their four most important proposed indoor amenities/facilities, followed by Indoor Basketball, Volleyball, Tennis/Pickleball Courts (385), and Indoor/Walking/Jogging Tracks (369). The least selected were Hotel (13), Lounge (17), and Franklin County House Décor preservation (31).





THE ITEMS LISTED BELOW FOCUS ON OUTDOOR AMENITIES/FACILITIES/IMPROVEMENTS THAT COULD BE CONSIDERED IN LAKEVIEW PARK AS PART OF AN NEW SITE MASTER PLAN. FOR EACH ITEM, CHOOSE THE RESPONSE THAT BEST DESCRIBES HOW IMPORTANT OR UNIMPORTANT IT WOULD BE FOR THE COUNTY TO CONSTRUCT AT LAKEVIEW PARK.

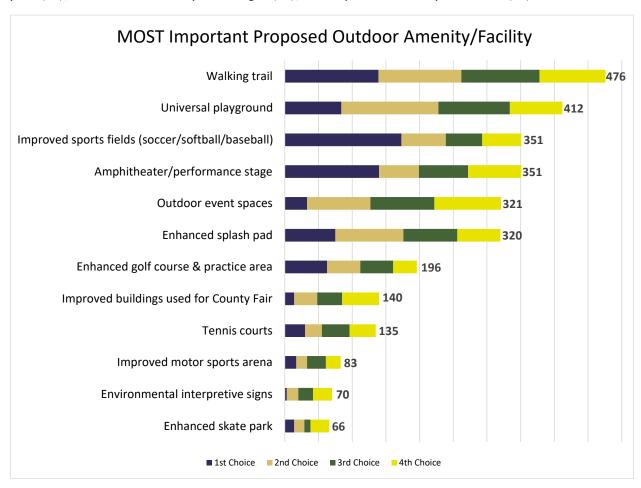
Walking trail (46%) received the most "Very Important" responses in regards to proposed outdoor amenities/facilities. Universal playgrounds (42%) were second, followed by Improved sports fields (37%).





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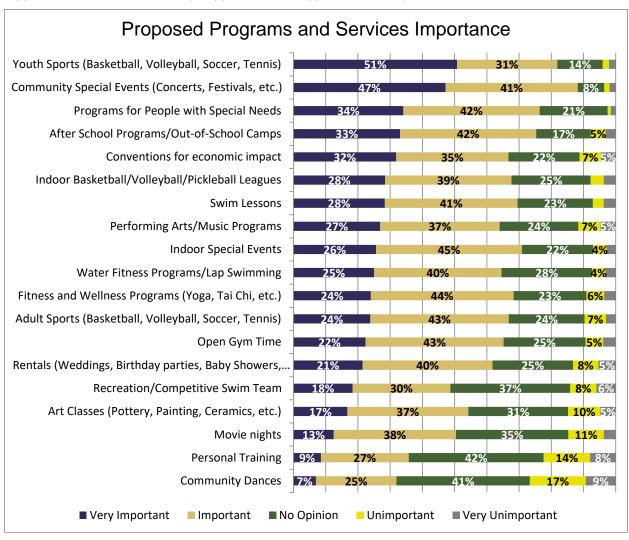
Walking trail (476) was also mentioned the most by respondents listing their four most important proposed outdoor amenities/facilities followed by Universal playground (412), Improved sports fields (351), and Amphitheater/performance stage (351). The least mentioned options were Enhanced skate park (66), Environmental interpretive signs (70), and Improved motor sports arena (83).





ITEMS LISTED BELOW FOCUS ON PROGRAMS AND SERVICES THAT COULD BE CONSIDERED TO OFFER AT LAKEVIEW PARK. FOR EACH ITEM, CHOOSE THE RESPONSE THAT BEST DESCRIBES HOW IMPORTANT OR UNIMPORTANT IT WOULD BE FOR THE COUNTY TO OFFER AT LAKEVIEW PARK.

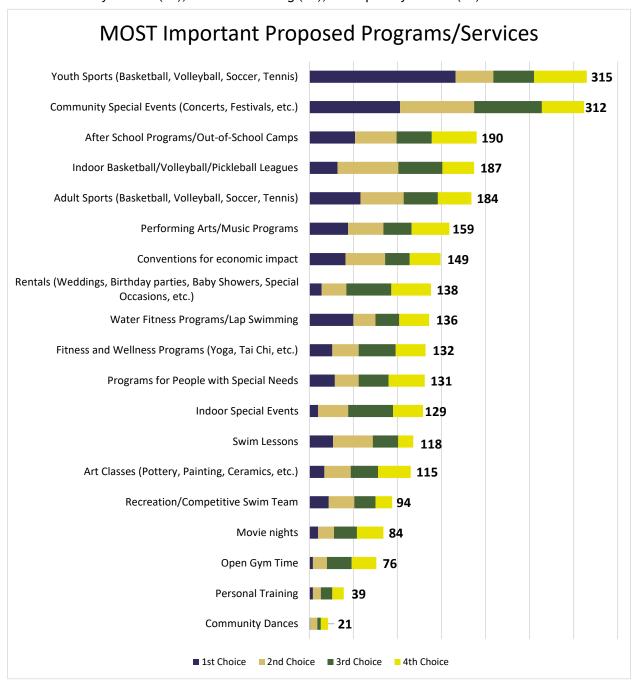
Youth Sports was considered by over half (51%) of survey respondents to be "Very Important". Community Special Events (47%) was next, and had 41% "Important" responses, giving them the highest total of supportive (combination of Very Supportive and Supportive) surveys.





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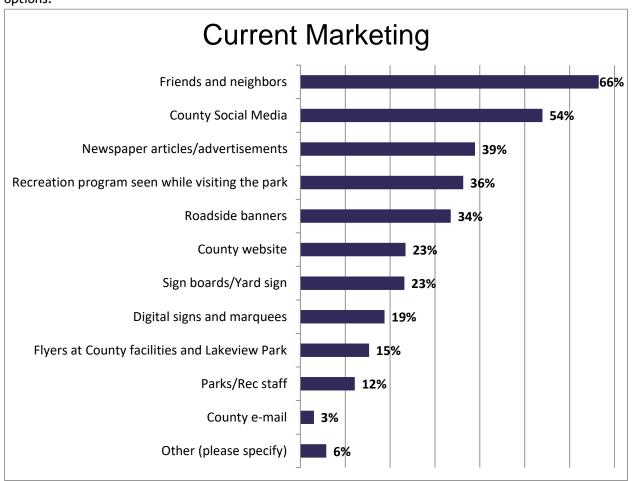
Youth Sports (315), and Community Special Events (312) were by far the most mentioned proposed programs/services by respondents when asked to list their top four. Those receiving the least support were Community Dances (21), Personal Training (39), and Open Gym Time (76)





PLEASE CHECK ALL OF THE WAYS YOU LEARN ABOUT LAKEVIEW PARK PROGRAMS/EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

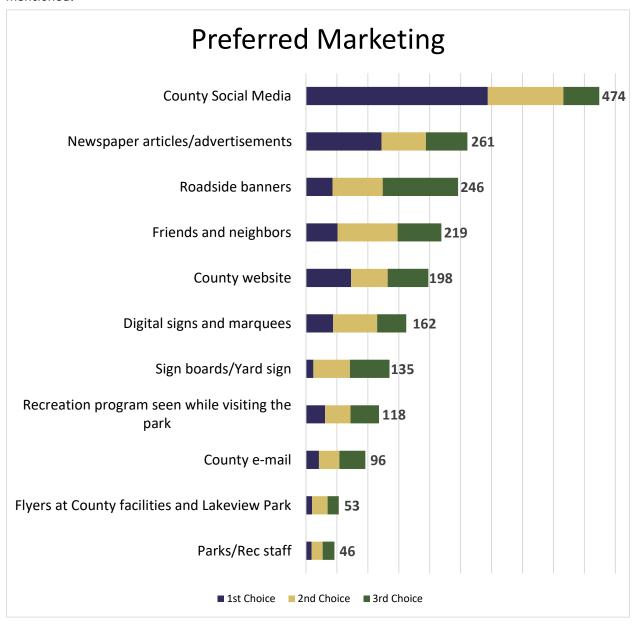
Friends and neighbors (66%) and County social media (54%) were both selected by over half of respondents as to how they currently learn about Lakeview Park programs/events and activities. County e-mail (3%), Parks/Rec staff (12%) and Flyers at County facilities and Lakeview Park (15%) were the least selected options.





