



# MASTER PLAN 21 - 25

## Five Year Comprehensive Park System Master Plan 2021-2025

Franklin Parks and Recreation Department

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# RESOLUTION

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE FRANKLIN PARK BOARD, by unanimous declaration, does adopt the Franklin Parks and Recreation Five Year Comprehensive Park System Master Plan as its official plan for the next five years, for the growth and development of parks and recreation opportunities in Franklin, Indiana.

Passed and signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

ATTEST:

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# INTRODUCTION

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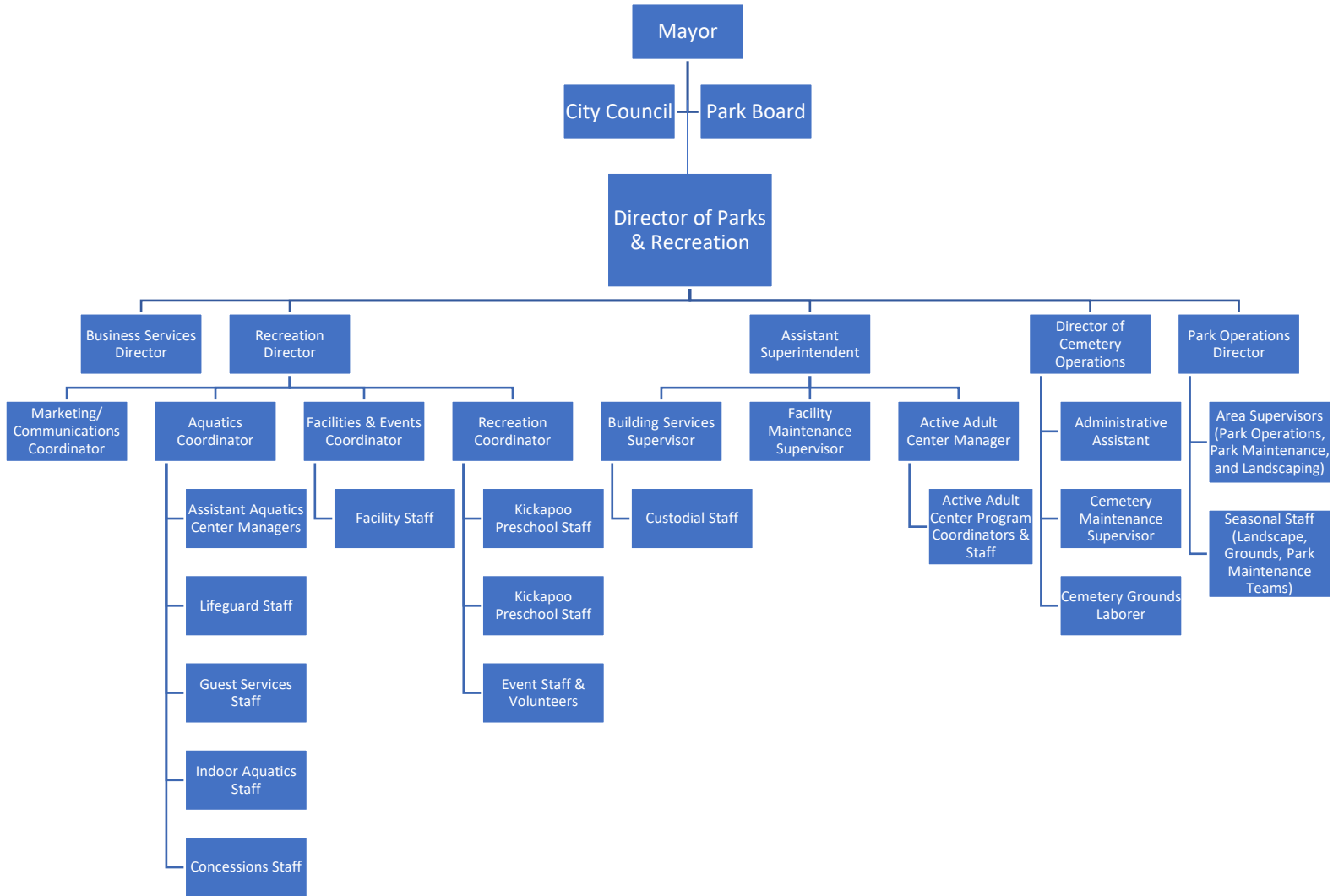
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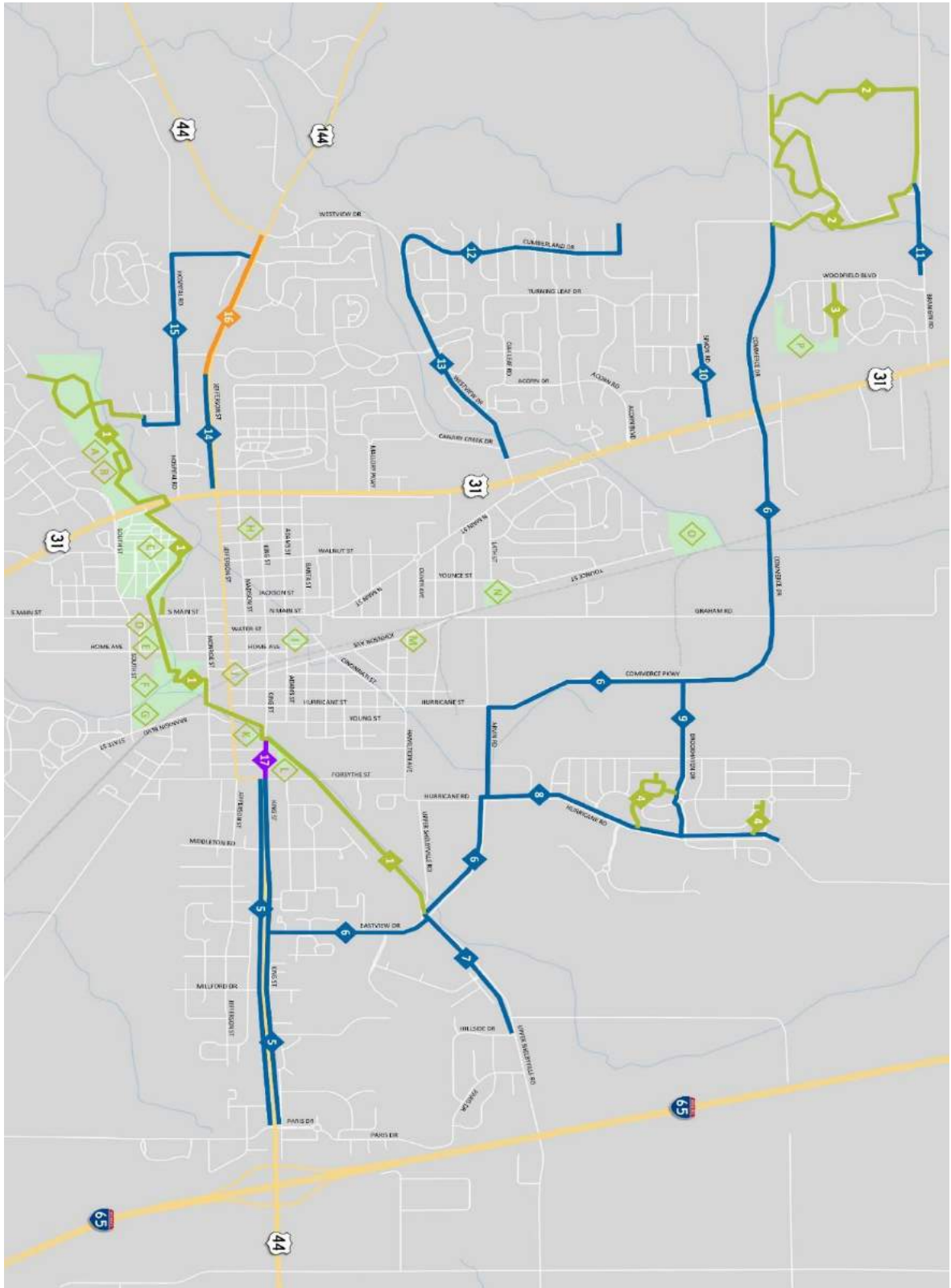


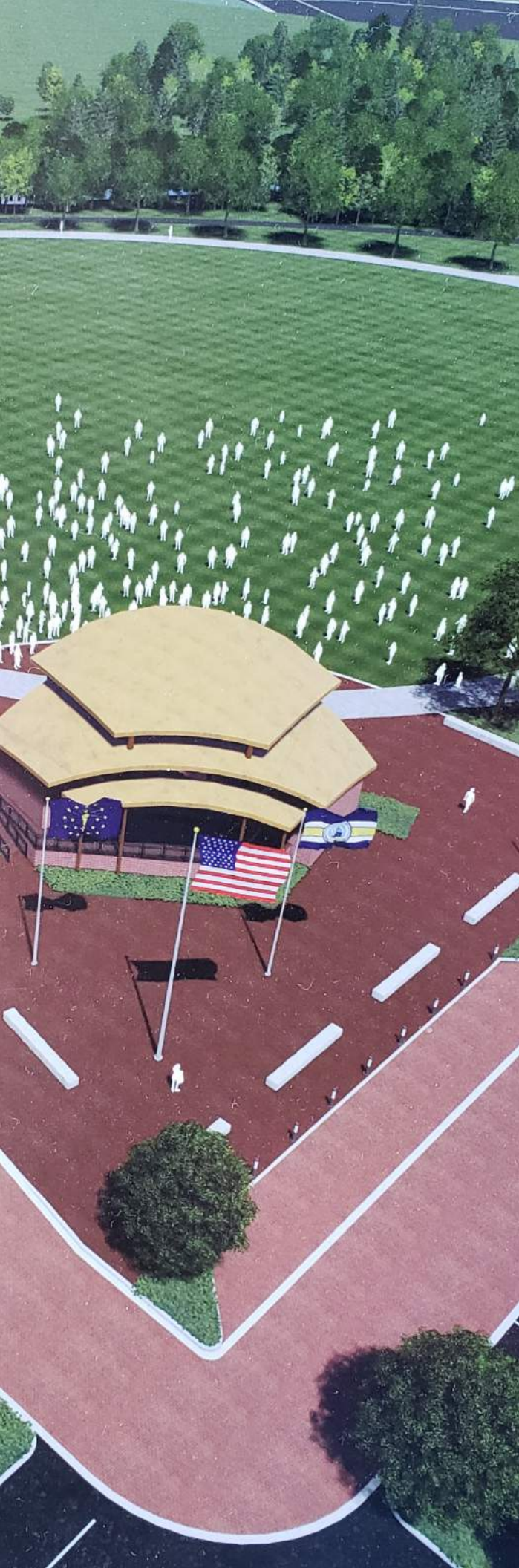
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## Planning Area





# GOALS & OBJECTIVES

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## GOALS & OBJECTIVES

### **Park Board**

The Franklin Board of Parks and Recreation is the policy-making authority for the Franklin Parks and Recreation Department. The Board is bipartisan and comprised of four members appointed by the Mayor to serve staggered four-year terms. The Franklin Parks and Recreation Department and its Board operate under the provision of the “Indiana Parks and Recreation Law” (CI 36-10-3) in accordance with City Ordinance.

### **Our Vision**

Franklin is a community where everyone participates in recreational experiences that engage, inspire, and enrich lives.

### **Our Mission**

Franklin Parks and Recreation inspires our community to come together, learn, grow and be active, healthy and well by delivering exceptional parks, open spaces, trails, facilities, programs and services.

### **Our Values**

- Teamwork
- Communication
- Service
- Integrity
- Professionalism
- Fun
- Quality
- Learning

## **Goals & Objectives for Long Term Excellence**

### Human Resources

- A park board that provides strong leadership and which fosters cooperation between itself, the Director, the Mayor, and the City Council.
- A qualified, committed, park staff that is motivated and customer oriented, whose skills are competitively compensated, and whose achievements are recognized.

### Administration and Operations

- An administration that provides good management and that follows adopted plans.
- A consistent set of policies regarding patron use of park property and a price structure that supports maintenance of facilities and programs without denying access to any citizen.
- A safety and security program that provides safe facilities to attract and impress the public; gives patrons a sense of security and reduces vandalism.
- A park system with an appearance that is a source of pride, with clean facilities, and maintenance that is guided by a financially sound preventative maintenance program.

### Funding and Financial Management

- A long-term financial plan that enables careful financial management, accountability for revenue, a spending and public funds, and a capital improvements plan.
- Adequate long-term funding that includes a consistent level of tax support, creative new funding sources and partnerships with business and private donors.

### Organization Relationships

- A park system that develops community pride, is user friendly, provides great customer service, and is supported by citizens through public and private partnerships.
- Beneficial government relations through coordination and collaboration with other park departments, other local government agencies, school corporations and area universities in order to reduce duplication of facilities and programs, better coordinate the provision of infrastructure and to share resources, including staff expertise.

### Physical Resources and Services

- System-wide improvements that create an inviting family atmosphere at all parks.
- Well maintained parks and facilities that are responsive to citizen needs and interests.
- A system of neighborhood parks that provides age-appropriate recreation and which are well maintained.
- Interesting programs and classes for all ages that are priced to be self-supporting.

## Planning and Growth

- A strong commitment to planning that responds to community desires and results in multi-year plans that can be realistically implemented and funded. The Five-Year Comprehensive Park System Master Plan is an integral tool in this planning process and provides for a framework for future growth and development.
- A park system that provides for growth and new facilities commensurate with the growth of the city.

## **Goals for this 5 Year Comprehensive Park System Master Plan**

- Engage the community, leadership and stakeholders through various public input means to build a shared vision for parks, recreation & community events, facilities and greenway trails for the period of 2021-2025 and beyond.
- Utilize the best up-to-date data sources available and best practices to attempt to predict trends and patterns in parks & recreation to plan how to address unmet needs in the community.
- Determine levels of service that are unique and work for the Franklin community and develop realistic action plans for parks, recreation & community events, facilities and greenway trails that reflect our community's strong commitment to providing high quality parks & recreation services for the City of Franklin.
- Develop a realistic and workable parks & recreation master plan that creates a guide to ensure long-term success and financial sustainability for the development and management of parks, recreation & community events, facilities and greenway trails.



# COMMUNITY PROFILE

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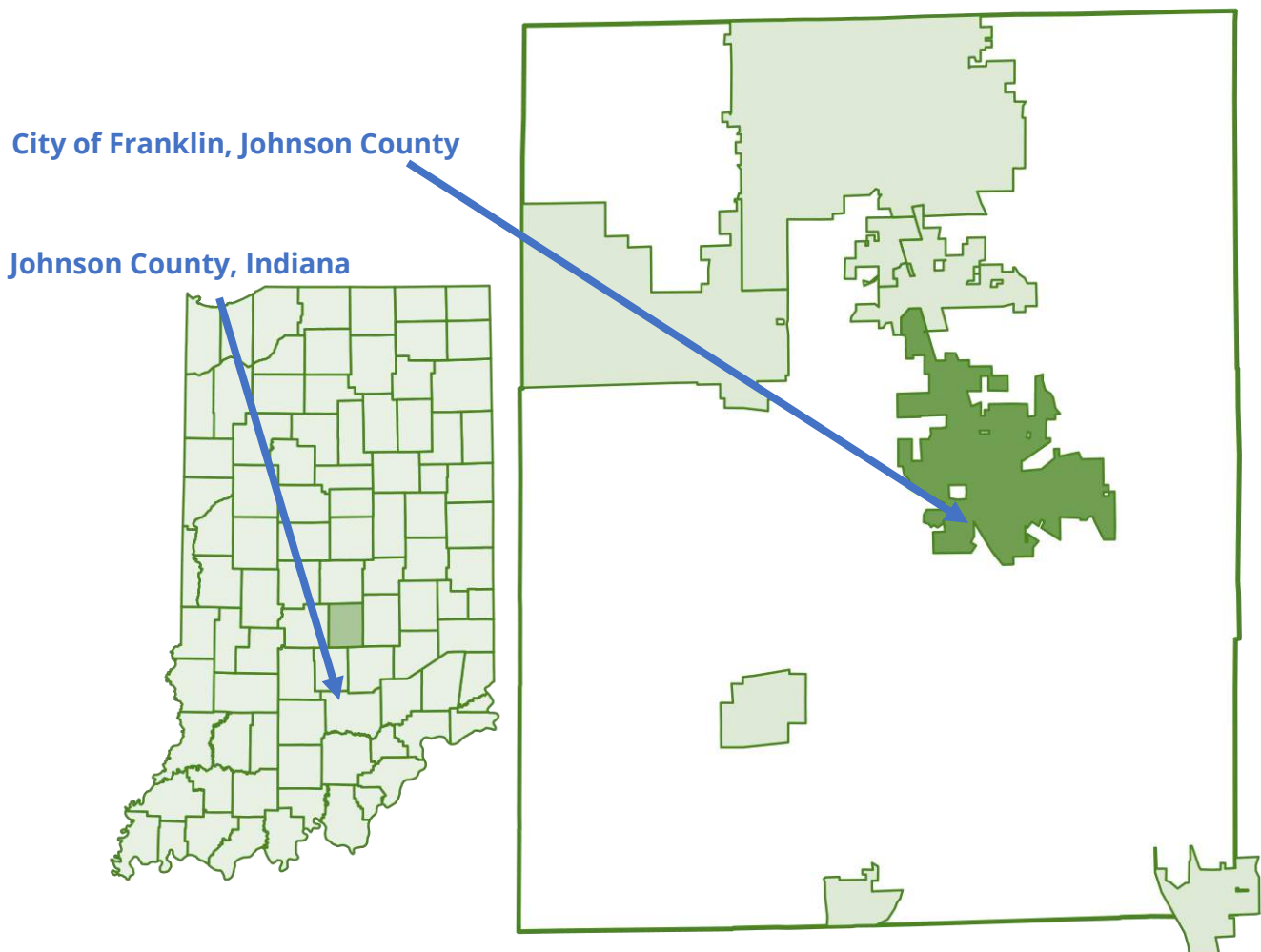
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## COMMUNITY PROFILE

Franklin is located in Johnson County in central Indiana, approximately 20 miles south of Indianapolis. Franklin is the Johnson County seat. It is also 90 minutes north of Louisville, Kentucky, 95 miles northeast of Cincinnati, Ohio, and approximately 200 miles south of Chicago, Illinois. Several major thoroughfares, including US 31, Interstate 65, and State Road 44 traverse the community.

The community continues to grow due in part to its close proximity and ease of access to Indianapolis and Interstate 65. It also has the ability to easily access the Indianapolis International Airport, which is about a 35-minute drive from Franklin.



## Natural Landscape

Franklin is relatively flat with a few gently rolling hills which are primarily near Young and Hurricane Creeks. The flat terrain is ideal for development of recreational fields and natural passive green space. This is evident due to the location of the majority of the existing parks. Franklin's climate and temperature are relatively mild. In general, there are no extreme temperatures in this region of the Midwest. Over the course of the year, the temperature typically varies from 18°F to 85°F and is rarely below 4°F or above 92°F. Average annual precipitation is 44.83 inches.

Franklin is a part of the Youngs Creek Watershed which contains a unique mixture of both urban and agricultural land uses (see Appendix for Youngs Creek WMP map from IDEM). The Youngs Creek Watershed is part of the larger Mitchell and Bedford Watersheds which contribute to the East Fork of the White River (see inset picture below).

"Johnson County lies in the region of gray-brown podzolic soils of the east-central portion of the United States. These soils developed under a heavy forest cover of deciduous trees, with sufficient rainfall to maintain a moist condition throughout the soil, except for short periods of time. Johnson County's southern border marks the approximate southern edge of the Wisconsin glacial deposits, which advanced through Indiana 20,000 years ago. These glaciers deposited glacial till, scattered sand and gravel deposits, silt, lake clays, and alluvial materials on the land surface. These deposits helped to create soil that is rich in minerals and nutrients." (*The Youngs Creek Watershed: A Plan for the Future*, The Youngs Creek Advisory Group, 2003) Beneath these glacial deposits, Franklin is comprised of mostly New Albany Shale which is a brown to black shale that is rich in organic material.



In June of 2008, large portions of south-central Indiana, including Franklin, experienced historic flooding. The flooding in Franklin submerged large portions of the city including core neighborhoods south of Youngs Creek and large portions of the central business district. Many municipal and commercial buildings were severely damaged.

As a result of the recovery efforts after the 2008 flooding, the city began purchasing flood-damaged properties. The federal money to purchase damaged properties also severely limits future development on this land. Currently, a major portion of the purchased property is under the control of the Franklin Parks and Recreation Department.

In 2009, the city adopted the Franklin Gateways, Greenways, and Redevelopment Study. This study provides a long-term framework for the future development of the recreational trails system and possible scenarios for the redevelopment of the southwest quadrant of the central business district along Youngs Creek (*Franklin Comprehensive Plan*, City of Franklin Planning Department, 2013).

While Johnson County was once covered in a large variety of hardwood trees such as oak, elm, poplar, and maple, only 3 percent of Johnson County is currently covered by woodlands with a majority of this land located in small, fragmented patches throughout the county. The situation in Franklin is very similar.

Franklin has shown a renewed emphasis on preservation of ecologically significant lands. Franklin College's Hougham Woods biological field station is a 32-acre woodland in the Franklin Tech Park. In 2008, this land was given a perpetual preservation status and will be used to support the college's scientific field research efforts. Likewise, Franklin recently committed to preserving an important wetland habitat along Youngs Creek with the establishment of the Blue Heron Wetland Area, part of the Blue Heron Park. These wetlands provide visitors a learning opportunity with an interactive boardwalk. The park also boasts over 13 acres of native wildflower plantings (*Franklin Comprehensive Plan*, City of Franklin Planning Department, 2013).

Franklin is home to several types of wildlife including a wide variety of insects, amphibians, reptiles, birds, and small mammals such as bats, badgers, shrews, weasels, squirrels, and raccoons. Johnson County in general is also home to several types of endangered, threatened, and rare species of both flora and fauna (see Appendix for the Johnson County list, prepared by the DNR).



Turtles sunning themselves in Blue Heron Wetland Area

## **Man-made, Historical, and Cultural Areas**

Franklin was platted and named the county seat in 1823. The city was named after Benjamin Franklin. The Franklin post office was established in 1824, and Franklin College was founded in 1834 (originally known as the Indiana Baptist Manual Labor Institute). Numerous historical homes, such as the Herriott House and the August Zeppenfeld House, along with other buildings such as the Johnson County Courthouse, Franklin College Old Main, and the Masonic Temple are listed on the National Register of Historical Places. Various gravesites in the Greenlawn Cemetery are also included on that list.

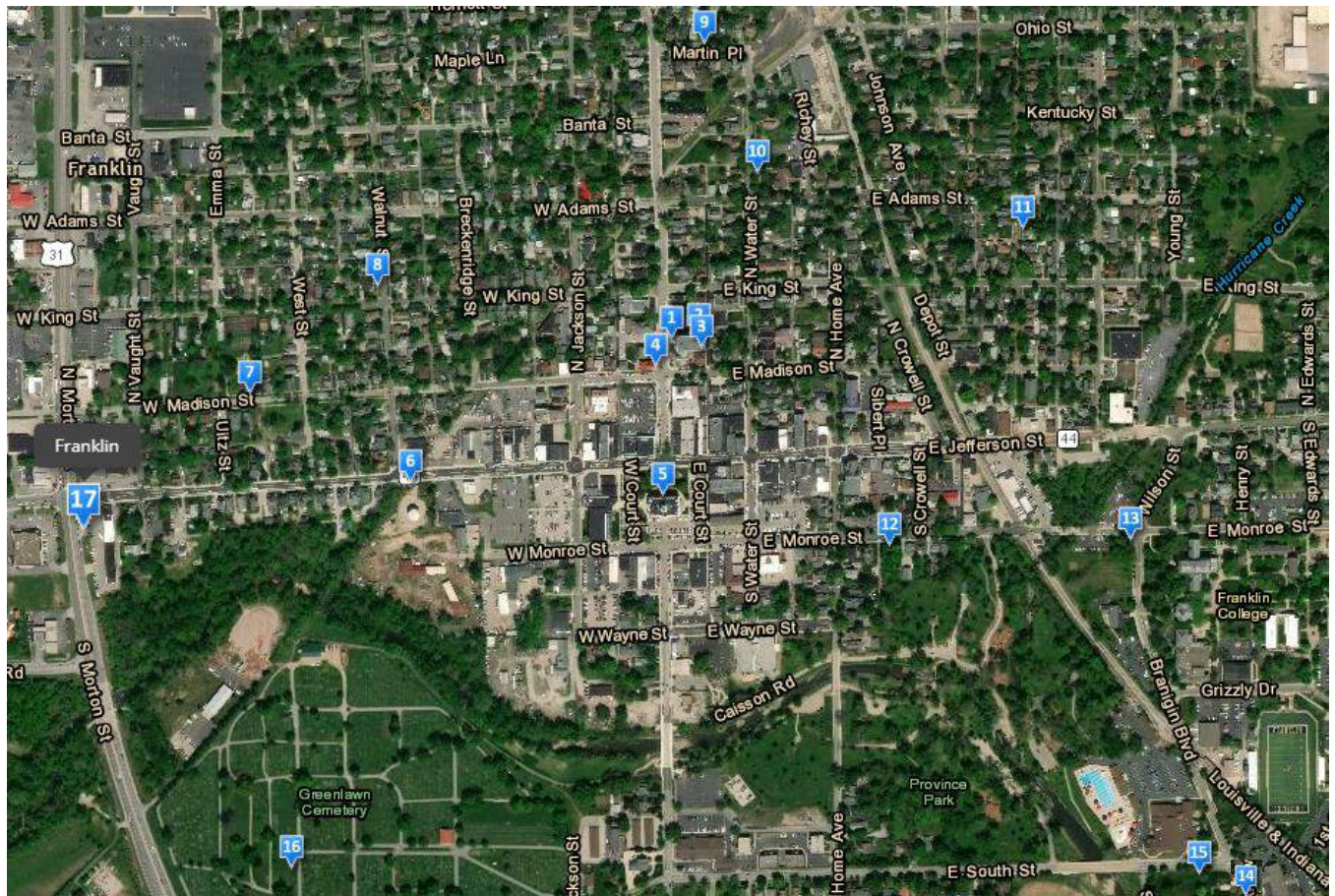


The small community of Franklin became nationally famous during the 1920s and 1940s. From 1920 to 1923, the outstanding athletic achievements of the local high school basketball team, a group who became known as the “Franklin Wonder Five,” became the first high school team to win the state championship for three consecutive years. Led by Fuzzy Vandivier, the team followed coach Ernest “Griz” Wagner to Franklin College where they won the national college championship in 1923. The December 2, 1940 issue of *Life* magazine included an essay that followed a local farmer and his family on a typical Saturday night in Franklin. The article entitled, “A Small Town’s Saturday Night,” written by Bernard Hoffman showcased downtown Franklin with double-parked cars, thick crowds, and local hotspots like the Artcraft movie theatre, Nick’s Candy Kitchen soda shop, and the corner drugstore.

The Johnson County Historical Society and the Johnson County Museum of History in downtown Franklin are able to provide a wealth of detailed information on the community. The museum is located in the historic Masonic Temple building. Adjacent to the Johnson County Museum of History is the Artcraft Theater which is a landmark within the community. According to the Johnson County Museum of History website, Franklin is also the home to 17 historical markers that include the first cabin in Franklin, site of the first county fair, and several historical schools and birthplaces in addition to the museum’s building itself.

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|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| 1) Johnson County Museum of History | 7) Booker T. Washington School  | 12) Kittie Palmer School                                 |
| 2) Furnas Mill                      | 8) Birthplace of Paul Vories McNutt,<br>Indiana's 33 <sup>rd</sup> Governor | 13) Columbus Horatio Hall                                |
| 3) Anita Station                    | 9) First Fair in Johnson County   | 14) Holloway Hall  |
| 4) Province Hospital                | 10) P.W. Payne School   | 15) Indiana Masonic Home                                 |
| 5) Johnson County Courthouse        | 11) Birthplace of Roger D. Branigin,<br>Indiana's 42 <sup>nd</sup> Governor | 16) William Watson Wick grave,<br>Judge & US Congressman |
| 6) First Cabin in Franklin          |   | 17) City of Franklin Historical Information              |

The historic Greenway Trail links Franklin from the east to west and connects some of Franklin's oldest amenities such as the Greenlawn Cemetery, Province Park and one of the first school buildings in the city, all of which date back to the early 1800s. The trail starts on the west side of town in Blue Herron Park and heads east along Young's Creek and Hurricane Creek to Needham Elementary on the east side. The trail also connects to Franklin College which was the first college in Indiana to admit women. Franklin College provides many cultural opportunities for the citizens of Franklin through guest speakers, events, and entertainment productions. In recent years, the Greenway Trail has been expanded to connect various neighborhoods as well as the Franklin Community High School on the northeast side of town.

Five state roads, one US highway, and one Interstate run through Johnson County, and three of those play a major part in the community of Franklin. Interstate 65 frames the town on its east side while State Road 44 and US 31 have long been considered major thoroughfares in the community. The Louisville & Indiana Railroad provides north-south rail service to Franklin via Indianapolis and the nation. The railroad provides service to Franklin’s various industries. The Franklin Flying Field is a privately owned, public use airport located three miles south of the central business district of Franklin (Wikipedia contributors, “Franklin, Indiana,” Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia).

Franklin has a mix of agricultural, residential, industrial and commercial land uses. The commercial areas are focused in the downtown area and on the north and east sides of the community, which are adjacent to the major thoroughfares: US 31, Interstate 65, and State Road 44. Business and industrial parks, such as Hurricane Industrial Park and Franklin Tech Park, are situated along Interstate 65 and US 31 and are developer ready. Construction began on a brand-new industrial complex known as the I-65 South Commerce Park in the spring of 2020. The residential areas surround the downtown area and continue to expand towards the northwest, southwest, and eastern sides of the community. Agricultural areas are still predominant within the community on the perimeters of the corporate limits and in the outlying contiguous areas.

Franklin is home to a growing cultural community. Groups such as the Franklin Department of Public Art, People for a Progressive Franklin, and the Creative Council of Franklin strive to help residents have access to free or low-cost artistic experiences. Huge murals that range in subject matter from Ben Franklin himself to a funky sloth can be discover all throughout the town. An ever-changing night time display known as “Night Lights” is shined upon City Hall most weekends in the summer. The Artcraft Theater is an pillar of the community that shows historic films and hosts other events such as theater productions, dance recitals, and author talks. The Ethos Art Fair, Wood Carving Magic Show and Sale, Firecracker Festival, Fall Festival, and weekly Farmer’s Market are just a few of the other community events that showcase the community and provide more cultural access (a complete list of festivals is included in the Park Inventory section of this report). The Franklin Parks and Recreation Department partners with several groups such as the Historical Society, Chamber of Commerce, and Discover Downtown Franklin to provide several fun and free experiences for all residents of the community.



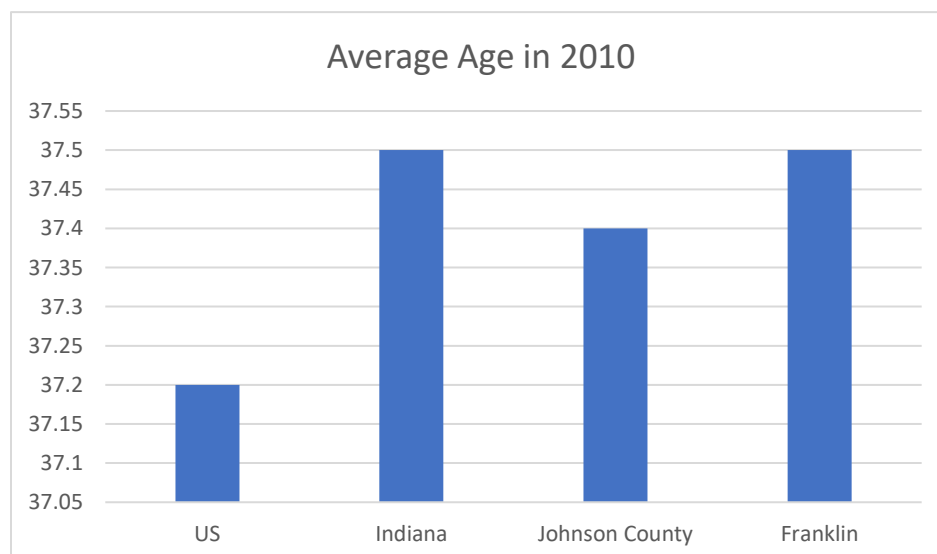
## **Social and Economic Factors**

The population of Franklin had steady growth from the 1980s up until the recession started in 2007. The US Census Bureau once estimated that the population of Franklin in 1995 would be around 13,500 people. 2000 US Census numbers provided just a few year later showed that the population was actually much higher than anticipated at 19,463. After the recession, population estimates were only set at 1.7% growth for Franklin from 2008 and 2009, so the estimate was around 24,000 for 2010. However, the final 2010 US Census count showed an even slower growth with the population sitting at 23,712. In recent years, Franklin has seen a much larger growth in population as is evident in the expansion of several housing districts in the community. The US Census Bureau quick facts estimated the population of Franklin to be 25,608 on July 1, 2019, which is a 7.9% increase from April 1, 2010 (U.S. Census Bureau Quickfacts: Franklin City, Indiana).

