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Re: **Clark County Parks & Recreation Plan Community Survey** (Summary Results)

I. METHODOLOGY

Conservation Technix is pleased to present the results of the Clark County community survey assessing residents' recreational needs, preferences and priorities. In close collaboration with staff, Conservation Technix developed the 18-question survey which was estimated to take approximately 5-7 minutes to complete.

The survey was posted online via Clark County's website on February 18, 2015. The survey was promoted in a number of ways, including:

- Three email blasts (Feb. 19, March 2 and April 30) to more than 5,300 recipients using Parks email distribution list. The first two email blasts also promoted the public open houses.
- Another email blast by Clark County Community Planning using its distribution list.
- Other agencies, including Evergreen Public Schools, Vancouver Parks and Recreation Department and the Parks Foundation of Clark County, were requested to publicize the survey using their distribution lists.
- Attendees at three open houses during the first week of March were urged to take the survey using laptops provided at each open house.
- Also, information about the survey was posted on the county's website in three different locations.

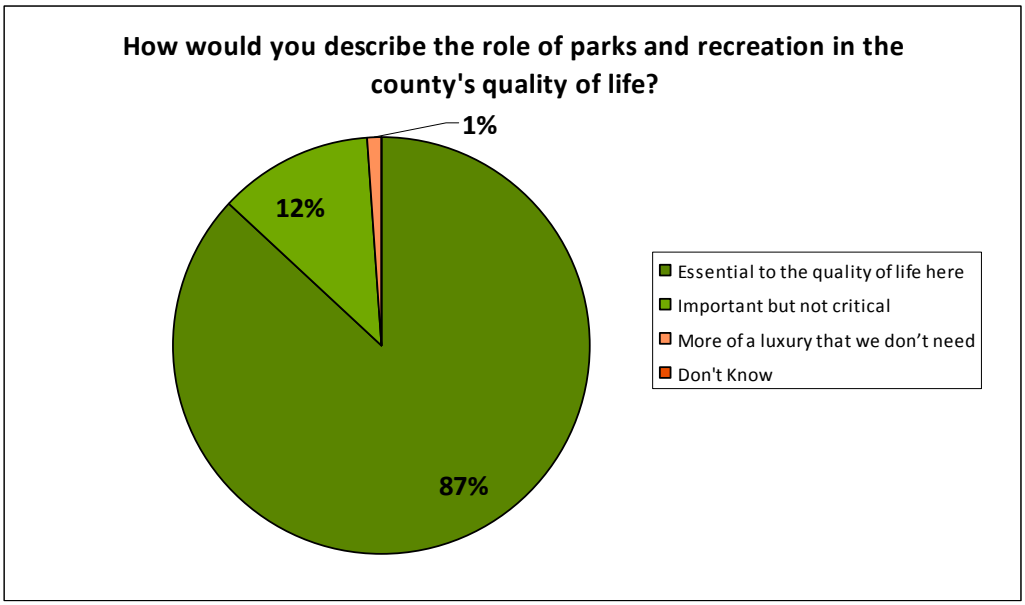
The survey was accessible to residents for seven weeks and was closed on April 3, 2015. A total of 1,483 completed surveys were recorded. Since the survey was open to the general public, and respondents were not selected through statistical sampling methods, the results are not necessarily representative of all Clark County residents. Percentages in the report may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

II. KEY FINDINGS

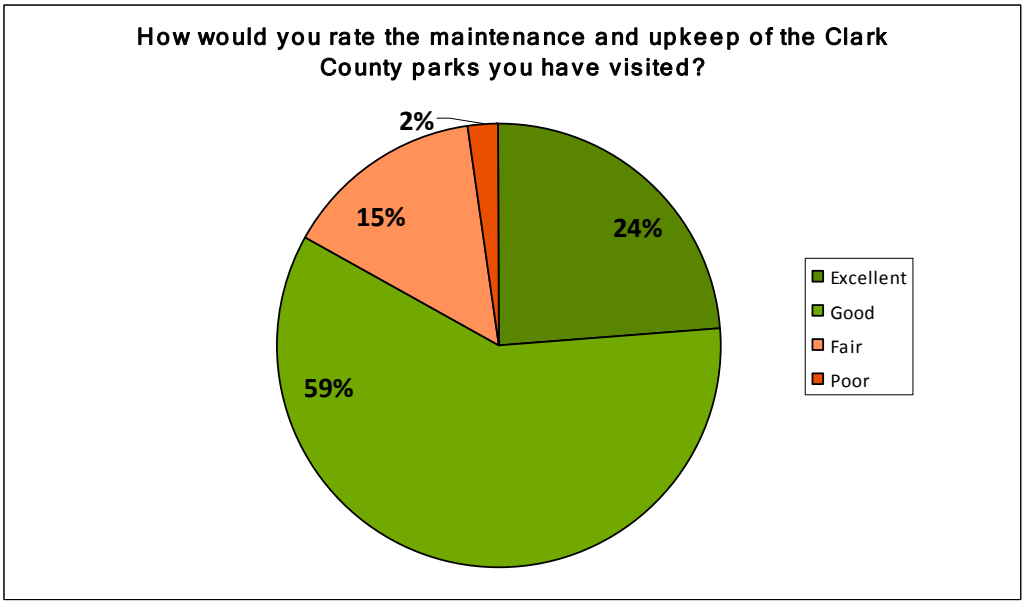
A. PERCEPTIONS OF CLARK COUNTY PARKS

Community Value of Parks and Recreation

Nearly all respondents (99.0%) noted that Clark County's parks and recreation services were important to the community's quality of life. No gender or age based differences were noted.



A majority of respondents (83%) rated the quality of the maintenance and upkeep of the Clark County parks (Q3) as good or very good.



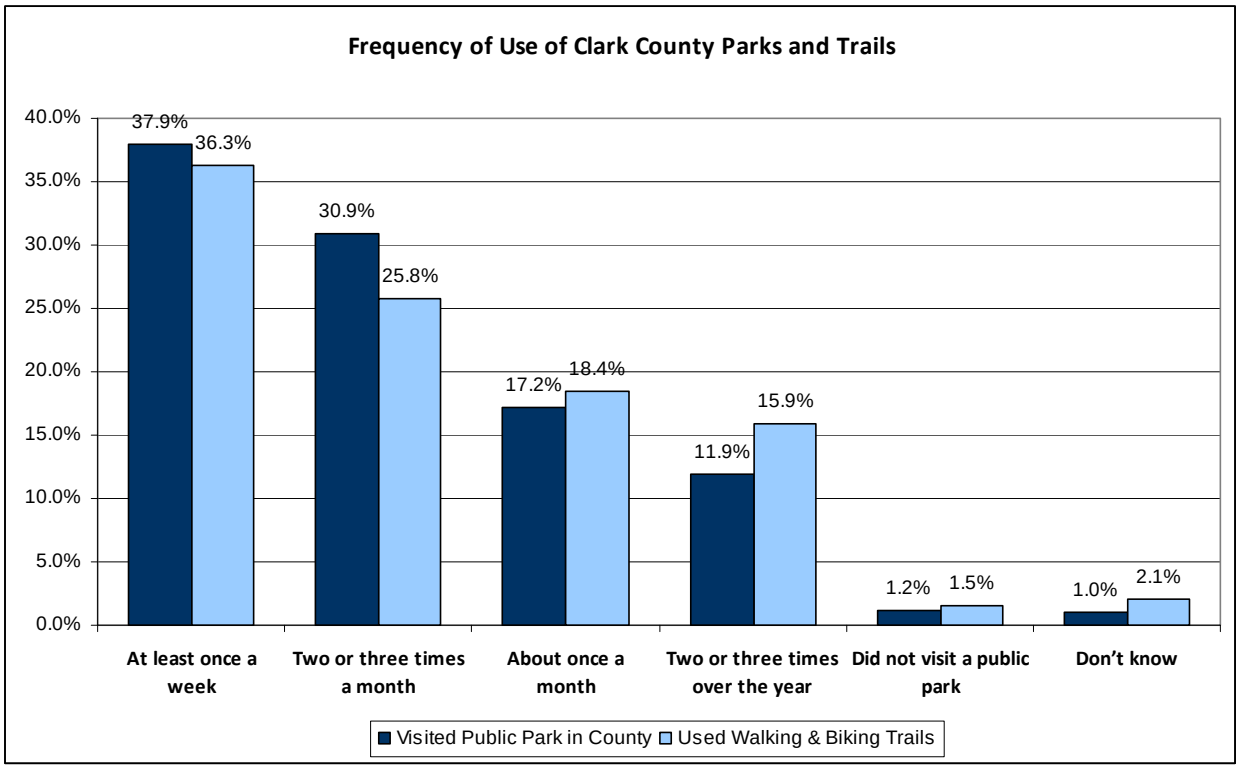
B. PUBLIC USE OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Participation and Frequency of Use

Residents were asked how many times over the past year they or other members of their household had visited parks in Clark County (Q4). A majority of respondents visited parks at least two to three times per month (68.8%), and slightly more than one-third of respondents visited parks at least once per week (37.9%).

