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Executive Summary



About the Plan

Greater Ottumwa Park represents an extraordinary opportunity for the community of Ottumwa. Having such a large and singular public space in the heart of the city is remarkable. The thoughts, designs, and plans in this document represent the aspirations of the city and the hope for a more connected, healthier, and active future for all Ottumwa residents and their families.

Project Introduction

The Master Plan for Greater Ottumwa Park is a vision of development, focus, and expansion of amenities for the crown jewel of the Ottumwa parks system. This community-focused effort aims to shape the direction of the parks for years to come and for future generations to enjoy. The process to develop this plan started with a robust inventory of the park, the riverfront, and surrounding neighborhoods, followed by an open public design process, and culminating in the recommendations contained within.

Project Goals

The design team worked with the City of Ottumwa, the Legacy Foundation, the Ottumwa School System, and other stakeholders to develop *CSRs* (Critical Success Factors) that speak to the goals of future development of the park. These *CSRs* include:

- Create a long term vision for the park
- Get people talking and working together
- Engage the entire community
- Develop phasing priorities - a road map
- Identify funding sources
- Connect the City to the park
- Implement the Plan - Build Momentum

Planning Process

The Greater Ottumwa Park Master Plan will provide a vision for the long-term buildout of the park as a public amenity. The master planning process was designed to ground the plan in site realities and to ensure the plan reflects the needs and wants of Ottumwa residents and community neighbors.

The overall master planning process was divided into five general phases (Figure 2):

1. Inventory
2. Discussion & Feedback
3. Testing
4. Design
5. Implementation

Discovery

As the largest park amenity in the region, Greater Ottumwa Park is surrounded by a network of other parks, trails, wildlife preserves and protected hunting areas. Four community hubs border the site and the fifth, Beach Ottumwa, is located within the park. The others include Bridge View Center, Quincy Place Mall shopping district, Oxbow business district and Downtown Ottumwa. Downtown has been invigorated through participation in the Main Street Program and is nestled between a Public Library, City Hall, and County Courthouse holding National Register of Historic Places designation.

Wapello Street and Highway 34 divide the park into 4 zones. Zones A and B are located north of Highway 34 and are adjacent to the Des Moines River. Zones C and D are south of the highway and wrapped by oxbow lakes to the south. Zone A currently provides access to a dog park, two baseball fields and one soccer field. Zone B hosts Beach Ottumwa, a 4-court tennis complex and neighbors the Bridge View Center on the easternmost side of Church Street. Both, Zones A and B provide connections to the Ottumwa trail system. Current amenities in the largest zone, Zone C, include the Jimmy Jones shelter, park campgrounds and a veteran's memorial. Zone C features the most lakes within the park and is adjacent to Quincy Place Mall on the opposite side of the oxbow lake. Zone D provides the largest number of sports amenities including numerous little league and baseball fields, basketball, tennis and volleyball courts. Picnic shelters and playgrounds border this zone near the oxbow lake that separates the park from the Oxbow Business District.

Currently, the park's main entry points or gateways exist along Wapello Street and Highway 34. Existing trail connections are to the north near the Railroad Park and south of the oxbow lake adjacent to South Market

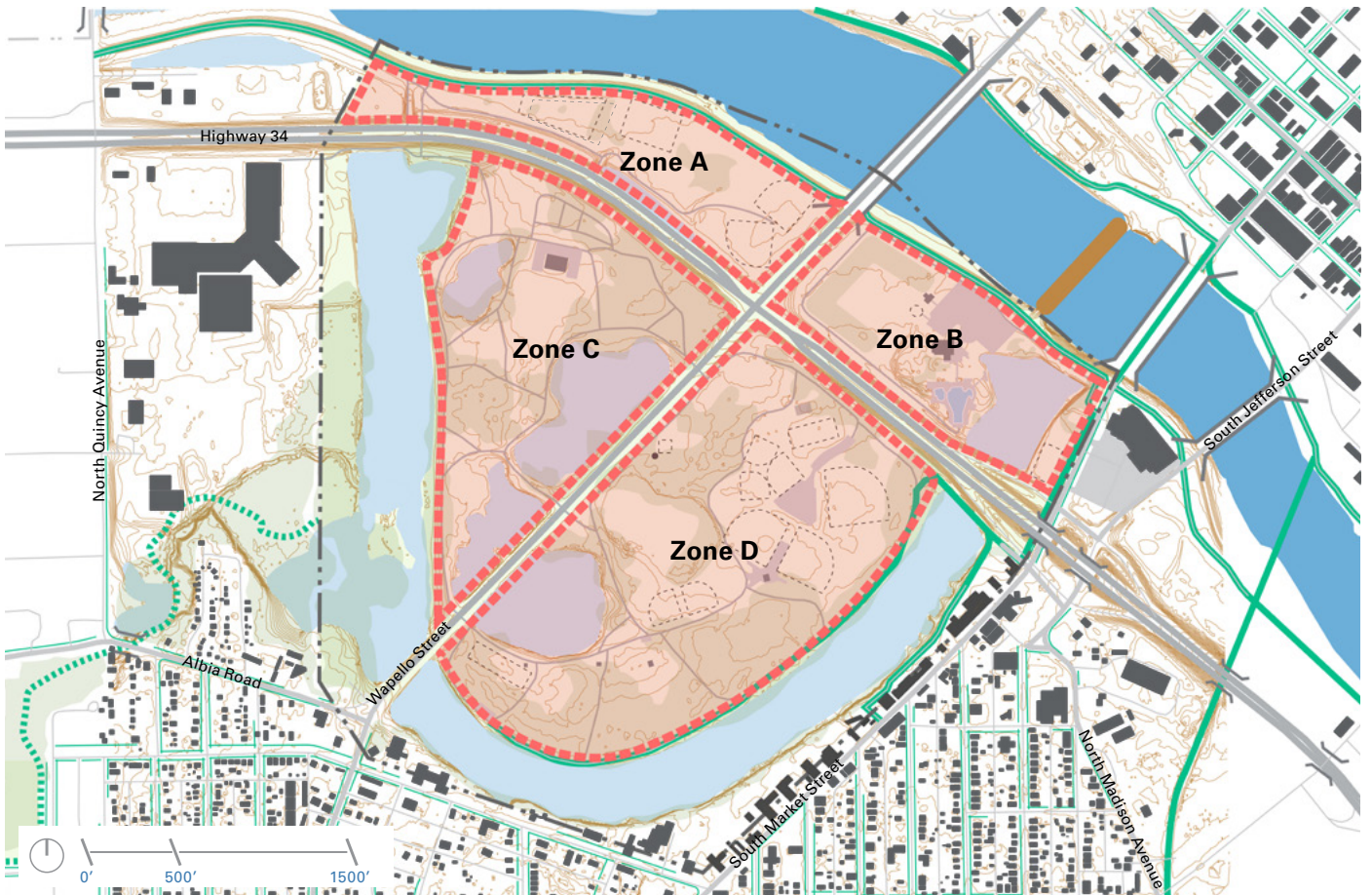


Figure 1: Greater Ottumwa Park

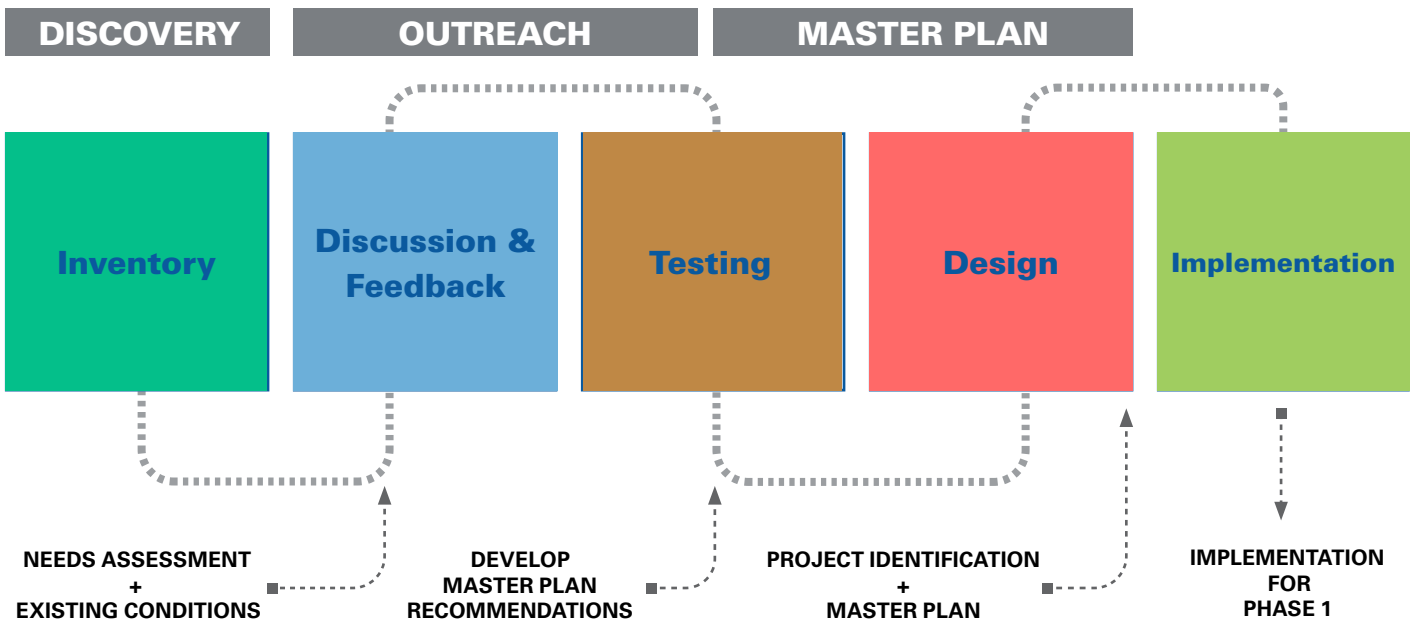


Figure 2: The Master Plan process



Figure 3: Underutilized areas diagram

Street. To the west, a potential future trail gateway at the pinch point of the oxbow lake could connect surrounding communities and provide walkable access to neighboring Wildwood Park. The local bus route provides numerous stops along North Madison Avenue, South Market Street, Albia Road and North Quincy Avenue. Additionally, there are stops located downtown opposite the Des Moines River.

Numerous site features lend themselves to potential improvements that could be profitable for the park, enjoyable for users and strengthen the site's status as the jewel of the Ottumwa Parks system. The opportunity to dredge surrounding waterbodies could produce soil needed to potentially fill an interior lake in Zone C for accommodating future sports amenities or an amphitheater. Fill material could also be repurposed to create mounds in Zone A for year-round play and as sledding hills during Ottumwa's cold winters. The levee that defines the northern boundary of zones A and B currently connects the park to Ottumwa's system of trails and could be an ideal location for covered picnic shelters, small pavilions and wildlife blinds with views of the Des Moines River, Turkey Hill and downtown Ottumwa. The levee has potential to be altered along multiple points to provide river access. The pinch point in oxbow lake to the west of Zone C and the surrounding tree canopy could support a future greenway connection, providing adjacent residents and visitors of the Quincy Place Mall a new gateway with direct access to the park.

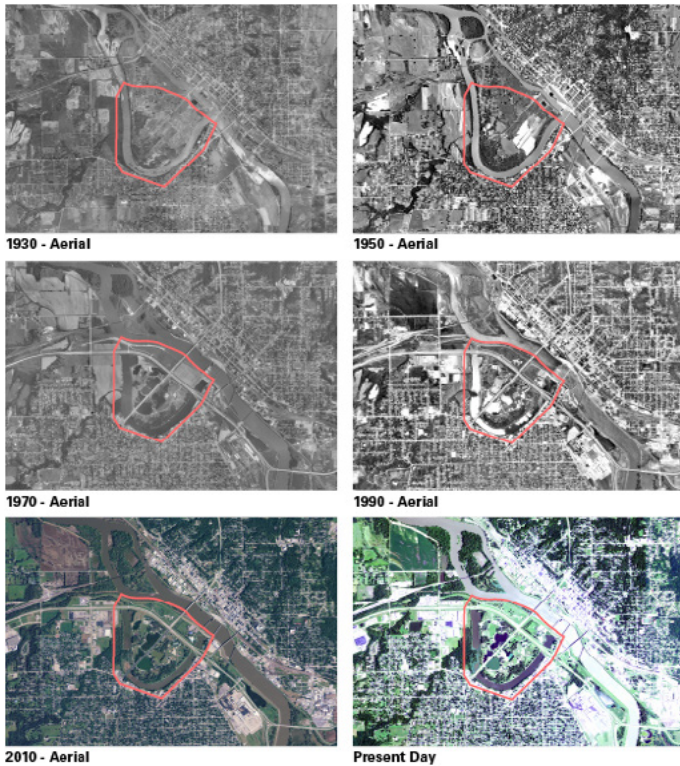


Figure 4: Oxbow Lake Analysis

The size and path of the oxbow that feeds into the Des Moines River has transformed over time. As early as 1930, aerial photography revealed the northernmost region of the lake featured a smaller island, known today as Turkey Hill. When the park and oxbow were divided by Highway 34 (seen in the aerials from 1950 to 1970), Turkey Hill's land mass increased and a widening of the oxbow's riverbanks is visible.

The Master Plan for Greater Ottumwa Park is a reflection of many years of hard work and advocacy by the community. Reviewing previous studies informed the planning process and celebrated these efforts. Previous plans made substantial progress in categorizing priorities outlined by the community and potential costs of improvements. Past plans also took inventory of existing facilities and resources throughout Ottumwa and of current projects of the times. Highlighting strategies for infrastructure and transportation development has sustained the life of previous studies as tools for

identifying next steps for projects throughout the city for years to come.

The design team identified and evaluated sports complex precedents. By exploring project precedents and trends, patterns for field layouts and parking expectations were formed.

The design team created layouts to test program configurations for optimum solar orientation and to gauge the feasibility of providing the desired number of facilities identified during stakeholder discussions. The layout options in Figure 5 show potential ways to get the desired baseball fields to fit within Greater Ottumwa Park. Each zone was evaluated for their compatibility with the baseball programming goals identified during community engagement. It was determined that Zone D provides the greatest opportunity to expand baseball and softball programming without compromising existing park strengths.

The design team also explored potential options for funding including Community Attraction and Tourism (CAT), the Wellmark Foundation, Surface Transportation Block Grant Program, Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program, Iowa’s Transportation Alternatives Program, and Safe Streets and Roads for All.

Safe Streets and Roads for All

Parks should be for and by the people thus the design team implemented a citizen driven process which engaged the broader Ottumwa Community. Stakeholder engagement was critical in capturing and confirming the vision, objectives and goals that will clearly guide next steps and further establish the foundation for this work. This will enable the design team to tailor solutions to the needs of park users.

Goals of the public engagement process for the Master Plan were to:

- » Identify key long-term and seasonal park user groups and create meaningful dialogue with stakeholders.
- » Share project background materials and determine where public feedback will be most meaningful to inform the plan.
- » Feature clear, compelling and educational materials about the master planning process, next steps and future benefits of the park redesign.

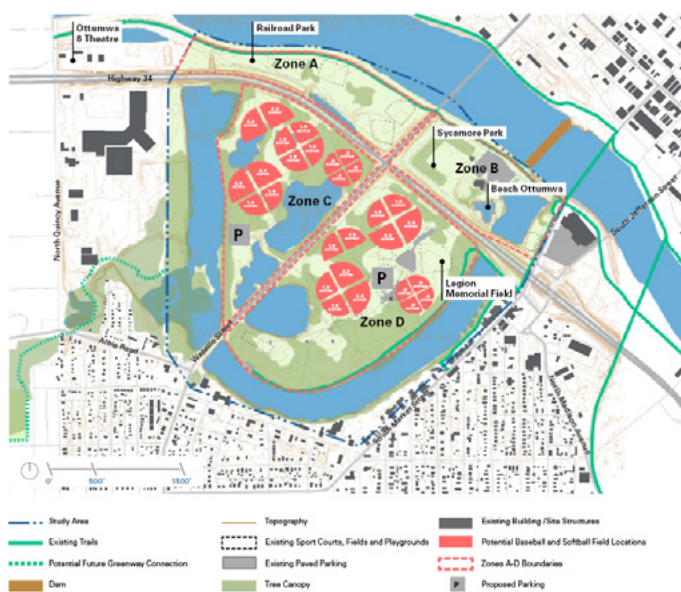


Figure 5: Baseball and Softball program testing

- » Build a broad base of support for the Master Plan and position the City to take advantage of funding and partnership opportunities for short- and long-term buildout of the Plan vision.

The engagement methods utilized during this phase of work created opportunities for residents and stakeholders to contribute their thoughts and reduce barriers through an intentional Ottumwa-specific approach. The approach included: one StoryMap outlining the Master Planning process, opportunities for new and expanded facilities and the importance of public input, two online surveys, four workshop style public meetings and two rounds of meetings with five stakeholder focus groups.

Community members, existing park users, and event and sporting league facilitators who are familiar with gaps in park infrastructure and amenities participated in discussions organized by user groups. The discussions revealed opportunities for future partnerships between stakeholders, interest groups and City entities.

Master Plan

The purpose of the Master Plan is to create a phased, action-ready plan to transform Greater Ottumwa Park. The plan will expand the park’s capacity as a destination for sports tourism events and tournaments, improve internal linkages between the park’s quadrants and external connections to the surrounding community. Review of the Ottumwa Park Reimagined Map, the Riverfront Renaissance Plan and other relevant studies initiate the development of the Master Plan. Stakeholder engagement was a critical component of the planning process. Outreach opportunities included facilitating public input meetings with live polling on programming and initial concepts; distribution and analysis of an online survey; guided focus group discussions with the school district; youth and adult sports leagues; campground customers; employers and business owners; arts, culture and tourism organizations; economic development partners; the Department of Transportation and the general public.

As a City of Ottumwa-led project, the Master Plan improvements should include:

- » A major expansion of the baseball fields, soccer fields and new tennis courts

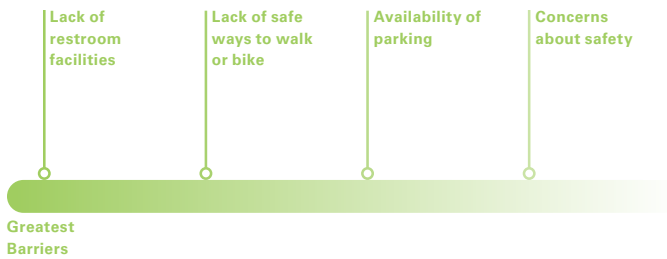


Figure 6: Response summary to barriers to park use

(that ensure adequate service levels for tournament play (Figure 7).

- » Campground improvements.
- » Roadway and trail enhancements that improve connections between each quadrant as well as improve access to the Quincy and Oxbow Business Districts.
- » Relocation of the Skate Park into the project area.
- » Suitable relocation of the Bark Park within the project area.
- » Basketball and volleyball courts.
- » Playground improvements.
- » Restroom, shower, concession, shelter/pavilion and maintenance facilities with considerations to electric, water, sanitary sewer connections.
- » Oxbow and Lagoon improvements with considerations for boat access, fishing and other water amenities.
- » A landscape and stormwater management plan that incorporates native trees, plants and grasses which reduces the amount of resources spent on mowing.



Figure 7: Proposed tennis complex

Master Plan improvements also include coordination with ongoing efforts to develop an indoor sports complex in the northeast quadrant of the park; including developing outdoor programming that would be mutually beneficial to and with the sports complex; integrating the complex into the design; mapping and rendering of the project; and accounting for the sports complex in designing parking and other elements.

Due to it's massive size as well as the physical barriers of Wapello St. and US 34, the park can be regarded as a sequence of zones, each with its distinct character and program focus. Each are designed and programmed to successfully facilitate passive and active recreation. The study area for Greater Ottumwa Park comprises 4 zones:

- » Zone A - Active recreation focus, soccer
- » Zone B - Active recreation focus, tennis, SportsPlex, the Beach
- » Zone C - Passive recreation focus, camping, amphitheater, botanical garden

» Zone D - Active recreation focus, baseball, softball

One of the biggest issues that the design team heard as part of the outreach effort was that there were not enough safe routes to the park nor were visitors able to easily and safely pass between the zones due to the physical barrier of the Oxbow Lake and the bisecting roadways. Therefore, the master plan seeks to do the following:

- Provide safe access to and from the park by way of walking and bike paths and/or tunnels that provide access to the riverfront, downtown and surrounding neighborhoods.
- Include roadway enhancements that can lower speeds along Wapello Street and increase parking capacity.
- Create recreational and leisure assets along portions of the Ottumwa Trail system that intersect and border the park.

The Master Plan’s design approach focused on the following additional key success factors:

- Diversify and Redistribute Recreation and Entertainment Amenities
- Improve Cleanliness and Safety
- Protect Natural Habitat and Passive Green Space
- Promote Economic Development and Tourism
- Ensure the Plan is Implemented Fully



Figure 8: Master Plan Alternate Plan 1



Figure 9: Master Plan Alternate Plan 2

Plan Alternates

Taking in all that was learned from public outreach, study of precedents and plans, as well as discussing goals with stakeholders, the design team developed two alternate plans for public consideration. Each built upon the zones and programming strategy, testing programming in various plausible scenarios with the goal of discovering in detail the preferences of future users.

The alternate plans (Figure 8, 9) were presented at a public meetings and further discussed through surveys and additional focus group meetings. The feedback became invaluable in developing a single preferred master plan.

Final Master Plan

Taking into account the preferences developed in discussing the alternate plans, a final conceptual master plan was developed. This final plan (Figure 10) envisions

a soccer complex and dog park near the river and a new tennis complex to complement the future sport facilities by the Beach. The edges of the Oxbow lake return to quieter passive recreations while a new hub of active sports radiates out from the areas around Legion Field. New bridges and trails connect the neighboring community and an improved Wapello Street provides safe connections to other areas of the parks for visitors and families to enjoy.

To enhance the park atmosphere of the zones, vehicles are limited to concentrated areas, allowing more room for activity and discovery. With an improved Oxbow Lake as an amenity, fishing, rowing, and paddle boarding become new activities for those in the park to enjoy. Families bringing their kids to the park for a baseball or soccer tournament now have ample places to park and play while the athletes compete.

This reinvigorated park builds around the current infrastructure limitations to maximize use and act as a catalyst for new parks and events spaces nearby. A concert amphitheater to the east is backdropped by the historic rail bridge and offers a great place to watch a show or view holiday fireworks.

While additional maintenance and management is needed to operate the many fields and amenities, there are new opportunities for self-sustaining leagues and groups to generate revenue and adjacent development.

Budget

To inform future planning and design for the park, the design team generated a high-level opinion of probable costs for construction of the final master plan vision. The entire cost of all amenities and improvements included is ~\$77 million dollars. The proposed program is intended to be implemented over the course of many years and the Plan outlines smaller individual projects to design and build independently.



Figure 10: Final Master Plan



Figure 11: Proposed soccer complex



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Project Introduction



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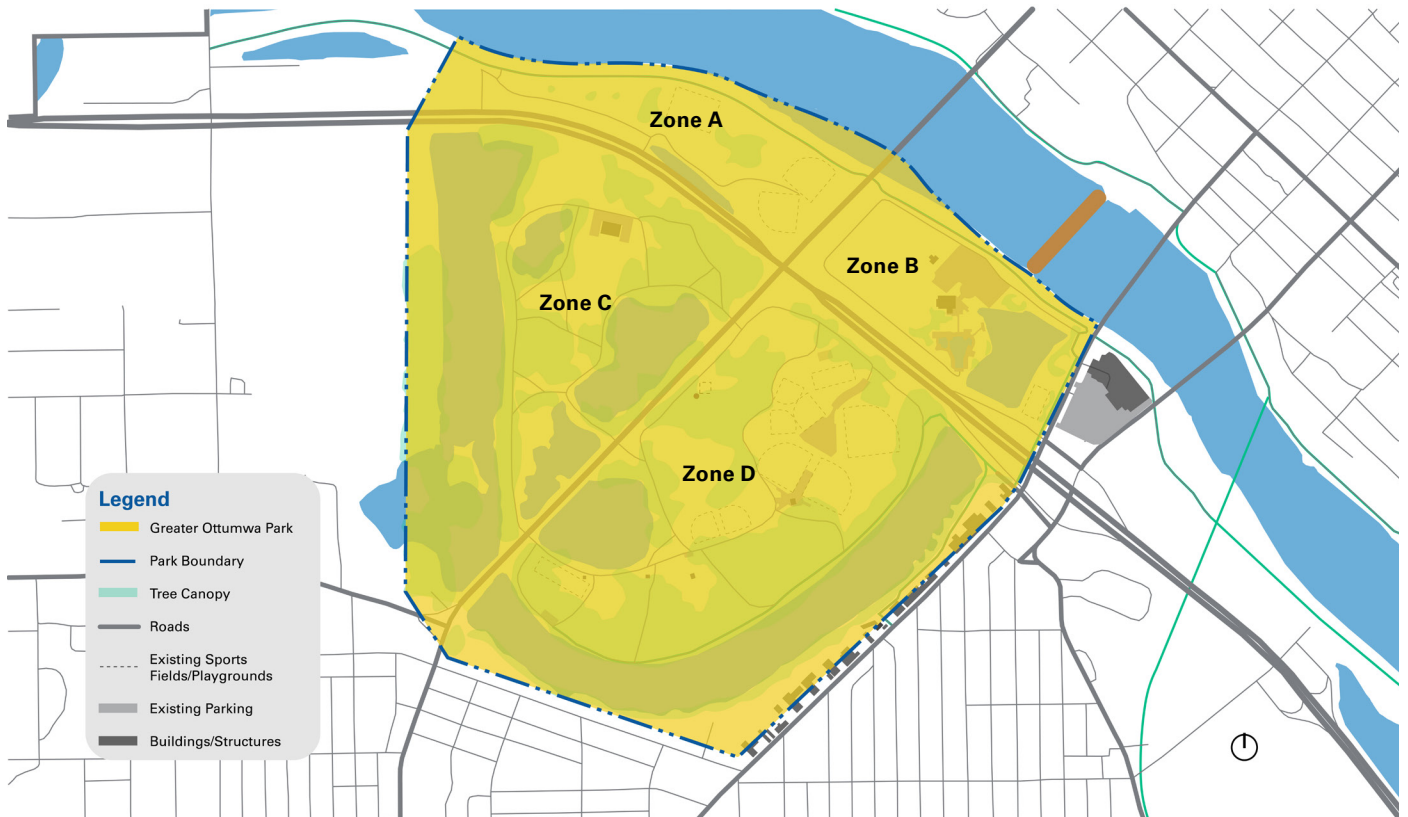


Figure 12: Limits of Greater Ottumwa Park

Overview

Greater Ottumwa Park is a community recreation area of over 300 acres in the center Ottumwa, Iowa that boasts excellent connections to the city's network of trails, high visibility at the crossroads of Highways 34 and 63, and proximity to the Bridge View events center, Beach Ottumwa, Quincy Place Mall and shopping district, Church St. and Richmond Ave. Oxbow Business District, and downtown Ottumwa (Figure 1).

As part of constructing the Our Ottumwa 2040 Comprehensive Plan, a preliminary vision plan of the park was developed with input from the community as part of a broad planning effort for the entire city. This approach was heavily influenced by the 2015 Riverfront Renaissance concept plan created by the Ottumwa Regional Legacy Foundation. This first step in designing a new vision for Greater Ottumwa Park secures the quality of amenities and level of service that the community desires. This Master Plan is a further development of the 2015 plan, delivering new insight and detail while providing a playbook for current and future development.

The design team undertook a comprehensive, public forward process which focused on gathering input from the myriad of stakeholders for the park such as local residents, the school district, sport leagues, civic groups, local businesses, and public officials. With the inherited knowledge of the history and importance of the park, the design team iterated and shared options for plans and program again with the public in order to convey spatial limitations and opportunities, but also to develop priorities for immediate development. Finally, a master plan with examples, templates, suggestions, and timelines was developed to act as a guide for the future development of the park. This process would not have been possible without the commitment and interest of dedicated residents of Ottumwa and the enthusiasm of those who know that the park is a treasured resource for the city and the health and wellness of the entire community.

Project Goals

The design team worked with the City of Ottumwa, the Legacy Foundation, the Ottumwa School System, and other stakeholders to develop *CSRs* (Critical Success Factors) that speak to the goals of future development of the park.



Create a long term vision for the park

Develop a plan and approach that is a blueprint for future development projects and priorities.



Get people talking and working together

Bring the many stakeholders dedicated to the park together to generate feedback and develop solutions.



Engage the entire community

Invite as many people as possible into the process including those of all ages and who might speak different languages.



Develop phasing priorities - a road map

Understanding the realities of costs and funding, use public input to set priorities for future development



Identify funding sources

Work with existing stakeholders and seek new partnerships to benefit the park and future projects



Connect the City to the park

Focus on multi-modal accessibility and remove physical barriers to using the park



Implement the Plan - Build Momentum

Focus on immediately implementable projects that can build excitement and progress towards the ultimate vision of the park



Figure 13: Birds-eye view over the site to existing agricultural fields, neighborhoods, Turkey Island and downtown



Figure 14: Railroad bridge to Turkey Island



Figure 15: Park connections to Ottumwa Trail System



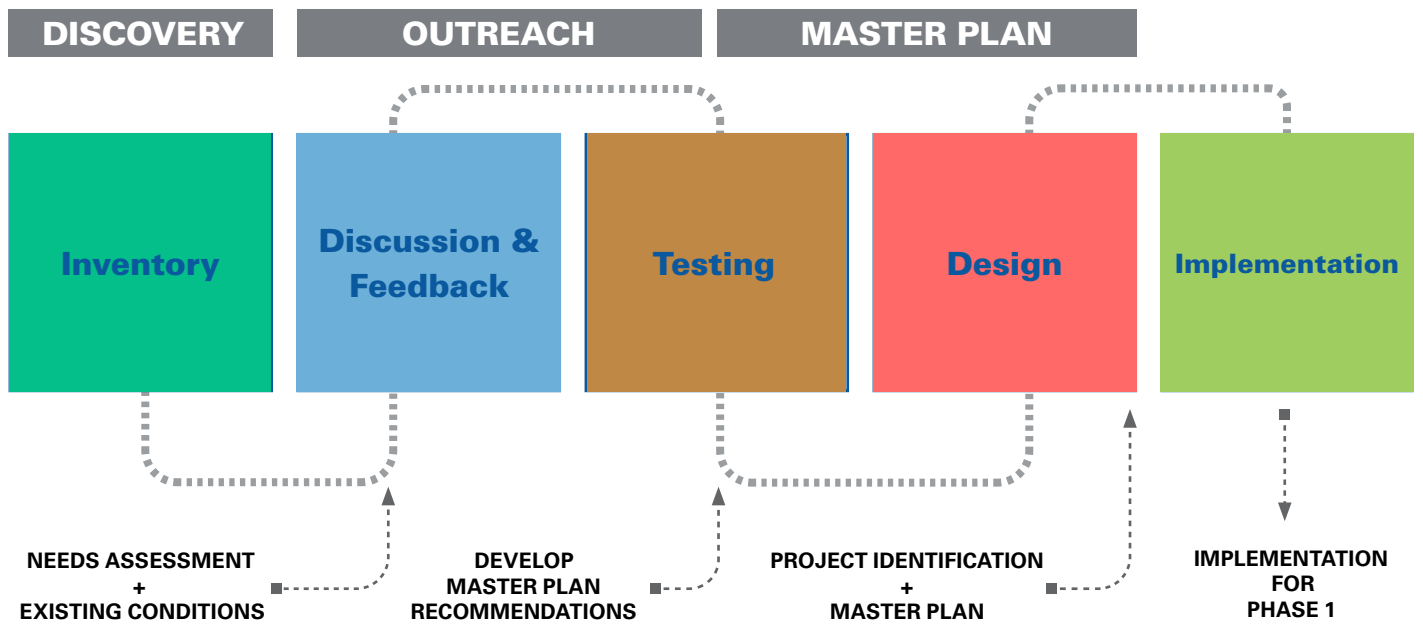


Figure 16: The Master Plan process

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The overall master planning process was divided into five general phases:

1. Inventory

In the first phase, the design team gathered data from a number of sources to establish both the physical state of the park as well as the current operating status and usage by the community and various organizations.

The design team also reviewed and built upon previous plans and studies completed for city, park, and nearby roadways including the Ottumwa Comprehensive Plan 2040, the Riverfront Renaissance Master Plan, and the Ottumwa Long Range Park Plan among others.

Also, crucial to establishing the spatial and operating requirements of sports facilities, the design team looked at regional and national precedents for baseball facilities, soccer fields, and other recreation complexes.

2. Discussion & Feedback

The next, crucial, phase of design was to reach out to

park stakeholders in order to determine how residents, community leaders, and visitors saw the future of the park and how their needs might grow with upgraded facilities.

This included a set of dynamic public meetings, widely distributed surveys, and focus group meetings with various organizations and users.

3. Testing

Next, the design team took initial feedback from the public and data from the Inventory phase to test options for park layout and operations. This included test-fitting sports layouts, considering preferences for locations and adjacencies, as well as ranking priorities as part of a follow-up survey and public meeting.

4. Design

Finally, with as much information and opinions gathered as possible, the design team developed a final approach for the park's future visions plan that included recommendations on implementation, phasing, funding, and careful consideration of constraints.

5. Implementation

After the establishment of the plan and priorities, the design team worked with the City and Parks Department to begin the detailed design process on the first improvements to the park. The formation of implementable funding-and design-ready projects was paramount to the Master Plan's implementation priorities.

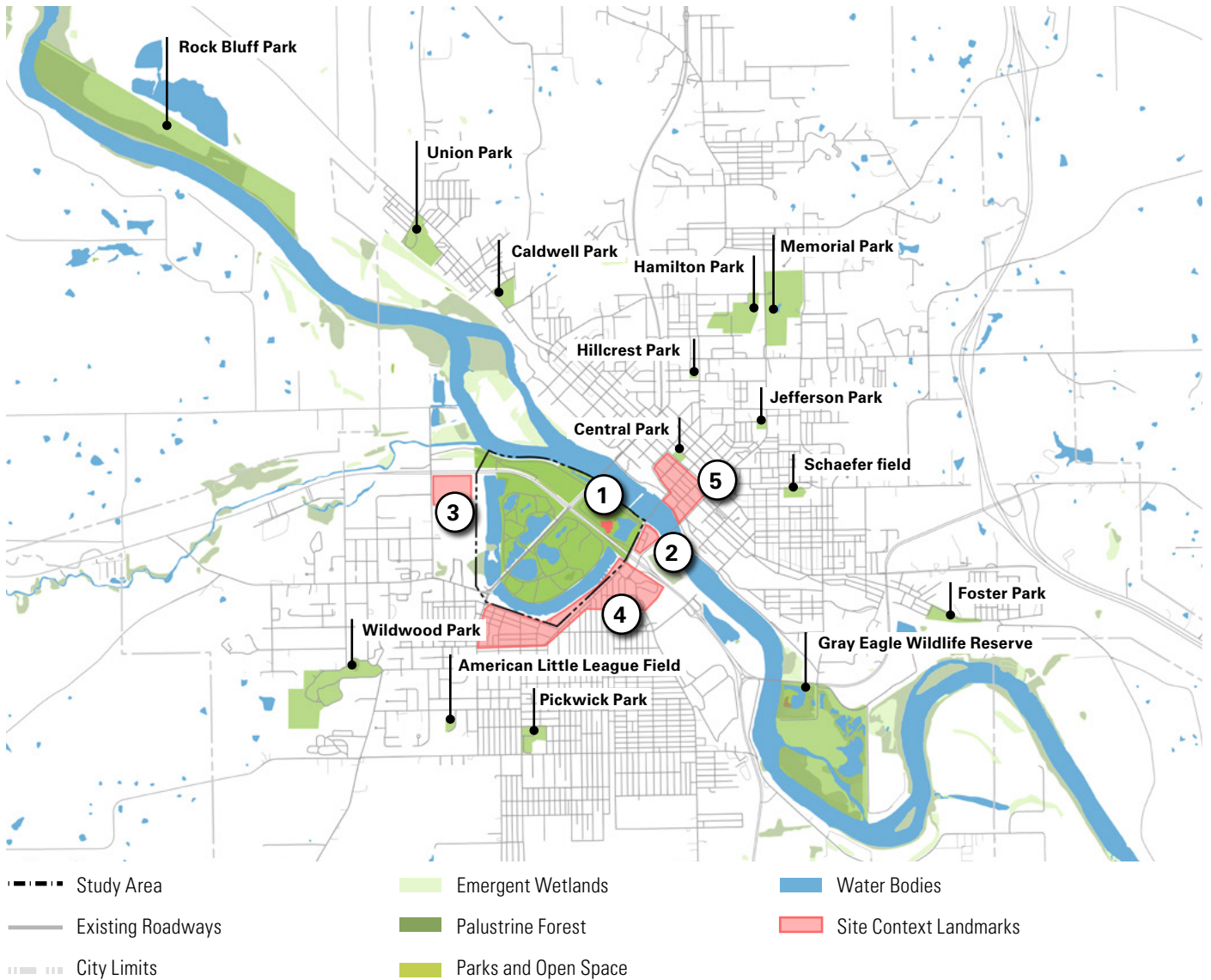


A photograph of a bridge structure over water, featuring a stone pier and a metal truss bridge. The word "Discovery" is overlaid in white text.

Discovery

EXISTING CONDITIONS

Figure 17: Site Context Plan



Site Context

As the largest park amenity in the region, Greater Ottumwa Park is surrounded by a network of other parks, trails, wildlife preserves and protected hunting areas. Four community hubs border the site and the fifth, Beach Ottumwa, is located within the park. The others include Bridge View Center, Quincy Place Mall shopping district, Oxbow business district and Downtown Ottumwa. Downtown has been invigorated through participation in the Main Street Program and is nestled between a Public Library, City Hall, and County Courthouse holding National Register of Historic Places designation.



1. Beach Ottumwa COMMUNITY POOL

Known as the “Beach within reach,” Beach Ottumwa offers a variety of water-based amenities including a wave pool, curly slides, speed slide, indoor slide, competitive indoor pool and a children’s play area for Ottumwa residents and visitors. The facility also offers water aerobics classes and private and group swim lessons. At the Beach, day passes can be purchased for as little as \$4.



2. Bridge View Center REGIONAL EVENT CENTER

Bridge View Center is Ottumwa’s premier performance and event venue. The 92,000-square foot center features a 664-seat theater, a 30,000-square foot expo hall, conference rooms, outdoor plaza and studio space for meetings, small gatherings and receptions. The entertainment space can seat up to 3,000 and when major musical acts or traveling festivals come to town is often the chosen venue.



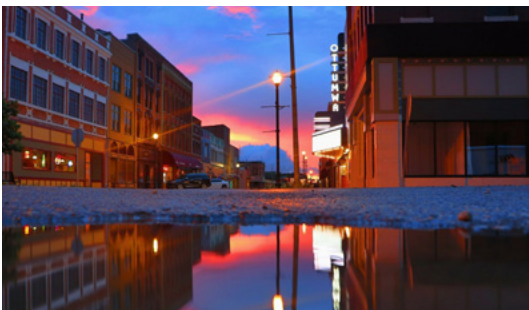
3. Quincy Place Mall SHOPPING DISTRICT

For more than three decades Quincy Place Mall has catered to the retail needs of Ottumwa residents. In addition to the shopping experience, craft and vendor markets, photos with the Easter Bunny, “Mall-O-Ween” trick or treating and photos with Santa Claus are several of the leisure activities offered. Adjacent to the mall is the Ottumwa 8 Theatre, several hotels, restaurants, decor stores and a health clinic.



4. Oxbow Business District SERVICING EVERYDAY NEEDS

The Oxbow Business District is an extension of Downtown and serves the daily needs of the city’s residents. Resources in the district that runs along Church Street and Chester Avenue south of the park include banks, tax preparation services, gas stations, pharmacies, printing services, insurance providers, mental health centers, locksmiths, storage facilities, a laundromat, home improvement stores, churches, a salon and restaurants.

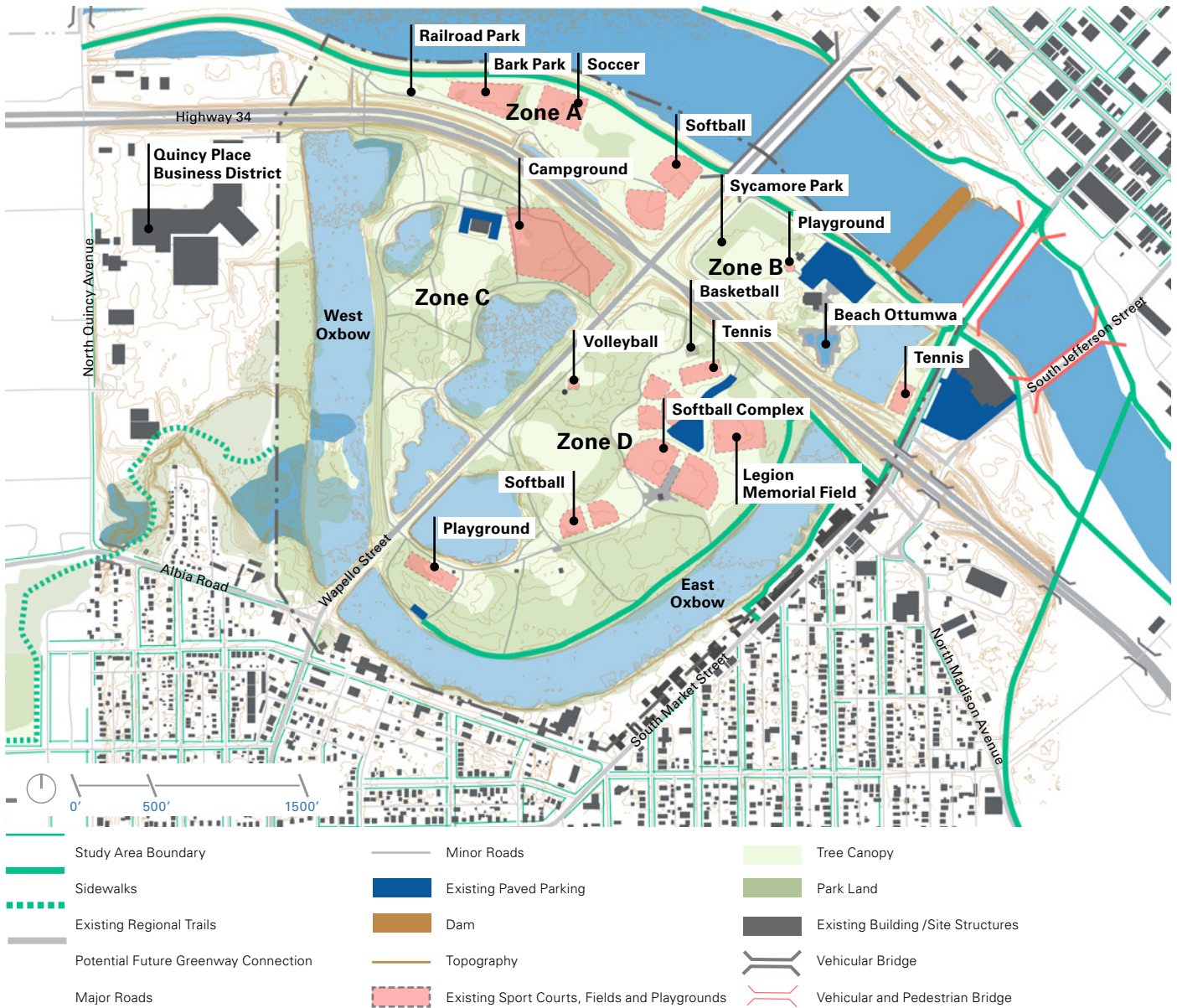


5. Downtown Ottumwa A MAIN STREET COMMUNITY

As a Main Street community, Ottumwa’s revitalized downtown participates as one of 55 accredited Main Street Programs in the state of Iowa. Main Street Ottumwa’s streetscape project utilized the program’s framework to guide downtown Ottumwa’s development strategies in the areas of economic vitality, organization, promotion and design.

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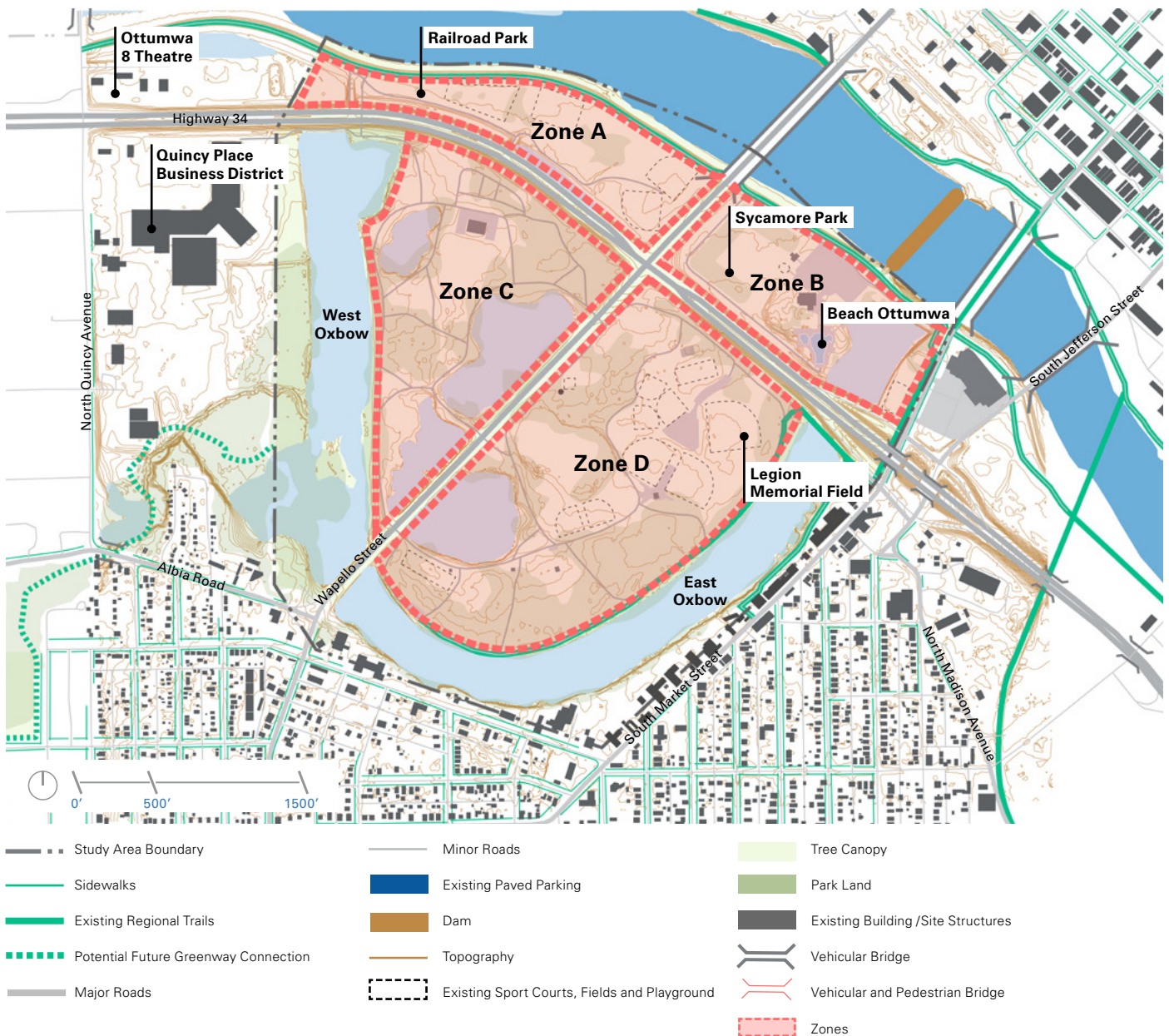
Figure 18: Existing Program Plan



Existing Program

The park currently provides facilities for softball, soccer, volleyball, tennis and basketball. Playgrounds are distributed throughout the park and campgrounds are located south of Highway 34. The Railroad Park and Bark Park are sited north of Highway 34.

Figure 19: Zone Approach Plan



Zone Approach

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SITE INVENTORY AND ANALYSIS

Access

Downtown Ottumwa, Quincy Place Mall and the Oxbow Shopping District can be reached within a 5 minute drive from the park. There is a strong network of smaller parks also within a 5 minute drive. Larger scaled recreation spaces such as the Ottumwa Golf and Social Club and nature observation opportunities such as the Gray Eagle Wildlife Reserve exist within a 10 minute drive from Greater Ottumwa Park.

Figure 20: Drive Times

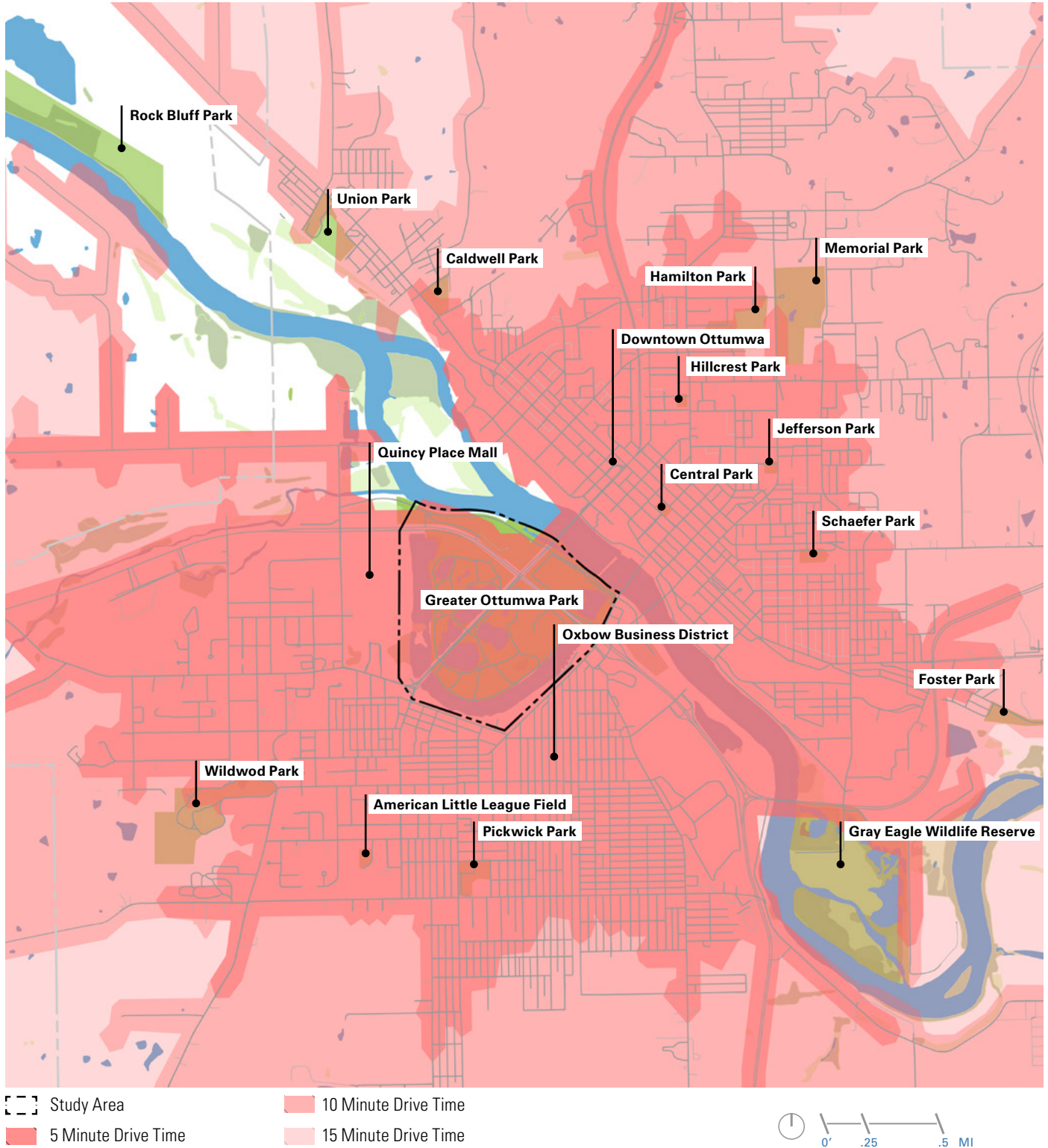
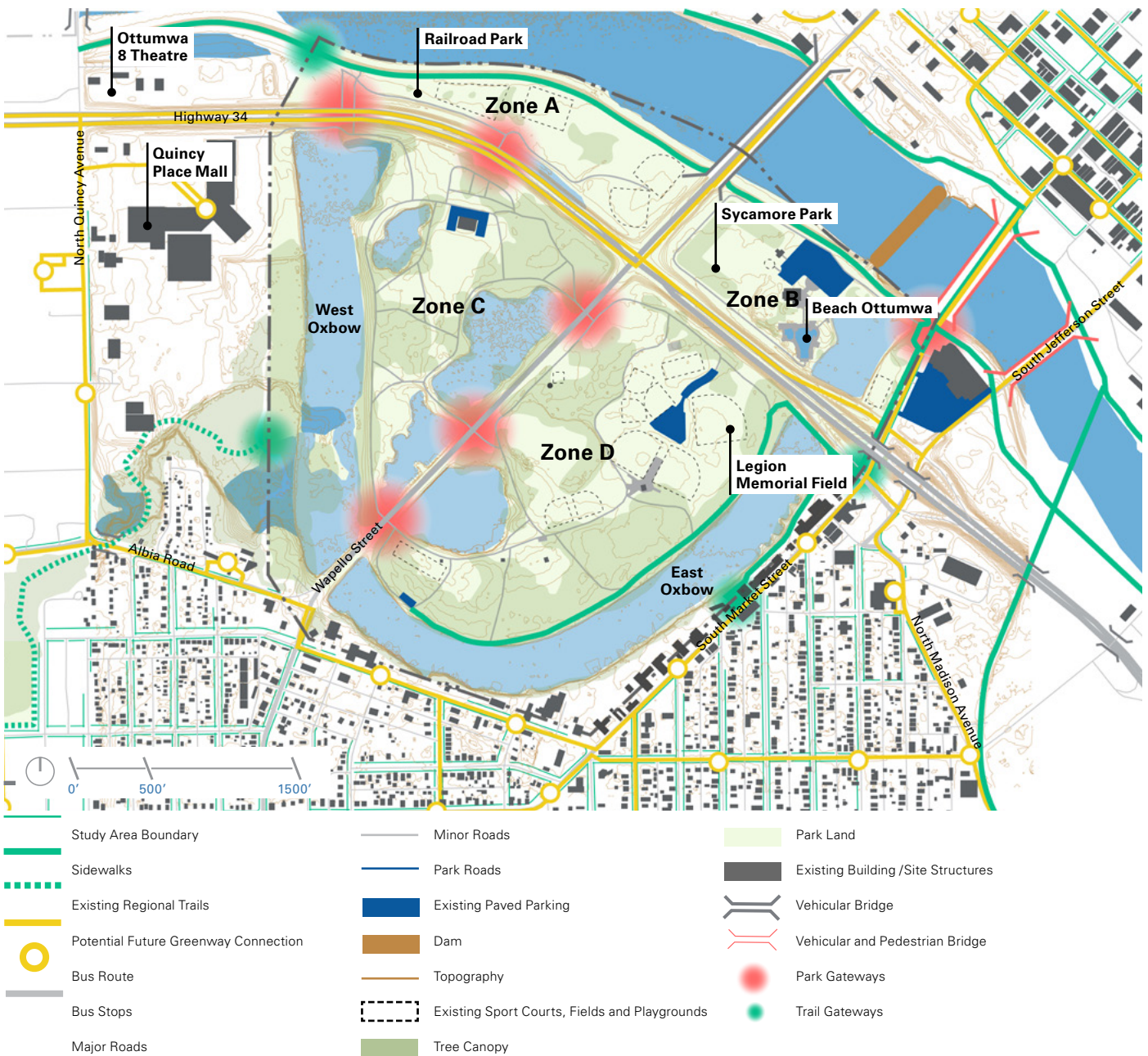


Figure 21: Site Gateways



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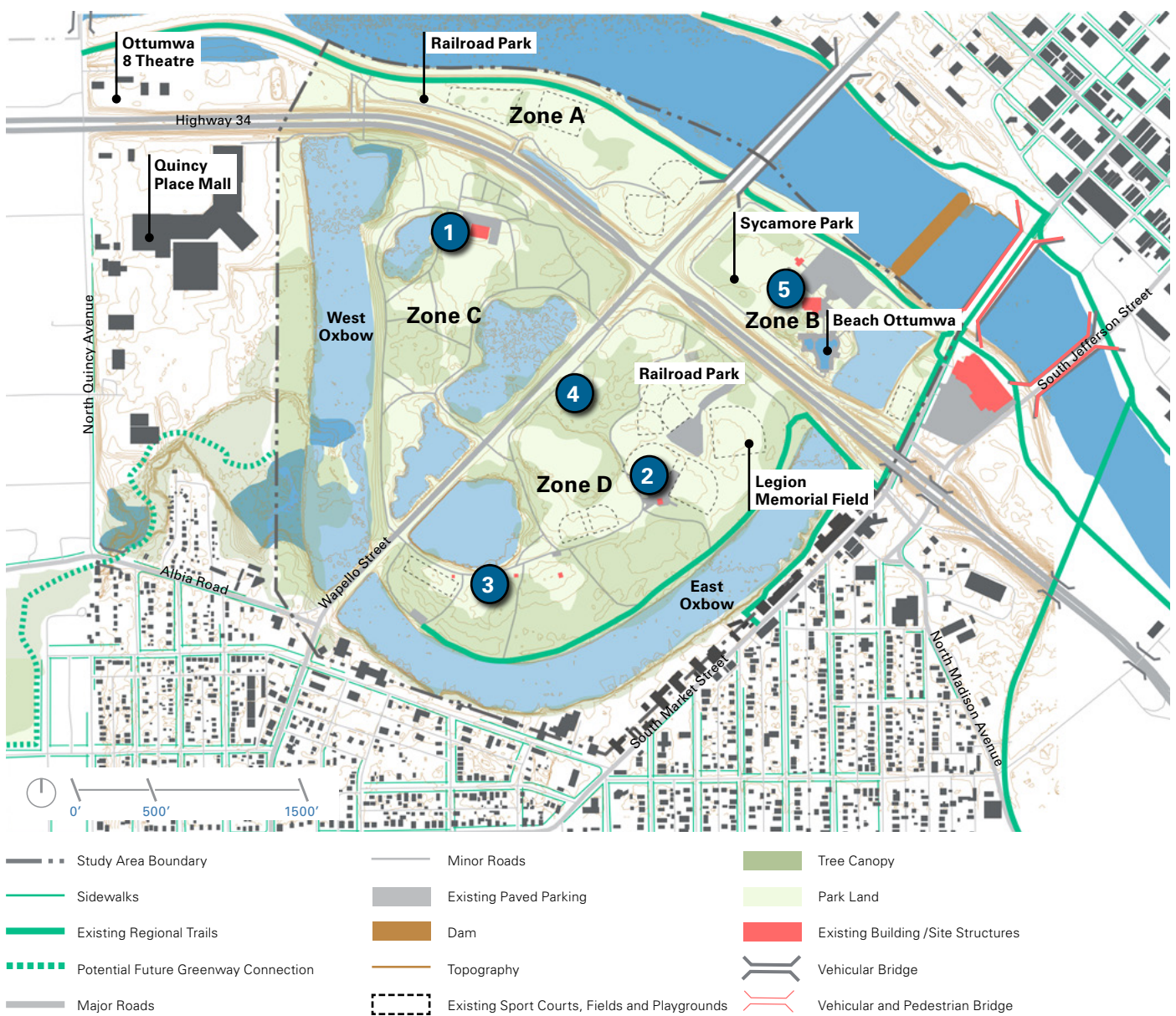
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SITE INVENTORY AND ANALYSIS

Park Structures

Large pavilions and shelters exist near Beach Ottumwa at Sycamore Park in Zone B, near camping in Zone C and near Legion Memorial Field and the oxbow lake in Zone D. These existing structures are large enough to accommodate sizable groups gathered for viewing and playing sports or those in transition from an outdoor meal to recreational activities. The park's restroom facilities are few and far between, are visibly dilapidated and would benefit from expansion to accommodate daily users, the Greater Ottumwa Rodeo and Babe Ruth World Series, and future users as the park grows into a destination for sports tourism. They key to numbers 1-5 labeled in Figure 4 is on the following page.