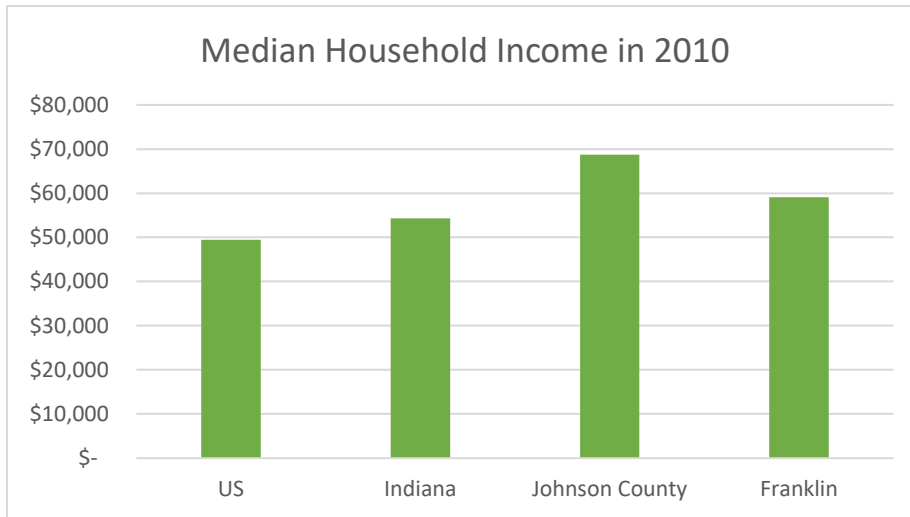
Franklin’s 2010 population data revealed a number of interesting points:

- Nearly 30% of the people in Franklin are under the age of 18 (29.2%).
- Over 50% of the population is female (51.6%).
- 96.0% of Franklin’s residents are white.
- The Hispanic population makes up the next largest category of race at 3.1%.
- Black or African-American people are 1.2% of the population in Franklin.
- 8.6% of the people in Franklin have a disability.
- Only 8.8% of the community are without health insurance.
- 1,780 American Veterans live in Franklin.

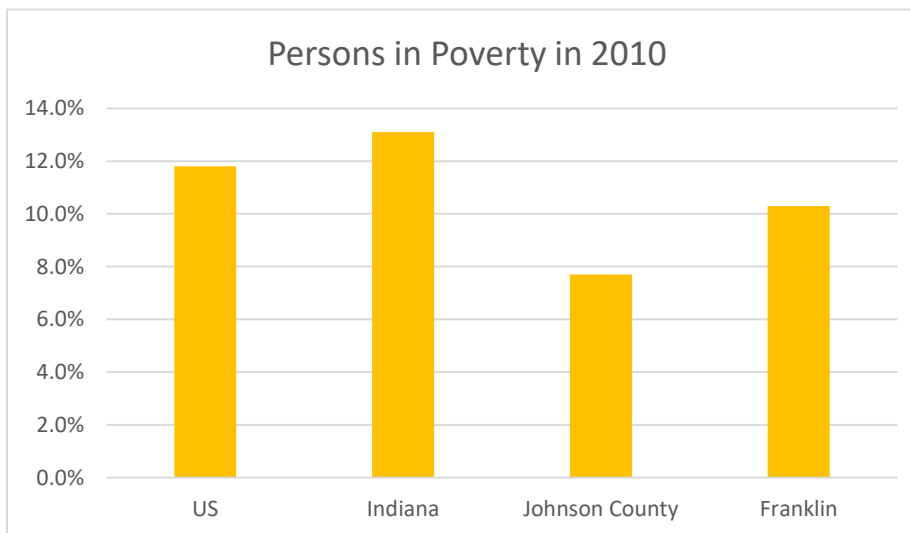
When comparing trends in Franklin with those of Johnson County, Indiana on the whole, and the United States, some other interesting factors emerged as well:



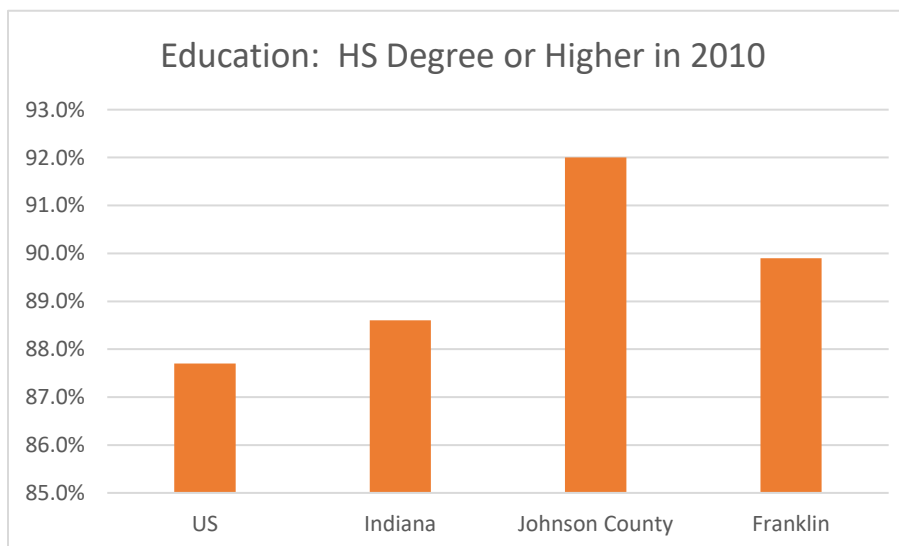
Franklin’s residents (along with Indiana’s average citizen) are slightly older in terms of average age.



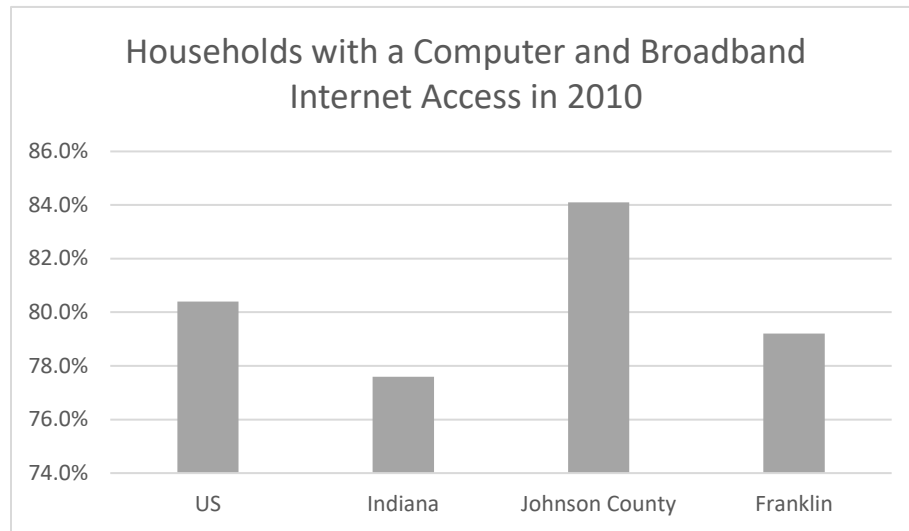
Franklin's median household income is slightly higher than both the state and national average.



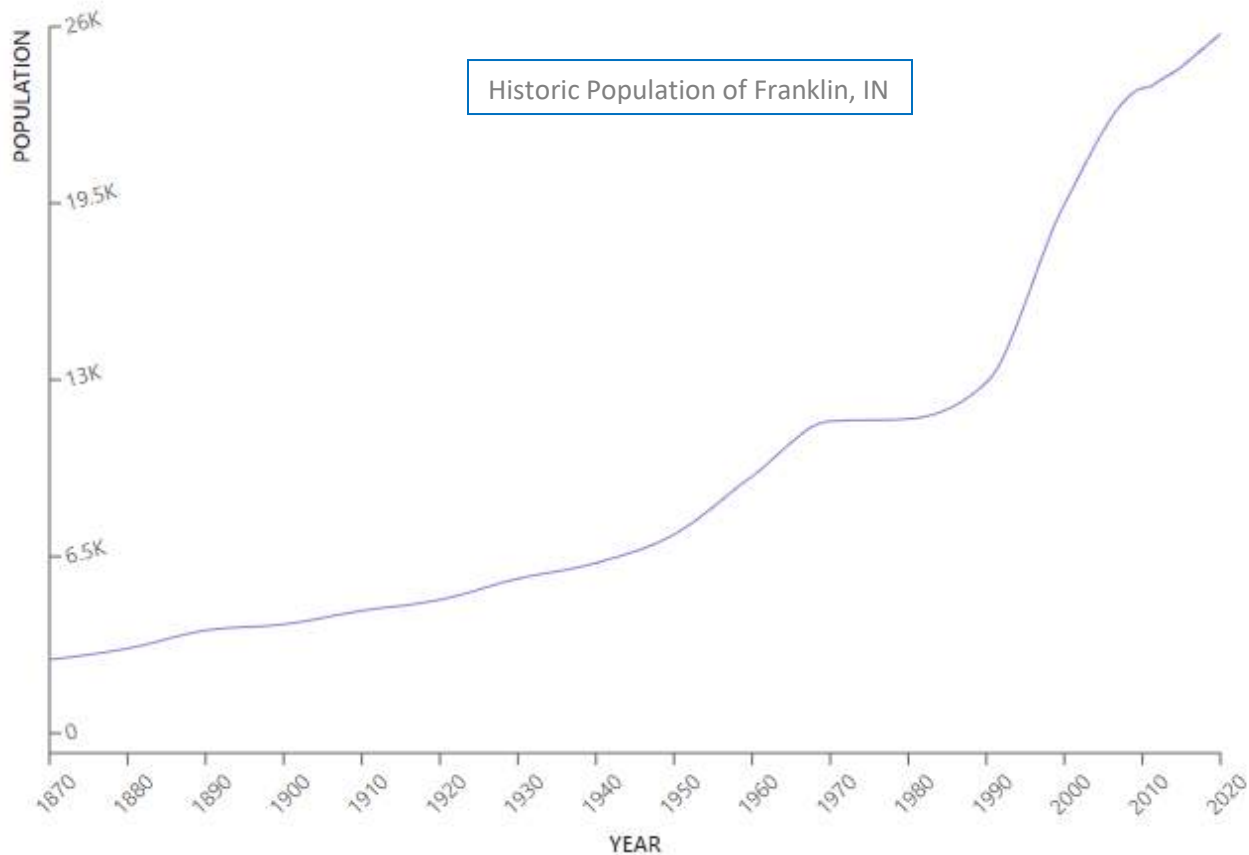
Persons in poverty in Franklin, while slightly higher than the Johnson County percentage, is a lower than in both Indiana and the country.



Both Johnson County and Franklin have a higher rate of people earning a high school diploma or higher.



The number of residents in Franklin with a computer in the home and access to broadband internet was slightly lower than the national average. This statistic could become important in the coming years as Parks and Recreation Departments across the nation look toward the future using virtual and online programs.



With the 2020 Census currently underway, updated demographics will not be available until after the start of the new year. The Franklin Parks and Recreation Department will continue to monitor the 2020 Census results as well as monitor user data of various programs. This will be critical in seeking to provide more activities and programs that promote an active lifestyle for everyone in the community.

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Franklin is home to the Franklin Grizzly Cubs, a PreK to 12<sup>th</sup> grade school corporation within the community. Franklin Community Schools include 5 elementary school buildings, an intermediate school, middle school, and high school. FCS also partners with Central Nine Career Services, Earlywood Educational Services, and Adult & Child Health to provide additional services to their students. Various preschools are available in the community, including Kickapoo Preschools that is run by the Franklin Parks and Recreation Department. St. Rose of Lima offers a private school education for students in PreK through eighth grade, and Franklin College offers a small, liberal arts college experience for students from around the globe. The 2010 Census data showed that 89.9% of Franklin's residents over the age of 25 in Franklin had obtained a high school degree or higher.

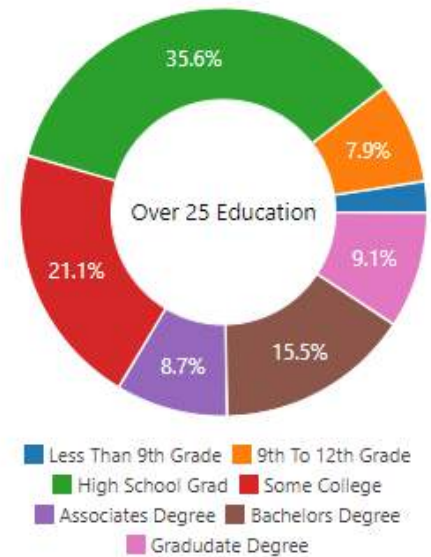


Chart courtesy of World Population Review using data from 2018 Data Profiles of the American Community Survey

The 2010 Census data also showed that the average Franklin worker drove approximately 24 minutes to get to their place of employment. The continued development of the industrial spaces near Interstate 65 on the east side of Franklin will attract future commercial growth. Franklin has several major employers. St. Louis-based Energizer Holdings, Inc. is among the newest employer in Franklin. The battery company's subsidiary, Energizer Manufacturing Inc., announced in November of 2019 that they planned to invest more than \$62 million preparing a shell building at Franklin Tech Park to become their newest packaging and distribution center which would create over 400 jobs. Other major employers within Franklin include:

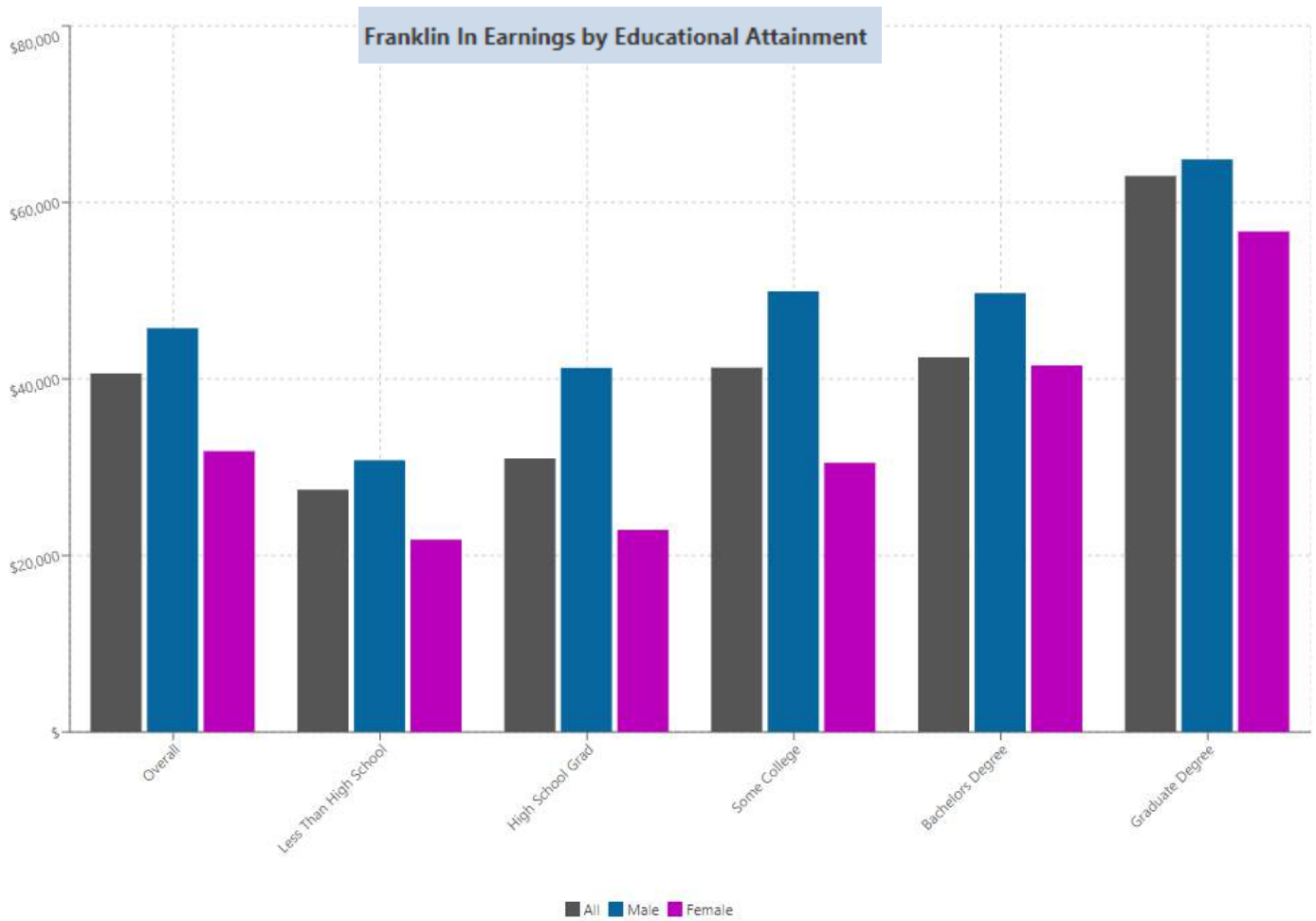
- Amcor PET Packaging
- Innovative Casting Technologies
- Direct Shot Distribution Center
- KYB America Industries
- NSK Corp/NSK Precision American
- Mitsubishi Heavy Industries
- Berry Global
- Johnson Memorial Hospital
- Franklin Community Schools
- Compass Park (formerly Indiana Masonic Home)
- Walmart
- Meijer
- Kroger

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A 2018 data profile recently created by the American Community Survey of the US Census Bureau provided some interim data for Franklin ahead of the full 2020 US Census. The World Population Review took that data and created the following charts which help to further create an economic picture of the community.



Name	Average	Male	Female
Overall	\$40,620	\$45,750	\$31,828
Less Than High School	\$27,458	\$30,786	\$21,799
High School Grad	\$30,995	\$41,257	\$22,898
Some College	\$41,281	\$49,933	\$30,497
Bachelors Degree	\$42,450	\$49,728	\$41,534
Graduate Degree	\$63,000	\$64,875	\$56,709

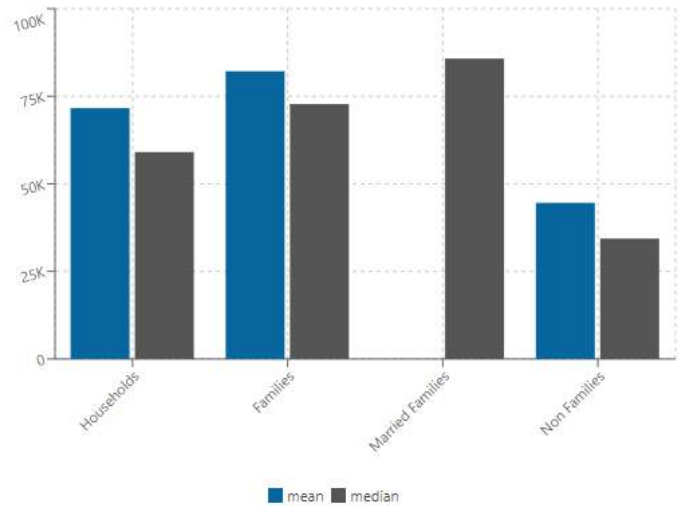
**\$40,620** Average Earnings

**\$45,750** Average Male

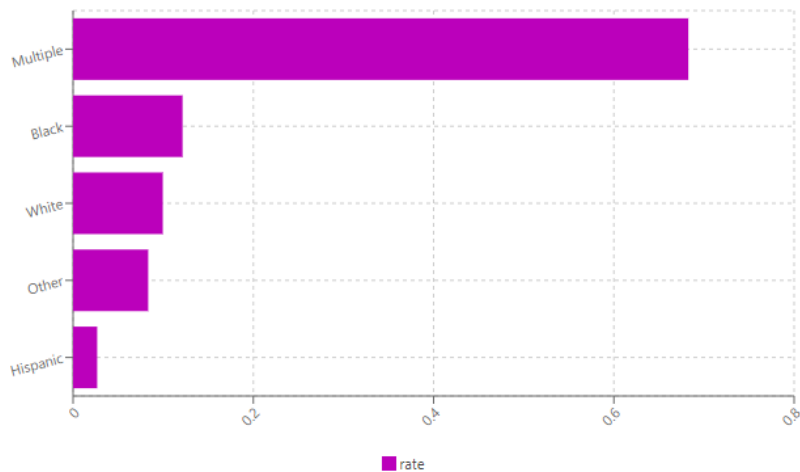
**\$31,828** Average Female

## Franklin In Income by Household Type

Name	Median	Mean
Households	\$59,064	\$71,613
Families	\$72,761	\$82,128
Married Families	\$85,762	-
Non Families	\$34,375	\$44,577



## Franklin In Poverty by Race



Name	Total	In Poverty	Poverty Rate
White	22,245	2,214	9.95%
Multiple	230	157	68.26%
Black	247	30	12.15%
Hispanic	711	19	2.67%
Other	228	19	8.33%

10.26%

Overall Poverty Rate

9.58%

Male Poverty Rate

10.90%

Female Poverty Rate

### Poverty in Franklin In

The race most likely to be in poverty in Franklin In is Multiple, with 68.26% below the poverty level.

The race least likely to be in poverty in Franklin In is Hispanic, with 2.67% below the poverty level.

The poverty rate among those that worked full-time for the past 12 months was 1.76%. Among those working part-time, it was 13.24%, and for those that did not work, the poverty rate was 16.39%.

Above charts courtesy of the World Population Review, using the 2018 Data Profiles of the American Community Survey of the US Census Bureau.



# PARK INVENTORY

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## PARK INVENTORY

The Franklin Parks and Recreation Department manages almost 300 acres of park land and trails within the City of Franklin. Maintaining and expanding open green spaces within the community enhances the appeal of the city and contributes to the overall health and wellness of Franklin residents. The Franklin Parks and Recreation Department also operates several unique facilities, including the Cultural Arts & Recreation Center, and Active Adult Center, a dog park, and a skate park just to name a few. These facilities add to the overall quality of life and serve as an investment in the future well-being of Franklin's residents.

### Current Park Locations

#### Blue Heron Park

- With an addition of approximately 24 acres in recent years, Blue Heron is the largest park in the Franklin park system with just over 86 acres in total.
- It is located in the west side of town just south of Youngs Creek adjacent to the Franklin Lakes subdivision.
- A 6.5-acre section of the park is a dedicated wetland portion known as Blue Heron Wetland Area. It is utilized by several local groups such as Franklin College for wetland research and discovery.



- A state-of-the-art all-inclusive playground was added to the Blue Heron Park in 2019. The project was started in 2018 as a combined effort between the Franklin Parks and Recreation Department and Mayor's Youth Leadership Council, a Franklin Community High School organization. This hardworking group of students helped raise over \$300,000 dollars to help install a playground system that serves as a place to play for children with ambulatory disabilities (read more about this amazing park in the accessibility portion of this report).

- Blue Heron is also connected to the Historic Greenway Trail with over 2.5 miles of the trail contained inside the park. This trail way connects Blue Heron to several other parks and facilities throughout Franklin.
- A 25-hole disc golf course is a popular attraction at Blue Heron park.
- A NEW Cricket field with a clay pitch was approved for installation beside the basketball courts.
- Other amenities include:
  - One full basketball court
  - Two large shelters: one available to rent and another for first-come-first-served use
  - Numerous park benches
  - Picnic tables and grills
  - Paved parking lot in front of the park
  - Restrooms available for seasonal use

## Branigin Woods Park (Currently Closed)

- This neighborhood park is just over 13 acres and provides a couple amenities:
  - One first-come-first-use shelter
  - Wooded trail

## Community Park

- This 2-acre park is located on King Street, next to Hurricane Creek across from the Wonder Five Center.
- The Historic Greenway Trail runs along the side of the park and connects it to Blue Heron Park on the southern route and Morgan Park on the north east route.
- Other amenities include:
  - Multiple park benches
  - Playground
  - Two tennis/pickleball courts
  - Full basketball court
  - Picnic tables and grill
  - Limited parking available in a gravel lot beside the park



## Depot Park

- This small park is just over 1 acre and located at the corner of Crowell Street and Jefferson Street.
- It is home to a renovated caboose that showcases the historical settlement of the community.
- Other amenities include:
  - Gazebo
  - Several park benches
  - Limited street parking nearby



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## Jack & Elsinore Morgan Park

- This almost 10-acre neighborhood park is located north of East King Street, across the street from Community Park.
- The Historic Greenway Trail runs along the side of the park and connects it to Blue Heron Park.
- Two multi-purpose ballfields are located here, but the lack of parking has forced games and other events to be held at Scott Park.
- Informal baseball practices and other types of community activities such as kick-ball games are often held on the ballfields.



## Palmer Park

- This 1-acre park is located on west Madison Street.
- The park offers a community center which contains accessible restrooms, a kitchen, and a meeting room and is available to rent year-round.
- Other amenities include:
  - One tennis/pickleball court
  - One full basketball court
  - Playground
  - Several park benches
  - Picnic tables and grill
  - Parking available on various streets surrounding the park



## Payne Park

- This nearly 2-acre park is located at the corner of Water Street and Adams Street.
- Amenities include:
  - Small shelter house, available for first-come-first-served use
  - Picnic tables
  - Multiple park benches
  - Playground
  - Shuffle board court
  - Horseshoe pit
  - One full basketball court



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## Province Park

- The second largest park in the park system has about 52 acres.
- There are entrances to the park on State Street, Monroe Street, South Street, and Home Avenue.
- Province is one of the oldest parks in the state dating back to 1909.
- The Province Park Dog Park and Franklin Action Skate Park are located within this park (more information on those two locations are included in a later part of the park inventory).
- The Historic Greenway Trail runs directly through the park.
- Province Park is also home to the Cultural Arts & Recreation Center (often called the CARC or the Rec Center) which houses the administrative offices and the Franklin Family Aquatic Center (more on both of these locations is included in a later park of the park inventory).
- Other amenities include:
  - Four rentable shelters
  - Rentable Rose Garden
  - Rentable gazebo
  - Restrooms available for seasonal use
  - Several picnic areas, all containing grills
  - Two large playgrounds (one fenced in)
  - Cornhole boards
  - Ample parking throughout the park



## Robert C. Schmidt Memorial Park

- At just over 1-acre, this park is located at the corner of Johnson Avenue and Hamilton Avenue.
- Amenities include:
  - Playground
  - Several park benches
  - Picnic tables and grill
  - One full basketball court



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## Scott Park

- This 20-acre park is located at on the north end of Younce Street.
- It is home to the Franklin Little League, Franklin Girls Softball, and Franklin Boys & Girls Club T-Ball League.
- A concession stand building with restrooms and a small shelter are available for seasonal use.
- Other amenities include:
  - One lighted full basketball court
  - Four little league size diamonds
  - One senior/softball size diamond
  - Playground
  - Picnic area



## Temple Park

- This nearly 6-acre park is located at 14<sup>th</sup> Street and Younce Street.
- The land is leased from Temple Baptist Church.
- There is open green space for athletic practices.
- Other amenities include:
  - Playground
  - One rentable shelter
  - Picnic area
  - Parking in a gravel lot in front of the park



## **Future Park Location**

### Amphitheater Park

- Construction began on this NEW 16-acre park in the summer of 2019.
- Multiple parking lots will be added to help with festival & downtown parking at events.
- Amenities will include:
  - Grand Amphitheater
  - Farmers Market plaza with overhead catenary festival lighting
  - Approximately 3.4 acres of green space with a 5,000+ person capacity
  - Large playground and splash pad
  - Bridge and access to the Historic Greenway Trail



## Specialty Use Areas

### Active Adult Center

- The Center is located adjacent to Payne Park at 160 E. Adams Street.
- The motto is “Helping seniors engage, empower, and enrich their lives.”
- Members enjoy participating in a variety of activities such as:
  - Cards
  - Bingo
  - Crafts
  - Exercise (Tai Chi, Chair Yoga, Line Dancing, and Aerobics)
  - Monthly “Lunch & Learn” pitch-ins
  - Guest speakers
  - Special Events
  - Movie/Entertainment nights
- The Center employees also plan special day trips for the members.
- A large lending library is available for all to use.
- Membership is just \$15/year.
- Members must be 55 or older.
- Hours at the Active Adult Center are Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.
- The Activity Room at the Center is also available to rent. The rental is \$90 a day and includes the following:
  - Space for up to 70 people
  - Tables & chairs
  - Two bathrooms
  - A full kitchen containing a stove, oven, microwave, refrigerator, ice maker, and serving window
  - Outdoor patio with seating for 16 people
- The current enrollment for the AAC is 113 members with over 400 past members.
- The Center has had some remodeling in the last few years:
  - New carpeting was installed throughout the entire building.
  - A new oven was purchased for the kitchen through a grant from the Johnson County Community Foundation.
  - A new roof was installed.
- In 2019, a new small passenger bus was added to the existing mini-van and cargo van to help transport members to and from events.



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## Beeson Hall

- Located on the south side of the Cultural Arts & Recreation Center, the 5,000 square foot space is a premier location for catered special events.
- Wedding receptions, business meetings, corporate parties, educational meetings, anniversary celebrations, and other special events are held in this beautiful space.
- The hall will accommodate up to 350 people, depending on the set-up.
- The hall has a beautiful wooden dance floor, food service area, and a special location for D.J. services.
- New in 2020, Beeson Hall rentals allow for customers to arrange for their own catering or even the option to bring in food on their own.
- Any event serving alcohol must hire a licensed security professional to be on site during serving times.
- Rental fee for Beeson Hall is \$130 plus tax per hour with no minimum or maximum rental times.



## Community Garden

- The Community Garden is located at the corner of Main Street and South Street.
- The 4,000 square foot garden is divided into 10 plots that are 20' by 20'.
- Plots are available to residents for a fee of \$25.
- Residents are limited to two plots at a time.
- A water pump is located next to the garden, and gardeners are given access to the water pump and a watering can by use of a combination lock.
- Residents must read and agree to the Community Garden rules, sign a waiver, and pay their fees in advance before beginning to plant.



## Cultural Arts & Recreation Center

- The CARC, or Rec Center as it is often called, is located at 396 Branigin Boulevard.
- The building is over 30,000 square feet and offers space for the various programs and activities offered by the Franklin Parks and Recreation Department.
- Administrative offices for the Franklin Parks and Recreation Department are also housed at the facility.
- The Recreation Center offers space for dance/theater, creative arts, preschool programs, exercise, and conditioning.
- The CARC also offers the following spaces:
  - Fitness Center, complete with cardiovascular equipment, stair climbers, punching bag, Pro-Power weight-lifting equipment, treadmills, and free weights. A special membership is required to access this area of the Rec Center.
  - Mountain Dew Climbing Wall, a 35-foot indoor climbing wall for all ages (climbing sessions must be scheduled in advance and additional fees apply)
  - Locker rooms with shower facilities
  - Two lane indoor walking/running track, with “Stroller Time” hours everyday to allow parents to exercise with their children
  - Full court gymnasium, with times reserved for open gym volleyball, open gym basketball, indoor pickleball, and toddler time.
  - Two racquetball courts
  - Exercise and Cardiovascular Room, with equipment for various fitness classes



- Multiple classrooms which house various recreation and preschool classes but can be rented out by residents for events
- A Culinary Arts room with full kitchen
- Access to Beeson Hall (see previous description)
- Hours of the Rec Center vary by season, but it is open as early as 5:30 am and as late as 10:00 pm.
- Memberships can be purchased for individuals or families, and day passes are available as well.

## Disc Golf Course

- The Disc Golf Course at Blue Heron Park opened in Franklin in October of 2011.
- The completion of the course was a joint effort between the Franklin Parks and Recreation Department, Duke Energy, and the Blue Heron Disc Golf Club.
- Many of the holes are sponsored by local Franklin businesses.
- There are approximately 30 disc golf courses in Indiana, but most are in Indianapolis and other cities further north, so the course in Franklin helps fill a void for disc golfers from across the county and beyond.
- The Blue Heron course has 25 holes with a total distance of 7,236 feet.
- Signs along the course give information such as individual hole distance, par, and the hole sponsor's name.



## Franklin Action Skate Park

- Franklin Action Skate Park is located on south Main Street near the west side of Province Park.
- It contains 7 steel elements for biking and skateboarding.
- The park is connected to the Historic Greenway Trail.
- Ample parking is available in a paved lot on the west side of the skate park.



## Franklin Family Aquatic Center

- The Franklin Family Aquatic Center was opened in May of 2013.
- It is located next to the Cultural Arts and Recreation Center at the corner of South Street and Branigin Boulevard.
- Features of the aquatic center include:
  - Olympic-sized pool with diving well
  - 190-foot water slide
  - Heated zero-depth pool with play structure including 16 interactive play features
  - Water basketball goal
  - Concession stand
  - Multiple sun decks with reclining chairs and large shade umbrellas
- The pool offers various special events and recreations times:
  - Lap swim is offered every morning before general admission.
  - Swim lessons are also offered at various times throughout the day.
  - Both sections of the pool can be rented for after-hours parties.
  - Birthday parties are offered at two set times during the day.
  - Special events like free "Dive-In Movies," Military Appreciation Day, Grandparents' Day, and Doggie Pool Day and Pet Fair are also offered throughout the summer.
- The Aquatics Director for Franklin Parks and Recreation Department also manages two of Franklin Community Schools pools. This allows the Department to offer year-round lap swim, swim lessons, water aerobics, lifeguard training, introduction to scuba diving classes, and community swim times.



## Greenlawn Cemetery

- Greenlawn Cemetery is a municipally owned cemetery established in 1845 by Franklin's citizens.
- It is a landscape-lawn style cemetery that contains roughly 15,000 grave sites.
- A small Gothic Revival style chapel located on the grounds now serves as the cemetery office.
- Notable burials include William W. Wick (1796-1868) and Roger D. Branigin (1902-1975).
- It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2013.