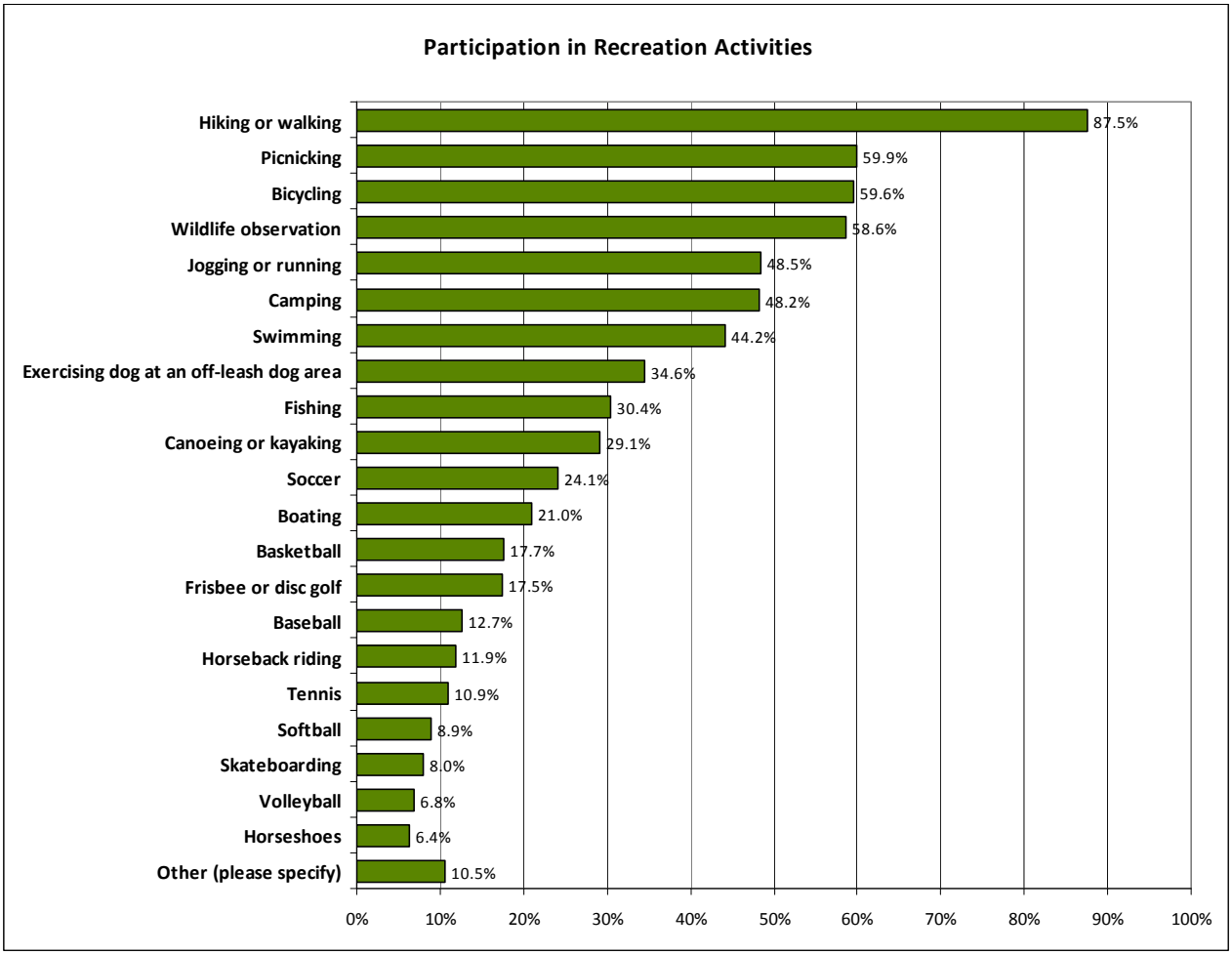
Also, residents were asked how many times over the past year they used the walking or biking trails in Clark County (Q5). A majority (62.1%) visited trails at least two to three times per month. Similar to park usage, more than one-third (36.3%) visited trails at least once per week.

Women had slightly higher frequency of park and trail visitation than men.



Residents were asked what recreational activities they participated in within the last year. Walking or hiking was noted as the most popular (87.5%) - followed by picnicking (59.9%), bicycling (59.6%), wildlife observation (58.6%) and jogging or running (48.5%).

Only minor variations were observed between genders. Men had slightly higher participation in cycling and fishing, and women had slightly higher participation in picnicking and horseback riding.



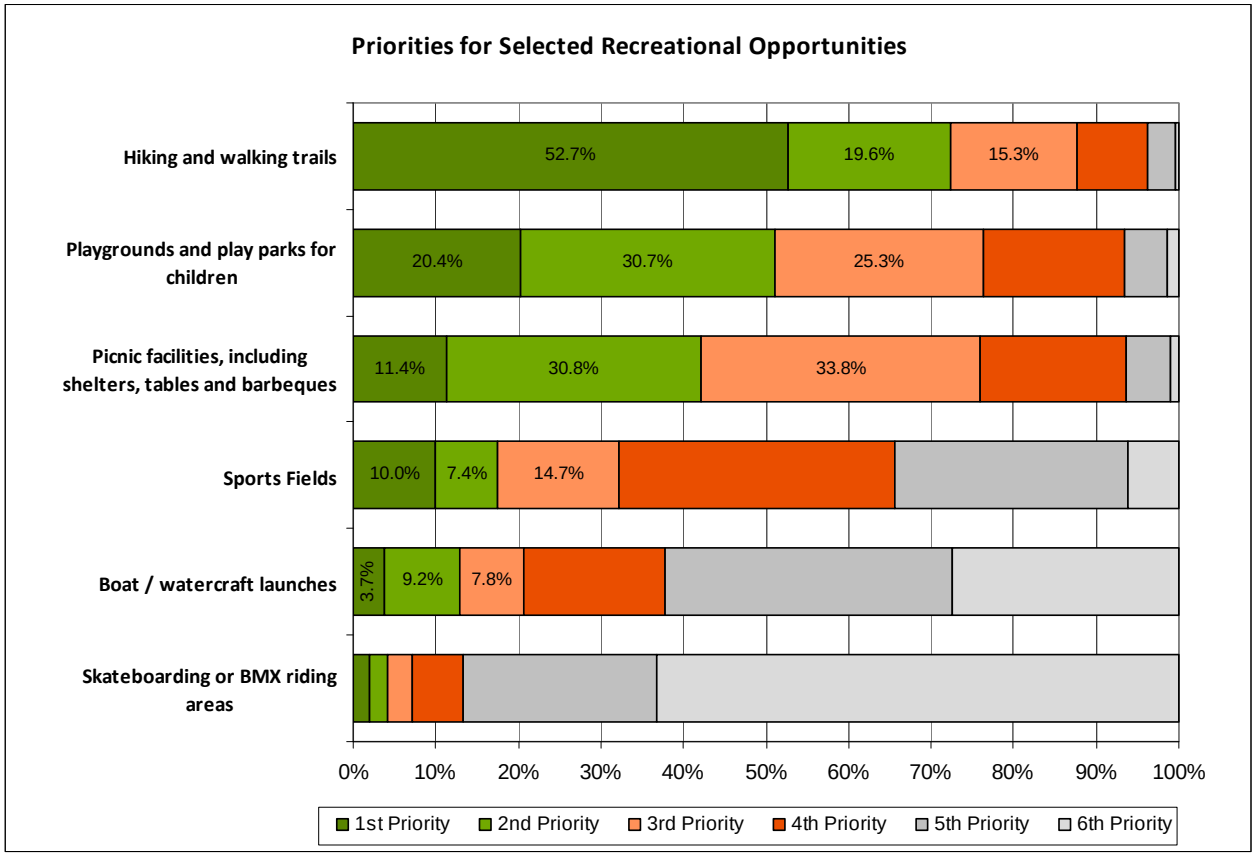
The written responses to the "Other" category are noted at the end of this summary. Frequently mentioned activities included:

- mountain biking
- dog walking
- playing at a playground; watching kids or grandkids at a playground