Figure 22: Building Inventory





1. JIMMY JONES PAVILION LARGEST OUTDOOR VENUE

The largest outdoor venue in Ottumwa, Jimmy Jones Pavilion, provides connections to water and electricity. The pavilion has restrooms and a stage for performances. Most events and gatherings at the pavilion occur during the region's milder months, including entertainment for the annual Ottumwa Oktoberfest celebration.



2. LEGION MEMORIAL FIELD FUTURE HOME OF JOHN HART STADIUM

This field was recently approved for the first phase of a multi-phase project to improve the high school baseball field. Major changes during Phase One include new batting cages, handicap-accessible restrooms, conversion of the existing shelter to a concession stand, converting existing restrooms to storage, a wider and higher backstop, new fencing and outer concrete improvements.



3. PLAYGROUND RESTROOMS & WATER FOUNTAIN IN NEED OF REPAIR AND EXPANSION

Existing restroom facilities are antiquated and too small to accommodate the number of families and visitors that recreate at the park.



4. OTTUMWA PARK SHELTER #1 OCTAGON SHELTER

With eight picnic tables, this shelter is ideal for family and community gatherings or an active group of volleyball players with sand volleyball courts nearby. The shelter is located adjacent to the park's network of paved walking trails.



5. SYCAMORE PARK SHELTER AT THE BEACH

Located several steps from Beach Ottumwa, Sycamore Park shelter provides connections to water and electricity. The shelter is paired with the Kids First playground at the western edge of the Beach Ottumwa parking lot.

SITE INVENTORY AND ANALYSIS

Opportunities

Numerous site features lend themselves to potential improvements that could be profitable for the park, enjoyable for users and strengthen the site's status as the jewel of the Ottumwa Parks system. The opportunity to dredge surrounding waterbodies could produce soil needed to potentially fill an interior lake in Zone C for accommodating future sports amenities or an amphitheater. Fill material could also be repurposed to create mounds in Zone A for year-round play and as sledding hills during Ottumwa's cold winters. The levee that defines the northern boundary of zones A and B currently connects the park to Ottumwa's system of trails and could be an ideal location for covered picnic shelters, small pavilions and wildlife blinds with views of the Des Moines River, Turkey Hill and downtown Ottumwa. The levee has potential to be altered along multiple points to provide river access. The pinch point in oxbow lake to the west of Zone C and the surrounding tree canopy could support a future greenway connection, providing adjacent residents and visitors of the Quincy Place Mall a new gateway with direct access to the park.

Figure 23: Topography Analysis

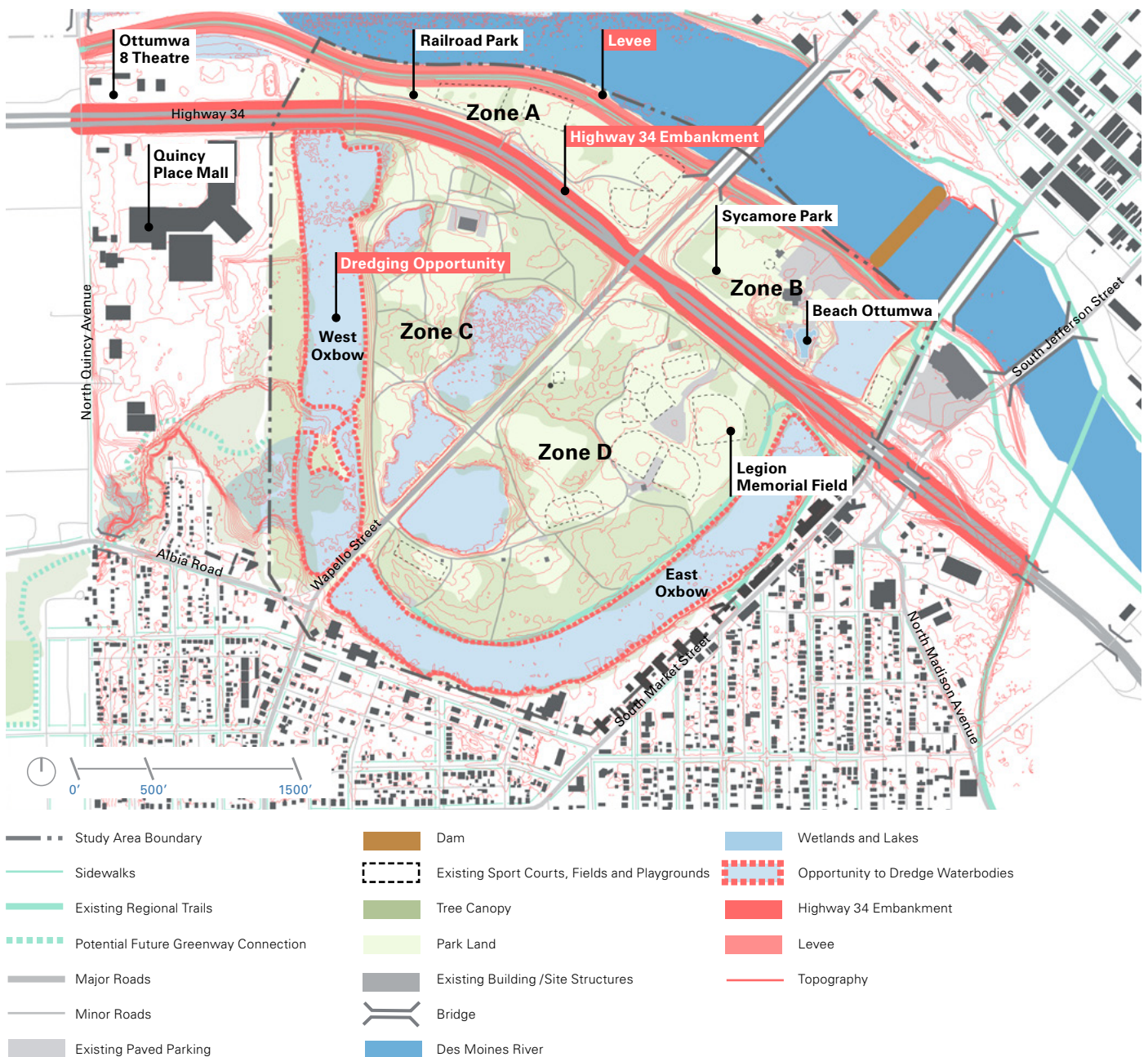
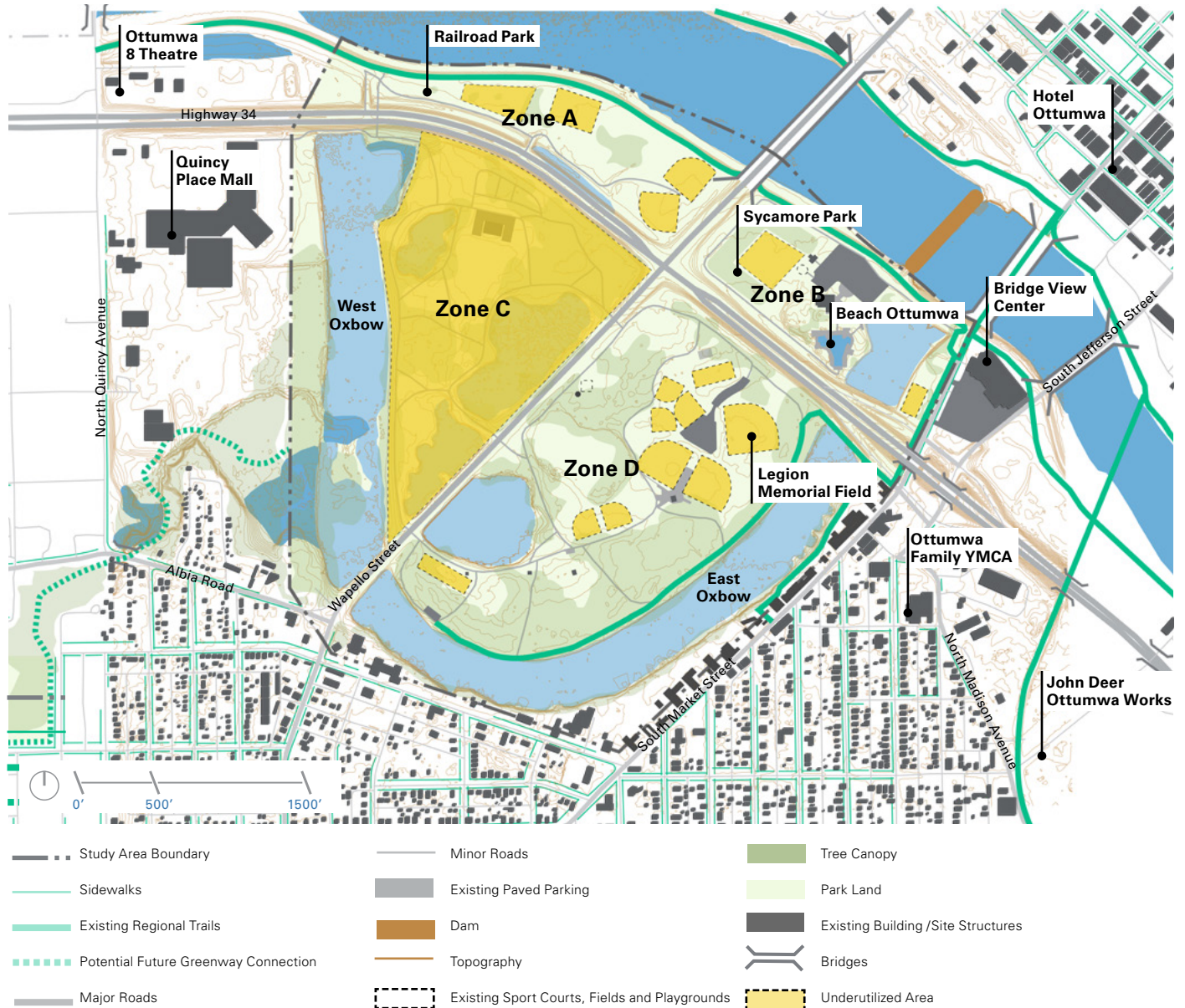


Figure 24: Underutilized Areas



Opportunities to Enhance Programming

Even with the multitude of sports courts and fields, a large majority of Greater Ottumwa Park remains as open space for playing, walking and passive recreation (Figure 6). The future reorganization of sports facilities, expanding fields and the addition of new programmed areas will accommodate league tournaments and ensure the park is equipped to safely host larger and more frequent gatherings while reducing the amount of coordination needed to share facilities between multiple user groups. These potential improvements could also increase opportunities for use of the smaller interior lakes, oxbow lakes and Des Moines River for fishing, paddling and viewing. Beach Ottumwa in Zone B and the Jimmy Jones shelter in Zone C are currently isolated from other park amenities and the open space that surrounds each facility has the potential to offer more and diversified event spaces, expand RV and tent camping and increase the number of covered picnic and concession areas.

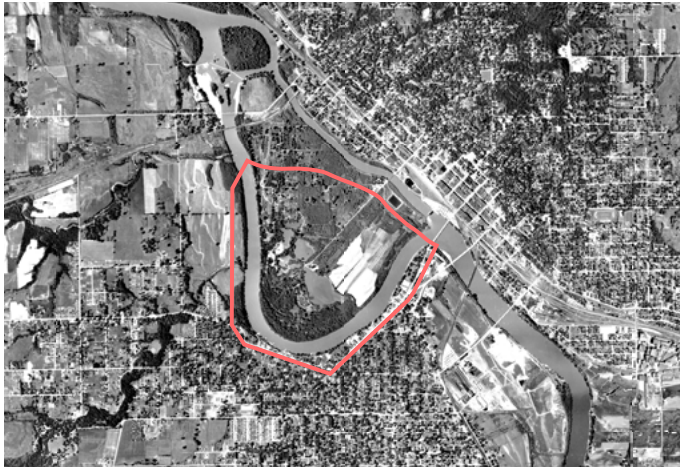
SITE INVENTORY AND ANALYSIS

Oxbow Lagoon

The size and path of the oxbow that feeds into the Des Moines River has transformed over time. As early as 1930, aerial photography revealed the northernmost region of the lake featured a smaller island, known today as Turkey Island. When the park and oxbow were divided by Highway 34 (seen in the aerials from 1950 to 1970), Turkey Island's land mass increased and a widening of the oxbow's riverbanks is visible.



1930 - Aerial



1950 - Aerial



1970 - Aerial



1990 - Aerial



2010 - Aerial



Present Day

The Ottumwa Lagoon (IDNR ID 22900001) is a 59-acre oxbow lake with a maximum depth of 14ft. It is a popular fishing resource for the City of Ottumwa and according to the Iowa DNR black crappie, channel catfish, and largemouth bass are present. The Ottumwa Lagoon is located adjacent to the Des Moines River and is currently surrounded by a city park and development.

Dredging

Over the years the oxbow has seen increased sedimentation resulting in shallow water that does not support the water recreation the community desires. As such, this plan proposes that the oxbow lake is dredged and water routes are created for paddlers and kayak users. Key considerations and potential regulatory constraints for dredging the Ottumwa Lagoon are listed below.

- Dredging method: The approach used to dredge the materials will impact costs and would be evaluated in the feasibility study phase. The potential methods include draining and scraping the lake or hydraulic dredging.
- Dewatering: The method by which the dredged material will be dewatered and where it will be transported and disposed of will impact costs and permitting.
 - Location of dewatering sites, the further the material needs to be transported the higher the costs.
 - Confined Disposal Facility (CDF) vs. Rapid Dewatering System (RDS)
 - CDF requires significant land area and long-term management
 - RDS requires staging area near lake for equipment and rapid dewatering and effluent from dewatering may be required to be treated to meet state surface water quality criteria.
 - Using the dredged materials for beneficial uses for other components of the master plan project or nearby projects as planned could greatly reduce dredging costs. Determining if the dredged materials are suitable for beneficial use will be evaluated in the feasibility phase.
- Site characteristics that will affect design, environmental review, permitting, and construction.
 - Bathymetry: a detailed bathymetric survey to establish existing sediment elevations and determine volume of dredged materials
 - Sediment: the physical and chemical composition of the sediment are important to determine what type of equipment is suitable for dredging and dewatering. Presence of debris may also pose issues to dredging operations.
 - Potential contaminants present in dredged materials
 - Utilities: Presence and location of utilities will need to be known and may cause issues with dredging.
 - Structures: Any structures in or adjacent to the oxbows should be evaluated to determine if dredging will impact the integrity of the structures.
 - Sensitive Natural Features and Species: Presence of sensitive natural features, endangered and threatened species will need to be investigated to determine if they are present in the area.
- Permitting
 - Iowa Joint Application DNR Form 36: Assists applicant in initiating the permit process with both DNR and USACE for construction, excavation or filling in a water of the state or on a floodplain. https://www.iowadnr.gov/Portals/idnr/uploads/water/floodplain/fp_form36instructions.pdf
 - Section 404 of the Clean Water Act Permit: The USACE regulates impacts to waters of the U.S. in accordance with the Federal Clean Water Act (CWA). Section 404 of the CWA regulates discharges of dredged and fill materials into Waters of the U.S. An Individual Permit (IP) may be required depending on the extent of impacts of the project. The Joint Application DNR Form 36 will be used to fulfill this.
 - Clean Water Act – Part 401 Certification: Management of dredge return water will need to meet the water quality requirements of the Clean Water Act. The Joint Application DNR Form 36 will be used to fulfill this.
 - Iowa DNR Water Use Permit: Potentially required if dredging exceeds the threshold of withdrawing 25,000 gallons in a 24-hour period.
 - Iowa Storm Water General Permits: NPDES Construction Stormwater Permits would be required.

RELEVANT STUDIES

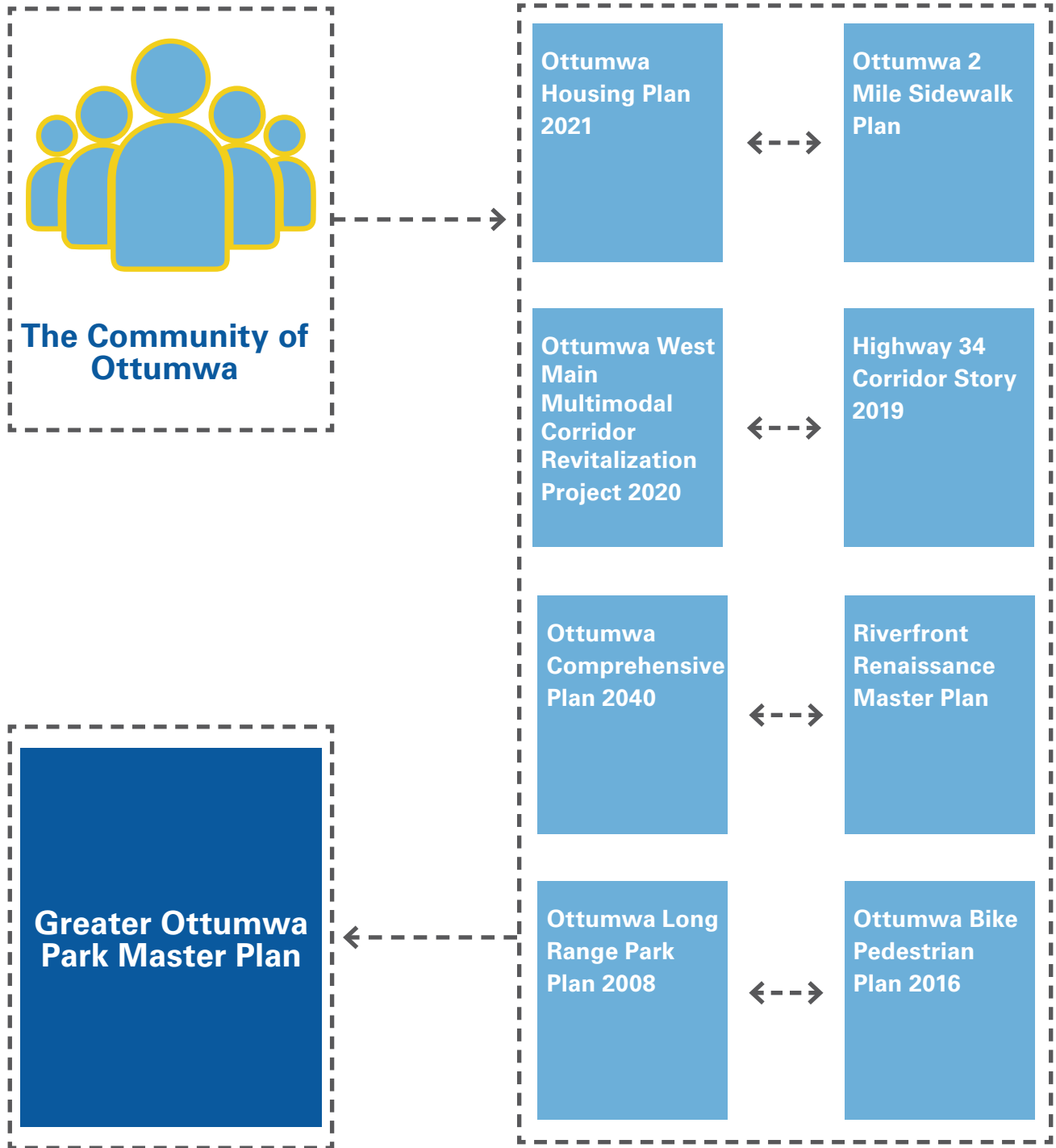




Figure 25: Our Ottumwa 2040 Comprehensive Plan, cover image

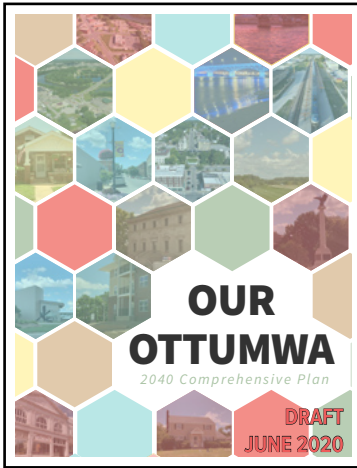
Relevant Studies

The Master Plan for Greater Ottumwa Park is a reflection of many years of hard work and advocacy by the community. Reviewing previous studies informed the planning process and celebrated these efforts. Previous plans made substantial progress in categorizing priorities outlined by the community and potential costs of improvements. Past plans also took inventory of existing facilities and resources throughout Ottumwa and of current projects of the times. Highlighting strategies for infrastructure and transportation development has sustained the life of previous studies as tools for identifying next steps for projects throughout the city for years to come.

RELEVANT STUDIES

Plan

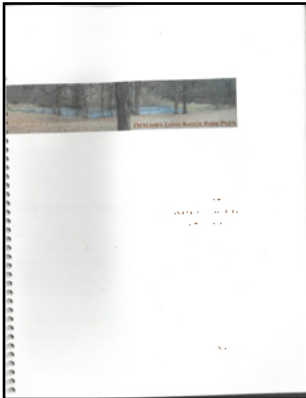
Comprehensive Plan 2040



Key Findings / Needs

- Stakeholders identified riverfront activation as one of the greatest opportunities for the City of Ottumwa.
- Stakeholders desire more lighting, paved sidewalks, riverfront access and public space along their riverfront.
- The most needed park amenities are indoor recreation space, outdoor recreation complex with multi-sports fields and trails.
- The community identified a need for more water recreation and outdoor activities in their community.
- A vision for Greater Ottumwa Park includes consolidating baseball and softball.
- Ottumwa Park is located in the 100-Year Floodplain.

Long Range Park Plan 2007



Objectives included:

- Inspect the existing facilities.
- Review the documents and recommendations.
- Prepare estimates and layout maps.
- Make recommendations for approval by the city or inclusion in future budgets.

Riverfront Renaissance Master Plan



Principles identified from community input require the Plan to:

- Honor the rich history of Ottumwa.
- Be authentic.
- The riverfront is a place for everyone.
- Embrace synergy.
- Respect the natural environment.
- Be of top quality.
- Contribute to the prosperity of the community.
- Be achievable.

Summary

This plan emphasizes three main categories: housing, quality of life, and growth. A large portion of the growth is credited to embracing diversity and civic engagement. Manufacturing and Health Care/Social Assistance are two of the major industries identified by employees as of 2017. Public participation has been promoted by project branding, public workshops, leadership academy exercises, key stakeholder interviews, community surveys and city council workshops.

Streams are a major player in the history of Ottumwa as well as the current watersheds. There is a strong emphasis on the protection and enhancement of the community's natural resources. The riverfront creates an opportunity for protection and expansion, alongside the community's natural resources.

Supported housing types are affordable entry level housing, single family homes/townhouses, senior-focused options and increased regulation and inspection of rental housing. One of Ottumwa's strengths is being an economic bullseye (large area with multi-modal options), although the moderate to low income of the residents is a weakness and poses several social challenges. Ottumwa is the transportation hub for southern Iowa.

The purpose of this plan was to assist City Council members, Park and Recreation Advisory Board members and City staff in making decisions about park and recreation issues to ensure current and future residents have the opportunity to participate in an acceptable range of park and recreation activities in a safe and convenient, and aesthetically pleasing environment. The planning process was conducted in three tasks:

1. Goal prioritization
2. Needs assessment
3. Conceptual Master Plans and Implementation Costs Opinions

This plan outlined concepts for a pedestrian tunnel to make circulation more pedestrian friendly, as well as a festival lawn towards the center of the site, with more defined edges than the current land use. Zip lines were proposed to connect tree houses and enhance the camping experience. The Bridge View District is the spotlight program space for the community to interact with the river.

RELEVANT STUDIES

Plan

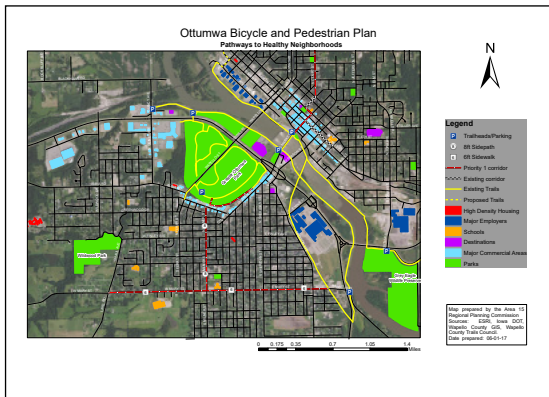
Key Findings / Needs

Greater Ottumwa Soccer Complex



Study details a financial forecast for the Greater Ottumwa Soccer Complex.

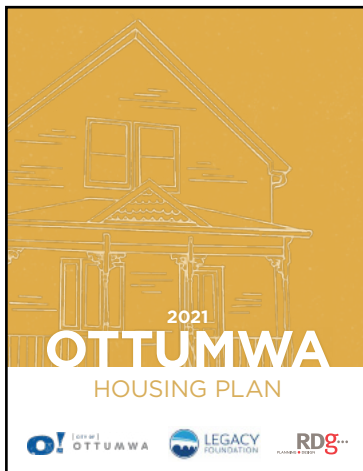
Trails Master Pan



Corridors identified from community input were:

- Scenic corridor runs from Quincy Place Mall to Wildwood Park.
- The Priority 1 corridor runs from E. Rochester Street north of Greater Ottumwa Park to Mary Street south of the park. Priority corridors 2-4 branch off of priority 1 to reach further into neighborhoods.

Housing Study



As a tool to identify next steps in moving the housing market forward the Action Strategy sought to:

- Establish a blueprint for new public policy and programs geared toward different housing products.
- Stimulate conversation on existing programs and level of funding.
- Show builders and developers the high demand for housing products in Ottumwa, and the price points needed.
- Motivate other partners and employers to get involved in solutions, including staff assistance, housing development, or direct funding of programs.
- Show residents the opportunities available to them to improve their homes and living conditions.

Summary

The document included an outline of programming products and services, quantities, dimensions and footprint sizes for the various fields, support and maintenance buildings and parking at the complex. Potential capital costs and start-up expenses for an outdoor facility, soft cost of operations and use of proceeds are also included.

A financial performance summary determined total revenue, expenses and economic impact. Overhead expenses for the complex are categorized as facility expenses, operating expenses, management payroll, taxes and benefits.

Maps prepared by the Area 15 Regional Planning Commission emphasized the use of bicycle and pedestrian routes as pathways to creating healthier neighborhoods. Trailheads/parking, sidepaths, sidewalks, scenic corridors, priority corridors, existing corridors, existing and proposed trails, high density housing, major employers, schools destinations, major commercial areas are included in the map legends.

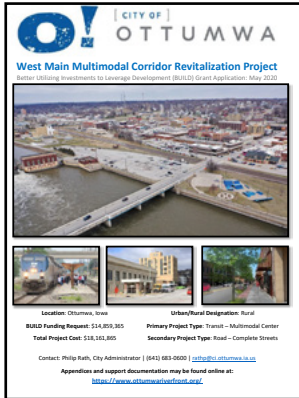
This plan highlighted housing needs in Ottumwa and revealed a severe lack of rental properties, forcing many residents to be displaced if unable to purchase a home. Ottumwa has a large proportion of residents age 0-15, leading to high demand for home rentals to accommodate children. Spatially the areas populated by young families were south of Richmond. Ottumwa has a lower medium home value than peer cities as of 2019.

Quality of life/security was reduced due to missing sidewalks and established pedestrian circulation patterns. Redevelopment opportunities present in blighted areas or vacant land and would require the relocation of existing residents. Influences on the housing market were identified at the macro, regional, and local levels.

RELEVANT STUDIES

Plan

West Main Multimodal Corridor Revitalization Project



Key Findings / Needs

- Prioritized security and human comfort aspects include pedestrian centered circulation and improved lighting structures.
- A proposed infill site on the Washington Street parking lot will increase the number of residents that can walk to the multimodal station and Main Street businesses.
- A multimodal transit station will improve existing conditions and vital infrastructure.
- Private development priorities are downtown housing, riverfront housing, and electric park (combination interpretive art hydro-electric power asset, enhanced pedestrian facilitation, riverfront green space and private development).

I-29/Highway 34 Master Plan



In anticipation of a new bridge crossing the Missouri River, Mills County hired a consultant to develop a highway master plan to bring light to:

- The excellent opportunity for new development along I-29 and Highway 34 corridors and immediate area.
- Economic development potential and the County's willingness to promote and manage the development that will occur.
- The need to create zoning overlay districts to tailor development specifically for the identified area to ensure quality development.

Summary

The City of Ottumwa submitted an application for BUILD grant funding to establish a multimodal hub at the depot currently serving as an Amtrack station, providing access to local, regional and national passenger transportation networks. The total estimated cost for the project is \$18,161,865. Approximately 82% (\$14,859,365) of the project funds were requested with the BUILD funding application. The West Main Multimodal Corridor Revitalization Project would improve access to and enhance the operations of several modes of transportation within the City of Ottumwa and across the region. The project would provide local benefit by improving infrastructure conditions, enhancing intermodal connectivity, supporting infill development opportunities for workforce and senior housing and other environmental and health benefits that enhance livability within the community.

This plan set the overall strategy for current and future development of the new transportation route. The Plan allows the County to be proactive in developing and protecting one of the “gateways” into Mills County. Options for an efficient and effective transportation system to service all of the study area and create maximum exposure along important highway corridors were developed. Six land use concept plans were formed to locate general types of land uses based on the County’s targeted businesses. A conceptual site layout plan identified the types and size of businesses, roads, trails, etc. Minimum design standards articulated design principles and offered guidelines and standards for development within the study area to assist local planning officials and prospective developers in understanding the County’s minimum decision criteria for on-site development. Design standards were incorporated into a proposed Corridor Overlay Zoning District and adopted by the County.

PRECEDENTS

The design team identified and evaluated sports complex precedents. By exploring project precedents, trends and patterns for field layouts and parking expectations were formed.

Prairie Ridge Sports Complex

City of Ankeny, IA
Population = 67,887



16 Baseball Fields
6 Softball Fields
(6 are lighted)



12 Tennis Courts



9 Soccer Fields (4 are lighted)



5 Football Fields



1,200+ Parking Stalls

TBK Bank Sports Complex

City of Bettendorf, IA
Population = 35,919



10 Lighted Baseball or Softball Fields



2 lighted turf Soccer fields
2 full-size grass Soccer Fields



Indoor Volleyball



1,500+ Parking Stalls

Walker Johnston Softball Complex

City of Urbandale, IA
Population = 43,441



4 Softball Fields



8 Tennis Courts



550 Parking Stalls

Lew Clarkson Softball Complex

City of Johnston, IA

Population = 21,406



9 Baseball Fields
7 Softball Fields



430+ Parking Stalls

Sam Wise Youth Complex

City of Altoona IA

Population = 18,458



7 Baseball Fields
5 Softball Fields



7 Soccer Fields (plus additional field area)

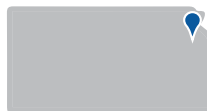


400+ Parking Stalls

College Boulevard Activity Center

City of Olathe, KS

Population = 141,290



3 Baseball Fields
2 Softball Fields



12 Tennis Courts



1 Soccer Field



1 Football Field



1,883 Parking Stalls

PRECEDENTS

The design team identified and amphitheater precedents. By exploring project precedents, amphitheater capacity and programming expectations were formed.

Laurisden Amphitheater and Killinger Family Stage at Water Works Park *Des Moines, IA*

Size/Capacity:

- Amphitheater engages large Innovation Field allowing for events ranging from 2,000-25,000.
- Killinger Family Stage engages Hubbell Celebration Lawn for smaller crowds less than 2,000.

Challenges or Innovative Interventions:

- No sound barrier

Features:

- ADA/VIP entrances, VIP seating area, merchandise sales, bike valet, valet parking, parking shuttle drop off/pick up, uber/lift/cab drop off/pick up.

Events:

- Various traveling concerts

Jamie Hurd Amphitheater

West Des Moines, IA

Size/Capacity:

- Stage can host up to 55 musicians.
- Lawn seating for up to 2,000.

Challenges or Innovative Interventions:

- Cast-in-place concrete walls, treated with color and form liner which conceal the stage support and AV areas from viewers.

Features:

- Located opposite a pond from the West Des Moines City Hall and West Des Moines Public Library.

Events:

- West Des Moines Community Band (free home concert season May-September).



Figure 26: Laurisdan Amphitheater and Killing Family Stage at Water Works Park



Figure 27: Jamie Hurd Amphitheater

PRECEDENTS

The design team identified and amphitheater precedents. By exploring project precedents, amphitheater capacity and programming expectations were formed.

Avenue of the Saints Amphitheater

Saint Charles, IA

Size/Capacity:

- Lawns can host up to 18,000.

Challenges or Innovative Interventions:

- Standing room only, hills offer scenic views ideal for large families.

Features:

- Located at the heart of St. Charles, provides a wealth of food and beverage options.

Events:

- Hinterland Music Festival

RiverLoop Amphitheater & Exposition Plaza

Waterloo, IA

Size/Capacity:

- Fixed seating for up to 600 and can accommodate up to 1000 or more in open areas.

Challenges or Innovative Interventions:

- Recently redeveloped downtown park and amphitheater on along Cedar River.
- Adjacent to mixed-use residential.

Features:

- Centrally located in proximity to Waterloo Center for the Arts, Phelps Youth Pavilion and Mark's Park.

Events:

- Waterloo Municipal Band (June-July), Summer Film Series (June-September), Summer Music Series (May-August)

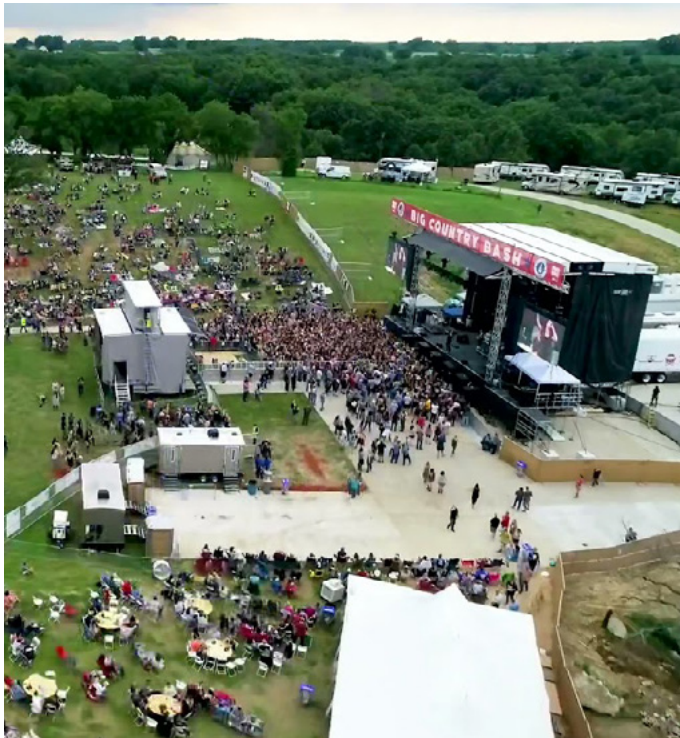


Figure 28: Avenue of the Saints Amphitheater

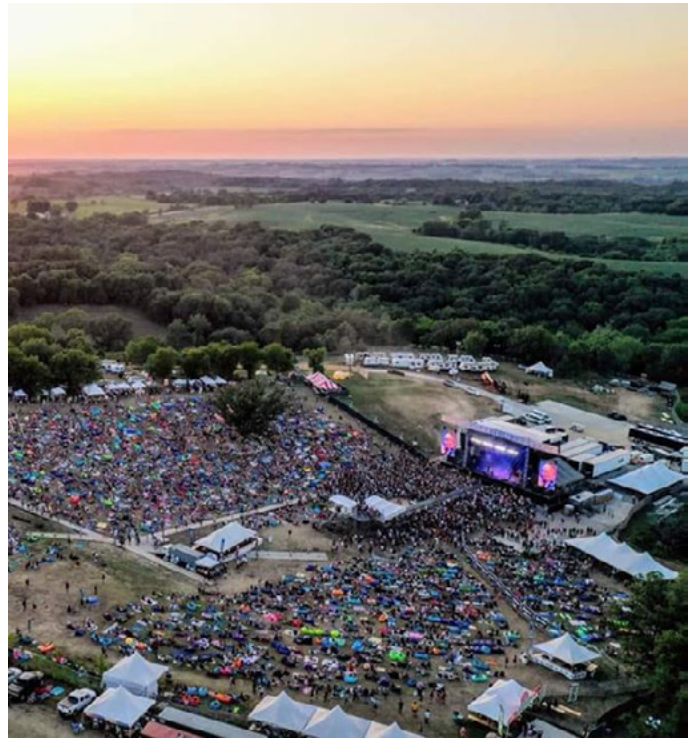
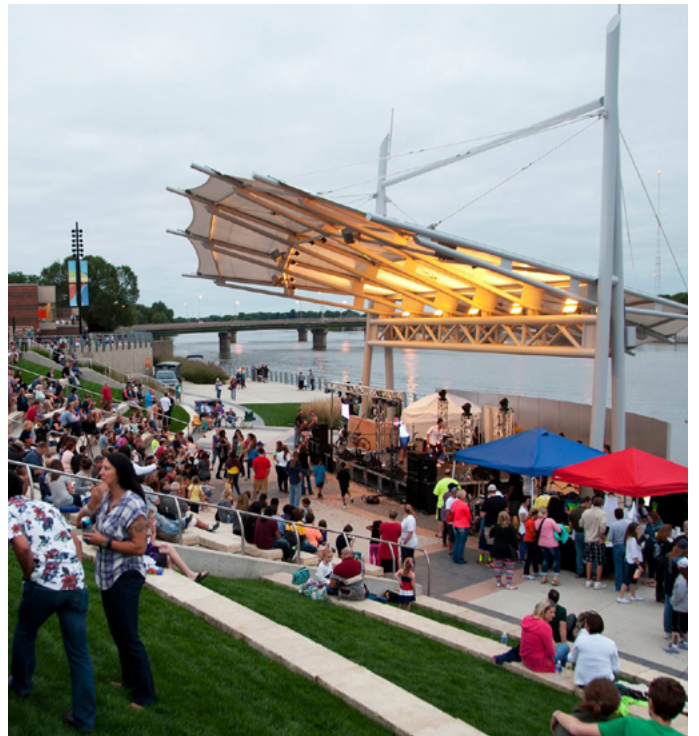


Figure 29: RiverLoop Amphitheater & Exposition Plaza



PRECEDENTS

Parking Ratios

Parking ratios were developed through the design team's evaluation of comparable precedent sites on a national and local level. Studied precedents local to Iowa included the Prairie Ridge Sports Complex in Ankeny, TBK Bank Sports Complex in Bettendorf, Walker Johnson Softball Complex in Urbandale, Lew Clarkson Softball Complex in Johnston and the Sam Wise Youth Complex in Altoona.


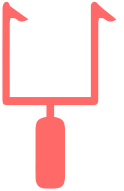




Sport Amenity	Recommended Parking
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10-15 stalls per Baseball/Softball field
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10-15 stalls per Football field
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10-20 stalls per Soccer field
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5-10 stalls per Basketball court
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5 stalls per Volleyball court
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 stalls per Tennis court



Figure 30: Existing parking at the Dan Staggs tennis courts



Figure 31: Existing parking at Legion Memorial Field

PROGRAM TESTING



Figure 32: Program Testing - baseball and softball field configuration

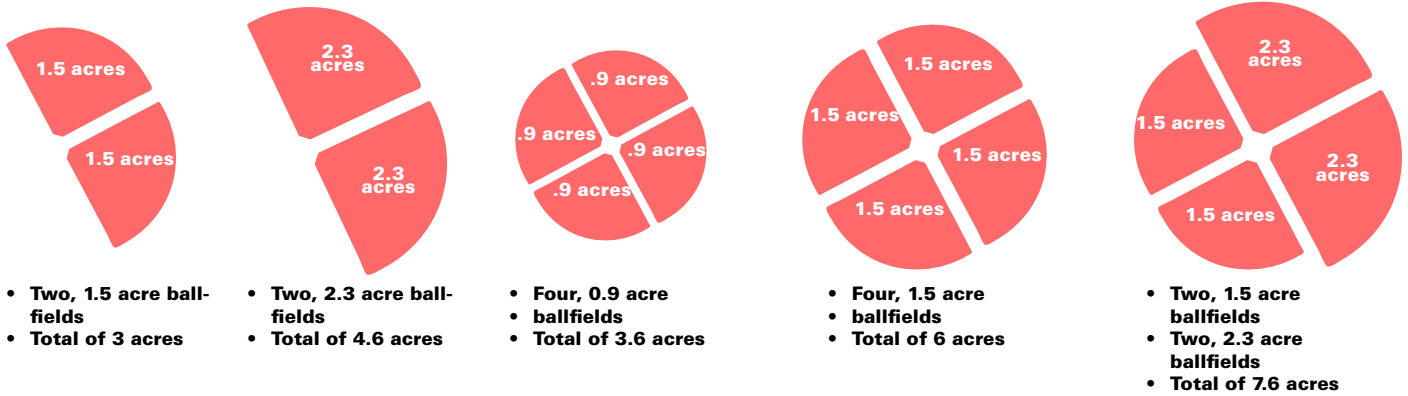


Baseball and Softball Field Optimum Configuration

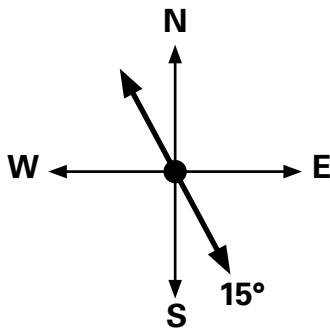
The design team created layouts to test program configurations for optimum solar orientation and to gauge the feasibility of providing the desired number of facilities identified during stakeholder discussions. The layout options on the above park diagram above (Figure 10) show potential ways to get the desired baseball fields to fit within Greater Ottumwa Park. Each zone was evaluated for their compatibility with the baseball programming goals identified during community engagement. It was determined that Zone D provides the greatest opportunity to expand baseball and softball programming without compromising existing strengths in park programming.

OPTIMUM BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL CONFIGURATION

Desired: 12+ Ballfields and updates to the existing Legion Field



Based on discussions with the Ottumwa baseball community the diagrams above depict potential optimized layouts of desired baseball fields.



Solar Orientation

Special consideration for optimized solar orientation indicates arranging baseball fields 15 degrees from true north.



Parking

Estimated Parking for 16 fields
1.8 acres
240 parking spaces



Lighting

Zone A Scenario

- Pros:
 - None
- Cons:
 - Not large enough to accommodate program

Zone B Scenario

- Pros:
 - None
- Cons:
 - Not large enough to accommodate program

Zone C Scenario

- Pros:
 - Large enough to accommodate 14 fields
- Cons:
 - Requires relocation of concert lawn and picnic shelter

Zone D Scenario

- Pros:
 - Does not require relocation of existing baseball/ softball allowing phased development
 - Large enough to accommodate 16 fields
- Cons:
 - Potential conflict with tennis complex location

PROGRAM TESTING

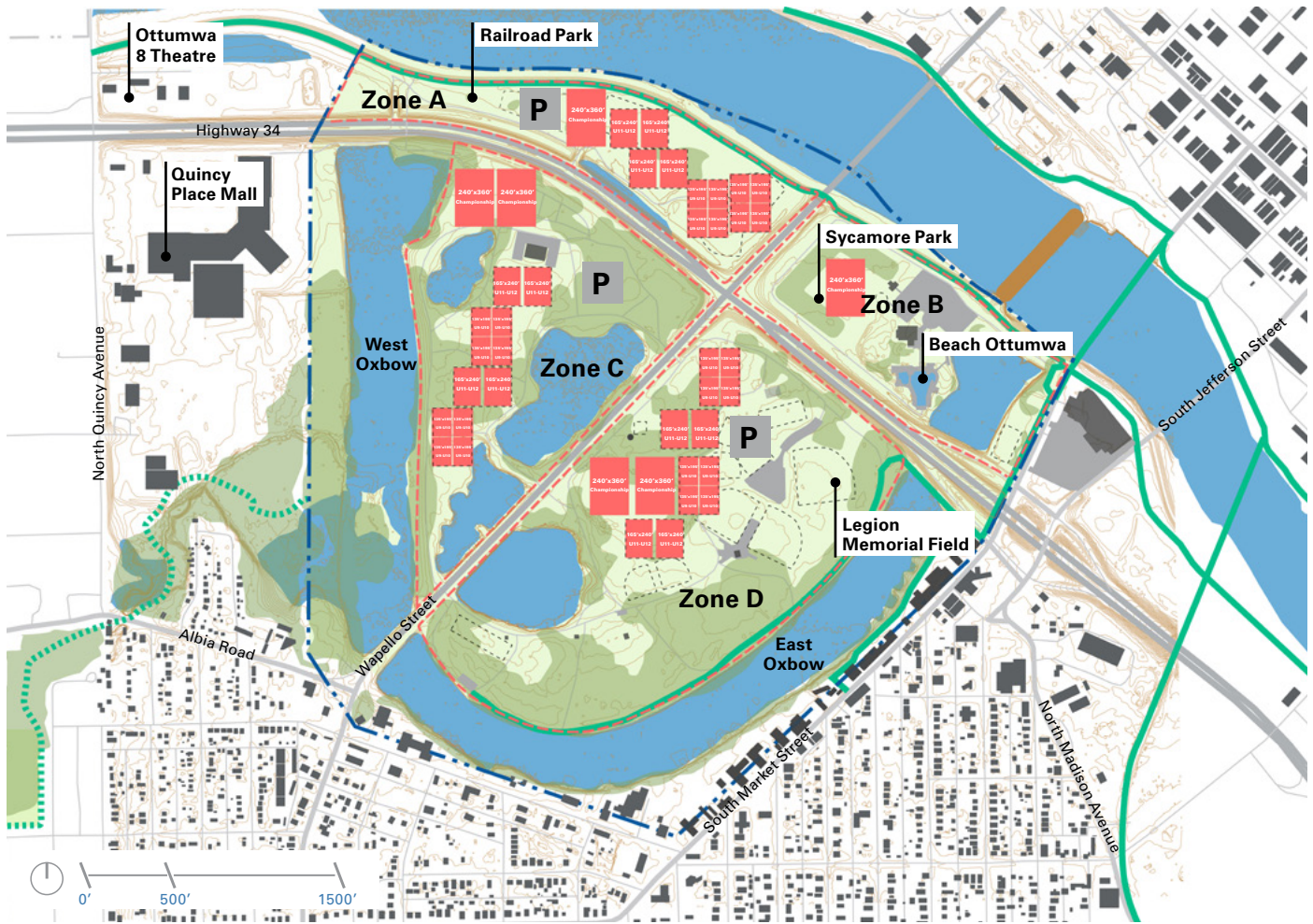


Figure 33: Program Testing - soccer field configuration

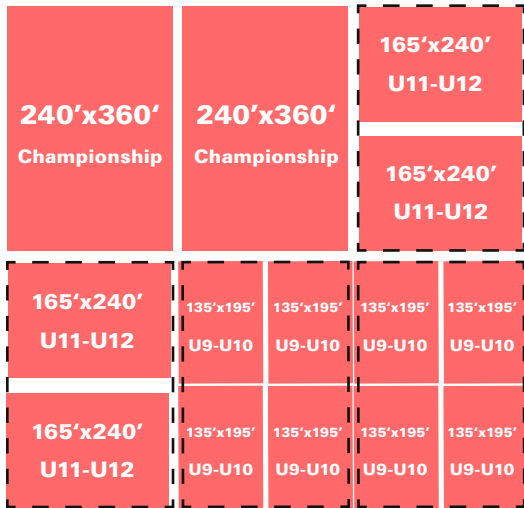


Soccer Field Optimum Configuration

Community and stakeholder input identified the desire for 12 soccer fields with three different regulatory requirements. Soccer fields would be flexible so that the arrangement can be reconfigured for the rotation of multiple age groups. The layout options on the park diagram above (Figure 11), show potential locations for a soccer complex within Greater Ottumwa Park. The optimum soccer configuration shows the most efficient layout for twelve soccer fields. However, this arrangement if implemented in Ottumwa Park, would result in the removal of trees and existing park structures. Therefore, the design team has explored other configurations that provide expanded programming for soccer while also celebrating the existing conditions within the park that contribute to a positive visitors experience such as existing heritage trees.

OPTIMUM SOCCER CONFIGURATION

Desired: 12 Soccer Fields



- **Championship Fields**
 - 240'x360'
 - 86,000sf or 2 acres
- **U11-U12 Fields**
 - 165'x240'
 - 40,000sf or 0.9 acres
- **U9-U10 Fields**
 - 135'x195'
 - 26,000sf or 0.6 acres

Based on discussions with the Ottumwa soccer community, the soccer diagram above depicts a potential optimized layout of a new soccer complex.

The dashed lines surrounding the diagram above demonstrate championship sized fields accommodating multiple, smaller field sizes.

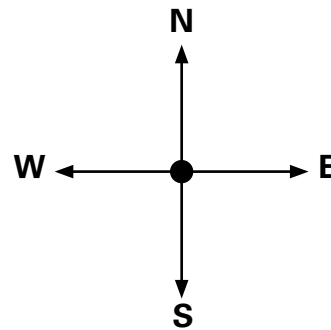


Parking

Estimated Parking for 16 fields
2.4 acres
320 parking spaces



Lighting



Solar Orientation

Special consideration for optimized solar orientation indicates arranging soccer fields true north.

Zone A Scenario

- Pros:
 - Keeps soccer in current location
 - Large enough to accommodate program
- Cons:
 - Requires relocation of dog park

Zone B Scenario

- Pros:
 - Proximate to recreation center
- Cons:
 - Does not accommodate program

Zone C Scenario

- Pros:
 - Large enough to accommodate program
- Cons:
 - Requires relocation of concert lawn and picnic shelter
 - Creates excessive activity near camping

Zone D Scenario

- Pros:
 - Area is large enough to accommodate program
- Cons:
 - Requires relocation of baseball/softball

PROGRAM TESTING



Figure 34: Program Testing - tennis court configuration



Tennis Court Optimum Configuration

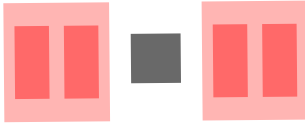
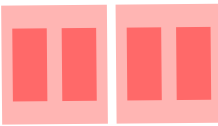
The layout options on the above park diagram (Figure 12) show potential ways to get the desired tennis courts to fit within Greater Ottumwa Park. The layout options at the right show the most efficient method for laying out courts based on the solar orientation. The smaller footprint of the tennis court complex allows for its location to be more flexible and it can be located in different park zones. Based on the locations of existing structures and feedback from stakeholders, Zone B was identified as the preferred location for additional tennis courts and associated amenities.

OPTIMUM TENNIS CONFIGURATION

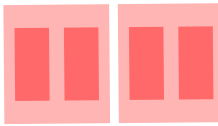
Desired: 12 Court Complex, UTSA regulation-sized courts



- 12-Court Complex
- 240'x410'
- 100,000sf or 2.3 acres



- 12-Court Complex with Pro Shop 360'x410'
- 150,000sf or 3.4 acres



Based on discussions with the Ottumwa tennis community, the tennis diagrams above depict potential optimized layouts of desired tennis courts.

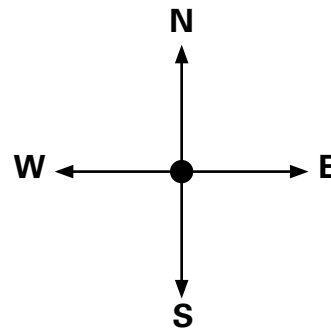


Parking

Estimated Parking for 12 courts
.2 acres
24 parking spaces



Lighting



Solar Orientation

Special consideration for optimized solar orientation indicates arranging tennis courts true north.

Zone A Scenario

- Pros:
 - Large enough to accommodate program
- Cons:
 - Requires restroom and parking development to be added
 - Potential conflict with soccer

Zone B Scenario

- Pros:
 - Large enough to accommodate program
 - Tennis court paired with future indoor facilities
 - Tennis court share pro shop with future pickleball
 - Tennis is proximate to existing parking
- Cons:
 - None

Zone C Scenario

- Pros:
 - Large enough to accommodate program
- Cons:
 - Conflicts with baseball/softball complex

Zone D Scenario

- Pros:
 - Large enough to accommodate program
- Cons:
 - Brings active sports into a currently passive area

PROGRAM TESTING



Figure 35: Program Testing - pickleball court configuration



Pickleball Court Configuration

The layout options on the park diagram above (Figure 13), show potential locations for a pickleball courts within Greater Ottumwa Park. Pickleball courts have the smallest footprint of the sport courts identified as priority programming. Pickleball courts can be located in several locations throughout the different park zones. Existing conditions analysis also showed the potential to re-stripe the existing tennis courts to be utilized as pickleball courts.