WHICH THREE OF THE INFORMATION SOURCES LISTED IN THE QUESTION ABOVE DO YOU MOST PREFER TO USE TO LEARN ABOUT LAKEVIEW PARK PROGRAMS, EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES?

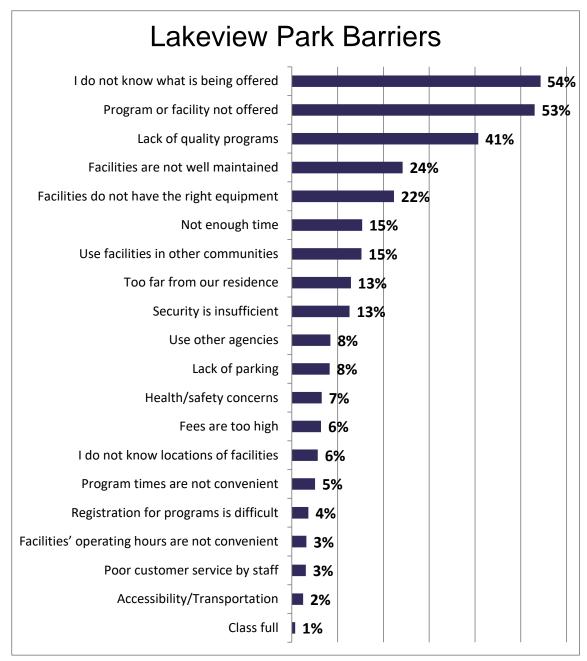
County social media (474) was by far the most selected preference to learn about Lakeview Park Programs, followed by Newspaper articles/advertisements (261), and Roadside banners (246). Parks/Rec staff (46), Flyers at County facilities and Lakeview Park (53), and County e-mail (96) were the least mentioned.





PLEASE CHECK ALL OF THE FOLLOWING REASONS THAT PREVENT YOU OR OTHER MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD FROM USING THE AMENITIES, FACILITIES, PROGRAMS AND EVENTS IN LAKEVIEW PARK MORE OFTEN.

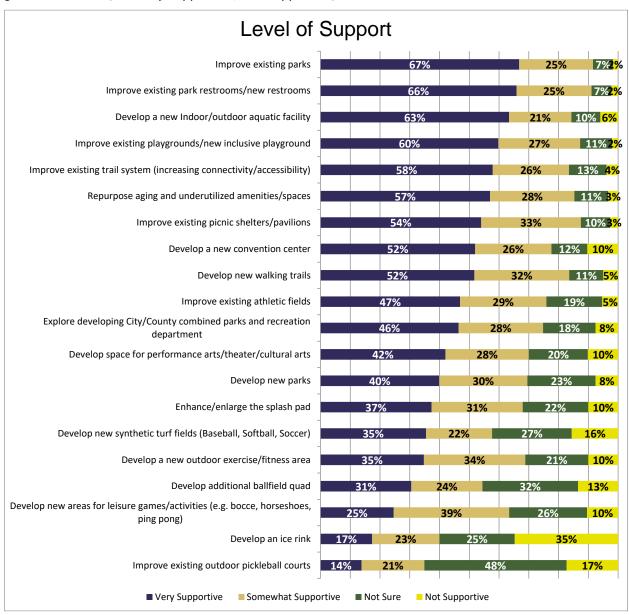
I do not know what is being offered (54%), Program or facility is not offered (53%), and Lack of quality programs (41%) are the three most selected barriers to participation according to survey respondents.





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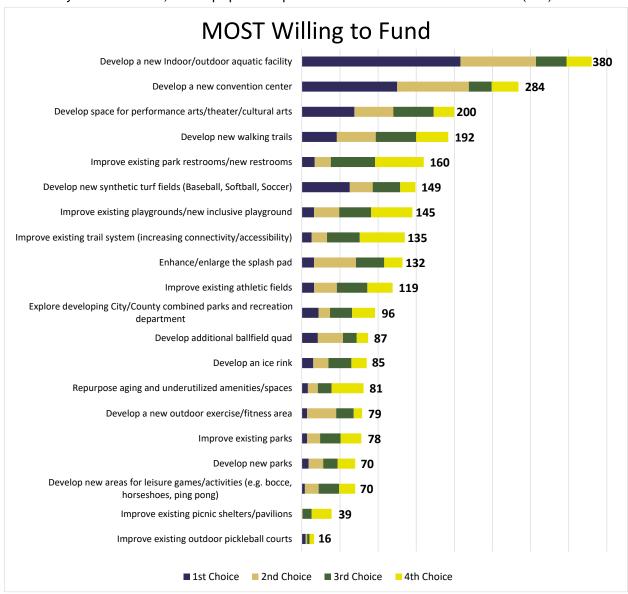
Very strong support shown by survey respondents to a wide range of activities. In terms of being "Very Supportive", Improve existing parks (67%), Improve existing park restrooms/new restrooms (66%), Develop a new indoor/outdoor aquatic facility (63%) and improve existing playgrounds/new inclusive playground (60%) are all selected by three out of every five people surveyed. The actions with the least level of support were Improve existing outdoor pickleball courts (14% Very Supportive, 21% Supportive), Develop an Ice Rink (17% Very Supportive, 23% Supportive), and develop new areas for leisure games/activities (25% Very Supportive, 39% Supportive).





WHICH FOUR OF THE ITEMS LISTED IN THE QUESTION ABOVE WOULD YOU BE MOST WILLING TO FUND?

We see more support for a new indoor/outdoor aquatic facility here as 380 of survey respondents listed it as one of the four items, they would be most willing to fund. Develop a new convention center (284) was a fairly distant second, develop space for performance arts/theater/cultural arts (200) was third.

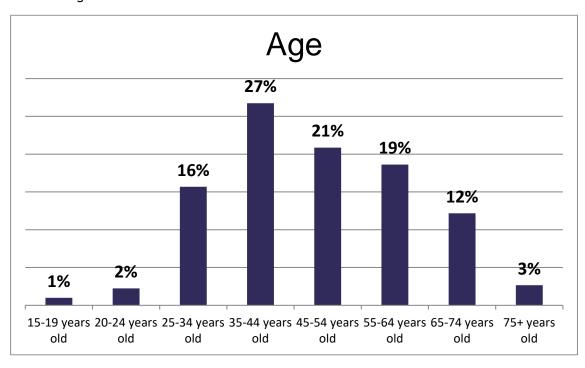




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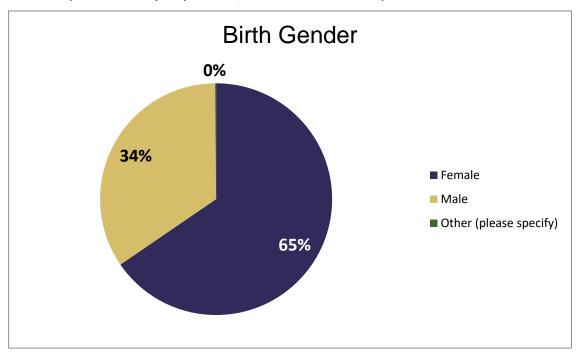
WHICH AGE GROUP BEST DESCRIBES YOUR AGE?

35-44 years old was the largest age group, made up of 27% of survey respondents. Over 54% of respondents were over the age of 45.



WHAT IS YOUR BIRTH GENDER?

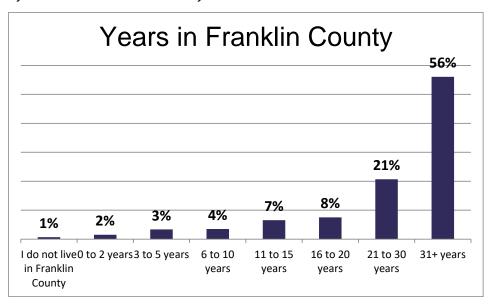
Female made up 65% of survey respondents, Male was 34%. One respondent did select "other".





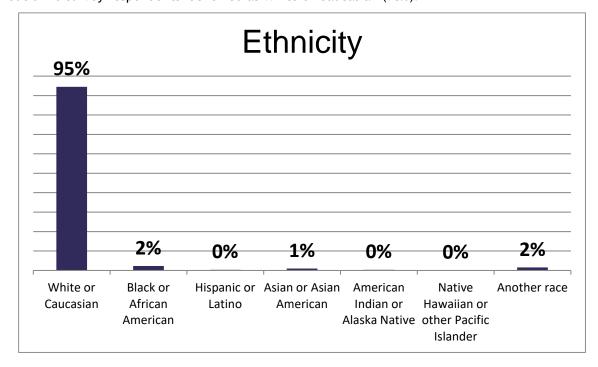
HOW MANY YEARS HAVE YOU LIVED IN FRANKLIN COUNTY?