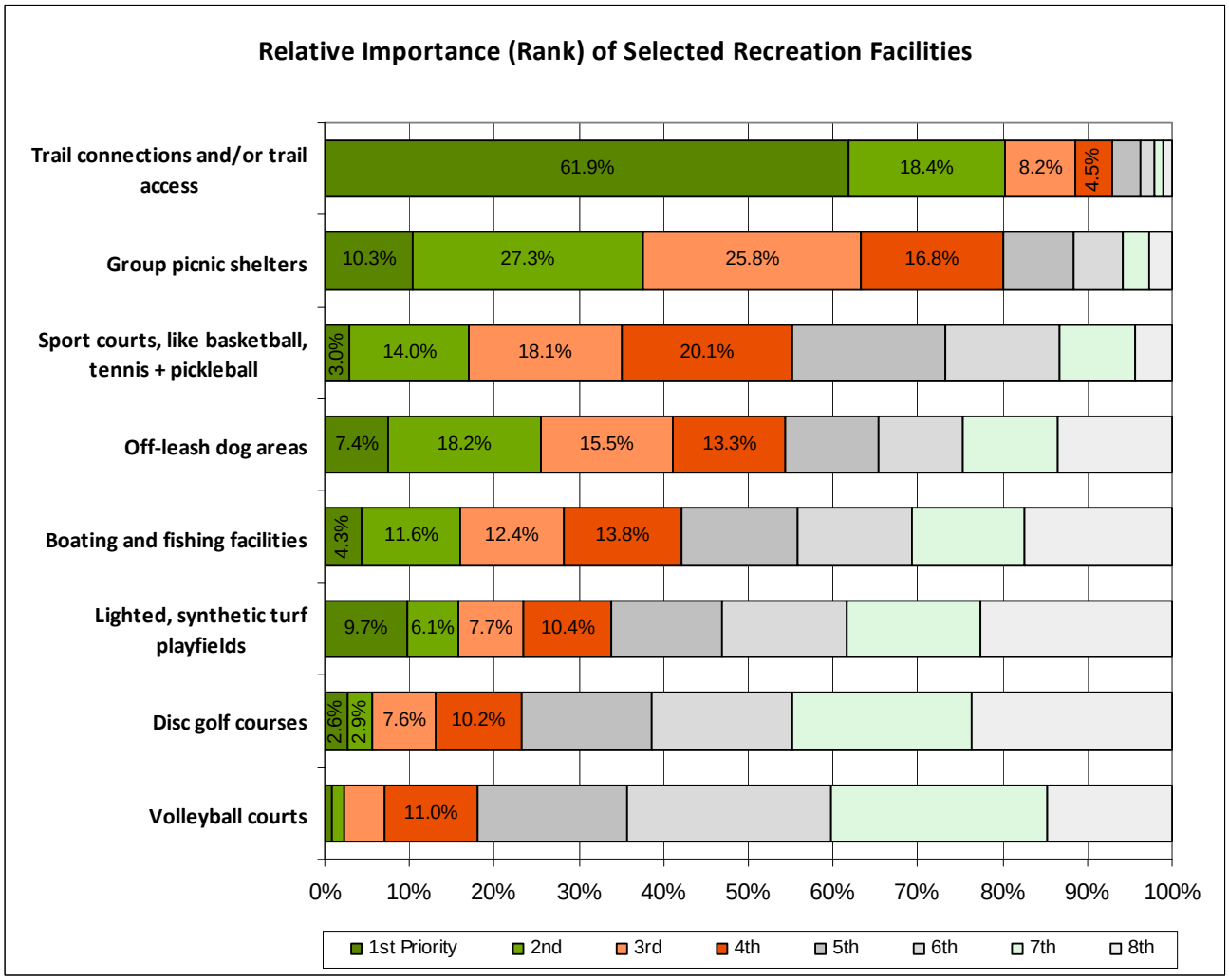
C. PRIORITIES FOR PARKS AND RECREATION

Selecting Priorities

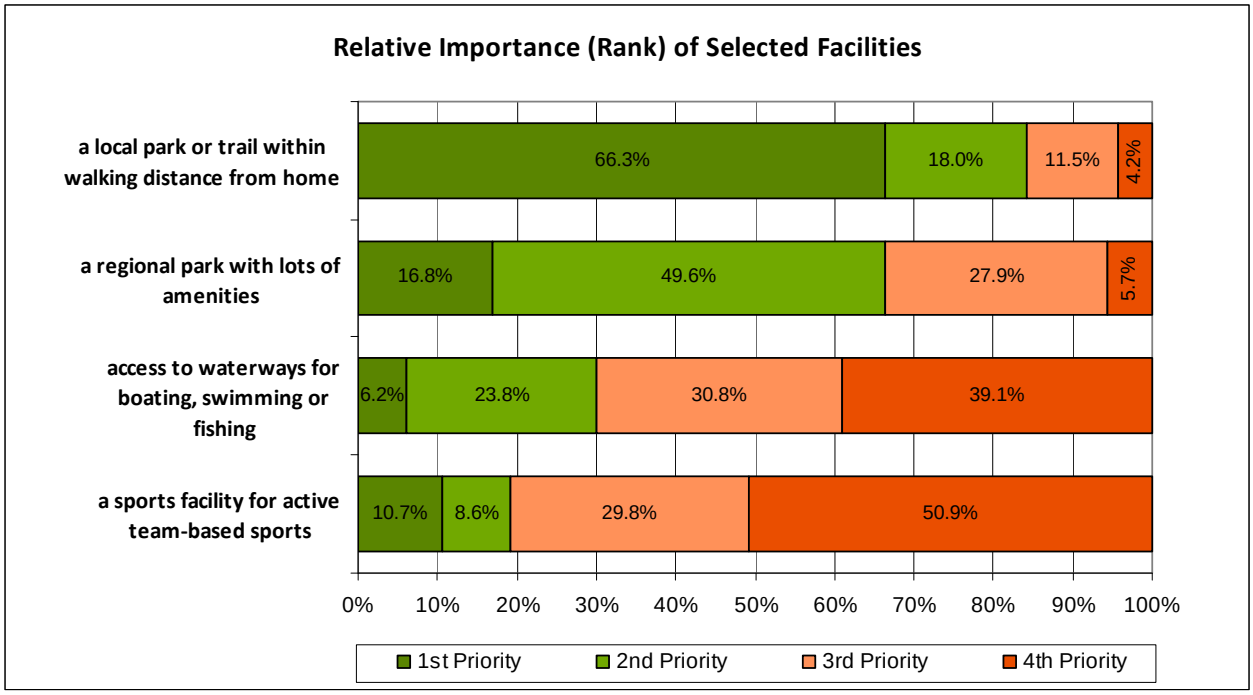
Respondents were informed that planning for the future can involve making choices and trade-offs. They were then asked to choose among six items to indicate their preferences among different park and recreation services (Q6). The highest ranking in over half of the responses (52.7%) was given for hiking and walking trails. Playgrounds and play parks for children ranked second with 51.1% of responses placing this in the top two choices. Picnic facilities also ranked high, and only slightly lower than playgrounds, with nearly even responses for picnic facilities as the second or third priority. Sports fields, boat launches and skateboarding/BMX area were ranked much lower n comparison (4th, 5th and 6th positions, respectively). Overall, the facilities that can accommodate usage by the general public ranked higher than specialized facilities.



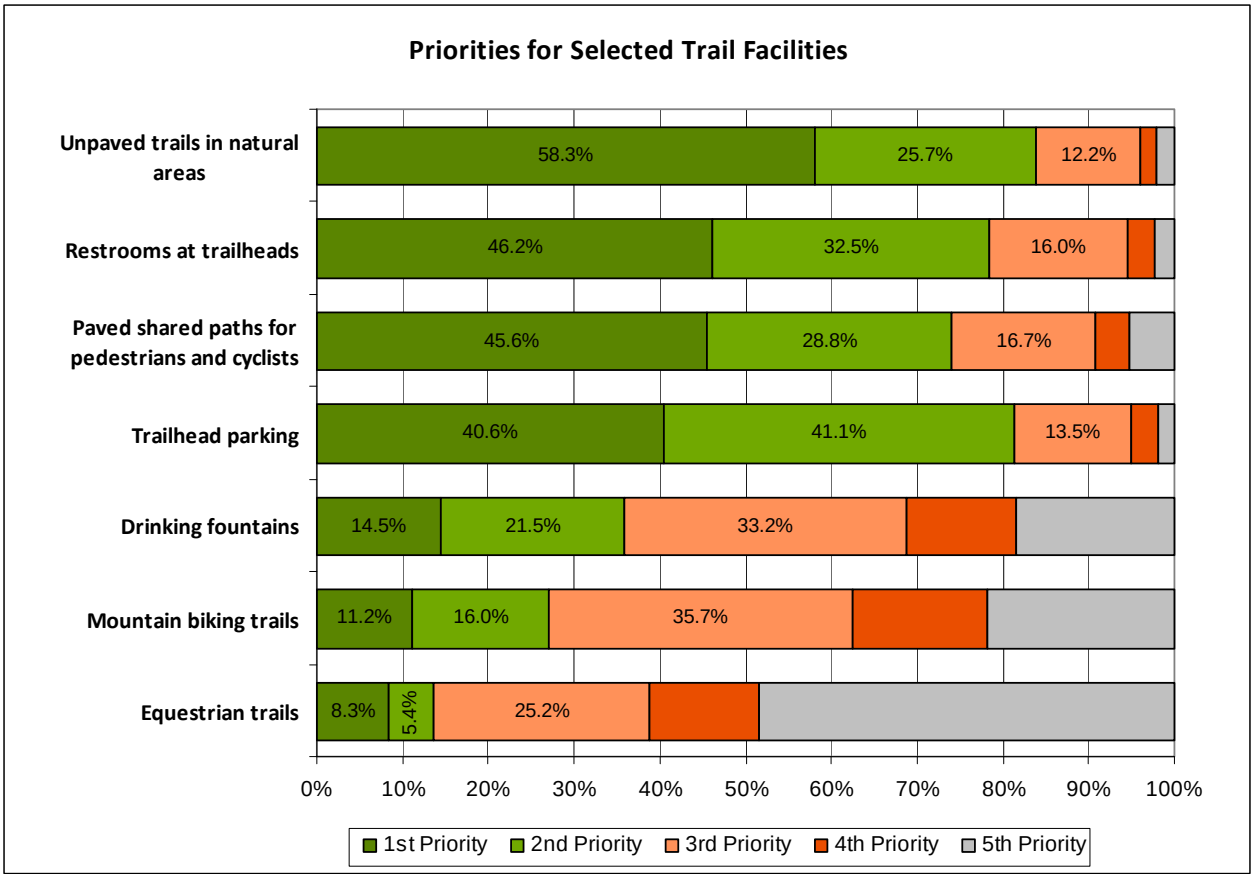
Respondents were asked to rate the importance of selected recreation facilities in an effort to assess an overall priority for future recreation program planning. Trail connections and trail access rated highest (61.9%), followed by group picnic shelters, sport courts and off-leash areas. Respondents under 34 and over 55 were slightly more in favor of off-leash dog areas than sport courts, and both sets of age groups placed off-leash area in third priority position. No significant gender differences were noted in the responses.



In a different grouping of major facility types, respondents were asked to rank among a listing of local and regional parks, sport facilities and water access (Q13). Local parks within walking distance from ranked highest in importance - suggesting the relative importance of accessible, nearby recreation. Regional parks ranked second, followed by water access opportunities and sports facilities. Respondents over 55 were the only subgroup that varied from the overall rankings, and this group showed a slightly stronger interest in water access and less interest in sports facilities.

