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TOWN OF YORKTOWN

5-YEAR PARKS MASTER PLAN

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CHAPTER 1



PLANNING PROCEESS

PURPOSE AND OPPORTUNITY

Yorktown, Indiana is located in Delaware County. The Town of Yorktown operates the parks and recreation department as well as police, fire, and public works departments. For purposes of this study, the planning area includes the corporate limits of Yorktown which resides within Mt. Pleasant Township and is the same as the parks and recreation department service area.

HOW TO USE THE PLAN

The Yorktown 5-year Master Plan should be used as a guiding document for future planning and implementation of parks improvements for years to come. Its analysis of existing conditions, natural features, social and demographic factors, and public input showcase the impact the parks system has on the town and surrounding community of East Central Indiana. Ultimately, the plan sets forth the goals, proposed projects, strategies, and potential costs associated with improvements over the next five years and into the future – affecting generations to come.

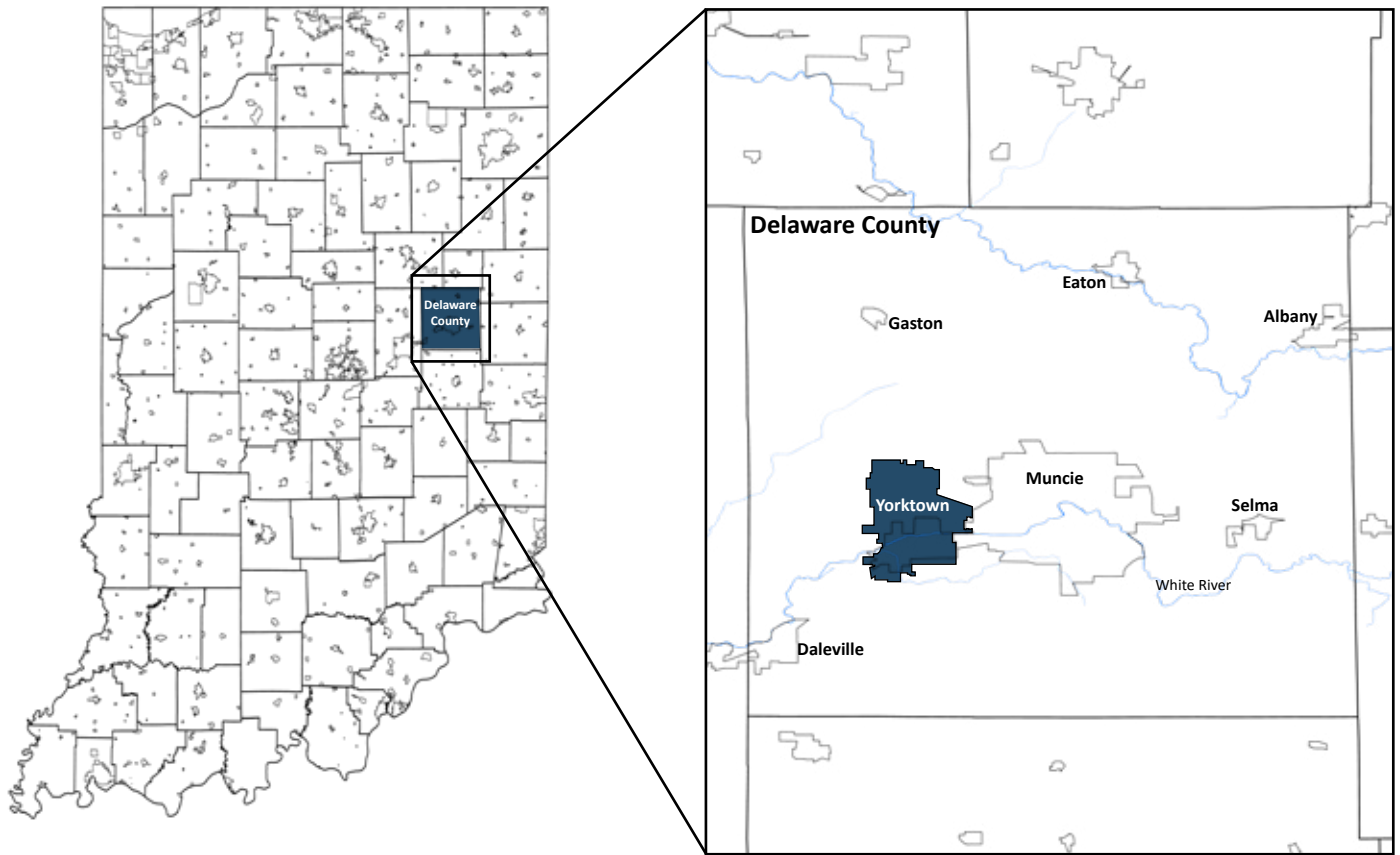
The recommendations of the plan are summarized within the action plan matrix. This matrix identifies improvement projects at each park, their anticipated costs, a timeline for implementation, and any potential resources or partnerships that could be beneficial to the project. This document also allows the town to be eligible for Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grants through the DNR and creates a stronger application for funding through the Indiana Trails Program (ITP). The LWCF is a competitive 50/50 federal grant that can be used to acquire land, develop new parks, or make capital improvements to existing parks. In addition to potential LWCF and ITP grants, the plan increases Yorktown's chances at obtaining other grants by having a master plan in place. Many funding entities are more likely to award grants to applicants that show a vision and path forward for the community.

PLANNING APPROACH

The 5-Year Parks Master Plan process involves several phases of inventory and analysis and requires engagement with the community and stakeholders at each step. Strategic planning outlines where the town would like to head in the years to come, including visioning and goal setting. Financial planning involves fund allocation, fundraising, grant writing, employee salary determinations, and other municipal budgeting requirements. And physical planning involves the proper implementation of the strategic and financial planning layers. It is the Parks and Recreation Departments goal to take all these layers and create a comprehensive vision for the years to come.

Most commonly, parks master plans develop from a baseline of information that utilizes a Level of Service (LOS) analysis looking at the existing community infrastructure coupled with the needs and desires of the community. This baseline information is used to guide the planning efforts and to determine action items.

The master plan process looks at the community through multiple lenses to get a comprehensive view of all opportunities and constraints. Utilizing the different lenses encourages the community feedback about specific elements of each park to be detailed and thorough. The more detailed the information provided to the town, the more specific and obtainable the goals and objectives of the master plan can be. These lenses include:



State of Indiana and Delaware County

- Parks system infrastructure
- Programs and event
- Park amenities and facilities

The inventory and analysis of information collected through these lenses will influence the development of this 5-Year Parks Master Plan.

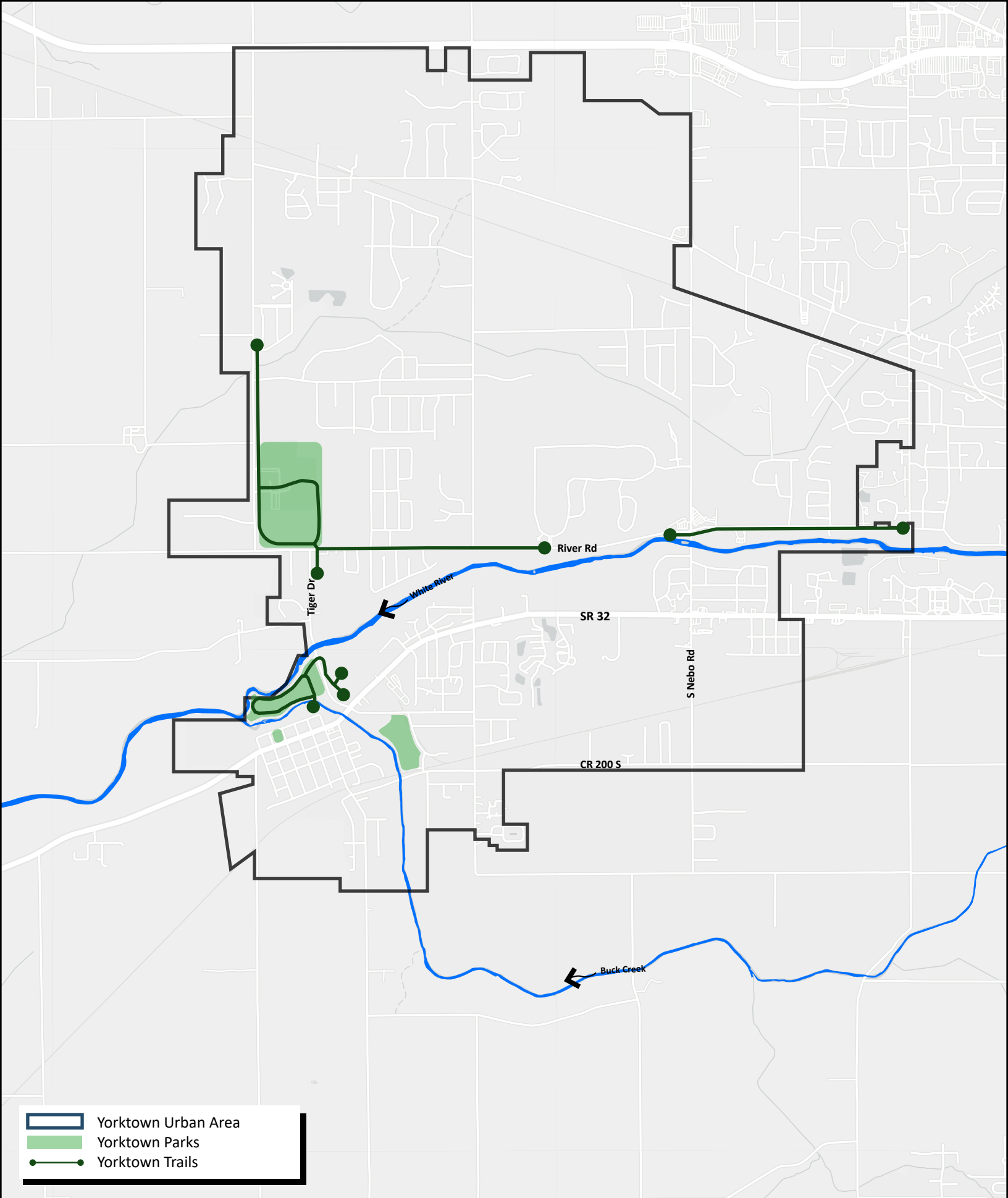
The Yorktown 5-Year Parks Master plan will incorporate previous planning efforts to help guide the direction of this plan, while providing a course of action to direct the next five plus years of recreational opportunities for the community. This is a living document and should be reassessed periodically to ensure the direction of the town meets the needs of the community at that time.

This built-in flexibility will enable the Town of Yorktown to provide the amenities necessary to retain and attract families that will call Yorktown home for generations to come.

MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES

The primary objectives of this plan, the Parks Board, and the citizens of Yorktown are as follows:

- Discover strengths, opportunities, threats, and weaknesses of the parks system.
- Acquire input and gather support from the citizens of Yorktown and users of the park system.
- Analyze existing conditions and public input data to determine the strategies, priorities, and action items for the short and long term.
- Identify opportunities to upgrade and/or expand parks programs and amenities.
- Serve as a supporting document to secure funding for action items.
- Allow town to be eligible for Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and other state program funding.
- Create and develop partnerships to strengthen the Yorktown parks system.



PARKS BOARD

The Town of Yorktown Park Board, is an advisory board, which was re-established in November of 1999 and consists of 5 members. The Park Board currently oversees the facilities of three parks: Civic Green, Lions Club Park and Morrow's Meadow. The Yorktown Sports Complex is the result of a cooperative effort between the Town of Yorktown, Delaware County Commissioners, Yorktown School Corporation, and Delaware County YMCA.

The current Parks Board members are:

- Tyler Robinson (Pres)
- Vicki Craig (VP)
- Loretta Smith (Sec)
- Jeff Clark
- Victoria Gasaway

PARKS STAFF

With respect to Parks and Recreation responsibilities within the Town of Yorktown, there are currently ten full time municipal employees. The Park Superintendent is Joshua Baker. The Street Superintendent, Brady Patterson, and the Water Superintendent, Jamie Mixell, oversee the street, water, field sewer, park and water personnel. The ten municipal employees assist the Town in maintaining the Yorktown parks and recreation system. Park maintenance includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Mowing and trimming, including Sports Complex;
- Planting in the parks and spraying for weeds;
- Emptying garbage receptacles;
- Sweeping out the pavilions;
- Snow removal on roads, sidewalks and trails;
- Shelter roof maintenance;
- Restroom maintenance;
- Installation/maintenance of drainage systems

PARKS BUDGET

The department's primary source of revenue is derived from property taxes. Additional revenue is generated from grant awards, pavilion rental fees, and donations and fees charged at events for food vendors. The budget for park upgrades and maintenance has grown considerably over the past few years, and is expected to continue to grow. The considerable increase in the budget and in recent spending is the result of a shift in priorities within local government. The Parks Department budget is \$380,000 - \$400,000.

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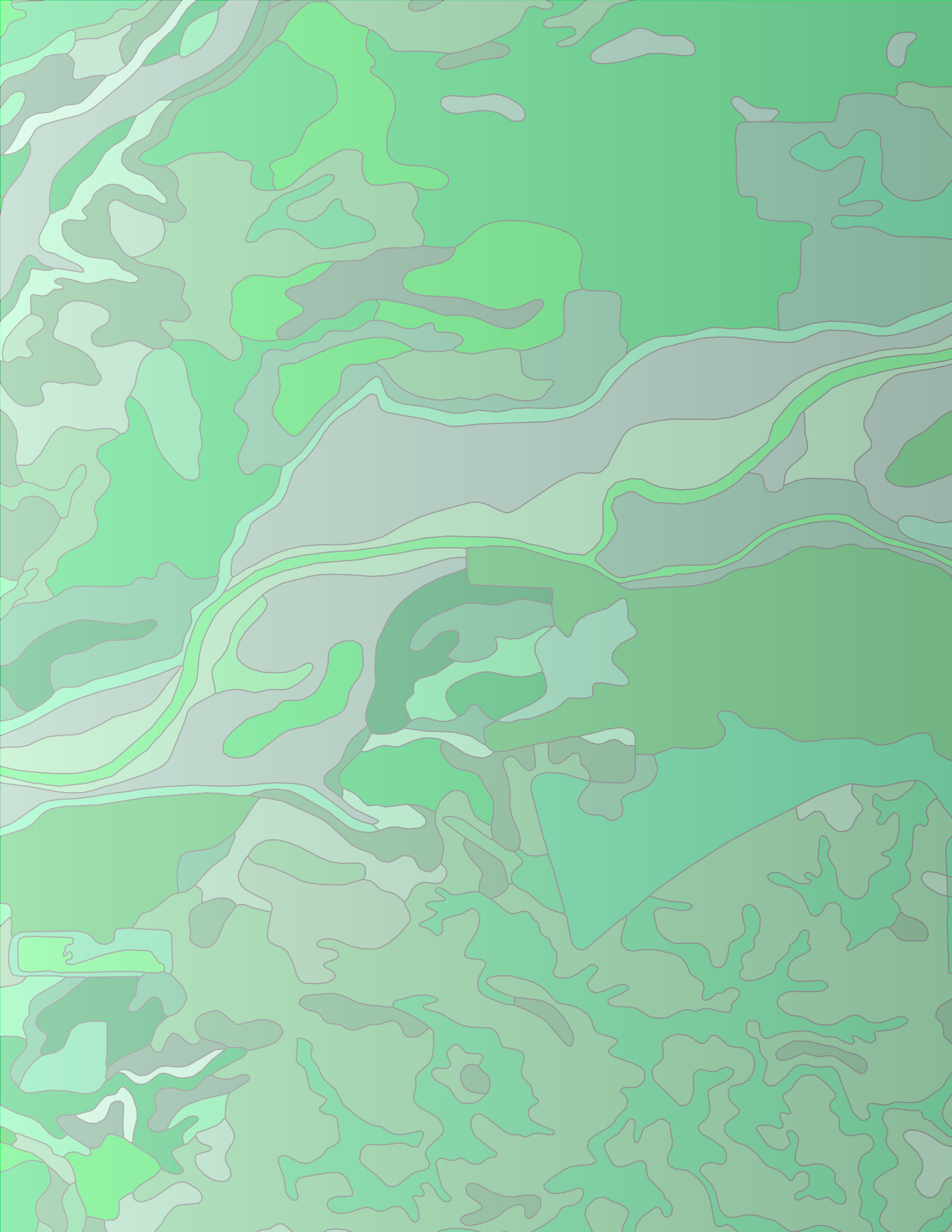
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CHAPTER 2

YORKTOWN, IN

A QUICK HISTORY LESSON

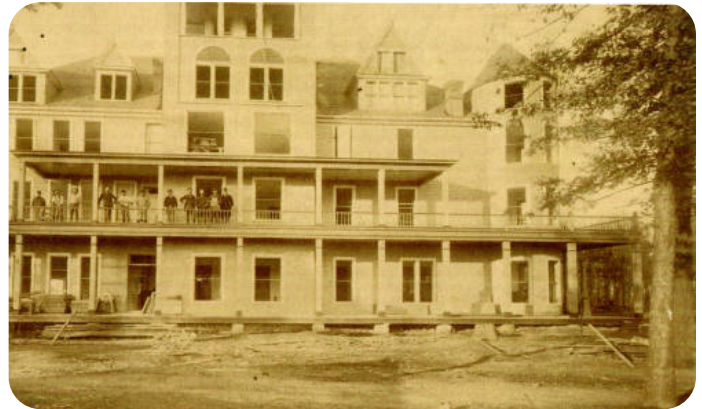
The Town of Yorktown is a progressive and growing community in western Delaware County. The Town's formal history starts in 1913 when Yorktown was first recognized by the State of Indiana, but the community history is one of growth along the banks of Buck Creek and the White River dating back to the early 1800's. The first home subdivision in Yorktown was aptly named West Muncie, and today, the town continues to carve out a positive identity in East Central Indiana.

A Rich History

Like much of the history of pioneer settlements in the State of Indiana, Native Americans had been living and migrating through the area for hundred and thousands of years prior to their arrival. In some areas (Mounds State Park, for example) remnants of these indigenous people can be found. This is no different in Yorktown, as an earthen enclosure just east of Yorktown, is still visible to those who know where to look. Yorktown proper lies at the joining of the White River and Buck Creek. According to legend, local Native Americans believed that the winding configuration of this junction made the area immune from tornado strikes.

Yorktown was platted in 1837 by Oliver H. Smith who also represented Indiana in the U.S. Senate from 1837 to 1843, serving on the Committee on Public Lands. Smith eventually became involved in the railroad business and advocated for a rail line connecting Yorktown to Indianapolis. He was successful in his lobbying, and the line was completed in the 1850's. His influence on the development of the town cannot be underestimated and as such, his surname can be found in many prominent places within the town.

In 1892, a developer platted 'West Muncie' on land immediately east of Mr. Smith's Yorktown and ten miles from Muncie. Buck Creek was dammed in West Muncie to form "Lake Delaware" with a 73-room resort hotel opening in 1893. However, the dam failed a few years



Lake View Hotel, c. 1896 - Ball State Digital Media Repository

later and the entire West Muncie project was abandoned. While the 'West Muncie' project died, its name lived on in peculiar ways. Most notably perhaps, was the fact that Yorktown was erroneously labeled "West Muncie" on some road maps into the 1960s, puzzling residents, who had neither seen nor heard the name in any other context.

Similar to other towns in East Central Indiana, Yorktown benefited from the natural gas boom of the 1880's which brought both industries and residents to the town. While the population of the town was relatively small, it increased over 14% between 1920 and 1930 due to gas related industries within the area.

The town has been served by the Big Four Railroad and its successors throughout its history: New York Central, Penn Central, Conrail and CSX. Yorktown was also served by an electric interurban line, the Union Traction Company of Indiana, and its successor Indiana Railroad, in the early twentieth century, which connected Indianapolis to Muncie and north to Fort Wayne.

In the mid twentieth century, many residents found employment in various automotive plants and associated tool and die shops in nearby Muncie and Anderson. This all changed starting in the 1980's, as large automotive plants shut down and left the Midwest for overseas markets, creating what is colloquially called 'The



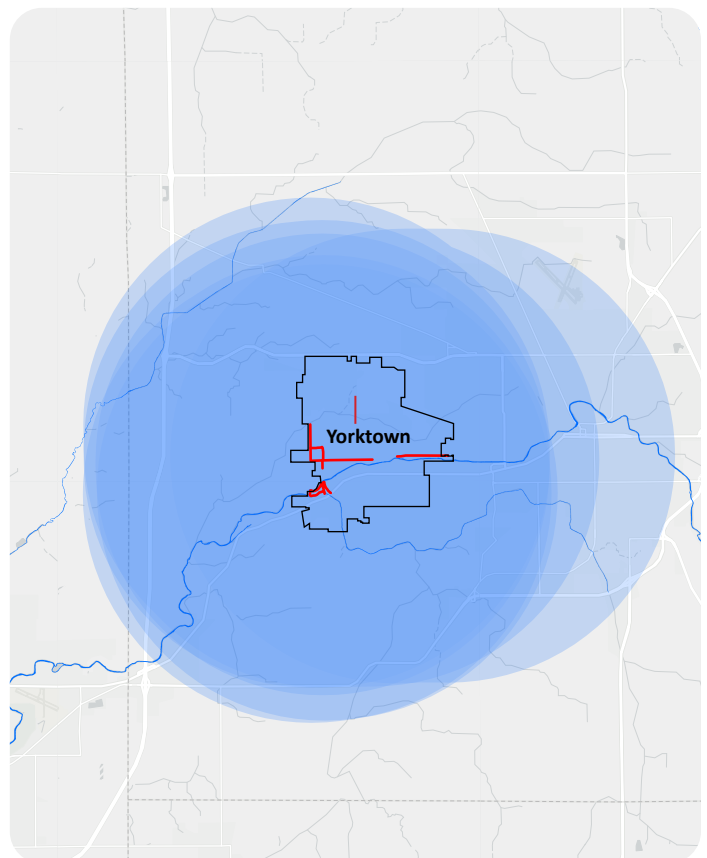
Looking Southwest Down Smith Street, 1923 - Ball State Digital Media Repository

Rust Belt' behind. Yorktown also served as corporate headquarters for the Marsh Supermarkets chain from 1952 until 1991, a fact reflected in the chain's "Yorktown" store brand. Marsh Supermarkets and Village Pantry headquarters relocated to Indianapolis until Marsh went bankrupt and shut down its stores in 2017.

The loss of large factory and corporate headquarter jobs has left Yorktown in a transitional period for employment. Boutique shops and restaurants dominate 'Main St', and with Indianapolis being less than a 45 minute drive via Interstate 69, and Muncie less than 15 minutes up SR 32, many professionals see Yorktown as offering the perfect 'small town amenities' away from work.

Man Made Features

The location of Yorktown and its proximity to many forms of transportation during the late 19th and early 20th centuries provided the town with enough connectivity to maintain slow but consistent growth in west central Delaware County. State Route 32, railroads for the major rail companies, the Interurban, the White River, Buck Creek, and later Interstate 69 all helped move goods and individuals into and out of Yorktown. While it would not grow bigger than its sister cities of Muncie and Anderson, Yorktown continues to thrive due to the convergence of these systems in and around the town.



