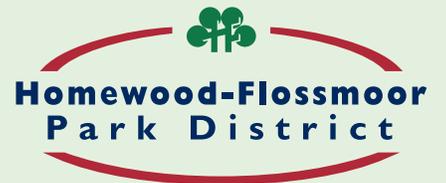




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# Park District Overview

The Homewood and Flossmoor Park Districts merged in January of 1969. At the time, Homewood Park District consisted of 10 parks and Flossmoor Park District consisted of two parks. Together, the park districts served about 18,000 people and owned 43.3 acres of parkland. Today, the District serves almost 30,000 residents and owns 366 acres of park, natural area, and special use open space.

The Homewood-Flossmoor Park District is currently governed by a board consisting of five elected commissioners in addition to a secretary, and treasurer. A staff of more than 50 full-time and 500 part-time and seasonal employees work to provide quality programs, services and facilities to the residents of Homewood and Flossmoor.

Below are the core values that the Park District uses as a guide to take action and make impactful decisions to ensure continued success of the District.

## HOMEWOOD-FLOSSMOOR PARK DISTRICT CORE VALUES



Develop and maintain recreational facilities and park areas to meet current and future needs.



Provide diverse and inclusive recreation programs, services, and events.



Promote sustainability, conserve energy and natural resources, protect open space, and provide environmental education.



Foster a safe work environment that encourages collaboration and advances personal and professional growth.



Prioritize financial stability and responsibility.



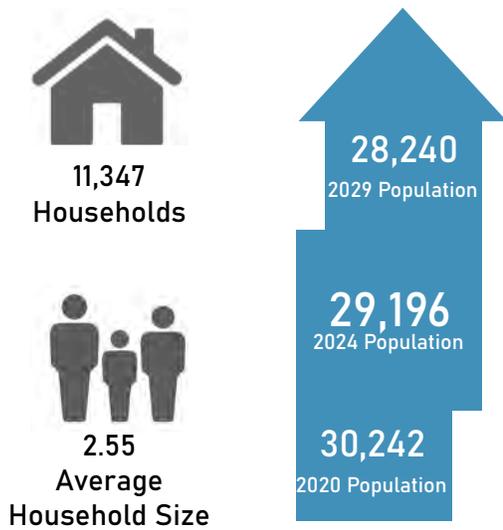
Build customer loyalty through effective communications and positive guest experiences.

# Community Snapshot

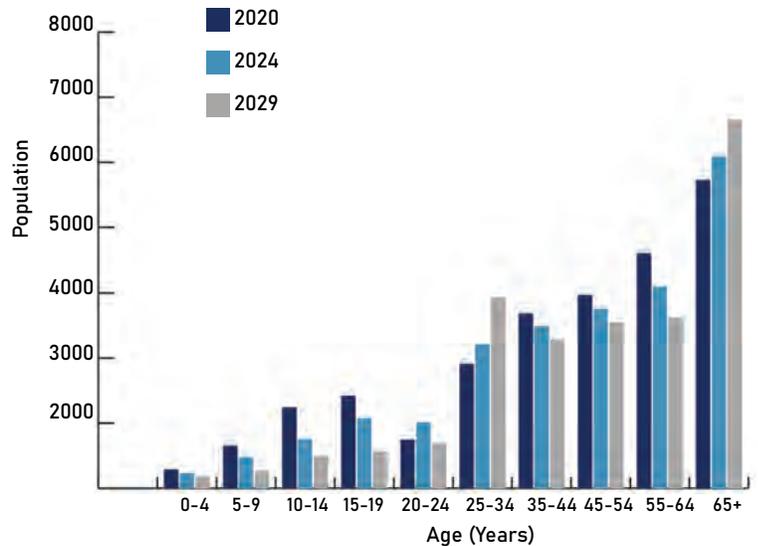
Homewood-Flossmoor Park District serves both Homewood and Flossmoor, as well as a small portion of the District's boundary that extends into Glenwood, a community to the east. Major boundaries are 175th Street to the north, Halsted Street to the east, Vollmer Road to the south and Pulaski Road to the west.

Below is a summary of the demographic data for the communities within the Park District boundaries. The data is provided by ESRI Business Analyst. Based on the information below, the population has decreased since 2020 and is predicted to continue to decrease at a rate of -0.66%. This is higher than the national rate of -0.38%. If current trends continue, it is important to consider potential impacts on Park District usership and to remain adaptable to potential changes within the community.

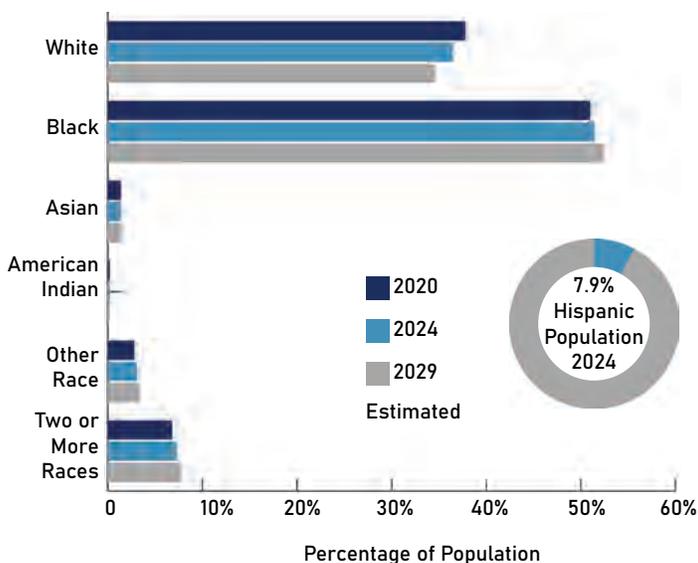
## TOTAL POPULATION



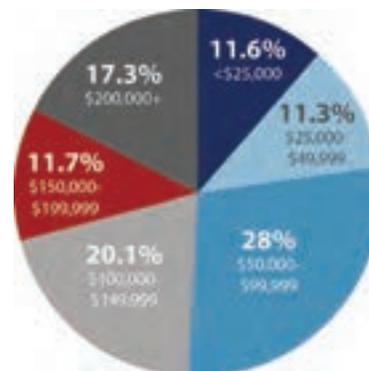
## AGE DISTRIBUTION



## RACE/ETHNICITY



## INCOME DISTRIBUTION



**\$97,328**

Median Household Income 2024

**\$110,843**

Median Household Income 2029

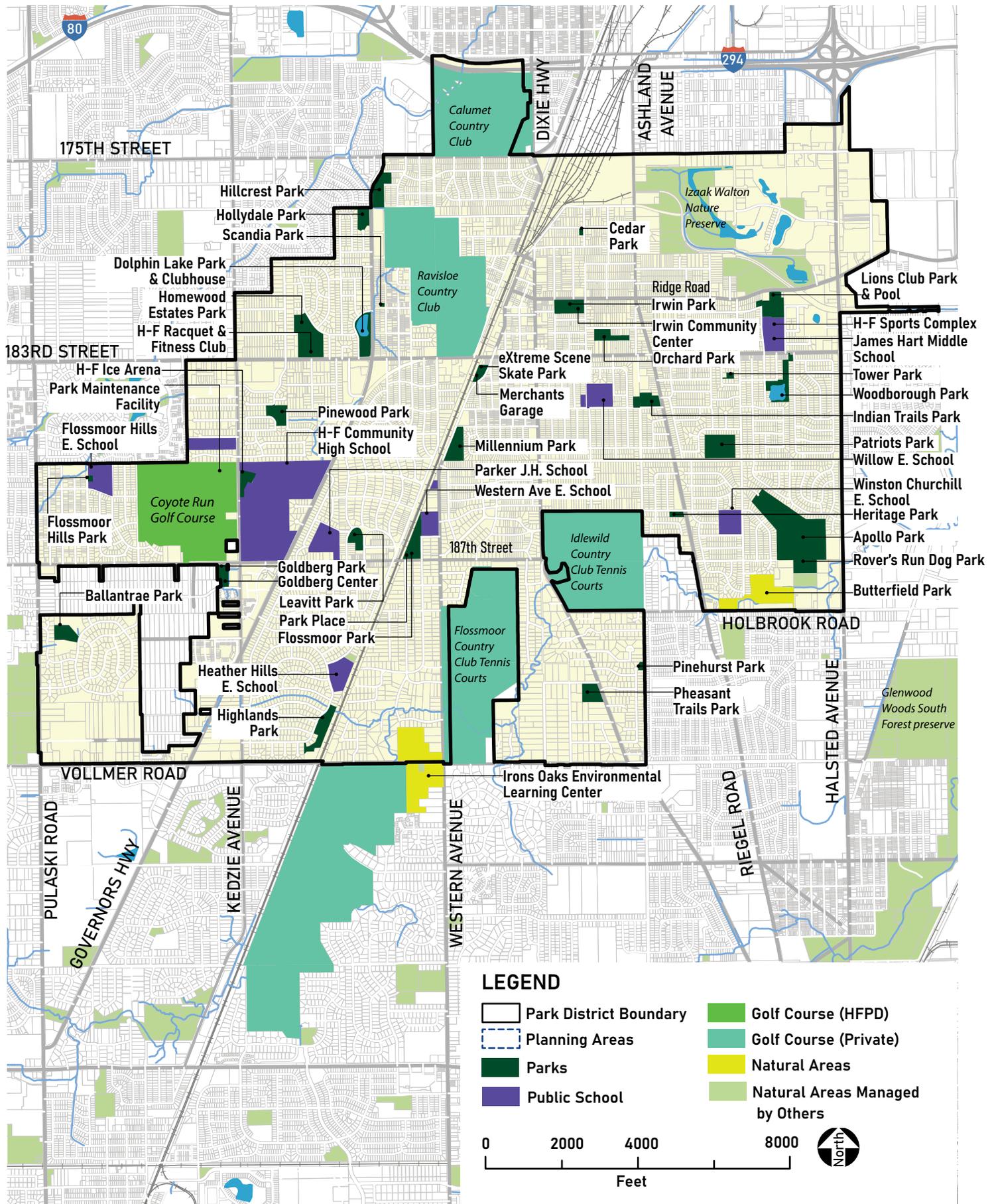
**\$80,610**

National Median Household Income

**\$81,702**

State Median Household Income

# Land Use Map



# Executive Summary

The Homewood-Flossmoor Park District is committed to providing quality parks and recreation services to its residents. The Comprehensive Master Plan serves as a 10 year guide for the District in maintaining infrastructure, financial responsibility, sustainability, and recreation planning.

Throughout the planning process, the Project Team conducted meetings with the community, stakeholders, staff, and the Park District Board to gather recommendations and feedback, which ultimately led to the four overall priorities listed below. These priorities are the framework for the recommended actions illustrated throughout the Comprehensive Master Plan.

As the Park District looks forward, it is important to remain adaptable to changing interests and needs of the community. Offering effective programs will require continued analysis of which types of programming are currently serving the community and which might require change in order to better meet a need. Additionally, continued maintenance of parks and facilities will ensure that the community has access to quality outdoor and indoor spaces where they can participate in programming and events. Lastly, a positive work environment for staff and financial sustainability will both contribute to successful execution of programs and the ability to maintain the parks and facilities throughout the District.





# Chapter 1

# Engagement



# Overview

## Board Meeting

July 16th, 2024 7:00pm

During the meeting with Board members, the Planning Team presented the process for the Comprehensive Master Plan. The Board was then led through a S.W.O.T. exercise where they gave input on the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats facing the Park District. Lastly, the Board members were asked to think about their intended outcomes for the Master Plan and what they envision for the District and community in the next 10 years.

## Staff Meeting

July 24th, 2024 7:30am-4:00pm

The meeting with staff included a presentation of the planning process overview and S.W.O.T. workshop. Staff were encouraged to share their thoughts on the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats the Park District offers. Staff were also asked what their vision for the future of the Park District is and what types of improvements they would like to see in the future.

## Stakeholder Meetings

October 2nd, 2024 @ 4:00 pm

October 2nd, 2024 @ 7:00 pm

December 16th, 2024 @ 6:30 pm

December 18th, 2024 @ 6:30 pm

Community leaders, sport affiliates, Park District participants, business owners, the press, and various other representatives were invited to stakeholder meetings to provide their feedback on the Park District. Attendees were invited to answer survey questions through Poll Everywhere and participate in discussions about the future of the Park District.

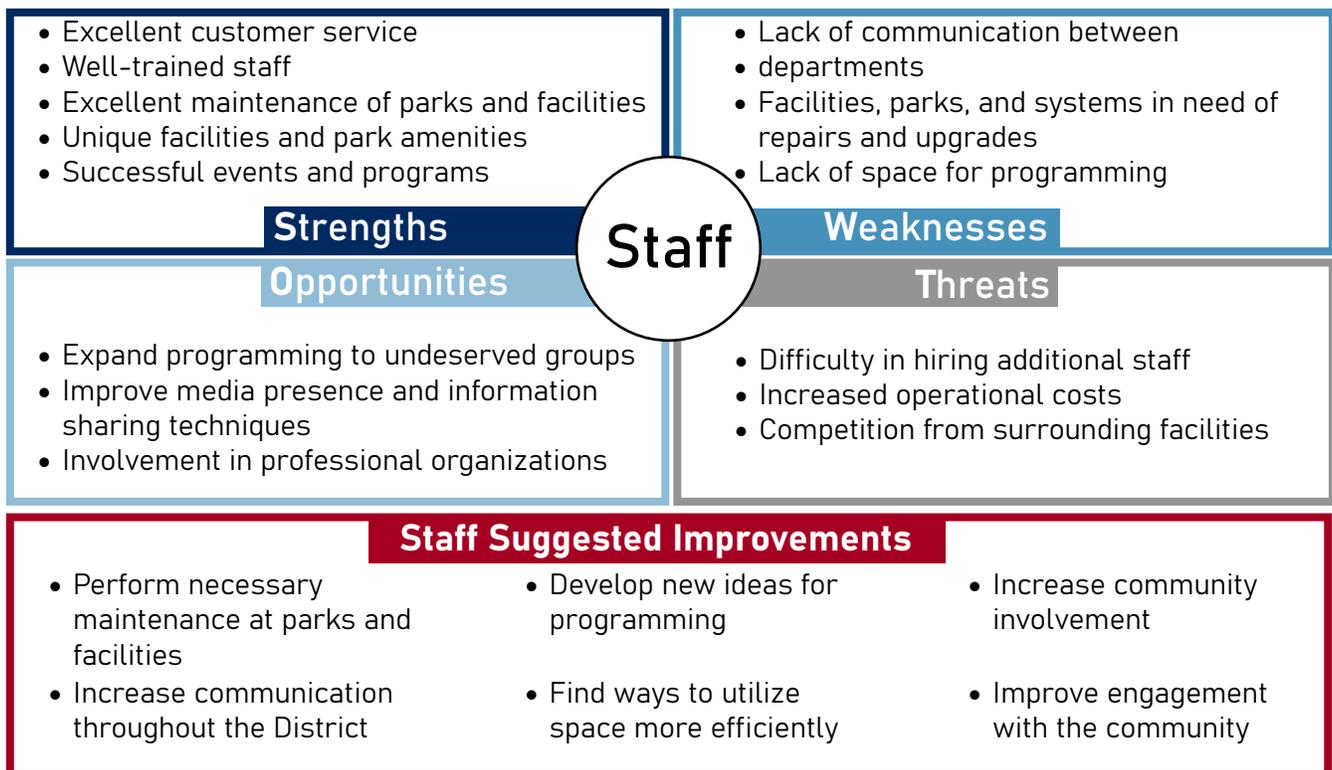
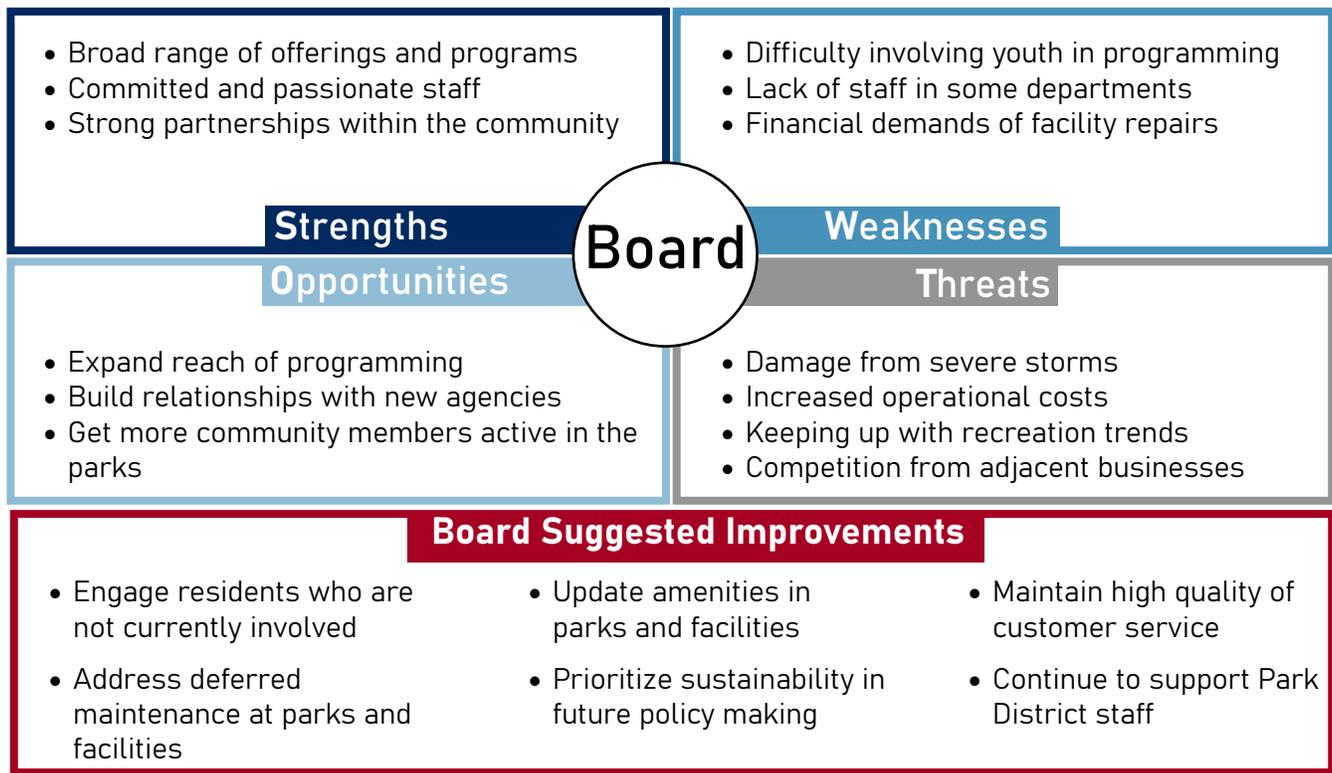
## Community Open House #1

October 16th, 2024 @ 7:00pm, 48 attendees

The community open house gave all Park District users and residents the opportunity to learn about the planning process and give their input on changes they would like to see in the next 10 years. A variety of input opportunities were provided including six stations, mad libs, stickers, and comment cards.



# Staff and Board - Input Analysis



# Community Meetings - Key Takeaways

## Stakeholder Suggested Improvements

One of the ways the Planning Team engaged attendees at the meetings was through an online polling system called Poll Everywhere. The following list is some of the improvements that were collected at the meeting through the survey and open discussions.

- Provide more programming for seniors and teens
- Improve communication with residents regarding reservations and rentals
- Add more inclusive and accessible play equipment to the District
- Improve bathroom access
- Improve existing park amenities that are aging
- Improve existing facilities
- Provide more basketball hoops
- Invest in walking paths
- Implement more sustainable practices within the parks related to pesticides and native plantings



Image of Stakeholder input through Poll Everywhere Survey

## Community Suggested Improvements

At the community open house, data was collected from attendees in a variety of ways including discussions, interactive stations, comment cards and a survey activity. The following improvements and priorities were suggestions that resulted from these activities.

- Improve existing parks and facilities
- Add more adult fitness programs
- Improve communication with residents
- Invest in managing invasive species
- Improve the timing of program offerings
- Add more unique amenities at parks
- Prioritize improving accessibility at parks

*Homewood-Flossmoor Park District (HFPD) Mad Libs*

- Noun that describes your role in the HFPD (parent, participant, resident, non resident) \_\_\_\_\_
- Adjective that describes the park district \_\_\_\_\_
- Park Name, A Park that you use most in HFPD \_\_\_\_\_
- Facility Name, A facility you use most in HFPD \_\_\_\_\_
- Adjective that describes the park district \_\_\_\_\_
- Noun, A Park that you use most in HFPD \_\_\_\_\_
- Adjective, a word you would describe the park and facility above \_\_\_\_\_
- Verb, An activity you like to do at the Park District (i.e. play at playground, ice skate, workout) \_\_\_\_\_
- Noun, Name something the park district does well (i.e. events, day camps) \_\_\_\_\_
- Noun, Name something the park district can improve \_\_\_\_\_
- Noun, Name something that you would like the park district to accomplish in the next ten years. \_\_\_\_\_
- A phrase that describes how your answer to #11 will impact the community \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Homewood-Flossmoor Park District,

I am a \_\_\_\_\_ 1. (Noun) \_\_\_\_\_ in Homewood-Flossmoor. Overall, I think the park district is \_\_\_\_\_ 2. (Adjective) \_\_\_\_\_.

I use \_\_\_\_\_ 3. (Name of Park) \_\_\_\_\_ park and \_\_\_\_\_ 4. (Name of Facility) \_\_\_\_\_ facility the most.

I like \_\_\_\_\_ 5. (Adjective) \_\_\_\_\_ park and \_\_\_\_\_ 6. (Noun) \_\_\_\_\_ facility because they are \_\_\_\_\_ 7. (Adjective) \_\_\_\_\_.

One activity that I like to do in my spare time is \_\_\_\_\_ 8. (Verb) \_\_\_\_\_.

Although the park district is great at \_\_\_\_\_ 9. (Noun) \_\_\_\_\_, one thing that could improve is \_\_\_\_\_ 10. (Noun) \_\_\_\_\_.

My vision for the future of the park district is \_\_\_\_\_ 11. (Noun) \_\_\_\_\_ because it will \_\_\_\_\_ 12. (Phrase) \_\_\_\_\_ the community.

Sincerely, \_\_\_\_\_ (Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Image of Survey Activity

# Community Survey – Key Findings

## Overview

A community wide survey was distributed to Park District residents from November 20th, 2024 to January 6, 2025. Invitations were sent to households throughout the district, and 470 responses were submitted. A separate public survey was conducted following the random sample which collected an additional 204 responses. These responses, as well as additional information on the random sample responses can be found in the appendix of this book. Below is a summary of the statistically valid data of this survey.

## Park District Ratings

Overall, the Park District received excellent ratings from the community with 91% of respondents giving favorable opinions on the District as a whole. Almost all respondents reported that they or someone in their household visited an HFPD park or facility in the last 12 months.

One question in the survey asked residents if they felt that the 5.5% of property tax revenue that is allocated to the Park District is a good value for the parks, facilities, programs, and services the agency provides. 71% of residents indicated they think the current tax allocation provides a good value of programs, services and parks that the Park District provides (Figure 1.0).

Furthermore, when asked about their overall experience with parks and facilities, 77% are satisfied with each attribute tested, including close to half or more who are completely satisfied with each attribute (scores of 9+ on a 0-10 scale). The average satisfaction score is 8.1 or higher on almost every feature tested, and no more than 5% overall express dissatisfaction (Figure 2.0).

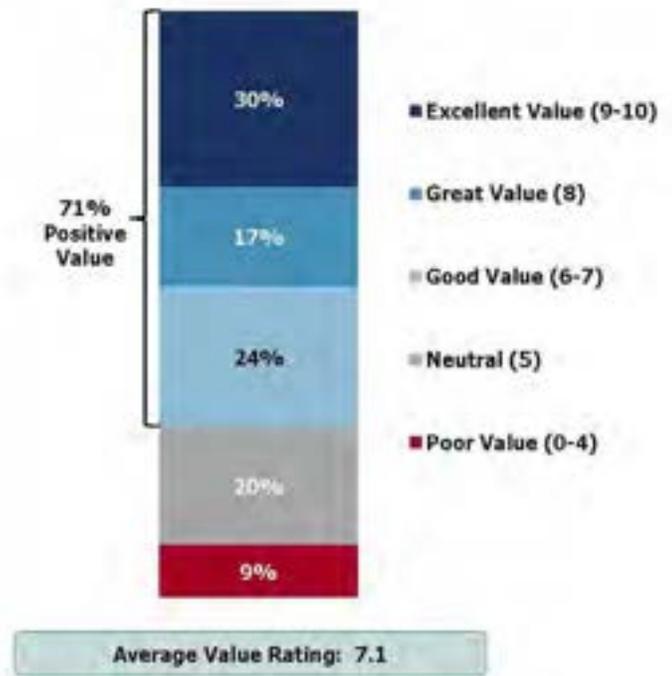


Figure 1.0 Overall Value of HFPD Based on Property Tax Share



Figure 2.0 Satisfaction with HFPD Parks/Playgrounds/Natural Areas/Facilities (0-10 Scale)

# Community Survey – Key Findings

## Meeting Demands

Among the top two indoor facilities generating the greatest interest or demand, the fitness facilities/exercise areas, and rental space for parties and events are seen as readily available currently (Figure 3.0). Nearly half of those interested in space for active older adult programs (46%) likewise feel that their needs are mostly/currently being met.

Similar to the indoor facilities tested, the outdoor amenities/features in highest demand are seen as mostly or completely available currently among those expressing a need or interest in each. This is especially true for the top two amenities – trails and open space (Figure 4.0).

## Future Improvements

Residents were shown two statements regarding the current condition and repair needs for Lions Club Pool, and asked to indicate on a 1-10 scale how much they agreed on whether they would support paying higher pool fees or shifting funds to cover the costs of those repairs, versus opposing higher fees/moving funds even if it means having to close the facility. Overall, respondents who report using Lions Club Pool in the past year voice nearly unanimous support for higher fees or shifting funds to make these repairs, and even non-users support it by more than 2:1.

From a list of potential future capital improvements at the H-F Racquet & Fitness Club, Irwin Community Center, and Irons Oaks Environmental Learning Center that the HFPD might consider, and knowing that each could result in higher property taxes and/or fees, a majority of respondents supported each option by roughly a 3:1 margin. Still, most of this support is “not strong”, as only 25% to 33% strongly support each proposal.

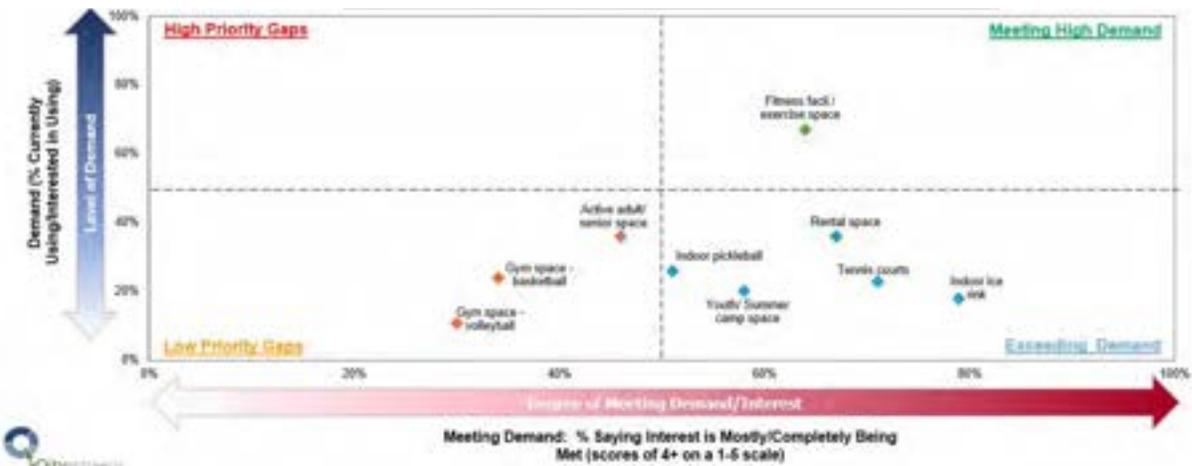


Figure 3.0 Gap Analysis: Indoor Facility Demand and Availability

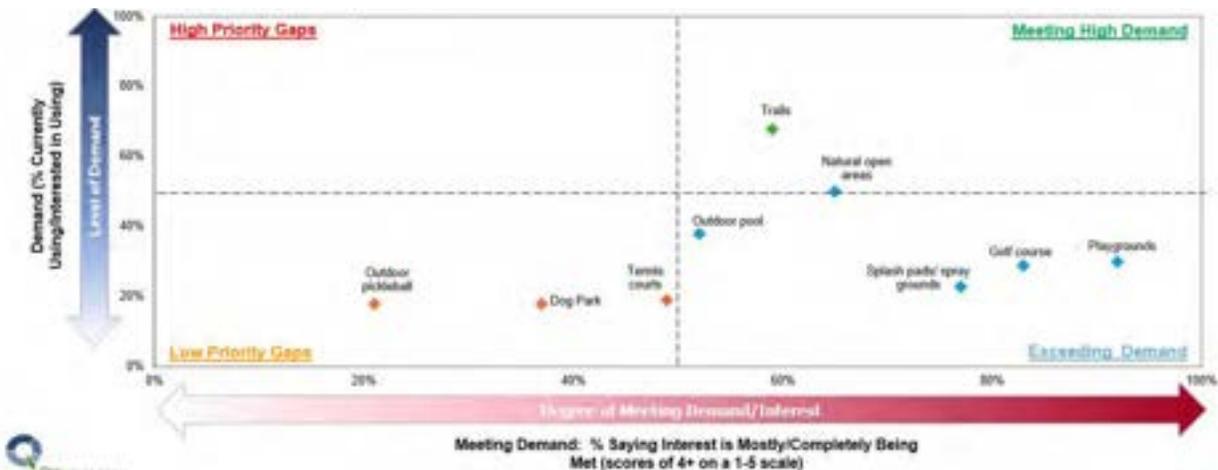


Figure 4.0 Gap Analysis: Outdoor Facility Demand and Availability



## Chapter 2

# Analysis



# Parks

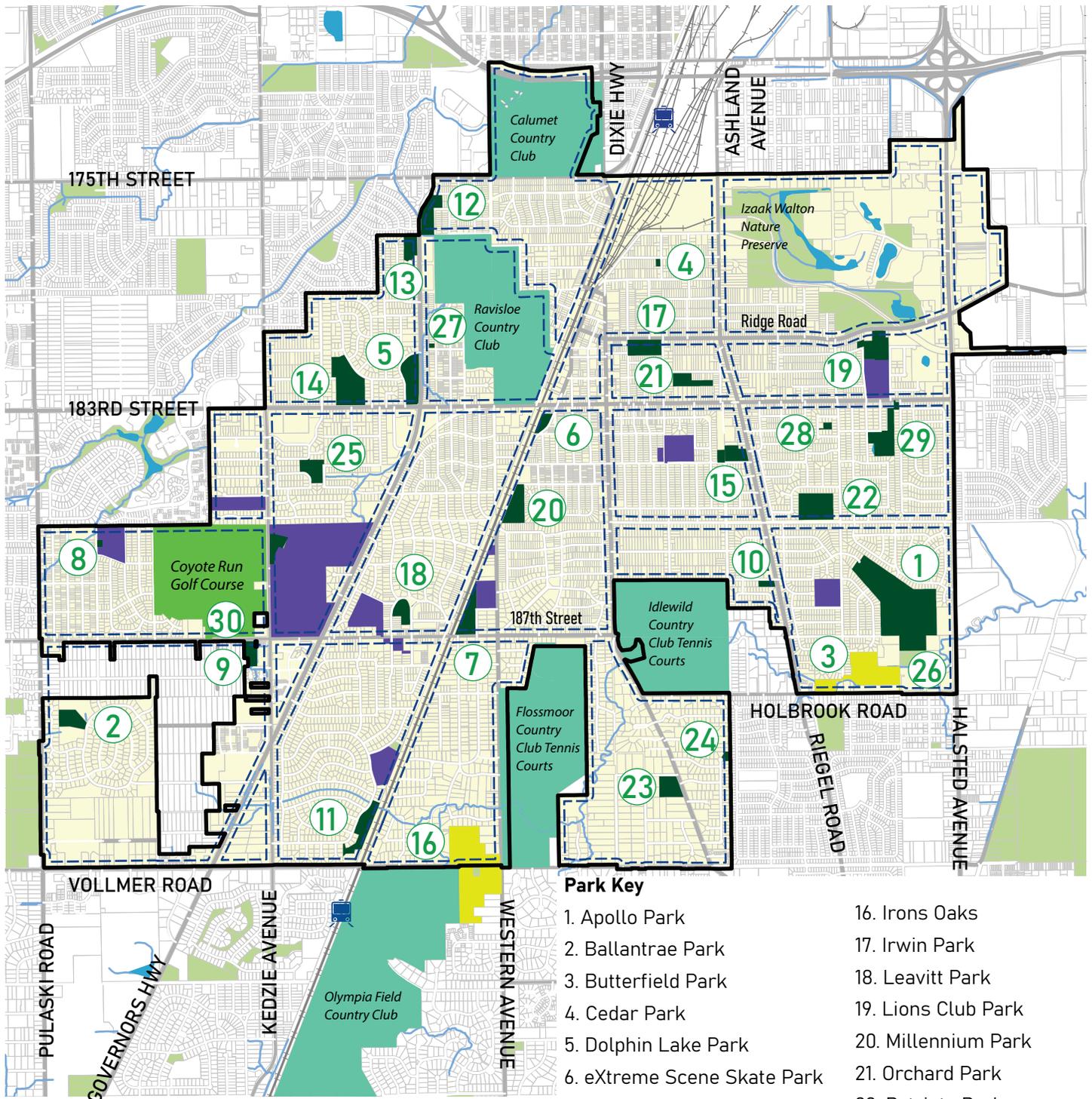
## Introduction

The Homewood-Flossmoor Park District is made up of 30 parks, which consist of 9 Mini Parks, 12 Neighborhood Parks, 6 Community Parks, 2 Natural Areas, and 1 Special Use area. A wide variety of amenities are offered throughout the park system, including playgrounds, volleyball courts, pickleball courts, soccer fields, baseball and softball fields, walking trails, and more. The Park District is committed to maintaining existing parks within the District so that they can continue to serve the outdoor recreational needs of residents.

This chapter will provide further information about the types of open space and amenities available throughout the District. The next two pages will provide an overall map showing the locations of the parks and the planning areas that the district has been divided into. These areas are defined by major roadways and barriers within the community. Analysis on distribution, quantity, and quality is provided.

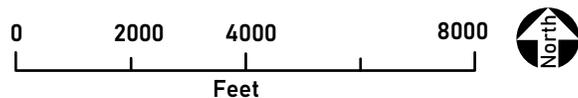


# Overall Park Map



## LEGEND

- |                        |                                 |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Park District Boundary | Golf Course (HFPD)              |
| Planning Areas         | Golf Course (Private)           |
| Parks                  | Natural Areas                   |
| Public School          | Natural Areas Managed by Others |



## Park Key

- |                             |                            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Apollo Park              | 16. Irons Oaks             |
| 2. Ballantrae Park          | 17. Irwin Park             |
| 3. Butterfield Park         | 18. Leavitt Park           |
| 4. Cedar Park               | 19. Lions Club Park        |
| 5. Dolphin Lake Park        | 20. Millennium Park        |
| 6. eXtreme Scene Skate Park | 21. Orchard Park           |
| 7. Flossmoor Park           | 22. Patriots Park          |
| 8. Flossmoor Hills Park     | 23. Pheasant Trails Park   |
| 9. Goldberg Park            | 24. Pinehurst Park         |
| 10. Heritage Park           | 25. Pinewood Park          |
| 11. Highlands Park          | 26. Rover's Run Dog Park   |
| 12. Hillcrest Park          | 27. Scandia Park           |
| 13. Hollydale Park          | 28. Tower Park             |
| 14. Homewood Estates Park   | 29. Woodborough Park       |
| 15. Indian Trails Park      | 30. Coyote Run Golf Course |

# Park Classifications

## Mini Parks - 0.25-mile Service Area

Mini Parks address limited or unique recreational needs. They serve as community gathering spaces for residents within a .25-mile distance from the park. The service areas do not include residents that have to cross a planning area boundary to arrive at the park. Site elements can vary from playgrounds, picnic areas, seating, or other amenities and typically do not include parking. It is suggested that there should be 0.5 acres of mini park open space per 1,000 residents.

## Neighborhood Parks - 0.5-mile Service Area

Neighborhood Parks bring informal active and passive recreation opportunities to a community, and typically serve up to .5 mile radius or a 10-minute walking distance. Residents that are separated from the neighborhood park by a planning area boundary are not included in the park service area. These parks range in size from 1 to 5 acres and can include playgrounds, formal play areas, trail systems, and more. The primary mode of transportation to these parks is walking but some parking may be provided. Two acres of neighborhood park open space is recommended for every 1,000 residents.

## Community Parks - 1-mile Service Area

Community Parks are destinations within the community that provide a wide range of offerings including general athletics, playgrounds, pavilions, trail systems, sport courts, and sport fields. Residents served by community parks are within a 1-mile distance and typically need to drive to the site. The service area is not limited by a planning area boundary. A total of 7.5-acres of community park open space is recommended per 1,000 residents.

## Natural Areas - 2-mile Service Area

Designated natural areas preserve natural habitats and ecosystems and typically serve residents within a 2-mile service area. Development is limited at these sites to ensure preservation of the existing habitats. There is not a level of service standard for natural areas, but these areas are important resources for wildlife and are unique sites for public access.

## Special Use Parks - 2-mile Service Area

Parks with single use recreation programming that usually serve residents within a 2-mile distance are considered special use. There is no established standard for level of service.

Classification	General Description	Location Criteria	Size Criteria	Parks
Mini Parks	Used to address limited, isolated, or unique recreational needs.	Less than 0.25 mile distance in a residential setting	Between 2,500 SF and one acre in size	Cedar Park, eXtreme Scene Skate Park, Flossmoor Hills Park, Goldberg Park, Heritage Park, Hollydale Park, Pinehurst Park, Scandia Park, Tower Park
Neighborhood Parks	Recreational and social focus for the neighborhood. Informal active and passive recreation uses.	0.25-0.5 mile distance and uninterrupted by non residential roads and other physical barriers	1 Acres - 5 Acres	Ballantrae Park, Dolphin Lake Park, Highlands Park, Hillcrest Park, Homewood Estates Park, Indian Trails Park, Leavitt Park, Orchard Park, Pheasant Trails Park, Pinewood Park, Rover's Run Dog Park, Woodborough Park
Community Parks	Meets community based recreation needs, and preserves unique landscapes and open spaces	Usually serves two of more neighborhoods within 0.5-3 mile distance	As needed to accommodate desired uses	Apollo Park, Flossmoor Park, Lions Club Park, Millennium Park, Patriots Park, Irwin Park
Natural Areas	Conservation wildlife, wooded areas, and waterways that are maintained for the most part in their natural state.	Service radius is unlimited	No Standard	Butterfield Park, Irons Oaks
Special Use Park	Meets a specific recreation need.	Service radius is unlimited	No Standard	Coyote Run Golf Course

# Level of Service - Parks

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) developed the level of service analysis to determine a standard for how much open space a park district should hold based on population. The NRPA standard is to have 10 acres of park space per 1,000 population. The chart below analyzes how much of the population is being served by each park type within the District. The maps on the following pages show the distribution of park types throughout the District. A service area is designated by park type.

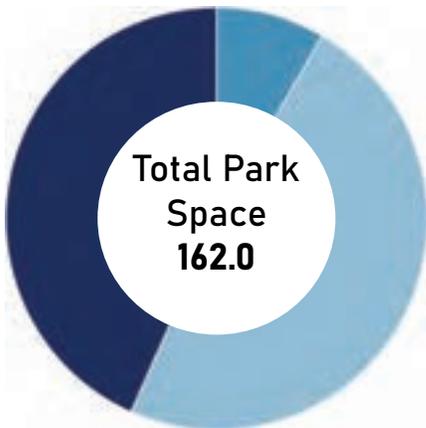
Level of Service Evaluation - All Public Space

Public Space Type	2024 Inventory		IAPD/NRPA		Acreage Deficiency/Surplus
	Existing Acreage	Level of Service (acres/1000 residents)	Recommended Acreage	Level of Service (acres/1000 residents)	
Mini Park	13.7	0.47	14.60	0.5	-0.90
Neighborhood Park	78.2	2.68	58.39	2	19.81
Community Park	70.1	2.40	218.97	7.5	-148.87
Natural Areas	64	2.19	0	No Standard	64.00
Special Use Facilities	140	4.80	0	No Standard	140.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>366.0</b>	<b>12.54</b>	<b>291.96</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>74.04</b>

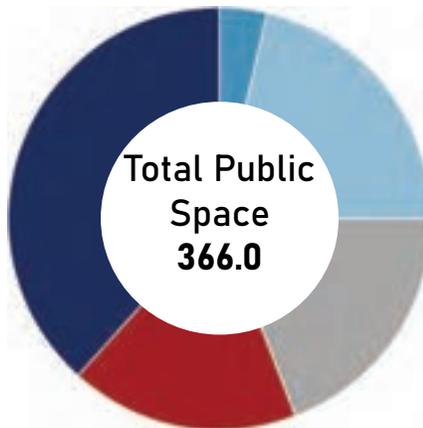
Level of Service Evaluation- Mini, Neighborhood, and Community Parks

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2024 Population: 29,196



- Mini Park
- Neighborhood Park
- Community Park



- Mini Park
- Neighborhood Park
- Community Park
- Natural Areas
- Special Use Facilities

**Homewood-Flossmoor Park District Provides 5.55-acres of Mini, Neighborhood, or Community Park Space per 1,000 Residents.**

# Planning Areas

## Overview

The following page provides a map of the Park District with planning area designations. The boundaries are designated based on impassable pedestrian boundaries which include major roads or highways, corridors and extreme natural features.

## Analysis

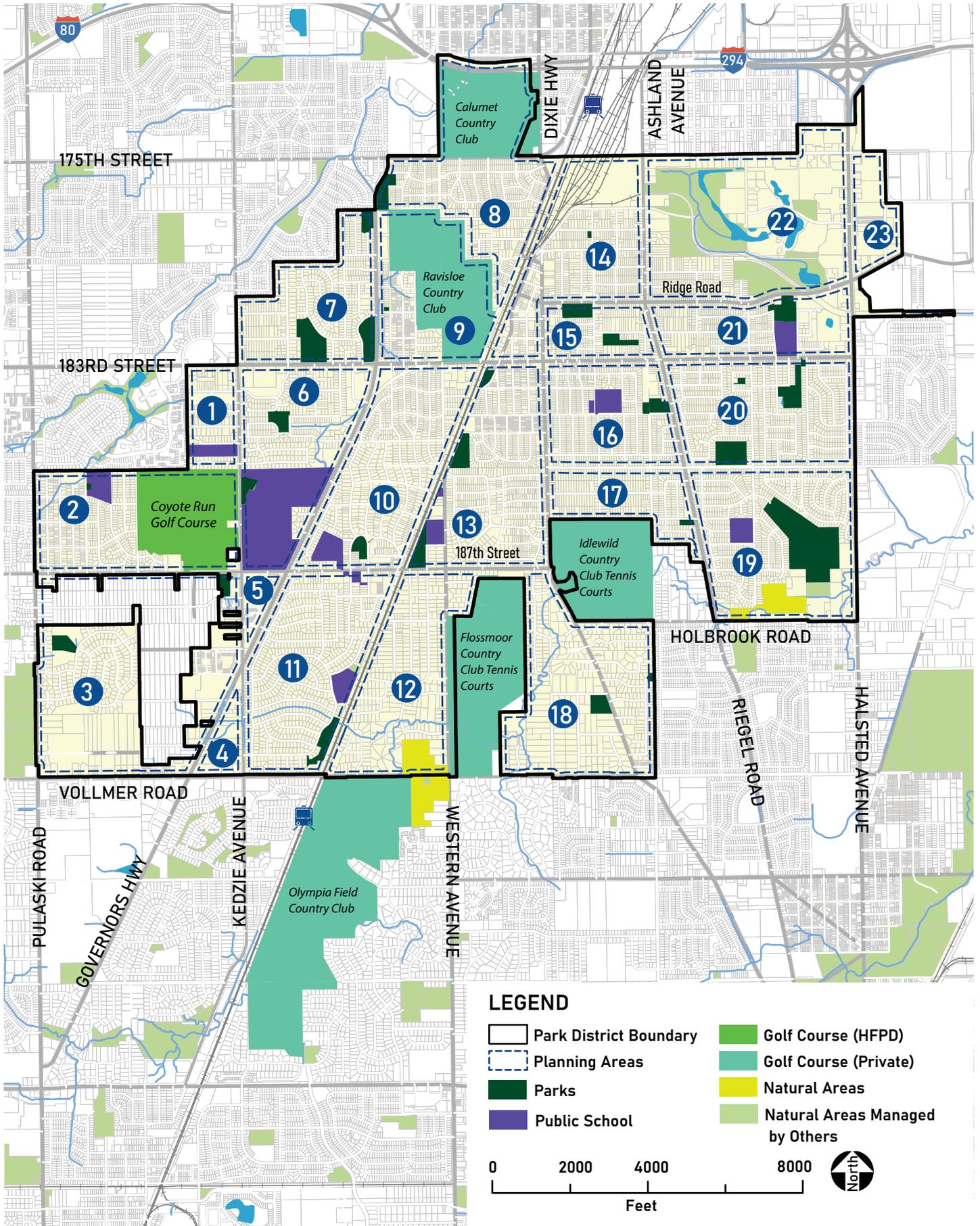
Planning areas assist with determining how equitable park distribution is throughout the district. It makes it easier to determine which areas might be underserved. Planning areas that do not currently have parks located within their boundary include areas 1, 4, 22, and 23. However, some of these areas have other types of open space within them or have a majority of designated commercial space. For instance, the Izaak Walton Nature Preserve is located within planning area 22 and serves residents in that area. Planning area 23 has limited open space due to a heavy commercial presence which would make it difficult to acquire park space in the future. Planning area 1 has a public elementary school located within it, along with a Country Club Hills Park District park.

In addition to planning areas with no parks located within them, there are also areas with limited access to specific types of parks. Planning areas 8, 11, and 13 are only serviced by community parks. This means residents in these areas most likely have to drive to the community parks in order to access them. In the future, it might be a consideration to include more walkable parks within these areas. Additionally, planning area 12 is serviced by a community park and natural areas which also indicates a lack of walkable parks within the planning area.

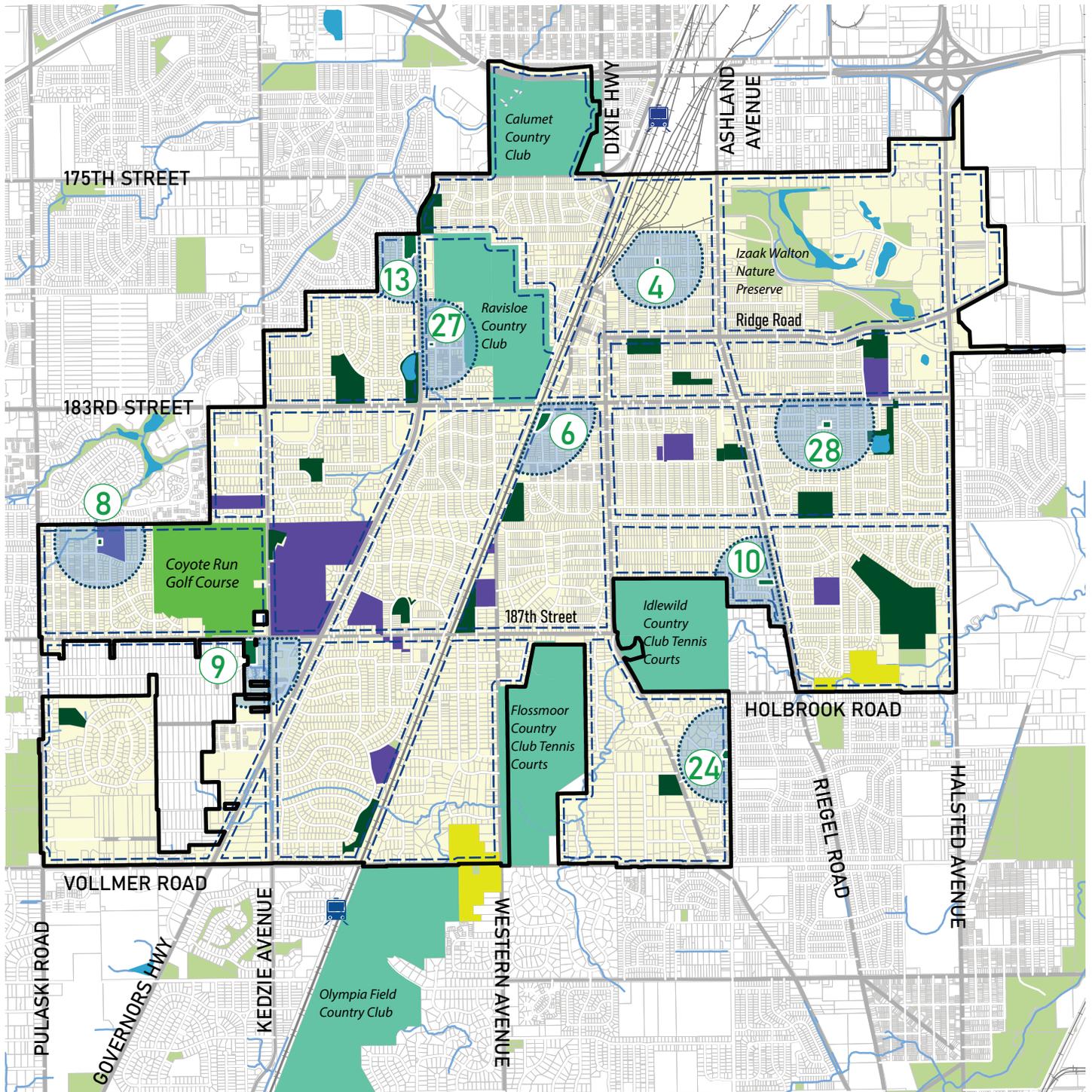
As the Park District looks forward to the next 10 years, opportunities for land acquisitions will be considered as they become available. The distribution analysis in the following pages can be used as a tool to determine which areas might be prioritized for adding new parkland if an opportunity presents itself.



# Planning Areas Map



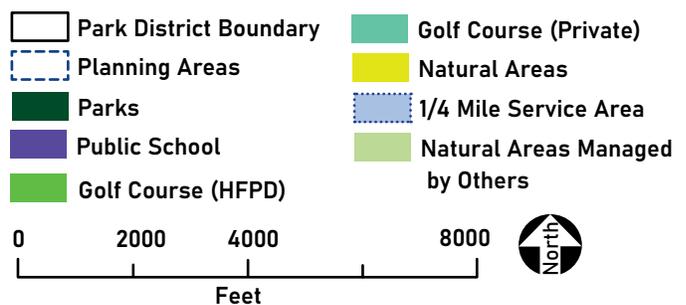
# Mini Park Distribution



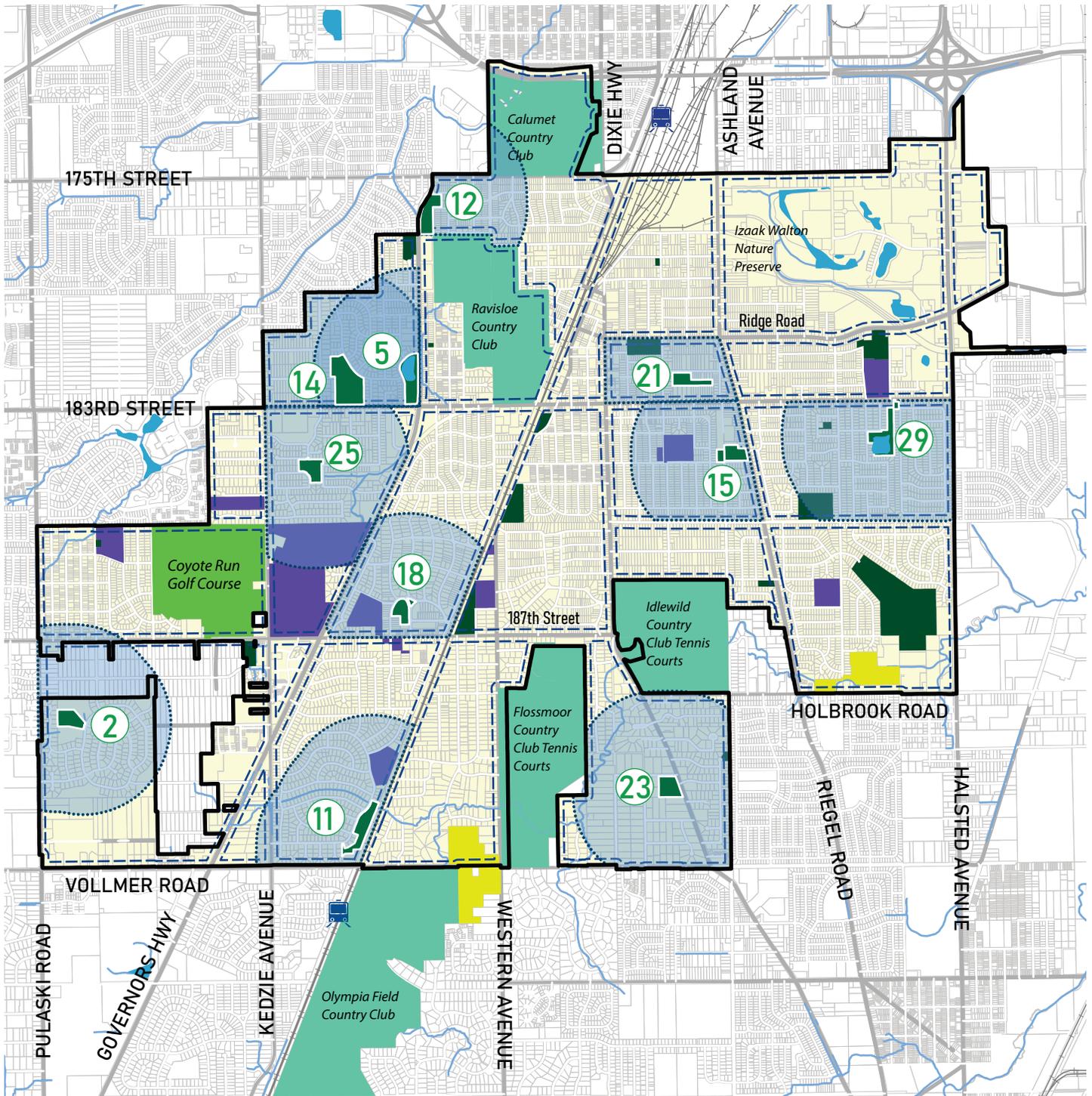
## Park Key

- 4. Cedar Park
- 6. eXtreme Scene Skate Park
- 8. Flossmoor Hills Park
- 9. Goldberg Park
- 10. Heritage Park
- 13. Hollydale Park
- 24. Pinehurst Park
- 27. Scandia Park
- 28. Tower Park

## LEGEND



# Neighborhood Park Distribution



## Park Key

- |                           |                          |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 2. Ballantrae Park        | 18. Leavitt Park         |
| 5. Dolphin Lake Park      | 21. Orchard Park         |
| 11. Highlands Park        | 23. Pheasant Trails Park |
| 12. Hillcrest Park        | 25. Pinewood Park        |
| 14. Homewood Estates Park | 29. Woodborough Park     |
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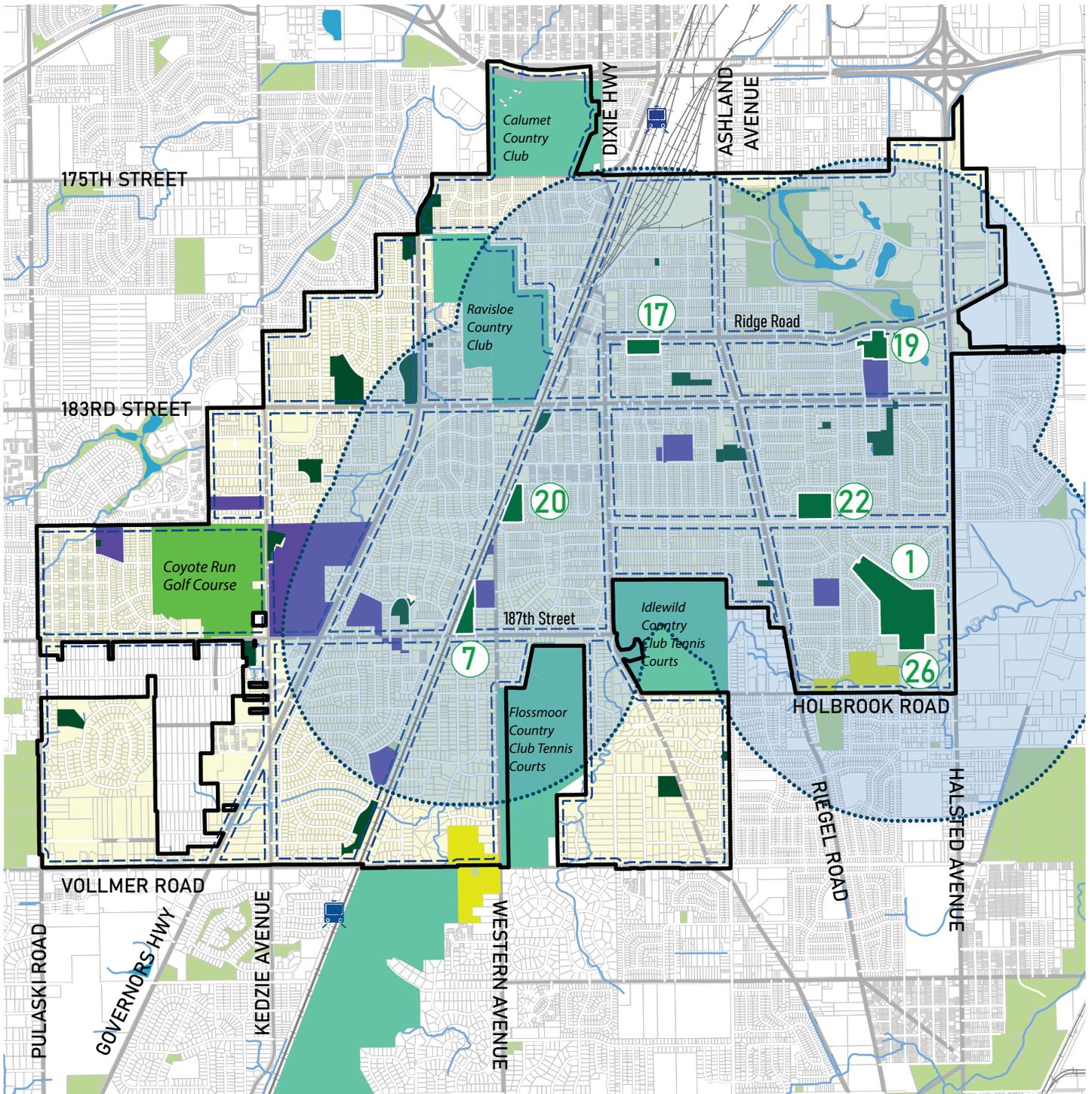
## LEGEND

Park District Boundary	Golf Course (Private)
Planning Areas	Natural Areas
Parks	1/4 Mile Service Area
Public School	Natural Areas Managed by Others
Golf Course (HFPD)	

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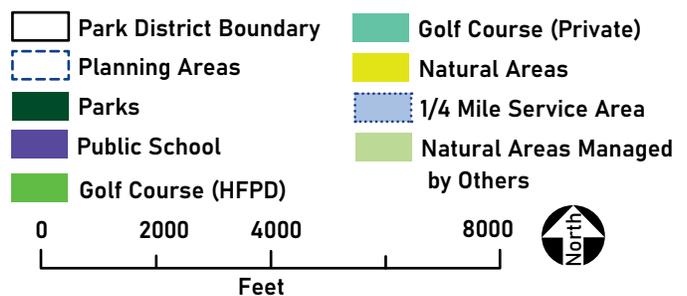
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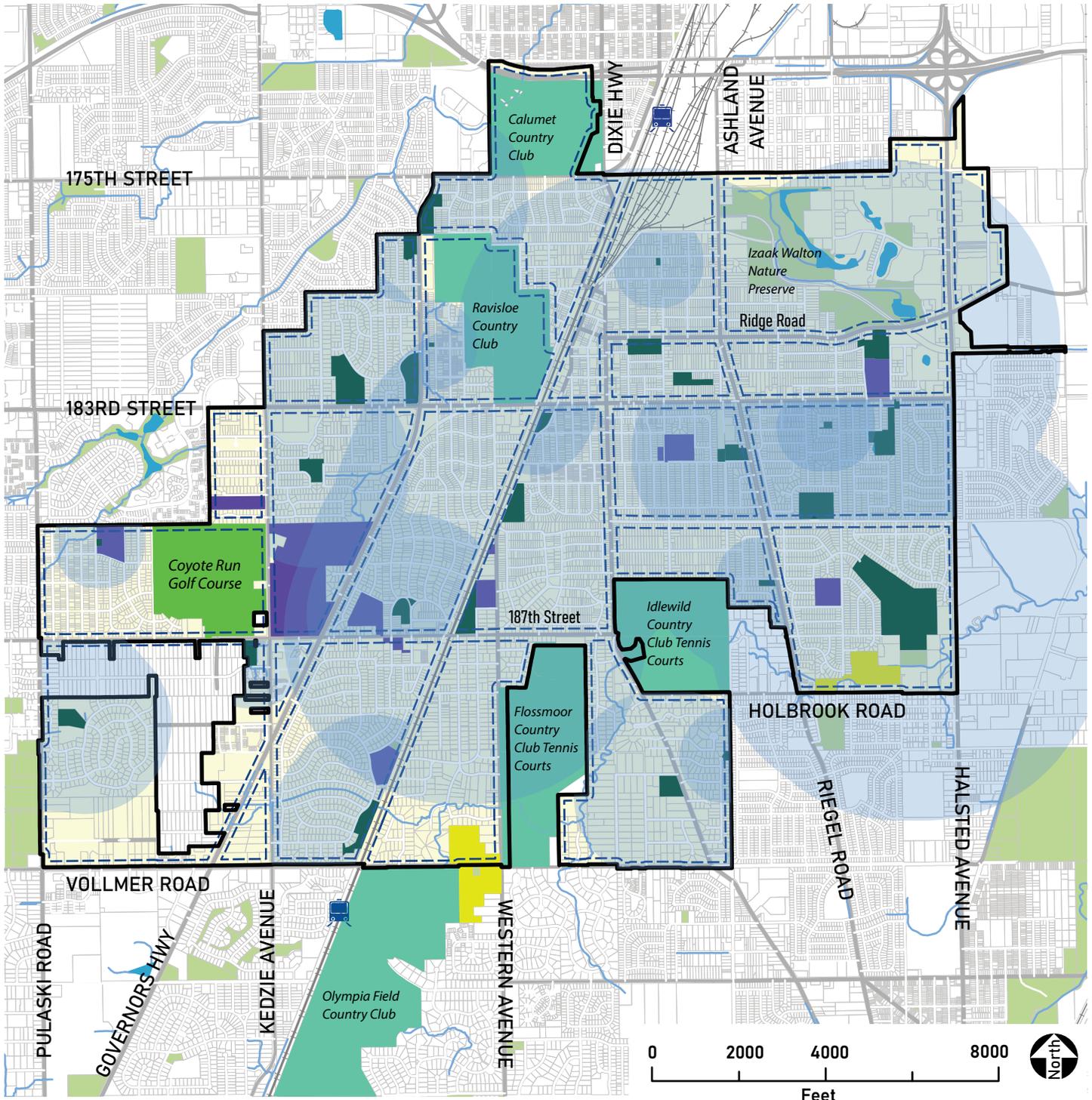
## Park Key

- 1. Apollo Park
- 7. Flossmoor Park
- 17. Irwin Park
- 19. Lions Club Park
- 20. Millennium Park
- 22. Patriots Park
- 26. Rover's Run Dog Park

## LEGEND



# Overall Distribution Map



## LEGEND

- |                        |                                 |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Park District Boundary | Golf Course (HFPD)              |
| Planning Areas         | Golf Course (Private)           |
| Parks                  | Natural Areas                   |
| Public School          | 1/2 Mile Service Area           |
|                        | Natural Areas Managed by Others |

# Level of Service - Amenities

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) publishes standards for the number of specific amenities needed to serve a park district based on its population size. The chart below compares the amenity totals in the District to the national standards. Overall, Homewood-Flossmoor Park District is meeting or exceeding the standards in all areas except basketball courts.