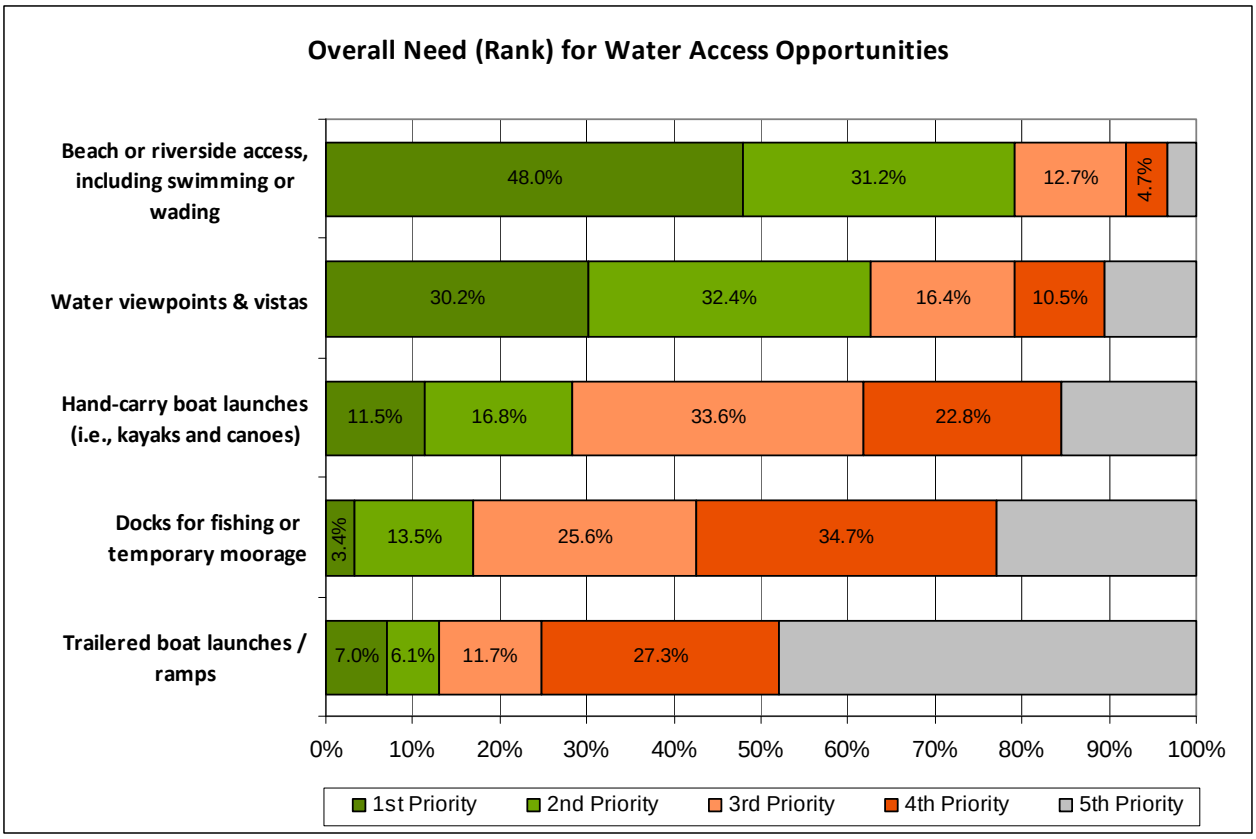


Further exploring the trail facility preferences and priorities of residents, respondents were asked to rank a set of different types of trail facilities (Q14). Unpaved trails in natural areas had the highest ranking (58.3%), and there were no differences by subgroups of age or gender. A second tier grouping included trailhead restrooms, paved shared-used trails and trailhead parking. These facilities ranked very closely to one another, and there were no differences by subgroups of age or gender. A third, lower tier grouping of facilities included drinking fountains, mountain biking trails and equestrian trails.



Regarding water access opportunities, respondents were asked to rank a set of items related to water-dependent recreation and support facilities (Q8). Physical access to beaches and rivers ranked highest (48%) of the group, and there were no differences by subgroups of age or gender. Passive access to water via viewpoints and vistas ranked second of the group - ahead of the three options that included some form of waterfront improvement for the listed facilities. Boat launches for hand-carry craft ranked third, followed by docks and trailered boat launches and ramps. The ranking of these items were consistent across age and gender subgroups.

Next, respondents were asked to rank the importance of different sport facilities (Q9). Sport fields adjacent to playgrounds and other park amenities ranked highest at 2.25 on a 5-point scale (63.2% of respondents ranked it as either first or second priority). All weather synthetic turf followed closely behind 2.58 (53.6% of respondents ranked it as either first or second priority). A significant plurality of respondents noted that sport fields are not important priorities to their household.


Overall Need (Rank) for Water Access Opportunities
Beach or riverside access, including swimming or wading
48.0%
31.2%
12.7%
4.7%
Water viewpoints & vistas
30.2%
32.4%
16.4%
10.5%
Hand-carry boat launches (i.e., kayaks and canoes)
11.5%
16.8%
33.6%
22.8%
Docks for fishing or temporary moorage
3.4%
13.5%
25.6%
34.7%
Trailered boat launches / ramps
7.0%
6.1%
11.7%
27.3%
0%
10%
20%
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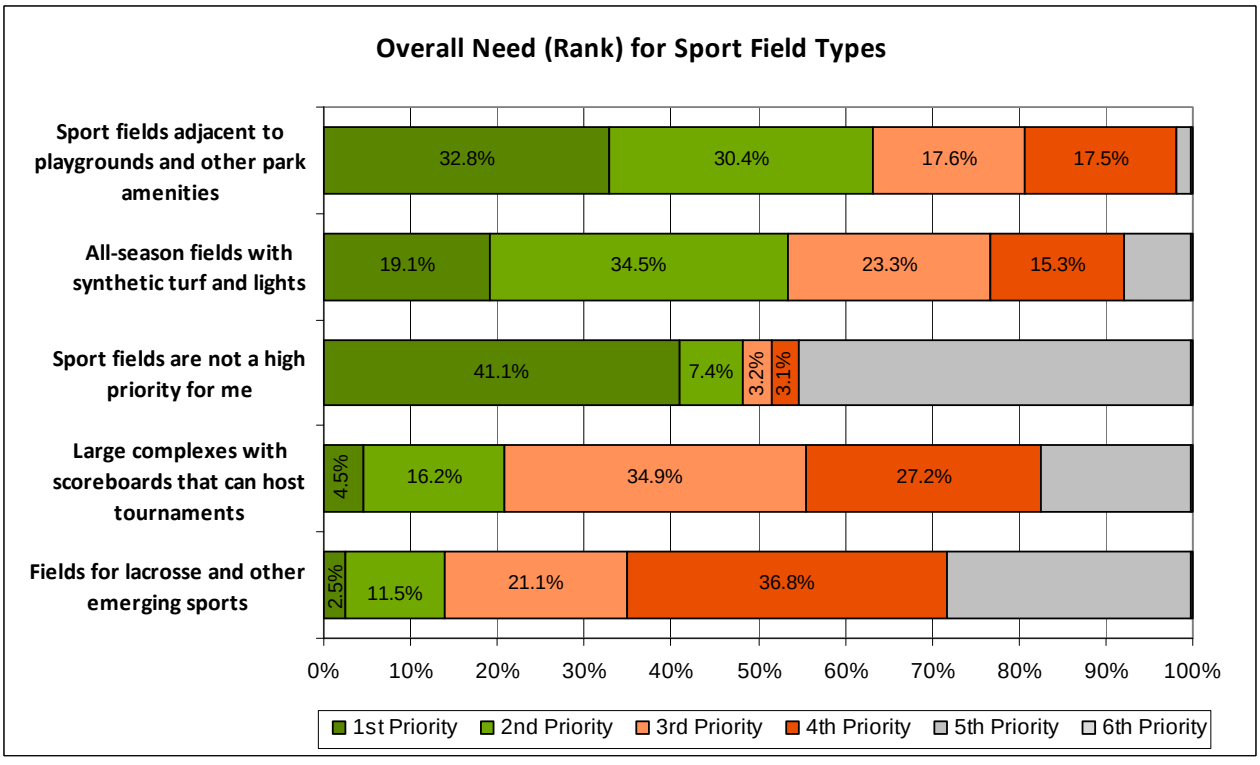
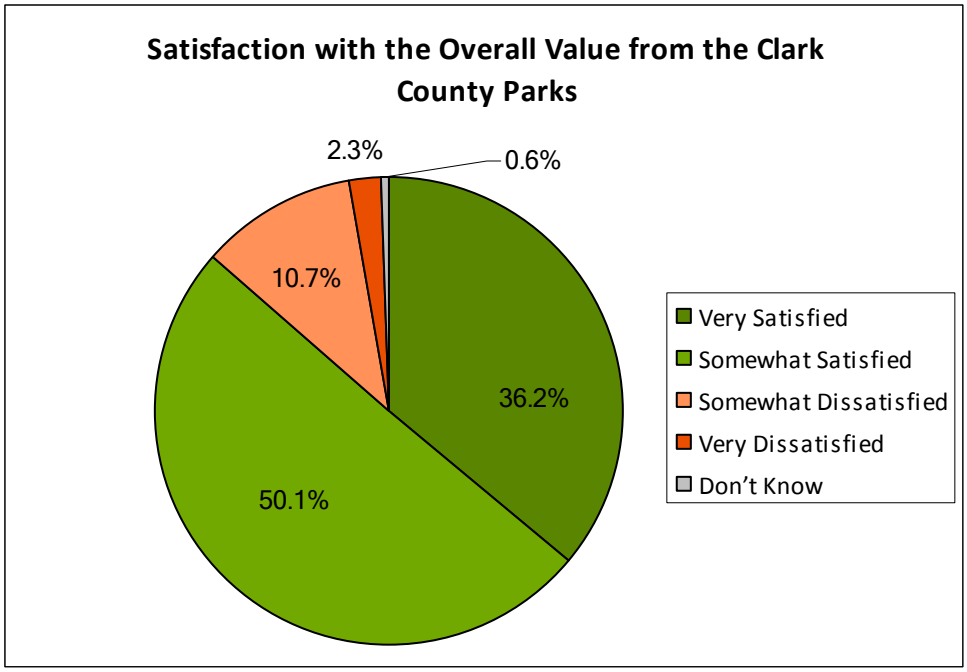
1st Priority
2nd Priority
3rd Priority
4th Priority
5th Priority