5 Mile Radius For Yorktown Trails

While Yorktown (like many other municipalities across the state) is car dependent, there is a strong trail and sidewalk network within the town that also connects to Muncie via the White River Greenway and along SR 32 (a significant upgrade to the state highway was completed over twelve years ago that included building sidewalks on both sides of the road). There are 5 miles of trails and side paths within Yorktown, with another 0.72 miles to be built by 2025 with a generous Next Level Trails grant. With this trail network, 100% of Yorktown residents will live within five miles of a trail, meeting one of the goals of the 2016 Indiana Trails Plan and exceeding the state number of 96.2% of residents within five miles of a trail.

Physiographic Description

Yorktown sits within the New Castle Till Plains and Drainageways physiographic region of Indiana. This modern-day landscape was formed by the last ice age, where the Wisconsin ice sheet pushed and pulled at the landforms on its march south towards present day Decatur and Bartholomew County and is characterized by a relatively featureless plain of low relief and gently rolling hills. When the ice retreated, a thin layer of unconsolidated material (less than 200 feet) was left covering the Silurian group of bedrock, comprised mostly of limestone and dolomite. This is evidenced by the outcroppings of bedrock that can be found in and around the White River, especially in Muncie. Only these larger drainageways (White River, Buck Creek, etc.), provide interesting topological features within the landscape.

Soils & Drainage

The soils of Yorktown and west central Delaware County are generally characterized by a layer of thin Loess soils over Loamy Glacial Till. Representative soils series include Brookston, Crosby, Miami, and Parr. The areas between Mud Creek and White River are primarily clay, with some sandy loam in the lower lying areas. The table below contains some basic characteristics for each soil series.

Soil Series	Drainage Characteristic	Material Type	% Slopes	Avg. Annual Precip.	Mean Annual Temp.
Brookston	Poorly Drained	Silty	0 - 3%	35"	50
Crosby	Somewhat Poorly Drained	Loess/Silty	0 - 6%	40"	51
Miami	Moderately Well Drained	Loess/Silty	0 - 60%	40"	52
Parr	Moderately Well Drained	Silty	0 - 18%	37"	50

These soil types are packed with, nutrients and coupled with the gently rolling landforms, have helped turn East Central Indiana into an extremely productive agricultural region. Soils that are not naturally well drained have been tilled and ditched to help make the land more productive. The ability for the first European settlers to recognize the agricultural potential of the land helped turn the region into the breadbasket of the world. And while the amount of farmland as a percentage of overall land use slowly shrinks due to the continued growth of our suburbs (farmland still accounts for 75% of the current land use), this region will continue to supply the world with an abundance of food.



Physiographic Regions - Central Indiana

Climate

Yorktown, Indiana experiences a continental climate with four distinct seasons. Summers are typically warm and humid, with average highs reaching around 85°F in July. Winters are typically cold and snowy, with lows dipping to 19°F in January. The area receives an average of 42 inches of precipitation annually, with snowfall averaging 21 inches between October and April. However, the state of Indiana has been in a drought the last four years, with the area receiving about 25% less annual precipitation. To compound this issue, the rain events are fewer and farther between, but tend to be heavier in nature. These larger storms put an increased strain on both manmade and natural systems, often increasing the pollution that enters our waterways and causing more stream bank erosion due to increased water velocities. Two of the parks within Yorktown sit on a major waterway, and the promotion and installation of vegetation and other systems to counteract the effects of climate change are critical to the future programming and success of the parks.

Water Resources & Wetlands

There are two main waterbodies that flow through Yorktown, Buck Creek and the White River. These two waterways create the north and south boundaries of Morrow's Meadow Park and converge at the western end of the greenspace. The White River is known for its kayaking and canoeing opportunities, where a local livery has a launch site located within Morrow's Meadow.

Both channels have been heavily modified over the past 150 years as local farmers and politicians have worked to increase the speed in which water is drained off of and away from the production fields, and refuse is carried downstream. On Buck Creek, nearly an entire mile of stream length has been lost due to channelization. This has the effect of increasing channel speed, eliminating habitat, and increasing bank erosion. Returning the channel to its natural state would be unlikely to occur, as both rural and urban developments now occupy the space that once belonged to the creek.

It is estimated that there were approximately 5.6 million acres of wetlands across Indiana circa 1780. Draining these wetlands became critical for the European settlers to survive in the state. Wetlands were removed to build cities and turn the fertile soil into productive farmland. 250 years later, there is now approximately 800,000 acres of wetlands in the state – an 85% decline, and less than four percent of the total land area. While specific

numbers for wetland removal within Yorktown do not exist, the town developed in similar ways to others across the state. In fact, the number of wetlands lost may be higher than 85% in the region. And as recent state legislatures have passed laws removing protections for many wetlands, it becomes more difficult to protect this valuable resource from an ecological (habitat) and infrastructure (flood management) perspective.



Wetland Area at Leopard Springs Nature Park - IPB News

Wildlife

Yorktown's wildlife reflects its mix of habitats - developed areas, farmland, and some natural spaces like riparian zones along Buck Creek and the White River. These riparian zones are relatively healthy when compared to other urban areas in Indiana. Some various species that can be found within the Yorktown area include:

Mammals: White-tailed deer, foxes, raccoons, opossums, squirrels, and rabbits. Meadows and fields might be home to voles, shrews, and moles.

Birds: Cardinals, blue jays, robins, goldfinches, hawks, owls, and wild turkeys. Yorktown's proximity to waterways attracts ducks, geese, and wading birds like herons and egrets. While there are no nesting Bald Eagles within town limits, there is a pair that have a nest in Muncie along the White River. The pair have occasionally been seen hunting downstream of their nest in the direction of Yorktown.

Reptiles and Amphibians: Snakes like garter snakes and black rat snakes are common. Turtles and small lizards can be found along the banks of Buck Creek and the White River.

Fish & other Aquatic Species: Species such as smallmouth bass, catfish, and sunfish inhabit the White River and Buck Creek. Many native mussels such as the Rainbow, Mucket, and White Heelsplitter can be found in the waterways (a full list of native mussels found within the White River can be found on the Muncie Sanitary Districts website). The abundance of fish found within the waterway lends itself to many outstanding recreational opportunities for fishermen.

Development has undoubtedly impacted wildlife populations and the amount of habitat they have access to. However, the remaining riparian zones along the waterways do provide decent habitat opportunities for a variety of species to call home. Protecting these areas, especially in urban settings, is critical to maintaining a healthy level of biological diversity in and around Yorktown.

Vegetation

Much of the tree canopy cover exists within the riparian corridors of the White River and Buck Creek. For the urban areas that these waterways flow through, the riparian corridors are in relatively good condition and range from a width of approximately 200 feet to 1,200 feet. Street trees dominate the urban landscape and mainly consist of Silver Maples, Mulberries, Sycamores, and Hackberries. Ornamental trees in the form of Redbuds, Dogwoods, and Japanese Maples are also utilized in the urban landscape.

Invasive species are a problem, especially in Morrow's Meadow and Lions Club Park. Honeysuckle is the main culprit, as its fast-growing nature and dense foliage blocks sunlight and prevents other native saplings from growing. This allows the species to dominate the understory while significantly reducing the biodiversity of an area. Clearing out Honeysuckle has become an objective of many stakeholders as they look to create more inviting spaces for humans and wildlife alike.



White Heelsplitter, Native Mussel - Philippe Blais



Honeysuckle Removal Along the White River, Delaware County - DIPP

Population Trends

The Town of Yorktown has seen continual growth from the 1880 U.S. Census through today, sometimes at dizzying rates. Context is critical, however, in understanding why these jumps occurred (1970's, 2000's, and the 2010's are the more obvious examples of this). The completion of Interstate 69 through east central Indiana, the expansion of the Yorktown corporation boundaries, and the jobs created by large industrial complexes can explain these increases in populations. For example, in 2013, the Town of Yorktown and Mt. Pleasant Township entered into a reorganization agreement which in effect joined together the two political subdivisions into one, contributing to the large growth in population over this period in time. Additionally, Yorktown is situated within a short drive of Muncie, I-69, and Indianapolis, which is appealing to those who desire to live in a small town with easy access to large city amenities.

These growth spurts can be both a blessing and a curse for a town and its park system. The growth in population increases the tax base which can help bring additional funding for the parks system. At the same time, additional stress is added to the parks due to increased use and participation in programs and events. Therefore, it is important for the parks department to plan for any anticipated growth. Resource and personnel management are essential for overseeing successful programs and budgets.

Population Projections

Delaware County and the East Central Indiana region has seen consistent population decline since the 1970's and 80's due to the loss of factory and industrial jobs commonly tied to the auto industry. Yet despite some of the larger regional population trends, Yorktown has continued to grow for some of the reasons described above. It's easy to believe that this trend will continue, however, the U.S. Census Bureau is projecting a slight decline in population growth over the next few years. This is most likely due to the baby boomer population, which accounts for nearly 1 in 5 residents in Yorktown, retiring and moving to warmer climates, or passing away. Having a higher rate of individuals over the age of 65 compared to the state as a whole (~17%), makes it more difficult to maintain population growth without a major increase in housing opportunities, job offerings, or the expansion of the geographical area of Yorktown. However, this anticipated population change should be of little concern to the town when it comes to the parks

Yorktown Population Trends

Census	Population	% Change
1880	331	
1920	797	141%
1930	909	14%
1940	906	0%
1950	1109	22%
1960	1137	3%
1970	1673	47%
1980	3945	136%
1990	4106	4%
2000	4785	17%
2010	9405	97%
2020	11548	23%
2023	11577	0.3%
2028 (Projected)	11561	-0.1%

Yorktown Total Population Over Time

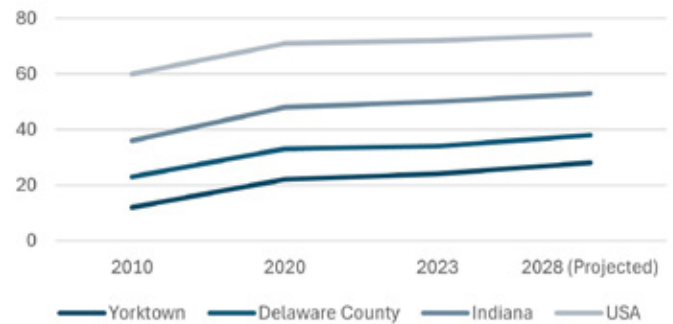


system and programming. The change is minimal, and the Town has successfully implemented new and various programming that will keep senior citizens as well as all age groups and ethnicities engaged and active within the community.

Diversity

The chart to the right shows the diversity index of Yorktown compared to Delaware County, Indiana, and the United States. Ninety percent of the population of Yorktown identifies as white or non-Hispanic, which explains why the diversity index score ranks so low compared to other regional, state, and national benchmarks. From the summer concert series and educational events to the expansion of the farmer's market and youth sports, Yorktown has worked hard to offer inclusive programs that attract individuals from all backgrounds that live within the region.

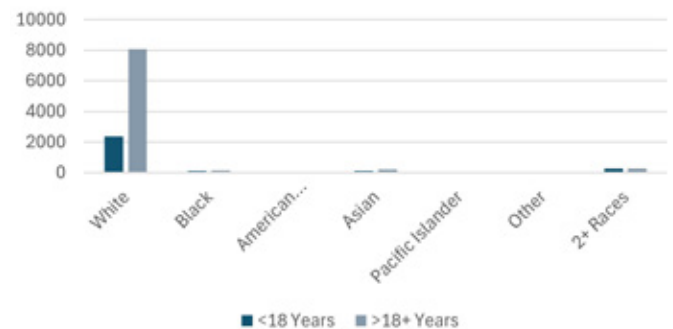
Diversity Index Comparisson



Unemployment

With an unemployment rate between one and two percent (spring 2024), Yorktown has a much lower rate than the benchmarks of the region, state and country (4.9%, 3.6%, and 3.9%, respectively). This can be attributed to the strong economy that has bounced back since the COVID-19 pandemic. The chart in the bottom right shows the employment percentage per industry for those over the age of 16. Nearly 50% of those with jobs work in the education, health care, or manufacturing fields. This aligns closely with the major employers of the region (and those within a short drive), which include Ball State University, Anderson University, Ivy Tech Community College, IU Heath and Community Hospital networks, and multiple manufacturing plants.

Population by Race & Age



Business & Industry

With 37% of residents with a bachelor's degree or higher in Yorktown, the community generally has a higher educational attainment rate than the county, state, and nation (25%, 19%, and 34%, respectively). This helps explain why 33% of the employed residents within the community work in fields that require higher educational attainment status (i.e., education, health care, and social services).

Industry for Employed Population 16+ Years



As the region tries to recover from the loss of the auto industry, it is becoming more and more imperative that the job market and employment sectors are diverse enough to help the community withstand another exodus of a given employment sector. It is impossible to predict when or if this would happen, but by offering exceptional quality of place and amenities for residents and prospective residents, Yorktown can position itself within the region to be a destination community.

Poverty

The poverty rate of Yorktown currently sits at 4.6%, significantly lower than the regional, state, and federal rates, which are at 18.8%, 12.5%, and 11.5% (spring 2024), respectively. This reduced poverty rate has provided Yorktown with a strong tax base that has provided the town with the financial means to expand and improve the physical park space and programming.

Nationwide studies have shown that park size and accessibility vary relative to the community's economic status. At the same time, socioeconomic factors often color the perceptions of parks, especially regarding quality and safety. Continuing to make park improvements will contribute to keeping these perceptions high, but long-term planning and continued investments within the parks system will pay dividends for Yorktown residents and visitors from the region.

Economic Strategy

The town of Yorktown has spent the last ten years laying out and implementing local redevelopment and strategic plans, as well as being a strategic partner in county and regional plans. Locally, the town has taken significant steps towards implementing the 2016 Downtown Redevelopment Plan, which culminated in the creation of Civic Green Park. Additionally, the town has utilized the 2018 – 2022 Yorktown Comprehensive Development Plan to help guide employment diversity and residential housing development initiatives.

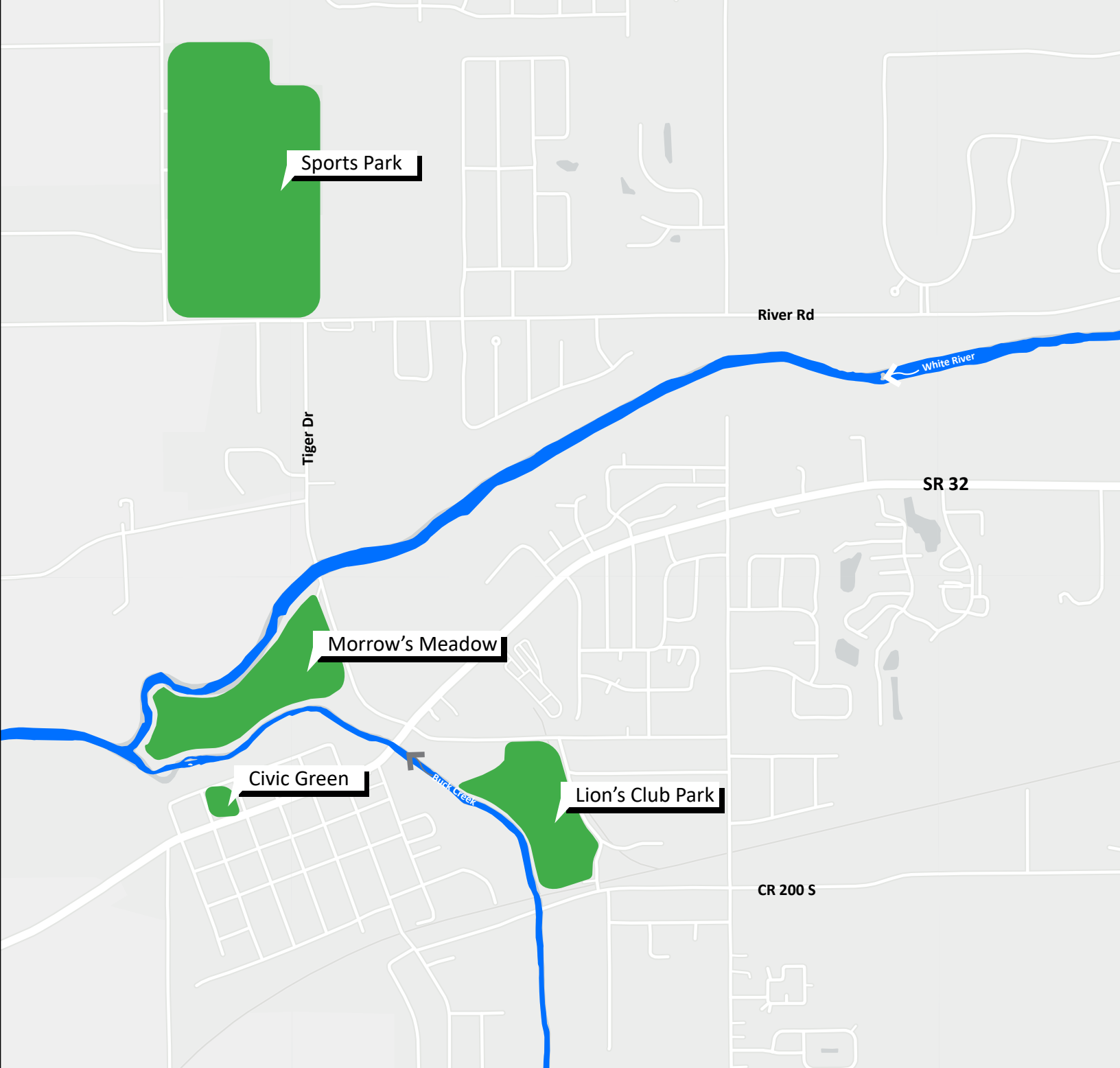
Regionally, Yorktown has helped shape and align its goals with the 2022 Together DM, the comprehensive plan for the Delaware-Muncie Region, as well as regional efforts to receive READI funds and other Economic Development Corporation funds to implement capital improvement and quality of place projects. These plans, both local and regional, help retain and attract individuals to the community. By spending money on quality of place improvements (parks and programming included), Yorktown continues to be an inviting community where people come to live, work, and play.





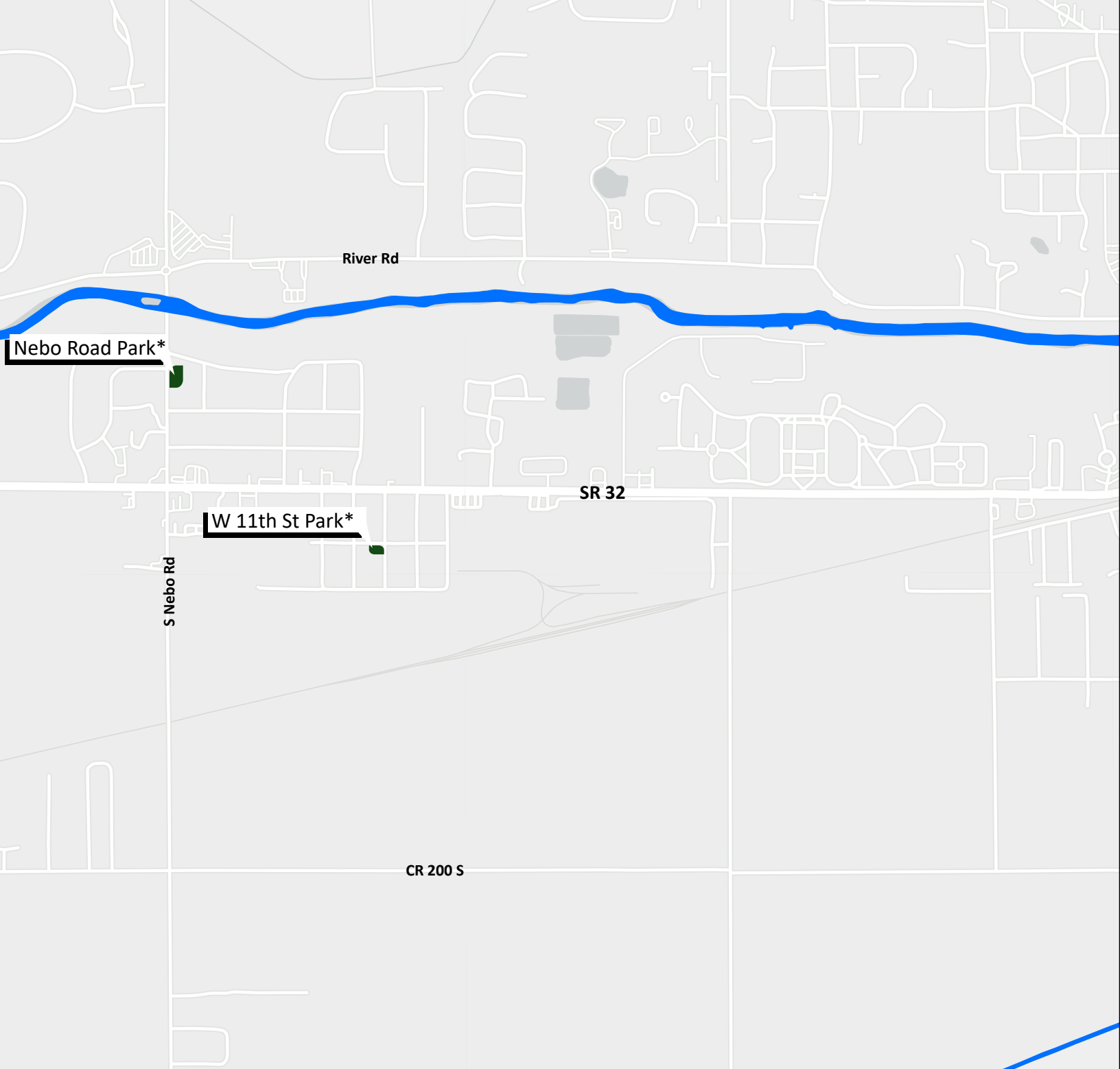
A topographic map with contour lines in shades of yellow, green, and blue. A river flows from the top left towards the bottom left. A road or path runs horizontally across the middle. A white rectangular box is positioned in the upper right quadrant, partially overlapping the text.

CHAPTER 3



YORKTOWN PARKS

LOCATION & INVENTORY



Park Inventory, Existing and *Potential Park Locations

MORROW'S MEADOW

Morrow's Meadow is the Town of Yorktown's primary parks and recreation facility. It is located on a relatively large tract of land north of downtown Yorktown, nestled between the White River and Buck Creek.

Recommendations

The following items identify general considerations that can be taken to improve the amenities of Morrow's Meadow for its visitors. Detailed action items can be found in the Action Plan on Page 71.

- Expansion and promotion of programming, especially educational in nature
- Expansion of natural areas
- Removal of invasive species
- Creation of more amenities related to sports activities
- Greater access and utilization of restroom facilities both temporary and permanent

ADA Compliance

ADA Inventory of the existing park infrastructure was completed by FlatLand Resources in the summer of 2023. The following items are broad considerations for improvements within Morrow's Meadow. Detailed action items to address ADA concerns can be found in the Action Plan on Page 71.