## Historic Greenway Trail

- The trail system now includes over 25 miles of trails and nearly 50 acres of land that loop around and through the City of Franklin.
- Blue Herron, Province, Community, and Morgan parks are all linked to the trail.
- Multiple neighborhoods, schools, and businesses are connected to the trail. The newest sections of the trail also provide safe crossing over several major thoroughfares in the city (across US 31 and State Road 44).
- Three pedestrian bridges were installed alongside existing vehicular bridges.
- Rules for use of the trail are listed on signs near major entrance points. Rules include:
  - Be courteous and show respect to others (with instructions on how to pass, not to block trail, obey all traffic signs, etc.).
  - Clean litter along the trail.
  - Dog etiquette for trail users are included.
  - No motorized vehicles are allowed (aside from motorized wheelchairs, mobility scooters, and children's play cars).
- Benches, water fountains, bike tire fill stations, and pet waste bag stations can also be found all throughout the trail.
- Construction began in 2020 on a portion of the trail on West Jefferson Street that will connect Creekside Elementary and several south west side neighborhoods to the trail system.
- A map of the Greenway Trails is included both in the "Introduction" and "Sources & Appendix" portions of this plan.



## Province Park Dog Park

- The Dog Park is located near Home Avenue on the west side of Province Park.
- Annual membership passes are issued to residents for a one-year period.
- Members must be over the age of 18 and also must present proof of current vaccinations for their dog(s).



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- Members may visit the Dog Park during regular park hours which are dusk to dawn.
- Water fountains, benches, picnic tables, and various structures for the dogs to jump, run, and play are located throughout the Dog Park.

## Urban Forest

- Located at the corner of South Street and Dunn Street, the Urban Forest is a 13-acre natural classroom space that shows visitors the importance of trees.
- After the historic flood of 2008, the City of Franklin Planning department purchased the damaged properties and asked residents for ideas about how to best use the space.
- Various groups such as the Indiana Hardwood Lumbermen's Association, Purdue Extension Agency & Purdue Forestry Department, and Franklin College collaborated with City officials and the Franklin Parks and Recreation Department to provide assistance in how to lay out the forest and what species to set up.
- The Franklin branch of the Johnson County Public Library manages a "Storywalk" on the property: laminated pages from a children's book attached to wooden posts, which are installed along an outdoor path inviting residents to stroll down the trail, directing them to the next page in the story.
- Several benches and a large garden trellis are also found in the Urban Forest along with several different mulch covered trails.
- New trees are added each year bringing the total to just over 5,000 trees in 2020.



## Wonder Five Center

- This 22,000 square foot center was built in 1990 and is located at 101 north Hurricane Street.
- It was the original location for the Franklin Parks and Recreation Department and housed the administrative offices from 1990 to 1999.
- The Center is now leased to the Boys and Girls Club of Johnson County.
- The Department pays all utilities and is responsible for all improvements and maintenance.
- Amenities include:
  - Rentable basketball and volleyball courts
  - Multipurpose room
  - Concessions
  - Library
  - Kitchen
  - Locker rooms
  - Weight rooms



## Programs

The Franklin Parks and Recreation Department provides a wide variety of programs for residents from preschool age up to youth and adults. The Department collaborates with various groups to provide programming. In some cases, such as Franklin Little League, the Department provides the facilities for others to run programs. In other cases, the Department uses other facilities to provide programs such as the partnership with Franklin Community Schools which allows for year-round pool access for aquatic programs. Below is a list of programs provided in the recent past by the Department, but this list is ever-changing as staff solicit new ideas and create innovative programs throughout the year.

### Preschool Programs

- Tae Kwon Do
- Tot Tumbling
- Music Therapy
- Jazz Dance Class
- Amazing Artist
- Tie Dye Class
- Kickapoo Preschool
  - Beginner's (3s) Class
  - PreK (4s & 5s) Class

### Kickapoo Preschool

- Kickapoo Preschool provides early learning opportunities for three-year-old and four-year-old children.
- The Beginner Class is for children that are three years old before the cut-off date and meets on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Cost is \$25 a week.
- The PreK Class is for children that are four years old before the cut-off date and meets for full day sessions on Monday and Wednesday. Cost is \$50 for the PreK Class.
- Students in both groups participate in a fun and safe environment playing, socializing, and learning. Activities included math & reading instruction (Kindergarten preparedness skills), music, art, physical activities, and much more. Field trips and special guests also help to round out day.



### Youth Programs

- Beginner Tumbling
- Jazz Dance Class
- Basic Rock Climbing
- Cooking Classes
- Art Class (BFF Bracelet, Tie Dye, etc.)
- Sewing Classes
- Tae Kwon Do
- Kids' Zumba
- Babysitter Training
- Music Classes

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## Kickapoo Kids Camp

- Kickapoo Kids Camp is Franklin's premier summer camp for children going into Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Campers enjoy a fun-filled summer of swimming, games, field trips, special events, and several other camp activities.
- KKC provides summer fun to approximately 150 children each summer and employs around 25 young adults to supervise the campers.



## Adult Programs

- Wood Carving
- Sewing & Knitting Classes
- Craft Classes
- Jewelry Making
- Ballroom Dancing
- Digital Photography
- Blues Guitar
- Pottery Classes
- Music Classes
- Intro to Watercolors (painting)
- Ballroom Dancing
- Voice Over Lessons
- Wood Burning
- Intro to Fly Fishing
- Quilting
- Tai Chi

## Health & Fitness Programs

- Cycle Fit
- Good Morning Aerobics
- PiYo Live™
- Silver Steppers
- Sweat Before Sunrise
- Total Fit
- Basketball Open Gym
- Pickleball Open Gym
- Veraflow
- Zumba®
- Cardio Cards (residents pay \$50 for 12 classes and then can pick and choose which class to attend)

## Aquatic Programs

- Adaptive Swim
- Aquatots (parent/toddler swim lessons)
- Discover Scuba
- One-on-One Swim Lessons
- Water Aerobics
- Lifeguard Training
- Junior Lifeguard Training
- Open Water Diver Course (PADI)
- Lap Swimming
- Community Swim
- Group Swim Lessons

## Community Events

### Our Town Players

- Our Town Players is a local community theater group that typically produces two shows a year: one with mainly adult actors and one with mainly children actors.
- Practices and performances are held at the Active Adult Center.
- Past performances included the following titles:
  - Out of Sight, Out of Murder
  - Dearly Departed
  - The Wizard of Oz
  - Mama Won't Fly
  - On Golden Pond



- The Curious Savage
- The Many Disguises of Robin Hood
- The Clumsy Custard Horror Show

### Free Community Programs

- Adzooks Puppet Shows
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Versiti™ Blood Drives
- Ethos Art Show
- Dive-In Movies
- Trick Your Trunk for Halloween
- Woodcarving Show
- Johnson County 4-H Fair Parade



### Festivals

- Franklin is home to a large number of community festivals that bring residents together and are a great source of Department pride. They are a gathering place for people to celebrate special occasions and enjoy each other's company, food, beverages, and entertainment. In several cases, the Franklin Parks and Recreation Department collaborates with others in the community to provide these events.
- Festival Country Kick-off
  - In partnership with Festival Country Indiana, this new event is a kick-off to the summer festival season.
  - Amenities include a beer garden, food vendors, and musical entertainment.
- Strawberries on the Square
  - A true start of summer event, this festival is held at the end of May each year in collaboration with Discover Downtown Franklin.
  - Amenities include strawberry shortcake stand, other food vendors, and entertainment.

- Vintage Fest (both spring and fall)
  - Another collaboration with Discover Downtown Franklin, this event is held twice year and showcases various local businesses that offer vintage finds.
- Firecracker Festival
  - This long-standing traditional festival held on July 3<sup>rd</sup> each year celebrates the birth of American independence.
  - Events at the festival include “The Fastest Kid in Town” running race for children and a huge firework display at the end of the evening.
  - Other amenities include food vendors, kids’ zone entertainment, musical artists performing throughout the day, and a beer garden.
- Franklin Car-B Que
  - This fun new festival combines a car show and BBQ competition with awards given in several different food and car show categories.
  - Amenities include BBQ and other food vendors, beer garden, kids’ zone entertainment, and a concert.
- Daily Journal Street Fest
  - This fun family event is sponsored by the Johnson County based Daily Journal newspaper.
  - Amenities include food vendors, beer garden, and musical entertainment.
- Back to School Bash
  - Another new festival in recent years, this festival was designed to celebrate back to school time for local students and connect families with resources and ideas for a smooth school year.
  - Amenities include food vendors, informational booths, kids’ zone entertainment, and a concert.
- Red, White and Food Festival
  - This festival is held on or near September 11<sup>th</sup> as a tribute to our nation.
  - Amenities include food vendors, patriotic activities, beer garden, and concert.
- Fall Harvest Fest
  - Another long-standing tradition in Franklin, this festival is held each year at the end of September.
  - Amenities include various booths with items for sale that range from crafts to clothing and produce, food vendors, kids’ zone entertainment, and musical & dance groups that perform throughout the day.



- Halloween Town
  - This festival is held near Halloween each year and is a true community collaboration with partners like the Johnson County Museum, Discover Downtown Franklin, and the Johnson County Library just to name a few.
  - A 5K run, called Pumpkins in the Park, typically starts the festivities.
  - Downtown businesses participate in a trick-or-treat time earlier in the day.
  - The event ends with a huge trick-or-treat time called "Trick Your Trunk" in which various community groups set up stations for children in costume to visit. This portion of the festival alone averages 1,000+ children.
    - Amenities include kids' zone entertainment, story time, scary tours, and food vendors.
- Hope & Vines
  - This festival is a collaboration between the Parks Department and Discover Downtown Franklin.
  - The event features a beer and wine garden as its main attraction.
  - Other amenities include food vendors and multiple musical groups on a free stage.
- Downtown Holiday Lighting
  - The final festival each year for the Franklin Parks and Recreation Department is a fun festival steeped in tradition.
  - Amenities include food and beverage vendors, performances by local choirs, dance groups, and carolers.
  - Horse-drawn carriage rides through the local Compass Park community are another highlight.
  - The evening ends with a giant count down to flipping the switch on the holiday lights that adorn the Johnson County Courthouse and downtown Franklin.



## Other Community Events

- Daddy Daughter Dance
- Mom & Son Bowling Night
- Clean Community Challenge Day
- Franklin Day of Play
- Franklin Farmer's Market
- Summer Break Series at the Artcraft Theater
- Summer Movie Series at Canary Creek Cinemas
- Breakfast with Santa



## Other Recreation Providers

There are several other recreation providers in Franklin as well as in the greater Johnson County area. The recreational needs of Franklin citizens are met through not only the Franklin Parks and Recreation Department but also in addition to these other groups and facilities. At times, the Department partners with a number of these other agencies to provide programming. For example, the aquatic programs utilize an indoor pool at Franklin Community Middle school to provide year-round swimming opportunities and trainings for residents. Citizens have use of programs and other facilities offered by private fitness clubs, personal trainers, and other organizations such as those listed below:

- Public or Not-for-Profit Groups:
  - Franklin Community Schools
    - Multiple elementary school playgrounds
    - Middle School pool, gymnasium, track, tennis courts, and football field
    - High School pool, two gymnasiums, track, tennis courts, baseball/softball diamonds, football field, and walking trail that connects to the Greenway Trail system
  - Girls' Inc. of Johnson County
  - Boys & Girls Club of Johnson County
  - Franklin Little League
  - Franklin College
  - Johnson County Community Foundation
  - Johnson County Senior Services
- Churches:
  - Victory Christian Church
  - Grace Methodist Church
  - Turning Point Church
  - Journey Church
  - Emmanuel Church, Franklin Campus
- Other Parks and Recreation Departments:
  - Johnson County Parks
  - Greenwood Parks
  - Edinburgh Parks
  - New Whiteland Parks
- Franklin Skate Club (roller skating rink)
- Hi-Way Lanes (bowling)
- Neighborhood Playgrounds:
  - Cumberland Trace
  - Heritage Homes (two playgrounds, basketball court, tennis court, sand-pit volleyball court, walking trail, and pool)
  - Simon Farms
  - Northwood Apartments
  - The Meadows
  - Franklin Place Apartments
- Other Area Pools:
  - Heritage Homes
  - Lakeview Apartments
  - Franklin Place Apartments
  - Hillview Country Club
  - Legends Golf Club
  - Fairfield Inn & Suites
  - Hampton Inn & Suites
  - Baymount by Wyndham
  - Quality Inn & Suites
  - Motel 6
  - Compass Park Fitness Center and Natatorium

- Local Golf Courses
  - Bluff Creek Golf Course
  - Cypress Run Golf Course
  - Deer Valley Golf Course (9 hole)
  - Hillview Country Club
  - The Legends of Indiana Golf Club
  - Timbergate Golf Course
  - Tameka Woods Gold Course
  - Dye's Walk Golf Course
  - Otte Golf and Family Fun Center
  - Orchard Golf Center (par 3)
  - Hickory Stick Golf Club
  - Valle Vista Gold Course
  - Walnut Ridge Golf Course (par 3)
- Private Clubs/Facilities:
  - Compass Park
  - American Legion
  - Elks Lodge
  - Johnson County Shrine Club
  - Johnson Memorial Health & Wellness Services
  - St. Rose Catholic School



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## ACCESSIBILITY

### **American with Disabilities Act**

Accessibility and the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements must be taken into consideration for every program, park, and other facility. The Franklin Parks and Recreation Department continually strives to achieve accessibility standards in all of its program services, facility renovations, playground structures, and other developments. Existing facilities are in compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

The Franklin Parks and Recreation Department strives to meet the ever-changing needs of all City of Franklin residents and whenever possible incorporate new activities that allow those with disabilities access to programs and facilities.

The ADA compliance officer for the City of Franklin oversees the ADA compliance for the Franklin Parks and Recreation Department as well:

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### **Current Accessible Facilities and Programs**

The following list includes programs and accessible access points within the park facilities:

- All rentable shelters now offer paved, accessible paths from parking areas to shelters.
- Temple Park: paved, accessible path to play area and benches
- Scott Park: accessible restrooms
- Blue Heron Park: accessible restrooms and all-inclusive playground (more information about the playground to follow)
- Beeson Hall: 10-foot-wide entrance and accessible sidewalk with curb depression into the Cultural Arts & Recreational Center parking lot

- Franklin Aquatic Center:
  - New completely accessible entrance
  - ADA compliant pool lift for access to the Olympic-sized pool
  - Accessible ramp to the heated zero-depth pool
  - Aquatic wheelchair
  - ADA complaint easy access stairs (another set of access stairs can also be found in the FCS Middle School pool which is utilized for winter months)
  - Adaptive Swim Program through a partnership with The Joseph Maley Foundation which provides one-on-one adaptive swim instruction for all ages
- Province Park:
  - Paved, accessible path to the east playground
  - Wooden ramp with accessible access added to the west playground
  - Accessible restrooms
- Active Adult Center:
  - Multiple accessible entrances
  - Wireless internet access and computer stations
  - Wellness activities for various ages and abilities to encourage a healthy lifestyle
  - Adapted programs (such as chair yoga and low-impact aerobics)
- Greenway Trails:
  - Signage throughout allows use of motorized wheelchairs and mobility scooters
  - Depressed curbsides at all street crosswalks on the Trail



Special considerations are incorporated into all existing programs to allow everyone to participate. The Franklin Parks and Recreation Department desires to be flexible in their programming and allow all skill levels and abilities to participate. The Park Director, in conjunction with the City of Franklin's ADA Compliance Officer, monitors any accessible issues within the Department.

## **Blue Heron All-Inclusive Playground**

- Built in 2018 in special collaboration with the Mayor’s Youth Leadership Council, the all-inclusive playground features multiple access points and activities for children of all abilities.
- The play structures encourage and enable play for children with disabilities alongside children without any disabilities.
- The state-of-the-art playground provides all-inclusive play for children from the City of Franklin and beyond. One study showed it would service nearly 2,000 children that live within an hour of Franklin (other such playgrounds were only located in Indianapolis and Bloomington at the time).
- The key feature of the park is its rubber flooring surface which allows easy access throughout the playground for wheelchairs and other mobility scooters.
- Other features include a merry-go-round with seats deep enough to secure a child with disabilities, a slide with rollers for children who can’t use their arms to push themselves and a seesaw made accessible for children in wheelchairs.
- See the flyer in the Appendix that was created in 2018 to help the high school students from the Mayor’s Youth Leadership Council raise the final money needed for the project.



## **Areas for Improvement**

- After attending an accessibility training provided by the IPRA (Indiana Parks and Recreation Association) in February of 2020, several staff members expressed the need to improve the accessibility of programming provided by the Franklin Parks and Recreation.
  - A committee was formed including representation from the following groups in Johnson County:
    - Autism Community Connection
    - Franklin Schools Special Education Department
    - Still Point Consultants
    - Gateway Services
  - Plans are being made to provide more adaptive programming to residents with all types of disabilities starting in 2021.
  - Possible future programs include:
    - Sensory-friendly Easter Egg Hunt
    - Sensory experiences like finger-painting classes or use of sensory bins to learn about and experience many different textures; art classes; music time, playing instruments/singing, etc.
    - Separate open gym times for those with mobility issues
    - One-on-one basketball coaching for those with disabilities
    - Improved communication of programs and facilities that are adaptive or could be easily made accessible
    - Teen hang-out events where older teens and young adults with disabilities can come together and participate in a variety of activities such as role-playing games (often referred to as RPG), geocaching groups, pizza parties, movie nights, and more.
- Festivals and special events will be implementing a “Sensory Friendly” hour at the start of all programs. That first hour will contain fewer sounds, smells, lights, etc. in an attempt to make the event more welcoming to individuals with various special needs.
- An additional “Sensory-Friendly” area will help make events more welcoming for individuals with autism, as well as others with sensory issues. This area will contain:
  - A designated quiet area
  - Various social stories to explain the festival or program
  - Sensory toys/activities
  - A suggestion box to ask for feedback on how to improve accessibility
- The Franklin Parks & Recreation Department plans to create a part time “Adaptive Program Coordinator” position in 2021. This person will be in charge of offering adaptations to any existing program or event as well as working to increase the offerings of accessible facilities, programs, and events for the residents of Franklin.

## **Public Notice of ADA Requirements**

The City of Franklin American with Disabilities Act 2014 Transition Plan document includes information about public notice of ADA requirements in section III:

### **III. Public Notice Requirements**

It is required of all local state and local government agencies to provide notice to the public of the ADA's provisions. This notice shall be made continuously through any number of outlets including, but not limited to, radio, television, newspaper, internet, mailings or other types of media that could be used to relay the provisions of the ADA. In addition, the notice shall contain information on employment, communication, making reasonable modifications to programs and services, not placing surcharges on such reasonable modifications and filing complaints.

#### *Document of Public Notice:*

In accordance with the requirements of title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the City of Franklin will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

- **Employment:** The City of Franklin does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under title I of the ADA.
- **Effective Communication:** City of Franklin will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the City of Franklin's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.
- **Modifications to Policies and Procedures:** The City of Franklin will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the City of Franklin offices, even where pets are generally prohibited. Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the City of Franklin, should contact the office of the ADA Coordinator at (317) 736-3631 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.
- The ADA does not require the City of Franklin to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.
- Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the City of Franklin is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to:
  - ADA Coordinator  
70 E. Monroe Street, Franklin, IN 46131  
Phone (317) 736-3631  
Fax (317) 736-5310

- The City of Franklin will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

**\*\*Source - U.S. Department of Justice - Civil Rights Division "Title II Highlights"**

## **ADA Grievance Procedures**

The City of Franklin American with Disabilities Act 2014 Transition Plan document also includes information about the grievance procedures for ADA compliance in section IV:

### **IV. Grievance Procedure**

This Grievance Procedure is established to meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"). It may be used by anyone who wishes to file a complaint alleging discrimination on the basis of disability in the provision of services, activities, programs, or benefits by the City of Franklin. The City of Franklin's Personnel Policy governs employment related complaints of disability discrimination.

1. The complaint should be in writing and contain information about the alleged discrimination such as name, address, phone number of complainant and location, date, and description of the problem. Alternative means of filing complaints, such as personal interviews or a tape recording of the complaint, will be made available for persons with disabilities upon request.
2. The complaint should be submitted by the grievant and/or his/her designee as soon as possible but no later than 60 calendar days after the alleged violation to:  
ADA Coordinator  
70 E. Monroe Street, Franklin, IN 46131  
Phone (317) 736-3631  
Fax (317) 736-5310
3. Within fifteen (15) calendar days after receipt of the complaint, the ADA Coordinator or his/her designee will meet with the complainant to discuss the complaint and the possible resolutions.
4. Within fifteen (15) calendar days of the meeting, the ADA Coordinator or his/her designee will respond in writing, and where appropriate, in a format accessible to the complainant, such as large print, Braille, or audio tape. The response will explain the position of the City of Franklin and offer options for substantive resolution of the complaint.
5. If the response by the ADA Coordinator or his/her designee does not satisfactorily resolve the issue, the complainant and/or his/her designee may appeal the decision within fifteen (15) calendar days after receipt of the response to the **ADA Appeals Board**, consisting of the Street Department Commissioner, City Engineer, Building Official, Public Works Superintendent, Fire

Chief or his/her designee, Police Chief or his/her designee, and Parks Department Director or his/her designee.

6. Within fifteen (15) calendar days after receipt of the appeal, the **ADA Appeals Board** designee will meet with the complainant to discuss the complaint and possible resolutions. Within fifteen (15) calendar days after the meeting, the **ADA Appeals Board** will respond in writing, and, where appropriate, in a format accessible to the complainant, with a final resolution of the complaint.
7. All written complaints received by the ADA Coordinator or his/her designee, appeals to the **ADA Appeals Board**, and responses from these two offices will be retained by the City of Franklin for at least three years.

A copy of the grievance form, which is located on page 8 of the original 2014 Transition Plan document, is included in the Sources and Appendix section of this 5 Year Comprehensive Master Plan.

### **Assurance of Compliance: Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973**

A document with original signatures from both the Park Board president and secretary in recognition of the Franklin Parks and Recreation Department's compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 is included on the following page.

ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE  
SECTION 504  
OF THE REHABILITATION ACT of 1973

The Franklin Park Board has received and read the guidelines for compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 issued by the United States Department of the Interior and will comply with these guidelines and The Act.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

ATTEST:

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Debbie Gill – President

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Michael Auger - Secretary



# PUBLIC INPUT

# MASTER PLAN 21-25



Franklin Parks & Recreation



## PUBLIC INPUT

### **Summary**

The Franklin Parks and Recreation Department used multiple formats to gather public input and to help determine the community's opinions concerning the Department and its goals for the future. These formats included a questionnaire, public meetings, user group and stakeholder meetings, online surveys, and park board meetings.

All public meetings were advertised in the local newspaper, on the City and Department websites, and on all social media outlets. Flyers with information about the meetings were also posted at the Recreation Center, and broadcast emails were sent to members. The dates below indicate meetings or surveys in which input was requested:

- June 16, 2020 – First "Survey Monkey" sent (Reopening the Rec Center)
- June 18, 2020 – Park Board Meeting (5-Year Master Plan and Park Impact Fee Plan updates)
- July 16, 2020 – User Group Meeting (Accessibility Group)
- July 16, 2020 – Park Board Meeting (5-Year Master Plan update & community invited to give input)
- July 27, 2020 – Second "Survey Monkey" sent (Community Interest and Opinion Survey: Parks & Facilities)
- August 31, 2020 – Third "Survey Monkey" sent (Community Interest and Opinion Survey: Parks & Recreation Programs)
- September 17, 2020 – Park Board Meeting (5-Year Master Plan update & community invited to give input)
- November 19, 2020 – Park Board Meeting (5-Year Master Plan update & community invited to give input)
- December 17, 2020 – Park Board Meeting (5-Year Master Plan approved and signed)

Input from all meetings and surveys was very positive. Most people expressed high levels of satisfaction for the Department on the whole with a lot of appreciation given to the new all-inclusive playground and the Amphitheater Park plans. Criticisms, while few and far between, were given with suggestions for improvement which will help guide the Franklin Parks and Recreation Department in the coming five years.

## **Meeting and Survey Summaries**

### June 16, 2020 - First "Survey Monkey"

- This first survey publish date was June 16, 2020. The survey was closed on July 3, 2020.
- It was conducted through a website called "Survey Monkey." The website provides excellent data analytics and insights.
- The survey contained 10 questions. 8 questions are included in the full report (located in the Sources & Appendix section). The remaining two questions dealt specifically with a one-time water aerobics class that was offered at the Aquatics Center and thus those are not included in the summary.
- We received 165 total responses with a 100% completion rate and just under 2 minutes spent on the survey.
- The survey was originally sent out to determine levels of use at the Rec Center after reopening due to the COVID-19 health crisis. However, some of the results also proved insightful for future plans outside of the COVID-19 reopening.
- Survey Summary (full results of the survey can be found in the "Sources and Appendix" section of this 5-Year Master Plan):
  - Just over 50% of respondents did not attend fitness classes.
    - About 40% said their schedules would not allow them to attend classes.
    - 25% said none of the fitness classes sounded like a good fit.
    - Almost 60% said they would attend classes, if new classes were offered.
  - 65% of respondents were interested in recreation classes.
    - Cooking (33%), Art Classes (33%), Kid Classes (31%), and Craft Classes (29%) ranked among the highest in interest.
    - Several current classes such as Tai Chi (only 6%), Wood Carving (9%) and Fly Fishing (9%) did not receive high scores which told the Parks Staff that these classes may not be beneficial to continue.
  - Virtual programming does not appear to be supported by the community with over 61% of responses indicated that they were not interested (and over 46% said "none" to the follow-up question about types of virtual programs the Department should offer).
  - The final, open-ended question received very positive responses, thanking the Department for their hard work.
    - A common thread in those comments asked for longer hours and for classes to be held in the evenings or on weekends.
    - Responders also asked for more outdoor activities...biking club, outdoor swim lessons, etc.

## June 18, 2020 - Park Board Meeting

- The meeting was held at the Cultural Arts & Recreation Center in the Theater Room at 4:00 p.m.
- Park Board present: Debbie Gill, Dr. John Shafer, Michael Auger; Park Board absent: Pam Ault
- Department Staff Present: Chip Orner – Director, Rocky Stultz – Asst. Director, Brooke Willis – Business Services Director, Kendall Ayers – Aquatics Coordinator
- The Park Board appointed a board member for Park Impact Fee Plan update committee (Pam Ault).
- Chip Orner provided information to the Park Board about the process for the Park Impact Fee Plan and introduced the 5-Year Master Plan.

## July 16, 2020 - User Group Meeting: Accessibility Group Meeting

- An accessibility committee was formed including representation from the following groups in Johnson County:
  - Kelli Higgins - Autism Community Connection
  - Amy Bertel - Franklin Schools Special Education Department
  - Abbey Parker - Still Point Consultants
  - Kim Lakin- Gateway Services
- Kelli Higgins and Abbey Parker joined Kea Deppe (Recreation Coordinator for the Franklin Parks and Recreation Department) on a conference call on July 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm to discuss adaptive programming needs for the residents of Franklin and Johnson County at large.
- Emails with all members of the committee were exchanged throughout July, August and September.
- Plans are being made to provide more adaptive programming to residents with all types of disabilities starting in 2021.
- More information about the outcomes of the accessibility committee meeting and subsequent emails can be found in the Accessibility section of this 5-Year Master Plan.

## July 16, 2020 - Park Board Meeting

- The meeting was held at the Cultural Arts & Recreation Center in the Theater Room at 4:00 p.m.
- Park Board present: Debbie Gill, Dr. John Shafer, Michael Auger; Park Board absent: Pam Ault
- Department Staff Present: Chip Orner – Director, Rocky Stultz – Asst. Director, Brooke Willis – Business Services Director, Holly Johnston – Recreation Director, Kea Deppe – Recreation Coordinator

- Community Members Present: George Singh
- George Singh spoke with the Board members regarding a potential cricket pitch at Blue Heron Park. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to allow the 1<sup>st</sup> cricket pitch to be installed at Blue Heron Park.
- The Board was then updated on the goals for the Amphitheater Project:
  - Two playground designs were presented. A motion to select the Sinclair Recreation proposal was unanimously approved by the Park Board.
  - Chip shared with the Park Board that a \$250,000 grant from the National Recreation and Parks Association and American Water had been awarded to Franklin Parks and Recreation. The funds will be used to install a splash pad in the new Amphitheater park.
- An update on the Park Master Plan and the Park Impact Fee Plan was given to the board:
  - Chip reminded the Board that park impact fees must be used on new designs or structures.
  - Kea explained the upcoming surveys for Public Input to the Board. Both will be carried out online using the “Survey Monkey” website.

## July 27, 2020 - Second “Survey Monkey:” Parks and Facilities

- The second survey publish date was July 27, 2020. The survey was closed on August 10, 2020.
- This survey was again conducted through the “Survey Monkey” website.
- The second survey contained 15 questions targeting only the various parks and facilities that the Franklin Parks and Recreation Department manages.
- We received 184 total responses with a 100% completion rate and just over 3 minutes spent on average to complete the survey.
- Survey Summary (full results of the survey can be found in the “Sources and Appendix” section of this 5-Year Master Plan):
  - The majority of people filling out the survey had some very interesting characteristics in common:
    - Over 80% were residents of Franklin.
    - Of those residents of Franklin, over 50% have lived in the city for 16 years or longer.
    - A large majority of the respondents were between the ages of 35-59 years old (almost 70%).
    - An extremely large portion of those filling out the survey were female (over 80%).
    - Finally, 99% of the people that responded have used Franklin parks and Department facilities in the past year.

- The larger parks and facilities get the most use:
  - Blue Herron, Province, the Cultural Arts & Recreation Facility, the Franklin Family Aquatic Center, and the Greenway Trails were the most widely used.
  - The smaller neighborhood parks were reported as being used less than any other parks or facilities in the survey.
- Over 98% of people consider the physical condition of the parks and facilities to be excellent or good.
- Almost 70% of those surveyed would highly recommend Franklin Parks and Recreation Department parks and facilities to others.
- The open-ended question also provided some common threads in terms of answers:
  - Shade is needed for the all-inclusive playground at Blue Heron park.
  - Bathrooms could be improved and portable restrooms could be added during summer months.
  - Longer hours and programs offered on the weekends could be helpful.
  - Finding space for pickle ball courts is in high demand.
  - Once again, comments were very complimentary of the Department and recognized all the hard work put into helping the community.

## August 31, 2020 - Third "Survey Monkey:" Programs & Events

- The third and final survey publish date was August 31, 2020. The survey was closed on September 15, 2020.
- This survey was again conducted through the "Survey Monkey" website.
- The third survey contained 15 questions targeting programs and events offered by the Franklin Parks and Recreation Department.
- We received 117 total responses with a 100% completion rate and just over 3 minutes spent on average to complete the survey.
- Survey Summary (full results of the survey can be found in the "Sources and Appendix" section of this 5-Year Master Plan):
  - Once again, people completing the survey had some very distinct characteristics in common:
    - Over 85% are residents of Franklin, and over 50% of those residents have lived in Franklin for 16 years or more.
    - Just over 60% of respondents were in the 35-39-year-old age range.
    - About 83% of the survey responses were from women.
  - When asked about fitness classes offered through the Franklin Parks and Recreation:
    - Only about 50% had attended a fitness class.
    - Of those in attendance at fitness classes, Total Fit (39%), water aerobics/lap swim (both at almost 24%), and Cycle Fit (15%) were the top three classes.

- Tai Chi (0%), Veraflow (2%), and Absolutely Abs (2%) were the lowest attended fitness classes.
- When asked why the other 50% had not attended a fitness class, classes not being offered at convenient times (31%), not having time available for fitness classes (almost 27%), and “other” (18%) were selected as the top three reasons.
- When asked about recreation classes offered through the Franklin Parks & Recreation:
  - Over 76% had attended a recreation class.
  - Arts and crafts classes (50%), dance classes (35%), and gardening/flowers classes (15%) were the top three classes.
  - Sewing, fly fishing, and music/singing classes (all at 0%) were the lowest attended.
  - When asked why the other 24% had not attended a recreation class, not having time available for recreation classes (34%), not being aware of classes offered (24%), and classes offered not being interesting to the respondents (almost 20%) were selected as the top three reasons.
- The survey responses indicate that residents are working out more at home (“other” response which equaled 44%), using neighborhood groups/playgrounds (25%), or joining church groups (19%) for other recreation opportunities.
- While the majority of respondents indicated that they feel like all groups are served adequately (over 28%), older teens and adults (both at almost 15%) were ranked the highest fitness and recreational needs.
- When asked about what other fitness or recreation classes should be offered, the responses varied greatly and included everything from kickboxing and weight training to belly dancing, hula hoop fitness, more art classes, quilting, painting, knitting, and much more.
- Over 85% of those completing the survey had attended a special event hosted by the Franklin Parks & Recreation, and of those residents over 94% ranked the quality of the events as good or excellent.
- The open-ended question which asked for suggestions to improve the programs provided a couple of common threads:
  - Longer hours or programs offered on the weekends would be very beneficial.
  - Upgrades to equipment and the indoor walking track were suggested.
  - A need for youth programs including league sports (non-competitive), bicycle safety, and a free splash pad were requested.
  - Having a larger variety of classes offered (CPR certification, babysitting courses, essential life skills classes, etc.) and advertising those programs were also mentioned.