An amenity matrix with the breakdown of amenities per park is shown on the following page. Distribution maps that show how amenities are distributed throughout the Park District can be found following the amenity matrix.

## Level of Service - Amenities

PARKS:	2024 Inventory- Outdoor Facilities						NRPA Park Metrics				2024 Park Standards	
	HFPD Parks	HFPD Natural Areas	HFPD Park Special Use Facilities	Total Parks& Facilities	Quantity	Current Level of Service based upon the population		Based upon the median no. of residents per facility (20,000-49,999)		Recommended	Meet Standard Need Exists Surplus	Additional Amenities needed
Total Park acres	162	64	140	366	Acre(s)	12.54	1000	10.6	1000	309	Surplus	57 Acre(s)
<b>OUTDOOR AMENITIES</b>												
Diamond Fields												
-Baseball	18			18	Field(s)	1.00	1,622	1	3007	10	Surplus	8 Field(s)
-Softball												
Rectangular Fields												
-Soccer												
-Football	12			12	Field(s)	1.00	2,433	1	3333	9	Surplus	3 Field(s)
Basketball Courts	0.5			0.5	Court(s)	1.00	58,392	1	7501	4	Need Exists	-3 Court(s)
Tennis Courts	11			11	Court(s)	1.00	2,654	1	5461	5	Surplus	6 Court(s)
Pickleball Court	10			10	Court(s)	1.00	2,920	1	7737	4	Surplus	6 Court(s)
Volleyball Court	3			3	Court(s)	1.00	9,732	1	14280	2	Surplus	1 Court(s)
Outdoor Ice Rink	1			1	Court(s)	1.00	29,196	1	19770	1	Meet Standard	0 Court(s)
Disc Golf Courses	1			1	Court(s)	1.00	29,196	1	29445	1	Meet Standard	0 Site(s)
Dog Parks	1			1	Site(s)	1.00	29,196	1	27508	1	Meet Standard	0 Site(s)
Skateboard Park	1			1	Site(s)	1.00	29,196	1	33167	1	Meet Standard	0 Site(s)
Fitness Zones/Exercise Stations	2			2	Site(s)	1.00	14,598	1	27262	1	Surplus	1 Site(s)
18-Hole Golf Course			1	1	Site(s)	1.00	29,196	1	32812	1	Meet Standard	0 Site(s)
Driving Range Stations			19	19	Site(s)	1.00	1,537	1	12700	2	Surplus	17 Site(s)
<b>DAY USE FACILITIES</b>												
Playgrounds	23			23	Site(s)	1.00	1,269	1	3105	9	Surplus	14 Site(s)
Picnic Shelters/Areas	12			12	Site(s)	1.00	2,433	*ND	*ND	*ND	*ND	*ND Site(s)
<b>TRAILS</b>												
Walking Loops/Running Tracks	8	2		10	Site(s)	1.00	2,920	1	18585	2	Surplus	8 Site(s)
<b>WATER BASED FACILITIES</b>												
Splash Pads/Spray Grounds	1			1	Site(s)	1.00	4,817	1	30629	1	Meet Standard	0 Site(s)
Swimming Pools	1			1	Site(s)	1.00	29,196	1	27081	1	Meet Standard	0 Site(s)

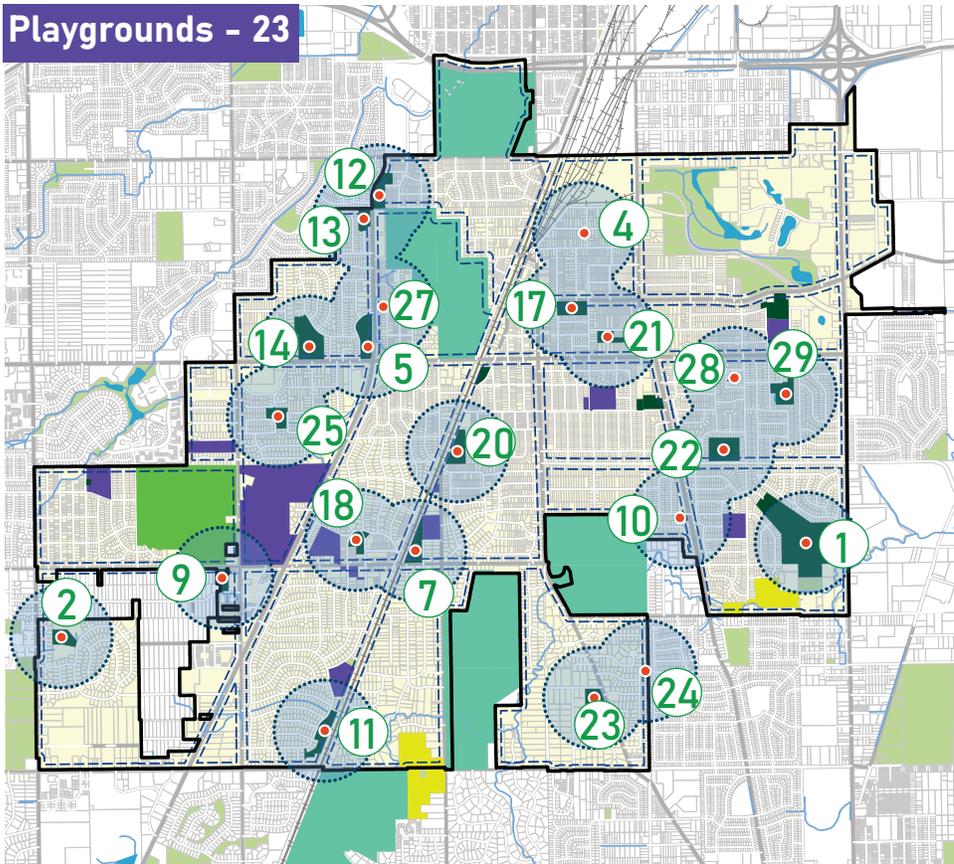
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# Park Amenity Matrix

	Location Homewood (H) Flossmoor (F)	Acres	Trails (miles)	Restrooms, Seasonal(*)	Outdoor Pool	Playgrounds	Concessions	Pickleball Courts	Tennis Courts	Volleyball Courts	Basketball Courts- Half	Ball Fields	Backstop/Playfield	Soccer Field	Football Field	Roller Hockey	Disc Golf	Sled Hill	Skating Rinks (Outdoor)	Skate Park	Dog Park	Splash Pad	Parking Lot	Pond/Fishing Pier	Outdoor Games	Sculpture	Drinking Fountain	Picnic Shelter	Fitness Station				
<b>Mini Parks</b>																																	
Cedar Park	H	0.3				1																											
eXtreme Scene Skate Park	H	1.0		1*																1				1									
Flossmoor Hills Park	F	0.5	0.40					4															1										
Goldberg Park	F	3.3	0.25	1		1																	1					1	1				
Heritage Park	H	2.5				1																					1						
Hollydale Park	H	4.0				1							1																				
Pinehurst Park	F	0.5				1																											
Scandia Park	H	1.0				1																	1										
Tower Park	H	0.6				1																											
Mini Park Total		13.7																															
<b>Neighborhood Parks</b>																																	
Ballantrae Park	F	5.0	0.30	1*		1						1															1	1	1				
Dolphin Lake Park	H	8.5				1																	1	1			1	1	1				
Highlands Park	F	5.0	0.20			1		2	1			2															1						
Hillcrest Park	H	10.0				1							1	1				1											1				
Homewood Estates Park	H	15.1		1*		1						2		1									1		1		1	1	1				
Indian Trails Park	H	4.6	0.50						2																				1				
Leavitt Park	F	3.75				1						1															1	1	1				
Orchard Park	H	3.0				1		2	1			1											1				1						
Pheasant Trails Park	F	6.0				1			2		1																	1					
Pinewood Park	H	5.5				1				1		1		1													1	1					
Rover's Run Dog Park	H	3.0		1*																	1						1						
Woodborough Park	H	8.75	0.30			1								1									1										
Neighborhood Park Total		78.2																															
<b>Community Parks</b>																																	
Apollo Park	H	31.8	2.00	1		1				2		5		5	1									4				2	1				
Flossmoor Park	F	6.5		1		1	1		4			3							1								1		1				
Irwin Park	H	6.0				2																	1				1	1	1				
Lions Club Park	H	8.3		1*	1			2	1			1											2				1						
Millennium Park	H	6.5	0.40	2*		1							1	1		1						1	1				1	1					
Patriots Park	H	11.0	0.40	2*		1						1		1		1							1				1	1					
Community Park Total		70.1																															
Park Subtotal		162.0	4.75	12	1	23	1	10	11	3	1	18	3	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	17	1	1	3	17	12	2				
<b>Natural Areas</b>																																	
Butterfield Park	H	26.0	0.76																														
Irons Oaks	O/F	38.01	1.80																				2						2				
Natural Areas Total		64																															
<b>Special Use Facilities</b>																																	
Coyote Run Golf Course	F	140.0		1																			1										
Special use Facilities Total		140.0																															
Overall Park District Totals		366.0	7.31	13	1	23	1	10	11	3	1	18	3	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	20	1	1	3	17	14	2				

# Amenity Distribution

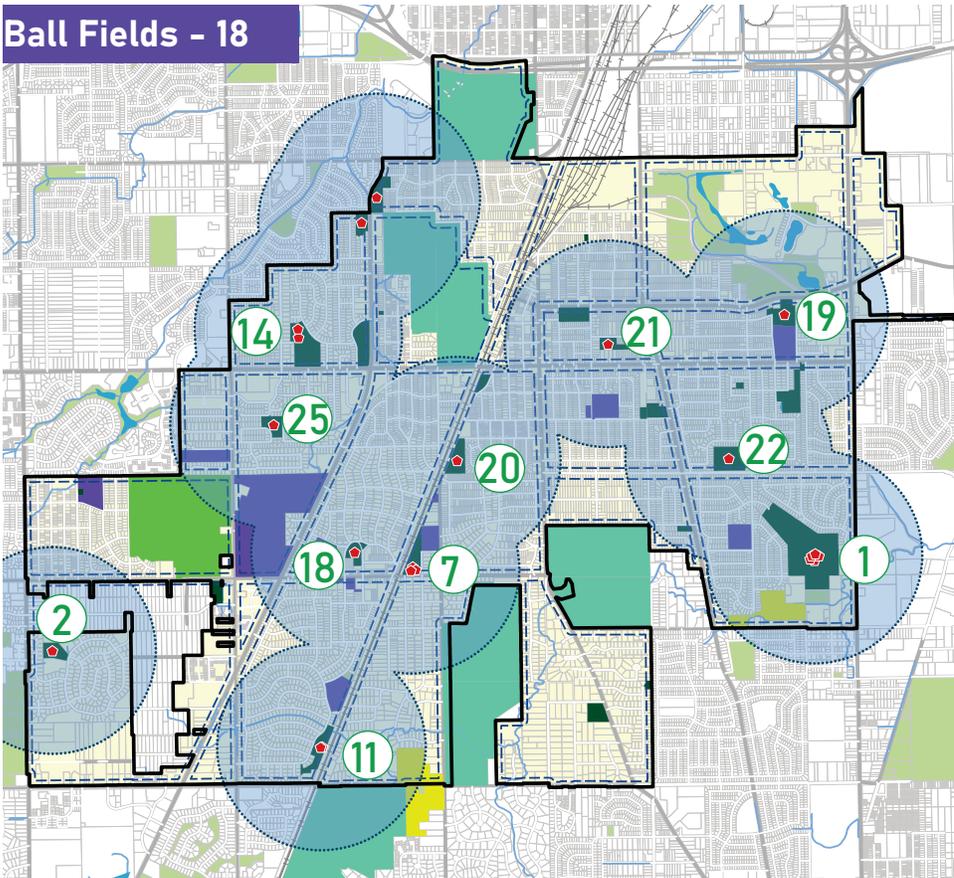
## Playgrounds - 23



### Parks

- |                           |                      |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Apollo Park            | 27. Scandia Park     |
| 2. Ballantrae Park        | 28. Tower Park       |
| 4. Cedar Park             | 29. Woodborough Park |
| 5. Dolphin Lake Park      |                      |
| 7. Flossmoor Park         |                      |
| 9. Goldberg Park          |                      |
| 10. Heritage Park         |                      |
| 11. Highlands Park        |                      |
| 12. Hillcrest Park        |                      |
| 13. Hollydale Park        |                      |
| 14. Homewood Estates Park |                      |
| 17. Irwin Park (2)        |                      |
| 18. Leavitt Park          |                      |
| 20. Millennium Park       |                      |
| 21. Orchard Park          |                      |
| 22. Patriots Park         |                      |
| 23. Pheasant Trails Park  |                      |
| 24. Pinehurst Park        |                      |
| 25. Pinewood Park         |                      |

## Ball Fields - 18

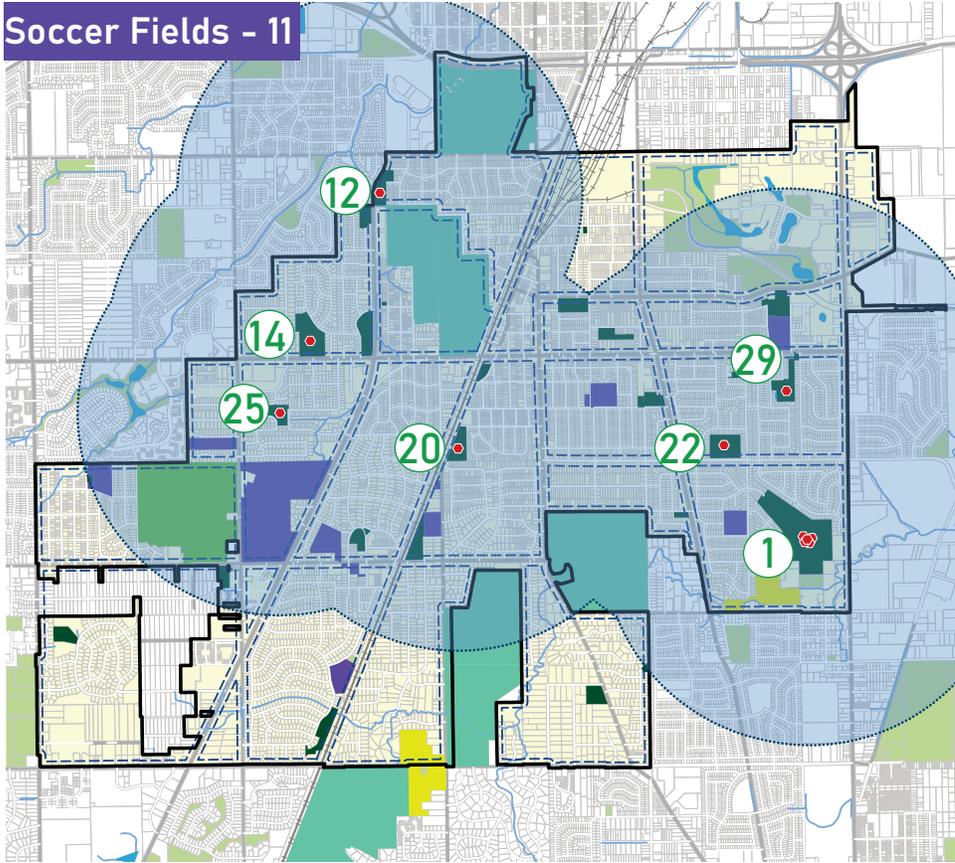


### Parks

- |                                   |
|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Apollo Park (5)                |
| 2. Ballantrae Park (1)            |
| 7. Flossmoor Park (3)             |
| 11. Highlands Park (2)            |
| 12. Hillcrest Park (1, Backstop)  |
| 14. Homewood Estates Park (2)     |
| 18. Leavitt Park (1)              |
| 19. Lions Club Park (1)           |
| 20. Millennium Park (1, Backstop) |
| 21. Orchard Park (1)              |
| 22. Patriots Park (1)             |
| 25. Pinewood Park (1)             |

# Amenity Distribution

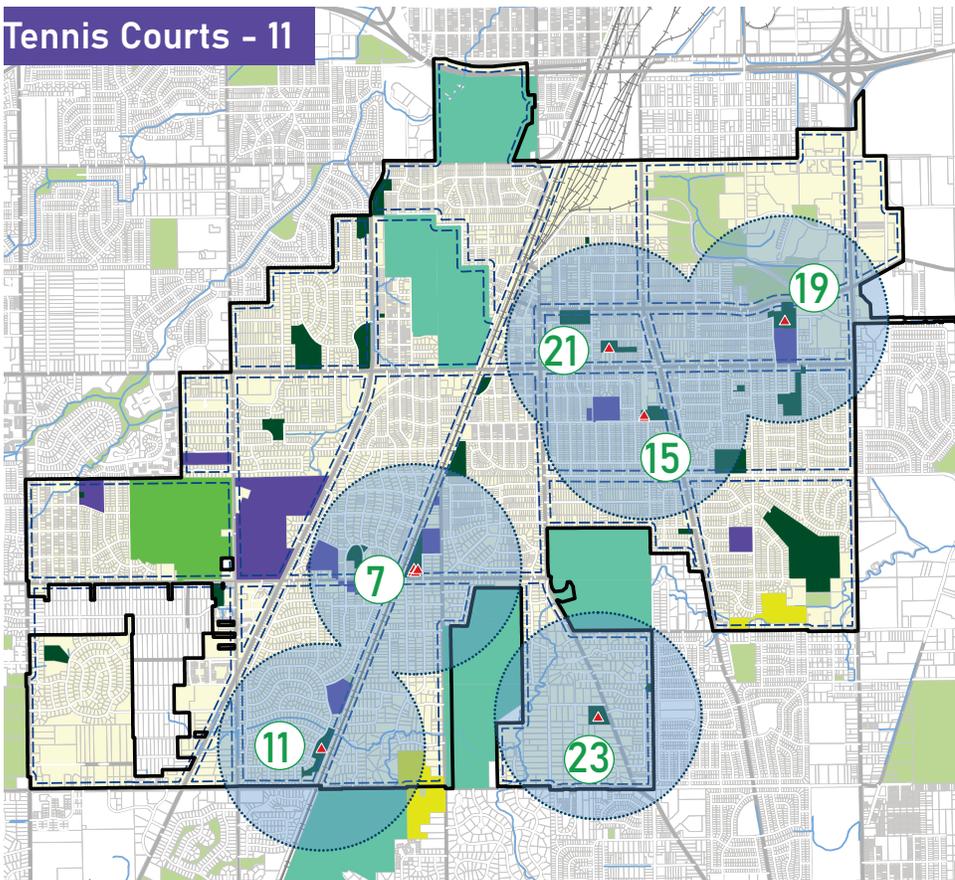
## Soccer Fields - 11



## Parks

- 1. Apollo Park (5)
- 12. Hillcrest Park (1)
- 14. Homewood Estates Park (1)
- 20. Millenium Park (1)
- 22. Patriots Park (1)
- 25. Pinewood Park (1)
- 29. Woodborough Park (1)

## Tennis Courts - 11

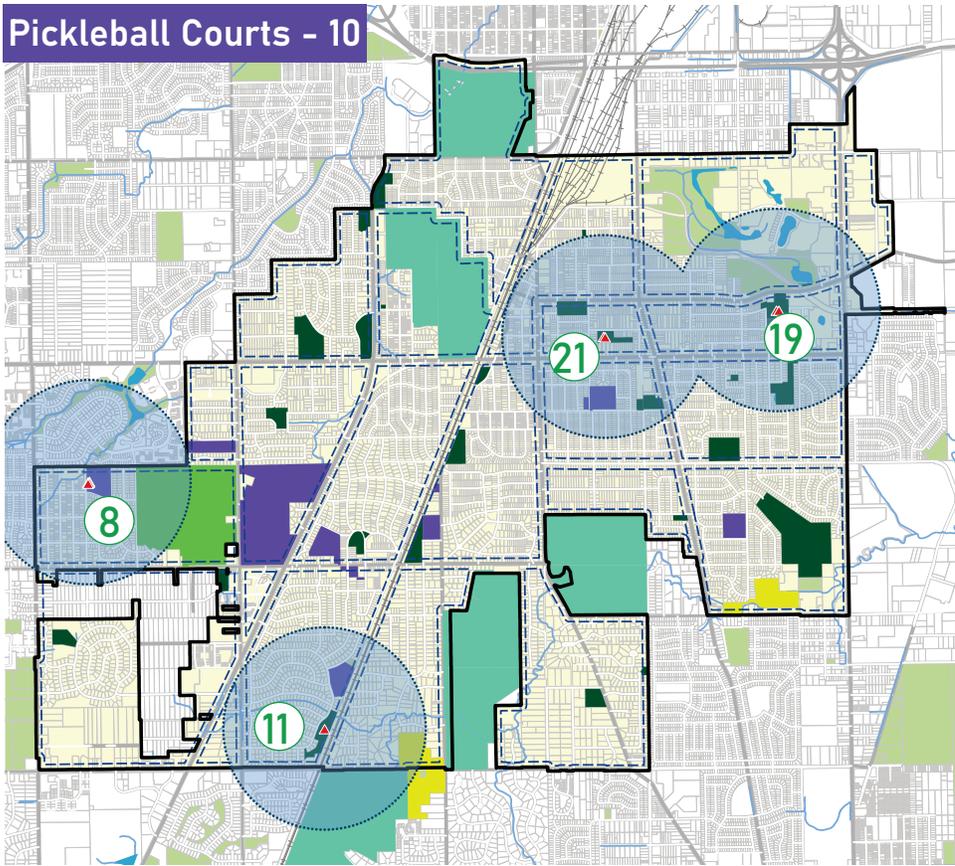


## Parks

- 7. Flossmoor Park (4)
- 11. Highlands Park (1)
- 15. Indian Trails Park (2)
- 19. Lions Club Park (1)
- 21. Orchard Park (1)
- 23. Pheasant Trails Park (2)

# Amenity Distribution

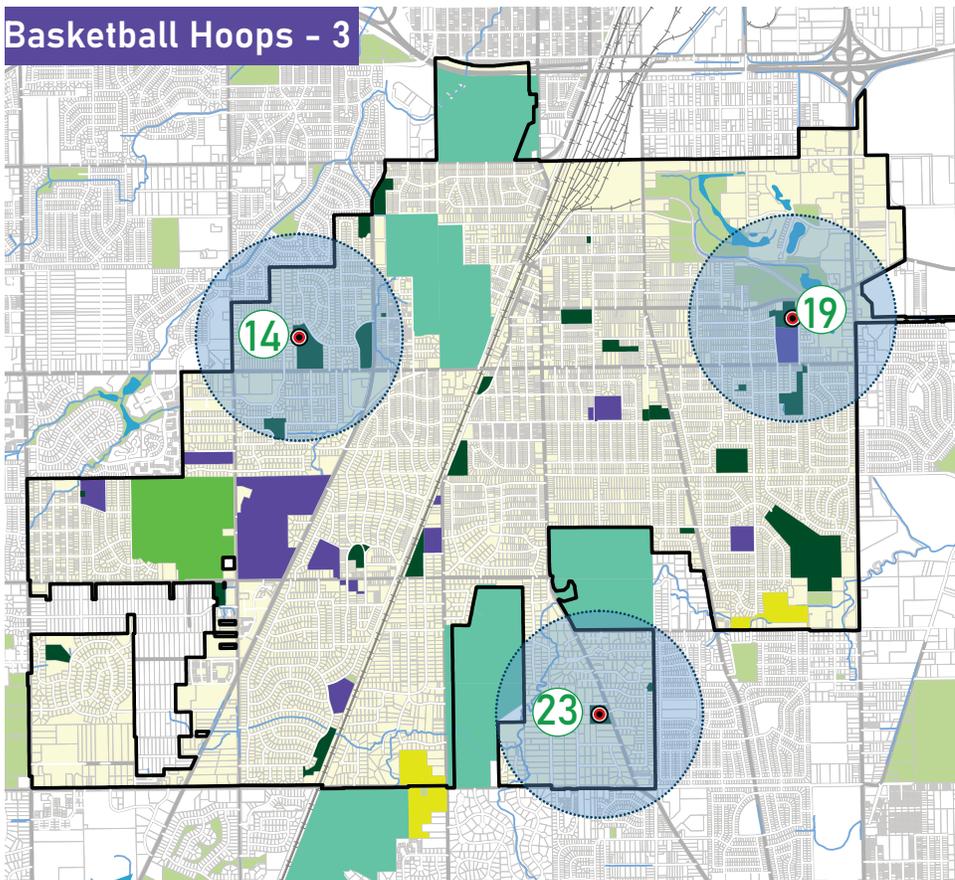
## Pickleball Courts - 10



### Parks

- 8. Flossmoor Hills Park (4)
- 11. Highlands Park (2)
- 19. Lions Club Park (2)
- 21. Orchard Park (2)

## Basketball Hoops - 3

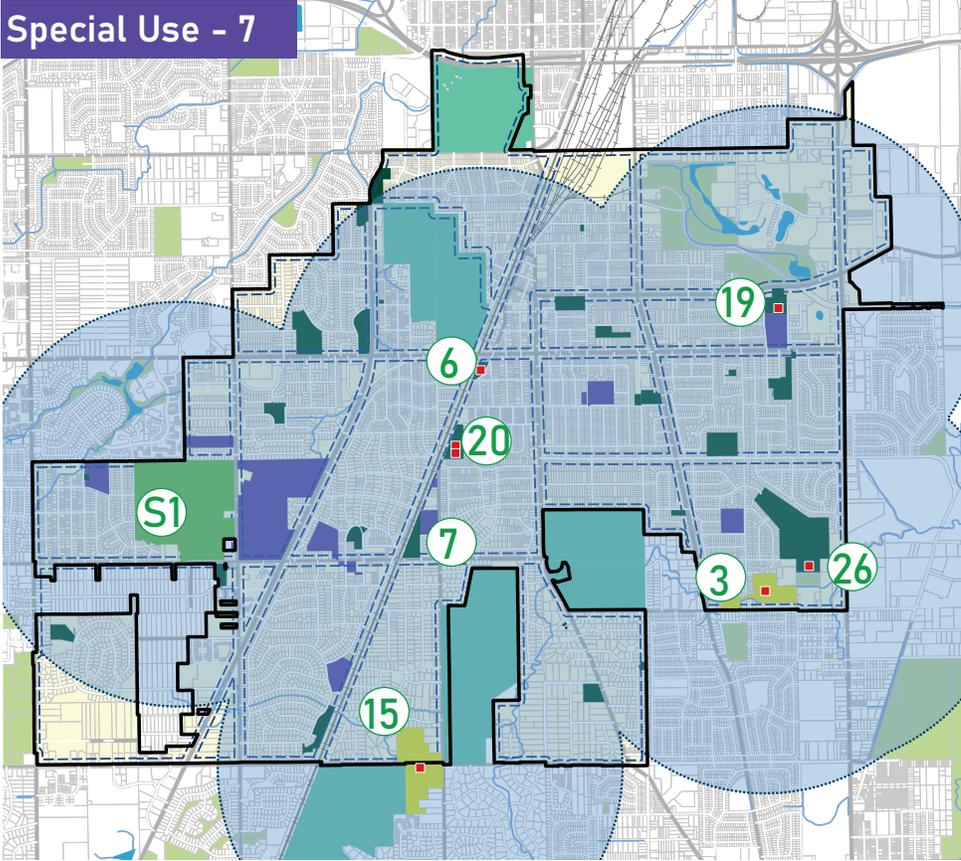


### Parks

- 23. Pheasant Trails Park (1/2 court)
- \*19. Lions Club Park has 2 basketball hoops at the parking lot.
- \*H-F Racquet and Fitness Club Parking Lot Hoop

# Amenity Distribution

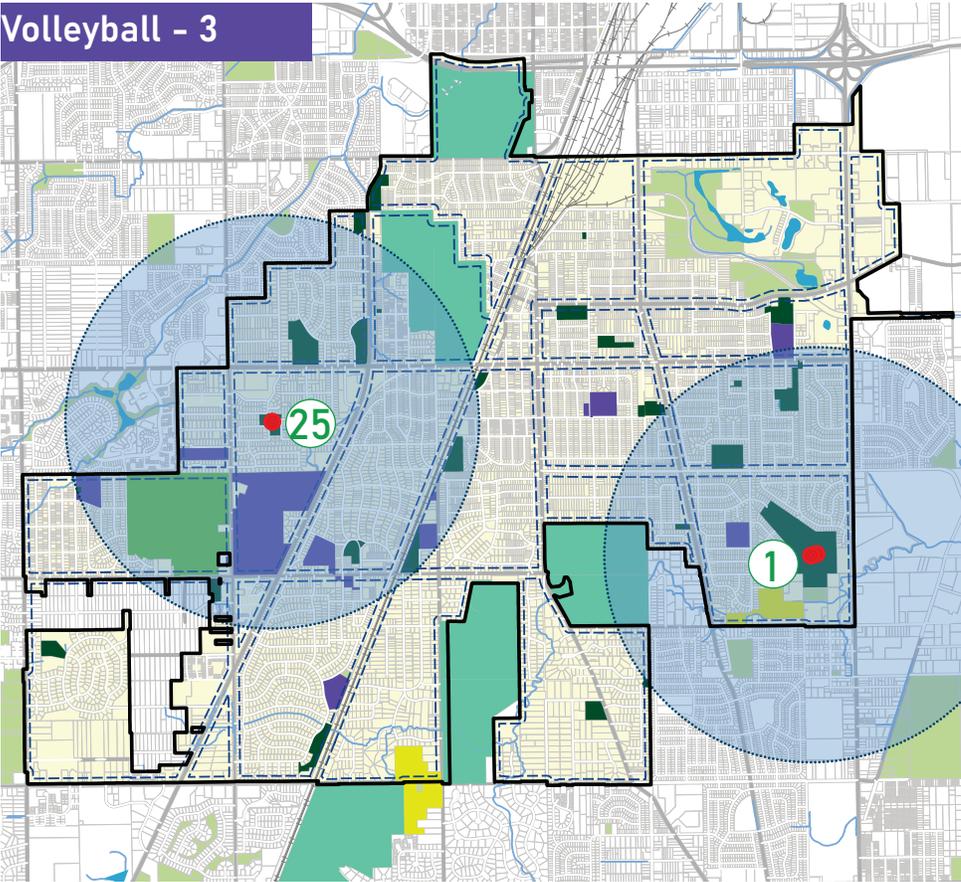
## Special Use - 7



### Parks

- 3. Butterfield Park - Natural Area
- 6. eXtreme Scene Skate Park
- 15. Irons Oaks - Natural Area
- 19. Lions Club Park- Outdoor Pool
- 20. Millennium Park- Roller Hockey & Splash Pad
- 26. Rover's Run Dog Park
- S1- Coyote Run Golf Course

## Volleyball - 3

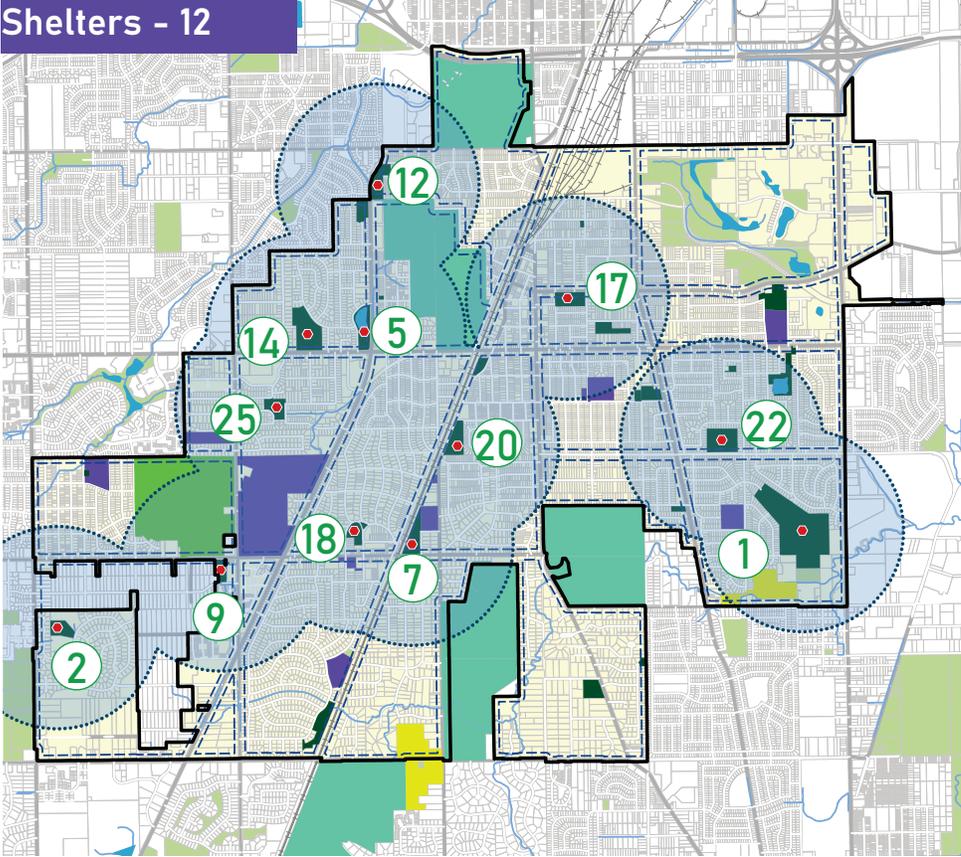


### Parks

- 1. Apollo Park (2)
- 25. Pinewood Park (1)

# Amenity Distribution

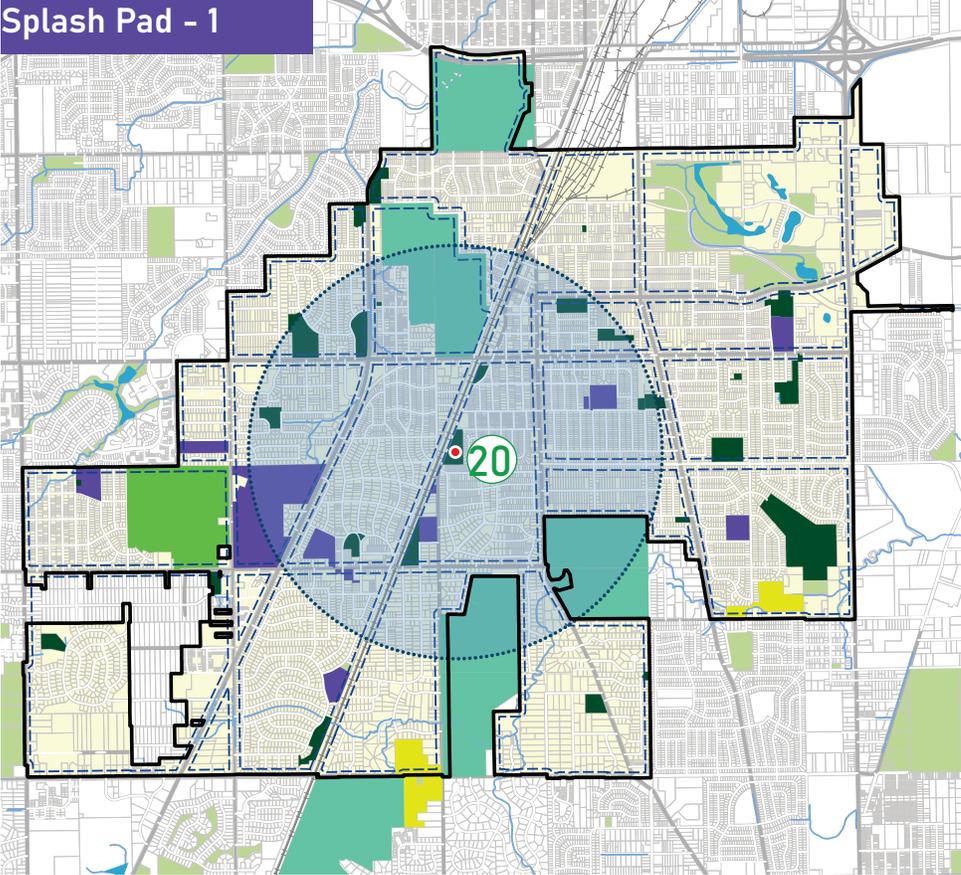
## Shelters - 12



### Parks

- 1. Apollo Park
- 2. Ballantrae Park
- 5. Dolphin Park
- 7. Flossmoor Park
- 9. Goldberg Park
- 12. Hillcrest Park
- 14. Homewood Estates Park
- 17. Irwin Park
- 18. Leavitt Park
- 20. Millennium Park
- 22. Patriots Park
- 25. Pinewood Park

## Splash Pad - 1

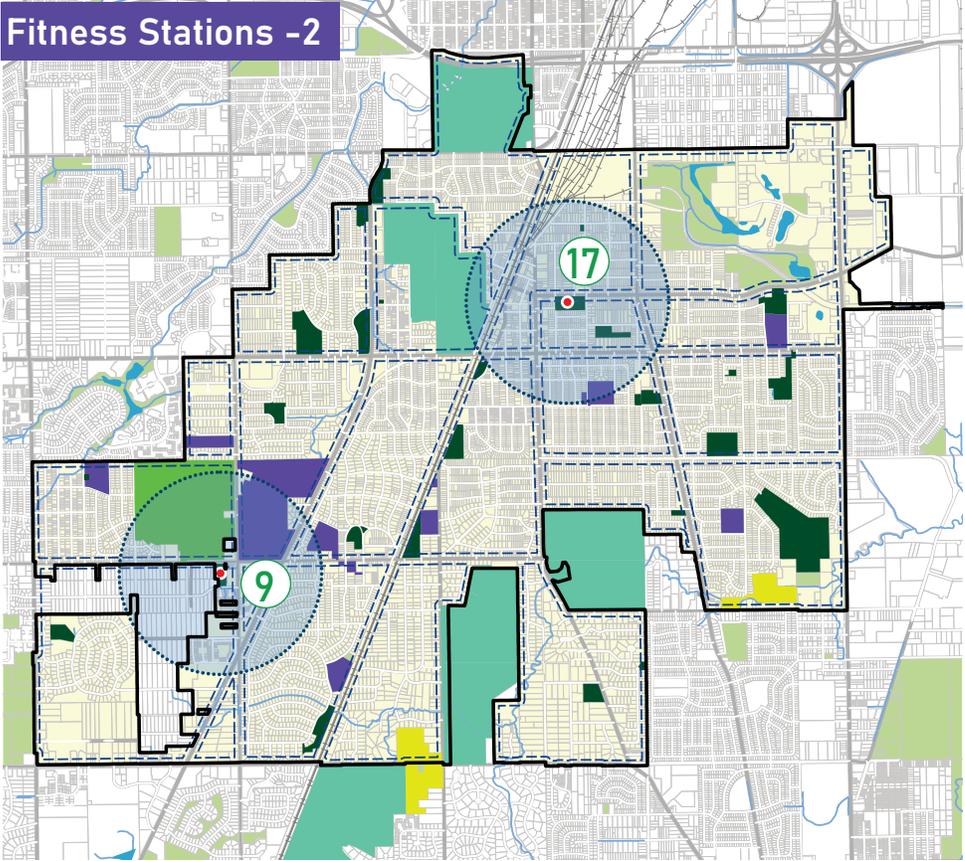


### Parks

- 20. Millennium Park

# Amenity Distribution

Fitness Stations -2



## Parks

- 9. Goldberg Park
- 17. Irwin Park



# Park Inventory



# Apollo Park

Morgan St. & Bowling Green Rd., Homewood, IL- 31.75 Acres

Year Acquired: 1969

PIN # : 32-05-400-013-0000,

32-05-400-004-0000 32-08-201-031-0000

Apollo Park is Homewood-Flossmoor's largest community park. The Bureau of Outdoor Recreation first gave 13-acres for the park to the Park District in 1969. Currently, the park is 31.75-acres as a result of a 15.55-acre land donation and a purchase of 3.2-acres of land in 1990.



Property line: - - - - -

## SITE ANALYSIS

### Active Recreation

- Ball fields 1 & 2 infields have grass growing within infield

### Accessibility

- Playground seating not accessible
- No accessible seating at sports fields
- Grills not accessible

### Site Amenities

- Drinking fountain was not operable at time of visit

### Sustainability

- Limited tree canopy cover

## SITE PROGRAMMING

- Shelter rental
- Athletic fields available for rent
- H-F United Football practices and games
- Homewood Baseball and Softball practices and games
- H-F Soccer Club games and practices

## GRANTS:

- 2007 DCEO grant funds for playground renovation

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Replace/repave paths
- Extend paths to provide greater accessibility to all sport fields and amenities
- Mill and repave parking lot 3
- Replace the drinking fountain at the playground

## AMENITIES

QTY	INSTALL YEAR	AMENITY	CONDITION
5		<b>Soccer Field</b>	
5		Turf	Good
4		Bleachers -3 Levels (field 1&2)	Good
10		Goal	Fair-Good
5		<b>Ball Fields</b>	
5		Backstop/Fences -chainlink	Fair-Good
5		Infield	Poor-Good
5		Turf	Good
4		Shade Structure- Dugout - Wood and metal	Fair
10		Player Benches -w/o arms or back	Good
12		Bleachers -5 level and 3 level	Good
-		Pavement - Concrete, Gravel	Good
1		Picnic Table -Wood and metal	Good
4		Litter Receptacle -Steel drum	Good
2		<b>Sand Volleyball</b>	Good
2		Netting and Posts	Good
-		Surfacing - Sand	Good
1		Picnic Table -Wood and metal	Good
	2008	<b>Playground</b>	
1		Main Structure-2-5	Good
1		Main Structure-5-12	Good
1		Swings -2 belt, 2 tot, 1 ADA	Good
3		Independent Pieces -zipline,climber, monkey bars	Good
-		Surfacing -Engineered wood fiber	Fair
11		Benches -(4) w/ armrest, (7) w/o armrest	Good
-		Pathways - Concrete	Fair
2		Light Pole	Good

QTY	INSTALL YEAR	AMENITY	CONDITION
1	2001	<b>Football Field</b>	
2		Goal	Good
-		Turf	Good
1		Scoreboard	Good
		<b>Paths and Walkways - 2.0 Miles</b>	
-	1992	Pavement -Asphalt	Fair
1		Bench -W/ back	Good
3		Signage -Park map	Good
		<b>Shelter, Restroom &amp; Concession</b>	
3		Picnic Tables	Fair
1		Shelter -3 lights, attached to restroom	Good
1		Concession Window	Poor
-		Pavement -Concrete base	Good
1		Bike Rack -5 loop	Good
4		Litter Receptacle -Steel Drum, Wood	Good
-		Pavement - Concrete sidewalk	Fair
2		Grill	Good
	2008	Bathroom	
1		Restroom Building -Code required	N/A
2		<b>Drinking Fountain</b>	
1		Drinking Fountain -1 bowl, playground	Poor
1		Drinking Fountain -1 bowl, at building	Good



## AMENITIES

QTY	INSTALL YEAR	AMENITY	CONDITION
		<b>Other Amenities</b>	
1		Parking Lot 1 -114 Spaces, 2 are ADA spaces, Asphalt	Fair
1		Parking Lot 2 - 109 Spaces, 4 ADA, Asphalt	Fair
1		Parking Lot 3 -25 Spaces, 1 is ADA, Asphalt	Poor
1		Parking Lot 4 - 15 Spaces, Asphalt	Good
4		Lighting -(2) Parking 1, (2) Parking 2	Good
2		Litter Receptacle -(2) Parking 1	Good
4		Park Name Sign	Good



# Ballantrae Park

1404 Lanark St., Flossmoor, IL - 6.5 Acres

Year Acquired: 1978  
PIN #: 31-11-107-005-0000

Ballantrae Park is Homewood-Flossmoor Park District's newest park. It was developed in 2001 with a Department of Natural Resource OSLAD Grant. The 5-acre park includes a 0.3 mile walking path, two observation decks, a playground with a sand area, shelter, and ball field.



Property line: - - - - -

## SITE PROGRAMMING

- Shelter available for rent

## SITE ANALYSIS

### Active Recreation

- No player benches at ball field
- No infield at ball field
- Walking trail path is aging and has some cracks

### Accessibility

- Grill at shelter is not accessible

### Sustainability

- Mature trees mostly at the park entrance
- Adjacent to two natural areas leading to a lot of geese in the park

## GRANTS:

- 2001 OSLAD

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Replace/repave the paths in fair condition
- Create an updated master plan for the park and consider replacing underutilized ball field based on community input
- Playground: Monitor its condition and replace in next 5-10 years
- Provide restroom enclosure and ADA route to the portable bathroom

## AMENITIES

QTY	INSTALL YEAR	AMENITY	CONDITION
1	2001	<b>Ball Field</b>	
1		Infield	Fair
1		Backstop/Fences -Black, chainlink	Good
2		Dugout	Good
1		Bleachers -3 level	Good
1		Turf	Good
1		Litter Receptacles -Steel drum	Good
	2001	<b>Trail - 0.3 miles</b>	
-		Pavement -Asphalt, concrete, cobble edge	Good
3		Benches -w/ back & arms	Good
1		Sculpture	Excellent
3		Litter Receptacle -w/lid	Good
2		Overlook Deck	Good
2	2001	<b>Playground</b>	
1		Main Structure 2-5	Good
1		Main Structure - 5-12	Good
1		Independent Pieces -Rocker	Good
1		Swings - 2 belt, 1 tot, 1 ADA	Good
-		Surfacing - EWF	Fair
1		Litter Receptacle -Recycled plastic, lid	Good
2		Bench -w/back and arms	Good
1		Sand Area	Good
		<b>Restroom</b>	
1		Portable Bathroom	Good
1	2001	<b>Drinking Fountain</b> -2 bowls	Good

QTY	INSTALL YEAR	AMENITY	CONDITION
1	2001	<b>Shelter</b>	
		Shelter -Square, metal, shingles	Good
1		Grill	Good
		Litter Receptacles -Plastic, w/o lid	Good
4		Picnic Tables -Recycled plastic, metal	Good
1		Pavement - Concrete and pavers	Fair
2		Bench -Recycled plastic, metal, back and arms	Good
	2001	<b>Other Amenities</b>	
1		Park Name Sign	Good
2		Observation Deck	Good



# Butterfield Park

Center Avenue & Center Court, Homewood IL- 26 Acres

Year Acquired: 1961

PIN # : 32-08-106-010-0000,

32-08-106-003-0000, 32-08-200-008-0000

Butterfield Park is a 26-acre wooded nature reserve within the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District. The park is made up of three land donations. The first was a 17-acre donation in 1961, the second was a 4-acre donation in 1985, and the third was a 5-acre donation in 2001. There is a walking trail throughout that connects to Apollo Park and crosses Butterfield Creek at various points.



Property line: 

## SITE PROGRAMMING

- No current programming

## SITE ANALYSIS

### Active Recreation

- Path widths and condition vary throughout park

### Accessibility

- Difficult to navigate paths and entrances
- Seating is not accessible, no companion seating offered

### Site Amenities

- Bench style inconsistent throughout trail
- Bridges are in fair condition

### Sustainability

- Native plantings throughout
- Dense woodland throughout

## GRANTS:

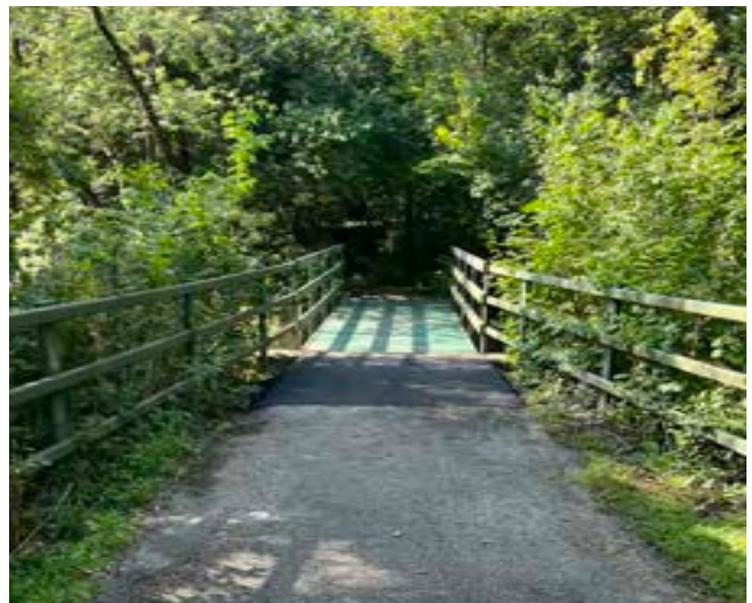
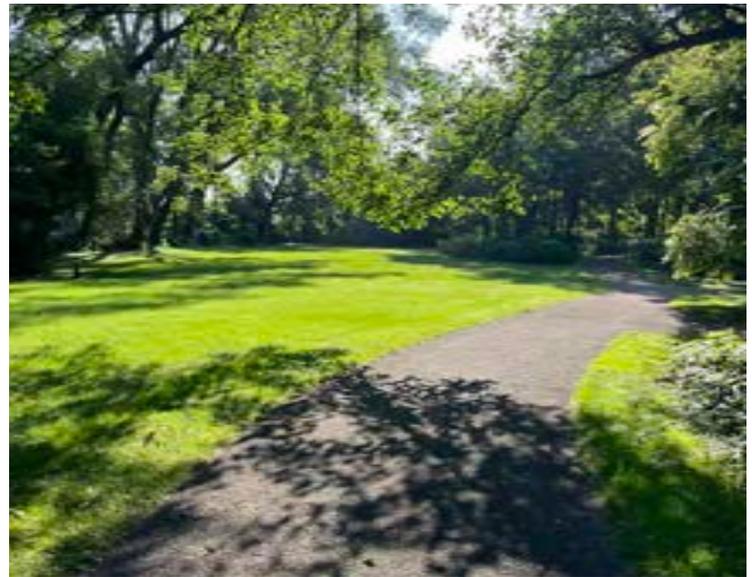
- 2001 OSLAD

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Provide accessible trail through the site.
- Provide accessible seating and replace benches
- Create a master plan and consider RTP grant for nature trail improvements, and connections to existing trails along with bridge repair

## AMENITIES

QTY	INSTALL YEAR	AMENITY	CONDITION
		<b>Trail - 0.75 Miles</b>	
-	1992	Pavement -Asphalt	Fair
1		Litter Receptacle -Steel drum	Good
1		Utility Bollard	Good
1		Bridge #1 -Wood and metal	Fair
1		Bridge #2 - Wood	Fair
7		Benches -(5) w/ back, (2) w/ backs and arms	Fair
		<b>Other Amenities</b>	
1		Park Name Sign	Good



# Cedar Park

Highland Avenue & Cedar Road, Homewood, IL 60430- 0.3 Acres

Year Acquired: 1949

PIN # : 29-31-206-012-0000

Cedar Park was donated to the Homewood Park District in 1949, before the Homewood and Flossmoor Park Districts were combined. The park is a mini park that contains a playground.



Property line: - - - - -



## SITE PROGRAMMING

- No current programming

## SITE ANALYSIS

### Active Recreation

- Plastic playground curb

### Accessibility

- Seating is not accessible
- Gravel walkways have grass growing into edges

### Site Amenities

- Limited seating

### Sustainability

- Shade throughout park
- Minimal planting beds

## GRANTS:

- No grant history

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Replace benches and locate on accessible route
- Monitor the entry walk and pave to improve accessibility
- Main play structure was recently replaced, but existing curbing, truck structure, seating, and pathways remain

## AMENITIES

QTY	INSTALL YEAR	AMENITY	CONDITION
		<b>Playground</b>	
1	2021	Main Structure -5-12 year olds	Good
2		Independent Pieces -Bus, spinner	Good
1	2021	Swings -4 tot, 4 Belt	Good
-		Surfacing -Engineered wood fiber	Fair
1		Plastic Edging	Good
		<b>Paths and Walkways - 0.3 Miles</b>	
-		Pavement -Gravel	Fair
		<b>Seating Area</b>	
2		Bench -W/ back and arms	Fair
1		Picnic Table -Wood and metal	Good
		<b>Other Amenities</b>	
1		Park Name Sign	Good



# Coyote Run Golf Course

800 Kedzie Ave., Flossmoor, IL 60422- 140 Acres

Year Acquired: 2000

PIN # : 31-02-400-005-0000, 31-02-401-001-0000, 31-02-400-008-0000, 31-02-410-005-0000, 31-02-410-009-0000, 31-02-400-012-0000, 31-02-400-008-0000, 31-02-400-009-0000, 31-02-410-008-0000

Coyote Run Golf Course was purchased by the Park District in 2000. The course and clubhouse were completed in 2004 and the course officially opened June 25, 2005. The course is an 18 hole, par 71 course that measures 6,478 yards.



Property line: - - - - -

## SITE PROGRAMMING

- PGA Junior League
- Youth clinics and camps
- Birthday parties
- Golf outings
- Golf play
- Summer camps

## GRANTS:

- No grant history

## SITE ANALYSIS

### Active Recreation

- Asphalt path not continuous throughout
- Path condition varies

### Accessibility

- Benches lack backs and arms throughout

### Site Amenities

- Fence style varies throughout the site

### Sustainability

- Dead trees present throughout
- Black spots present on many trees leaves

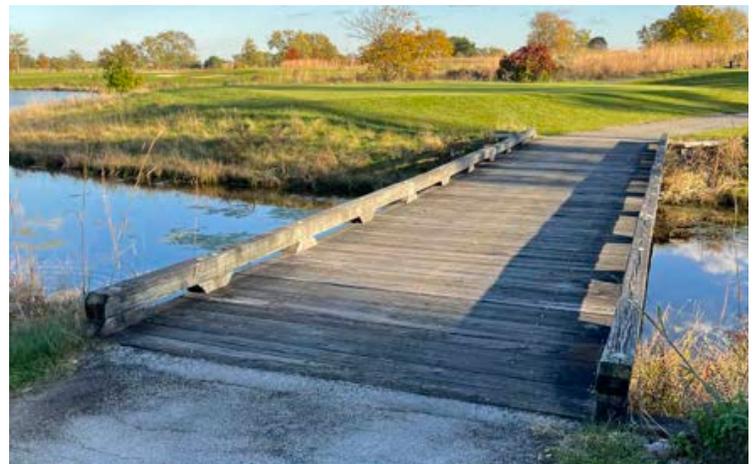
## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Paths have been improved in patches. Milling and replacing the entire path is recommended to address the entire system
- Create a landscape plan to improve sustainability and replace trees that are being lost from age and disease
- Address diseased trees where possible.
- Consider seal coat in future to extend life of paths - once renovated

## AMENITIES

QTY	INSTALL YEAR	AMENITY	CONDITION
18	2005	<b>Golf Course</b>	
-		Pavement -Asphalt, cobblestone	Fair-Good
2		Bridge -Wood	Good
49	2005-2008	Bunkers	Excellent
5		Pond	Good
-		Turf	Excellent
-		Hole Markers	Excellent
-		Bench -W/o back or arms	Good
18		Ball Cleaner	Good
1		Litter Receptacle	Good
-		Fence -Chainlink, black chainlink, wood	Fair-Good
4		Gate	Good
18		Signage - Hole #	Good
	2005	<b>Putting Ground</b>	
2		Turf	Good
1		Flags	Good
1		Bench -W/o arms or back	Good
		<b>Bathrooms</b>	
1		Portable Bathroom -Wood enclosure	Good
	2005	<b>Practice Area</b>	
5		Sign	Excellent
2		Bunkers	Excellent
1		Bench -W/ arms and back	Good
	2005	<b>Driving Range</b>	
19		Turf Mat	Good
2		Light Pole	Excellent
	2005	<b>Other Amenities</b>	
1		Signage -Park name	Good
2		Golf Bag Holder	Good
1		Flagpole	Excellent

QTY	INSTALL YEAR	AMENITY	CONDITION
-	2008	Parking Lot -8 ADA 180 spaces	Good
15	2005	Light Pole	Excellent
5		Lighted Bollards	Excellent



# Dolphin Lake Park

2700 183rd St., Homewood, IL 8.5 Acres

Year Acquired: 1970

PIN #: 28-36-400-033-0000

Dolphin Lake Park was purchased from the Dolphin Club Homeowners Association in 1970. The park is 8.5-acres and includes a three acre lake which visitors are able to fish in. The Clubhouse at Dolphin Lake is also located within the park and is a popular rental space for the community.