- Create ADA Accessibility to each park amenity
- Ensure new park features are ADA compliant

Programs / Activities

Morrow's Meadow hosts quite a few programs and activities throughout the warmer months. The Farmer's Market consistently ranked as one of the most popular events hosted by the Town. Other events include but are not limited to:

- 4th of July Fireworks
- Touch a Truck event
- Long distance running events
- Canoe/kayak related events
- Birthday Parties

ASSOCIATED FEES / RENTAL RATES

Individual Person (per occurrence)

- Large Pavilion: Friday - Sunday: \$200.00 + tax
- Monday-Thursday: \$100.00 + tax
- Small Pavilions: \$30.00 + tax

Corporate/Special Event Rates (per occurrence)

- Back half & Large Pavilion: \$500.00 + tax

Charitable Function/Not for Profit (per occurrence)

- Large Pavilion: Mon - Thurs: \$50.00
- Friday & Saturday: \$200.00
- Sunday: \$100.00
- All Small Pavilions: no charge



Aerial of Morrow's Meadow

PROFILE



26 acres



Dawn to Dusk

FACILITIES



EVENTS







SPORTS COMPLEX

The Yorktown Sports Complex is home to 20 soccer fields and 5 baseball/softball fields, as well as indoor volleyball courts for Munciana Volleyball and a 10,000 sq-ft YMCA training facility. Each of the following organizations is proud to call the Yorktown Sports Complex home:

- Munciana Volleyball
- Delaware County Futbol Club
- Yorktown High School Athletics
- Yorktown JAA Baseball and Softball
- YMCA

The Yorktown Sports Complex is the result of a cooperative effort between the Town of Yorktown, Delaware County Commissioners, Yorktown School Corporation, and the Delaware County YMCA.

Recommendations

The following items identify general considerations that can be taken to improve the amenities of the Yorktown Sports Park for its visitors. Detailed action items can be found in the Action Plan on Page 71.

- Expansion and promotion of programming
- Install shade structures both natural and man made

ADA Compliance

ADA Inventory of the existing park infrastructure was completed by FlatLand Resources in the summer of 2023. Currently, there are no recommendations for improvements within the park.

Programs / Activities

The sports park offers a significant amount of programming and activities due to the many partnerships that have developed over the years. These programs and events typically revolve around youth sports and include but are not limited to:

- Baseball
- Softball
- Tennis
- Soccer
- Football
- YMCA sanctioned events



Aerial of the Sports Complex

PROFILE



90 acres



Dawn to Dusk

FACILITIES



EVENTS





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URBAN COMMONS

In the heart of downtown, Civic Green is a versatile space that can be enjoyed by residents of all ages. Civic Green features grassy areas, shade pavilions, fire pits, and a sensory plaza with misters and lights (which doubles as a splash pad for kids). It also features a performance structure, making it a great place for community events such as the Summer Concert Series hosted by the Yorktown Chamber of Commerce.

Recommendations

The following items identify general considerations that can be taken to improve the amenities of the Civic Green for its visitors. Detailed action items can be found in the Action Plan on Page 71.

- Expansion and promotion of programming
- Greater access and utilization of restroom facilities both temporary and permanent

ADA Compliance

ADA Inventory of the existing park infrastructure was completed by FlatLand Resources in the summer of 2023. Because the park was built within the last couple of years, it meets all necessary ADA requirements and incorporates many features that are easy to use and welcoming for individuals with a variety of disabilities.

- None

Programs / Activities

Despite its young age, the Civic Green hosts quite a few programs and activities throughout the warmer months. The Summer Concert Series consistently ranked as one of the most popular events put on by the Town. Other events include but are not limited to:

- Yoga/Pilates classes
- Food truck events
- General social gatherings
- Birthday Parties
- Concert Series
- Science Central



Aerial of the Urban Commons

PROFILE



1.8 acres



Dawn to Dusk

FACILITIES



EVENTS







LIONS PARK

Lion's Club Park is located southeast of Downtown Yorktown along the south side of Buck Creek. It is home to the Carl Scott Memorial Disc Golf Course, a 24-hole course rated as one of the top courses in Indiana. Other amenities include a playground, small pavilion, and community garden as well as picnic tables and benches. Lion's Club Park is also home to one of the top sledding hills in Yorktown.

Recommendations

The following items identify general considerations that can be taken to improve the offerings of Lion's Club Park for its visitors. Detailed action items can be found in the Action Plan on Page 71.

- Expansion and promotion of programming
- Removal of invasive species

ADA Compliance

ADA Inventory of the existing park infrastructure was completed by FlatLand Resources in the summer of 2023. The following items are broad considerations for improvements within Lion's Club Park. Detailed action items to address ADA concerns can be found in the Action Plan on Page 71.

- ADA Accessibility to existing playground infrastructure

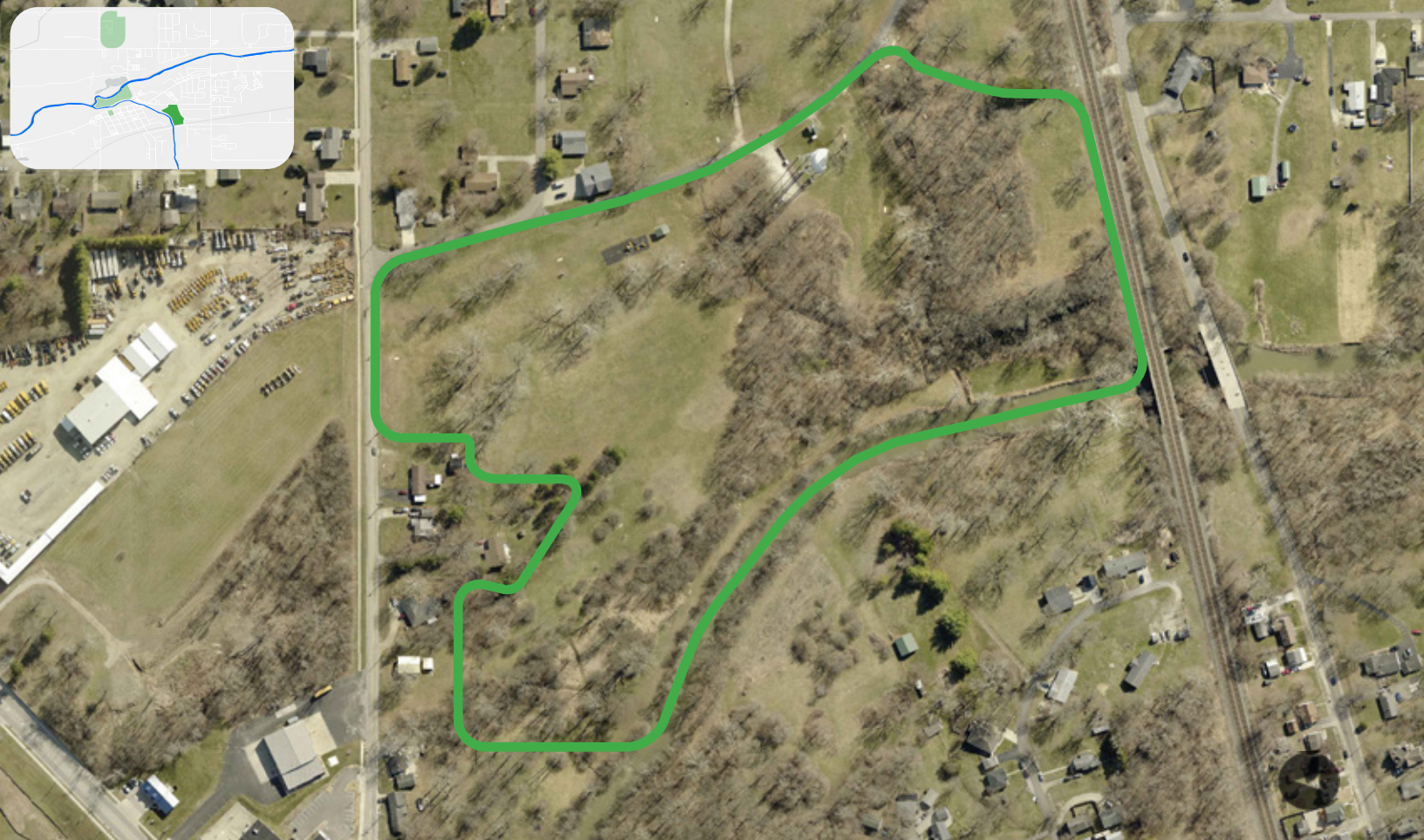
Programs / Activities

Lion's Club Park hosts programs and activities related to the Carl Scott Memorial Disc Golf Course. Citizens involved in the public input portion of the project have requested that more resources be invested in and around the disc golf course to increase its utilization and prominence within the Yorktown Park system.

- Birthday Parties

ASSOCIATED FEES / RENTAL RATES

- Lion's Club Small Pavilion: \$30.00 + tax



Aerial of Lions Park

PROFILE



22.6 acres



Dawn to Dusk

FACILITIES



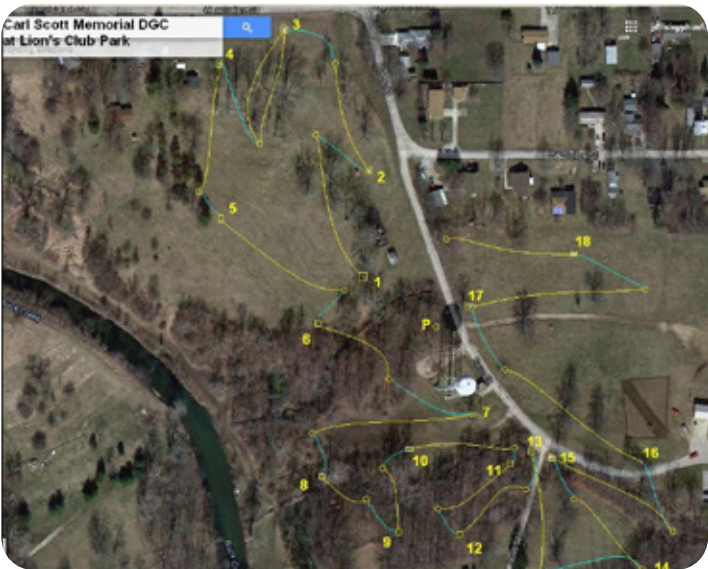
EVENTS





DISC GOLF COURSE STATS & DATA

	2023	CHANGE FROM 2022
# OF ROUNDS SCORED:	3,996	+18%
# OF UDISC PLAYERS:	625	+3%
# OF NEW PLAYERS:	296	+2%
BUSIEST DAY:	JUNE 10	JULY 4
BUSIEST MONTH:	APRIL	MAY



Disc Golf Course Layout



Courtesy of udisc.com

YORKTOWN TRAILS

In September 2016, Yorktown was awarded the Voice of the People Award for Excellence in Mobility at the International City/County Managers Association Conference in Kansas City, Missouri. As residents continue to express a desire for greater bicycle and walking connectivity, the town will continue to expand upon our award-winning trail network.

Recommendations

Yorktown has a very robust trail and sidewalk system. Ongoing efforts include closing trail and sidewalk gaps. In December of 2023, Yorktown was awarded a Next Level Trails grant to close two of the bigger gaps within the town; one on River Road along the Player's Club and one along Tiger Drive in front of Yorktown High School. Construction is to be completed in 2025.

ADA Compliance

ADA Inventory of the existing park infrastructure was completed by FlatLand Resources in the summer of 2023. The following items are broad considerations for improvements along the trail system. Detailed action items to address ADA concerns can be found in the Action Plan on Page 71.

- Install ADA tiles at trail and road intersections.

Programs / Activities

No significant programming occurs along the trail system. Long distance runs and bike rides have occurred in the past.



Morrison Ave

Nebo Ave

CR 500 W

CR 600 W

RIVER RD

SR 32

TIGER DR

DOWNTOWN YORKTOWN

White River

Buck Creek

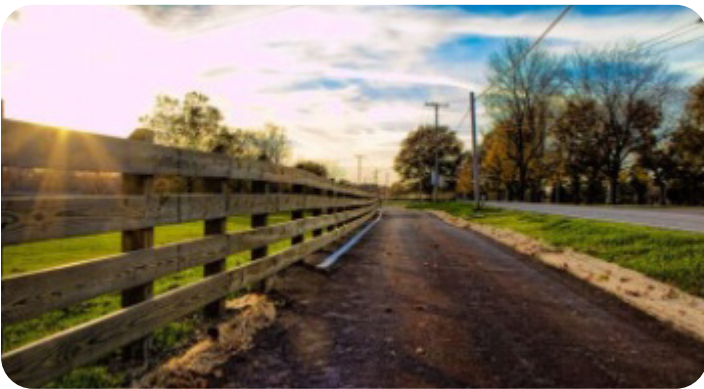
- Existing Trails
- NLT Funded Trails (2025)
- Future Trails
- Muncie Trail Network



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CHAPTER 4

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UNDERSTANDING ADA

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITY ACT

ADA compliance is not only federal law but provides safe, accessible spaces for all individuals. The Town of Yorktown is constantly working to upgrade and build ADA compliant spaces that are inviting and engaging to users of all abilities.

Disability Demographic Data

According to a 2022 report by the U.S. Census Bureau and American Community Survey, an estimated 14% (958,900) of Indiana residents report some level of disability. The report defines a person as having a disability if they have difficulty performing a specific activity such as seeing, hearing, cognitive functions, motion, self-care, or independence. Other key report findings include:

- 82,500 children ages 0 to 17, or 7.5%, have a disability
- 71% (374,000) of individuals ages 65 and older, have a disability

It's imperative that the Town of Yorktown continue to update and address ADA compliance within its parks system so that the parks, amenities, and programming provided can accommodate the user groups who have a disability, especially as the percentage of the population with a disability is increasing (over the past 10 years, the number of Indiana residents with a disability has increased by 1.5%, or approximately 131,000 people).

ADA Accessibility Review

During the preparation of this plan, an accessibility review of the Yorktown Parks operations and facilities was conducted. The Parks & Recreation Department's goal is to offer barrier-free facilities, programs, and services that are inclusive of all users. Although some accessible amenities exist, **accessible routes to and between the amenities such as playgrounds, pavilions, and seating are lacking and provide the single greatest barrier to accessibility in the park system.** ADA accessible parking stalls meet the minimum requirement, but could be

improved upon, especially in Morrow's Meadow – where programming such as the farmer's market draws a large and diverse crowd.

In addition to reviewing the accessibility of physical amenities, communication practices were also reviewed. Information about the park system is available online. However, information about accessible park and recreation amenities is not included. Yorktown officials are currently identifying accessible features within all parks and will make them available on the Town's website when complete.

Universal Design & Accessibility

The Town of Yorktown desires to serve park users in all ways possible, and therefore is committed to providing amenities that can be enjoyed by all, no matter what a person's disability may be.

As with any parks department across the state, there is always an ongoing need to improve existing facilities and to bring them within ADA Guidelines.

The steps to improve the parks facilities are:

- Performing ongoing reviews of park sites, facilities, and programs for compliance
- Implementing accessible transitions into all parks, amenities, and facilities
- Providing accessible routes and parking to parks, amenities, and facilities
- Ensuring future capital improvements abide by all federal and state ADA Guidelines



The Town of Yorktown has passed several resolutions addressing accessibility and the Americans with Disabilities Act:

- Resolution adopting the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and ADA Coordinator and Procedures.
- Resolution adopting the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Accessibility Guidelines for Standards for Accessible Designs and Guidelines for Pedestrian Facilities in the Public Right-of-Way.
- Resolution adopting the Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan for Pedestrian Facilities in the Public Right-of-Way.

The commitment to the community regarding Universal Design, Accessibility, and All-Inclusive Play will help to distinguish the Yorktown Parks for generations to come, making the town a destination within East Central Indiana.

Title VI Coordinator

The Town of Yorktown has a designated Title VI Coordinator who handles all discrimination claims. The Title VI Coordinator can be contacted at 765-759-4003 or found at the Town Hall, 9312 W. Smith St., Yorktown, IN 47396.

Grievance Procedures

A grievance procedure has been established and can be found on the Town's website. It is also spelled out below. The procedures established in this policy set out a system for resolving complaints of disability discrimination in a fair and timely manner. Anyone wishing to file a grievance complaint can obtain the grievance form from the Yorktown Title VI Coordinator, at 765-759-4003 or through the town website at <https://www.yorktownindiana.org>.

Any person who believes that he or she as a member of a protected class, has been discriminated against based on race, color, national origin, gender, age, disability, religion, low income status, or Limited English Proficiency in violation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended and its related statutes, regulations and directives, Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation

UNDERSTANDING ADA

Act of 1973, Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, as amended, and any other Federal nondiscrimination statute may submit a complaint. A complaint may also be submitted by a representative on behalf of such a person.

It is the policy of the Town of Yorktown to conduct a prompt and impartial investigation of all allegations of discrimination and to take prompt effective corrective action when a claim of discrimination is substantiated.

No one may intimidate, threaten, coerce, or engage in other discriminatory conduct against anyone because they have taken action or participated in an action to secure rights protected by the civil rights laws. Any individual alleging such harassment or intimidation may submit a complaint by following the procedure printed below.

Any individual who feels that he or she has been discriminated against may submit a written or verbal complaint. The complaint may be communicated to the Title VI Coordinator or the Town Manager. The complaint should be submitted within 180 days of the alleged discrimination. Complaint forms may be found in the Town Manager's Office at Town Hall. Individuals are not required to use the Town's complaint form. If necessary, the Town will help an individual reduce his or her complaint to writing for his or her signature.

Generally, a complaint should include the name, address, and telephone number of the individual complaining (complainant) and a brief description of the alleged discriminatory conduct including the date of harm. An individual submitting a complaint alleging discrimination may include any relevant evidence, including the names of witnesses and supporting documentation.

Within 60 days of the receipt of the complaint the Town will conduct an investigation of the allegation based on the information provided and issue a written report of its findings to the complainant. The Town will try to obtain an informal voluntary resolution to all complaints at the lowest level possible.

A complainant's identity shall be kept confidential except to the extent necessary to conduct an investigation. All complaints shall be kept confidential.

These procedures do not deny the right of any individual to file a formal complaint with any government agency or affect an individual's right to seek private counsel for any complaint alleging discrimination.

Complaints may also be filed with the following government agencies:

Indianapolis District EEOC Office
101 West Ohio Street, Ste 1900
Indianapolis, IN 46204
(800) 669-4000 phone
(317) 226-7953 fax
(800) 669-6820 TTY

Indiana Civil Rights Commission
100 N. Senate Ave.,
Room N103 Indianapolis, IN 46204
(800) 628-2909 phone
(317) 232-6560 fax
(800) 743-3336 hearing impaired

Through the public input process, the Town of Yorktown heard from residents either with a disability or advocating on the behalf of an individual with a disability. Those conversations yielded the following requests regarding accessibility improvements:

- Accessibility to park amenities (especially playgrounds) and additional seating around the parks.
- More ADA accessible parking closer to parking amenities.



ADA Accessible Shelter - Morrow's Meadow

The Yorktown Parks & Recreation Department continues to improve accessibility to all of its amenities. Future improvements should address accessible routes to and within the parks, accessible playground equipment, and accessible site furnishings. Specific recommendations can be found in the Action Plan with an associated timeline and cost estimates.



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CHAPTER 5



HOW DOES YORKTOWN STACK UP?

A LEVEL OF SERVICE ANALYSIS TO HELP GUIDE YORKTOWN FORWARD

The needs analysis is based on three primary sources: National standards (NRPA’s 2024 Agency Performance Review), Town officials input (meetings), and community input (survey and public meetings.)

National Standards

In 1996, the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) published the Park, Open Space, and Greenway Guidelines. These guidelines have been used since to help communities establish their unique ‘Level of Service’ based on current and future population. The purpose of this resource is to become the foundation from which the Yorktown parks system is developed as the town continues to grow. The Level of Service system-wide approach to inventory and analysis of the major amenities creates performance indicators that can be compared to national averages, or industry standards. This industry standard is also valuable when benchmarking against peer communities within the state and to benchmark against previous Levels of Service analysis within the community to demonstrate progress and needs. This unique Level of Service for the town may include amenities and special facilities that do not exist within the standards.

The Level of Service analysis is used in concert with public input received to help align improvements and programming to the community’s needs. Other input methods include town employee stakeholders (meetings), and the community (survey and public meetings). These other inputs results and analysis can be found in the next section.

The previous Yorktown Parks Master Plan (2018-2022) completed a Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats (SWOT) analysis for the Level of Service section of the plan. Appendix D contains the pages from the 2018 plan that detail the analysis. Below is a summary of the ‘Needs’ section of the exercise, and a general analysis of what the community has been able to make progress on.

2018 Parks Master Plan Needs

Needs	Progress?
Expand trail network	Yes
Tie into downtown	Yes
Work with Red-tail Conservancy	On-going
Increase festivals and events	Yes
Funding	On-going
Increased Community support	Yes
Manpower behind visions	Yes
Hosting large events	Yes
Rental revenue source	Yes
Expanded partnerships	On-going
Increased visibility	Yes
Promoting fitness/wellness	Yes
Nature education space	No

As can be seen, Yorktown has made significant progress over the past six years to meet and exceed the needs the community thought were most important to address within the parks system. Through increased funding, creating partnerships, the creation of a new park (Civic Green), and expansion of park programming, Yorktown is well on its way to continuing to develop robust offerings for its citizens and visitors alike.

*Data collected via respective Parks Master Plans and publicly available budget data

Park System Benchmark Overview

Parameter	Town					
	Yorktown	Auburn	Martinsville	Wabash	Madison	NRPA Recommendations
Demographic Information						
Community Size (Sq. Mi - 2024)	32.17	7.68	9.16	9.64	8.63	
Population (2020)	11,548	13,412	11,932	10,440	12,357	>20,000
Population Growth (10 yrs)	23%	5%	1%	-2%	3%	
Median Household Income	\$ 76,915.00	\$ 58,635.00	\$ 57,383.00	\$ 51,127.00	\$ 53,113.00	
Population per Sq. Mi.	359	1746	1303	1083	1432	
Parks Information						
# of Parks	4	12	3	9	27	
Park Acreage	135.36	181.82	99.67	69	240	
Park Acreage per 1,000 Residents	11.72	13.56	8.35	6.61	19.42	12.6
Total Trail Miles	5.00	5.55	2.3	2.5	16.4*	4.5
Trail Miles per 1,000 Residents	0.43	0.41	0.19	0.24	1.33	
Annual Parks Budget	\$ 400,000.00	\$ 1,362,230.00	\$ 715,162.00	\$ 613,095.00	\$ 500,000.00	
Operating Cost per Park Acre	\$ 2,955.08	\$ 7,492.19	\$ 7,175.30	\$ 8,885.43	\$ 2,083.33	\$ 3,714.00
Operating Cost per Resident	\$ 34.64	\$ 101.568	\$ 59.94	\$ 58.73	\$ 40.46	\$ 94.77
# of FTE's**	5	8	5	3	10	
FTE's per 10,000 residents	4.33	5.96	4.19	2.87	8.09	8.9

* Includes over 14 miles in Clifty Fall State Park

** Smaller communities often have FTE's that work in multiple departments, such as maintenance, the street dept., water dept., etc.

The chart above page compares Yorktown to 'sister' cities (for this study, sister cities are those that have a relatively similar population) in Indiana, and the 2024 NRPA Agency Performance Review recommendations for communities of less than 20,000 people. This tool, or benchmark, can help understand how Yorktown is performing compared to its peers. The data obtained can be used as a 30,000 foot view of the parks systems and operations.