An amazing 77% of survey respondents have lived in Franklin County for over 21 years. Less than 1% identified they do not live in Franklin County.



WHAT ETHNICITY BEST DESCRIBES YOU?

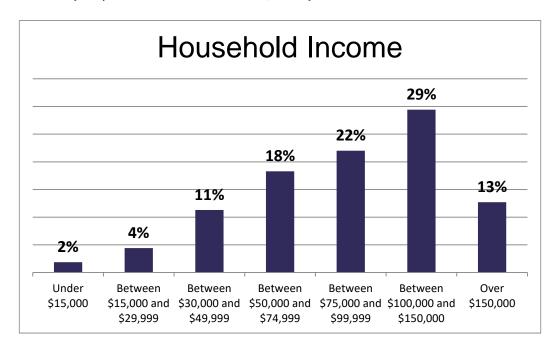
19 out of 20 survey respondents identified as White or Caucasian (95%).





WHAT IS YOUR HOUSEHOLD INCOME?

Over 64% of survey respondents make at least \$75,000 a year.



DEMOGRAPHIC SUMMARY:

As part of the market analysis the consulting team pulled demographic data from Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. (ESRI), a leader in the development of geographical information. It should be noted that this survey was not intended to be a statistically valid survey, but a community needs assessment survey to gauge the interests of the community in improving Lakeview Park. When we compare the demographics from ESRI to the demographics of the needs assessment, the following observations were made:

- No observation was made regarding gender. The only information regarding gender is from the Franklin County Needs Assessment Survey results.
- The table (right) represents the age segments that are from the demographic data source Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc (ESRI) and from the Franklin County Needs Assessment Survey results. Higher representation is observed in segments representing ages 35-54 and ages 55-74.

Demographic - Age Segment Comparison				
Age Segments	Franklin County Needs Assessment			
Ages 0-17	20%	1%		
Ages 18-34	21%	18%		
Ages 35-54	25%	48%		
Ages 55-74	26%	31%		
Ages 75+	8%	3%		



• The table (right) represents the ethnicity of ESRI data source and respondents to the Franklin County Needs Assessment survey. Lower representation is observed in the following ethnicities; American Indiana, Asian, Black Alone, and Two or More Races. Higher representation is observed in Some other Race and White Alone.

•	The household income (table right) represents the household income from ESRI data source
	and respondents to the Franklin County Needs
	Assessment survey. Lower representation is
	observed for the following income levels;
	Under \$15000, Between \$15,000 and \$29,999,
	Between \$30,000 and \$49,999, Between
	\$50,000 and \$74,999, Higher representation is
	observed in the following income levels;
	Between \$75,000 and \$99,999, Between
	\$100,000 and \$150,000, and Over \$150,000.

Demographic - Ethnicity Comparison			
Ethnicity	ESRI Data Source	Franklin County Needs Assessment	
American Indian	0.3%	0.0%	
Asian	2.4%	1.0%	
Black Alone	10.6%	2.0%	
Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	
Some other Race	1.8%	2.0%	
Two or more Races	2.8%	0.0%	
White Alone	82.0%	95.0%	

Demographic - Household Income			
Ethnicity	ESRI Data Source	Franklin County Needs Assessment	
Under \$15000	7.3%	2.0%	
Between \$15,000 and \$29,999	7.7%	4.0%	
Between \$30,000 and \$49,999	16.0%	11.0%	
Between \$50,000 and \$74,999	21.9%	18.0%	
Between \$75,000 and \$99,999	14.5%	22.0%	
Between \$100,000 and \$150,000	14.6%	29.0%	
Over \$150,000	7.9%	13.0%	

FINDINGS SUMMARY

The following tables are comparing the top five emerging themes from the stakeholder input to the identified the top five responses for major actions, Indoor Amenities, and Outdoor Amenities households would be willing to fund. This comparison helps to identify commonalities to help define the core program for the site design.

These capital assets will be analyzed and compared against the market analysis where competition is identified from a 25-mile radius and a five-hour drive time for drawing visitors regionally. In addition, the consulting team will need to take into consideration the lakeview Park property only has so many acres to develop, space needs of the top responses from the community will need to be considered, and the State will need to inform the consulting team of any protected areas within the park that may impact the design.

The Stakeholder input is the overarching goals for the core program of the site to achieve. The process involves identifying which amenities will help achieve the outcomes from the stakeholder input. Stakeholder input in bold identifies that the amenities will help achieve that specific outcome. The colors in the columns of the intercept survey and needs assessment demonstrate a match between the intercept survey and needs assessment for that specific amenity and the match is the same color.



MAJOR ACTIONS

Major Actions have four of the top five from both the intercept survey and the needs assessment that will help to address all five of the stakeholder themes

	Major Actions				
	Stakeholder Input	Intercept Survey	Needs Assessment		
1	Year-round Programming	New convention center	New indoor/outdoor aquatic facility		
2	Athletics (Tennis, Soccer, Baseball/Softball, Basketball, Volleyball)	Indoor/outdoor aquatic facility	New convention center		
3	Serve as many age segments as possible	New walking trails	Develop space for performing arts		
4	Preserve the heritage of Franklin County	Improve existing restrooms	New walking trails		
5	Improve aging and underutilized spaces	Develop additional ballfield quad	Improve existing restrooms		

INDOOR AMENITIES

Indoor Amenities have all five of the top response from both the intercept survey and the needs assessment that will help to address four of the five stakeholder themes. Since these are indoor amenities, they will not address improving aging and underutilized spaces, as those are outdoor amenities.

	Indoor Amenities				
	Stakeholder Input	Intercept Survey	Needs Assessment		
1	Year-round Programming	Indoor walking/jogging track	Indoor swimming facility		
2	Athletics (Tennis, Soccer, Baseball/Softball, Basketball, Volleyball)	Indoor sports	Indoor sports		
3	Serve as many age segments as possible	Indoor swimming facility	Indoor walking/jogging track		
4	Preserve the heritage of Franklin County	Convention space	Convention space		
5	Improve aging and underutilized spaces	Multi-purpose activity pools	Multi-purpose activity pools		

OUTDOOR AMENITIES

Outdoor Amenities have only two of the top response from both the intercept survey and the needs assessment that will help to address three of the five stakeholder themes. This should not be discouraging, as there is a large desire to improve the exiting

Outdoor Amenities				
	Stakeholder Input	Intercept Survey	Needs Assessment	
1	Year-round Programming	Improve sports fields	Walking trail	
2	Athletics (Tennis, Soccer, Baseball/Softball, Basketball, Volleyball)	New area for leisure games	Improve playground	
3	Serve as many age segments as possible	Improve existing shelters/pavilions	Improve sports fields	
4	Preserve the heritage of Franklin County	Improve playground	Amphitheater/ Stage	
5	Improve aging and underutilized spaces	Improve existing park	Outdoor event spaces	

park and amenities. It is most likely necessary to update all outdoor amenities to match the quality of what will be proposed new indoor spaces, since the outdoor amenities will be visible to visitors from the road and even before they would go inside to see the new. It is important with a regional draw to make a great first impression.