## September 17, 2020 - Park Board Meeting

- The meeting was held at the Cultural Arts & Recreation Center in the Theater Room at 4:00 p.m.
- Park Board present: Debbie Gill, Dr. John Shafer, Michael Auger; Park Board absent: Pam Ault
- Department Staff Present: Chip Orner – Director, Rocky Stultz – Asst. Director, Brooke Willis – Business Services Director, Kea Deppe – Recreation Coordinator, Kendall Ayers – Aquatics Coordinator
- Community Members Present: Celeste Hook and Amy Duncan
- Celeste Hook spoke with the Board members regarding the need for pickleball courts.
  - Celeste shared that Greenwood Parks & Recreation recently put in 7 new pickleball courts. She shared positives and negatives of their set-up.
  - Chip then advised Celeste that the new Amphitheater park has a section designated for 8 pickleball courts
  - Celeste promised to share the good news with other pickleball enthusiasts in town.
- The Board was then updated on the goals for the Amphitheater Project:
  - Ground breaking was set for September 18, 2020.
  - Meijer Construction was the lowest bidder for the project coming in at \$1.6 million. They will begin construction on September 21, 2020 and end on or before July 3, 2021.
  - Sponsorships were announced for the Amphitheater Project:
    - A \$250,000 grant from Indiana American Water will be used for the splash pad.
    - A \$250,000 sponsorship from Hubler Automotive Group will allow for the naming of the amphitheater to be DriveHubler.com Amphitheater.
    - Mutual Savings Bank gave a total of \$50,000 toward the park with some of the money specifically to be applied toward the pickleball courts.
- An update on the Park Master Plan and the Park Impact Fee Plan was given to the board:
  - Chip updated the Board about the new \$1,142.00 Park Impact Fee for any new builds.
  - Kea explained the results from the recent surveys for Public Input to the Board. Discussion about adding shade to Blue Herron Park, pickleball courts, and more adaptive programming for families with special needs resulted from the results of the first few surveys.

## November 19, 2020 - Park Board Meeting

- The meeting was held at the Cultural Arts & Recreation Center in the Theater Room at 4:00 p.m.
- Park Board present: Debbie Gill, Dr. John Shafer, Pam Ault; Park Board absent: Michael Auger
- Department Staff Present: Chip Orner – Director, Rocky Stultz – Asst. Director, Brooke Willis – Business Services Director

- Community Members Present: Jim Engmark, Shadi Lilly, and Doug Gray from Leadership Johnson County, and Amanda Wanlass from Indiana Phenology
- Three members of the Leadership Johnson County group spoke to the Park Board about need for diversity in Johnson County. They would like to use Palmer Park to host a kickoff festival in the spring of 2021 to celebrate diversity in Franklin. They also requested monies from the multicultural fund. Discussion regarding the inclusion policy for Franklin Parks and Recreation Department was tabled for the next meeting, but the Board voted unanimously to approve use of Palmer Park for the festival in the spring.
- Amanda Wanlass from Indiana Phenology proposed a partnership with the Franklin Parks and Recreation Department to help document climate change by tagging 10-15 plants and trees along the Greenways Trail and monitor weekly data. The Board unanimously approved the partnership. Volunteers working with the Indiana Phenology group will document the leafing and fruiting of the various tagged plants and trees.
- No additional public comments were provided for public input portion of the 2021-2025 Park Master Plan.
- The Board was updated on the Amphitheater Project:
  - Pickleball courts needed a redesign due to encroachment on another property.
  - Bids will open on December 16 for the Splash Pad project.
  - Construction has begun and is on track for the grand opening on July 4, 2021.
- An update was given to the Board on the Park Impact Fee:
  - Chip will meet with the Plan Commission on November 23, 2020.
  - The Board unanimously approved the Park Impact Fee plan.
  - It will move on to the City Council on December 7 and 21, 2020.

## December 17, 2020 - Park Board Meeting

- A virtual meeting was held at 4:00 p.m.
- Park Board present: Debbie Gill, Dr. John Shafer, Michael Auger; Park Board absent: Pam Ault
- Department Staff Present: Chip Orner – Director, Rocky Stultz – Asst. Director, Brooke Willis – Business Services Director, Holly Johnston – Recreation Directory, Kea Deppe – Recreation Coordinator
- Community Members Present: Kaylin Chenoweth
- The Board was presented with the completed Five Year Comprehensive Park System Master Plan for 2021-2025.
  - The Plan was discussed and timeline for submission was shared. The Plan will be submitted as a plan draft on or before January 15, 2021 and then after edits will be submitted as the final plan on or before April 15, 2021.



# NEEDS ANALYSIS

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Franklin Parks & Recreation



## NEEDS ANALYSIS

### **Levels of Service (LOS)**

The Franklin Parks and Recreation Department operates under very ambitious goals for providing the residents of Franklin high levels of service in regards to parks and facilities. The target ratios were updated in 2020 as part of the Park Impact Fee Plan update and are listed below:

- Community Parks                      5 acres per 1,000 people
- Neighborhood Parks                4 acres per 1,000 people
- Ball Diamonds                         1 diamond per 2,500 people
- Outdoor Basketball Courts        1 court per 5,000 people
- Trails                                      1 mile per 1,000 people
- Community Center                  1 center per 25,000 people
- Destination Playgrounds         1 playground per 5,000 people
- Neighborhood Playgrounds      1 playground per 3,000 people
- Shelters                                 1 shelter per 2,000 people
- Restrooms                              1 restroom per 3,000 people
- Outdoor Swimming Pools         1 pool per 25,000 people

Using the most current US Census Bureau “quick facts,” which estimated the population of Franklin to be 25,608 in 2019, here is where the Franklin Parks and Recreation Department currently stands in regards to each of the above targets:

Service Provided	LOS Goal	Current LOS
Community Parks	128 acres	129 acres**
Neighborhood Parks	102 acres	69 acres
Ball Diamonds	10 ball diamonds	5 ball diamonds
Outdoor Basketball Courts	5 courts	7 courts
Trails	25.6 miles	25 miles
Community Center	1 center	1 center
Destination Playgrounds	5 playgrounds	3 playgrounds**
Neighborhood Playgrounds	8.5 playgrounds	8 playgrounds
Shelters	13 shelters	12 shelters**
Restrooms	8.5 restrooms	10 restrooms**
Outdoor Swimming Pools	1 pool	1 pool**

\*\*Completion of the Amphitheater Park will provide 16 more acres to community parks, another destination playground, more restrooms, more shelters, and another aquatic feature (splash pad).

## **Issue Analysis**

Great effort went into the analysis of what issues the community sees of high importance over the next five-year planning period. The Park Board, parks staff, focus groups and general public input was taken and compiled into the following priority list:

- ✓ Continue aggressive expansion of the Franklin Greenways Trail system that will connect remaining neighborhoods and quadrants of the city. Coordinate trail planning efforts with the Franklin Pedestrian & Greenways Trail Plan that was completed in early 2020.
- ✓ Completion of the \$8 million downtown amphitheater park to be named Youngs Creek Park. This facility will include:
  - Drive Hubler Amphitheater
  - Indiana American Water Splash Pad
  - Destination Playground
  - (3) Park shelters
  - (8) Pickleball courts
  - 1-mile of Franklin Greenways Trail connecting downtown to the overall trail system
  - Pedestrian Bridge connecting to the existing Greenways Trail
  - (2) Restroom facilities
  - (2) Water fountains
  - Farmers Market / Community Event space
  - Park Operations facility
  - 294 parking spaces
- ✓ Pursue land acquisition to preserve greenspace and potential park & trail facilities, especially on the west side of US 31 and north of Westview Drive.
  - Potential purchase of land north of Scott Park with direct access from Commerce Drive for potential site of a community sports complex. This property would also provide a direct connection to the Franklin Greenways Trail system to the existing Scott Park neighborhood.
  - Potential purchase of land just west of Hobby Lobby and just east of Franklin Place Apartments for potential park and or Greenways Trail connections to US31, Northwood Plaza retail area, Northwood Apartments and Johnson Memorial Health Intermediate Care Center.

- Continue working with future development projects that are proposed within the City to include connections to the Franklin Greenways Trail system as well as potential new park development surrounding new development in the city. Park staff should continue being a member of the City's Technical Review Committee.
- ✓ Provide shade at playgrounds and facilities as much as possible. Detailed focus on Blue Heron Park playground, Young Creek Park splash pad, Franklin Family Aquatic Center and picnic sites throughout the park system.
- ✓ Continue high level of park & facility maintenance standards at all existing parks and facilities. As parks, facilities, trails, landscaping, events and programs continue rapid expansion, particular focus must be placed on hiring and maintaining high quality maintenance & park operations staff at the appropriate levels.
- ✓ Creation of pickleball courts. Pickleball is a fast-growing sport among all ages and the need to create facilities to accommodate increase demand should be a main focus this planning period.
- ✓ Replacement or renovation of aging park infrastructure including playgrounds, benches, signage, trash receptacles, roadways, parking lots, security lighting, drinking fountains and picnic tables should be a focus for the department to continue to maintain high quality parks & spaces.
- ✓ Create more opportunities for environmental education and outdoor recreation to balance out facility & program opportunities throughout the park system. Create partnerships with groups related to these program areas.
- ✓ Recreation program expansion efforts focused on preschool aged programming, adaptive recreation programming for those with special needs, fitness & wellness programming and active adult programming.
  - Create a part-time Adaptive Recreation Coordinator position to focus on program offers for those with special needs.
  - Refocus recreation programming efforts for preschool aged children away from highly intensive, programs like full-time preschools and refocus efforts to more high-quality programming at convenient times for the majority of our customers.
  - Adapt program offerings with COVID-19 safeguards in place for the foreseeable future.

- ✓ Plan for the future expansion of parks & facilities that include a community sports complex, Active Adult Center expansion and Franklin Family Aquatic Center expansion.
  - Youth & adult sports have grown out of the existing community sports complex located at Scott Park. Scott Park was not designed for today's youth sports environment. Youth sports tournaments can be huge economic development engines and Scott Park simply can't sustain this type of program need. Designing and building a new community sports complex would allow for future program expansion efforts as well as provide economic stimulus to the community.
  - As the community's population grows older, we need to be well positioned to meet the needs of this growing segment of our population. Programming needs for aging adults have dramatically changed over the years. More healthy, active programs will be needed. We need to begin now to renovate and expand our current Active Adult Center to be prepared to meet these needs.
  - As we continue our current growth in the community, the need to expand the Franklin Family Aquatic Center will be critical. It is important we stay ahead of this need and plan now to sustain any future expansion of the Family Aquatic Center.
  
- ✓ Continue our efforts with the Johnson County Community Foundation to provide opportunities for fundraising and donations related to Parks, Greenway Trails, Urban Forestry and Programs/Events.



# ACTION SCHEDULE

# MASTER PLAN 21-25



Franklin Parks & Recreation



## ACTION SCHEDULE

### 2021

Year	Site	Action	Cost Estimate	Potential Funding Source
2021	Youngs Creek Park	Drive Hubler Amphitheater IN American Water Splash Pad Destination Playground (3) Park Shelters, (8) Pickleball Courts, 1-mile Greenway Trail, Pedestrian Bridge, (2) Restroom Facilities, (2) Water Fountains, Farmers Market/Event Area, Park Operations facility, 294 parking spaces	\$8,000,000	Redevelopment Commission Bond, Park Impact Fees, Grants, Donations, Sponsorships
2021	Blue Heron Park	Install shade structures at playground area	\$25,000	Park Impact Fees
2021	N/W of US31	Purchase additional park acreage for Greenway Trail	\$50,000	Park Impact Fees
2021	Province Park	Pave remaining park roads	\$40,000	City Paving Program
2021	Province Park	Renovate Pioneer Cemetery	\$10,000	Grant, Donations
2021	Greenlawn Cemetery	Create Columbarium area	\$50,000	Rainy Day Fund with revenue payback
2021	Blue Heron Park	Renovation of wetlands & installation of new boardwalk with an interactive environmental education component	\$200,000	Grants, Park Impact Fees, MS4-Stormwater Funds
2021	Greenway Trail	Extension to Creekside Elementary & Custer Baker Intermediate School	\$950,000	Safe Routes to Schools Grant
2021	Greenway Trail	Install flashing crossing beacons near CBIS trail crossing	\$20,000	Safe Routes to Schools Grant
2021	Province Park & Greenway Trail	Create a Phenology Trail in partnership with Indiana Phenology to expand environmental education opportunities in parks	\$5,000	Grants, Donations

# FRANKLIN PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Comprehensive Five-Year Park System Master Plan



## **2022**

Year	Site	Action	Cost Estimate	Potential Funding Source
2022	Province Park – Dog Park	Install shade structure / small shelter	\$25,000	Park Impact Fees
2022	South of Knollwood subdivision	New park development	\$500,000	Developer, Park Impact Fees
2022	US31 N & US31 S	Greenway Trail expansion (approx. 9 miles)	\$4,500,000	INDOT/COF project
2022	Active Adult Center	Parking lot expansion	\$80,000	City Paving Program
2022	Facility Planning	Planning for future community sports complex	\$50,000	Budgeted Funds, Park Impact Fees
2022	N/W of US31	Greenway Trail expansion	\$250,000	Grant
2022	Community Park	Renovation of Tennis/BB courts	\$80,000	Budgeted Funds
2022	Greenway Trail	System-wide trail signage upgrades	\$45,000	Budgeted Funds
2022	Franklin Urban Forest	Create an outdoor shelter/ interactive visitors center about urban forestry & the history of this property	\$75,000	Grant, Donations

## **2023**

Year	Site	Action	Cost Estimate	Potential Funding Source
2023	Payne Park	Install new playground	\$40,000	Park Impact Fees
2023	Province Park	Relocate & install new playground – East	\$250,000	Grant
2023	Province Park	Install new shelter	\$40,000	Park Impact Fees
2023	Family Aquatic Center	Install additional water slide	\$200,000	Park Impact Fees, Lease-purchase
2023	Blue Heron Park	Parking lot expansion	\$50,000	City Paving Program

# FRANKLIN PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Comprehensive Five-Year Park System Master Plan



## **2024**

Year	Site	Action	Cost Estimate	Potential Funding Source
2024	Community Sports Complex	Build new community sports complex	\$7,500,000	Park Bond, Park Impact Fees, Economic Development Bond
2024	Community Park	Install new playground	\$150,000	Grant
2024	Family Aquatic Center	Planning for Wave Pool addition	\$50,000	Budgeted Funds

## **2025**

Year	Site	Action	Cost Estimate	Potential Funding Source
2025	Province Park – Skate Park	Skate Park Renovation	\$250,000	Grant
2025	Blue Heron Park	Install new shelter	\$75,000	Park Impact Fees
2025	Active Adult Center	Planning for Active Adult Center renovation/expansion	\$50,000	Budgeted Funds
2025	Family Aquatic Center	Wave Pool	\$1,800,000	Revenue Bond/Park Impact Fees

## **Five Year Staffing Plan**

### 2021

- 1 – Part Time Weekend Park Supervisor (6 months per year)
- 1 – Part Time Park/Landscape Maintenance (7 months per year)
- 1 – Part Time Adaptive Recreation Coordinator (fall start, 10 hour per week, year-round)

### 2022

- 1 - Full Time Park Maintenance
- 2 – Part Time Park Maintenance (8 months per year)
- 1 – Part Time Landscape Maintenance (6 months per year)
- 2 – Part Time Event Coordinators (5 months per year)

### 2023

- 1 – Full Time Park Maintenance
- 1 – Part Time Trails Maintenance (8 months per year)

### 2024

- 1 – Full Time Greenway Trails Coordinator

### 2025

- 1 – Full Time Sports Complex Manager
- 1 – Full Time Sports Maintenance Supervisor
- 4 – Part Time Sports Maintenance (7 months per year)

## **Final Public Presentation of Plan**

The final public presentation of the Five-Year Comprehensive Park System Master Plan was adopted by the Park Board on December 17, 2020. Public comments from that meeting appear at the end of the Public Input section of this report, and the Resolution for adoption of the plan with its original signatures can be found directly after the cover page of this report.



# SOURCES & APPENDIX

# MASTER PLAN 21-25



Franklin Parks & Recreation



## SOURCES & APPENDIX

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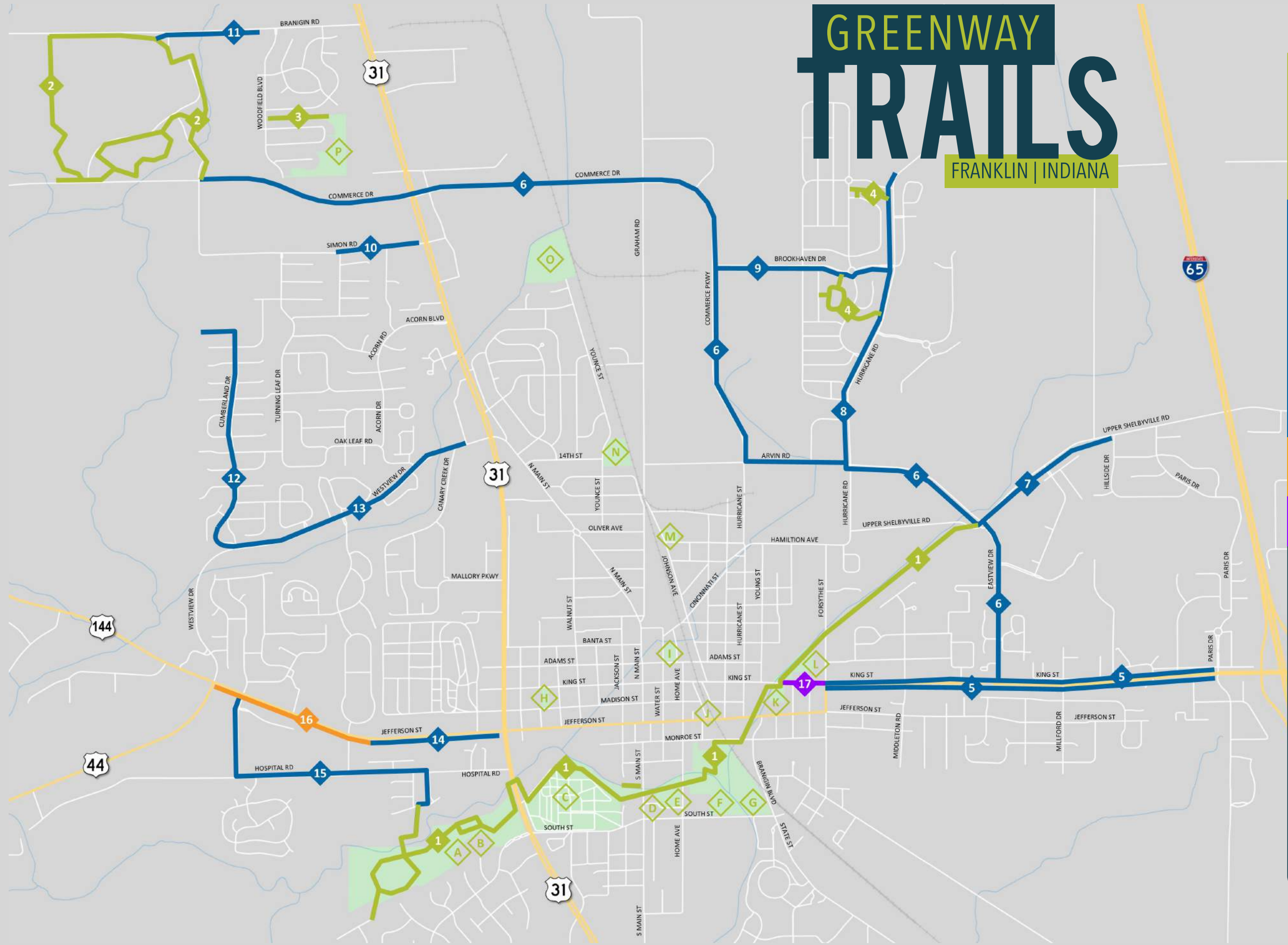
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# GREENWAY TRAILS

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## MULTI-USE TRAILS

- 1. Historic Greenway Trail
- 2. Franklin Community High School Trail
- 3. Branigin Creek
- 4. Heritage Neighborhood

## ROADSIDE ROUTES & TRAILS

- 5. King Street
- 6. Eastside Bypass
- 7. Upper Shelbyville Road
- 8. Hurricane Road
- 9. Brookhaven Drive
- 10. Simon Road
- 11. Branigin Road
- 12. Cumberland
- 13. Westview Drive
- 14. West Jefferson Street
- 15. Hospital Road

## CONSTRUCTION

- 16. Construction in 2020  
*West Jefferson Street*

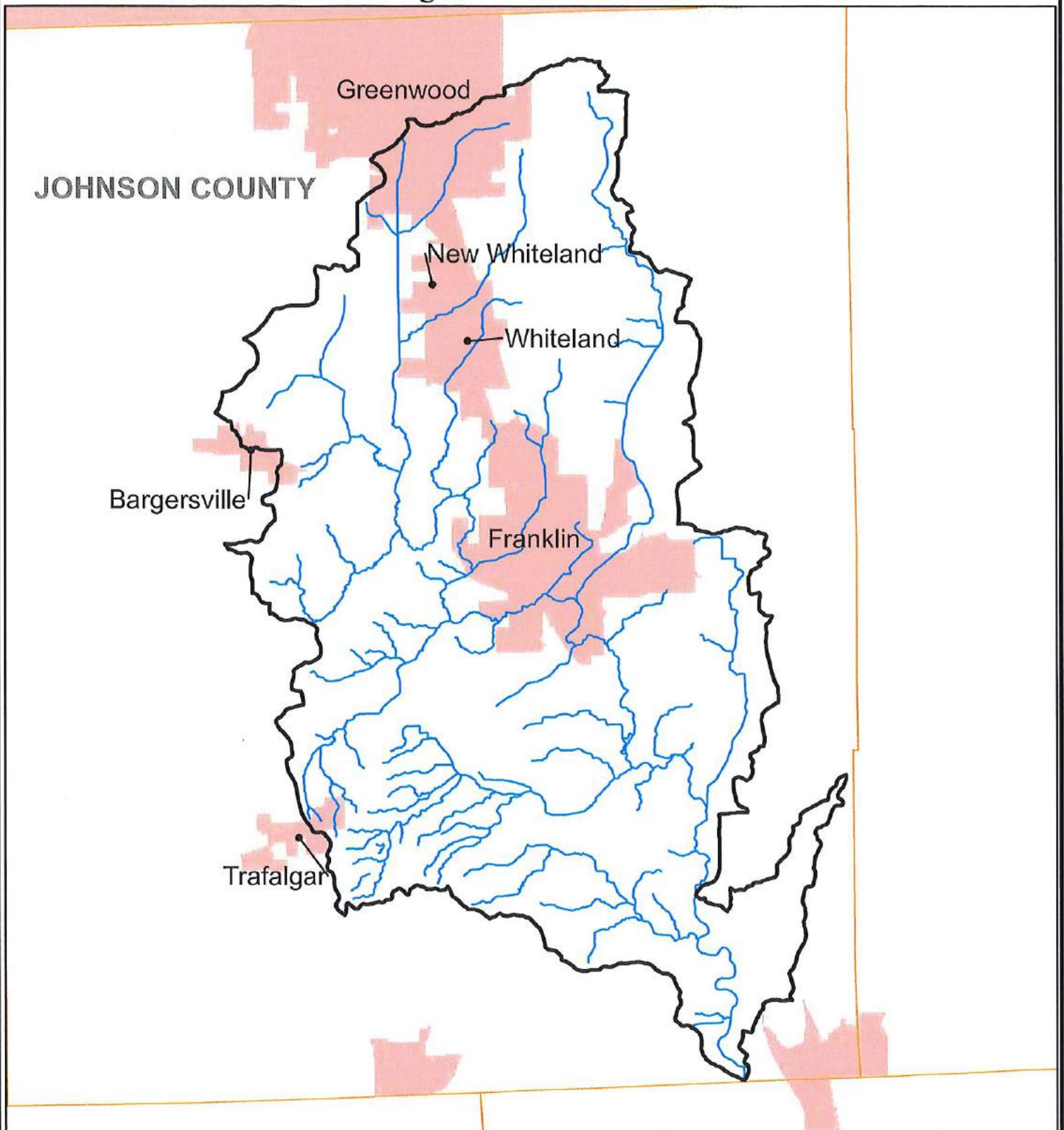
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- 17. East King Street

## PARK FACILITIES

- A. Blue Heron Park
- B. Blue Heron Disc Golf
- C. Greenlawn Cemetery
- D. Action Skate Park
- E. Dog Park
- F. Province Park
- G. Cultural Arts & Recreation Center  
Franklin Family Aquatic Center
- H. Palmer Park  
Palmer Park Community Center
- I. Payne Park  
Active Adult Center
- J. Depot Park
- K. Community Park
- L. Morgan Park
- M. Schmidt Park
- N. Temple Park
- O. Scott Park
- P. Branigin Park

# Youngs Creek WMP 00-224



This map is intended to serve as an aid in graphic representation only. This information is not warranted for accuracy or other purposes.

**Mapped By:**  
Tom Reeve, Office of Water Quality  
**Date:** 06/15/2012

0 0.75 1.5 3 Kilometers

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## Legend

-  Watershed
-  Stream
-  Incorporated Area
-  County

**Sources:**  
**Data** - Obtained from the State of Indiana Geographical Information Office Library  
**Map Projection:** UTM Zone 16 N **Map Datum:** NAD83

# Indiana County Endangered, Threatened and Rare Species List

## County: Johnson



Species Name	Common Name	FED	STATE	GRANK	SRANK
<b>Mollusk: Bivalvia (Mussels)</b>					
<i>Alasmidonta viridis</i>	Slippershell Mussel		SSC	G4G5	S3
<i>Epioblasma rangiana</i>	Northern Riffleshell	LE	SE	G1	S1
<i>Epioblasma triquetra</i>	Snuffbox	LE	SE	G3	S1
<i>Lampsilis fasciola</i>	Wavyrayed Lampmussel		SSC	G5	S3
<i>Obovaria subrotunda</i>	Round Hickorynut	C	SE	G4	S1
<i>Pleurobema clava</i>	Clubshell	LE	SE	G1G2	S1
<i>Ptychobranhus fasciolaris</i>	Kidneyshell		SSC	G4G5	S2
<i>Simpsonaias ambigua</i>	Salamander Mussel	C	SSC	G3	S2
<i>Theliderma cylindrica</i>	Rabbitsfoot	LT	SE	G3G4	S1
<i>Villosa fabalis</i>	Rayed Bean	LE	SE	G2	S1
<i>Villosa iris</i>	Rainbow		SSC	G5	S3
<i>Villosa lienosa</i>	Little Spectaclecase		SSC	G5	S3
<b>Insect: Odonata (Dragonflies &amp; Damselflies)</b>					
<i>Cordulegaster bilineata</i>	Brown Spiketail		WL	G5	S3
<i>Enallagma divagans</i>	Turquoise Bluet		SR	G5	S3
<i>Sympetrum semicinctum</i>	Band-winged Meadowhawk		SR	G5	S2S3
<b>Amphibian</b>					
<i>Acris blanchardi</i>	Blanchard's Cricket Frog		SSC	G5	S4
<b>Reptile</b>					
<i>Clonophis kirtlandii</i>	Kirtland's Snake		SE	G2	S2
<i>Terrapene carolina carolina</i>	Eastern Box Turtle		SSC	G5T5	S3
<b>Bird</b>					
<i>Aimophila aestivalis</i>	Bachman's Sparrow			G3	SXB
<i>Ammodramus henslowii</i>	Henslow's Sparrow		SE	G4	S3B
<i>Bartramia longicauda</i>	Upland Sandpiper		SE	G5	S3B
<i>Circus hudsonius</i>	Northern Harrier		SE	G5	S2
<i>Cistothorus platensis</i>	Sedge Wren		SE	G5	S3B
<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	Bald Eagle		SSC	G5	S2
<i>Helmitheros vermivorus</i>	Worm-eating Warbler		SSC	G5	S3B
<i>Ixobrychus exilis</i>	Least Bittern		SE	G4G5	S3B
<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	Black-crowned Night-heron		SE	G5	S1B
<i>Rallus elegans</i>	King Rail		SE	G4	S1B
<i>Rallus limicola</i>	Virginia Rail		SE	G5	S3B
<i>Setophaga cerulea</i>	Cerulean Warbler		SE	G4	S3B
<i>Setophaga citrina</i>	Hooded Warbler		SSC	G5	S3B
<i>Tyto alba</i>	Barn Owl		SE	G5	S2
<b>Mammal</b>					
<i>Lasiurus borealis</i>	Eastern Red Bat		SSC	G3G4	S4
<i>Mustela nivalis</i>	Least Weasel		SSC	G5	S2?

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**County: Johnson**



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<i>Myotis lucifugus</i>	Little Brown Bat	C	SE	G3	S2
<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>	Northern Long Eared Bat	LT	SE	G1G2	S2S3
<i>Myotis sodalis</i>	Indiana Bat	LE	SE	G2	S1
<i>Nycticeius humeralis</i>	Evening Bat		SE	G5	S1
<i>Perimyotis subflavus</i>	Tricolored Bat		SE	G2G3	S2S3
<i>Sorex fumeus</i>	Smoky Shrew		SSC	G5	S2
<i>Sorex hoyi</i>	Pygmy Shrew		SSC	G5	S2
<i>Taxidea taxus</i>	American Badger		SSC	G5	S2
<b>Vascular Plant</b>					
<i>Azolla caroliniana</i>	Carolina mosquito-fern		ST	G5	S3
<i>Carex timida</i>	timid sedge		SE	G2G4	S1
<i>Chelone obliqua</i> var. <i>speciosa</i>	rose turtlehead		WL	G4T3	S3
<i>Huperzia lucidula</i>	shining clubmoss		WL	G5	S3
<i>Hydrastis canadensis</i>	golden seal		WL	G3G4	S3
<i>Juglans cinerea</i>	butternut		ST	G3	S2
<i>Panax quinquefolius</i>	American ginseng		WL	G3G4	S3
<b>High Quality Natural Community</b>					
<i>Forest - floodplain wet-mesic</i>	Wet-mesic Floodplain Forest		SG	G3?	S3
<i>Forest - upland dry-mesic Highland Rim</i>	Highland Rim Dry-mesic Upland Forest		SG	GNR	S3
<i>Forest - upland mesic Highland Rim</i>	Highland Rim Mesic Upland Forest		SG	GNR	S3
<i>Wetland - seep circumneutral</i>	Circumneutral Seep		SG	GU	S1

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# Help Us Build an All-Inclusive Playground!



We are the Mayor's Youth Leadership Council, a Franklin Community High School organization that works with the City of Franklin to encourage involvement in local civics. Our newest project is to create an all-inclusive playground, where children of all abilities can play together. After working with GameTime to design our playground, we have finalized a plan to make this park a reality. We have already raised \$150,000, placing us halfway to our goal of \$305,000. Now, we need your help.



Our playground is going to be located in Blue Heron Park, whose current playground is being removed due to repeated flood damage. The new playground is going to be placed on the higher ground to prevent this from recurring. It will also serve a place to play for children with ambulatory disabilities, who are unable to access other playgrounds in the area. There are 2,000 such school-aged children with disabilities who live within an hour of Franklin and would benefit from this type of play space.

The design for the Inclusive Playground Project is posted above. The Youth Council will be hosting a community build for all donors and community members in May of 2018. It is a great opportunity for you or your organization to support a project that will have a great impact on our County.

## HOW TO DONATE!

### STEP 1

To donate to this project, go to the Johnson County Community Foundation website ([www.jccf.org](http://www.jccf.org)) and click the blue tab labeled "Give & Donate".



### STEP 2

Click the green button titled "Give One Time."



### STEP 3

Select the bullet point that says, "Existing Fund". Once you do that, a box will appear to write the name of the organization to which you are donating. Our fund is the Franklin Parks and Recreation Fund.

**"Franklin Parks and Recreation Fund"**

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If you have any questions about the playground project, please contact Tara Payne at (317) 736-3602 or email her at [tpayne@franklin.in.gov](mailto:tpayne@franklin.in.gov).



# ADA Grievance Form

Date of Occurrence: \_\_\_\_\_

Department of Occurrence: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Occurrence: \_\_\_\_\_

## Complainant Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

## Description of Grievance

Please provide a detailed description of the grievance:

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## Action Requested to Resolve Grievance

Please state how you believe this grievance should be resolved:

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Please attach additional pages as needed.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please return form to ADA Coordinator:  
70 E. Monroe Street, Franklin, IN 46131

Upon request, reasonable accommodation will be provided in completing this form. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at (317) 736-3631 or at the address listed above.



Franklin Parks & Recreation

**Park Board**

**Cultural Arts Recreation Center – Theater Room**

**Thursday, June 18, 2020**

**4:00 p.m. Regular Meeting**

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Announcements & Presentations**
3. **Public Comments**
4. **Consent Agenda**
  - a. Approval of meeting minutes from May 7, 2020
  - b. Approval of June Claims
  - c. Approval of Human Resources Report
5. **Old Business**
  - a. Reopening Family Aquatic Center update
  - b. Reopening Cultural Arts & Recreation Center update
  - c. Amphitheater Project update
  - d. Greenlawn Cemetery – new section planning update
6. **New Business**
  - a. Appoint board member for Park Impact Fee plan update committee
7. **Reports**
  - a. Department Reports
  - b. Financial Reports
8. **Park Board Comments**
9. **Adjournment**

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if anyone wishes to attend the public meeting on the above referenced matter and is in need of reasonable accommodation in order to attend, hear, or speak at the public meeting, please contact Franklin Parks & Recreation Department, so accommodations can be made. Franklin Parks & Recreation Department can be contacted at 396 Branigin Blvd., Franklin, IN. 46131 (317) 736-3689 Fax (317) 736-6200.



Franklin Parks & Recreation

**Park Board**

**Thursday, June 18, 2020**

**Cultural Arts & Recreation Center – Theater Room**

**4:00 p.m. Regular Meeting**

Park Board present: Debbie Gill, Dr. John Shafer, Michael Auger

Park Board absent: Pam Ault

Staff Present: Chip Orner – Director, Rocky Stultz – Asst. Director, Brooke Willis – Business Services Director, Kendall Ayers – Aquatics Coordinator

1. **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order by President Debbie Gill at 4:06pm.