According to the NRPA's 2024 Agency Performance Review for communities of less than 20,000 people, Yorktown should have 12.6 acres of park space per 1,000 residents to align with the national average. Since Yorktown has 11,548 residents, it suggests that the Town should have approximately 145 acres of park space, or about ten (10) more acres than what is currently within the parks system. Despite coming up short in this calculation, Yorktown meets the recommendation for total trail miles, and exceeds the national recommendation in operating funds allocated for the parks. This shows Yorktown's longstanding commitment to providing ample outdoor space for passive and active

recreation, while getting the most bang for their buck when it comes to maintenance and programming dollars for the park.

Compared to its sister cities, Yorktown sits firmly in the middle of most parks' metrics. Madison is a bit of an outlier since Clifty Falls State Park and its extensive trail network is included in the calculations. Where Yorktown will excel is with regards to the trail metrics. *After* the completion of trails along River Road and Tiger Drive in 2025, Yorktown will lead its counterparts in trail miles per 1,000 residents (0.50 miles, a 10% increase).

It's important for Yorktown to carefully weigh these metrics with the broader community needs and budgetary constraints. Capital improvement projects are exciting, but if the resources are not in place for long term maintenance, the project will fail and become a black eye for the community.

Inactivity in the United States

It comes as no surprise that Americans nowadays live more sedentary lives than previous generations. The 2023 Physical Activity Council Participation Report analyzes the activity participation in various forms of exercise and inactivity rates in the United States. Over the past seven to eight years, trends have shown that inactivity continues to increase across all age brackets, and income profiles. COVID-19 and the associated pandemic caused a significant drop in activity, with little indication over the last couple of years that there will be a resurgence in exercise participation. The charts to the right showcase this trend based upon overall participation and broken down by age and income.

As shown in the NRPA and benchmark analysis, Yorktown excels in providing ample physical park space for citizens and visitors. But to combat inactivity, this is only half of the battle. The other half comes in the form of programming.

Providing a reason for individuals to come out to the parks is critical to keeping Yorktown citizens active. And in this realm, Yorktown has excelled. There are ample events, programs, and activities for people of all ages. Continuing to expand these offers will encourage locals to visit the parks and spend time outdoors. This however, will require the town to be creative with partnering with local and regional organizations that can provide additional resources to carry out the expansion of park programming.



2016 – 2022 Inactivity Trends

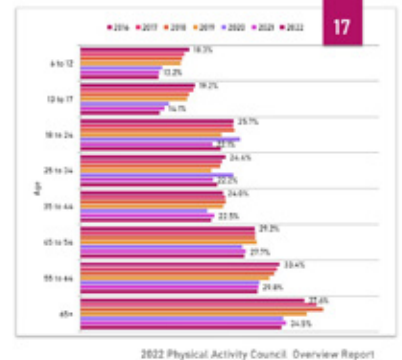
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Inactivity Trends - 2022 Physical Activity Council

2017 – 2022 Inactivity by Age

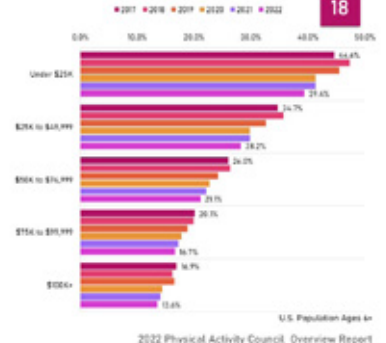
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Inactivity Trends - 2022 Physical Activity Council

2017 – 2022 Inactivity by Income

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Inactivity Trends - 2022 Physical Activity Council

State Standards

The 2021–2025 Indiana Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) takes an in-depth look at recreational needs and trends in Indiana. The report was based on thousands of survey responses taken across the state, and input from park professionals. Several themes became apparent as the state dove into the feedback.

First, easily accessible recreation is coveted by Hoosiers and their families, that include options for free or low-cost local parks. Additionally, outdoor activities or programs that were inexpensive and did not require a lot of skill or practice were more popular than their expensive counterparts. This statewide trend coincides with nationwide trends when comparing to studies collected by other states or by the Department of the Interior.

In the past decade, both walking and cycling have seen dramatic participation increases across all age groups. (See the chart below). Similarly, running and jogging participation rates have also increased. These activities

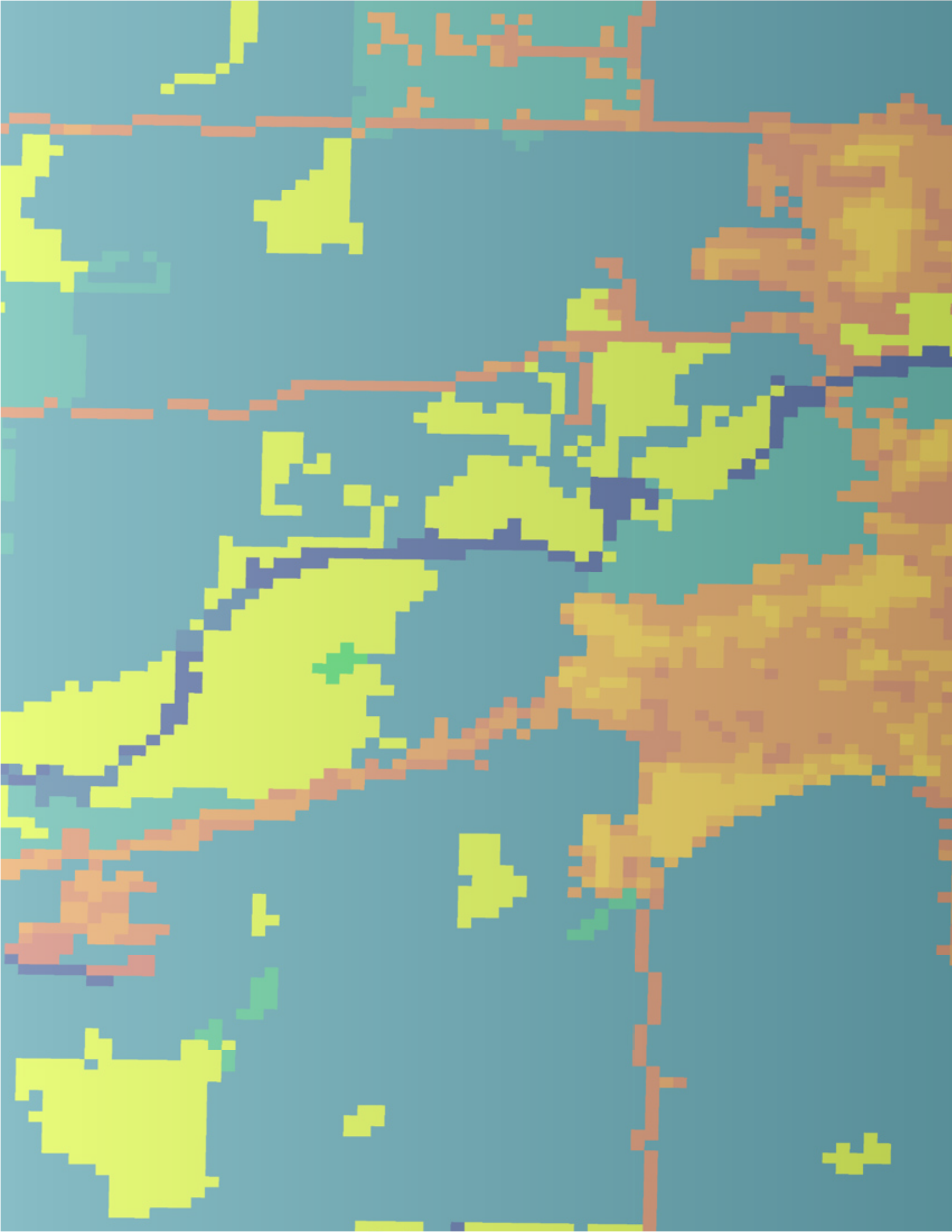
are particularly popular because they are cheap, can be done alone or with a friend, and communities (Yorktown included) have been investing in trail infrastructure.

Team sports are popular among school-aged children, with more than half of students participating each year. However, participation declines during and after high school, with only about 25% of the 16 and older population participating each year. Just as with trail infrastructure, Yorktown has devoted resources and developed partnerships to increase access to individual and team sports at the Sports Complex. The town will continue to monitor and engage with the community to understand how this park can better meet the needs of kids across the community.

Table 2.3 **Activity Trends**

	1989	1995	2000	2005	2010	2015	2020
1	Picnicking	Hiking, Walking Jogging	Hiking, Walking Jogging	Hiking, Walking Jogging	Hiking, Walking Jogging	Hiking, Walking Jogging	Walking, Running, Jogging
2	Pleasure Driving	Picnicking	Fairs, Festivals	Fairs, Festivals	Camping	Camping	Camping RV Camping
3	Walking	Swimming	Fishing	Swimming SCUBA Snorkeling	Picnicking	Fishing	Hiking Backpacking
4	Swimming	Camping	Camping	Nature Observation, Photography	Fishing	Swimming	Fishing
5	Fishing	Fishing Hunting	Picnicking	Camping	Swimming	Canoeing Kayaking Paddle Sports	Boating Wakeboarding Water Skiing Sailing
6	Bicycling	Bicycling	Swimming SCUBA Snorkeling	Fishing	Boating, Water Skiing, Personal Watercraft	Bicycling	Picnicking, Barbecue/ Cookouts
7	Camping	Boating	Nature Observation, Photography	Picnicking	Golf	Hunting	Gardening Landscaping Yard Work
8	Nature Observation	Nature Observation	Playground Use	Bicycling	Bicycling	Fairs/Festivals Outdoor Concerts	Swimming Snorkeling Diving
9	Motor Boating	Playground Use	Bicycling	Off-road Motorized Vehicle Use	Hunting	Boating Water Skiing Sailing	Bicycling
10	Golf	Off-road Motorized Vehicle Use	Boating, Water Skiing, Personal Watercraft	Boating, Water Skiing, Personal Watercraft	Horseback Riding	Off-road Motorized Use	Golf

Indiana SCORP Activity Trends Analysis Chart





CHAPTER 6



THE PUBLIC SURVEY

RESULTS OF THE FIRST PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

The public input survey is a great way to get a significant amount of feedback in a short amount of time. These surveys also provide citizens who do not have time or capacity to attend a public meeting a way to have their voice heard. As the Town moves forward with increasing accessibility within the parks system, it is prudent to provide accessible options for citizens to voice their thoughts, opinions, and ideas.

Methodology

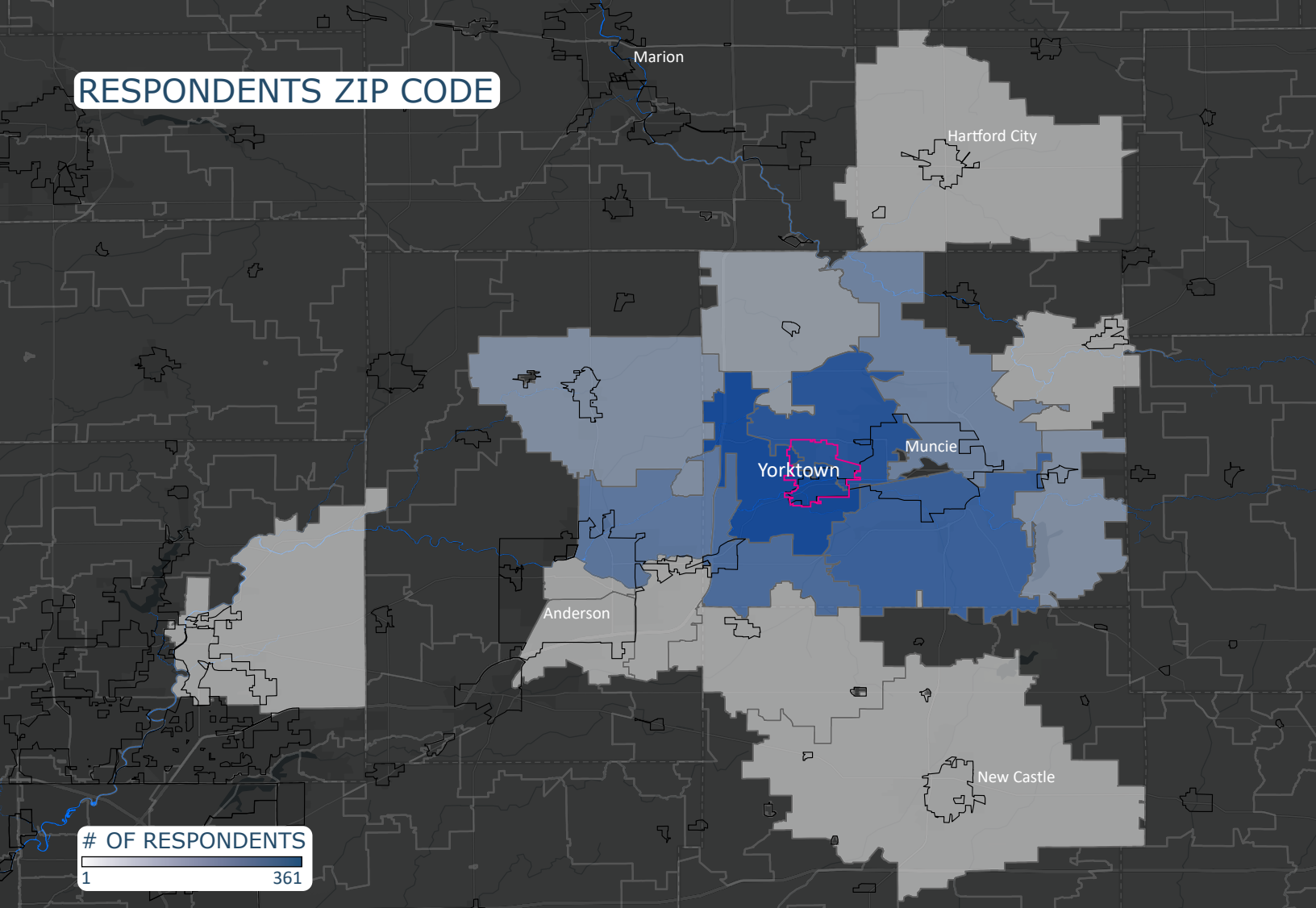
The survey questionnaire was designed by the project team with input from the municipal stakeholders. The questionnaire was published using an online survey design implementation website. Distribution of the survey occurred through several Facebook posts on the Yorktown page. Flyers were also posted in the Town Hall. With many community members engaged in town events, the stakeholder group felt confident that a diverse group of potential respondents could be reached.

Duplicate online survey responses were prevented by the Google Forms survey, which only allows one response per IP address. Respondents were also given the option to remain anonymous.

Survey Response

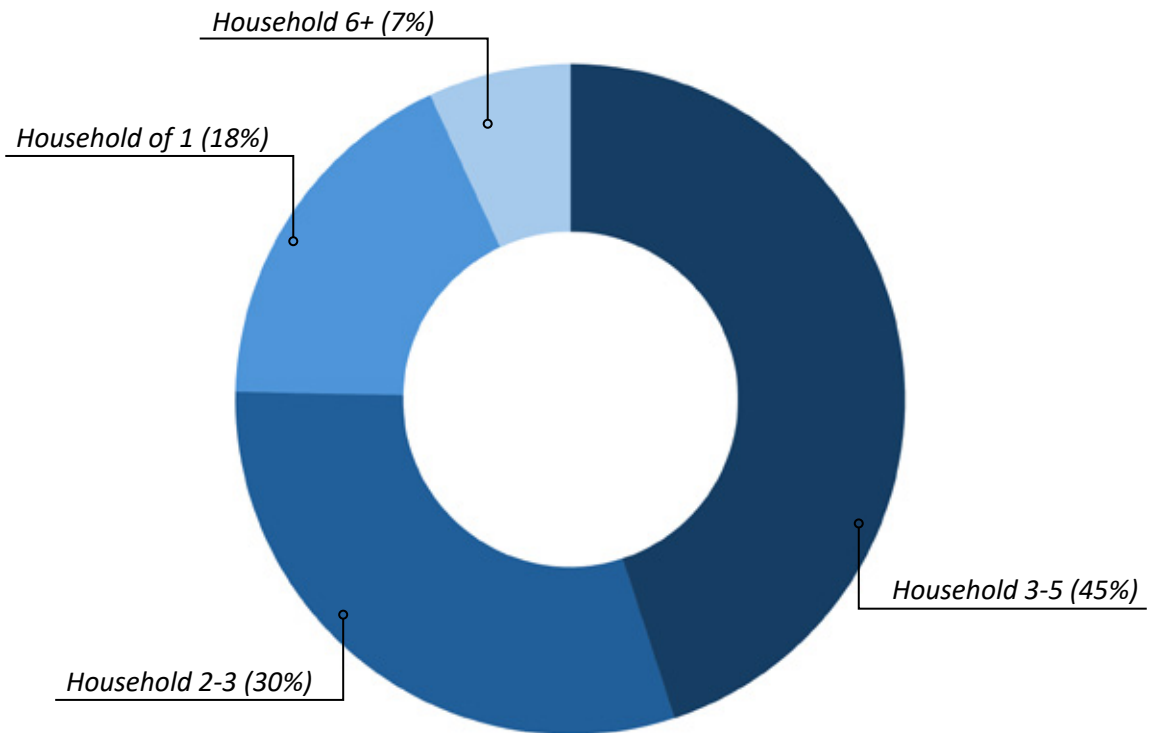
The survey was available to the public for three weeks, from October 18th, 2023, through November 8th, 2023. The number of surveys filled out totaled 651 responses: a fantastic level of engagement for a community of less than 12,000 individuals. This survey provided valuable information to the project team and began to inform the priorities the Town should take when addressing issues or projects within the parks system. The charts, graphs, and infographics on the following pages show the results of the public input survey.



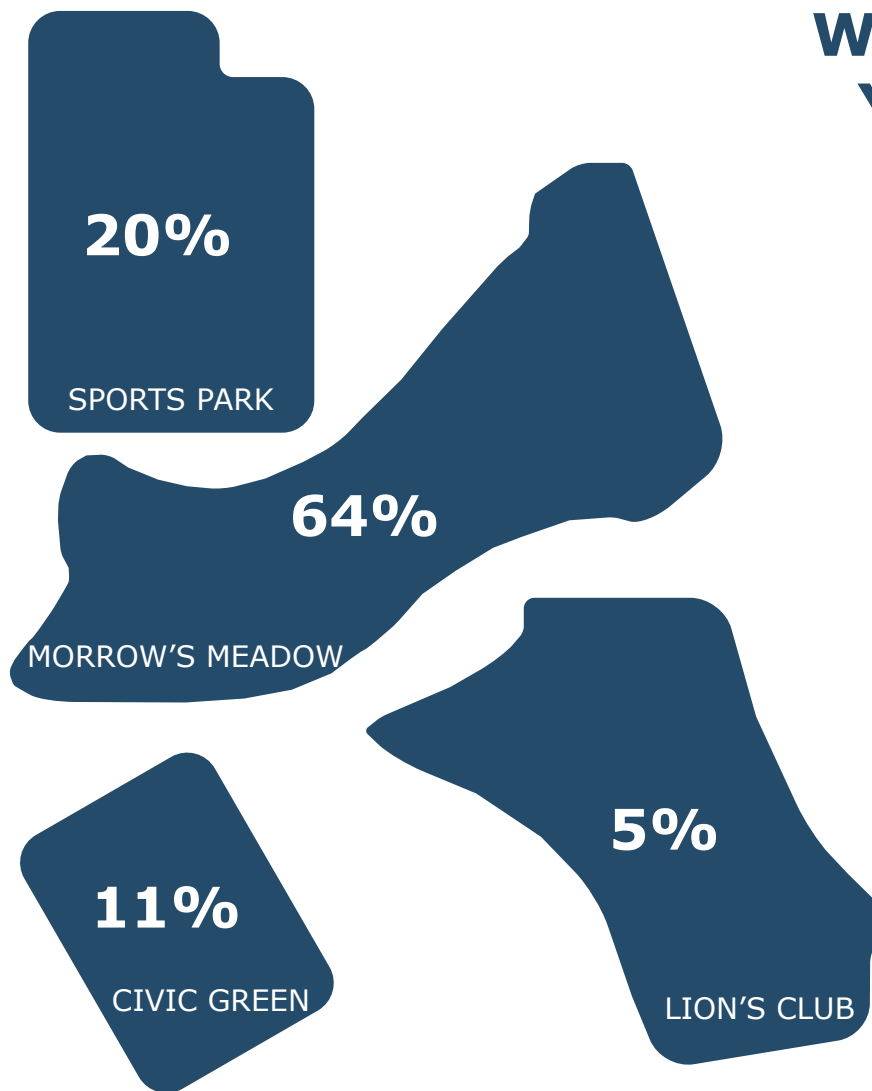


Respondents by zip code

HOUSEHOLD SIZE



WHICH PARK DO YOU AND YOUR HOUSEHOLD MOST FREQUENTLY VISIT?