OPTIMUM PICKLEBALL CONFIGURATION

Desired: Pickleball Courts



- 44'x20' single pickleball court
- 110'x232' 12-court complex
- 255,000sf or 5.85 acres

Based on discussions with the Ottumwa tennis community, the diagram to above depicts a potential optimized layout of desired pickleball courts.

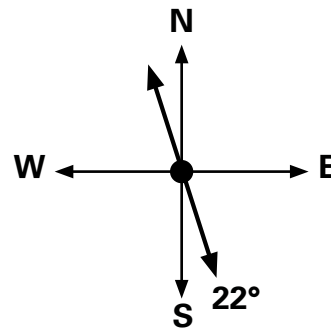


Parking

Estimated Parking for 12 courts
 .2 acres
 24 parking spaces



Lighting



Solar Orientation

Special consideration taken for optimized solar orientation indicates pickleball courts should be arranged at 22 degrees from true north for visual clarity when playing.

Zone A Scenario

- Pros:
 - Large enough to accommodate program
- Cons:
 - Requires restroom and parking development to be added
 - Potential conflict with soccer

Zone B Scenario

- Pros:
 - Large enough to accommodate program
 - Pickleball courts share pro shop with tennis
 - Pickleball proximate to existing parking
- Cons:
 - None

Zone C Scenario

- Pros:
 - Large enough to accommodate program
- Cons:
 - Disturbs concert lawn

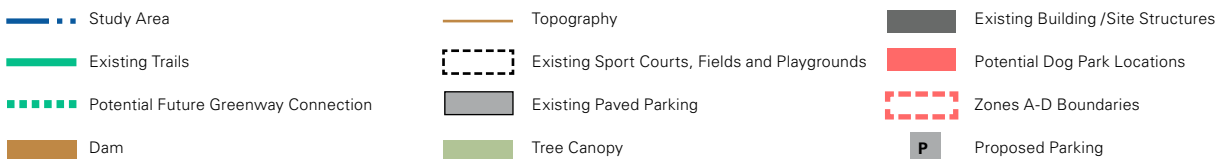
Zone D Scenario

- Pros:
 - Large enough to accommodate program
- Cons:
 - Potential interference with baseball

PROGRAM TESTING



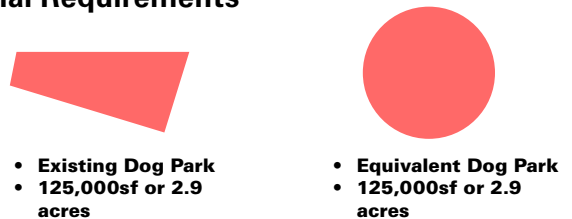
Figure 36: Program Testing - dog park relocation or addition



Potential Dog Park Relocation or Addition

Residents and visitors to Ottumwa desire space for an off leash Dog Park within the park. The current dog park is located in Zone A (Figure 14). Stakeholders indicated an openness to relocating the dog park to a more advantageous zone to expand its foot print for inclusion of a large dog area and a small dog area. Due to the user needs and maintenance needs of dog parks, several locations have been identified where users can benefit from existing shade canopies.

Spatial Requirements



Parking

Estimated parking for Dog Park
0.2 acres
25 parking spaces



Figure 37: Program Testing - playground relocation or addition



Potential Playground Relocation or Addition

Most of the existing playgrounds in Ottumwa park are located on the southern edge of Zone D (Figure 15). Stakeholders overwhelmingly expressed a desire for more play experiences in the park as well as the need for greater consideration of users and their various mobility and education needs. Users also indicated a desire to have play in multiple zones of Ottumwa Park in order to provide supportive programming for sports fields.

Spatial Requirements

- Existing Playground
 • 55,000sf or 1.3 acres
- Equivalent Playground
 • 55,000sf or 1.3 acres



Parking

Estimated parking for Playground Park
 0.2 acres
 25 parking spaces

PROGRAM TESTING



Figure 38: Program Testing - campground relocation or addition



Potential Campground Relocation or Addition

The Ottumwa Park Campground is an essential part of the park’s infrastructure providing seasonal use while also supporting revenue around significant events held in the park (Figure 16). Stakeholders expressed a desired to expand and enhance campground infrastructure, and they were also open to the idea of relocating the campground to another area of the park if appropriate.

Spatial Requirements

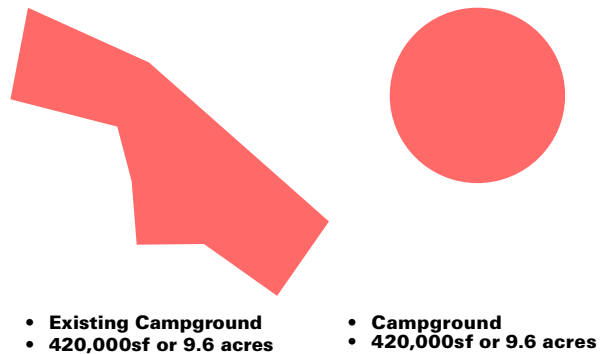




Figure 39: Program Testing - paddleboard and kayak route



Potential Water Sports

Greater Ottumwa Park’s iconic feature is its oxbow lake (Figure 17). The lake is an asset to the community and potential recreational programming of the park. Over the years the oxbow has seen increased sedimentation resulting in shallow water that does not support the water recreation the community desires. As such, this plan proposes that the oxbow lake is dredged and water routes are created for paddlers and kayak users.



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Greater Ottumwa Park is divided by two primary roadways – South Wapello Street, a city owned roadway, and US Highway 34. Roadways within the park are maintained as recreational facilities as opposed to City Streets. As improvements encroach on US Highway 34, additional coordination and permits through the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) are required. Any work within IDOT Right-of-Way (ROW) should be coordinated early in the design phase and will require a Work in Right-of-Way at minimum. Improvements to Wapello Street outside of IDOT ROW will not require a permit, but modifications to Wapello’s intersection with US 34 will warrant IDOT review and concurrence.

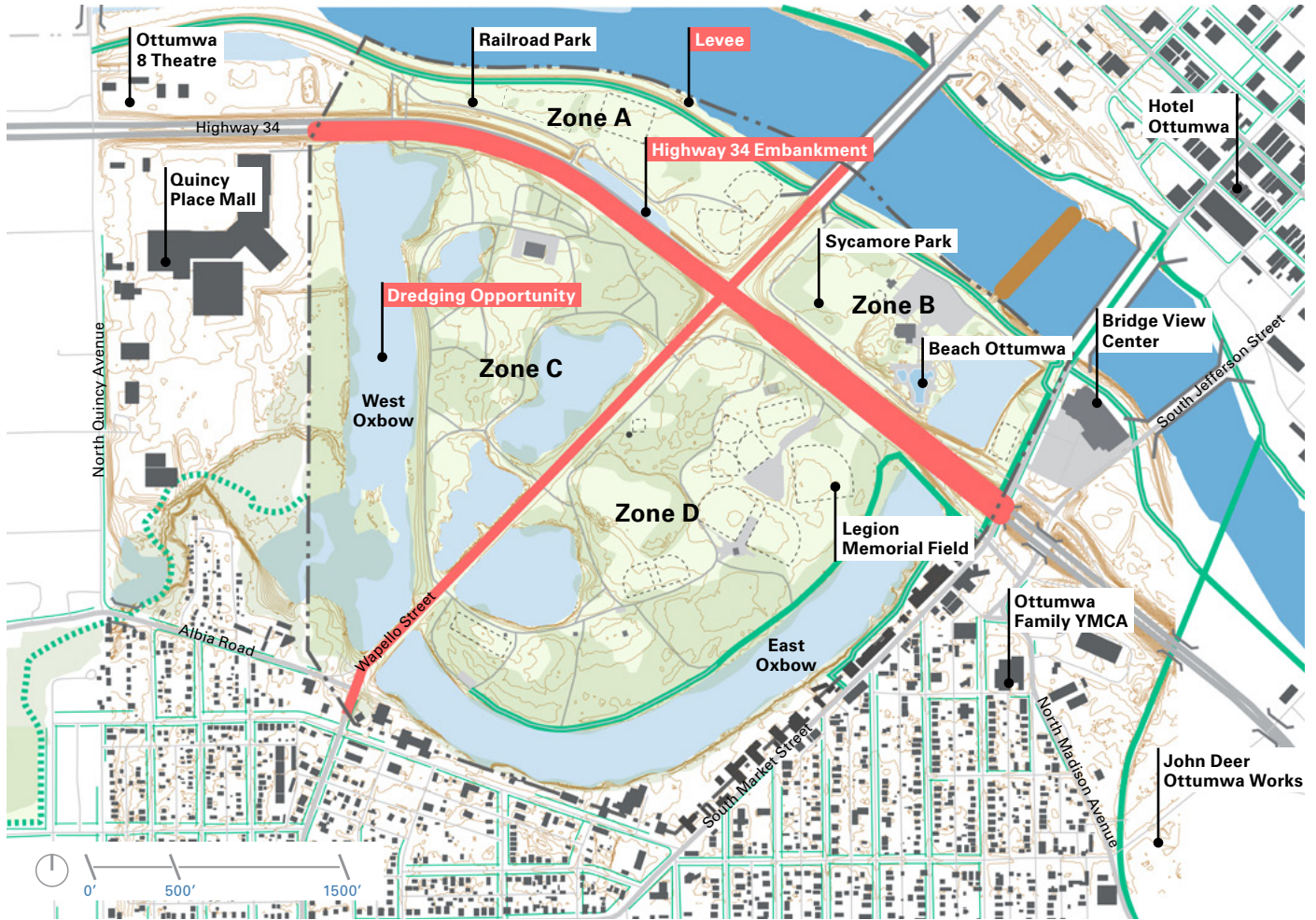
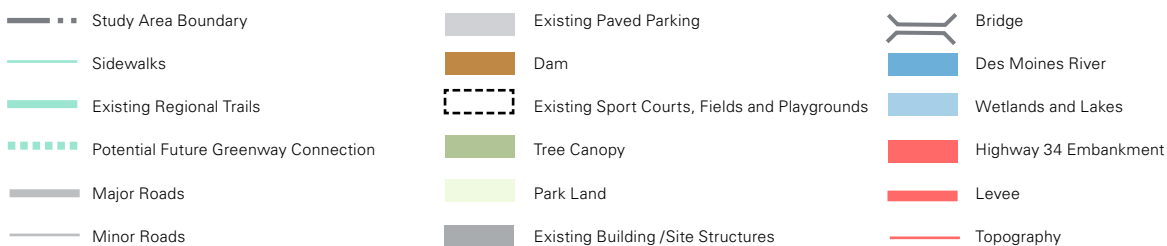


Figure 40: Primary Roadways



Roadway Funding Opportunities

Community Attraction and Tourism (CAT)

This program provides funding for recreational, education, cultural, and entertainment attractions. Eligible CAT projects must primarily be a vertical infrastructure projects with demonstrated substantial regional or statewide economic

impact. Grant funds can be used for land acquisition, building construction or renovation, utilities, site structures, and site development. Typical grant awards range between 10-20% of the total project cost, with a maximum award of \$1 million. Applications are accepted on an annual basis. Additional program information can be found [here](#).

Wellmark Foundation, MATCH Grant

The Wellmark Built Environment MATCH Grant Program supports projects in either Iowa or South Dakota that create public spaces for physical activity or promote healthy food consumption. The maximum grant award is \$100,000 and 1:1 matching funds are required. Applications are accepted on an annual basis and typically due in February. Additional information about this funding source can be found [here](#).

Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG)

This program funds public entities in their construction and planning activities for roadway projects. Eligible projects must be on roadways federally classified as a collector or higher (Wapello Street is classified higher as a Minor Arterial). Grant applications may be submitted at a federal level at a match rate of 80% federal / 20% non-federal, or at a regional level where Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) or Regional Planning Affiliations (RPA's) do not require a match but typically set an amount per project. Applications are accepted on an annual basis, while the review process typically lasts 9 months. Additional information about this funding source can be found [here](#).

Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program (ICAAP)

ICAAP funds roadway and pedestrian projects that help maintain Iowa's clean air quality by reducing transportation-related emissions. Eligible projects must be on roadways federally classified as a collector or higher (Wapello Street is classified higher as a Minor Arterial). Eligible projects will either reduce emissions via traffic flow improvements, reduce vehicle miles of travel, reduce single-occupant vehicle trips, or generally improve air quality or reduce congestion. A local match of 20% is required. Applications are accepted annually by an October 1st deadline, while the review process typically lasts 4 months. Additional information about this funding source can be found [here](#).

Iowa's Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

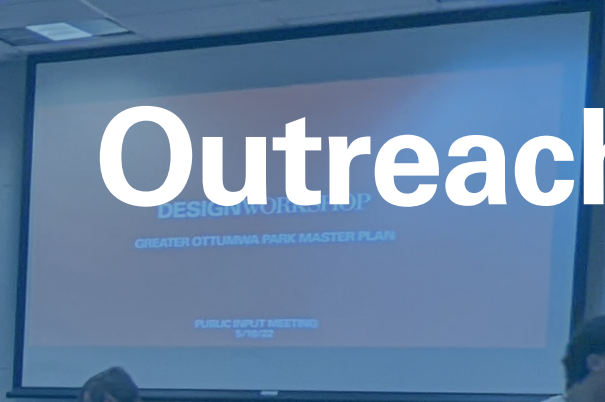
TAP funds are set aside to fund projects defined as transportation alternatives, including pedestrian and bicycle facilities, improvements to non-driver access to public transportation, community improvement, and constructing boulevards largely in the right-of-way of former divided highways. Grant funds are eligible for construction, planning, and design phases of projects. A local match of 20% is required. Applications are accepted annually with deadlines varying depending on the TMA, MPO, or RPA's guidelines. Additional information about this funding source can be found [here](#).

Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)

This new federal program provides funds to public entities and MPO's to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries. Eligible activities include reconfiguring roads for separated bicycle lanes, pedestrian safety improvements, and changing street designs informed by culturally competent education and community outreach. The request must be for either an Action Plan Grant, or an Implementation Grant. Action Plan Grant support supplemental Plan Development and supplemental planning activities, whereas Implementation Grants are for the deployment of identified improvements. Applications are due in September. Additional program information can be found [here](#).



Outreach



PROCESS

Capturing Community Visions and Goals

Parks should be for and by the people. Thus, the design team implemented a citizen driven process which engaged the broader Ottumwa Community. Stakeholder engagement was critical in capturing and confirming the vision, objectives and goals that clearly guide next steps and further establish the foundation for work. This enabled the design team to tailor solutions to the needs of park users.

Goals of the public engagement process for the Master Plan were to:

- » Identify key long-term and seasonal park user groups and create meaningful dialogue with stakeholders.
- » Share project background materials and determine where public feedback will be most meaningful to inform the plan.
- » Feature clear, compelling and educational materials about the master planning process, next steps and future benefits of the park redesign.
- » Build a broad base of support for the Master Plan and position the City to take advantage of funding and partnership opportunities for short- and long-term buildout of the Plan vision.

Engagement Tools

The engagement methods utilized (Figure 2) during this phase created opportunities for residents and stakeholders to contribute their thoughts through an intentional Ottumwa-specific approach. The approach included: one StoryMap outlining the Master Planning process, opportunities, for new and expanded facilities and the importance of public input, two online surveys, four workshop style public meetings and two rounds of meetings with five stakeholder focus groups.

Information gathered during these methods of engagement included:

- » Barriers to park use.
- » Insight and perspective on the needs of specific user groups such as sporting leagues, school, arts and entertainment groups.
- » Preferred redistribution/placement of recreational amenities throughout the park.



Figure 37: Excerpts from project StoryMap

Link to the Greater Ottumwa Park [Storymap](#)

- » Desire for potential oxbow and lagoon improvements for water activities.
- » Preferred streetscape and parking alternatives for Wapello Street and Highway 34.
- » Preferred means of access to food and beverage offerings within the park.
- » Identification of opportunities to improve, grow and connect the City's system of trails.
- » Feedback and direction on preliminary plan concepts and recommendations.
- » Relative value placed on potential improvements and priorities for phased development.

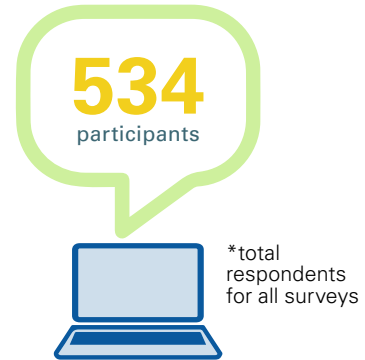
STORYMAP

Provided easy access to project background information on the master planning process and explained why public input is needed.



ONLINE SURVEYS

An interactive opportunity for residents to identify their current use of the park, desired future amenities, and priorities for phasing.



PUBLIC MEETINGS

Provided user-specific insight on considerations for amenity distribution, streetscape and parking alternatives and served as a platform for sharing project updates in a workshop setting.



FOCUS GROUPS AND STAKEHOLDER DISCUSSIONS

Engaged various stakeholders to reveal insight and perspective on the needs of specific user groups ranging from Ottumwa Little League to American Gothic Performing Arts.



Figure 38: Summary of Primary Engagement Methods and Participation

ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY

Survey Takeaways

Survey 1:

- » Age range of most respondents (34-44 years old) correlates with median age of city's population.
- » The need and desire for more exploratory and unstructured play opportunities aligns with trends of young families based on respondent ages.
- » Camping and children's playgrounds are the most sought-after activities/amenities.
- » Lack of restrooms is the largest barrier to park use (Figure 3).
- » Adventure playground and more restrooms were identified to provide the highest future benefits to park users.
- » Additional parking and safe access from downtown and surrounding neighborhoods by way of bike or tunnels that connect the park to the riverfront are the largest transportation and connectivity needs.
- » A new concert stage, amphitheater and improved picnic pavilion are also sought-after amenities.
- » A flexible space (food truck court) is preferred for food and beverage offerings rather than permanent vending locations.
- » The lazy river, tennis complex, and locating pickleball in Zone B were the most desired amenities for Zone B.
- » Alternative 1 with events in Zone C is the preferred approach to development of Zone C.
- » Most respondents like the layout of Zone D and would like to see it built as drawn.
- » Half of respondents would opt to leave camping where it is in Zone C while a quarter of respondents would expand it to Zone D.
- » Most respondents said Zone D should be prioritized when considering phased development.
- » Most respondents like the idea of dredging the Oxbow and using dredge material to shape the park.
- » Most respondents favor the development of a botanical garden and arboretum.
- » Most would like to see fishing docs at interior lakes, boardwalks and the proposed Rowing Center.
- » Half of respondents prefer family-oriented pedal boats within smaller interior lakes to opportunities for more advanced boating within the exterior oxbow lake of the park including a Rowing Center.
- » Most respondents would like all playgrounds to be similar in size, amenities and capacity .

Survey 2:

- » Alternative 1 with soccer in Zone A is the preferred approach to development of Zone A.



Greatest Barriers

Figure 39: Response summary to barriers to park use

PUBLIC MEETINGS #1-2: MAY 2, 2022

GREATER OTTUMWA PARK MASTER PLAN PUBLIC INPUT MEETINGS



The City of Ottumwa is hosting a series of public input meetings for the community to share their thoughts for the needs and desires for Greater Ottumwa Park.

Public input meetings will be hosted at the
Bridge View Center - 102 Church St, Ottumwa, IA 52501
May 18th at 12:00pm and 5:30pm

Food will be provided for both meetings

The purpose of these meetings is to receive public feedback on expanding facilities and programming to increase the capacity of Greater Ottumwa Park as a **regional sports and recreation destination**.

These in person meetings will include presentations and interactive polling that will help the design team **set priorities around a community-based master plan** for the park while considering its role as a community asset and its continued contribution economic development, local character, and as a cultivator of comradery among user groups in Ottumwa. The master plan will rely on public input to recommend the location and character of recreational improvements throughout the Park. **Your input is critical** to defining the needs and desires for the future of Greater Ottumwa Park.

For more information, please contact: Zach Simonson; Community Development Director; City of Ottumwa; simonsonz@ottumwa.us; 641.683.0694

Scan the QR code to the right or use the below link to learn more about the park, the master plan process, and take our survey!

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PUBLIC MEETINGS #3-4: SEPT. 4, 2022

GREATER OTTUMWA PARK MASTER PLAN PUBLIC INPUT MEETINGS



The City of Ottumwa is hosting a series of public input meetings for the community to share their thoughts for the needs and desires for Greater Ottumwa Park.

Public input meetings will be hosted at the
Bridge View Center - 102 Church St, Ottumwa, IA 52501
September 21st at 12:00pm and 5:30pm

Food will be provided for both meetings

The purpose of these meetings is to receive public feedback on potential master plan alternatives designed to expand facilities and programming to increase the capacity of Greater Ottumwa Park as a **regional sports and recreation destination**.

These in person meetings will include presentations and interactive polling that will review design **priorities established by the community** during public input meetings held in May and through the project survey. The potential master plan alternatives have relied on public input to recommend the location and character of recreational improvements throughout the Park to support economic development, local character, and comradery among user groups.

For more information, please contact: Zach Simonson; Community Development Director; City of Ottumwa; simonsonz@ottumwa.us; 641.683.0694

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Figure 40: Public meeting announcements

Public Workshops

During the public workshops attendees had the opportunity to participate in live polling versions of Survey 1 and Survey 2 (Figures 4 and 5). Responses to the surveys in real time closely correlate with trends from online responses with a few exceptions. Key takeaways include:

- » Ottumwa residents prioritize the implementation of parallel parking and crosswalks along Wapello Street followed by slowing traffic to 35 mph or less as top traffic and pedestrian improvements.
- » Stakeholders and community members expressed an important need for bike lanes on Wapello Street.
- » Ottumwa residents said food and beverage options and restroom facilities should be located at the event lawn.
- » Ottumwa residents would most like the Rowing/ Boating Center to be in Zone D (east oxbow lake).
- » The most favored use of oxbow dredge material by Ottumwa residents was creation of a large hill within the park.
- » The top priorities for phased development among Ottumwa stakeholders and community members were Zone B, followed by Zone D.
- » Water recreation opportunities that are most important to community members include more advanced boating within the exterior oxbow lake of the park including a Rowing Center rather than opportunities for family-oriented pedal boats within the smaller interior lakes of the park.
- » Ottumwa residents would most like a new, covered open-air pavilion in Zone B near the volleyball courts at Troeger Park.

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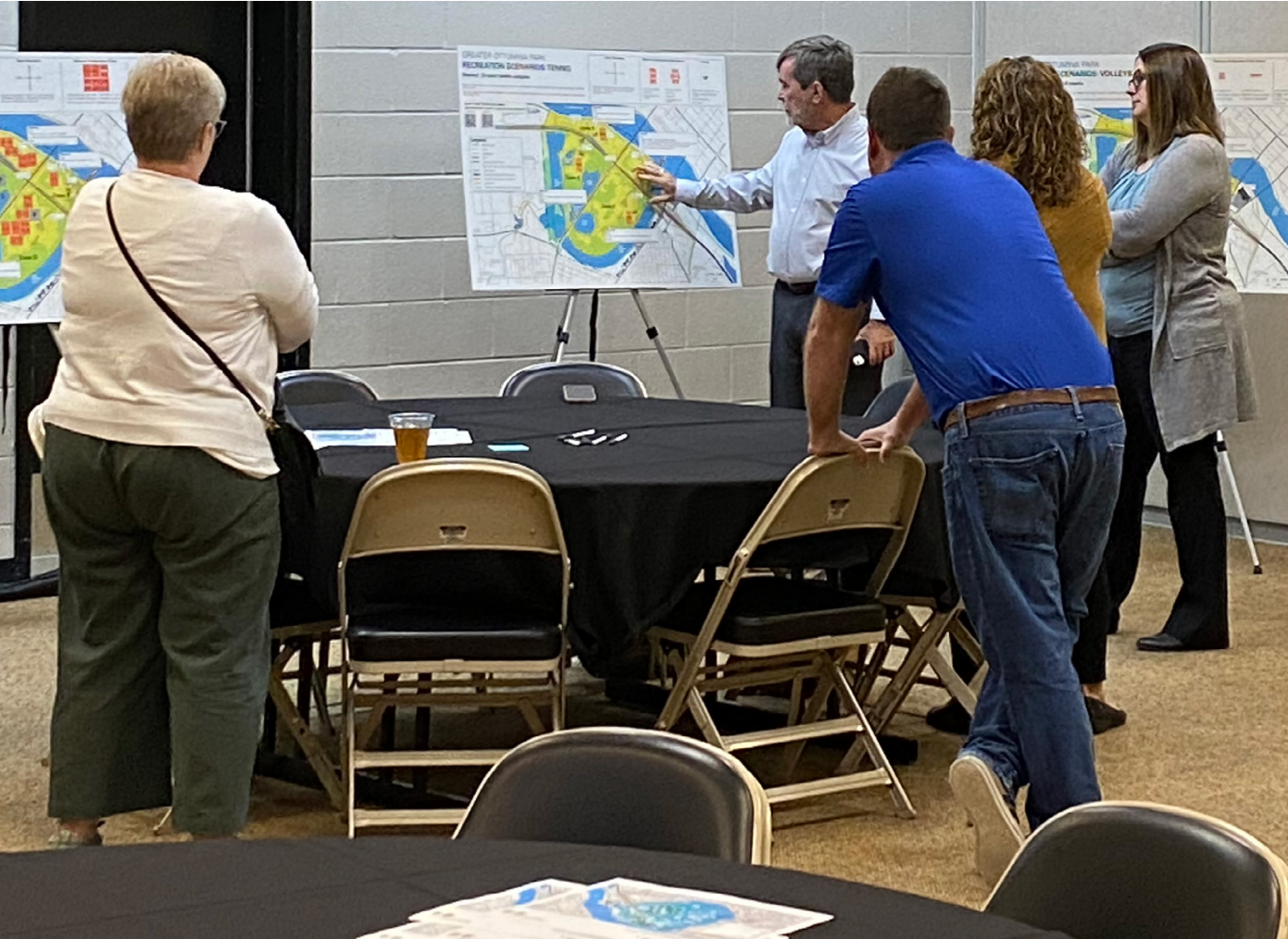
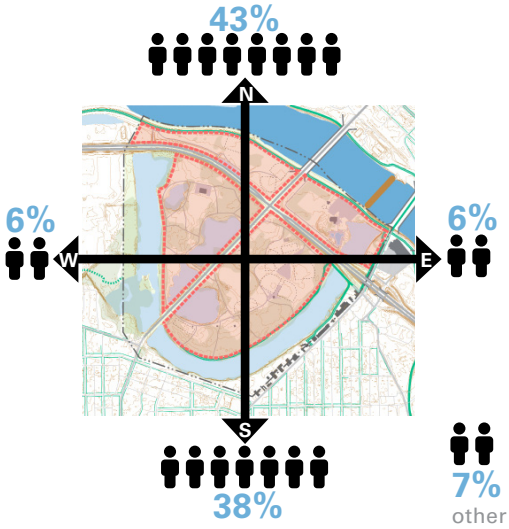


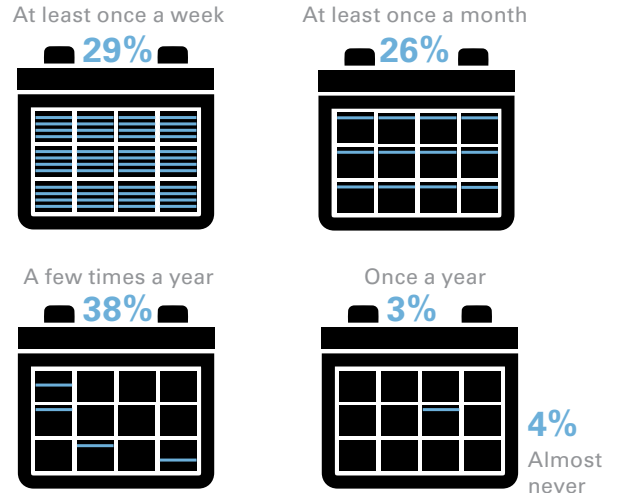
Figure 41: Sharing initial sport field and court arrangements during the first round of public meetings.

Overview

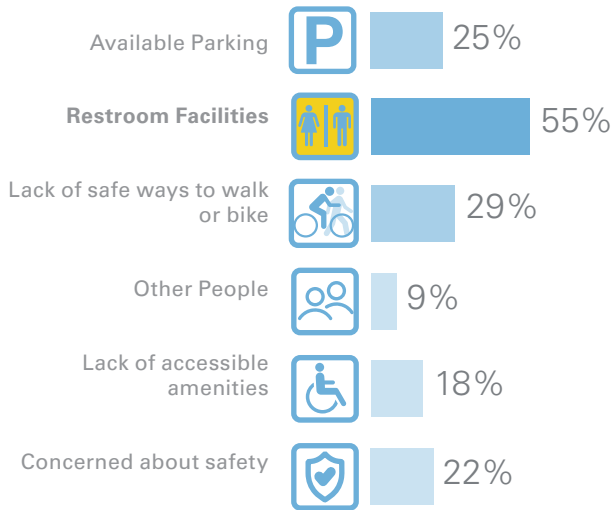
Where do you live in relation to Greater Ottumwa Park?



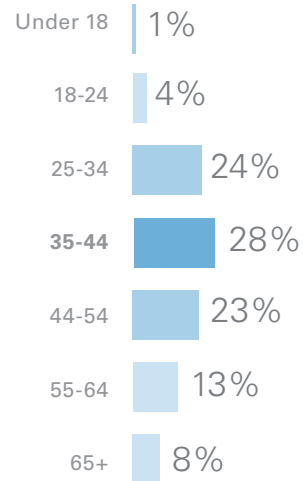
How often do you use the park and its facilities?



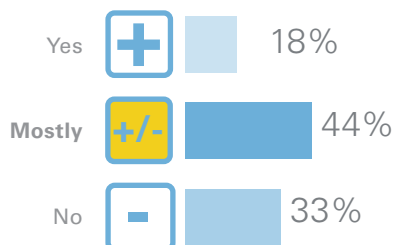
Are there any barriers to your use of the park?



What is your age group?



Do you feel the park looks nice and currently meets your needs for recreation?

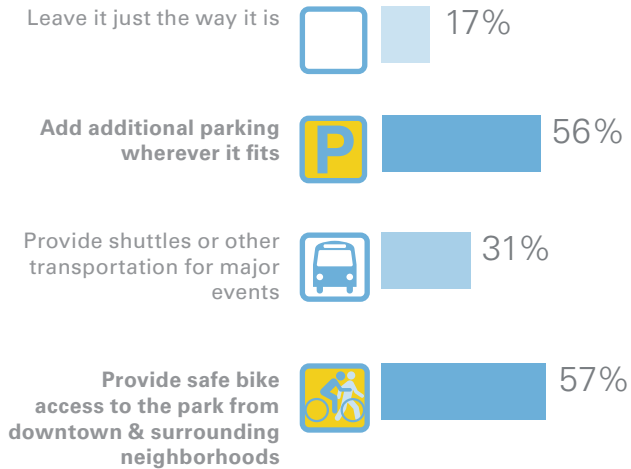


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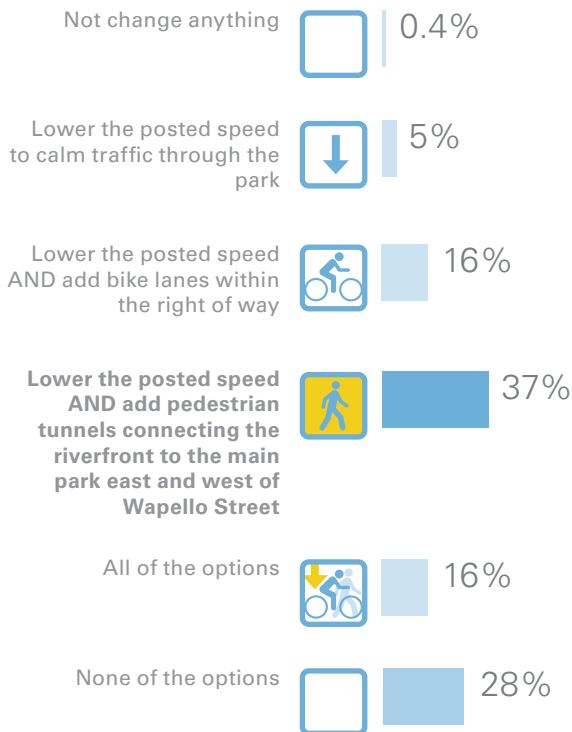


Transportation

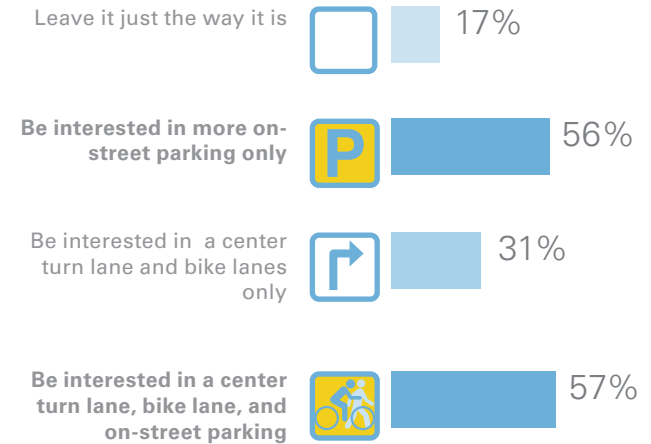
With regard to access and parking at Greater Ottumwa Park, I would:



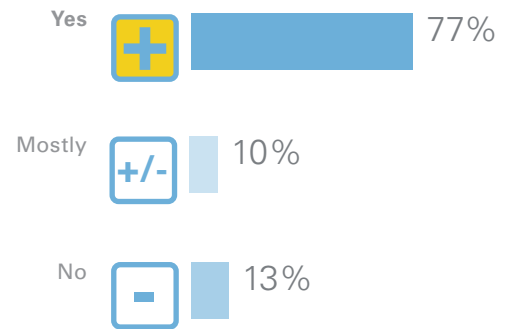
With regard to Highway 34, I would:



With regard to Wapello Street, I would:



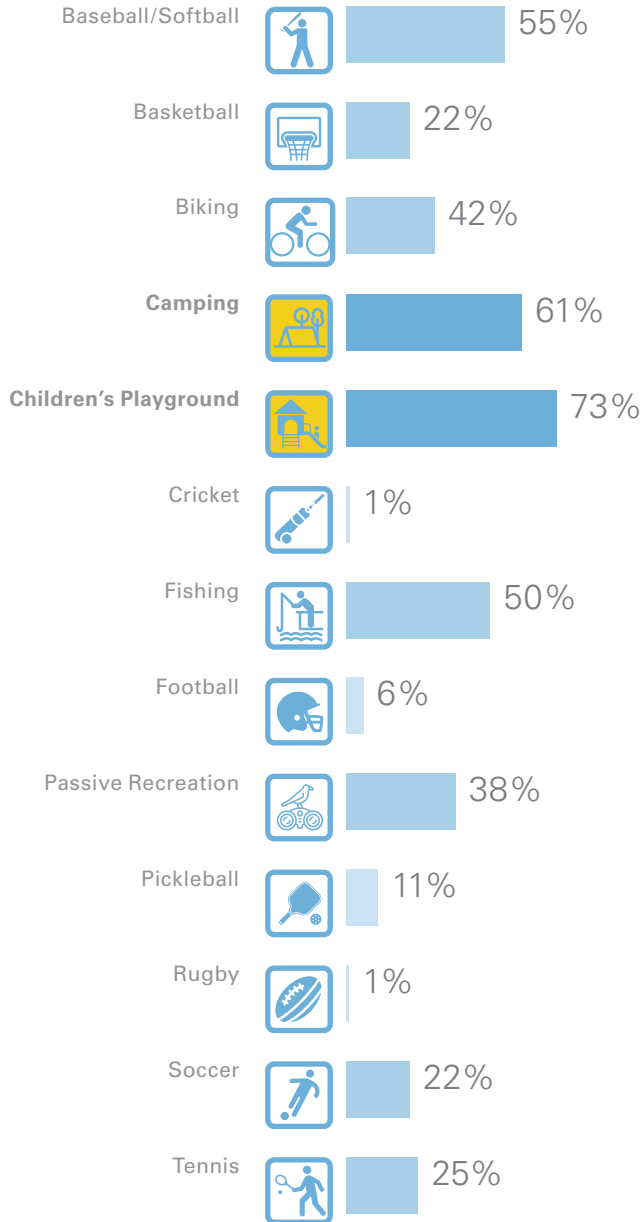
I would like to see "greenway" and/or bike path connections between Greater Ottumwa Park and other places like Wildwood Park, nearby schools, and community centers:



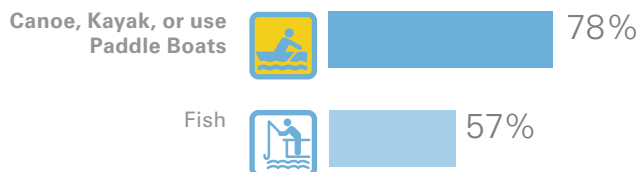


Recreation

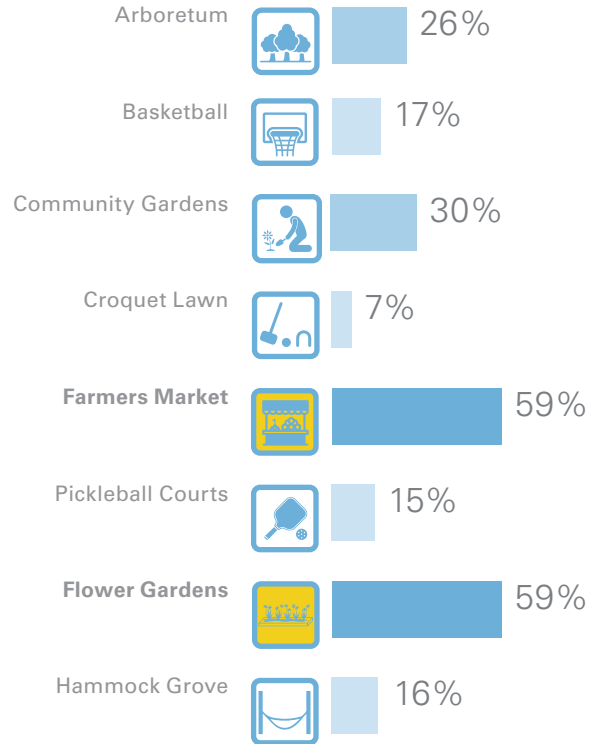
Which activities do you think are the most important to have in Ottumwa Park?



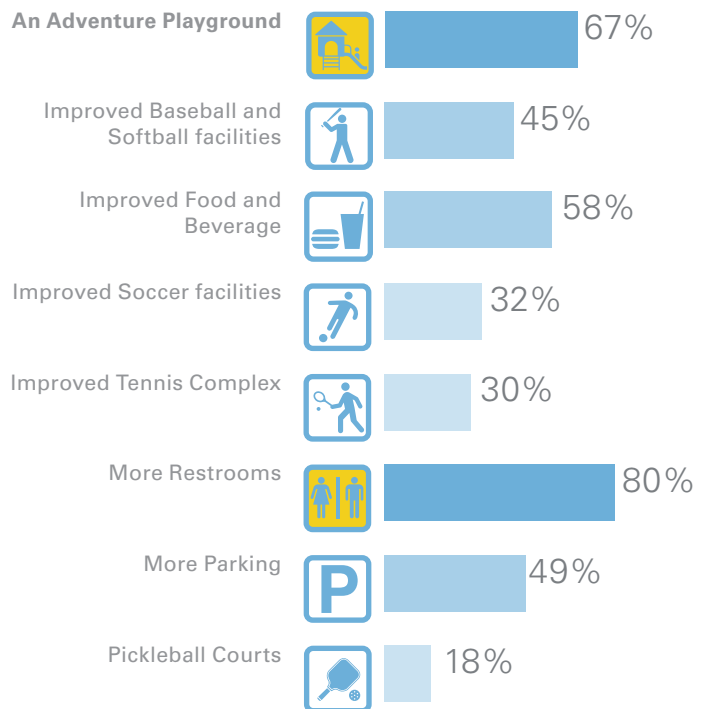
If water quality in the oxbow lake were improved, I would:



What I think is missing from Greater Ottumwa Park is:

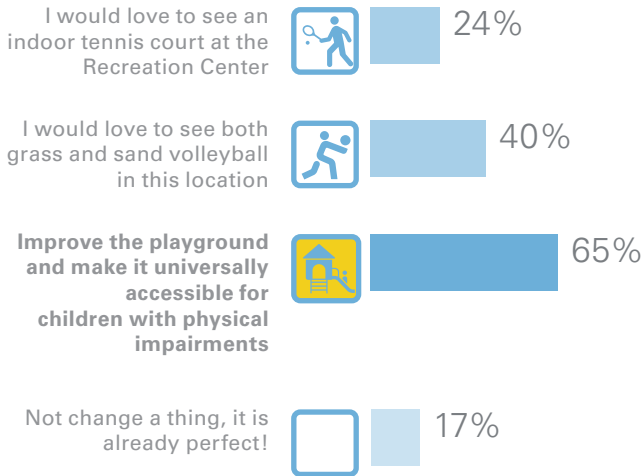


I believe that Ottumwa Park would benefit from:

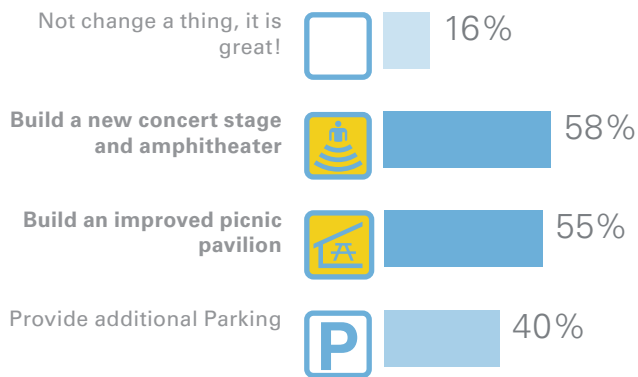


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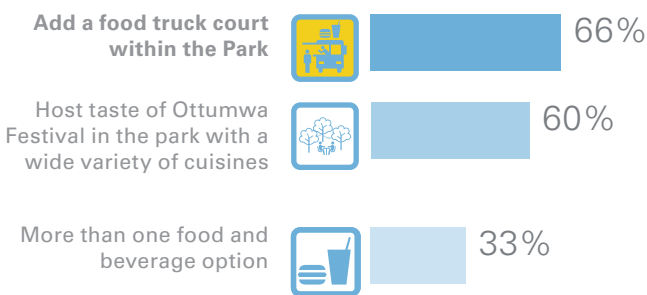
With regard to Beach Ottumwa and the new Recreation Center, I would:



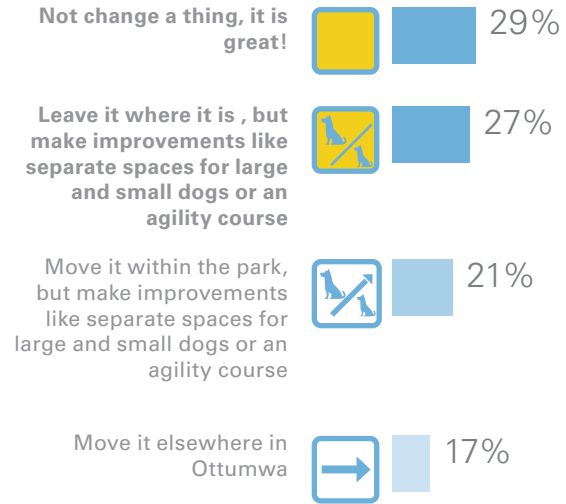
With regard to events at Greater Ottumwa Park, I would:



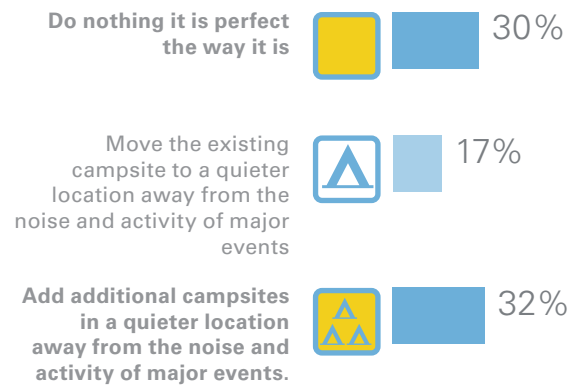
With regard to food and beverage within Greater Ottumwa Park, I would:



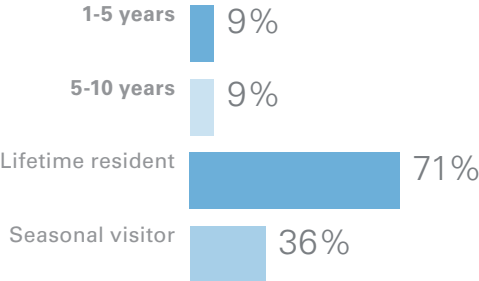
With regard to the Dog Park at Greater Ottumwa Park, I would:



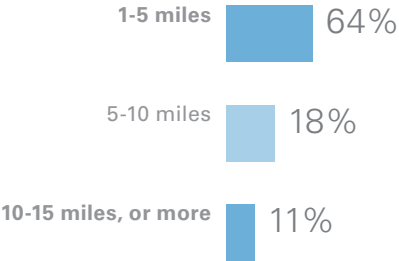
With regard to camping experience at Greater Ottumwa Park, I would:



How long have you lived in Ottumwa?:



How far do you travel to reach Greater Ottumwa Park?:



FOCUS GROUP AND STAKEHOLDER INPUT

Community members, existing park users, event and sporting league facilitators who are familiar with gaps in park infrastructure and amenities participated in discussions organized around their respective user groups. The discussions revealed opportunities for future partnerships between stakeholders, interest groups and City entities.

AMERICAN GOTHIC PERFORMING ARTS

- » Education is a large part of the mission and values of AGH.
- » The high school currently provides an auditorium with the largest capacity for a covered performance space.
- » Without proper infrastructure and staffing, equipment rentals from other cities would create exponential costs for facilitating events.

OTTUMWA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

- » Groups would benefit from an amphitheater as a dedicated open air performance space.
- » Management, maintenance and staffing to run technical equipment would be needed.
- » With the appropriate space and outdoor concert series, events would be well attended and attract several hundred visitors.

OTTUMWA AREA ARTS COUNCIL

- » Desires identification of locations for art within the park.
- » Highlighted the need for increased pedestrian connectivity and less roads.
- » Temporary and permanent story walks are initial ideas to incorporate art.

OTTUMWA SCHOOLS

- » Need for majority youth sized fields.
- » Basketball courts are heavily used and the addition of more courts is highly recommended.

- » Legion Field may not be used for tournaments since the school system has taken ownership.

OTTUMWA LITTLE LEAGUE

- » Desires for playgrounds near sport courts and fields.
- » Need a variety of infields that are all grass or all dirt based on player ages.
- » Food truck rodeo space should be in proximity to courts and fields.





Master Plan



DESIGN APPROACH

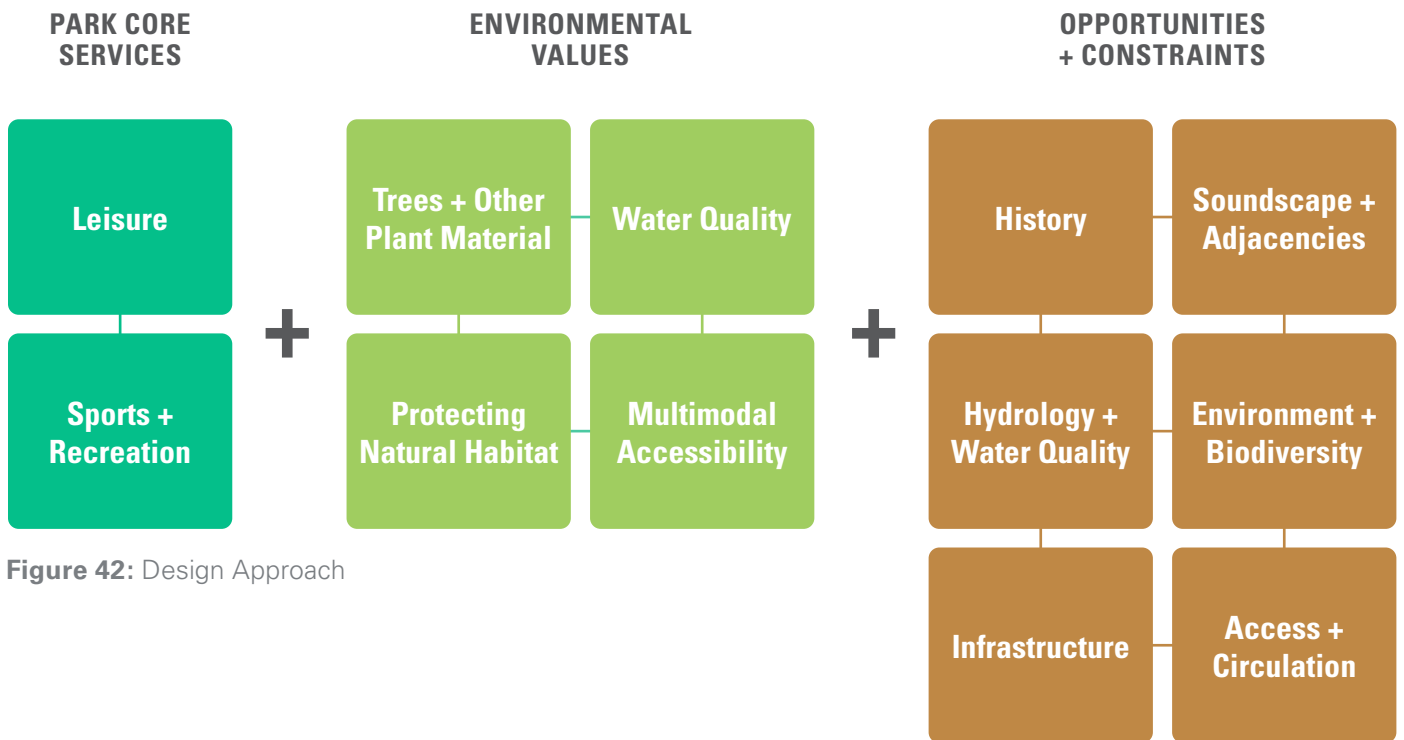


Figure 42: Design Approach

About the Plan

The purpose of the Master Plan is to create a phased, action-ready plan to transform Greater Ottumwa Park. The plan will expand the park’s capacity as a destination for sports tourism events and tournaments, improve internal linkages between the park’s quadrants and external connections to the surrounding community. Review of the Ottumwa Park Reimagined Map, the Riverfront Renaissance Plan and other relevant studies initiate the development of the Master Plan. Stakeholder engagement was a critical component of the planning process. Outreach opportunities included facilitating public input meetings with live polling on programming and initial concepts, distribution and analysis of an online survey, and guided focus group discussions with the school district; youth and adult sports leagues; campground customers; employers and business owners; arts, culture and tourism organizations; economic development partners; the Department of Transportation and the general public.

As a City of Ottumwa-led project, the Master Plan improvements should include:

- » A major expansion of the baseball fields, soccer fields and new tennis courts that ensure adequate service levels for tournament play.
- » Campground improvements.
- » Roadway and trail enhancements that improve connections between each quadrant as well as improve access to the Quincy and Oxbow Business Districts.
- » Relocation of the Skate Park into the project area.
- » Suitable relocation of the Bark Park within the project area.
- » Basketball and volleyball courts.
- » Playground improvements.
- » Restroom, shower, concession, shelter/pavilion and maintenance facilities with considerations to electric, water, sanitary sewer connections.
- » Oxbow and Lagoon improvements with considerations for boat access, fishing and other water amenities.

- » A landscape and stormwater management plan that incorporates native trees, plants and grasses which reduces the amount of resources spent on mowing.
- » Coordination with ongoing efforts to develop an indoor sports complex in the northeast quadrant of the park including developing outdoor programming that would be mutually beneficial to and with the sports complex, integrating the complex into the design, mapping and rendering of the project and accounting for the complex in designing parking and other elements.

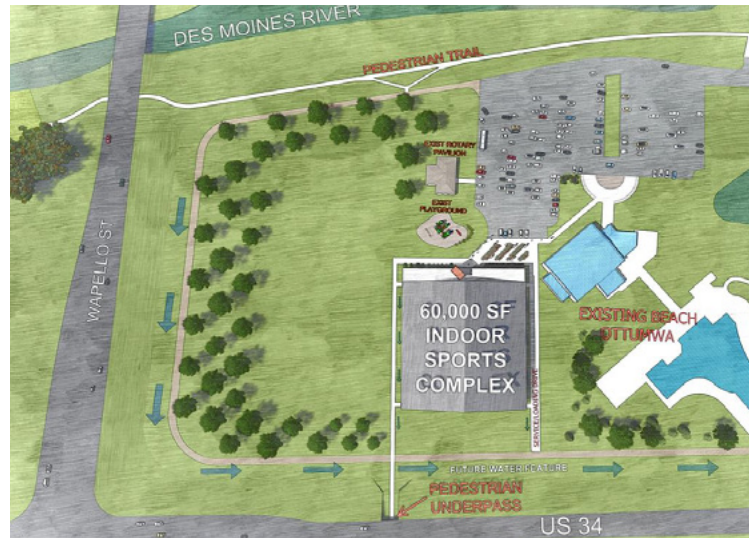


Figure 43: Proposed Ottumwa SportsPlex concept

Park Zones

Greater Ottumwa Park covers 350 passive and active park acres located at the heart of the city. The planning process further recognized the park as one of the largest opportunities to stimulate the economic revitalization of Ottumwa.

In contrast to the Riverfront Renaissance Plan and the Park Reimagined maps, the Master Plan offers an overarching vision plan for the programming of the park, outlining a phased strategy and funding opportunities. As such, the variety of programs and elements have been strategically placed based on stakeholder feedback, potential funding opportunities, and technical design expertise.

Due to its massive size as well as the physical barriers of Wapello St. and US 34, the park can be approached as a sequence of zones, each with its distinct character and program focus. Although each zone has its own focus, each are designed and programmed to successfully facilitate passive and active recreation. The study area for Greater Ottumwa Park comprises 4 zones:

- » Zone A - active recreation focus, soccer
- » Zone B - active recreation focus, tennis, SportsPlex, the Beach
- » Zone C - passive recreation focus, camping, amphitheater, botanical garden
- » Zone D - active recreation focus, baseball, softball

The plan's primary principles were cultivated through the public planning and outreach process and reflect the priorities of City residents and public officials. These principles have steered the planning process in a direction where phased implementation will be timely and feasible.

Final Master Plan Vision

Connect the City to the Park

One of the biggest issues that the design team heard as part of the outreach effort was that there were not enough safe routes to the park nor were visitors able to easily and safely pass between the zones due to the physical barrier of the Oxbow Lake and the bisecting roadways. Therefore, the master plan seeks to do the following:

- Provide safe access to and from the park by way of walking and bike paths and/or tunnels that provide access to the riverfront, downtown and surrounding neighborhoods.
- Include roadway enhancements that can contribute to slower speeds along Wapello Street and increase parking capacity.
- Create recreational and leisure assets along portions of the Ottumwa Trail system that intersect and border the park.