Property line: - - - - -

## SITE PROGRAMMING

- Rental spaces

## SITE ANALYSIS

### Accessibility

- Seating around lake is not accessible

### Recreation

- Lack of shade around pergola seating

### Sustainability

- Some invasive plants noted in native planting areas
- Pond edge plantings vary, eroding in some parts

## GRANTS:

- 2014 OSLAD

## RECOMMENDATIONS

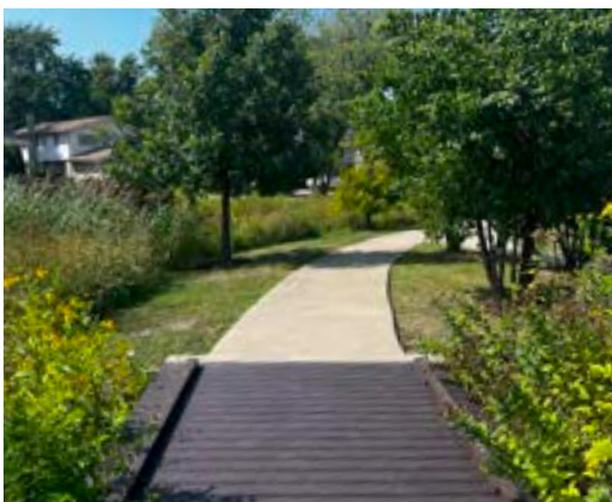
- Improve accessibility for seating around the pond.
- Remove invasive species
- Remove grass in playground surfacing



## AMENITIES

QTY	INSTALL YEAR	AMENITY	CONDITION
	2015	<b>Playground</b>	
1		Main Structure -Climber	Good
-		Surfacing - Engineered wood fiber	Fair
-		Fencing -Wood	Good
2		Landscape Boulders	Good
	2015	<b>Paths and Walkways</b>	
1		Bench Swing -Wood	Good
5		Bench -(2) w/o arms, (3)w/ backs and arms	Good
2		Litter Receptacle -Steel Drum	Good
1	2015	<b>Fishing Pier</b>	
-		Pavement -Decking, concrete	Excellent
2		Bench -W/ backs and arms	Excellent
2		Bridge -Decking	Excellent
1		Interpretive Sign	Excellent
	2015	<b>Pergola</b>	
1		Pergola	Excellent
24		Amphitheater Seating -Boulder	Good
-		Pavement -Concrete	Excellent

QTY	INSTALL YEAR	AMENITY	CONDITION
	2015	<b>Shelter</b>	
1		Shelter -Square metal, (1) light	Excellent
1		Grill	Good
3		Litter Receptacles -Metal, lid	Good
10		Picnic Tables	Good
1		Pavement - Concrete	Good
1	2015	<b>Drinking Fountain</b> -1 Bowl, bottle filler	Excellent
		<b>Other Amenities</b>	
1	2008*	Parking Lot -Asphalt -3 ADA, 71 Regular	Good
7		Light Poles	Good
2		Park Name Sign	Good



# eXtreme Scene Skate Park

18027 Harwood Ave., Homewood, IL - 1 Acres

Year Acquired: 2000  
PIN # : 32-06-101-008

The eXtreme Scene Skate Park was created in the year 2000 with the assistance of a Teen Advisory group. The park was formerly known as Merchants Park and used to be the location of the Park District headquarters. No fee or registration is required to access the park.



Property line: - - - - -

## SITE PROGRAMMING

- No current programming

## SITE ANALYSIS

### Active Recreation

- Skate equipment is showing signs of wear

### Accessibility

- Main entrance fencing is less than two feet wide

### Site Amenities

- Only one bench

### Sustainability

- Trees planted around paved areas

## GRANTS:

- No grant history

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Provide restroom enclosure and an accessible route
- Address chipping paint and aging skate equipment
- Consider reconfiguring the fence at entry to make park more welcoming
- Add spot for ADA parking

## AMENITIES

QTY	INSTALL YEAR	AMENITY	CONDITION
1	2000	<b>Skate Park</b>	
1		Benches -W/ back and arms	Good
-		Color Coating	Fair
1		Gates	Good
-		Surfacing -Concrete	Good
-		Fencing -Chainlink	Good
6	2000	Skate Equipment	Fair
1		Bike Rack -5 loop	Good
		<b>Bathrooms</b>	
1		Portable Bathroom	Fair
	2000	<b>Other Amenities</b>	
1		Graffiti Wall	Good
1		Parking Lot- Asphalt -8 Spaces, No ADA	Fair
1		Park Name Sign	Good



# Flossmoor Hills Park

Year Acquired: Land Lease

Hamlin Ave. and Beech St., Flossmoor - 0.5 Acres

Flossmoor Hills Park is a 0.5-acre park adjacent to Flossmoor Hills Elementary School. It includes four pickleball courts. The adjacent school owns the 2 playgrounds, soccer field, 0.4 mile asphalt path, and ball field backstop.



Property line: - - - - -

## SITE PROGRAMMING

- No current programming

## Site ANALYSIS

### Site Amenities

- Parking lot surface is gravel
- No clear signage for park

### Accessibility

- Seating area and courts do not have accessible path route from parking lot/sidewalk

## GRANTS:

- No grant history

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Provide an accessible route to the courts



## AMENITIES

QTY	INSTALL YEAR	AMENITY	CONDITON
4		<b>Pickleball Court</b>	
-		Color Coat	Good
-		Surfacing	Good
3		Gate	Good
4		Netting, Posts	Excellent
1		Fencing	Fair
1		Litter Receptacle -Steel Drum	Good
		<b>Seating Area</b>	
1		Bench -W/ back	Fair
1		Picnic Table -Wood/metal	Good
2		Planter Pots -Plastic	Good
-		Pavement -Asphalt	Good
		<b>Paths And Walkways- 0.4 Miles</b>	
-		Walking Path -Asphalt	Good
		<b>Other Amenities</b>	
1		Parking Lot-Gravel -2 Spaces	Fair
1		Fence -Wood	Fair



# Flossmoor Park

2449 Flossmoor Rd., Flossmoor IL - 6.5 Acres

Year Acquired: 1945

PIN # : 31-01-421-008-0000,

31-01-500-002-0000, 31-01-416-001-0000

The 6.5-acres of Flossmoor Park were purchased in 1945 for \$13,900. The park has a variety of amenities and activity options. A walking trail loop encompasses two baseball fields and a sunken lawn for ice skating in the winter to the south. On the northern end of the park, there are tennis courts and an additional ball field.



Property line: - - - - -

## SITE PROGRAMMING

- Flossmoor Baseball and Softball practices and games
- Summer camps
- Winter skating - open as weather allows

## SITE Analysis

### Active Recreation

- Walking pathway condition varies throughout park

### Amenities

- Seating is not accessible throughout park
- Drinking fountain not accessible
- Dugouts not accessible

### Site Amenities

- Drinking fountain is aging
- Seating areas at ball fields have varying pavements
- Batting cages - built and maintained by Flossmoor Baseball

### Sustainability

- Perennial beds on Flossmoor Rd. are sparse

## GRANTS:

- No grant history

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Replace the drinking fountain
- Repave paths and add paving to the fields to provide accessible routes
- Replace litter receptacles



## AMENITIES

QTY	INSTALL YEAR	AMENITY	CONDITION
		<b>Tennis Court</b>	
4		Bench -W/o back or arms	Good
-	2005	Color Coat	Excellent
1		Maintenance Gate	Fair
1	2005	Surfacing	Excellent
1		Pavements	Excellent
4	2005	Netting, posts	Fair
-	2005	Fencing	Good
1		Litter Receptacle	Good
4		Practice Board	Good
3		<b>Ball Fields</b>	
3		Backstop/Fences -Chainlink	Good
1		Gates	Fair
3		Infield	Good
3		Turf	Good
4		Lighting -Musco	Good
4		Shade Structure - Dugout	Good
6		Player Benches -w/o arms or backs	Good
7		Bleachers -(3) 5 level, (4) 3 level	Fair
-		Pavement -Gravel, grass	Fair
1		Litter Receptacle	Good
		<b>Batting Tunnel</b>	
-		Fencing	Fair
-		Artificial Turf Mat	Good
-		Infield	Good
		<b>Sunken Lawn Ice Rink</b>	
1		Turf	Good
3		Benches -W/ backs	Fair
2		Litter Receptacles -Steel drum	Good

QTY	INSTALL YEAR	AMENITY	CONDITION
1		<b>Paths and Walkways</b>	
-		Pavement -Asphalt, concrete	Fair
1		Bench -W/ back	Good
2		Bike Rack -Metal	Good
19		Light poles	Good
1		Litter Receptacle -Steel drum	Poor
2		Sculpture	Excellent
1		Park Name Sign	Good
		<b>Restroom/ Concession</b>	
4		Picnic Table -Plastic, metal	Good
3		Recycle Receptacle -Wood and metal	Fair
1	1993	Concession Stand	Good
-		Pavement -Concrete, pavers	Good
1		Bathroom -Womens and Mens, Code required	Good
2		<b>Drinking Fountain</b> -1 bowl, (1) attached to building	Good



# Goldberg Park

3301 Flossmoor Rd., Flossmoor, IL - 2 Acres

Year Acquired: 1994

PIN # : 31-11-206-048-0000

Goldberg Park is a 2-acre neighborhood park that was donated to the park district by Dr. Alan Goldberg in 1994. The park district headquarters, the Goldberg Administration Center, is located in the park along with parking, a shelter, playground, and walking trail.



Property line: - - - - -



## SITE PROGRAMMING

- Shelter available for rent

## SITE ANALYSIS

### Active Recreation

- Walking trail condition varies

### Accessibility

- Seating is not accessible throughout

### Site Amenities

- Playground equipment is aging
- Educational signage is aging

### Sustainability

- Wetland area at south end of the park has phragmites and invasive species

## GRANTS:

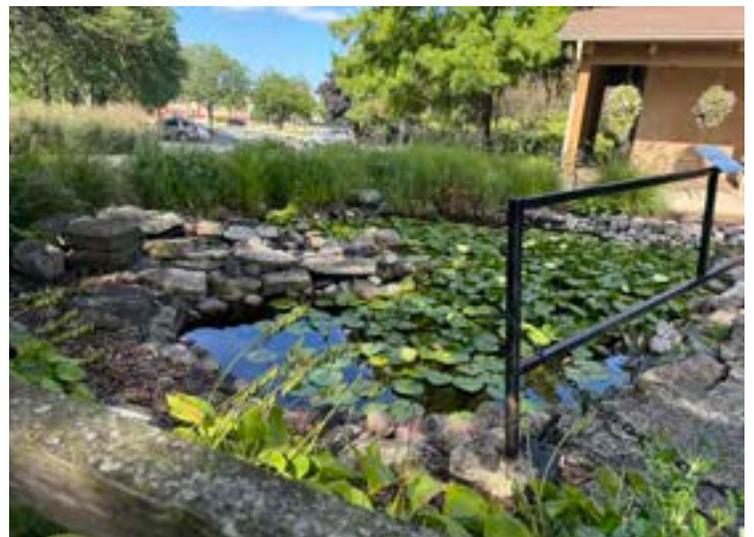
- No grant history

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Repave/replace the asphalt path
- Treat invasive species in the wetland
- Replace playground at 30 years old and showing wear
- Provide an accessible route to the grill area

## AMENITIES

QTY	INSTALL YEAR	AMENITY	CONDITION
	1995	<b>Playground</b>	
1		Main Structure-5-12	Good
4		Independent Piece - (2) Rocking horses, dinosaur, climber	Good
3		Fitness Equipment -Bike, elliptical, chest press	Excellent
1		Swings -2 tot, 2 belt	Fair
-		Surfacing -Engineered wood fiber	Good
-		Fencing -Wood	Fair
2		Bench -W/ back and arms	Good
		<b>Paths and Walkways - 0.25 Miles</b>	
1	2008	Pavement -Concrete, asphalt, cobble stones	Fair
-		Fence - Wood	Fair
1		Litter Receptacle -Concrete, w/ lid	Good
		<b>Shelter</b>	
1		Shelter -Square, metal, electrical	Good
1		Grill	Fair
3		Recycling Receptacle -Concrete w/ lid	Good
4		Picnic Tables -Plastic and metal	Good
-		Pavement -Concrete, paver edge	Good
		<b>Other Amenities</b>	
-	2008	Parking Lot -Asphalt, 37 spaces 3 ADA	Good
7		Lighting	Good
1		Flagpole	Good
1		Park Name Sign	Good
1	2010	Pond	Excellent



# Heritage Park

Reigel Rd. & Idlewild Ln., Homewood IL- 2.5 Acres

Year Acquired: 1964

PIN # : 32-05-315-006-0000, 32-05-315-007-000,  
32-05-315-008-0000, 32-05-315-009-0000,  
32-05-315-010-0000

Heritage Park is a 2.5 acre neighborhood park that was a part of the Homewood Park District prior to the merger in 1969. The park features a playground that was renovated in 2023, a multi-use play field and seating.



Property line: - - - - -

## SITE PROGRAMMING

- No current programming

## SITE ANALYSIS

### Active Recreation

- Walkway around playground is less than 4' wide

### Accessibility

- Seating is not accessible

### Site Amenities

- Drinking fountain is working, but shows signs of wear

## GRANTS:

- No grant history

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Playground was recently replaced. Engineered wood fiber needs routine maintenance; raking and additional material added

## AMENITIES

QTY	INSTALL YEAR	AMENITY	CONDITION
1	2023	<b>Playground</b>	
1		Main Structure -2-5 year old	Excellent
2		Independent -Zipline, Spinner	Excellent
2		Swings -4 belt, 2 tot	Excellent
-		Surfacing -Engineered Wood Fiber	Fair
1		Benches - W/back and arms	Good
		<b>Paths and Walkways</b>	
-		Pavement - Asphalt	Good
1		Bike Rack -5 loop	Good
2		Signage -Litter, playground	Good
		<b>Seating Areas</b>	
1		Picnic Tables -Metal, wood	Good
1		<b>Drinking Fountain</b> -1 bowl w/ arm	Good
		<b>Other Amenities</b>	
1		Park Name Sign	Good



# Highlands Park

Lawrence Crescent and Kathleen Lane, Flossmoor IL - 5 Acres

Year Acquired: 1972

PIN # : 31-12-313-001-0000, 31-12-313-002-0000,  
31-12-313-003-0000, 31-12-313-004-0000,  
31-12-302-005-0000

Highlands Park is a neighborhood park that was first acquired from the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation in 1972. The park was not developed until 1995 and now has two ball fields, a playground, and a 0.2 mile walking path. A drop off and pick up circle is available on Lawrence Crescent with one handicapped space.



Property line: 



## SITE PROGRAMMING

- Kickball league games

## SITE ANALYSIS

### Accessibility

- Seating at playground and ball fields is not accessible

### Site Amenities

- Drinking Fountain is working, but shows signs of wear
- Dugouts do not have roofs

### Sustainability

- Many trees have damaged limbs and could use major trimming

## GRANTS:

- No grant history

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Improve ball field fencing, infield, dugouts, and accessibility
- Engineered wood fiber needs some routine maintenance at time of visit to improve condition: remove weeds and add material
- Repave/replace the asphalt pathways

## AMENITIES

QTY	INSTALL YEAR	AMENITY	CONDITION
2	1995	<b>Ball Fields</b>	
2		Backstop/Fence -Black, chainlink	Fair
2		Infield	Fair
4		Dugout	Fair
4		Player Benches -W/o arms or backs	Good
2		Bleachers -5 level	Fair
2		Turf	Good
1	2025	<b>Tennis Court</b>	Excellent
2	2025	<b>Pickleball Court</b>	Excellent
1	2015	<b>Playground</b>	
1		Main Structure- 5-12	Good
2		Independent Pieces -Globe, tunnel	Good
1		Swing -Friendship	Good
-		Surfacing -Engineered wood fiber	Poor
1		Litter Receptacle -Steel drum	Good
1		Bench -W/ arms and back	Good
	1995	<b>Paths And Walkways- 0.2 Miles</b>	
-		Pavement -Asphalt	Poor
1	1995	<b>Drinking Fountain</b> - 1 bowl w/ arm	Fair
	1995	<b>Other Amenities</b>	
1		Park Name Sign	Good



# Hillcrest Park

Locust Rd. and Rockwell Ave., Homewood, IL- 13 Acres

Year Acquired: 1951

PIN # : 28-36-200-004-0000, 28-36-204-015-0000

Hillcrest Park is a 13-acre neighborhood park in Homewood. The park was originally a 0.5-acre lot that was acquired from the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation in 1951. In 1982, the Park District received a 6-acre land donation. The park features a playground, ball field, soccer field, play field, and seasonal sled hill.



Property line: - - - - -

## SITE PROGRAMMING

- No current programming

## SITE ANALYSIS

### Active Recreation

- Playground equipment has signs of wear

### Site Amenities

- Paint is chipping on soccer goals
- Backstop with grass infield
- Wood shelter at benches shows signs of aging

### Accessibility

- No accessible route to the backstop
- No sloped entrance to the playground

## GRANTS:

- No grant history

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Replace playground
- Provide accessible route to the park features
- Create master plan for park improvements
- Replace/repair wood shelter at benches

## AMENITIES

QTY	INSTALL YEAR	AMENITY	CONDITION
1		<b>Soccer Field</b>	
-		Turf	Good
2		Goals	Fair
1		<b>Play Field</b>	
1		Backstop/Fences -Chainlink	Fair
1	2001	<b>Playground</b>	Fair
1		Main Structure-2-5	Fair
1		Main Structure-5-12	Fair
1		Swings -2 tot, 2 belt	Good
3		Independent Piece -Rhino, 2 springs	Fair
-		Surfacing -Engineered wood fiber	Fair
-		Pavement -Concrete	Good
1		Litter receptacle -Steel drum	Good
2		Bike Rack -5 loop	Good
		<b>Paths and Walkways</b>	
-		Pavement -Asphalt	Good
		<b>Seating Areas</b>	
1		Picnic Tables -Wood and metal	Good
2		Benches -W/ back	Good
1		Picnic Shelter -Rectangle, wood	Fair
-		Pavement -Asphalt	Good
		<b>Other Amenities</b>	
1		Park Name Sign	Good



# Hollydale Park

17731 Governors Hwy., Homewood, IL- 4 Acres

Year Acquired: 1969

PIN # : 28-36-224-056-0000, 28-36-224-057-0000

Hollydale Park is a 4-acre neighborhood park in Homewood. The Village of Homewood first donated the land in 1969. The park was last updated in 2000 and features a playground, play field, and detention area. Access is from the cul de sac to the south of the park.



Property line: - - - - -

## SITE PROGRAMMING

- No current programming

## SITE ANALYSIS

### Active Recreation

- Playground has plastic edging
- Walking path is cracked and aging in some locations, some areas have been repaired

### Accessibility

- Seating at playground is not accessible
- Benches are not on an accessible route

### Site Amenities

- Backstop fence located within the lawn

### Sustainability

- Large densely wooded area
- Park sign planting bed lacks diversity in plantings
- Detention area on east end of the park

## GRANTS:

- No grant history

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Assess natural area to remove invasive species
- Provide an accessible route to the seating
- Repave the aging section of pathway



## AMENITIES

QTY	INSTALL YEAR	AMENITY	CONDITION
1		<b>Play Field</b>	
1		Backstop/Fence -Chainlink	Good
-		Turf	Good
1	2015	<b>Playground</b>	Good
1		Main Structure-2-12	Good
1		Swings -2 Tot	Good
-		Surfacing -Engineered wood fiber	Fair
1		Bench -W/ back and arms	Good
	2000	<b>Paths and Walkways</b>	
1		Pavement -Asphalt	Fair
		<b>Seating Areas</b>	
1		Picnic Tables - Metal and wood	Good
		<b>Other Amenities</b>	
1		Park Name Sign	Good



# Homewood Estates Park

18151 Los Angeles Ave., Homewood, IL- 15.1 Acres

Year Acquired: 1969

PIN # : 28-36-305-008-8002

Homewood Estates Park is a 15.1-acre neighborhood park located north of the H-F Racquet & Fitness Club. It was acquired from the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation in 1969. The park was updated in 2022 with funding through an OSLAD grant and Rotary Club donations. The park features two ball fields, soccer practice field, a rain garden, walking path, playground, shelter, and game area.



Property line: - - - - -

## SITE PROGRAMMING

- Shelter available for rent
- Summer Camps
- Adult Kickball League

## SITE ANALYSIS

### Accessibility

- One bench along pathway not on concrete pad

### Site Amenities

- Soccer goals missing backs

### Sustainability

- Native rain garden addressing some drainage concerns

## GRANTS:

- OSLAD 2021

## RECOMMENDATIONS

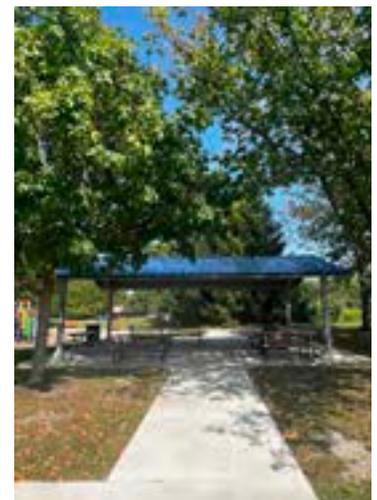
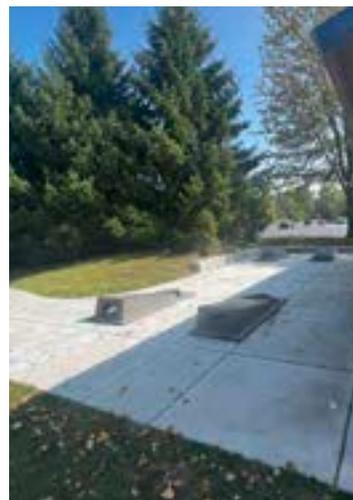
- Repave parking area



## AMENITIES

QTY	INSTALL YEAR	AMENITY	CONDITION
2		<b>Ball fields</b>	
2		Backstop/Fences -Chainlink	Good
2		Infield	Fair-Good
2		Turf	Fair-Good
4	2022	Player Benches -W/ back and arms	Excellent
-	2022	Pavement -Concrete	Excellent
1		Bleachers -3 level	Good
1		Litter Receptacle -Steel drum	Good
1		<b>Soccer Field</b>	
-		Turf	Good
1		Goals	Poor
1	2022	<b>Playground</b>	
1		Main Structure-2-5	Good
1		Main Structure-5-12	Good
3		Independent -Spinner, climber, spinner	Good
2		Swings -2 tot, 1 ADA, -3 belt, 1 ADA	Good
2		Surfacing -Engineered wood fiber	Fair
3		Bench -W/ backs and arms	Good
1		Litter Receptacle -Steel drum	Good
	2022	<b>Paths and Walkways</b>	
-		Pavement - Asphalt	Good
2		Park Name Sign	Good
1		Bollards -Metal, fold down	Good
1	2022	Interpretive Sign -Rain garden	Excellent

QTY	INSTALL YEAR	AMENITY	CONDITION
	2022	<b>Shelter</b>	
1	2022	Shelter -Rectangle, metal	Excellent
6		Picnic Table - (5) Plastic and metal, (1) wood and metal	Excellent
2	2022	Baggo - Concrete, bike stops	Excellent
1		Liter Receptacle -Plastic, w/o lid	Excellent
-		Pavement -Concrete	Excellent
		<b>Bathrooms</b>	
1	2022	Portable Bathroom -Wood enclosure	Good
1	2022	<b>Drinking Fountain</b> - 1 Bowl w/ arm	Good
1		<b>Parking</b> - 2 ADA, 46 regular	Poor



# Indian Trails Park

Riegel Rd. & Willow Rd. Homewood, IL- 4.6 Acres

Year Acquired: 1985

PIN # : 32-06-224-037-0000, 32-05-100-034-0000

Indian Trails Park is a 4.6-acre neighborhood park located at Riegel Road and Willow Road. The park's 0.6-acres were donated and the remaining 4.0-acres purchased in 1985. The park features two tennis courts and a 0.5 mile walking path.



Property line: - - - - -

## SITE PROGRAMMING

- No current programming

## SITE ANALYSIS

### Active Recreation

- Tennis court surfacing has cracks but color coating is good

### Accessibility

- Seating is not accessible, no companion seating

### Sustainability

- Open wooded area, mature trees
- Storm damage to the mature trees in the park

## GRANTS:

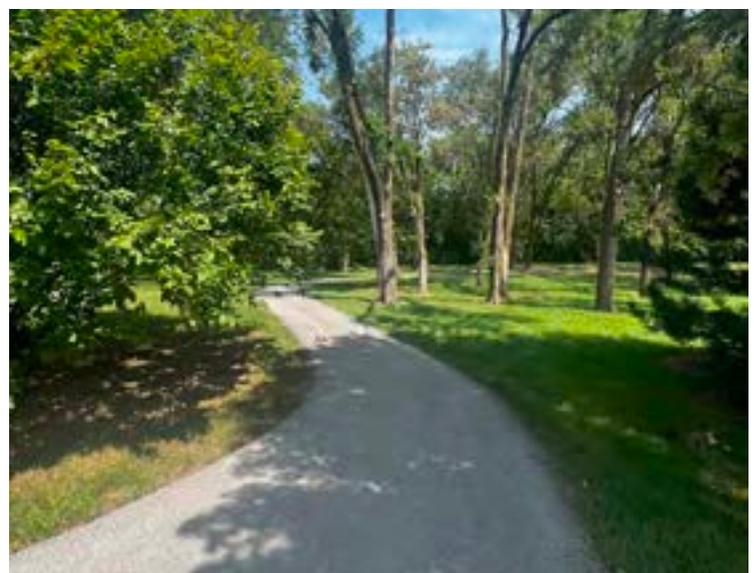
- No grant history

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Create master plan for the park
- Resurface the tennis courts
- Replace the drinking fountain
- Trim existing trees throughout the park
- Plant new trees as trees are removed

## AMENITIES

QTY	INSTALL YEAR	AMENITY	CONDITION
2		<b>Tennis Court</b>	
-		Color Coat	Good
-		Surfacing	Fair
1		Gate	Fair
2		Netting, Posts	Good
1		Fencing -Chainlink	Fair
2		Bench -W/ back	Fair
2		Practice Board -Wood	Good
		<b>Paths and Walkways - 0.5 Miles</b>	
-		Pavement - Asphalt	Good
4		Bench -W/ Backs and arms	Good
1		Picnic Table -Wood andmMetal	Good
1		Litter Receptacle - Steel drum	Good
1		<b>Drinking Fountain</b> -1 bowl w/arm	Fair
		<b>Other Amenities</b>	
1		Park Name Sign	Good



# Irons Oaks

Western Ave. and Vollmer Rd., Flossmoor and Olympia Fields, IL - 36.5 Acres

The section of Irons Oaks north of Vollmer Rd was first purchased in 1972. The Irons Family donated an additional two acres to the park. The section south of Vollmer Rd was purchased in 1978 and was a joint purchase of the Homewood-Flossmoor and Olympia Fields park districts. The Administrative Building was completed in 2001 and the Discovery Center shortly after in 2005.



Property line: - - - - -

## GRANTS

- Grants for trail and trailhead signage
- 2005 ISM Grant for Discovery Center Construction
- ComEd Green Regions/Openlands Grant For Pond Restoration

## PLANNING

- Master Plan created in 2014

## SITE PROGRAMMING

- Rentable indoor and outdoor space
- Summer camps
- Winter programs
- Fall programs
- Birthday parties
- Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts events
- Team building programs
- Climbing programs

## SITE ANALYSIS

### Accessibility

- Seating areas and benches are not accessible
- Trails need improvement to make accessible
- [Site Amenities](#)
- Tent shade has some holes within
- Additional wayfinding needed

### Sustainability

- Pond is overgrown with duckweed

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Remove invasives and plant natives to improve natural areas
- Provide new adventure opportunities where possible
- Add children's play area that is visible to potential visitors
- Improve trails and add additional seating.
- Add site amenities like wayfinding signs, picnic tables and trash receptacle
- Consider adding a permanent shelter to replaces the existing tent
- Repair/replace the existing gazebo
- Restore the existing pond habitat

## AMENITIES

QTY	INSTALL YEAR	AMENITY	CONDITION
		<b>Activity Areas</b>	
4	1998-2002	Adventure Courses -Wood	Good
-		Surfacing -Mulch/engineered wood fiber	Good
3		Bench -W/o back or arms	Good
4		Picnic Tables	Excellent
1		Pavement -Concrete	Fair
-		Teams Courses	Fair-Good
		<b>Gazebo</b>	
1		Gazebo -Octagon, wood, shingle roof	Fair
1		Picnic Table -Wood/metal	Good
5		Bench -(4)W/o back or arms, (1)w/ back and arms	Good
1		Interpretive Sign	Good
-		Fence -Wood	Good
		<b>Fire Pit</b>	
19		Bench -W/o back or arms	Fair
1		Fire Pit -Stones	Fair
1		Wood Storage Shed -Wood	Fair
		<b>Main Office Seating</b>	
-		Surfacing -Mulch	Good
2		Picnic Table -Plastic and wood	Good
3		Bench -W/ back	Good
		<b>Seating Area - Tent</b>	
-		Surfacing -Gravel	Fair
12		Picnic Tables -(3)Wood and (9)wood and metal	Good
1		Tent -Rectangle, white	Fair



## AMENITIES

QTY	INSTALL YEAR	AMENITY	CONDITION
		<b>Main Trail</b>	
-		Surfacing -Gravel	Fair-Good
2	2005 1998	Observation Deck -Wood	Fair
3		Bench -Wood, no back or arms	Fair
2		Stairs -Gravel, wood	Fair
1		Ramp -Wood, Metal Rail	Good
		<b>Secondary Trails</b>	
-		Surfacing -Dirt	Fair
3		Bridge -Wood	Poor
		<b>Other Amenities</b>	
-		Parking Lot 1 -Gravel, 2 ADA	Fair
-		Parking Lot 2 -Asphalt, 2 ADA+45 Spaces	Good
2		Park Sign	Excellent
5		Bench -P1 Wood, no back or arms	Fair



# Master Plan



## PROPOSED MASTER PLAN 2014

# Irwin Park

18120 Highland Ave., Homewood, IL- 6 Acres

Year Acquired: 1985

PIN #: 29-31-410-001-0000, 29-31-410-003-0000, 29-31-410-019-0000, 29-31-410-020-0000

Irwin Park is a 6-acre community park. Donations from Richard D. Irwin helped fund the purchase of land for the Irwin Center and the park. The park features a fountain, playground, ball field, public art and gazebo. The Irwin Center features a band shell and playground for children 6 years and younger.



Property line: - - - - -

## SITE PROGRAMMING

- Shelter available for rent
- Flag football league games
- Summer concerts
- Special events

## SITE ANALYSIS

### Active Recreation

- Ball field has grass growing in infield

### Accessibility

- Drinking fountain is not accessible
- 2-5 playground entrance is not accessible

### Site Amenities

- Bench style varies
- Concrete pavement is aging
- Play equipment and surfacing is aging
- One swing is missing at playground

## GRANTS

- OSLAD 2024

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Playground to be replaced in 2025
- Ball field to be removed in 2025
- Accessible access to the park from southwest side to be added 2025
- Replace the drinking fountain



## AMENITIES

QTY	INSTALL YEAR	AMENITY	CONDITION
		<b>Ball Fields</b>	
1	1986	Backstop/Fence -Chainlink	Fair
-		Infield	Poor
-		Turf	Good
2	2025	<b>New Playground Area</b>	
2		Main Structure -(2) 2-5 and 5-12	
1		Swings -(3) belt, (1) ADA	
1		Zipline	
2		Surfacing - Engineered wood fiber, poured in place	
4		Bench -W/ back and arms	
2		Shade Structure -Fabric	
	2025	<b>New Fitness Area</b>	
5		Fitness Equipment	
		Shade Structure	
		Bench	
	2025	<b>New Game Area</b>	
2		Shade Structure	
3		Game Table	
1		Game- Disc Connect	
		<b>New Story Walk</b>	
5		Signage	
	2025	<b>New Rain Garden 1</b>	
1		Pergola	
1		Swing Bench	
2		Bench	
3		Signage	
	2025	<b>New Rain Garden 2</b>	



QTY	INSTALL YEAR	AMENITY	CONDITION
		<b>Paths And Walkways</b>	
-		Pavement -Concrete	Good
2		Picnic Table -Plastic and metal	Excellent
5	2008	Bench -W/ back and arms	Good
11		Light Pole	Good
1		Sculpture	Good
1		Litter Receptacle	Good
		<b>Seating Area - Fountain</b>	
1		Water Fountain	Good
4		Bench -W/ back and arms	Good
-		Pavement -Stamped concrete	Good
3		Light Poles	Fair
		<b>Seating Area - Gazebo</b>	
1		Gazebo	Fair
1	2001	Bench -W/ back and arms	Good
		Picnic Table -Plastic & metal	Good
		Pavement -Concrete	Fair
3		Litter Receptacle	Fair
1		<b>Drinking Fountain</b>	
		- 1 bowl	Poor
		<b>Other Amenities</b>	
1	2008	Parking Lot -Asphalt, 58 spaces 4 ADA	Good
2		Bench -W/ back and arms	Fair-Good
1		Bike Rack -5 loop	Good
1		Flag Pole	Good
8		Light Pole	Good
		Pavement- Brick	Good
1		Amphitheater	Good
1		Park Name Sign	Excellent

# Leavitt Park

1010 Leavitt Ave., Flossmoor IL- 3.75 Acres

Year Acquired: 1984

PIN # : 31-01-418-001-0000, 31-01-418-008-0000,

31-01-418-011-0000, 31-01-418-012-0000, 31-01-418-031-0000

Leavitt Park is a neighborhood park and was acquired in 1984. The lot was a previous school site which was demolished to build the park. The park features a lighted perennial garden and sculpture garden, a playground, a ball field, and gazebo. There is also an art and garden area at the northeast corner that is owned by the village, but appears to be part of the park.



Property line: - - - - -



## SITE ANALYSIS

### Active Recreation

- Play equipment is aging
- Infield at ball field has grass growing within and drainage issue since it is located in detention
- Grass is growing into sand play area

### Accessibility

- Ball field dugouts are not accessible
- Sculpture garden is not accessible

### Site Amenities

- Drinking fountain does not function

## PLANNING

- Master plan 2022

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Replace the playground equipment
- Add amenities to cater to middle school age kids who utilize the park after school
- Add an accessible trail connection.
- Improve the detention basin
- Add fitness stations
- Improve the existing sculpture area

## AMENITIES

QTY	INSTALL YEAR	AMENITY	CONDITION
1	1984	<b>Ball Field</b>	
-		Backstop/Fence -Chainlink	Fair
-		Infield	Poor
2		Bench -W/o back or arms	Fair
1	1998	<b>Playground</b>	
1		Main Structure 2-5	Good
1		Main Structure 5-12	Good
4		Independent Play -Club house, rocker, dinosaur, monkey bars	Good
1		Swings -4 belt, 2 tot, 2 ADA	Good
-		Surfacing -Engineered wood fiber	Fair
5		Bench -W/ back and arms	Good
1		Sand Area	Fair
1		Light Pole	Fair
	1999	<b>Seating Areas</b>	
-		Picnic Tables -Wood and metal	Good
-		Litter receptacle -Steel drum	Fair
1		Shelter -Hexagon, metal, shingle roof	Fair
-		Pavement -Concrete	Good
1	1999	<b>Drinking Fountain</b> -2 bowls, w/ 1 arm	Fair
		<b>Other Amenities</b>	
2		Sculpture	Excellent
1		Park Name Sign -Posts only	Good
1		Litter Receptacle -Steel drum	Good
4		Bench -W/ back	Good
3		Light Pole	Good



# Lions Club Park

1041 Ridge Rd., Homewood, IL • 8.3 Acres

Year Acquired: 1976

PIN # : 29-32-405-018-0000, 29-32-405-003-0000,  
29-32-402-026-0000

Eight acres of Lions Club Park were purchased in 1976 with an OSLAD grant. The tennis and pickleball court were purchased later in 2006. The park features one tennis court, two pickleball courts, a playground, a ball field, and two basketball hoops. The Lions Club Pool and building is located in the southeast portion of the site.



Property line: - - - - -



## SITE PROGRAMMING

- Homewood Baseball and Softball practices and games
- Flag football camp
- Lacrosse camp
- Home of Lions Club Pool

## SITE ANALYSIS

### Active Recreation

- Tennis and pickleball court surfacing has many cracks and is worn

### Accessibility

- Seating at ball field is not accessible
- Benches at tennis do not have arms or backs

## GRANTS

- 1976 OSLAD grant

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Improve ball field and provide an accessible route
- Replace asphalt surfacing and color coat at the tennis court
- Replace the drinking fountain
- Replace the benches at the tennis court

## AMENITIES

QTY	INSTALL YEAR	AMENITY	CONDITION
1	2005	<b>Tennis Court</b>	
-		Color Coat	Poor
-	2009	Surfacing	Fair
1		Netting, Posts,	Fair
-		Fencing -Chainlink	Fair
1		Litter Receptacle	Good
2		Practice Board	Good
1		Bench -Metal, no arm or back	Poor
1		Gate	Fair
2	2006	<b>Pickleball Court</b>	
-		Color Coat	Poor
-		Surfacing	Poor
2		Netting Posts	Good
1		<b>Ball Field</b>	
1		Backstop/Fence	Good
-		Infield	Good
2		Player Bench -W/o arms or back	Good
2		Bleachers -5 level	Good
-		Pavement -Concrete	Good
2		Litter Receptacle -Steel Drum	Good
		<b>Bathrooms</b>	
1		Portable Bathroom	Good
1		<b>Drinking Fountain</b> -1 bowl, arm	Fair
		<b>Other Amenities</b>	
1		Storage Shed -Wood	Good
-		Parking Lot 1 -67 spaces, 4 ADA	Good
-		Parking Lot 2 -69 Spaces	Good
1		Park Name Sign	Good

QTY	INSTALL YEAR	AMENITY	CONDITION
12		Lighting	Good
2		Bench -W/o back or arms	Good
2		Bike Rack -5 loop	Good
1		Basketball Hoop	Good
1		Litter Receptacle -Steel drum	Good



# Millennium Park

18600 Harwood Ave., Homewood, IL- 6.5 Acres

Year Acquired: 1998

PIN # : 32-06-127-001-0000, 32-06-127-002-0000

Millennium Park is a 6.5-acre community park located south of 183rd Street on Harwood Avenue. The park features a roller hockey rink, playground, soccer field, splash pad and pavilion. The park has a 0.4 mile walking path with the Moss Memorial Garden along side it.



Property line: - - - - -

## SITE PROGRAMMING

- Homewood-Flossmoor Soccer Club

## SITE ANALYSIS

### Active Recreation

- Surfacing at roller hockey has many cracks
- Walking path is aging
- Soccer field turf has many bare patches

### Accessibility

- Grill at shelter is not accessible
- Some pathway benches are not accessible

### Site Amenities

- Playground equipment is aging
- Splash pad equipment has had some recent updates

## GRANTS

- No grant history

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Create a master plan to renovate park
- Replace the play equipment
- Renovate the garden to improve accessibility
- Renovate the roller hockey surfacing



## AMENITIES

QTY	INSTALL YEAR	AMENITY	CONDITION
	2000	<b>Roller Hockey</b>	
1		Bench -W/ back	Good
-		Surfacing	Fair
-		Color Coat	Good
2		Goals	Good
2		Backstop -Chainlink	Good
1		Litter Receptacle -Steel drum	Good
2	2000	<b>Soccer Field</b>	
-		Turf	Fair
4		Goals	Good
	2000	<b>Playground</b>	
1		Main Structure 5-12	Good
1		Main Structure 2-5	Good
1		Swings -2 tot, 2 belt, 1 ADA	Good
5		Independent pieces -Talk tubes, rocker, train tracks, balance beam	Fair
-		Surfacing -Engineered wood fiber	Fair
1		Tree Planter -Raised concrete with hand prints	Good
1		Litter Receptacle	Good
4		Bench -No arms	Good
	2018	<b>Splash Pad</b> -Recirculating System	
-		Surfacing -Concrete	Good
-		Shade Umbrella	Fair
6		Equipment	Good
3		Bench -(2) W/ arms and back, (1) W/ back	Good
-		Fence -Chainlink	Good

QTY	INSTALL YEAR	AMENITY	CONDITION
1		Gate	Good
	2000	<b>Paths and Walkways - 0.4 Miles</b>	
-		Pavement-Asphalt	Good
4		Light pole	Good
6		Bench -(3) w/ back, (3) w/back and arms	Good
3		Litter Receptacle	Good
6		Recycle Receptacle	Good
1	2000	<b>Shelter</b>	
2		Picnic Tables -3 reg, 1 ADA, plastic and metal	Fair
1		Shelter -Rectangle, stone, metal, shingles, storage, bathroom enclosure	Good
-		Pavement-Concrete	Good
2		Grill	Good
2		Bike Rack-5 loop	Good
2		Litter Receptacle -Plastic and wood, plastic	Good
		<b>Bathroom</b>	
2		Portable Restroom	Good
1	2000	<b>Drinking Fountain</b> -1 bowl at shelter	Good
		<b>Memorial Garden - Dianne M Moss</b>	
1		Bench -W/ arms and back	Fair
		Pavement- Pavers	Fair
		<b>Memorial Garden - Brian D. Nardoni</b>	
1		Bench -W/ arms and back	Good
		Pavement- Pavers	Fair
		<b>Other Amenities</b>	
2		Lighting -Parking Lot	Good
		Parking Lot -49 Spaces, 3 are ADA	Good
1		Park Name Sign	Good
		Fence- Wood	Good

# Orchard Park

1701 Olive Rd., Homewood, IL- 3 Acres

Year Acquired: 1958

PIN # : 29-31-416-002-0000, 29-31-416-051-0000,  
29-31-416-052-0000

Orchard Park is a 3-acre neighborhood park located on Olive Road near Highland Avenue. The park features a playground, two pickleball courts, a tennis court, a baseball field and large multi-sport playing field.



Property line: - - - - -

## SITE ANALYSIS

### Active Recreation

- Some cracking at tennis court surfacing
- Ball field infield has grass growing within

### Accessibility

- Ball field seating is not accessible

### Site Amenities

- Tennis court chainlink is aging
- Seating at tennis not stable

## GRANTS

- No grant history

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Improve infield and provide an accessible route to the ball field
- Repair tennis court seating
- Renovate the tennis court
- Create a master plan for the park

## SITE PROGRAMMING

- Homewood baseball and softball practices and games



## AMENITIES

QTY	INSTALL YEAR	AMENITY	CONDITION
1		<b>Tennis Court</b>	
-	2005	Color Coat	Good
-		Surfacing	Fair
2		Gate	Good
1		Netting, Posts	Fair
-		Fencing	Good
1		Litter Receptacle -Steel drum	Good
2		Practice Board	Fair
3		Bench -W/o arms or back	Fair
2		<b>Pickleball Court</b>	
-		Color Coat	Good
-		Surfacing	Fair
2		Netting, Posts	Good
1		<b>Ball Field</b>	
-		Backstop/Fence -Chainlink	Good
-		Infield	Fair
-		Turf	Good
2		Player Benches -W/o back or arms	Good
1		Bleachers -5 level	Good
-		Pavement -Concrete	Good
1	2005	<b>Playground</b>	
2		Main Structure - 5-12, 2-5	Good
1		Swings -2 tot, 2 belt, 1 ADA	Fair
2		Independent Piece -Climber, Digger	Good
-		Surfacing -Engineered Wood Fiber	Fair
1		Litter Receptacle	Good
3		Recycle Receptacle	Good
-		Fence -Wood	Good
-		Pavement -Concrete, pavers	Good
3		Bench -W/ back	Good

QTY	INSTALL YEAR	AMENITY	CONDITION
1		<b>Drinking Fountain</b> -One bowl and arm	Good
		<b>Other Amenities</b>	
1		Park Name Sign	Good
3		Litter Receptacle	Good
2		Wood Fence	Good
1		Bench -Wood and metal	Good
1		Parking Lot -17 Spaces, 1 is ADA, Asphalt	Good



# Patriots Park

187th St. and Center Ave., Homewood, IL- 11 Acres

Year Acquired: 2000

PIN # : 32-05-108-003-0000

Patriots Park is an 11-acre community park that was donated by the National Park Service in the year 2000. The park is the second largest H-F community park and features a softball field, soccer field, a nine hole disc golf course, large playground, a climbing wall, pavilion, and a 0.4 mile walking path.



Property line: - - - - -

## GRANTS

- No grant history

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Create a master plan
- Replace drinking fountain
- Replace the shade structure
- Resurface the parking lot
- Plant additional trees throughout the park
- Replace the playground equipment

## SITE PROGRAMMING

- Shelter available for rent
- Kickball league games

## SITE ANALYSIS

### Active Recreation

- Sections of walking path are cracking
- Playground equipment is aging

### Accessibility

- Not all seating within the park is accessible

### Site Amenities

- Parking lot surfacing is cracking
- Some benches are in poor condition

### Sustainability

- Lack of tree canopy

## AMENITIES

QTY	INSTALL YEAR	AMENITY	CONDITION
		<b>Soccer Field</b>	
-		Turf	Fair
2		Goal	Good
1		<b>Ball Field</b>	
-	2002	Backstop/Fence	Good
2		Player Benches -W/ back	Good
1		Picnic Table -Wood & Metal	Good
1	2002	Bench -W/ back and arms	Good
-		Turf	Good
1		<b>Disc Golf</b>	
8		Goal	Good
8		Base	Good
9		Sign	Good
1	2001	<b>Playground</b>	
2		Main Structure -(1) 5-12, (1) 2-4	Fair
12		Independent Pieces	Fair-Good
-		Surfacing -Engineered wood fiber and Poured In Place	Fair
6		Bench -W/ back and arms	Fair-Good
1		Litter Receptacle -W/ lid	Fair
1		Shade Structure -Fabric	Fair
1		Flag Pole	Good
2		Light Pole	Good
2		Bike Rack -5 loop	Good
		<b>Paths and Walkways - 0.4 Miles</b>	
-	2000	Pavement -Asphalt	Good
4		Bench -W/ arms and back	Good
7		Light Pole	Good
3		Litter Receptacle	Fair-Good

QTY	INSTALL YEAR	AMENITY	CONDITION
2		<b>Seating Areas</b>	Good
1		Shelter -Octagon, wood, electric	Good
3		Grill	Good
7		Picnic Table -Wood and metal	Good
3		Recycle Receptacle -Concrete and plastic	Good
-		Pavement- Pavers	Good
		<b>Bathrooms</b>	
2		Portable bathrooms -Wood Enclosure	Good
2		<b>Drinking Fountain</b> -(2) 2 bowls w/ 1 arm	Fair
		<b>Other Amenities</b>	
1	2000	Parking Lot -48 Spaces, 2 are ADA	Fair
1		Litter Receptacles -Steel Drum	Good
1		Flagpole	Good
1		Park Name Sign	Good



# Pheasant Trails Park

Hanover Ln. and Dixie Highway, Flossmoor, IL • 6 Acres

Year Acquired: 1970

PIN # : 32-07-404-014-0000

Pheasant Trails Park was acquired in 1970 from the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation. The park features two tennis courts, a playground, and basketball court. The tennis court was resurfaced in 2005 and the playground was last updated in 1993. Widened gravel shoulder of Hanover Lane is used for parking.



Property line: - - - - -

## SITE PROGRAMMING

- No current programming
- Previously used for tennis lessons

## GRANTS

- No grant history

## SITE ANALYSIS

### Active Recreation

- Surfacing in the playground is low
- Basketball court lacks court outlines

### Accessibility

- No accessible entrance to the playground, plastic edging at surfacing
- Trails throughout the park are cracking and difficult to traverse

### Site Amenities

- Benches are not on accessible paths
- Fencing at courts is rusted and paint is damaged
- Drinking fountain is working but has sun damage

### Sustainability

- Dense tree canopy with some lawn trails
- Down branches and invasive species present

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Create a master plan for the park
- Define trails and remove invasive species from natural areas
- Improve the tennis courts
- Replace the playground equipment, surfacing, and edging
- Renovate the basketball courts, replace the goals and provide a color coat

## AMENITIES

QTY	INSTALL YEAR	AMENITY	CONDITION
1	1993	<b>Playground</b>	
1		Main Structure- 5-12	Fair
2		Independent Pieces -Spinners	Fair
1		Swings -Seats missing	Poor
1		Surfacing - Engineered wood fiber	Fair
2		Bench -W/ arms and back	Poor
2		<b>Tennis Court</b>	
1	2023	Color Coat	Good
2		Gate	Good
1		Surfacing	Fair
2		Netting, Posts	Fair
1		Fencing -Chainlink, green	Fair
1		Litter Receptacle -Steel Drum	Good
1		Bench -W/o arms or back	Fair
2		Practice Board -Wood	Fair
1		<b>Basketball Court -Half</b>	
1		Hoop	Good
1		Color Coat	Poor
1		Surfacing	Fair
		<b>Paths and Walkways</b>	
1		Litter Receptacle -Steel drum	Fair
1		Fence - Wood	Fair
1		Pavement -Asphalt	Poor
		<b>Seating Areas</b>	
1		Picnic Table -Wood and metal	Fair
1		<b>Drinking Fountain</b> -1 bowl w/ arm	Fair
		<b>Other Amenities</b>	
1		Park Name Sign	Good



# Pinehurst Park

1501 Tina Ln., Flossmoor, IL - 0.5 Acres

Year Acquired: 1978  
PIN #: 32-07-408-010

Pinehurst Park was donated to the Park District in 1978 and was most recently renovated in 2019. It is a passive recreation play lot that is 0.5-acres. Parking is available on Tina Ln. A slide, climbing structure, and bench seating are available to patrons.



Property line: - - - - -

## GRANTS

- No grant history

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Provide an accessible route to play equipment and site furniture.
- Plan to replace the playground equipment within the next 10 years.
- Remove climber in the lawn with no safety surfacing.
- Remove turf in playground and add surfacing material.
- Scrub benches to remove lichen/moss build up.
- Create a rain garden feature to address current drainage issue.

## SITE PROGRAMMING

- No current programming

## SITE ANALYSIS

### Active Recreation

- Play equipment is in good condition but not accessible

### Accessibility

- No accessible entrance to the playground, plastic edging at surfacing
- No accessible paths are present in the park

### Site Amenities

- Benches are not on accessible paths

### Sustainability

- Drainage issue present. Open swale through park

## AMENITIES

QTY	INSTALL YEAR	AMENITY	CONDITION
1	2019	<b>Playground</b>	
3		Independent Pieces -Slide, climbers	Fair
1		Surfacing - Engineered wood fiber	Poor
		<b>Seating Areas</b>	
3		Benches -(2)W/ back (1) swing bench	Poor-Fair
1		Picnic Table -Wood and metal	Fair
		<b>Other Amenities</b>	
1		Park Name Sign	Good



# Pinewood Park

Hedgerow Ln. and Fresno Ln., Homewood, IL - 5.5 Acres

Year Acquired: 1988

PIN # : 31-01-109-012-0000, 31-01-109-035-0000, 31-01-112-015-0000, 31-01-112-014-0000

Pinewood Park was donated by the developer of the Pinewood Subdivision in 1988 through an agreement between the Villages of Flossmoor and Homewood and the developer. The 5.5-acre park was completed in 1990 and includes a soccer field, sand volleyball court, ball field, and playground.



Property line: - - - - -

## SITE PROGRAMMING

- No current programming

## GRANTS

- No grant history

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Create a master plan to renovate the entire park
- Replace the play equipment
- Improve the ball field
- Improve accessibility to park amenities
- Replace trail
- Replace the shelter
- Replace the dirt field

## SITE ANALYSIS

### Active Recreation

- Sand volleyball court has grass growing within
- Ball field infield has grass growing in infield
- Walkways are cracked in some areas

### Accessibility

- Shelter is not accessible
- Benches are not accessible

### Site Amenities

- Volleyball netting has holes within
- Wood shelter is aging
- Drinking fountain is working, paint is fading
- Bench style not consistent
- Soccer goals are rusting and have chipped paint

### Sustainability

- Weeds present in planting beds

## AMENITIES

QTY	INSTALL YEAR	AMENITY	CONDITION
2	1996	<b>Playground</b>	
2		Main Structure -(1) 5-12, (1) 2-5	Good
1		Swings -2 Bucket, 2 belt	Good
4		Independent Pieces -Rocker, sound bells, zipline, stepping blocks	Fair
-		Surfacing -Engineered wood fiber	Poor
1	1990	<b>Sand Volleyball Court</b>	
-		Sand	Poor
1		Netting/Posts	Fair
1	1990	<b>Ball Field</b>	
-		Infield	Poor
1		Backstop/Fences -Chainlink	Fair
-		Turf	Good
1	1990	<b>Soccer Field</b>	
-		Turf	Fair
2		Goal	Fair
		<b>Trail</b>	
1	1989	Pavement Asphalt	Poor
1		Litter Receptacle -Steel drum	Poor
2		Bench -(1)W/ back, (1) W/ arms and back	Fair
3		Light Pole	Good
	1990	<b>Seating Area</b>	
1		Shelter -Hexagon, wood	Fair
		Pavement -Concrete	Good
1		Picnic Tables -ADA Table	Fair
1	1990	<b>Drinking Fountain</b> -1 Bowl w/ arm	Fair
	1990	<b>Other Amenities</b>	
2		Park Name Sign	Good



# Rover's Run Dog Park

2 blocks east of Center Ave. on 191st St., Homewood, IL- 3 Acres

Year Acquired: 2000 Lease  
PIN # : 32-08-201-032-0000

Rover's Run Dog Park is on a 3-acre land lease lot from the Village of Homewood located between Apollo and Butterfield Parks. The park features a fenced in off-leash play area with fire hydrants, drinking fountain and obstacle activity.



Property line: 

## SITE PROGRAMMING

- Membership required for use of dog park.

## GRANTS

- No grant history

## SITE ANALYSIS

### Active Recreation

- Mulch path is uneven and inconsistent
- Lawn is worn in some locations

### Accessibility

- Seating and path are not accessible throughout

### Site Amenities

- Gate to small dog area is difficult to open and close
- Plastic chairs at entrance are broken

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Pave the path loop.
- Provide an accessible route to the dog park.
- Plant shade trees within the park.

## AMENITIES

QTY	INSTALL YEAR	AMENITY	CONDITION
	2001	<b>Training Area -Dog Park</b>	
2		Equipment	Fair
-		Turf	Good
3		Bench	Good
1		Fence -Chainlink	Good
4		Gates -1 maintenance, 3 entrance	Good
	2001	<b>Paths and Walkways</b>	
1		Mulch Path	Fair
1		Bench - W/ back	Good
2		Litter Receptacle -W/ lid	Good
3		Dog Waste Receptacle	Good
-		Pavement -Concrete	Good
	2001	<b>Seating Area</b>	
2		Shelter -Rectangle, metal with table attached	Good
1		<b>Bathroom</b> -Portable	Good
1	2001	<b>Drinking Fountain</b> -2 bowl, 1 hose	Good
	2001	<b>Other Amenities</b>	
1		Park Name Sign	Good



# Scandia Park

Hickory Rd. & Rockwell Ave., Homewood, IL - 1 Acres

Year Acquired: 2000

PIN # : 28-36-404-023-0000, 28-36-404-024-0000

Scandia Park is a 1-acre play lot located at Rockwell Avenue and Hickory Road that was donated by the Village of Homewood in 2000. The park features a playground with swings, independent play and seating.



Property line: - - - - -

## SITE PROGRAMMING

- No current programming

## SITE ANALYSIS

### Accessibility

- Benches lack arms or backs
- No accessible entrance to playground

### Site Amenities

- Play equipment is aging

## GRANTS

- No grant history

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Replace the playground equipment
- Add an accessible entrance to the playground
- Replace the seating in the park

## AMENITIES

QTY	INSTALL YEAR	AMENITY	CONDITION
1	2000	<b>Playground</b>	
1		Main Structure - 5-12	Fair
1		Swings -2 belt, 2 tot	Good
2		Independent Pieces -Cars	Fair
-		Surfacing -Engineered wood fiber	Good
3		Bench -W/o arms or back	Fair
1		Picnic Table -Wood and metal	Good
		<b>Paths and Walkways</b>	
-	2000	Pavement -Concrete	Good
		<b>Support Amenities</b>	
1		Parking Lot -2 Spaces	Fair
1		Park Name Sign	Good



# Tower Park

Pierce Ave. & Evergreen Rd., Homewood, IL - 0.6 Acres

Year Acquired: 1976

PIN # : 32-05-120-001-0000

Tower Park is a 0.6-acre play lot located on Pierce Avenue, between Birch Road and Evergreen Road. The park was donated in 1976 and features a play field, swings, a climbing structure and rocker.



Property line: 

## SITE PROGRAMMING

- No current programming

## SITE ANALYSIS

### Accessibility

- Plastic curb ramp to playground in fair condition
- No accessible pathways present

### Site Amenities

- No clear park signage
- Play equipment is aging

### Sustainability

- Newly planted trees in poor condition
- Lack of tree canopy throughout

## GRANTS

- No grant history

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Park ownership to be decided
- Update playground with more engaging equipment
- Improve accessibility to the playground

## AMENITIES

QTY	INSTALL YEAR	AMENITY	CONDITION
1	2000	<b>Playground</b>	
2		Independent Piece -Rocker, climber	Fair
1		Swings -2 tot, 2 belt	Fair
-		Surfacing -Engineered wood fiber	Fair



# Woodborough Park

18402 Aberdeen St., Homewood, IL- 8.75 Acres

Year Acquired: 1982

PIN # : 32-05-203-079-0000, 32-05-203-080-0000, 32-05-203-081-0000, 32-05-203-082-0000, 32-05-203-083-0000

Woodborough Park is the H-F Park District's largest neighborhood park. The 8.75-acre park land was donated by the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation in 1982. Woodborough was last updated in 2006. The park features a playground, soccer field, play field and 0.3 mile walking path.