APPENDIX

- We need a convention center with banquet rooms. If we get a convention center use it this time, don't let it set empty when there could be concerts, shows to make money for our city. The one torn down was never used like it should have been and should have never been torn down.
- It could use some improvements, but the reason we go is because it's quiet and simple. If all these things are added, we would no longer use the park.
- While I see the need for a new convention cent as one of the greatest needs in Frankfort, I'm not convinced that Lakeview is the best location for it.
- we need a water park as we are a river community
- We have been traveling to Anderson County to use their splash pad because of how big it is and how much it offers
- I am excited about the chance for improvements. I have young adult children and grandchildren; we love the splash pad but it's too small and for very young kids. sadly, we go to Anderson County. to enjoy theirs they also have playground and more picnic shelters. I love the idea of a bigger one here .I also think we need to have something that will bring people to the park that like an indoor pool or concert venue. We have ball fields throughout our community and maybe they need improvement but I feel like another park can add or improve theirs. The need for some free things and some things that bring money into our community would be huge . I live at silver lake 2 and would love to come more often but for my family personally we do not use the sports fields yet, but we do swim and walk and play on the playgrounds and use the shelters but the shelter space is limited. I have attended weddings at the Carter house and we swim at juniper Hills which is great. I think an indoor space would be great also.
- Need a park on Elkhorn creek!
- I think the emphasis should be on IMPROVING EXISTING FACILITIES and adding OUTDOOR
 ORIENTED ACTIVITY and DEFINITELY NOT A CONFOUNDED CONVENTION CENTER -there are so
 many things wrong with this at this location. The Park is currently a highly utilized facility and is
 an existing vital asset to the community don't screw that up! Golfing activity is a big item at
 this park and that should be strengthened and fortified, not destroyed or diminished.
- Community focused. Should not feel like a gym or country club, but something that is accessible
 to entire community and promotes movement and provides a positive place to gather.
- Make the park safe
- Splash pad and park most important to my young family
- everywhere you go is dog poop. I go to a park for a walk I don't want to step in dog poop. I don't want to see people's dogs unleashed or around me at parks. band dogs
- Consider adding functional outdoor basketball courts
- "I'm interested in keeping the open field / rolling terrain feeling of Lakeview Park and the open lawn facing Georgetown Rd of the Carter House. Attended a few weddings there over the years and it is a really nice setting. Also, when you are back on the soccer fields and on the trail, it still has a slightly rural feeling that I like. I would like to see the dilapidated properties facing Steadmantown Lane acquired by the county and demolished to extend the trail system all the way to the Schenkel Ln intersection. I also note that a lot of the activities potentially offered are currently offered elsewhere (community dances are held at Thornhill for example) and so I hope there is consideration in not taking away revenue streams from other community entities. And that partnership opportunities are explored.



- Appreciate the forward thinking of our leaders and the effort to reach the highest and best use for this property. Please work with the City for parks master planning as East Frankfort Park also needs improvement and could house/host some of these ideas!:)"
- I think it's a very nice park which I mainly use for the affordable golf facilities. I would certainly be utilizing it more often if I lived closer.
- Nope
- We desperately need a convention center
- Volleyball, volleyball, volleyball please
- The golf driving range is adequate, but gets crowded at times. We have needed a larger facility for some time now.
- Indoor skate park
- A turf baseball complex can generate lots of economic activity. Just look up Westfield, IN.
- We do not have any kids, but I support activities for youth and have no objection to tax dollars being spent in this way. I also hold a fat grudge for tearing down our convention space and not replacing it, so a large gathering space for concerts and graduations is one of the priorities that I would very much support. Thanks for your work on this
- A state-of-the-art building for the Arts is definitely needed! Local Arts and schools need
 affordable places for concerts, plays, art displays, performances. The Parks and Recreation
 Department has placed its vision on sports throughout the county and city. It is time to build a
 start-of-the-art facility that has an outstanding theater/ concert hall with orchestra pit, large
 wings, lighting, a grand piano, and a large auditorium seating area as well as everywhere space
 for Visits Art displays.
- Don't raise taxes, if you can't afford it with existing funds don't do it.
- Would love more sensory friendly spaces. As well as play equipment for special needs kids.
- Check out the park playground and splash pad at the American Legion Park in Lawrenceburg.
- Why are the darn bathrooms locked all weekend? Seriously.
- Splash pad and park facilities are most important.
- I like lake view park the way it is. Other than improving existing facilities I would not support added facilities or functions. I feel that additional buildings and or functions would be detrimental to the park and the surrounding g neighborhoods. Any additional traffic on any more regular basis would not be good for the community. We already have a lot of traffic when there are events of any kind at lake view. And in addition to that, the semi-trucks associated with the bourbon industry, that regularly travel Georgetown Road has increased significantly in the recent past and currently has a big impact on traffic in that area. I feel over building or over increasing the activity level at lake view is highly undesirable and I could not support it.
- My son plays travel baseball and AAU basketball. We have to go all over Kentucky, Indiana, and
 Ohio to other facilities that host tournaments. We have great opportunity to host similar athletic
 events with the appropriate facilities. Similar with convention centers. We could potentially
 host significant concerts/attractions if we had the appropriate size, maintained arena. Our
 community and business owners need this opportunity
- No
- Last time would be a great location for a new Elkhorn Elementary school. It's time for those kids to get a new school.
- Splash pad and other water feature for dogs. Separate large dog & small dog parks.
- I would love to have a multi-use trail to ride bicycles.
- These are exciting times! Thanks for your hard work!





- Performance and studio space for non-athletic people who need a place. Play area specifically for autistic and disabled kids. Home field for KSU softball with lights for night games. Signage indicating 'home of KSU softball'. This game is wildly popular in our town, yet few know KSU has the best softball team in Frankfort. Working with KSU softball team and staff would only serve to elevate the softball culture here. It is obvious to me that the rec league is in desperate need of pitching clinics. Please develop pitchers for the rec league, it's an embarrassment to our community using machines in the circle. Not to mention a liability for an injury.
- I am the head coach of the Franklin County cross country team. We use the Lakeview facilities every day for practice and desperately need the walking trails
- Franklin county residents deserve access to quality amenities similar to those available in surrounding counties.
- Would love to see improved trail systems around the county/city for walking/hiking. Would also
 love to have access to indoor facilities during the winter/wet months for both kids and
 parents....dual purpose that would allow the kids to be active while the parents area also
 active/exercising. Indoor agility/obstacle courses with beginner/intermediate/advanced levels
- Not at this time.
- I fully support an arts center. We have talented people and the support is available. P
- Definitely needs more money to at least improve/maintain what's there. They do a good job with what they have.
- Improve on what you have!!! The Golf Course Club house needs to be power washed and painted inside and out!! Get better MANAGEMENT of Golf Course and better Family packages i.e., month to month for yearly membership, NOT JANUARY to JANUARY, IDIOTIC!!!! Why is the Committee "NOT" FOCUSING ON IMPROVING the CURRENT FACILITIES??? If, ANYTHING put in another community swimming pool but NOT at the expense of doing away with ANY FACILITIES already at Lakeview!!!!! LAKEVIEW PARK is the BEST thing in FRANKFORT!!! Frankfort only has overpriced Juniper Hills and the community swimming pool on the other side of town.
- The Park is a great asset that offers opportunity for greater public benefit, but care should be taken not to disrupt current uses.
- PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE UPDATE THE SOUND SYSTEM DOWN AT THE MOTOR SPORTS ARENA. We sat across the track and could not hear a word they said.
- Driving Range is most important to myself.
- We need more INDOOR activities for the children!
- Turf fields should be the priority for youth and high school soccer and baseball. A park is not the right place to put a convention center. A convention center should be located close to the interstate where people from out of town could easily find it for an event.
- Need an outdoor space for live music, I go to other counties and we are missing out!
- Lights on Golf course
- Do it man!
- "The golf facilities at Lakeview Springs are very important. Historically, that golf course has been used by a wide variety of golfers in Franklin County, including elementary school children who are learning the game, to members of Frankfort's 3 high school golf teams, and to members of Kentucky State University's golf team. At this time, it has the ONLY DRIVING RANGE in Franklin County which is available to the public. These 9 holes ""Par 3"" golf course is a fair test of golf, and is a satisfactory course for persons of all ages. For years, the golf course has been kept in excellent shape by Franklin County. It is perfect for beginners, for players who are working on