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Figure 44: Existing park shelter



Figure 45: Visitors utilizing one of the park's trails



Figure 46: Ottumwa Babe Ruth Baseball has operated since 1952 and currently plays games in the park

Diversify and Redistribute Recreation and Entertainment Amenities

- Ensure all zones are equipped with play spaces and restrooms
- Provide family-based recreation for families with young children and children with disabilities
- Adhere to community desires for new or improved concert venue, amphitheater, picnic pavilion and flexible concessions space

Improve Cleanliness and Safety

- Integrate lighting along trails to support nighttime use, emergency response buttons and cameras as needed
- Ensure facility updates and new amenities are maintained by a management plan to prevent degradation
- Implement a cleaning protocol to regularly remove geese feces

Protect Natural Habitat and Passive Green Space

- Continue to contribute to the quality of life and sense of freedom and relaxation gained through access to large open space as an escape for those suffering economic and social stressors
- Encourage youth exploration through opportunities for nature observation
- Improve the water quality of the oxbow and lagoons to support water recreation opportunities

Promote Economic Development and Tourism

- Accommodate league tournaments through facility and parking improvements
- Expand camping capacity through utility upgrades and the potential for additional campgrounds
- Increase the number of sports courts and fields to meet trends in correlation with the varied interests of the City's diverse population

Ensure the Plan is Implemented

- Provide recommendations for a phasing strategy and management plan
- Pursue diverse strategies for fundraising and financing
- Explore opportunities for partnership and stewardship through coordination with local, regional and federal parks and recreation entities

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Figure 47: Public meetings on September 21, 2022 to review Master Plan alternates

Developing Alternate Plans

Taking in all that was learned from public outreach, study of precedents and plans, as well as discussing goals with stakeholders, the design team developed two alternate plans for public consideration. Each built upon the zones and programming strategy, testing programming in various plausible scenarios with the goal of discovering in detail the preferences of future users.

The alternate plans were presented at a public meetings and further discussed through surveys and additional focus group meetings. The feedback was invaluable in developing a single preferred master plan.



Figure 48: Design Workshop Principal, Kurt Culbertson, presenting plan alternates during public meetings on September 21, 2022

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Figure 49: Master Plan Alternate Plan 1

Alternate Plan 1

Master Plan Alternate Plan 1 maintains Zone C for passive recreation by supporting the existing campgrounds and providing an amphitheater for performances and events. The pastoral character of Zone C affords ample overflow space for the amphitheater and a number of trails for visitors to enjoy lake side walks or access a rowing and paddling center.

<p>Zone A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Soccer Playground Dog Park 	<p>Zone B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tennis Water Park Volleyball
<p>Zone C</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Events Camping Passive Recreation 	<p>Zone D</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baseball Camping Basketball

Figure 50: Master Plan Alternate 1 Zone Program Focuses



Figure 51: Master Plan Alternate Plan 2

Alternate Plan 2

Master Plan Alternate 2 assigns the performance and passive recreation areas to the northernmost quadrant of the park, Zone A. While opting for more immediate access to the SportsPlex, tennis courts, volleyball, Hipster Heaven (e.g., yard games - bocce ball, etc.) and Beach Ottumwa in Zone B, the pastoral landscape of Zone A displays limited access to the southern oxbow lakes, rowing and paddling center, and fishing center. With the shift of soccer to Zone C the park can accommodate more fields.

<p>Zone A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Events Playground Dog Park 	<p>Zone B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tennis Water Park Volleyball
<p>Zone C</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Soccer Camping Passive Recreation 	<p>Zone D</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baseball Camping Basketball

Figure 52: Master Plan Alternate 2 Zone Program Focuses

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Figure 53: Master Plan Alternate 1, Zone A - Alternate 1A

Alternate 1A does not implement north/south orientation of the soccer fields. Thus, this configuration accommodates more fields and a larger diversity in field size. This alternate allows for space for a dog park to remain in Zone A which is paired with an adjacent playground and up to 3 picnic shelters along the Ottumwa Trail system to the east. Alternate 1B adheres to north/south orientation for most soccer fields. However, this layout makes it difficult to dedicate concentrated space for certain amenities and thus the dog park has been removed. The number of fields in this alternate is reduced to 9 versus 12 in Alternate 1A. The playground is located to the southeast and the number of picnic shelters along the Ottumwa Trail system increases to 4.

Zone A - Alternate 1A

Soccer

- Four (4) U6-U8 soccer fields
- Five (5) U11-U12 soccer fields
- Three (3) championship soccer fields

Amenities

- Large and small dog parks
- Agility course
- Playground
- Riverfront shelters
- Connections to Ottumwa trail system





Figure 54: Master Plan Alternate 1, Zone A - Alternate 1B

Zone A - Alternate 1B



Soccer

- Four (4) U6-U8 soccer fields
- Two (2) U11-U12 soccer fields
- Three (3) championship soccer fields

Amenities

- Playground
- Riverfront shelters
- Connections to Ottumwa trails system

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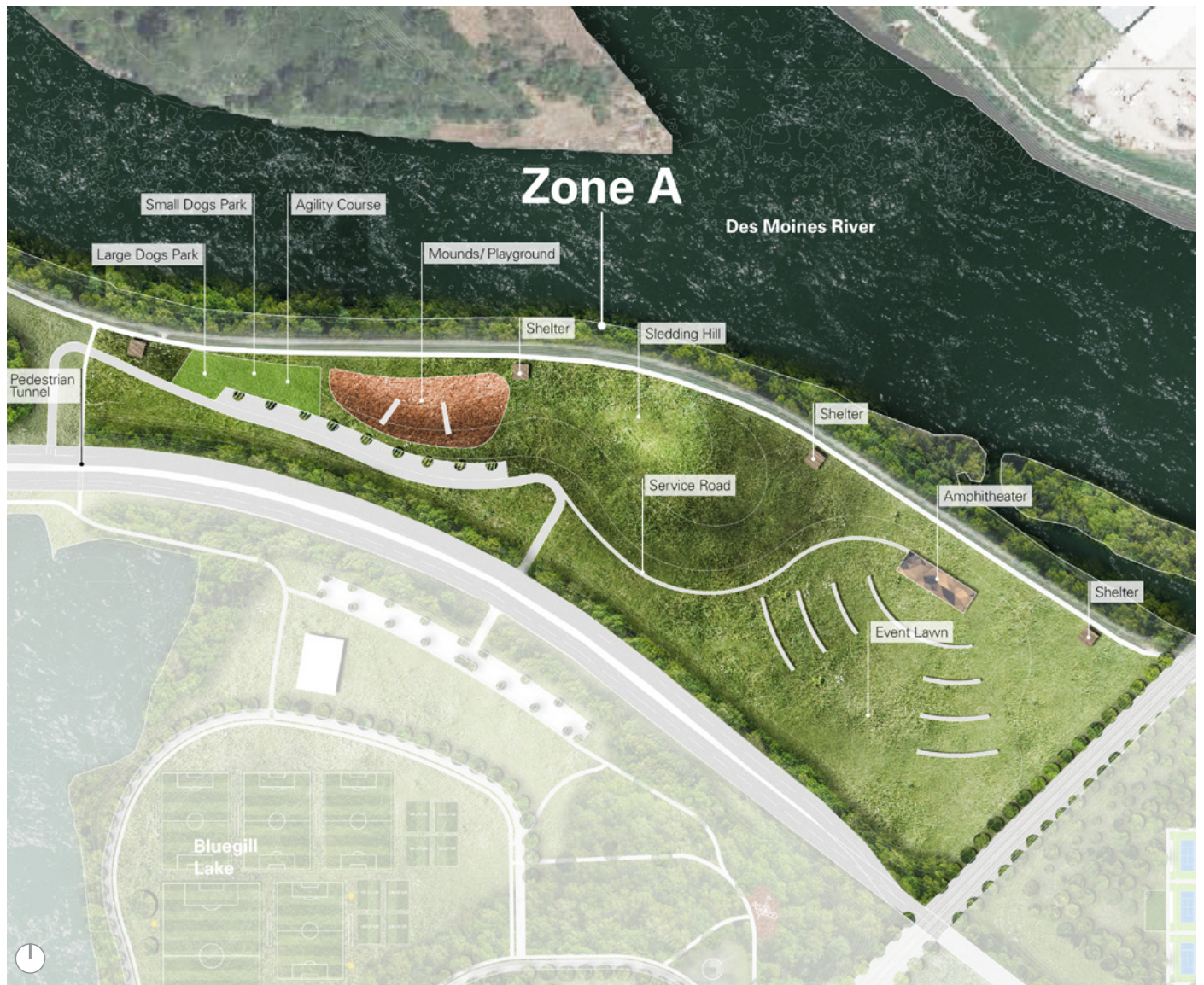


Figure 55: Master Plan Alternate 2, Zone A

Zone A - Alternate 2



Amenities

- Large and small dog parks
- Agility course
- Playground
- Sledding Hill
- Amphitheater
- Event lawn
- Riverfront shelters
- Connections to Ottumwa trail system



Figure 56: Master Plan Alternate 1 & 2, Zone B

Zone B



Tennis

- 12 outdoor tennis courts
- 2 indoor tennis courts
- 18 pickleball courts



Other courts/ fields

- Regulation croquet lawn
- Multi-use courts
- 6 volleyball courts

Amenities

- Playground
- Concessions building + pavilion
- Ottumwa Beach with lazy river

The configuration of Zone B does not change between Alternate 1A and Alternate 1B. Beach Ottumwa is in this zone and recently completed major renovations. Plans have been drawing and distributed by the Southeast Iowa Sports Commission for a future SportsPlex with the goal of responding to an ask made by Ottumwan’s dating back to planning documents 1992 in which they requested enhancement to community ballfields and sports parks. Additionally, funding has been secured for the construction of a 12-court tennis complex. Two of the twelve fields will be covered by a dome in the future for indoor tennis.

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Figure 57: Master Plan Alternate 1, Zone C

Zone C - Alternate 1



Amenities

- Amphitheater
- Event lawn
- Pavilion
- Playground
- Tent & RV camping
- Rowing & paddling center
- Botanical garden
- Potential greenway connector

The approach for Alternate 1 centers on a passive, pastoral use of Zone C. The Zone can easily transform into an event space with an updated pavilion, event lawn and amphitheater. This alternate includes added tent camping between the west oxbow lagoon and Bass Lake with an adjacent rowing and paddling center and botanical garden at the Garden Lake.



Figure 58: Master Plan Alternate 2, Zone C

Zone C - Alternate 2



Soccer

- Eight (8) U6-U8 soccer fields
- Six (6) U11-U12 soccer fields
- Two (2) championship soccer fields

Amenities

- Event lawn
- Pavilion
- Playground
- Tent & RV camping
- Rowing & paddling center
- Botanical garden
- Potential greenway connector

Alternate 2 relies on filling Bluegill Lake to accommodate 16 soccer fields in Zone C. With the inclusion of the soccer fields in this zone, event space is limited to the event lawn that is near parking at the north and west of the updated pavilion. This transforms the zone into an active and passive recreational space.

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Figure 59: Master Plan Alternate 1 & 2, Zone D

Zone D



Baseball

- Legion Memorial Field
- 4 Little League fields
- 8 mid-sized ballfields
- 4 championship ballfields
- 4 batting cages



Basketball

- 8 courts

Amenities

- Playgrounds
- Pavilion
- Food truck zone
- Picnic grove
- Fishing center
- Tent & RV camping expansions
- Riverfront picnic shelters

Zone D focuses on upgrading and increasing the number of softball and baseball fields and creates a centralized play space for families who are attending games with children. An increase in paved parking would support residents who use the fields weekly and visitors traveling to Greater Ottumwa Park for tournaments. Zone D responds to community and stakeholder requests for a food truck zone and provides space for RV and tent camping to extend beyond zones B and C. A fishing center will provide direct access to the east oxbow lagoon.

Summary of Alternates

The greatest opportunity for change among the alternates exists in zones A and C. This is evident in the large amount of open space, although somewhat vacant regarding structures, the space is not unused in these areas. Zones B and D are home to permanent sports installations that will remain with the implementation of the park Master Plan. Below are the major focuses of each alternate from zones A-D.

Zone A



Alternate 1A
Focus on soccer



Alternate 1B
Focus on soccer with
N/S orientation



Alternate 2
Focus on events

Zone B

Focus on tennis and
water park



Zone D

Focus on tennis



Zone C



Alternate 1
Focus on events and
passive recreation



Alternate 2
Focus on soccer and
passive recreation

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Roadway Alternates - Wapello Street

The roadway alternates for Wapello Street utilize curb extensions to narrow the road visually and physically. This creates safer and shorter crossings for pedestrians from zones A to B and zones C to D. The curb extensions increase the amount of space for street trees, bike racks and benches. By aligning the extensions with new parallel or pull-in parking, the visibility of pedestrians rises. Street trees lining Wapello Street will further accentuate the gateway the park provides from the Oxbow Business District to Downtown Ottumwa.

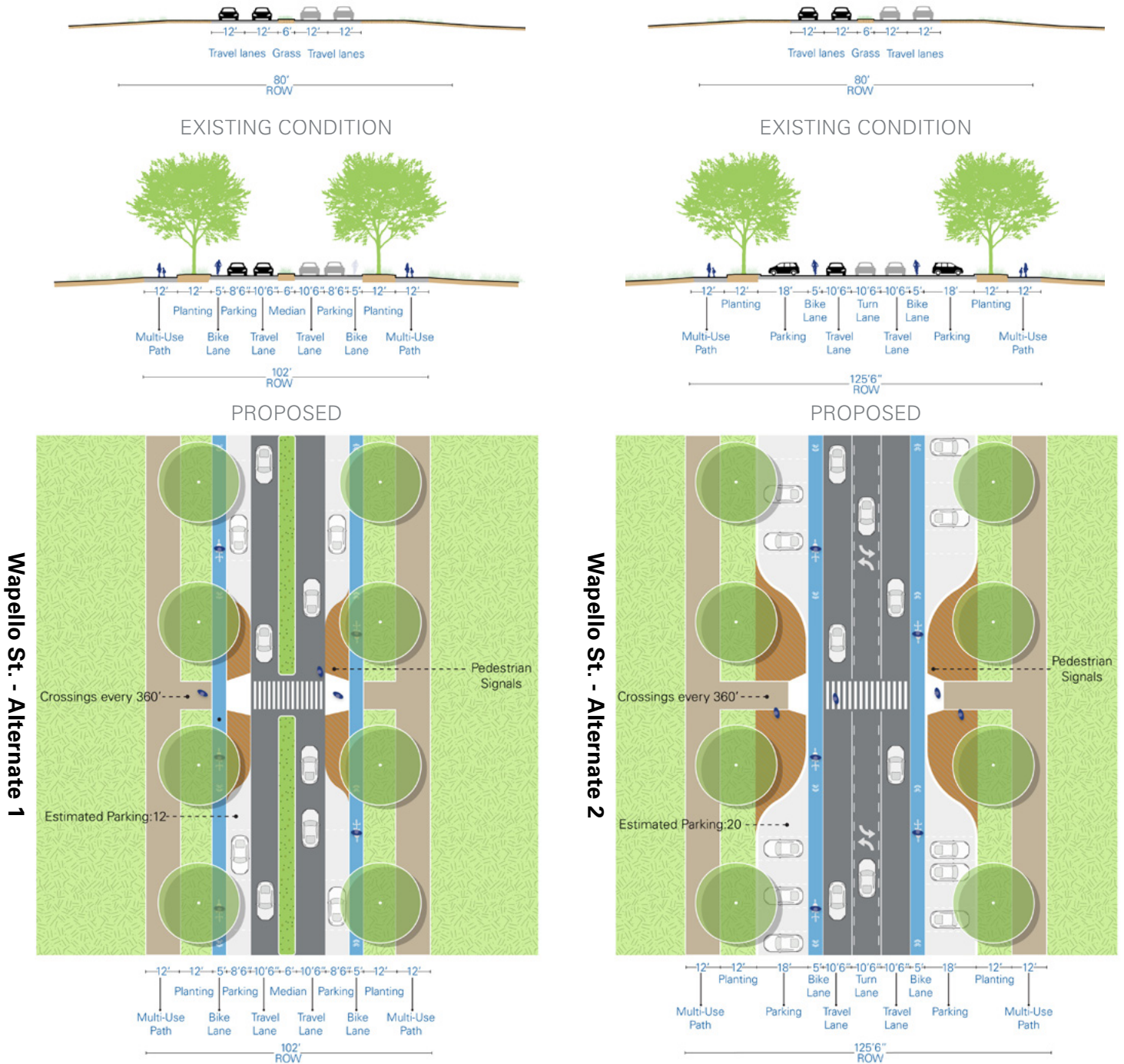
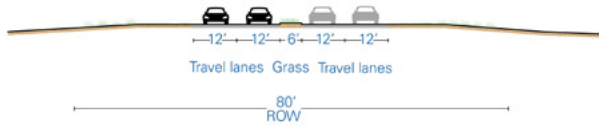


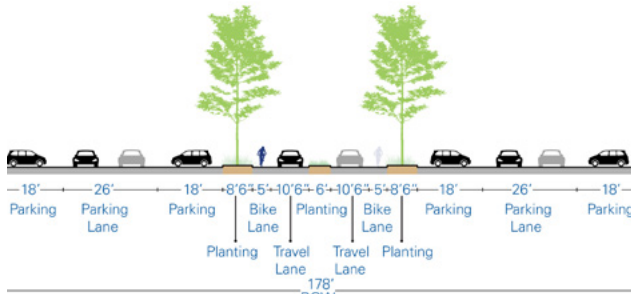
Figure 60: Wapello Street existing condition and potential streetscape improvements



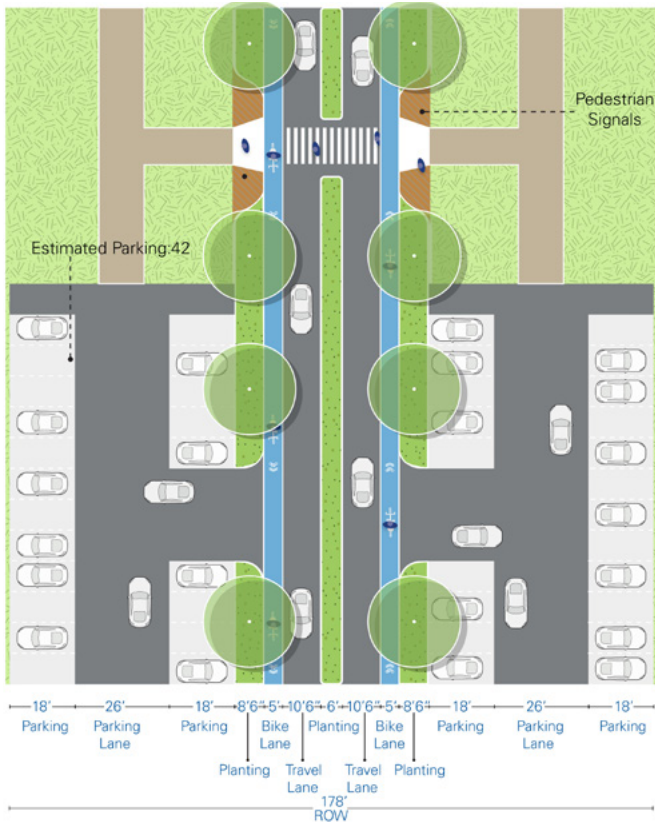
Figure 61: Existing Wapello Street



EXISTING CONDITION



PROPOSED



Wapello St. - Alternate 3

Existing Condition:

- 80-foot right-of-way
- 2-way street
- Four 12-foot travel lanes
- One 6-foot planted median

Alternate 1:

- 102-foot right-of-way
- 2-way street
- Two 12-foot multi-use paths
- Two 5-foot bike lanes
- Two 12-foot planted enhancement/buffer zones
- Two 8 1/2-foot parking lanes
- Two 10 1/2-foot travel lanes
- One 6-foot planted median

Alternate 2:

- 125 1/2-foot right-of-way
- 2-way street
- Two 12-foot multi-use paths
- Two 5-foot bike lanes
- Two 12-foot planted enhancement/buffer zones
- Two 18-foot pull-in parking lanes
- Two 10 1/2-foot travel lanes
- One 10 1/2-foot turn lane

Alternate 3:

- 178-foot right-of-way
- Two parking lots:
 - » Four 18-foot pull/back-in parking spaces
 - » Two 26-foot parking lanes
- Two 8 1/2-foot planted enhancement/buffer zones
- Two 5-foot bike lanes
- Two 10 1/2-foot travel lanes
- One 6-foot planted median

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Roadway Alternates - Wapello St. Bridge

The approach to the Wapello Street bridge includes reducing the number of travel lanes by half, from 4 to 2 lanes. Through this reduction in vehicle lanes, the bridge can be utilized by pedestrians on bike or by foot through dedicated bike lines and pedestrian sidewalks.

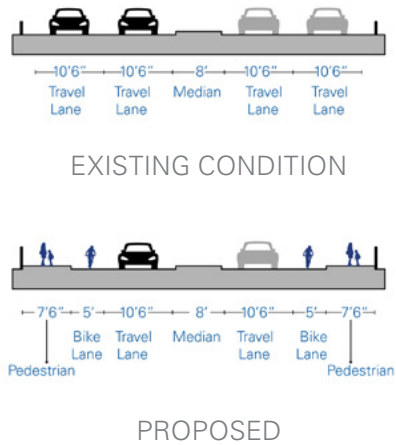


Figure 63: Existing Wapello Street Bridge

Existing Condition:

- 50-foot right-of-way
- 2-way street
- Four 10 1/2-foot travel lanes
- One 8-foot median

Potential:

- 54-foot right-of-way
- 2-way street
- Two 7 1/2-foot pedestrian sidewalks
- Two 5-foot bike lanes
- Two 10 1/2-foot travel lanes
- One 8-foot median

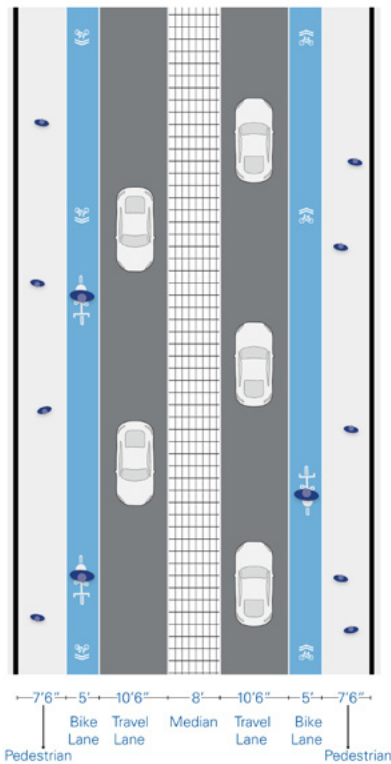
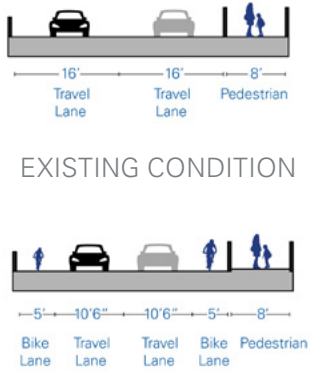


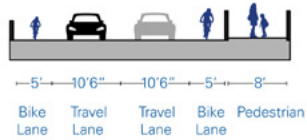
Figure 62: Wapello St. Bridge existing condition and potential streetscape improvements

Roadway Alternates - Market St. Bridge

By narrowing the width of the travel lanes on the Market Street Bridge bike lanes can be added on either side and walking pedestrians can continue to utilize the sidewalk.



EXISTING CONDITION



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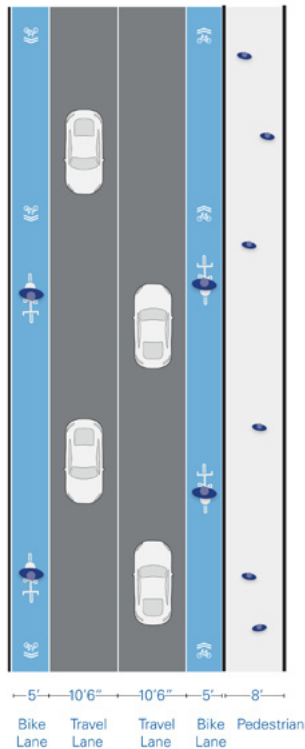


Figure 65: Existing Market Street Bridge

Existing Condition:

- 40-foot right-of-way
- 2-way street
- Two 16-foot travel lanes
- One 8-foot pedestrian sidewalk

Potential:

- 39-foot right-of-way
- 2-way street
- Two 10 1/2-foot travel lanes
- One 8-foot pedestrian sidewalk
- Two 5-foot bike lanes

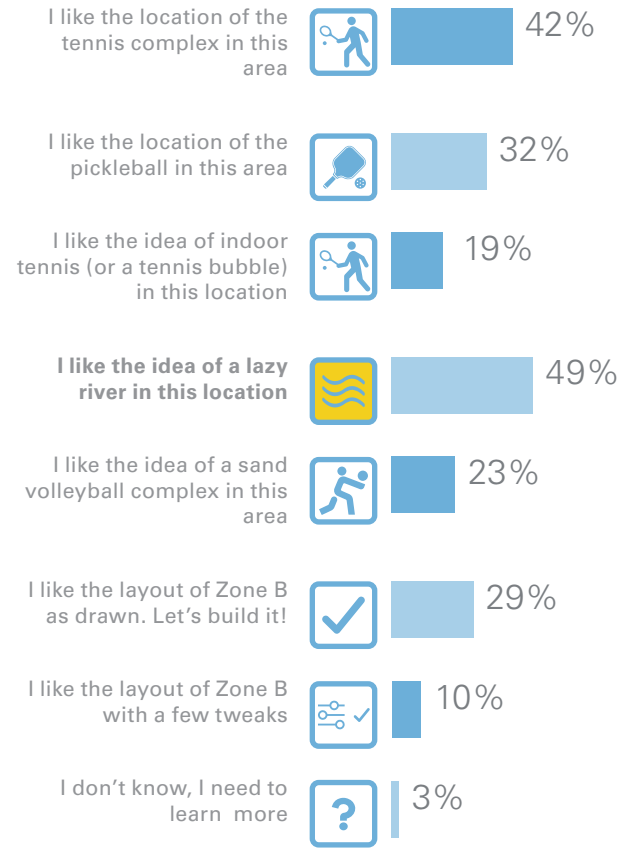
Figure 64: Market St. Bridge existing condition and potential streetscape improvements

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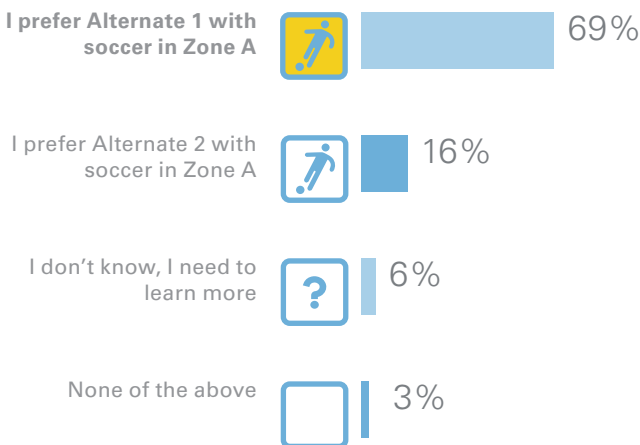
Alternate Feedback

More feedback was collected on the plan alternates during the second round of public meetings in the fall of 2022. Overall, participants would like to see more playgrounds distributed throughout the park which should be similar in size and play structures. Opportunities for advanced boating within the oxbow lake and the addition of a rowing center are desired. Also, the public favored the future inclusion of a botanical garden and arboretum. Zone-specific desires included dedicating Zone A to soccer and a new covered open-air pavilion; the inclusion of a lazy river and tennis complex rose to the top in Zone B; maintaining camping and events in Zone C with the addition of fishing at the park's interior lakes and a rowing center; and maintaining a sports focus in Zone D that is centered on softball and baseball. The public prioritized Zone C for development followed by Zone B with Zones A and D tied as third priorities for development.

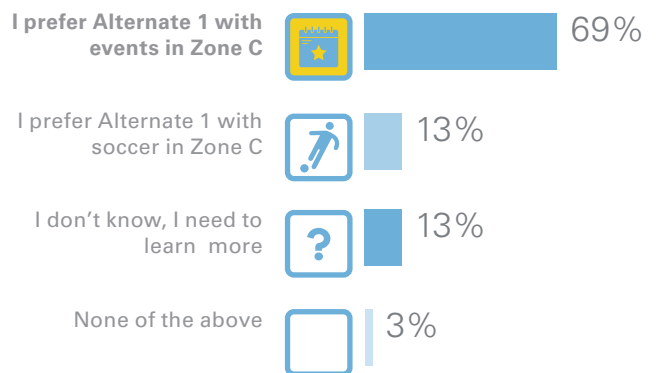
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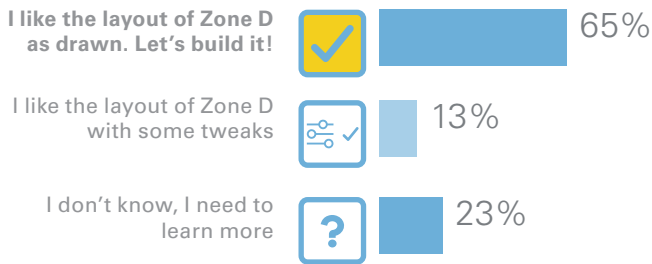
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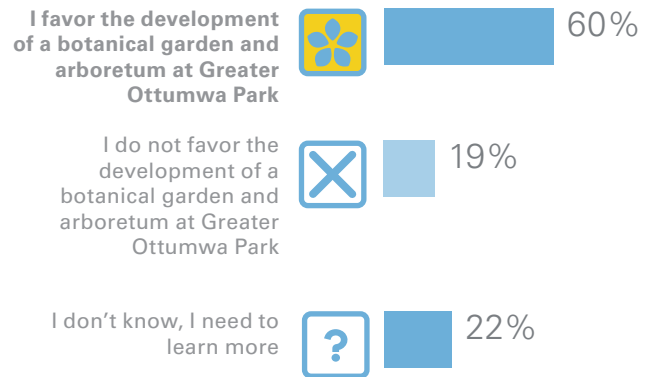
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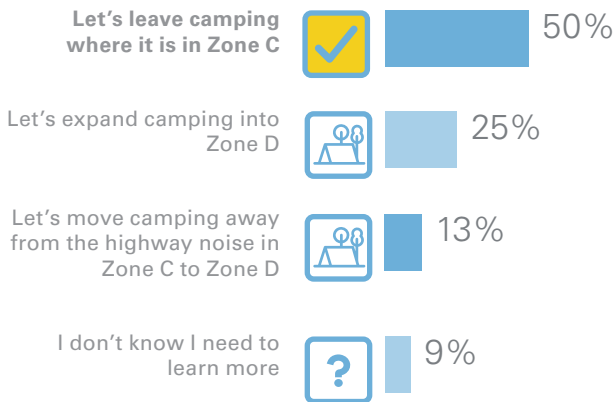
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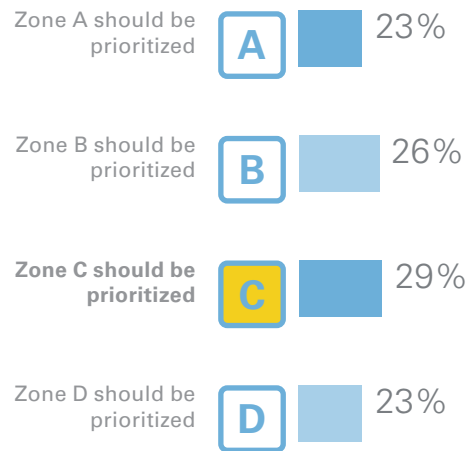
Regarding a botanical garden and arboretum at Greater Ottumwa Park (choose all that apply):



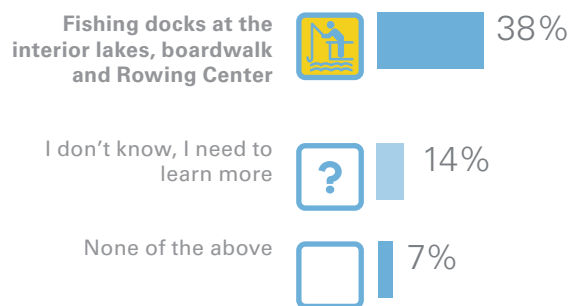
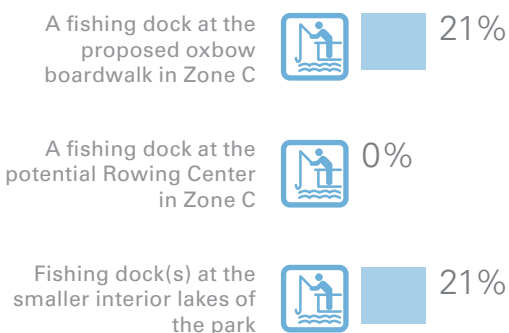
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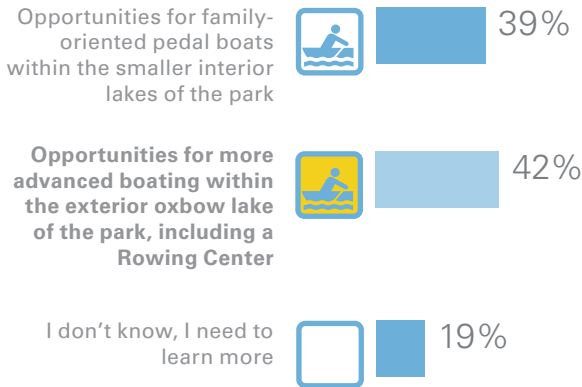


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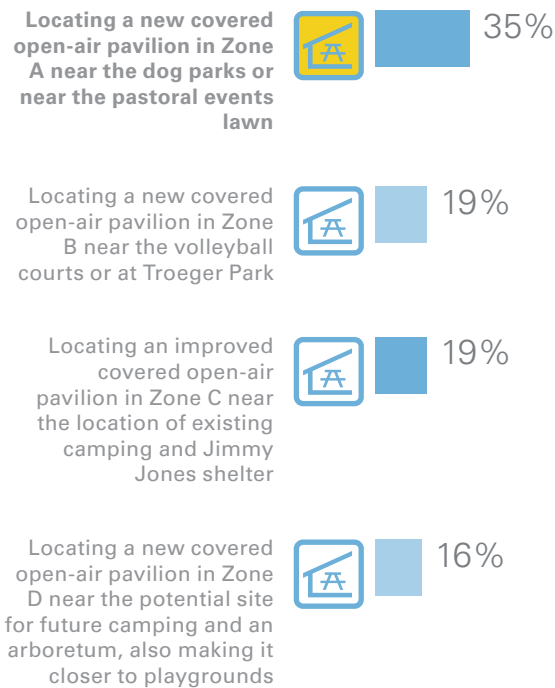


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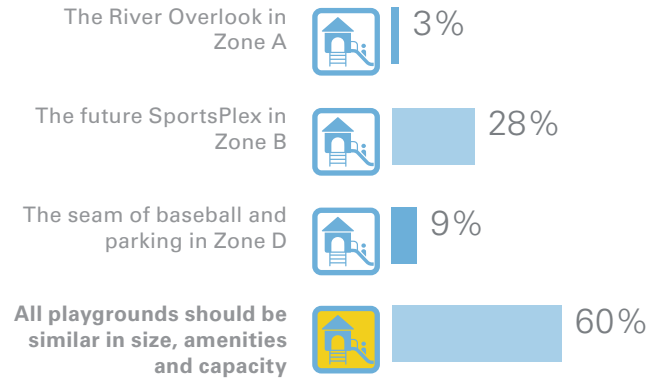
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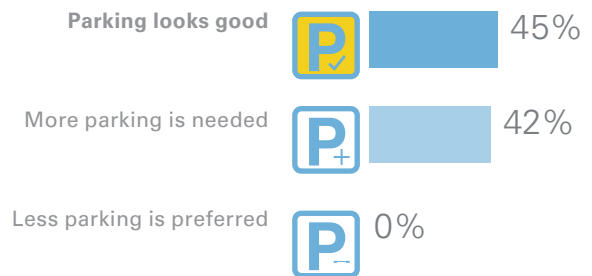
Regarding a farmers market, I favor:



Regarding playgrounds, I favor a larger playground at:



Do you feel the plans provide sufficient parking?:



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Figure 66: Final Master Plan





Overall Master Plan

Taking into account the preferences developed in discussing the alternate plans, a final conceptual master plan was developed. This final plan envisions a soccer complex and dog park near the river and a new tennis complex to complement the future sport facilities by the Beach. The edges of the Oxbow lake return to quieter passive recreations while a new hub of active sports radiates out from the areas around Legion Field. New bridges and trails connect the neighboring community and an improved Wapello Street provides safe connections to other areas of the parks for visitors and families to enjoy.

To enhance the park atmosphere of the zones, vehicles are limited to concentrated areas, allowing more room for activity and discovery. With an improved Oxbow Lake as an amenity, fishing, rowing, and paddle boarding become new activities for those in the park to enjoy. Families bringing their kids to the park for a baseball or soccer tournament now have ample places to park and play while the athletes compete.

This reinvigorated park builds around the current infrastructure limitations to maximize use and act a catalyst for new parks and events spaces nearby. A concert amphitheater to the east is backdropped by the historic rail bridge and offers a great place to watch a show or attend holiday fireworks.

While additional maintenance and management are needed to operate the many fields and other amenities, opportunities for self-sustaining leagues and groups generate revenue and development due to this reinvigorated nearby amenity.

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Figure 67: Final Master Plan - Zone A layout

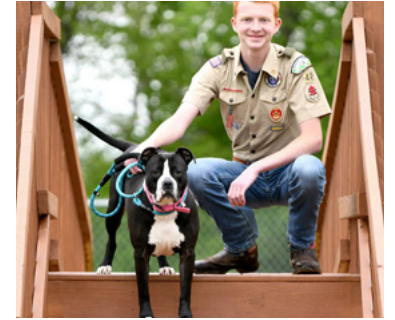


Zone A

The narrow shape of Zone A and low elevation between Highway 34 and the levee for the river make it a unique area. Soccer fields will array the zone and be arranged and rotated as needed based on usage and wear. Additional parking will be added close to the highway with a ring of trees to add much needed shade.



The dog park will be condensed and improved, keeping the separation of dogs based on size, but adding an agility course, water fountains, benches, and other amenities for visitors. A medium sized playground is to be added for use by parents at soccer tournaments as well as regular users.



The close proximity to the Ottumwa trails system will make this a gateway to the park for walkers and bikers from the west. The existing pedestrian tunnel and underpass will allow visitors to access Zone C to the south and Zone B to the east.

Figure 68: Zone A soccer fields



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Zone B

This zone, dominated by the existing Beach Ottumwa and Sycamore Grove, will be the new location of a tennis complex. Fitting with a north/south orientation to accommodate tournament play, the complex will be located next to the future indoor sports facility and rely on existing parking used by the beach.

Pickleball courts will be added to serve the growing sport's players and there will be an option to add covered tennis courts as well.

A new tunnel under Highway 34 will connect the tennis and Beach areas with the baseball and basketball facilities in Zone D while existing underpass pedestrian walkway will connect to Zone A. This zone will be the gateway for those at the Bridge View Center and a potential amphitheater concert venue to the east.



Figure 69: Zone B tennis courts



Figure 70: Final Master Plan - Zone B layout



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Figure 71: Final Master Plan - Zone C layout



Zone C

This zone is focused on passive recreation, flexibility for events, and enhancing features that are already present. The existing Jimmy Jones shelter will be overhauled and upgraded or replaced with a more modern structure to host larger events with proper sound, restroom facilities, and lighting. A new hardscape parking lot would be complimented by hardened lawn parking.



The RV park would remain for festival attendees, but eventually make way for more event space and parking. Long term campers can start to utilize the new camping area in Zone D. With an improved Oxbow Lake, a rowing and paddling center and botanical garden, visitor parking would be located to the south, anchoring the passive end of the park.



Overall roadways would be reduced to focus vehicular traffic to only limited areas of the park to allow for new pedestrian trails and routes. There will be improved road connections over Wapello St. to Zone D.

Figure 72: Zone C interior lake fishing pier



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Zone D

Zone D is mostly focused on active recreation in the form of a baseball complex, basketball, and the existing Legion Field. The fields are arranged in pinwheels to optimize space and to centralize movement in between the “wheels.” At the center of each wheel is an opportunity for a bathroom or concession building.

Since there are different groups that might be using each wheel a different time, two separate entrances, connected by parking and a service road, can be secured and used to direct visitors to the appropriate parking. Pedestrian trails connect the baseball area to other parts of the park, but vehicles are limited to the parking areas, encouraging exploration of the park on foot.

The southern area is intended to be for a future campground. The large area is closer to the business district and farther from the highway offering a quieter location for long term campers to set up. A mix of RV and tent camping is applicable in this area.

An upgraded large playground located where the current playground is remains on the south side of Trout Lake.

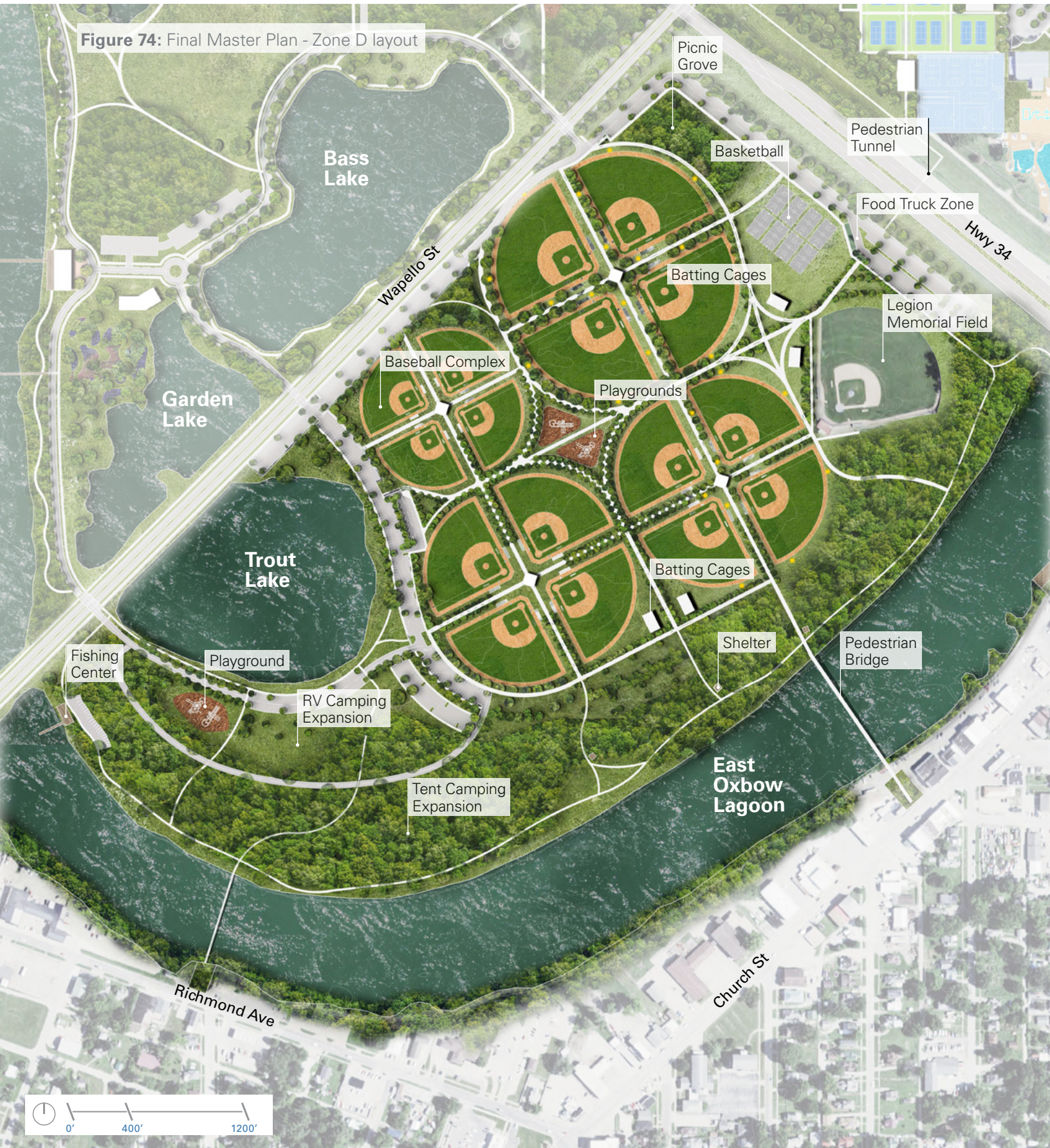
A new tunnel connection would allow for movement to Zone B along with improved roadway connections to Zone C and provides a canvas for future art work.



Figure 73: Zone D baseball/softball fields



Figure 74: Final Master Plan - Zone D layout



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Greenways

Zones A, B, and D possess connections to the Ottumwa Trail System giving the zones access to surrounding natural resources and business districts. Although Zone C features sidewalk connections to Quincy Place mall there is no recreation focused path connecting the zone to surrounding amenities. The potential for a future greenway connection crossing the west oxbow lake will contribute to the park's connectivity to forested lands and adjacent neighborhoods west and south of Zone C.

Oxbow Lakes

The oxbow lakes that encapsulate the park lend themselves to visual interest and unofficial areas for fishing; both of which can benefit from proposed Master Plan improvements. By dredging the lakes water quality will be improved, promoting healthier fish and aquatic life. This will encourage park users to participate in fishing tournaments and safely utilize new blueways created for paddlers and kayak users. The proposed rowing and paddling center, and fishing center will diversify the park's recreational offerings, bringing water recreation beyond Zone B (Beach Ottumwa) and into Zones C and D.

Aligning with the SCORP

One could assume the landscape of Iowa is flat and only features agricultural fields. However, as highlighted in the Outdoor Recreation in Iowa Plan of 2018, the state features a variety of natural attractions including rolling hills and rock outcroppings, lakes, rivers and streams, and wild areas. The landscapes of Iowa offer a large variety of recreational experiences, and this remains true in the City of Ottumwa and at Greater Ottumwa Park.

The Master Plan aligns with the Department of Natural Resources' Outdoor Recreation in Iowa Plan in providing a framework for balancing outdoor recreation with natural resource protection. Through design recommendations, the Master Plan integrates the environmental, physical, emotional, social, and economic benefits of recreation identified in DNR's plan. Strong interest for the inclusion of fishing, rowing and paddling centers in the Master Plan was expressed by the public during the planning process and aligns with SCORP's recreation survey results. The SCORP survey revealed boating and fishing

to have some of the highest percentages of existing recreational participation. Additionally, fishing boasted one of the highest rates of interest.

In correlation with the project outcomes of oxbow dredging and interior lake improvement projects proposed in the Master Plan, SCORP goes on to explain in areas that feature completed restoration efforts to lakes, rivers or dams, there is an increase in recreational use that boosts local economies and the health and well-being of Iowans. With rising statewide participation in kayaking, paddle boarding, and fishing tournaments during the last decade; the Master Plan aims to increase the capacity of Ottumwa to participate and benefit from this trend, both economically and socially.



Figure 75: Final Master Plan



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Figure 76: Final Master Plan - parking analysis



Parking Analysis

 Existing parking

 Proposed parking

 Additional potential parking

Zone A

Program:

- 11 soccer fields
- 1 playground
- Small and large dog parks
- Agility course

Existing:

- N/A

Precedent Ratios:

- 10-20 spaces per soccer field = 110-220 stalls needed

Master Plan proposes: 345 stalls

- 265 stalls for soccer
- 80 stalls for playgrounds, dog parks, and agility course

Zone C

Program:

- 1 events pavilion
- 1 rowing center
- 1 botanical garden
- Tent camping

Existing:

- 528 stalls (estimated in grass)

Precedent Ratios:

- Variable based on size of event

Master Plan proposes: 238 stalls

- 144 stalls for events pavilion
- 94 stalls for rowing center, botanical garden, and tent camping

Zone B

Program:

- 14 tennis courts
- 18 pickleball courts
- 6 volleyball courts
- 1 playground
- 1 water park (existing)

Existing:

- 316 stalls

Precedent Ratios:

- 2 stalls per tennis court = 28 stalls needed
- 2 stalls per pickleball court = 36 stalls needed
- 5 stalls per volleyball court = 30 stalls needed

Master Plan proposes: 122 stalls

- Existing lot meets needed number of stalls for tennis complex, pickleball, volleyball, and playground near the Beach
- 122 stalls for existing Beach facility and future SportsPlex

Zone D

Program:

- 17 baseball/softball fields
- 8 basketball courts
- 3 playgrounds
- 1 fishing center
- RV camping and tent camping
- 1 picnic grove

Existing:

- Paved area to be removed

Precedent Ratios:

- 10-15 per baseball/softball field = 170-255 stalls needed
- 5-10 stalls per basketball court = 40-80 stalls needed

Master Plan proposes: 535 stalls

- 459 stalls for baseball/softball fields, basketball courts, central playgrounds, and picnic grove
- 76 stalls for southernmost playground, rowing center, and RV and tent camping

UTILIZATION

Sports Facility Coordination

Soccer

During the outreach and engagement phase of the planning process, youth soccer groups and the City defined the needs for a complex of soccer fields that would include:

- » 3 Championship fields
- » 2 U12 fields
- » 2 U10 fields
- » 2 U6/U8 fields

With this amount of space, the fields can be re-stripped to become U12 and U10 fields as needed. It was also recommended that fields be provided for the adult league, preferably artificial turf since they get the most use out of one field in a single day.

Because of the limitations of the size and shape of the soccer area in Zone A, fields should be organized to maximize flexibility and use of space instead of a strictly North/South orientation. The tradeoff will be the sun may become a factor in games played toward the beginning and end of the day as well as certain times of the year.

It is recommended that a city utilize an athletics manager to schedule games between the various youth, academic and adult leagues as well as manage the approach for rotation and marking of fields to mitigate wear.

Softball & Baseball

In 2022, Ottumwa's youth girls summer league included 300 participants and another 600 kids participating in youth baseball. More than 1000 youths use the fields at the park at least 8 months of the year. League softball practices occur on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday while traveling teams utilize the fields on Wednesday and Friday. Combining baseball and softball leagues into a single group has the potential to increase efficiency in coordination between teams by establishing a single governing body who can oversee all scheduling. Not only would this prove cost effective, it would encourage camaraderie among groups that are currently separated.



Figure 77: Ottumwa adult soccer leagues



Figure 78: Ottumwa Little League Baseball, image courtesy of the Ottumwa Courier

School System Use

High school freshman use one of the fields at the park in an effort to minimize the wear and tear on the school's larger varsity field. Greater Ottumwa Park can continue to facilitate healthy lifestyles for families by providing access to renovated tennis courts to support the school's tennis program and access to the Babe Ruth fields. Currently, parking is only paved between varsity fields. Increasing the amount of paved parking spaces would also prove beneficial to large school groups.

Concerts, Festivals and Seasonal Events

The Ottumwa balloon races, Babe Ruth World Series, County Fair and Midwest Ford Fest are several of the beloved seasonal events that occur at Greater Ottumwa Park. 58% of survey respondents shared a desire for a new concert stage and amphitheater and 55% of survey respondents would like to see an improved picnic pavilion. The largest areas for improvement for the Jimmy Jones shelter included utility upgrades and sound proofing for large festivals and concerts. 66% of survey respondents also favored adding a food truck court to the park and most respondents would like to host a food festival in the park with a wide variety of cuisines. With the potential for new and improved facilities to host events and the community's strong desire for food and beverage options there is an undeniable need to staff the park with individuals who can lead fine arts productions, casual gatherings and maintain the grounds pre- and post-event.



Figure 79: Ottumwa High School Tennis, image courtesy of the Ottumwa Courier

Staffing

The Master Plan outlines several new and existing spaces where the employment of dedicated staff will be necessary. This is an opportunity to further support the local economy and contribute to the revitalization of Ottumwa while providing gateways to education and careers in parks and recreation, natural resource management and the fine arts. The rowing and paddling center, fishing center, farmers market, botanical garden, amphitheater and concessions area would require part-

UTILIZATION

time or full-time staff to assist visitors. Potential positions offered at the park can include:

Rowing and Paddling Center

- Paddling Program Assistant - Leads safety and operations
- Paddling Instructor - Explains and demonstrates proper paddling techniques
- Reservation Assistant - Manages release of liability forms, coordinates rentals and launches

Fishing Center

- Manager - Coordinates boat rentals
- Retail Sales Associate - Facilitates bait and tackle sales, cleans and stocks fishing center shop
- Fishing Guide - Assists and instructs guests with sport fishing, cleans and processes fish for guests

Farmers Market

- Manager - Coordinates vendor applications, fees, opening and closing
- Sales Team Member - Assists with set up of tents, crates, display stands, signs
- Agritourism Specialist - Coordinates agricultural learning experiences for youth with surrounding farms

Botanical Garden

- Facility Event Coordinator - Collaborates with community organizations to target repeat and unrealized clients for weddings, parties other events at the garden
- Seasonal Gardener - Maintains horticultural displays and botanical collections, assists with hands-on maintenance
- Educator - Facilitates educational programming for PK-12 students, leads weekend and weekday programming for families and provides supports in horticultural tasks within the Children's Garden

Amphitheater

- Box Office Manger - Serves as the main ticketing contact for all events

- Audio Engineer - Oversees the load-in and out of band equipment and rental equipment, assists audio and lighting crew as needed
- Lighting Engineer - Supervises lighting changeovers and maintains and supervises the repair of lighting inventory

Concessions

- Concessions Leader - Leads personnel assigned to concessions stands, kiosks or food truck court
- Concessions Attendant - Ensures inventory is maintained according to management
- Concessions Contractor - Negotiates contracts with food and beverage providers

Operations & Management

As Ottumwa's largest and most centrally located park, the Ottumwa Parks and Recreation Department remains challenged to balance service needs stemming from current park improvement projects and grounds maintenance; each impacted by consistent use of fields, courts and parking areas and the region's disparate seasonal weather conditions.

Sports

One of the largest current and projected assets of Greater Ottumwa Park is its capacity to host a multitude of sporting leagues and events on an alternating basis and simultaneously, as needed. Resulting from increased capacity proposed by Master Plan improvements rises the need to create a singular managing body to streamline coordination between athletic user groups manage the following responsibilities:

- Optimize playing fields to provide low-cost, high quality recreational activities
- Schedule field and court use for tournaments
- Schedule and oversee field and court maintenance
- Work closely with City Officials to coordinate sporting activities with other large park events

- Coordinate travel for leagues to play against other municipalities, school districts, neighborhoods and organizations
- Minimize impacts of fields, courts and associated parking areas to surrounding park amenities
- Manage concessions for athletic practices and tournaments
- Partner with schools and school coaches during off seasons to keep youth active and prepared for the next season
- Distribute information about upcoming athletic seasons

wildlife habitat, water quality enhancement and protection, erosion and flood hazard reduction, property value enhancement, economic development, and scenic beauty.

Landscape & Stormwater

A landscape and stormwater management plan is necessary to maintain the benefits that will be obtained from dredging the oxbow lakes, to keep paths and walkways clear of any obstructions produced by wildlife inhabiting the park and contribute to ecological restoration. The incorporation of native trees, plants and grasses that thrive in the region will help enhance the health and natural value of the park by reducing erosion along riverbanks, reducing invasive species, and improving soil health. Native plant use is a conscious decision that will reduce the number of resources spent on mowing and support green stormwater infrastructure and tree canopy enhancement.

