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Executive Summary

The North Plains Citizens for Parks Improvements (NPCPI) is a community-based non-profit organization formed to help improve the City of North Plains parks and recreation system. NPCPI was incorporated in 2008 as a 501(c)3 organization.

Beginning in 2008, NPCPI worked with a consultant to conduct a comprehensive, inclusive and valid survey of North Plains' households. Surveys were administered to city residents including students. The survey was intended to gather information on community preferences and needs for a park and recreation system.

The following are key findings of this effort:

- North Plains residents highly value parks and recreation, but express dissatisfaction with existing opportunities within the city.
- Residents consistently express a need and desire for both new park amenities and more programmed recreation activities.
- A lack of local amenities leads city residents to travel in order to meet their parks and recreation needs. The most frequent destination is Hillsboro.
- Swimming, trails, playground equipment and a recreation center receive consistent support. While there also is a lot of support for skateboard parks, some residents oppose this feature.
- Many residents travel to other regional parks and natural areas for regular recreation, e.g., swimming, hiking, and would like to see such options available in North Plains.
- Residents report that they do not frequently visit city parks because there is little to do there.
- Most respondents support developing a large community park as well as a system of smaller neighborhood parks.
- There is support for active parks and skateboard parks in the city.
- Students visit Jessie Mays Park and use other spaces in North Plains to recreate but travel to nearby communities for sports, swimming and special activities.
- Soccer and swimming are listed as the most popular pastimes; students also favor a local pool or aquatic center.

In 2009, NPCPI members will begin working with City staff to refine and update its Parks and Recreation Master Plan to better reflect community priorities. The results of this survey demonstrate the need for additional park amenities and recreation programs and reflect the importance of these amenities to the community's quality of life.

Introduction and Background

The North Plains Citizens for Parks Improvements (NPCPI) is a community-based non-profit organization formed to help improve the City of North Plains parks and recreation system. NPCPI was incorporated in 2008 as a 501(c)3 organization.

In 2005, the City of North Plains updated its Parks and Recreation Capital Facilities Master Plan. At that time, it did not conduct extensive public outreach due to limited funding and staff. In 2007, a local landowner offered to donate \$900,000 to North Plains parks if voters approved a 45-acre annex of residential land, of which seven acres would be used for parks and recreation. The donor's initial idea was to fund a new recreation center at Jessie Mays Park, but community activists encouraged a broader approach to parks and recreation improvement. Following the proposed donation, NPCPI was formed to advocate for a comprehensive parks and recreation system and to determine community needs and preferences. Independent of the donation and annexation vote, the NPCPI members feel strongly that the City needs to invest in its parks system according to community priorities.

Beginning in 2008, NPCPI worked with a consultant to conduct a comprehensive, inclusive and valid survey of North Plains' households. Committee members strongly desired that the survey be unbiased and not represent any community agenda. To accomplish this, the consultant advised on a neutral survey design and approach, including mechanism to reach as many community members as possible. The survey was used to identify parks and recreation needs and to provide the City with direction in developing a more functional, beautiful and inviting network of parks for the entire community. The survey was administered in September 2008 and results were presented to City Council in December 2008.

Survey Methods

Prior to its distribution, the committee promoted the survey through multiple articles in *The Beacon*, the local monthly newspaper. In addition, committee members staffed a booth at the Garlic Festival, a local community event, in August 2008. At this event, a map was displayed of North Plains parks and open spaces, including some surrounding lands, the city boundaries, urban growth boundary and potential annexation areas. Residents were encouraged to comment on parks and recreation needs by making notes on the poster using small post-it notes. The results of this exercise are included in Appendix 3.

A resident survey was distributed in early September to all North Plains households by mail or by hand. A stamped, addressed envelope was included with each survey. Residents also had the option of completing the survey online. Copies of the survey were available at City Hall and the North Plains Public Library. Other residents requested surveys directly from committee members.

Approximately 675 surveys were distributed and 172 completed surveys were received. The 25% response rate is well above average for a survey administered by mail. Most surveys were completed by hand and returned by mail.

A notice was included in the mailing that a survey for middle/high school students also was available. This survey was available online and at city hall, the library and by request. Five surveys were completed by middle and high school students.

A short survey was given to North Plains Elementary school students. These surveys were completed and collected at Back to School Night. Surveys were also made available to the children living in North Plains who attend schools other than North Plain Elementary.

The following sections of this report describe and summarize the results of each survey.