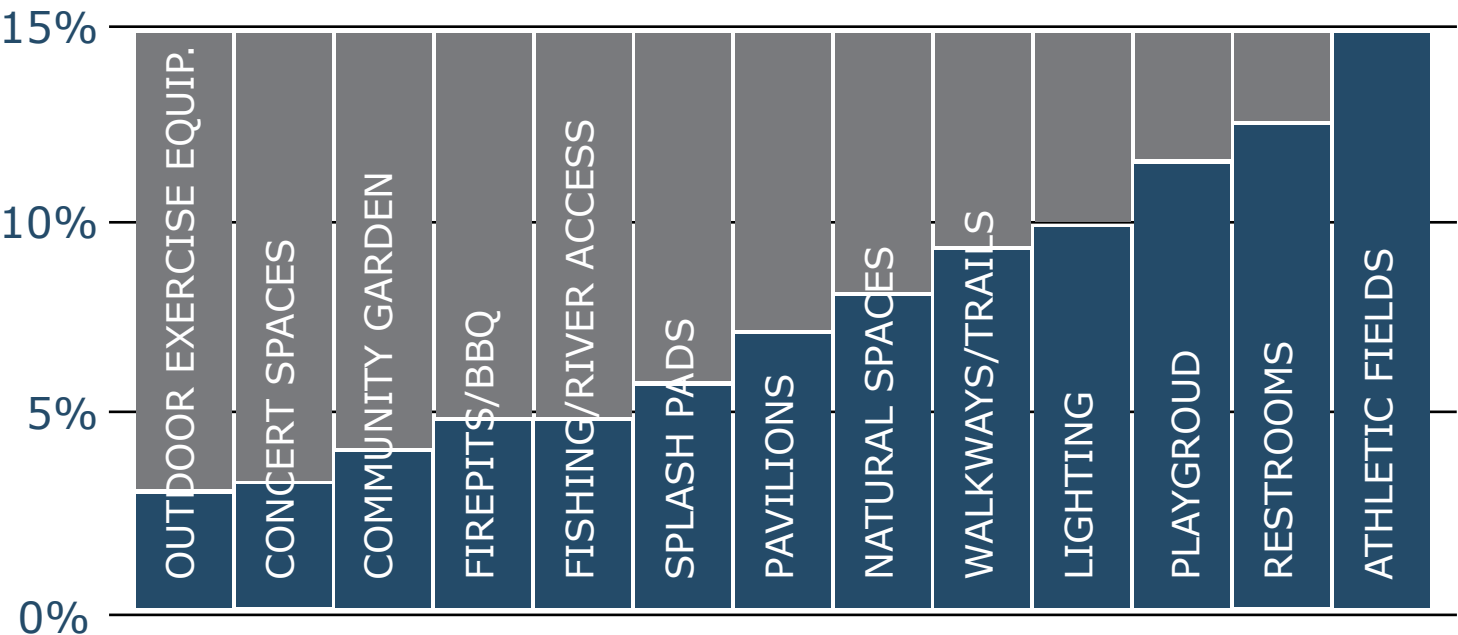


1 IN 5 RESPONDENTS STATED THEY PRIORITIZE PAVED WALKWAYS & TRAILS IN THE PARK.

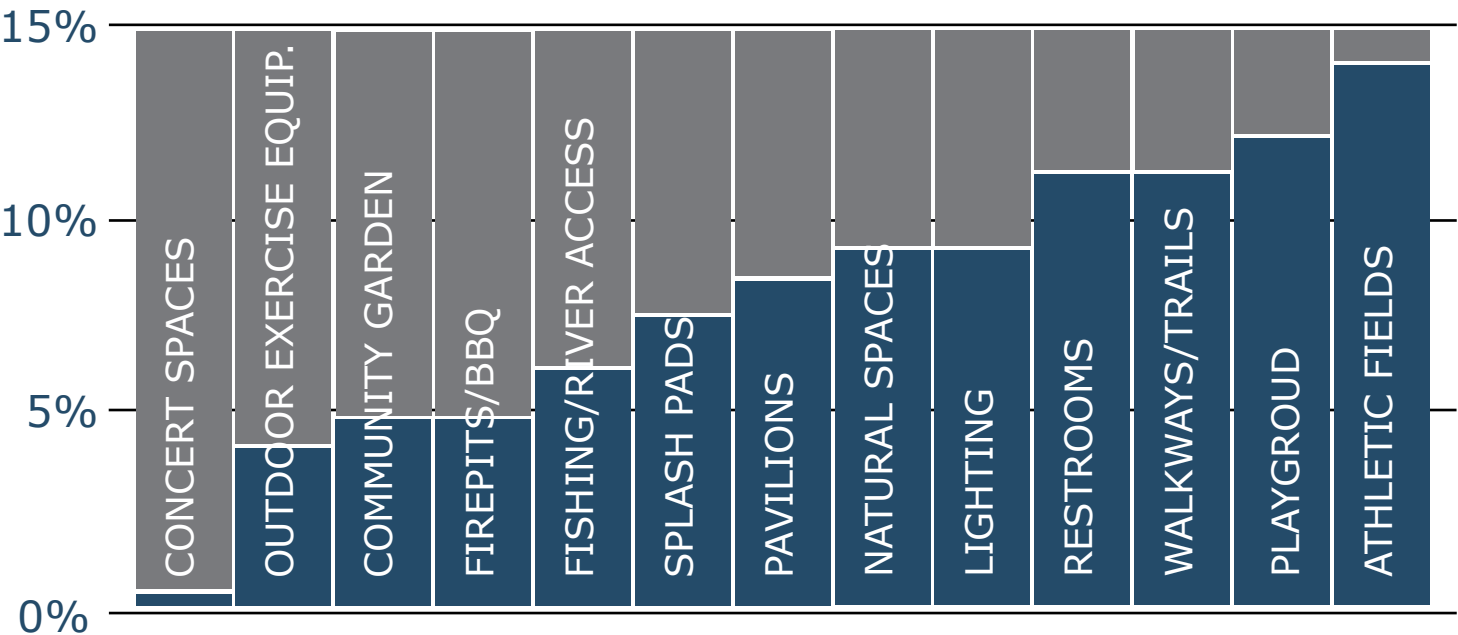
Other top amenities prioritized were...

2. Natural spaces - 15%
3. Playgrounds - 14%
4. Restroom Facilities - 13%
5. Athletic Fields - 10%

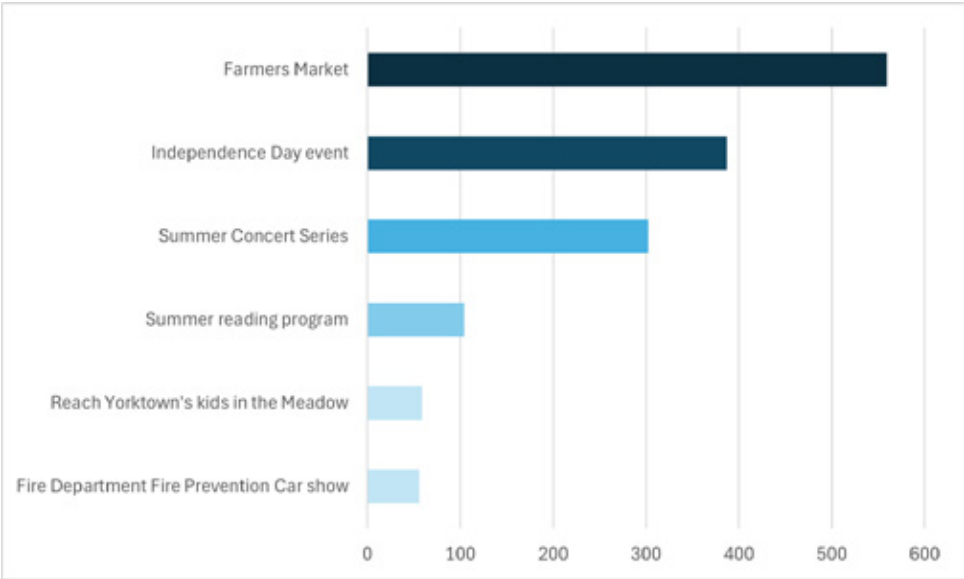
% OF RESPONDENTS...



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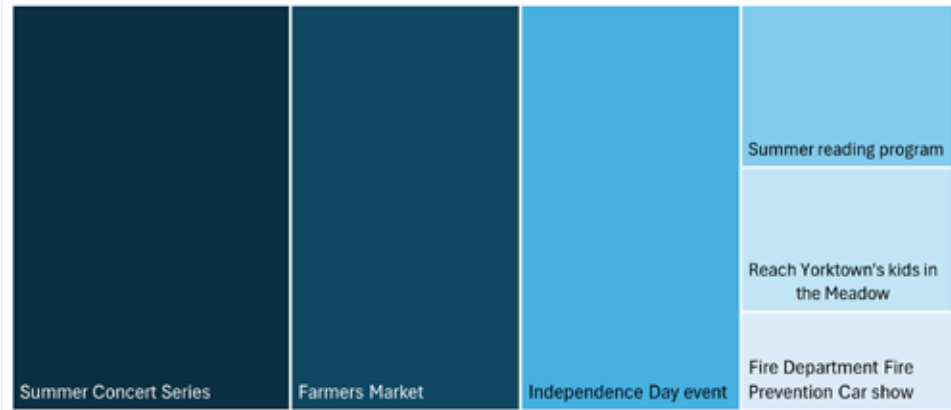
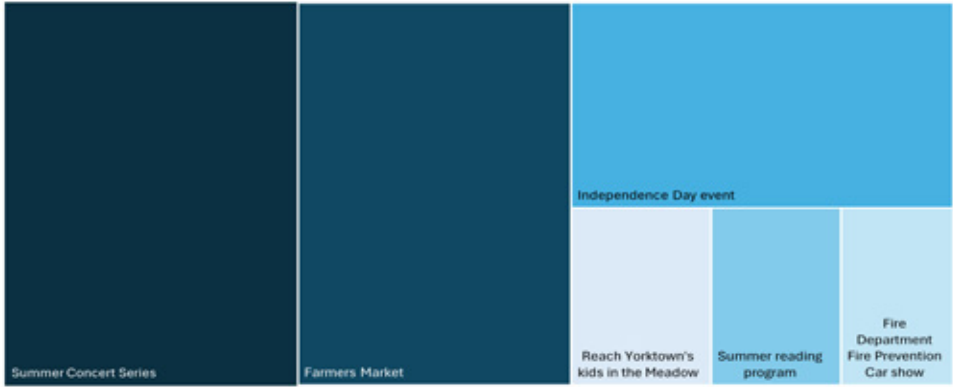


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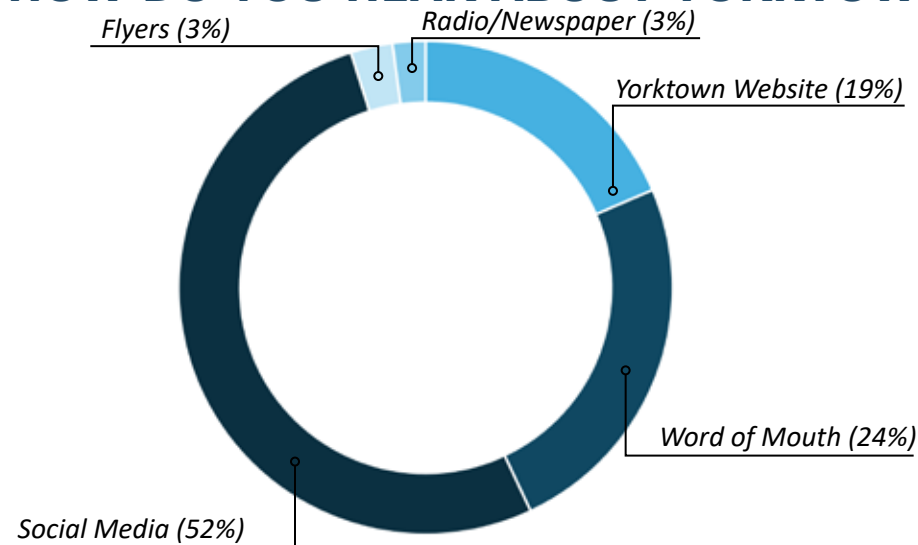
WHICH YORKTOWN PARKS PROGRAMMING HAVE YOU OR YOUR HOUSEHOLD ATTENDED IN THE PAST YEAR?

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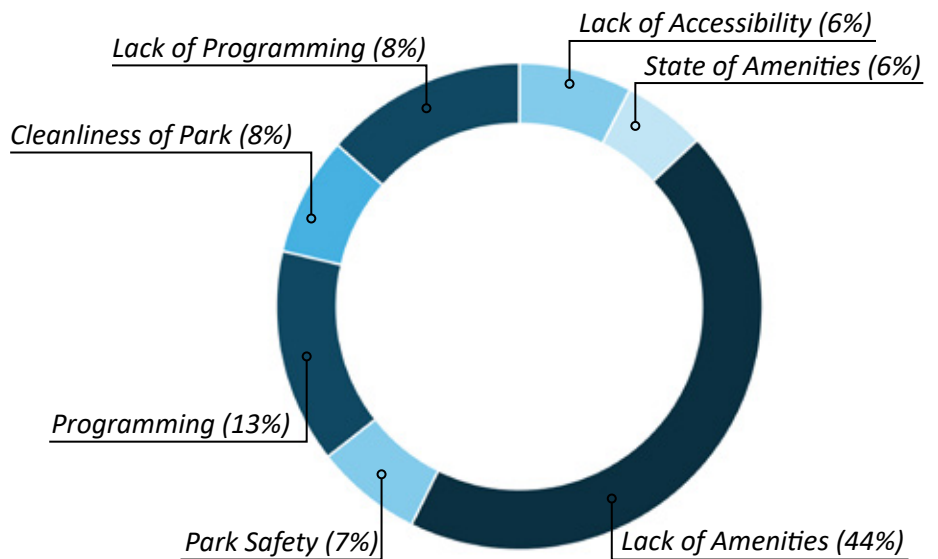


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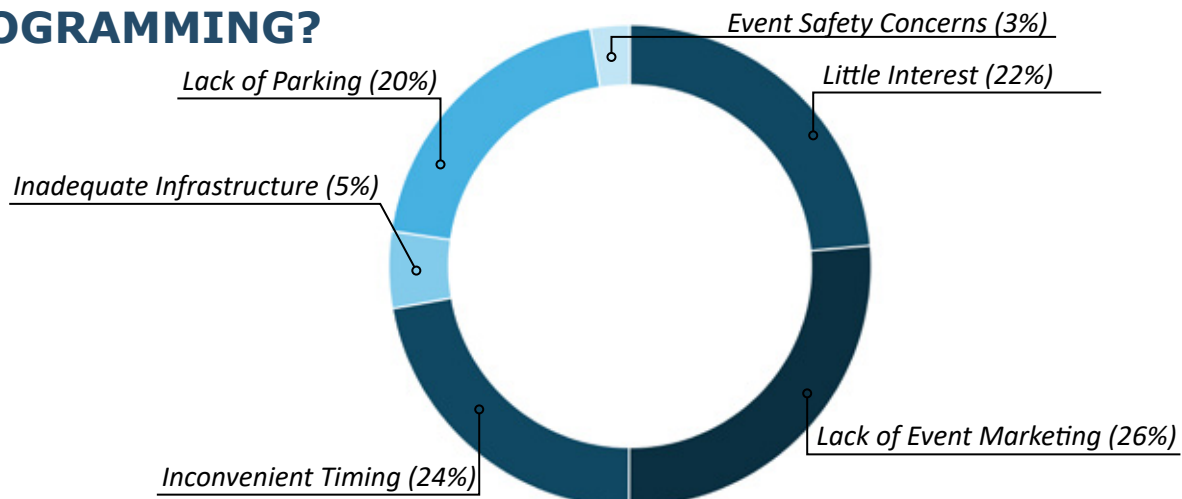
HOW DO YOU HEAR ABOUT YORKTOWN PARKS EVENTS?



WHAT PREVENTS YOUR FAMILY FROM GOING TO THE PARKS?



WHAT PREVENTS YOUR FAMILY FROM ATTENDING PARKS PROGRAMMING?



A PUBLIC MEETING

ENGAGING WITH CITIZENS FACE TO FACE

February 20th, 2024

Location: Yorktown Town Hall

Time: 5:00 PM

Public Attendees: 38

The first public meeting to seek input on the Yorktown Parks Master Plan update was held at the Yorktown Town Hall on February 20th, 2024, at 5pm. The meeting was announced on the town's Facebook page multiple times leading up to the meeting. A screenshot of these posts can be found in Appendix C.

A total of 35 members of the public attended the meeting. In addition, several Parks Board, town officials, and town council members attended the meeting. The turnout was near the anticipated amount, as this community is very active. This was also evidenced by the number of people who responded to the online survey as well.

The meeting included a quick presentation of the master planning process and engagement activities that have occurred to date. After the presentation, the public was asked to provide input and opinions for each park in two methods. The first was a 'sticker' activity, where a large map of each park was displayed for context. All of the amenities of the park were listed, and participants were asked to put either a green, yellow, or red sticker to represent their opinion on whether or not a given amenity was good, okay, or needed improvement, respectively. This exercise was then repeated on a form which allowed participants to also add comments. The results of this exercise can be found on the following pages as well as documentation of the event in Appendix C.

After the public input meeting, a presentation was made to the Town Council to update the group on the findings of the input session to date and the plan to complete the project.

Public Meeting Results

The following questions and concerns listed below are comments and questions that have come up over and over again through this process. While there are hundreds of comments, the community and stakeholders alike have begun to coalesce around a few points. This will help the Town as it tries to prioritize efforts and resources to make improvements to the parks system.

- Install basketball courts*
- Upgrades to the restroom facilities across the parks system*
- Remove invasive species
- Plantings of native prairies and pollinator gardens
- Connect trails and existing trail networks
- Playground upgrades
- Expand programming and resources available to support programming

**The town has been in the process of progressing on these tasks through various initiatives*

The final draft plan was made available to the public the week of May 28th, 2024, via a link post to social media outlets to provide any comments and feedback. Changes from the public comments were addressed accordingly, in preparation for the final presentation and formal adoption on June 18th, 2024, at the regularly scheduled Town Council meeting.



Public Meeting Results

Morrow's Meadow				
Restrooms	4	4	2	
Playground	6	4	0	
Natural Areas/ Green Space	7	3	1	
Pavillion	4	6	0	
Trails	6	3	1	
Canoe Launch	3	6	1	
Farmers Market	9	2	0	
Programming/ Events	2	7	2	
Totals:	41	35	7	83
Percentage Responses:	49.40%	42.17%	8.43%	
Frequent Comments:				
Restrooms	More restrooms			
Playground	Needs upkeep and expanded			
Natural Areas/ Green Space	Remove weeds/ poison ivy, More trees less grass			
Pavillion	Install another pavillion			
Trails	Connect trails to more trails and natural spaces, Clean up pet droppings, Remove weeds and poison ivy.			
Canoe Launch	Under constant use, Swampy in the summer			
Farmers Market	Try different locations			
Programming/ Events	More programming/ events, Connect to downtown			

Sports Park				
Restrooms	5	3	2	
Playground	1	3	5	
Natural Areas/ Green Space	4	1	5	
Pavillion	4	2	3	
Trails	4	2	5	
Athletic fields	6	2	1	
Totals:	24	13	21	58
Percentage Responses:	41.38%	22.41%	36.21%	
Frequent Comments:				
Restrooms	More restrooms			
Playground	Install a playground			
Natural Areas/ Green Space	Tree plantings near trail, Restore garden, Just a field			
Pavillion	Install another pavillion			
Trails	More trails, Tree plantings near trail			
Athletic fields	No shade			

Lion's Club Park				
Restrooms	1	3	6	
Playground	3	6	1	
Disk Golf Course	7	2	0	
Pavillion	1	6	2	
Natural Areas/ Green Space	5	3	2	
Programming/ Events	0	4	4	
Totals:	17	24	15	56
Percentage Responses:	30.36%	42.86%	26.79%	
Frequent Comments:				
Restrooms	Install restrooms			
Playground	Install a playground, More play equipment			
Disk Golf Course	Tree plantings in disk golf course			
Pavillion	Install a pavillion			
Natural Areas/ Green Space	Needs trails, Tree plantings in disk golf course, Remove weeds/ poison ivy, More trees less grass			
Programming/ Events	More programming/ events, More disk golf events			

Civic Green				
Restrooms	4	6	0	
Playground	6	3	1	
Natural Areas/ Green Space	7	2	1	
Restraunts	3	5	2	
Shopping	0	7	3	
Programming/ Events	7	3	0	
Totals:	27	26	7	60
Percentage Responses:	45.00%	43.33%	11.67%	
Frequent Comments:				
Restrooms	More restrooms			
Playground	Playtower is dangerous			
Natural Areas/ Green Space	Expand natural space			
Restraunts	Needs expanded			
Shopping	Needs expanded			
Programming/ Events	Connect to Morrow's Meadow			





The background is a topographic map with contour lines in shades of green, yellow, and blue. A river flows from the top left towards the bottom left. A white rectangular box is positioned in the upper right quadrant, partially overlapping the map and the chapter title.

CHAPTER 7

TURNING GOOD INTO GREAT

YEARS OF WORK HAVE YORKTOWN POISED TO CREATE A GREAT PARKS SYSTEM

The community of Yorktown has spent decades creating a diverse and vibrant parks system that offers near endless opportunities for its residents and visitors. Yet there is still room to grow. Through multiple stakeholder and public meetings, the Town has identified actions that can even further enhance the park experience. This section lays out some of these findings and a timeline to make them happen.

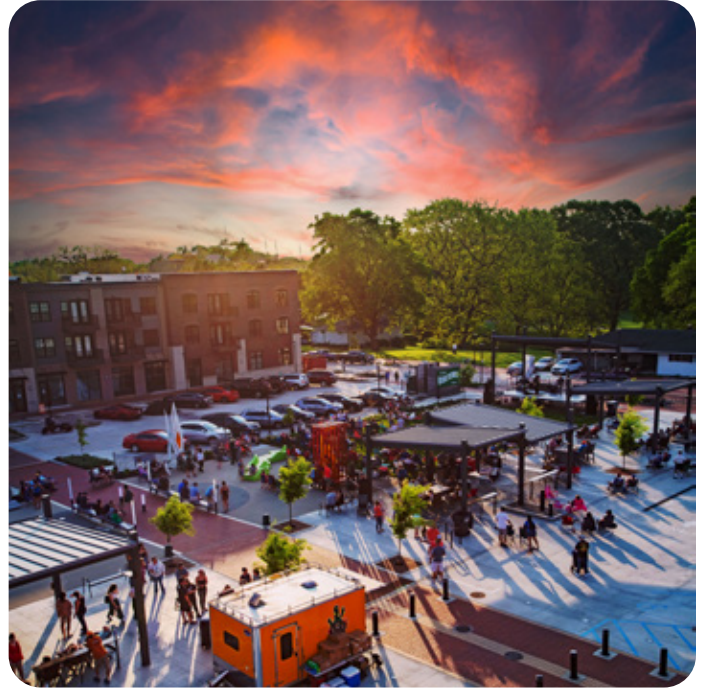
Programming

The Yorktown Parks & Recreation Department has worked hard to expand the programming available over the past few years. To meet the requests and desires of its park users, the Town will need to be creative with partnerships and program offerings. Survey respondents believe that the summer concert series was a great amenity for the Town, and resources should be utilized to maintain and expand this music series. Additionally, many individuals requested events and improvements around invasive species removal and planting native prairies and butterfly gardens. Partnering with organizations such as the Purdue Extension and Red-tail Land Conservancy can make these goals a reality.

Many programs can also be offered as needs and wants arise. ***The Town of Yorktown should always look for opportunities to offer new and creative programs for the public through expanding partnerships with local and regional organizations.***

Facilities

The current physical facilities offered to the citizens and visitors of the Yorktown parks system are sufficient in serving the variety of programming needs; however, the Town is in a period of transition where updates are needed for older pieces of equipment that are near the end of their life cycle and pose safety concerns. When reviewing the public comments about the condition of the facilities, it was expressed that the playground structures at the Lion's Club Park and Morrow's Meadow were old, outdated, and unwelcoming. Upgrades to playground equipment can be cost prohibitive and



therefore these action items are proposed to occur over a longer timeframe. ***This plan proposes that these facilities be upgraded over the next 5 – 10 years, as seen on the Action Plan chart on page 71.***

Two of Yorktown's newest parks, Civic Green and the Sports Park have new, welcoming facilities that provide users with a variety of recreational and programming opportunities. These were some of the most well like facilities mentioned during the public input process. And while these spaces provide new ways to enjoy Yorktown Parks, they do pose an additional workload on the small crew the town employs to maintain the roads, parks, and other town infrastructure. ***It would be prudent for the town to develop a cost and staffing matrix to determine the impacts both current and projected improvements will have on the maintenance crew and town funds.*** This matrix should look at staffing, utilities, seasonal operation costs, revenues, projected capital improvements, and long-term maintenance costs.

Land Acquisition

The Town of Yorktown should carefully consider what land it acquires for the expansion of its parks system, for the concerns listed above. With a limited staff and budget for parks up-keep, large expansions of the parks system would be unfeasible and unwise within the near future.

Additionally, stakeholders have expressed their desires to focus on improving existing amenities and expanding programming before attempting expansion of the number or area of the parks system.

Trail Development

Yorktown has been a leader within the region when it comes to trail development over the years and continues to have a strong commitment to filling in the gaps of the current system. Currently, two trails are in the design phase that could complete the connection of the heart of Yorktown with Muncie and its trail network.