Property line: - - - - -

## SITE PROGRAMMING

- James Hart School utilizes soccer field
- H-F Soccer Club practices and games

## SITE ANALYSIS

### Active Recreation

- Lawn is heavily worn

### Accessibility

- Pathway is 4' wide in some areas
- Some seating is not accessible
- Seating at soccer field is not accessible

### Site Amenities

- Soccer goals are rusted and have chipped paint

### Sustainability

- Weeds present in planting beds
- Mature trees cover the playground

## GRANTS

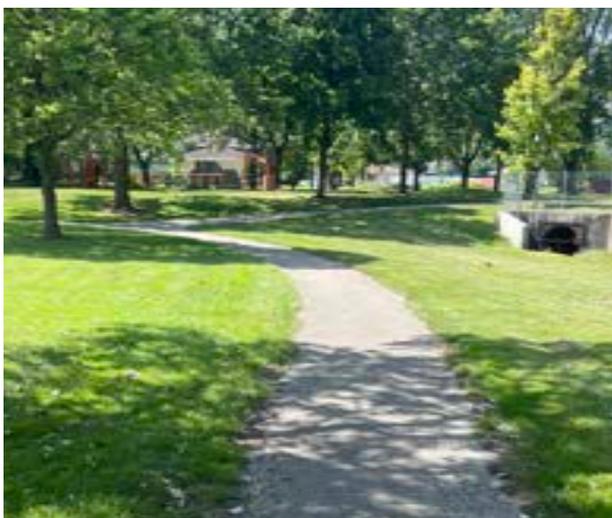
- No grant history

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Create master plan to renovate park
- Replace play equipment
- Repave parking lot
- Improve turf at soccer field
- Repave/replace the walking loop

## AMENITIES

QTY	INSTALL YEAR	AMENITY	CONDITION
1		<b>Soccer Field</b>	
-		Turf	Fair
2		Bleachers -3 level	Good
2		Goal	Good
1	2006	<b>Playground</b>	
2		Main Structure -(1) 2-5, (1) 5-12	Good
5		Independent Play -Rock climber, springs, climber, play panel	Good
1		Swings -2 belt, 2 tot	Good
-		Surfacing -Engineered wood fiber	Fair
3		Bench -(2) W/ back, (1) w/ back and arms	Good
1		Picnic Table -Wood and metal	Good
2		Litter Receptacle -Plastic, metal, no lid	Good
0.3		<b>Paths and Walkways</b>	
-		Pavement -Asphalt	Poor
		<b>Other Amenities</b>	
1		Parking Lot -27 spaces, 1 is ADA	Fair
1		Park Name Sign	Good





# Facilities

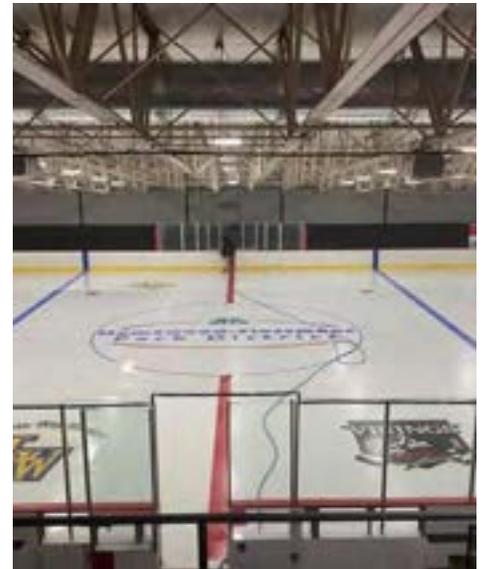


# Facilities

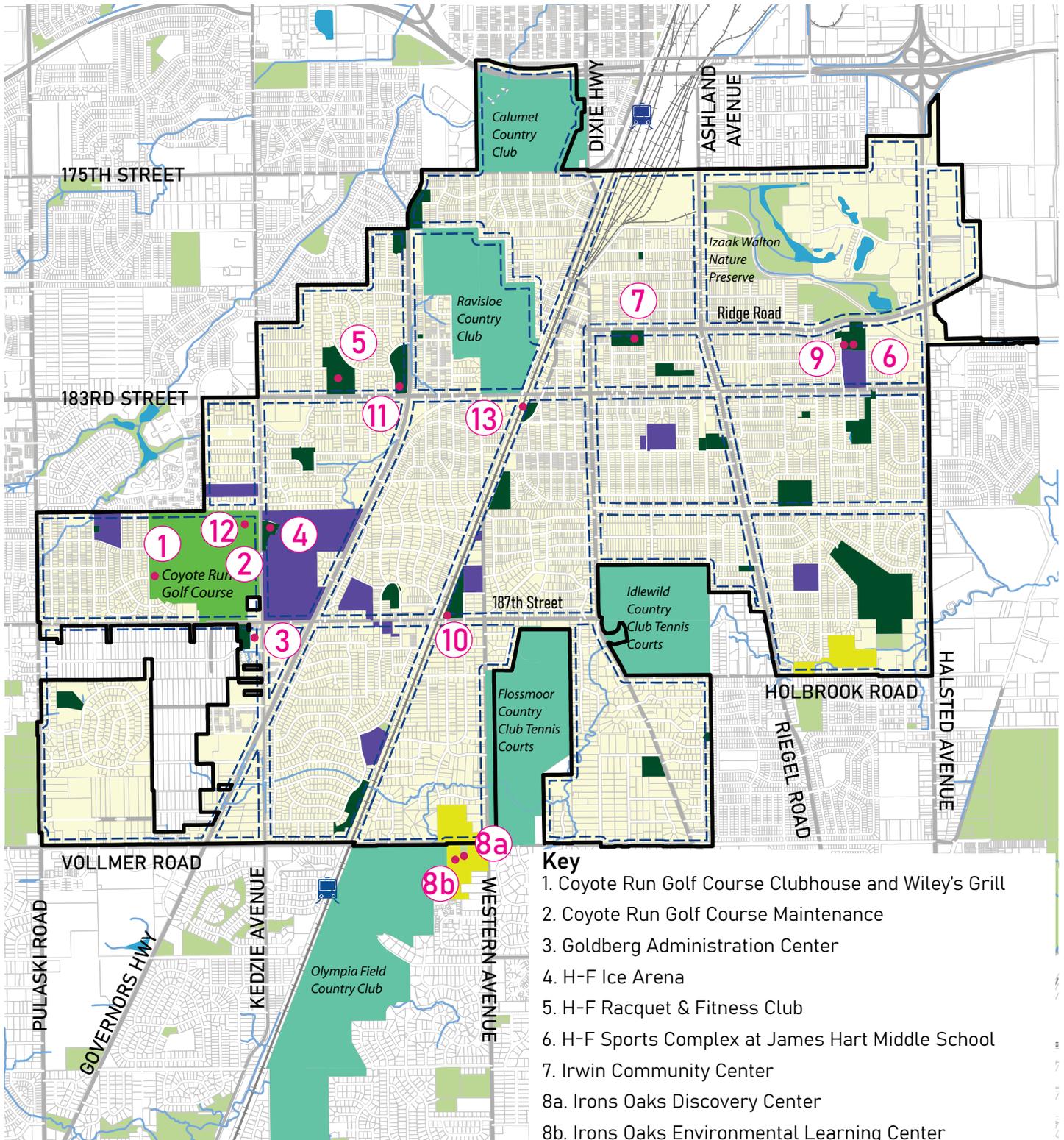
## Introduction

The Homewood-Flossmoor Park District is made up of 14 facilities. Of the 14 facilities there is one recreation and fitness facility, eight special use facilities, one outdoor aquatic facility, and three maintenance facilities. Special use facilities include unique amenities including ice rinks, community space, classrooms, a restaurant, and banquet space.

The following pages include inventory and analysis on Park District facilities including a map, level of service evaluation, amenity matrix, and inventory sheets for each facility.



# Overall Facility Map

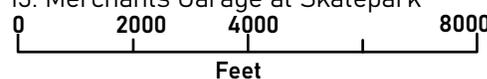


## LEGEND

- Park District Boundary
- Planning Areas
- H-F Facilities
- Parks
- Public School
- Golf Course (HFPD)
- Golf Course (Private)
- Natural Areas
- Natural Areas Managed by Others

## Key

1. Coyote Run Golf Course Clubhouse and Wiley's Grill
2. Coyote Run Golf Course Maintenance
3. Goldberg Administration Center
4. H-F Ice Arena
5. H-F Racquet & Fitness Club
6. H-F Sports Complex at James Hart Middle School
7. Irwin Community Center
- 8a. Irons Oaks Discovery Center
- 8b. Irons Oaks Environmental Learning Center
9. Lions Club Pool
10. Park Place in Flossmoor Park
11. The Clubhouse at Dolphin Lake
12. Parks Maintenance Facility
13. Merchants Garage at Skatepark



# Facility - Level of Service

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) provides standards for number of facilities a population should have access to within a park district. Using current population data, it is possible to compare the facilities offered in the Park District to the national standards. Overall, the Park District is meeting a majority of the suggested level of service. The only categories where the Park District lacks a facility are senior centers, stadiums, teen centers, and arenas. In all other categories, the Park District meets or exceeds the recommended number of facilities.

## Level of Service - Facilities

PARKS: Classification	2024 Inventory- Outdoor Facilities			NRPA Facility Metrics			Deficiency/ Surplus	Additional Amenities needed
	HFPD Quantity	HFPD Level of Service (Site/Population)		Recommended Level of Service (Site/Population)		Recommended Quantity		
Recreation Centers	1	1.00	29196.00	1	24486	1	Meet Standard	0
Community Centers	1	1.00	29196.00	1	27858	1	Meet Standard	0
Senior Centers	0	0.00	0.00	1	31985	1	Need Exists	-1
Performance Amphitheatres	1	1.00	29196.00	1	32255	1	Meet Standard	0
Nature Centers	1	1.00	29196.00	1	33669	1	Meet Standard	0
Aquatic Centers	1	1.00	29196.00	1	31000	1	Meet Standard	0
Restrooms	11	1.00	0.00	1	4905	6	Surplus	5
Stadiums	0	0.00	0.00	1	32299	1	Need Exists	-1
Teen Centers	0	0.00	0.00	1	31785	1	Need Exists	-1
Indoor Ice Rinks	1	1.00	29196.00	1	23512	1	Meet Standard	0
Arenas	0	0.00	0.00	1	24838	1	Need Exists	-1



# Facility Matrix

The following chart depicts the facilities located within the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District and the amenities that they offer. Further information on each facility can be found on the pages following this chart.

	Location Homewood (H) Flossmoor (F)	Square Footage	Restrooms	Locker Rooms	Reception Desk	Office	Kitchen	Concessions	Banquet/Community	Multipurpose Rooms	Ice Rink	Amphitheater	Restaurant	Fitness/Weightroom	Aquatics	Tennis Courts	Dance/Group Fitness	Storage	Preschool Classroom	Maintenance	Pro Shop
<b>Recreation &amp; Fitness</b>																					
Homewood-Flossmoor Racquet & Fitness Club	H	115,000	1	1.00	1.00	1				1				1	1	1	1		1		
Recreation & Fitness Total		115,000																			
<b>Special Use</b>																					
Coyote Run Golf Course Clubhouse	F	7,800	1				1						1					1			1
Goldberg Administration Center	F	14,000	1			1				1											
Homewood-Flossmoor Ice Arena	F	39,000	1	1	1	1				1	1										1
The Clubhouse at Dolphin Lake	H	5,000	1				1		1										1		
Irwin Community Center	H	27,000	1			1	1			1		1	1				1	1	1		
Irons Oaks Environmental Learning Center	F	11,000	1			1				1											
Irons Oaks Discovery Center	F	3,600								1											
Park Place	F	1,500	1							1											
Special Use Total		108,900																			
<b>Outdoor Aquatics</b>																					
Lions Club Pool	H	38,800	1	1		1		1							1						
Outdoor Aquatics Total		38,800																			
<b>Maintenance</b>																					
Coyote Run Golf Course Maintenance	F	4,500	1	1		1													1		1
Parks Maintenance Facility	F	12,000	1			1													1		1
Merchants Garage	H	2,300																	1		
Maintenance Total		18,800																			
<b>Total Square Footage</b>		<b>281,500</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>



# Coyote Run Golf Course Clubhouse

800 Kedzie Ave., Flossmoor, IL

OVERALL  
Facility GRADE  
**81.1**  
2024 Overall Score of Facility  
Based on Report: 100

EVALUATION SCORE CARD	Interior/ Furn./ Finish	HVAC	Plumbing/Fire Protection	Electrical	Exterior Envelope	Security	Utilization	ADA Compliance	Parking	Architectural Quality
		8.7	7.7	6.5	7.8	7.4	7.8	7.9	8.8	9.5

Located on the Coyote Run Golf Course, this single story (approx. 7,800 sf) facility hosts golf functions and consists of a pro shop, restrooms, bar and dining areas, and a commercial kitchen. A full basement has exterior ramped access and is utilized for golf cart storage and restaurant storage.



## Construction Attributes

- 2000's CMU construction
- Precast concrete plank with fireproofing above cart garage
- Fiber cement siding, wood soffit & trim exterior
- Sloped roof with downspouts to storm drains

## Features

- Separate main entrance and
- Scenic views
- Room for future expansion

## Facility Analysis

### Active Recreation

- Golf Course Clubhouse
- Commercial dining facility
- Pro Shop
- Golf cart storage
- 6 full time staff
- 35 part-time total employees

### Accessibility

- Reference current ADA audit for compliance on restroom accessibility

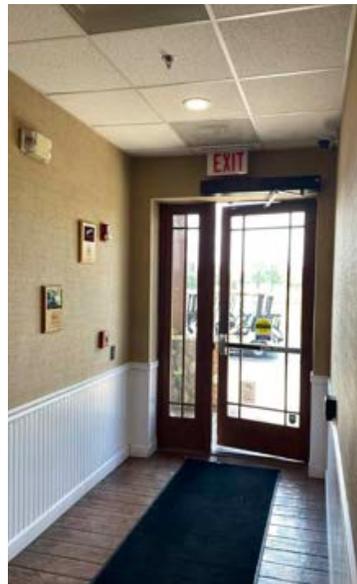
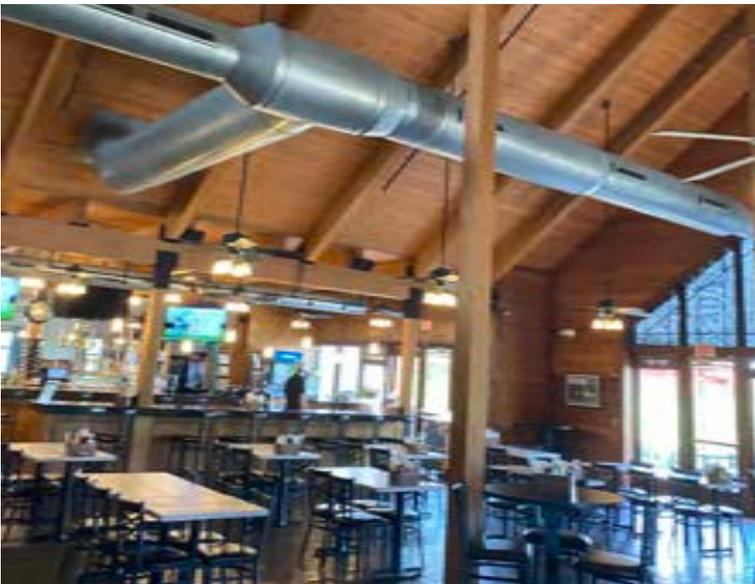
### Site Amenities

- Outdoor dining space
- Located on public golf course
- Approximately 189 parking stalls
- Replaced stick built freezers in the basement in 2025

## PRIORITY & RECOMMENDATIONS

- Low • Review existing building envelope for weathertightness, draftstopping, and adequate insulation.
- Low • Consider adding additional dedicated banquet space, adequate in size to host private events/rentals.

# PHOTOS



# Coyote Run Golf Course Maintenance

720 Kedzie Ave., Flossmoor, IL

OVERALL  
Facility GRADE  
**68.4**

2024 Overall Score of Facility  
Based on Report: 100

EVALUATION  
SCORE CARD

Interior/ Furn./Finish	HVAC	Plumbing/Fire Protection	Electrical	Exterior Envelope	Security	Utilization	ADA Compliance	Parking	Architectural Quality
6.2	7.3	7.3	7.4	7.0	7.6	6.4	7.7	5.5	6.0

Located on the Coyote Run Golf Course, this single story facility (approx. 4,500 sf) includes a three-bay work shop, office, locker rooms and break room with a separate single story (approx. 4,000 sf space) three-bay garage on site.



## Construction Attributes

- 2000s pre-engineered 3 bay garage; insulated metal panel over steel with metal panel gable roof
- 1960's office; brick veneer over CMU with asphalt shingle over gable roof
- Wood trusses

## Features

- Restrooms in office updated in 2004
- Site security/access gate
- Municipal well house at northeast corner of the site
- Residential to the north

## Facility Analysis

### Active Recreation

- Golf course maintenance
- 4 full time staff
- +/- 14 total staff with seasonal help

### Accessibility

- Reference current ADA audit for compliance on restroom accessibility

### Site Amenities

- On-site shipping container for fertilizer storage
- Waste2water recycling system on-site
- Parking lot with approximately 10 stalls

## PRIORITY & RECOMMENDATIONS

- Medium • Reconstruct privacy/security fencing.
- Medium • Replace fluorescent lighting with high efficiency LED lighting.
- Low • Incorporate a loft space within the West pre-engineered building to increase storage area.
- Low • Review opportunities to increase parking to better accommodate seasonal staff.

# PHOTOS



# Goldberg Administration Center

3301 Flossmoor Rd., Flossmoor, IL

OVERALL Facility GRADE  
**80.5**  
 2024 Overall Score of Facility  
 Based on Report: 100

EVALUATION SCORE CARD	Interior / Furn./ Finish	HVAC	Plumbing/ Fire Protection	Electrical	Exterior Envelope	Security	Utilization	ADA Compliance	Parking	Architectural Quality
		7.9	7.9	8.3	8.5	8.6	7.2	7.9	8.0	7.6

The Goldberg Administration Center is a single story (approx. 14,000 sf) facility with a walk out basement that houses the district’s administrative staff and board room. The facility serves as the hub for the district’s business operations.



Flossmoor Rd.

## Construction Attributes

- 1980’s construction
- Heavy timber structure
- Exterior brick and cedar fascia
- Aluminum gutters and downspouts
- Asphalt shingle roof

## Features

- Rustic exposed wood columns and beams
- Exposed wood tongue and groove roof deck
- Ample storage in basement
- Board room with public access

## Facility Analysis

### Active Recreation

- Administration Center

### Accessibility

- Reference current ADA audit for compliance on restroom accessibility & site access

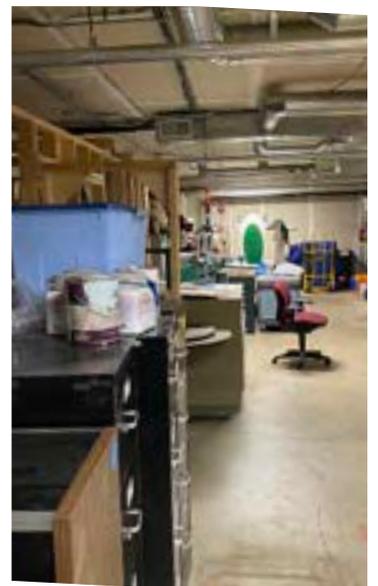
### Site Amenities

- Playground
- Walking path
- Koi pond
- Shelter
- Parking lot with approximately 38 stalls

## PRIORITY & RECOMMENDATIONS

- High • Repair deteriorating wood column bases at entry.
- Medium • Remove or replace existing non-functioning generator.
- Medium • Begin budgeting for a roof replacement in 5-10 years.

# PHOTOS



# Homewood-Flossmoor Ice Arena

777 Kedzie Ave., Flossmoor, IL

OVERALL  
Facility GRADE  
**75.2**

2024 Overall Score of Facility  
Based on Report: 100

EVALUATION SCORE CARD	Interior / Furn./ Finish	HVAC	Plumbing / Fire Protection	Electrical	Exterior Envelope	Security	Utilization	ADA Compliance	Parking	Architectural Quality
	7.5	9.5	7.5	9.0	6.8	8.0	7.0	6.5	6.4	7.0

The Homewood-Flossmoor Ice Arena is approximately 39,000 sf. It consists of a main ice rink with seating for approximately 1,200 people, a lobby with support offices, 6 team rooms with 3 shared toilet/shower facilities, and a separate studio rink. The facility host leagues, competitions, and private events throughout the year.



## Construction Attributes

- 1970's construction
- Metal panel and brick veneer facade
- Low slope gravel roof over metal decking with downspouts to storm drains
- Interior CMU partitions

## Features

- Recent \$7 million dollar rehab (2022)
- New mechanical upgrade
- 2022 Zamboni garage addition

## Facility Analysis

### Active Recreation

- Studio rink
- Main rink
- Approximately 1,200 seat spectator seating
- 6 team rooms
- 4 full-time staff
- 10-12 total staff

### Accessibility

- Reference current ADA audit for compliance on restroom, office, and spectator seating accessibility

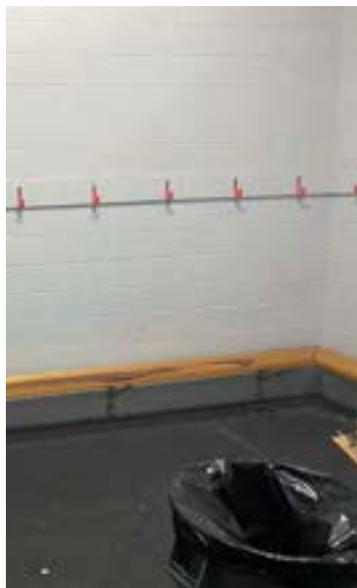
### Site Amenities

- Staff/emergency parking lot with approximately 10 stalls
- Shared lot with approximately 73 parking stalls

## PRIORITY & RECOMMENDATIONS

- Medium • Patch the roof
- Low • Review options to maximize efficiency in the lobby/check-in sequence. Consider re-allocating oversized office space to other programmatic functions.
- Low • Add an accessible route and seating to the bleachers.
- Low • Review site engineering to mitigate stormwater infiltration issues at egress doors.
- Low • Review overall parking and potential addition of parking on north side of the facility.

# PHOTOS



# H-F Racquet & Fitness Club

2920 183rd St., Homewood, IL

OVERALL  
Facility GRADE  
**77.9**

2024 Overall Score of Facility  
Based on Report: 100

## EVALUATION SCORE CARD

Interior/ Furn./Finish	HVAC	Plumbing/Fire Protection	Electrical	Exterior Envelope	Security	Utilization	ADA Compliance	Parking	Architectural Quality
8.4	7.2	7.8	8.0	8.6	7.1	5.6	8.0	8.8	8.4

The H-F Racquet & Fitness Club is approximately 115,000 sf and consists of a main lobby with a pro shop, fitness and wellness center, tennis, pickleball, and racquetball courts, a pool with locker rooms and rentable office space.



## Construction Attributes

- 1970's-80's construction
- Multiple additions
- Newest addition 1996
- Brick veneer over CMU and steel
- Vinyl siding
- Multiple low slope and gable roofs

## Features

- 10 courts for tournaments
- Large parking area
- Easily identifiable single point of entry

## Facility Analysis

### Active Recreation

- Swimming pool, lap pool, and locker rooms
- Men's/women's sauna
- Racquetball/pickleball/tennis courts
- Group fitness space
- Dedicated free weight area
- Indoor walking track
- Fitness area locker rooms
- Pro shop
- Support offices
- Multi-purpose rooms

### Accessibility

- Reference current ADA audit for compliance on restroom and office accessibility

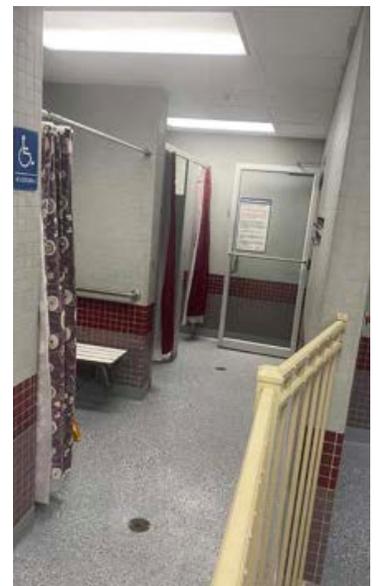
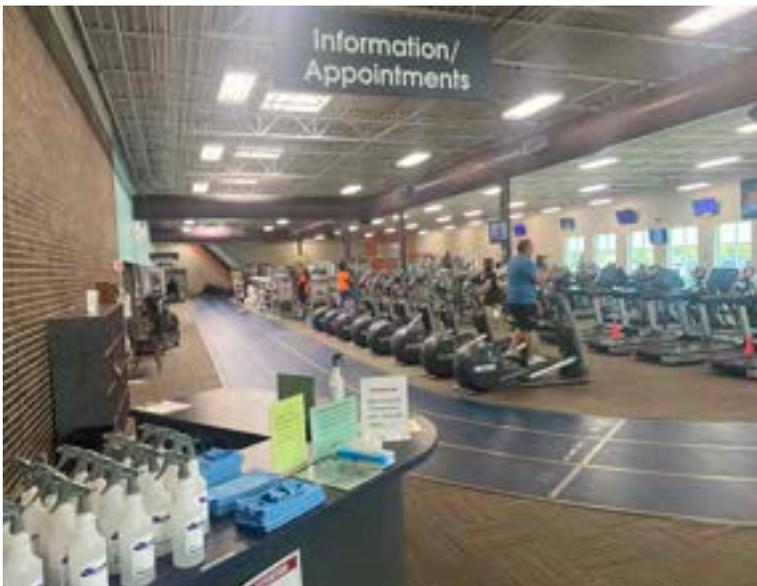
### Site Amenities

- Approximately 236 parking stalls

## PRIORITY & RECOMMENDATIONS

- High • Considerable deterioration was observed within the mechanical space serving the pool. A structural engineer should review deterioration of the concrete pool vessel.
- Low • Consider relocating offices at west end of facility toward office space near the entrance. This would create an opportunity for income generating multi-purpose rooms with direct access to the pool deck.
- Low • Reconfigure control desk to eliminate pinch point at main entrance.
- Low • Consolidate pro shop area to maximize utilization.
- Low • Consider renovating formerly occupied tenant space to maximize space and create additional program rooms.

# PHOTOS



# Irons Oaks

## Learning & Discovery Centers

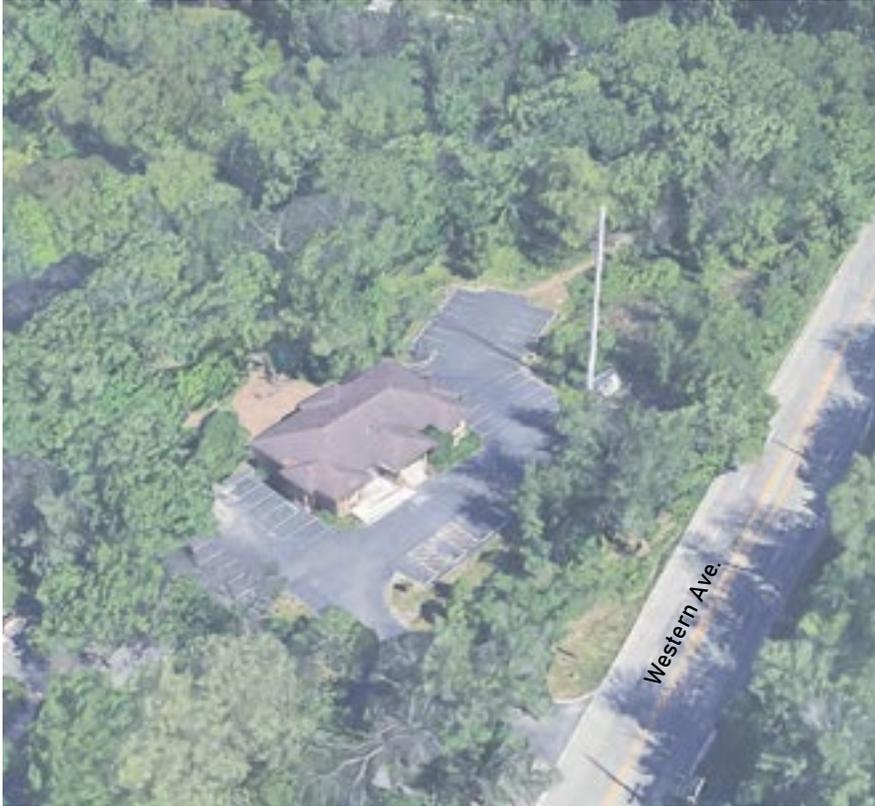
20000 Western Ave., Olympia Fields, IL

OVERALL  
Facility GRADE  
**78.1**

2024 Overall Score of Facility  
Based on Report: 100

EVALUATION SCORE CARD	Interior/ Furn./Finish	HVAC	Plumbing/Fire Protection	Electrical	Exterior Envelope	Security	Utilization	ADA Compliance	Parking	Architectural Quality
		8.0	8.0	8.4	8.0	7.9	7.5	6.9	8.0	6.9

Located in the Irons Oaks Environmental Learning Center, the Irons Oaks Administration Building consists of a one-story facility (approx. 11,000 sf) with a basement. This building has offices, restrooms, 2 kitchenettes, and rentable spaces. A separate two-story (approx. 3,600 sf) Discovery Center has a rentable upper floor and lower floor nature program area.



## Construction Attributes

- 2001 Administrative building; brick veneer facade; asphalt shingle over hip roof; aluminum gutters and downspouts
- 2005 Discovery Center; stucco facade; asphalt shingle over gable roof; aluminum gutters and downspouts

## Features

- Scenic views
- Prairie style architecture
- Adjacent to large forest preserve with several outdoor amenities

## Facility Analysis

### Active Recreation

- Outdoor activities
- Support offices
- Outdoor educational programs
- 3 full-time staff
- 60 part-time staff

### Accessibility

- Reference current ADA audit for compliance on restroom accessibility & site access

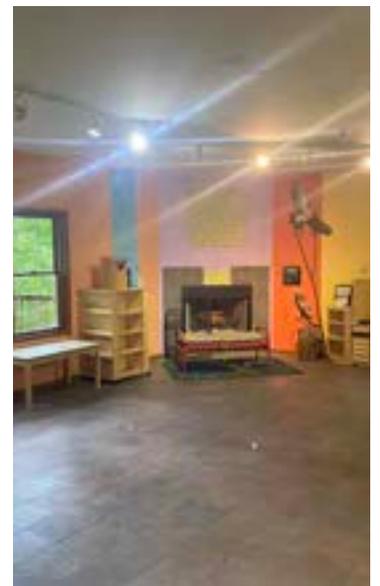
### Site Amenities

- Climbing wall
- Ropes course
- Skiing and snow shoe rentals
- Two parking lots, approximately 47 parking stalls, 4 ADA parking spaces
- Walking trails

## PRIORITY & RECOMMENDATIONS

- High • Address loose parking at Learning Center ramp.
- Medium • Budget for a roof replacement in the next 10 years at the Discovery Center.
- Low • Consider incorporating A/V into multi-purpose room(s) to diversify program options.
- Low • Review programming options to increase utilization of multi-purpose room(s).

# PHOTOS



# Irwin Community Center

18120 Highland Ave., Homewood, IL

OVERALL  
Facility GRADE  
**81.9**

2024 Overall Score of Facility  
Based on Report: 100

## EVALUATION SCORE CARD

Interior / Furn./ Finish	HVAC	Plumbing/ Fire Protection	Electrical	Exterior Envelope	Security	Utilization	ADA Compliance	Parking	Architectural Quality
8.8	8.0	7.8	8.0	8.5	7.5	8.4	7.9	8.2	8.8

Located next to Richard D. Irwin Park, the Irwin Community Center is a one-story (approx. 27,000 sf) facility with a basement. The center has fully-equipped child and adult classrooms, meeting rooms, dance studios, rentable rooms, a full kitchen, an outdoor bandshell, and administrative offices.



## Construction Attributes

- 1980's construction
- Brick veneer facade
- Asphalt shingle over gable roof
- Aluminium gutters and downspouts
- Concrete plank floor structure

## Features

- High ceilings
- Bandshell integrated at rear of
- Building adjacent to large public park

## Facility Analysis

### Active Recreation

- Preschool classrooms
- Dance studios
- Multi-purpose spaces
- Full kitchen
- Adult classrooms

### Accessibility

- Reference current ADA audit for compliance on restroom and stair accessibility

### Site Amenities

- Approximately 59 parking stalls
- Secure children's playground
- Bandshell and storage
- Hardscape access from multi-purpose rooms

## PRIORITY & RECOMMENDATIONS

- Medium • Make improvements to ventilation system in the lower level.
- Low • Incorporate storage management solutions to maximize usable space.
- Low • Incorporate A/V into meeting rooms to increase functionality and broaden programming opportunities.

# PHOTOS



# Lions Club Pool

1041 Ridge Rd., Homewood, IL

OVERALL  
Facility GRADE  
**70.3**

2024 Overall Score of Facility  
Based on Report: 100

EVALUATION  
SCORE CARD

Interior/ Furn./ Finish	HVAC	Plumbing/Fire Protection	Electrical	Exterior Envelope	Security	Utilization	ADA Compliance	Parking	Architectural Quality
7.2	7.1	7.3	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	6.3	7.6	6.8

Located next to Lions Club Park, the Lions Club Pool consists of a one-story (approx. 3,800 sf) locker room with lifeguard support administrative space and a concessions area with a (approx. 35,000 sf) concrete deck with main and children's pool areas.



## Construction Attributes

- 1950's construction
- Painted CMU block facade
- Renovations in the 1980's & 90's
- Low slope roof structure with stucco ceilings

## Features

- 2'-6" children's pool
- 5'-0" deep main pool
- Water slides
- Guard office

## Facility Analysis

### Active Recreation

- 1 full-time staff
- Men's & women's locker rooms facilities

### Accessibility

- Reference current ADA audit for compliance on restroom, locker rooms, and pool deck accessibility.

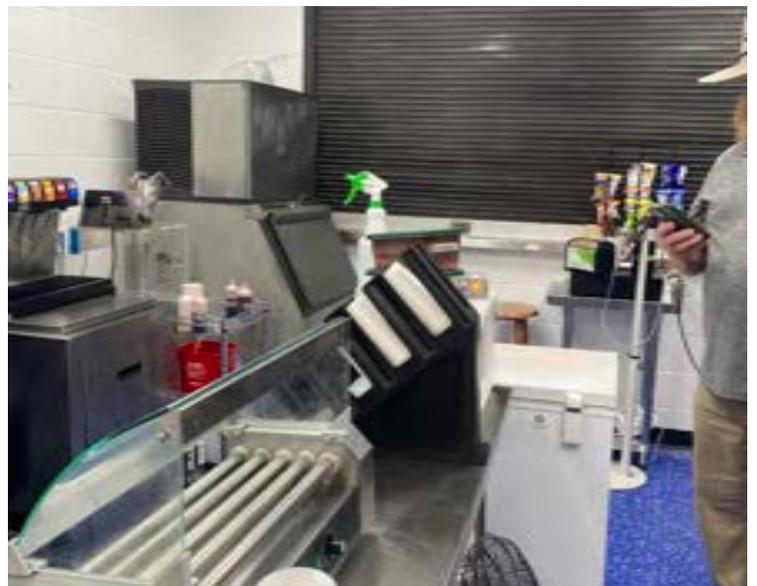
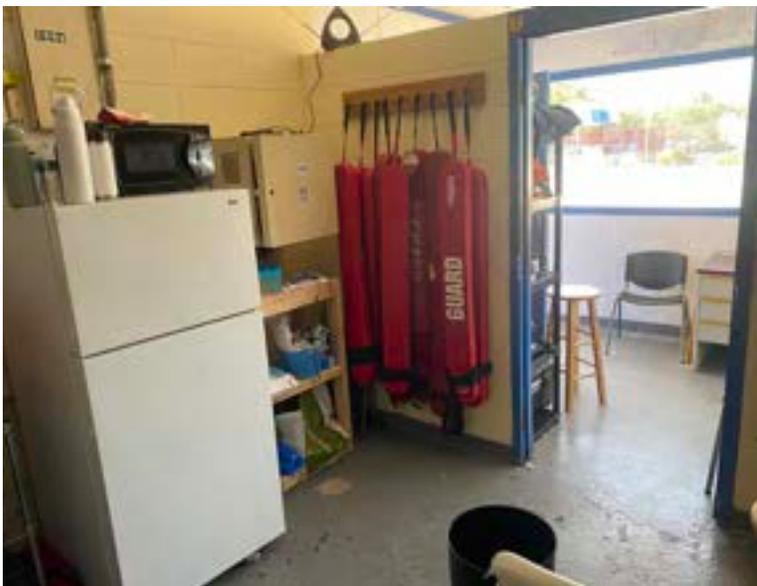
### Site Amenities

- Water slide tower
- Grass picnic area
- Large gate access in fence
- Fenced-in children's area
- Pool/sun deck
- Approximately 142 parking stalls

## PRIORITY & RECOMMENDATIONS

- High • Address maintenance issues with pool vessel coatings.
- Low • Improve changing rooms.
- Low • Review opportunities for incorporating revenue generating rentable areas such as cabanas, shade structures, etc.
- Low • Update/expand concessions area to provide additional offererings.
- Low • Review options for implementing ADA improvements at locker room/restroom spaces.

# PHOTOS



# Merchants Garage

18023 Hardwood Ave., Homewood, IL

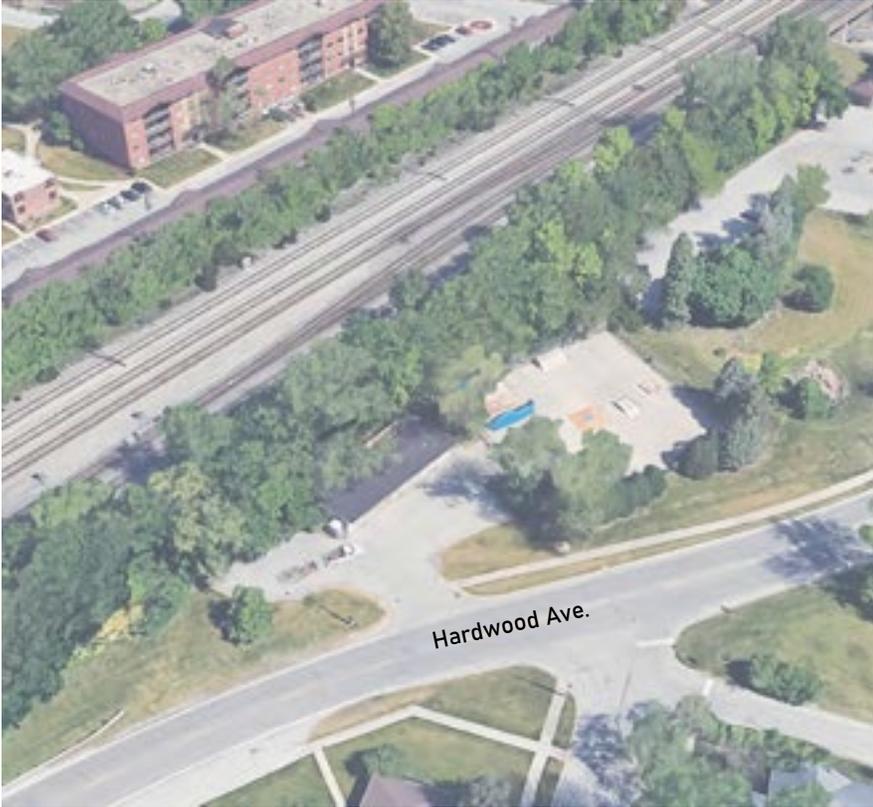
OVERALL  
Facility GRADE  
**62.2**

2024 Overall Score of Facility  
Based on Report: 100

## EVALUATION SCORE CARD

Interior/ Furn./ Finish	HVAC	Plumbing/Fire Protection	Electrical	Exterior Envelope	Security	Utilization	ADA Compliance	Parking	Architectural Quality
6.0	6.5	5.0	7.0	6.7	6.5	7.0	6.0	5.5	6.0

Located next to the eXtreme Scene Skate Park, Merchants Garage is a one story (approx. 2,300 sf) facility that serves as storage for the Park District and is a locally sanctioned graffiti art location.



## Construction Attributes

- 1960's construction
- Brick veneer over CMU walls
- Wood framed gable roof structure, roof type not apparent at time of review.
- Aluminum soffit and fascia

## Features

- Overflow parking and storage
- 3 overhead garage doors
- Uninterrupted interior footprint

## Facility Analysis

### Active Recreation

- Storage
- Graffiti Art

### Accessibility

- Reference current ADA audit for compliance on egress

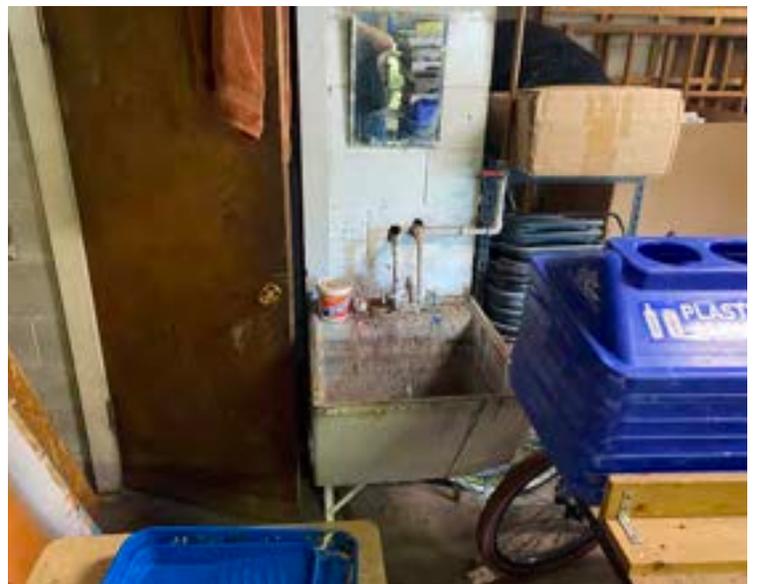
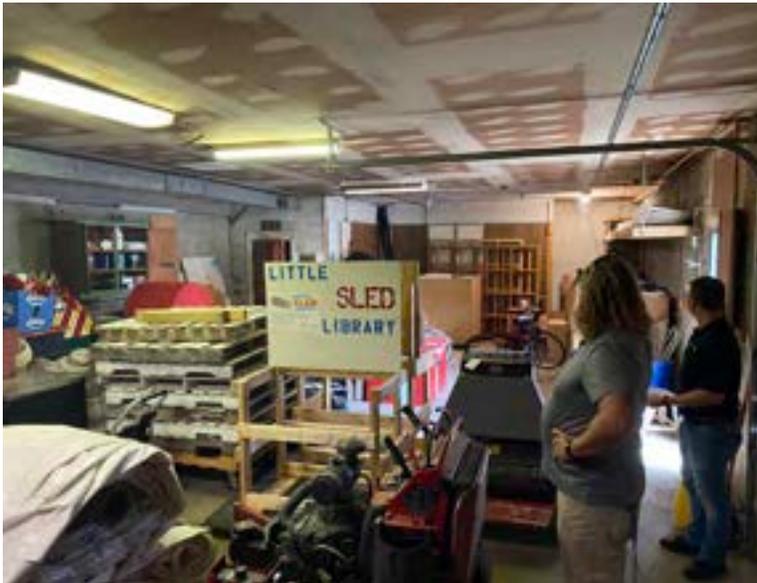
### Site Amenities

- Near Skate Park
- Graffiti Art on rear of building
- Open paved area, approximately 6 parking stalls
- On site portable toilets

## PRIORITY & RECOMMENDATIONS

- No Recommendations

# PHOTOS



# Parks Maintenance Facility

18952 Kedzie Ave., Homewood, IL

OVERALL  
Facility GRADE  
**63.5**  
2024 Overall Score of Facility  
Based on Report: 100

EVALUATION SCORE CARD	Interior / Furn./ Finish	HVAC	Plumbing/Fire Protection	Electrical	Exterior Envelope	Security	Utilization	ADA Compliance	Parking	Architectural Quality
	6.0	6.6	5.2	7.5	5.5	6.5	8.6	5.1	6.5	6.0

Located on the Coyote Run Golf Course, this single story facility includes a (approx. 8,000 sf) pre-engineered shop with mezzanine, attached to an existing (approx. 4,000 sf), former residential structure that serves as a shop, storage shed, and office for the park district's maintenance operations.



## Construction Attributes

- Wood framed former residential structure
- Attached 1970's pre-engineered steel structure with masonry exterior walls
- Aluminum gutters and downspouts

## Features

- Ample site storage
- Room for expansion on site
- Drive through shop building

## Facility Analysis

### Active Recreation

- 9 full-time staff
- +/- 29 total staff with seasonal help

### Accessibility

- Reference current ADA audit for compliance on existing facility, specifically circulation paths and access within the office area.

### Site Amenities

- Large gravel lot with access to golf course
- 4 bay covered storage bins
- 15+ parking stalls located on site

## PRIORITY & RECOMMENDATIONS

- High • Address water infiltration at expansion joint located between pre-engineered and residential structures.
- Medium • Re-roof facility to maintain weathertightness.
- Medium • Implement improvements recognized in the ADA assessment.
- Low • Consider addressing stormwater conditions in gravel parking area.

# PHOTOS



# Park Place in Flossmoor Park

2523 Flossmoor Rd., Flossmoor, IL

OVERALL  
Facility GRADE  
**62**  
2024 Overall Score of Facility  
Based on Report: 100

EVALUATION SCORE CARD	Interior/ Furn./ Finish	HVAC	Plumbing/Fire Protection	Electrical	Exterior Envelope	Security	Utilization	ADA Compliance	Parking	Architectural Quality
		7.0	7.0	6.0	7.0	6.5	6.0	5.0	5.0	5.0

Located in Flossmoor Park, Park Place is a single story facility (approx. 1,500 sf) with a basement and restrooms. The space was a former railroad warm storage facility and has donned many purposes over time, including an ice skate rental pavilion, but is currently rentable space for the park district.



## Construction Attributes

- 1920's construction
- Concrete and CMU foundation with steel and concrete floor. Stucco and board and batten covering a brick facade
- Asphalt shingle on gable roof
- Aluminum gutter and downspout

## Features

- Vaulted ceilings
- Tied to local railroad history
- Operational fireplace
- Open flexible floor plan

## Facility Analysis

### Active Recreation

- Rentable multipurpose space

### Accessibility

- Reference current ADA audit for compliance on restroom accessibility & site access and building access

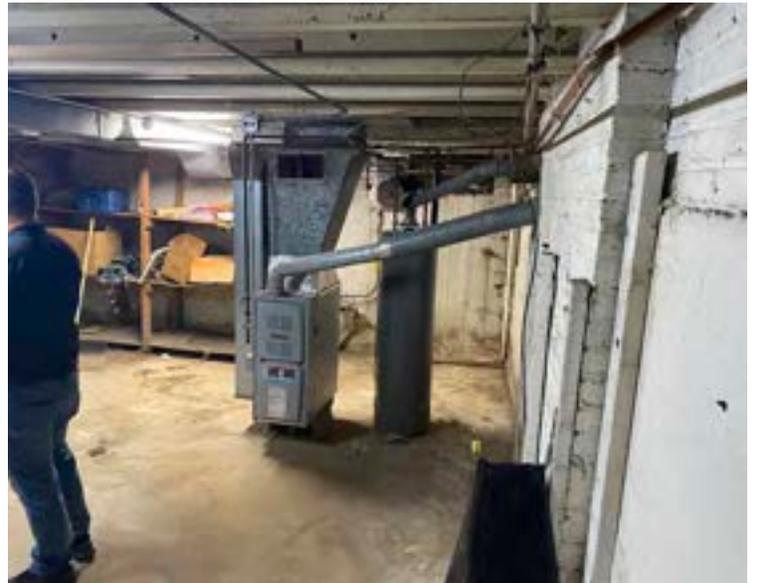
### Site Amenities

- Located within Flossmoor Park
- No on-site parking
- Direct access to green space
- Adjacent to future veterans memorial

## PRIORITY & RECOMMENDATIONS

- High • Conduct an environmental assessment to determine the presence of any hazardous materials.
- High • Create a plan to improve accessibility to the facility, including a new compliant ramp at the entry.

# PHOTOS



# The Clubhouse at Dolphin Lake

2700 183rd St., Homewood, IL

OVERALL  
Facility GRADE  
**83.6**  
2024 Overall Score of Facility  
Based on Report: 100

EVALUATION SCORE CARD	Interior/ Furn./ Finish	HVAC	Plumbing/Fire Protection	Electrical	Exterior Envelope	Security	Utilization	ADA Compliance	Parking	Architectural Quality
		8.9	8.8	9.1	8.0	8.8	7.9	7.4	8.5	8.7

The Clubhouse at Dolphin Lake is approximately 5,000 sf and consists of a rentable event room with a lobby, restrooms and kitchen/serving area, with additional storage in the basement.



## Construction Attributes

- Original bathhouse built in early 1960's
- An addition was added in 2015
- CMU with fiber cement and stone veneer cladding
- Gable roof with asphalt shingles
- Aluminium gutters and downspouts

## Features

- Abundant parking
- High ceilings
- Scenic views
- Outdoor deck space
- Formal patio

## Facility Analysis

### Active Recreation

- Rentable private space

### Accessibility

- Reference current ADA audit for compliance on site access.

### Site Amenities

- Approximately 74 parking stalls
- Dolphin Lake Park
- Landscaped site with walking path
- Playground
- Outdoor shelter with seating and grill
- Fishing

## PRIORITY & RECOMMENDATIONS

- High • Address abrupt transitions (tripping hazards) at sloped walking path to north side of building.
- High • Revise elevator sump pump discharge piping to eliminate bends and reduce the risk of backup.
- Medium • Review options to address failing window treatments within the glass.
- Low • Explore options to maximize programming at this facility.

# PHOTOS



# Administrative Analysis Summary

## Overview

An evaluation of the District's current administrative processes and procedures was conducted through in-person conversations with various administrative staff. Opportunities for improvement were identified and recommended as part of the overall planning process.

## While conducting the analysis, the following questions were asked of participating staff:

1. When you hear the words "administrative tasks", what comes to mind?
2. What's your role in the district and what administrative tasks do you perform?
3. What areas/tasks suffer due to lack of time or other resources?
4. Where does overlap exist?
5. What can be done to reduce overlap, duplication, and inefficiencies?
6. What falls through the cracks?
7. What needs to be addressed so that tasks do not go undone or unnoticed?
8. What do you think about communication as it relates to administrative tasks?
9. What should be done to simply make things better?
10. Is there anything else you would like to share?



## From the responses received, three categories of administrative improvements were identified:



# Service Analysis Summary

## Overview

On Thursday, January 16, 2025, 110% presented a “Service Analysis Workshop” to participating recreation department staff as part of the District’s Comprehensive Master Plan project.

## Why analyze park and recreation services?

As community needs and demands continue to increase, competing interests for limited and oftentimes, finite pools of resources are requiring today’s park and recreation professionals to rethink how they do business, provide services where greatest impacts can be made, avoid duplicating existing comparable services, and increase collaborative efforts. Organizations are required more than ever to leverage all available resources whenever possible and to use them in the most responsible, meaningful, and defensible ways.

## What is the park and recreation service analysis?

The Service Analysis includes a thoughtful review and evaluation of the effectiveness and efficiency of services such as activities, courses, classes, events, and rentals. Analysis results ultimately provide recommended service delivery strategies which can include either continued investment in the service, collaboration, or divestment. The analysis considers each service’s relevance and alignment with purpose; its market position; consideration of other providers which offer similar and like services; and its financial viability.

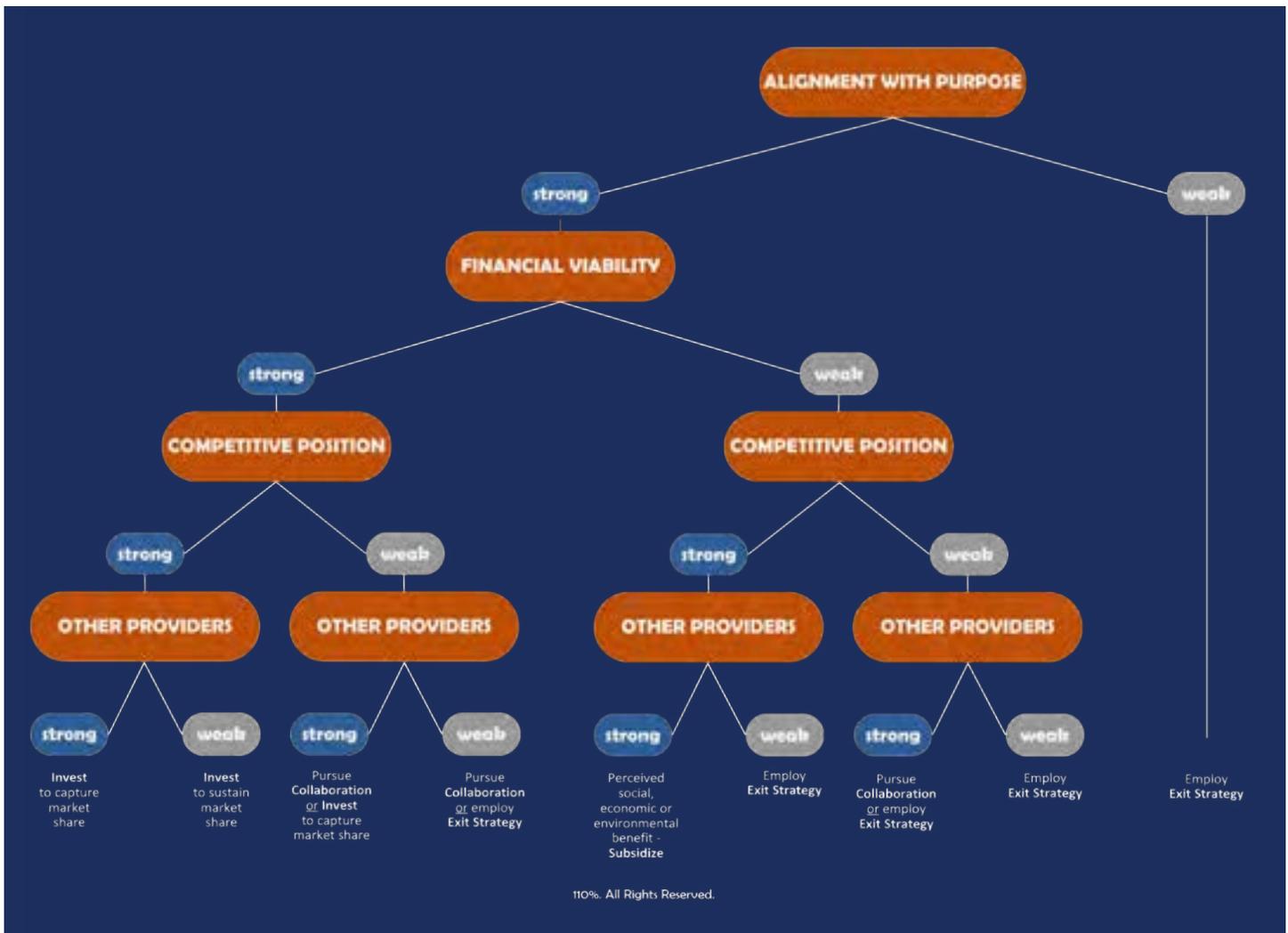
The Service Analysis is an extraordinarily valuable method that helps park and recreation professionals analyze their organization’s service inventory and best define their service “lane”. This process helps reduce duplication of services which fragment limited resources leaving all providers too weak to increase quality and effectiveness of service and brings to light the prevalent challenge which results from trying to be all things to all people and leads to mediocre or low-quality service. The end game? Deliver a more focused service menu, improve service quality, and most responsibly use finite financial resources.



## Service Analysis

The Service Analysis is built around four (4) analysis criteria which guide the evaluation of services. Analysis criteria that guide the analysis include:

1. **ALIGNMENT WITH ORGANIZATIONAL MISSION/PURPOSE:** Does the service align with the mission/purpose of the organization?
  - NOTE: If the organization's mission or purpose is not relevant or too broad or vague, it may be time for the organization to re-visit or improve the quality and relevance of its mission/purpose statement.
2. **FINANCIAL VIABILITY:** Is the service meeting its cost recovery or subsidy investment goals?
  - NOTE: If the service does not have cost recovery or subsidy investment goals, the organization may consider evaluating the service's financial viability based upon whether it is currently recovering all of its costs (direct and indirect).
3. **COMPETITIVE POSITION:** Is the service currently or reasonably able to be provided at a high level of service given available resources (i.e., funds, staff, facilities)? Is the target market interested in the service and if so, to what degree?
4. **OTHER PROVIDERS:** Do other service providers exist in the community or region that provide similar or like services creating competition for market share? What is their reach and market share in contrast to that of the organization?



# Financial Sustainability Analysis Summary

## OVERVIEW AND PHILOSOPHY

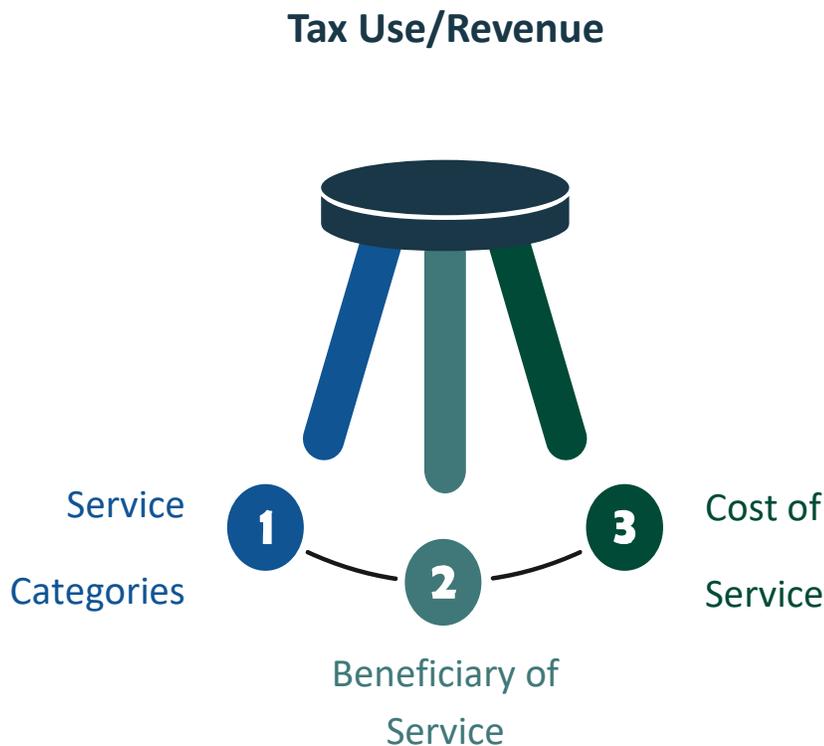
This Plan's scope of work extended beyond a conventional comprehensive master planning effort to evaluate the costs of doing business so that there is a solid understanding of how taxpayer dollars are being spent and invested so that future financial decision making continues to be as informed as possible.

High-performing park and recreation agencies seek out and embrace responsible financial and service management practices. They actively understand the cost of doing business, identify cost savings, seek out partnerships that have reciprocal benefits, divest of services that do not align with the mission or waste resources, and generate revenues when and where appropriate to reinvest in important and often underfunded services, maintain infrastructure, and relieve pressure on taxpayer resources. Ultimately, they possess a financial sustainability philosophy that provides a foundation from which all investment and spending decisions and funding strategies are built.

## DESIGNING THE HFPD FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY

110%'s Financial Sustainability Strategy, illustrated by the process' Three-legged Stool, builds on the philosophy of Parks and Reconomics® - how parks and recreation organizations manage their finite financial resources.

The District embraced this charge and the exercise of creating a financial sustainability strategy for its parks and recreation services by following these principle steps.



# Financial Sustainability

## **BENEFICIARY OF SERVICE**

The development of categories which include services that are alike in “purpose” is important when it comes to justifiable and equitable allocation of subsidy, cost recovery levels, and assignment of budget and general ledger lines to account for a category’s fiscal performance. The benefits of this type of approach are two-fold:

1. It is inefficient for the District to determine cost recovery expectations by each individual service including facility, activity, or event
2. Categorizing by “type of service” or “likeness of service” discourages attempts to determine fees and charges (and therefore cost recovery decisions) based upon special interests, age-based services, or individual values.

Service Categories are listed in order from those perceived to be Common Good Services (#1) to those seen as providing a more Exclusive Benefit (#12).

Common Good Services or cause and purpose driven services intend to impact social, economic, and environmental issues and needs and align with the fundamental purpose and mission of the District. Typically, there are no like services provided by the non-profit/Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) or private sectors.

Exclusive Benefit Services or specialized services, intend to serve personal interests. Typically, there is competition with the non-profit/ Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) and private sectors which offer like services.

- Common Good Services (justification for greater subsidy investment)
  - Community building
  - Provides accessibility to marginalized/under-represented populations
  - Broad appeal to a wide audience
  - Services contribute to greater equity, cultural awareness, and make EVERYONE’s life better
- Exclusive Benefit Services (justification for greater cost recovery expectations)
  - Individualized, special interest
  - Requires higher competency/ability level to participate
  - Specialized activities
  - Individualized services are often accessible outside of the parks and recreation system

# Financial Sustainability– Service Categories

## **Advanced-Competitive Level Activities**

Classes, clinics, workshops, and various instructed and/or led activities with the participant's primary goal being to master a skill and/or participate in a competitive environment. [Examples: Level 4 Swim, Tennis Tournaments, Basketball/Volleyball Leagues, Pickleball Leagues, Advanced Skating, Youth Hockey League]

## **Beginner-Introductory Level Activities**

Classes, clinics, workshops, and various instructed and/or led activities providing the participant the ability to learn a new skill and/or acquire the foundations for new skill development. [Examples: Learn to Skate, Level 1 Swim, Ladies Who Lift, Start/Restart Tennis, Basketball 101, Intro to Dance]

## **Community Events**

Annual events intended to appeal to broad interests and are available for a majority of the community. Community events are designed to be inclusive of all ages and not limited by family composition or ability. [Brew and View, Holiday Lights, Stars & Stripes Social, National Hot Dog Day, Lighted Trail, Pride Fest]

## **Community Support Services**

Services designed to support individuals as they navigate and overcome various economic and social challenges. [AARP Tax Prep, Heating and Cooling Shelters, Scholarship Fund]

## **Drop-in Activities**

Self-directed activities which do not require registration but do include some level of supervision or oversight by staff and/or volunteers. [Examples: Hiking Club, Walking Groups, Open Gym, Bingo, Dog Park, Art in the Park, Pickleball Open Play, Open Skate, Stick and Puck]

## **Enrichment & Non-Skilled Activities**

Classes, clinics, workshops, and various instructed and/or led activities that include educational components and designed to enhance personal development and growth. [Preschool, Before/After School Program, Day Camps, Nature Hikes, Diversity Story Hour, Cooking Classes, World Language Classes]

## **Personalized Services**

Private or semi-private activities and instruction offered in one on one or small group settings. [Personal Training, Swim Private Lessons, Skating Private Lessons, Massage Therapy]

## **Rentals**

Facility and park space reservations for exclusive use by individuals or groups. [Facility/Room Rentals, Shelter Rentals, Ball Field Rentals, Birthday Party Packages, Indoor Court Reservations, Party Equipment Rentals]

## **Retail & Consumables**

Merchandise, food and beverage items available for purchase at various facilities. [Pro Shop Items/Services, Plant Sales, Food and Beverage Items]

## **Self-Directed/Open Access Activities**

Access to parks, park amenities, and/or recreation facilities which do not require instruction, supervision, or oversight by staff or volunteers. [Skate Park, Playgrounds, Trails, Outdoor Tennis/Pickleball, Sport Fields, Basketball Courts].