Overall Need (Rank) for Sport Field Types
Sport fields adjacent to playgrounds and other park amenities
32.8%
30.4%
17.6%
17.5%
All-season fields with synthetic turf and lights
19.1%
34.5%
23.3%
15.3%
Sport fields are not a high priority for me
41.1%
7.4%
3.2%
3.1%
Large complexes with scoreboards that can host tournaments
4.5%
16.2%
34.9%
27.2%
Fields for lacrosse and other emerging sports
2.5%
11.5%
21.1%
36.8%
0%
10%
20%
30%
40%
50%
60%
70%
80%
90%
100%
1st Priority
2nd Priority
3rd Priority
4th Priority
5th Priority
6th Priority

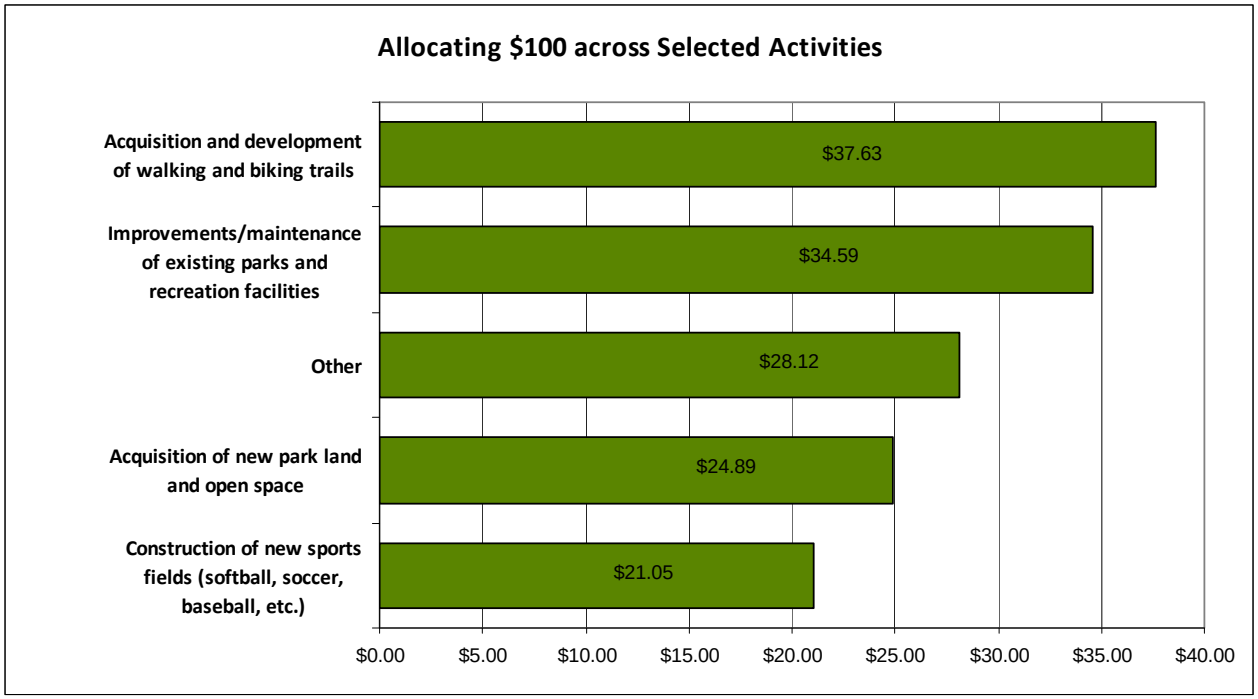
Funding Priorities

Respondents were asked to rate the satisfaction with the overall value their household receives (Q10) from the Clark County Parks. A strong majority (86.3%) noted they were either satisfied or very satisfied with the value provided by Clark County Parks. Only 2.3% were very dissatisfied. Women and respondents under 34 indicated higher levels of satisfaction (87.8% and 88%, respectively), and respondents over 55 indicated a higher level of dissatisfaction (3.6%).



Finally, respondents were asked to allocate a hypothetical $100 budget across multiple choices (Q11) in a effort to identify investment priorities in Clark County parks, trails, sports, and recreation facilities. Consistent with other ranking questions in this survey, respondents most strongly favored allocating funding ($37.63) toward the acquisition and development of walking and hiking trails. An almost equal allocation ($34.59) was suggested for maintenance and improvements to existing parks and facilities. Also consistent with the findings from other survey questions, respondents offered the lowest allocation toward the construction of sport fields. Nearly one-third of the budget allocation ($28.12) went toward items in an "Other" category.

With regard to the subgroup populations, there was no significant difference in responses by gender. Respondents under age 34 more heavily supported the acquisition of new parkland ($26.60) over the total sample. Respondents between 35 and 54 showed stronger support for the construction of sports fields ($28.68) over the total sample. Respondents over 55 indicated a higher allocation ($39.88) toward maintenance of existing facilities.



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- equestrian trails
- mountain biking facilities
- off-leash areas
- pickleball courts
- disc golf courses

D. DEMOGRAPHICS

The following details the demographic profile of survey respondents by type.

Q15. What is your gender?

Gender	Survey	Clark County
Male	41.7%	48.5%
Female	58.3%	51.5%

Q16. What is your age?

Age Group	Survey	Clark County
Younger than 18	0.7%	
18 to 34	16.3%	28.8%
35 to 44	25.9%	19.1%
45 to 54	23.4%	19.8%
55 to 64	20.2%	16.7%
65 and older	13.5%	15.6%

Note: County totals derived from 2010 Census

Q17. What is your zip code?

Zip Code	Count	Zip Code	Count
98601	6	98664	43
98604	119	98665	96
98606	22	98666	1
98607	113	98671	50
98625	1	98674	10
98626	1	98675	12
98629	27	98682	103
98642	63	98683	89
98660	57	98684	51
98661	91	98685	185
98662	68	98686	64
98663	55	Other	14

Q18. How many children under age 18 currently live in your household?

Children under 18	Count	Percentage
Zero	676	51.0%
One	208	15.7%
Two	285	21.5%
Three or More	157	11.8%

Open Ended Responses

Q2. Which of the following recreational activities did you, or a member of your family, participate in within the last year? [Responses below represent those submitted that fell into the "Other" category.]

- target shooting, hunting
- golf
- battle ground little league
- Covered Picnic Areas
- Motocross
- Surveying frog egg masses for SWAMP
- Dog walking in off-leash areas. PLEASE we need more of these!!
- Exploring natural areas with a 3-year-old and watching him play on park equipment with other kids.
- Mountain biking
- Rugby
- Swinging
- Racquetball....it rains here some, just call it indoor tennis!
- single track mountain biking
- No North Clark County Swimming had to go to Portland Parks and Recreation.
- play grounds for young children/ bbqing shelters
- enjoying the playgrounds for the younger children and grandchildren
- Mountain Biking on single-track in the forest
- Mountain biking at Larch mountain
- It's mountain biking. Look at the Bay Area for an example. We are missing big oppty.
- Collecting nettles
- play on play equipment
- Mountain Biking
- taking granddaughter to park to play
- mountain biking/ mountain biking park / mountain bike jump park/ mountain bike down hill/ bmx bike park
- Mountain Biking
- Mountain biking (we are in desperate need of more places, don't let us become the next Portland with how they treat Mountain bikers!)
- Exercising my dogs AROUND the outside of the dog parks. They need a place where they can go off leash without other dogs that is closed off from traffic. They do not come when called and have behavior problems With other dogs and children.
- Mountain biking
- barbecue
- children's play equipment
- Playgrounds
- Playground areas & splash parks/fountains
- Taking my toddlers to the playgrounds
- Photography
- Child play areas / play structures
- keeping my property neat and clean don't have time for this stuff.
- in my own yard, already have 7,200 acres set aside????? we really need more?????
- Playground activities with the grandchildren
- Swings, slides, and playground area

- Mountain biking
- solace/rejuvenation/grounding,etc
- Pickle Ball
- Golfing
- English pit
- Visited playground
- Dragon Boating
- playground with toddler
- Walking dog on leash
- swimming
- hurling, its kind of like field hockey.
- fly rc quad copter
- Walking dog at an on-leash area
- Just enjoying the play structures constantly with two young children
- We're old - so not as active as we once were - but grandkids will soon be "park age"
- Exercise dog at neighborhood park.
- Taking my grandson to play structures to play and socialize
- Pickleball (new trend, great for senior citizens!)
- rock climbing, mountain biking
- take care of homestead acres park with all that marijuana money...use "grass" money to water grass
- Children play area
- Kite flying
- Marshall center gym
- bocce
- Mountain biking
- Golf
- Spending time relaxing with friends in parks and on trails
- dragon boating
- Fitness classes at rec. center
- Playing in water-creeks,streams,rivers
- Wedding
- Off road mountain biking and paved trail bike riding
- dog walking on trails
- SUP
- Hunting, shooting, archery
- Playground & water park
- Playing at the playground
- shoot potato guns
- Mountainbiking
- HORSEBACK RIDING TRAIL RIDING
- Dog walking on leash
- Playing in your parks with my children!
- volunteer work in Whipple Creek Regional Park
- driving horse and cart
- Mountain biking
- bicycling on trails in particular
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- hanging out at the river
- social group celebrations--one celebration of life