- their game, and for older players who perhaps ought not to be exposed to the sun for a full 18 holes of golf.
- For several years, I was a volunteer golf coach for Capital Day School and I used the practice putting green at Lakeview Springs Golf Course to introduce children to golf on that excellent green. It is truly an excellent practice putting green and is beautifully maintained.
- Finally, golf is a non-violent game which teaches people how to behave and perform with discipline, honesty, perseverance, courtesy, and courage. This Par-3 golf course serves a wonderful purpose to many people in Franklin County, and ought to be a feature in Franklin County's recreational choices for many years to come."
- "Lakeview Park has the potential to better serve the people of Franklin County while also drawing hundreds, if not thousands, of people from outside of Franklin County if it is developed to people's needs. Our family travels all over, both inside and outside of the state, for soccer events and get to see the types of fields and facilities these communities have invested in. Some of them are not much different than Franklin County, yet these events bring a tremendous economic benefit to those communities because of their investment. The addition of multipurpose turf fields would allow soccer, football, and lacrosse tournaments and leagues for all ages with far less maintenance. It may also be necessary for the County to begin offering a soccer program since the Frankfort YMCA has ruined any proper training and competitive nature that once existed here in that sport.
- In addition to outdoor space, Franklin County is in major need of affordable convention spaces in the 10,000 to 20,000 square foot range. This needs to be climate controlled. It could also double as a small/medium size entertainment venue space.
- The idea of an indoor sports facility is a nice idea, but it concerns me that the only choices in this survey were related to basketball, volley ball, tennis/pickleball. At a minimum, if such a facility was built, the basketball courts should serve dual purpose as futsal courts as well and be constructed with that in mind. Of course, I would prefer to see some sort of indoor turf field in the plan."
- We NEED a new convention center!!
- The golf facilities have tons of potential for developing year-round play/practice by installing heated range bays and indoor simulators along with lighting the range and 9-hole short course for longer operating hours.
- Please consider seniors and accessibility for those with limited mobility, especially those who
 don't use assistive devices (wheelchairs, scooters) but would benefit from easy access from car
 drop-off to facilities/sites, level walking surfaces, handrails, etc. Glad these ideas are being
 considered.
- The golf driving range is the only range that is available to the public in the area. A master
 development plan would be beneficial and cost efficient. I would gladly offer my expertise at
 no charge to help the process.
- There is an opportunity for Franklin County to create a destination for sports and recreational
 events. It starts with exceptional facilities and amenities, supported by positive experiences to
 encourage regular use. I hope county leaders can develop a vision for the future, to better
 compete with surrounding communities that are outpacing our growth in these areas.
- Provide security officers at park to ensure it is not and does not become a cesspool for the undesirables of the community.
- We really need more baseball fields. Baseball too often takes a back seat to softball in this town
- Frankfort has enough hotels so please don't build a hotel or convention center at the park.





- I think a modern performance hall for theatre performances, and small concerts is something this community greatly needs. An outdoor amphitheater would also be great for performances, movie nights, concerts, and all kinds of other uses. Improvements and additional baseball/softball fields would be great to sports tourism. A new pool/aquatic center would be great on the east side of town. Finally, an event center is something this community greatly needs. Having this all in Lakeview Park would make the park a destination for local residents and would bring in a great deal of tourism dollars.
- We don't need a convention center we need to maintain and update what we already have!
- I think no matter what happens it needs to be sustainable. Pools always get use. If we enhance ball fields, attract more tournaments to benefit the economy.
- "When the Lakeview softball fields were first built, everybody was talking about how great they were. There were lights put on two fields with the idea of lighting all the fields, but that never happened. The golf course was built and it was great, but not enhanced to make more people want to use it. The playground was built and it was great, but it needs to be improved to where many more kids can use it.
- I would love to see Franklin County/ Frankfort be able to work together to improve and expand what we have before we think about building something else and then letting it get run down."
- To build for the future of Franklin County Youth. Build facilities to keep economic \$\$\$ at home instead of other cities reaping the benefits. Enhance programs equipped with "LIVE" coverage on local TV and online. Better outdoor seating with cover including ceiling fans for the dugouts.
- The addition of an indoor complex that could be multi-functional for multiple sports and events would be a great asset for both children and adults of Franklin County.
- Bocce ball would be wonderful.
- "Safety First, respect for the neighborhood noise is too loud late at night.
- My nephew has autism and our family would love to see communication boards installed around the playgrounds to make this more accessible to him and others like him. Thanks.
- A swimming pool would be great!
- Lack of cleaning in bathrooms and up keep and not any real good play grounds for younger kids like 1-5 and slash pad is way too small and no places for parents to sit and watch their kids while they play and mulch sucks for kids to play on either do grass or rubber mulch
- "Glad you are doing some long-range planning. City --country parks should be merged for more professional management.
- Gathering spaces for large group are very important."
- Would be wonderful to have a park with amenities to be proud of.
- I think the golf course can be eliminated and that area can be used for a large aquatic center for everyone. I would like to see the walking trail be expanded with different distances and different trails like a 1-mile trail or 2-mile trail up to maybe 3 miles with clear and accurate markings for the distances.
- Please give the Performing Arts a home! We have been asking for this for what feels like my entire life. Frankfort needs the Arts!
- Franklin County could really benefit from a convention center since we lost downtown. Our
 graduates should be able to walk the stage in their own county. We could host a number of
 events bringing economic growth for our community. Especially the archery teams for Elkhorn
 Middle and Franklin County High. Numerous uses, our town needs a space for all possibilities and
 I hope it's highly considered.
- Build a lake to make "Lakeview" make sense



- We need tennis courts!!! Indoor!
- I feel like the walking trails are very important to this side of town! Also having a place to exercise my dog is significant to me.
- Please be careful to make sure any additions to the park don't require losing what is already there. For example, don't build a convention center if it means doing away with part of the walking trail
- Consider what's best for the residents of the county and the neighbors of the park first because focus on the health, happiness, and well-being of our own county should be a priority throughout this endeavor.
- Please improve the practice facility at the golf course. Sometimes there is not enough space to
 hit range balls due to overcrowding. Also, I think the putting green needs to be bigger or maybe
 build another green.
- Glad to see this happening the capitol city of Kentucky should have a performing arts center. Thank you!
- "There aren't many programs offered for children in Franklin County. Currently trying to find swim lessons for my 7-year-old in the county has been a nightmare. I could find them offered OUTSIDE the county but not in the county. Baseball and Softball was so delayed this year that many children went outside of the county, the children that did stay in the county had a shortened season that seemed thrown together and cruddy. They didn't even get pants until the season was almost over. Not much is really advertised for the people of Frankfort to do at the parks. Currently on the Frankfort Park and recs website if you look at the calendar of events it says 2020 events ""
- Due to The Corona Virus the Calendar of Events will not be updated until normal events resume."
 Have we not started to try and get back to normal? Did someone forget to give parks and rec the memo? "
- This master plan and City master plan should complement and not duplicate services. Frankfort would be better served with one entity delivering a comprehensive recreation experience.
- Knowing that visuals are so important to the way people first visually see the park area and knowing that the current name of the park is Lake View: No effort has ever been made to enhance the visual image of Silver Lake. It is becoming shallower, with numerous fish kills because of being so shallow, the Lake will soon be only a historical location. It could, working with the homes around it be enhanced with a large water spout and some cleaning along Georgetown Road so the Lake could be seen. The new park plan should not ignore the importance of Silver Lake. I would love to work with a group to enhance this iconic landmark.
- Partner with Central KY YMCA.
- Please give us a facility like Falling Springs in Versailles! We need a REAL theater for plays and indoor events. We need indoor spaces for all activities in the fall and winter.
- Solicit corporate assistance like Buffalo Trace
- Please preserve the walking path, or if some must be removed for the park changes, replace them with an equal amount of new path.
- The parks are underutilized because no one advertises what is available and because not much is available. When I moved here in 1979 it became obvious that Frankfort is a status quo town. City and County elected officials are content to do as little as possible on every issue that arises. Building new parks will not invigorate our community. Until someone repairs the streets and roads Frankfort will not make much progress.
- Keep up the good work.





- Just do it! Please!
- It's a diamond in the rough. It could be a HUGE economic generator for Franklin County. It could create many activities for our young people.
- Thank you for allowing the community to provide input.
- WHY DO VERSAILLES AND SHELBYVILLE HAVE SUCH NICE AND PUBLICLY SUBSIDIZED COMMUNITY THEATRE VENUES, BUT FRANKFORT DOES NOT?
- The Dog Park could be a wonderful amenity. The path from the nearest parking lot is a difficult down and up path. It is well paved but difficult for anyone with any disability to access. Is there any way a small 3 spaces handicap parking area could allow access or at least motorized drop off for access to the dog park? Special dog activities and training could be offered to attract Franklin Countians. Check online at what other dog parks offer. It would be great if a tree or two could be added to each of the areas. A couple of picnic tables would allow people to sit and talk while their dogs run. The dog park could be a big attraction for the park.
- We need to join efforts. It seems like it is the city or the county. County schools or city.
 Absolutely ridiculous that they couldn't come together to the soccer fields turfed we are a selfish
 community who struggles to see how doing certain things i.e., soccer tournaments how much
 money can be brought into the community to be able to do more things
- "1. I love existing park location, nice place to get away from home and not go to town. For a city or county to ""free"" have public spaces is go to is essential to well-being.
- 2. Love, love, the walking trails and golf course. Any upgrades and continued maintenance for them is GREAT.
- 3. Park staff are wonderful, friendly, and overworked! Need more of them to share the workload. Need to train more young people at the high school in park services skills and life guarding certifications."
- Not opposed to a convention center but prefer to see it downtown. Very supportive of performing arts space!!
- This is a good facility. With a few additions and improvements, it could be great if it was running by the right people.
- "I feel strongly that the state Capital should have a City/County/State performing arts center -
- I feel strongly that more municipal senior citizen activities should be available"
- I would love to see more things for children to do. I have two children one that is 10 and the other that is 12 and there just nothing in this town for them to really do.
- No
- There are other parks in and around Franklin County that are accessible to everyone. However, there is no performing arts facility and there are a number of community theatres providing wonderful experiences for children AND adults and no facility in which to perform these productions. It is a shame that this is the case with our state's capital! If we want both the state of Kentucky and Franklin County to be a force in the cultural community, a performing arts center must be built to prove that we mean to be taken seriously.
- Due to poor publicity, we never knew much about the park until lately. Some of this may be my
 fault for not investigating the facilities more but nothing much was publicized about all the
 facilities there.
- A small concrete bowl would be an excellent addition to the skate park. There are a lot of older skaters that would travel from other areas, as well as here to use it. Most of the guys I know are teachers, welders, computer programmers and would come here and spend money. It would be something we could all use for years to come young and old. I'm 51 years old and travel to



facilities all over Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana and further sometimes. It would be nice if this got serious support as I know it would bring people in to enjoy our restaurants, lodging and shopping.