# Financial Sustainability- Service Categories

## Special Interest Events

Services designed for specific markets or interests. [Senior Trips, Flashlight Hunts, Wine Down Wednesday, Paint & Sips, High Ropes Day, Trick or Treat Trail]

## Specialized Business Services

Services that are commercial in nature and whose operations align most with those offered by the non-profit and/or private sectors. [Golf Course]

## SPECIALIZED BUSINESS SERVICES SERVICE CATEGORIES (Golf Course)

Beginner-Introductory Level Activities

Classes, clinics, workshops, and various instructed and/or led activities providing the participant the ability to learn a new skill and/or acquire the foundations for new skill development. [Examples: Intro to Golf Lessons]

## Drop-in Activities

Self-directed activities which do not require registration but do include some level of supervision or oversight by staff and/or volunteers. [Examples: Tee Times, Driving Range, Drop-in League]

## Rentals

Facility and park space reservations for exclusive use by individuals or groups. [Examples: Wiley's Facility Rentals, Golf Outings, Bocce Court Rentals, Pull Carts, Rental Clubs]

## Personalized Services

Private or semi-private activities and instruction offered in one on one or small group settings. [Examples: Private Golf Lessons]

## Retail & Consumables

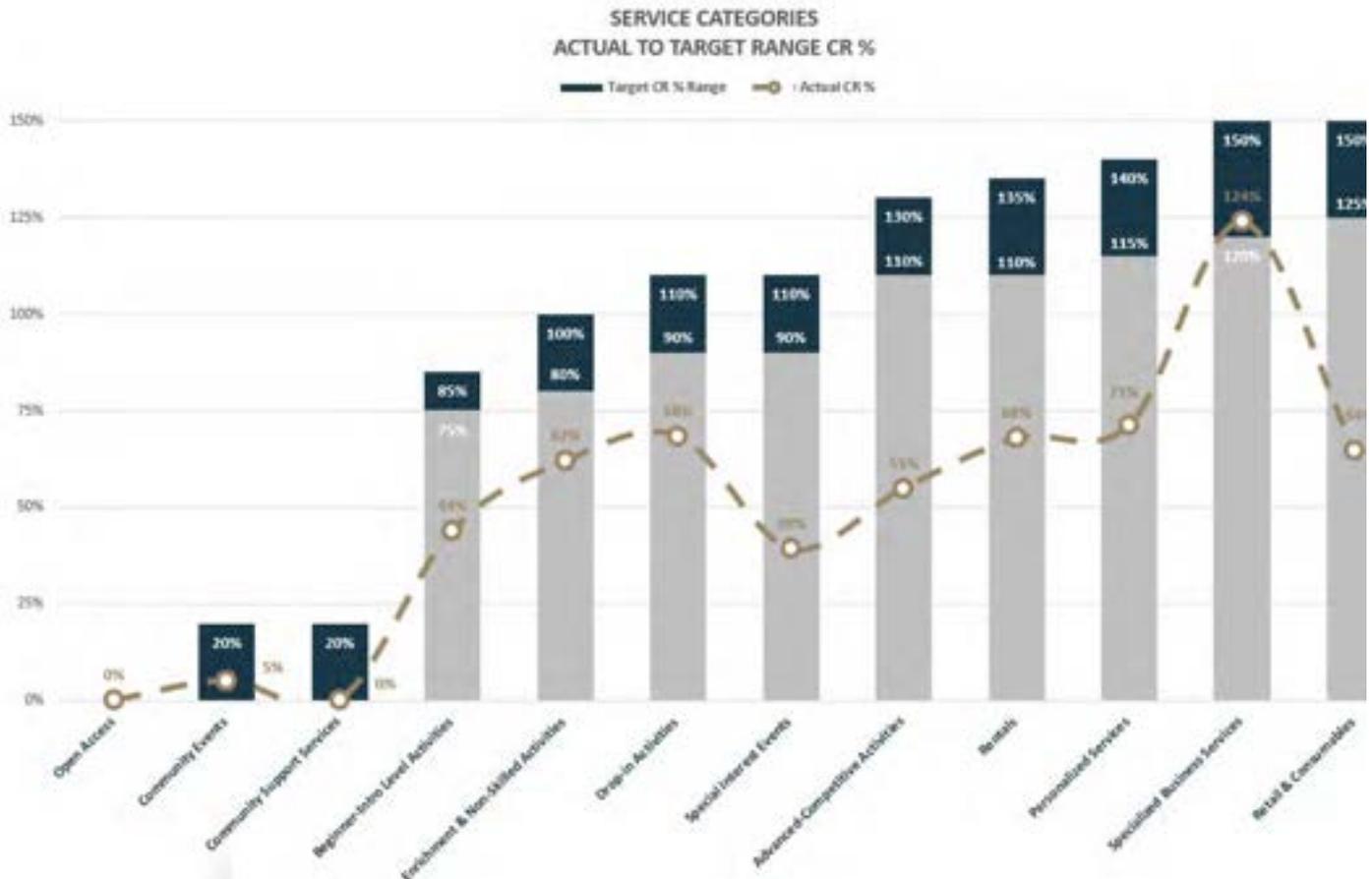
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# Financial Sustainability- Cost of Service

## ANALYSIS OVERVIEW

Completion of an operational cost-of-service analysis allowed the District to understand its cost-of-service of doing business, ultimately revealing each service’s cost recovery and subsidy investment level. Operational revenues (fees and charges, sponsorships, grants, donations), direct costs (expenses associated with the delivery of a service; without the service, the cost would not exist) and indirect costs (expenses that would exist with or without the provision of any one service) that the District provided were captured and attributed to all services as part of this work, providing several insights that would inform the design and development of the District’s Tax Use/Revenue Generation Strategy.

NOTE: Capital expenses, which are a large portion of the District’s total budget, were not included as they do not relate to the cost-of-service delivery.



## Process

The consulting team worked closely with the HFPD team to ensure all expenses and services were identified, and to develop meaningful divisions, facility, and park areas to facilitate the appropriate attribution of expenses to services. The result is a clear picture of the total cost-of-service guiding the development of cost recovery/subsidy investment goals.

## Results

Results of the analysis provide a comprehensive review of fiscal year 2024, encompassing May 1, 2023 – April 30, 2024. The full results from the analysis and interactive features are available in the Cost-of-Service Results excel file provided separately. Selected results from the analysis are included below.

# Financial Sustainability- Cost of Service

## Combined

Service Category	Stats		Expenses				Subsidy Subsidy Amount	Cost Recovery Results		
	Participations/ Quantity Total	Total Revenue	Direct - Service	Direct - Facility	Indirect	Total Expense		Cost Recovery %	Cost Recovery Goal (Mill)	Variance From Goal
Community Events	2,399	\$ 4,798	\$ 33,121	\$ 1,468	\$ 23,099	\$ 84,215	\$ 79,270	94%	10%	⬆️ -5%
Community Support Services	--	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	0%	10%	⬆️ -10%
Beginner Intro Level Activities	4,314	\$ 86,281	\$ 382,091	\$ 194,564	\$ 308,129	\$ 874,795	\$ 495,812	64%	80%	⬆️ -16%
Enrichment & Non-Skilled Activities	3,138	\$ 314,295	\$ 395,655	\$ 382,883	\$ 452,309	\$ 1,189,847	\$ 645,555	62%	90%	⬆️ -28%
Drop-In Activities	15,509	\$ 1,818,196	\$ 292,081	\$ 671,570	\$ 525,394	\$ 1,493,045	\$ 472,975	68%	100%	⬆️ -32%
Special Interest Events	1,422	\$ 23,493	\$ 27,140	\$ 8,234	\$ 19,273	\$ 54,689	\$ 33,234	99%	100%	⬆️ -1%
Advanced-Competitive Activities	6,462	\$ 344,349	\$ 253,889	\$ 152,321	\$ 221,375	\$ 627,584	\$ 282,985	55%	120%	⬆️ -65%
Rentals	3,526	\$ 1,368,738	\$ 703,547	\$ 307,863	\$ 409,241	\$ 1,420,651	\$ 602,334	68%	123%	⬆️ -55%
Personalized Services	5,738	\$ 269,122	\$ 134,081	\$ 53,948	\$ 182,265	\$ 290,238	\$ 83,092	75%	120%	⬆️ -45%
Specialized Business Services	97,001	\$ 2,832,796	\$ 1,285,798	\$ 693,156	\$ 111,269	\$ 2,090,265	\$ 1,544,711	124%	110%	⬆️ -14%
Retail & Consumables	10,117	\$ 396,892	\$ 97,038	\$ 18,834	\$ 38,801	\$ 164,673	\$ 59,340	64%	100%	⬆️ -36%
<b>Total by Service Category</b>	<b>119,612</b>	<b>\$ 4,913,238</b>	<b>\$ 3,024,108</b>	<b>\$ 1,444,898</b>	<b>\$ 2,042,367</b>	<b>\$ 6,511,475</b>	<b>\$ 2,881,286</b>	<b>78%</b>		
Open Access	--	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 398,409	\$ 494,456	\$ 1,463,848	\$ 1,463,848	0%	0%	0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>119,612</b>	<b>\$ 4,913,238</b>	<b>\$ 3,024,108</b>	<b>\$ 1,843,307</b>	<b>\$ 2,536,823</b>	<b>\$ 7,975,323</b>	<b>\$ 4,345,134</b>	<b>67%</b>		

## Excluding Specialized Business Services

Service Category	Stats		Expenses				Subsidy Subsidy Amount	Cost Recovery Results		
	Participations/ Quantity Total	Total Revenue	Direct - Service	Direct - Facility	Indirect	Total Expense		Cost Recovery %	Cost Recovery Goal (Mill)	Variance From Goal
Community Events	2,399	\$ 4,798	\$ 33,121	\$ 280	\$ 23,012	\$ 82,413	\$ 79,223	94%	10%	⬆️ -5%
Community Support Services	--	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	0%	10%	⬆️ -10%
Beginner Intro Level Activities	4,314	\$ 86,421	\$ 382,091	\$ 194,564	\$ 308,129	\$ 874,795	\$ 495,904	64%	80%	⬆️ -16%
Enrichment & Non-Skilled Activities	3,138	\$ 314,295	\$ 395,655	\$ 382,883	\$ 452,409	\$ 1,189,949	\$ 645,647	62%	90%	⬆️ -28%
Drop-In Activities	15,509	\$ 1,818,196	\$ 292,081	\$ 671,570	\$ 525,397	\$ 1,493,348	\$ 472,975	68%	100%	⬆️ -32%
Special Interest Events	1,422	\$ 23,493	\$ 27,140	\$ 8,230	\$ 19,239	\$ 54,579	\$ 33,149	99%	100%	⬆️ -1%
Advanced-Competitive Activities	6,462	\$ 344,349	\$ 253,889	\$ 152,321	\$ 221,325	\$ 627,565	\$ 282,937	55%	120%	⬆️ -65%
Rentals	3,526	\$ 1,368,738	\$ 703,547	\$ 307,863	\$ 409,241	\$ 1,420,626	\$ 602,327	68%	123%	⬆️ -55%
Personalized Services	5,738	\$ 269,122	\$ 134,081	\$ 53,948	\$ 182,269	\$ 290,238	\$ 83,036	75%	120%	⬆️ -45%
Specialized Business Services	--	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	0%	100%	⬆️ -100%
Retail & Consumables	10,117	\$ 396,892	\$ 97,038	\$ 18,834	\$ 38,801	\$ 164,676	\$ 59,334	64%	100%	⬆️ -36%
<b>Total by Service Category</b>	<b>82,009</b>	<b>\$ 4,081,414</b>	<b>\$ 2,538,638</b>	<b>\$ 1,792,442</b>	<b>\$ 2,536,852</b>	<b>\$ 6,827,504</b>	<b>\$ 2,546,089</b>	<b>62%</b>		
Open Access	--	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 398,409	\$ 494,456	\$ 1,463,848	\$ 1,463,848	0%	0%	0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>82,009</b>	<b>\$ 4,081,414</b>	<b>\$ 2,538,638</b>	<b>\$ 2,190,851</b>	<b>\$ 3,031,308</b>	<b>\$ 8,291,352</b>	<b>\$ 4,010,937</b>	<b>10%</b>		

## Specialized Business Services

Service Category	Stats		Expenses				Subsidy Subsidy Amount	Cost Recovery Results		
	Participations/ Quantity Total	Total Revenue	Direct - Service	Direct - Facility	Indirect	Total Expense		Cost Recovery %	Cost Recovery Goal (Mill)	Variance From Goal
Beginner Intro Level Activities	4,314	\$ 86,421	\$ 382,091	\$ 194,564	\$ 308,129	\$ 874,795	\$ 495,904	64%	80%	⬆️ -16%
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<b>Total by Service Category</b>	<b>47,001</b>	<b>\$ 2,832,796</b>	<b>\$ 1,285,798</b>	<b>\$ 693,156</b>	<b>\$ 111,269</b>	<b>\$ 2,090,265</b>	<b>\$ 1,544,711</b>	<b>124%</b>		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>47,001</b>	<b>\$ 2,832,796</b>	<b>\$ 1,285,798</b>	<b>\$ 693,156</b>	<b>\$ 111,269</b>	<b>\$ 2,090,265</b>	<b>\$ 1,544,711</b>	<b>124%</b>		

## Expense Insights

Expense insights provide context and a greater understanding of how the District spends its operational budget. Results below detail the District and category breakdown.

Division Summary	Amount	% of Total
Administration	\$ 1,208,592	11.71%
Corporate	\$ 1,466,754	14.21%
Ice Arena	\$ 855,681	8.29%
Irons Oaks	\$ 627,633	6.08%
Golf Course	\$ 2,289,276	22.38%
Recapit & Fitness Club	\$ 1,576,280	15.27%
Recreation	\$ 2,073,628	20.09%
Improvement	\$ 221,578	2.15%
<b>Total Department</b>	<b>\$ 10,319,421</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

Expense Category Summary	Amount	% of Total
Personnel	\$ 6,207,105	60.15%
Office & Administrative	\$ 446,504	4.33%
Operations & Maintenance	\$ 1,906,831	18.48%
Utilities	\$ 550,383	5.33%
Liability	\$ 224,447	2.17%
Worker's Comp	\$ 56,786	0.55%
Audit	\$ 24,572	0.24%
IMRF	\$ 342,402	3.32%
FICA/Medicare	\$ 374,289	3.63%
Special Recreation	\$ 186,095	1.80%
<b>Total Department</b>	<b>\$ 10,319,421</b>	<b>100.00%</b>



## Chapter 3

# Priorities



# Priorities

The Homewood-Flossmoor Park District's Comprehensive Master Plan is a critical document that provides a roadmap to guide development, management and operations for the future of the entire district. The following priorities arose over months of engagement, analysis and discussion with district staff, board and community. These priority goals based on community needs are aimed to guide future progress, and along with recommended actions each are geared to align with the Park District's Mission:

**To enhance the quality of life through diverse and inclusive recreational opportunities, facilities and parks while caring for the environment.**



# EFFECTIVE COMMUNITY PROGRAMS & EVENTS

## Strategies

After evaluating services based on the Service Analysis method and tool, one of four recommended operational strategies are suggested as an implementation tactic. These include:

### INVEST

Invest provides an opportunity for revenue enhancement, thus, positioning the organization to distribute excess revenues to subsidize “common good” services, or to enhance exclusive services that can increase financial return on investment.

### COLLABORATE

Collaborate to eliminate unnecessary duplication of services. Collaboration results in efficient and effective use of finite resources.

### SUBSIDIZE

Subsidize so that investments can continue to be made to a greater “common good” producing broader and far-reaching benefits for the entire community.

### EXIT

Exit allows for the reallocation of savings to subsidize “common good” services or to enhance exclusive services that may provide for increased financial return on investment.

## General Recommendations

Complete **annual evaluation of programs** by applying the Service Analysis method and tool. Recommended focus areas for preliminary analysis should include those services that are furthest from their **cost recovery/subsidy investment goals** (per the results of the cost-of-service analysis and the District’s Financial Sustainability Strategy).

Until a thorough analysis of the District’s current service menu has been conducted for efficiency and effectiveness, there should be **no new services added to the service menu** (exception: services that are intentionally designed to influence community inequities).

As the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District community’s needs and demands continue to change and likely increase, competing interests for limited and oftentimes, finite pools of resources will require district staff to rethink how they do business, provide services where greatest impacts can be made, avoid duplicating existing comparable services, and increase collaborative efforts. Organizations are required more than ever to **leverage all available resources whenever possible** and to use them in the most responsible, meaningful, and defensible ways.



# ENGAGING & SUPPORTIVE WORK ENVIRONMENT



## Analyze Task Overlaps (e.g., management of rentals)

1. **Create an Inventory of Tasks and Roles:** Start by listing out all the administrative tasks and roles within the District. This includes everything from scheduling to data entry. You may wish to begin with one area and then expand the list.
2. **Gather Data:** Collect information on how these tasks are currently assigned and performed. This might involve reviewing job descriptions, observing daily workflows, or conducting interviews with administrative staff.
3. **Map Workflows:** Create a visual map or flowchart of how tasks move through the administrative processes. This helps in understanding where overlaps or redundancies might occur.
4. **Compare Responsibilities:** Compare the responsibilities assigned to different roles or individuals. Look for tasks that multiple people might be doing, or areas where one person's responsibilities might overlap with another's.
5. **Assess Efficiency:** Evaluate the efficiency of current workflows. Are there bottlenecks caused by overlaps? Are there tasks that could be consolidated or streamlined?
6. **Implement Changes:** Based on the analysis, implement changes to optimize task assignment and reduce overlaps. This might involve reallocating responsibilities, redefining job roles, or introducing new tools or processes to improve efficiency.
7. **Monitor and Adjust:** Continuously monitor the impact of changes made. Gather feedback from administrative staff to see how well the adjustments are working and make further refinements as needed.



## Clarify Roles, Responsibilities and Assign Accountability

1. **Schedule one-on-one meetings or team workshops to align expectations.**
  - Involve supervisors, administrative staff, and relevant team members to get a full understanding of what's expected and what's currently happening as it relates to task management.
  - Conduct interviews or facilitated discussions to gather input.
2. **Create a matrix showing roles, tasks, and current coverage, highlighting gaps and overlaps.**
  - Compare existing responsibilities and identify tasks with unclear ownership or duplicated efforts.
  - Determine if any tasks are missing from job descriptions or are consistently falling through the cracks.
  - Create a Responsibility Assignment Matrix (RACI) to clarify roles:  
R: Responsible (person doing the task)  
A: Accountable (person ensuring the task is completed)  
C: Consulted (provides input)  
I: Informed (kept updated on progress)
3. **Write or revise job descriptions,** ensuring they are specific, concise, and aligned with organizational goals.
  - Update job descriptions to reflect current tasks, skills, and reporting relationships.
  - Clarify scope of responsibilities for each role, focusing on accountability and primary ownership of tasks.
4. **Create a training plan** focused on core administrative skills and task management tools.
  - Ensure staff have the tools, skills, and support needed to fulfill their responsibilities.
  - Offer training to fill any skill gaps.
5. **Develop performance metrics** related to task accountability and incorporate them into performance reviews.
  - Link task accountability to individual performance evaluations.
  - Recognize and reward effective task management and problem-solving.



## Implement and/or Maximize Existing Task Management Tools

1. **Conduct a survey or team discussion** to assess current tool usage and unmet needs.

- Assess the tools currently in use (e.g., Trello, Monday.com, Microsoft Planner).
- Identify gaps—are certain features underutilized, or are there tasks managed outside the tool (via email, spreadsheets)?
- Determine team needs (task tracking, collaboration, notifications, reporting).

2. **Create a short list of outcomes and features** to focus on.

- Define needs to be accomplished by using task management tools to improve accountability, reduce missed deadlines, increase transparency, etc.
- Prioritize key features such as project timelines, reminders, task delegation, and progress tracking.

3. **Provide Training and Support**

- Train the team on how to use the tool effectively, focusing on essential features.
- Offer ongoing support and encourage the sharing of tips or new use cases.



## Develop Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)

1. **Prioritize which tasks need SOPs** based on frequency, complexity, and importance.

2. Using the task inventory, **write a brief introduction for each SOP** explaining its purpose and when to use it. Clearly outline why each SOP is necessary (to ensure consistency, reduce errors, and/or improve efficiency).

- Define the scope—what the SOP covers, who it's for, and any limitations.

3. Use a process-mapping tool or flowchart to **visually break down each task into steps**.

- Work with staff to document each step of the task.
- Be specific, using simple, actionable language. Avoid jargon and keep steps clear and concise.

4. **Add a “Roles and Responsibilities” section to each SOP**.

- Clarify who is responsible for each step in the process.
- Include information on approvals, deadlines, and handoffs.

5. **Create a resource library** linked to the SOPs for quick access to tools and templates.

- Reference relevant **software, tools, and forms** used in the process.
- Provide links to templates, checklists, or supporting documents.

6. Add a **“Troubleshooting” or “Tips for Success”** section at the end of each SOP.

- Add common issues and solutions, along with best practices.
- Make the SOP practical and easy to follow, even for new employees.

7. **Pilot the SOP** with a small group and refine it before full implementation.

- Share the draft SOP with staff for review and testing.
- Ensure the steps are accurate and easy to follow. Adjust as needed based on feedback.

8. **Create an SOP template** for consistent documentation.

- Use a consistent format for all SOPs to ensure readability and easy navigation.
- Include headings such as Purpose, Scope, Roles, Procedures, and References.

9. **Host a training session** and provide a digital handbook with all SOPs.

- Roll out the SOPs to the team with a formal training session.
- Ensure all administrative support staff knows where to access the SOPs and how to use them.

10. Assign a person or team to **review SOPs every 6-12 months**.

- Schedule regular reviews to ensure the SOPs remain relevant.
- Update them as processes, tools, or roles change.



## Strengthen Collaboration

1. **Enhance cross-team coordination.**
  - Foster collaboration between administrative staff and operations and administrative teams to streamline workflows and improve support for frontline services.
2. **Improve internal communication.**
  - Implement clear, consistent, and efficient communication methods (e.g., shared calendars, project management tools, regular check-ins) to ensure all departments stay informed and aligned.
3. **Facilitate knowledge sharing.**
  - Encourage documentation of best practices, internal training, and mentorship opportunities within the administrative team to enhance collective efficiency and adaptability.
4. **Champion a collaborative culture.**
  - Promote a culture of teamwork and mutual support by fostering open dialogue, encouraging cross-functional problem-solving, and recognizing contributions.



## Develop Communication Cadences

1. **Hold periodic check-ins** or status meetings (minimally quarterly) for all administrative support staff to review progress, address gaps and keep all team members aligned on priorities, deadlines, and procedural updates.
2. Create a one-stop shop for **news, policies, and updates** (e.g., intranet, info desk kiosks and boards).
3. Schedule **annual check-ins** with administrative support staff to evaluate and monitor task management processes and adjust as needed for improvement.

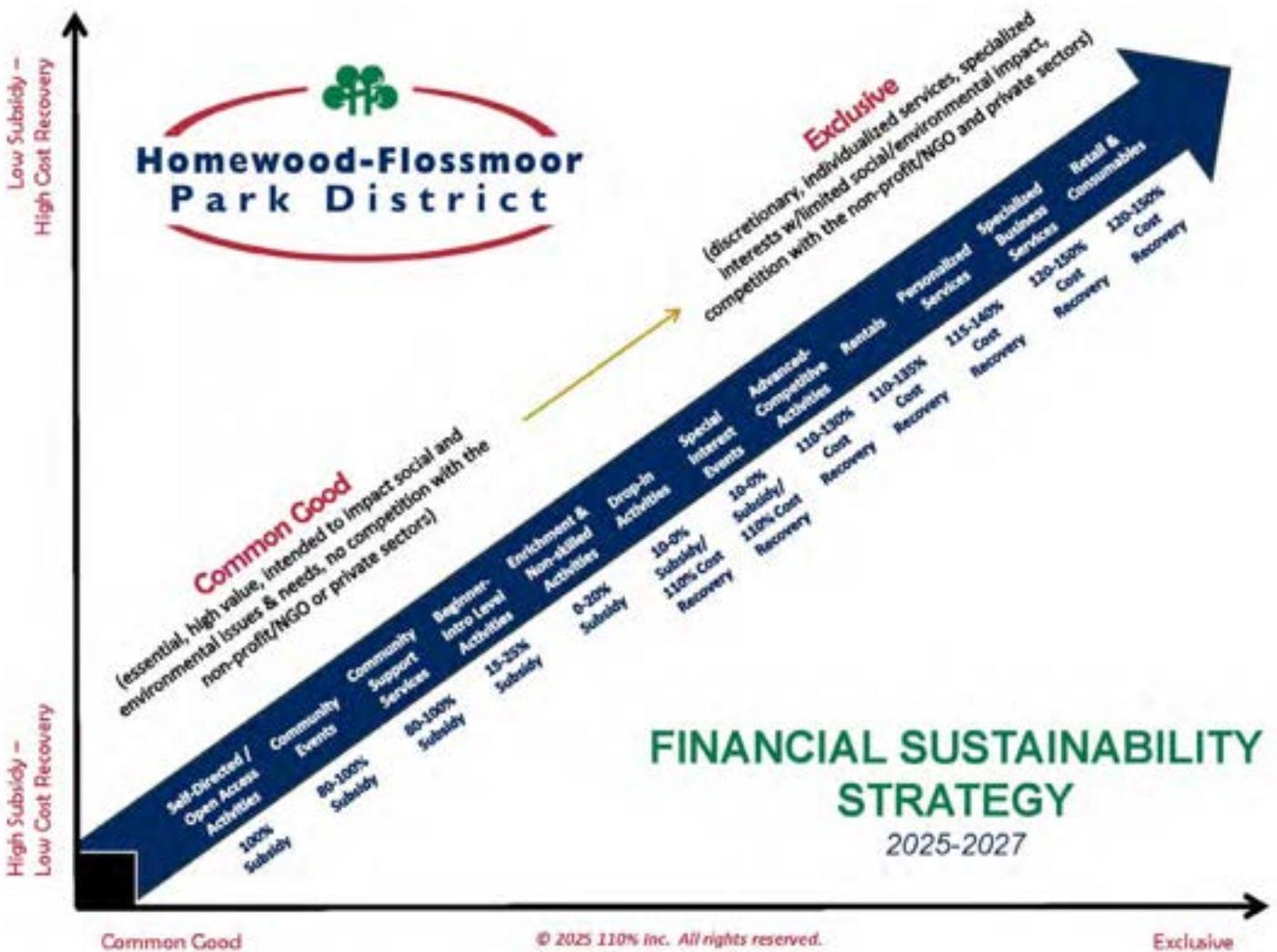


# DISTRICTWIDE FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

## Financial Sustainability Strategy

The District's tax use and revenue generation approach is illustrated as a **Financial Sustainability Strategy Continuum** presenting the degree to which financial resources will be spent and expenses will be recovered and managed. This strategy shifts from one which suggests that all services should be provided at no or low cost for everyone to an **equitable philosophy** where subsidy allocation decisions are based upon "beneficiary of service". In this conceptualization, each type of service has a set of specific characteristics that provide a rationale for who should pay (e.g., taxpayers, the individual, or both) and to what degree. Ultimately, this aligns **subsidy allocation, cost recovery goals and expectations** with beneficiary of service. The three-year Financial Sustainability Strategy includes the District's Service Categories and cost recovery/subsidy goals and expectations.

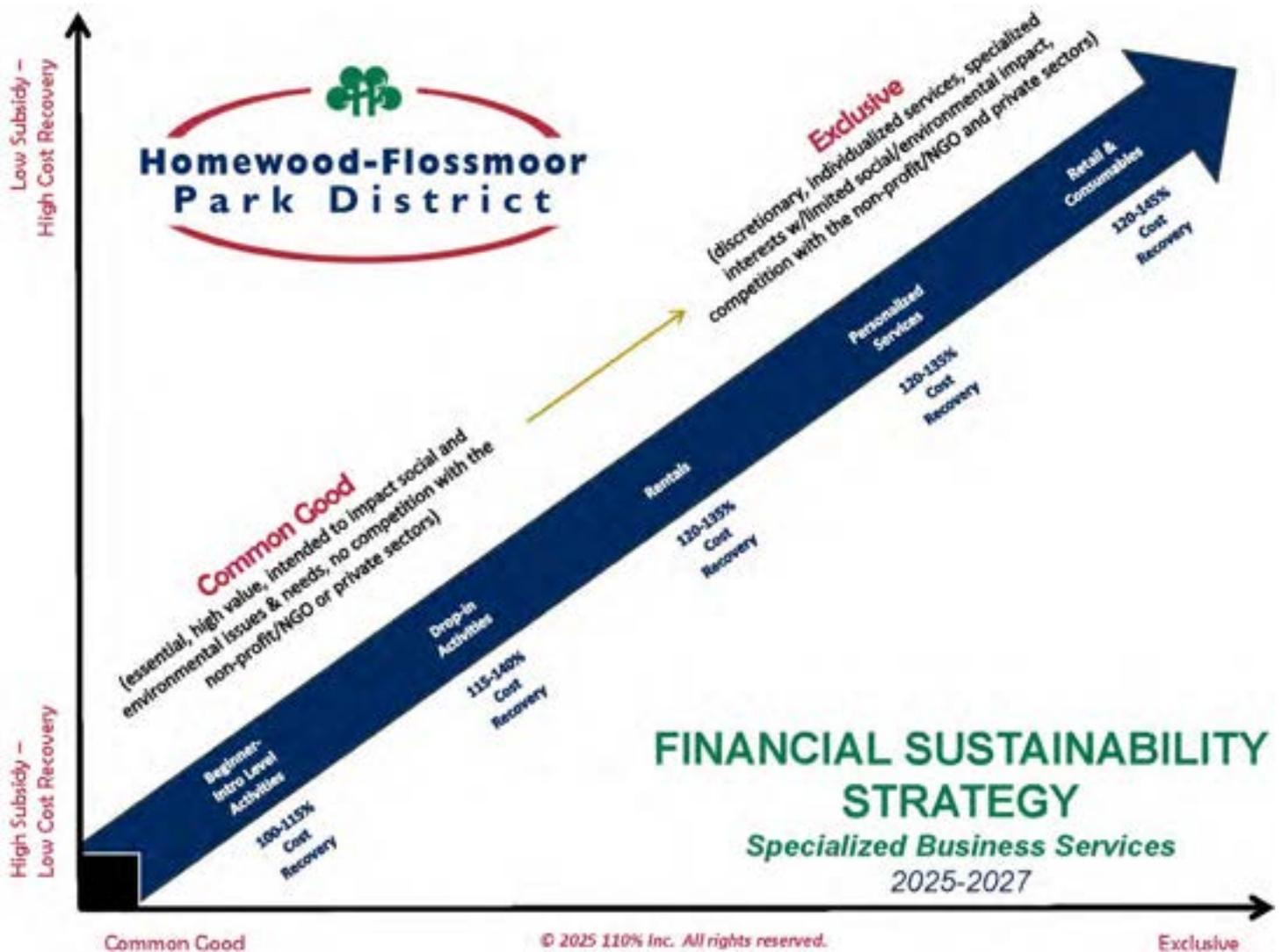
## Combined



## Financial Sustainability Strategy Policy

The Financial Sustainability Policy serves as a foundational guide for aligning service categories, beneficiary of service and the district's investment and spending decisions with its long-term vision of financial sustainability. The draft policy (included as Appendix) establishes the policy's purpose, clear principles for how the district will address cost recovery and subsidy spending, as well as other operational decisions. By adopting this policy, the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District affirms its commitment to transparency, accountability, and the responsible use of taxpayer funds. It ensures that future decisions are made with consistency, purpose, and a focus on maintaining quality services for generations to come.

## Specialized Business Services



# MAINTAINED PARKS AND FACILITIES

## Parks and Facilities

Parks and Facilities are the backbone of the District. They provide the infrastructure on which great programs, events and memorable experiences are built. While residents are overall satisfied with the open spaces, improvements and maintenance were identified.

Rising maintenance costs have strained budgets and created backlogs of deferred maintenance within the district. This trend is impacting state and local parks across the country. The following recommendations are aimed at updating aging parks and facilities to meet current standards, create efficiencies to assist with future renovations and utilize local, state and federal support where necessary to achieve these goals. A ten-year capital plan follows this section.

## RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Address deferred maintenance at parks and facilities.
2. Strengthen land stewardship
  - i. Incorporate more native perennials and shrubs into ornamental landscapes.
  - ii. Convert areas to native prairie/meadow landscape where possible.
  - iii. Integrate green infrastructure and green technologies where possible during design and renovations to improve the park district's climate resiliency.
3. Prioritize inclusivity
  - i. Incorporate accessible design, sensory and inclusive play, and a variety of park activities.
  - ii. Incorporate pathway and walking loops in parks where possible for recreation as well as providing accessible routes to amenities.
  - iii. Engage communities in planning.
4. Improve efficiencies
  - i. Standardize equipment (drinking fountains) and site furniture.
  - ii. Develop community partners to engage in maintenance and upkeep of parks.
  - iii. Combine maintenance and repairs at parks and utilize grants where applicable to address entire park renovations for cost savings.
  - iv. Upgrade facilities to improve energy efficiency.
5. Balance growth
  - i. Consider land acquisition when available and appropriate to meet needs.
  - ii. Apply for grant programs to assist District in supporting capital expenditures.
  - iii. Create park master plans through thoughtful community engagement and assessment of need. Utilize master plans to guide development and aging amenities' replacement with appropriate new features. For example, not all amenities need to be replaced in kind; some areas may be better served with removal of existing.

# RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY

## EFFECTIVE COMMUNITY PROGRAMS & EVENTS

### RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Complete annual evaluations of programs by applying the Service Analysis method and tool so services align with the District's Financial sustainability strategy.
2. Evaluate existing partnerships and agreements: Collaborations should be advantageous relationships that position participating organizations to utilize resources efficiently for cost-effective service delivery.
3. Identify new Partnership opportunities and agreements.

## ENGAGING & SUPPORTIVE WORK ENVIRONMENT

### RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Create an Administrative Action plan to implement recommendations from the Administrative Analysis.
2. Analyze task overlaps to improve efficiencies.
3. Improve team communication by clarifying roles, responsibilities and assign accountability.
4. Implement and maximize existing management tools.
5. Develop standard operating procedures.
6. Strengthen collaboration.
7. Develop communication cadences.

## DISTRICTWIDE FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

### RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Adopt a financial sustainability policy for aligning service categories, beneficiary of service and the district's investment and spending decisions with its long-term vision of financial sustainability.

## MAINTAINED PARKS & FACILITIES

### RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Address deferred maintenance.
2. Strengthen land stewardship.
3. Prioritize inclusivity.
4. Improve efficiencies.
5. Balance growth.

# Capital Plan 2025-2035

## Overview

One of the priorities for the District set forth as a foundation for this plan was "District Wide Financial Sustainability". The capital plan aims to address current capital improvements that are needed while sticking to a realistic timeline that is feasible for the District.

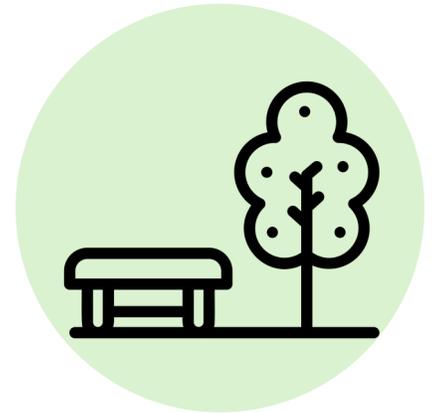
The recommendations in the capital plan were an outcome of the engagement and analysis processes outlined in the previous portions of this Master Plan. Items listed are priorities that are recommended to be addressed within the next 10 years. Recommendations are color coded to indicate that they are related to either planning, facilities, or parks as shown below.



**Planning**



**Facilities**



**Parks**

Planning Area	Park Type	Park/Facility Name	Projects					
19	Community Park	Apollo Park	Parking Lot Improvements	Master Plan - OSLAD Submittal	*OSLAD Construction			
3	Neighborhood Park	Ballantrae Park	Pathway Improvements	Restroom Enclosure				
19	Natural Area	Butterfield Park	Pathway Improvements	Master Planning Professional Services				
14	Mini Park	Cedar Park	Pathway Improvements					
2	Golf Course	Coyote Run Golf Course	Pathway Improvements Phase I	Develop a Landscape Plan	Pathway Improvements Phase II	Pathway Improvements Phase III		
7	Neighborhood Park	Dolphin Lake Park						
13	Mini Park	eXtreme Scene Skate Park	Restroom Enclosure	Skate Park Equipment Replacement/Repair	Parking Lot Improvements			
2	Mini Park	Flossmoor Hills Park	Pathway -Accessibility Installation					
13	Community Park	Flossmoor Park	Pathway Improvements					
3	Mini Park	Goldberg Park	Playground Replacement	Pathway Improvements				
17	Mini Park	Heritage Park	Pathway Improvements					
11	Neighborhood Park	Highlands Park	(2) Ballfield Improvements	Pathway Improvements				
8	Neighborhood Park	Hillcrest Park	Playground Replacement					
7	Mini Park	Hollydale Park	Pathway Improvements					
7	Neighborhood Park	Homewood Estates Park	Ballfield Material	Parking Renovation				
16	Neighborhood Park	Indian Trails Park	Tennis Court Fence Improvements	Tennis Court Renovation				
12	Natural Area	Irons Oaks Park	Nature Playground Equipment Renovation	Pond Restoration	Allowance Trail Improvements	Gazebo Renovation	Adventure Area Improvements	New Shelter in Place of Tent
9	Community Park	Irwin Park	OSLAD Construction	Ramp Renovation				
10	Neighborhood Park	Leavitt Park	Master Plan - OSLAD Submittal	*OSLAD Construction				

Planning Area	Park Type	Park/Facility Name	Projects					
21	Community Park	Lions Club Park	Tennis Court Improvements	Drinking Fountain Replacement	Fence Improvements	Ballfield Improvements & Accessible Route Addition		
13	Community Park	Millennium Park	Pavilion Improvements	Master Plan - OSLAD Submittal	*OSLAD Construction			
15	Neighborhood Park	Orchard Park	Playground Renovation	Tennis Court Improvements	Accessible Route to Ball Field			
20	Community Park	Patriots Park	Master plan - OSLAD Submittal	*OSLAD Construction	Parking Lot Improvements			
18	Neighborhood Park	Pheasant Trails Park	Playground Renovation	Basketball Court Renovation	Tennis Court Improvements			
18	Mini Park	Pinehurst Park	Playground Renovation & ADA Improvements	Rain Garden Development				
6	Neighborhood Park	Pinewood Park	Shelter Improvements	Playground Renovation	Ballfield Improvements	Trail Renovation/ Accessibility Improvements		
19	Dog Park	Rover's Run Dog Park	Pathway Improvements & Shade Tree Planting					
9	Mini Park	Scandia Park	Playground Renovation					
20	Mini Park	Tower Park	Remove Play Equipment					
20	Neighborhood Park	Woodborough Park	Master Plan - OSLAD Submittal	*OSLAD Construction				
7	Facility	H-F Racquet & Fitness Club	Ceiling Tile and Dry Wall Improvements	Structural Review of Pool Vessel	Door Improvements	Exercise Equipment	Miscellaneous Needs	Resurface Tennis Courts
2	Facility	Coyote Run Golf Course Clubhouse	Oven Replacement	Wiley's Lighting Décor	Equipment Improvements	Remove and Replace Security Fencing		
2	Facility	Coyote Run Golf Course Maintenance	Replace Fluorescent Lighting with LED with COM-ED Grant					
3	Facility	Goldberg Center	Replace Wood Columns at Base Entry	Remove Generator	Roof Replacement			
	Facility	Parks Maintenance Facility	Address Water Infiltration	Roof Replacement				
6	Facility	Homewood-Flossmoor Ice Arena	Roof Patch					

Planning Area	Park Type	Park/Facility Name	Projects					
7	Facility	The Clubhouse at Dolphin Lake	Revise Elevator Sump Pump Discharge Piping	Replace Window Treatments within Glass	Address Abrupt Transitions at North Side			
12	Facility	Irons Oaks Administrative Building	Bathroom Partitions	Address Loose Parging at Learning Center Ramp				
12	Facility	Irons Oaks Discovery Center	Re-roof Discovery Center					
15	Facility	Irwin Community Center	Make Ventilation Improvements to Lower Level	Lower Washroom Remodel				
21	Facility	Lions Club Pool	Baby Pool Liner	Address Pool Vessel Coating	Sand Filter	Storage Shed	Mudjack Deck	Office Furnishings
21	Facility	Lions Club Pool						
13	Facility	Park Place in Flossmoor Park	Roof Improvements	Conduct Environmental Assessment	Improve Accessibility			
13	Facility	Merchants Garage						
		Vehicle Replacement	Allowance					
		Tree Planting/ Replacement	Allowance					
		Sport Court Improvements	Allowance					
		Site Furniture Replacements	Allowance					



Chapter 4  
**Appendix**

# Financial Sustainability Strategy Policy

## **Purpose**

Homewood-Flossmoor Park District's Financial Sustainability Policy intends to create organizational resilience by way of logical, intentional, and thoughtful guidelines for investment and spending decisions. The strategy encourages tax investment and revenue generation strategies and practices that are fair, equitable, and responsible. This policy is necessary to ensure the district's financial stability in both the near and long term.

The Financial Sustainability Policy will guide investment and spending choices as the district responds to economic realities, growth expectations, competing priorities, demographic shifts, evolving community needs and interests, and climate impacts.

## **Policy Statement**

Homewood-Flossmoor Park District's Financial Sustainability Policy grounds cost recovery expectations and the spending of taxpayer dollars in a philosophical underpinning that affirms a commitment to equitable investment, financial discipline, and long-term fiscal health.

The district's annual budget ultimately determines the amount of taxpayer support that can be made available for park and recreation services which results in understanding the degree to which subsidy investment can be made and to which services, and the degree to which user fees will be assessed and to which services.

## **Cost Recovery/Subsidy**

Cost recovery refers to offsetting the costs (expenses) of delivering services by way of revenues generated from fees and charges, sponsorships, donations, grants, and other alternative revenue streams. Alternatively, subsidy represents a tax source. It is granted by a governmental entity, typically to remove some type of burden and often considered to be in the overall interest of the public. It is also given to promote a social good or an economic policy.

For example, a cost recovery level of 75% simply means that for each dollar spent on a service, 75-cents are generated from a revenue source (i.e., fees) with the remaining 25-cents covered by subsidies (i.e., taxes).

## **District Funding/Revenue Sources**

Homewood-Flossmoor Park District is supported by various revenue sources which all contribute varying levels of funding to support the breadth of park and recreation services provided to district residents and visitors. The degree to which each of these sources is relied upon can shift based upon the economy, market behaviors, and district-wide policy; however, property taxes and fees and charges for services are the primary sources of funding for the district with less reliable alternative sources of revenue including sponsorships, grants, and donations.

# Financial Sustainability Strategy Policy

## Service Categories

The development of categories which include like services are important when it comes to justifiable and equitable allocation of subsidies, cost recovery levels, and assignment of budget and general ledger lines to account for a category's fiscal performance.

The benefits of this type of approach are two-fold. First, it is inefficient for the district to determine cost recovery expectations by each individual service including facility, activity, or event. Secondly, categorizing by "type of service" or "likeness of service" discourages attempts to determine fees and charges (and therefore cost recovery decisions) based upon special interests, age-based services, or individual values.

Homewood-Flossmoor Park District provides many services annually to the community. The following Service Categories represent the district's service menu and include Service Category definitions as well as example services.

## Self-Directed/Open Access Activities

Access to parks, park amenities, and/or recreation facilities which do not require instruction, supervision, or oversight by staff or volunteers. [Skate Park, Playgrounds, Trails, Outdoor Tennis/Pickleball, Sport Fields, Basketball Courts]

## Community Events

Annual events intended to appeal to broad interests and are available for a majority of the community. Community events are designed to be inclusive of all ages and not limited by family composition or ability. [Brew and View, Holiday Lights, National Hot Dog Day, Lighted Trail, Pride Fest]

## Community Support Services

Services designed to support individuals as they navigate and overcome various economic and social challenges. [AARP Tax Prep, Heating and Cooling Shelters, Scholarship Fund]

## Beginner - Introductory Level Activities

Classes, clinics, workshops, and various instructed and/or led activities providing the participant the ability to learn a new skill and/or acquire the foundations for new skill development. [Examples: Learn to Skate, Level 1 Swim, Ladies Who Lift, Start/Restart Tennis, Basketball 101, Intro to Dance]

## Enrichment & Non-Skilled Activities

Classes, clinics, workshops, and various instructed and/or led activities that include educational components and are designed to enhance personal development and growth. [Preschool, Before/After School Program, Day Camps, Cooking Classes, World Language Classes]

## Drop-in Activities

Self-directed activities which do not require registration but do include some level of supervision or oversight by staff and/or volunteers. [Examples: Hiking Club, Walking Groups, Open Gym, Bingo, Dog Park, Art in the Park, Pickleball Open Play, Open Skate, Stick and Puck]

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## Special Interest Events

Services designed for specific markets or interests. [Senior Trips, Flashlight Hunts, Wine Down Wednesday, Paint & Sips, High Ropes Day, Trick or Treat Trail]

## Advanced-Competitive Level Activities

Classes, clinics, workshops, and various instructed and/or led activities with the participant's primary goal being to master a skill and/or participate in a competitive environment. [Examples: Level 4 Swim, Tennis Tournaments, Basketball/Volleyball Leagues, Pickleball Leagues, Advanced Skating, Youth Hockey League]

## Rentals

Facility and park space reservations for exclusive use by individuals or groups. [Facility/Room Rentals, Shelter Rentals, Ball Field Rentals, Birthday Party Packages, Indoor Court Reservations, Party Equipment Rentals]

## Personalized Services

Private or semi-private activities and instruction offered in one on one or small group settings. [Personal Training, Swim Private Lessons, Massage Therapy]

## Specialized Business Services

Services that are commercial in nature and whose operations align most with those offered by the non-profit and/or private sectors. [Golf Course]

## Retail & Consumables

Merchandise, food and beverage items available for purchase at various facilities. [Pro Shop Items/Services, Plant Sales, Food and Beverage Items]

## Notes:

Service Categories listed above are in order from those perceived to be Common Good Services (#1) to those seen as providing more Exclusive Benefit Services (#12) as ranked by district staff and the Board of Commissioners.

Common Good Services or cause and purpose driven services intend to impact social, economic, and environmental issues and needs; and align with the fundamental purpose and mission of the district. Typically, there are no like services provided by the non-profit/Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) or private sectors.

Exclusive Benefit Services or specialized services intend to serve personal interests with competition from the non-profit/Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) and private sectors which offer like services being common practice.

Common Good (justification for greater subsidy investment)

- Community building
- Provides accessibility to marginalized/under-represented populations
- Broad appeal to a wide audience
- Services contribute to greater equity, cultural awareness, and make EVERYONE who resides in the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District life better.

Exclusive Benefit (justification for greater cost recovery expectation)

- Individualized, special interest
- Requires higher competency/ability level to participate
- Specialized activities
- Individualized services are accessible outside of the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District system.

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## Financial Sustainability Strategy

Homewood-Flossmoor Park District's Financial Sustainability Strategy Continuums present the degree to which financial resources will be spent and expenses will be recovered and managed. They are grounded in the differentiation of district services on the basis of who benefits and who should pay. Economists have differentiated goods and services in the economy in this manner for decades and have designated three types of goods and services: community benefit, dual benefit, and individual benefit.

The Financial Sustainability Strategy Continuums acknowledges varying levels of service. This strategy shifts from one which suggests that all services should be provided at no or low cost for everyone to an equitable and just philosophy where subsidy allocation decisions are based upon "beneficiary of service". In this conceptualization, each type of service has a set of specific characteristics that provide a rationale for who should pay (e.g., taxpayers, the individual, or both) and to what degree. Ultimately, this aligns subsidy allocation, cost recovery goals and expectations with beneficiary of service. Essentially, those who benefit from a service should pay for that service.

The three-year Financial Sustainability Strategy Continuums includes the district's Service Categories and short-term cost recovery/subsidy goals and expectations. The continuums serve as a graphic representation of the district's tax use and revenue enhancement strategies.

Service category cost recovery performance should be reviewed annually, and subsidy (tax dollar) investment goals should be analyzed and updated at least every four years or more frequently as necessary.

## Pricing – Fees & Charges

Several pricing methods are utilized by the district in order to establish fees and charges. The principal method for establishing services fees will be cost recovery pricing which is defined as determining a fee based on established cost recovery goals.

Other pricing methods may be utilized by the district, however, any strategy or method used will ultimately require that cost recovery goals or subsidy allocation expectations be met. Common alternative pricing methods include the following options which can be used based upon market behaviors, the competition, and other relevant considerations.

- Market (demand-based) pricing results in pricing based on demand for a service or what the target market is willing to pay for a service. The private and commercial sectors commonly utilize this strategy. One consideration for establishing a market rate fee is determined by identifying all providers of an identical service (i.e., private sector providers, other municipalities, etc.), and setting the highest fee. Another consideration is setting the fee at the highest level the market will bear.
- Competitive pricing establishes prices based on what similar service providers or close proximity competitors are charging for services. One consideration for establishing a competitive fee is determined by identifying all providers of an identical or similar service (i.e., private sector providers, other municipalities, etc.), and setting the midpoint or lowest fee.
- Value-based pricing is a pricing strategy in which the price of a product or a service is decided on the basis of perceived value or benefit it can provide to a customer. Value based pricing is more evident in places or markets where exclusive products are offered which offer more value than the generic or standard products.

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- Penetration pricing has the aim of attracting customers by offering lower prices on services. While many may use this technique to draw attention away from the competition, penetration pricing often results in lost revenue and higher subsidy requirements. Over time, however, an increased awareness of the service may drive revenues and help organizations differentiate themselves from others. After sufficiently penetrating a market, organizations should consider raising prices to better reflect the state of their position within the market.
- Premium pricing establishes prices higher than that of the competition. Premium pricing is often most effective in the early days of a service's life cycle, and ideal for organizations that offer unique services. Because customers need to perceive products and services as being worth a higher price tag, an organization must work hard to create a value perception.
- Bundle pricing allows for the sale of multiple services for a lower rate than customers would pay if they purchased each service individually. Bundling can be an effective way of selling services that are poor performers and can also increase the value perception in the eyes of customers - essentially giving them something for a reduced rate.
- Differential/Dynamic pricing follows the "law of demand" by supporting a key pricing principle: some customers are willing to pay more than others. Differential pricing is the strategy of selling the same service to different customers at different prices. Differential pricing enables organizations to "profit" from their customers' unique valuations (ex. Prime time or surge pricing).

In the event a Service Category's subsidy/cost recovery goal is higher than current cost recovery performance and fee increases are required, prices may need to be raised incrementally in accord with market acceptance to optimize revenue generation. However, if the market does not respond favorably to the increase, the service may require divestment if the subsidy investment required cannot be justified based upon beneficiary of service.

In the event a tax dollar investment/cost recovery goal is less than the current level of recovery the established fee will remain the same to ensure that there is no loss of revenue or negative impact on the district's financial condition.

## Partnerships

Partnerships are advantageous collaborations that position both the district as well as participating partner organization(s) to efficiently utilize resources leading to cost effective and efficient service delivery, bridging of markets, reductions in duplication of services and fragmentation of resources, and cooperative capital development and/or improvements.

A condition that must be met in order for the district to enter into a partnership agreement includes that of reciprocal benefit. To prevent the district from simply becoming a granting body to any organization, the district and its partner will identify the value of the mutual contributions brought forth to the agreement and arrangement. There will be equal value and benefit to each organization resulting from any partnership ensuring that the district is receiving fair and just value on behalf of taxpayers in return for any resource investment and commitment.

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## Equity & Financial Assistance

The District ensures that services are accessible to residents who may require financial assistance to participate in parks and recreation services through a Scholarship Program. Funding is intended to be made available in a manner that provides reduced rates or financial assistance to those in need and who do not have the ability to pay the full price of a service.

As part of the annual budget process, the District will appropriate funds to its scholarship fund. The amount of the appropriation will be calculated based on annual projected financial aid needs, award thresholds and anticipated total population needing to be served based upon the previous year's requests and results of a needs quantification system. United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Child Nutrition Programs: Income Eligibility Guidelines.

Needs based assistance awards will vary based upon the financial support requested on behalf of each individual and/or family who applies for assistance.

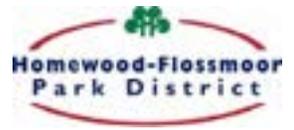
## Success Metrics

Success metrics will be used as a means to evaluate whether or not each service is in compliance with established goals (as indicated on the Financial Sustainability Strategy Continuums) as well as other efficiencies and intended outcomes. In the event success metrics are not met, items 1-6 below the Success Metrics list outline actions to address gaps between current performance and success metrics.

- Success Metric 1: Financial Viability: a service must meet its minimum tax dollar investment/cost recovery goal as noted on the Financial Sustainability Strategy Continuum.
- Success Metric 2: Operational Efficiency: services should meet 75% or more of capacity (maximum) or realize a minimum increase of 10% usage during each service cycle to ensure efficiency of resource investment (excl: events where capacity is difficult to establish).
- Success Metric 3: Participant/Customer Satisfaction: overall participant (customer) satisfaction must meet a minimum of 85% satisfaction or higher (per user surveys and evaluations).
- Success Metric 4: Participant/Customer Impact: alignment with service goals – impact on social connections, increases in activity levels, impacts on quality of life, school performance, etc. (per user surveys and evaluations).

### Addressing gaps between existing cost recovery performance and target (goals)

1. Analyze success metrics for services not meeting their cost recovery goal.
2. Analyze direct and indirect costs of providing service.
  - a. Measure ratio of direct and indirect cost.
  - b. Identify cost reduction opportunities and implement.
3. Suggest market increase commensurate with cost recovery goal.
  - a. Conduct market analysis of service.
  - b. Identify opportunities for capturing larger markets.
4. Identify potential sponsorship, donation, or pay-it-forward opportunities.
5. Identify potential partnership opportunities to continue to provide a service; however, in collaboration with another provider, reducing impacts on and dilution of district resources, avoiding unnecessary duplication of service, and responsibly utilizing finite taxpayer resources.
6. If services do not satisfy success metrics, consider divestment of service at the end of a four-year strategy term or sooner.



# Community Survey Results

# 2024

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These findings are based on a random sample of n=470 residents in the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District (HFPD).

Data collection was between November 20, 2024 and January 6, 2025. Invitations were ultimately sent to every household in the District either by USPS or email in order to generate a strong response as quickly as possible given the December holidays. All invitations included options to complete the survey by mail, online, or phone.



The respondent sample was weighted to match current US Census data for region (all of Homewood and Flossmoor, and the portion of Glenwood served by the District), gender, age, race/ethnicity, homeowner vs. renter status, and percentage of households with children. Assuming no sample bias, the margin of error is +/- 4.5% (at the 95% confidence level) \*.

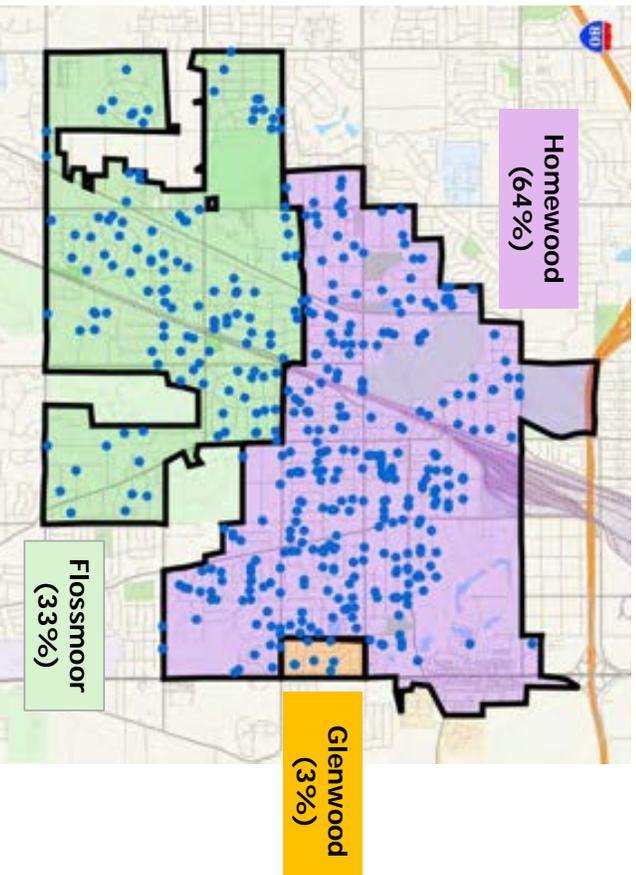
In the report, statistically meaningful differences (at the 95% confidence level) are identified. If a demographic difference is not reported, it means that the response from that segment was statistically comparable to the overall response.

A separate “public” survey was conducted after the random survey, which generated an additional 204 responses. The results from the public survey are included in the appendix, alongside the random survey results for comparison.



\* In addition to sampling error, question wording, respondent error, and practical difficulties in conducting surveys may introduce error or bias in any opinion poll.  
NOTE: %s shown in the report may not always add to 100% due to rounding.

Respondent Distribution by Village \*



Age *	
Under 35	14%
35-44	21%
45-54	16%
55-64	23%
65+	26%
Gender *	
Male	44%
Female	54%
Other/prefer to self-describe	2%
Race (multiple responses) *	
African American/Black	47%
White	45%
Asian	4%
Other/Multi-racial	14%
Hispanic/Latino Ethnicity *	
% Yes	10%

Length of Residence in HFPD	
5 years or less	22%
6-10 yrs.	15%
11-20 yrs.	26%
21-30 yrs.	18%
Over 30 yrs.	19%
Children in Household Under Age 18? *	
Yes	33%
No	67%
Home Ownership *	
Homeowner	86%
Renter	14%

\* Weighted to US Census data separately for Homewood and Flossmoor populations/demographics

# Executive Summary: Key Findings

**The HFPD is Held in Very High Regard Overall (surpassing local agency benchmarks)**

- **On a series of 0-10 scales, residents give the District very positive scores in terms of:** <pp. 11-12>
  - **Overall esteem**, with 91% giving favorable opinions (including 36% offering ratings of 9+), vs. only 5% dissatisfied. The average esteem score is a 7.9 (very positive) which is consistent across most subgroups.
    - HFPD's average rating is more than full point higher than those for nearby agencies (6.6) and the statewide benchmarks from 2022 (6.8).
  - **Perceived value** given the District's 5.5% share of property taxes, with 71% giving positive scores (0-10 scale) vs. 9% giving poor value ratings. The average 7.1 score again beats nearby agencies by a full point. <pp. 27-28>
  - **Overall experience at District parks and facilities**, with 92% satisfied including 49% completely satisfied (scores of 9+). Only 3% are unhappy, with an 8.1 average rating (slightly edging its average esteem score). <pp. 39-41>
    - Even higher ratings are given for the accessibility (average 8.6) and safety (8.4) at these locations.
  - **HFPPD programs** among those who participated in the past year, with an average rating of 8.1. Four out of five are satisfied with District programs (with 47% completely happy), vs. 11% who are dissatisfied. <pp. 62-63>
    - Most often, less satisfied participants simply seek more events (e.g., food/music events) or have issues with HFPPD facilities where activities are held (e.g., longer hours, more cleaning/upkeep, etc.).
    - Higher scores for District programs/events come from ages 35-44 (8.3), vs. 7.3 from ages 45-54.
- Still, HFPPD's programs and events are by far its top strength as volunteered by respondents in an open-ended question (cited by 66% overall), especially the variety and quality of programs (especially for youth) and numerous community events. <pp. 13-18>
  - Nearly a third (31%) also appreciate the general administration of the District (good community relations, helpful staff, affordability), followed closely by positives for the parks (28%) and facilities (21%).