Much like the buildings and facilities on park grounds, ongoing maintenance is critical to the long-term success of the trail network. A cost matrix should be developed based on what is necessary to maintain each trail. And because they have been built over the span of multiple decades, they are all in different stages of the maintenance cycle. The matrix should include crack sealing, tree clearing (if a tree falls on a trail), brush removal, fence maintenance, tree root upheaval, signage replacement, and repaving. Because repaving can cost multiple hundreds of thousands of dollars per mile, ***having a long-term plan can help the Town plan financially for all phases of the maintenance regimen, while also understanding opportunities for trail expansion.***



Four for the Fourth Race, Courtesy Corey Ohlenkamp/The Star Press



ADA Accessibility

ADA accessibility compliance is important and necessary for any park, facility, or amenity in the Yorktown parks system. As with all aging park systems, upgrades can and should be made, typically over an extended period of time. With park amenities pre-dating the passing of the ADA and its subsequent compliance push, it can feel like an insurmountable task to bring all park amenities up to code. ***Therefore, it is recommended that Yorktown develop a detailed priority list for addressing compliance issues. A general, overall plan can be seen in the Action Plan chart.***

Yorktown should first look to address physical facilities or amenities, giving priority to playground structures and restrooms. Restrooms are an essential part of any successful park and their current state were a concern of many survey respondents. Careful attention should be paid to the clearances in restroom stalls, for sinks, and positioning of railings, flush levers, sinks, mirrors, hand dryers, etc. In most cases, simple updates can address compliance issues. Transitions between surfaces (i.e., sidewalk to playground mulch) can often be a limiting factor in accessibility and should be addressed. Lastly ADA accessible parking should be analyzed, including addressing the linkages between parking and nearby facilities.

If updates cannot be made, a clear process for those with disabilities to express their concerns or complaints should be made available and an attempt to accommodate that individual(s) should be made. A change of venue for a given program or assistance may satisfy the issue at hand.

Specifically looking at the high-use facilities and activities at particular parks is the highest priority and work toward the lesser used facilities, starting with the arrival sequence first.

Currently, the Town of Yorktown does not provide a public notice of accessibility for each individual park. It is recommended that a notice of accessibilities section should be added to their annual program guide or

be hosted on their website to indicate what facilities and amenities are ADA compliant. Information for accessibility can also be posted on various social media accounts.

Recreational Opportunities

Recreational opportunities are available across the Yorktown Park system and are constantly expanding. Opportunities continue to grow in areas such as sports programming, trail expansion, partnerships, volunteerism, and through other shared resources. ***New opportunities should continue to be explored and the pros and cons of each opportunity should be assessed to determine how Yorktown can best meet the needs of its residents and visitors.***

Public Communication

The citizens of Yorktown are a tight knit and engaged community and have therefore made the Town's Facebook page a great place to get updated information about ongoing events and activities. The Town's recent foray onto Instagram will only help spread the word about programming, especially as it relates to the parks. ***Yorktown should continue to spend time, energy, and resources on these digital platforms, as they provide immediate invaluable information to its citizens and visitors.***

Parks Budget

Parks budgets and resources are often limited and can become a concern as the parks system grows. Historically, Yorktown has been able to maintain its facilities and amenities with a limited budget. This 'built in' responsibility is crucial as the Town and its parks systems expand. It is recommended that as facilities, programs, and activities expand, the budget be increased to allow for the proper maintenance, upkeep, of these features. Yorktown should develop a cost matrix to determine the projected impacts that new facilities, amenities, and programming will have on the parks budget. This matrix should look at capital improvements, staffing, utilities, seasonal operation costs, revenues, and long-term maintenance costs. This information will help guide decision makers on how to allocate tax dollars and chase grant funding for the parks. ***The Town Manager and Town Council can also use this information to develop a strategic financial plan, potential partnerships, or potential sponsorship opportunities to sustain existing amenities and expand proposed ones.***



ACTION REGISTER

ORGANIZED MOST CRITICAL TO LEAST CRITICAL

STRATEGIES & ACTION ITEMS		PARTNERS/FUNDING ARM		EST. COST	TIMELINE (YRS)				
PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT					1-3	3-5	5-10	10+	
UPDATE WEBSITE TO LISTS ADA AMENITIES IN PARKS	TOWN OF YORKTOWN			NA					
EXPAND PROMOTION OF PARKS	TOWN OF YORKTOWN			NA					
EXPAND PROMOTION OF PROGRAMMING	TOWN OF YORKTOWN			NA					
CIVIC GREEN									
EXPAND/UPGRADE RESTROOM FACILITES	TOWN OF YORKTOWN	\$	15,000.00						
EXPAND SUMMER CONCERT SERIES	TOWN OF YORKTOWN, LOCAL BUSINESSES								
LION'S CLUB PARK									
INCREASE PROGRAMMING	TOWN OF YORKTOWN			NA					
ADA ACCESSIBILITY TO PLAYGROUNDS	TOWN OF YORKTOWN, PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS	\$	2,500.00						
UPGRADES TO DISC GOLF COURSE	TOWN OF YORKTOWN, MUNCIE AREA DISC GOLF CLUB	\$	15,000.00						
INSTALL A DOG PARK, <i>LOCATION TBD</i>	TOWN OF YORKTOWN	\$	50,000.00						
INVASIVE SPECIES REMOVAL	TOWN OF YORKTOWN, PURDUE EXTENSION, RED-TAIL LAND CONSERVANCY, DC SWCD	\$	10,000.00						
INVASICE SPECIES MAINTENANCE	TOWN OF YORKTOWN, PURDUE EXTENSION, RED-TAIL LAND CONSERVANCY, DC SWCD	\$	2,500.00						
UPGRADE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT	TOWN OF YORKTOWN, STATE & FEDERAL GRANTS	\$	125,000.00						
YEAR AROUND RESTROOMS	TOWN OF YORKTOWN	\$	75,000.00						
MORROW'S MEADOW									
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING	TOWN OF YORKTOWN, BALL STATE UNIVERSITY, PURDUE EXTENSION, RED-TAIL LAND CONSERVANCY, DC SWCD			NA					
ADA ACCESSIBILITY TO PLAYGROUNDS	TOWN OF YORKTOWN, PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS	\$	7,500.00						
INVASIVE SPECIES REMOVAL	TOWN OF YORKTOWN, PURDUE EXTENSION, RED-TAIL LAND CONSERVANCY, DC SWCD	\$	7,500.00						
INVASICE SPECIES MAINTENANCE	TOWN OF YORKTOWN, PURDUE EXTENSION, RED-TAIL LAND CONSERVANCY, DC SWCD	\$	5,000.00						
EXPAND NATIVE PLANTING AREAS	TOWN OF YORKTOWN, PURDUE EXTENSION, RED-TAIL LAND CONSERVANCY, DC SWCD	\$	5,000.00						
EXPAND FARMERS MARKET	YORKTOWN FARMERS MARKET	\$	25,000.00						
UPDATE & UPGRADE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT	TOWN OF YORKTOWN, STATE & FEDERAL GRANTS	\$	250,000.00						
BUILD BASKETBALL COURTS	TOWN OF YORKTOWN	\$	125,000.00						
UPGRADE RESTROOM FACILITIES	TOWN OF YORKTOWN	\$	40,000.00						
CANOE LAUNCH UPGRADES	IDNR	\$	50,000.00						
EXPAND NATURAL TRAIL SYSTEM	TOWN OF YORKTOWN, IDNR, PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS	\$	50,000.00						
PARKING IMPROVEMENTS	TOWN OF YORKTOWN	\$	150,000.00						
INCREASE LIGHTING	TOWN OF YORKTOWN	\$	500,000.00						
TRAIL CONNECTION TO CIVIC GREEN	TOWN OF YORKTOWN, STATE OF INDIANA	\$	2,300,000.00						
YORKTOWN SPORTS PARK									
EXPAND SPORTS PROGRAMMING	TOWN OF YORKTOWN, YMCA			NA					
PLANT TREES	TOWN OF YORKTOWN, PURDUE EXTENSION, RED-TAIL LAND CONSERVANCY, DC SWCD	\$	5,000.00						
INSTALL SHADE STRUCTURES	TOWN OF YORKTOWN, PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS	\$	125,000.00						
INSTALL AN ADA ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUND	TOWN OF YORKTOWN/PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS	\$	150,000.00						
TRAIL NETWORK									
FILL IN GAPS IN TRAIL NETWORK	TOWN OF YORKTOWN, IDNR			FUNDED					
INSTALL ADA RAMPS AT TRAIL & ROAD INTERSECTIONS	TOWN OF YORKTOWN								
CREATE A PLAN FOR LONG TERM TRAIL MAINTENANCE	TOWN OF YORKTOWN			NA					
MAINTAIN TRAIL NETWORK	TOWN OF YORKTOWN	\$	10,000.00						
REPAVE TRAIL NETWORK	TOWN OF YORKTOWN, DELAWARE COUNTY	\$350,000	PER MILE						

Funding Opportunities

Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

- The LWCF program has been instrumental in land protection and outdoor recreation development. A 50/50 matching reimbursement grant for outdoor recreation and park land acquisition and facility development.

Indiana Trails Program (ITP)

- The ITP program provides 80/20 reimbursement/match local grants for trail and trail related projects.

DNR Shooting Range Program

- Train the public on handling techniques, hunter education, and provide additional safe places for target practice.

President Benjamin Harrison Conservation Trust (HCT)

- Purchasing of properties that have examples of outstanding natural or cultural features, and provide areas for conservation, recreation, and restoration of native biological diversity.

Indiana DNR Lakes and River Enhancement (LARE)

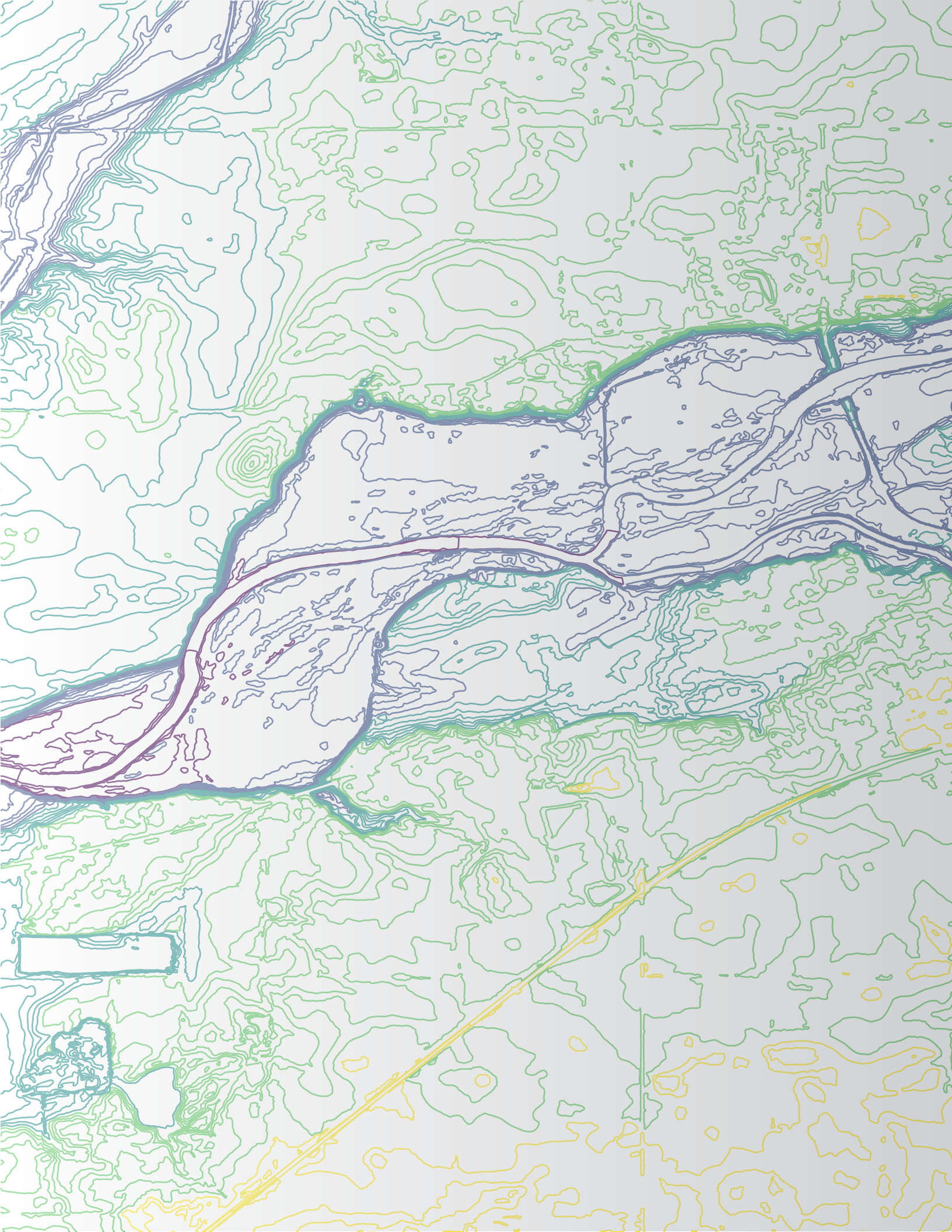
- Reduce non-point source pollution through various restoration activities on lakes, rivers, and streams.

Small Communities Sidewalk Program (SCSP)

- For the construction of new sidewalks or to upgrade existing sidewalks to ensure compliance with the most current standards, including American Disability Act (ADA) standards.



CHAPTER 8



A topographic map with contour lines in shades of green, yellow, and orange. A river flows from the top left towards the bottom left. A road or path runs horizontally across the middle. A white rectangular box is positioned in the upper right quadrant, partially overlapping the map and the chapter title.

CHAPTER 9

APPENDIX A

STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS - MEETING MINUTES



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5-YEAR PARKS MASTER PLAN – TOWN OF YORKTOWN

Date: 9/25/23

Owner: Town of Yorktown

Consultant: FlatLand Resources

Stakeholder Meeting #1- Yorktown Town Manager & Town Council

Date: 9/25/23

Attendees:

- Chase Bruton – Town Manager, Town of Yorktown
- Nancy Perry – Vice President, Town Council, Town of Yorktown
- David Heilman

Meeting Minutes:

- Introductions
- David Heilman (DH) shared with Nancy Perry (NP) why FlatLand Resources (FLR) was hired and described the scope of work within their contract with the Town
- DH described what the final result of the 5-Year Parks Master Plan would look like, and what the steps were for accomplishing the plan
 - o DH emphasized that this plan, once approved locally and by the state, would allow the Town of Yorktown to apply for LWCF grant dollars
 - Chase Bruton (CB) expressed excitement about the idea of utilizing more partners to fund park projects, but did not currently have a plan for a LWCF application
- CB laid out the financial capacity of Yorktown for Parks improvements/maintenance over the next couple of years
- CB and NP discussed the proposed Nebo Park and suggested DH look into the plans a Ball State Architecture class put together as a reference/starting point
- CB and NP listed and described their desires for the park system within the town
 - o CB emphasized a desire to fix and upgrade existing park infrastructure and not focus on new buildouts, as the Town has limited resources to maintain what is already existing
 - o Basketball courts, dog park, updated maps, bathrooms, parking, should be key concerns going forward. Which parks would be best for these improvements?
 - o Invasive species removal, community gardens would also be good things to look into
- NP expressed a desire to upgrade the accessibility for the portion of Morrow's Meadow that hosts the farmers market
- Work to set up meetings with Ball Brothers Foundation, Community Foundation, other funding agencies, and Purdue Extension to understand how they can play a role in some of these proposed improvements



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Date: 9/27/23

Owner: Town of Yorktown

Consultant: FlatLand Resources

Stakeholder Meeting #2 – Yorktown Parks Board Meeting

Date: 9/27/23

Attendees:

- Tyler Robinson, President, Yorktown Parks Board
- Vicki Craig, Vice President, Yorktown Parks Board
- Loretta Smith, Secretary, Yorktown Parks Board
- Jeff Clark, Yorktown Parks Board
- Vici Gasaway, Yorktown Parks Board
- Chase Bruton – Town Manager, Town of Yorktown
- Nancy Perry – Vice President, Town Council, Town of Yorktown
- David Heilman – FlatLand Resources
- Jason Gasaway – Public Participant
- Zach Stamper – Public Participant

Meeting Minutes:

- Introductions
- Jason Gasaway (JG) expressed his desire to have a couple of basketball courts installed at Morrows Meadow
- Zach Stamper (ZS) asked the Parks Board if there were some updates to the disc golf concrete pads and nets that could be made at the course located in Rotary Park. Chase Bruton (CB) said that the requested improvements would be possible to complete
- David Heilman (DH) introduced his company and gave an overview of project, the project timeline, and the reason why this plan is important to the future development of the Yorktown Park system
- The Parks Board had the following requests of the mater planning process
 - o At least one basketball court installed at a park TBD
 - o Accessibility improvements to the area of Morrow's Meadow currently holding the farmers market
 - o Invasive and poison ivy removal and maintenance plan for Morrow's Meadow while also address all of the other parks
 - o Upgrading accessibility of equipment in parks
- DH explained that a draft of the master plan would be due on November 15th, and a big part of that was getting a portion of the public participation completed. He would work with CB to get an online survey written up and put out on social media, schools, library, etc. for citizens to respond to, which would be completed by the 15th of November
- CB asked all board members to write a one page memo of their desires and wishes for the Yorktown Parks

APPENDIX B

PUBLIC SURVEY - SOCIAL MEDIA OUTREACH



Town of Yorktown Indiana-Community

October 19, 2023 · 🌐

Please help the Town by taking this survey: <https://bit.ly/Yorktown-Survey>

The survey helps us to gauge public perception of the Yorktown parks and current programming in order to help plan and prioritize future parks improvements and programming. This is part of a public input strategizing period for the new five-year Parks Master Plan that is being put together by the Town of Yorktown.



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4 comments 20 shares

 Like

 Comment

 Share



Town of Yorktown Indiana-Community

October 24, 2023 · 🌐

This is an important feedback tool that helps to set the tone and direction of long term planning. Please, help us collect a good sampling of responses in this quick survey about Yorktown's parks.





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APPENDIX B

PUBLIC SURVEY - LONG FORM COMMENTS

We are the only town without a basketball court at a park.

Many times a year my family and I will travel to Daleville to use their splash pad/ playground as well as play basketball.

We'd use it more if there were a greater variety of programmed areas....native plant walks, shade trees, better access to river and creek.

It's super dark and needs lighting

Nothing prevents me; however, Morrow's Meadow bathrooms could use updated in the near future.

Needs new play equipment

Only Morrow's Meadow has everything I look for in a park space

We need basketball courts. We need better and bigger playground equipment. Lions Club needs all new equipment. We need a bigger splash pad. I'd like to see playground equipment at the civic green

The motor vehicles tearing up everything or general destruction of things.

The splash pad water does not shoot nearly as high or is it as much fun for the kids since it first opened.

It be nice if ppl didn't park in the grass at M.Meadow & clean up after their dogs. We always pick it up but others won't. Ugh. Thanks for providing poop bags in case we forget.

It would be nice if there was another small restroom on the other side of the park. Also

There needs to be a better playground for kids and with all that room a pool and or splash pad.

Invest in the sports park. Non profits can't pay for everything

Love that place! A second restroom would be appreciated

More quality programming

Not much for kids to do! We need a bigger and nicer splash pad

Some people are tearing up stuff at the parks.

Would love to have more wildlife events/dnr speakers talking about the areas wildlife.

Restrooms are always in awful condition.

A water park would be nice like gas city or Daleville. The splash pad is not fun for the kids or families. We drive to Carmel, Daleville and gas city. For as much money as they have put into to the downtown they need to make it more family friendly. .

Partial fenced in play ground with more swings and interactive play things for kids!

For my household a bridge access to Morrow Meadows from the Civic Gren area would help with accessibility

Many residents have dogs and a designated area at Morrows Meadow would likely be appreciated by

When biking the Yorktown trails toward Muncie (to connect to the White River & Cardinal Greenway trail), the trail ends by the golf course and it is unsafe to bike on White River road for about .75 Miles until you get to Nebo. Some drivers drive by at 50+ MPH and don't see bikers. Extending the Yorktown trails to Nebo would be amazing. I would personally donate if I knew funds would go to this specific trail construction.

Larger splash pad would be nice

Seems to be a lack of space for folks to use off road vehicles so they use the lions club park which is quite busy with disc golfers and children using the playground equipment.

Unless there is something set up at the park there is not much to do for kids aged 7+

More trees

I do not enjoy going to the sports field. The parking is inadequate, there is no shade for players or spectators and the fields and walking paths do not seem to drain well

amenities work, but the playground is very dated, so we head to Daleville's Park when we are in need of a facility. I would LOVE to see something modeled after that in Yorktown

Andrew's St. road conditions.

We love all the programming and take advantage of it when we can!

We just have a hard time fitting activities in with our work schedule.

Adult opportunities

There seems to be an exuberant amount of dog walkers who allow their dogs to run ahead of them unleashed.

My family enjoys the use of the baseball fields, concerts, and events at Morrows Meadows

I am not aware of much programming, but it may be there.

I believe the Yorktown parks have so much potential for growth

Toddler and smaller park needed

Parking for sports near the YMCA is terrible! Poor use of space. We mainly park in the grass near the gravel lots.

The playground needs more shade for sitting parents!

This town utilizes the open space at morrows meadows SO much. But we also need a larger and updated playground. We also need community bball and pickleball courts!

The existing playground equipment isn't enough for the foot traffic that comes through.

Would like more pickleball courts

It would be nice to have small cabins or indoor spaces to rent

I have a toddler, and the parks are lacking in playground equipment for younger children.

The playground equipment gets so hot in the sun that it isn't usable. It would be great to have some shade over the playground areas

An extension of the existing trail along 500 W from Eucalyptus Ave to River Road would be immensely helpful

Need updated restrooms, splash pad and more playground equipment. See daleville park for ideas or burris park for playground ideas

Playgrounds are very outdated with limited activities

We spend the entire summer at the Sportsplex and would love to see lights added to all the fields and see something done to keep the park looking great.

I feel as the Sportspark is lacking attention and needs more from town. We are lacking terribly compared to our peers

Concerts are mainly scheduled for the younger generation

People that walk dogs off leashes, don't pick up their messes, kids on playground using foul language,

There are bigger playgrounds in Delaware County with picnic tables surrounding the playground which makes it easy/nice to snack or eat and play. That's the only time we don't visit Morrow's Meadow

My daughter is disabled and is unable to play on any equipment there

Parks are excellent, accessible and safe.

Would like to see more town investment into upgrading the lighting of the baseball diamonds at the sports park as well as allowing for updates to the fields at the middle school.

Following and/or stopping by of the police.

Better playground equipment and splash pads at other parks not too far away.