2. **Announcements & Presentations**

None

3. **Public Comments**

None

4. **Consent Agenda**

a. Approval of meeting minutes from May 7, 2020

Motion made by Michael Auger and seconded by Dr. John Shafer to approve the minutes. The Board unanimously approved.

b. Approval of June Claims

Motion made by Dr. John Shafer and seconded by Michael Auger to approve the June claims. The Board unanimously approved.

c. Approval of Human Resources Report

Motion made by Michael Auger and seconded by Dr. John Shafer to approve the Human Resources Report. The Board unanimously approved.

5. **Old Business**

a. Reopening Family Aquatic Center update

Chip advised the Board that the Aquatic Center will be open on Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. It will be at 600 maximum capacity. We will offer handwashing stations at the pool. There will be no temperature taking at the pool, and no waivers for the public to sign. We have signs placed outside and inside the pool area. The hours will be only 11am-6pm. We will not sell anymore pool passes this year. We do have splash cards for sell for \$25 for 10 pool visits good for this pool season only. We will not offer lounge chairs this pool season. The Franklin Aquatic Center will be subject to close depending upon the contingency plan set by the State.

b. Reopening Cultural Arts & Recreation Center update

Chip advised the Board that the Cultural Arts and Recreation Center will be opening back up on Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup>. We will have masks here at the recreation center for anyone who would like one. We also have 10 cases of disinfectant wipes. We will have social distancing signs up inside and outside of the building. We will not have indoor fitness classes. We currently have plexiglass sneeze guards placed at the front desk. We will be extending fitness/facility memberships from March 23<sup>rd</sup>-July 5<sup>th</sup>. Due to COVID-19, we have had over \$75000 in refunds issued. Ventilation fans were put in the fitness rooms and the Active Adult Center. The Active Adult Center will remain closed until further notice. Rentals at the Recreation Center have been very high. Strawberries on the Square has been moved to July 31<sup>st</sup>. The Franklin Firecracker Festival has been moved to Fall Festival.

c. Amphitheater Project update

Chip advised the Board that 32 people showed up for the rebid. Two bids were submitted. A decision will be made at the July meeting.

d. Greenlawn Cemetery – new section planning update

Chip advised the Board that the new section for the Greenlawn Cemetery is on Compass Park property. Brad Ott will have it surveyed out, and he will put pins in place to know where to dig.

6. **New Business**

a. Appoint board member for Park Impact Fee plan update committee

The Board recommended Pam Ault for the committee. Motion made by Michael Auger and seconded by Dr. John Shafer. The Board unanimously approved.

7. **Reports**

a. Department Reports

b. Financial Reports

Chip presented the Board with the most current financials.

8. **Park Board Comments**

9. **Adjournment**

Motion made by Michael Auger and seconded by Dr. John Shafer to adjourn the meeting. The Board unanimously approved.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, August 20, 2020 @ 4:00pm**

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Franklin Parks & Recreation

**Park Board  
Thursday, July 16, 2020  
4:00 p.m. Regular Meeting**

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Announcements & Presentations**
3. **Public Comments**
4. **Consent Agenda**
  - a. Approval of meeting minutes from June 18, 2020
  - b. Approval of July Claims
  - c. Approval of Human Resources Report
5. **Old Business**
  - a. Reopening update
  - b. Amphitheater Project update
    1. Playground selection
    2. Splash Pad & NRPA/American Water Grant award
  - c. Pak Master Plan & Park Impact Fee Plan update
    1. 2021-2030 Long Range Projects
6. **New Business**
7. **Reports**
  - a. Department Reports
  - b. Financial Reports
8. **Park Board Comments**
9. **Adjournment**

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Franklin Parks & Recreation

**Park Board**

**Thursday, July 16, 2020**

**4:00 p.m. Regular Meeting**

Park Board present: Debbie Gill, Dr. John Shafer, Michael Auger

Park Board absent: Pam Ault

Staff present: Chip – Director, Rocky Stultz – Asst. Director, Brooke Willis – Business Services Director

Guests present: Kea Deppe – Recreations Coordinator, Holly Johnston – Recreations Director, George Singh

1. **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order by President Debbie Gill @ 4:06pm.

2. **Announcements & Presentations**

George Singh spoke with the Board members regarding the potential cricket pitch at Blue Heron Park. He advised that he would have the clay laid and base of dirt with mat on it. Motion made by Michael Auger and seconded by Dr. John Shafer to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> cricket pitch at Blue Heron Park. The Board unanimously approved.

3. **Public Comments**

None

4. **Consent Agenda**

a. Approval of meeting minutes from June 18, 2020

Motion made by Michael Auger and seconded by Debbie Gill to approve the minutes. The Board unanimously approved.

b. Approval of July Claims

Motion made by Michael Auger and seconded by Dr. John Shafer to approve the claims. The Board unanimously approved.

c. Approval of Human Resources Report

Motion made by Michael Auger and seconded by Dr. John Shafer to approve the human resources report. The Board unanimously approved.

5. **Old Business**

a. Reopening update

Chip advised the Board that since reopening the recreation center, progress has been slow moving. There will be a possibility of changing the hours of operation. The pool and concessions has had high numbers for 11 straight days. Chip praised Kendall Ayers on the great job he has been doing this summer.

b. Amphitheater Project update

1. Playground selection

Discussion was held regarding the two playgrounds for the Amphitheater project. Chip advised the Board that Sinclair Recreation will provide a grant for \$170,000 for the playground. Motion was made by Dr. John Shafer and seconded by Michael Auger to approve the Sinclair Recreation playground for the Amphitheater. The Board unanimously approve.

2. Splash Pad & NRPA/American Water Grant award

Chip advised the Board that a grant for \$250,000.00 was awarded to the City of Franklin. He advised that only two grants were awarded in the entire U.S. He praised Matt Prine with Indiana American Water. An additional \$50,000.00 will come from Park Impact Fees.

c. Park Master Plan & Park Impact Fee Plan update

1. 2021-2030 Long Range Projects

Chip advised the Board that park impact fees can only be used for new designs or structures. Chip advised the Board that Kea Deppe has been working on a five-year plan for Franklin Parks and Recreation. Kea advised the Board that surveys will be pushed out to the public regarding our Parks. She asked for input on questions for the survey. Ideas included questions about our trails, getting a new structure for another theater, and more green space in other areas. Chip praised Kea for the hard work that she has put forth on the five-year plan.

6. **New Business**

None

7. **Reports**

a. Department Reports

Holly Johnston advised the Board that the Back to School Night event has been canceled. A plan will be submitted to the Board of Health regarding future events. Strawberries on the square remains scheduled with a drive through for social distancing.

b. Financial Reports

Chip presented the Board with the most current financials.

8. **Park Board Comments**

None

9. **Adjournment**

Motion made by Michael Auger and seconded by Dr. John Shafer to adjourn the meeting. The Board unanimously approved.

**Next meeting: Thursday, August 20, 2020**

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Franklin Parks & Recreation

**Park Board**  
**Thursday, September 17, 2020**  
**4:00 p.m. Regular Meeting**

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Announcements & Presentations**
3. **Public Comments**
  - a. Additional public input for 2021-2025 Park Master Plan
4. **Consent Agenda**
  - a. Approval of meeting minutes from July 16, 2020
  - b. Approval of September Claims
  - c. Approval of Human Resources Report
    1. Resignation of Kea Deppe, Recreation Coordinator
5. **Old Business**
  - a. Family Aquatic Center update
    1. Final 2020 Report
  - b. Amphitheater Project update
    1. Pickleball courts
    2. Splash Pad
  - c. Park Impact Fee Plan update
6. **New Business**
  - a. Additional public input for 2021-2025 Park Master Plan
7. **Reports**
  - a. Department Reports
  - b. Financial Reports
8. **Park Board Comments**
9. **Adjournment**

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Franklin Parks & Recreation

**Park Board**  
**Thursday, September 17, 2020**  
**4:00 p.m. Regular Meeting**

Park Board present: Debbie Gill, Dr. John Shafer, Michael Auger

Park Board absent: Pam Ault

Staff present: Chip – Director, Rocky Stultz – Asst. Director, Brooke Willis – Business Services Director

Guests present: Kea Deppe – Recreations Coordinator, Kendall Ayers – Aquatics Coordinator, Celeste Hook, Amy Duncan

1. **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order by President Debbie Gill @ 4:03pm.

2. **Announcements & Presentations**

Ground breaking @ new Amphitheater is scheduled for September 18, 2020. 100 people are expected to be there.

3. **Public Comments**

a. Additional public input for 2021-2025 Park Master Plan

Celeste Hook advised that Greenwood has 7 pickleball courts. Chip Orner advised Celeste that the new Amphitheater will have 8 pickleball courts.

4. **Consent Agenda**

a. Approval of meeting minutes from July 16, 2020

Motion made by Michael Auger and seconded by Dr. John Shafer to approve the minutes. The Board unanimously approved.

b. Approval of September Claims

Motion made by Michael Auger and seconded by Dr. John Shafer to approve the claims. The Board unanimously approved.

c. Approval of Human Resources Report

1. Resignation of Kea Deppe, Recreation Coordinator

Motion made by Michael Auger and seconded by Dr. John Shafer to approve the human resources report. The Board unanimously approved.

5. **Old Business**

a. Family Aquatic Center update

1. Final 2020 Report

The pool is close to breaking the 2019 record during the pandemic.

b. Amphitheater Project update

Meijer construction was the lowest bidder for the project coming in at 1.6 million dollars.

Construction is scheduled to begin on Monday, September 21, 2020 and ending on Saturday, July 3, 2021.

1. Pickleball courts

There will be 8 pickleball courts built at the new amphitheater.

2. Splash Pad

The City of Franklin Parks received a \$250,000.00 grant from Indiana American Water. The City of Franklin also received \$250,000.00 from DriveHubler.com as the sponsor of the new Amphitheater. Other monies received were from Mutual Savings Bank for \$50,000.00 as an additional sponsor for the new Amphitheater. An additional \$100,000.00 was received from Mutual Savings Bank for the new pickleball courts.

c. Park Impact Fee Plan update

Mayor Steve Barnett formed a review committee with two meetings being held each month beginning in October. Chip advised the Board that \$323.00 is the new park impact fee amount for any new builds.

6. **New Business**

a. Additional public input for 2021-2025 Park Master Plan

Kea Deppe created a survey on social media. The public input consisted of having shade at Blue Heron Park, more pickleball courts in Franklin, and adaptive programs for special needs families.

7. **Reports**

a. Department Reports

b. Financial Reports

Chip presented the Board with the most current financials.

8. **Park Board Comments**

The Board asked about getting a cricket pitch.

9. **Adjournment**

Motion made by Michael Auger and seconded by Dr. John Shafer to adjourn the meeting. The Board unanimously approved.

**Next meeting: Thursday, October 15, 2020**

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Franklin Parks & Recreation

**Park Board**  
**Thursday, November 19, 2020**  
**4:00 p.m. Regular Meeting**

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Announcements & Presentations**
  1. Leadership Johnson County group re: renaming of Palmer Park Community Center
  2. Indiana Phenology re: proposed partnership with Franklin Parks
3. **Public Comments**
  - a. Additional public input for 2021-2025 Park Master Plan
4. **Consent Agenda**
  - a. Approval of meeting minutes from Sept 17, 2020
  - b. Approval of November Claims
  - c. Approval of Human Resources Report
5. **Old Business**
  - a. Amphitheater Project update
    1. Pickleball courts & IN American Water property
    2. Splash Pad – Bid opening Dec 16
    3. Construction update
  - b. 2021-2025 Park Impact Fee Plan approval
    1. Plan Commission – Nov 23
    2. City Council – Dec 7 & Dec 21
6. **New Business**
7. **Reports**
  - a. Department Reports
  - b. Financial Reports
8. **Park Board Comments**
9. **Adjournment**

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## Franklin Parks & Recreation

### **Park Board Thursday, November 19, 2020 4:00 p.m. Regular Meeting**

Park Board present: Debbie Gill, Dr. John Shafer, Pam Ault

Park Board absent: Michael Auger

Staff present: Chip – Director, Rocky Stultz – Asst. Director, Brooke Willis – Business Services Director

Guests present: Jim Engmark – Leadership Johnson County, Shadi Lilly

Leadership Johnson County, Doug Gray – Leadership Johnson County, Amanda Wanlass – Indiana Phenology

#### **1. Call to Order**

Meeting called to order by President Debbie Gill @ 4:32pm.

#### **2. Announcements & Presentations**

1. Leadership Johnson County group re: renaming of Palmer Park Community Center  
Jim Engmark introduced the members present from Leadership Johnson County. He advised that they are working on diversity in Johnson County along with the history of African Americans. Leadership Johnson County would like to include Franklin Parks and Recreation and Palmer Park. They would like new signage on Palmer Park. Jim advised that they would like to see education inside and outside of Palmer Park. They would like to have a kickoff festival in the spring 2021 for the community. Shadi Lilly spoke to the Board about the inclusion policy in place. Parks and Recreation have an inclusion policy nationally. Shadi asked about getting assessments and surveys for trainings, and new programs offered at parks and recreation for diversity. Dr. John Shafer advised that he would like to see Franklin College partner with Leadership Johnson County. Pastor Doug Gray spoke with the Board about the history of Palmer Park, formerly Booker T Washington. Palmer Park was named after Harriett Palmer. She was a former principal of Franklin Community High School and a professor at Franklin College. Leadership Johnson County asked the Board to help fund their festival and signage on Palmer Park. They would like to request monies from the multicultural fund. Discussion regarding the inclusion policy has been tabled for next meeting. Motion by Dr. John Shafer and seconded by Pam Ault to move forward with funding the signage of Palmer Park Community Center and Leadership Johnson County festival in spring 2021. The Board unanimously approve.
2. Indiana Phenology re: proposed partnership with Franklin Parks  
Amanda Wanlass proposed a partnership with Franklin Parks and Recreation. Phenology is the leafing and fruiting of plants. She advised the Board that she would like to see a phenology trail at Province Park. Volunteers from the community would help with this project. Amanda advised that she would like to document the climate change of 10-15 plants and trees with tags to monitor the weekly data. They will document the leafing and fruiting of these plants and trees. Motion made by Dr. John Shafer to approve the

partnership with Indiana Phenology and Franklin Parks and Recreation. The Board unanimously approved.

**3. Public Comments**

- a. Additional public input for 2021-2025 Park Master Plan  
None

**4. Consent Agenda**

- a. Approval of meeting minutes from Sept 17, 2020

Motion made by Pam Ault and seconded by Dr. John Shafer to approve the minutes. The Board unanimously approved.

- b. Approval of November Claims

Motion made by Pam Ault and seconded by Dr. John Shafer to approve the November claims. The Board unanimously approved.

- c. Approval of Human Resources Report

Chip advised the Board that Kea Deppe's position will not be filled right now due to COVID-19. Motion made by Dr. John Shafer and seconded by Pam Ault to approve the human resources report. The Board unanimously approved.

**5. Old Business**

- a. Amphitheater Project update

1. Pickleball courts & IN American Water property

Chip advised the Board that there is a redesign of the pickleball courts to encroach on their property. Fencing encroaches on property on the edge of Walnut and Jefferson st.

2. Splash pad – Bid opening Dec 16

Chip advised the Board that the original company is no longer designed the splash pad due to being in a flood plain. The water lines and mechanical run into building on Jackson St. Bid opening is scheduled for December 16<sup>th</sup>.

3. Construction update

Chip advised the Board the construction has begun and the grand opening is still scheduled for July 4<sup>th</sup>.

3.

- b. 2021-2025 Park Impact Fee plan approval

1. Plan Commission – Nov 23

Chip presented the Board with the new fees per building permit phase. Motion made by Dr. John Shafer and seconded by Pam Ault to introduce the Park Impact Fee plan to the plan commission. The Board unanimously approved.

2. City Council – Dec 7 & Dec 21

**6. New Business**

Holiday Lighting has been cancelled. The lights will go on Thanksgiving Day. Chip advised the Board that there could be a possibility of Franklin Parks and Recreation closing if Johnson County goes to red status or if all Franklin Community schools go to all virtual. We will be closing Franklin Parks and Recreation on the day before Thanksgiving, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, and New Year's day.

**7. Reports**

- a. Department Reports

- b. Financial Reports

Chip presented the Board with the most current financials.

**8. Park Board Comments**

None

**9. Adjournment**

Motion made by Pam Ault and seconded by Dr. John Shafer to adjourn the meeting. The Board unanimously approved.

**Next meeting: Thursday, December 17, 2020**

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Franklin Parks & Recreation

**Park Board**  
**Thursday, December 17, 2020**  
**4:00 p.m. Regular Meeting**  
**VIRTUAL MEETING via ZOOM**

1. **Call to Order**
3. **Announcements & Public Comments**
  - a. Additional public input for 2021-2025 Park Master Plan
4. **Consent Agenda**
  - a. Approval of meeting minutes from Nov 19, 2020
  - b. Approval of December Claims
  - c. Approval of Human Resources Report
5. **Old Business**
  - a. 2021-2025 Park Master Plan
  - b. Amphitheater Park construction update
6. **New Business**
  - a. 2021 Fees & Charges
  - b. 2021 Greenlawn Cemetery Fees & Charges
7. **Reports**
  - a. Department Reports
  - b. Financial Reports
8. **Park Board Comments**
9. **Adjournment**

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## First "Survey Monkey" about Reopening the Rec Center

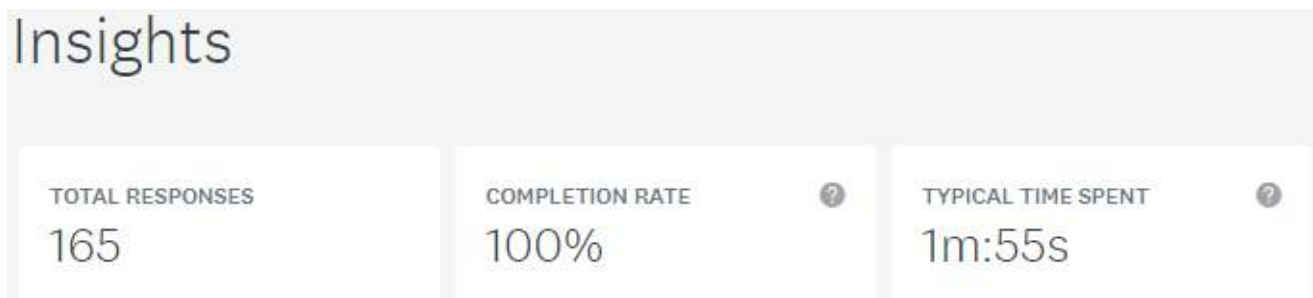
After the entire country was rocked with the global pandemic and the Franklin Parks and Recreation Department was forced to close its doors, staff finally began to plan for slowly reopening the Rec Center, the Franklin Family Aquatic Center, and other recreation programming. It was decided to send out a survey to see what residents would be looking for in terms of recreational programs as reopening was in the works. Some of those results also proved to be insightful for future plans outside of the COVID-19 reopening. The original survey included 10 questions about comfort levels with returning to the Rec Center with the last question being an open-ended "what other thoughts or suggestions would you like to share" type of inquiry. Eight of those questions are included in this "Public Input" section. The remaining two questions dealt specifically with a one-time water aerobics class that was offered at the pool thus those questions were not included in this summary.

The Franklin Parks and Recreation Department was thrilled to receive 165 responses to the survey! It was promoted on the Franklin Parks Facebook page and promised not to take too much time to complete. Most residents completed the survey in under 2 minutes, but also 100% of the people that clicked on the survey finished it. The Department staff was able to use the data to realize that residents of Franklin were not interested in virtual programs. Staff members also noted that art programs and cooking classes were in high demand, so more programs in those two areas can be added to class offerings in the future.

The survey was conducted using a website called "Survey Monkey." Due to the high response rate and excellent data analytics, the Franklin Parks & Recreation Department purchased a monthly membership to the service to conduct future surveys for more public input. The plan is to keep the surveys short and focused on one specific area in hopes of getting the same high numbers of responses. The Department also plans to send out several surveys throughout the end of 2020 to help gather more public input for the Franklin Parks and Recreation future plans.

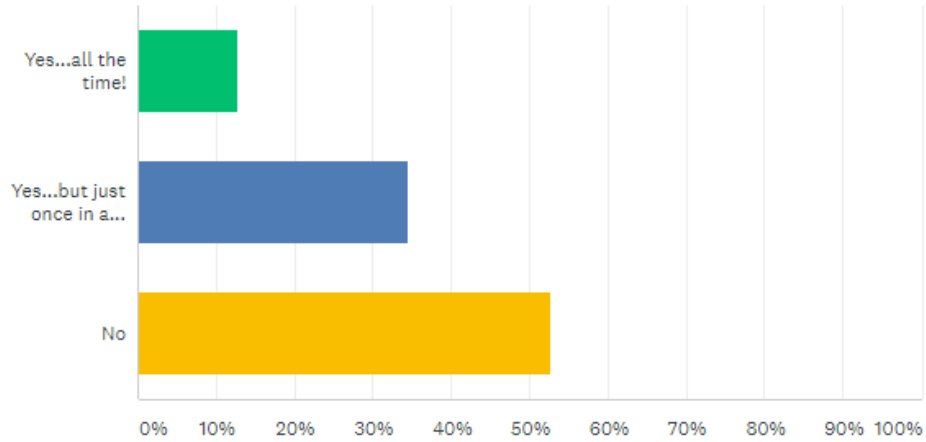
Survey Publish Date: 6/16/2020

Survey Closed Date: 7/03/2020



# Did you come to fitness classes at the Rec Center before the current health care crisis?

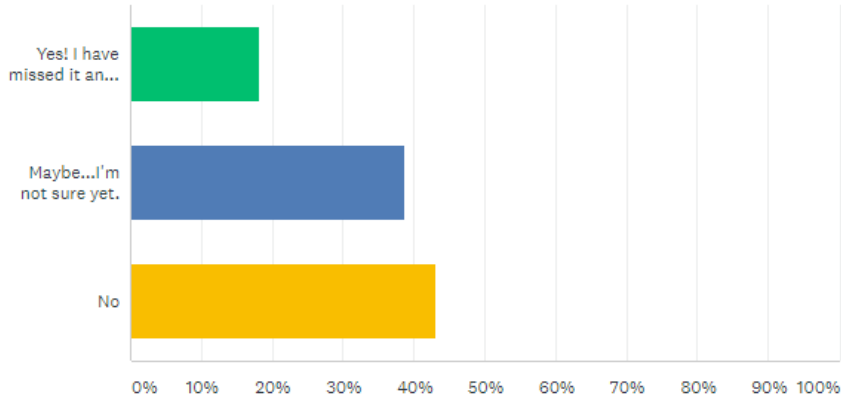
Answered: 165 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Yes...all the time!	12.73% 21
▼ Yes...but just once in a while.	34.55% 57
▼ No	52.73% 87
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>165</b>

# Once the Rec Center opens up on July 6th, do you plan to come to a fitness class?

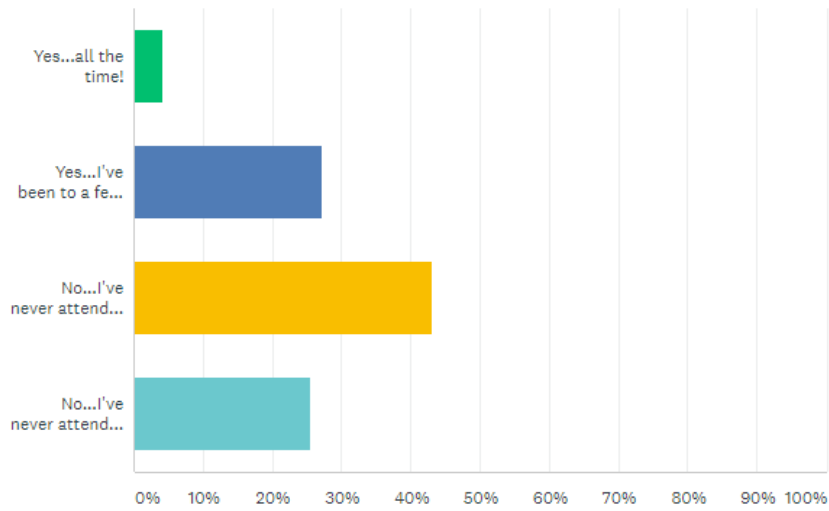
Answered: 165 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes! I have missed it and cannot wait!	18.18% 30
Maybe...I'm not sure yet.	38.79% 64
No	43.03% 71
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>165</b>

Before the current health care crisis, did you attend any recreation programs at the Rec Center (sewing/craft classes, wood carving, Taekwondo, etc.)?

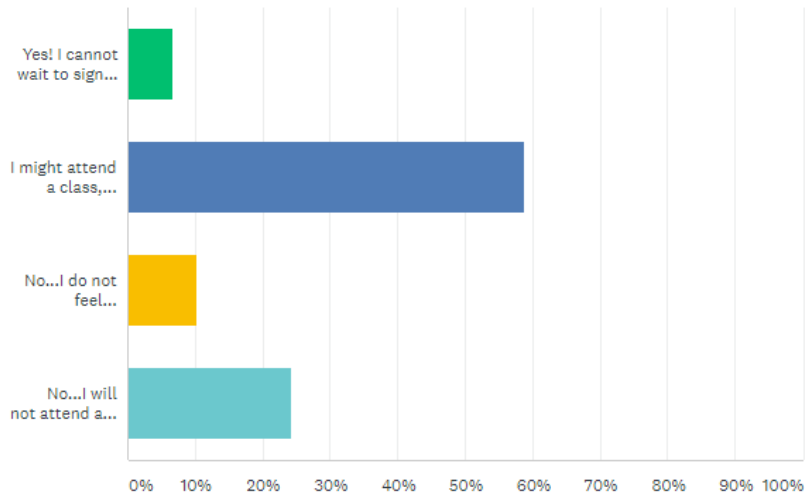
Answered: 165 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Yes...all the time!	4.24% 7
▼ Yes...I've been to a few in the past.	27.27% 45
▼ No...I've never attended because my schedule wouldn't allow it.	43.03% 71
▼ No...I've never attended because nothing seemed like a good fit for me.	25.45% 42
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>165</b>

# Once the Rec Center reopens on July 6th, will you attend any recreation programs at the Rec Center?

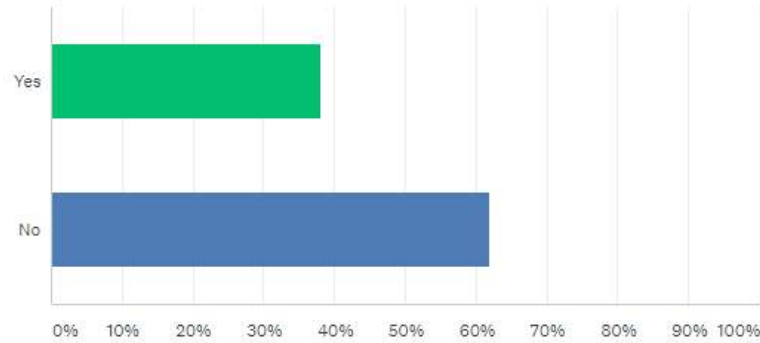
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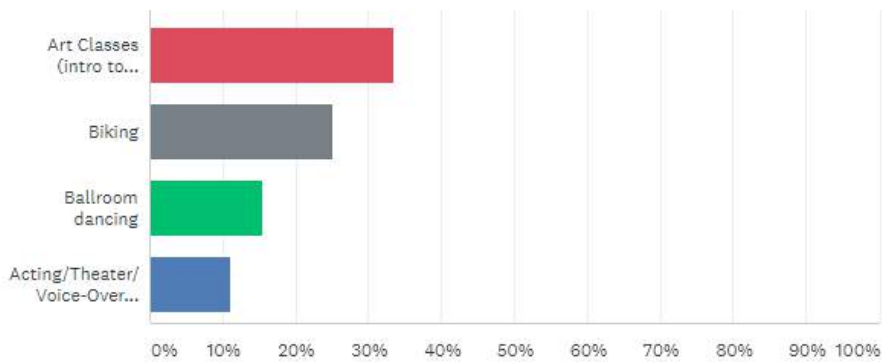
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Yes! I cannot wait to sign up for new programs!	6.67%	11
▼ I might attend a class, depending on what's offered.	58.79%	97
▼ No...I do not feel comfortable attending indoor recreation classes.	10.30%	17
▼ No...I will not attend any recreation classes.	24.24%	40
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>165</b>

# What type of recreation classes would you like to see offered as the Rec Would you be interested in any virtual programming?

Answered: 160 Skipped: 5



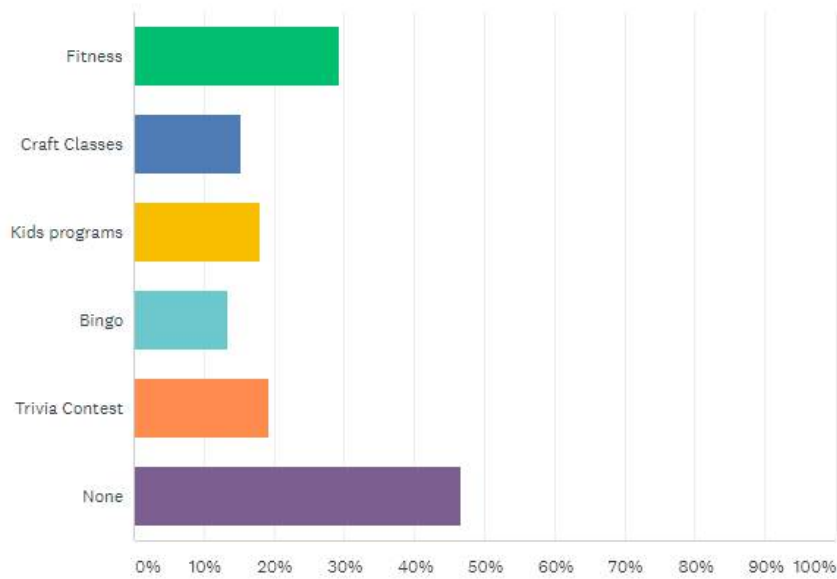
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	38.13%	61
No	61.88%	99
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>160</b>



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Sewing Classes	20.98%	30
Craft Classes	29.37%	42
Cooking Classes	33.57%	48
Tai Chi	6.29%	9
Wood Carving	9.09%	13
Fly Fishing	9.79%	14
Music Classes	13.99%	20
Kid Classes (tot tumbling, Tae Kwon Do, dance classes, etc.)	31.47%	45
Art Classes (intro to painting, ceramics, etc.)	33.57%	48
Biking	25.17%	36
Ballroom dancing	15.38%	22
Acting/Theater/Voice-Over classes	11.19%	16
<b>Total Respondents: 143</b>		

## What type of virtual programming?

Answered: 150 Skipped: 15



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Fitness	29.33% 44
▼ Craft Classes	15.33% 23
▼ Kids programs	18.00% 27
▼ Bingo	13.33% 20
▼ Trivia Contest	19.33% 29
▼ None	46.67% 70
<b>Total Respondents: 150</b>	

Finally, what other thoughts or suggestions do you have for the Franklin Parks and Recreation staff as we prepare to reopen in July?