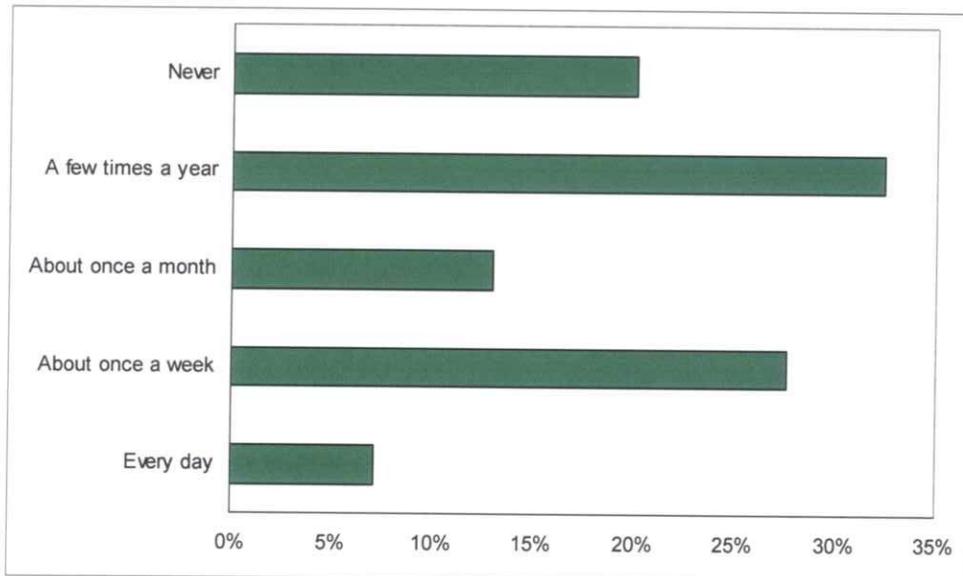
Key Findings

- North Plains residents highly value parks and recreation, but express dissatisfaction with existing opportunities within the city.
- Residents consistently express a need and desire for both new park amenities and more programmed recreation activities.
- A lack of local amenities leads city residents to travel in order to meet their parks and recreation needs. The most frequent destination was Hillsboro.
- Swimming, trails, playground equipment and a recreation center received consistent support. While there also was a lot of support for skateboard parks, some residents opposed this feature.
- Many residents travel to other regional parks and natural areas for regular recreation, e.g., swimming, hiking, and would like to see such options available in North Plains.
- Residents report that they do not frequently visit city parks because there is little to do there.
- Most respondents support developing a large community park as well as a system of smaller neighborhood parks.
- There is support for active parks and skateboard parks in the city.
- Students visit Jessie Mays Park and use other spaces in North Plains to recreate but travel to nearby communities for sports, swimming and special activities.
- Soccer and swimming were listed as the most popular pastimes and these students favored a local pool or aquatic center.

Resident Survey Summary

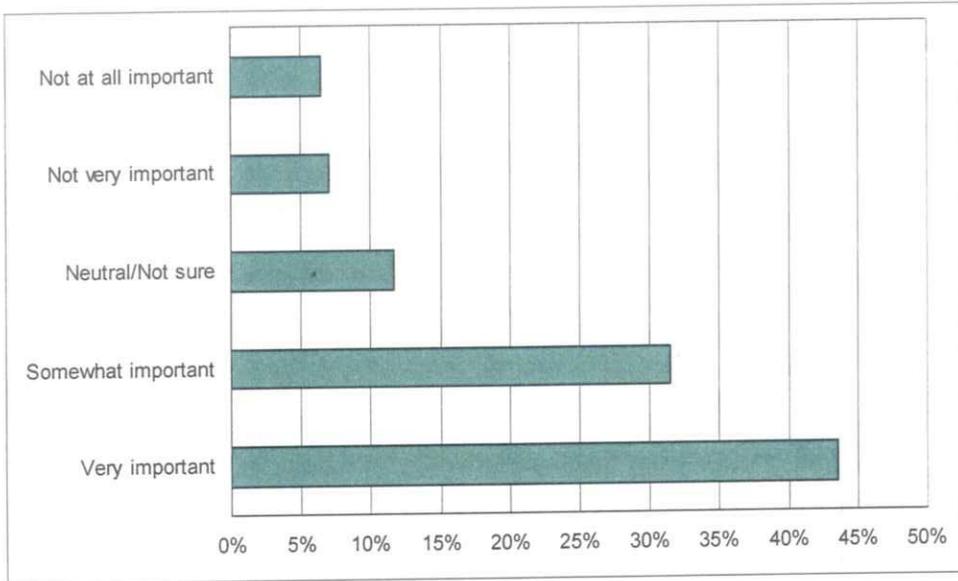
Brief summaries of results of each question follow. Open-ended responses are grouped into common response categories with the frequency of that response listed. A complete list of responses to each question is included as an appendix to this report.