- Tennis courts
- This feels like a gift for an already affluent neighborhood. I also feel the history of the Carter house needs to be explored
- It's all good
- Indoor and outdoor pool facilities like the surrounding communities have
- What about open space? I am concerned that this planning process pre-supposes that we "have" to do something with Lakeview Park above and beyond its current uses. I can imagine improvements and modifying the facility to meet changing needs and uses. But to build a large convention center or indoor swimming facility (both of which, I strongly believe Franklin County needs just not here), for example, will eat up too much open space that people need and use! Additional facilities not only cost money to build, but to maintain. Filling up every last bit of space at Lakeview means more maintenance. Many of these questions pre-supposed the construction of more stuff that will necessarily fill up Lakeview Park.
- "More shade on walking trails and dog park
- install water at dog park"
- "All Franklin Countians that hold a leadership position especially Frankfortians holding a leadership position should hop a bus and all take the short ride to Lawrenceburg to learn how a low budget town, \$4,000,000 with 11,000 residents vs Frankfort's \$27,000,000 budget with 27,000 residents city/county LEADERS (not just residents) performs for their constituents, city and county without having to spend of any of their \$11,000,000 budget on \$50,000 studies that number 1, common sense can solve, number 2, constituents voted you in office to represent them, not a group from New York City, Boston nor anywhere else to make suggestions for us. If you really need a study, allow your constituents to, A, voice their opinion without having security remove them because you don't like what they are saying, B, allow 5 minutes per constituent to speak and they can yield their time to another constituent as the \$157,000 a year folks that hold a leadership title in Washington D.C. do, C, check off these boxes when rendering decisions; does it make sense , is it money well spent , will it bring people and their money to spend to Frankfort (what a novel idea) .
- Whoever came up with this idea to allow constituents (your boss) to allow their input to be measured is pure genius and is the 1st step. The 2nd step is to validate their input, you may not like it, you may not agree with it as you hold your title to represent us, not to govern us as you think we should be governed, remember, we were once smart enough to elect you?!?! Right?
- Bottom line, you manage your household of 2, 3, 4 or more individuals, you manage your household budget, you approve or reject projects of your domain based on the level of need vs the cost all based on your experience, knowledge and after listening to the other person or persons input, you then cast your vote. Will this decision-making process bring the same results to your electoral title the people entrusted you with? Yes, no, why or why not, open discussion with time limits, evaluate, vote as a representative of your constituents.
- One last thought, if you find this laughable, funny, boring, dumb, or wondering which one of your constituents wasted their time writing this, you should resign your office and allow someone who will listen to the people's voice, trustingly represent them and vote on their behalf.
- Your constituent who probably voted for you"
- "Please continue to offer opportunities like this and more for community members to have a voice and assist in the entire process.





- I do worry about added noise to Silver Lake Subdivision.
- Thank you for the opportunity to fill out the survey. "
- Frankfort/Franklin County definitely needs activities for all of our youth. Not just selected few. Everyone needs to feel comfortable participating for both low income and wealthy families!
- We need indoor tennis courts!!!!
- Great parks are an important facet of great communities. Franklin County needs to build a
 holistic, inclusive, forward-thinking park system that will meet the needs of a large swath of the
 community AND draw in events that benefit our county economically.
- We need a pool on the east side of town for children!!!!!!!
- East side park, with the abandoned pool, needs WAY more attention than Lake View. I'd very much rather see that park improved!
- ""Sip, Stay, Play!"
- Frankfort is a population that's aging. We host the state senior games. Let's focus on hosting adult events (tennis, softball, disc golf, swimming, running, biking, triathlons, water sports) in which we can host weekend tournaments/events inviting people to Frankfort/Franklin County to embark in out tourism while saying here to play their sport. "
- The current walking trail is isolated on the back side
- Repurpose under used spaces and improve old spaces.
- I think they do a good job with the budget they currently have but it would be great to enhance and expand our options of things to do
- We need a new convention center.
- For sure need fencing around pickle ball courts. Need outdoor basketball courts.
- While inclusivity is important, so is the value. Please utilize monies to put in what will be used most often and year-round.
- We'd very much like to see a large all-inclusive playground to benefit those with special needs.
- We desperately need indoor tennis courts!
- We need an indoor pool for competitive swimming. I am a swimmer and the only indoor pool we have in Frankfort is KSU, but KSU does not work well with swim teams from my experience and from many other people's experiences too. Since Swimming is a winter sport we need an indoor pool, and a pool that will let teams (such as the FCHS, WHHS, and FHS swim teams) in to swim without a fight. We need a pool that is reliable and consistent in which KSU has never been able to provide the swim teams that swim there. Many other sports have available and accessible fields/gyms so that they can do their sport, yet swim does not. We need an indoor competitive swimming pool with blocks and lanes. Swim meets can even be hosted at the pool which can bring in a lot of money.
- No
- Franklin County desperately needs an indoor pool facility for competitive swimmers.
- I think the priority for a County/Lakeview Park public outdoor pool is so needed. Juniper Hills gets so crowded and then they have to limit access. I would include additional umbrella areas so people don't have to run to get covered seating. Or perhaps even offer some rental umbrellas for exposed areas. Maybe even build a few cabana areas around the pool that could be rented for families that want to spend the day like hotels have when you're on vacation. If there are additional funds an indoor pool would be nice that could include space for birthday parties and gatherings and other indoor gaming activities. Obviously, anything that supports the arts in our community would be awesome!!



- "I recall a very ignorant comment at a public meeting. "Juniper Hill pool loses money." Yes, of course it does that is why it is public just like the roads and highways, the armed services, our public school system, our national park system that are currently being overrun. That kind of thinking is someone who does not understand the privilege of living in the United States of America. It is also very selfish. I don't know if that person has a Christian background but they clearly missed the message in Matthew 25. God help us.
- Also, don't hold Lakeview Park as the answer to regenerate the loss of the civic center.
 Furthermore, the YMCA needs to be built and support its own mission collaborating with Franklin County Parks only where it is mutually beneficial to both organizations. Good luck and thank you.
- An indoor pool would be fabulous! Especially one with lap lanes open early morning for adults. With the Y closed, we don't have this anymore and everyone goes to Georgetown for indoor swimming. One of the biggest problems at the playground is parents smoking anywhere they please. There are not enough signs and no one there to enforce it. Bathrooms are not kept clean enough. I love the walking trail, just wish there were more shady areas.
- We really need a new swimming pool. Juniper hill is not enjoyable because it is always way too crowded. If we had two pools in Frankfort, both would be so much more enjoyable. That would be the best improvement to be made in my opinion.
- "I would hope leaders would consider what the county, as a whole, needs, instead of what one side of the river needs. We have a great, underutilized pool facility in Juniper Hill Park. We have a great, underutilized golf course there, too. To best benefit our county, focus on what our county doesn't have quality baseball fields that could attract tournaments (see Elizabethtown/Hardin County), multi-purpose facilities (like what Forks of Elkhorn Baptist Church has), and a TRUE amphitheater (like the one at EKU).
- Just don't waste money on trying to have one side of town compete with the other. It's hard to justify golf and pool facilities at Lakeview when the ones at Juniper Hill aren't being used enough."
- Would love to have an indoor pool
- We could use an indoor aquatic center to be used year-round.
- we need a swimming pool
- Surrounding counties are booming with new businesses and residents because of what the community offers. Franklin County has sadly remained stagnant for decades, due to the lack of vision from our leaders to create opportunities to attract young families.
- Indoor area that can have used for multiple purposes
- We really need a building for the Arts! A theater with large wings for plays and concert with
 excellent lighting and audience seats. It needs to have rooms for separate music and visual art
 lessons/classes. Rooms for the community theater company would be fantastic! Obviously, an
 excellent piano in the concert/theater auditorium and pianos in any music rooms. This building
 could also house the convention center with rooms attached for break-out sessions by the basic's
 conventions. Either no fees or very little fees would be charged to the area schools for Arts'
 performances.
- I would like to see more pride in our skatepark. People travel from all over central Kentucky to experience our heavenly half pipe. I myself travelled the country for ten years doing promoting for BMX. My high school classmate is an x games medalist. This was all made possible by the launch pad that is Lakeview Skatepark. Lighting and additional ramps/bowls are needed to further influence the next generation.