## While Satisfaction is Strong, A Few Clear Gaps and Opportunities Exist

- Overall, 82% of residents feel that their household and its interests are represented and included by the HFPD. <pp. 29-31>
  - This means that nearly one in five (18%) disagree, giving a range of reasons, most often that the District:
    - Does not offer enough program options for adults (n=15), for active seniors (n=8), or that many adult programs are scheduled when they are working (n=6)
    - Charges fees that some cannot afford (n=11), especially if they have a large family
    - Needs to have events or generally be more inclusive of cultural/ethnic/religious groups (n=7).
- Requests for more programs and activities geared for adults and seniors, as well as cost/fee concerns, emerge on other questions in the survey. <pg. 42>
  - The biggest barrier for not using HFPD parks or facilities, and for not participating in its programs, is not having children under 18 in the household. In other words, many non-users feel that District's activities/offerings tend to be focused more on children and young families.
  - In the programming needs assessment questions, the #1 priority for HFPD program options is most often offerings for active adults ages 55 + (23%), adult fitness and wellness programs (19%), and adult sports (12%), followed by community events (10%). <pp. 66-71>
    - The top youth-related program option for sports and athletics is mentioned as often as non-sports programs/activities/classes for adults (9% each).
- One of the most positive findings is that when asked (in an open-ended question) about their biggest HFPD dislike or improvement sought, the #1 answer is "nothing I dislike/cannot think of anything" (20%). Otherwise, the top specific concerns are costs/fees, facility issues (upgrades needed, cleaner), and limited adult programming options. <pp. 19-25>

**Virtually All Residents Have Visited/Used at Least One HFPPD Park/Facility In The Past Year, And Are Generally Supportive of Some Improvements**

- **Overall, 90% + report visiting a District park, playground or facility in the past year, most often:**
  - Parks/Playgrounds/Nature Areas: Irwin Park, Millennium Park Patriots Park, Apollo Park, Irons Oaks Park, Lions Club Park, and Dolphin Lake Park (28% to 57% each).
  - Facilities/Buildings: Racquet & Fitness Center, Irwin Community Center, Wiley's Grill, Coyote Run Golf Course, Millennium Park Splash Pad, and Lions Club Pool (22% to 55% each).
  - The District receives its strongest scores for its facilities and parks. Still, those least satisfied usually are concerned about conditions at the Racquet & Fitness Club, especially the fitness facility (equipment issues, lack of staff interaction/presence, cleanliness), or issues with the tennis/pickleball courts (surface/lines).
    - The remaining concerns or suggested improvements are very scattered, usually seeking upgrades/improvements at various locations, followed by staffing/instructor issues.

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- **When informed about needed improvements at Lions Club Pool, 74% of all respondents are willing to pay higher pool fees and/or shift funds from other areas to cover the costs for these upgrades.**
  - Solid support comes from both recent users (87%) and non-users (69%) of the pool.

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- **Likewise, at least 74% are willing to pay for renovations and improvements for more program space at the Racquet & Fitness Club and at the Irwin Community Center, as well as improvements to the Irons Oaks Learning Center and access/amenity upgrades at that location (even with higher taxes/ fees).**
  - However, much of this support is soft (roughly 2:1 "somewhat" vs. "strong" support for each option).
  - When asked which one of these three options should be the top priority, nearly half (47%) cite upgrades to the Racquet & Fitness Club. The rest are divided between Irwin Community Center (25%) vs. Irons Oaks improvements (17%), and the remaining 11% do not feel any of these represent a priority (especially those without children).

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**Features in Highest Demand are Readily Available, With a Few “Gaps” or Opportunities to Possibly Address**

**Most of the remaining (lower demand) indoor options tested are likewise deemed readily available among a majority of those interested in each – rental space, indoor pickleball and tennis courts, indoor ice, and youth/summer camp space.**

- The biggest “gap” or unmet need is for active adult/senior program space (of interest to 36% overall), and indoor gym space for basketball (lower demand/interest at 24%) or volleyball (11%).
- In terms of the #1 priority for the Park District, a fitness/exercise facility is clearly the top choice (26%), followed by active adult/senior program space (12%), indoor pickleball (9%), gyms for basketball (8%), and youth program/summer camp space (7%).
  - Note that 21% feel none of the indoor amenities are a priority (mostly those ages 55-64).

➤ **Among the outdoor facilities/amenities, demand is highest for trails (68%) and natural open space (50%), followed by an outdoor pool (38%), playgrounds (30%), and a golf course (29%).**

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**As with the indoor features tested, residents are even more satisfied with the current availability of most outdoor features, especially the top two (trails and open space). In fact, the only “gaps” are for amenities that register lowest demand – outdoor pickleball and/or tennis courts, and a dog park (each of which register 18% to 19% overall demand).**

- Walking and biking trails are clearly the top priority placed on the District, followed by natural open areas, an outdoor pool (already met), and then outdoor pickleball courts (one of the few gaps and clearly important to the relatively small group expressing this interest or need).
- Similar to the indoor facilities, about one in five feel no outdoor options are priorities for improvement.

# I. Overall Opinions, Strengths/Improvements Sought, and Perceived Value of HFPD



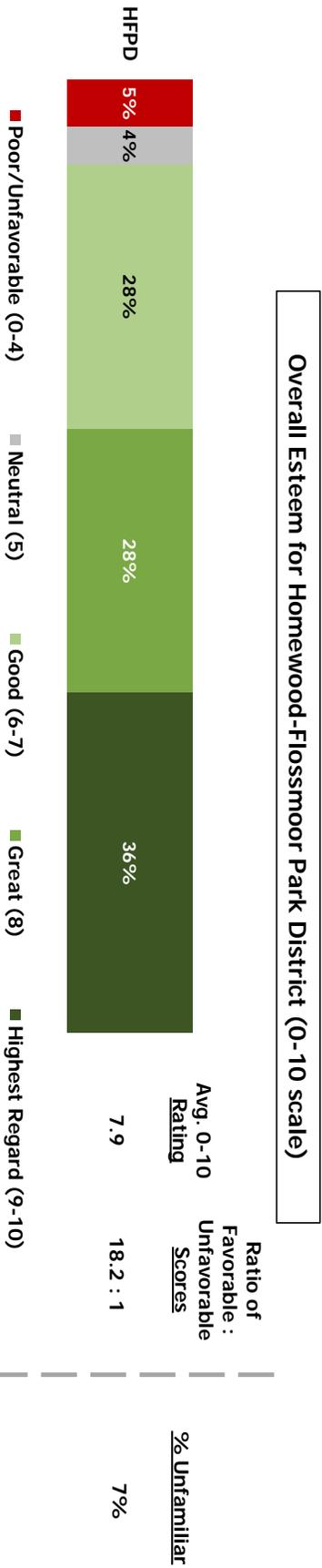
When asked to give their overall opinion of the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District (using a 0-10 scale), residents hold the agency in high regard.

**Nine out of ten (91%) offer positive ratings (scores of 6+), including 36% who are extremely favorable (scores of 9+).**

➤ By comparison, only 5% offer negative ratings (0-4), and the remaining 4% are neutral.

➤ In addition to being highly regarded, the District is well-known, with only 7% unable to offer a rating due to lack of familiarity.

**The average 7.9 score is very positive and consistent by region and most subgroups. Only ages 45-54 give significantly lower scores (7.4 average – still very positive), with higher ratings from slightly older residents 55-64 (8.3 average).**

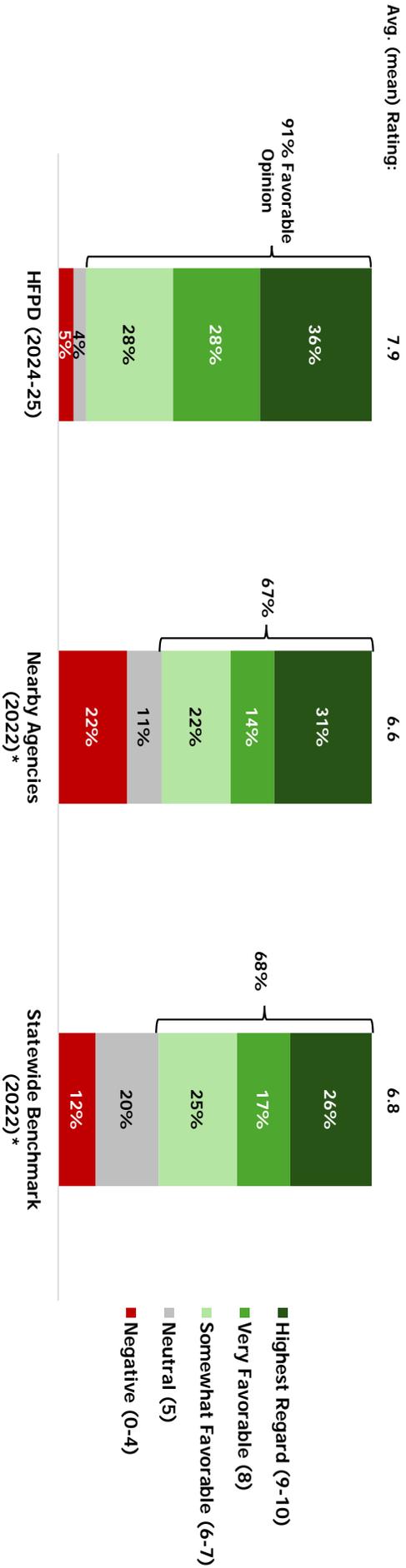


Q2: Please give your overall opinion of the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District on a 0-10 scale, where zero means you dislike it completely, five is neutral, and ten means you hold it in the highest regard. If you are not familiar enough to offer an opinion, please mark "Unfamiliar".



The HFPD's overall esteem ratings are significantly higher than aggregate scores from nearby and statewide park agencies.

HFPD Overall Esteem vs. Relevant Benchmarks



\* These regional and statewide comparisons come from aQily's 2022 statewide survey conducted for the Illinois Association of Park Districts, which included over 2,000 respondents statewide. Nearby agencies serve Hazel Crest, Country Club Hills, Tinley Park, Frankfort Square, Matteson, Richton Park, Park Forest, Chicago Heights, Ford Heights, Sauk Village, Lynwood, Lansing, South Holland, Harvey, Midlothian, Thornton, Markham, Phoenix, Olympia Fields, Oak Forest, and Dixmoor.

The District's programs and activities are clearly its biggest strength, based on respondents open-ended comments. They especially appreciate the variety of these programs, along with the overall quality that they represent and youth offerings in particular.

Nearly a third (31%) express appreciation for the management of the District as a top strength, most often the strong relationship it has with the community and the helpful/organized staff.

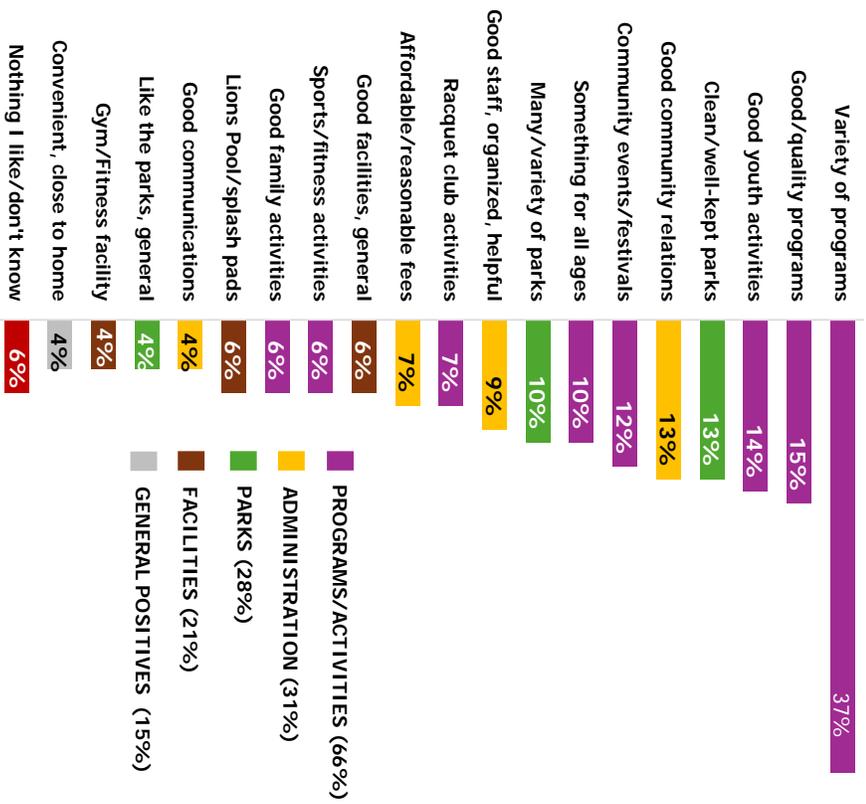
➤ Seven percent feel the fees and costs are reasonable.

About as many (28%) cite the District's parks and trails (e.g., well-kept parks and the number of trails), followed by its facilities (21% -- most often Lions Club Pool and the fitness facility).

Examples of these comments are provided on the following pages.

➤ Note that 6% are unable to think of something they like about the HFPPD.

Positives for HFPPD (Top multiple open-ended responses)



Q3. What do you like most about the Homewood—Flossmoor Park District, or what does it do particularly well?

**PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES (66% NET)**

- "Love the myriad offerings for everyone in the family."*
- "You have a broad comprehensive program that features a large offering for family and children."*
- "Different things and activities offered for the family/community to stay involved."*
- "Variety of programs and facilities, trying new things."*
- "The wealth of activities for the youth."*
- "I appreciate the variety of programming available through the park district."*
- "It provides great programs and events."*
- "Engages families, creates good programming."*
- "The youth programs are very good. The programs are well organized."*
- "When my kids were little, they benefited from everything the park district offered."*
- "I like that the park district has a lot for little kids."*
- "Community events like trick or treat trail, pride fest, chili cookoff, 4th of July parade, etc. These events are fun, well organized, promote local businesses, and safe."*
- "We love the wide variety of offerings, and the special seasonal activities, e.g., the Irons Oaks walks."*
- "The park district does a great job ... of hosting community events."*
- "There is a wide variety of services for various populations. They host excellent events in the parks and are fairly progressive with programming...we love the annual prairie walk."*
- "I loved participating in the annual turkey trot."*

**PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES – cont'd (66% NET)**

*"I like the amount of activities offered along with the diversity of the events. I feel the park district is very intentional about including activities that include the youngest of the community to the oldest."*

*"Activities for my grandchildren and the events for seniors."*

*"Well-rounded for all ages."*

*"The Park District offers a diverse variety of activities for all ages."*

*"Great variety of activities for all ages."*

*"I like the variety of fitness classes and the option of working with a personal trainer at the Racquet Club."*

*"Workout classes."*

*"Family oriented functions around town."*

*"The variety of summer outings that can be enjoyed by everyone in the family."*

*"Lots of options for events, lots of family-focused events."*

**ADMINISTRATION (31% NET)**

*"We chose to buy a home in Homewood because of its numerous parks and engaged community. I see events sponsored by the HF Park District posted all the time at the Racquet Club and am happy that I live in a community where there's always something going on, whether it's a family/kids' activity, nature walk, or other social outing."*

*"Hometown community feel."*

*"Active in the community, good amount of activities."*

*"The District tries to be accommodating, and relevant/accessible to its residents, adding new programs to its offerings."*

**ADMINISTRATION – cont'd (31% NET)**

- "The staff at both the Irwin Center and Goldberg Center is friendly and helpful."*
- "As president of an organization that uses the Park District on a regular basis, I have found the staff members to be unfailingly cooperative and helpful. I hold them in high esteem."*
- "I took a Spanish class. I liked the instructor and the people who were taking the class."*
- "I like the classes offered for my children. They are also very responsive when there have been questions or issues (like when I signed up for the wrong class time, etc.)."*
- "Everyone that runs the pool does an amazing job and the guards and staff are phenomenal."*
- "I utilize the H-F Sports Complex frequently and enjoy the low cost to have access to fitness equipment and classes."*
- "Affordable programs for children and adults. Events are good."*
- "We recently rented The Dolphin House for our twin daughters' college graduation in June 2024. The price is reasonable."*
- "There's something for everyone! Not cost prohibitive!"*
- "My three kids have used park district programs from ages 3 and up, always affordable."*
- "Good communication and generally good organization. Most staff are kind and competent. Many programs are fun and informative."*
- "It keeps you updated on upcoming events, etc."*
- "They publicize really well through the local media channels (HF Chronicle, Schools, Social Media, etc.)."*
- "They keep you well informed about their daily activities and events, as well as future events."*

**PARKS (28% NET)**

*"Park upkeep is great."*

*"Pride in maintaining green space and recreational space and facilities."*

*"The parks that we have visited are well-maintained and really enjoyed by our four-year-old. There occasionally is some small amounts of trash, but that's to be expected, and the trash cans themselves never overflow or are full."*

*"The park district does a great job of upkeep of parks."*

*"They do a great job of maintaining the grounds for sporting events."*

*"I appreciate the number of parks that are available."*

*"Multiple parks that are all kept in good shape and clean."*

*"The many parks available in every neighborhood and how well they are maintained."*

*"I appreciate we have so many parks and playgrounds through Ho-Flo."*

*"The network of parks."*

*"The parks are fabulous!! Well maintained. Wonderful. We love Patriots Park the best."*

*"The parks in our community are truly a gem—beautifully designed and impeccably maintained, they offer a serene and inviting space for everyone to enjoy. It's clear that a lot of care goes into keeping them in such excellent condition, and it doesn't go unnoticed."*

**FACILITIES (21% NET)**

*"We like the ice rink and the splash pad."*

*"Numerous tennis courts in the area."*

*"The buildings and area looks very nice."*

*"It is nice to have a wide variety of options between the ice rink, Dolphin Lake, splash pad, golf course."*

*"Has some nice facilities that are reasonably well maintained."*

*"We've always enjoyed the pool (do miss having a second pool, though), the variety of programs offered, the parks, trails, etc."*

*"I enjoy the aqua classes and the Pool. Also enjoy the gym."*

*"I like Lions Club Pool, although it's not open long enough."*

*"Love the free splash pad. I love the fitness center. It is well kept, and the staff is kind and responsive."*

*"There is a fabulous Health and Fitness facility. Activities are inclusive of age and ethnicity."*

**GENERAL POSITIVES (15% NET)**

*"Very accessible to all members of the community."*

*"The Racquet Club is close to our home and offers tennis, pickleball, indoor track, workout equipment and group fitness classes."*

*"I'm within walking distance of Millennium Park and my toddler and I use it often in the summer."*

When asked what they dislike most or want to see improved by the HFPPD, there is less consensus for any category (compared to the positives reported earlier).

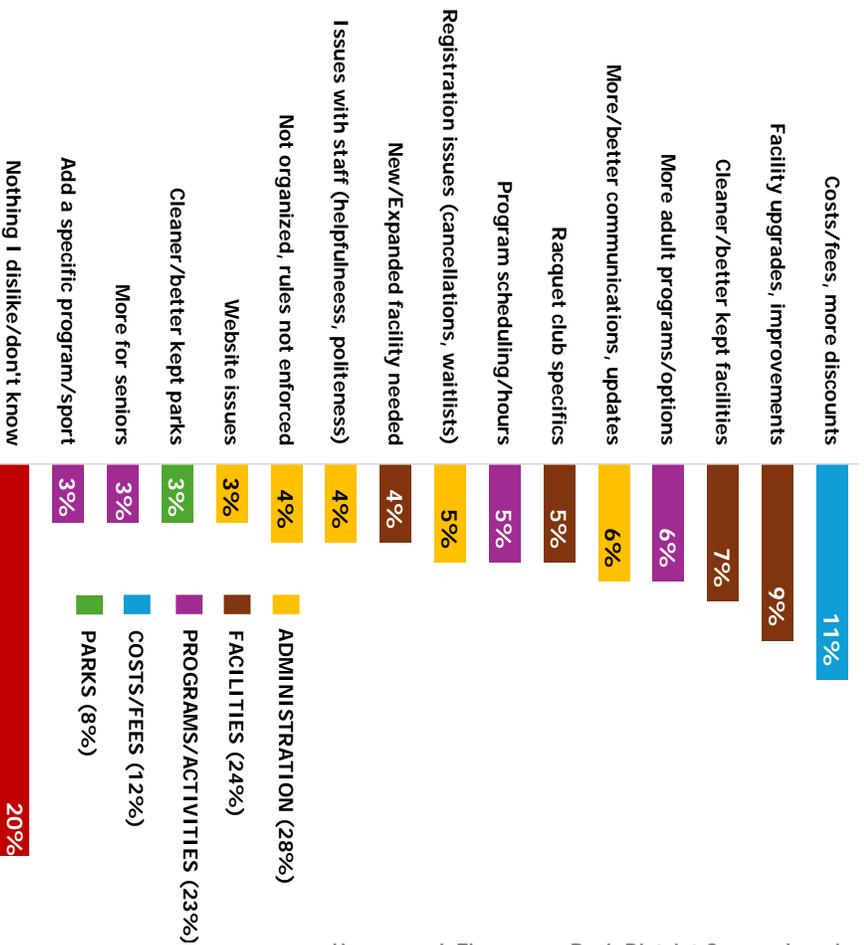
**About equal numbers said they dislike or seek improvements on:**

- District admin or staffing issues (28%) – most often more and better communication, improved registration and fewer (or faster updates on) cancellations, improved staff service and presence (often at the Racquet & Fitness Club)
- Facility issues (24%), including upgraded facilities/equipment (especially at the fitness center), cleaner areas at various locations, and 4% seeking added improvements (e.g., more basketball courts).
- Program-related comments (23%), mostly from households interested in more options for adults, and scheduling options (to accommodate those who work, or longer facility hours).
- No dislikes or suggestions at all (20%, especially from non-white adults).

**Eleven percent mention District costs and fees as their biggest dislike, most often for the pool and/or more pricing options for the Racquet & Fitness Club. A few feel non-residents should be charged more.**

**Dislikes/Improvements Sought from the HFPPD**

**Dislikes/Improvements Sought for HFPPD  
(Top multiple open-ended responses)**



Q4. What do you dislike most about the Homewood—Flossmoor Park District, or what could it do better?

**ADMINISTRATIVE (28% NET)**

- "I'd like more information regarding park district meetings place and time."*
- "I occasionally only hear about events a few days ahead of time when I regularly check the schedule of events. This makes it hard to plan with my young family."*
- "I would like to know more information about open gym for my teen, or are there autism events."*
- "There could be better communication if an event time gets changed or canceled."*
- "The district could do a better job of marketing its events and services more. Many times, we don't learn of events until after the fact."*
- "Classes fill up incredibly quickly (mainly summer camps, after school care and clubs). Communication about open enrollment is often not mentioned. The new publication will come in the mail, yet you can't sign up yet."*
- "It is confusing on how and when one needs to register for the holiday events for the children. Often, they run out of space for all the children who would like to attend."*
- "I have had some difficulty navigating the website and signing up for things."*
- "There can be cases where classes are canceled due to lack of interest."*
- "I dislike the limitations on specific numbers for enrollment as there were several times over the years that programs were cancelled on us due to low enrollment. Also, I feel like some popular community events, like national hot dog day, had gaps of several years where the event did not happen and then was brought back."*
- "Not a fan of registering online. Very hard to find activities with the search function."*
- "Programming is limited and often canceled. There are not well-rounded offerings, nor is there a good way to find activities. Communication with the point people in charge of programs often lacks as well."*
- "Customer service at the Racquet Club is terrible."*
- "The soccer instructor yelled at my daughter the first day who was 4 at the time and it ruined the classes for her. She liked dance before then but was scared to go in by herself after she was yelled at in the soccer class. She still did the swim class with me because I had to be in the pool with her, but she wouldn't go back to soccer or dance after that."*

**ADMINISTRATIVE – cont'd (28% NET)**

*"The Racquet and Fitness Club — Insufficient staffing in the fitness room. The aerobic machines are always breaking because they are so old. The management doesn't understand what the users need because they don't exercise."*

*"It is not very organized now, there has been a lot of changes from management and the programs are starting to reflect that."*

*"The Fitness and Racquet Club could be better managed. Leadership is not visible and employees are pretty much left to their own devices. Desk staff are often texting and carrying on with personal conversations. Routine matters such as restocking gym towels and refilling hand sanitizer machines are often neglected."*

*"Pay more attention to detail. Fitness area...no management ever walks in. Locker rooms messy."*

*"More options for times of swim classes and older, more professional instructors for the swimming lessons."*

*"The H-F Racquet & Fitness club is not run well at all. The majority of people that work there don't do any work. The weight room is always in disarray and never gets straightened out by any employees. When equipment breaks down it takes a long time before it is repaired. Members are taken for granted. It's been mismanaged for years!"*

*"I feel like they could hire more experienced staff as it relates to the skills training portion for younger kids. Perhaps try to hire some HF students who actually play the sport...Some of the staff actually seems as if they are not excited to even be there and these young kids need all the motivation they can get."*

*"Whenever I would want to voice my concerns, the admin was not very receptive. Could only be reached by phone and then I was told that her job was not maintenance and to find the maintenance person and tell him! I was flabbergasted by that response! Since the transition of administration, there has been more accommodation and a better attitude about issues. I am satisfied with the explanations and am now awaiting results!"*

*"There are some in administrative positions that are not receptive to ideas or open to change... I think some programs can be worked and structured to function and not be trapped by the park district calendar. Preschool is a perfect example of this. I also think that moving programs around the community, and advertising at these locations, would be highly beneficial. For example, rotating parks for activities, and displaying a sign at the park of what is to come in the next month."*

*"The Park District does a great job. One thing – I've tried several times to sign up for a trainer at the health club, and no one responds. The website could use updating and tested for user friendliness. I haven't been on it in a while because it is a very frustrating experience."*

*"Website should have email addresses of all on the board. (Offer a) Zoom of (their) meetings."*

*"I would prefer a paper brochure. Your website is not easy to flip through."*

**FACILITIES (24% NET)**

- "I have recently joined the HF Racquet club for the fitness center. The equipment is quite antiquated."*
- "The HF Fitness Club has really gone downhill since it was built. Equipment, such as the elliptical machines, are not maintained."*
- "Wish we'd put some money into the Racquet Club weights section."*
- "Some of the playground equipment could be more updated, but this is something that I've seen investments in during the past few years."*
- "Some of the equipment--recumbent bikes especially--need tuning up and/or replacing. The seats on a couple of them feel like they're going to fall off."*
- "Showers at ice rink need updating. Better water pressure and hot water."*
- "Bigger indoor and outdoor pool needed."*
- "I don't like the way they changed the pickleball courts. Courts are too close together and the lines are very confusing. Also, it is too cold on the courts in the winter."*
- "Maintain tennis nets and posts on outdoor courts."*
- "Some of the baseball fields could be better maintained and the skate park is a bit of an eyesore."*
- "The pool - there is mold in the showers and the curtains need replacing. Sometimes the lockers have a funny odor."*
- "Bathrooms should be open and accessible year-round. More parks should have permanent bathroom facilities, tennis courts should be lighted."*
- "Keep the parks clean. Pick up the garbage at the basketball / tennis courts, especially."*
- "Just want to see basketball courts."*
- "Provide outdoor neighborhood basketball courts. I know neighbors are apprehensive due to the way society pathologizes young men, but they are entitled to Park District services, too."*
- "Lack of outdoor pickleball courts. Outdoor tennis courts are poorly maintained."*
- "Maybe a designated walking track, preferably inside, for adults."*

**PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES (23% NET)**

- "There is not a lot of programming focused on healthy adults. Team sports are difficult to engage in if you don't have a large enough group to make a team."*
- "More exercise classes for adults."*
- "Lack of activities for adults (softball, basketball leagues, etc.). I miss the regular 5K runs that the park district used to put on."*
- "There is hardly any variety of activities for adults and active young seniors like me. We no longer have 'regular' HFPD exercise programs. When I moved here, I signed up regularly for exercise programs that were more traditional programs—walking around the facility to warm up, stretching exercises, some aerobic work, some light weight or bands work and ending with a nice cooldown. I don't want to do yoga. I don't want to do jumping. I am not at the point where I need chair exercise either."*
- "I wish they had more activities for individuals that don't have kids."*
- "Not enough adult classes like Zumba or yoga. Maybe the park could take a look at other communities like Oak Park to see what types of classes they offer."*
- "Discovery Preschool should have longer days or offer aftercare and should be Monday - Friday."*
- "The Raquet and Fitness Center does not offer classes that suit a family's schedule. Evening classes are extremely limited. When we have been able to attend family swim there, it has been cancelled more times than it has been accessible to us. Also, lots of changing apps to register and access programming in recent years. It's hard to keep up."*
- "Programs for little kids (toddlers) are often during the day, during working hours. Not enough league sports for adults under 55."*
- "More physical activities for seniors at night. Many of us still work."*
- "Offer more hours of activities during the day for seniors."*
- "More activities for seniors at a reasonable rate."*
- "After thinking a little harder, I would like more senior trips offered."*
- "Would like more travel opportunities at value pricing for adults/seniors."*
- "No kids' indoor soccer or basic soccer outside of club/travel."*
- "More open air music and/or art shows would be nice."*



**COST/FEEES (12% NET)**

- "Would like to see more free options, including outdoor exercise playgrounds for older adults."*
- "Price of membership at the Racquet Club for just equipment and pool use."*
- "I don't like the pricing for the fitness club, why did they get rid of the household membership? This does not encourage the other members in the household to go be active."*
- "Lions Club Pool. We used to get a family membership with a household of six, and the prices increased a lot... It is not an updated pool, not maintained well as far as cleanliness."*
- "Monthly family rate for HF Racquet & Health Club is expensive relative to other health clubs."*
- "The difference between in-district and out-of-district fees is not great enough. I feel like my tax money supplements out of district people. I'm currently concerned the Racquet and Fitness Club is having problems. Tennis and pickleball members have been lost to Park Forest Racquet Club. Also, I don't like that the person who organizes 12 people to use 3 tennis court has to pre-pay for everyone."*
- "Bring back more free classes for seniors and more options for classes or activities for young children under 3."*
- "Racquet Center is too expensive because of the cost of pool and indoor tennis. I pay taxes, but costs to just work out are prohibitively expensive. I am forced to subsidize the other costs twice, taxes and user fees. Need more outdoor facilities like running track, walking opportunities."*
- "The cost is a bit high for events/classes and makes it hard for people with multiple kids to afford events."*
- "We are a household of 6 people and often have to skip events because of the cost."*
- "Cost or programs - especially guest fees at the pool."*
- "I wish the pool membership did not cost so much."*
- "The lack of aqua classes free with membership. Years past there was one everyday during the week and two at night. You do not have enough for working people."*
- "I feel frustrated with our park district's focus on profit over accessibility. The fitness center is too expensive for many, and many offerings in the catalog are priced out of reach."*

**PARKS (8% NET)**

*"More garbage cans in parks; cheaper options for some events."*

*"Cleanliness of the parks. This includes lawn and landscaping. Though the grass is cut, there are areas that are not cared for, are overgrown and only addressed once a year. Weeds are also an issue. Lack of garbage cans are also an issue."*

*"Could be cleaner. Often litter in parks."*

*"Nobody seems to pick up litter or trash discarded in the park. Also have seen broken glass from bottles left on the sidewalks for weeks."*

*"I don't like that some of the parks no longer have garbage receptacles available. For example, the garbage can was removed from the park by my home. However, there are still garbage and recycling cans located in other parks within the district."*

*"There is too much trash and garbage in the park and playground areas."*

*"I would like to see more bike paths and bike parking connecting some of the parks and facilities."*

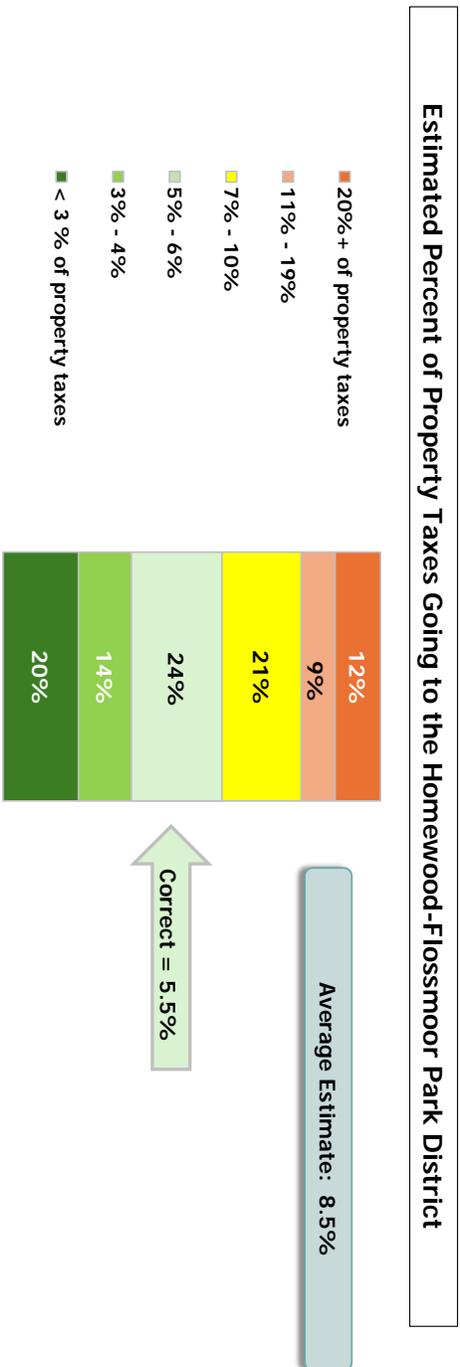
*"Would like to have more walking paths. It would be really nice to have a walking path around Dolphin Lake. More garbage cans in parks."*



When asked to estimate the share of one's property taxes that goes to the HFPPD, residents believe it to be roughly 8.5% on average – higher than the agency's actual 5.5% share.

- Overall, one in four (24%) estimate very closely to the actual share, between 5% and 6% of property taxes.
- Of the remaining responses, slightly more estimate higher than the actual share (42% giving estimates over 6%), vs. lower (34%).

Higher than average estimates tend to come from women (who on average estimate 10% of property taxes going to the District) and African American adults (average of 9.7%). The lowest average estimates from men (7.2%) and white adults (7.3) are still higher than the District's actual 5.5% share.



Q5. About what percent of your property taxes do you think goes to the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District? Please provide your best estimate without checking your tax bill or any other information.

When informed that the HFPD receives 5.5% of property tax revenues, a clear majority (71%) feel that this amount represents at least a good value overall given the parks, facilities, programs and services that the agency provides.

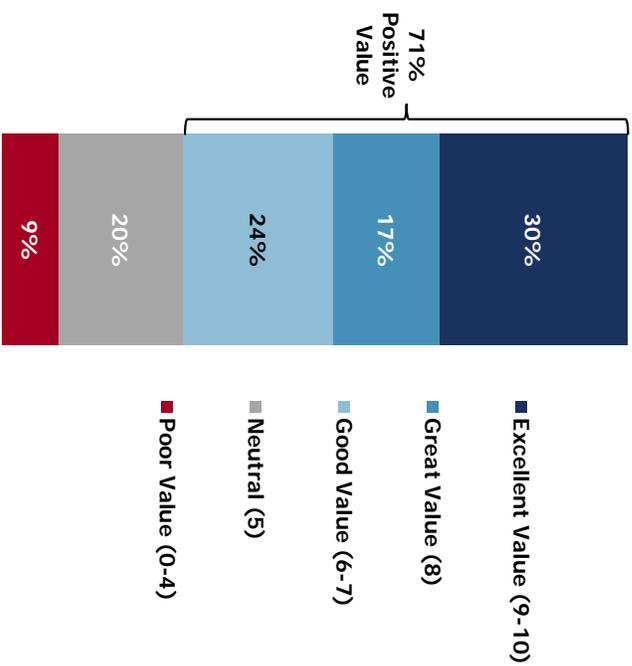
This includes nearly a third (30%) who rate it an excellent value overall (scores of 9+ on a 0-10 scale).

- Nine percent feel the District represents a "poor" value, and the remaining 20% consider it an average value.

The average value rating is 7.1 and is within the "good-to-great" range. As with the esteem ratings, this average score is generally consistent among all subgroups.

- Higher than average scores tend to come from the most long-term HFPD residents (7.7 from 30+ year residents), and white adults (7.5).
- Slightly lower than average value ratings – still positive – tend to come from:
  - Those living in the area 6-10 yrs. (6.7)
  - Non-white adults, specifically African American (6.9) and other segments/multi-racial adults (6.8)

Overall Value of HFPD Based on Property Tax Share



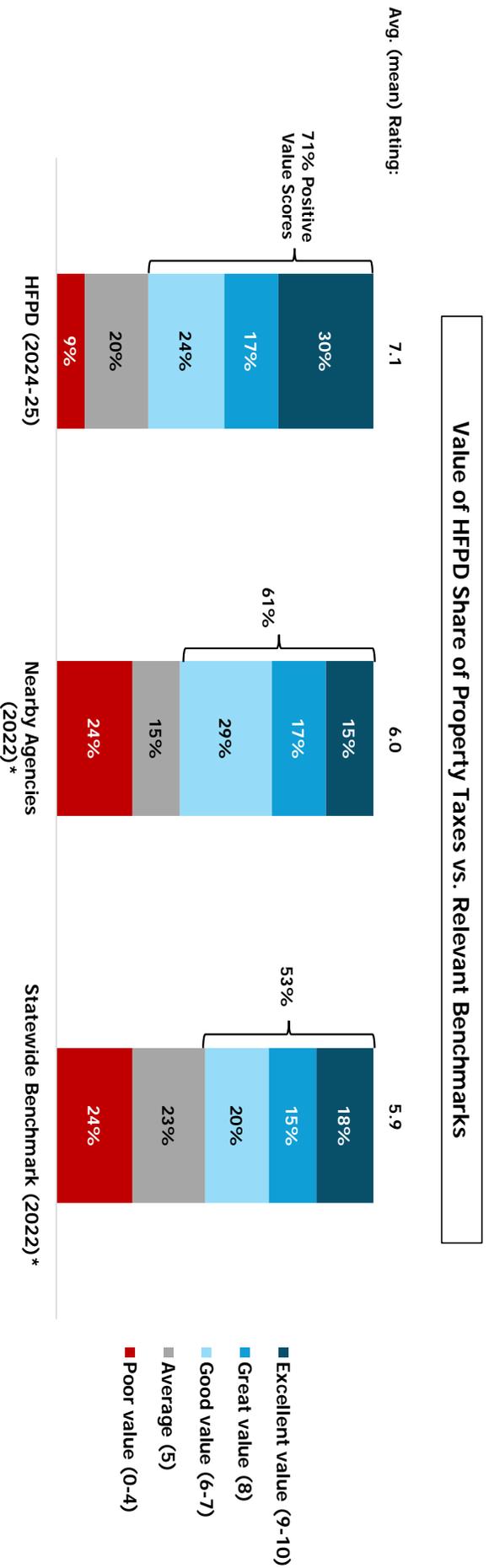
Average Value Rating: 7.1



Q32. As you may know, about 5.5% of your property taxes goes to the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District. Thinking about the programs, parks, facilities, and services that the Park District provides, please rate the overall value that the Park District represents given its share of property taxes.

Similar to the overall esteem rating benchmark comparisons, value scores for the HFPD are significantly stronger than neighboring and statewide results.

➤ Note that HFPD receives far fewer “poor” value scores compared to these other aggregate/benchmark results, and close to double the “excellent value” ratings.



\* These regional and statewide comparisons come from aQity's 2022 statewide survey conducted for the Illinois Association of Park Districts, which included over 2,000 respondents statewide. A 5% share of property taxes was referenced in the 2022 question. Nearby agencies serve Hazel Crest, Country Club Hills, Tinley Park, Frankfort Square, Matteson, Richton Park, Park Forest, Chicago Heights, Ford Heights, Sauk Village, Lynwood, Lansing, South Holland, Harvey, Midlothian, Thornton, Markham, Phoenix, Olympia Fields, Oak Forest, and Dixmoor.



**More than four out of five residents feel included and represented by the HFPD via its programs, activities, facilities, events, etc.**

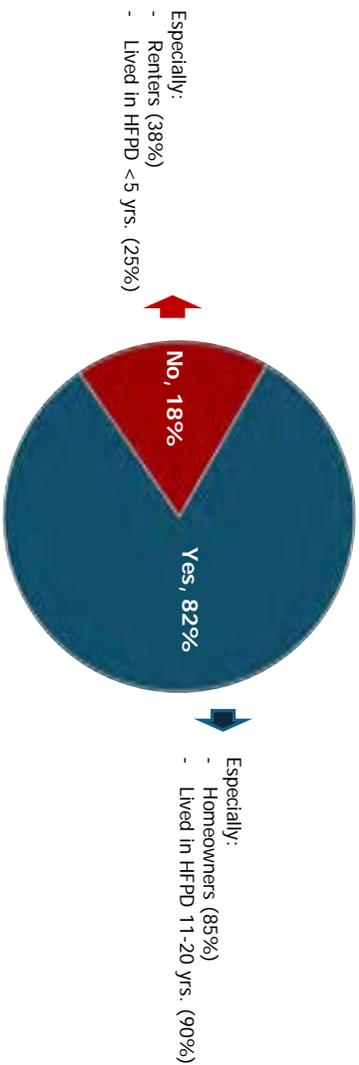
- Home ownership status explains the biggest difference between those who feel included/represented (more likely homeowners) vs. those who do not (more likely renters). Note that a quarter of the newest HFPD residents feel more can be done to help them feel included.

**Among those who do not feel represented or included, several reasons are given for feeling this way (see next two pages). Most often, they would like to see more activities for non-senior adults (e.g., single adults and empty-nesters -- and similarly scheduling that aligns with those who work from 9-5), followed by more options for seniors.**

**The costs associated with programs or facilities also emerges as a top barrier for some feeling excluded from HFPD offerings.**

- Overall, n=7 feel not included or represented due to race, culture or religion, and about half as many (n=3) seek more inclusion with LGBTQ+ households/events.

*Q6. The Homewood-Flossmoor Park District is committed to creating an environment that respects and celebrates the differences of all community members by providing access and opportunities to everyone, regardless of social/financial/ethnic background, gender, age, sexual orientation, or physical ability. Do you believe that your household is properly represented and included within the Park District and its offerings?*



**Too few programs/activities for adults (espec. empty nesters, singles) (n=15 – examples below)**

- "Pretty sparse adult options if you are between ages 18 and 65."*
- "I think we fit into a niche. Just retired. Not too interested in the 'senior' offerings."*
- "We are young professionals without children, so we tend not to fit into some of the programming categories. There are good options for younger children and good things for seniors, but few for the middle bracket."*
- "Nothing for adults between 30-55."*
- "It is getting a little better now but in the past there wasn't much interest for me since I work. Most of the active adult programs are for seniors (and) that doesn't represent me."*
- "Now that our children are older there's not enough events for couples."*
- "Not a lot of offerings for single people or empty nesters."*
- "Other than using the Racquet Club, there isn't anything offered that we would be interested in, as older adults but not old enough to do senior activities."*

**Costs/Fees too high, cannot afford (n=11 – examples below)**

- "The cost to participate."*
- "Costs for the Racquet Club are too expensive especially for seniors who have been paying taxes for years without getting any usage of the facilities."*
- "Park District should consider a sliding scale for lower income participants, as well as taking CCAP for camps and after school care."*
- "Not enough 'free' or 'low cost' programs for seniors - luncheons, etc."*
- "I am on a fixed income and would like the youth in my family to partake in events, but many times I can not afford the fees."*
- "The scholarship does not cover enough, the programs cost too much..."*
- "The cost to participate in most things is high. I can't afford to sign three children up for more than one thing a year even though they're interested in many."*
- "... especially the cost of HF Racquet club is too high for seniors."*

**Not enough/More programs or activities for seniors (n=8– examples below)**

- "I'd like to see more programs geared to seniors such as sewing classes, writing classes, exercise classes, etc."*
- "Not enough programs for seniors..."*
- "We've lived here for decades and the offerings for those above 60 years old is limited."*
- "As a senior citizen the options, though they've increased, are not as broad as neighboring communities."*
- "I'm retired with disposable income. Would like more senior classes, activities and travel."*

**Cultural/Ethnic/Religious reasons (n=7 – examples below)**

- "No Chanukah candle lighting. No holiday foods. No activities for children around their holidays."*
- "While I appreciate the initiatives such as MLK Days of Service, Black History Month programming, and the addition of Juneteenth, I don't feel that my household is fully represented within the Park District's offerings.... There is so much more that could be done to spotlight the diverse traditions, music, food, and stories that define our community. Imagine events that explore the heritage of African American cuisine, live music festivals highlighting gospel, jazz, and hip-hop, educational workshops sharing the lesser-known stories of Black history, or storytelling programs and spoken word nights featuring local talent... It's not just about inclusion; it's about reflecting the vibrant, diverse community we all call home. HF Parks has an incredible chance to lead the way in making that vision a reality, and I believe we all stand to benefit from it."*
- "Should be more multicultural from things offered and the staff that is hired."*
- "My household celebrates Chanukah. Where are the Chanukah (events)?"*

**Inconvenient hours/scheduling (n=6 – examples below)**

- “Evening classes for adults are extremely limited. I’ve stopped checking what’s available because as a working parent, I cannot participate...”*
- “Times in which activities and events are sometimes offered is not convenient for working families.”*
- “Of the activities I have found on the scheduling website, the ones for young children are either during the weekdays (when most parents work), or between the hours of 11-3, when most children ages 2 and under are taking a nap. Same for events, which tend to occur either right in the middle of the day or later at night, around dinner time. I would love to take my son to experience different things, but he needs to nap in the middle of the day or it won’t be enjoyable for anyone.”*
- “Lacking in older persons 50 and older in things to do for the evenings.”*

**Disabilities/Sensory issues (n=5 – examples below)**

- “As a family with a special needs child, I would like to see a more public relationship with SSSRA.”*
- “Lack of activities and equipment for special needs children (such as) swim lessons, etc.”*
- “Need more help for handicapped members. The pool could have chairs that are higher with arms for seniors to push themselves up... The lounge chairs are too low to get up from easily.”*
- “We need more sensory friendly events.”*

**Limited programs/activities in general (n=5 – examples below)**

- “Love to see more lectures / talks about science, technology. Resurrect the Old Science Pub? As I mentioned earlier, more day trips.”*
- “I am interested in the curling program, but it can’t be found on the web site, at least easily. It appears to be limited. The ice rink personnel were confused about it.”*
- “I don’t find enough classes that interest me.”*
- “The amount that I pay in property taxes I feel like the park district should provide more opportunities.”*

**More for LGBTQ+ community (n=3 – responses below)**

- “There are not enough [any?] events for queer or single parent families.”*
- “No LGBTQ focus.”*
- “The Pride Theme Starry Nights is great but (the District) could use more LGBTQ-inclusive events in the community outside of this.”*

**Facility/Amenity-related (n=3 – responses below)**

- “There is a park at the end of our cul de sac. There are no garbage cans there, the swings for bigger people were removed and nothing else was placed there. The grassy field just beyond the little kid play area is just grass. When I visit other parks within the district, there are many more amenities available to the surrounding community.”*
- “Focus on offerings (e.g., pickleball courts v. tennis courts) seem more aligned with a small section of the community.”*
- “Surfacing of tennis courts for other sports was not accommodated.”*

**More for teens/pre-teens (n=3 – responses below)**

- “The array of activities need to increase for...the pre-teen group.”*
- “There is not much for teens, only sports or art for boys and very little for boys interested in sports other than football or baseball; i.e., volleyball. No teen dance.”*
- “The teens do not get opportunities.”*

## II. HFPPD Park and Facility Usage, Satisfaction

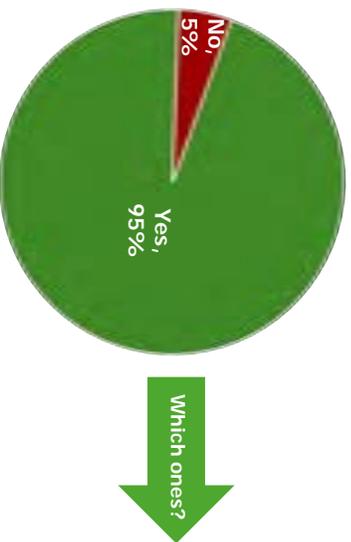
Overall, virtually all respondents (95%) report that they or someone in their household used or visited an HFPD park, playground or natural area in the past twelve months.

A majority (57%) report using Irwin Park, and nearly half (48%) went to Millennium Park.

The relatively low level of non-usage (5% overall) is slightly higher among:

- Ages 65+ (10% reporting no recent visits/usage)
- African American adults (8%, vs. 1% of white respondents)
- Renters (17%, vs. 3% of homeowners).

**Used/Visited HFPD Site in Past Year?**



HFPD Parks (NET 95%)	
Irwin Park (Homewood)	57%
Millennium Park (Homewood)	48%
Patriots Park (Homewood)	40%
Apollo Park (Homewood)	38%
Irons Oaks Park (Olympia Fields)	34%
Lions Club Park (Homewood)	30%
Dolphin Lake Park (Homewood)	28%
Indian Trails Park (Homewood)	22%
Flossmoor Park (Flossmoor)	22%
Leavitt Park (Flossmoor)	18%
Orchard Park (Homewood)	13%
Woodborough Park (Homewood)	12%
Flossmoor Hills Park (Flossmoor)	11%
Cedar Park (Homewood)	10%
Ballantræe Park (Flossmoor)	10%
Goldberg Park (Flossmoor)	9%
Heritage Park (Homewood)	9%
Butterfield Park (Homewood)	9%
Homewood Estates Park (Homewood)	8%
Rover's Run Dog Park (Homewood)	7%
Highlands Park (Flossmoor)	6%

Q8. Please indicate the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District parks, playgrounds, and/or nature areas that you or household members visited in the last 12 months/past year

**Not surprisingly, many of the HFPD parks are primarily visited by nearby residents in the respective communities.**

- For example, virtually all of those who report going to Orchard Park or Cedar Park live in Homewood (93% and 90%, respectively).
- Likewise, roughly two thirds of visitors to Leavitt Park and Flossmoor Hills Park live in Flossmoor (66% each).

**Still, several parks draw from all communities, with little regional differences, including some of the most visited locations such as:**

- Millennium Park
- Irons Oaks Park
- Lions Club Park
- Dolphin Lake Park

**Significant Differences: Park/Playground/Nature Area Usage by Region (top responses)**

HFPD Parks and Facilities Recently Visited/Used	n	Region		
		Homewood	Flossmoor	Glenwood *
<b>Overall (row) % of Respondents</b>		<b>62%</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>3%</b>
Irwin Park (Homewood)	299	79%	18%	3%
Millennium Park (Homewood)	249	65%	31%	4%
Patriots Park (Homewood)	212	81%	15%	4%
Apollo Park (Homewood)	203	73%	19%	8%
Irons Oaks Park (Olympia Fields)	178	67%	32%	1%
Lions Club Park (Homewood)	153	71%	25%	3%
Dolphin Lake Park (Homewood)	125	63%	33%	4%
Indian Trails Park (Homewood)	110	84%	11%	4%
Flossmoor Park (Flossmoor)	103	39%	59%	2%
Leavitt Park (Flossmoor)	96	34%	66%	0%
Orchard Park (Homewood)	88	93%	3%	4%
Woodborough Park (Homewood)	63	85%	11%	4%
Flossmoor Hills Park (Flossmoor)	44	30%	66%	4%
Cedar Park (Homewood)	62	90%	10%	0%
Ballantrae Park (Flossmoor)	40	36%	58%	5%
Goldberg Park (Flossmoor)	54	56%	44%	0%
Heritage Park (Homewood)	52	86%	14%	0%
Butterfield Park (Homewood)	51	71%	23%	6%

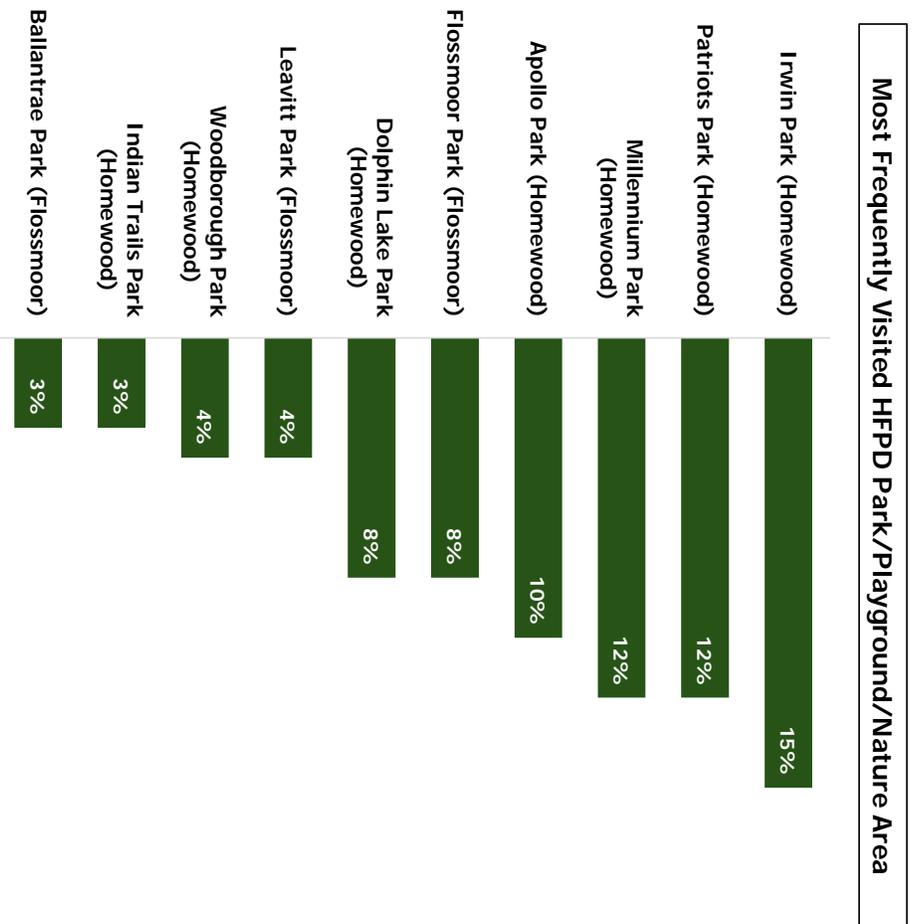


= statistically higher regional response at the 95% confidence level

At least one in ten identify Irwin, Patriots, Millennium and/or Apollo Park as the HFPD open space that they use or visit most often.

Flossmoor Park and Dolphin Lake Park are the top destinations for 8% each.

Fewer than 5% identify any other HFPD park as their most frequent park/playground/open space.

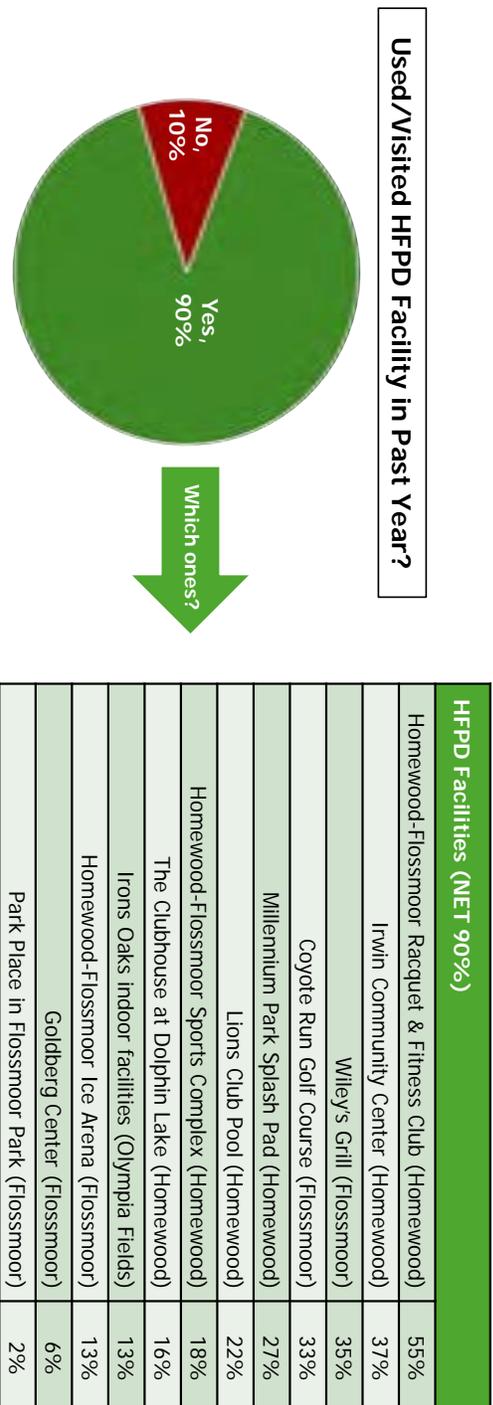


Q9. From the list above, which park, playground or nature area do you use most often? (only responses of 3% or above are shown above)

Similarly, 90% of respondents report a household member recently visiting HFPD facilities and buildings in the past year, with a majority (55%) going to the Racquet & Fitness Club.

At least a third also report using the Irwin Community Center, Wiley's Grill, and Coyote Run Golf Course.

Non-usage of HFPD facilities (10% overall) tends to be slightly higher among ages 65+ (16%), women (14%, vs. 6% of men), and non-HFPD program participants (18%).



*Q10. Please indicate the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District facilities and buildings that you or household members visited in the last 12 months/past year*

Unlike the District parks and open spaces, most of the HFPD facilities draw visitors from throughout the District.

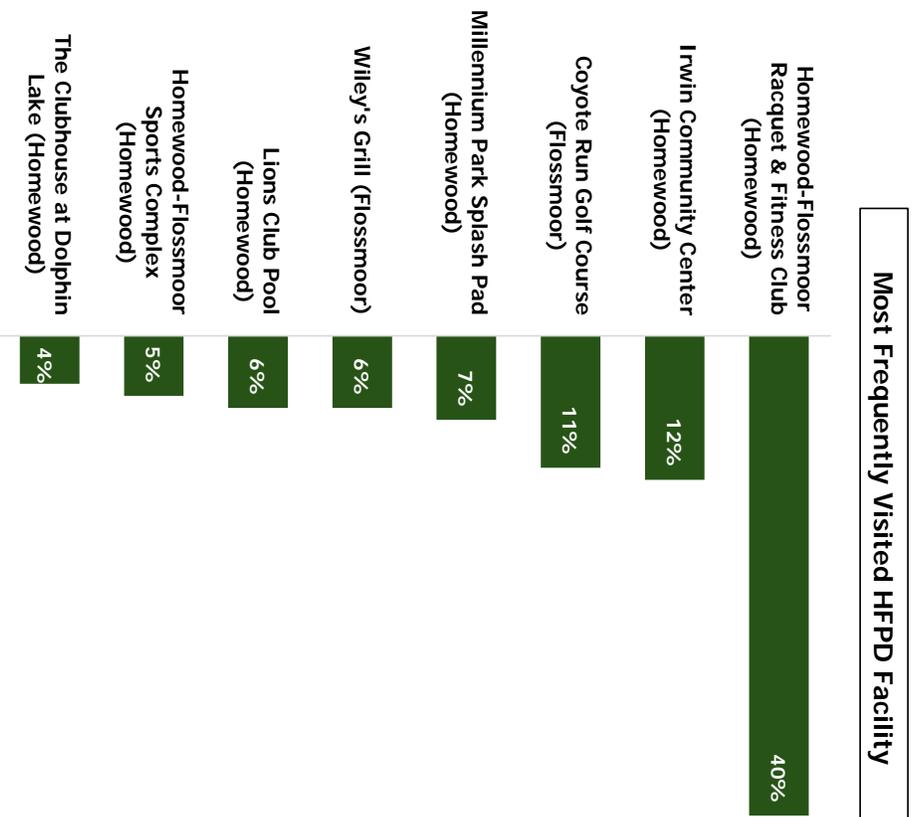
The one exception is the Irwin Community Center, which tends to attract a disproportionate number of Homewood residents.

**Significant Differences: Facility Usage by Region (top responses)**

HFPD Parks and Facilities Recently Visited/Used	n	Region		
		Homewood	Flossmoor	Glenwood *
<b>Overall (row) % of Respondents</b>		<b>62%</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>3%</b>
Homewood-Flossmoor Racquet & Fitness Club (Homewood)	261	61%	35%	4%
Irwin Community Center (Homewood)	194	72%	24%	4%
Wiley's Grill (Flossmoor)	185	63%	31%	5%
Coyote Run Golf Course (Flossmoor)	146	57%	40%	3%
Millennium Park Splash Pad (Homewood)	128	59%	37%	4%
Lions Club Pool (Homewood)	132	71%	27%	2%
Homewood-Flossmoor Sports Complex (Homewood)	83	59%	36%	5%
The Clubhouse at Dolphin Lake (Homewood)	67	60%	34%	6%
Irons Oaks Indoor facilities (Olympia Fields)	69	64%	33%	4%
Homewood-Flossmoor Ice Arena (Flossmoor)	64	65%	31%	4%
Goldberg Center (Flossmoor)	38	67%	26%	7%

= statistically higher regional response at the 95% confidence level

The Racquet & Fitness Club is by far the most frequently visited HFPD facility, with the Irwin Community Center and Coyote Run Golf Course a distant second and third (12% and 11%, respectively).