- Children's playgrounds
- mountain biking
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- Stand Up Paddle boarding
- mountain biking
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- Taking kids to play on the play structure at the local public park. I wish our local (Landover-Sharmel) neighborhood park was developed and had a play structure, we would go there almost everyday!!
- grand children played on play structure
- Barbecuing
- Bird watching
- endurance riding on horse back
- Stand-up paddle boarding, ice skating, cross country skiing
- As I have gone through the survey I did not see Horse trails mentioned/ there are over 29,000 horses in Clark County that is significant, and needs to be a high priority for recreational considerations. There is an Equestrian Plan that was accepted October 9th 2012 by the County Commissioners . It was stated "Encouraging more economic activity will benefit the public, and as any equestrian knows, owning horses is certainly an economic activity." That said, I repeat Horse trails, should be one of the top priorities for the Parks Dept. When I am out on the trails riding my horse people out walking , riding bikes so enjoy meeting us and often stopping and engaging me in conversation. Horse have been part of our past and they are part of our future don't overlook the need for more equestrian trail. Thank You , Kathy Cannon
- mountain bike trails
- gardening
- Fountains/non-swimming water activities
- golf
- playing at playground
- football, shooting
- snowshoe
- walking dog on lead
- Enjoying the Columbia River at Cottonwood Beach
- Sculling on Vancouver Lake
- kite flying
- human powered boating on Vancouver Lake
- Fly RC Airplanes
- Mountain biking
- kickball, lacrosse, playgrounds
- Walking dog on leash
- Mountain bike riding
- Horse back riding
- mountain biking
- We are really missing the horse related parks , there are so many horses in this area
- disc golfing dog walking
- mountain biking
- Inline skating
- Always looking for dog areas - There are no off-leash parks near downtown.
- mountain biking
- mountain biking: skill park, pump track, free ride
- enjoying nature, walking meditation
- Amateur radio activity (Parks on the Air)
- playground use--swings, slides, etc

- We enjoy walking in our neighborhood. Also, it is important to the Sorenson neighborhood to finish their park that the voters approved.
- paddle board and small boat sailing at Vancouver lake
- Mountain Biking
- Motorcycling
- horse trail course
- Single track mountain bike trails
- mountain biking
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- Sitting on a park bench, enjoying the outdoors
- Playground
- Mountain Biking
- Enjoyment of wide open spaces at various times of the year - watching the seasons unfold and discussing the position of the sun, noting the shadows and the effect on foliage and wildlife.
- geocaching, bird watching, playgrounds
- Use of children's playgrounds
- Bird watching
- lacrosse
- Racquetball
- Dragon boating, rowing,kayaking
- dog walking
- Walking
- Climbing

Q11. If you had an additional $100 to invest in Clark County parks, trails, sports, and recreation facilities, how would you allocate the funds? [Responses below represent those submitted that fell into the "Other" category.]

- Programs
- Equestrian trails
- Swimming pools. There is a lack of public pools in Clark County. Planning of facilities needs to start.
- Invest in our children!!
- off the leash dog park
- Horse friendly parks
- I would like more flat water kayak launches with ramps. Not everyone can carry a kayak over things like trails etc to launch it. Smith and Bybee Lake is an example of a place that is inaccessible to be because of the long carry distance. Best places to launch include the Marine park ramp on the Columbia and the Fish & Wildlife gravel ramp at Vancouver Lake. It would be nice to see a kayak launch area for people in wheelchairs too.
- Cougar creek needs to be protected and connected to salmon creek park. So much educational value there with it starting at the heritage farm and running by Columbia R HS
- Acquisition and development of new Off-leash dog areas - including one with river/water access.
- Stuff for kids and families
- Applying for grants to do the items marked.
- Enforcement of ordinances, including leash laws, littering and smoking in non smoking areas. Understandably difficult to enforce, but it seems no effort is made. Dogs are often running amok and leaving waste all over sports fields, etc.
- putting in bathrooms or port a potty's in the neighborhood parks its hard to talk little kids to the park when they have to go to the bathroom
- More swing sets
- Rails to trails
- Offer classes on the environment and ecology of the area in and surrounding parks.
- Equestrian trails
- I didn't select "other", but assume that the 1st item - improvement of existing parks, refers also to parks that are still a bare piece of land such as the "Otto Brown" park.
- Horse riding trails
- Complete the GCPD parks and add a diversity of experiences such as accessible play equipment and nature play elements for kids of all abilities. Make sure there are benches at parks and along trails to support use by people with limited abilities.
- Wildlife preservation
- "New dog parks
- New neighborhood parks"
- Use wherever most needed (like a slush fund)
- This County sorely needs TENNIS / Bball / Pickle ball outdoor combo courts. Or a cheap indoor tennis facility!?! PLEASE? P-L-E-E-E-E-A-S-E-E-E-E? I'm not above begging! I'll do whatever it takes! Really I will.
- Our parks should be largely supported by user fees. These should be restored, with discounts for seniors and/or low income. There is no reason what-so-ever for the increased vandalism and lack of supervision that has been brought about by the "free" access for all! Quit trying to fix that which is not broken! It was better before you changed it!
- Specifically Mountain Biking trails, AKA natural surface single-track in the forest
- Mountain bike trails
- Horse trails
- Dog parks and multi use trails that allow horses.

- Clark county needs mountain bike trail access that mixes trails and pavement to access vast trail networks. Educated people with money ride mountain bikes. biking is one of the fasting growing social activities for C-Level executives. Don't ignore the impact a well thought out trail network that ACCESS vast open space. If the designed solution involves needing to put your bike on a car rack, don't even bother. It needs to be accessible from mix of roads and trails (mostly dirt).
- Mountain bike trails and bike skills parks. Like Duthie Hill in King County
- Development of mountain biking designated trails.
- BMX park or a pump track. More stuff for young cyclists.
- Let sports associations build new sports fields for competition. County parks should keep a few sports fields up for pick up games for families.
- I believe that there needs to be more opportunities for actual bike riding. We have skateparks, walking/bike paths but there is a complete lack of any type of bicycle riding other than trundling along the walking paths. We cyclists (be it BMX or MTB) need a place to go ride that is both legal and something we can enjoy. Not everybody is wanting to just go peddle around, there are those of us that need more 2 wheeled stimulation such as indoor bike parks, outdoor bike parks, even having bike related obstacles that parallel the paths.
- a dog park with sealed fencing gated for aggressive dogs that can be shared - individually. the way from hazardous Towers.
- mountain bike trails
- bathrooms!
- Development of more horse trails
- Equestrian trail and linking parks together. No paved trails
- More playgrounds
- stupid thing won't let me just put $100.00 in trail category
- camping sites, yurts, RV parking at Vancouver Lake
- Making sure there is good play equipment for children.
- Emergency/vandalism or flexibility if priority land becomes available to purchase; fund to make up for loss of fees; restore fees
- 100 lighted tracks and trails for night running
- water features
- We need more equestrian related parks and trails
- Develop land already owned by the county.
- more park land dedicated to native plants and wildlife habitat with trails and educational material
- $100 to beef up security patrols and maintenance in the parks we already have
- Improve safety of existing playgrounds And parks. Lighting of trails.
- Outdoor swimming pool
- Equestrian access and trails
- Indoor swimming pool for NORTH clark county
- Open up better boat launch (kayak) around Vancouver Lake, Lacamas Lake, Lake River, Ridgefield, Wintler Park etc.
- Before you acquire more land maintain what you have AND develop land you already have into parks as promised.
- Restrooms
- maintenance -- I think it's suffered some in the last 18 months
- I sold a house in 2011 and paid enormous park taxes and didn't get shit for my money cause I don't use the parks. Complete taxation without representation or use. These questions don't ask if people want to continue the existing tax structure for parks,
- less tax's!!!!! socialism only works well as long as you don't run out of other peoples money.
- Keep restrooms open all year. It is really frustrating to find restrooms that are locked due to lack of funding, or not having restrooms when needed.
- Community garden space

- Put walking/bike underpasses or overpasses for roundabouts so that drivers, who are supposed to be looking left, do not have to deal with cross walks on the right!!!
- more tennis courts in parks as a good all age sport, school grounds open to the public as parks during non-school hours, weekends, vacations, summers, reserving some waterfront areas for public access parks, Shade trees in parks strategically located, bathrooms open in all county parks all months of the year with water access, at least one garden park with bulbs, flowering shrubs, roses, lilacs etc
- Construction or acquisition of unused tennis courts for pickle ball with night lighting.
- "items not mention
- e above"
- sidewalks and access to local parks so we don't have to drive our kids and dogs
- Complete the park on 109th and 26th
- Security - Someone that can give citations to citizens that are breaking park rules.
- There is a need for more security in the parks. Drug dealing/use, sexual liaisons between juveniles, motorcycles using the park as a short cut, after dark nefarious activities. Security cameras would help identify individuals for law enforcement.
- Removing invasive species, managing for wildlife.
- Add seating along trails and in parks (population is aging); provide drinking fountains near playgrounds and sports fields. Add garbage disposal cans, one per park is NOT enough.
- Disc Golf Courses. Leverich just isn't enough and is not a full course. I cross into Oregon to play most of the time. I'd much rather play locally and keep my business local.
- Security Patrols for law and rule enforcement.,
- Wheel chair and other special needs adapted playground equipment
- Disc golf course
- Fields for emerging sports.
- Creation of more off-leash dog area
- Develop Cougar Creek Park.
- Swimming access with lifeguards
- Boat launches
- Put funds toward fencing off the area south of Tower Crest Park that backs up to a residential neighborhood - there is vandalism, drug use, unsupervised youth destroying trees to make dangerous bike ramps. The police, city and county officials have been notified of this ongoing issue to no avail.
- Tied in with school programs, from 1-12 grade
- community center opportunities around the county
- Dog parks please
- fun type playground and exercise (gym-like) setup for people on foot, rather than sport fields for organized teams
- Taxes are high enough to pay for parks upkeep...use you HUGE income from marijuana. Should be ashamed for taking upkeep of parks and other areas around Homestead Acres away from us and still collect HIGH taxes with no service. Better learn to budget like we have to do and clean house.
- "Pay stations and security at parks like Wintler, Frenchmens Bar, and Vancouver Lake.
- They are currently not family friendly or pleasant on summer evenings.."
- Hiking, walking and bike trails are very efficient use of dollars for enjoyment and diversity of people using them.
- combined operation with the City of Vancouver and other cities in the county.
- reducing the bureaucracy to free up funds.
- Community Center Partnerships
- planting of new trees and maintenance of current flora that could pose a hazard to guests
- More off leash dog parks
- Invest in adequate FREE parking (many of the parks are not within walking distance of most county residents. Maybe put some money towards facilities at schools (walking tracks, tennis courts, playgrounds, etc.) that

most people can get to. Decide which parks are supposed to be in a more natural state and which are supposed to be built up--sport fields, skate parks, disc golf etc. and don't put them next to each other or you will have dreadful traffic/parking issues.