- I noticed disc golf wasn't listed very much. Many of the other sports were (golf, soccer, ball fields, tennis, etc.). We primarily visit Lakeview Park to play disc golf. It's a great course already, but with some more investment (labor and money), and it has the potential to be one of the top courses in KY. I think you'd be surprised by how much revenue it would bring to the community to have an elite level disc golf course in Frankfort.
- More native plants and spaces for community gardens.
- Please, please develop a good community theater like they have in Versailles.
- You are looking at the park too narrowly. Look at the community, see what's missing then determine how LVP can fill the void. You have public input sufficient enough to support any idea you have. Now, act on it. People want to see results not hot air.
- There are no paved bike trails in Franklin County. Roads are not very safe in this area for bike riding. The only bike trails are dirt trails. We need a safe paved bike trail for children and adults.
- Youth Basketball and indoor swimming facilities accessible to all communities are lacking in Frankfort.
- Need an open field for cricket as there are enough private teams that use fields elsewhere for their tournaments.
- We love and enjoy Lakeview Park. Excited to complete this survey and read what types of things you are focusing on. I highly support the arts/performance needs. I am only a spectator to performing arts, but it is much needed. Sports is very important to me also. Get this park up to par to be able to HOST events n bring money in.
- Please consider a cricket pitch in one of the softball grounds
- We need to establish a community that draws in people from Frankfort and surrounding areas. We can do so by getting a major facelift on existing facilities, utilize space that is currently not being used, and build a new recreation/convention center.
- New vision must have plan to maintain staffing to upkeep facilities. Lighting and other security measures must be in place.
- Need to go big with the plan aka Swim Play Frankfort type mindset
- I am concerned about the potential traffic congestion if this park is further developed and the impact it will have on nearby residents and property values.
- Any kind of improvements to our parks and outdoor areas would be good. With the confusion and
 questionable plans for the Y, having a good, indoor swimming facility to me is vital for our
 community.
- Great ideas but if no funding is available why ask.
- It's a big part of community
- How is traffic going to be allowed to these new facilities? Steadmantown Lane cannot handle the traffic.
- An indoor sports/aquatic center. That has indoor pool, basketball courts, tennis courts and soccer
 fields along with community and fitness rooms and a walking trail. Something like the Pavilion in
 Georgetown but with tennis and soccer added and possibly indoor golf/batting cages.
- Be smart. Do something we don't already have.
- I would absolutely LOVE a performing arts center! Frankfort seems to be one of the only cities around that does not have one, and so many people could benefit from it!
- Definitely need new ball fields and an aquatic center like Woodford County
- Please consider convention space for numerous events
- Please bring us an outdoor amphitheater. Not only will this increase revenue in our hometown but it will provide something for locals to do instead of driving to surrounding cities!!



- "Better lighting."
- I hope that ideas expressed here will be considered for other parks in addition to Lakeview. Many
 of these are great ideas and could be developed elsewhere if not selected for Lakeview.
 Performance space could be combined with event and convention space and would benefit a lot
 of our community.
- Indoor multi-sport facility that can be utilized for different sports in their seasons. Not just basketball and volleyball, and limited indoor space for pickle ball.
- Any and all amenities and programs offered should also be available to children whose families
 can't ordinarily afford to have their children compete in sports or attend classes, events, or use
 if the facilities.
- more walking trails / hiking trails / biking trails . improved skateboarding parks. we need more things for younger or otherwise active people to do that doesn't cost a lot of money. This town is boring, depressing, economically depressed and stagnate. we need a well-funded community education center that isn't solely geared towards low income and borderline illiterate people. We need classes that can help already high functioning adults apply their talents towards the improvement of the community. We need language classes (specifically Spanish and English), business classes that focus on areas of local need, etc. we need to aim higher, stop talking about murals and start actually thinking about how we can move this town forward. Think and encourage / incentivize talented people of any age to help make this a better place to live. This is a river town with so much untapped potential and our local governments have been 100% incapable of leading any significant positive change, ever.
- I'd like more varied (treed paths, with benches and dog water fountains) space for dogs to go off leash.
- Please consider the arts. Franklin county has no community venue.
- we really need a space for performing arts that's accessible and has adequate storage
- We *desperately* need an affordable indoor space for community and school theater/band performances as well as for public performances, and the east side really needs a nice swimming pool.
- Please look at Falling Springs and how successful that facility is at including the arts.
- Staff failed to enforce COVID restrictions. Numerous events held over the past year with no masks being worn.
- Improve the existing amenities and buildings and build another convention center or some sort draw for people to actually want to come to Frankfort.
- While agreeing to improvements, I am against raising taxes to pay for them. Disregard raises for county employees and use that money to improve!
- Really need a convention center for graduation and other venues.
- First all parks, golf courses, and others areas of the parks is a public service for the county and communities. They are not to make a profit. Elected officials need to remember that. They all keep talking about loss of money of many of the park's cities and county. This is what county and city government does provide services for all citizens. We don't need a glass bridge
- Good luck. So much potential. Thanks for seeking input. Do t just plan. DO!!
- Do not reduce the size of the walking trails!
- I sure hope changes are truly coming to Frankfort.
- Golf course appears to be used very little and loses money. Would like to see the motorsports area improved or moved to another location in the park.





- As a Senior it is extremely important to have an indoor swimming facility to maintain healt, independence and wellbeing.
- Lakeview has always seemed unappealing because of little landscaping. Other parks are more pleasant to walk on trails and spend time if. Needs more trees for shade and interest.
- May want to present a few different packages with their price tags for both the Leaders and the community at large's consumption before any decisions are made. Thank you for allowing our participation in this process. Have a great day!
- Looking forward to the new activities. Frankfort needs this.
- Host quality sporting events on weekends, specifically, youth sports
- Build a water park for the kids for summer so they have one close on the east side of town
- The golf course and driving range are a wonderful feature. Please do nothing that would limit or destroy what is there. Keep in mind the wildlife that live in the area. Over development displaces the wildlife into nearby neighborhoods. The wildlife deserve protection.
- "Thank you for taking this on and trying to make Franklin County a better place. I have four boys who all have played sports/are playing. We need better soccer fields and to try to attract tournaments and teams to come play here. Fields in Elizabethtown and Bowling Green are in amazing shape. We are missing out on a lot of tax dollars, entertainment dollars and bringing people into Frankfort!
- Having a place like the Civic Center would be beneficial as well to bring in performances, tournaments and more.
- None
- I would love to see better parking and maybe another Entrance to the park.
- Lakeview is a wonderful piece of our community and we should be showing it off! We should not have to go to Lexington for softball, Georgetown/Woodford for aquatics, Lexington/Louisville for concerts, our softball team is traveling to Knoxville for the second time this season because there are no tournaments close to hear. As a head basketball coach and softball coach the need for better sports facilities is huge! The access also needs to be easier for our community. These tournaments bring lots of money to our community in various ways like hotels, food, etc. Small concerts and venues like that do the same. It's out with the old and in with the new. QUIT BEING TIGHT AND SPEND THE MONEY TO MAKE IT NICE!! Juniper Hills could have been done a whole lot bigger and nicer (and there would not be a waiting line) You have to spend it to make it!
- I use the walking trails and feel most vulnerable on the back section when walking alone. I love the wildlife areas, but I feel isolated on the back section. I don't know what can be done to make me feel safer.
- We need to know how we are paying for facilities. Raising taxes isn't a viable option. We also can't use the "if we build it, they will come" approach
- Mainly just update what we have for our community and also update to pull in people from outside Franklin Co as well ex. travel ball tournaments, convention hall
- We live close to the park and our kids play soccer there. My family also uses the disc golf course and soul like for it to stay.
- Lakeview Park has been apart if my life from the very beginning. I watched my sister play softball
 there, I played all throughout parks and rec. to now, where I coach my daughter and her friends.
 We desperately need new or drastic improvements to the existing softball/ baseball facility to
 draw new and former players to Lakeview otherwise you are asking them to seek programs
 outside of the county.