Benefits of a Future Parks System Master Plan

- » Increased economic development
- » Improved physical and mental health and wellness
- » Increased tourism and economic impact
- » Protection of natural, historical, and cultural resources
- » Diversified recreational experiences
- » Improved ecological restoration

Future Parks System Master Plan

An immense opportunity exists in Ottumwa to create a citywide parks system master plan. A parks system master plan can offer a roadmap for the City and its partners to build out an interconnected system that protects natural and cultural resources, honors Ottumwa’s unique sense of place, and connects residents to each other and to natural, cultural, and recreational landscapes. The parks system master plan would seek to provide multi-use experiences to a variety of users along its trajectory – sports enthusiasts, hikers, walkers, rowers and kayak paddlers, nature enthusiasts, and fishers. The identification of resource corridors will be paramount as the foundation for an interconnected and widely accessible system of high-quality park experiences for all Ottumwans. A large-scale system of parks will serve a variety of roles, including recreation,

BUDGET

Opinions of Probable Costs

Total Estimated Cost	
ZONE A	
Demolition of Softball Facility	\$ 850,000
Artificial Turf Field	\$ 869,092
Natural Turf Fields	\$ 2,206,778
Soccerfield Lighting	\$ 250,000
Movable Bleachers	\$ 352,000
Playground	\$ 124,234
Playground Lighting	\$ 5,000
Drinking Fountains	\$ 18,313
Trash Receptacles	\$ 1,813
Benches	\$ 6,752
Parking Lots Hardscape	\$ 2,160,662
Parking Lot Lighting	\$ 260,000
Dog Park	\$ 157,579
Dog Park Lighting	\$ 10,000
Pedestrian Walkways	\$ 222,085
Picnic Structures	\$ 200,000
Trees	\$ 130,000
Restroom Facility	\$ 710,000
Concessions Building	\$ 275,000
Utilities (Water, Fire, Sanitary, Sanitary, Storm)	\$ 475,000
SUBTOTAL	\$ 9,284,308

ZONE B	
Tennis Court	\$ 600,000
Tennis Court Lighting	\$ 50,000
Bleachers	\$ 75,000
Playground	\$ 98,072
Drinking Fountains	\$ 8,313
Trash Receptacles	\$ 1,813
Benches	\$ 6,752
Pedestrian Walkways	\$ 214,817
Trees	\$ 30,000
Volleyball Courts	\$ 1,000,000
Volleyball Court Lighting	\$ 30,000
Pickleball Courts	\$ 14,850
Restroom Facility	\$ 710,000
Utilities (water, fire, sanitary, storm)	\$ 2,950,000
SUBTOTAL	\$ 5,789,617

Total Estimated Cost	
ZONE C	
Demolition of Shelter and Roadways	\$ 1,237,126
Small Shelter	\$ 210,000
Playground	\$ 47,023
Drinking Fountains	\$ 8,313
Trash Receptacles	\$ 1,813
Playground	\$ 46,875
Benches	\$ 6,752
Parking Lots	\$ 1,011,375
Parking Lot Lighting	\$ 65,000
Pedestrian Walkways	\$ 713,402
Trees + Shrubs	\$ 167,500
Fishing Center	\$ 1,975,000
Arboretum Building	\$ 300,000
Restroom Facility	\$ 710,000
Large Events Shelter	\$ 15,432,216
Boardwalks	\$ 589,813
Utilities (water, fire, sanitary, storm)	\$ 590,000
SUBTOTAL	\$ 23,112,208

ZONE D	
Demolition of Existing Baseball Fields	\$ 250,000
Pond Dewatering and Filling	\$ 1,271,263
Baseball Fields	\$ 9,140,659
Artificial Turf Fields	\$ 49,245
Baseball Field Lighting	\$ 300,000
Bleachers	\$ 75,000
Batting Cages	\$ 135,918
Smaller Playground	\$ 138,533
Large Playground	\$ 682,068
Drinking Fountain	\$ 16,626
Benches	\$ 12,000
Basketball Courts	\$ 496,116
Baseball Court Lighting	\$ 50,000
Parking Lots	\$ 5,075,226
Parking Lot Lighting	\$ 455,000
Pedestrian Walkways	\$ 1,567,550
Trees	\$ 363,000
Picnic Structures	\$ 135,000
RV Camping Utilities, Parking, Hookups	\$ 2,410,816
Tent Camping Parking and Utilities	\$ 3,179,275
Rowing Center	\$ 1,925,000
Bathrooms Facilities	\$ 4,480,000
Pedestrian Bridges	\$ 617,826
Utilities (water, fire, sanitary, storm)	\$ 775,000
SUBTOTAL	\$ 33,601,121

Total Estimated Cost

Wapello Street Improvements	
Roadway Improvements	\$ 2,664,862
Pedestrian Sidewalks	\$ 770,130
Bike Lanes	\$ 12,893
Restripping	\$ 31,367
SUBTOTAL	\$ 3,479,252
Miscellaneous Expenses	
Electric Site Utilities	\$ 1,000,000
Communication Site Utilities	\$ 500,000
SUBTOTAL	\$ 1,500,000
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 76,766,506
Oxbow Lakes	
Oxbow Pond A Dredging	\$ 15,132,216
Oxbow Pond A Shoreline Material	\$ 6,510,372
Oxbow Pond A Hauling	\$ 2,881,280
Oxbow Pond B Dredging	\$ 18,504,276
Oxbow Pond B Shoreline Material	\$ 7,961,142
Oxbow Pond B Hauling	\$ 3,523,343
SUBTOTAL	\$ 54,512,629

PHASING

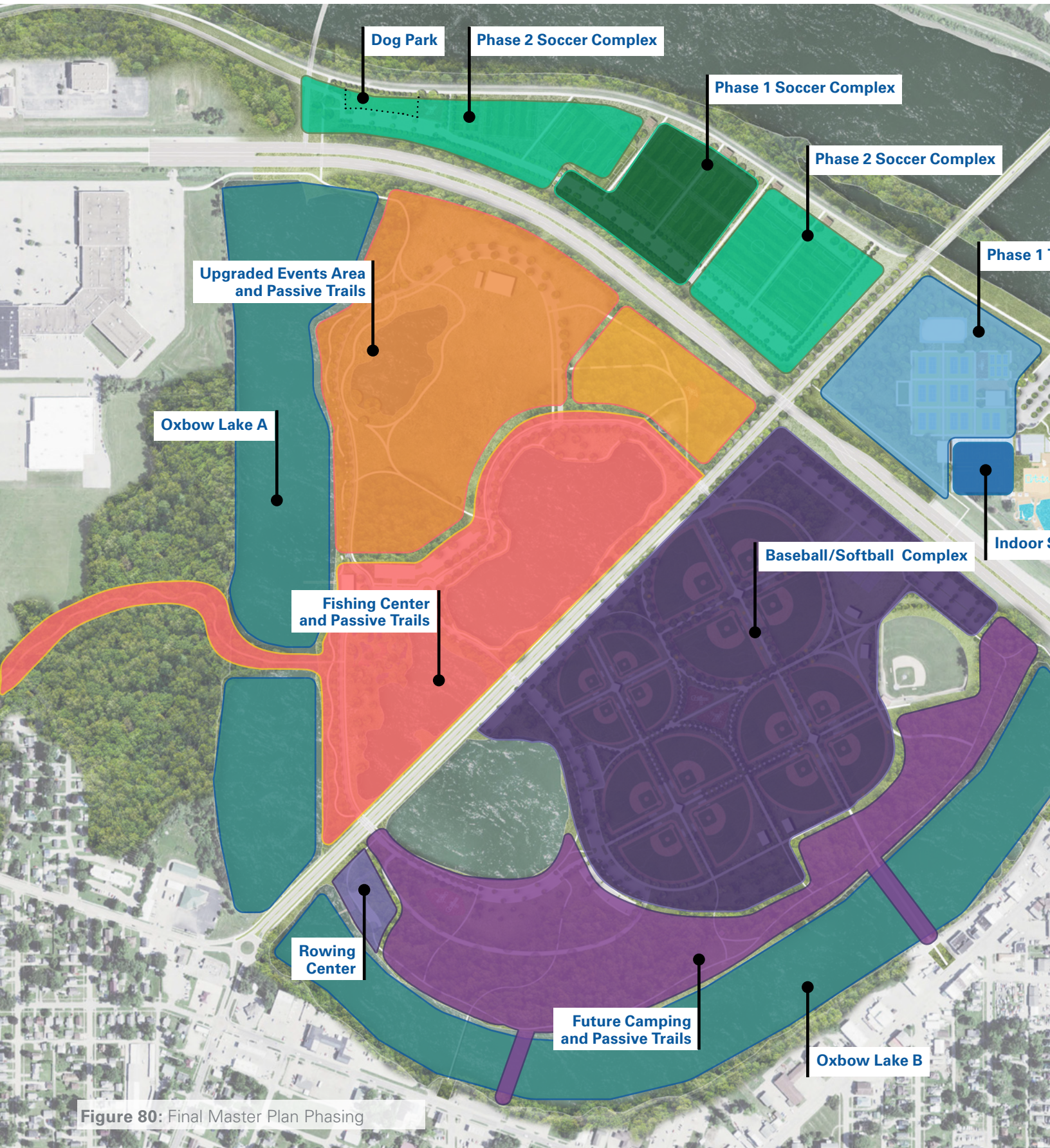
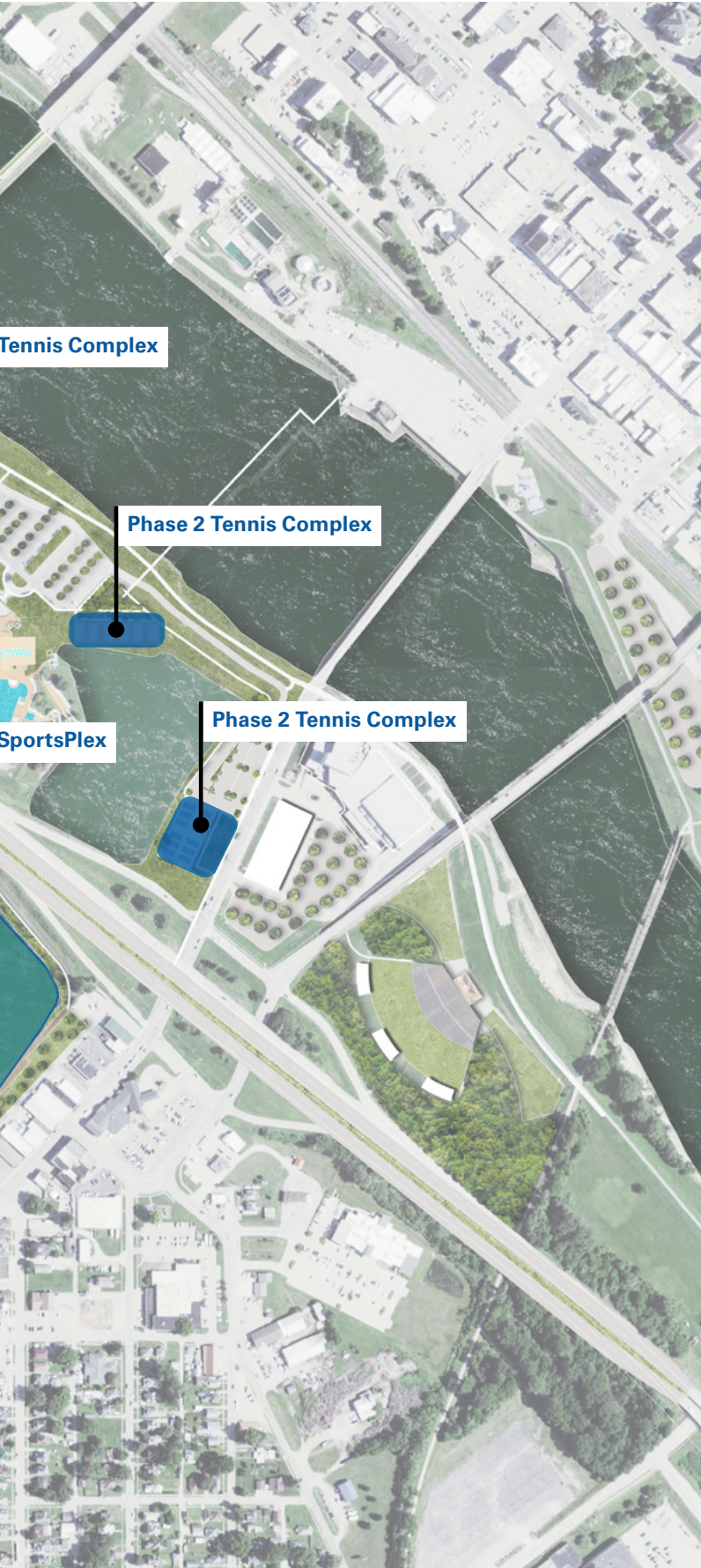


Figure 80: Final Master Plan Phasing



Individual Projects

Soccer

The soccer complex is envisioned as a two phase project. The first phase should be to improve the existing field space as well as install irrigation, lighting, parking, and a restroom facility. The goal would be to meet the current needs of adult and club league players who utilize the space.

The second phase is intended to expand the complex for future growth as well as provide upgraded facilities for other park users. Phasing will need to commence after completion of another facility elsewhere for softball players and then the demolition of those fields and infrastructure. An artificial turf field, more parking, and lighting would then be constructed. Lastly, the dog park facility should be condensed and improved to make way for more natural grass soccer fields, parking, a concessions building, and a childrens playground. Timing would need to coincide with improvements along Highway 34 and also meet any requirements of the levee and it's oversight by the Corp of Engineers.

Tennis

(More Information to be added in final revision)

Baseball

(More Information to be added in final revision)

ASPIRATIONAL PROJECTS

(More Information to be added in final revision)

ENVIRONMENT

(More Information to be added in final revision)



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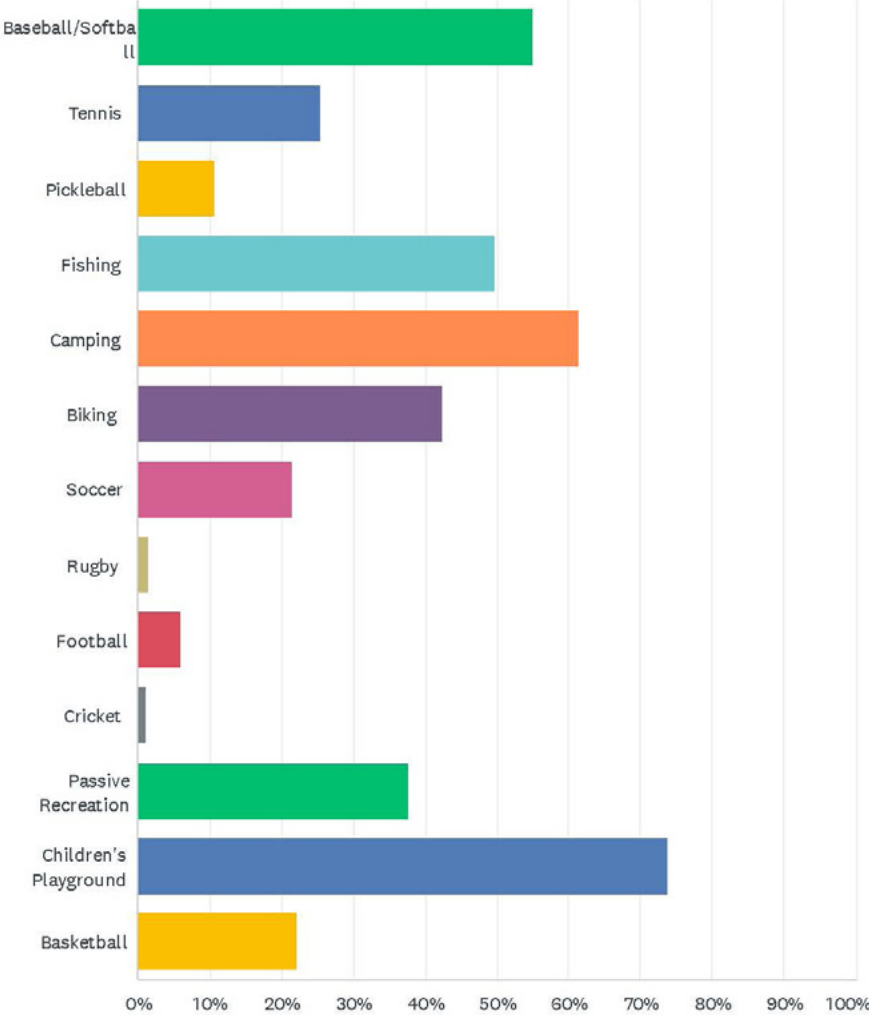
Appendices

SURVEY 1 RESULTS

Greater Ottumwa Park Master Plan Survey No. 1

Q1 Which activities do you think are the most important to have in Ottumwa Park? (choose top 3):

Answered: 502 Skipped: 0



SURVEY 1 RESULTS

Greater Ottumwa Park Master Plan Survey No. 1

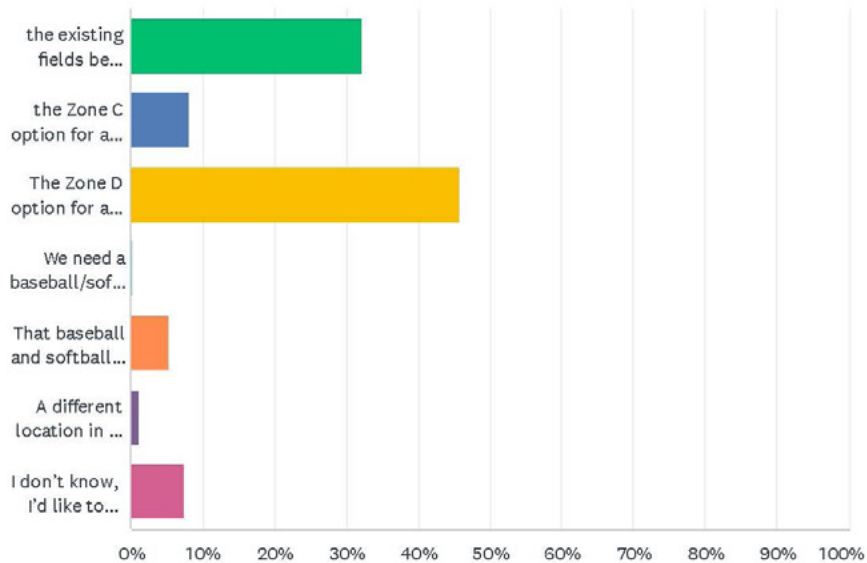
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Baseball/Softball	54.98%	276
Tennis	25.30%	127
Pickleball	10.76%	54
Fishing	49.60%	249
Camping	61.35%	308
Biking	42.43%	213
Soccer	21.51%	108
Rugby	1.39%	7
Football	5.98%	30
Cricket	1.00%	5
Passive Recreation	37.65%	189
Children's Playground	73.71%	370
Basketball	22.11%	111
Total Respondents: 502		

SURVEY 1 RESULTS

Greater Ottumwa Park Master Plan Survey No. 1

Q2 After meeting with local baseball and softball stakeholders, a complex of fields similar to those shown above is desired to meet the needs of Ottumwa youth and adult leagues and to be able to host tournaments. With regard to baseball and softball in Greater Ottumwa Park I prefer (choose one):

Answered: 496 Skipped: 6



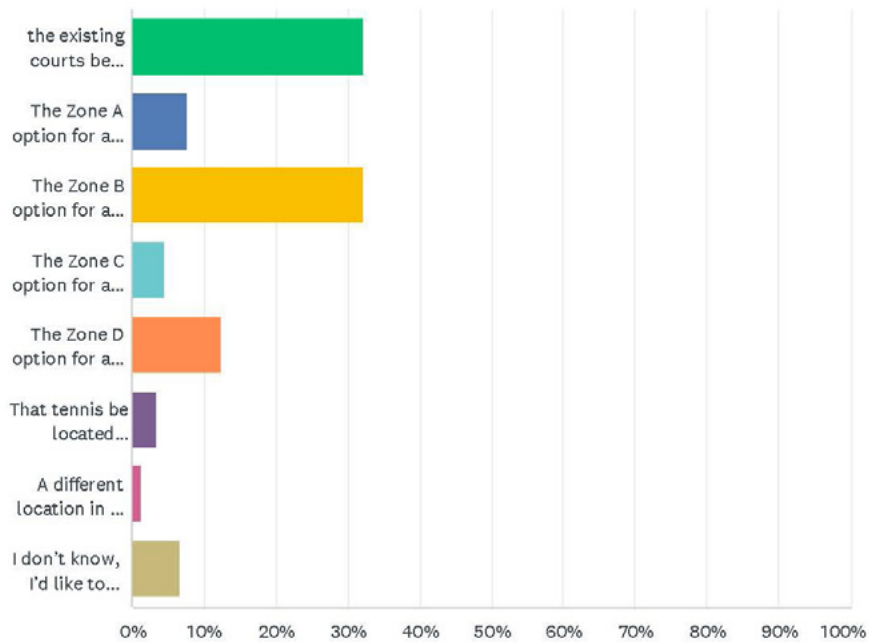
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
the existing fields be maintained and repaired, we don't need more.	32.26%	160
the Zone C option for a new complex	8.06%	40
The Zone D option for a new complex	45.77%	227
We need a baseball/softball complex in Greater Ottumwa Park and I like location C	0.20%	1
That baseball and softball be located elsewhere in Ottumwa	5.24%	26
A different location in the park than the options provided	1.01%	5
I don't know, I'd like to learn more	7.46%	37
TOTAL		496

SURVEY 1 RESULTS

Greater Ottumwa Park Master Plan Survey No. 1

Q3 After meeting with local tennis stakeholders, a complex of courts similar to those shown above is desired to meet the needs of Ottumwa youth and adult leagues and to be able to host tournaments. With regard to tennis in Greater Ottumwa Park I prefer (choose one):

Answered: 498 Skipped: 4



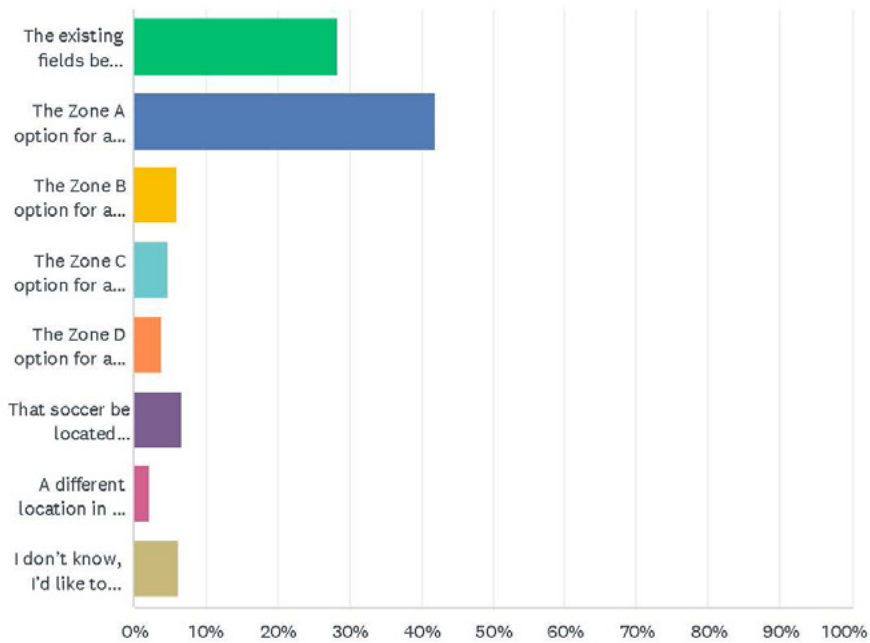
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
the existing courts be maintained and repaired, we don't need more.	32.13%	160
The Zone A option for a new complex	7.63%	38
The Zone B option for a new complex	32.13%	160
The Zone C option for a new complex	4.42%	22
The Zone D option for a new complex	12.45%	62
That tennis be located elsewhere in Ottumwa	3.41%	17
A different location in the park than the options provided	1.20%	6
I don't know, I'd like to learn more	6.63%	33
TOTAL		498

SURVEY 1 RESULTS

Greater Ottumwa Park Master Plan Survey No. 1

Q4 After meeting with local soccer stakeholders, a complex of fields similar to those shown above is desired to meet the needs of Ottumwa youth and adult leagues and to be able to host tournaments. With regard to soccer in Greater Ottumwa Park I prefer (choose one):

Answered: 496 Skipped: 6



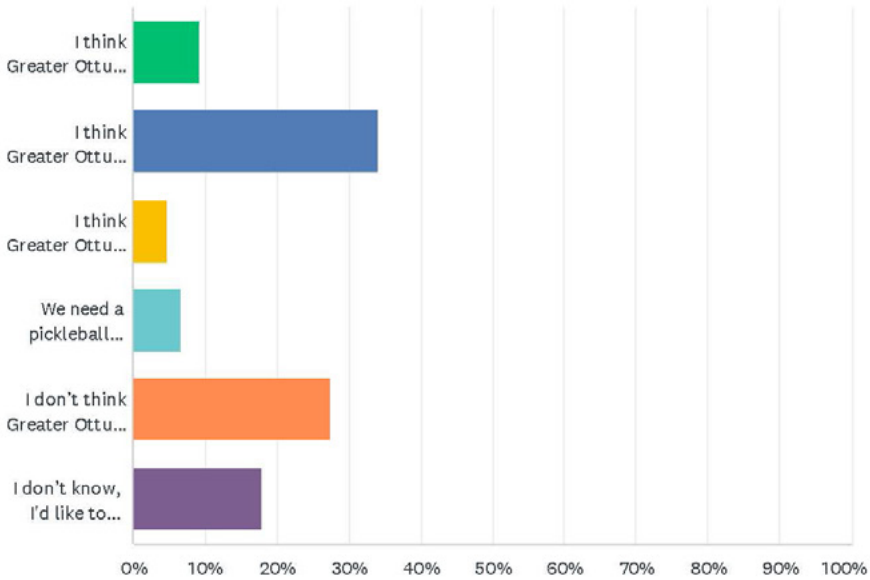
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
The existing fields be maintained and repaired, we don't need more	28.43%	141
The Zone A option for a new complex	41.94%	208
The Zone B option for a new complex	6.05%	30
The Zone C option for a new complex	4.64%	23
The Zone D option for a new complex	3.83%	19
That soccer be located elsewhere in Ottumwa	6.65%	33
A different location in the park than the options provided	2.22%	11
I don't know, I'd like to learn more	6.25%	31
TOTAL		496

SURVEY 1 RESULTS

Greater Ottumwa Park Master Plan Survey No. 1

Q5 Local and national trends point to an increased interest in pickleball. A complex of fields similar to those shown above would be big enough to support potential interest in Ottumwa. With regard to pickleball in Greater Ottumwa Park I prefer (choose one):

Answered: 496 Skipped: 6



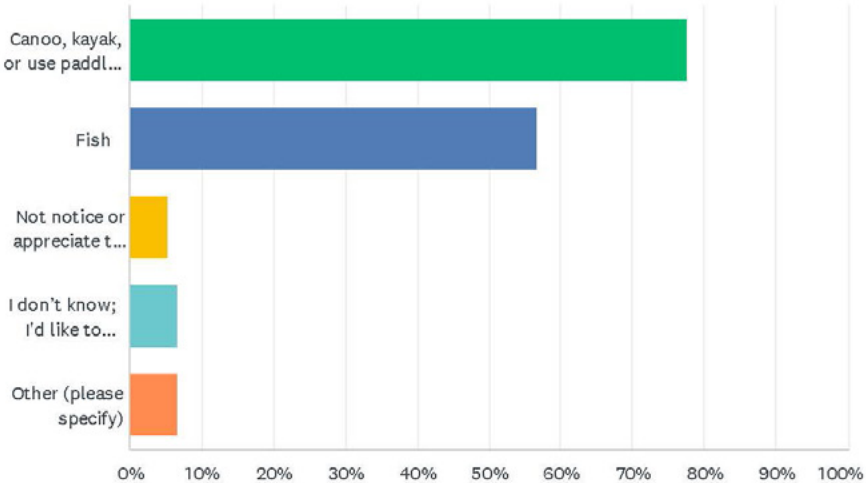
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I think Greater Ottumwa Park is a great location for these and I favor Zone A	9.27%	46
I think Greater Ottumwa Park is a great location for these and I favor Zone B	34.07%	169
I think Greater Ottumwa Park is a great location for these and I favor Zone C	4.64%	23
We need a pickleball complex in Greater Ottumwa Park, and I like Zone D	6.65%	33
I don't think Greater Ottumwa Park is the right location	27.42%	136
I don't know, I'd like to learn more	17.94%	89
TOTAL		496

SURVEY 1 RESULTS

Greater Ottumwa Park Master Plan Survey No. 1

Q6 If the quality of water in the oxbow lake were improved I would (select all that apply):

Answered: 484 Skipped: 18



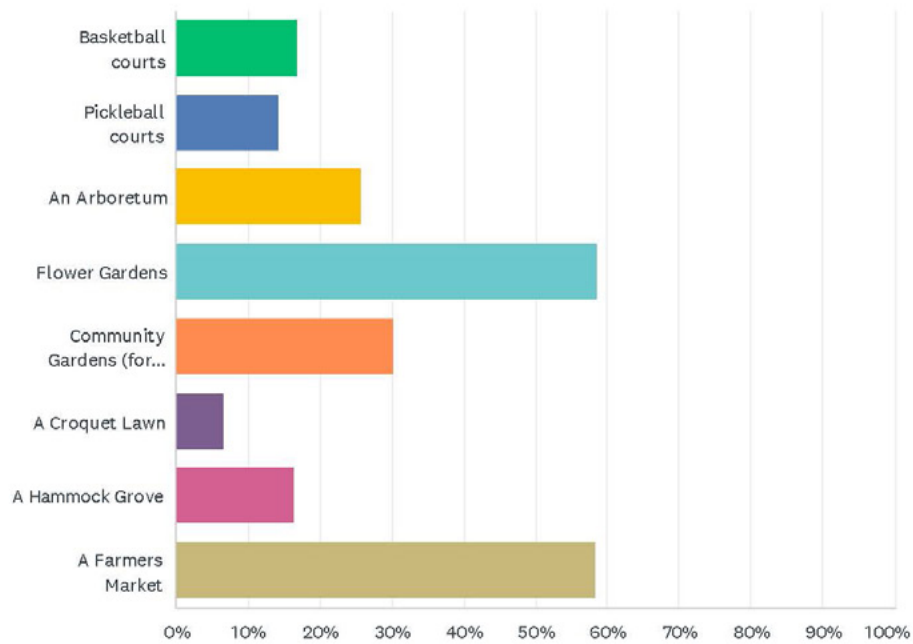
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Canoo, kayak, or use paddle boats	77.69%	376
Fish	56.61%	274
Not notice or appreciate the improvement	5.37%	26
I don't know, I'd like to learn more	6.61%	32
Other (please specify)	6.61%	32
Total Respondents: 484		

SURVEY 1 RESULTS

Greater Ottumwa Park Master Plan Survey No. 1

Q7 What I think is missing in Greater Ottumwa Park is (choose all that apply):

Answered: 433 Skipped: 69



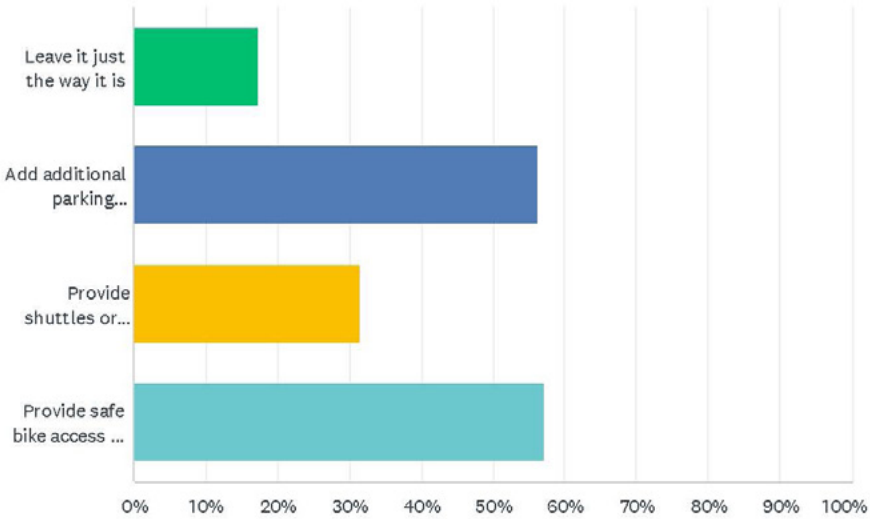
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Basketball courts	16.86%	73
Pickleball courts	14.32%	62
An Arboretum	25.87%	112
Flower Gardens	58.66%	254
Community Gardens (for growing vegetables and other garden crops)	30.25%	131
A Croquet Lawn	6.70%	29
A Hammock Grove	16.40%	71
A Farmers Market	58.43%	253
Total Respondents: 433		

SURVEY 1 RESULTS

Greater Ottumwa Park Master Plan Survey No. 1

Q8 With regard to access and parking at Greater Ottumwa Park, I would (choose all that apply):

Answered: 493 Skipped: 9



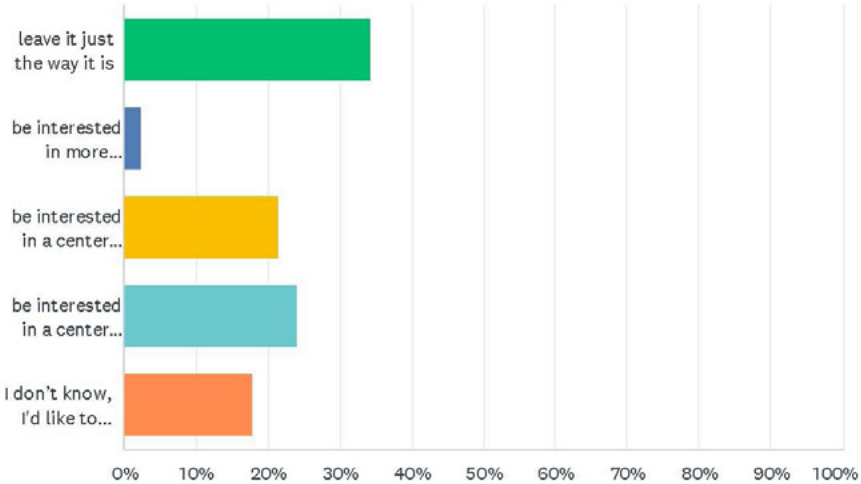
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Leave it just the way it is	17.24%	85
Add additional parking wherever it fits	56.19%	277
Provide shuttles or other transportation for major events	31.64%	156
Provide safe bike access to the park from downtown and surrounding neighborhoods	57.20%	282
Total Respondents: 493		

SURVEY 1 RESULTS

Greater Ottumwa Park Master Plan Survey No. 1

Q9 Wapello Street cuts through the middle of the park, eventually crossing the river to downtown. With regard to Wapello Street, I would (choose one):

Answered: 475 Skipped: 27



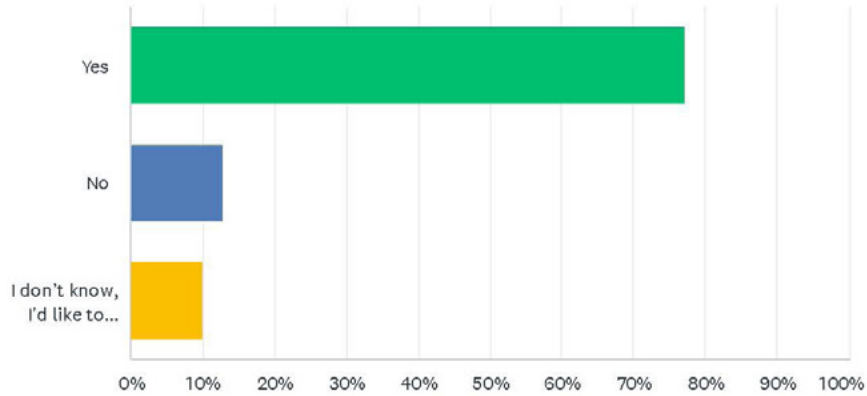
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
leave it just the way it is	34.32%	163
be interested in more on-street parking only	2.32%	11
be interested in a center turn lane and bike lanes only	21.47%	102
be interested in a center turn lane, bike lane, and on-street parking.	24.00%	114
I don't know, I'd like to learn more	17.89%	85
TOTAL		475

SURVEY 1 RESULTS

Greater Ottumwa Park Master Plan Survey No. 1

Q10 I would like to see “greenway” and/or bike path connections between Greater Ottumwa Park and other places like Wildwood Park, nearby schools, and community centers (choose one):

Answered: 494 Skipped: 8



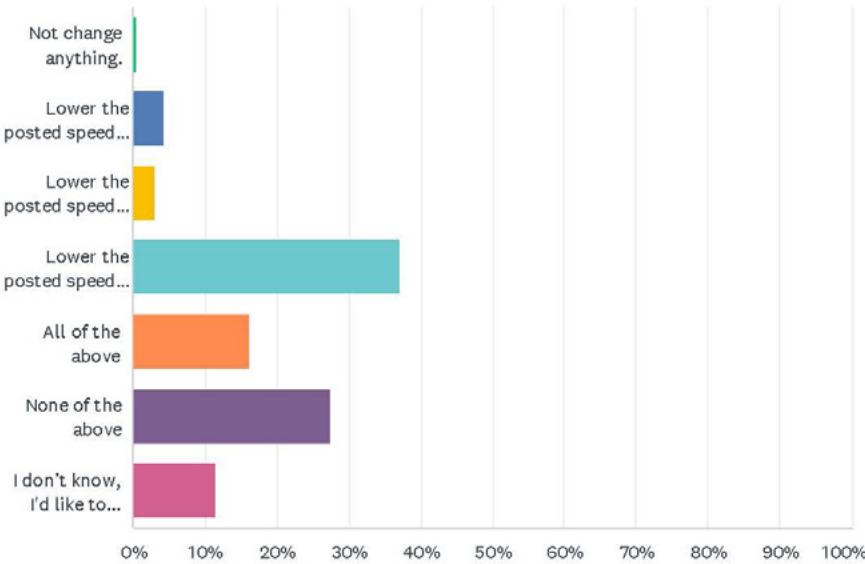
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	77.13%	381
No	12.75%	63
I don't know, I'd like to learn more	10.12%	50
TOTAL		494

SURVEY 1 RESULTS

Greater Ottumwa Park Master Plan Survey No. 1

**Q11 Highway 34 is a large road that cuts through the park east to west.
With regards to Highway 34, I would (select one):**

Answered: 498 Skipped: 4



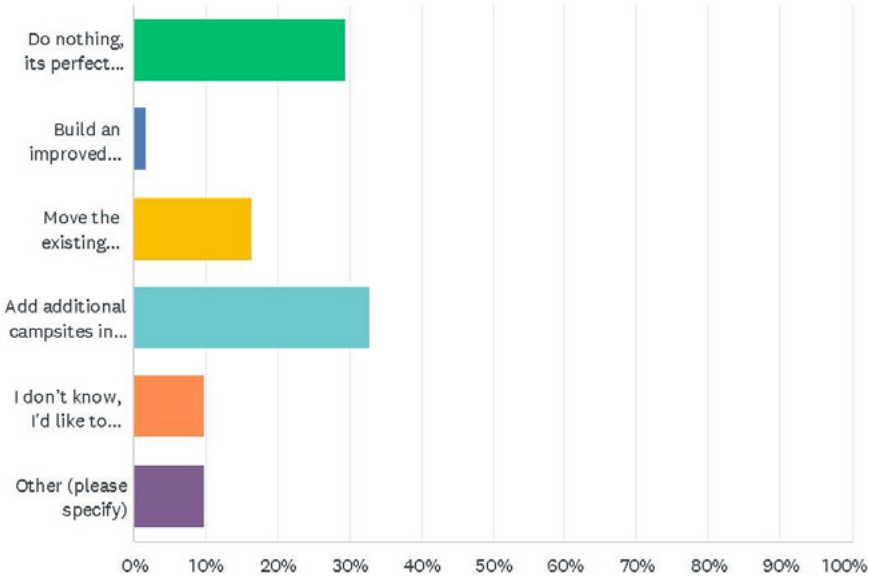
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Not change anything.	0.40% 2
Lower the posted speed to calm traffic through the park	4.22% 21
Lower the posted speed AND bike lanes within the right of way	3.01% 15
Lower the posted speed AND pedestrian tunnels connecting the riverfront to the main park east and west of Wapello Street	37.15% 185
All of the above	16.27% 81
None of the above	27.51% 137
I don't know, I'd like to learn more	11.45% 57
TOTAL	498

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Q12 With regard to the camping experience at Greater Ottumwa Park I would (choose one):

Answered: 496 Skipped: 6



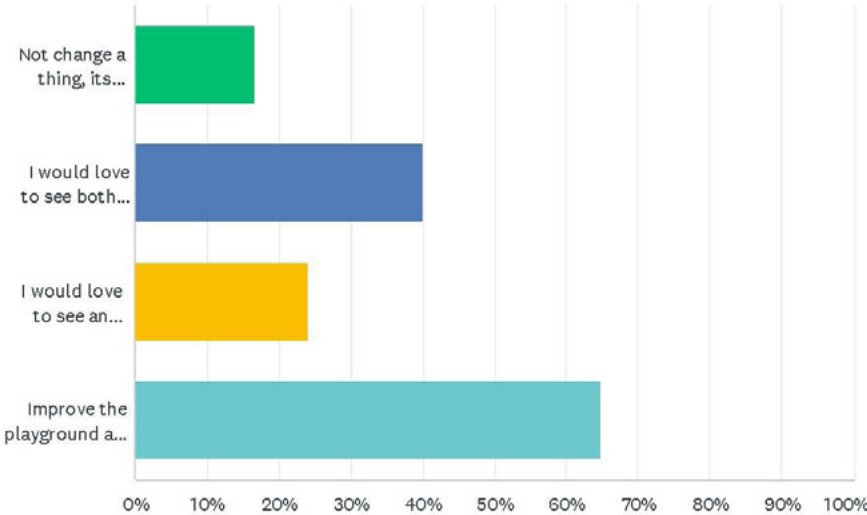
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Do nothing, its perfect just the way it is	29.44%	146
Build an improved restroom/shower building	1.61%	8
Move the existing campsite to a quieter location away from the noise and activity of major events	16.33%	81
Add additional campsites in a quieter location away from the noise and activity of major events	32.86%	163
I don't know, I'd like to learn more	9.88%	49
Other (please specify)	9.88%	49
TOTAL		496

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Q13 With regard to Beach Ottumwa and the upcoming new Recreation Center, I would (choose all that apply):

Answered: 459 Skipped: 43



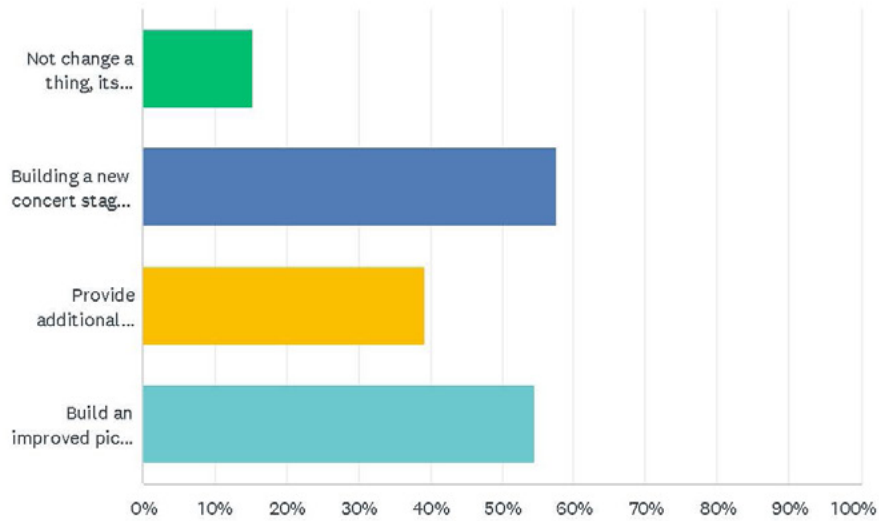
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Not change a thing, its going to be perfect!	16.56%	76
I would love to see both grass and sand volleyball in this location	40.09%	184
I would love to see an indoor tennis court at the Recreation Center	24.18%	111
Improve the playground and make it universally accessible for children with physical impairments	64.92%	298
Total Respondents: 459		

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Q14 With regards to events in Great Ottumwa Park, I would (choose all that apply):

Answered: 483 Skipped: 19



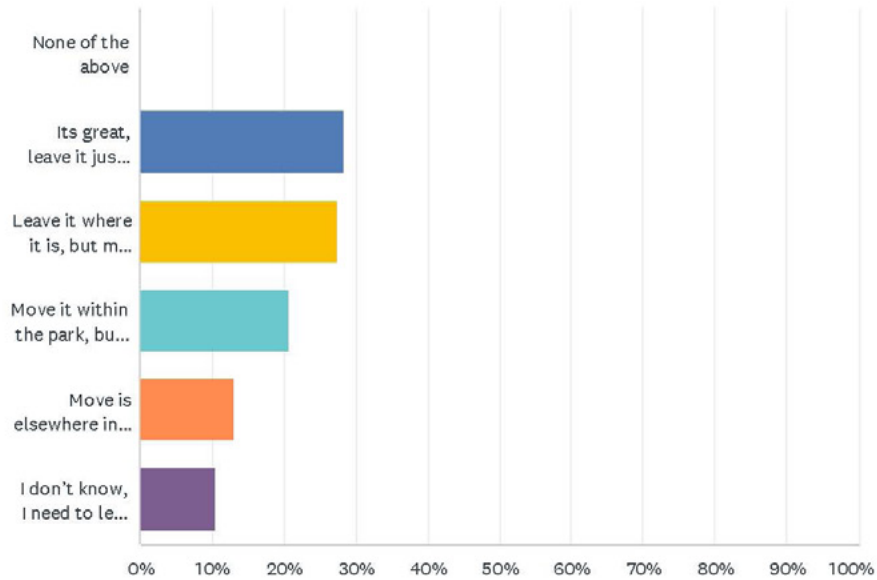
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Not change a thing, its great!	15.32%	74
Building a new concert stage and amphitheater	57.56%	278
Provide additional parking	39.34%	190
Build an improved picnic pavilion	54.66%	264
Total Respondents: 483		

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Q15 With regard to the Dog Park, I think that:

Answered: 486 Skipped: 16



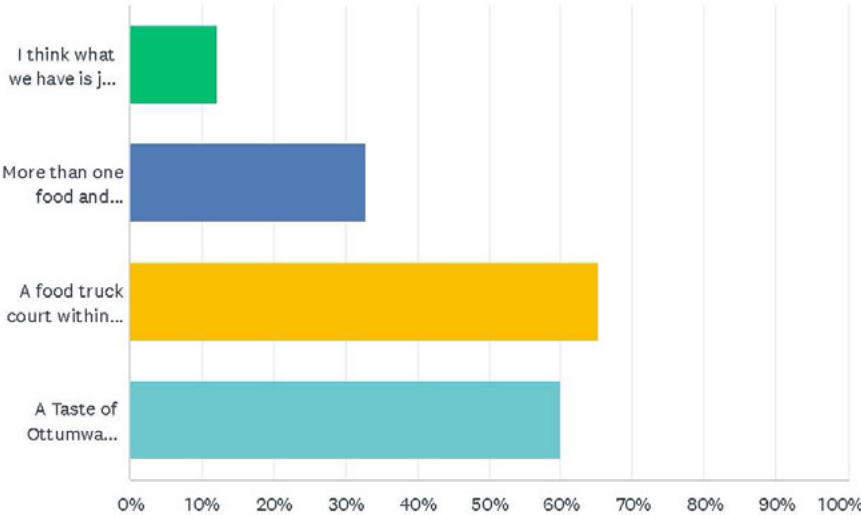
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
None of the above	0.00% 0
Its great, leave it just the way it is!	28.40% 138
Leave it where it is, but make improvements like separate spaces for large and small dogs or an agility course	27.57% 134
Move it within the park, but make improvements like separate spaces for large and small dogs or an agility course	20.58% 100
Move is elsewhere in Ottumwa	12.96% 63
I don't know, I need to learn more	10.49% 51
TOTAL	486

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Q16 With regard to food and beverage within Greater Ottumwa Park, I would like to see (choose all that apply):

Answered: 489 Skipped: 13



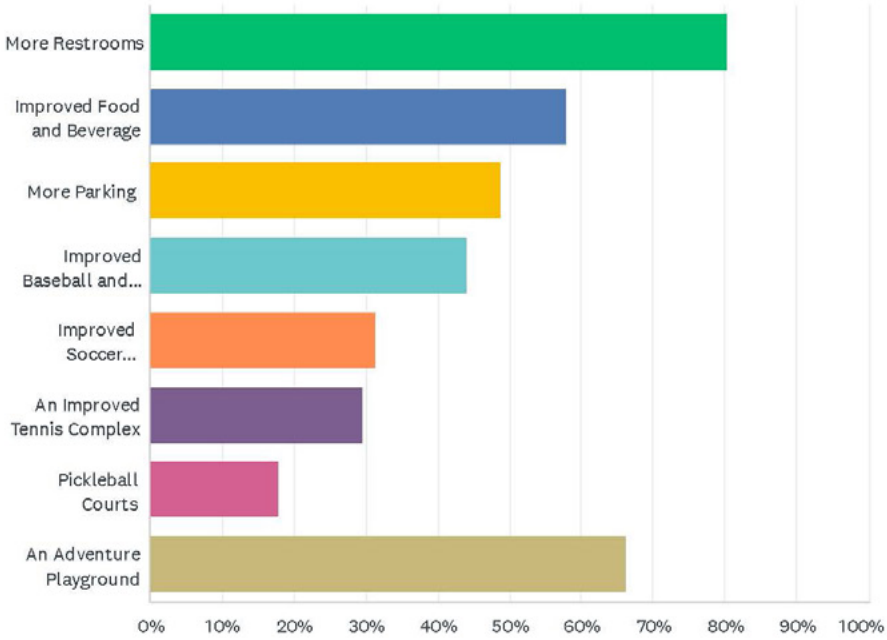
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I think what we have is just great, we don't need any changes	12.07%	59
More than one food and beverage option	32.92%	161
A food truck court within Greater Ottumwa Park	65.24%	319
A Taste of Ottumwa Festival in the park with a wide variety of cuisines!	59.92%	293
Total Respondents: 489		

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Q17 I believe that Ottumwa Park would benefit from more (choose all that apply):

Answered: 491 Skipped: 11



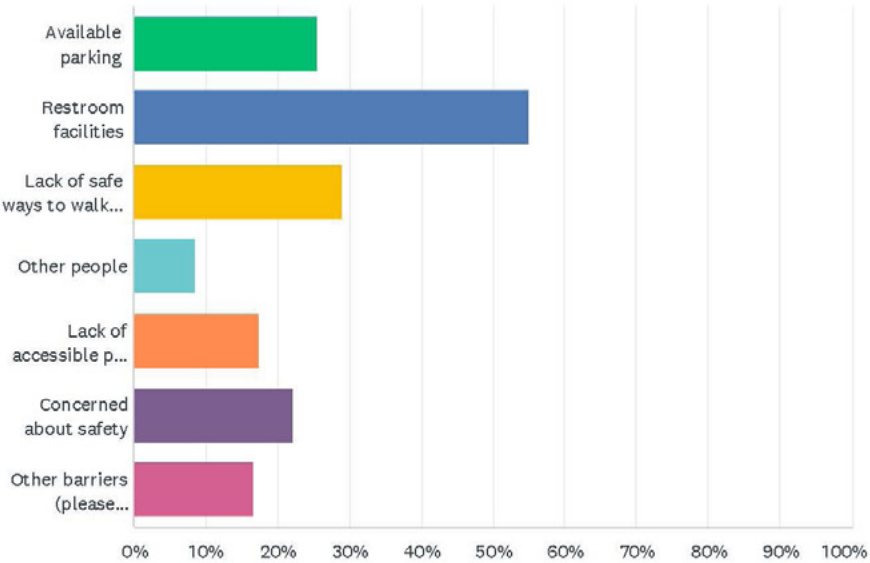
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
More Restrooms	80.45%	395
Improved Food and Beverage	58.04%	285
More Parking	48.88%	240
Improved Baseball and Softball Facilities	44.20%	217
Improved Soccer Facilities	31.36%	154
An Improved Tennis Complex	29.74%	146
Pickleball Courts	17.92%	88
An Adventure Playground	66.40%	326
Total Respondents: 491		

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Q18 Are there any barriers to your use of the park? (choose all that apply):

Answered: 411 Skipped: 91



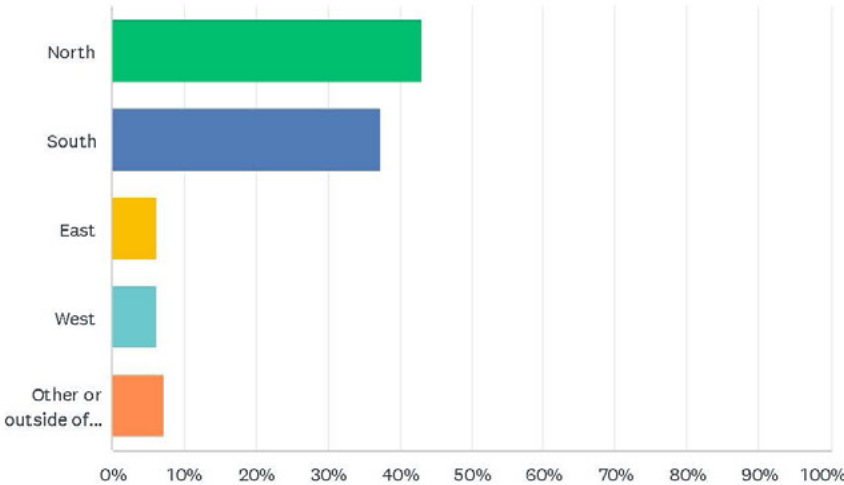
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Available parking	25.55%	105
Restroom facilities	54.99%	226
Lack of safe ways to walk or bike	28.95%	119
Other people	8.52%	35
Lack of accessible park amenities for people with disabilities	17.52%	72
Concerned about safety	22.14%	91
Other barriers (please specify)	16.55%	68
Total Respondents: 411		

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Q19 Where do you live in relation to Greater Ottumwa Park?

Answered: 501 Skipped: 1



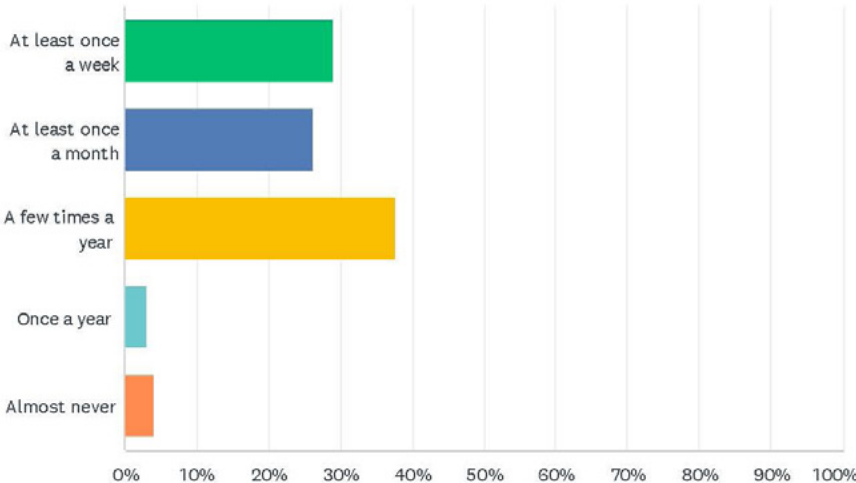
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
North	43.11%	216
South	37.33%	187
East	6.19%	31
West	6.19%	31
Other or outside of Ottumwa (please specify)	7.19%	36
TOTAL		501

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Q20 How often do you use the park and its facilities?

Answered: 500 Skipped: 2



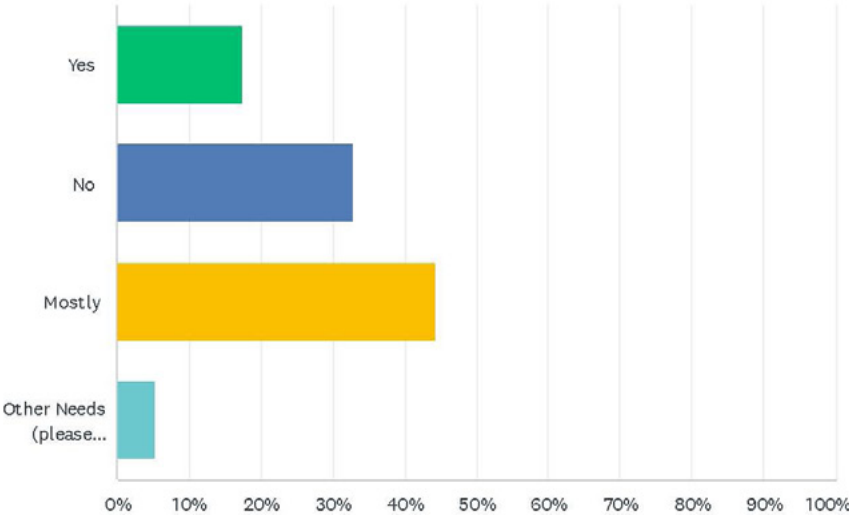
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
At least once a week	29.00%	145
At least once a month	26.20%	131
A few times a year	37.80%	189
Once a year	3.00%	15
Almost never	4.00%	20
TOTAL		500

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Q21 Do you feel like the park looks nice and currently meets your needs for recreation?