Answered: 78 Skipped: 87

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Nope	7/2/2020 11:48 AM
2	I just wanted to thank you for being such good communicators :) thank you for taking everyone's thoughts into consideration	6/23/2020 9:44 AM
3	Just wash hands and be safe	6/23/2020 12:31 AM
4	None	6/21/2020 11:51 AM
5	Can't wait to start walking track again and to see everyone out. Ready for normal!!	6/19/2020 9:50 AM
6	I hope we can resume Zumba Class with Krista.	6/18/2020 10:51 PM
7	Good luck. I think you will get hit with the virus. Jumping and coughing in class. I'm not interested until there is a vaccine	6/18/2020 12:18 PM
8	Allow use if the facilities for expired memberships for the time lost.	6/18/2020 12:07 PM
9	So excited you will be open! Looking forward to signing the grandchildren up for classes	6/17/2020 10:19 PM
10	Just waiting for pool to open.	6/17/2020 7:55 PM
11	resurface/repaint tennis courts behind boys club into 4 pickleball courts.	6/17/2020 6:04 PM
12	Such a hard decision...do what makes sense in your heart.	6/17/2020 10:59 AM
13	I prefer to pay for fitness classes the way it used to be. Sign up for a class in advance and pay the fee as opposed to the cardio cards. It was more economical for patrons to do it the other way. I won't be able to come as often with the cardio cards as it is too expensive.	6/17/2020 10:11 AM
14	I can't wait for early morning lap swims. 1-2 hr of swimming is a perfect mood & health boost to kickstart each day.	6/17/2020 9:04 AM
15	Lots of hand sanitizing stations.	6/16/2020 8:57 PM
16	Open the weight room	6/16/2020 8:47 PM
17	List, post how your keeping everyone safe and actually follow through. Many places don't list or do what they say they are doing. Encourage face mask when not exercising, hand sanitizer out and things to clean gym after use	6/16/2020 7:57 PM
18	I can't get back into the pool soon enough.	6/16/2020 7:36 PM
19	We bought pool passes in December. We were called a month ago to confirm we had bought them and said they would be mailed. We have called weekly but haven't received them. Today we were told they had computer issues and would not be mailed. We're concerned you are going to have quite a back up July 4th as people only have receipts for pool passes. I know it's only a small list of people affected but something to confirm what we should take for entry would be great! Thanks, Rachel Donville donville@gmail.com	6/16/2020 7:20 PM
20	I walked and worked out almost daily before the closure. My biggest concern will be the cleanliness of the equipment and things like door handles. I am a bit concerned that being inside would be like recycling the same air over and over again that might lead to possible spread of the virus. It might be beneficial to have everyone take a temp test prior to entering the building. Check for any signs or symptoms.	6/16/2020 6:50 PM
21	Later hours	6/16/2020 6:24 PM
22	It would nice to know that there is a strict cleaning procedure for doors, balls, equipment, and commonly touched items. Post it for everyone to see. Limit the track to a certain number of people. Hard to distance with just 2 lanes.	6/16/2020 5:37 PM
23	Stay strong and safe!	6/16/2020 5:23 PM
24	Excited to have you all back!	6/16/2020 5:07 PM
25	Missed you all!	6/16/2020 5:03 PM
26	Do what you feel is best and we will go with your decisions.	6/16/2020 4:39 PM
27	Sounds good	6/16/2020 4:33 PM

28	Open longer hours	6/16/2020 4:30 PM
29	Wishing you success. I am over 65. Covid is still out there The reason we are opening is because of economy and enough ventilators and PPE for all.	6/16/2020 4:09 PM
30	Open the work out center !	6/16/2020 4:07 PM
31	Nothing you covered everything	6/16/2020 4:05 PM
32	NA	6/16/2020 4:03 PM
33	It would be nice if the aquatic center were able to open earlier than July 4.	6/16/2020 3:54 PM
34	I would like you to reconsider the pool pass policy. We only go to the pool for an hour at a time (first thing in the morning). Then we go on with our day. We do this Mon-Thurs, not even on the weekends. So we're not even there when there's a crowd. It's just too expensive to pay admission for a family, even with the \$10 thing. I appeal to you to make an exception in this circumstance since we only attend when the crowds are very small (the first hour of opening M-Th). Cbirdman@gmail.com	6/16/2020 3:51 PM
35	You have done a very good job making decisions that keep the community safe. I hope you will continue to do so, especially when it comes to the fitness center.	6/16/2020 3:13 PM
36	Nothing at this time	6/16/2020 2:48 PM
37	None	6/16/2020 2:31 PM
38	N/A	6/16/2020 2:26 PM
39	I wish I felt comfortable exercising inside in a group setting and I trust that you'll do everything you can to mitigate risk. It's just too inherently risky.	6/16/2020 2:23 PM
40	Let us buy pool passes	6/16/2020 2:13 PM
41	...	6/16/2020 2:06 PM
42	It would be nice to have classes for those like myself that don't get home until after 6 pm	6/16/2020 2:05 PM
43	Have you considered trying to tap in to the things people like to do in the parks, like Pokemon Go or maybe some organized trail runs, etc.? I often jog from Province over to Blue Heron and can easily do 5K on nice trails - I'll bet people might like that kind of thing.	6/16/2020 2:02 PM
44	Earlier weekend hours	6/16/2020 2:01 PM
45	I might be interested in outdoor classes occasionally, but not regularly; and they would always be dependent on the weather. (maybe wasn't one of the choices.)	6/16/2020 1:57 PM
46	I cannot wait to return	6/16/2020 1:51 PM
47	Extending memberships 3 months for those affected by the closing.	6/16/2020 1:49 PM
48	Swim lessons for kids	6/16/2020 1:47 PM
49	I hope the weight room is open	6/16/2020 1:42 PM
50	Limit number of people in center, space out equipment, keep the wipes/cleaners/hand sanitizer full....wipe down door knobs on regular basis	6/16/2020 1:42 PM
51	For those of us who had yearly memberships to workout area will you be adding those months you were closed to our membership?	6/16/2020 1:41 PM
52	Keep up the good work !	6/16/2020 1:22 PM
53	I feel that the fitness center should have been opened effective May 22 to follow along with stage 3 of the Indiana back on track program.	6/16/2020 1:11 PM
54	I'm excited for the pool to open	6/16/2020 12:55 PM
55	Please think about going back to two spin classes a week starting at 6 instead of 5. People work until 5 and are unable to make the 5 o'clock class. Thank you. Have a great day!	6/16/2020 12:53 PM
56	STAY SAFE!!!!	6/16/2020 12:52 PM

57	I can't wait 😊	6/16/2020 12:16 PM
58	No thoughts, just thanks!	6/16/2020 12:05 PM
59	na	6/16/2020 12:00 PM
60	Small group book club?	6/16/2020 11:49 AM
61	Thank you for adding the splash pass option for those who were unable to get pool passes this summer.	6/16/2020 11:48 AM
62	Open the pool	6/16/2020 11:48 AM
63	Have wipes/cleaning supplies at each work out equipment so when people are done they should have to clean up after themselves.	6/16/2020 11:45 AM
64	Keep crushing it.	6/16/2020 11:44 AM
65	Please offer evening water aerobics. Only exercise I'm able to do due to health constraints of knees.	6/16/2020 11:42 AM
66	Kids classes small group 15 or less in crafting and school related subjects to prevent loss of skills or to catch up on a few skills missed at the end of the year	6/16/2020 11:22 AM
67	Wear masks.	6/16/2020 11:21 AM
68	Parks Make Life Better	6/16/2020 11:17 AM
69	Evening classes please. I work during the day and it seems like everything offered is daytime or before 5 pm when I get off work. Makes attending anything extremely hard to do.	6/16/2020 11:15 AM
70	God Bless	6/16/2020 11:15 AM
71	Let's get back to normal.	6/16/2020 11:12 AM
72	Ready for the weight room to re-open! 🙏	6/16/2020 11:11 AM
73	Concerning the water aerobics ... I would love if that was offered on a weekend or after 5pm due to work schedule. Otherwise, I wouldn't be able to go :(	6/16/2020 11:05 AM
74	Lots of hand sanitizer	6/16/2020 11:02 AM
75	I would like to get my child involved in classes, but me as a working mother it is hard to make the classes that you guys have scheduled during the day.	6/16/2020 10:53 AM
76	As we family we trust your doing what's best for our community and for that we thank you.	6/16/2020 10:52 AM
77	Please be safe and cautious. We are bound to have cases linked to these openings if employees aren't wearing masks and distancing appropriately.	6/16/2020 10:51 AM
78	Looking for toddler programming! 😊	6/16/2020 10:50 AM

## Second "Survey Monkey" about Parks and Facilities

Thanks in part to amazing results with the "Reopening the Rec Center" survey that was sent out in early June, the Franklin Parks and Recreation Department decided to use the same "Survey Monkey" website to design and sent out two more surveys for the purposes of gathering public input for the 5-Year Master Plan. This second survey was published on all social media outlets and over broadcast emails.

Once again, the Department was thrilled with the results! 184 people participated in the survey. Questions this time were specifically targeting the use of Franklin parks and facilities. The survey was again kept short in hopes that it would be easily completed. Insights gained from this survey is included in the "Needs Analysis" section of this 5-Year Master Plan, but all charts and other data from all fifteen questions are included below.

Survey Publish Date: July 27, 2020

Survey Closed Date: August 10, 2020

### Insights

TOTAL RESPONSES

184

COMPLETION RATE

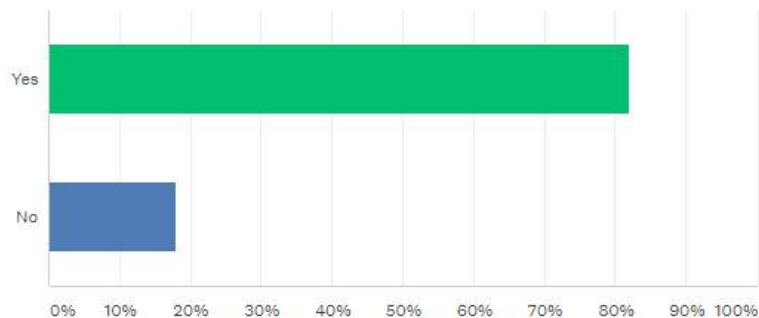
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### Do you live in the City of Franklin, Indiana?

Answered: 184 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES

Yes

RESPONSES

82.07%

151

No

17.93%

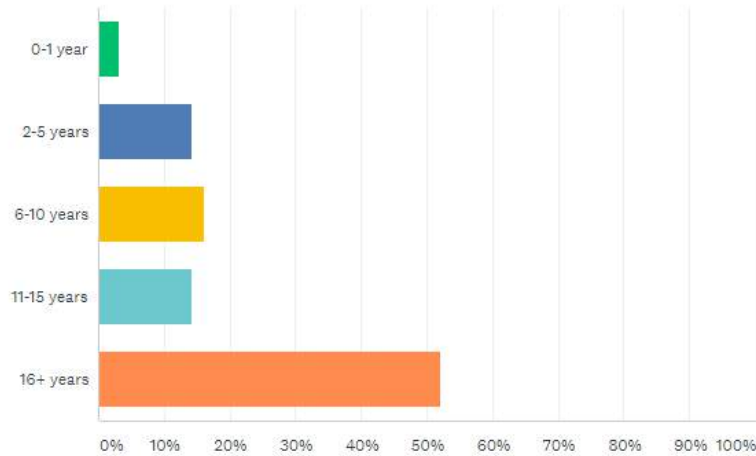
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TOTAL

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If yes, please indicate the number of years you have lived in Franklin, Indiana.

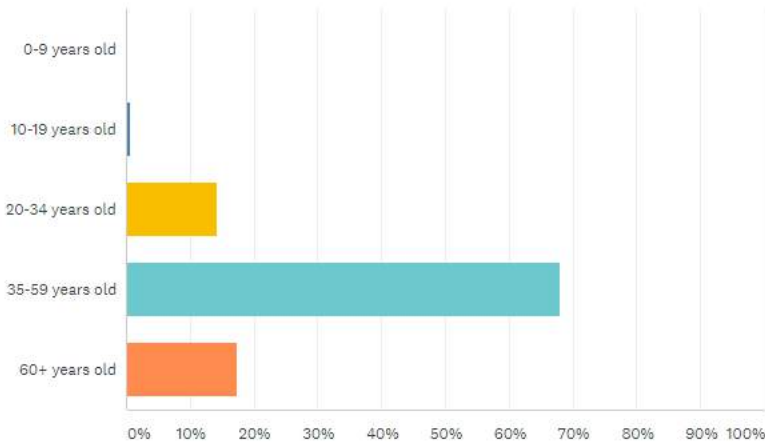
Answered: 161 Skipped: 23



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ 0-1 year	3.11% 5
▼ 2-5 years	14.29% 23
▼ 6-10 years	16.15% 26
▼ 11-15 years	14.29% 23
▼ 16+ years	52.17% 84
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>161</b>

What is your age range?

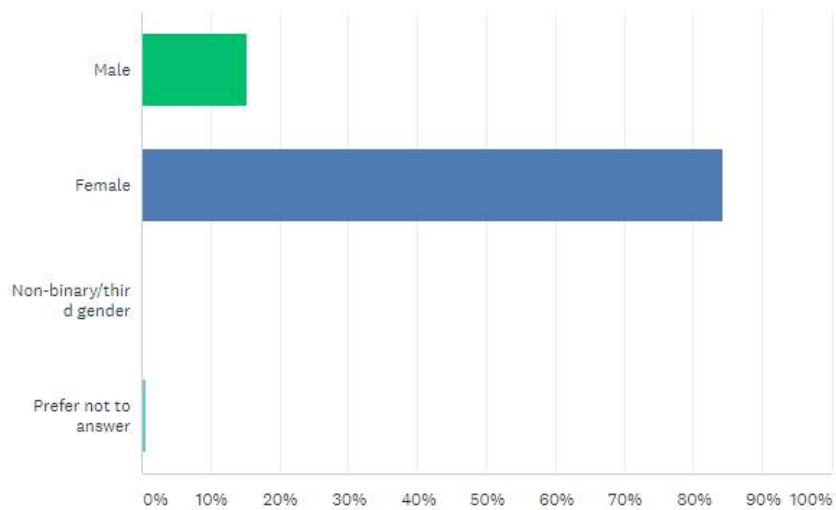
Answered: 184 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ 0-9 years old	0.00% 0
▼ 10-19 years old	0.54% 1
▼ 20-34 years old	14.13% 26
▼ 35-59 years old	67.93% 125
▼ 60+ years old	17.39% 32
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>184</b>

## What is your gender?

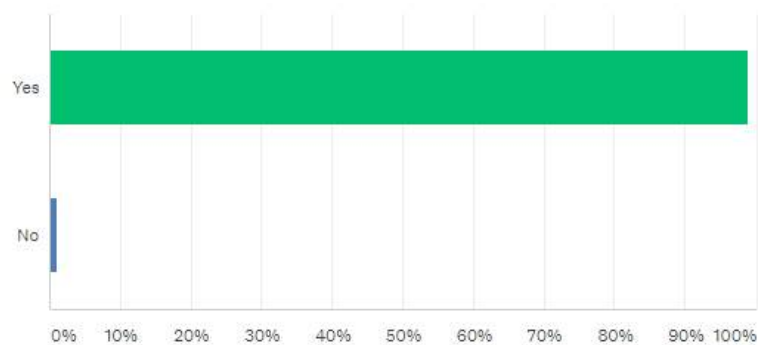
Answered: 184 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Male	15.22% 28
Female	84.24% 155
Non-binary/third gender	0.00% 0
Prefer not to answer	0.54% 1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>184</b>

## Have you or members of your household visited any of the Franklin parks or facilities during the past year?

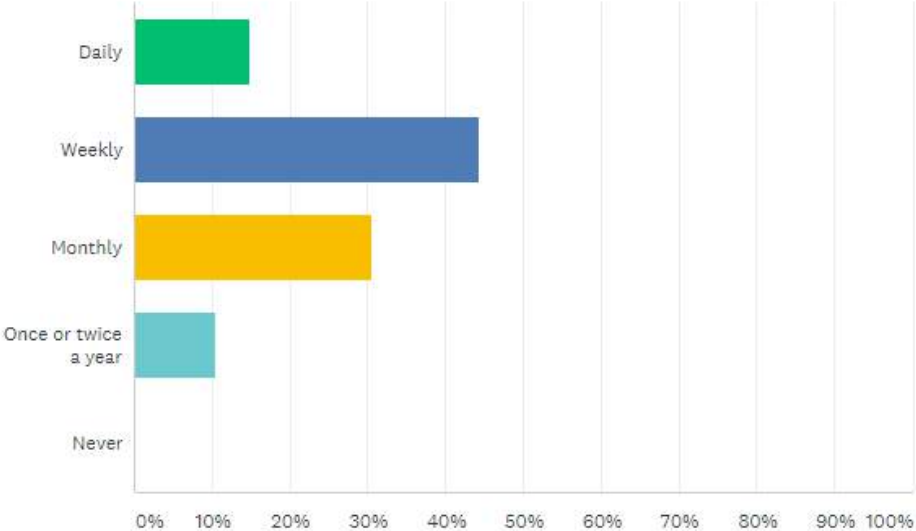
Answered: 184 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	98.91% 182
No	1.09% 2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>184</b>

# Approximately how often did you or members of your household visit any of the Franklin parks or facilities in the last year?

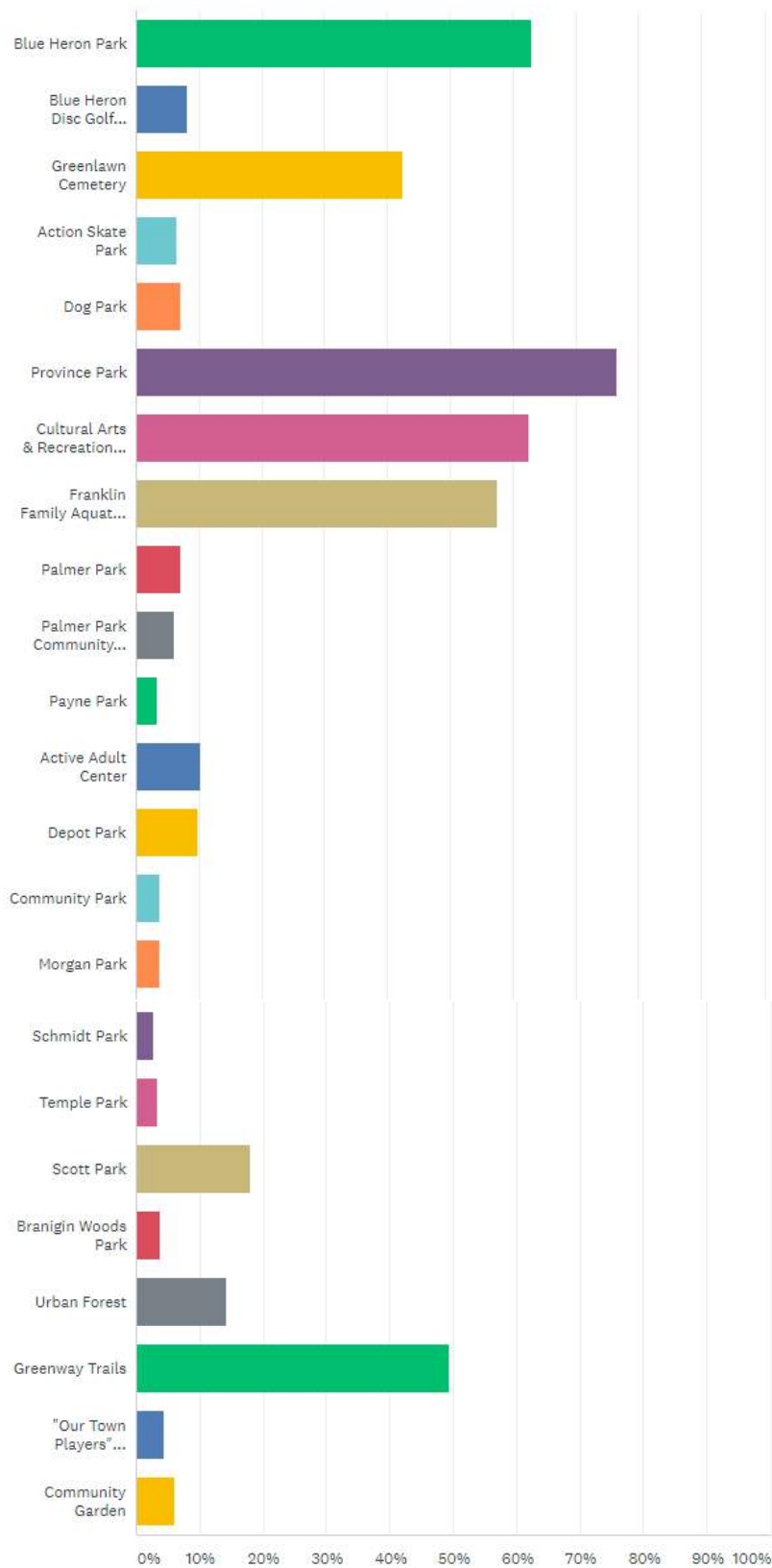
Answered: 183 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Daily	14.75% 27
▼ Weekly	44.26% 81
▼ Monthly	30.60% 56
▼ Once or twice a year	10.38% 19
▼ Never	0.00% 0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>183</b>

# Which Franklin park or facility have you visited in the last year (select all that apply)?

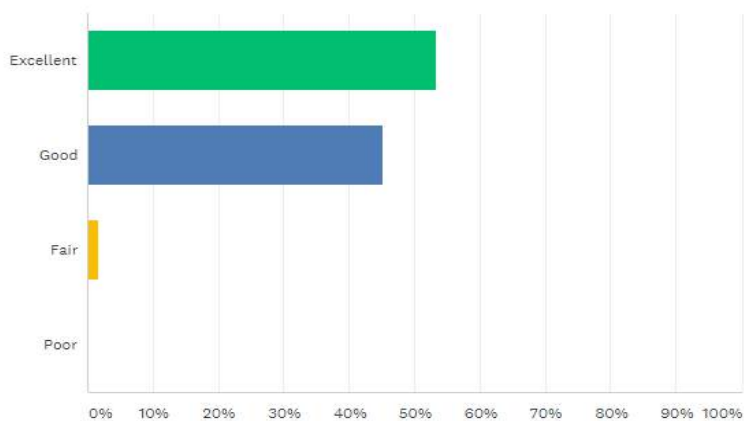
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Blue Heron Park	63.04% 116
Blue Heron Disc Golf Course	8.15% 15
Greenlawn Cemetery	42.39% 78
Action Skate Park	6.52% 12
Dog Park	7.07% 13
Province Park	76.63% 141
Cultural Arts & Recreation Center	62.50% 115
Franklin Family Aquatic Center	57.61% 106
Palmer Park	7.07% 13
Palmer Park Community Center	5.98% 11
Payne Park	3.26% 6
Active Adult Center	10.33% 19
Depot Park	9.78% 18
Community Park	3.80% 7
Morgan Park	3.80% 7
Schmidt Park	2.72% 5
Temple Park	3.26% 6
Scott Park	17.93% 33
Branigin Woods Park	3.80% 7
Urban Forest	14.13% 26
Greenway Trails	49.46% 91
"Our Town Players" Production	4.35% 8
Community Garden	5.98% 11
<b>Total Respondents: 184</b>	

Overall, how would you rate the physical condition of ALL Franklin parks and facilities you have visited?

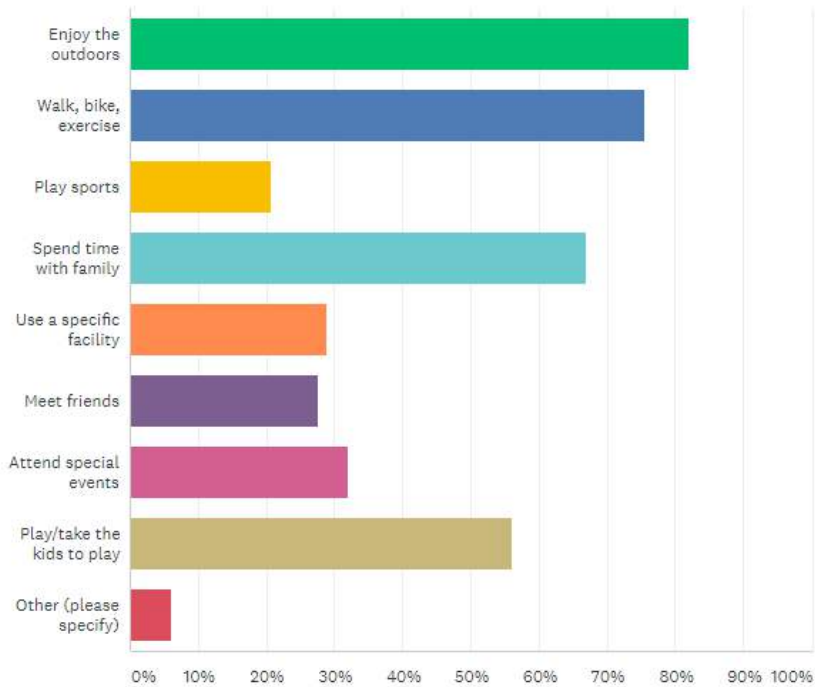
Answered: 184 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Excellent	53.26% 98
Good	45.11% 83
Fair	1.63% 3
Poor	0.00% 0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>184</b>

# What reasons do you use Franklin parks and facilities (select all that apply)?

Answered: 184 Skipped: 0



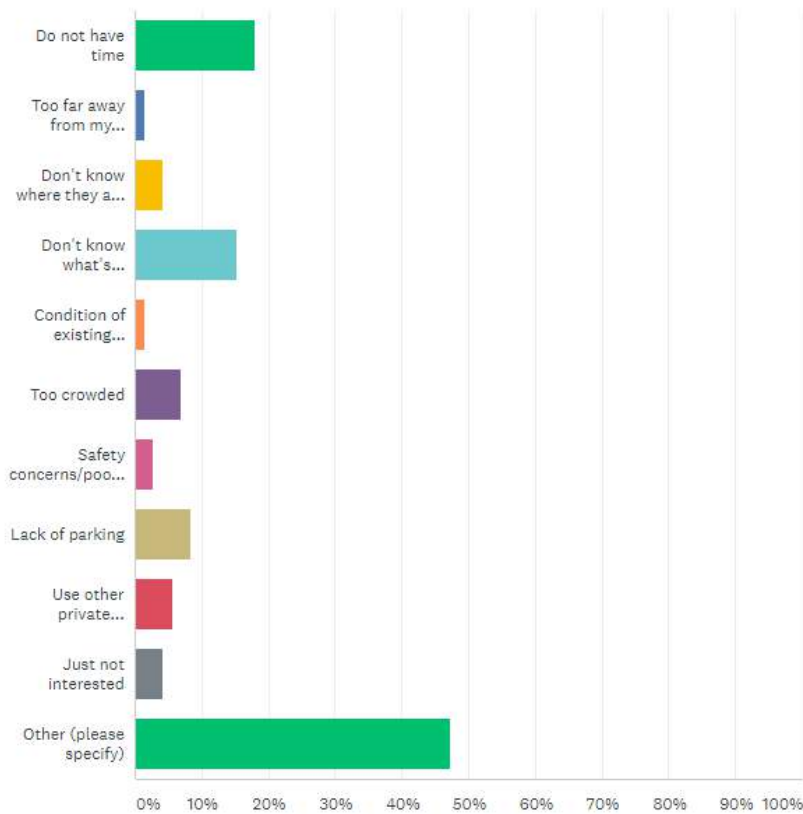
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Enjoy the outdoors	82.07% 151
▼ Walk, bike, exercise	75.54% 139
▼ Play sports	20.65% 38
▼ Spend time with family	66.85% 123
▼ Use a specific facility	28.80% 53
▼ Meet friends	27.72% 51
▼ Attend special events	32.07% 59
▼ Play/take the kids to play	55.98% 103
▼ Other (please specify)	Responses 5.98% 11
<b>Total Respondents: 184</b>	

Showing 11 responses

- Interested in daycare while we workout  
7/30/2020 8:50 AM
- Franklin Running Group  
7/27/2020 5:54 PM
- Preschool  
7/27/2020 3:08 PM
- Work related  
7/28/2020 11:31 AM
- Sell ice cream!  
7/27/2020 5:18 PM
- Love easy access  
7/27/2020 2:54 PM
- Aerobics  
7/28/2020 8:09 AM
- to let me dogs exercise  
7/27/2020 4:34 PM
- Daughter shot hoops  
7/27/2020 2:42 PM
- Lunch with my dog  
7/27/2020 7:10 PM
- Carving Club - Chipmates  
7/27/2020 4:07 PM

If you DO NOT utilize Franklin parks and facilities, please select your reasons why (select all that apply).

Answered: 72 Skipped: 112



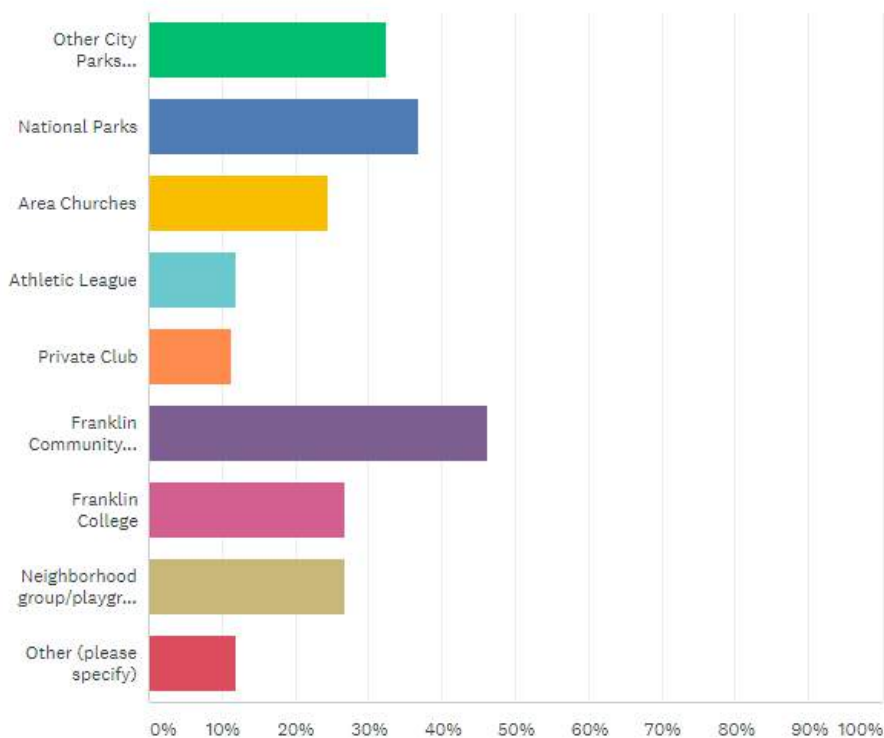
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Do not have time	18.06% 13
Too far away from my home/not convenient	1.39% 1
Don't know where they are located	4.17% 3
Don't know what's offered/available	15.28% 11
Condition of existing parks/facilities/equipment	1.39% 1
Too crowded	6.94% 5
Safety concerns/poorly maintained	2.78% 2
Lack of parking	8.33% 6
Use other private playgrounds/pool/facilities	5.56% 4
Just not interested	4.17% 3
Other (please specify)	<a href="#">Responses</a> 47.22% 34
<b>Total Respondents: 72</b>	

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|--|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> None<br>7/30/2020 9:10 AM   | <input type="checkbox"/> Some times too busy<br>7/29/2020 9:25 AM      | <input type="checkbox"/> N/a<br>7/27/2020 7:18 PM                             | <input type="checkbox"/> We do visit<br>7/27/2020 4:45 PM                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No longer offer Daycare for working out. We have a 1yo now<br>7/30/2020 8:50 AM                     | <input type="checkbox"/> .<br>7/28/2020 12:44 PM                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Pool parking<br>7/27/2020 7:10 PM                    | <input type="checkbox"/> covid- not working out in the weight room<br>7/27/2020 4:34 PM   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I DO<br>7/30/2020 8:45 AM   | <input type="checkbox"/> No comment<br>7/27/2020 8:20 PM               | <input type="checkbox"/> None<br>7/27/2020 6:51 PM                            | <input type="checkbox"/> N/W<br>7/27/2020 4:19 PM   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> N/A<br>7/29/2020 10:53 AM   | <input type="checkbox"/> Need pickleball courts<br>7/27/2020 7:41 PM   | <input type="checkbox"/> Gym facility hours too limited.<br>7/27/2020 5:10 PM | <input type="checkbox"/> I do... no good options for answering this.<br>7/27/2020 3:58 PM |
| <input type="checkbox"/> n/a<br>7/27/2020 3:03 PM  | <input type="checkbox"/> I do utilize facilities.<br>7/27/2020 3:56 PM | <input type="checkbox"/> Bathrooms are not available.<br>7/27/2020 2:36 PM    | <input type="checkbox"/> safety concerns only because of covid<br>7/27/2020 1:54 PM       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The hours the rec center is open might not match my schedule<br>7/27/2020 2:53 PM                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Hours of operation<br>7/27/2020 3:19 PM       | <input type="checkbox"/> None - use parks!<br>7/27/2020 2:33 PM               | <input type="checkbox"/> n/a<br>7/21/2020 11:08 AM  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> N/a<br>7/27/2020 2:44 PM  | <input type="checkbox"/> Because of the pandemic<br>7/27/2020 3:17 PM  | <input type="checkbox"/> We use them<br>7/27/2020 2:30 PM                     |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> none<br>7/27/2020 2:43 PM   | <input type="checkbox"/> We use them<br>7/27/2020 3:07 PM              | <input type="checkbox"/> na<br>7/27/2020 2:28 PM                              |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I do use the park<br>7/27/2020 2:27 PM  |  |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable<br>7/27/2020 2:15 PM   |  |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I do have concerns regarding the ongoing toxicity issues and some of the parks<br>7/27/2020 2:07 PM |  |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unaware of the community garden<br>7/27/2020 1:54 PM  |  |   |   |

Aside from Franklin Parks & Recreation, where do you go to use other facilities (rentals, community events, etc.) or enjoy outdoor, green space (select all that apply)?