- Watering---4 times min. during summer
- Keep up your neighborhood parks. It is awful, they trees and plants are dying and there is no watering in the summer. Neighborhood parks are your responsibility and you need to spend some money in this area.
- I would invest in the creation of more horse trails. Clark Co has a very large horse population, and needs more areas to ride in. longer trails, and more variation.
- New Playground construction and playground updates
- $100 Walnut Grove Park needs cross walks
- Designated Bank Fishing Access
- New playground equipment, climbing structures for children
- off-leash dog parks
- Water the grass in the parks. Clark county has the worst looking parks during the summer. Use some of the huge profits the state is making off the marijuana sales to maintain the parks. It's embarrassing to have visitors see the conditions of the parks, litter, streets, etc. Homestead Park in Cascade Park just added a lot of "exercise" equipment while the children's playground is a deplorable, graffiti covered and in unsafe condition, it needs "padding" under the equipment, painting, and removal of the sliver covered wood balance board.
- We need More Disc golf courses. I have heard the county is charging an absorbinant permitting fee to set up the Frenchmans Bar course. I don't understand why, the county should be encouraging the development of its facilities by non profit community driven groups
- dog parks
- more mountain bike trails
- Safety. Currently sums to be a total hands off policy for use and costs. As is the users drive way to fast on the roads out to park have little respect for any walkers etc. Know they can get away with anything
- To utilize Vancouver Lake to it's full potential. Boating of all kinds, Crew, canoe, kayak, SUP, dragon boating, etc. Large potential for bring money into the city.
- Off leash dog paw area and water access in the fairgrounds/salmon creek area.
- Provide overnight camping opportunities
- Acquisition of off road and unpaved mountain biking opportunities
- Equestrian trails and riding areas.
- I grew up in Anchorage, Alaska where the bike trails/cross country ski trails run for miles throughout the city and are easily accessible. I didn't realize how lucky we were. I thought all cities were like that. Now that I am raising my family in Vancouver, I really miss being able to get on a safe bike trail and go for a bike ride as a family. I don't feel it's very safe just riding around the neighborhoods but in order to get on any trails, we'd have to put the bikes all in our truck and then drive two vehicles to a trail to ride. Please make more biking trails!
- 1 A DIY skills community workshop with tools and computers that are signed out for onsite use like a library.
- complete the construction of parks promised when the park district was proposed and approved
- An indoor swimming facility in the battle ground area. With all the water activity in the area more people need easier access to swimming lessons. It is essential for safety. If indoor and reasonably priced it could also offer year round recreational options. Right now too much is completely inaccessible 6 months out of the year under normal rainy conditions.
- Disc golf
- Many of the playgrounds have big gaps between the steps and are not suitable for kids under 3. It would be great if the play structures could be a bit safer for little kids.
- We need more public swimming pools in northern Clark County.
- Construction of new horse trails as well as improvements/maintenance of existing horse trails.
- gravel horse trails
- Horse trails. Gravel trails not paved.

- I would put it all in off road biking opportunities in Vancouver. The demand for off road cycling far exceeds the opportunities available.
- I would like to see the parks and recreation acquire scenic areas that should NOT be developed by track homes . I would prefer see more of a conservation angle effort when it comes to parks and recreation.
- Equestrian access
- Development of equestrian facilities
- maintenance of equestrian trails
- horse trails
- Create new equestrian trails a maintain existing ones (i.e., Whipple Creel).
- equestrian trail supplies for maintenance
- Trails are essential as everyone ages.
- heavy emphasis on open space specifically for wildlife with corridors between open space areas that help birds and other animals thrive
- More money invested into disc golf courses
- Mountain biking specific trails.
- It does add up to $100...?
- Improve Heritage Trail--need trees removed and trail graveled.
- Please connect Burnt Bridge Creek Trail with Heritage Trail following the waterways as closely as possible.
- We need to acquire more open space so it doesn't get developed. Once it's developed, it's lost forever. I realize development will occur, but there is absolutely no reason why we cannot dramatically increase our "natural land" holdings before the developments occur. Planning said developments AROUND the natural space will improve the everyday lives of ALL residents of Clark County.
- Free ride, single track, mountain biking trail, pump track
- Acquisition of land and open space for development of new mountain biking and hiking trails.
- Development of primitive trails for mountain biking and hiking in land currently held by the county (Green Mountain area)
- long distance 50m pool
- Enlarge horse trailer parking areas at BG Lake and Whipple Creek - They fill up with cars and we end up having to leave because there is no parking.
- Kayak access
- Extending trails for equesitian,hiking and biking.
- hand launched water craft facilities
- Off leash dog parks.
- horse trails
- Horseback riding trails
- lighting and maintenance
- Disc golf courses in East County (Camas/Washougal).
- My family along with my neighbors of the Landover-Sharmel neighborhood would absolutely LOVE it if our local neighborhood park off 18th Street was finally developed!! If there was a play structure and maybe a park bench or table I know without a doubt that it would be used EVERYDAY!! (My kids would be there everyday for sure!) We already have a neighborhood garden that we put in and many of our community members volunteer their time and personal equipment to care for it. Furthermore, we have our annual neighborhood get-togethers there such as our neighborhood picnics. However we must bring everything we need like tables and chairs, activities for the kids, and so on. No one stays for very long because the kids always get bored with nothing to play on and with the roads so busy most of our kids can't go to the school or public parks without their parents driving them. Please, please help us improve our neighborhood park, I know if there is ANY volunteer work needed on our part to make this happen we would be more than happy to do it!! Thank you for listening, I hope we can start this project in the very near future.
- Restroom facilities in neighborhood parks
- It could be used for acquisition but I would like to see it used for special projects like for disabled children.

- New properties
- acquisition and development of equine trails and facilities for the ever expanding equine population and non motorized vehicles
- Preservation of old growth trees and natural areas; large swaths of forest and field areas, with limited maintenance (eliminate noxious weeds) and promote wildlife habitat and preservation, such as birds, deer....
- Clark County needs MORE park land. It would be amazing to be known for beautiful parks and streams.
- Clean up trash and litter. I see so many plastic bags and litter all over. Put some programs in place that encourage respecting nature, not littering and removing ivy! Please!
- I would support Horse trails/multi use trails that all can use.
- Horse Trails
- Equestrian Trails Explained earlier.
- Creating natural play areas for kids not plastic metal jungles.
- A few picnic tables and regular mowing for my neighborhood park, in Landover/Sharmel :-)
- "Expanded equine trails. Equine use is only listed once in this survey. This is very unsatisfactory.
- Most county trails should allow equine travel and all new planning of trails should include equine use. With all the money spent in Clark Co on equines and all the stuff that goes with them, you would think we would garner quite a bit more respect and representation when it comes to trail planning and use."
- Security, with the removal of paid parking undesirables have taken over parks. Security must be improved to offset this change.
- Parking, often the lots are full and force residents to park on busy streets
- As a member of Back country horseman and Washington trail riders, I have spent many hours working on trails in Clark county . We have many equestrian in this county that generates a lot of money to Clark county . We need better access to more trails and riding on asphalt is not safe to horse or riders . Horse back riding is also a sport ! And Clark cty. needs to realize this and offer more horse friendly Trails
- Horseback riding trails throughout the county
- "Improve trail access to connect trials together to form more walkable communities. For example children cannot get to Luke Jensen sports park safely from 68th St. If we proceed on the walking trail plan at Heritage farm that would connect people south of 78th st and make so they could walk to stores on Hwy 99, walk or bike to luke Jensen, get to padden parkway trail and even get to hazel dell park safely.
- Also Heritage farm has 5 acres of Hazel dell park that is now located off of 68th st and we need more community garden plots as their is a wait list currently at Heritage farm. I was on the sounding board in developing the plan for heritage farm and one of the guiding principals is to improve community health and wellness. We need to do this and work in conjunction with Clark county public health. The best way to lower obesity and improve walkability of neighborhoods is to connect the existing trails and that includes bpa land. It also is the most budget conscious way to proceed. Thank you."
- Horse riding trails
- Development of parks that were put on-hold
- "Maintaining/building fountains/splash pads/non-swimming water areas that are closer to shade & the playground.
- For example, the Ester Short fountain is so far from the playground my kids can't do both at the same time."
- improvement of boating facilities, emergency
- Leverich is a great park but is often very crowded and hard to play due to so many people playing the course. A second course of its statute would be a great addition to the county.
- Recreation Center!!! The County Council needs to provide this community a recreation center up north in the Salmon Creek area or multiple smaller recreation centers throughout the county.
- Build Sorenson park which was slated for development under the Metropolitan Parks district but subsequently put on hold.
- Increase canoe, kayak access and develop a water trail map.
- Dog Parks and Bike Parks
- Develop the land already purchased into a park, enough years have gone by for some still un-developed.