We end up using school tennis and basketball courts and the JAA softball field
Safe and clean basketball courts would be great! We would also love a path connecting the path on 500 near the Elks to the path on river rd.
Morrows meadow needs much better playgrounds.
As an adult, I feel the Yorktown Parks meet all my needs; nature/natural spaces, disc golf, Yorktown Y, baseball and soccer, walking, outdoor exercise and river access. I believe we need to incorporate something for appealing kids(not splash pad age).
I wish there were more programs offered for teens.
We would love more trails (500 River Rd to Jackson, and 600) so that we can ride our bikes to the park.
Would be great if 500 had a paved walk way, Morrow's could add basketball courts and exercise equipment.
We live off of Isonogel. Would love a way for my kids to bike and be able to connect to the paved sidewalks that connect to the parks.
High school kids being rowdy
I would like to have a track/football field at the middle school. The space is currently less functional and lacks aesthetic appeal. Additionally, it would provide a worthwhile field to the community which wouldn't be as busy as the sports park or the high school.
I think morrows meadow is awesome. But the playground isn't very big.
We have kids in district but its a little drive to go. But the parks are what brought us to the school system
The park especially by the river needs to be cleaned better, or stop the kayakers from picking up there.
Need to update the basketball courts.
There are days where there are too many people at Marrows Meadows. Causing an increase in car traffic which feels unsafe near playground equipment.
My kids get board easily at Morrows Meadows due to the tiny playground, I believe a bigger playground with more play structures would have us visit more frequently.
We would love public pickleball courts!!
We regularly walk at the ark and go to the farmers market on fridays. We love the events that is hosted there
It would be great to see the playground equipment updated
I'm interested in adult sports in the evenings.
Our family uses three of the four listed parks regularly. YMCA: soccer and running, Morrow's Meadow: running, Lion's Club: disc golf
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We need a dog park in Morrow Meadows
The playgrounds are small and often very busy when we visit. We'd love a play-space that's more organic,

lighting on the trail would be extremely helpful
Parking is poor for any kind of activity
We have two dogs and would love to have somewhere they could play and run around
No public basketball courts
We take our children to the splash pad in Daleville and the park every week when it is nice. We would love to have a place to go in Yorktown instead.
The park at the meadow is run down and very small. Not very good for older elementary children. Also the slides are always broken down. Bathrooms are disgusting.
The walnut grove where the farmers market is located needs some TLC and routine upkeep. Water and electrical access are needed in a space that attracts that many people each week.
Would love to see more native plants at the parks (and programming to involve the community in maintaining the parks & seeing benefits/uses of the plants – thinking of the old butterfly habitat in morrow's) that would attract different birds/pollinators
Love all the parks!
Need community bball courts
Trail expansion benefits everyone.
finish trail on CR600, upgrade restrooms at Morrow's Meadow, upgrade playground equipment (old and tired)
We don't have basketball courts at a park!
I believe connecting existing trails together should be a priority..
What we have is great. They only need expanded- so we have more.
There are no basketball courts currently in Yorktown, and all the surrounding communities have at least one. Also kids need updated playground equipment to play on.
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The river access is limited on the Buck Creek side due to over growths
Painting of the pavilions, more opportunities for food vendors, more variety of concerts even including Christian concert opportunities for those of faith.
A larger splash pad similar to Daleville would be great for our kids, fire pits are a great way for adults to spend time together. I would like to see the walking path be extended north on 600 to Riley Run.
Our town needs upgrades to playground equipment (more variety (ADA compliance) as well as benches and sun shades. Our town needs a space in the park to play basketball/ pickle ball/ house a larger farmer's market). Currently our town has 2 splash spaces- 1 non operational and the other is more like a sprinkler rather than splash pad.
I think it's time we set some limitations on the use of the River access to Canoe Country and allow easier access to the public who is only loading individual watercraft.

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Lots of demand for a dog park. Park is under-programmed. Too much turf grass needing maintenance. Replace it with native plant installations, trees, with seating areas, interactive areas.

Pickleball is widely used in other neighboring communities. It would be a nice addition and get lots of us.

There are some main neighborhoods that don't have connections to our trail/sidewalk systems without walking on streets at some point.

Fire pit areas in more spots around the town would continue to enhance and incentivize citizens to be out.

Area between high school and Westchester is in need of repair.

Would like to have lighting around Morrows Meadow and also more around the Sportspark Trail. Pickle Ball courts also!

As a park it doesn't really have a lot of activity for sport, also it's way to dark and it needs better lighting

The completion of the trail from YMCA linking to the Cardinal Greenway by the river in Muncie would be ideal. That is a dangerous stretch of road to hop onto, even if the remaining portion is less than a half mile.

The bathrooms often appear dirty and have a strong odor. It would be nice to have a large splashpad/play area for families to enjoy during the summer.

Pickle ball is so popular and it would be fun to have courts!

I as well as a few other photographers use these locations for our sessions. While it is beautiful as is, there is definitely room for more eye catching backgrounds. Not only that, but it would improve the quality, and "curb appeal".

Outdated and not big enough for older children

Just more of them

The bathrooms need better lighting. The park needs more lighting for safety and walking at dusk.

Restrooms are dark

The baseball/softball diamonds are in rough condition. They could use a full revamp and the addition to more facilities like a pickle ball court will grow the community and bring people together for fun events. I do not believe there is any outdoor equipment by the ymca or anywhere in Yorktown to exercise with. Also, creating more areas for picnic will increase activity in our parks, and bring people for future events just like the addition of facilities.

The community would benefit from an accessible playground with an accessible, soft, and smooth surface. Inclusion would benefit everyone from wheelchair users to small children, caregivers with limited mobility, etc. Considering options, beyond a swing, that create more accessibility for physical disabilities as well as communication/developmental needs would demonstrate that all are valued and welcome here.

Playgrounds have weeds all in them and very little mulch. Lighting for nighttime would be great.

Shaded seating with good view of where children would be playing

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Additional sports space would be great!

For the Walkway trail in Marrows Meadows I would like to see some lighting for the nighttime joggers.

For the disc golf I would like to see more protection for vandalism that happens to the baskets and (or) for the grass to make sure motorized vehicles from tearing them up.

Restrooms at lions club park/ Carl Scott disc golf course. I believe these would be beneficial for all uses. That being said, we do appreciate the portable toilets already there. Thank you!

There seems to be a lot of vandalism happening to the park equipment as well as the disc golf baskets and the land on the disc golf courses. there have been many time that I have been out there and seen UTV's and dirt bike riding through out the park and tearing up the ground.

Vandalism seems to be an issue.

The baskets are getting old and need replaced by new ones.

The picnic table in the back toward the river are in bad shape. It would be nice to be able to have a covered eating area back toward that area.

I would love some more pickle ball courts as the two we have in town tend to fill up. Also, a place to take my dog off leash would be wonderful.

Longer season to keep Morrow's Meadows restrooms open (year round?)

We love Yorktown's parks. Our kids play on the playgrounds, and our whole family loves the disc golf course (we play it several times a week). We've been sad about the vandalism at the disc golf course this summer. We'd be happy to see more work put in at the course! We'd also love to see improved or more playground equipment at Lion's Club and Morrow's Meadow.

I believe all are adequate, but could use a little facelift to make them even more appealing.

playground equipment could be added, it would be nice for there to be a couple of more natural play spaces-wood tree stumps or structures to climb on, ropes to climb on or maneuver on, maybe even a spot to dig.

A larger play area would be great - oftentimes the playgrounds are very busy with lots of children. I think a splash pad at Morrow's meadow would be a nice offering. We often travel to Daleville to use theirs. A community garden area would be so nice even starting small with an herb garden. I would love to see a pollinator type garden for wildlife.

Its an awesome area!!

Lions Club Playground needs a good clean-up. There has recently been adult language drawn on the equipment. I would like to see some exercise equipment added if possible.

More restrooms closer to market in morrows meadow

The town needs dedicated pickleball courts. Lining a tennis court or two at the school doesn't work. I've been traveling out of this area for 8 years to find suitable courts.

More public restrooms in Morrow's Meadow and maybe additional lighting.

Not enough lightning if doing evening walking.

The restroom is outdated.

Kayak launch ramp, more shelters, firepits, and a bridge from the Civic Green to Morrow's Meadow would be great!

Our sports facilities in Yorktown are lacking. Public and school facilities. An amphitheater would be a nice addition.

In short, more of all three, please. Perhaps another restroom between the pavilion and the river playground would encourage more folks to spend time in Morrow's Meadow. Our current parks contain too many invasive plants including Japanese knotweed, bush honeysuckle, and Canadian thistle. We could work with the Delaware County Invasive Plant Project (DiIPP) to plan for removing these harmful species.

Please provide a short response for the previous answers. Why do you think those items need improvements, if any? Use this space to share thoughts/opinions that will go into park improvement consideration.

300 responses

Community gardens could bring residents together and provide nutrition to all of us. I consider the walnut and persimmon grove in Morrow's Meadow to be an excellent start. Let's extend that to include other fruits and vegetables.

More restrooms in the back of marrows meadow, better lighting around the walkway by the sports park, more picnic tables at morrows meadow

More individual picnic tables in Morrows near the river, please.

You can always make something better.

Playground equipment is out dated - Pendleton & Daleville Parks are fantastic examples for updating! Love the musical interactive aspects from Pendleton as well. Restrooms are in horrible condition - update paint, improve lighting, update mirrors, add more stalls if able, and add toddler/child friendly stall and sink. Amphitheater/concert space would be great for movies in the park for kids and families, concert series, and town fundraisers.

The parks are looking good. Keep up with the maintenance as you currently are.

Difficult to walk on uneven land.
Safe area for children to play! The community of Yorktown is incredible and we feel safe! More for the kids to enjoy and make memories would be amazing!
Heated bathrooms.
Sportspark needs ongoing maintenance and upgrades
Playgrounds are nice, but maybe bigger or more equipment; especially for bigger kids.
Yorktown Sports Park is an asset to the community. Expanding and improving this space will allow more baseball and softball tournaments, which in turn brings economic development to the area. Trail systems are needed to improve the area... a basic fact of property values is that park-like places and trail systems improve values more than any other physical improvements to communities.
Disc golf is a growing sport and the course in Yorktown is very popular one in the area. but it does get vandalized by people on motor vehicles and the baskets seemed to be damaged often from this.
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It's unsafe to bike along White River road on the way from the Yorktown Trails to the White River & Cardinal greenway trail. Extending the trail to Nebo would make biking much safer and would fully connect Yorktown trails to Muncie trails.
Always room for improvements
Additional Pickleball courts are needed. If two permanent courts could be added next to the pavilion that would be great (they do not need a roof). The pavilion could be left as is, and still be one where we bring our own net.
The far side of Morrows Meadow would benefit from restroom facilities. Next to the pavilion would be a great spot. Adding a fire pit/barbecue area at the pavilion also. Add two porta potties at the playground by the river.
Adding posts with solar light along the trail with hometown heroes picture and names would be a nice addition. Family members could purchase them to have those that have served in the military recognized. This could help offset the cost of this addition.
Very disappointed that the trail on River Rd from the Woodland Trails entrance to Nebo has not been completed. I would like to see this be a high priority.
Need some shade trees & adaptive equipment
The disc golf baskets at lions club park could use an upgrade along with the restroom facilities. Could be a great place to also have a basketball court.
Lighting safety
Yorktown mentions Morrow's Meadow as an amenity for families in the community. A large multi-age accessible play structure is necessary at this point. The playgrounds are small and old and seem to be an afterthought at this point. There are much nicer play structures in Muncie but they aren't in the best areas. Another set of restrooms would be so nice. It's a long trek with small children if you're not on that side of the park.
There is no community garden at morrows meadows which is where I visit the most because I can walk there with my newborn in her stroller. The other parks don't really have paved pathways for a stroller.
I don't think we have a community garden, and if we do, I am certainly unaware of it. I think it'd be a great addition!
Seems to be a lack of natural areas and too much grass to mow
A dog park would be great
They are all very small.
I am jealous of the fantastic splash park and playground the small town of Daleville put in for their kids – the future of our town. A community pool was not listed, but right now the only option is Tuhey. We need our own right here in Yorktown... I don't support more pickle ball, basketball, whatever by then Y..
It would be nice to let our behaved dogs off the leash and play

Marrow's Meadow is huge, and there's so much space to add more. Would like to see basketball courts and/or a bigger splash pad.
Bathrooms are not usually clean. More picnic tables.
Not enough pavilions
I think a fenced in dog park would be good, where dogs would be able to run free and play with other dogs due to the leash rule in the park (Morrows Meadow). I feel lighting around the walk trail (and especially through out the rear of the park) would be nice, to be able to walk during dusk (or shortly after) hours.
I do not want anymore money spent on the sports plex as the funds that were used to build the facility were mismanaged by the council
more lighting in the back portion of the park
just more
Would like to see expansions.
At Morrow's Meadow, specifically, there is so much space but I feel that playgrounds are just a very small part of the equation. I think there would be room to expand and add more updated equipment for families to enjoy. I would love to see fire pits added and allowed but I know that might be difficult to regulate. There is a lot of grassy space which is great for sports. However, I would also love to see more native plants to attract more pollinators and other wildlife.
I know my son would love to have a bigger splash pad. Our dog would love more dog allowed areas as well that my son can play with her. More lightening would help for the evening.
better splash pad/ lights in Marrow Meadow/ bigger play ground area
I don't have children. I do attend the concerts, as they appeal more to me.
We like to walk and enjoy the trails.
As for the this past years programming there was little to no communication about the events. Sometimes events would come through on Facebook feed but they were not very well publicized.
I no longer have kids at home that would enjoy the summer reading or the Kids in the meadow.
The farmer's market is inaccessible to many with disabilities that impact mobility.
4 wheelers and dirt bikers riding recklessly while I'm at the parks with my kids.
Older white people are the typical crowd of anything happening in Yorktown. Bring in some women/people of color for bands/events could bring in a diverse crowd.
Fourth of July could have all day events and programs for families.
Normally have family functions first
I would love to have a community band play on the civic green for the Independence Day event. Classic American Marches and traditional American songs played by local residents and students the hour leading up to fireworks.
We miss the fair rides coming to morrows meadow
Unless I've known about the event previously and know to look for info on the event I don't always see info on it. Or I catch it maybe in the last few days leading up to the event. And always on Facebook.
I think the parks are in good shape. Like anything there are always repairs that are needed. Keep up the great work and keep investing in the events, other future events and the parks.
None of these I just need to make more time to go to what we missed out on.
Downtown needs significantly more parking!
Would love a Touch a Truck event. Fourth of July needs more food trucks available, the lines were ridiculously long. I wish there were more activities for families with young kids going on during the late afternoon other than just music.
Summer concert series could have more kid friendly programs. A family movie night once a month could be a great addition to our community.
I don't have children in the targeted age ranges so the children's programs are not attended. The test I do go to.
Safety: it is difficult to take small children to the civic green without being stressed about being so close to the busy road.
I do think the independence event is nuts when it comes to parking and trying to get there/get out. We sometimes will leave the event early which is disappointing because of how much of a mess it is to leave.
Concert space needs more seating. You have to get there 2 hours before to get one if the seating areas

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I wish there were more summer activities in the evening time for kids.	I do not have a driver's license, so I have to depend on a bus or someone to pick me up and take me to the park.
Need better and more marketing. Current marketing is not meeting needs. Need more than FB. You would be surprised how many people have no idea what goes on in this community. Use water bills to promote fb page. Many are working professionals	Just need more shade for parents at the playground lol
I do not have concerns about programming-I think our town does an excellent job of providing programs for residents to enjoy our parks.	Schedules don't always work
Some of us old folks would like to hear music from when we were younger. I would also very much like to have the symphony play for the 4th of July as in past years.	We don't tend to go to public gatherings that don't have typical "event" security measures in place - metal detectors, etc.
Music is to loud	We enjoy most of the programming that takes place, just not enough time in our schedules to attend everything.
We don't have too many barriers - lots of great things happen in our community and can only be made better in the future.	Have to search for information about food trucks that are going to be there
I never even hear about events, so I'm not sure where they are advertised.	Never enough parking for the elderly
Andrew's road is in disrepair. I brought it up last year and was told "oh you are on the edge of town."	The times are always during the day when im working
I am still in town and we pay taxes to the town all the same. Please look into this.	I'd be interested in more recreation programs vs the listed events.
Inconvenient timing simply for my family. Friday and Saturday nights are great for the community, so I have no expectation of that changing.	Parking
I've got young kids that can't always get in on the fun or the timing of programming aimed at them doesn't work out for us.	N/a
It would be great to NOT have to get on social media to find out what's going on in our Town! The opportunity to receive emails, like we get about the Town Meetings, sent to our emails would be fantastic! THAT KIND OF MARKETING WOULD REALLY BE BENEFICIAL FOR FAMILIES TO PLAN AHEAD, NOT TO MISS OPPORTUNITIES, ETC.	Maybe message an email through the schools??
Nothing prevents me	I haven't heard of that event.
The Farmers Market is awesome but Football games are also on Friday. Parking is difficult and Turning on Tiger Drive on Friday night is hard without a traffic person. We were able to attend more concerts when they were on Friday evenings during the summer, but Saturdays are nice during football season.	Often we hear about the concert series or other event just before or right after they happen. Usually we hear from a neighbor. Also, many of the other listed event/programs are aimed at a different demographic.
The lack of parking for civic green concerts is frustrating. Yes we can park and walk, but it's a hassle to carry everything.	This past years Independence Party several were intoxicated to a point the should've been removed from the park. Police didn't seem to pay any mind to them.
It's really not inconvenient all the time.	I don't usually hear about events until they have passed. I hear this from friends too. Sometimes I drive by the park and see a crowd and can't find out what is happening even after scouring the internet. I am on the Yorktown Community Facebook. I also look at the Morrows Meadow webpage and there isn't information. I think posting about events in the Yorktown community page or the park's page would be great.
We attend all we want. Nothing prevents us from going!	Sometimes I have to work and the event is over before I can check it out
The town of Yorktown has gotten so much better at marketing events but I do feel that some events aren't interesting anymore or not targeting the proper crowds.	Nothing prevents us from going. We attend local events quite frequently.
I do not have a driver's license, so I have to depend on a bus or someone to pick me up and take me to the park.	Sometimes we have things planned on those days but we always try to make them.
Just need more shade for parents at the playground lol	Concert series - I've never attended but can hear bands from my house and they are usually terrible.
Schedules don't always work	When attending events, parking is not always easy to find.
We don't tend to go to public gatherings that don't have typical "event" security measures in place - metal detectors, etc.	Very simply - it is my suspicion that a majority of community members don't know about community programs and events until pictures are posted on social media, to give clout to self-serving politicians. There isn't transparency in government - even about positive going-ons, like community activities.
We enjoy most of the programming that takes place, just not enough time in our schedules to attend everything.	Also, the town council still has left a horrible taste in the communities mouth with the previous Town Marshall decisions - it showed lack of being in touch with the community and personal agendas being pushed to turn Yorktown into Hamilton County. The community likes our small town feel, but desires larger urban area amenities. The tax base is there and will support if listened to and given opportunity to participate. Yorktown remains a farming community and those individuals North of the River should realize the political and financial power of the entire community lies south with the farmers. It doesn't matter if someone has the individual financial ability to purchase one of the most significant estates in the community - posting a fundraiser on a social media site (for a positive , without kicking off with a substantial personal donation or discussing with the town government, will not lead to success.
Have to search for information about food trucks that are going to be there	usually do not hear about it until we already have something else scheduled
Never enough parking for the elderly	Too much rough house playing and no adult supervision at Summer concerts.
	More lighting around the paved trail pathway.
	I would love to participate in the summer reading program with my family specifically but am never able to make the timing work because I work full-time in Indy.
	the Parking is awful and the safety is too
	The number one would be lack of parking and the inadequate infrastructure
	The parking during the fourth is a problem and sometimes my family members can't walk that far.
	Go cart races were never made public. It's only public unless the board members want it to be
	The concert area in downtown Yorktown is so small and too many people

The summer reading program has had the same programs year after year and they are boring now. Also they are geared towards like toddler age. My elementary kids find them boring and too young. They love to read and want to go to things if they aren't for toddlers. Summer time is a time for those kids who go to school to enjoy the things that other kids enjoy who stay at home. Let just make it age appropriate and different this year PLEASE!!!

Our parks and programming are great. We should get all of those who program events in any of the Town spaces together to create a robust calendar for the Town. If not in person, a google form that groups fill out so that someone at the Town could put the info on the events website.

Support the larger events! but prefer to attend/participate in smaller, less crowded programming/events

Sometimes it's a matter of our family schedule being full.

I wish the farmers market had more actual produce. I also wish the concert series had more diverse musical styles featured. It's a lot of classic rock, you might attract other attendees if you featured something else, maybe some good bluegrass band for example.

backing and seating on rural nights:
the event is located at the pavilion downtown, the space is just too small for everyone including lack of

usually have conflicts and have to choose

It be great.

Can we please get a damn basketball court!

I think small incremental improvements are a better idea than one large project.

The wooden leaning structure over the trail along River Road at Tiger Drive- what the hell is that?

For the concert serious get more food vendors who actually show up

It would be nice to clarify to the town residents that Yorktown does not have a "parks department". I personally feel that the tax paying residents deserve to be informed of the sports park debacle, or at the very least understand that there is no profit being made and that the Muncianna complex is still not paying taxes.
If the residents are paying taxes to maintain said facilities and the the entities "leasing" facilities are profiting money, then the town should no longer pay for upgrades or maintenance. I personally feel the town should use that money in a place that is open and free for any resident to use.

I feel we need to be on top of maintenance for one and two get some handicap playground equipment. We have a great park system and I believe there is always room for improvement and am anxious too see the responses generated by this survey!

I'd love to help plan the future of the parks!! Please let me know how I can help!

New play sets!

There was hardly anything to do during the day for the 4th of July event except fireworks at night. The lines for food vendors were way too long and needed more variety. I think a carnival with rides and/or games during the day would be more fun for kids.

I wish the independence day celebration would go back to having a fair all day. My kids loved when the fair was there in the 4th.

I know for a fact the disc golf course brings thousands of unique people per year(there is an app that is used to track rounds and they send yearly reports). City involvement and working with the local club (that got its not for profit status) would be a huge benefit to all.

Morrows Meadows is amazing. The boat launch is wonderful. However, a lot of people keep their dogs off leash and it's very dangerous for other dogs/people.

We are looking forward to the next phase of work on the Civic Green. The bridge to Morrow's Meadow will be phenomenal. Please follow through with that!

I believe I saw a possible ice skating rink in one of the proposed plans. Our family would absolutely make use of that! It would be such a treat to have a place to ice skate. I think the only place near here is in Fishers. My hometown (Mishawaka, IN) made an outdoor ice skating trail at Beutter Park. We make a point to ice skate there every time we visit (and it's always busy!).

We love the work the city has done at the disc golf course. Our family makes use of it weekly! The course is really the best one in the area. It has had some vandalism this summer though. It'd be great to add some lights or even just increased patrols. I'm always surprised by how few people know of the course's existence. It might be helpful to have a city event there to showcase it.

We loved having a garden plot for the first time this summer. Thank you for providing the space/tilling to make that happen!

The splash pad has been a delight as well! We love the simplicity of it, and I really appreciate all of the seating/shaded areas available.

Overall, we are very happy with Yorktown's parks. Our family frequently uses the walking trails, playground at Morrow's Meadow, splash pad at the Civic Green, and the disc golf course. Thank you for making this a great place to live!

I love how Morrow's Meadow is maintained. It's a beautiful park to use for daily walks and community events. Bathrooms could be a little better. A drinking fountain on the other side of the park would be nice but surely isn't feasible. Also, I don't think you can do anything about the sewage smell that's sometimes at the backend of the park but that's definitely a deterrent some days.