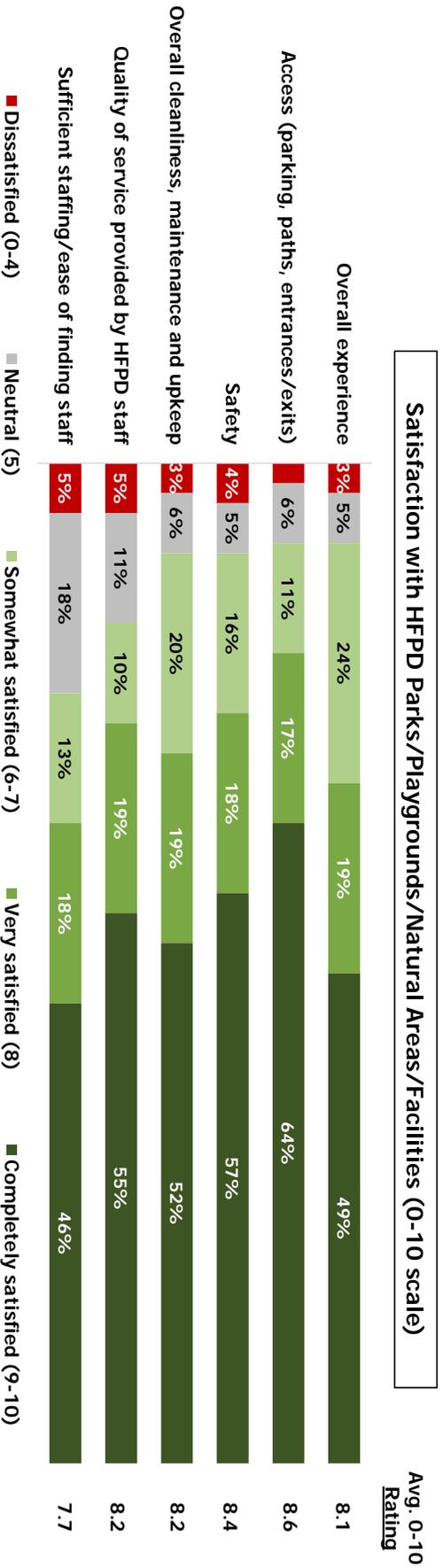


Q9. From the list above, which Park District facility do you use most often? (only responses of 2% or above are shown above)

When rating their overall satisfaction for all HFPPD parks/trails/nature areas/facilities used or visited in the past year, residents give consistently strong scores.

At least 77% are satisfied with each attributed tested, including close to half or more who are completely satisfied with each attribute (Scores of 9+ on a 0-10 scale). The average satisfaction score is 8.1 or higher on almost every feature tested, and no more than 5% overall express dissatisfaction.

Satisfaction with the level of staffing at these locations is slightly lower than other attributes but still receives very strong ratings (77% satisfied vs. 5% dissatisfied, and 7.7 on average). Note that 18% give neutral scores, suggesting unawareness of staffing levels (especially if someone only uses parks and does not expect to meet/see District staff).



Q12. Please rate your overall satisfaction with all the locations that you recently visited above. Note: Responses below 3% are not labeled.



**These strong satisfaction scores are consistently positive across all regions and subgroups.**

- Older residents tend to be slightly less satisfied with safety and service at District sites, while residents aged 35-44 tend to be most satisfied with these two attributes. Still, none of these attributes average a rating below 7.8 (Very positive).

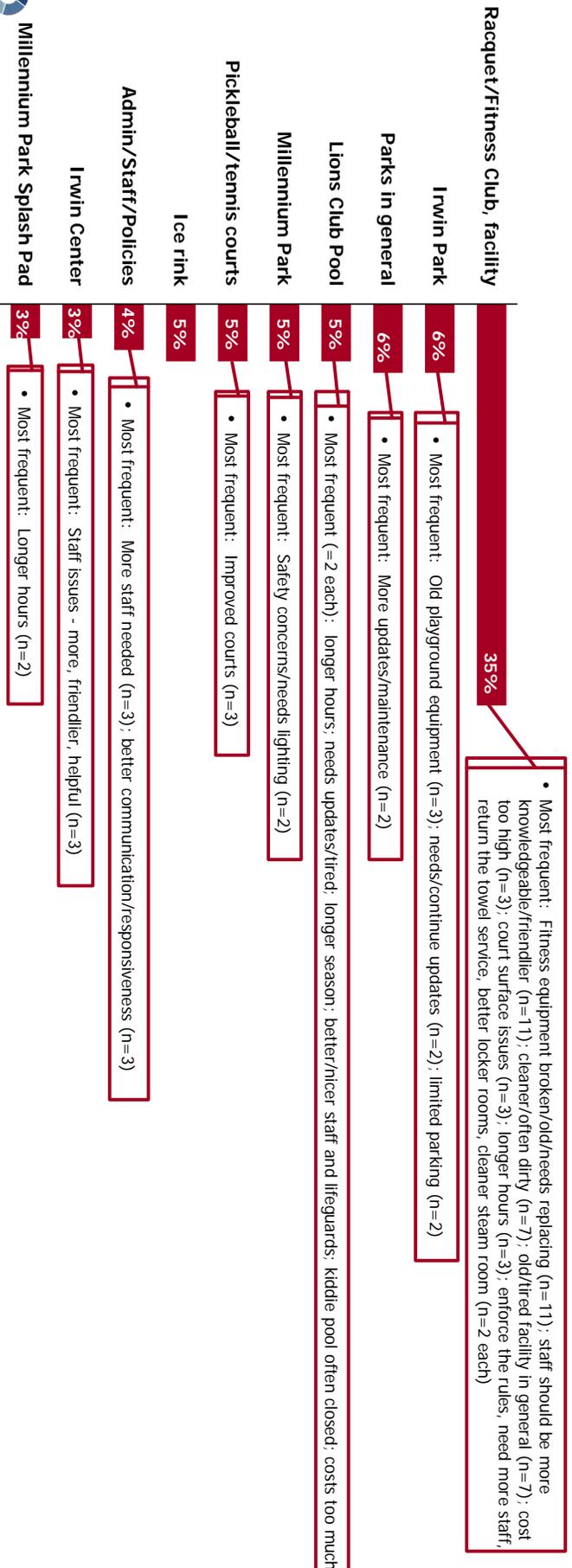
**Significant Differences: Satisfaction with HFPD Parks, Playgrounds, Nature Areas and Facilities**

	Avg. 0-10 Satisfaction Score	Lower Than Avg. Ratings	Higher Than Avg. Ratings
Overall experience	8.1		< no statistically meaningful differences >
Access	8.6	< no statistically meaningful differences >	
Safety	8.4	- Ages 55+ (8.2)	- Ages 35-44 (8.8)
Overall cleanliness, maintenance, upkeep	8.2	< no statistically meaningful differences >	
Quality of service from staff	8.2	- Ages 65+ (7.8)	- Ages 35-44 (8.7)
Sufficient staffing/ease of finding staff	7.7	< no statistically meaningful differences >	

Of those who gave satisfaction scores of 6 or lower on any attribute, most attribute these to the Racquet & Fitness Club (highest facility usage), especially around the need for more/better fitness equipment, more helpful/knowledgeable staff and staff presence, better cleaning and upkeep, and updates requested for the facility overall.

Remaining HFPD sites are cited less often, with the most common requests for upgrades/improvements, and staff issues.

**Top Reasons for Dissatisfaction: HFPD PARKS/FACILITIES (base n=132 respondents)**

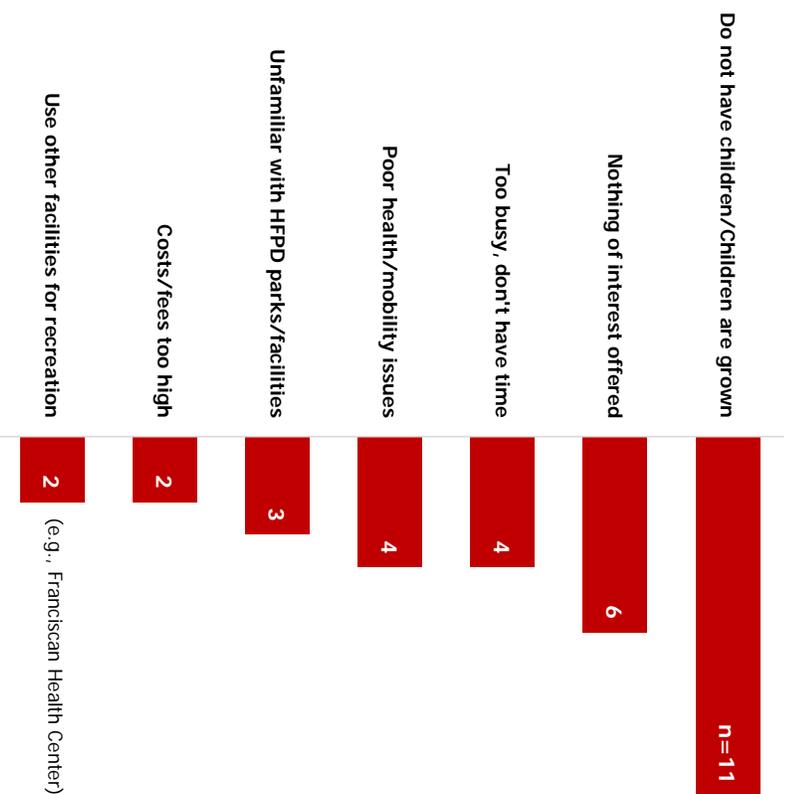


Among the few non-visitors of HFPD assets, not having young children in the households is by far the #1 reason for this non-usage.

- This suggests a perception that the District is focused more on youth and/or young families, and less on households without children or empty nesters.

Most of the top remaining barriers are more about the residents' lifestyle or interests (other interests, too busy, health/mobility issues) than anything negative about the HFPD or recreation in general.

**Top Reasons: Reasons for Not Using/Visiting HFPD Parks/Facilities (n of cases, base n=15)**



*Q12. If you have not visited any park, playground, nature area, or facility recently, why not? Please select all that apply.*

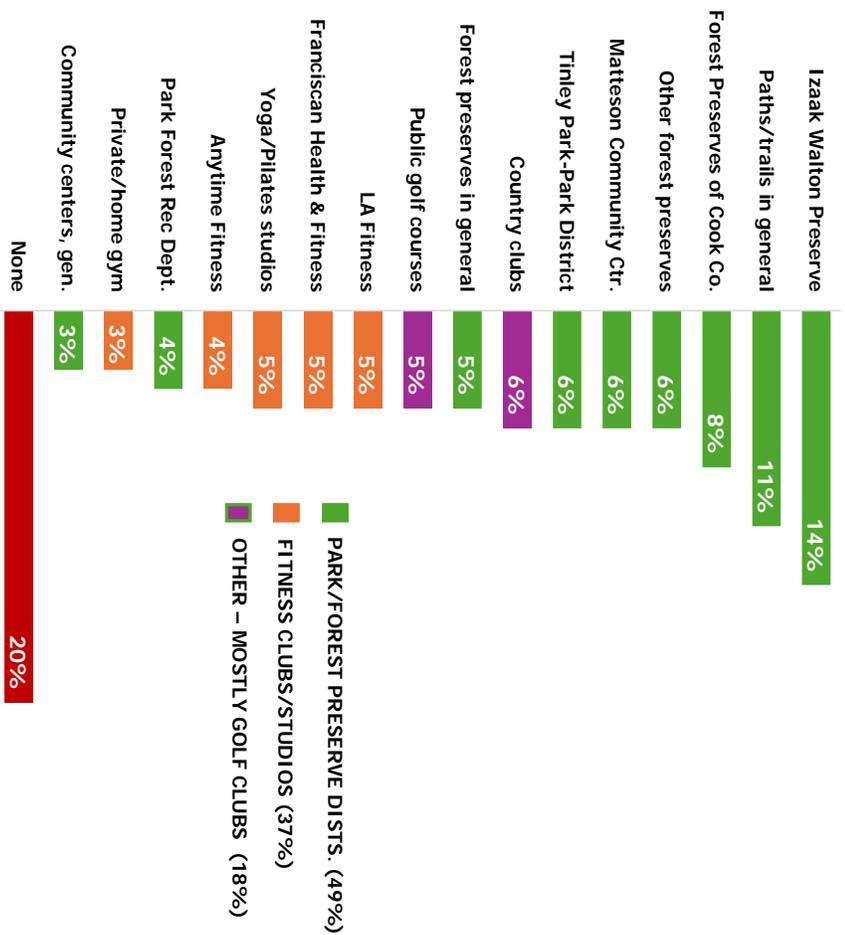
As a final open-ended comment answered by most respondents (n=352 of 459), about half identified other local forest preserve or park agency sites and facilities as additional sources for recreational activities (beside the HFPPD).

- The Izaak Walton Preserve and various local forest preserves (especially FPCC sites) are mentioned most often.
- Multiple neighboring park agencies are also mentioned, most often the Community Center in Matteson, and agencies/departments in Tinley Park and Park Forest.

Just over a third (37%) report household usage of nearby fitness facilities, usually LA Fitness, Franciscan, Anytime Fitness, and various studios for yoga, Pilates, etc.

The top “other” facilities (18%) mostly include private country clubs or public golf courses (wide range, usually Idlewild, Flossmoor, Glenwoodie, Ravisløe).

Other Sources for Recreation/Fitness  
(Top open-ended responses, base n=352)



C39. Other than Homewood-Flossmoor Park District parks and facilities, where else does your household go for recreation or fitness activities? (open-ended)

# III. Needs Assessment and Priorities: Indoor Facilities



**When gauging levels of demand or interest in a series of indoor facility options (as part of a needs assessment), two out of three express a need or desire for a fitness and exercise facility.**

- This option was the top response from all groups, and is especially popular among recent HFPD program participants (cited by 73% overall – see next page)

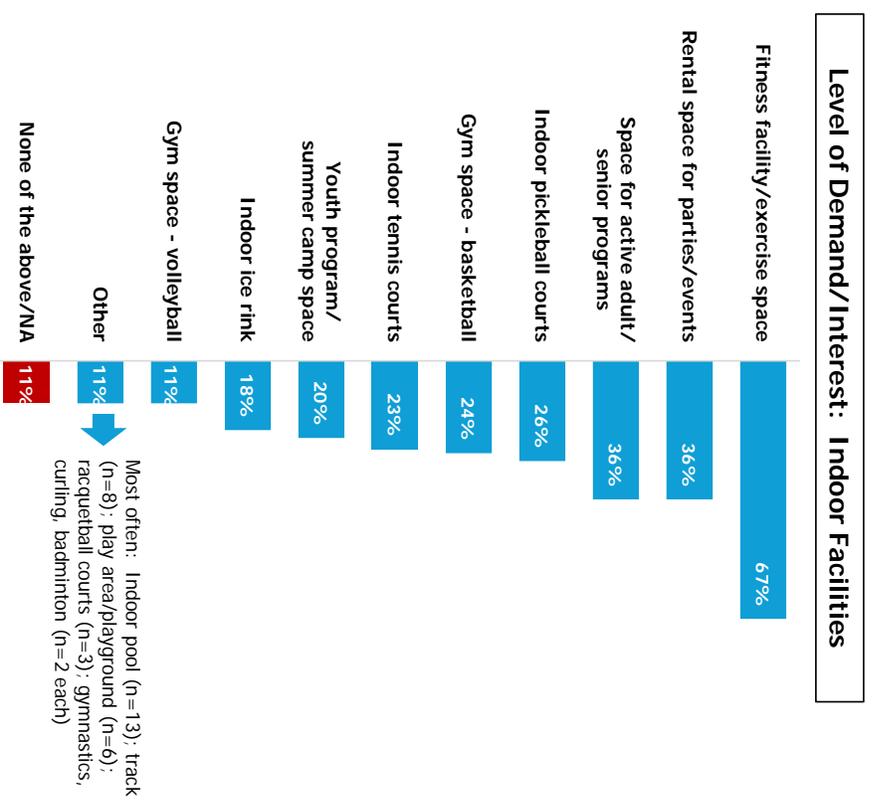
**About half as many (36% each) likewise are interested in rental space, and/or program space for active adults and seniors.**

- Older residents (especially ages 55-64) tend to be interested in each.
- Rental space also tends to be selected among African American adults and women, while the oldest (ages 55+) and longer-term (21-30 year) residents/homeowners are especially interested in active adult program space.

**The next tier of facilities are of interest to 18% to 26% each, most often:**

- Indoor pickleball courts (especially among the youngest adults and white residents)
- Gym space for basketball (more so than for volleyball), most often among African Americans and households with children
- Indoor tennis courts (few meaningful differences), youth program/summer camp space (mostly those with children), and an indoor ice rink (especially among women and white residents).

**One in nine (11%) express interest in “other” indoor features (usually a pool, walking track, or play area/ playground), and as many (11%) express no interest in any indoor feature.**



OT5. Below, indicate if you or a household member uses or has a need/interest in these Indoor amenities.

Significant Differences: Demand/Interest in Indoor Facilities

	Overall	Most Likely to Express Interest/Use
<b>Fitness facility/exercise space</b>	<b>67%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- HFPD participants (73%)</li> </ul>
<b>Rental space for parties, events</b>	<b>36%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 55-64 (46%)</li> <li>- Women (42%, vs. 29% of men)</li> <li>- African American adults (52%)</li> <li>- Lived in HFPD 6-10 yrs. (61%)</li> <li>- HFPD participants (42%)</li> </ul>
<b>Space for active adult/senior programs</b>	<b>36%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 55-64 (49%), 65+ (53%)</li> <li>- No children in household (45%, vs. 14% of those with children)</li> <li>- Homeowners (39%, vs. 14% of renters)</li> <li>- Lived in HFPD 21-30 yrs. (53%)</li> </ul>
<b>Indoor pickleball courts</b>	<b>26%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Under age 35 (47%)</li> <li>- White adults (34%)</li> <li>- No children in household (32%, vs. 18% of those with children)</li> </ul>
<b>Indoor gym space for basketball</b>	<b>24%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 35-44 (42%), 45-54 (37%)</li> <li>- African American adults (37%)</li> <li>- Households with children (45%, vs. 17% of those without children)</li> <li>- Lived in HFPD 6-10 yrs. (47%)</li> </ul>
<b>Indoor tennis courts</b>	<b>23%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- HFPD participants (27%)</li> </ul>
<b>Indoor space for youth programs like summer camp</b>	<b>20%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 35-54 (36%)</li> <li>- Households with children (40%, vs. 9% of those without children)</li> <li>- HFPD participants (28%)</li> <li>- Lived in HFPD 6-10 yrs. (39%)</li> </ul>
<b>Indoor ice rink</b>	<b>18%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Women (24%, vs. 11% of men)</li> <li>- White adults (24%)</li> </ul>

Significant Differences: Demand/Interest in Indoor Facilities (cont'd)

	Overall	Most Likely to Express Interest/Use
Indoor gym space for volleyball	11%	- Ages 45-54 (25%) - HFPD participants (14%)
Other	11%	< no statistically significant differences >
None/NA	11%	- Non-HFPD participants (17%, vs. 5% of participants)



Respondents who report use or interest in each type of indoor facility were also asked how well those interests are currently being met on a 1-5 scale, either by HFPD or any other source/provider.

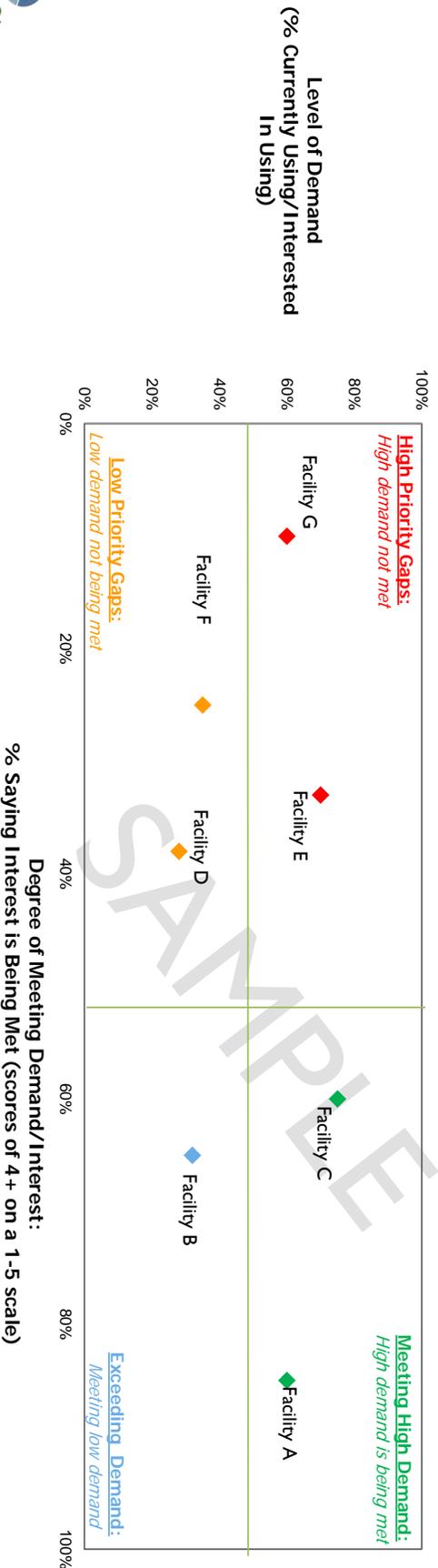
- A score of "4" means their interests are mostly met, and a "5" means they are completely met.

The results are reported on the following pages using a scatter plot that shows both:

- Overall demand for each facility (vertical axis) based on the % who indicate usage or interest
- And the % with scores of "4" or "5" who report that this "interest" is currently being met (horizontal axis) using the 1-5 scale.

In the example below, facilities A and C in the upper right quadrant are in high demand and sufficient supply, while facilities E and G (upper left) represent opportunity (high demand not currently being met).

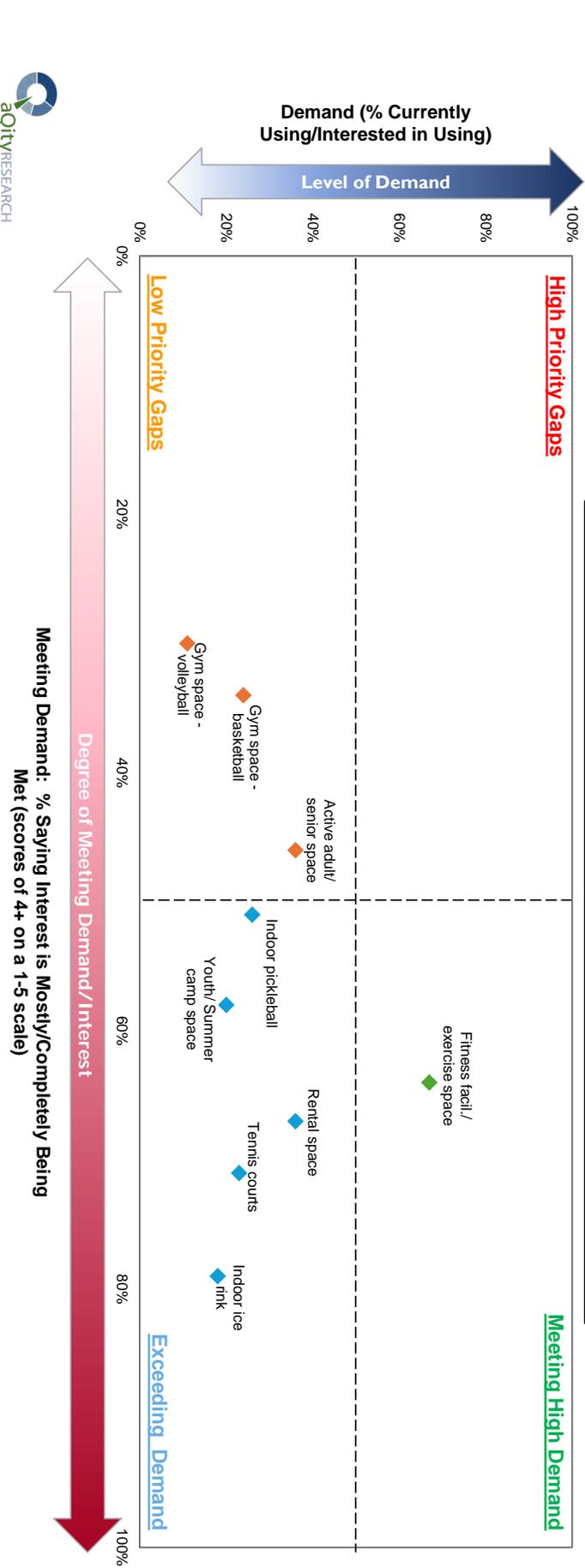
- Facilities to the bottom (B, D, and F) are in lower demand.



Among the top three indoor facilities generating the greatest interest or demand, two (fitness facilities/exercise areas, and rental space for parties and events) are seen as readily available currently. Nearly half of those interested in space for active older adult programs (46%) likewise feel that their needs are mostly/currently being met (smaller gap).

- Those interested in indoor pickleball, tennis courts, ice rinks, rental space, or youth programming/summer camp space tend to feel these facilities are readily available.
- The biggest gaps/opportunities are gym space for basketball, followed by space for volleyball (lowest level of demand).

Gap Analysis: Indoor Facility Demand and Availability





**Top Priority: Indoor Facilities**

**When asked for the #1 priority for an indoor facility that the HFPD should focus on, one in four respondents identified a fitness facility and/or exercise space (26%).**

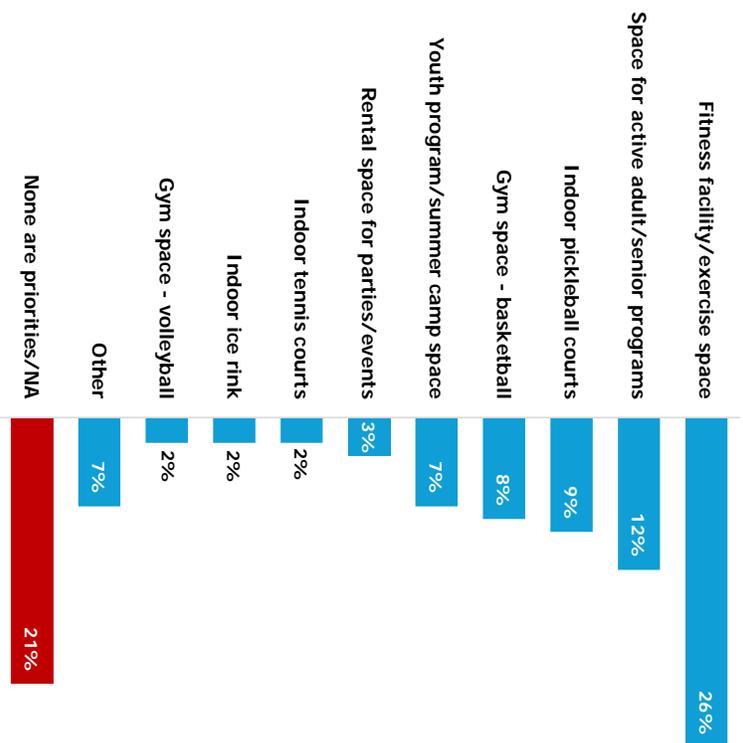
- This is especially important to the most long-term local residents, and white adults.

**The second most frequent response was “none are priorities” (21%), usually from adults ages 55-64 and non-HFPD program participants.**

**Space for active older adult/senior programs is the top priority to 12% overall (usually among older adults), followed by:**

- Indoor pickleball courts (9%, especially among long-term adults and white residents, similar to interest for a fitness facility)
- Basketball courts/gym space (8% -- especially younger adults, those with children under age 18, men, and African American residents)
- Space for youth programs and summer camps (7%, mostly newer residents, African Americans, and households with children)
- Other facilities not listed, again usually an indoor pool, walking track, or indoor play area/playground for children (n=5 responses each).

**The remaining options tested are priorities to no more than 3% overall.**



Significant Differences: #1 Priority for Indoor Facilities

	Overall	Most Likely to Express Interest/Use
<b>Fitness facility/exercise space</b>	<b>26%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lived in HFPD 30+ yrs. (37%)</li> <li>- White adults (36%)</li> </ul>
<b>Space for active adult/senior programs</b>	<b>12%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 65+ (27%)</li> </ul>
<b>Indoor pickleball courts</b>	<b>9%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lived in HFPD 30+ yrs. (16%)</li> <li>- No children in household (13%, vs. 2% of those with children)</li> <li>- White adults (14%)</li> </ul>
<b>Indoor gym for basketball</b>	<b>8%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 35-44 (18%)</li> <li>- Men (12%, vs. 5% of women)</li> <li>- Lived in HFPD 6-10 yrs. (24%)</li> <li>- African American adults (17%)</li> <li>- Have children in household (21%, vs. 2% of those without children)</li> </ul>
<b>Indoor space for youth programs/summer camp</b>	<b>7%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 45-54 (14%)</li> <li>- Have children in household (18%, vs. 1% of those without children)</li> <li>- Lived in HFPD &lt;5 yrs. (16%)</li> <li>- African American adults (11%)</li> <li>- Program participants (12%, vs. 2% of non-participants)</li> </ul>
<b>Rental space for parties/events</b>	<b>3%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 55-64 (10%)</li> <li>- No children in household (6%, vs. 1% of those with children)</li> <li>- African American adults (7%)</li> </ul>
<b>Indoor tennis courts</b>	<b>2%</b>	< no statistically meaningful differences >
<b>Indoor ice rink</b>	<b>2%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lived in HFPD 30+ yrs. (5%)</li> </ul>
<b>Indoor gym for volleyball</b>	<b>2%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 45-54 (8%)</li> </ul>
<b>Other (e.g., pool, track, play area for children)</b>	<b>7%</b>	< no statistically meaningful differences >
<b>None/No priorities</b>	<b>21%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 55-64 (32%)</li> <li>- Non-participants (28%, vs. 15% of recent participants)</li> </ul>

## IV. Needs Assessment and Priorities: Outdoor Facilities

In terms of demand for outdoor recreation, two thirds of District respondents express an interest or need for walking and hiking trails (68%), and half likewise are interested in open space.

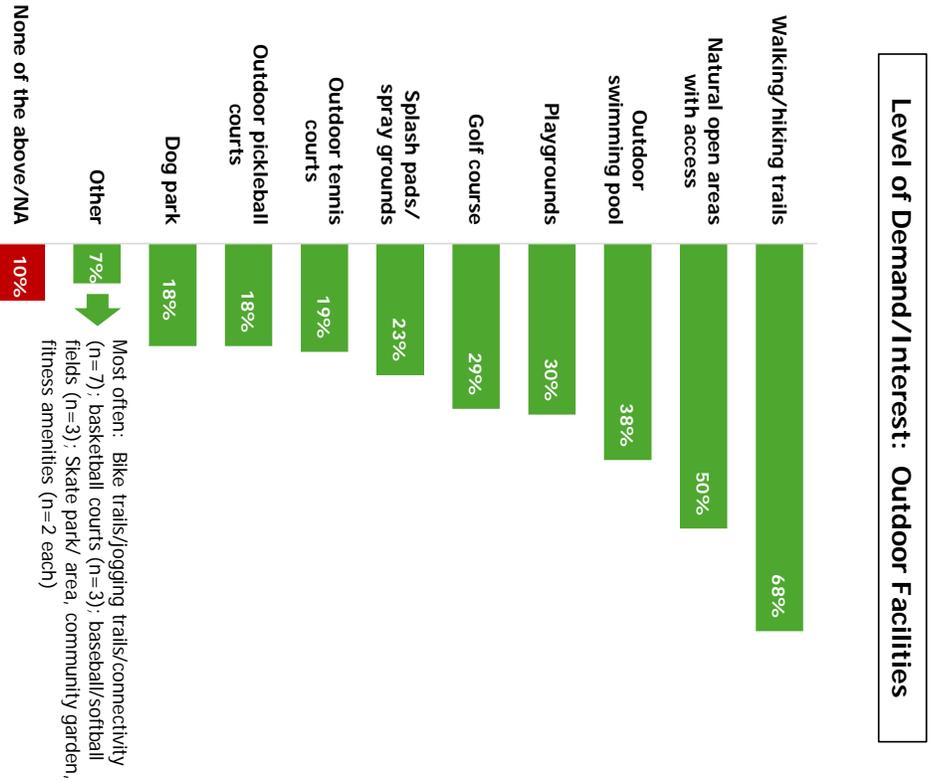
- Both garner the highest levels of interest from Homewood residents and white adults.

The top outdoor facilities of interest include:

- An outdoor pool (cited by 38% -- especially among women and younger adults with children)
- Playgrounds (30%, likewise mostly among younger adults with children)
- A golf course (29%, especially men and long-term District residents of 30+ years)
- Splash pads and spray ground areas (23% -- similarly adults ages 35-44 and those with children).

The remaining items are sought by just under one in five adults, with about equal numbers interested in tennis vs. pickleball courts (19% and 18%, respectively).

Seven percent gave scattered "other" suggestions, and 10% seek none of these (slightly higher among Flossmoor residents).



Q17 Next, indicate if you or a household member uses or has a need or interest in these outdoor amenities.

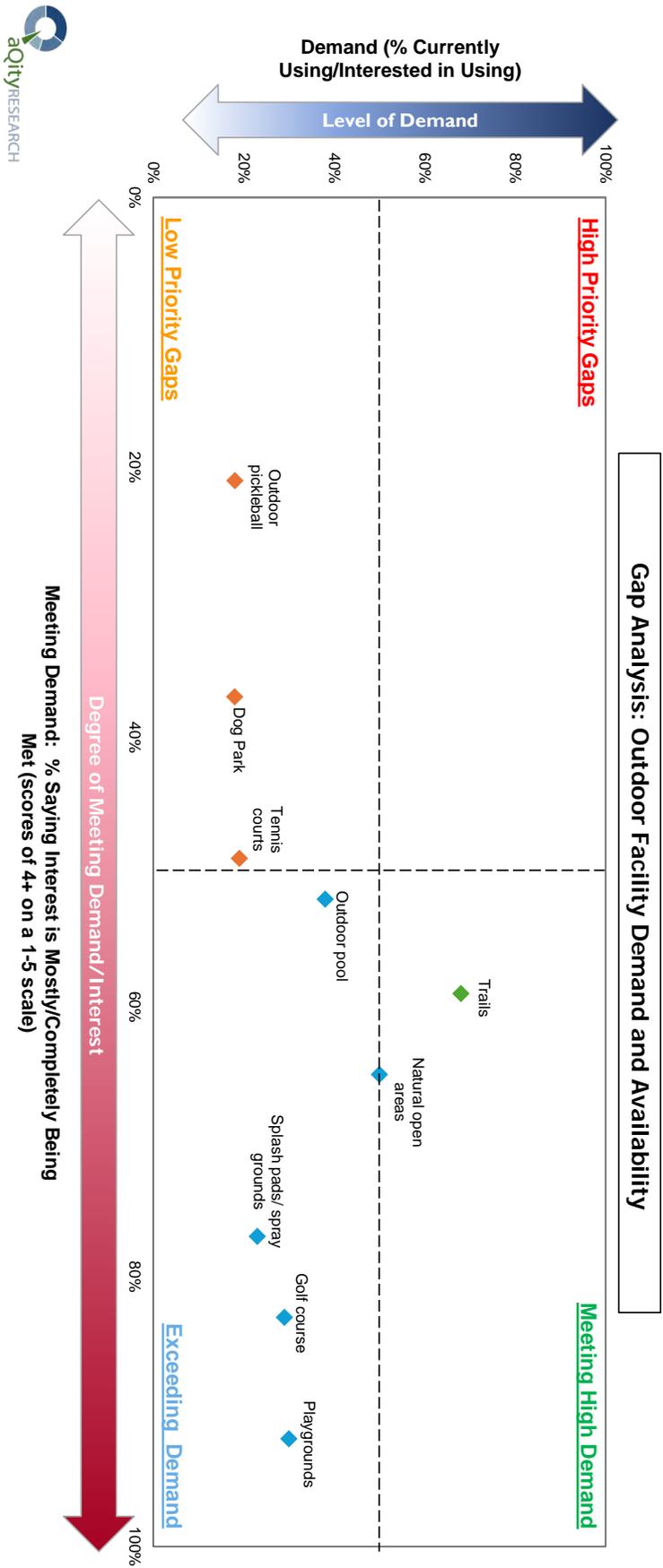
Significant Differences: Demand/Interest in Outdoor Facilities

	Overall	Most Likely to Express Interest/Use
Walking/hiking trails	68%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- White adults (75%)</li> <li>- Homewood residents (74%)</li> <li>- Lived in HFPPD 30+ yrs. (79%)</li> </ul>
Natural open areas (with access)	50%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- White adults (60%)</li> <li>- Homewood residents (56%)</li> <li>- HFPPD program participants (57%, vs. 42% of non-participants)</li> </ul>
Outdoor swimming pool	38%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 35-44 (48%)</li> <li>- Women (44%, vs. 31% of men)</li> <li>- Households with children (58%, vs. 26% of those without children)</li> <li>- Program participants (49%, vs. 25% of non-participants)</li> </ul>
Playgrounds	30%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 35-44 (48%)</li> <li>- Households with children (55%, vs. 15% of those without children)</li> <li>- Program participants (38%, vs. 22% of non-participants)</li> </ul>
Golf course	29%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Men (35%, vs. 25% of women)</li> </ul>
Splash pads/spray grounds	23%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 35-44 (49%)</li> <li>- Households with children (47%, vs. 14% of those without children)</li> <li>- Program participants (32%, vs. 15% of non-participants)</li> </ul>
Outdoor tennis courts	19%	< no statistically meaningful differences >
Outdoor pickleball courts	18%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- White adults (30%)</li> <li>- Households without children (25%, vs. 10% of those with children)</li> </ul>
Dog park	18%	< no statistically meaningful differences >
Other	7%	< no statistically meaningful differences >
None/No interest	10%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Flossmoor residents (17%)</li> <li>- Lived in HFPPD 6-10 yrs. (24%)</li> <li>- Ages 35-44 (16%)</li> </ul>



Similar to the indoor facilities tested, the outdoor amenities/features in highest demand are seen as mostly or completely available currently among those expressing a need or interest in each. This is especially true for the top two amenities – trails and open space.

The biggest gaps or possible opportunities are with outdoor features sought by just under 20% of residents overall, especially outdoor pickleball courts (biggest gap) and a dog park. Note that roughly half (49%) of those interested or seeking outdoor tennis courts feel they are mostly available currently.



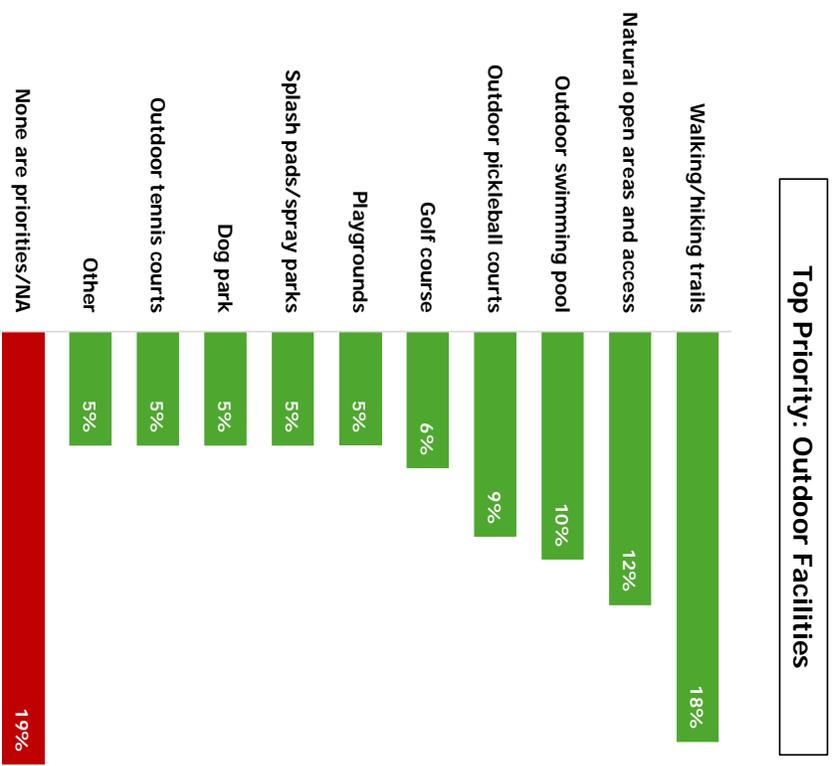
In terms of the top outdoor facility that residents seek from the HFPD, the most frequent responses are “trails” (18%) and “none” (19%) – again suggesting that roughly one in five feel their needs for these amenities are already addressed.

- Trails are most popular among the oldest adults ages 65+, while nearly three out of ten Flossmoor residents feel that none of these represent priorities (see next page).

**About one out of ten identify as their top priority:**

- Natural areas (12%, especially more recent District residents)
- Outdoor pool (10%, especially women)
- Pickleball courts (9%, mostly older and long-term residents, white adults, and those without children under age 18).

The remaining options were each cited by 5% to 6% overall (see next pages for demographic profiles for each).



OT8. For the list above, please select the one outdoor option that the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District should prioritize providing, adding or improving.

Significant Differences: #1 Priority for Outdoor Facilities

	Overall	Most Likely to Express Interest/Use
Walking/hiking trails	18%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 65+ (31%)</li> </ul>
Natural open areas (with access)	12%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lived in HFPD &lt;5 yrs. (23%)</li> <li>- White adults (17%)</li> </ul>
Outdoor swimming pool	10%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Women (16%, vs. 5% of men)</li> </ul>
Outdoor pickleball courts	9%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 55-64 (18%)</li> <li>- Lived in HFPD 30+ yrs. (15%)</li> <li>- White adults (13%)</li> <li>- No children in household (13%, vs. 2% of those with children)</li> </ul>
Golf course	6%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Men (14%, vs. 1% of women)</li> <li>- Ages 65+ (12%), lived in HFPD 30+ yrs. (13%)</li> <li>- No children in household (9%, vs. 4% of those with children)</li> </ul>
Playgrounds	5%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 45-54 (11%)</li> <li>- Households with children (13%, vs. 1% of those without children)</li> <li>- Program participants (8%, vs. 2% of non-participants)</li> </ul>
Splash pads/spray grounds	5%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 35-44 (19%)</li> <li>- Households with children (12%, vs. 2% of those without children)</li> </ul>
Dog park	5%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Men (8%, vs. 2% of women)</li> <li>- African American adults (8%)</li> <li>- Non-participants (8%, vs. 2% of participants)</li> </ul>
Outdoor tennis courts	5%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 45-54 (11%)</li> <li>- Homewood (6%) and Glenwood residents (14% of n=7), vs. 2% of Flossmoor residents</li> <li>- Households without children (7%, vs. 3% of those with children)</li> </ul>

Significant Differences: #1 Priority for Outdoor Facilities (cont'd)

	Overall	Most Likely to Express Interest/Use
Other	5%	< no statistically meaningful differences >
None/No priorities	19%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Flossmoor residents (29%)</li> <li>- Lived in HFPD 6-10 yrs. (34%)</li> <li>- Non-participants (26%, vs. 13% of participants)</li> </ul>

## V. HFPPD Program/Event Participation and Satisfaction

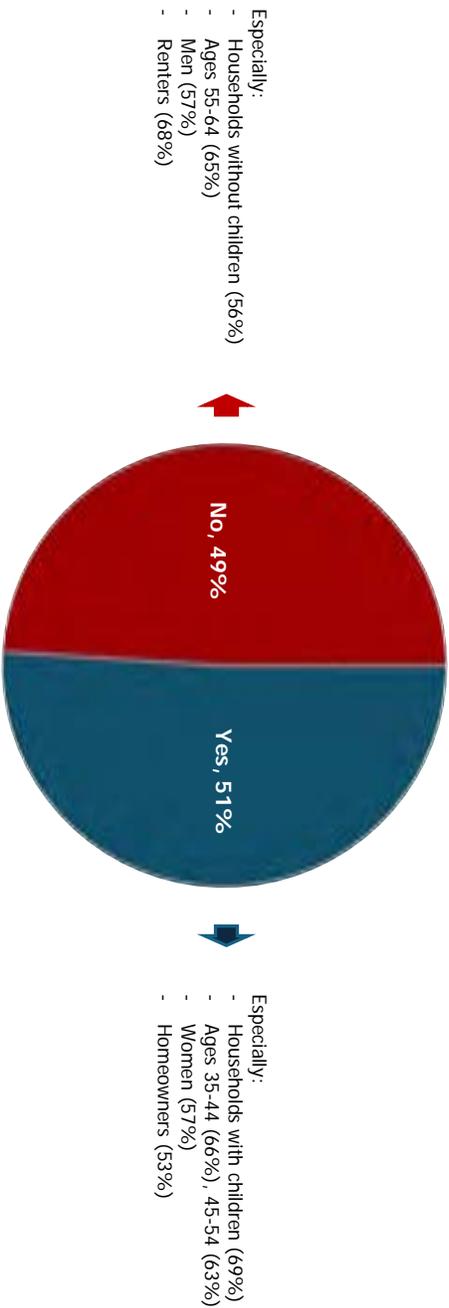


Roughly half of survey respondents report household participation or attendance in District programs and community events in the past year. About two-thirds of those with children and adults ages 35 to 54 report recent participation.

Conversely, most of those without children, older adults (ages 55-64 – such as empty nesters and pre-retirees), and renters report non-participation recently.

➤ Still, this means that significant numbers (32%+) of these subgroups participated in HFPD programs in the past year.

Recent Participation in HFPD Programs/Community Events



Q19. In the past 12 months, have you or household members participated in Homewood-Flossmoor Park District recreation programs or community events?

**Swim lessons are a top recent activity for all youth groups, along with karate classes for those under age 12, and basketball for ages 5-17. Fitness programs (including water fitness) and pickleball are the top activities among adults, along with several HFPD-sponsored community events.**

**Top Responses: Participation in Recent HFPD Programs/Activities/Events, by Age Group**

<b>Under age 5</b>	<b>Ages 5-11</b>	<b>Ages 12-17</b>	<b>Ages 18+</b>	<b>All Ages</b>
Swim lessons (n=12)	Swim lessons (n=15)	Swim lesson (n=4)	Fitness classes (n=19)	Tree Lighting (n=15)
Discovery preschool (n=5)	Basketball (n=15)	Basketball (n=3)	Pickleball leagues (n=16)	Light Up The Trail (n=13)
Ballet (n=3)	Karate (n=9)	Summer camp, general (n=2)	Aqua/water fitness (n=9)	Outdoor concerts (n=6)
Halloween events (n=3)	Summer camp, general (n=8)	Ice skating (n=2)	Mixology/tastings (n=8)	Swim lessons (n=5)
Discovery summer camp (n=3)	Halloween events (n=6)	Baseball (n=2)	Golf lessons/leagues (n=7)	Pickleball leagues (n=5)
Karate (n=2)	Ice skating (n=6)		Tennis lessons/leagues (n=5)	Starry Nights (n=4)
	Soccer (n=6)		Starry Nights (n=5)	Ice skating (n=4)
	Baseball (n=5)		Tree Lighting (n=5)	Art Fair (n=4)
	Tennis (n=5)		Dance instruction (n=4)	Pride Fest (n=4)
	Hobo Jungle (n=4)		Egg Hunt (n=4)	Movies in the Park (n=3)
	Lego Camp (n=4)		Light Up The Trail (n=3)	Park Pride Day (n=3)
	Flag football (n=3)		Outdoor concerts (n=3)	Karate (n=3)
	Golf (n=3)		Bowling (n=2)	Farmers' Market (n=3)
	Science Center (n=2)		Plant sale (n=2)	Grandpa's Garage Sale (n=3)
	Camp Frosty (n=2)		Seed swap (n=2)	Yard Card (n=2)
	Egg Hunt (n=2)			Fitness classes (n=2)
	Father-Daughter Dance (n=2)			Plant sale (n=2)

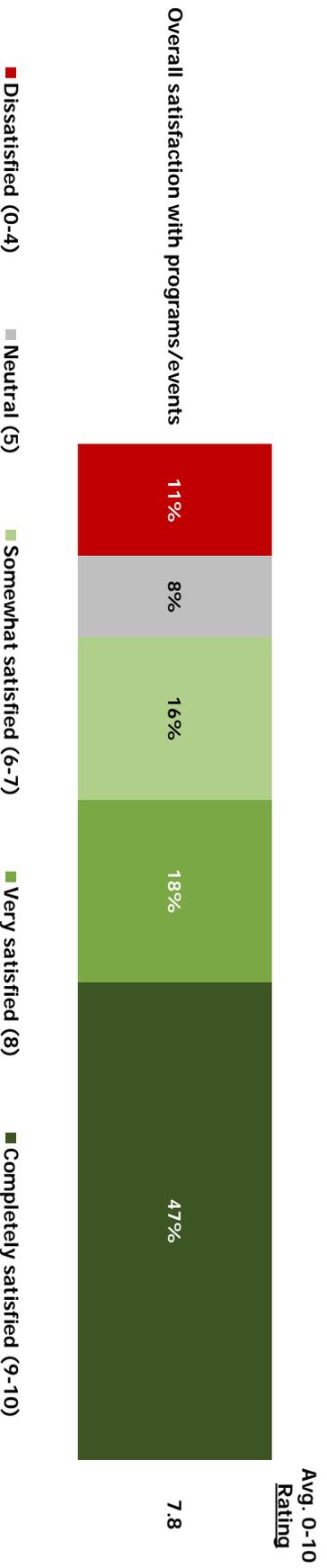
Among program and event participants, satisfaction with these activities is positive (81% satisfied overall), including nearly half (47%) who are completely satisfied (scores of 9+), and another 34% somewhat/very satisfied (scores of 6-8).

- One out of nine program participants (11%) are dissatisfied overall, and about as many are neutral (8%).

The overall average rating of 7.8 is likewise strong albeit slightly lower than satisfaction with most of the HFPPD park and facility attributes reported earlier (mostly in the 8.1 to 8.6 range). In other words, residents tend to feel the District's strengths lie a bit more with its parks, playgrounds, nature areas, and facilities, than with its programs.

The overall program/event satisfaction ratings are generally consistent among all subgroups. Only younger adults (ages 35-44) give significantly higher scores (8.3), while those aged 45-54 give a rating that is a full point lower (7.3 average).

Satisfaction with HFPPD Programs/Events Among Recent Participants (n=274, 0-10 scale)

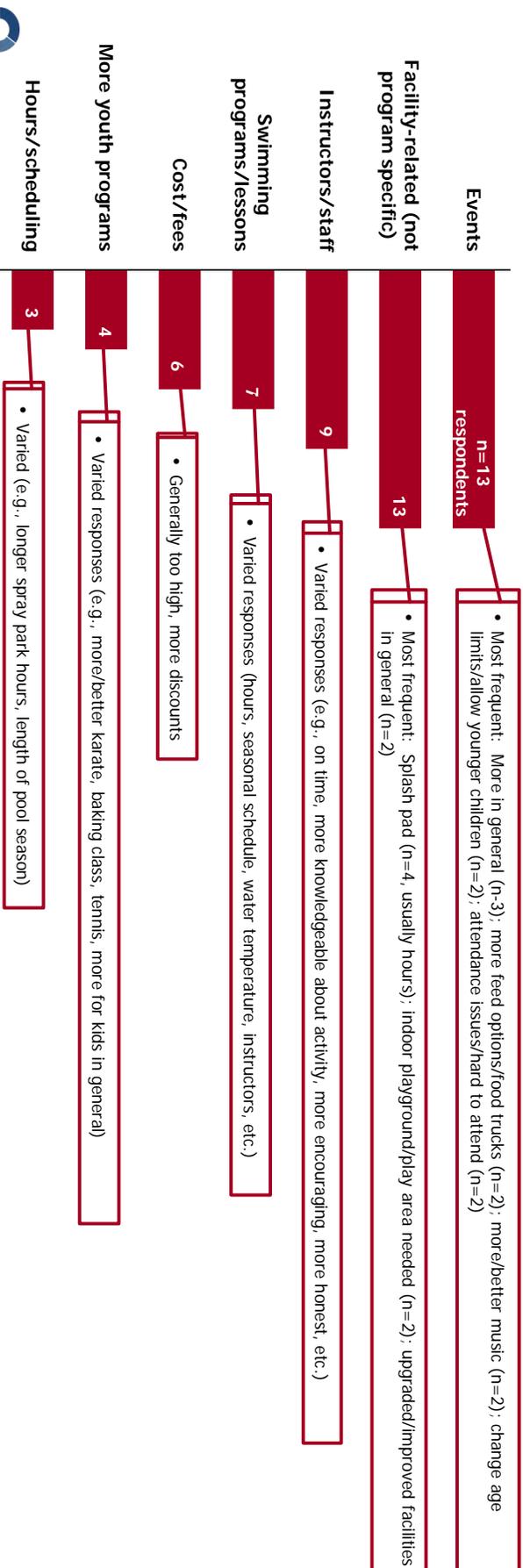


Q22. Please rate your **overall** satisfaction with the Park District recreation programs and events you recently attended.

Those who give lower satisfaction scores (6 or under) with HFPPD programs and events, most often call out various concerns about District-sponsored community events (e.g., seeking more occurrences, improved food and/or music options, etc.), or focus their answers on facilities more than activities (e.g., longer hours at the splash pad, add amenities sought).

- The rest most often expressed lower satisfaction with specific program instruction, experiences with swimming lessons, or general concerns about fees).

**Top Reasons for Dissatisfaction: HFPPD Programs/Events (base n = 78 respondents)**



The barriers cited most often among non-participants for not taking part in HFPPD programs are similar to those given for not using its parks or facilities – namely that they do not have children in the household (and therefore likely feel program offerings are less relevant to them).

- Those most likely to give this response are ages 55-64 (80%) and have lived in the District 21+ yrs. (80%).

**About three out of ten attribute their non-participation to:**

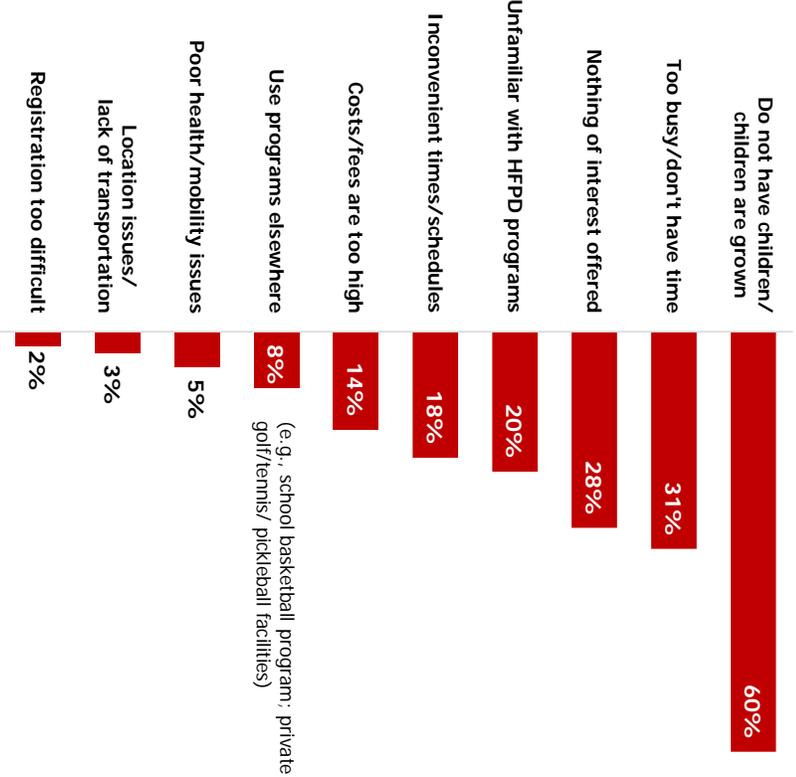
- A busy lifestyle and lack of time (31%), especially men (43%, vs. 17% of women) and white adults (40%).
- Simple lack of interest (28% -- consistent among all groups).

**Most of the remaining top barriers center around:**

- Lack of awareness of what the District has to offer (20%), especially among African American adults (30%) and Glenwood residents (all n=7 respondents)
- Inconvenient program days/times/schedules (18% -- no differences)
- Costs and fees (14%), especially cited by women (21%, vs. 8% of men), and the newest District residents moving here in the past 5 years (42%).

**Reasons for Non-Participation in HFPPD Programs/Events**

**Top Reasons: Reasons for Not Participating in HFPPD Programs/Events (n=194)**



## VI. Needs Assessment: Age-Based HFPD Programs

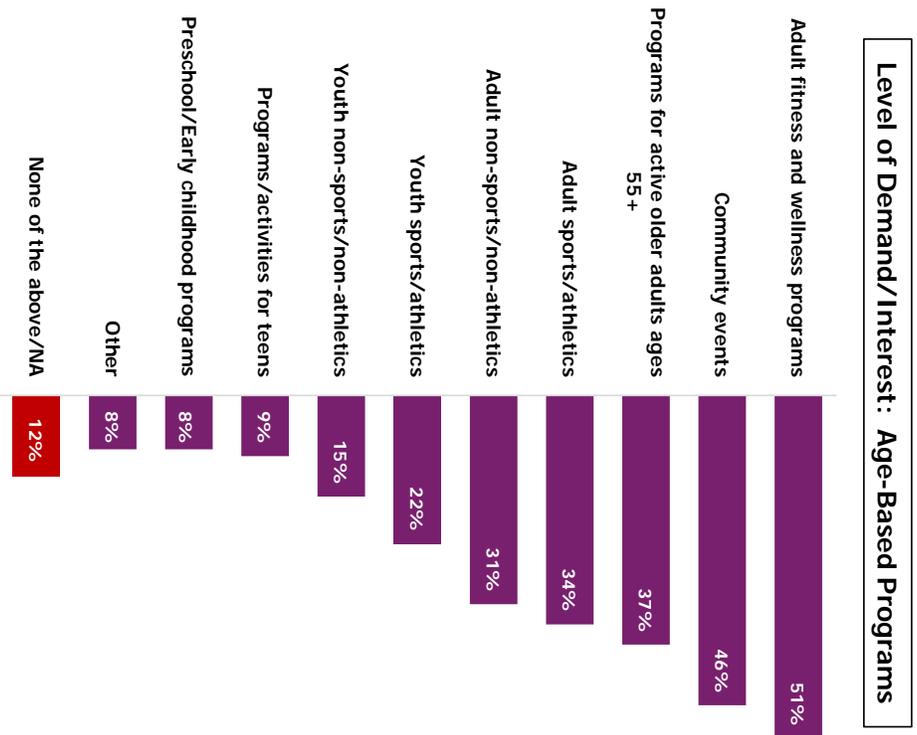
The age-based programs that generate the greatest levels of interest – cited by roughly half overall – are adult wellness and fitness (51%) and community events (46%).

- Those most interested in adult fitness/wellness activities are recent program participants and households without children (see next page). Still, nearly half (43%) of non-participants express interest in this option.
- Interest in community events is especially strong among the youngest and newest residents and homeowners.

Interest in the remaining options is largely driven by one's age.

- Adults ages 55+ (and homeowners, long-term residents) are most interested in programs for active older adults.
- The youngest respondents (under age 35) tend to be most interested in adult sports), while those more likely to have children in the household (ages 35-54) express strong interest in most youth program options.

Most respondents were able to identify at least one program area of interest. Only 12% express no interest in any options, including one in five non-participants in the past year, along with Flossmoor residents.



Q24. Please indicate if you or any household member uses or has a need or interest in the following programs.