- Make it sustainable. If we are going to spend money, let's make the money spent aimed at
 excellence. Don't halfway do it. Current splash pad is a perfect example. Set more narrowed
 goals and accomplish more by adding first rate experiences over time. Less can be more. Quality
 matters.
- Safety at the park is a major drawback of not utilizing the trail. If there are not any activities, I refuse to stay.
- Please take into consideration the importance of shade...whether that be from trees or other structures that provide shade.
- I would like to see the playground and splash pad enhanced, and more activities / entertainment for families to enjoy.
- Our community needs this very badly for people of all ages
- I support expansion of diverse and or new activities while retaining existing facilities.
- An indoor swimming pool that can be used by the high school swim teams is what is needed to
 make these teams competitive with other teams. It could also lead to a year-round swim team
 which would benefit the whole community.
- We love having a dog park close by but it needs better accessibility and something to spruce it up and make it more enjoyable to take our dogs. It is very blah at the moment.
- Making it easier for the traffic to flow in & out of the park
- I don't want people flocking here and making traffic worse. While I am all for development for our community, I don't care anything about bringing more people in.
- Do away with the skate park, nothing but trouble... and not used my many, and brings in nothing to the community... do things right this time! No band aids!
- Please fix the restrooms and give the children a playground they deserve. Thank you.
- My family is very excited to see the park grow to better serve our community.
- None
- An Indoor pool and tennis courts would be used by many citizens. These would be my priorities.
 I don't see a need for outdoor pool with Juniper pool already here and so nice. But we could use outdoor tennis courts on the east side of town.
- My teen is on a year-round USA swim team. Getting to practice used to be an easy commute to the downtown Frankfort Y before it closed. Now, we travel 30 minutes one way to Falling Springs 3-5 nights a week for swim practice. A convenient indoor swim facility is needed in Frankfort not just for local year round swim teams like the one my teen is on, but the pool could be used by the high school swim teams, also to host USA swim meets which bring in families who dine in restaurants and stay in hotels depending on how far they have to travel, for swim lessons, and otherwise benefit people of all ages who swim, do water aerobics, etc. to stay fit. The Falling Springs complex, not just its pool, is a wonderful facility that draws people from Frankfort, Midway, and surrounding communities because we lack a comparable facility.
- Another ball field quad and lighting would allow Frankfort to host travel ball tournaments and increase economic growth.
- It is interesting that you are looking into inclusive playgrounds, yet your spending has been inequitable in our community for years. You spend \$\$\$ on a well-kept golf course, driving range, and ball fields. These cater to the higher socioeconomic families, which does not make up the majority of our population. Ball games take equipment and practice at certain times with the team a luxury that families cannot afford or have the ability to make the time for these scheduled practices. The walking trails, splash pad, picnic areas, and skate parks are wonderful opportunities to provide accessible activities for all families. The issue with the skate park is





that it is not designed for young skaters. The last time we were there it has screws sticking out of the wood. We have been to concrete parks that were very family friendly with pump tracks that we could use our bikes on. I would encourage a redesign of the skate park to include a pump track and a larger playground.

- Create facilities that surrounding communities don't have to attract more visitors
- "Good luck. Frankfort will never get out of its own way. Frankfort has been a train wreck for decades as most people see neighboring communities growing in every way and move to better locations.
- Find a way to let people in the county vote in all the city elections and things will change for the better.
- Develop a trail through downtown and connect it to county parks and eventually to surrounding communities.
- Grenville SC did this with the Swamp Rabbit Trail. We don't have to reinvent the wheel, just look around at what has worked elsewhere"
- We desperately need more and better baseball and softball facilities
- I am a career firefighter/paramedic. In my free time I enjoy skateboarding as I have for years. The current facility needs to be torn down and a larger concrete park should replace it. The facility is unusable and borderline dangerous. I realize skateparks are an aside but its 2021 and now in the Olympics. It's unfortunate that parks and rec spends 99% of their time keeping up the fields yet the skatepark gets neglected. I earn my space in this community daily and wish I could also have a facility that utilized my tax contribution as well. I took my nephews to Lakeview once and decided to drive to Lexington because the nails were missing or protruding from almost every feature. The same care and attention should be given to kids who want to use the skatepark as it is for the driving range.
- "How long will they talk about it and not do anything about it. Missing hundreds of thousands of dollars a year while we all
- Drive our children to our of town sport events "
- The more different things to do the more active our community will be.
- We need more things for the youth to do so they will stay out of trouble
- The Franklin County Fair is a waste, and this property is too valuable to take up space and resources for a 6-day event once a year!
- Just a good design that maximizes the space and provides economic benefit (and resident amenities) to our community. Lots of trees and native landscaping, attention to reduced maintenance and long-term operating costs for every aspect.
- I hope to have a new convention center to have prom, graduation, the circus, etc.
- We need new softball fields
- I support having an indoor pool/recreation area but don't think this would be the best location. I believe it would be great to better utilize and improve existing features of Lakeview. I also think land that is mowed for no reason could be developed into conservation education areas with trails through native prairie instead. I do not support investing in features such as new baseball fields, golf amenities, and areas expensive to upkeep that are low cost/benefit for the amount they are used. I moved into the Indian hill's neighborhood partially because of a nice park area there and would hate to see the area developed for economic reasons (i.e., convention center) as I don't believe that is the purpose of parklands. I support doing that elsewhere, preferably in an existing commercial area.



- Youth sports can be an economic engine for Franklin County. It's unfortunate that we travel out of town for baseball & basketball tournaments
- Questioning feasibility of a county funded facility. Where is money coming from? A large indoor facility for basketball/volleyball/soccer etc. may be better suited to be built and operated by a private company
- No indoor swimming pool. Build outdoor aquatic center like Juniper Hills
- You have a USA competitive swim team that would love a new pool option in Frankfort since the YMCA is no longer available. Frankfort swimmers are hurting for a pool.
- I personally think the ball fields for example. The goal is to have a super quick season. Very limited timeframe and get it done. Awful Jerseys. poor management. My family travels to other communities that have nice facilities and turf and we have cheap run-down fields and poor attitudes running it. Rec ball softball and baseball could have been great but a lot of poor attitudes. Other communities are bringing in a lot of people weekly and those communities are doing great with tourism and business. Hotels are full and restaurants are full. Capital city missed the boat years ago. Hopefully this can change.
- We need this for our kids. Spending our time traveling and giving money to other counties when we can be pouring into our own is so important.
- An aquatic facility on this side of town would be amazing! An inclusive playground is so important as many kids are not able to utilize any of the facilities at Lakeview.
- Serious upgrades needed, please make this happen
- I haven't heard of a lot of the things listed on here, I would definitely go if I knew of them
- Changes are a MUST! Hope this works out
- We must offer something for families that don't support partaking of bourbon. Family friendly.
- Lakeview is a great spot to add things suggested in this survey. Hopefully you all can fulfill most.
- My grandfather, Bob Arnold built Lakeview Park with a dream of building a place for people all over Frankfort to come together. Similarly, he was a huge advocate for the arts in Franklin County and beyond, donating to local productions and scarcely missing out on being in attendance. I know creating a state-of-the-art space for artists alike to come together to create and give back to the community would be a fabulous way to remember his legacy. Similarly, creating an accessible space for all people should be of utmost importance. Whatever decision is made should be made with the intent to include and invite as many people as possible. I think a performing arts space is just the beginning of that potential. Thank you.
- This has been put on the back burner way too long.
- I think there is so much potential for Lakeview Park. I hope the county will adequately fund improvement projects.
- We need indoor faculties to host BB tournaments and outdoor ball fields to hold travel ball tournaments. Let's bring some revenue to the county
- WHY NOT US!!!
- Good luck!
- New pool and Convention Center!!!!
- Put proposed new facility in the area next to Large Pavilion. Move little kids' soccer and football fields in back of park. safer to move these fields, better to highlight new center in front of park. Roads need to be improved if there is going to offset excess traffic.