Answered: 160 Skipped: 24



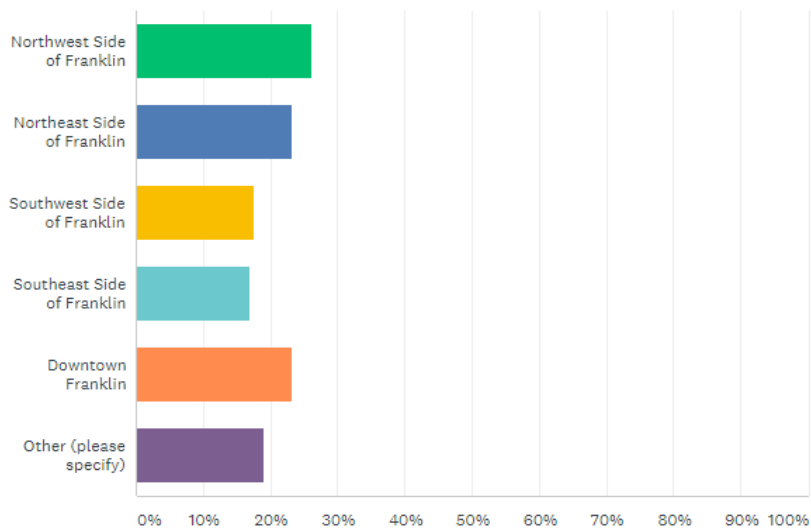
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Other City Parks (Greenwood, Edinburgh, etc.)	32.50% 52
National Parks	36.88% 59
Area Churches	24.38% 39
Athletic League	11.88% 19
Private Club	11.25% 18
Franklin Community Schools	46.25% 74
Franklin College	26.88% 43
Neighborhood group/playground/provider	26.88% 43
Other (please specify)	Responses 11.88% 19
<b>Total Respondents: 160</b>	

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- Our own house  
7/30/2020 8:50 AM
- state parks; Indy canal; Indy cultural trails; bike paths (Columbus, Plainfield)  
7/29/2020 10:49 AM
- Our own pool and backyard  
7/28/2020 11:31 AM
- I don't  
7/28/2020 8:09 AM
- na  
7/27/2020 2:28 PM
- none  
7/27/2020 2:27 PM
- IUPUI Natatorium & Foundation for Youth Natatorium (the latter offers Friday swims)  
7/27/2020 2:06 PM
- state parks  
7/27/2020 1:54 PM
- Dog pen at Cove  
7/27/2020 7:10 PM
- None  
7/27/2020 4:07 PM
- N/A  
7/27/2020 4:19 PM
- Brown County State Park  
7/27/2020 5:54 PM
- State Parks  
7/27/2020 4:45 PM
- N/A  
7/27/2020 4:19 PM
- State and County Parks  
7/27/2020 3:58 PM
- Johnson County Park  
7/27/2020 3:56 PM
- Public library, state parks  
7/27/2020 3:08 PM
- N/A  
7/27/2020 2:59 PM
- State parks  
7/27/2020 2:54 PM
- State Parks  
7/27/2020 2:41 PM
- na  
7/27/2020 2:28 PM

## What areas of the city do you feel need more parks and recreation facilities (select all that apply)?

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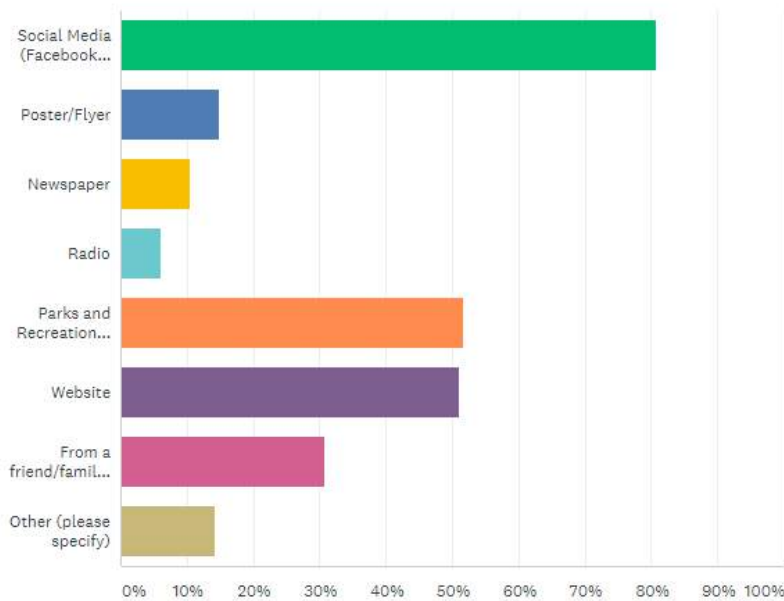
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Northwest Side of Franklin	26.06% 37
Northeast Side of Franklin	23.24% 33
Southwest Side of Franklin	17.61% 25
Southeast Side of Franklin	16.90% 24
Downtown Franklin	23.24% 33
Other (please specify)	Responses 19.01% 27
<b>Total Respondents: 142</b>	

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|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not sure<br>7/30/2020 9:10 AM   | <input type="checkbox"/> Oak leaf manor needs to connect to trail<br>7/27/2020 10:28 PM                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown<br>7/27/2020 6:44 PM         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> It looks like the amphitheater splash pad will cover this.<br>7/30/2020 8:45 AM   | <input type="checkbox"/> re-service tennis courts behind boys club and put 6 pickleball courts<br>7/27/2020 7:41 PM | <input type="checkbox"/> East side<br>7/27/2020 6:38 PM       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ?<br>7/28/2020 12:44 PM   | <input type="checkbox"/> Out by Cove<br>7/27/2020 7:10 PM   | <input type="checkbox"/> West side trail<br>7/27/2020 6:11 PM |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Something closer to 65<br>7/28/2020 8:09 AM   | <input type="checkbox"/> Connect the trail by CBIS to the trail on Westview drive one<br>7/27/2020 6:58 PM          | <input type="checkbox"/> None<br>7/27/2020 3:00 PM            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A wooded running trail or dirt trail would be nice. Perhaps near the end of Blue Heron and the previous wetlands or near the High School or College. Similar to the Story walk dirt trail but maybe at least 1/2 mile to 3/4 mile loop. Dirt trail running is easier on the joints and tendons than road and it would provide some shade when heat index is 100+ degrees in the summer...kids also enjoy being in the woods for a family hike closer than Eagle Creek or Brown County.<br>7/27/2020 5:54 PM |   | <input type="checkbox"/> N/a<br>7/27/2020 2:59 PM             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outhouse by the dog park would be nice<br>7/27/2020 4:34 PM   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> N/a<br>7/27/2020 2:44 PM             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> N/A<br>7/27/2020 4:19 PM  |   | <input type="checkbox"/> good as is<br>7/27/2020 2:43 PM      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Can't think of anyplace. We can walk or ride to a park in just about any direction from our house.<br>7/27/2020 3:58 PM   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> no opinion<br>7/27/2020 2:28 PM      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> East by 65<br>7/27/2020 3:42 PM   | <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown<br>7/27/2020 2:41 PM   | <input type="checkbox"/> i don't know<br>7/27/2020 2:27 PM    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parks are adequate<br>7/27/2020 3:07 PM   | <input type="checkbox"/> Walking Trail needs extended down Simon road to the high school.<br>7/27/2020 2:39 PM      |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not sure<br>7/27/2020 3:06 PM   | <input type="checkbox"/> None really, we have a ton of parks<br>7/27/2020 2:33 PM                                   |   |

# How do you get information about Franklin parks and facilities (select all that apply)?

Answered: 182 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Social Media (Facebook posts)	80.77% 147
▼ Poster/Flyer	14.84% 27
▼ Newspaper	10.44% 19
▼ Radio	6.04% 11
▼ Parks and Recreation Program Guide	51.65% 94
▼ Website	51.10% 93
▼ From a friend/family member (word of mouth)	30.77% 56
▼ Other (please specify)	Responses 14.29% 26
<b>Total Respondents: 182</b>	

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- email 8/3/2020 1:01 PM
- E-mail 7/28/2020 11:39 AM
- email 7/27/2020 6:58 PM
- Email 7/27/2020 5:10 PM
- Email 7/27/2020 3:40 PM
- Emails 7/27/2020 3:06 PM

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- call in 7/30/2020 8:50 AM
- Email 7/28/2020 9:40 AM
- Email 7/27/2020 6:44 PM
- AAC monthly newsletter 7/27/2020 4:31 PM
- Email 7/27/2020 3:19 PM
- Emails 7/27/2020 2:57 PM

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- email 7/29/2020 10:49 AM
- Email 7/28/2020 9:26 AM
- Email 7/27/2020 6:22 PM
- Email 7/27/2020 3:56 PM
- Email 7/27/2020 3:10 PM
- Email 7/27/2020 2:54 PM

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- I work for the park 🙌 7/28/2020 7:00 PM
- Emails 7/28/2020 7:18 AM
- Email 7/27/2020 5:59 PM
- emails 7/27/2020 3:42 PM
- Emails 7/27/2020 3:08 PM
- E-mail 7/27/2020 2:45 PM

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- Email 7/27/2020 2:41 PM

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- email 7/27/2020 2:27 PM

# What improvements to the current Franklin parks or facilities would you suggest?

Answered: 100 Skipped: 84

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Spin claases	7/30/2020 8:56 PM
2	Add the day to the REC center, please. Recently become a mother and would like to use REC facility more	7/30/2020 9:10 AM
3	We would like the daycare at the rec hall to open back up. My wife and I had a child last year and are wanting to get back to using the rec hall and pool.	7/30/2020 8:50 AM
4	I felt that before the Pandemic, the Recreation Center could be larger. It was busy and very crowded at times. Now I am not sure what the future will bring, but social distancing may be here to stay. Perhaps the Rec center should consider this for classes and fitness room and all its facilities.	7/30/2020 8:45 AM
5	Open the facilities	7/29/2020 11:21 AM
6	N/A	7/29/2020 10:53 AM
7	canopies over the playground area at Blue Herron Park (similar to canopies at Greenwood splash pad) That playground has no shade on it like playgrounds at Province park	7/29/2020 10:49 AM
8	Connect all the Greenway trails and to all the schools especially the high school. I would also appreciate a sled in the weight room.	7/29/2020 9:25 AM
9	Cleaner bathrooms	7/29/2020 8:45 AM
10	No complaints. Kudos to the grounds crews. They do amazing work. The landscaping always looks nice. Staff is always friendly.	7/28/2020 7:05 PM
11	I would like for Providence Park to be mowed the last day the mowers work not the first, by the weekend the grass is to tall	7/28/2020 7:00 PM
12	More community gardens	7/28/2020 5:26 PM
13	Awning Lilly pads over blue Herron playground. Also, implement them into new splash pad plans. Adds partial, sporadic shade.	7/28/2020 1:26 PM
14	shade at Blue Heron park	7/28/2020 12:44 PM
15	More trees/shade for Greenway trail and Blue Heron Park	7/28/2020 10:26 AM
16	more Porta -Pottys available especially during cold weather months when resrooms are locked.	7/28/2020 9:50 AM
17	Acquire the land north of Scott Park to expand parking, fields and accessibility from Commerce Drive. You could then host tournaments and expand leagues to help cover costs in addition to reducing the traffic, congestion and parking issues through the neighborhoods.	7/28/2020 9:26 AM
18	Water bottle fillers, year-round bathrooms, allow pass-outs for pool, SHADE at new Blue Heron playground (over some of the playground itself)	7/28/2020 9:07 AM
19	more activities at the pool	7/28/2020 8:28 AM
20	Need larger rooms for exercise.	7/28/2020 8:09 AM
21	None	7/28/2020 7:24 AM
22	More adult activities: tennis courts, volleyball court	7/28/2020 7:03 AM
23	None. I think you have done and continue to do a great job! Thank you!	7/27/2020 11:44 PM
24	Swings in Temple and Schmidt Parks.	7/27/2020 11:27 PM
25	Walking or bike trail on west view drive curve/ bridge area	7/27/2020 10:28 PM
26	Hand sanitizer stations	7/27/2020 10:21 PM
27	Improved bathrooms at Province park. Public bathrooms at all parks would be great!	7/27/2020 9:52 PM
28	Places for drinks/water. A baby area.	7/27/2020 9:51 PM
29	Will not be back to the pool the remainder of the year due to masks having to be worn outside at the pool even when you are completely able to social distance. Makes absolutely so sense	7/27/2020 8:36 PM

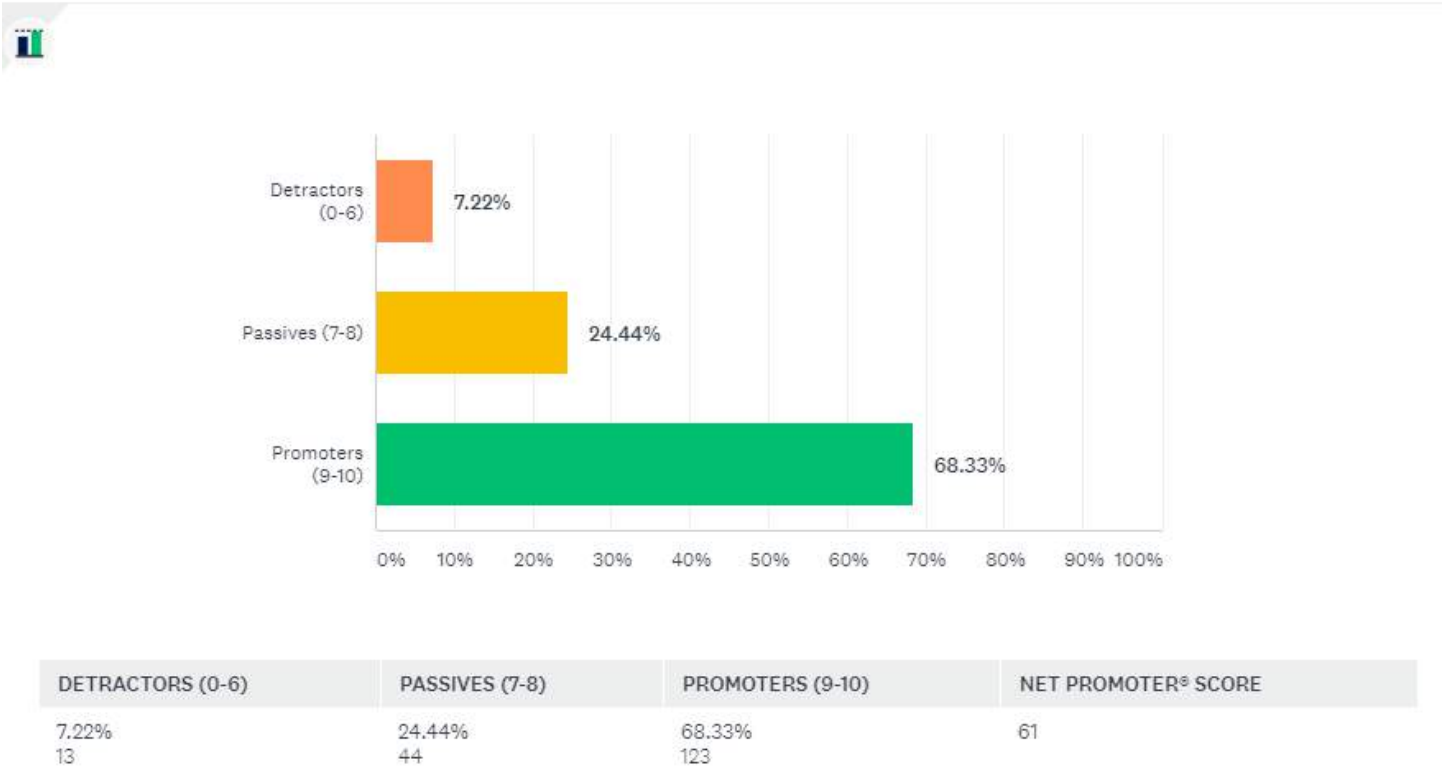
30	Shade awning thing at Blue Heron playground	7/27/2020 8:20 PM
31	More outdoor organized activities	7/27/2020 8:14 PM
32	Some parks need more parking, have found drug paraphernalia at some parks	7/27/2020 8:03 PM
33	Re-surface tennis courts behind boys club (fix cracks) make 6 pickleball courts. Play in Greenwood now at Craig Park, they have 7 new courts!	7/27/2020 7:41 PM
34	N/a	7/27/2020 7:18 PM
35	Parking for pool for seniors	7/27/2020 7:10 PM
36	None	7/27/2020 6:51 PM
37	N/A	7/27/2020 6:44 PM
38	Cleanliness	7/27/2020 6:38 PM
39	Updated fitness equipment	7/27/2020 6:33 PM
40	More small kid parks	7/27/2020 5:59 PM
41	Adult playground with adult size pull up bar and monkey bars would be nice. Sort of a mini obstacle course or training course with ladders and a rope climb or something.	7/27/2020 5:54 PM
42	Policing have seen a lot of alcohol bottles and needle covers lately in Providence park	7/27/2020 5:46 PM
43	More festivals!	7/27/2020 5:18 PM
44	Better facility hours (later)	7/27/2020 5:10 PM
45	none	7/27/2020 4:47 PM
46	Need a free splash pad for families. Be sure bathrooms are clean and maintained (they have been nicer since COVID--keep that up).	7/27/2020 4:45 PM
47	You are doing a great job	7/27/2020 4:44 PM
48	outhouse by the dog park. And turn the water spigot on outside the fence	7/27/2020 4:34 PM
49	Indoor pool with various programs year round	7/27/2020 4:31 PM
50	None that I can think of. You're all doing a great job!	7/27/2020 4:19 PM
51	Would be awesome to have some mountainbike trails in town. And some more rugged hiking trails. Someplace to walk, run, and bike besides pavement.	7/27/2020 3:58 PM
52	Mountain Bike Trail	7/27/2020 3:56 PM
53	Maybe more security in Province Park. I see things that are really not very appropriate in that park area. I walk daily through the park on my route, and there have been a few times that I felt uncomfortable.	7/27/2020 3:42 PM
54	Online racquetball court reservation	7/27/2020 3:42 PM
55	?	7/27/2020 3:40 PM
56	Scott Park needs more fields and parking. Ideally Scott Park would have a second entrance/exit. The town also needs youth soccer fields. The fields at Webb are in awful shape and there isn't enough parking.	7/27/2020 3:36 PM
57	More hours for the pool & cultural arts center	7/27/2020 3:24 PM
58	The only thing I can think of is allow people to run out to their car at the pool without having to pay again. Twice I've went to my car because I forgot something. I asked if I could run out and be back in 2 minutes and I was told that I would have to pay again.	7/27/2020 3:19 PM
59	None	7/27/2020 3:17 PM
60	we like all of them as they are	7/27/2020 3:14 PM
61	I would love to see a water park. Something similar to what Greenwood has.	7/27/2020 3:13 PM

62	I would say splash pad...but one is coming!	7/27/2020 3:10 PM
63	Programs for kids under age of 5 for families to meet others. Like a preschool play time with items to play with like mats mini basketball nets tunnels. Etc	7/27/2020 3:09 PM
64	The last time I was at Province Park, the big climbing structure was missing plexiglass pieces from the round cut-outs near the smaller slides. I don't know if those have been fixed. Blue Heron Park needs some sort of sun sail or shade of some type.	7/27/2020 3:08 PM
65	More parking	7/27/2020 3:08 PM
66	They are great!	7/27/2020 3:07 PM
67	More affordable for residents that live in Franklin but outside of the city limits.	7/27/2020 3:03 PM
68	equal opportunity hiring practices..	7/27/2020 3:00 PM
69	Gym	7/27/2020 2:59 PM
70	The new play ground needs shade for grandparents and a water fountain	7/27/2020 2:54 PM
71	Open longer at night/until 8:30 pm	7/27/2020 2:53 PM
72	Longer hours at pool and rec center. Putt putt golf in Province Park.	7/27/2020 2:45 PM
73	No face mask mandate at the pool	7/27/2020 2:44 PM
74	Keep up the great work.	7/27/2020 2:43 PM
75	Hours in gym for under 18 during weekend	7/27/2020 2:41 PM
76	none at this time	7/27/2020 2:39 PM
77	Walking Trail needs extended down Simon road to the high school.	7/27/2020 2:39 PM
78	Keep the pool open into September and keep it open daily longer. 6 pm is way too early to close. Should be open until 9 pm, if you weren't worried about booking private parties.	7/27/2020 2:37 PM
79	Make sure bathrooms are open during peak times.	7/27/2020 2:36 PM
80	Better website. Unable to navigate or register/pay for classes. A better updated site would make all the difference in promoting services. After the website is tackled a phone app would be beneficial for checkins/registering for classes etc.	7/27/2020 2:36 PM
81	I live near Scott Park (the new equipment is amazing, thanks! My daughter loves it) and I think it would be really nice to have a shelter there- I feel like baseball teams could use it for awards or team meetings as well as people using it for parties. There seems to be ample space to the south of the concession stand. On an unrelated note, the mosquitoes this year are absolutely terrible everywhere - definitely not the parks' fault but maybe could do more fogging? Last thing (sorry, I have an almost 5-year old and we spend a lot of the time at the parks lol) but we really need some kind of shade at Blue Heron Park playground. It's such a wonderful space but with the sun beating down you can feel the heat reflecting into the soles of your feet and the equipment is too hot for the children to play on. I would be willing to help with a fundraiser for this purpose.	7/27/2020 2:33 PM
82	Opening the Recreation Center to hold exercise classes (Silver Steppers)	7/27/2020 2:32 PM
83	Update the restrooms.	7/27/2020 2:31 PM
84	Weight room needs updating	7/27/2020 2:30 PM
85	Keep the pool open beyond early September !!	7/27/2020 2:30 PM
86	Bigger walking track indoors	7/27/2020 2:29 PM
87	Maybe security cameras to catch idiots that vandalize	7/27/2020 2:28 PM
88	none	7/27/2020 2:27 PM
89	Nothing	7/27/2020 2:27 PM
90	none	7/27/2020 2:26 PM

91	Bigger workout facility. Took bikes out. Need more bikes	7/27/2020 2:26 PM
92	None	7/27/2020 2:15 PM
93	Hand sanitizer stations. And also connect trails in franklin to other trails in other cities. Thank you.	7/27/2020 2:15 PM
94	more shaded areas	7/27/2020 2:07 PM
95	Sports park where the baseball fields are could really use some updating and beautifying	7/27/2020 2:07 PM
96	Longer lap swim times + Fridays. Especially when the public pool isn't open.	7/27/2020 2:06 PM
97	None! You're doing a fantastic job!!	7/27/2020 2:03 PM
98	Safety town type area for kids to learn how to ride bikes	7/27/2020 1:54 PM
99	More/upgraded playground equipment	7/27/2020 1:54 PM
100	Amphitheater :) Splash Pad :) Cricket :)	7/22/2020 9:30 AM

## How likely is it that you would recommend Franklin Parks & Recreation to a friend or colleague?

Answered: 180 Skipped: 4



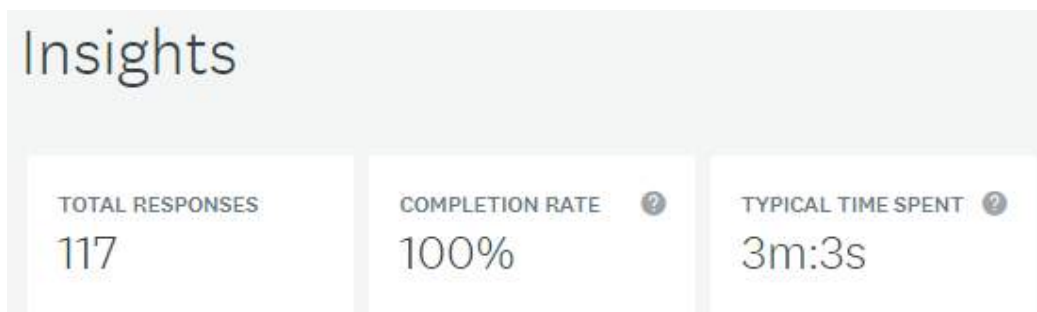
## Third "Survey Monkey" about Parks Programs & Events

The Franklin Parks and Recreation Department decided to use the same "Survey Monkey" website to design and send out a final survey at the end of August into early September for the purposes of gathering public input for the 5-Year Master Plan. This third survey was published on all social media outlets and over broadcast emails. This final survey asked questions aimed at gathering public input on Parks and Recreation programs and events.

Once again, the Department was thrilled with the results! 117 people participated in the survey. The survey was kept short in hopes that it would be easily completed. Insights gained from this survey are included in the "Needs Analysis" section of this 5-Year Master Plan, but all charts and other data from all eighteen questions are included below.

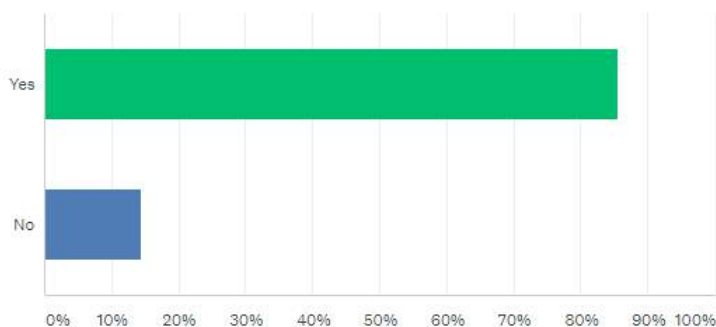
Survey Publish Date: August 31, 2020

Survey Closed Date: September 15, 2020



### Do you live in the City of Franklin, Indiana?

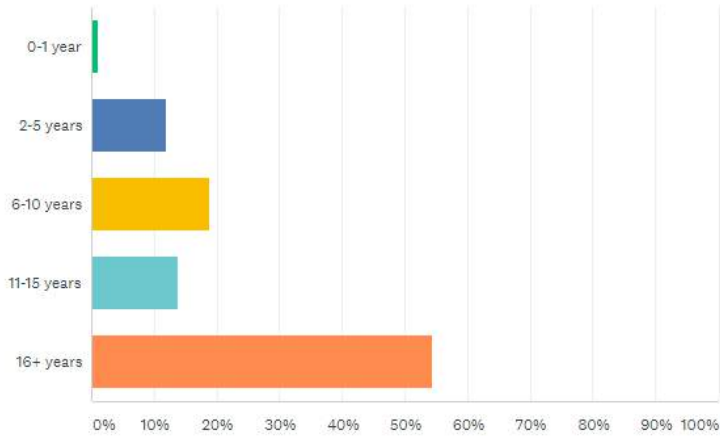
Answered: 117 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	85.47% 100
No	14.53% 17
TOTAL	117

If yes, please indicate the number of years you have lived in Franklin, Indiana.

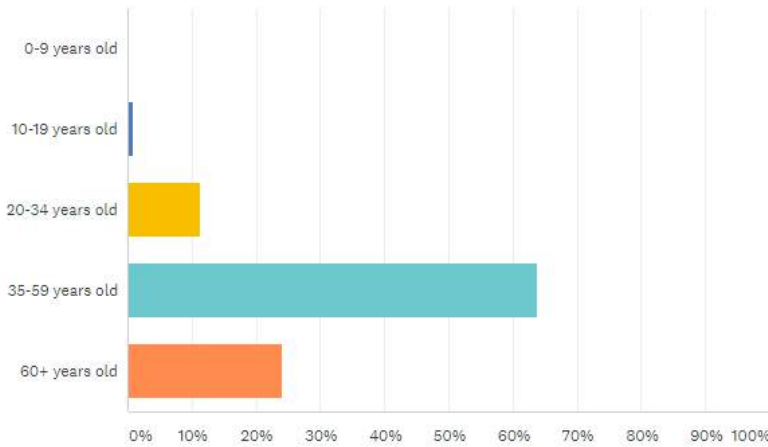
Answered: 101 Skipped: 16



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ 0-1 year	0.99% 1
▼ 2-5 years	11.88% 12
▼ 6-10 years	18.81% 19
▼ 11-15 years	13.86% 14
▼ 16+ years	54.46% 55
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>101</b>

What is your age range?

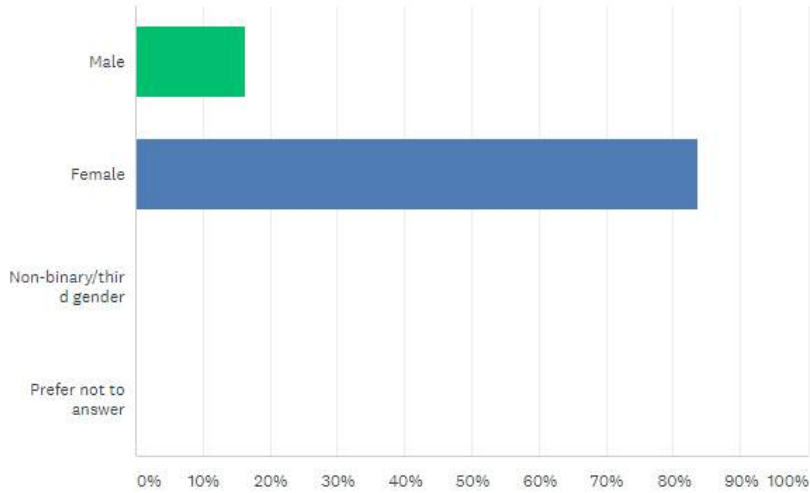
Answered: 116 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ 0-9 years old	0.00% 0
▼ 10-19 years old	0.86% 1
▼ 20-34 years old	11.21% 13
▼ 35-59 years old	63.79% 74
▼ 60+ years old	24.14% 28
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>116</b>

# What is your gender?

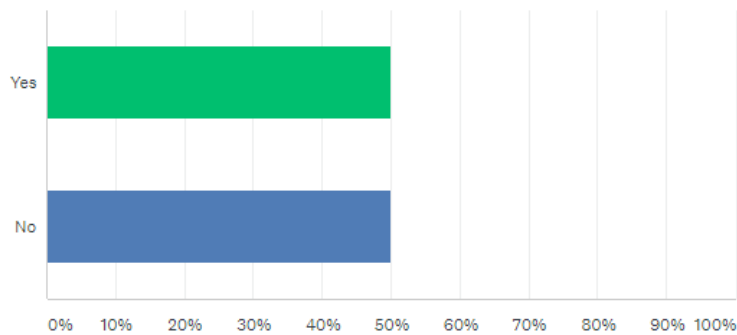
Answered: 116 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Male	16.38%	19
▼ Female	83.62%	97
▼ Non-binary/third gender	0.00%	0
▼ Prefer not to answer	0.00%	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>116</b>

# Have you or any member of your household attended fitness classes offered through the Franklin Parks & Recreation Department?

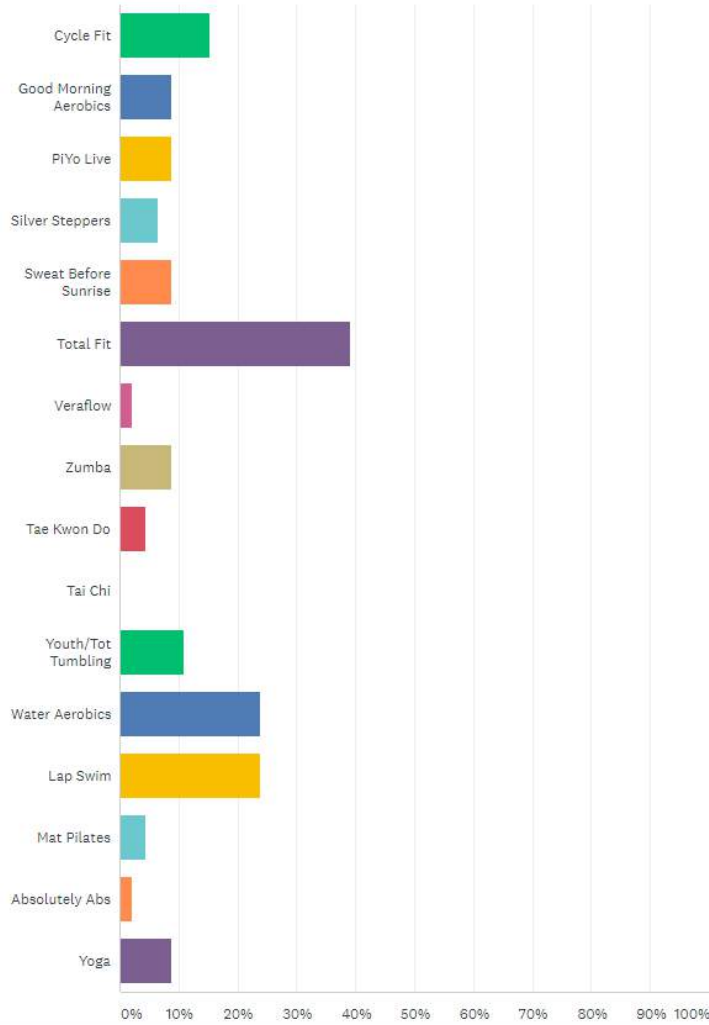
Answered: 116 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Yes	50.00%	58
▼ No	50.00%	58
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>116</b>

# If YES, what classes have you attended in the last year (select all that apply)?

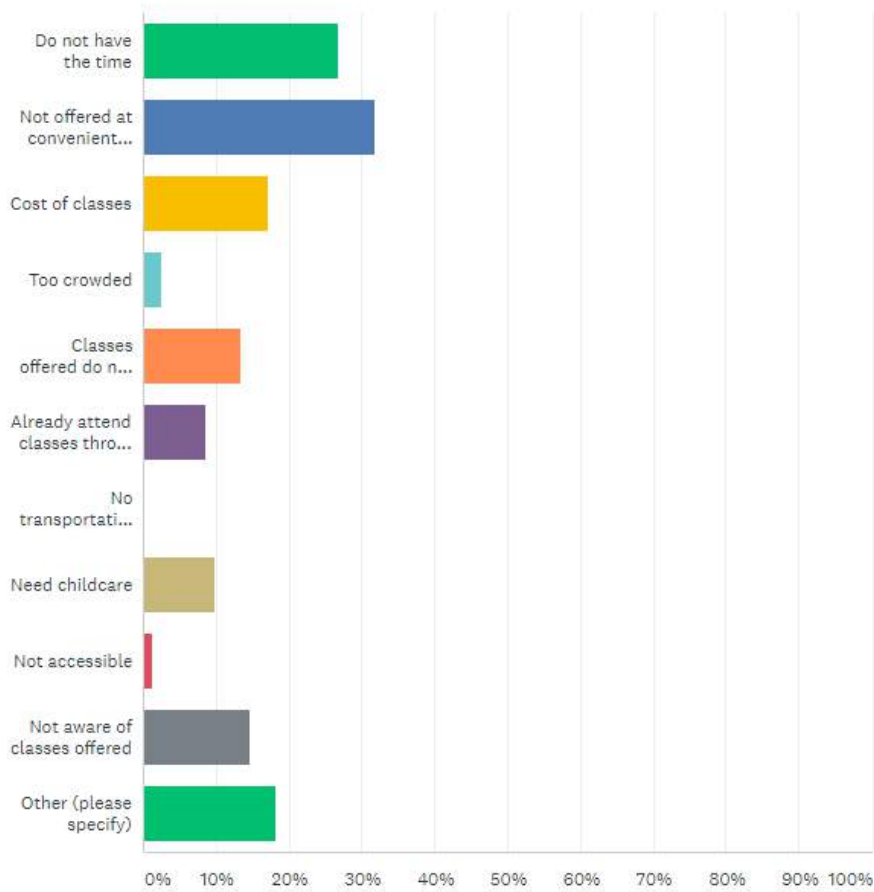
Answered: 46 Skipped: 71



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Cycle Fit	15.22% 7
▼ Good Morning Aerobics	8.70% 4
▼ PIYo Live	8.70% 4
▼ Silver Steppers	6.52% 3
▼ Sweat Before Sunrise	8.70% 4
▼ Total Fit	39.13% 18
▼ Veraflow	2.17% 1
▼ Zumba	8.70% 4
▼ Tae Kwon Do	4.35% 2
▼ Tai Chi	0.00% 0
▼ Youth/Tot Tumbling	10.87% 5
▼ Water Aerobics	23.91% 11
▼ Lap Swim	23.91% 11
▼ Mat Pilates	4.35% 2
▼ Absolutely Abs	2.17% 1
▼ Yoga	8.70% 4
<b>Total Respondents: 46</b>	

# If NO, why do you not participate in fitness classes offered at the Franklin Parks & Recreation Department (select all that apply)?