Significant Differences: Demand/Interest in Program Options

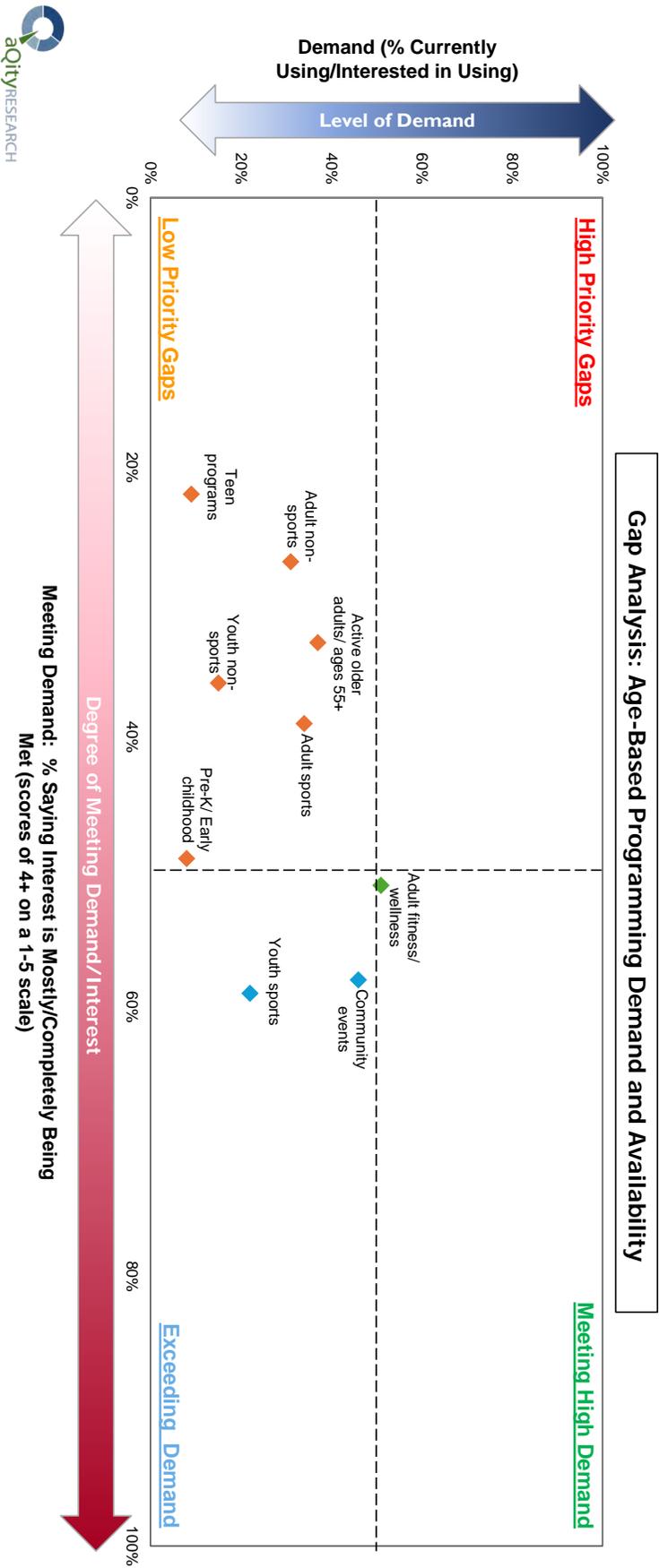
	Overall	Most Likely to Express Interest/Use
<b>Adult fitness and wellness</b>	<b>51%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No children in household (58%, vs. 41% of those with children)</li> <li>- HFPPD program participants (59%, vs. 43% of non-participants)</li> </ul>
<b>Community events</b>	<b>46%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Under age 35 (62%)</li> <li>- Lived in HFPPD &lt;5 years (61%)</li> <li>- Homewood residents (50%)</li> <li>- White adults (53%)</li> <li>- Recent participants (58%, vs. 33% of non-participants)</li> </ul>
<b>Programs for active older adults ages 55+</b>	<b>37%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 55-64 (59%), 65+ (64%)</li> <li>- Lived in HFPPD 21-30 yrs. (51%), 30+ yrs. (58%)</li> <li>- Homeowners (42%, vs. 6% of renters)</li> <li>- No children in household (52%, vs. 9% of those with children)</li> </ul>
<b>Adult sports/athletics</b>	<b>34%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Under age 35 (50%)</li> <li>- Men (44%, vs. 26% of women)</li> <li>- No children in household (39%, vs. 30% of those with children)</li> </ul>
<b>Adult non-sports/non-athletics</b>	<b>31%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Homewood residents (36%)</li> <li>- Homeowners (33%, vs 16% of renters)</li> <li>- Lived in HFPPD &lt;5 yrs. (48%)</li> </ul>

Significant Differences: Demand/Interest in Program Options (cont'd)

	Overall	Most Likely to Express Interest/Use
<b>Youth sports/athletics</b>	<b>22%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 35-44 (56%), 45-54 (42%)</li> <li>- African American adults (30%)</li> <li>- Lived in HFPD &lt;5 yrs. (36%), 6-10 yrs. (43%)</li> <li>- Children in household (61%, vs. 2% of those without children)</li> <li>- Participants (35%, vs. 5% of non-participants)</li> </ul>
<b>Youth non-sports/non-athletics</b>	<b>15%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 35-44 (41%), 45-54 (31%)</li> <li>- Lived in HFPD &lt;5 yrs. (30%)</li> <li>- Children in household (40%, vs. 1% of those without children)</li> <li>- Participants (24%, vs. 5% of non-participants)</li> </ul>
<b>Programs/activities for teens</b>	<b>9%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 45-54 (22%)</li> <li>- African American adults (15%)</li> <li>- Households with children (23%, vs. 3% of those without children)</li> </ul>
<b>Preschool/Early childhood programs</b>	<b>8%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 35-44 (18%)</li> <li>- Households with children (21%, vs. 3% of those without children)</li> <li>- Participants (12%, vs. 4% of non-participants)</li> </ul>
<b>None/No Answer</b>	<b>12%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Flossmoor residents (20%)</li> <li>- Non-participants (19%, vs. 5% of recent participants)</li> </ul>

At least half of those expressing an interest in adult fitness/wellness programs and/or community events (the two most popular program options) feel that these are readily available currently – either via the HFPD or other local providers. Similarly, those interested in youth sports activities feel these are addressed.

Most of the gaps/opportunities center around adult activities, especially those for active adults over age 55, and both adult sport and non-sport programs. Activities for teens are seen as most lacking.



The top programming opportunities/priorities are clearly activities for active older adults (cited by 23%), followed closely by adult fitness and wellness programs (19%).

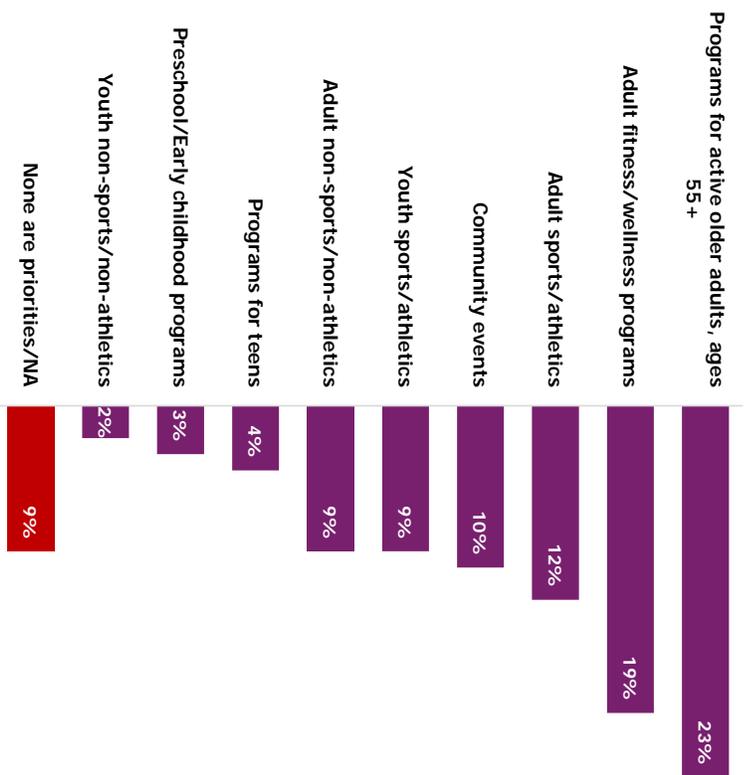
Note that while many residents initially expressed an interest in community events, it ranks 4<sup>th</sup> as a top priority (after programs for older adults, wellness and fitness activities, and adult sports).

All of the youth programming options are mentioned less often.

Again, support for these priorities is strongest among the age groups that would benefit most. Still, some key differences emerge – for example:

- African American adults tend to be especially interested in adult fitness and wellness, while white respondents place a higher priority on community events and/or adult non-sports programs.
- Men are much more interested in adult sports as the top priority than women.

**Top Priority: Most Important Age-Based Programming Opportunity**



Q25. In the list above, please indicate the one program area for the Park District to prioritize.

Significant Differences: Top Priority for Program Options

	Overall	Most Likely to Express Interest/Use
<b>Programs for active older adults ages 55+</b>	<b>23%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 55+ (40%)</li> <li>- Homeowners (25%, vs. 8% of renters)</li> <li>- No children in household (29%, vs. 3% of those without children)</li> <li>- Non-participants (32%, vs. 16% of participants)</li> </ul>
<b>Adult fitness and wellness</b>	<b>19%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- African Americans (26%)</li> <li>- Households without children (26%, vs. 13% of those with children)</li> </ul>
<b>Adult sports/athletics</b>	<b>12%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Men (21%, vs. 4% of women)</li> <li>- Lived in HFPPD 30+ yrs. (19%)</li> </ul>
<b>Community events</b>	<b>10%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- White adults (14%)</li> <li>- Participants (13%, vs. 5% of non-participants)</li> </ul>
<b>Youth sports/athletics</b>	<b>9%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 35-54 (22%)</li> <li>- Lived in HFPPD &lt;10 yrs. (19%)</li> <li>- Children in household (22%, vs. 1% of those without children)</li> </ul>
<b>Adult non-sports/non-athletics</b>	<b>9%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Under age 35 (27%)</li> <li>- White adults (15%)</li> <li>- Lived in HFPPD &lt;5 yrs. (22%)</li> </ul>
<b>Programs/activities for teens</b>	<b>4%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Children in household (11%, vs. 1% of those without children)</li> </ul>
<b>Preschool/early childhood programs</b>	<b>3%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Children in household (7%, vs. 1% of those without children)</li> </ul>
<b>Youth non-sports/non-athletics</b>	<b>2%</b>	< no statistically meaningful differences >
<b>None/NA</b>	<b>9%</b>	- Ages 55-64 (18%)

Residents who feel that active adult programs for ages 55+ should be the District's #1 priority suggest a wide range of activities, usually centering around:

- Fitness activities (exercise classes, yoga, dance)
- Learning opportunities
- Social activities (often involving games).

Similarly, top requests for other adult fitness programs (anyone over 18) center around exercise classes, yoga, and dance programs, followed by strength training.

The top adult sports sought are pickleball and basketball. For youth sports, basketball and soccer are the top two suggestions, followed by gymnastics.

The most specific suggestions for community events (all ages) involve music and concerts.

Non-sports youth activities cover multiple suggestions, but skills and hobbies are cited most often. Many also seek strong social interaction within these programs.



Top Program Priorities (top responses, smaller n of cases per category)	
Active older adult programs, ages 55+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Educational/enrichment classes (learning, skills, etc. – 28%)</li> <li>▪ Social activities to meet people (17%)</li> <li>▪ Yoga (15%)</li> <li>▪ Fitness/exercise classes (12%)</li> <li>▪ Games – bridge, cards, bingo (12%)</li> <li>▪ Arts/creative/music (7%)</li> <li>▪ Dance classes (6%)</li> </ul>
Adult Fitness/Wellness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Fitness/exercise classes (20%)</li> <li>▪ Yoga (20%)</li> <li>▪ Dance classes (20%)</li> <li>▪ Weights/strength training (13%)</li> <li>▪ Pickleball (10%)</li> <li>▪ Walking groups (9%)</li> </ul>
Adult sports/athletics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Pickleball (29%)</li> <li>▪ Basketball (22%)<sup>1</sup></li> <li>▪ Softball, hockey, volleyball (6% to 8% each)</li> </ul>
Community events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Social events to meet people (22%)</li> <li>▪ Concerts/music (20%)</li> <li>▪ All ages/backgrounds (11%)</li> </ul>
Youth sports/athletics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Basketball (32%)</li> <li>▪ Soccer (32%)</li> <li>▪ Gymnastics (13%)</li> <li>▪ Pickleball/tennis (6%)</li> </ul>
Adult non-sports/non-athletics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Hobby clubs (pottery, sewing, knitting, etc. – 45%)</li> <li>▪ Social clubs/groups/events (29%)</li> <li>▪ Arts/creative/music programs (28%)</li> <li>▪ Affordable/reasonably priced (23%)</li> <li>▪ Food/baking (16%)</li> <li>▪ Dance classes (13%)</li> <li>▪ Book/writing clubs (12%)</li> <li>▪ Community events in general (12%)</li> </ul>

# VII. Willingness-to-Pay for Potential Capital Improvements

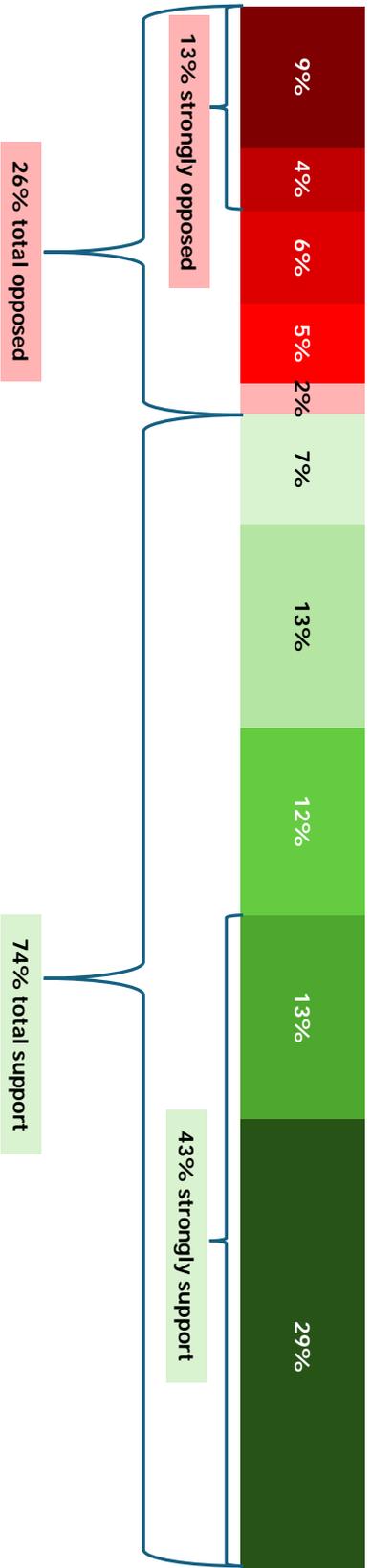
Residents were shown two statements regarding the current condition and repair needs for Lions Club Pool, and asked to indicate (on a 1-10 scale) how much they agreed on whether they would support paying higher pool fees or shifting funds to cover the costs of those repairs, vs. opposing higher fees/moving funds even if it means having to close the facility.

- Overall, residents approve increased fees/funding to cover the Lions Club Pool repairs by about a 3:1 margin overall. This includes 43% who voice strong support (scores of 9 and 10), vs. 13% who are strongly opposed (scores of 1 or 2).
- Most importantly, **respondents who report using Lions Club Pool in the past year voice nearly unanimous support for higher fees or shifting funds to make these repairs, and even non-users support it by more than 2:1** (see next page). Otherwise, at least 54% of all other subgroups are in favor (including ages 65+, Glenwood and Flossmoor residents).

**Q27. As you may know, the Lions Club Pool has been serving the community for over 40 years but is in need of major structural and mechanical repairs. The cost for these would likely require higher pool pass and membership fees and/or moving funds that would otherwise go to other District programs or facilities. Please read the two statements below and then indicate which one you agree with most. (1-10 scale)**

*I oppose paying higher pool fees or shifting funds from other programs/facilities for pool repairs, even if it results in closing the pool.*

*I am willing to pay higher pool fees or shift funds from other programs/facilities to make the most needed repairs to keep a safe public pool.*

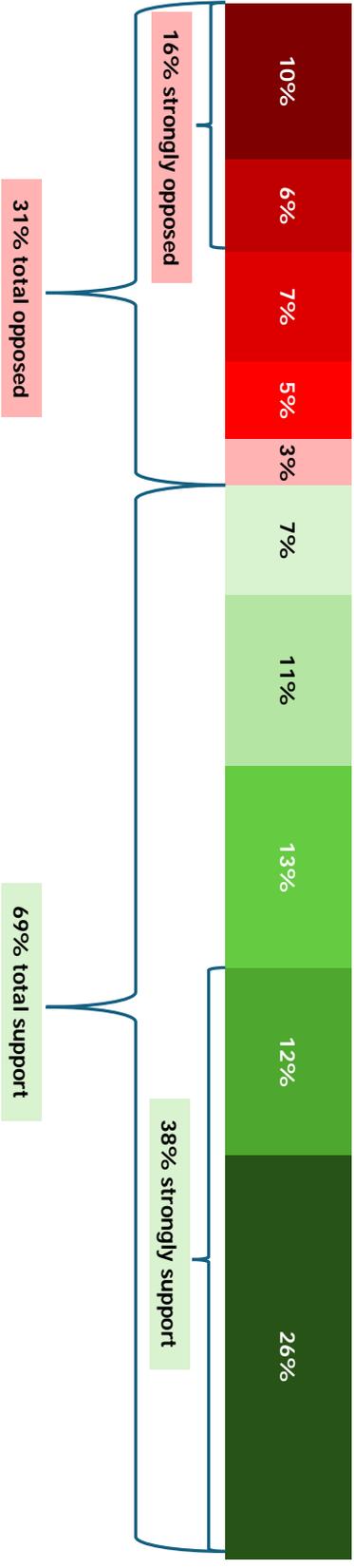




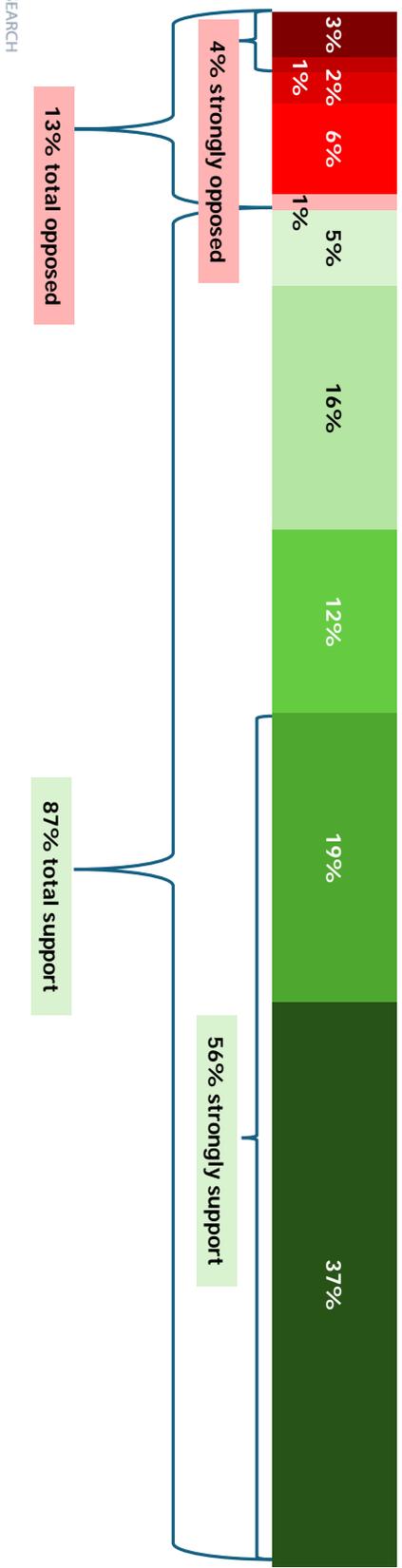
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*I am willing to pay higher pool fees or shift funds from other programs/ facilities to make the most needed repairs to keep a safe public pool.*

**Non-Lions Club Pool Users in Past Year (n=338)**



**Lions Club Pool Users in Past Year (n=132)**



Using the 1-10 oppose-to-support scale for the Lions Club Pool question, the average rating was 7.0.

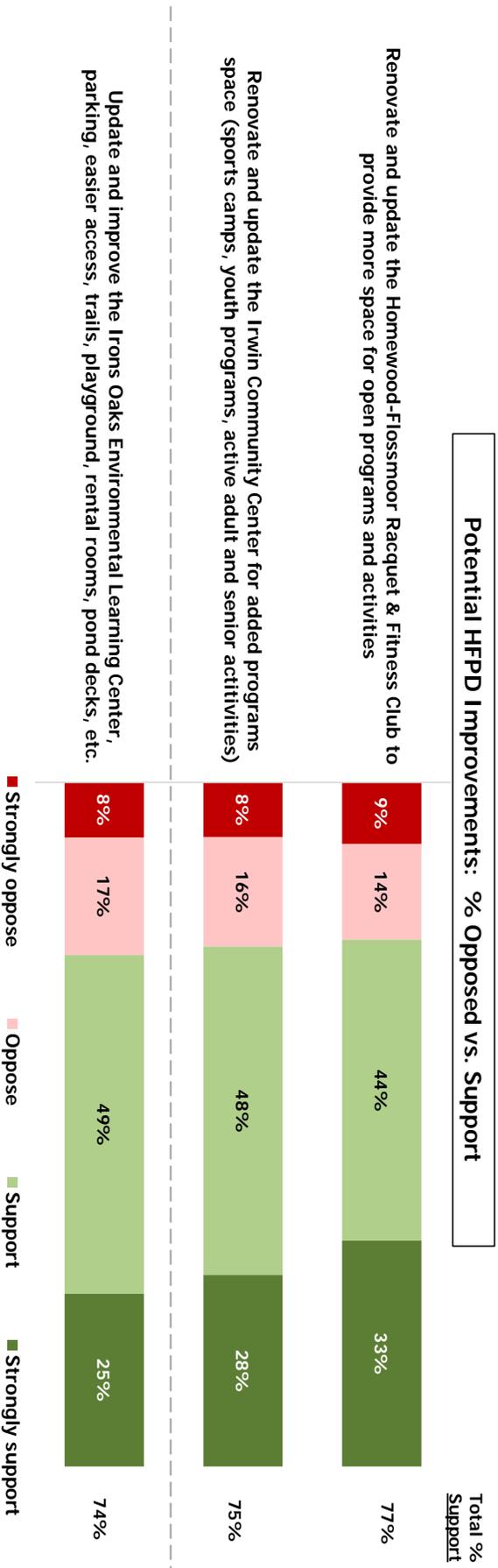
In addition to recent Lions Club Pool users in the past year (who have 8.1 – higher support than average), support is also highest among adults ages 45-54 (7.9 average) and Homewood households (7.4).

The only groups giving lower than average support ratings (6.6 from those ages 65+, and 6.2 from non-Homewood residents in the District) are still at least slightly favorable/supportive.

All other segments are statistically tied with the strong 7.0 average rating.

From a list of potential future capital improvements that the HFPD might consider, and knowing that each could result in higher property taxes and/or fees, a majority of respondents support each option by roughly a 3:1 margin.

Still, most of this support is “not strong”, as only 25% to 33% strongly support each proposal.



*Q27. Below are potential improvements that the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District might consider. Knowing that these could mean higher user fees or property taxes (especially with larger projects or improvements), please indicate whether you oppose or support each.*

For the first two proposals tested (renovations/updates to the Racquet & Fitness Club and the Irwin Community Center), there are relatively few differences in overall support or opposition.

- Note that homeowners and respondents aged 55-64 tend to support improvements to the Racquet & Fitness Center, with women slightly more opposed.
- For the ICC improvements, those with children tend to be the strongest supporters, while the youngest adults tend to be opposed.

**Significant Differences: Willingness-to-Pay for Potential HFPD Improvements**

	Most Likely to Be Opposed		Most Likely to Support	
Renovate and update the Homewood-Flossmoor Racquet & Fitness Club to provide more space for open programs and activities	<i>&lt; no statistically meaningful differences &gt;</i>			
	<b>Strongly Opposed (9%)</b>	<b>Opposed (14%)</b>	<b>Support (44%)</b>	<b>Strongly Support (33%)</b>
	- Lived in HFPD 21-30 yrs. (16%)	- Women (18%, vs. 9% of men)	- Ages 55-64 (54%)	- White adults (40%) - Homeowners (36%, vs. 19% of renters)
Renovate and update the Irwin Community Center for added program space (e.g., sports camps, youth programs, active adult and senior activities)	<i>&lt; no statistically meaningful differences &gt;</i>			
	<b>Overall Opposed (23%)</b>		<b>Overall Support (77%)</b>	
	- Under age 35 (47%) - Lived in HFPD 21-30 yrs. (35%)		- Ages 35-44 (87%), 65+ (85%)	
	<b>Strongly Opposed (8%)</b>	<b>Opposed (16%)</b>	<b>Support (48%)</b>	<b>Strongly Support (28%)</b>
	- Ages 45-54 (16%)	- Under age 35 (40%) - White adults (23%) - Lived in HFPD 21-30 yrs. (28%)	- Ages 65+ (65%)	- Have children in household (38%, vs. 23% of those without children) - Other/multi race groups (44%)





**Support/Opposition for Potential Capital Improvements**

Of the three proposed capital improvements tested, nearly half (47%) identify upgrades to the Racquet & Fitness Club as the #1 priority for the HFPD. This feeling is strongest among both the oldest local residents, and households with children.

One in four (25%) most favor improving the Irwin Community Center, especially both Homewood and Glenwood residents. This is followed by 17% most interested in improvements to Irons Oaks (especially among the newest District residents).

Roughly one in nine oppose all three, with a slightly higher response among those without children under 18.

**Top Priority for Potential HFPD Improvements**



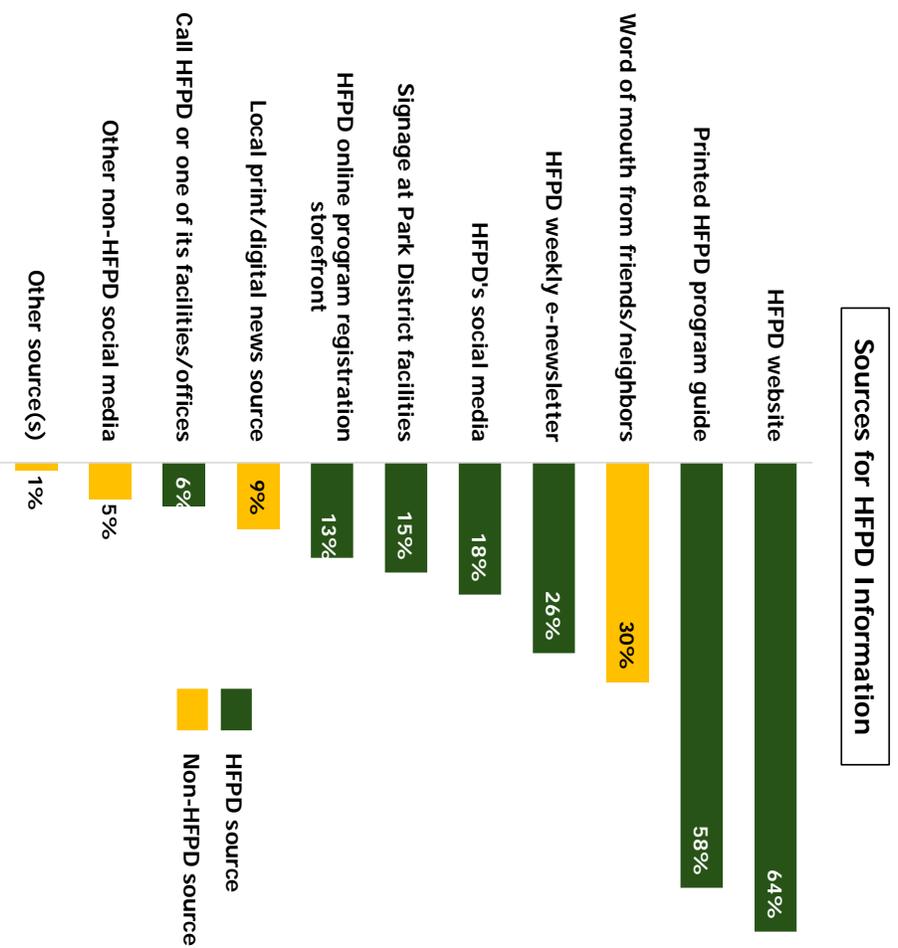
*Q29. In the list above, please select the one initiative that you support the most, even if it means higher fees or taxes.*

## VIII. Sources of HFPD Information

When seeking information about the HFPPD, a majority of residents report going to the District website (64%) or the printed program guide (58%).

Word-of-mouth from other residents runs a distant third (30%), and nearly as many also go to the weekly District e-newsletter (26%).

The District's social media pages are referenced far more than other non-HFPPD social media (18%, vs. 5%, respectively).



Q30. In general, when you seek information about the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District and its programs, parks, facilities or services, from what sources do you get that information? Select all that apply.

In terms of top choice for HFPPD information, the printed program guide has a clear edge over the District website – 40% vs. 30%, respectively.

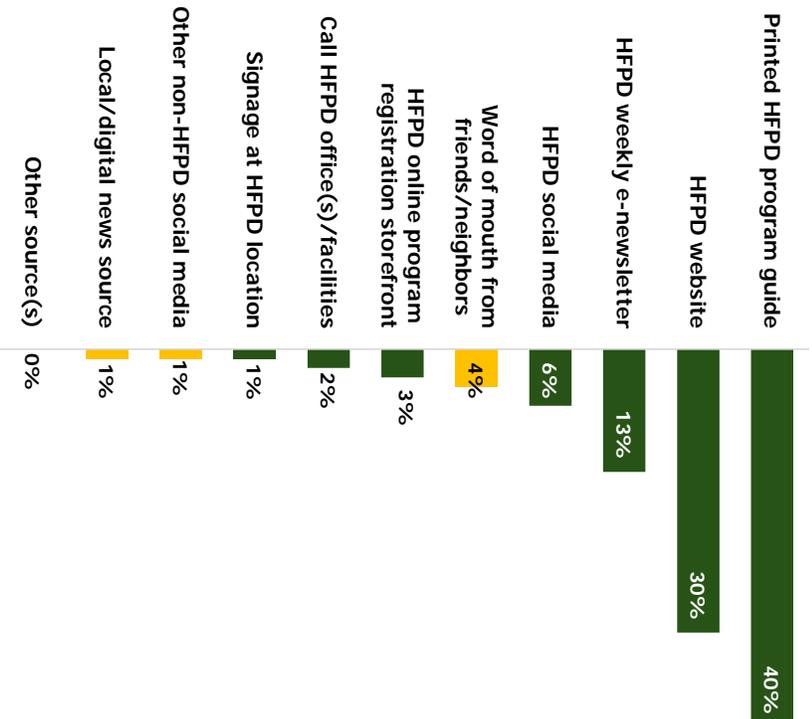
- The oldest residents (49% of those ages 65+) tend to prefer the mailed/printed seasonal guide.
- White adults (38%) are more likely to prefer going to the website most.

Note that the HFPPD weekly e-newsletter moves up to third among top preferences (13%).

- Not surprisingly, households with children (20%), program participants (20%), and adults ages 45-54 (23%) are most likely to seek information first from the newsletter.
- About half as many (6% overall) rely most on the District's social media postings (including 13% of those ages 35-44).
- While many receive HFPPD information via word-of-mouth (30% -- see previous page), only 4% overall report it as their preferred source (including 15% of the youngest adults under age 35).

Each of the remaining options are preferred by 3% or fewer respondents.

Preferred (#1) Source for HFPPD Information  
(single response)



Q31. Please select your **most preferred** source when seeking information about the Park District.

# APPENDICES



## 2024 Communitywide Survey Topline Report

**RANDOM SAMPLE:** Based on n=470 responses collected between Nov. 20, 2024, and Jan. 6, 2025.  
**PUBLIC SAMPLE:** Based on n=470 responses collected between Jan. 6 and Feb. 2, 2025.  
 NOTE: Percentages may not sum due to rounding (+/- .1%).

### Q1. How many years have you lived in the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District?

	Random	Public
<b>Unweighted Total</b>	468	203
5 years or less	22%	17%
6-10 years	15%	12%
11-20 years	26%	17%
21-30 years	18%	17%
31-40 years	12%	18%
Over 40 years	7%	19%
<b>Mean</b>	18.45 years	25.66 years
<b>Median</b>	15.00 years	23.00 years

### Q2. Please give your overall opinion of the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District

	Random	Public
<b>Unweighted Total</b>	450	193
Highest regard (9-10)	36%	39%
Great (8)	28%	25%
Good (6-7)	21%	21%
Neutral (5)	4%	7%
Dislike (0-4)	5%	7%
<b>Mean</b>	7.88	7.62
<b>Median</b>	8.00	8.00
<b>Unfamiliar</b>	7%	6%

Q3. What do you like most about the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District or what does it do particularly well?  
*Open-end responses to the random survey were coded and included in the final analysis.*

Q4. What do you dislike most about the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District or what could it do better?  
*Open-end responses to the random survey were coded and included in the final analysis.*

### Q5. About what percent of your property taxes do you think goes to the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District?

	Random	Public
<b>Unweighted Total</b>	457	192
Less than 3%	20%	18%
3%-4%	14%	11%
5%-6%	24%	23%
(Actually 5.5%)		
7%-10%	21%	26%
11%-19%	9%	10%
20%+	12%	13%
<b>Mean</b>	8.54%	8.90%
<b>Median</b>	5.00%	6.00%

### Q6. Do you believe that your household is properly represented and included within the Park District and its offerings?

	Random	Public
<b>Unweighted Total</b>	465	198
Yes	82%	81%
No	18%	19%

*Open-end responses to the random survey were coded and included in the final analysis.*

### Q7. Why don't you feel properly represented/included?

Q8. Please indicate the HRPD parks, playgrounds and/or nature areas you or household members have visited in the last 12 months.

	Random	Public
<i>Unweighted Total</i>	469	204
Irwin Park (Homewood)	57%	56%
Millennium Park (Homewood)	48%	54%
Patriots Park (Homewood)	40%	38%
Apollo Park (Homewood)	38%	35%
Irons Oaks Park (Olympia Fields)	34%	40%
Lions Club Park (Homewood)	30%	26%
Dolphin Lake Park (Homewood)	28%	22%
Indian Trails Park (Homewood)	22%	18%
Flossmoor Park (Flossmoor)	22%	28%
Leavitt Park (Flossmoor)	18%	29%
Orchard Park (Homewood)	13%	16%
Woodborough Park (Homewood)	12%	9%
Flossmoor Hills Park (Flossmoor)	11%	16%
Cedar Park (Homewood)	10%	12%
Ballantre Park (Flossmoor)	10%	8%
Goldberg Park (Flossmoor)	9%	16%
Heritage Park (Homewood)	9%	9%
Butterfield Park (Homewood)	9%	7%
Homewood Estates Park (Homewood)	8%	11%
Rover's Run Dog Park (Homewood)	7%	8%
Highlands Park (Flossmoor)	6%	8%
Hillicrest Park (Homewood)	4%	5%
eXtreme Scene Skate Park (Homewood)	3%	5%
Pheasant Trails Park (Flossmoor)	3%	4%
Pinewood Park (Homewood)	3%	3%
Hollydale Park (Homewood)	2%	1%
Tower Park (Homewood)	2%	2%
Scandia Park (Flossmoor)	2%	3%
Pinehurst Park (Flossmoor)	1%	4%
None of these	10%	12%

Q9. Which park, playground, or nature area do you use most often?

	Random	Public
<i>Unweighted Total</i>	394	149
Irwin Park (Homewood)	15%	14%
Patriots Park (Homewood)	12%	9%
Millennium Park (Homewood)	12%	20%
Apollo Park (Homewood)	10%	5%
Flossmoor Park (Flossmoor)	8%	6%
Dolphin Lake Park (Homewood)	8%	1%
Leavitt Park (Flossmoor)	4%	9%
Woodborough Park (Homewood)	4%	1%
Indian Trails Park (Homewood)	3%	3%
Ballantre Park (Flossmoor)	3%	1%
Rover's Run Dog Park (Homewood)	2%	2%
Irons Oaks Park (Olympia Fields)	2%	5%
Orchard Park (Homewood)	2%	4%
Goldberg Park (Flossmoor)	2%	1%
Lions Club Park (Homewood)	2%	1%
Homewood Estates Park (Homewood)	2%	4%
Highlands Park (Flossmoor)	2%	4%
Heritage Park (Homewood)	1%	2%
Cedar Park (Homewood)	1%	3%
Flossmoor Hills Park (Flossmoor)	1%	1%
Scandia Park (Homewood)	1%	1%
Hillicrest Park (Homewood)	1%	1%
eXtreme Scene Skate Park (Homewood)	1%	-
Pheasant Trails Park (Flossmoor)	1%	1%
Butterfield Park (Homewood)	1%	1%
Pinewood Park (Homewood)	**	-
Hollydale Park (Homewood)	**	-
Pinehurst Park (Flossmoor)	-	1%

Q10. Please indicate the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District facilities and buildings you or household members have visited in the last 12 months.

	Random	Public
<i>Unweighted Total</i>	470	204
Homewood-Flossmoor Racquet & Fitness Club (Homewood)	55%	48%
Irwin Community Center (Homewood)	37%	42%
Wiley's Grill (Flossmoor)	35%	46%
Coyote Run Golf Course (Flossmoor)	33%	30%
Millennium Park Splash Pad (Homewood)	27%	29%
Lions Club Pool (Homewood)	22%	29%
Homewood-Flossmoor Sports Complex (Homewood)	18%	17%
The Clubhouse at Dolphin Lake (Homewood)	16%	12%
Irons Oaks Indoor Facilities (Olympia Fields)	13%	15%
Homewood-Flossmoor Ice Arena (Flossmoor)	13%	18%
Goldberg Center (Flossmoor)	6%	12%
Park Place in Flossmoor Park (Flossmoor)	2%	5%
None of these	10%	11%

Q11. Which Park District facility or building you use most often?

	Random	Public
<i>Unweighted Total</i>	453	164
Homewood-Flossmoor Racquet & Fitness Club (Homewood)	40%	34%
Irwin Community Center (Homewood)	12%	20%
Coyote Run Golf Course (Flossmoor)	11%	10%
Millennium Park Splash Pad (Homewood)	7%	9%
Wiley's Grill (Flossmoor)	6%	5%
Lions Club Pool (Homewood)	6%	4%
Homewood-Flossmoor Sports Complex (Homewood)	5%	4%
The Clubhouse at Dolphin Lake (Homewood)	4%	1%
Irons Oaks Indoor Facilities (Olympia Fields)	1%	2%
Homewood-Flossmoor Ice Arena (Flossmoor)	1%	4%
Goldberg Center (Flossmoor)	**	-
Park Place in Flossmoor Park (Flossmoor)	**	1%
None of these	6%	6%

**Q12. Please rate your overall satisfaction with the HFPD locations that you recently visited.**

**A. Overall experience**

	Random	Public
<i>Unweighted Total</i>	449	182
Completely satisfied (9-10)	49%	42%
Very satisfied (8)	19%	26%
Somewhat satisfied (6-7)	24%	18%
Neutral (5)	5%	6%
Disatisfied (0-4)	3%	8%
Mean	8.15	7.78
Median	8.00	8.00

**Q12D. Safety**

	Random	Public
<i>Unweighted Total</i>	443	182
Completely satisfied (9-10)	57%	51%
Very satisfied (8)	18%	21%
Somewhat satisfied (6-7)	16%	15%
Neutral (5)	5%	5%
Disatisfied (0-4)	4%	7%
Mean	8.40	8.09
Median	9.00	9.00

**Q12B. Cleanliness, maintenance, and upkeep**

	Random	Public
<i>Unweighted Total</i>	444	182
Completely satisfied (9-10)	52%	48%
Very satisfied (8)	19%	21%
Somewhat satisfied (6-7)	20%	16%
Neutral (5)	6%	6%
Disatisfied (0-4)	3%	9%
Mean	8.20	7.79
Median	9.00	8.00

**Q12E. Quality of service provided by staff**

	Random	Public
<i>Unweighted Total</i>	439	174
Completely satisfied (9-10)	55%	48%
Very satisfied (8)	19%	18%
Somewhat satisfied (6-7)	10%	13%
Neutral (5)	11%	14%
Disatisfied (0-4)	5%	6%
Mean	8.19	7.78
Median	9.00	8.00

**Q12C. Access (parking, paths, entrances, ADA, etc.)**

	Random	Public
<i>Unweighted Total</i>	446	179
Completely satisfied (9-10)	64%	59%
Very satisfied (8)	17%	16%
Somewhat satisfied (6-7)	11%	13%
Neutral (5)	6%	6%
Disatisfied (0-4)	2%	7%
Mean	8.63	8.23
Median	9.00	9.00

**Q12F. Sufficient staffing/Ease of finding staff**

	Random	Public
<i>Unweighted Total</i>	442	175
Completely satisfied (9-10)	46%	42%
Very satisfied (8)	18%	16%
Somewhat satisfied (6-7)	13%	17%
Neutral (5)	18%	17%
Disatisfied (0-4)	5%	9%
Mean	7.75	7.44
Median	8.00	8.00

**Q13. If you are not satisfied with a specific Homewood-Flossmoor park, playground, nature area, or facility/building, please describe which one(s) and why**

*Open-end responses to the random survey were coded and included in the final analysis.*

**Q14. Why haven't you visited any park, playground, nature area, or facility recently?**

	Random	Public
<i>Unweighted Total</i>	15	10
Do not have children/children are grown	59%	70%
Nothing of interest offered	43%	30%
Too busy/don't have time	27%	-
Unfamiliar with Park District parks/facilities	22%	30%
Other	18%	10%
Poor health or mobility issues	10%	50%
Cost/Fees are too high	8%	10%
Use other facilities for recreation/activities	7%	20%
Inconvenient hours of operation	7%	-
Location issues, lack of transportation	4%	-
Dislike the Park District, had bad experience	-	10%

**Q15A. Does your household have a need/ interest in any of these indoor amenities?**

	Random	Public
<i>Unweighted Total</i>	467	204
Fitness facility and exercise space	67%	67%
Rental space for parties, events	36%	32%
Space for active adult/senior programs	36%	41%
Indoor pickleball courts	26%	25%
Indoor gym space for basketball	24%	17%
Indoor tennis courts	23%	19%
Indoor space for youth programs like summercamp	20%	24%
Indoor ice rink	18%	23%
Indoor gym space for volleyball	11%	12%
Other	11%	12%
None of the above	11%	12%

Q15B. How well is each need or interest being met, whether it is provided by the HFPD or any other source?

1. Indoor tennis courts

	Random	Public
Unweighted Total	95	39
TOP2BOX	71%	69%
5	50%	56%
4	21%	14%
3	14%	22%
2	9%	6%
1	7%	3%
Mean	3.99	4.14

4. Fitness facility and exercise space

	Random	Public
Unweighted Total	300	131
TOP2BOX	64%	62%
5	37%	28%
4	27%	34%
3	21%	22%
2	9%	9%
1	5%	7%
Mean	3.81	3.67

2. Indoor pickleball courts

	Random	Public
Unweighted Total	104	51
TOP2BOX	51%	38%
5	36%	21%
4	16%	17%
3	24%	31%
2	11%	15%
1	13%	17%
Mean	3.50	3.10

5. Space for active adult/senior programs

	Random	Public
Unweighted Total	172	75
TOP2BOX	46%	46%
5	19%	16%
4	27%	30%
3	38%	34%
2	10%	15%
1	5%	5%
Mean	3.44	3.36

3. Indoor ice rink

	Random	Public
Unweighted Total	95	48
TOP2BOX	79%	82%
5	51%	67%
4	28%	16%
3	11%	16%
2	6%	-
1	3%	2%
Mean	4.17	4.44

6. Space for youth programs like summer camps

	Random	Public
Unweighted Total	95	48
TOP2BOX	58%	57%
5	36%	30%
4	22%	28%
3	26%	19%
2	12%	13%
1	4%	4%
Mean	3.73	3.60

Q15B. How well is each need or interest being met, whether it is provided by the HFPD or any other source?

7. Rental space for parties, events

	Random	Public
Unweighted Total	152	64
TOP2BOX	67%	65%
5	37%	40%
4	30%	25%
3	26%	23%
2	6%	7%
1	1%	3%
Mean	3.96	3.92

9. Indoor gym space for volleyball

	Random	Public
Unweighted Total	50	26
TOP2BOX	30%	46%
5	13%	25%
4	17%	21%
3	21%	25%
2	23%	25%
1	2%	4%
Mean	2.70	3.38

Q15B\_8. Indoor gym space for basketball

	Random	Public
Unweighted Total	82	34
TOP2BOX	34%	50%
5	18%	34%
4	16%	16%
3	24%	16%
2	23%	19%
1	19%	16%
Mean	2.92	3.34

Q16. Which indoor amenity should the Park District prioritize providing or improving?

	Random	Public
Unweighted Total	451	190
Fitness facility and exercise space	26%	19%
Space for active adult/senior programs	12%	13%
Indoor pickleball courts	9%	13%
Indoor gym space for basketball	8%	5%
Indoor space for youth programs like summer camps	7%	7%
Rental space for parties, events	3%	3%
Indoor tennis courts	2%	1%
Indoor ice rink	2%	3%
Indoor gym space for volleyball	2%	2%
Other	7%	10%
None of the above	21%	24%

Q17A. Does your household have a need/ interest in any of these outdoor amenities?

	Unweighted Total	Random	Public
Walking/hiking trails	466	203	263
Natural open areas (and access)	68%	73%	61%
Outdoor open areas (and access)	50%	61%	39%
Outdoor swimming pool	38%	43%	33%
Playgrounds	30%	39%	21%
Golf course	29%	29%	29%
Splash pads/spray grounds	23%	32%	14%
Outdoor tennis courts	19%	18%	26%
Outdoor pickleball courts	18%	26%	10%
Dog park	18%	18%	18%
Other	7%	7%	9%
None of the above	10%	10%	9%

Q17B. How well is this need/interest being met, whether it is provided by the HFPD or any other source?

1. Golf course

	Unweighted Total	Random	Public
Unweighted Total	134	59	75
TOP2BOX	83%	80%	87%
5	54%	47%	59%
4	29%	33%	27%
3	15%	15%	13%
2	2%	2%	10%
1	-	4%	2%
Mean	4.36	4.18	3.80

3. Splash pads/spray grounds

	Unweighted Total	Random	Public
Unweighted Total	128	66	62
TOP2BOX	77%	64%	84%
5	44%	30%	53%
4	33%	34%	25%
3	16%	25%	10%
2	5%	10%	2%
1	3%	2%	2%
Mean	4.10	3.80	3.80

2. Outdoor swimming pool

	Unweighted Total	Random	Public
Unweighted Total	208	86	122
TOP2BOX	52%	50%	55%
5	22%	22%	22%
4	30%	28%	32%
3	34%	26%	34%
2	9%	14%	10%
1	5%	10%	5%
Mean	3.56	3.39	3.39

4. Walking/hiking trails

	Unweighted Total	Random	Public
Unweighted Total	324	144	180
Top 2 Box	59%	72%	46%
5	26%	31%	21%
4	33%	40%	26%
3	27%	16%	34%
2	11%	11%	11%
1	3%	1%	1%
Mean	3.69	3.90	3.90

[CONT'D] Q17B. How well is this need/interest being met, whether it is provided by the HFPD or any other source?

5. Outdoor tennis courts

	Unweighted Total	Random	Public
Unweighted Total	77	36	41
TOP2BOX	49%	75%	22%
5	20%	41%	10%
4	29%	34%	15%
3	36%	9%	22%
2	13%	9%	6%
1	1%	6%	3%
Mean	3.52	3.94	3.94

8. Natural open areas (and access)

	Unweighted Total	Random	Public
Unweighted Total	246	118	128
TOP2BOX	65%	70%	60%
5	28%	35%	22%
4	38%	35%	33%
3	26%	22%	22%
2	6%	6%	6%
1	1%	3%	3%
Mean	3.84	3.94	3.94

6. Outdoor pickleball courts

	Unweighted Total	Random	Public
Unweighted Total	86	53	33
TOP2BOX	21%	42%	0%
5	5%	17%	0%
4	15%	25%	0%
3	36%	23%	0%
2	17%	25%	0%
1	26%	10%	0%
Mean	2.56	3.12	3.12

9. Dog park

	Unweighted Total	Random	Public
Unweighted Total	77	36	41
TOP2BOX	37%	50%	24%
5	22%	21%	22%
4	15%	29%	15%
3	30%	35%	22%
2	16%	12%	15%
1	17%	3%	3%
Mean	3.08	3.53	3.53

7. Playgrounds

	Unweighted Total	Random	Public
Unweighted Total	165	77	88
TOP2BOX	92%	82%	93%
5	44%	43%	45%
4	48%	39%	43%
3	7%	12%	12%
2	4%	3%	3%
1	4%	3%	3%
Mean	4.36	4.17	4.17

Q18. Which outdoor option should the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District should prioritize providing, adding, or improving?

	Random	Public
<i>Unweighted Total</i>	460	191
Walking/hiking trails	18%	18%
Natural open areas (and access)	12%	8%
Outdoor swimming pool	10%	17%
Outdoor pickleball courts	9%	9%
Golf course	6%	3%
Playgrounds	5%	9%
Splash pad/spray grounds	5%	8%
Dog park	5%	2%
Outdoor tennis courts	5%	3%
Other	5%	3%
None of the above	19%	19%

Q19. In the past 12 months, have you or household members participated in Homewood-Flossmoor Park District recreation programs or community events?

	Random	Public
<i>Unweighted Total</i>	469	199
Yes	51%	59%
No	49%	41%

Q20. Why haven't you recently participated in a Park District program recently?

	Random	Public
<i>Unweighted Total</i>	194	72
Do not have children or children are grown	60%	62%
Too busy/don't have time	31%	18%
Nothing of interest offered	28%	28%
Unfamiliar with Park District programs	20%	14%
Inconvenient schedule/day/times	18%	21%
Cost/Fees are too high	14%	11%
Use recreational programs elsewhere	8%	11%
Poor health or mobility issues	5%	24%
Location issues, lack of transportation	3%	-
Registration too difficult	2%	3%
Dislike the programs, had a bad experience	1%	4%
Dislike the instructors, trainers, leaders	1%	1%
Dislike the facility where program is held	*%	4%
Other reason	5%	8%

Q21. Please list the Park District programs or events that you or other household members have participated in or attended in the past 12 months.

*Open-end responses to the random survey were coded and included in the final analysis.*

Q22. Please rate your overall satisfaction with the recreation programs and events you recently attended/participated in.

	Random	Public
<i>Unweighted Total</i>	274	122
Completely satisfied (9-10)	47%	50%
Very satisfied (8)	18%	17%
Somewhat satisfied (6-7)	16%	19%
Neutral (5)	8%	8%
Disatisfied (0-4)	11%	6%
Mean	7.83	7.93
Median	8.00	8.00

Q23. If you are dissatisfied with any Park District program/event, please indicate which one(s) and why

*Open-end responses to the random survey were coded and included in the final analysis.*

Q24. Do you or any of your household member use or has a need or interest in the following programs?

	Random	Public
<i>Unweighted Total</i>	467	204
Adult fitness and wellness programs	51%	56%
Community events	46%	44%
Programs for active older adults ages 55+	37%	42%
Adult sports/athletics	34%	31%
Adult non-sports/non-athletics program	31%	35%
Youth sports/athletics	22%	24%
Adult non-sports/non-athletics program	15%	18%
Programs/Activities for teens	9%	17%
Preschool/Early childhood programs	8%	10%
None of the above	12%	13%

Q24B. How well is each need or interest being met, whether it is provided by the HFPP or any other source?

1. Preschool/Early childhood programs

	Random	Public
Unweighted Total	47	20
TOP2BOX	49%	53%
5	25%	21%
4	24%	32%
3	17%	32%
2	27%	11%
1	8%	5%
Mean	3.31	3.53

4. Programs/Activities for teens

	Random	Public
Unweighted Total	53	37
TOP2BOX	22%	22%
5	10%	6%
4	12%	16%
3	35%	30%
2	31%	19%
1	11%	22%
Mean	2.78	2.66

2. Youth sports/athletics

	Random	Public
Unweighted Total	113	53
TOP2BOX	59%	62%
5	16%	28%
4	42%	34%
3	32%	21%
2	5%	11%
1	4%	6%
Mean	3.63	3.66

5. Adult sports/athletics

	Random	Public
Unweighted Total	127	60
TOP2BOX	39%	39%
5	10%	5%
4	29%	33%
3	21%	39%
2	27%	18%
1	13%	5%
Mean	2.96	3.16

3. Youth non-sports/non-athletics programs

	Random	Public
Unweighted Total	23	40
TOP2BOX	36%	47%
5	8%	15%
4	27%	32%
3	51%	35%
2	11%	12%
1	3%	6%
Mean	3.27	3.38

6. Adult non-sports/non-athletics programs

	Random	Public
Unweighted Total	140	65
TOP2BOX	27%	35%
5	8%	6%
4	19%	29%
3	39%	33%
2	21%	24%
1	12%	8%
Mean	2.90	3.02

[CONT'D] Q24B. How well is each need or interest being met?

7. Adult fitness and wellness programs

	Random	Public
Unweighted Total	233	108
TOP2BOX	51%	46%
5	13%	14%
4	37%	32%
3	25%	38%
2	19%	13%
1	6%	4%
Mean	3.34	3.39

9. Community events

	Random	Public
Unweighted Total	223	90
TOP2BOX	58%	66%
5	19%	24%
4	39%	41%
3	39%	23%
2	3%	9%
1	*	2%
Mean	3.73	3.77

8. Programs for active older adults ages 55+

	Random	Public
Unweighted Total	172	72
TOP2BOX	33%	38%
5	9%	11%
4	24%	27%
3	38%	31%
2	19%	18%
1	11%	13%
Mean	3.01	3.06

Q25. What is the one program area that the Park District should prioritize providing, adding, or improving?

	Random	Public
Unweighted Total	405	179
Programs for active older adults ages 55+	23%	21%
Adult fitness and wellness programs	19%	17%
Adult sports/athletics	12%	5%
Community events	10%	11%
None of the above	9%	16%
Youth sports/athletics	9%	5%
Adult non-sports/non-athletics programs	9%	7%
Programs/Activities for teens	4%	10%

Q26. What specific program(s) or event(s) would you like the Park District to offer?

Open-ended responses to the random survey were coded and included in the final analysis.

	Random	Public
Preschool/Early childhood programs	3%	4%
Youth non-sports/non-athletics programs	2%	4%

Q27. As you may know, the Lions Club Pool has been serving the community for over 40 years but is in need of major structural and mechanical repairs. The cost for these would likely require higher pool pass and membership fees and/or moving funds that would otherwise go to other District programs or facilities. Which statement do you agree with more?

Statement A (Support): I oppose paying higher pool fees or shifting from other programs/facilities to make the most needed repairs to keep a safe public pool.

Statement B (Oppose): I oppose paying higher pool fees or shifting funds from other programs/facilities for pool repairs, even if it results in closing the pool.

	Random	Public
Unweighted Total	451	194
Strongly support raising fees (9-10)	43%	43%
Somewhat support raising fees (7-8)	25%	23%
Lean towards raising fees (6)	6%	8%
Lean away from raising fees (5)	2%	4%
Somewhat oppose raising fees (3-4)	11%	7%
Strongly oppose raising fees (1-2)	13%	14%
Mean	7.02	7.06
Median	8.00	8.00

Q28. Indicate your level of support for these potential improvements.

**A. Renovate and update the Racquet & Fitness Club to provide more space for open programs and activities**

	Random	Public
Unweighted Total	462	197
SUPPORT	77%	76%
OPPOSE	23%	24%
Strongly support	33%	28%
Somewhat support	44%	48%
Somewhat oppose	14%	15%
Strongly oppose	9%	10%

**C. Update and improve the Irons Oaks Environmental Learning Center, parking, easier access, trails, playground, rental rooms, pond decks, etc.**

	Random	Public
Unweighted Total	459	194
SUPPORT	74%	69%
OPPOSE	26%	31%
Strongly support	25%	26%
Somewhat support	49%	45%
Somewhat oppose	17%	20%
Strongly oppose	8%	10%

**B. Renovate and update the Irwin Community Center for added program space**

	Random	Public
Unweighted Total	459	195
SUPPORT	75%	76%
OPPOSE	25%	24%
Strongly support	28%	27%
Somewhat support	48%	49%
Somewhat oppose	16%	14%
Strongly oppose	8%	10%

Q29. Which initiative do you support the most, even if it means higher fees or taxes?

	Random	Public
Unweighted Total	462	191
Renovate and update the Homewood-Flossmoor/Racquet & Fitness Club to provide more space for open programs and activities (e.g., sports camps, youth programs, active adult senior activities)	47%	42%
Renovate and update the Irwin Community Center for added program space (e.g., sports camps, youth programs, active adult and senior activities)	25%	27%
Update and improve the Irons Oaks Environmental Learning Center, parking, easier access, trails, playground, rental rooms, pond decks, etc.	17%	17%
I don't support any of these initiatives!	11%	13%

Q30. When you seek information about the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District and its programs, parks, facilities, or services, from what sources do you get that information?

	Random	Public
Unweighted Total	464	200
Homewood-Flossmoor PD website	64%	53%
Printed HFPD seasonal program mailer	58%	61%
Word of mouth	30%	32%
Homewood-Flossmoor PD weekly e-newsletter	26%	29%
Park District's social media	18%	22%
Signage at Park District facilities	15%	14%
Homewood-Flossmoor PD online program registration	13%	15%
Local print or digital news sources	9%	12%
Call the HFPD facilities/offices	6%	17%
Other (non-Park District) social media	5%	4%
Other source	1%	1%

Q31. Which is your most preferred source when seeking information about the Park District?

	Random	Public
Unweighted Total	459	196
Printed HFPD seasonal program mailer	40%	33%
Homewood-Flossmoor Park District website	30%	31%
Homewood-Flossmoor Park District weekly e-newsletter	13%	16%
Park District's social media	6%	5%
Word of mouth	4%	3%
Homewood-Flossmoor PD online program registration	3%	3%
Call the HFPD facilities/offices	2%	5%
Signage at Park District facilities	1%	2%
Other (non-Park District) social media	1%	-
Local print or digital news sources	1%	2%
Other source	**	1%

Q32. Thinking about the programs, parks, facilities, and services that the Park District provides, please rate the overall value that the Park District represents given its 5.5% share of property taxes?

	Random	Public
Unweighted Total	464	198
Excellent value (9-10)	30%	39%
Great value (9)	17%	14%
Good value (6-7)	24%	15%
Average value (5)	20%	19%
Poor value (0-4)	9%	13%
Mean	7.09	7.17
Median	7.00	8.00

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Q33. In what year were you born? (Age shown below)

	Random	Public
Unweighted Total	459	199
Under 35	14%	5%
35 to 44	21%	20%
45 to 54	16%	14%
55 to 64	23%	17%
Over 65	26%	43%
Mean	52.86	59.36
Median	54.00	61.00

Q34. Please note your gender

	Random	Public
Unweighted Total	463	201
Male	44%	22%
Female	54%	77%
Prefer to self-describe	2%	2%

Q35A. How many people in your household (including yourself)...

A. ... live there (total)?

	Random	Public
Unweighted Total	462	201
One (1 live alone)	16%	21%
Two	38%	36%
Three	17%	14%
Four	18%	16%
Five or more	11%	13%

B. ... are under age 18?

	Random	Public
Unweighted Total	403	162
None	60%	57%
One	16%	13%
Two	16%	17%
Three or more	8%	13%

C. ... are age 60 or older?

	Random	Public
Unweighted Total	405	162
None	59%	49%
One	12%	13%
Two or more	29%	38%

Q36. Do you own or rent your current residence?

	Random	Public
Unweighted Total	468	202
Own	86%	95%
Rent	14%	5%

Q37. Which of the following identifies your ethnicity?

	Random	Public
Unweighted Total	457	198
Black	47%	28%
White	45%	63%
Asian	4%	1%
Amer. Indian/Alkn Native	1%	1%
Native Hawaiian/Pac Islander	**	1%
Middle Eastern	-	1%
Other	13%	12%

Q38. Are you of Hispanic, Latino or Spanish ethnicity?

	Random	Public
Unweighted Total	459	197
Yes	10%	6%
No	90%	94%

Q39. Other than Homewood-Flossmoor Park District parks and facilities, where else does your household go for recreation or fitness activities?

Open-end responses to the random survey were coded and included in the final analysis.



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