We really appreciate the beauty of the civic green, and the fun at the summer concert series. The four for the fourth activities are so enjoyable, and make yorktown a Fourth of July destinations! Thank you for all you do.!

With such a big space, more could be done for the community. Skate park for kids, pool/splash pad, volleyball courts. Better updated play equipment.

I would love to see more offerings for teens in our community at our park. I think we have a lot to offer elementary kids and adults of all ages.

Thanks for the park!!

Bring an instrument, bring a chair and have 1 rehearsal the Saturday before, to get everyone seated and familiar with the music. Then have everyone show up at 8pm on the 4th and play songs like: America the Beautiful, My Country 'tis of Thee, Yankee Doodle; Liberty Bell March, Stars and Striped forever etc. We could have QandF help donate sheet music and bring extra instruments. Local school could provide percussion. We could reach out to Ball State for some extra support. Delaware County NEEDS an amateur community band that is accessible to anyone. These are the events that have been lost to time. Make it convenient, simple, and fun. A Local church might even want to provide snacks for at the rehearsal. Just a thought...

I think the parks are in good shape. Like anything there are always repairs that are needed. Keep up the great work and keep investing in the events, other future events and the parks.

Keep growing and helping small business so many people love seeing the excitement and safe fun things for family to do and go too!

As mentioned earlier, Sportspark needs ongoing maintenance and upgrades

Looking forward to attending more. Love Morrows Meadow!

Would like to see some better talent for concerts!

I think you are doing an awesome job for our town! Thank you!

I LOVE the White River and kayak/tube on it often. Similar to other towns/cities along the White River, would it be possible to organize a 1 (or 2) day-a-year White River cleanup event? I try to clean up beer cans and litter when I kayak but as a sole individual this is losing battle.

Skate park

I realize that The School Foundation is trying to raise funds for Pickleball courts, but I feel that this is not the best option as the courts would need to be shared with the schools and the schools would have first option to use them. And, they want to have basketball courts and Pickleball courts together on one surface which is extremely confusing to all - go to the courts in Daleville, and you will see what I mean. Pickleball is a great sport for all ages especially the older ages. Three courts dedicated to Pickleball is enough for this size community. I would suggest that if this is an option for The Parks that you get input from Pickleball players as to the design of the courts. Halteman put in three, but there are some things we would change about their courts.

Bring back the Buck Creek Festival.

Stop wasting our money and stealing our property! Fix our streets and the existing drainage issues. We could care less about increasing your tax base as you do nothing to help the current residents.

Overall we have a great park system! The trails, Morrow's Meadow and the sports complex have been a huge addition to our community.

events only reason I take my family to the parks in Yorktown. We go to Daleville for play structures and Mounds for nature walks.

Continue to expand the trails in Yorktown.

More trees, flowers, etc. in Morrow's Meadows would be great. A dog park would be wonderful. My family would even donate some money for this if it could be dedicated in memory of my sister who passed away. She loved animals. Also, I'm not sure if anyone else has seen it, but people with golf carts keep driving on the walking path in Morrow's Meadows even though it says no motorized vehicles. It would be great to have a way to enforce the rule, as I have to step off the path for golf carts.

The parks are honestly wonderful. I apologize about derailing things on the road issue, but I want our town to take care of our roads and not be an embarrassment like Muncie is.

Thanks for reading.

If we don't attend local events it's usually timing.

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We absolutely love being a part of the Yorktown community and the parks play a huge role in that! Thank you for everything you do, the hard work, and the joy you bring to the community!

We would like to see the parks (esp MM) used to host events like training sessions for dogs, seasonal leagues, short-term leagues - a few evenings/week for a few weeks types. Provide concerts/acts/shows just for teens so they have something "to do" in their Town on weekend evenings. The Town could provide an incentive for one of the businesses to provide a free ice cream cone/sandwich to all students with a ticket after school games. Provide seasonal leagues for just Middles School - High School ages to enjoy in the summer (outdoor bowling, pickle ball, disc golf, reading programs, cooking classes). There needs to be much more for this age group to do in our Town!

We love the Civic Green concerts. Some of the music is not to our liking but it is fun to see and visit with friends. Morrow's Meadow is a wonderful asset to our town, go to lots of different events both public and family.

Big event banners at key spots are always noticed by us for event notification.

The new tennis courts are already used for pickleball tournaments. Why not give the middle school/morrows meadows some Gaga pits like the elementary? Create a space that interests all ages of the community, focusing more on younger adults and high school ages.

What about a Chili Cook-off or a Barbecue Cook-off competition.

Thank you for seeking input. I would love to see more Pickleball courts, a senior citizen center, and planned walks. Yorktown is blessed with some beautiful park facilities. Thank you!

Would love more concerts on the green. Every weekend please in warm weather. A winter Christmas event on the green along with luminaries would be awesome!

One suggestion is that the town of Yorktown should bring back the fair during the week of July 4th or just a few days during the summer months. This was such a hit in the community and I remember being disappointed when they stopped doing it.

We love Morrows Meadow and the splash pad!

Not enough affordable food truck options, lines too long especially for 4th of July

You do a great job! I just really think we would benefit a lot from a better playground.

Thank you for surveying the community instead of making decisions without community support.

Again... need shaded areas for parents to sit at the playground. There is none lol

I think the parks are wonderful. If any improvements are needed, it would be more/better connectivity to the paved trails.

Please consider more pickleball courts

Be nice to get some indoor rental spaces like some of the Muncie parks have. As long as they were competitive in pricing

Love Morrows Meadow's for walking. Needs more activities for kids and adults to enjoy.

Yorktown definitely needs dedicated pickle ball courts.

I do think that we need to continue to support the Sports Plex and help build its programs.

Like I have stressed we need more at all your town sports park the middle school fields are a ghost of their former selves our own middle school athletics are completely ignored We are the only one in our area that does not have a varsity field for our middle school baseball and softball players it is really sad these are neglected so badly.

Kids playing ball in the grassy area is very dangerous. Have watched the ball go over the fence up-to 30 times in one given night. Kids climbing on civic green post. Where are the parents. Why wait till some child gets hurt.

The playgrounds at Morrows Meadow seem to be going downhill. The sign out front looks like crap. I do appreciate the quick clearing of walking trails however wooden bridge is dangerous when it's wet or icy.

Public pool would be nice

Overall the parks are great. Would like to have more trails to promote physical activity and lighting in key areas to maintain safety.

Better playgrounds are a must. The lion's club park needs restrooms. Lighting along the trail in morrows meadow would be great.

Hold a weekend Renaissance fair or something different. Hold cosplay events or something fun.

Updated playgrounds, and a nature playground would be awesome! Also expand the YT trails up to Jackson on 500 and 600.

Thank you for asking these questions of the community and getting input! It is much appreciated.

I think adding updated basketball courts with well lit areas would be great for Yorktown kids. Lighting throughout the parks and trails would make people feel safer as well. We have a huge space at the meadows and across the road with the baseball diamonds and basketball courts where we could absolutely add more things for families.

We love Yorktown and all the work that is being done to improve the town and parks! Wish we lived closer to the action because we feel somewhat separated because of the physical distance due to where we live.

Please consider helping the Yorktown Sports Park. We all love it out there so much, but it does require maintenance and upkeep. Our budget is very small, and we would appreciate any help that could be provided. Thank you so much.

I love the trails and use them daily when weather permits. Appreciate all the hard work put in. I really believe all that is needed is a larger playground and splash of area. Basketball courts wouldn't hurt either.

Yorktown needs a daycare for older kids mine is currently 10 there's no place for her to go when im working so she has to stay home alone

I would love to see a splashpad to rival daleville's in the next decade or so and I think very quickly and easily a regular carnival could be brought to morrow's meadow

The concerts at the green are awesome and so much fun to go to. More food trucks would be nice since this year there was only one many times. I feel the past years the concerts were attended more because of being on Friday nights and then also more food options. Parking at JAA needs to be expanded due to the amount of people who are there at anytime with multiple sports going on at once.

If you apply for the DNR 5-Year Master Plan and get it approved, you'll be eligible to apply for a Land Water Conservation Fund matching grant, which can help the Town create a new park south of town. I'm the VP of the City of Muncie's Parks and Recreation Board, if you ever want to talk. Shannon Powers, 765-212-1488. I live in Yorktown.

A larger splash pad

I hope that you guys are able to find more food vendors for all events. Sometimes the options are very limited.

I would love for the large pavillion to have AV equipment for KIDS IN THE MEADOW. Maybe a large screen for video access. Could be a future of community movie night!

Yorktown could use outdoor basketball courts with good lighting. Areas for athletes to train for baseball, basketball, etc. Allowing safe spaces in the parks for our children to hang out, work, exercise, and get involved in programs in the community or the parks (ex. Community gardens).

South end of town (South Broadway & surrounding) sidewalks need to be included in improvements and maintenance planning/budget.

A lot of south end kids walk & ride bikes to/from school & extra curriculums and YCS cross country & track teams include south end in their cardio training routes.

Would also be nice if there could be a green space development plan for former Marsh Corp offices site.

We love the events, we would just like more variation

I would be interested in adult recreation, namely flag football, ultimate frisbee, pickleball, and softball. Healthy adults make for a healthy community, and it's easier to be healthy when there's an abundance of healthy activity options. It can even just start out as an "open gym" concept in which people show up, and then it can become more organized thereafter.

More biking and walking trails to connect the more distant parts of the community to the parks. I trail from Morrows meadows along the river to the old Lions club park and frisbee golf.

In our previous community (Hendricks county) the parks in the county worked together to provide summer fun runs each Wednesday evening. I would love to see some sort of collaboration in Delaware county to create something similar. I'm sure someone could be in contact with hendrick's county parks and rec to see how they do it.

the sports complex is a big draw for the town and should be considered for improvements!

The question about long term improvements in parks, one of the things I selected were splash pads. Our "splash pad" on the main intersection of town is a joke. It's small too close to the road and a horrible spot for families and limited parking. Why would we come there when we can drive a few minutes to Daleville splash pad? It was a waste of money to put that one there. A better location would have been at morrows meadows or at the lions club. So I don't know what could be done to improve what already exists. The area by the vfw would be better suited to a memorial/pollinator garden than a splash pad.

I love marrows meadow and would love to see more access points to the water for people with strollers or wheelchairs. Another small shelter in the back would also be nice

I would love to see better solutions to parking for community events in town. Specifically, the gravel lot at the sports park would have more capacity if spaces were clearly marked. Additionally, it seems the parking for the tennis courts is insufficient. I hate to pave too much green space so maybe a parking structure could be a long term goal for the parks/schools area?

I think the Yorktown parks department has done well for the size of the community.

Think additional parking, especially in Green Civic area would be helpful. Also, more courts and fields would attract people.

Yorktown can have a profit center in a community pool. Possible locations include River Road, next to the tennis courts or near the 32/Nebo junction. There is only (1) community swimming pool in Delaware county and it is subsidized by the YMCA - Tuhey pool. Furthermore, Yorktown has an active swimming club, which could utilize a pool designed for competitive swimming in the summer. An indoor natatorium could be utilized in conjunction with the school system, replacing the current YHS pool. This will free up valuable real estate of YHS which could be utilized for the remodeling project. This is a joint venture and the Yorktown Government, Yorktown Schools, and Yorktown community organizations (like the Yorktown Swim Club / JAA) should work together for once instead of in individual vacuums.

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Plan to purchase a small amount of land to install walking path/steps down from Civic Green area to Morrow's Meadow. A bridge would need installed but would make access even easier between the two areas.

I think Yorktown community takes great care of there parks and it's always been a pleasure enjoying time with family there over the years.

We would love to see the play areas and surrounding lounge areas improved in Morrow's Meadow. We have absolutely LOVED the Civic Green space and have spent a lot of time there in the summer playing in the splash pad and lounging while the kids play.

More events and different themes would be nice

Need to add pickleball courts.

I'd like for there to be an Oktoberfest event and Christmas light drive through display

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more programming involving the river would be interesting

Would love to see a "nature playground" concept-type playground!!

Thank you for this survey. The farmers market attracts 1,000 to 1,200 people each week. That's more than any market in our area. The meadow is a beautiful location for it.

In general, love the communal spaces that Yorktown has! And love hearing/reading about the events/programming taking place. Maybe in the minority, but would like more transparency/acknowledgement/stories of cross-board/organization partnerships & events: what does it take to maintain the parks? Who does it? What are small things community members are doing, and can do? How much time & energy was invested? What is being learned about our natural spaces/places and taking care of them?

APPENDIX C

PUBLIC MEETING - 2/20/24 - SOCIAL MEDIA OUTREACH

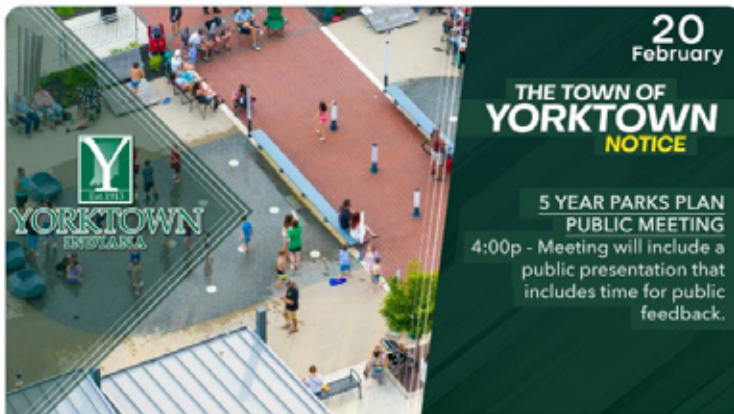




Town of Yorktown Indiana-Community

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There will be a public presentation and feedback meeting on Tuesday, February 20 at 4:00p regarding the new five-year Parks Master Plan that is being put togeth... [See more](#)



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Town of Yorktown Indiana-Community

February 17 · 🌐

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Residents are invited to participate in a public meeting on Tuesday, February 20 at 4:00p, for a presentation and to provide feedback regarding the new five-year Parks Master Plan for the Town of Yorktown. This is an opportunity for the community to hear firsthand and respond to the strategies and action steps being proposed.

Meeting Location: Town Hall - 9312 W. Smith Street, Yorktown, IN 47396



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28 comments 14 shares

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PUBLIC MEETING - 2/20/24 - SIGN-IN SHEETS

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YORKTOWN PARKS 5-YEAR MASTER PLAN DEVELOPMENT

PUBLIC MEETING - 2/20/2024

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PUBLIC MEETING - 2/20/24 - INPUT RESULTS



YORKTOWN PARKS 5-YEAR MASTER PLAN CIVIC GREEN PUBLIC INPUT & ENGAGEMENT



WHAT ABOUT THE PARK IS ...

- GOOD
- OKAY
- NEEDS IMPROVEMENT

FACILITIES

RESTROOMS



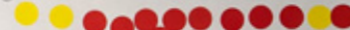
PLAYGROUNDS



SHELTERS / STRUCTURES



RESTAURANTS



SHOPPING



EVENTS

PROGRAMMING



... Benches, Picnic Tables, Shelter, Fire Pit, etc. ...
... 100% ...

YORKTOWN PARKS 5-YEAR MASTER PLAN MORROW'S MEADOW PUBLIC INPUT & ENGAGEMENT



WHAT ABOUT THE PARK IS ...

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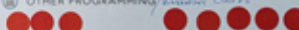


EVENTS

FARMERS MARKET

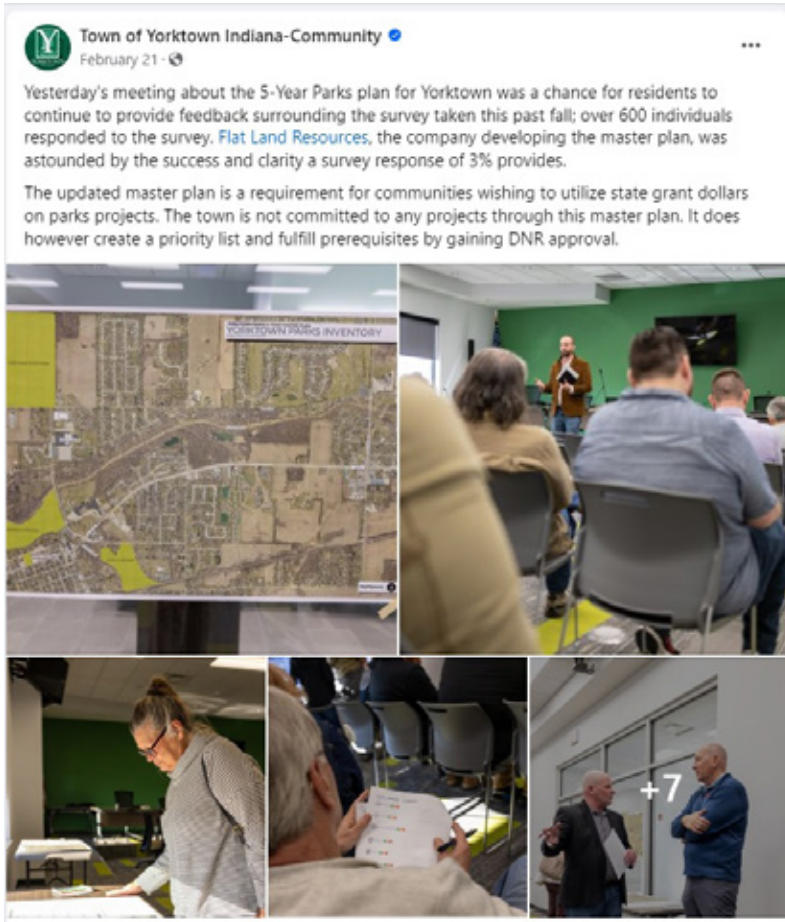


OTHER PROGRAMMING / Activities



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PUBLIC MEETING - 2/20/24 - SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS



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APPENDIX D

SWOT ANALYSIS - 2018 - 2022 YORKTOWN PARKS MASTER PLAN

APPENDIX A

Park Board Questionnaire/Results

1. What are your long-range goals for the Park Board and Department?

- Improve and add playground equipment to make accessible by handicap children
- Continue to develop the trails network throughout Yorktown
- Improve lions club park
- Add additional festivals and community activities in the park and town
- Incorporate the new red tail property into our parks system
- Expansion of recreational spaces outside of organized sports fields
- Continued expansion of the trail system
- Expanded recreational/fitness/cultural opportunities for the community
- To encourage “partnership” relationships for growth
- Develop a responsible use plan

2. Should programs of the Parks Department be increased or expanded? If yes, identify.

- Increase opportunities for recreation and fitness
- Expand picnic space to allow more casual/spontaneous family events
- Develop nature trail with identified trees/wildlife (Butterfly Waystation could be a part of this)
- Not without partner involvement

3. Should new programs be developed? If yes, explain.

- Yes, I am not sure what, but we should diversify our offerings
- Not without partner involvement

4. Is the Parks Department able to meet its current and projected financial obligations?

- Yes - III

5. Do town residents believe their tax dollars are wisely utilized and allocated?

- None have complained to me, but we should find out through this process
- Yes

**6. What are the highest priority capital improvements needed by the Parks Department?
(examples: trails, community center, sports complex, playground equipment, restrooms)**

- Trails - III
- Accessible playground - II
- Restrooms at the Lyons Park?



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7. Should the Parks Department acquire more land?

If yes, do you have suggested locations or areas for expansion?

- New land will have to be purchased for the new downtown master plan including a new park connection downtown to Marrow Meadow
- No
- Yes, I think we need to look at two things in determining location:
 1. Current park locations compared to population density
 2. Location of any new housing construction

8. Would town residents support increases in park fees?

- No
- I do not know. Our fees are low by comparison to other communities nearby. I have not heard any comments from community members. I would think that if our fees were perceived as high, we would be getting complaints. We should find out through this process
- We really don't have any fees now

9. Would town residents support a tax increase for capital improvements for parks?

- I do not know. I have not heard any comments from community members. We should find out through this process
- For trails, maybe. Anything else, no.

10. Is the Parks Department maximizing its relationship with other governmental and private agencies? (e.g., city, township, county, school district, college)

- No, we underutilize the resources of Ball State and the local schools. We do work well with the town council.
- I do not know. We should find out through this process
- Yes

11. What is the public's image of the Parks Department?

- I don't think that the park board is recognized positive or negative.
- I do not know. I am not sure that a majority of the community knows that a Parks Board exists.
- Good image

12. What are the greatest challenges facing the Parks Department in the next 5 years?

- Money
- Community involvement
- Parks department spread too thin to properly maintain parks
- Everyone wants things to happen and improve but no one wants to get behind projects to see them through
- Gaining public knowledge of park use opportunities for family friendly recreation
- Upkeep/Maintenance for existing facilities and equipment
- Acquisition of land if expansion is warranted
- People wanting something for nothing

APPENDIX D

SWOT ANALYSIS - 2018 - 2022 YORKTOWN PARKS MASTER PLAN

APPENDIX A

Needs Analysis



PARKS and RECREATION

ASSETS

- Great park space
- Parks and trails are well used
- Great trail system
- New Arts council
- Lots of great ideas
- Open spaces for community and private events
- River access for recreational activities
- Centralized location of Morrow's Meadow
- Sports park for organized sports activity
- Multiple playground spaces
- Splash Park

LIABILITIES

- Poor maintenance
- Available funds
- Lack inclusive playground equipment
- Support behind ideas
- Limited picnic areas outside pavilion spaces
- Limited parking near Splash Pad
- Limited parking in Morrows Meadow during large community events
- Limited land for park expansion
- Potential for flood damage at Morrow's Meadow Park
- Potential for vandalism of the fitness equipment in Morrows Meadow
- Age and lack of community knowledge of the Parks Master Plan

NEEDS

- Expand trail network
- Tie into downtown
- Work with red tail conservatory
- Increase festivals and events
- Funding
- Community support
- Manpower behind visions
- Hosting large community events
- Revenue source as a rental for private events
- Partnerships with community groups to utilize the park space for recreation promotes a positive town image and
- Increased visibility for the community groups
- Promoting fitness/wellness within the community
- Nature education space for the local schools



Yorktown 5-Year Master Park Plan / 2017-2021

APPENDIX A

Items from Comprehensive Plan 2017 (Steering Comm/ Public meeting)

Assets:

- Morrows Meadow
- Lion's Club Park
- Sports complex
- Trails
- Clean visible park facilities
- Parks and recreation services meeting community needs
- Disc golf
- Scenic large central park with natural waterways close to the Downtown area
- Park board meets on regular basis
- Beautiful parks; strong support for parks/trails
- Parks system is supported by town board and community
- Canoeing businesses in town
- **Morrows Meadow – III**
- **Trails**
- **Parks**
- **Walking paths that connect**

Liabilities:

- Flood plain
- None at this time
- **Limit after hours park access**

Needs:

- Zip line
- Dog park area
- Additional recreation opportunities, whether indoor or outdoor; pocket parks?
- More interactive park facilities such as the Frisbee golf park such as a dog park. More facilities in the northern part of area such as Cammack for individuals up in that area to enjoy.
- Need more interactive park areas such as the Frisbee golf park. Need things that will bring people to the area and want them to stay there. Open fields are not what the new generation particularly want although Morrows Meadows serves great for very large gatherings.
- Pocket parks
- **Small children's (toddlers) playground areas**
- **Walkways connecting to parks/downtown/other areas**
- **Recreational facilities; pool; YMCA**
- **Better use of parks**
- **Another playground**