1. How often do you and your family visit a park in North Plains?



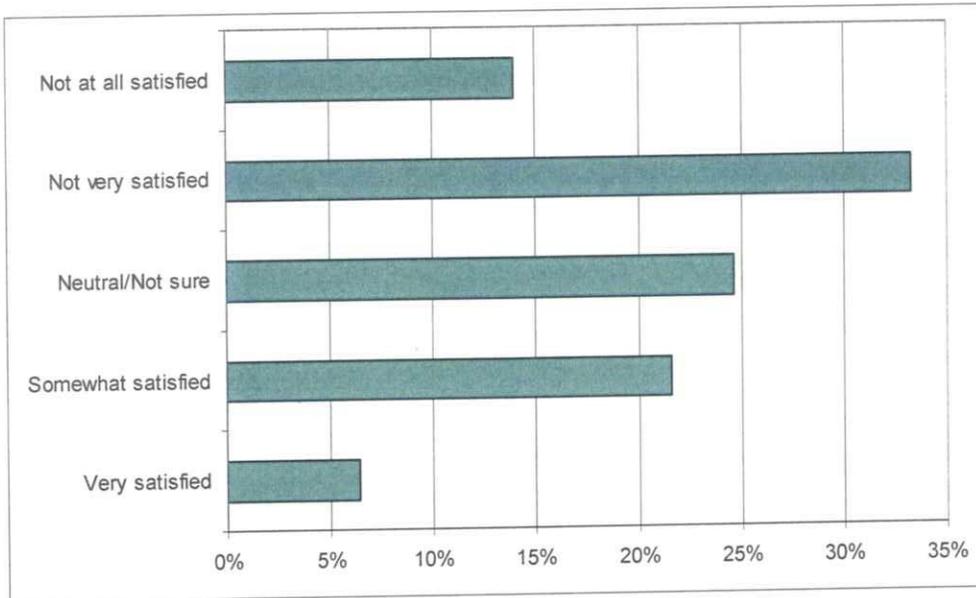
About a third of North Plains residents report visiting a city park only a few times a year, while about 28% use a park once a week. Twenty percent of residents never visit a park in the city, while 7% visit every day.

2. How important are parks and recreation programs to your family and your quality of life?



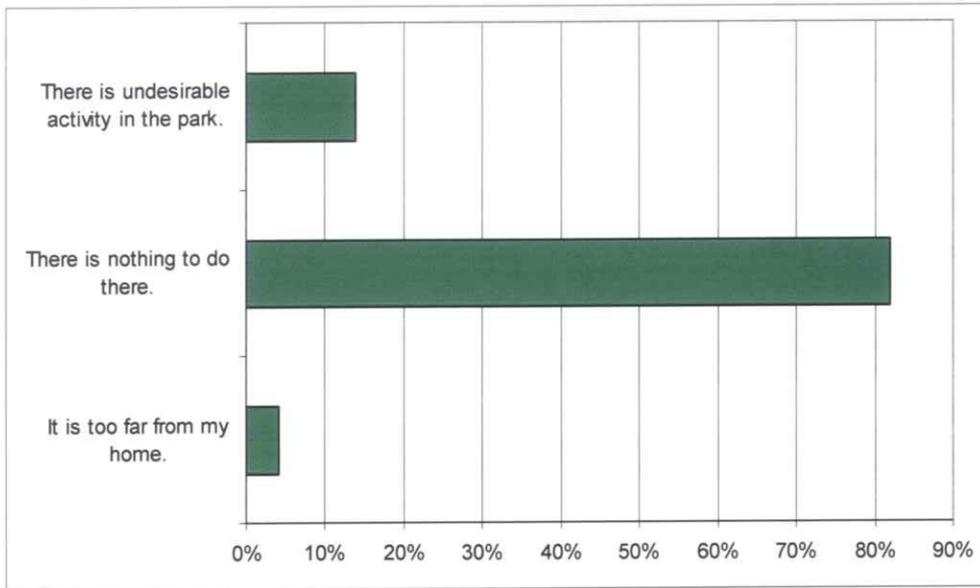
Parks and recreation programs are of great importance to North Plains residents. Almost 75% of survey respondents report that they are somewhat or very important to their quality of life; however, only 35% visit a city park once a week or more.

3. How satisfied are you with parks and recreation opportunities available in North Plains?



Slightly less than half (47%) of those surveyed are not satisfied with parks and recreation opportunities, while 28% are satisfied.