- Build Sorenson park, it is desperately needed since the neighborhood has limited sidewalks and small lot sizes.
- BMX/skateboard area in an existing park area
- Build Sorenson park which was slated for development under the Metropolitan Parks district but subsequently put on hold.
- Building parks promised under the Metropolitan Parks District that were put on hold when the economy turned. Specifically Sorenson Park.
- Building of parks promised under the greater Clark parks district specifically Sorenson Park.
- Acquisition and improvement of horse trails-the few we have are mainly only walkable-and I really like to go more.
- Equestrian trails. Equestrian groups were sold a bill of goods on the Battle Ground connector trail, promised multi use and it is pave and for walkers/bikers only. There are only two county parks with horse trails, yet you build the Hockinson Community park in the middle of ag land and high horse population and made no provisions for equestrian use.
- water play areas and a community center with pool
- bicycle skills area
- Security
- $100 for additional signs stating dog owners MUST keep their dogs on lead and MUST clean up dog poop.
- Disc golf!
- Clark county needs more soccer fields, soccer is growing so fast. Awesome sport.
- Actually, this change requires NO additional money but it needs to occur. Namely, unlock gates to river access parks one hour BEFORE sunrise or, if money were to be spent and there's a reason to not open earlier, then create "early bird" parking just outside of gates for anglers. Fishing at first light will happen even if these parks are locked and vandalism does not occur nearly as often early in the day as it does late at night.
- Fix cougar creek and the other ignored under utilized properties that already exist!!!
- Offset additional charges for visiting places like Salmon Creek Greenway
- Security
- This question does not work. I would allocate 20 to maintenance and 80 to trails
- Skateboard/box, disc golf
- A public pool that did not require a membership.
- preservation of Vancouver Lake. the lake has a wonderful park, but it is underutilized and watersports on the lake needs to be promoted.
- HORSE trails.
- Security, administration
- equestrian trails, parking, access
- Your website talks about all the horseback riding opportunities in Clark County Parks, but that's nonsense. Horses don't belong on paved paths. They need native dirt paths. I would spend my money to preserve the few horseback riding opportunities that currently exist in Clark County Parks. PLEASE, don't forget about the horseback riders when you are doing your planning!
- Matching grant fund for new sports fields.
- Neighborhood dog exercise areas, including maintenance, upkeep (hauling away owner collected dog waste) and occasional law enforcement monitoring
- "There is so much litter in all the Washougal parks (& on the streets),I don't know that Washougal residents deserve or want better parks. There is more litter here than in
- L A. Camas & Vancouver are much better - what do they do that we don't?"
- Dirt trials like forest park (wildwood etc)
- Equestrian facilities and trails
- Equestrian use
- provide equestrian access as set forward in comprehensive planning to connect whipple creek trail system across clark county.....do not force out horses
- skateboarding more little somein in parks.

- equine recreation
- Investment would be in trails that are accessible to all users, including equestrians. Rather than cutting us out at the last minute as on the most recent stretch of the Chelatchie trail.
- Have more mutt mitts available for dog waste. More garbage containers.
- Horse trails
- Improve, maintain, acquire, and develop horse trails and riding facilities.
- Horse Trails
- Equestrian trails
- I most frequently visit clark county parks to play disc golf. I would like to see additional funding go to expanding access to disc golf courses.
- Rifle range
- better horse trails
- A place to have our dogs off leash
- Equestrian trails
- A few new shelters built for 5 - 15 people inside and 10 people outside.
- How about a park for inclusion of special needs (physical and or mental) community members, similar to Oso De Oro Park in Fresno CA.
- More effort put into enforcing park rules/county ordinances such as active ticketing of owners of unleashed dogs in leash only areas.
- "Horse related and shared walking trails,
- Clark country has more horse per capita compare to other states , yet Clark Country is doing nothing for this quality of life with trails. Horse add jobs, and bring money to the local community.
- Review states like AZ, KY, FL, NV ,
- Horse keep kids out of trouble!"
- Horseback riding trails
- Taking out the homeless so I feel safer. I see homeless people in campers/vans at EVERY clark county park. It's creepy and a high risk for the county not to deal with before it gets worse. Today I saw 4 homeless people at vancouver lake! Creepy!!!
- Equine trails and Facilities
- Pay for toll takers to keep out the riff raff.
- More opportunities for equestrian trails
- Finish parks that we have land for but are just fields
- new off-leas dog parks
- off leash dog park downtown
- We really need a off-leash dog park downtown. We mostly use Esther Short park where our dogs must do their business right where everyone has to sit on the same grass for events.
- off-leash dog parks
- Opening of a new 18 hole disc golf course in Clark County, as the existing parks are becoming more and more crowded.
- Seating areas along trails and in parks - especially as our population ages or just want to sit and enjoy view/sport/play.
- Mountain bike pump tracks like they have in most other cities.
- Security to stop partying and other illegal activities.
- I would give money and volunteer my free time to build mountain biking: pump track, skill park, free ride, single track.
- horseback riding/hiking trails
- disc golf course development.
- Community swimming pool
- Installation of a disc golf course.
- Disc Golf Courses, 18 Holes, Par 60-72

- Disc Golf a New 18 Hole Course at Orchards Park
- "This section would not work. It kept telling me the choices need to add up to $100, which they did.
- Improvements $25.00, Acquisition of new park land $50.00, Acquisition and dev of walking trails $25.00"
- I would and have given way more than $100 to Disc Golf Improvements in Clark County and in Oregon.
- Developing park property that is already owned by the parks dept--there are 2 park properties within walking distance of my house that are undeveloped but no existing parks that we can safely walk to. Cougar Creek park on 16th ave and Sorenson would both be easy to walk to, and we'd love to see at least one be turned into a real park.
- Security - Some of the current parks are unsafe with the removal of pay entrance guard.
- The Sorenson Park had a site plan developed and construction was approved and scheduled to begin in the spring of 2011. We are committed to seeing this park developed. We think the shuffling of funds and plans are wrong and there should be no doubt that this park should be finished ASAP. Show your commitment to the Sorenson Neighborhood Park!!
- Making sidewalks for safe neighborhood access to parks and trails in unsafe places.
- Acquisition of land for ecology conservation
- I would like to see an indoor facility with lap pools in the Salmon Creek/Ridgefield area.
- Horseback riding trails
- hand carry launches that can also be accessed by small boat hand dollies - don't put the posts at parking so close together that hand dollies won't fit through
- development of more dog parks
- Fixing up and making playgrounds better. They are all sort of the same. Portland has some amazingly cool playgrounds and we should too!
- Quality BMX racing track to hold regional races. Bicycle skills parks, pump track.
- More park staff and security
- Room for the wisdom of advisory board and staff to invest in the system itself including additional acquisitions of park land and open space.
- Additional paid staff and park security.
- REMOVING ALL SKATE PARKS.
- Enhancement of administrative capabilities - reservations, public outreach, grant writing, etc.
- More off leash dog parks.
- building bark chip paths
- Open covered Small creek tributaries to historical past.
- multi use trails for horse back use
- Dog park
- Single track dirt trails in forested areas for mountain biking and hiking.
- more benches with shady trees
- I would actually spend the money on other parts of the budget. Parks don't rank as high as other departments
- I would like to see a water feature that kids can play in. I would prefer to have this on the east side of town.
- "Be open to new opportunities, so far we have just hit the basic / traditional offerings, that's not bad but there is more and we/you can do better.
- What's the demographics of the county/cities tell you? I.e., do your trails intersect with transportation lines (buses) so one could bus his bike out to Battle Ground / Camas and bike back home? Are your trail rated for difficulty, I may be older or disabled or if I am blind how do I know what I should be seeing /brail. Don't just look at what we have and say that's fine. Look at what we don't have or what our population make up suggests! What do YOU need to be providing when we look around and there is another 100,000 new residents here. That may likely be to late to get the right land mass in the best or right place. Who's coming and what will they want? Change is the only predictable thing. We have to be ready for it and accepting of it - but it would be better if we were the change makers! VISION and Future Think is a must."
- 20 for completion of undeveloped park lands in the inventory, 10 for development of nature play / non-traditional play features, like those at Jorgenson Woods Park

- Security / police presence improvement
- Vancouver Lake - hosting rowing, dragon boating, kayaking events (draw in for state/region; handicap accessible sports dock (for rowers, kayakers, dragon boaters);
- Pickle Ball Courts
- na
- Phase out public funding of sports complexes, allowing the organizations who use them to fund them through membership fees.
- Reducing fee of use for local non-profit sports organizations like Little League and Soccer clubs
- Volleyball & Basketball courts - indoor
- neighborhood play areas near more neighborhood for youngsters to play and relief for adults from city scapes. Safe areas with open space to use your imagination
- Completing parks that have been put on hold (i.e. Kelly Meadows) before moving on to acquire and maintain other new parks.
- By law, counties only purchases parkland and when folks are annexed into the City do they get the full park experience. So maybe all of Clark County should be annexed into the City of Vancouver as it's our future per GMA. Read the RCW on Parks and what the County can and can't do.
- dog parks
- Facilities for remote control model vehicles and aircraft
- Creating more active areas such as water access for kayaking, bouldering areas, interconnecting existing parks with off road biking and walking trails.
- Creation of water access areas for the public
- Create a comprehensive trail system. Build the Chelatchie Prairie Trail.