Answered: 501 Skipped: 1



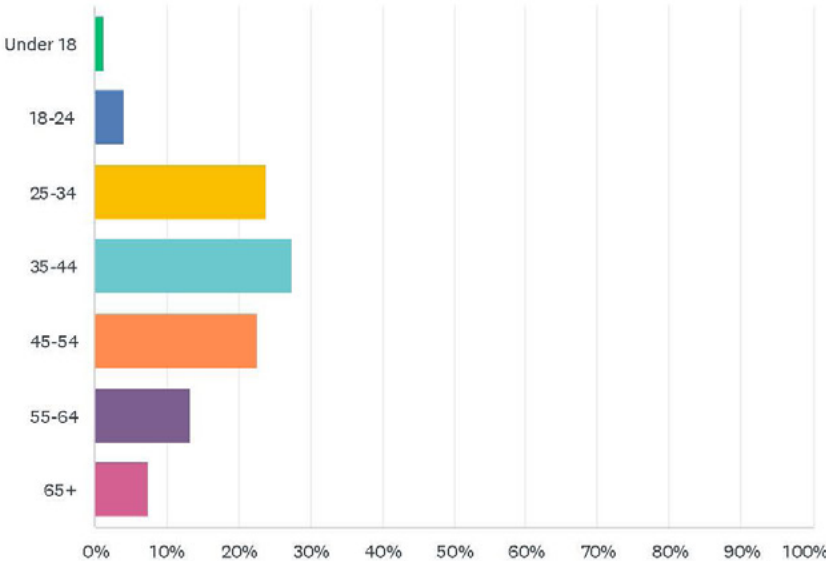
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	17.56%	88
No	32.73%	164
Mostly	44.31%	222
Other Needs (please specify)	5.39%	27
TOTAL		501

SURVEY 1 RESULTS

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Q22 What is your age group? (optional question)

Answered: 498 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	1.20%	6
18-24	4.02%	20
25-34	23.90%	119
35-44	27.51%	137
45-54	22.69%	113
55-64	13.25%	66
65+	7.43%	37
TOTAL		498

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Q23 Please share any additional comments you have for Greater Ottumwa Park.

Answered: 106 Skipped: 396

1. Thank you for allowing us to provide our preferences and feedback during your decision-making process.
2. The parks are beautiful green spaces in the middle of town. I'd hate to see the beautiful trees taken out and covered in ball diamonds, soccer fields, or campgrounds. In other communities, areas on the edge of town are turned into sports complexes and they still benefit from tax revenues and hotel/food revenue when the facilities are in use for games/tournaments. We definitely would benefit from a sports complex but I'd rather it not be in the middle of our city. These beautiful parks should be used for family-based recreation activities - children's play grounds, walking/bike trails, accessible areas for people with disabilities, kayaking/canoe launches and rentals, ice skating, shelters for birthday/reunions, etc. Greater emphasis should be placed on cleaning and safety in the parks (goose poop all over trails, garbage picked up, safe play equipment, better lighting on trails so people can use them later at night).
3. The Ottumwa Pro-Balloon Races is a long standing and important event to Ottumwa. I would like to see ample room left in the park for the event to continue to carry on it's traditions
4. A soccer complex is a must and needs to be top priority, as an admin for youth soccer club, we are on verge of losing the hay fields we play on and practice on. A new complex with multiple fields will meet our need to support the fastly growing sport of soccer in Ottumwa, we have an average of 160 kids every season, the adult league has an average of 12 teams every season with 15 plus players on every team and Indian hills has men's/ women's teams. We have from 4 yr old's to 40 yr old's playing soccer in Ottumwa but don't have the facilities to meet all players. We must be considered as top priority when it comes to building a complex.
5. The Greater Ottumwa Park is one of the best parts of Ottumwa. I have personally heard more compliments on this park than any other aspect of Ottumwa. Few towns can boast at having such a large central landscape with ponds, lawns, trees, winding roads and pathways. Please keep in mind that unused outdoor space does not mean unimportant space. The large acreages within the park are essential for providing a sense of freedom and relaxation which is a great asset to the mental and physical well being of the citizens of Ottumwa. Especially in a town that suffers from addiction, depression, and poverty a healthy free public place to leisurely connect with nature and escape stresses is more crucial than a ton of baseball fields and parking lots.
6. Improvements are great. But you should be contacting the artist/music community when it comes to the amphitheater. info@johnpauljonesgroup.com
7. Maybe have canoe, paddle board classes and rentals or maybe paddle boats for rent
8. I love Ottumwa Park and you absolutely keep changing everything in Ottumwa that is HISTORICAL TO US. I'm all for like changes or adding on to a structure, but to destroy an entire item/thing is devastating to us. Because even then we have to rely on the memories we hold with like every other bad thing that takes things from us. Please stop trying to CHANGE Ottumwa before we IMPROVE Ottumwa!!!!
9. Listen to the people for once!
10. Pickleball, indoor and out door courts
11. No
12. More seating such as bench swings for parents and grand parents to watch kids at play. Other than on picnic tables
13. Need an area for big events such as balloon races out door concerts etc
14. Clean up the lagoons for better fishing, make a sand beach, swimming options and paddle boats, kayaking etc.
15. I like it the way it is. Whatever you do, leave plenty of space for a park like atmosphere. It is our Central Park.

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16. Update Jimmy Jones shelter, make more full hookup for camping ie water, sewer and electric hookups, more 50amp plugs
17. I am part of the hot air balloon community and we don't want to lose our field next to the Jimmy Jones shelter that we use every year and sometimes throughout the year flights. This is a real worry of ours when we see these new plans coming into discussions. We want to keep hot air ballooning going in this community.
18. Clean up what we have before bringing in other things and we go to parks to sit picnic, play ball ride bikes and feed the ducks put in more outdoor and nature stuff not things we have down town. Fix our town stop building more before fixing the stuff that's falling down or need updated
19. Please do NOT fill up the beautiful ponds/lakes. The geese are a joy to the city, I love animals, and so do others. Geese make Ottumwa, Ottumwa. The Greater Ottumwa Park would not be the same if there were no bodies of water/wildlife. Please don't fill any more up with dirt.
20. The community needs to be able to financially justify this
21. I hope the area of the park used for the Balloon Races is not taken up by recreational facilities. I would rather see it used for other events, but the Balloon Races is something that brings people from outside of Ottumwa to town.
22. Leave zone C alone
23. We need to look at attracting people from all around Ottumwa to our community. Our parks are really amazing and used by the public. We need food truck, farmers markets and splash pads to attract more to Ottumwa.
24. Please do not waste tax payer dollars tearing out the sports complexes that exist already. Fix them up where they need it. Please do not hinder the annual balloon race field nor the rodeo grounds please.
25. None
26. The campground needs improvement such as bigger concrete pads, sewer hook-ups. Can be done on the front row since the sewer line runs along the road. Better host the ones that are there treat people like trash.
27. The geese are a huge problem. We need less. More camping with cement pads for larger rigs and full hook ups, new shower facilities.
28. Restoring the park sounds great! But please keep in mind that we do have wildlife that live in the park and we need to be sure we are accommodating them as well. We share the land with our animals and it hurts nothing to respect their needs as well.
29. Leave the Jimmy Jones Shelter! We use it for festivities! Add more festivities to attract crowds! Food truck celebrations, taco n marg celebrations, but keep it!! Weekly summer outdoor bands
30. Need to update it make a place we want to stay and bring people to
31. Better pedestrian path as opposed to sharing with bikes and motorized vehicles that circles the entire park.
32. Need to look at other parks in surrounding areas to compare. Like Oskey Lacey Complex. They have had that for at least 15 years. Ottumwa is very behind. Hope to see change would be great.
33. We love it. No complaints
34. Stop trying to change everything!
35. We really need an ice rink.
36. Quit focusing on new this and new that. Try improving on what we have and maintain it.
37. Need updated ball fields to host tournaments
38. Make sure you actually listen to what the people want and will use.
39. LEAVE IT ALONE. MOVE THE BALL FIELDS. BUT WE ALL THE CITY WILL DO WHAT THEY WANT REGARDLESS OF THE OUTCOME OF THIS SURVEY. JUST LIKE ANYTHING ELSE THEY DO.
40. Ottumwa needs a central community gathering location with a nice playground, nice picnic shelter house, and Amphitheater near one another.
41. I hope that the park can be redone and maintained. Even if our needs are not met. Ottumwa deserves to have something nice to be proud of.
42. Bring a splash pad area to a ottumwa!!!!

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43. Kids are not into sports as they once were. There are very few who are. We are embarking into survival times. Fishing, camping, survival training, first aid, etc. the park needs renovated into a picturesque artists paradise that allows fishing, hiking, bicycling, etc all year round. Move the sportsplex somewhere else. Or keep what we have and update them without ruining the beauty of the park and it's habitat.
44. None
45. Need a lazy River at The Beach Ottumwa that's handicapped assessable. With price of tubes included in admission
46. We use the park alot for taking off and landing our balloon please keep in mind the excitement the hot air balloons brings to people each year we need the large field to be able to do this thank you
47. Clean up the lagoons, stock fish, in the summer have a place for kids to get fishing rods and bait.
48. Embrace diversity with the new ideas. Diverse population in people.
49. I would just leave things the way they are just update stuff around the park that needs updates
50. I love it just the way it is it could use some upgrades but it's what makes ottumwa beautiful
51. Please no more ball fields, there are so many children who DONT play sports. So many people who don't play sports. Please stop catering to a small percentage of the people who live in ottumwa. We need diversity of events and things to do. Baseball fields serve one group and only at a limited time and cannot be used for anything else when not in practice or games. Organize the sports teams better and practice times. This should not happen to a beautiful GREEN space!!!! Thank you for your time.
52. The park is in need of serious updates. Facilities that can be used and not falling apart or not being ised
53. The jimmy jones shelter and open field needs to be left open for balloons!
54. Would love a full hook up camp ground. There are many workers from out of town that stay there seasonally. Other surrounding towns have full hooks ups and a cheaper monthly rate.
55. Would be great to see some bike racks in places
56. Bmx track behind mall would be awesome
57. Who is gonna do the up keep on new field when they let the 20+ in town go to crap
58. The space in greater Ottumwa park could be better utilized than just ball tournaments. The community loves the events held at the park such as the ballon races, rodeo, October fest. Maybe the park could use the space to continue to host event that the community can enjoy along with being people into the community. Maybe look into hosting outdoor concerts and other festivals.
59. Keep the old junkie campers out and put in sewer
60. Leave it be but just some small upgrades
61. Leave the open area for balloon races and county fair
62. Leave camping and that side of park alone. Annual events are something we look forward to every year. Would be a shame and disappointment to take that away for families.
63. The purpose of a park is for enjoyment of nature and wildlife. This space is used for many events for the community, and it's crazy to alter it and lose a lovely park. We have enough ball fields and tennis courts to serve our needs. What we don't have much of is the nature appreciation locations it now provides. Don't destroy a beautiful park!
64. Would be cool to have water jets and lights installed in water by fountain and have a show
65. Are these fields going to have good up keep or are we going to let them fall apart like the 20 others we have and now they think they should have new ones
66. Would like to see area behind mall utilized if possible. Its currently just a place that's never used
67. Please add splash pad
68. Would love to see improved camping in zone c
69. I'm glad you are seeking input and wanting to grow ottumwa
70. Would be nice to connect the oxbo for better water movement and activities

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71. The last survey that shows 17 baseball fields is a wishlist rather than a need. Tennis courts are in a bad condition but cramming them into the current location will be tight and some features in that area were installed with government funds that will have to be replaced. The wooded area in the southeast quadrant is highly used and not just the concrete path. The entire area gets a lot of traffic. The last concept drawing had a portion removed for parking which would kill many trees. My apologies for missing yesterday's meeting I wish I could've been there to talk in person. Wes Konrad, 6417999336 if you have any questions. Thank you.
72. There are hundreds if not thousands of frogs that will be killed by the filling in of the shallow lagoon. The ducks also love it. Pity.
73. Better restrooms and a mini splash pad!!
74. Have toddler children, need more things for young age children and disabled children. Maybe add a splash pad for summer!
75. Need to leave space for Hot Air Balloon competition
76. Almost all facilities need updated. Something needs to be done about the geese population, they are taking over and it is unattractive to have goose poop all over the park. Also, I think the soccer fields are used very frequently and could use an upgrade!!
77. It seems like a great space that currently has a lot of unused land. I support many of the large improvements listed in the survey and am excited for the opportunities this presents as my young kids grow older. Biggest concern is about maintaining the improvements and structures. Just as much thought and planning needs to be placed in proper care for facilities as is being placed in planning for the facilities.
78. Would like to see a large play ground that is secured/fenced in with one way in and out with accessible equipment. Even if it has to be outside of main park area e.g. improving the one by the lagoons where there is space, given that is a central area for north and south Ottumwa.
79. Campground is a very nice clean park, needs sewer to keep campers coming back. Needs new playground equipment to up date the times.
80. The lagoons need to be dredged to have better fishing and provide more storm water storage. Would be nice to have the storm water go through rakes to help keep trash out of the lagoons. Keep highway 34 cleaned and groomed. Make gradual improvements in the park, not one big push
81. I love Ottumwa Park and use it often. I would like to see the West lagoon side used for fishing, kayaking, bird watching and camping. We need to do all we can to attract wildlife. I love it every Spring and Fall when migrating birds stop through (especially the pelicans). The wildlife along the river is a great asset to Ottumwa.
82. These improvements will be great for our community. The camping area needs more full service spots.
83. It would be really nice to get some additional non sport ball activities as-well for adults and children alike such as Swimming beaches / kayak rentals for improved existing waterways, better fish stocking and maintenance for improved fishing, rock climbing, ziplines, indoor trampoline park, walking / biking paths separate from driving, above wapello pedestrian / bike crossings, more parking for new activity areas and existing alike. I think a concession / food truck / food festival / market area is also a great idea if more activities to draw more diverse groups of people in all the time and not for just the sports events.
84. Please ditch the Rec plex. It will be a tax burden especially with the O&M costs. Put the tennis courts on school property so they can share in the O&M costs not just capital construction.
85. Ottumwa park is a dirty park. It's full of mosquitos, goose crap, and filthy cottonwood trees. Fill in the low spots, improve drainage would be a great start. Ball complex needs to go out north of town near the hotels.
86. This is an excellent, proactive plan. Make it happen.
87. I understand the need for improvement. But don't take away the uniqueness of our park. Having the open field for activities such as rodeo or Hot Air balloons is awesome for the community. Re-homing most of the geese would help. The walking trails and the playground are covered in feces and it is not healthy for the kids to play there.
88. We have a great park area , but I feel it is under utilized. There should be safe ways to access all parts of the park without crossing highway 34 or Wapello street. Camping facilities are very popular , but need updated and maintained. There is something to be said for maintaining some "green" areas of the park for picnics or practicing a golf swing, kite flying. It is under utilized, but do we have to develop every part of it?

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89. I think we have a very nice area that is under used and we aren't taking full advantage of a great resource to our community. Any ways of improving it would be a much welcome change. More restrooms, safe ways to access each area from other areas of the park and from surrounding areas of the town. It would be nice to add to our paved trail system, as I see numerous people using the paved trails on the levee and so on. It would be nice to connect to further places on northside and southside of town so you could bike or walk an entire paved area to and from the park. I'm thinking something along the lines of the trails by Pella and Lake Red Rock. I also think that a softball/baseball complex and recreation center to host volleyball/basketball tournaments is needed to bring people and revenue to our town which is of good size instead of losing that to smaller surrounding towns like Osky and Fairfield. The campground area seems to be busy quite often and I think one draw is being close to the activities being held at the park such as balloon races, 4th of July and extra events held at pavilion.
90. Plan looks nice, need to get started on it. need to continue to bring people this way, bring in the good, run out the bad. But before the City gets to invested in this rejuvenation, focus on fixing what is already available, such as code enforcement, make the place more desirable to move to/spend time in, the rest will fall in to place after that. Use Pella as a model.
91. I have four children ranging in ages from 12 to 2, we enjoy the park as it is, but would like to see more activities for them all to do, and would like to see more events hosted in the park.
92. Would it be possible to add a bike/walk trail that connects the sidewalks on Albia Rd near Waynes Tire to the west side of the park, and the sidewalk near Scooters to the east side of the park. It would run along ferry st on each side of the roundabout. If the bodies of water area improved, some large fishing docks could be added. Add more seating such as benches.
93. Get rid of the camp area and add additional security features to the park. light all the trails add emergency buttons and cameras through out. Also a huge problem with the trail system is the goose poop everywhere... no one wants to use it with goose poop everywhere.. relocate the geese and have someone regularly cleaning the poop. Camp grounds do a way with or move it to blackhawk
94. By nature, I am very careful (conservative) on how money is spent. However, I am an even big believer that recreational opportunities play an enormous role in quality of life and play a major role for those looking to call Ottumwa Home. Spending big money to make improvements to the trail system and Park system will always get my vote!
95. Keep all sports evens in the 4 quadrants of the park. Do we need Pickleball (dont even know what that is) concentrate on doing a great Softball/Baseball complex with clean accessible bathrooms and plenty of parking. Soccer fields can wait.. its been MANY years that softball and baseball have waited for improvements. Move the tennis courts to the northeast quadrant by the Beach and add parking there as needed. You can make some minor improvements for soccer but leave it where it is... or move the slow pitch fields? take out many of the trees in the south east section by the lagoon and add to that area. lot of wasted space there. But you are trying to cram too much into that space. do it right with a little room to grow as needed.
96. I think the park definitely needs improvements. Its hard to give opinions on where things should be located without knowing where other things will be located. For instance, it makes sense pickle ball and tennis should be relatively close to each other. Ball fields need to have entrances that can be monitored for tournaments and able to charge entry fees to spectators without interfering with other park activities that would not have a charge. Lots of if's, and's or but's that a survey doesn't allow input for those things to apply. I think its great to have citizens input and thanks for those considerations.
97. Please just don't change things that work and then waste money on things that don't.
98. If you look at the numbers, and take a pictures at various times of day, night, weekends, weekdays etc.. you will where the money needs to be spent. Not on Tennis. Soccer, baseball, softball, basketball are high demands and uses. Ottumwa is trying to be a resilient community and accepting of diversity. Then grow with the population. The sports that the newer diverse population growth is Soccer and Rugby. Tennis is on a decline that is obvious because people want pickleball. Just like soccer is replacing football. People are mislead when the city says they are sharing costs with the school district. The schools money is the tax payers money. The school district can raise the tax base faster than any other entity in the city or county. If something needs to be built and paid for by the tax payers, don't mislead them and try to say they are sharing costs with the school district. Be transparent and just use the numbers. Like how many teams, how many players, etc.. what is the ROI on building these things? You see higher numbers at BB and SB or soccer events. You even see food trucks at

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soccer events here in town. You won't see numbers like that with tennis courts. You would probably never see a food truck at a tennis court. Follow the money, look at the ROI.

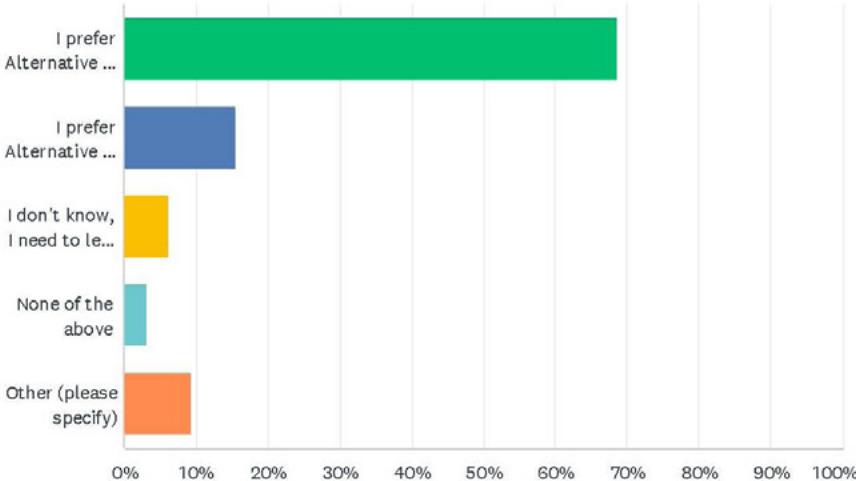
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101. I would love to see something done with the parks that would make kids want to be outside and have fun like I did as a kid at our parks. Splash pad, play equipment for ALL ages and something even for the adults.
102. Invest in the Beach(Lazy River), Make more use of Sycamore Park(Add something like Fun City in Burlington) please invest in the Beach!!!
103. This community is lucky to have such a beautiful amount of park space. Everyone on the highway will get a great view of how well Ottumwa has planned sporting, camping, and recreation facilities when improvements are made. This should be our crown jewel.
104. Love the park location, wish there were more activities available
105. Thank you for the survey and attempting change. This will be great no matter what happens.
106. I want this to be the WOW Factor when people drive through town.

SURVEY 2 RESULTS

Greater Ottumwa Park Master Plan Survey No. 2

Q1 I favor the development of Zone A (choose all that apply):

Answered: 32 Skipped: 0



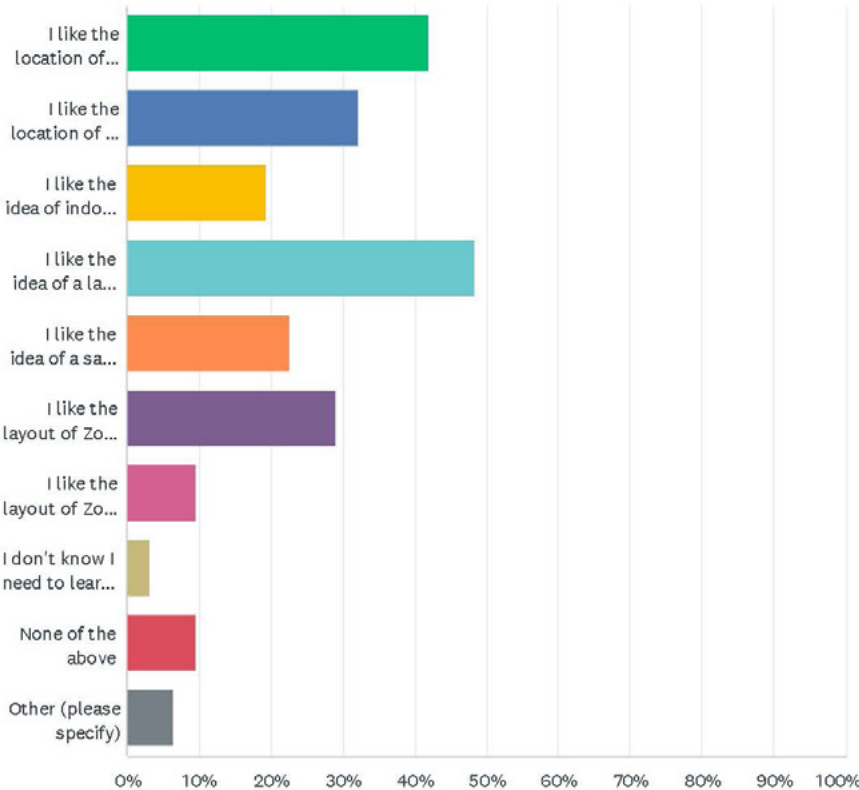
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I prefer Alternative 1 with soccer in Zone A	68.75%	22
I prefer Alternative 2 with events in Zone A	15.63%	5
I don't know, I need to learn more	6.25%	2
None of the above	3.13%	1
Other (please specify)	9.38%	3
Total Respondents: 32		

SURVEY 2 RESULTS

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Q2 I like the layout of Zone B (choose all that apply):

Answered: 31 Skipped: 1



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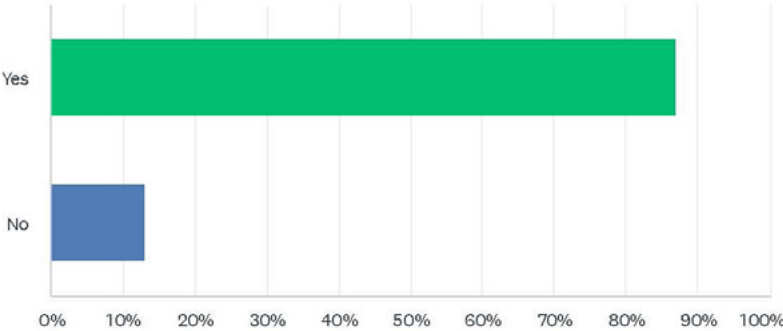
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I like the location of tennis complex in this area	41.94%	13
I like the location of the pickleball in this area	32.26%	10
I like the idea of indoor tennis (or a tennis bubble) in this location	19.35%	6
I like the idea of a lazy river in this location	48.39%	15
I like the idea of a sand volleyball complex in this area	22.58%	7
I like the layout of Zone B as drawn. Let's build it!	29.03%	9
I like the layout of Zone B with a few tweaks	9.68%	3
I don't know I need to learn more	3.23%	1
None of the above	9.68%	3
Other (please specify)	6.45%	2
Total Respondents: 31		

SURVEY 2 RESULTS

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Q3 I like the idea of dredging the Oxbow and using the dredge material to shape Greater Ottumwa Park:

Answered: 31 Skipped: 1



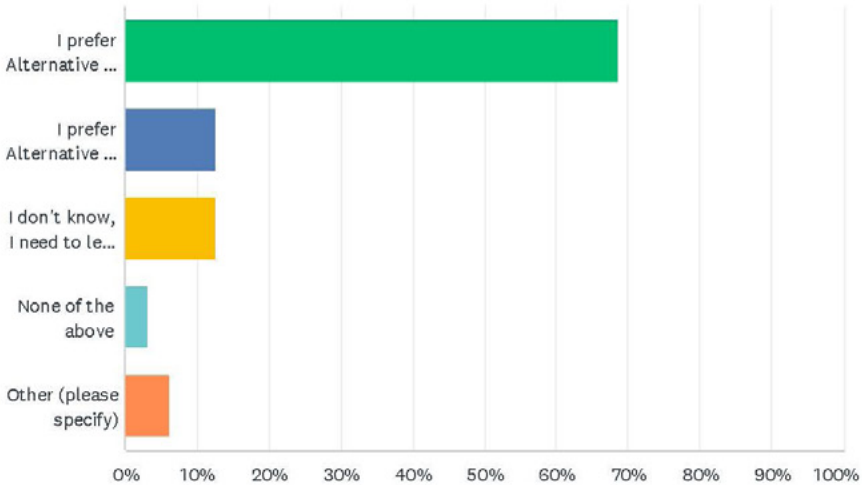
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	87.10%	27
No	12.90%	4
TOTAL		31

SURVEY 2 RESULTS

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Q4 Regarding the layout of Zone C (choose all that apply):

Answered: 32 Skipped: 0



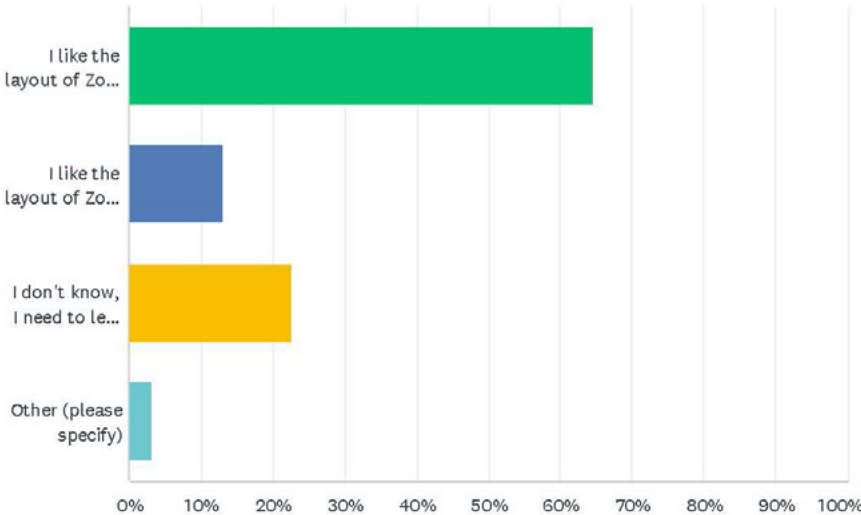
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I prefer Alternative 1 with events in Zone C	68.75%	22
I prefer Alternative 1 with soccer in Zone C	12.50%	4
I don't know, I need to learn more	12.50%	4
None of the above	3.13%	1
Other (please specify)	6.25%	2
Total Respondents: 32		

SURVEY 2 RESULTS

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Q5 I like the layout of Zone D: (choose all that apply)

Answered: 31 Skipped: 1



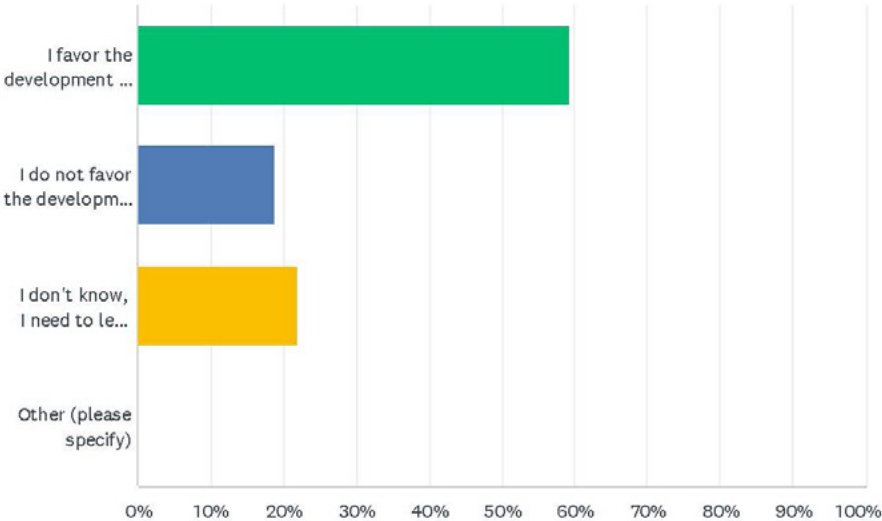
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
I like the layout of Zone D as drawn. Let's build it!	64.52% 20
I like the layout of Zone D with some tweaks!	12.90% 4
I don't know, I need to learn more	22.58% 7
Other (please specify)	3.23% 1
Total Respondents: 31	

SURVEY 2 RESULTS

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Q6 Regarding a Botanical Garden and Arboretum at Greater Ottumwa Park (choose all that apply):

Answered: 32 Skipped: 0



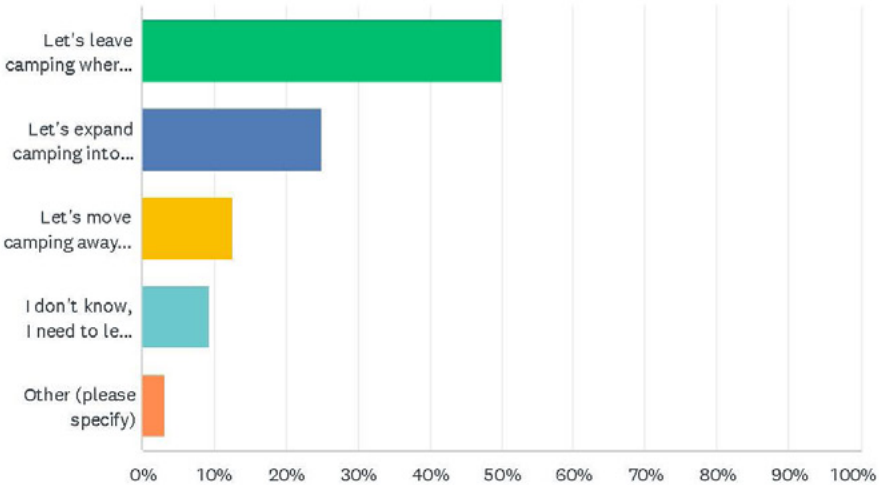
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I favor the development of a botanical garden and arboretum at Greater Ottumwa Park	59.38%	19
I do not favor the development of a botanical garden and arboretum at Greater Ottumwa Park	18.75%	6
I don't know, I need to learn more	21.88%	7
Other (please specify)	0.00%	0
TOTAL		32

SURVEY 2 RESULTS

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Q7 Regarding camping:

Answered: 32 Skipped: 0



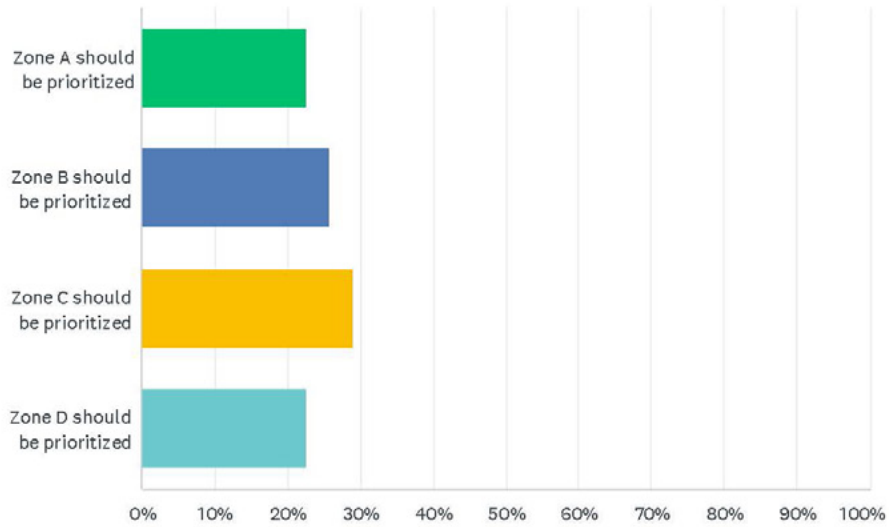
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Let's leave camping where it is in Zone C	50.00%	16
Let's expand camping into Zone D	25.00%	8
Let's move camping away from the highway noise in Zone C to Zone D	12.50%	4
I dont know, I need to learn more	9.38%	3
Other (please specify)	3.13%	1
TOTAL		32

SURVEY 2 RESULTS

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Q8 In regard to phasing improvements at Greater Ottumwa Park:

Answered: 31 Skipped: 1



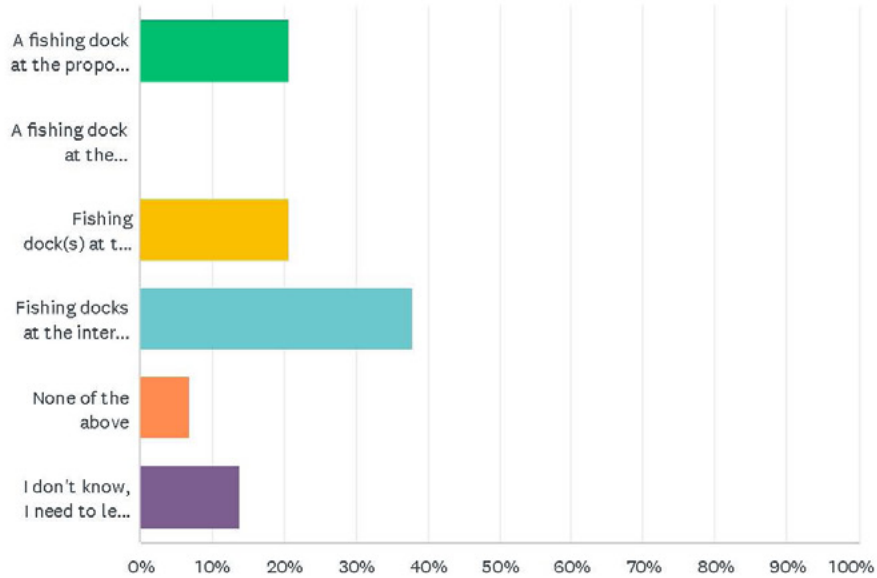
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Zone A should be prioritized	22.58% 7
Zone B should be prioritized	25.81% 8
Zone C should be prioritized	29.03% 9
Zone D should be prioritized	22.58% 7
TOTAL	31

SURVEY 2 RESULTS

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Q9 Regarding fishing, I favor:

Answered: 29 Skipped: 3



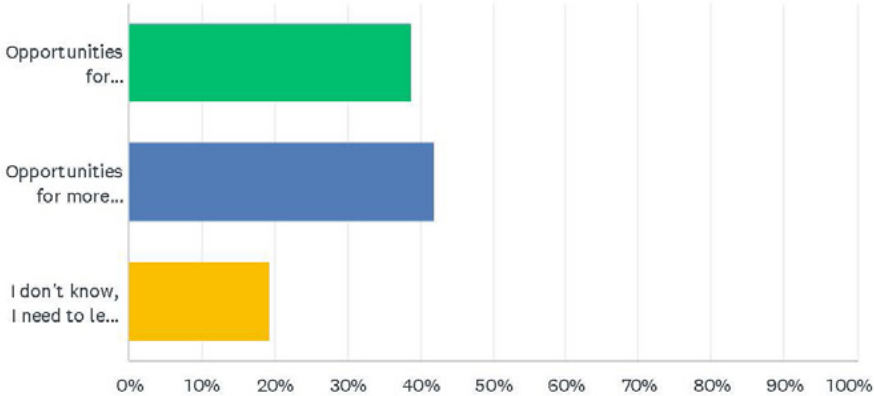
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
A fishing dock at the proposed oxbow boardwalk in Zone C	20.69%	6
A fishing dock at the potential Rowing Center in Zone C	0.00%	0
Fishing dock(s) at the smaller interior lakes of the park	20.69%	6
Fishing docks at the interior lakes, boardwalk, and Rowing Center	37.93%	11
None of the above	6.90%	2
I don't know, I need to learn more	13.79%	4
TOTAL		29

SURVEY 2 RESULTS

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Q10 Regarding boating, I favor:

Answered: 31 Skipped: 1



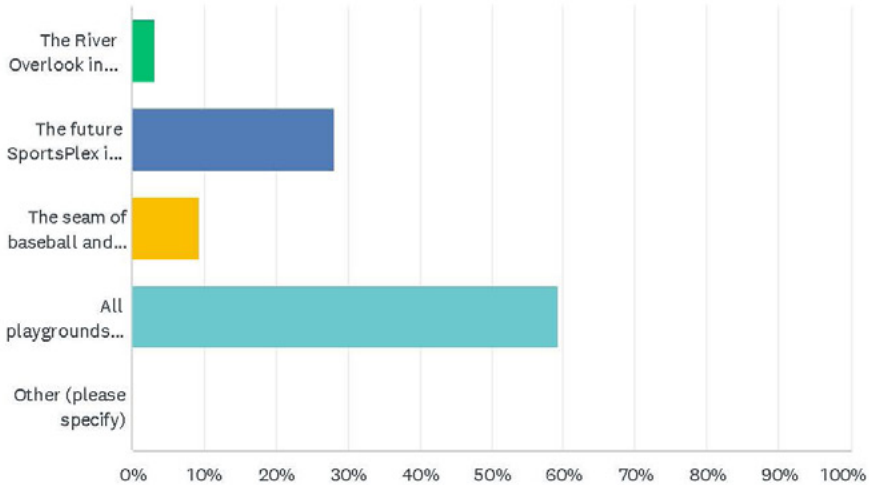
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Opportunities for family-oriented pedal boats within the smaller interior lakes of the park	38.71%	12
Opportunities for more advanced boating within the exterior oxbow lake of the park, including a Rowing Center	41.94%	13
I don't know, I need to learn more	19.35%	6
TOTAL		31

SURVEY 2 RESULTS

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Q11 Regarding playgrounds, I favor a larger playground at:

Answered: 32 Skipped: 0



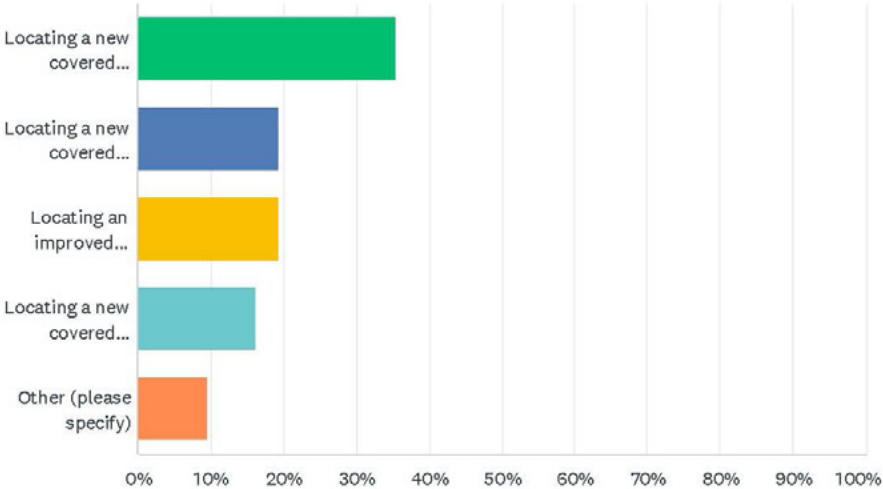
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
The River Overlook in Zone A	3.13%	1
The future SportsPlex in Zone B	28.13%	9
The seam of baseball and parking in Zone D	9.38%	3
All playgrounds should be similar in size, amenities, and capacity	59.38%	19
Other (please specify)	0.00%	0
TOTAL		32

SURVEY 2 RESULTS

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Q12 Regarding a Farmers Market, I favor:

Answered: 31 Skipped: 1



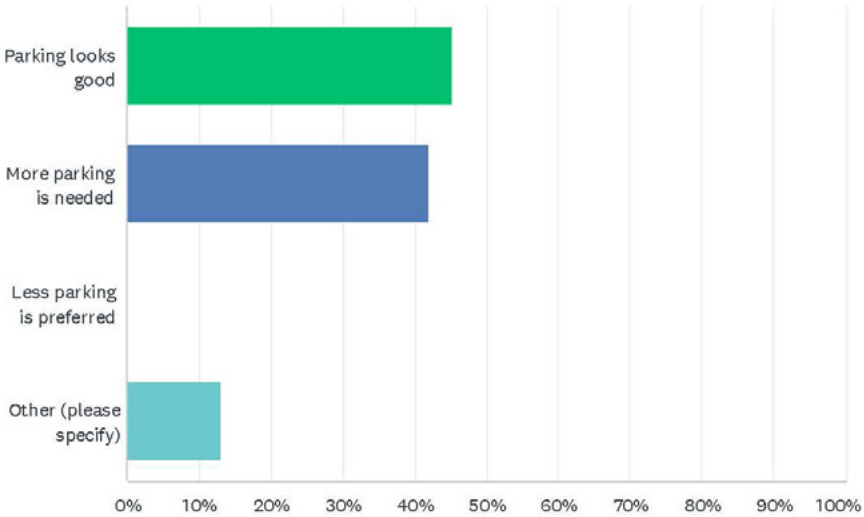
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Locating a new covered open-air pavilion in Zone A near the dog parks or near the pastoral events lawn	35.48%	11
Locating a new covered open-air pavilion in Zone B near the volleyball courts or at Troeger Park	19.35%	6
Locating an improved covered open-air pavilion in Zone C near the location of existing camping and Jimmy Jones shelter	19.35%	6
Locating a new covered open-air pavilion in Zone D near the potential site for future camping and an arboretum, also making it closer to playgrounds	16.13%	5
Other (please specify)	9.68%	3
TOTAL		31

SURVEY 2 RESULTS

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Q13 Do you feel the plans provide sufficient parking?

Answered: 31 Skipped: 1



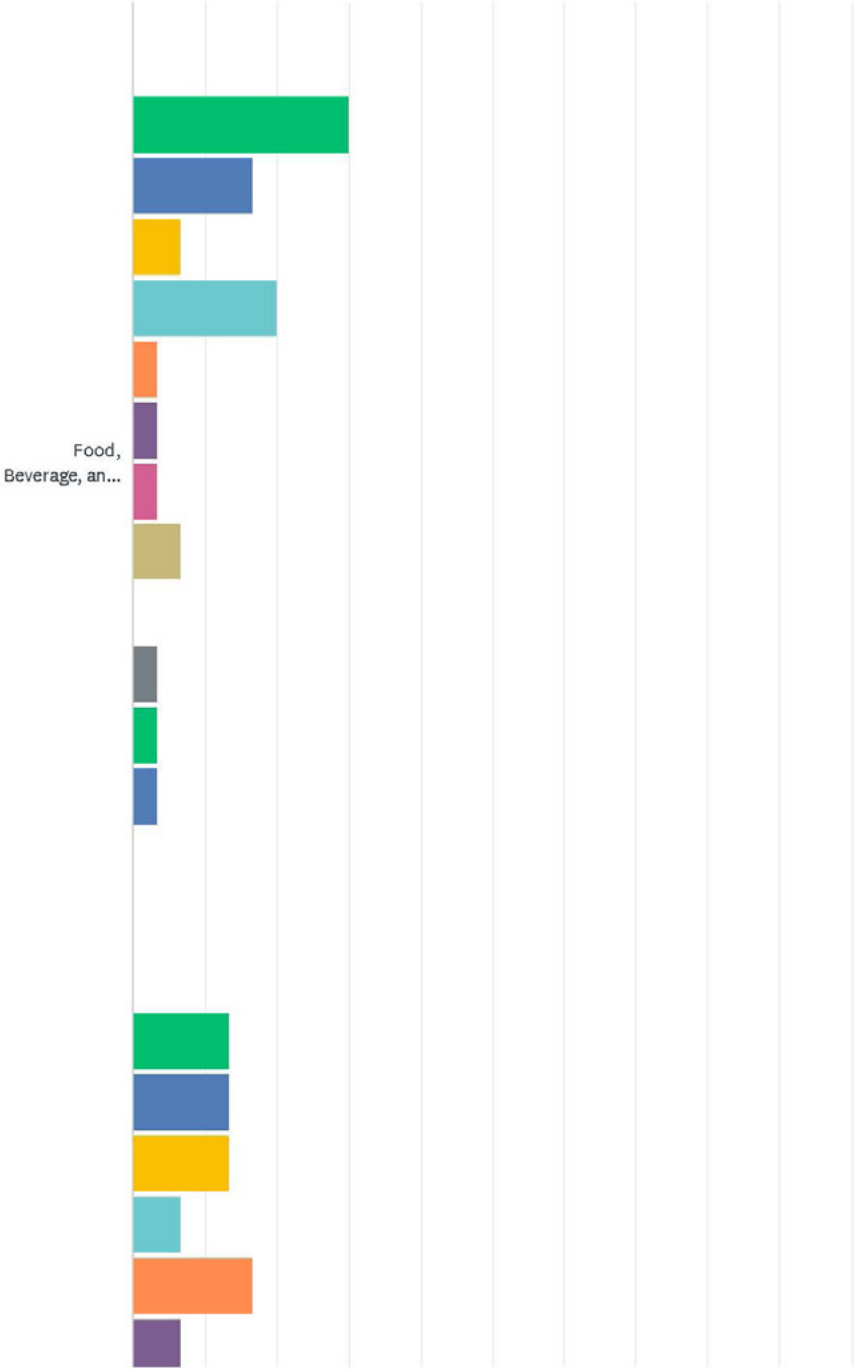
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Parking looks good	45.16%	14
More parking is needed	41.94%	13
Less parking is preferred	0.00%	0
Other (please specify)	12.90%	4
TOTAL		31

SURVEY 2 RESULTS

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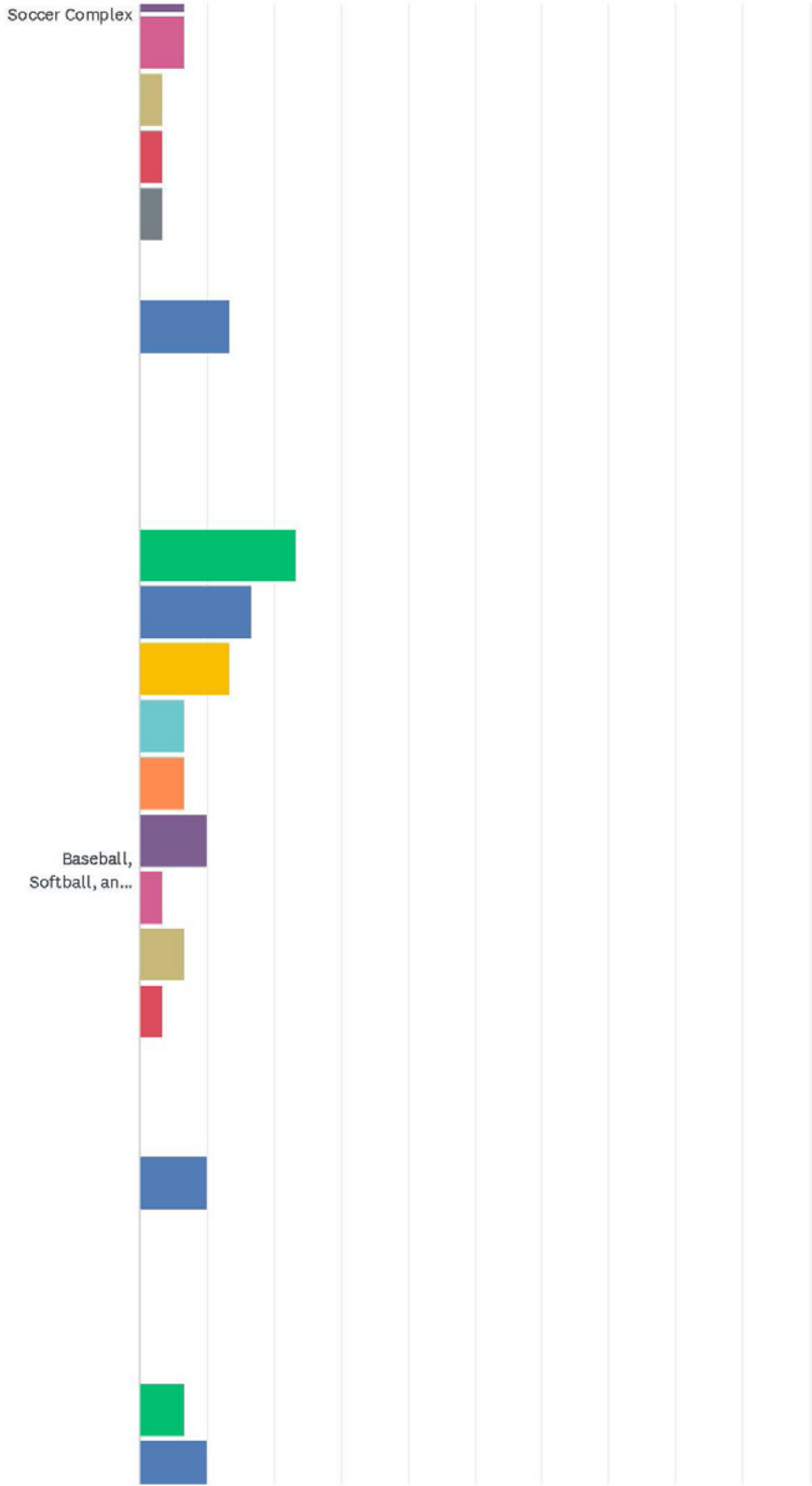
Q14 How would you rank the importance of the following amenities for Greater Ottumwa Park?