Answered: 82 Skipped: 35



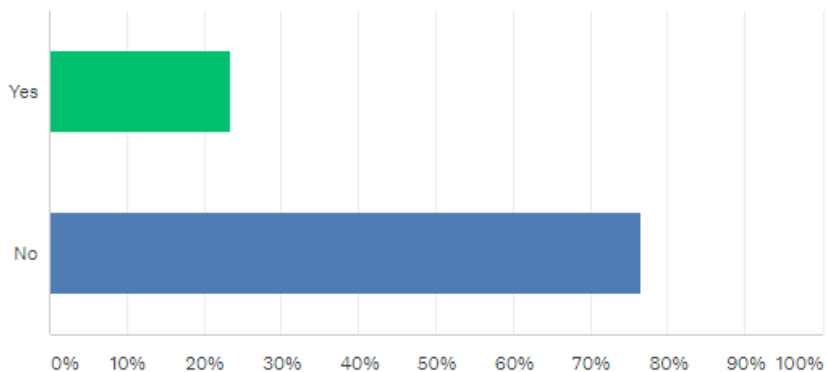
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Do not have the time	26.83% 22
Not offered at convenient times	31.71% 26
Cost of classes	17.07% 14
Too crowded	2.44% 2
Classes offered do not interest me	13.41% 11
Already attend classes through another provider	8.54% 7
No transportation to get to classes	0.00% 0
Need childcare	9.76% 8
Not accessible	1.22% 1
Not aware of classes offered	14.63% 12
Other (please specify)	Responses 18.29% 15
<b>Total Respondents: 82</b>	

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- Cost  
9/5/2020 10:23 PM
- Motivation  
8/31/2020 10:39 PM
- N/a  
8/31/2020 1:04 PM
- Bring back evening Pilates!!  
9/5/2020 11:09 AM
- I attended classes at the Senior Active Center, Tai Chi.  
8/31/2020 8:38 PM
- Can't get around like I used to  
8/31/2020 1:01 PM
- Too lazy  
9/2/2020 9:00 AM
- Health - arthritis  
8/31/2020 3:29 PM
- Just moved here. Had not looked into that yet  
8/31/2020 12:49 PM
- Not applicable  
9/1/2020 9:22 PM
- Folt surgery  
8/31/2020 2:07 PM
- Covid  
8/31/2020 1:44 PM
- We used to participate when kids were little, but they outgrew many of the classes. A gymnastics class for older kids would be wonderful.  
8/31/2020 1:36 PM
- Have attended  
8/31/2020 1:21 PM
- Huge fans of lap swim. Rest we do is outdoor cycling, running, etc.  
8/31/2020 1:10 PM

## Have you or any member of your household attended any recreation classes offered through the Franklin Parks & Recreation Department?

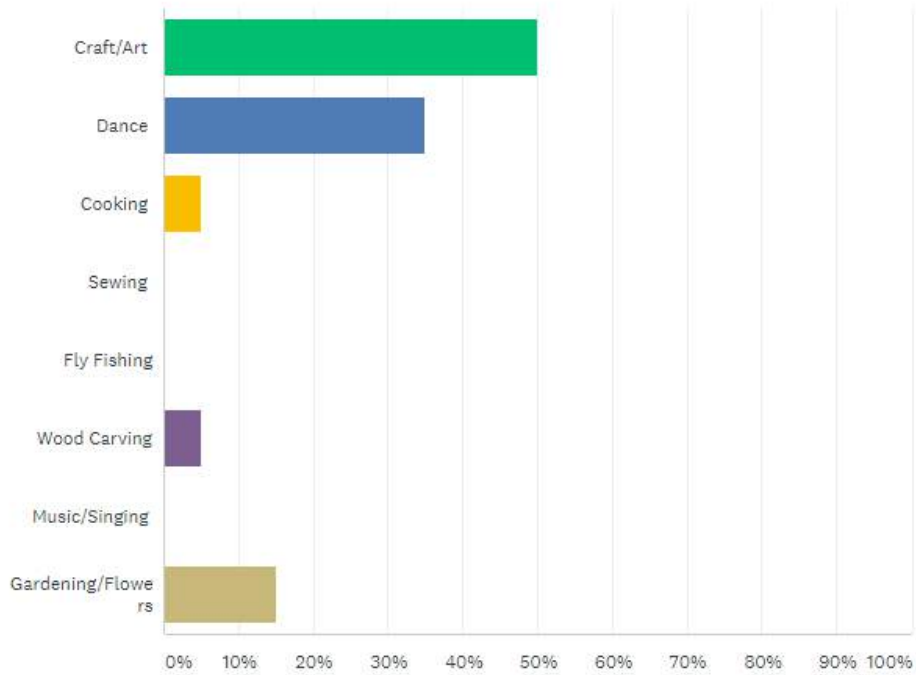
Answered: 115 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	23.48% 27
No	76.52% 88
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>115</b>

# If YES, what recreation classes have you attended in the last year (select all that apply)?

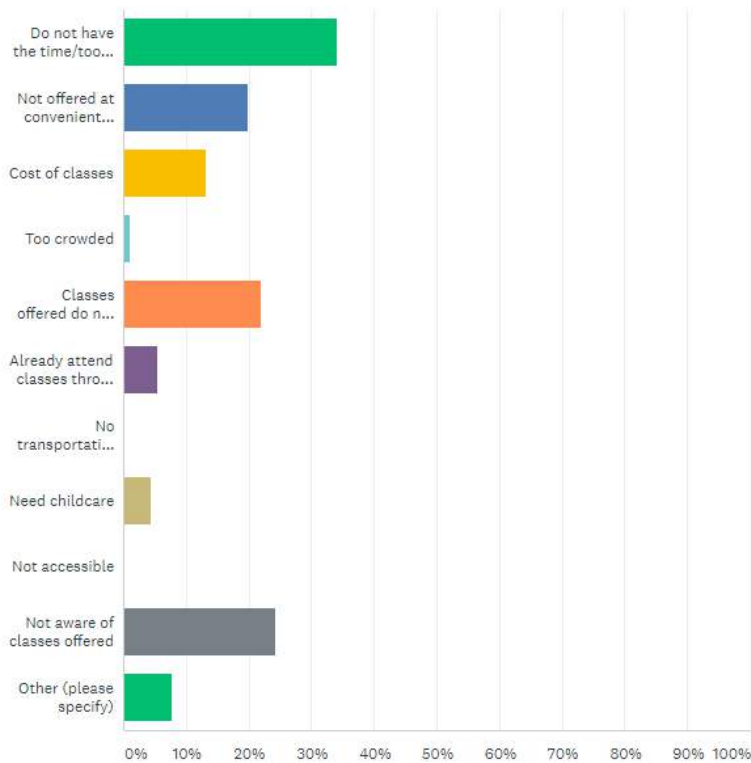
Answered: 20 Skipped: 97



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Craft/Art	50.00% 10
▼ Dance	35.00% 7
▼ Cooking	5.00% 1
▼ Sewing	0.00% 0
▼ Fly Fishing	0.00% 0
▼ Wood Carving	5.00% 1
▼ Music/Singing	0.00% 0
▼ Gardening/Flowers	15.00% 3
<b>Total Respondents: 20</b>	

# If NO, why do you not participate in recreation classes offered at the Franklin Parks & Recreation Department (select all that apply)?

Answered: 91 Skipped: 26



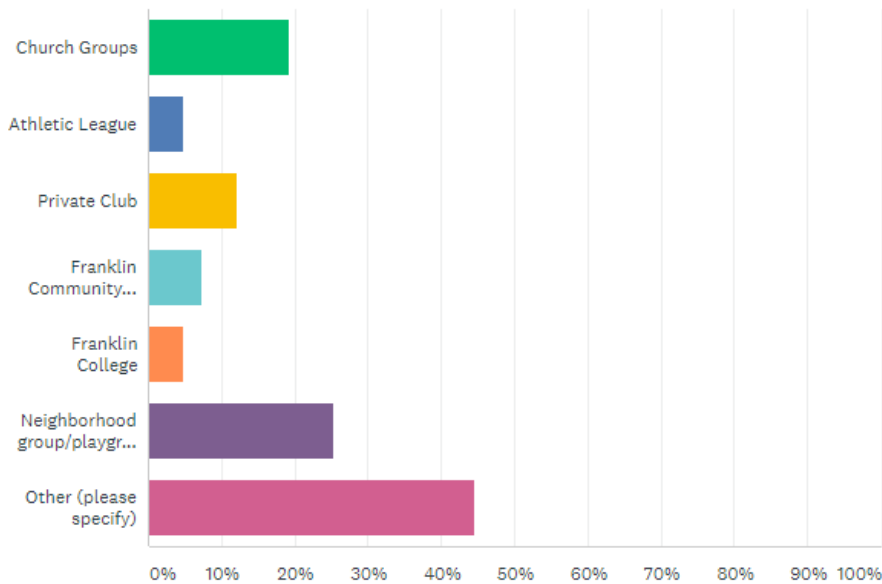
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Do not have the time/too busy	34.07% 31
Not offered at convenient times	19.78% 18
Cost of classes	13.19% 12
Too crowded	1.10% 1
Classes offered do not interest me	21.98% 20
Already attend classes through another provider	5.49% 5
No transportation to get to classes	0.00% 0
Need childcare	4.40% 4
Not accessible	0.00% 0
Not aware of classes offered	24.18% 22
Other (please specify) <a href="#">Responses</a>	7.69% 7
<b>Total Respondents: 91</b>	

Showing 7 responses

- Would like to see more classes offered  
8/31/2020 1:21 PM
- None  
8/31/2020 1:55 PM
- Used to attend when kids were little, but they outgrew the class (same thing done every year). A program that targets tweens would be nice.  
8/31/2020 1:36 PM
- Can't walk  
8/31/2020 1:01 PM
- Covid  
8/31/2020 1:44 PM
- I have signed my children up several times on different occasions just to have the classes canceled because not enough people signed up.  
9/1/2020 6:16 AM
- haven't in the past year  
8/31/2020 12:48 PM

# Aside from Franklin Parks & Recreation, where do you go for fitness/recreation classes (select all that apply)?

Answered: 83 Skipped: 34



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Church Groups	19.28% 16
Athletic League	4.82% 4
Private Club	12.05% 10
Franklin Community Schools	7.23% 6
Franklin College	4.82% 4
Neighborhood group/playground/provider	25.30% 21
Other (please specify)	Responses 44.58% 37
<b>Total Respondents: 83</b>	

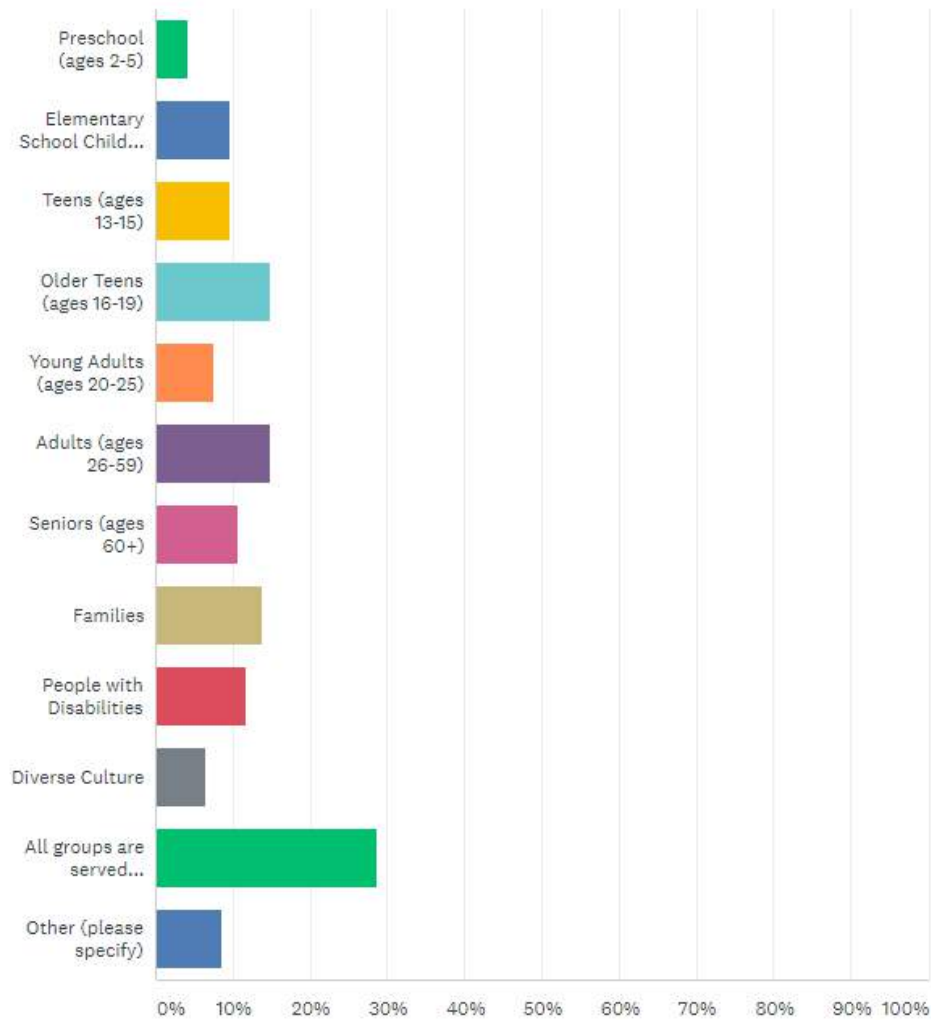
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- Ymca  
9/5/2020 10:23 PM
- Home  
9/2/2020 11:23 AM
- Ufit  
9/1/2020 8:30 PM
- Boys Club rentals  
8/31/2020 10:27 PM
- Walk and bike on my county rd  
9/4/2020 7:48 PM
- Don't go out much  
9/2/2020 9:00 AM
- Walking  
9/1/2020 8:25 PM
- No where  
8/31/2020 9:02 PM
- n/a  
9/4/2020 3:24 AM
- Orange theory  
9/1/2020 9:15 PM
- Do some exercise at home,yoga,meditate.  
9/1/2020 8:54 AM
- Nothing  
8/31/2020 8:43 PM
- Home or trails  
9/3/2020 9:25 AM
- Home  
9/1/2020 9:08 PM
- nowhere....youtube videos  
9/1/2020 7:52 AM
- Senior Active Center  
8/31/2020 8:38 PM

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Home<br>8/31/2020 8:34 PM                  | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A<br>8/31/2020 3:29 PM                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Yoga studios<br>8/31/2020 1:39 PM                | <input type="checkbox"/> Running Group<br>8/31/2020 1:18 PM  | <input type="checkbox"/> virtual programming<br>8/31/2020 12:48 PM |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Online streaming<br>8/31/2020 4:56 PM      | <input type="checkbox"/> no where<br>8/31/2020 2:15 PM            | <input type="checkbox"/> home<br>8/31/2020 1:34 PM                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Library<br>8/31/2020 1:12 PM  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hillview Country Club<br>8/31/2020 4:42 PM | <input type="checkbox"/> None<br>8/31/2020 1:55 PM                | <input type="checkbox"/> Work out on trail & at home<br>8/31/2020 1:21 PM | <input type="checkbox"/> Casual bicycling Groups (some organized by Central Indiana Bicycling Assoc. CIBA, or other groups)<br>8/31/2020 1:10 PM |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> None<br>8/31/2020 4:05 PM                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Active Adult Center<br>8/31/2020 1:43 PM | <input type="checkbox"/> Home<br>8/31/2020 1:19 PM                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Ride bikes<br>8/31/2020 1:05 PM   |  |
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- Compass park  
8/31/2020 1:01 PM
- 
- YMCA, Mt. Pleasant Community Life Center  
8/31/2020 12:59 PM
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- Sweat Shop  
8/31/2020 12:53 PM
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- Yoga studio in Indy and a trainer at another gym in Indy.  
8/31/2020 12:50 PM
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# What groups do you feel are not presently provided sufficient fitness/recreational activities by the Franklin Parks and Recreation Department (select all that apply)?

Answered: 94 Skipped: 23



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Preschool (ages 2-5)	4.26% 4
Elementary School Children (ages 6-12)	9.57% 9
Teens (ages 13-15)	9.57% 9
Older Teens (ages 16-19)	14.89% 14
Young Adults (ages 20-25)	7.45% 7
Adults (ages 26-59)	14.89% 14
Seniors (ages 60+)	10.64% 10
Families	13.83% 13
People with Disabilities	11.70% 11
Diverse Culture	6.38% 6
All groups are served adequately	28.72% 27
Other (please specify)	8.51% 8
<b>Total Respondents: 94</b>	

Showing 8 responses

Not sure  
8/31/2020 9:02 PM

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Tween--ages 8 to 12. Too old for the elementary programs, but too young for teen programs.  
8/31/2020 1:36 PM

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Can't answer fairly due to not having enough awareness of classes offered  
8/31/2020 7:17 PM

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i dont have an opinion on this..  
8/31/2020 1:34 PM

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Weightloss  
8/31/2020 1:54 PM

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Unknown  
8/31/2020 1:21 PM

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Upper elem, MS/HS kids that seriously want to learn (not just "hang out."  
8/31/2020 1:39 PM

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Not sure, haven't looked  
8/31/2020 1:19 PM

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## What other types of recreation/fitness classes would you like to see the Franklin Parks and Recreation offer in the future?

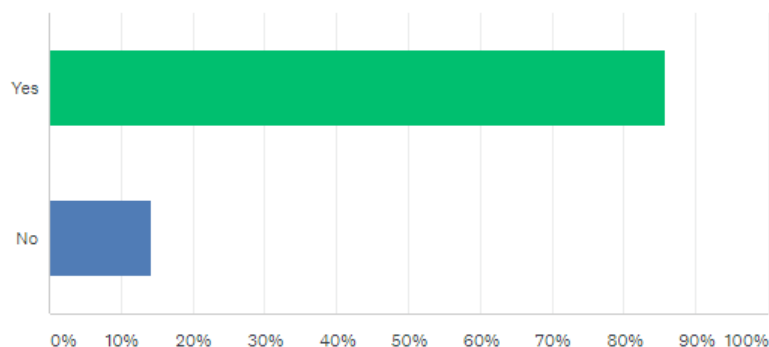
Answered: 42 Skipped: 75

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	My mat Pilates class had poor attendance and was eventually canceled. I was hoping for an instructor with a more professional demeanor	9/8/2020 8:42 PM
2	Pilates	9/5/2020 11:09 AM
3	Occasional community days for more exposure and for families to try it out before buying??	9/4/2020 7:48 PM
4	not sure	9/4/2020 3:24 AM
5	Not sure?	9/2/2020 11:23 AM
6	More water classes	9/1/2020 9:22 PM
7	Step Aerobics class	9/1/2020 9:15 PM
8	I am pleased with the variety of classes that are offered. I think they are diverse and tailored to people of all fitness levels.	9/1/2020 9:04 PM
9	Barre, weight training	9/1/2020 8:27 PM
10	More outdoor activities due to COVID. Like water classes.	9/1/2020 8:25 PM
11	You have a nice variety, if classes can meet .	9/1/2020 8:07 PM
12	No opinion	9/1/2020 12:38 PM
13	?	9/1/2020 9:35 AM
14	pickle ball	9/1/2020 9:30 AM
15	sufficient types offered	9/1/2020 8:32 AM
16	Pickleball, all ages can play. It is great for the senior community to keep active. More evening play.	8/31/2020 9:29 PM
17	More craft. Sign painting???	8/31/2020 9:08 PM
18	Older people are retired. You offer during dinner time. Do the same class at 4 and 6. Anything. Too many people in total fit. You always run into people. Kicking or a ball running into them. It's not fun if you have to compromise on your moves	8/31/2020 8:43 PM
19	TRX	8/31/2020 5:43 PM
20	More classes for 2 year olds	8/31/2020 4:56 PM
21	No suggestions	8/31/2020 4:42 PM
22	Kickboxing and more Art	8/31/2020 4:11 PM
23	I wanted to take my 9 ye old son to a cooking class but they couldn't accommodate him because he's celiac (gluten free) and has type 1 diabetes. I also have a 13 yr old autistic son who could benefit from a social skills group class.	8/31/2020 4:05 PM
24	adult softball teen weight training lifeguard certification	8/31/2020 2:30 PM
25	Belly dancing, hula hoop fitness	8/31/2020 1:57 PM
26	None	8/31/2020 1:55 PM
27	***Affordable*** classes that teach skill-sets to children and teens who don't necessarily want to join a sports team, but they would like to learn the skills for leisure playing. (Golf, basketball, volleyball, wrestling, etc.	8/31/2020 1:39 PM

28	I'd like to see gymnastics and dance targeted at tweens. A little more advanced than what the elementary program is, but not competitive. Both are too expensive to do at private places or require too much commitment, but an affordable "just for fun" 6 or 8 week class would really meet a need in the community for girls (or boys) who just want to learn some fun moves without pressure to compete or perform. (many of us have talked about this--I promise it isn't just me!)	8/31/2020 1:36 PM
29	n/a	8/31/2020 1:34 PM
30	Disc Golf	8/31/2020 1:24 PM
31	I love the upstairs walking at parks & rec	8/31/2020 1:21 PM
32	OCR training	8/31/2020 1:18 PM
33	Mat Pilates	8/31/2020 1:11 PM
34	It would be awesome if lap swim were able to be expanded to more times.	8/31/2020 1:10 PM
35	Early morning workout. So can go to work and get kids to school. 5am classes. Also, workout and other classes to do with your kiddos. Also a kids volleyball league. Thank you.	8/31/2020 1:04 PM
36	For people who has a hard time getting around	8/31/2020 1:01 PM
37	Quilting, Painting, Knitting	8/31/2020 12:59 PM
38	na	8/31/2020 12:54 PM
39	More Zumba and other classes	8/31/2020 12:53 PM
40	More options on Saturday and Sunday.	8/31/2020 12:50 PM
41	running groups	8/31/2020 12:50 PM
42	Yoga	8/31/2020 12:48 PM

Do you or any members of your household attend special events held by Franklin Parks and Recreation Department (for example, festivals, art shows, Easter Egg hunt, etc.)?

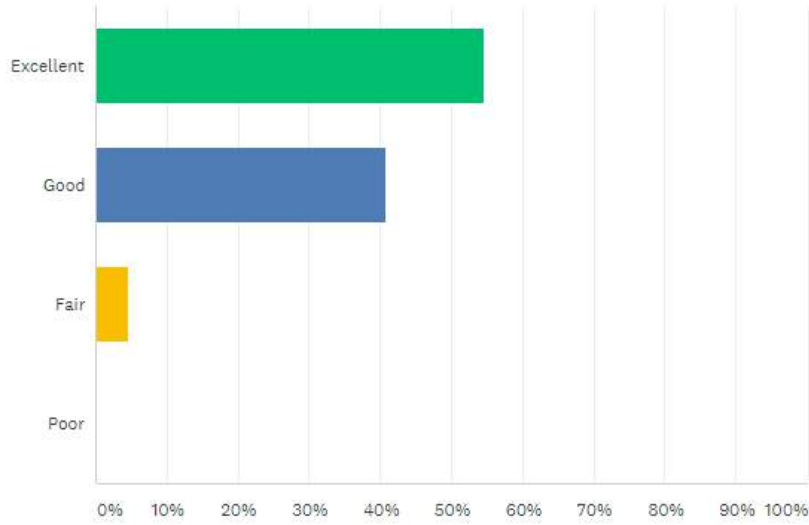
Answered: 113 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	85.84% 97
No	14.16% 16
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>113</b>

# Overall, how would you rate the quality of the special events you or a member of your household have attended?

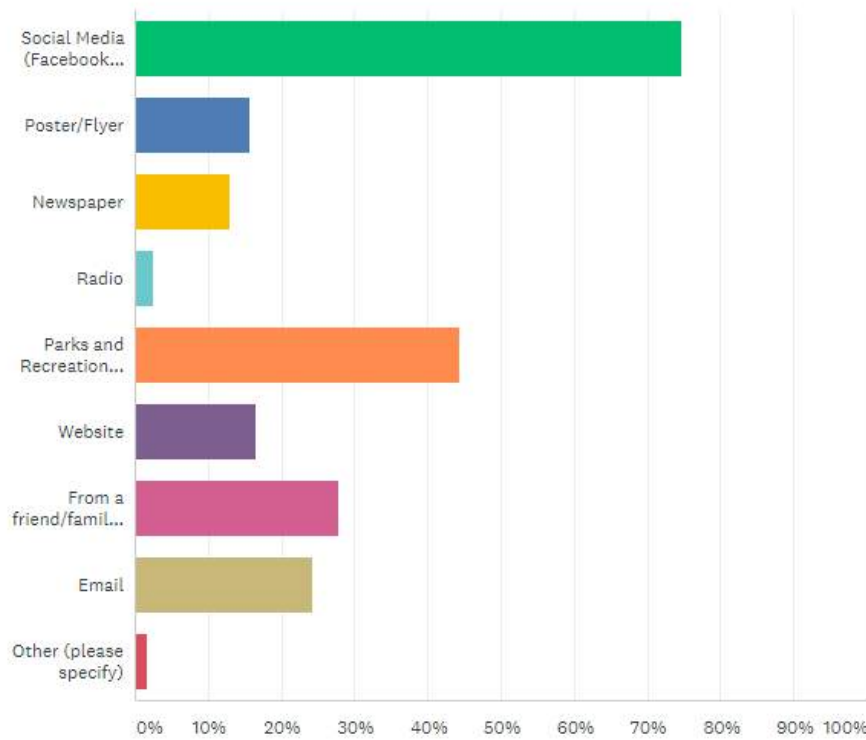
Answered: 108 Skipped: 9



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Excellent	54.63% 59
▼ Good	40.74% 44
▼ Fair	4.63% 5
▼ Poor	0.00% 0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>108</b>

# How do you typically hear about the Franklin Parks and Recreation special events (select all that apply)?

Answered: 115 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Social Media (Facebook posts)	74.78% 86
▼ Poster/Flyer	15.65% 18
▼ Newspaper	13.04% 15
▼ Radio	2.61% 3
▼ Parks and Recreation Program Guide	44.35% 51
▼ Website	16.52% 19
▼ From a friend/family member (word of mouth)	27.83% 32
▼ Email	24.35% 28
▼ Other (please specify)	<a href="#">Responses</a> 1.74% 2
<b>Total Respondents: 115</b>	

Showing 2 responses

Didn't know email was an option  
8/31/2020 1:21 PM

DDF, other downtown merchants groups  
8/31/2020 1:10 PM

## What improvements to the current Franklin parks, facilities, or programs would you suggest?

Answered: 38 Skipped: 79

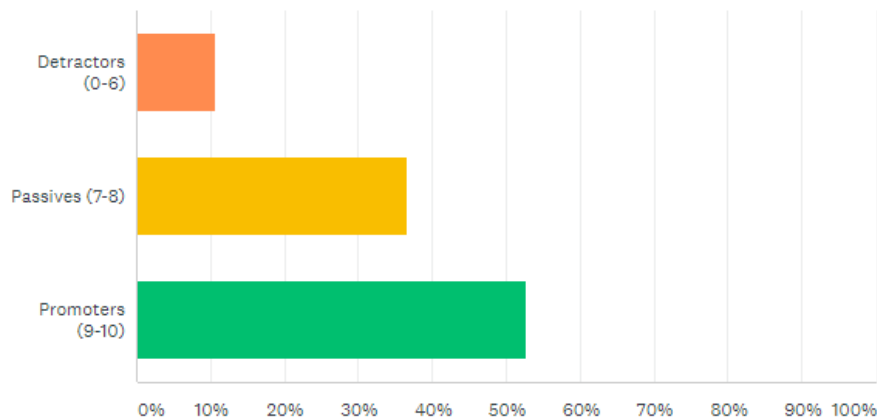
#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	We love our parks.	9/8/2020 8:42 PM
2	Longer pool hours	9/5/2020 3:55 PM
3	Great options just not necessarily affordable for a strapped budget	9/4/2020 7:48 PM
4	we would like our yearly fee charged for me and my husband, we also purchased the swimming pool. we signed up in dec/ 2019, or jan. 2020. we used the gym 2 times then covid hit, and then we moved for we would like our money back. thank you gina and mark hanthorne 7652992393. thank you gina hanthorne pls call me thank you because of covid	9/4/2020 3:24 AM
5	The Parks system is awesome! Chip and the crew there are Top notch! KEEP UP THR GREAT WORK!!!!	9/2/2020 11:23 AM
6	Upgrade the inside track	9/1/2020 9:22 PM
7	Quality of the equipment could be better. Some equipment, like the Total Fit exercise bands, are older and break easily. Also, cleanliness of the equipment room in the aerobics room could be better. As a class attendee, I have taken it upon myself at times to straighten up equipment and try to sweep out the room. Dust bunnies are everywhere.	9/1/2020 9:04 PM
8	Advertising-most people are unaware of what is offered.	9/1/2020 8:27 PM
9	As stated earlier. More COVID friendly activities.	9/1/2020 8:25 PM
10	I loved the idea of the card that could be purchased for the pool this year. Made a lot of sense for families.	9/1/2020 8:07 PM
11	Keep racquetball courts cleaner (floor, windows)	9/1/2020 12:38 PM
12	tarp coverings at the playground at Blue Herron Park. It is completely in the sun and would get more use if there was shade. It would be safer....protection from sunburn.	9/1/2020 9:30 AM
13	More activities for seniors with or with out disabilities.	9/1/2020 8:54 AM
14	all good now (as soon as covid restrictions disappear)	9/1/2020 8:32 AM
15	Pickleball courts outside and inside.	8/31/2020 9:29 PM
16	None	8/31/2020 9:08 PM
17	Have a doggy parade . Let the dogs and humans get dressed up for competition. Let them parade. Have vendors selling and giving freebies. Check out Knoxville doggy parade. It was amazing. I would be more than happy to help with it.	8/31/2020 8:43 PM
18	Expand rec ctr.	8/31/2020 6:32 PM
19	Go back to sessions or unlimited monthly plans for classes.	8/31/2020 5:43 PM
20	I think you do a great job. Love the parks & trails.	8/31/2020 4:42 PM
21	Basketball league for my 9 yr old son that doesn't have practices on Wednesday nights when we have church. Also more art classes for my 9 yr old son	8/31/2020 4:05 PM
22	Always a bit hard to hear music/entertainment on stage at outdoor festivals and events.	8/31/2020 2:30 PM
23	Better hours.	8/31/2020 2:21 PM
24	None	8/31/2020 1:55 PM
25	If there was some kind of Grant or scholarship available, it would be nice to allow my children to attend some of your programs, but the price is enough to keep us away. When you have more than one child, you either have to choose who gets to come or don't come at all.	8/31/2020 1:39 PM
26	A free splash pad would be nice--my kids may be close to too old now, but it would benefit families that cannot afford the pool. We would drive to Greenwood to theirs (and then buy ice cream in Greenwood instead of Franklin--keeping residents here for recreation would benefit local businesses too). Keep on cleaning the bathrooms to the Covid level of clean. This summer was the first time I went into the bathroom at Province and was not disgusted. I'm	8/31/2020 1:36 PM

guessing there is extra cleaning going on and don't see a reason not to keep that up even when the virus du jour has run its course.

27	none that I can think of	8/31/2020 1:34 PM
28	None	8/31/2020 1:24 PM
29	More variety of classes offered. CPR, lifeguard certification, babysitting classes - offer multiple times throughout year. Life essential skills classes - how to change oil, tire, cook, budget, cook, etc	8/31/2020 1:21 PM
30	Later hours on Friday. A non-paved dirt running trail.	8/31/2020 1:18 PM
31	Start up exercise classes, please	8/31/2020 1:11 PM
32	None	8/31/2020 1:05 PM
33	If possible - not sure how to make bigger- but the walking track upstairs to be bigger...	8/31/2020 1:04 PM
34	None	8/31/2020 1:01 PM
35	Build a great, large indoor pool :) Worth asking!	8/31/2020 12:59 PM
36	na	8/31/2020 12:54 PM
37	Connect walking trails to Westview Drive.	8/31/2020 12:53 PM
38	something like a bicycle safety town for kids	8/31/2020 12:48 PM

## How likely is it that you would recommend Franklin Parks & Recreation to a friend or colleague?

Answered: 112 Skipped: 5



DETRACTORS (0-6)	PASSIVES (7-8)	PROMOTERS (9-10)	NET PROMOTER® SCORE
10.71%	36.61%	52.68%	42
12	41	59	

# MASTER PLAN 21-25

## Five Year Comprehensive Park System Master Plan 2021-2025

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