Answered: 30 Skipped: 2



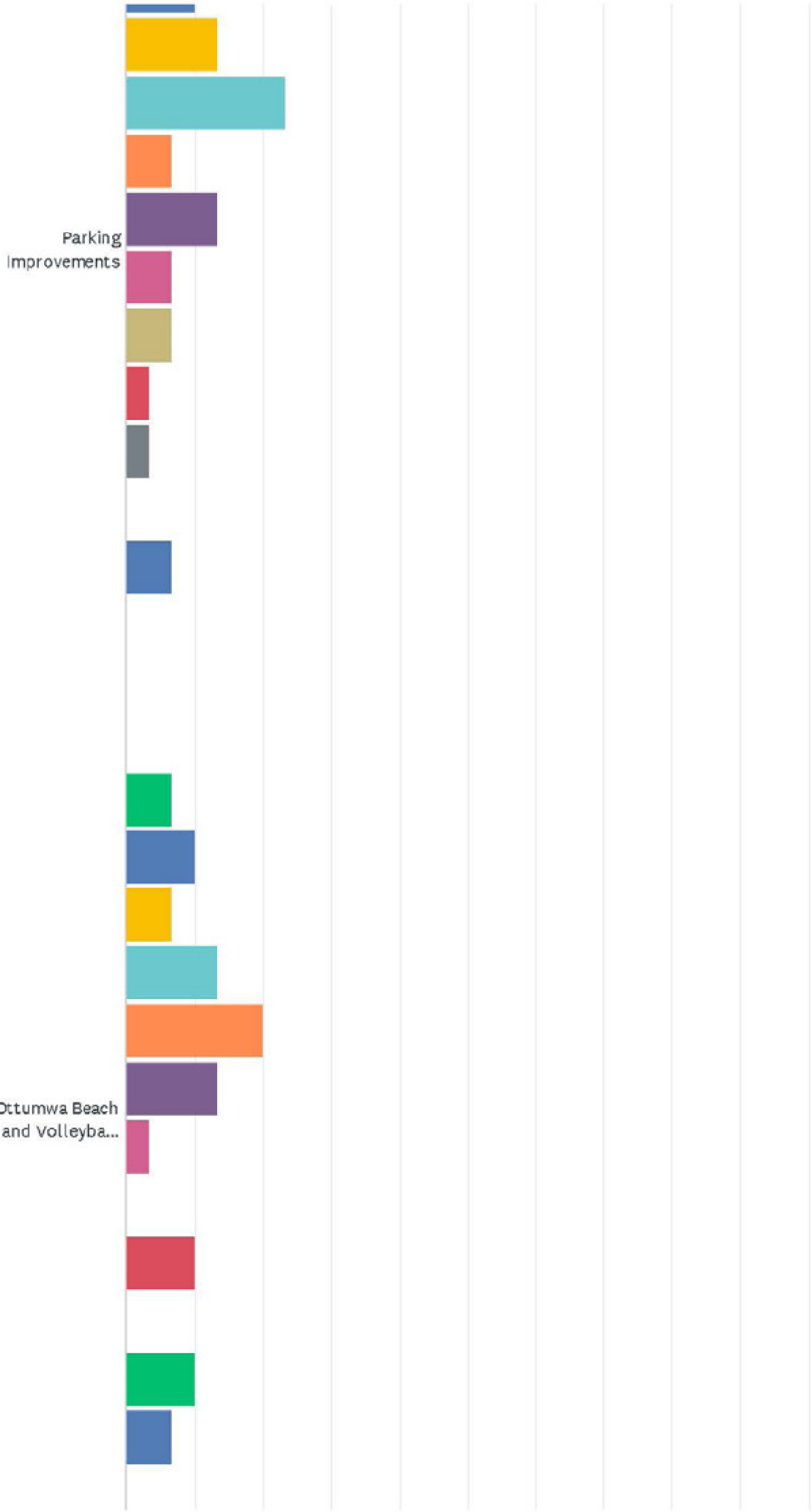
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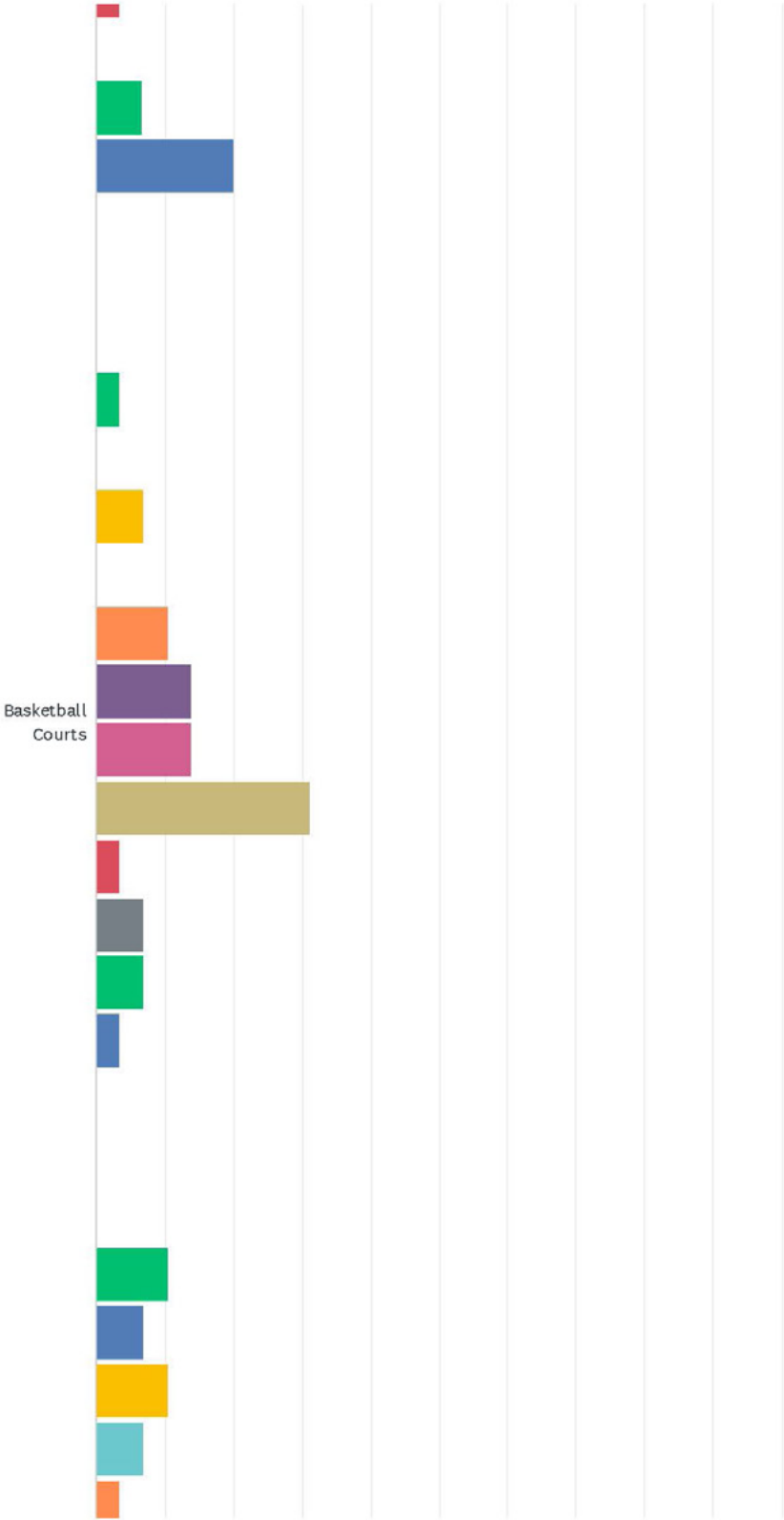
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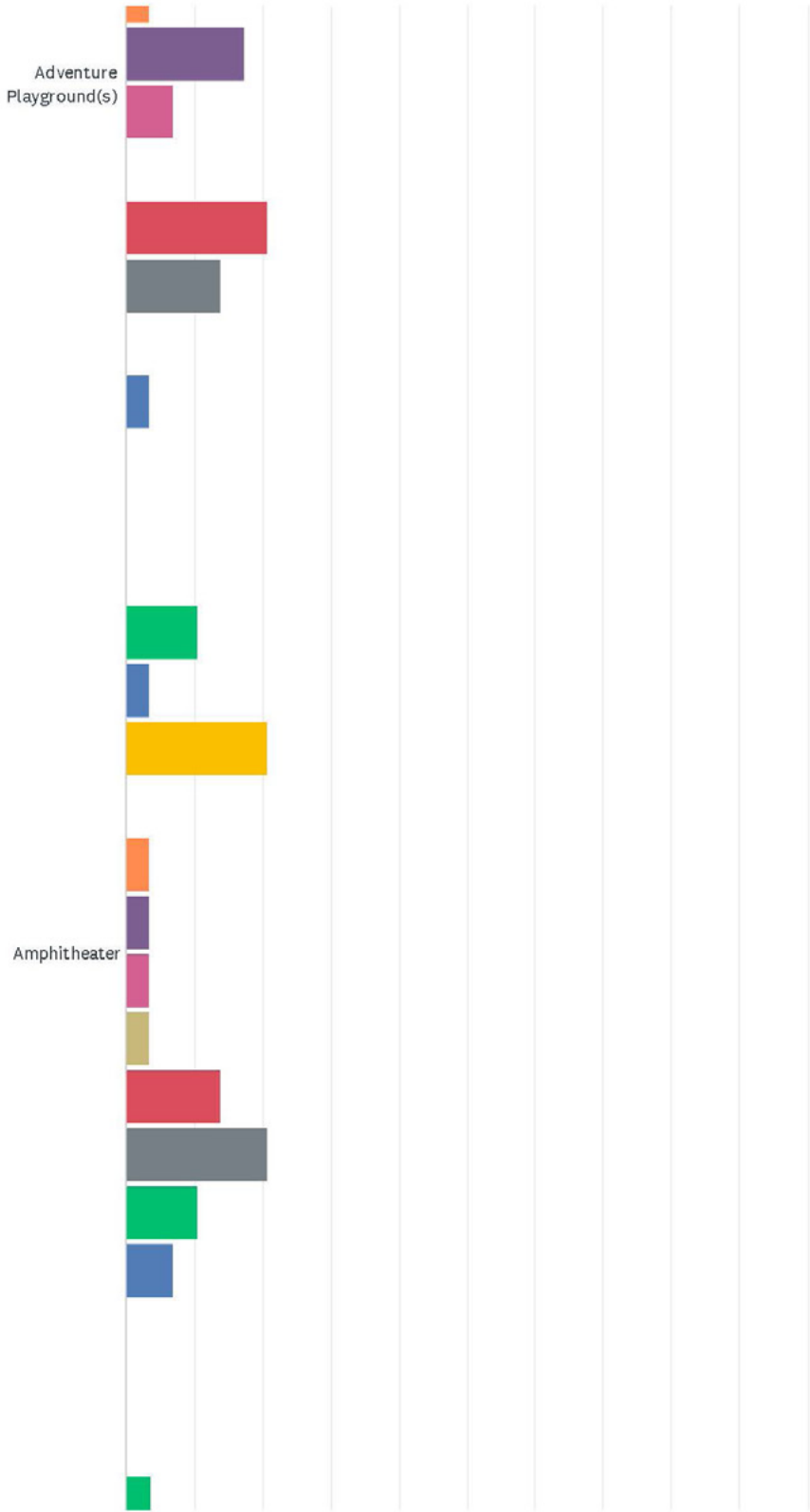
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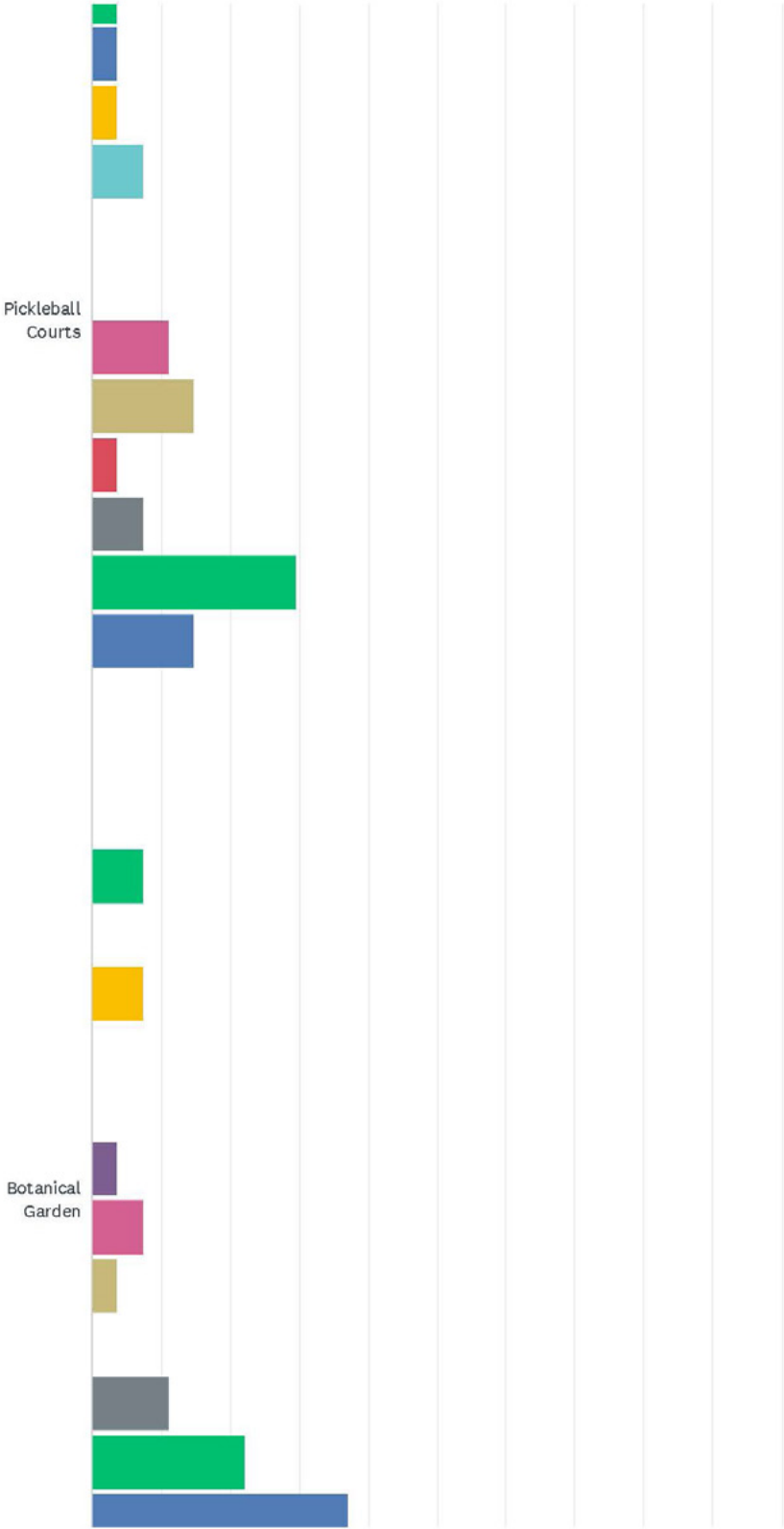
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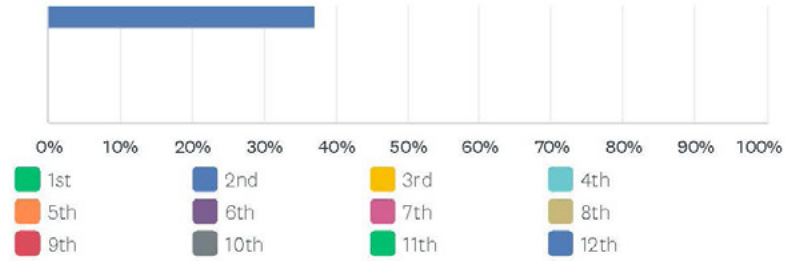
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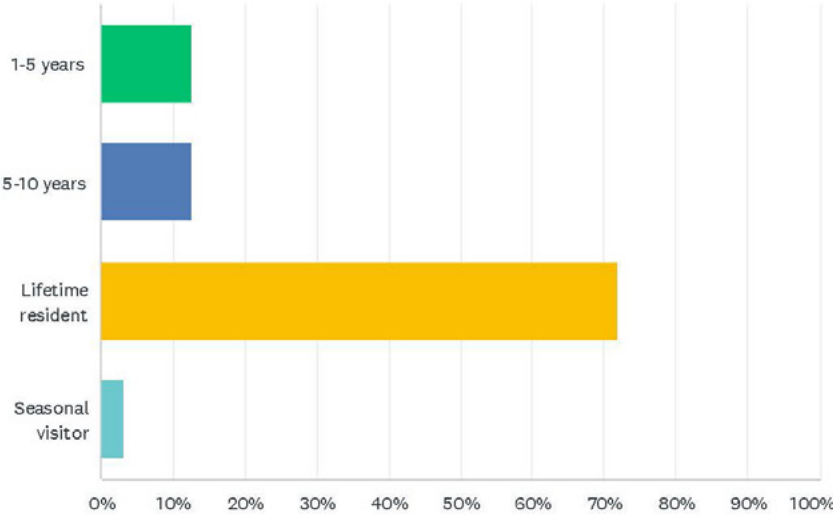
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Food, Beverage, and Restrooms	30.00% 9	16.67% 5	6.67% 2	20.00% 6	3.33% 1	3.33% 1	3.33% 1	6.67% 2	0.00% 0	3.33% 1	3.33% 1
Soccer Complex	13.33% 4	13.33% 4	13.33% 4	6.67% 2	16.67% 5	6.67% 2	6.67% 2	3.33% 1	3.33% 1	3.33% 1	0.00% 0
Baseball, Softball, and Little League Enhancements	23.33% 7	16.67% 5	13.33% 4	6.67% 2	6.67% 2	10.00% 3	3.33% 1	6.67% 2	3.33% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0
Parking Improvements	6.67% 2	10.00% 3	13.33% 4	23.33% 7	6.67% 2	13.33% 4	6.67% 2	6.67% 2	3.33% 1	3.33% 1	0.00% 0
Ottumwa Beach and Volleyball Improvements	6.67% 2	10.00% 3	6.67% 2	13.33% 4	20.00% 6	13.33% 4	3.33% 1	0.00% 0	10.00% 3	0.00% 0	10.00% 3
Tennis Center	6.67% 2	10.00% 3	10.00% 3	13.33% 4	10.00% 3	23.33% 7	10.00% 3	0.00% 0	3.33% 1	6.67% 2	3.33% 1
Dredging Lagoons, Rowing Center, and Fishing Center	20.00% 6	16.67% 5	3.33% 1	0.00% 0	6.67% 2	3.33% 1	16.67% 5	3.33% 1	3.33% 1	0.00% 0	6.67% 2
Basketball Courts	3.45% 1	0.00% 0	6.90% 2	0.00% 0	10.34% 3	13.79% 4	13.79% 4	31.03% 9	3.45% 1	6.90% 2	6.90% 2
Adventure Playground(s)	10.34% 3	6.90% 2	10.34% 3	6.90% 2	3.45% 1	17.24% 5	6.90% 2	0.00% 0	20.69% 6	13.79% 4	0.00% 0
Amphitheater	10.34% 3	3.45% 1	20.69% 6	0.00% 0	3.45% 1	3.45% 1	3.45% 1	3.45% 1	13.79% 4	20.69% 6	10.34% 3
Pickleball Courts	3.70% 1	3.70% 1	3.70% 1	7.41% 2	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	11.11% 3	14.81% 4	3.70% 1	7.41% 2	29.63% 8
Botanical Garden	7.41% 2	0.00% 0	7.41% 2	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	3.70% 1	7.41% 2	3.70% 1	0.00% 0	11.11% 3	22.22% 6

SURVEY 2 RESULTS

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Q15 How long have you lived in Ottumwa?

Answered: 32 Skipped: 0



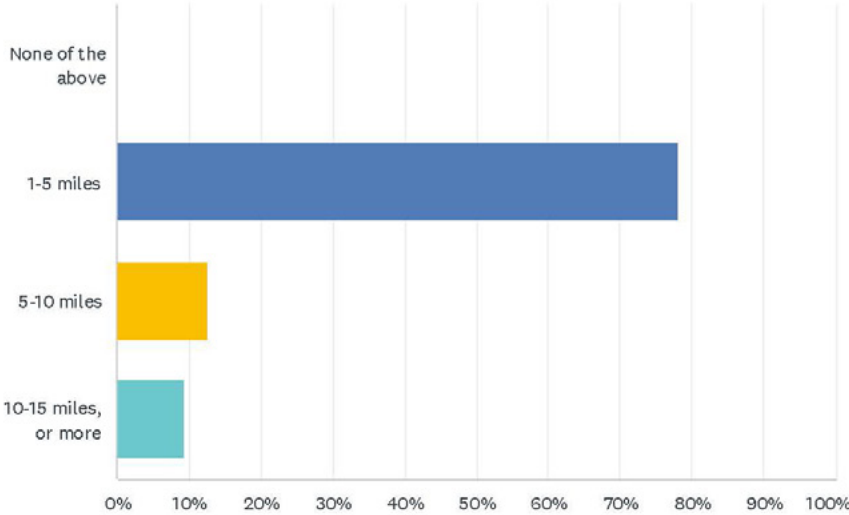
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1-5 years	12.50%	4
5-10 years	12.50%	4
Lifetime resident	71.88%	23
Seasonal visitor	3.13%	1
TOTAL		32

SURVEY 2 RESULTS

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Q16 How far do you travel to reach Greater Ottumwa Park?

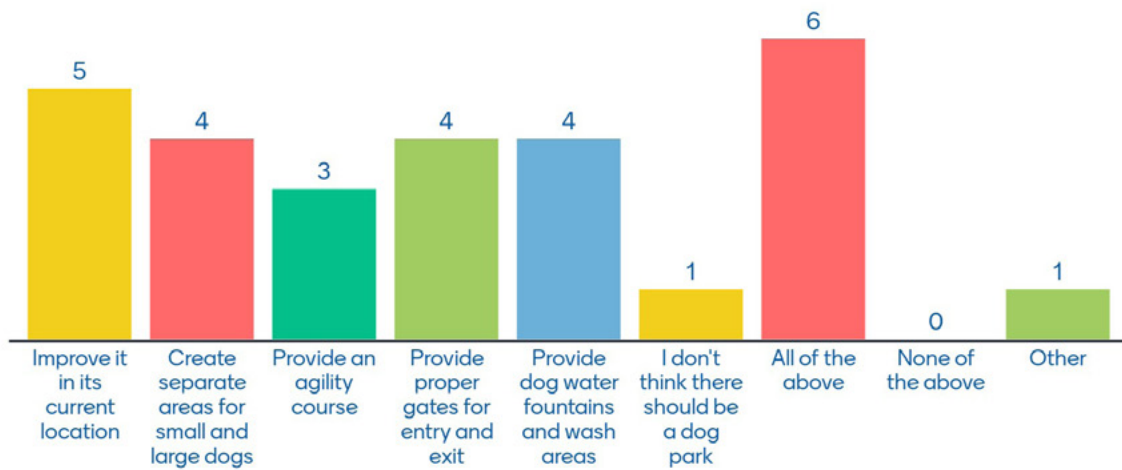
Answered: 32 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	0.00%	0
1-5 miles	78.13%	25
5-10 miles	12.50%	4
10-15 miles, or more	9.38%	3
TOTAL		32

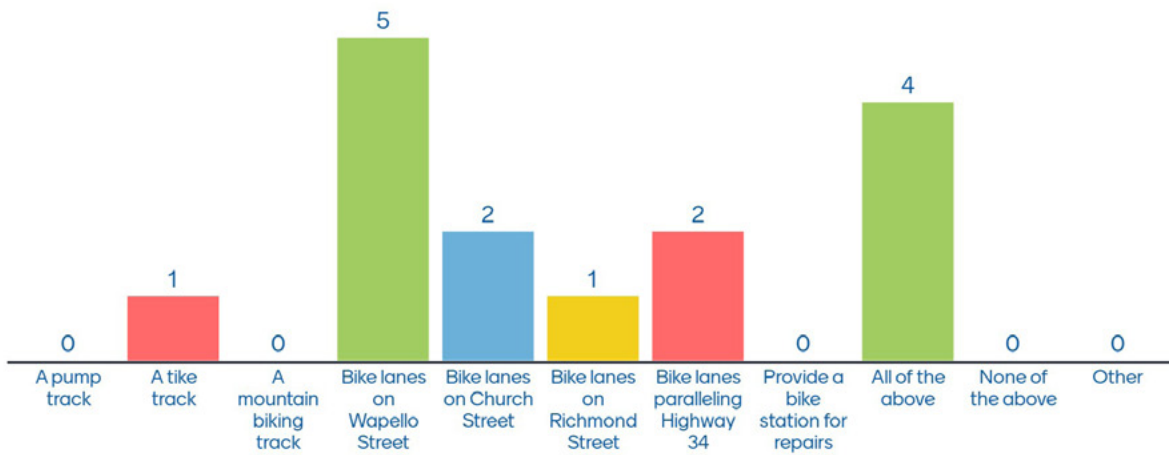
MENTIMETER FEEDBACK MAY 2022 - MEETING 1

To improve the dog experience at Greater Ottumwa Park, I would:



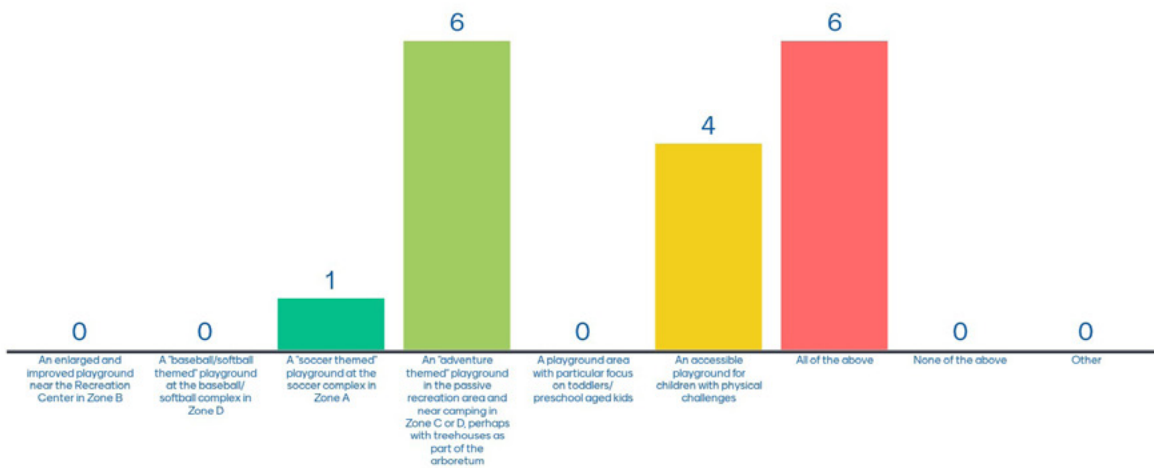
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To improve biking in Great Ottumwa Park I would like to see: (choose all that apply)



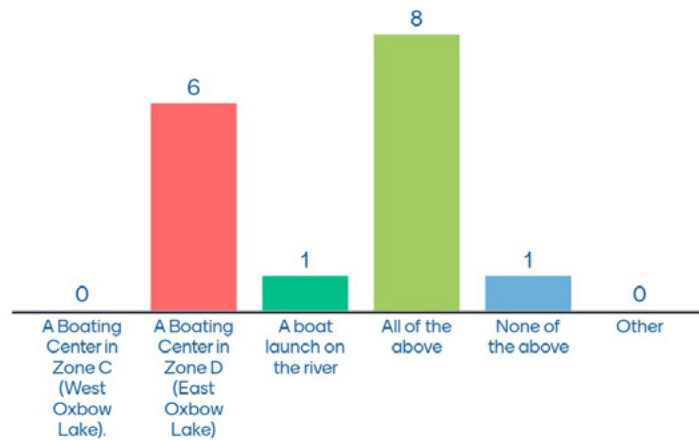
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For playground improvements in Greater Ottumwa Park, I would like to see: (choose all that apply)



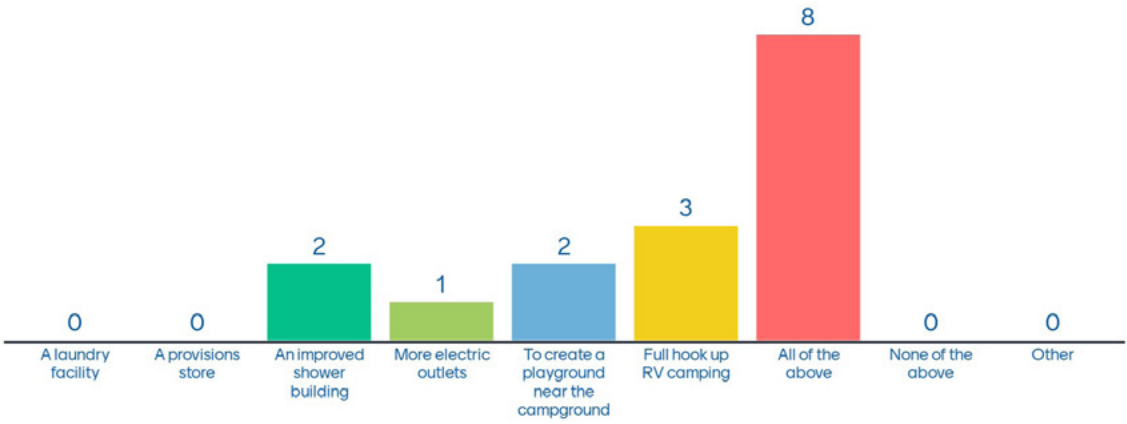
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With regard to improved fishing and water sports (canoeing/kayaking/rowing) in Great Ottumwa Park, I favor:



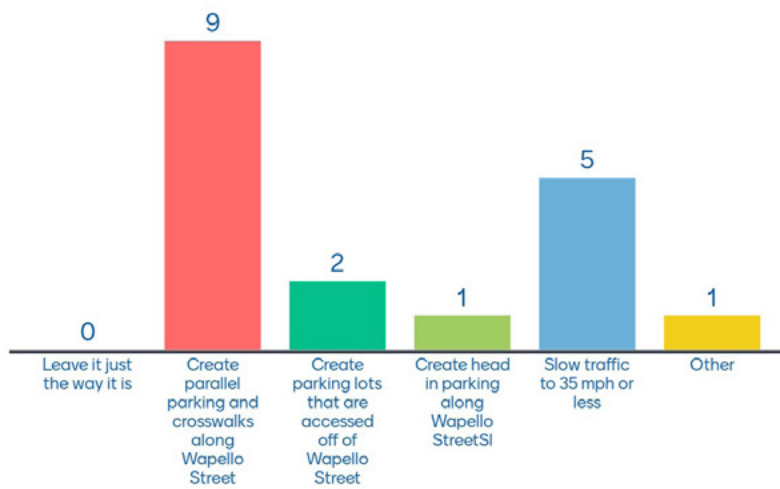
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In order to improve camping in Greater Ottumwa Park I would like:



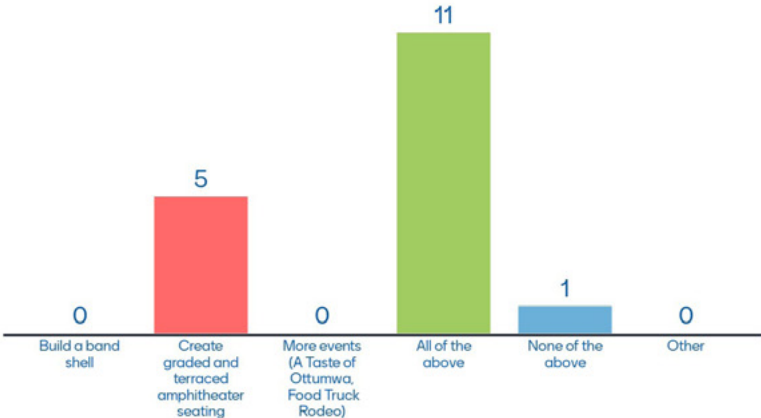
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In order to improve Wapello Street through Greater Ottumwa Park I would: (choose all that apply)

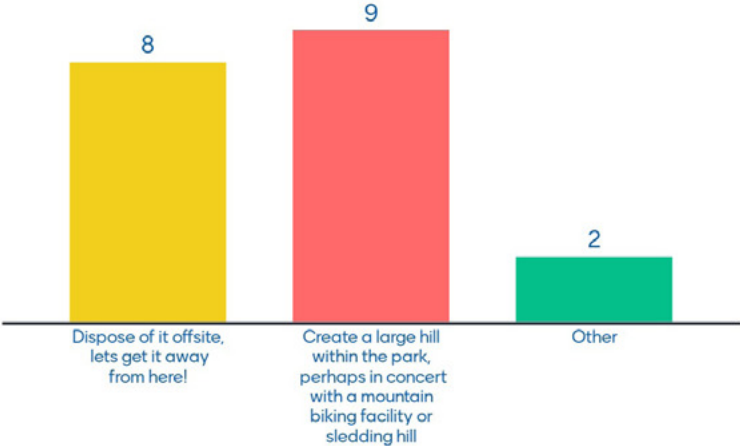


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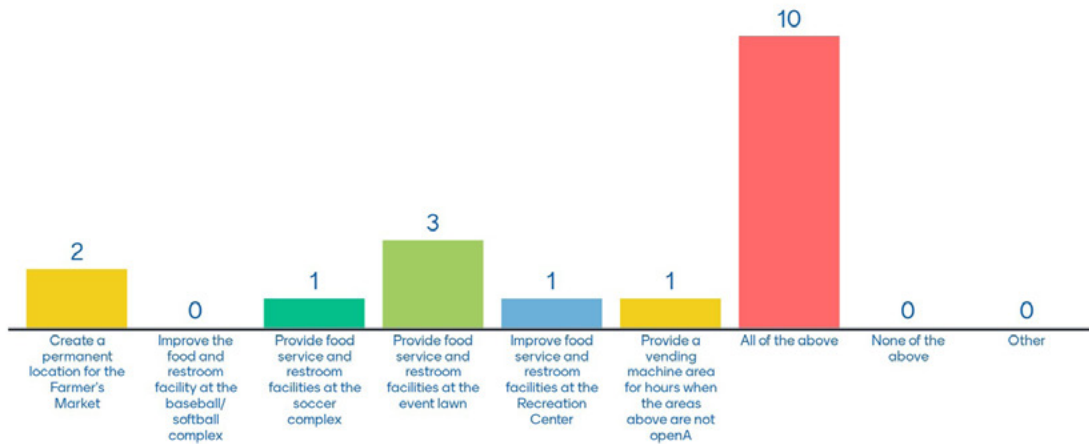
In order to improve concerts and events at the park I would:



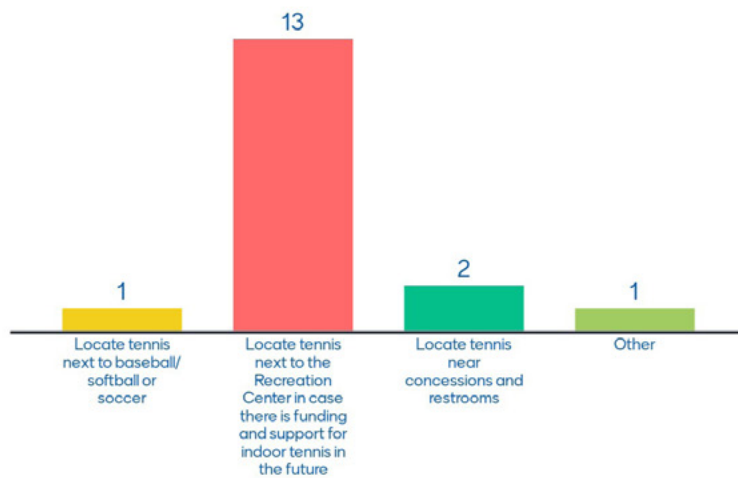
I would use the dredge material from the Oxbow Lake to:



To improve food service at Greater Ottumwa Park I would:

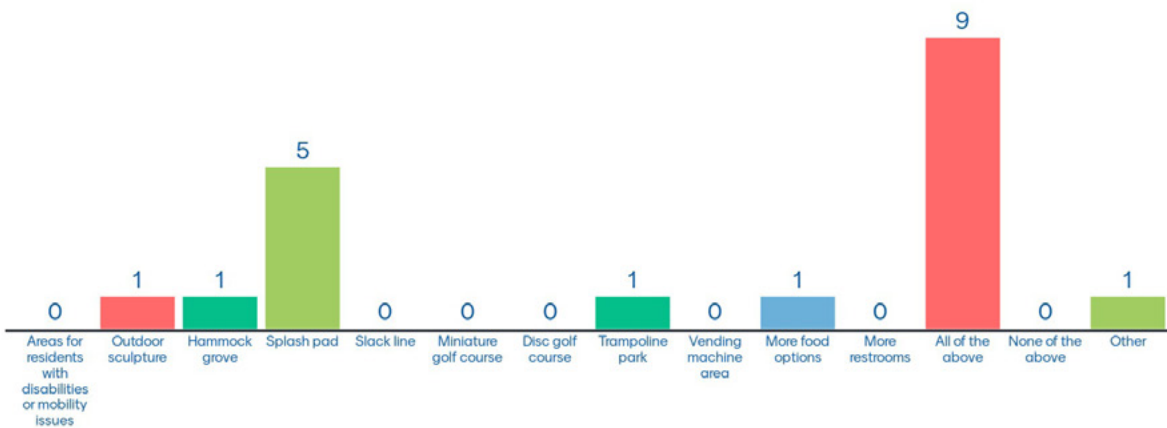


To improve tennis at Greater Ottumwa Park I would:



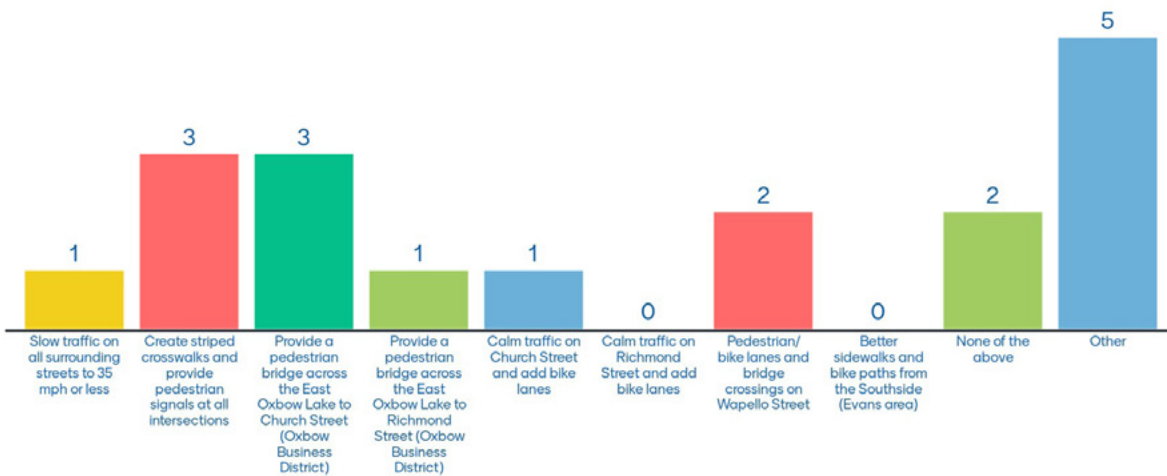
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Other improvements I would like to see in Greater Ottumwa Park are (choose all that apply):



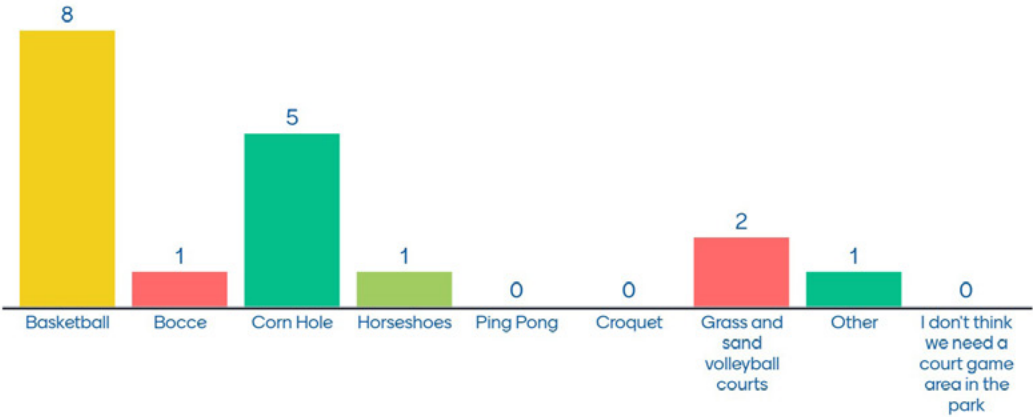
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To improve walking and bike access to Greater Ottumwa Park I would (choose all that apply):



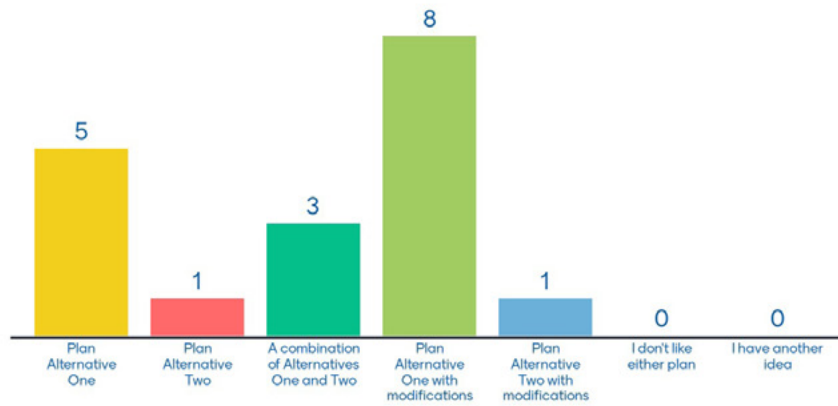
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To provide greater variety of recreation in Greater Ottumwa Park, I would like to see a court game area that accommodates:



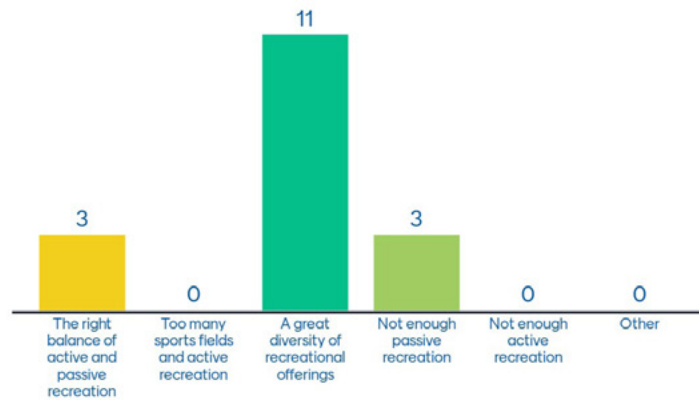
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After reviewing Plan Alternative One and Two, I prefer:



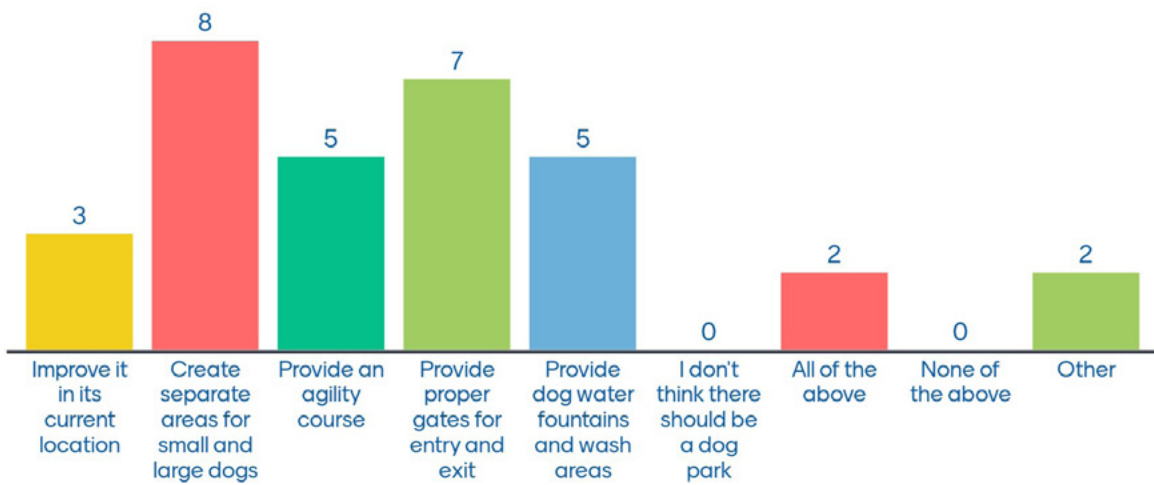
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If the improvements illustrated in Plan Alternative One and Two are implemented, I think there will be (choose all that apply):



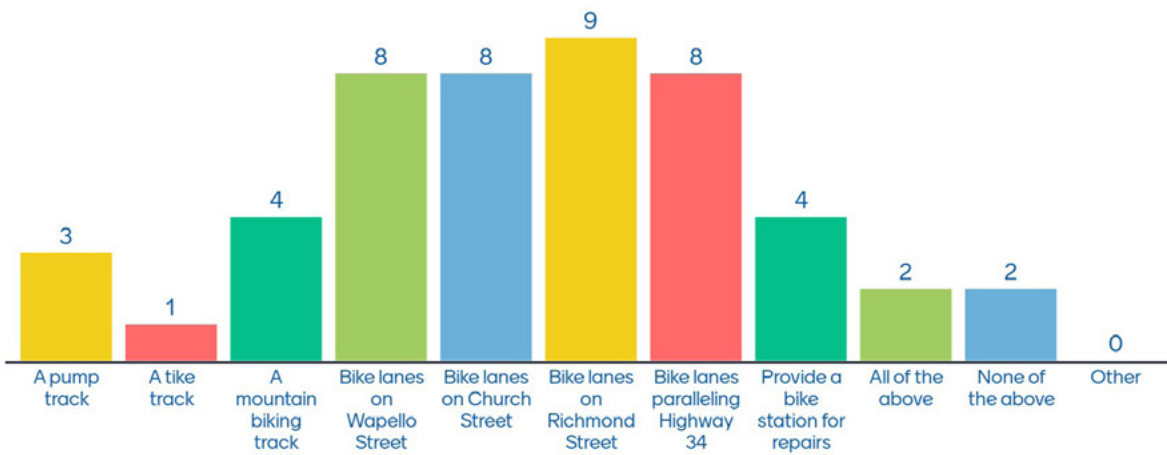
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To improve the dog experience at Greater Ottumwa Park, I would: (choose all that apply)



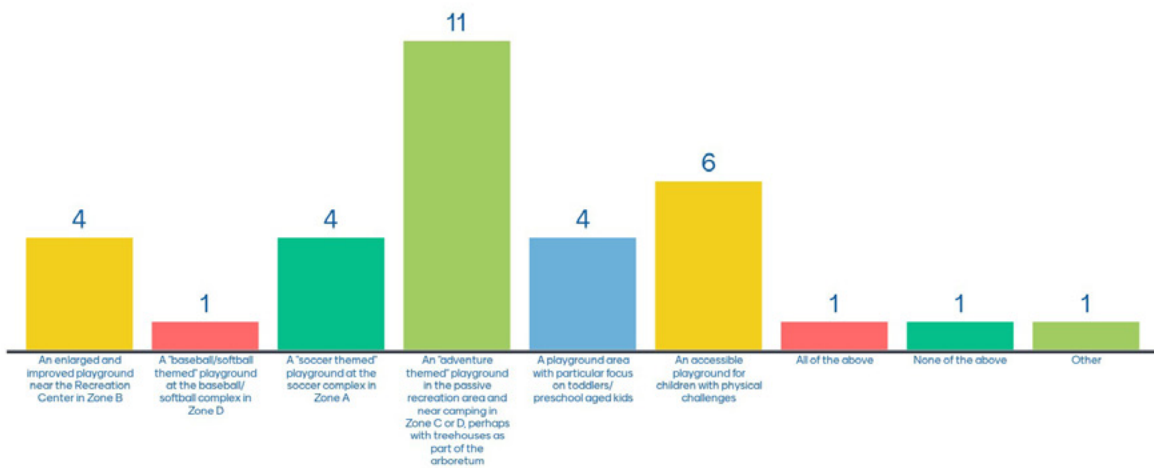
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To improve biking in Great Ottumwa Park I would like to see: (choose all that apply)



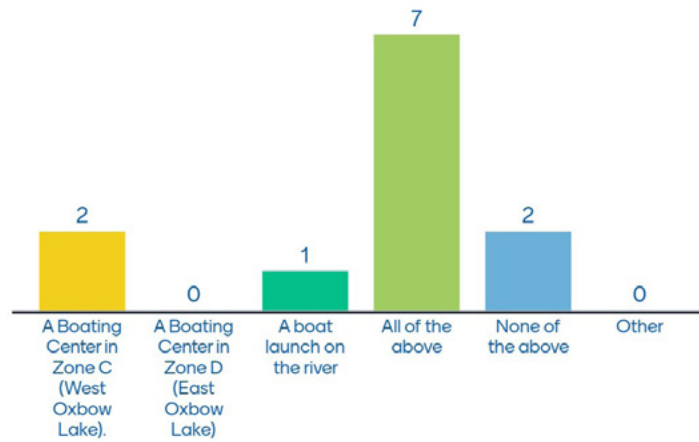
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For playground improvements in Greater Ottumwa Park, I would like to see: (choose all that apply)



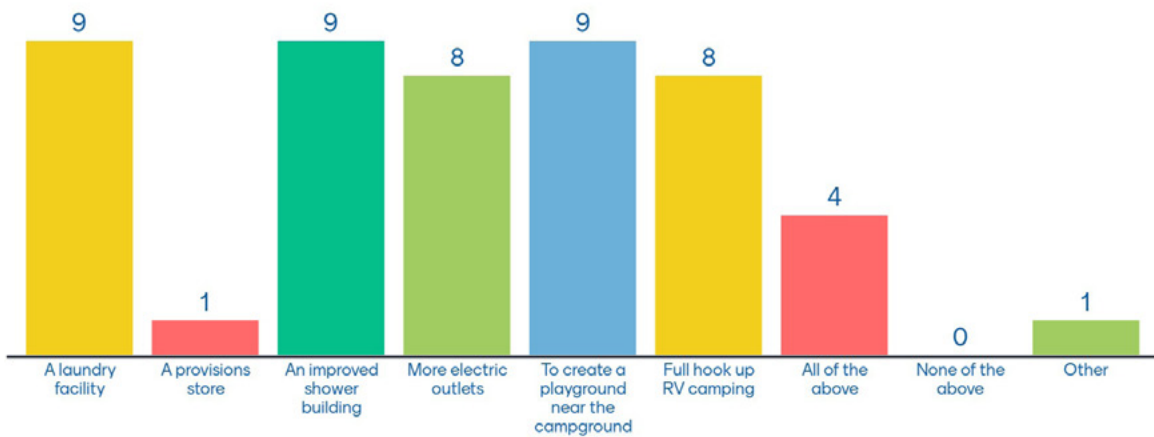
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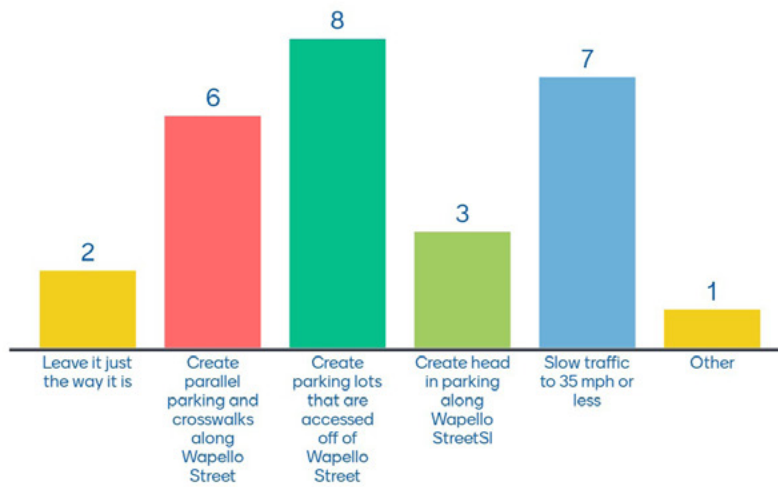
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In order to improve camping in Greater Ottumwa Park I would like: (choose all that apply)



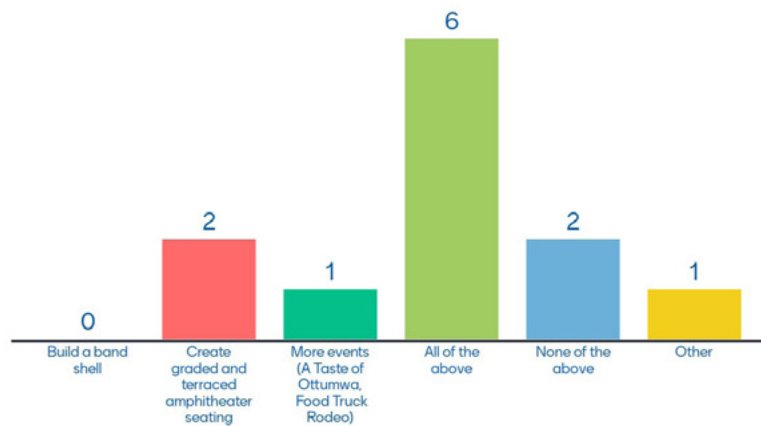
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In order to improve Wapello Street through Greater Ottumwa Park I would: (choose all that apply)

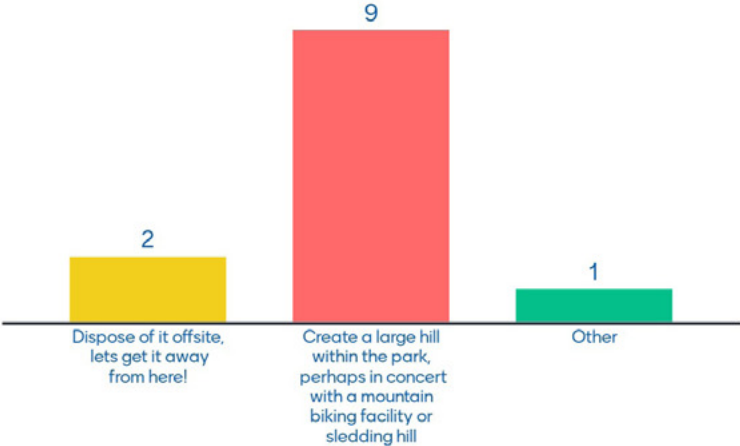


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In order to improve concerts and events at the park I would:

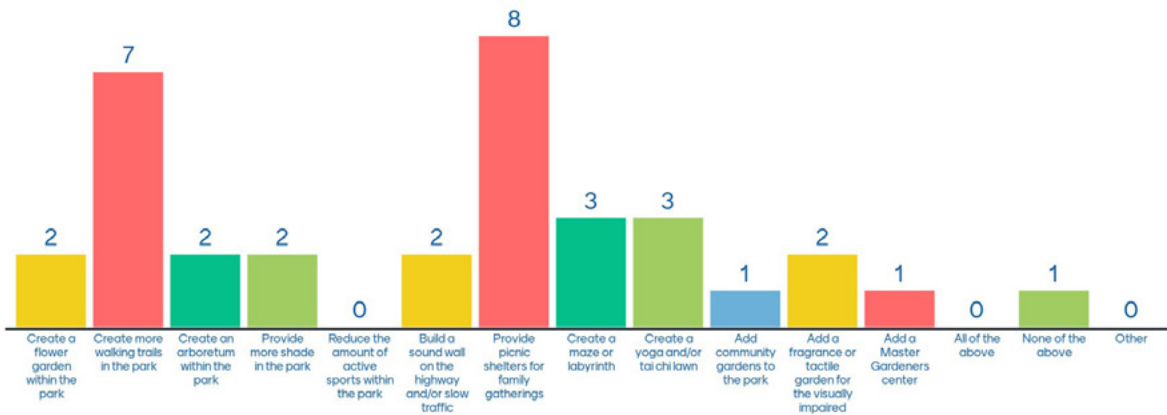


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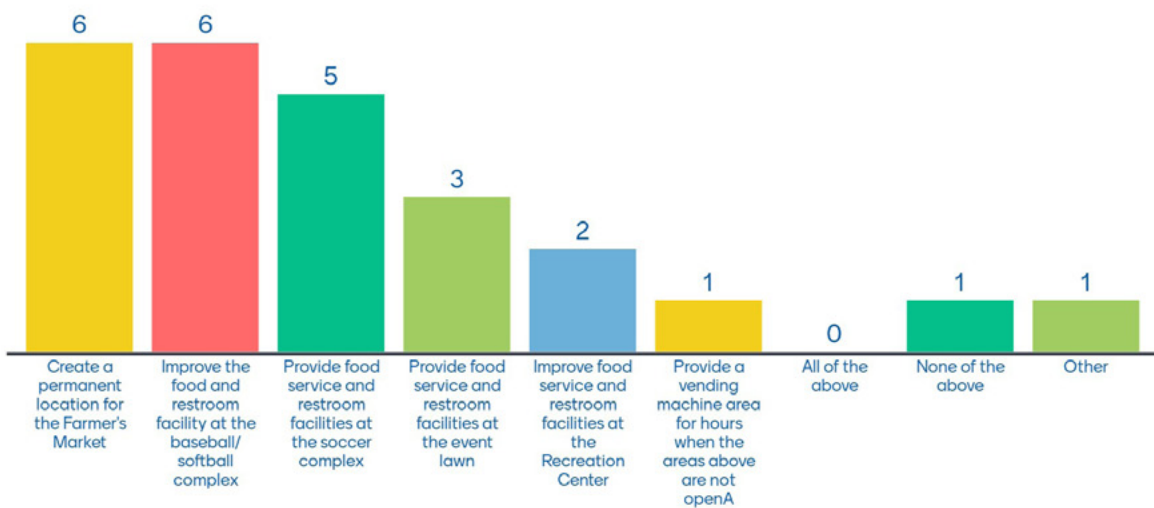
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To improve passive recreation in the park I would:
(choose all that apply)

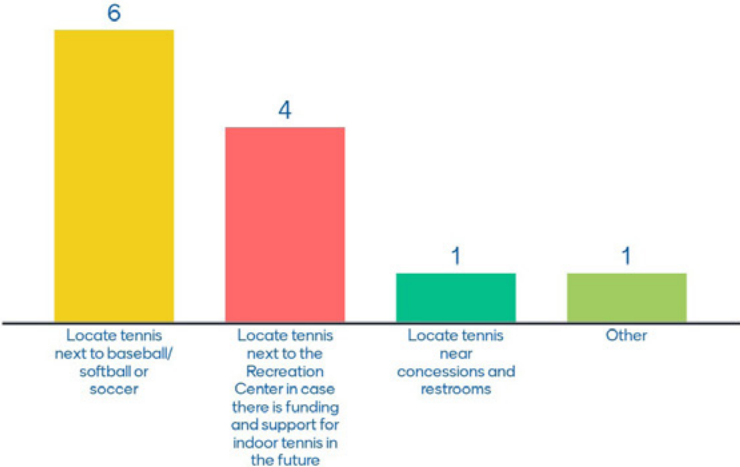


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To improve food service at Greater Ottumwa Park I would:
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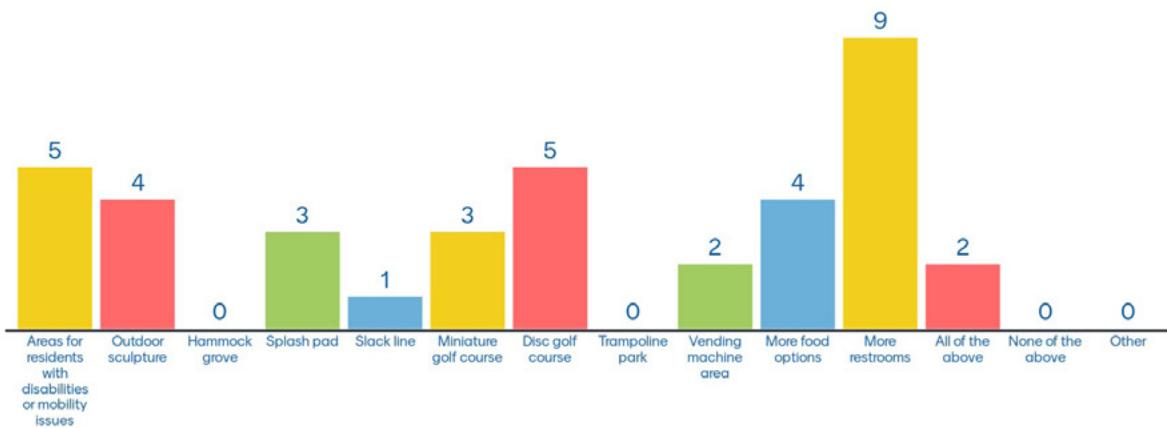


To improve tennis at Greater Ottumwa Park I would:



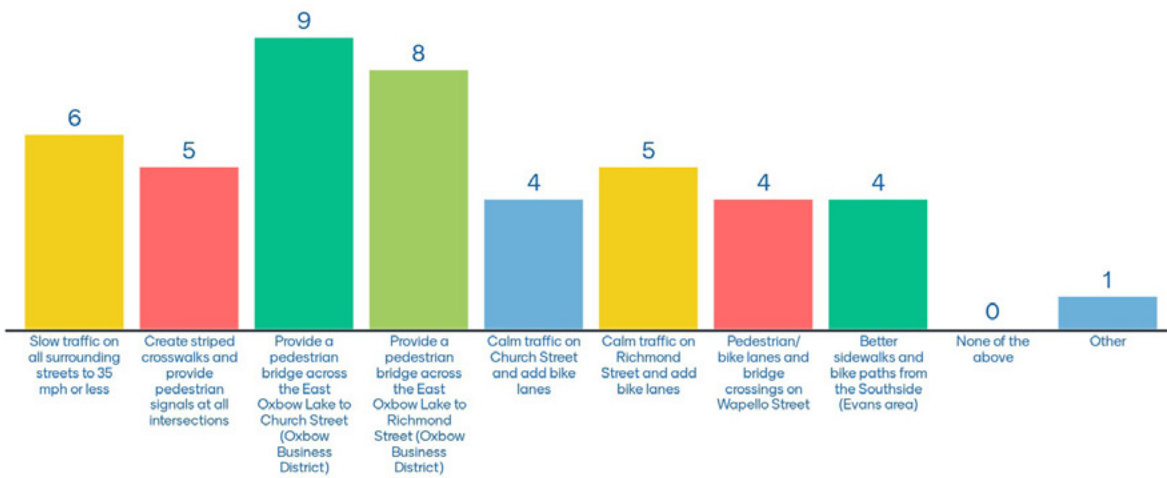
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Other improvements I would like to see in Greater Ottumwa Park are (choose all that apply):



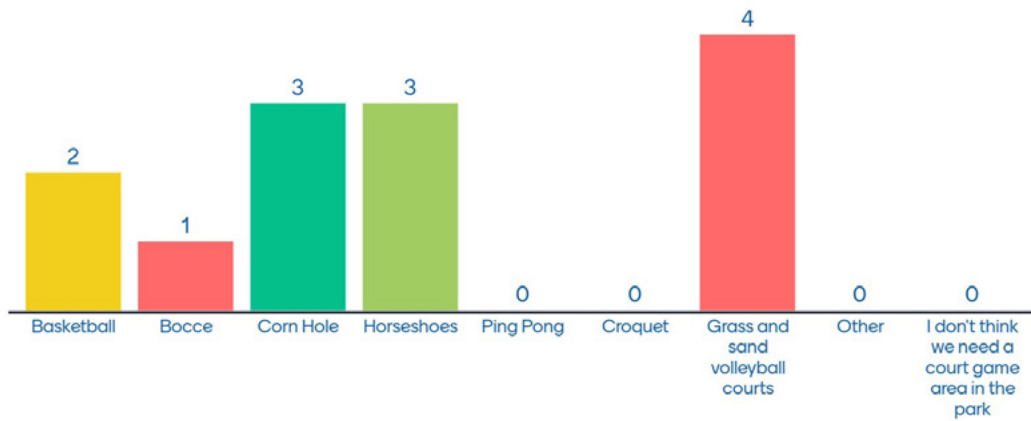
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To improve walking and bike access to Greater Ottumwa Park I would (choose all that apply):



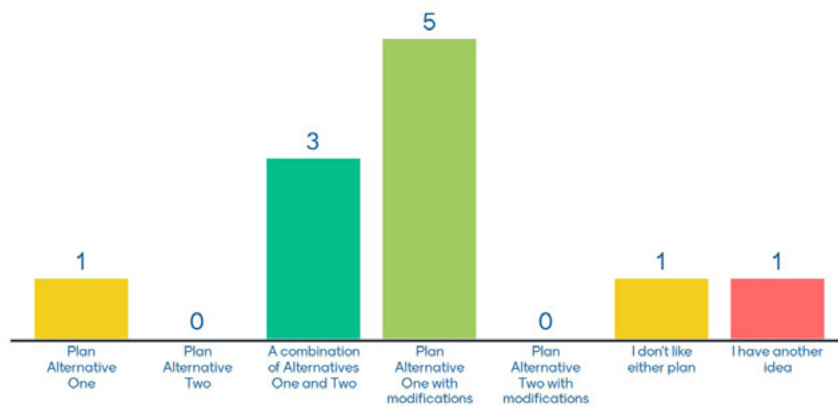
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To provide greater variety of recreation in Greater Ottumwa Park, I would like to see a court game area that accommodates:



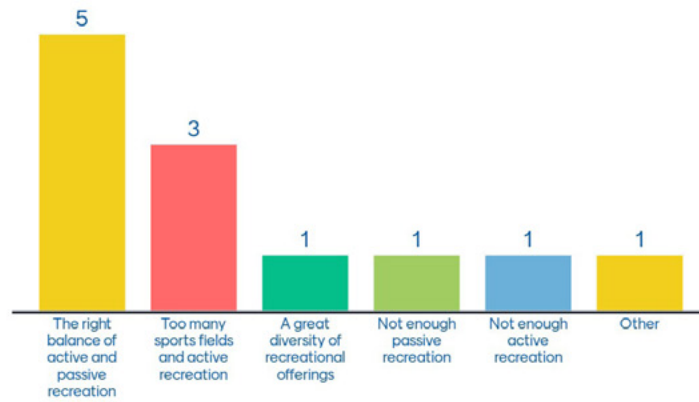
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After reviewing Plan Alternative One and Two, I prefer:



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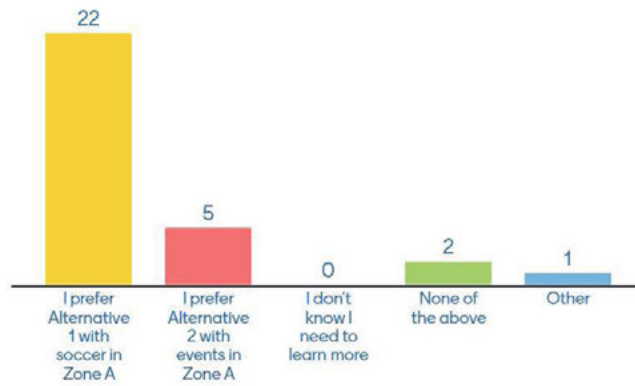
If the improvements illustrated in Plan Alternative One and Two are implemented, I think there will be (choose all that apply):



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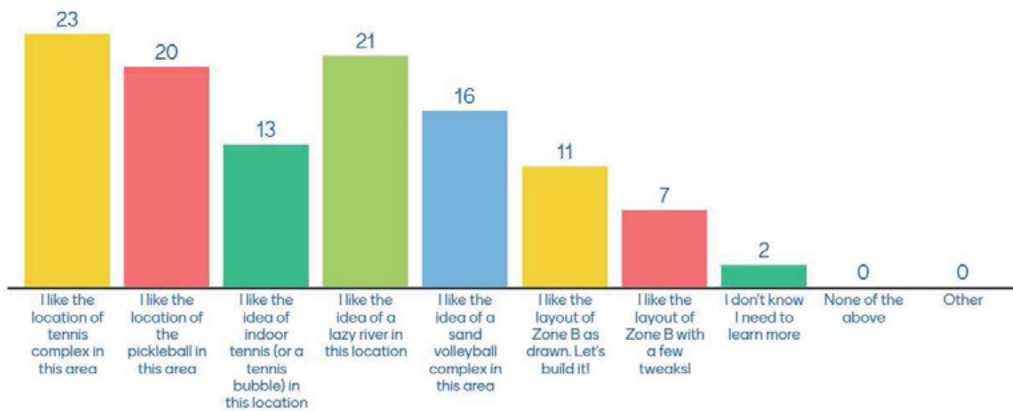
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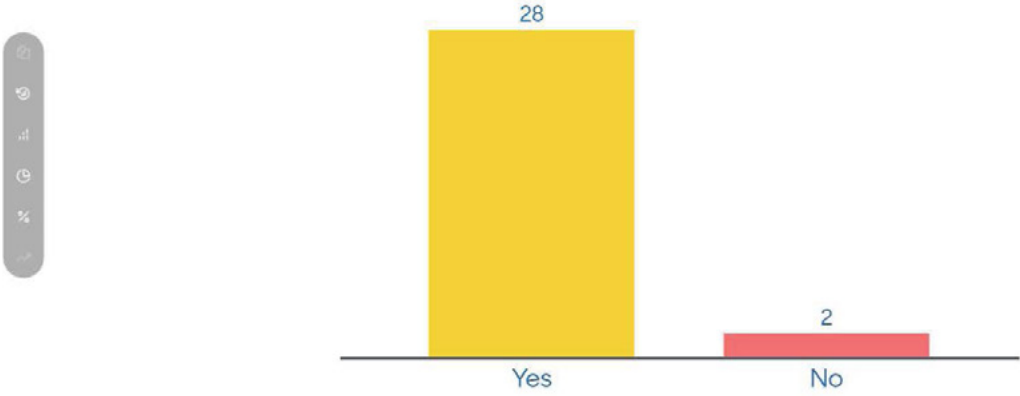


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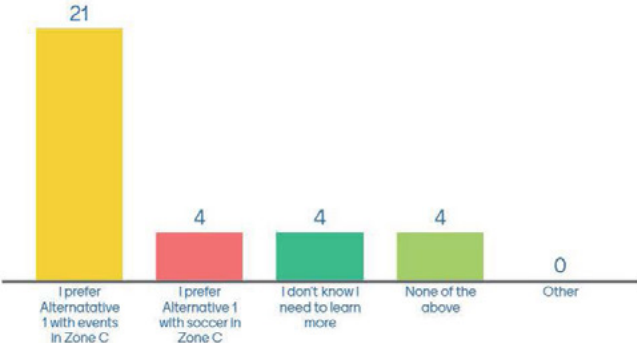


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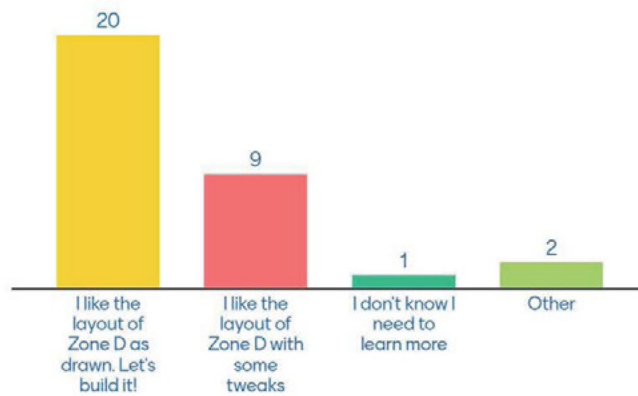
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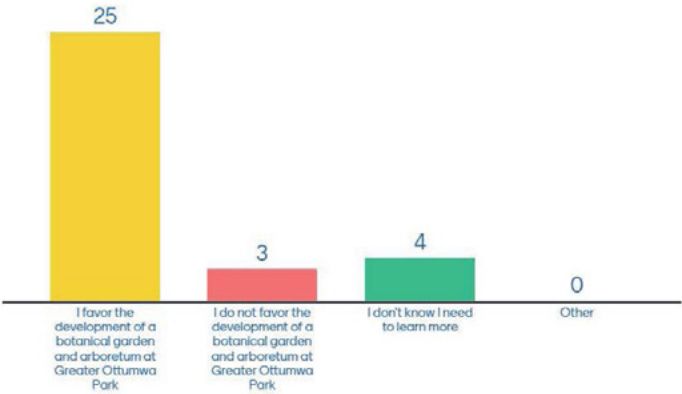


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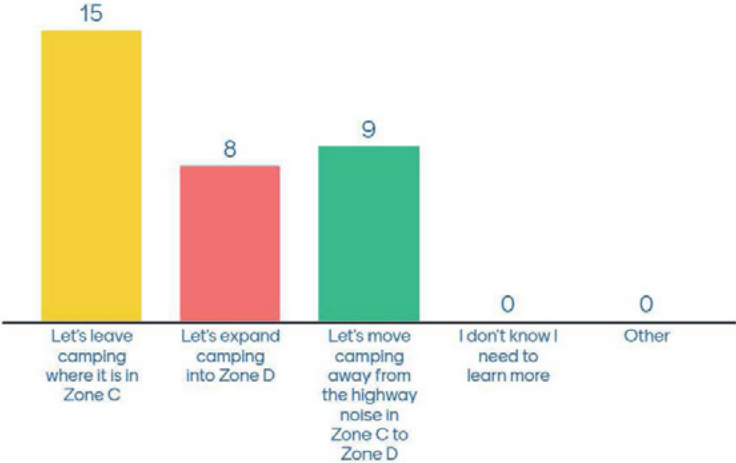
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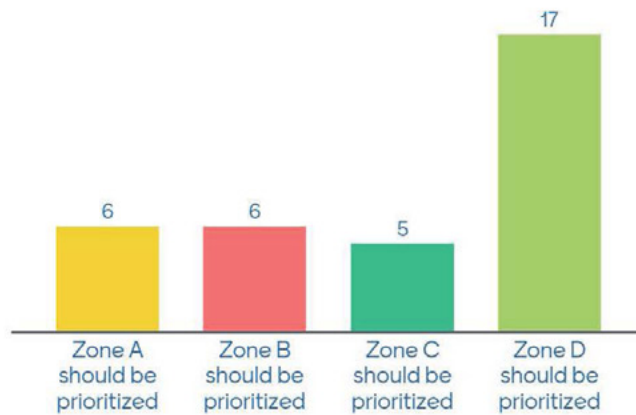
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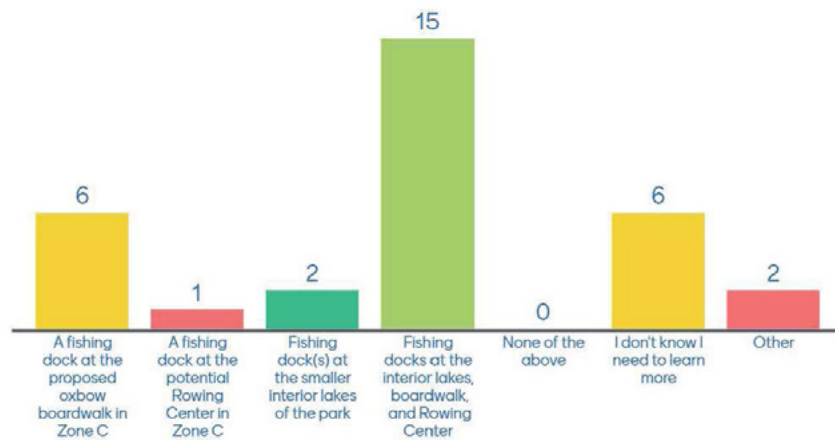


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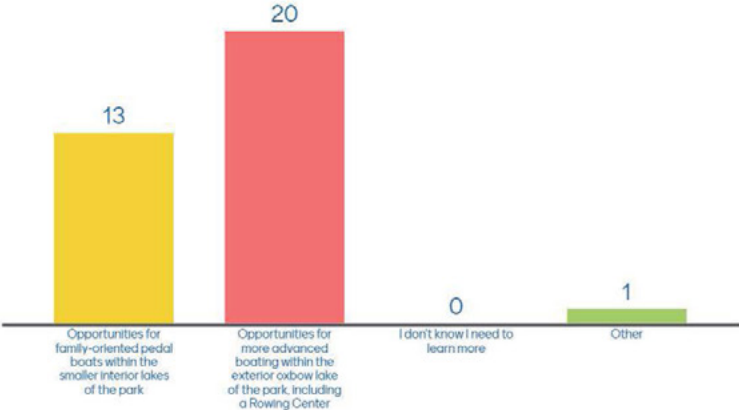


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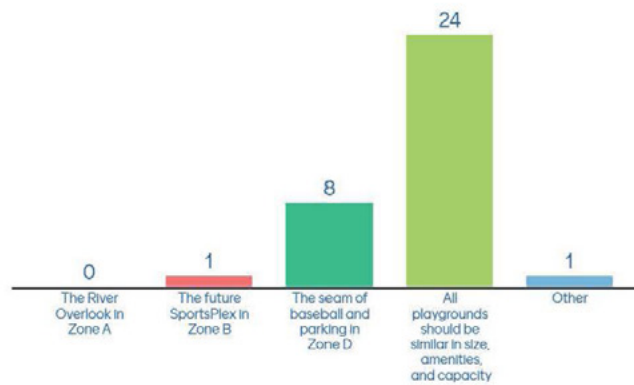
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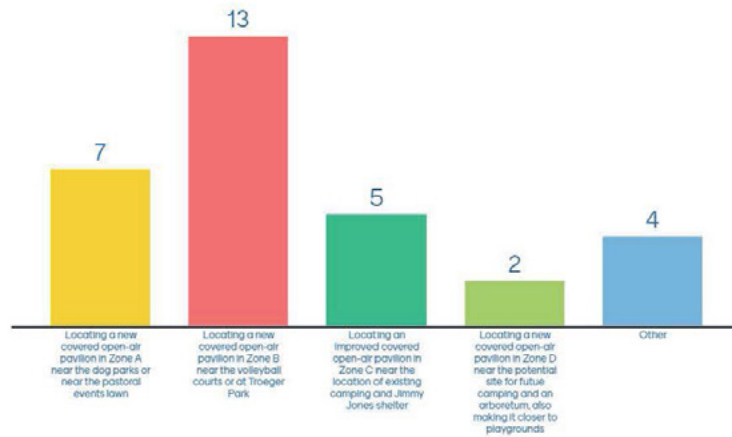
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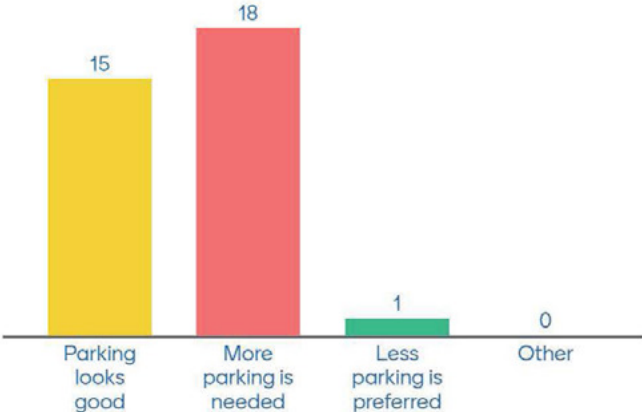
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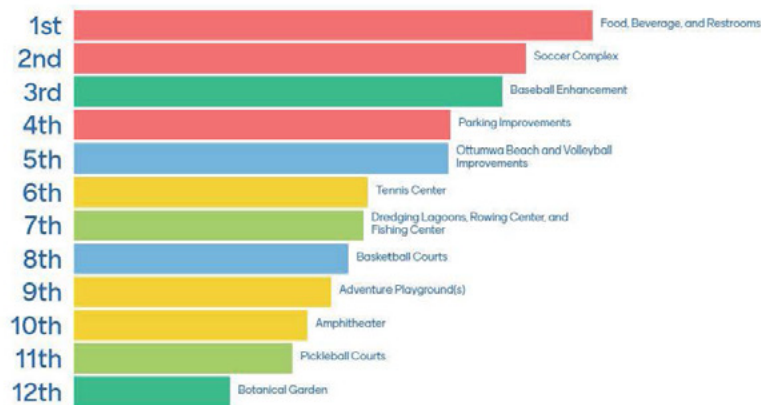
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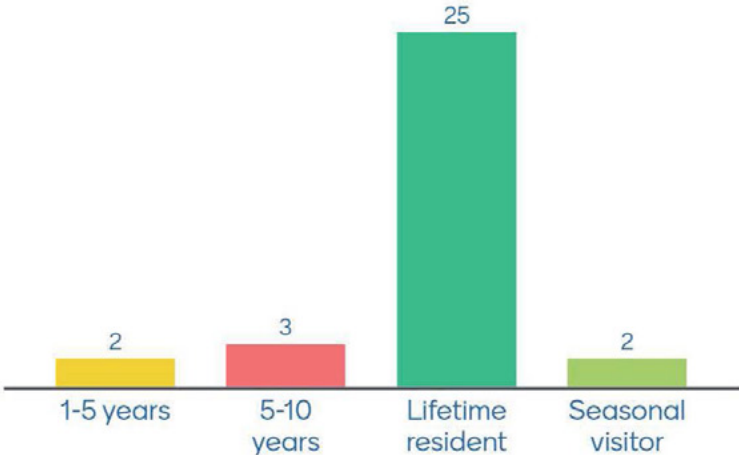
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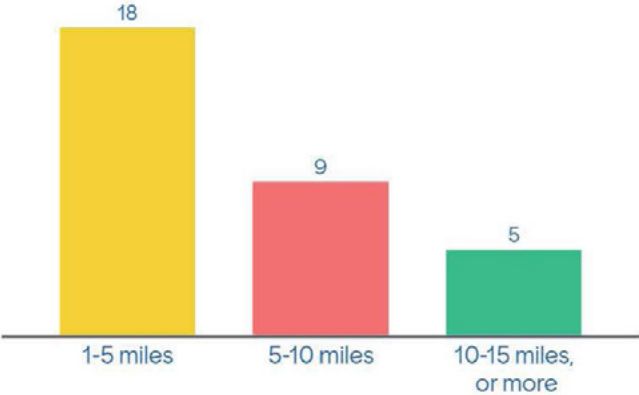
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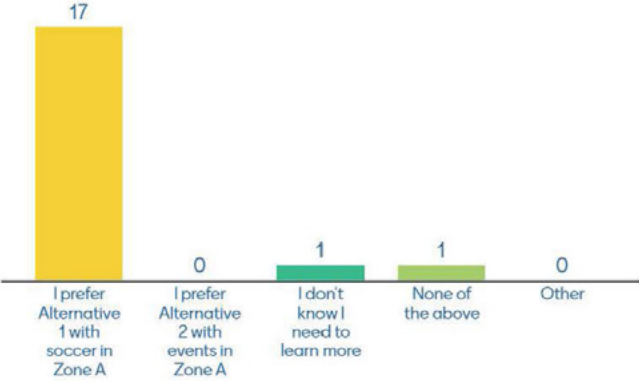
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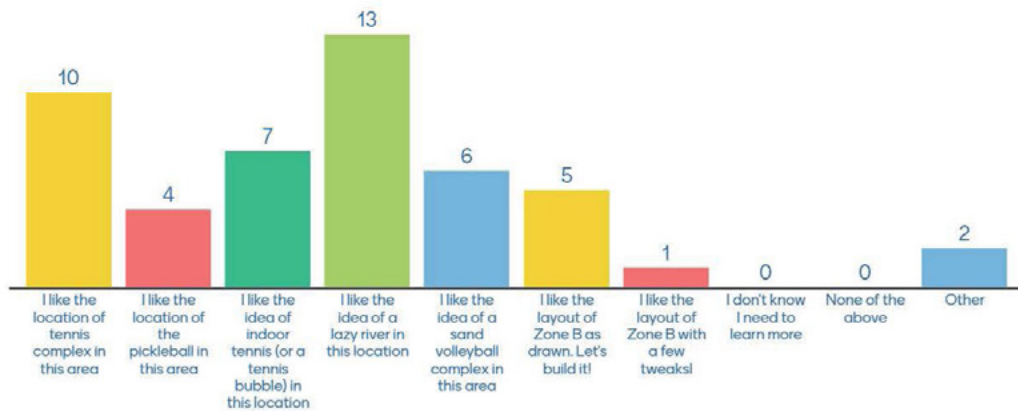
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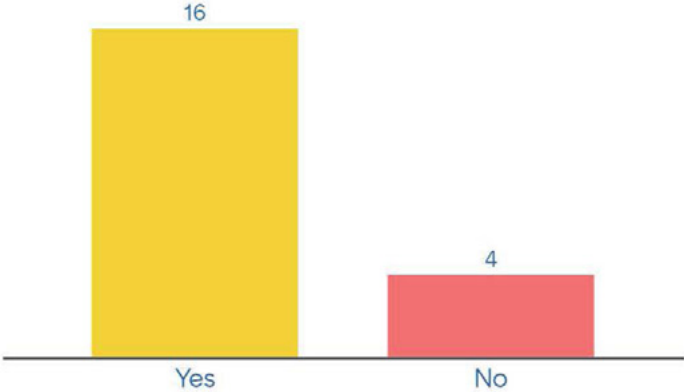
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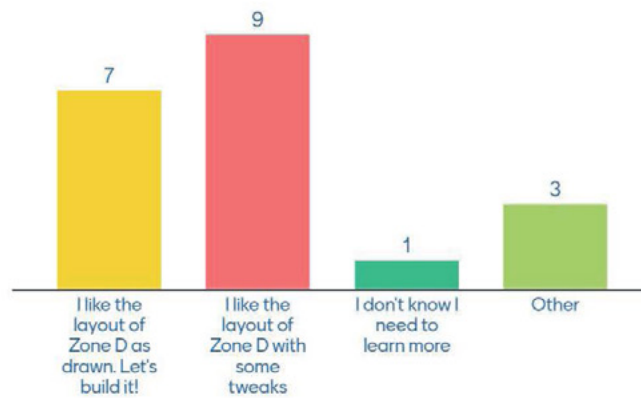
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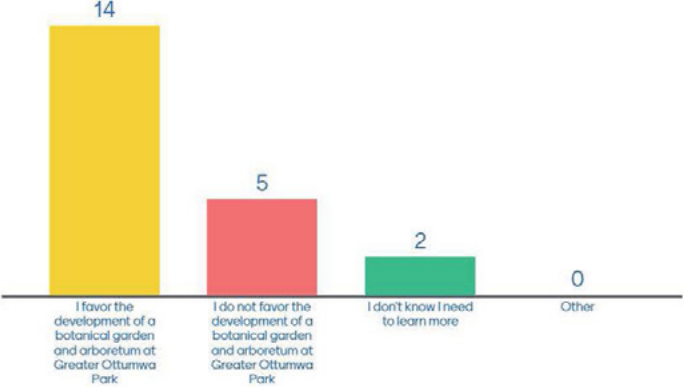
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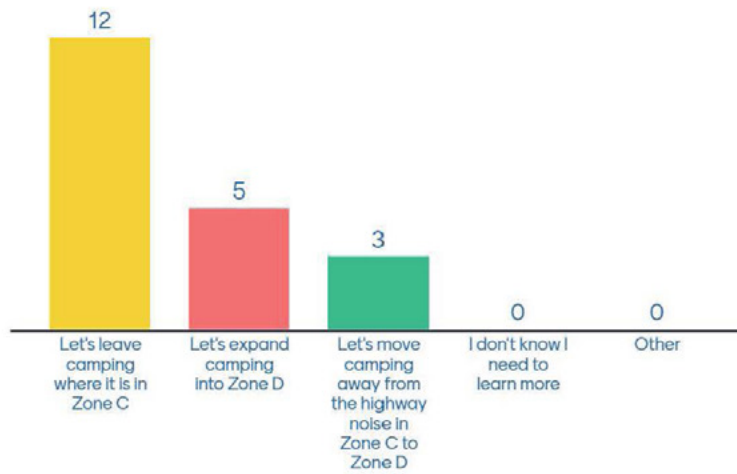
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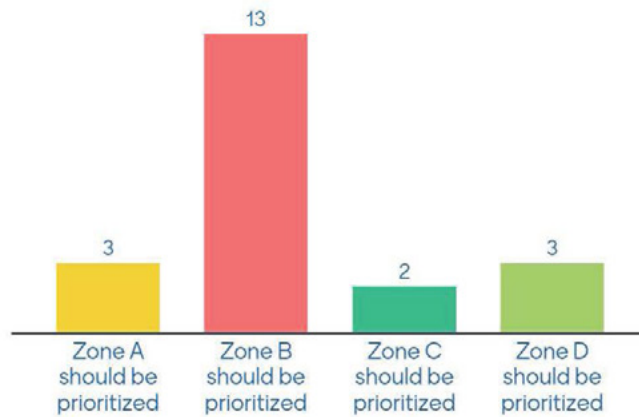
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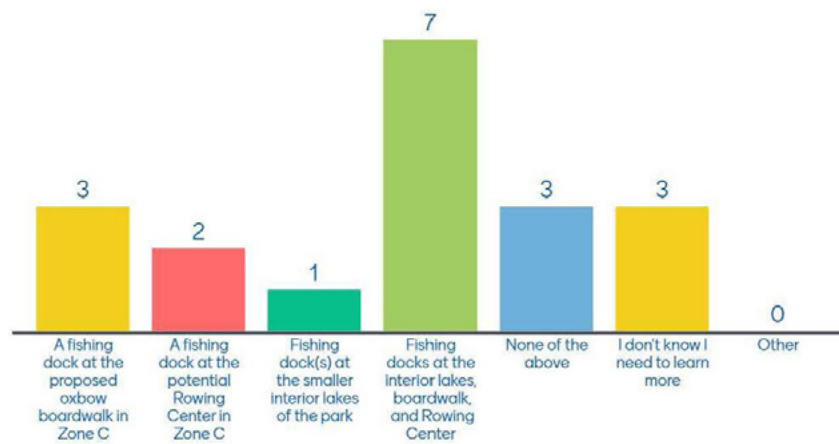
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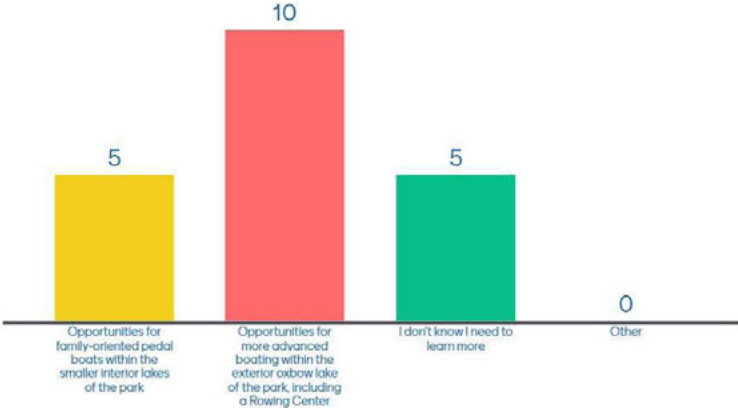
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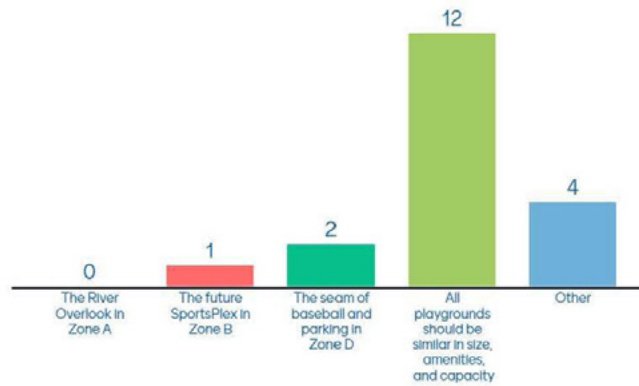
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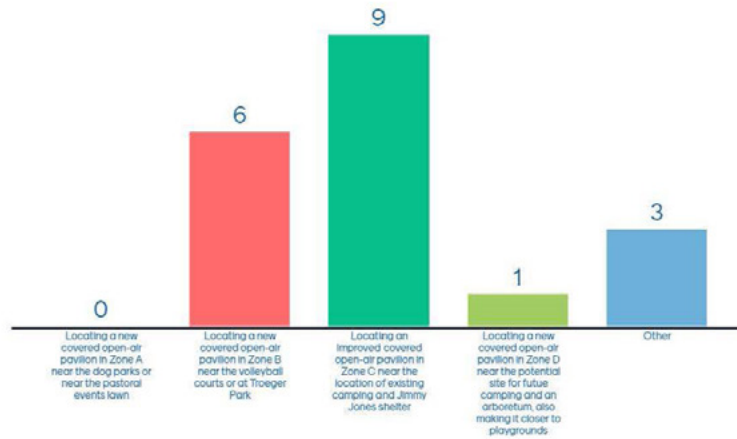
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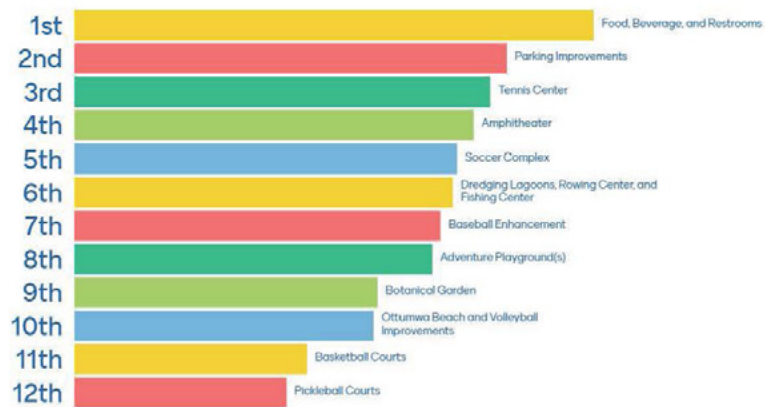
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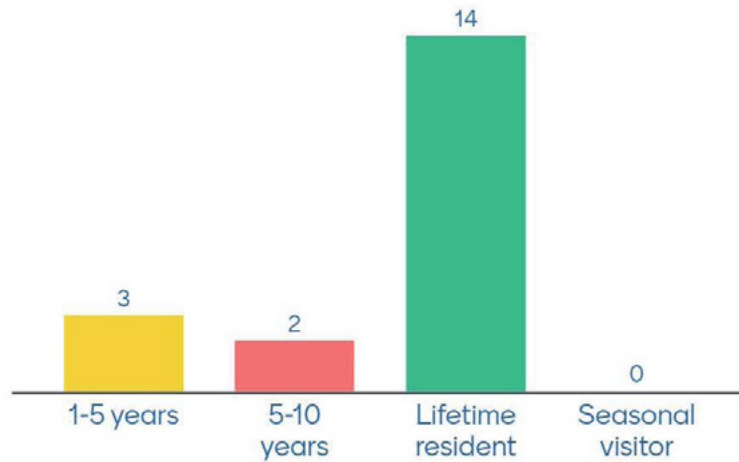
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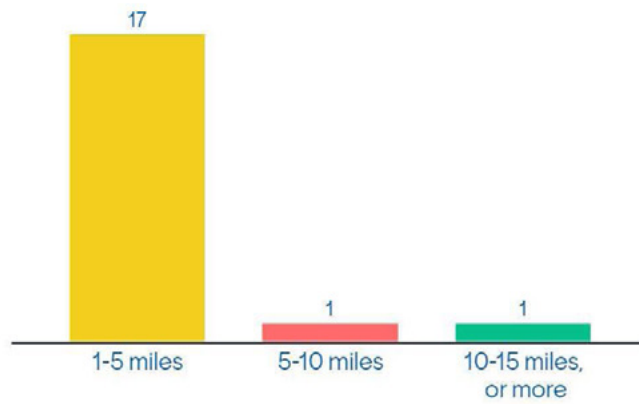
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MEETING RECORD

To: Greater Ottumwa Park Design Team
From: Benjamin Boyd and Kurt Culbertson, Design Workshop, Inc.
Date: May 18, 2022
Project Name: Greater Ottumwa Park Master Plan
Project #: 6822
Subject: Public Input Meeting Agenda
Meeting Date: May 18, 2022
Start/End: 12:00 pm & 5:30 pm CDT
Location: Bridge View Center
Copy To: Kurt Culbertson (DW), Benjamin Boyd (DW), Corey Dodd (DW), David Stokes (JBC) Lara Guldenpfennig (JBC), Casey Patton (ISG)

Meeting Telephone Conference Call

Design Team Attendees:

Design Workshop: Kurt Culbertson, Benjamin Boyd, Corey Dodd
JBC: David Stokes, Lara Guldenpfennig
ISG: Casey Patton

Agenda

1. Purpose

- a. Kurt introduced the project team and shared the basis for this project stems from the Riverfront Renaissance Plan, other previous initiatives centered on improving Greater Ottumwa Park and the city, and the dedication of City Staff to facilitating a greater quality of life for Ottumwa citizens.

2. Agenda

- a. Kurt reviewed the agenda for each meeting:
 - i. Overview
 - ii. Timeline
 - iii. Why Your Feedback is Important
 - iv. Funding & Implementation
 - v. Surveys
 - vi. Input to Date: Recreation Scenarios
 - vii. Plan Alternates
 - viii. Mentimeter Live Polling Questions

3. Overview

- a. Kurt highlighted that as the jewel of the Ottumwa parks system, Greater Ottumwa Park provides connections to the following amenities:
 - i. Trails
 - ii. Beach Ottumwa
 - iii. Bridge View Center
 - iv. Quincy Place Mall and shopping district
 - v. Oxbow business district
 - vi. Downtown Ottumwa

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- b. Kurt shared that for Ottumwa to become a destination for recreation, outdoor entertainment, sports tourism, and tournaments, the Master Plan will offer recommendations for:
 - i. Distributing recreation spaces throughout the park
 - ii. Roadway enhancements to improve connections to each quadrant of the park
 - iii. Expanding fields and courts to accommodate league tournaments
 - iv. Potential Oxbow and Lagoon improvements for water activities
 - v. Campground, playground, and infrastructure enhancements
 - vi. Strengthening trail connections
 - vii. Broader entertainment opportunities
- 4. Timeline**
- a. Kurt shared the design team is currently in the Understanding phase of the project which includes:
 - i. Inventory
 - ii. Discussion
 - iii. Testing
 - iv. Feedback
 - b. Following the Understanding phase, the Design team will enter the Master Plan phase which centers on detailed design. The Master Plan phase will be followed by implementation, encompassing schematic design to construction.
- 5. Why Your Feedback is Important**
- a. Kurt explained feedback provided during this meeting will be used to:
 - i. Determine the most desired program opportunities
 - ii. Guide priorities for the final Master Plan
- 6. Funding & Implementation**
- a. Kurt discussed a series of approaches and potential outcomes to funding and implementation for the park including:
 - i. Approach 1 – Ensure the Master Plan is compatible with grant funding opportunities
 - 1. Outcome 1 – The park is awarded numerous grants to fund recreation and infrastructure improvements
 - ii. Approach 2 – Leverage Federal funds to provide greater trails access to the park
 - 1. Outcome 2 – Facilitate addition of new park amenities in increase park usage
 - iii. Approach 3 – Identify public and private partnership opportunities
 - 1. Outcome 3 – Potential partnerships contribute to funding during project phases
- 7. Surveys**
- a. Kurt noted the project survey has been made available in English and Spanish and provided a QR code for immediate access by meeting attendees.
- 8. Input to Date: Recreation Scenarios**
- a. Based on stakeholder discussions and focus groups held to date, Ben walked attendees through a series of recreation scenario diagrams displaying the desired number of courts and fields, optimum configurations, solar orientation, and parking for:
 - i. Baseball/softball fields
 - ii. Soccer fields
 - iii. Tennis
 - iv. Pickleball courts
 - v. Volleyball courts
- 9. Plan Alternates**
- a. Ben described two initial concept alternates:
 - i. Concept alternate 1 concentrates recreational programming to Zones A, B, and D with passive programming occurring in Zone C. Zone C features larger green spaces for exploration and nature-based learning in the form of community gardens and an arboretum.

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- ii. Concept alternate 2 distributes recreational programming throughout all zones. This concept disperses passive programming including an amphitheater and event lawn in Zone A, and nature-based learning through community gardens and an arboretum in Zones C and D.

10. Mentimeter Live Polling Questions

- a. Corey led meeting attendees through a series of Mentimeter live polling questions for additional input.

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Meeting Date: September 21, 2022
Start/End: 12:00 pm & 5:30 pm CDT
Location: Bridge View Center
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Agenda

1. Purpose

- a. Kurt highlighted the purpose of this second round of public input meetings includes:
 - i. Receiving feedback from community members about their preferred plan alternates.
 - ii. Receiving community feedback on the best location for active (programmed) and passive spaces within the preferred plan alternate.
 - iii. Receiving confirmation from community members that they approve of continuing with more detailed design and the potential for future construction.

2. Agenda

- a. Kurt reviewed the agenda for each meeting:
 - i. Overview & Timeline
 - ii. What We've Heard: Survey and Focus Group Discussions
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 - c. Kurt shared the design team is currently transitioning from analysis of feedback collected at the May public input meetings and during focus group discussions to design. The entire list of project phases/objectives includes:
 - i. Inventory
 - ii. Discussion
 - iii. Testing
 - iv. Feedback
 - v. Design
 - vi. Documentation
 - vii. Construction
- 4. What We've Heard: Survey and Focus Group Discussions**
- a. Ben explained a summary of survey responses and how input guided the creation of priorities for the alternate plans to expand existing programming and integrate new amenities for meeting the needs of the community. 534 surveys were submitted. Survey questions centered on:
 - i. Activity preferences
 - ii. Access
 - iii. Beach Ottumwa
 - iv. Programming locations
 - v. Wapello St. improvements
 - vi. Events
 - vii. Oxbow lake usage
 - viii. Highway 34 improvements
 - ix. Barriers to usage
 - x. Desired amenities
 - xi. Camping
 - xii. Household proximity to the park
 - b. Survey Takeaways
 - i. Most respondents were age 35-44. This age range correlates with the median age of the city's population of 38 years old.
 - ii. Lack of restrooms is the largest barrier to park use.
 - iii. Additional parking and safe access from surrounding hubs (downtown and neighborhoods) by way of bike or tunnels that connect the park to the riverfront are the largest connectivity/transportation needs.
 - iv. Camping and children's playgrounds are the most sought-after activities and amenities.
 - v. A need and desire for more exploratory and unstructured play opportunities aligns with trends of young families based on respondent ages.
 - vi. An adventure playground and more restrooms were identified to provide the highest future benefit to the park.
 - vii. A new concert stage, amphitheater, and improved picnic pavilion are high priorities.
 - viii. A flexible space such as a food truck court is preferred for food and beverage options rather than a permanent vending area.

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- c. Ben shared takeaways from focus group discussions held with the following organizations:
 - i. American Gothic Performing Arts
 - 1. Education is a large part of the AGPA mission.
 - 2. Currently, the high school auditorium provides the largest capacity for a covered performance space.
 - 3. Without proper infrastructure and staffing, equipment rentals from other cities would create exponential costs for facilitating events.
 - ii. Ottumwa Symphony Orchestra
 - 1. Groups would benefit from an amphitheater as a dedicated open air performance space.
 - 2. Management, maintenance, and staffing to run technical equipment will be needed.
 - 3. With the appropriate space, an outdoor concert series would be well attended and attract several hundred visitors.
 - iii. Ottumwa Area Arts Council
 - 1. Desire to identify locations for art within the park.
 - 2. Highlighted need for increased pedestrian connectivity and less roads.
 - 3. Temporary and permanent story walks are initial ideas for art incorporation.
 - iv. Ottumwa Schools
 - 1. Expressed a need for majority youth sized fields.
 - 2. Basketball courts are heavily used, and the addition of more courts is highly recommended.
 - 3. There is potential Legion Memorial Field may not be used for tournaments since the school system has taken ownership.
 - v. Ottumwa Little League
 - 1. There is a desire for playgrounds near sports courts and fields.
 - 2. A variety of infields that are all grass or all dirt based on player ages are needed.
 - 3. A food truck rodeo space should be in proximity to sports courts and fields.
- 5. Plan Alternates**
- a. Kurt walked meeting attendees through plan alternates 1 and 2, and detailed views and program descriptions of Zones A-D within each alternate.
 - b. Kurt explained the chosen roadway sections for Wapello St. and the Wapello St. Bridge.
 - c. Kurt noted that parking ratios were based on precedent studies and comparable projects completed by the design team, and shared example ratio calculations based on sport amenity/programming.
 - d. Kurt emphasized potential dredging methods for improving water quality of the Ottumwa lagoon/oxbow lakes and specific site characteristics to be considered, including:
 - i. Existing sediment elevations
 - ii. Potential volume of dredged materials
 - iii. Physical and chemical composition of sediment
 - iv. Potential contaminants
 - v. Presence and location of utilities
 - vi. Presence and location of structures
 - vii. Sensitive natural features and species
- 6. Funding & Next Steps**
- a. Kurt outlined potential community partners, grant opportunities, growing revenue opportunities, and fundraising opportunities that can contribute to implementation of the Master Plan.
- 7. Mentimeter Live Polling Questions**
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MEETING RECORD

To: Benjamin Boyd and Kurt Culbertson, Design Workshop, Inc.

From: Corey Dodd, Design Workshop, Inc.

Date: April 26, 2022

Project Name: Greater Ottumwa Park Master Plan

Project #: 6822

Subject: Recreational Users Focus Group

Meeting Date: April 22, 2022

Start/End: 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm EST

Location: Online/Zoom

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Attendees:

Design Workshop: Corey Dodd

Ottumwa resident/recreational user: John Jaeger, Ottumwa Schools

Meeting Notes

1. How do you use the facilities at Greater Ottumwa Park?

- a. Father to 3 girls that play multiple sports
- b. Coach high school baseball
- c. Visit the park daily during summer

2. What are the current uses and capacity of the park?

- a. Youth girls summer league has 300 girls this year
- b. Another 600 kids playing youth baseball
- c. Over 1000 kids using fields on a regular basis, 8 out of 12 months of the year
- d. The Park is the only place that has softball fields
- e. League softball practices Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday
- f. Traveling teams use the fields Wednesday and Friday

3. What are immediate needs that come to mind?

- a. Combining baseball and softball leagues into one group would make things more efficient – having one governing board to oversee all scheduling, it would help with cost and encourage comradery
- b. Consider the large Hispanic population that uses the soccer fields and large groups that use the outdoor basketball courts
- c. Need for improved walking and biking trails

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- 4. What is the relationship between schools and the park (and the City/Parks Department)?**
 - a. Pretty much kept separate
 - b. High school freshmen play on one of the fields at the park which helps decrease the wear and tear on the school's larger varsity field
 - c. High school freshmen enjoy the smaller field at the park

- 5. How can the master planning process help facilitate goals of Ottumwa Schools as it relates to student health and recreation?**
 - a. Through providing a centralized location for fields of all types to support comradery among varying sports groups
 - b. We are in the process of changing the school district, everything is spread out and no one plays at their own schools for varsity games
 - c. Goal for the school's tennis program would be to use the courts at the park
 - d. Being able to utilize the Babe Ruth fields at the park as a school district would be ideal
 - e. If decent cross-country trails are added to the park, they can support school cross-country teams

- 6. Would you consider use of the oxbow lake if water quality is improved?**
 - a. The lake is stocked with trout in the fall
 - b. Could see it being used for kayaking but not swimming due to geese
 - c. Water in the oxbow is stagnant, there are carp - not sure what the water level is but they probably want to keep it at the minimum level

- 7. Thoughts on the campground facilities?**
 - a. Always busy, people are there now
 - b. Could envision campground being moved south to a quieter area near the oxbow

- 8. Do surrounding neighbors have walkable access to the park and do most sports related users drive to the park?**
 - a. Most users live within 15 minutes of the park
 - b. Can get from one side of town to the other side within 10-15 minutes
 - c. Surrounding neighbors do not typically walk to the park, no strong sidewalk connections, people would have to walk in the street to arrive
 - d. 99% of folks drive
 - e. Only 2 access points – Church Street Downtown Business Center (NE Corner) and Roundabout at the SE corner
 - f. People speed down the 45mph road and sometimes use one of the roads to the park as a drag strip
 - g. Getting in and out of the park can be challenging
 - h. If more fields are added stoplights would be needed
 - i. It is like a maze driving through the park and it is difficult to give people succinct directions to arrive to the high school baseball fields

- 9. Support facilities & Infrastructure**
 - a. Parking is only paved between varsity fields
 - b. No real designated parking spots
 - c. Only one public restroom and one water fountain, near playground
 - d. A splashpad would be nice

- 10. Are there historic elements that should be highlighted or nodded to in the master plan?**
 - a. The Oxbow was the old river channel before the dike was installed – people do not realize that
 - b. The high school baseball field built in the 1970s as a focal point along the highway

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11. Action Items:

a. DW

i. Corey to follow up with John, providing link to the StoryMap and survey

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Project #: 6822
Subject: Recreational Users Focus Group
Meeting Date: April 26, 2022
Start/End: 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm EST
Location: Online/Zoom
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Attendees:

Design Workshop: Kurt Culbertson, Benjamin Boyd, Corey Dodd

Indian Hills Community College: Blaire Siems

Ottumwa Schools: Kyle Creamer

Ottumwa Little League: Barbara Codjoe, Sam Long

Meeting Notes

1. Baseball/softball

- a. Kyle – Zone D would be best for baseball/softball.
- b. Kurt – A baseball complex can be accomplished through phasing over time.

2. Soccer

- a. Kurt – Thoughts on the notion of keeping soccer where it is by using Zone A and making use of the underpass for access to Zone B fields?
- b. Sam – Zone A is good. It provides its own entrance and its own area.

3. Tennis

- a. Blaire is on the tennis committee. Initial discussions indicate that Zones B and D make sense for tennis. It does not make sense to utilize Zones A or C for tennis.
- b. Kurt – Agreed and shared that once we receive public feedback more the design team can create more iterations. Sees Zone C remaining the quiet area of the park.
- c. Blaire – Shared drainage concerns. Kurt is comfortable the concerns can be addressed.
- d. Blaire – Indoor tennis has not been mentioned. It would be interesting to hear what folks have to say during public input meetings. Kurt confirmed a question centered on indoor tennis can be shared during public input meetings.

4. Pickleball

- a. Design team is continuing to identify whether there is a demand for pickleball in Ottumwa.
- b. Blaire – Recently wrote several grants for restriping tennis courts within the city for pickleball. It is the fastest growing sport among aging individuals as it is easier on the joints.
- c. The tennis committee has discussed restriping courts at the park, but the courts are in bad shape. A total remodel may be required instead of restriping.

5. Review of the composite plan

- a. All agreed it is good to see that all elements can fit within the park.
- b. Kyle – Noted the need to add a batting cage area for baseball.
- c. Barbara – Noted the need for storage.

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To: Benjamin Boyd and Kurt Culbertson, Design Workshop, Inc.
From: Corey Dodd, Design Workshop, Inc.
Date: May 16, 2022
Project Name: Greater Ottumwa Park Master Plan
Project #: 6822
Subject: Events Focus Group
Meeting Date: May 16, 2022
Start/End: 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm EST
Location: Online/Zoom
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Attendees:

Design Workshop: Benjamin Boyd, Corey Dodd

Greater Ottumwa Partners in Progress, Inc.: Marc Roe (Executive Director of GOPP, City Council, Oktoberfest Committee), Christy Butts (Marketing Coordinator of GOPP)

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Meeting Notes

1. Balloon Races

- a. Five-day event that utilizes the Jimmy Jones shelter, event lawn, and area west of the campground at Greater Ottumwa Park.
- b. Event includes fireworks.
- c. Last year the event featured 25 balloons, this year planning to feature 30 balloons.

2. Car Show

- a. Event utilizes paved areas around Jimmy Jones shelter for food vendors.

3. Overall Atmosphere

- a. Events feel cramped and it would be nice to spread out. The community would host more events and include more entertainment elements if more room was available.
- b. There is no place to sit during Wednesday night bingo games.
- c. Jimmy Jones shelter is problematic for sound reproduction. It exemplifies the worst possible combination of infrastructural elements need to successfully host a show.
- d. There is no effective way to close areas for ticket sales other than using snow fencing.
- e. The park experience during inclement weather is terrible.
- f. The park suffers and loses potential event attendees due to Jimmy Jones shelter. The power boxes are located outside of the shelter and the stage is located under the shelter for events.
- g. Pigeons roost on the shelter and it must be sterilized before events.
- h. In the past, campers made noise complaints to police about event music at night.

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- i. It would make sense to move campground to Zone A to provide campers a view of water from the levee.
 - j. Would not be able to congregate balloons in Zone C if ballfields are proposed there.
- 4. Preferred venues/example events**
- a. Council Bluffs
 - b. Steamboat Days in Burlington
 - c. Blues festival in Davenport
 - d. 515 Alive Festival in Des Moines
- 5. Attracting Visitors**
- a. There are no outdoor facilities in the city to host a gated concert.
 - b. Desires to begin an annual outdoor concert series. The park is the perfect location, being next to the river.
 - c. Have discussed hosting larger bands to attract more people.
 - d. Ottumwa is Level C market and the city usually hosts acts that are on the rise or fall of their careers that typically draw crowds of 2,000-5,000 people.
 - e. Potential to add an allé with a long pergola and flower garden as a wedding venue.
- 6. Amenities**
- a. Having a band shell would be great. It would allow for a carnival and food trucks.
 - b. There is a trail north of the Jimmy Jones shelter that circles the west oxbow lake that could be utilized for people to walk to Quincy Place mall for overflow parking. People do this now, so it would not be unfamiliar.
 - c. Need for a ticket booth.
 - d. If visitors are using the underpasses/walkways under the highway it will be easy to bounce back and forth between event locations.
- 7. Oktoberfest**
- a. Was hosted across from Market Street bridge in the Market Street parking lot in the past. An annual chicken barbecue was an unofficial part of Oktoberfest. Now the annual chicken barbecue is part of Bridge View Center.
- 8. Other events that need a home**
- a. Ottumwa Symphony Orchestra. Currently hosts an event at Indian Hills College.
 - b. Ottumwa theater play series. There are two theater groups in the city (adults and children). Both groups are currently restricted to using Bridge View Center because an outdoor option is unavailable.

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Date: July 21, 2022
Project Name: Greater Ottumwa Park Master Plan
Project #: 6822
Subject: Fine Arts Focus Group
Meeting Date: July 21, 2022
Start/End: 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm EST
Location: Online/Zoom
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Attendees:

Design Workshop: Benjamin Boyd, Corey Dodd

American Gothic Performing Arts and Ottumwa Symphony Orchestra: Dennis Willhoit, Kyle Roerman

Meeting Notes

1. Current use of the park

- a. American Gothic Performing Arts and the Ottumwa Symphony Orchestra do not currently use the pavilion (Jimmy Jones shelter) for any arts events at the park.

2. Current productions

- a. Performing arts festival takes place in June and just finished its tenth season. The festival runs for 16 days. Hopes for the festival to become longer in the future.
- b. The orchestra hosts a concert in early June at Dodge stage which attracts several hundred people to a lawn where they can watch and enjoy a beverage.
- c. American Gothic Performing Arts was gifted the B'nai Jacob Synagogue where they have created a black box theatre for seating 150 guests. Highlights of the season include a gala, performing arts festival, guest artists and local talent. Education is a large part of the mission.

3. Future use of the park

- a. If the park had an amphitheater there would be desires to utilize it in a way like the Pop Series presented by the Des Moines Symphony.
- b. If the orchestra did a summer series outside, it would be well attended.
- c. The municipal community band concert would bring at least 75 people to the park, it is truly a band of the people.
- d. It would be great to have a space for an open air, outdoor concert series.
- e. Maintenance is and will continue to be an issue at the park.
- f. Running the venue will take someone who understands performance lighting and infrastructure. It would be costly to contract production crews from other cities.

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4. Other opportunities and current capacities

- a. If Indian Hills has funds to upgrade their outdoor performance space the Symphony Orchestra and American Gothic Performing Arts would be fine without a performance space at the park. If there will not be an updated performance space at Indian Hills, then it is preferred at the park.
- b. Bridge View Center can host 600, Indian Hills is slightly smaller.
- c. The high school auditorium can host more than 1,000.

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Date: August 24, 2022
Project Name: Greater Ottumwa Park Master Plan
Project #: 6822
Subject: Recreational Users Focus Group
Meeting Date: August 24, 2022
Start/End: 10:00 am – 10:40 am EST
Location: Online/Zoom
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Attendees:

Design Workshop: Benjamin Boyd, Corey Dodd

Ottumwa resident/recreational user: John Jaeger, Ottumwa Schools

Meeting Notes

1. Master Planning Update

- a. Ben shared DW is continuing the master planning process and has prepared several plan alternatives for a second public input meeting in September.
- b. John asked if tennis will be associated with the future indoor facility. Ben confirmed.

2. Initial thoughts

- a. John shared that in terms of sizing of fields, the majority of fields will be youth sized.
- b. The Babe Ruth fields are the two fields that exist behind legion field. Since league fields are not very large, one of the high schools uses the Babe Ruth fields for practice.
- c. John highlighted that basketball courts are highly used and recommended adding more.
- d. John noted that folks would not plan to use Legion field for tournaments since the school owns it now.

3. Timeline

- a. Design and permitting – 12 months
- b. Construction – 12-24 months
- c. Ben shared the master plan is a high priority for the City
 - i. Since funding exists for tennis that is where the City's focus is now
 - ii. Baseball will require a larger financial commitment due to equipment needs
 - iii. Soccer is low hanging fruit