4. If you do not regularly visit a park in North Plains, what is the primary reason?



The predominant reason North Plains residents do not visit city parks is a perceived lack of things to do there, suggesting that there is an unmet need for park amenities and activities.

Most residents who answered this question provided another reason why they do not visit parks. These responses are listed below.

- Limited amenities (no restrooms, no drinking fountains, limited picnic area) (7)
- Limited activities within the park/too small (7)
- Do not have kids (7)
- Other interests (7)
- Elderly (6)
- Not interested (5)
- Time/too busy (5)
- Only go when grandkids visit (4)
- Just moved to town (3)
- No shade (3)
- Unaware of parks (3)
- Undesirable activity in park (3)
- Would like a walking trail (2)
- Dangerous equipment
- Disabled

These responses suggest that low rates of park use are both a result of personal circumstance (e.g., busy schedules, physical limitations), and park conditions and amenities not meeting residents' needs. The most common responses were that there are inadequate

amenities and activities in the parks. Others note that park condition and safety needs improvement.

5. Do you have a favorite park (in or outside North Plains)? If so, why is it your favorite?

Sixty-six (66) percent of those who answered yes identified Jessie Mays Park as the favorite. It is well-liked, in large part, due to its location within the city. Parks in larger municipal systems (e.g., Hillsboro) and are appreciated for their amenities, as well as being the sites of special activities.

Jessie Mays Park (15)	Close to home (6), basketball hoop (2), variety, tennis court, play equipment, historic place, it's the town center
Rood Bridge (Hillsboro) (12)	Trails (6), pavilions/picnic areas (6), play structure (5), variety of activities (3), nature/beauty (3), water/ponds (3), dog friendly (2), fun, clean, open field, tennis courts
Shute Park (Hillsboro) (10)	Aquatic/rec center (5), children's playground (3), walking trail (3), library (2), large play area (2), concert in the park area, shade, dog park,
Dawson Creek (Hillsboro) (8)	Walking/running/bike trails (6), ducks to feed (2), not crowded (2), water features (2), shade, ride bridge, proximity to library, nature, dogs are leashed, easy to get to, safe, benches, nice picnic area
Washington Park (Portland) (7)	Playground (4), rose garden (2), water and wildlife areas (2), a lot to see/do (2), Japanese Garden, walking trails, wonderful programs
Coastal area parks (6)	Beach/ocean (2), fun events, fishing, clamming, fresh air
Hillsboro (4)	Skate parks (2), picnic tables (2), large, green, shade, streams, drinking water, clean bathrooms
Banks Vernonia Linear Trail (3)	Safe walking/biking/jogging path without traffic (2), swimming area in shade
Griffin Oaks (Hillsboro) (3)	Playground structures (2), fun, clean, trails, beauty, variety of activities, convenient restrooms
Hondo Dog Park (Hillsboro) (3)	Dog friendly, great
Magnolia Park (Hillsboro) (3)	Skating rink, pedal cars for babies, water spray fountains, has everything you could want but in a small park, great design
Rogers Park (Lake Oswego) (3)	Play equipment for toddlers and older kids (2), shade (2), lots of space, benches, picnic tables, restroom, tennis court, basketball

6. Where do you and your family usually recreate or play?

While residents take advantage of local opportunities such as Jessie Mays Park and North Plain Elementary, many travel to cities with more parks and recreation opportunities. North Plains residents appreciate and visit natural areas (rivers, coast), as well as developed facilities (pools, skate parks).

- Home/backyard (37)
- The coast (31)
- Parks and recreation in Portland, Beaverton, Hillsboro and/or Forest Grove (29)
- Jessie Mays Park (12)

- North Plains Elementary (11)
- In the woods (camping/hiking/fishing) (10)
- Pools/aquatic centers (8)
- Skate parks (8)
- Parks (7)
- Banks-Vernonia Trail (5)
- Rivers (5)
- Family farm/property (4)
- Mountains (4)
- Around town (3)
- Hagg Lake (3)

7. Are there recreation opportunities or activities in nearby communities that should be available in North Plains? What are they?

The most common amenity North Plains residents would like to see in their city is a swimming pool, followed by trails. Many residents would like a new community center, more recreation programs, a skateboard park and additional or improved park amenities.

- Pool (68)
- Walking/biking/hiking trails (27)
- Better community/rec center with classes/structured activities (22)
- Skateboard park (18)
- Fine the way it is/nothing new needed (15)
- Park amenities (covered area, restrooms, picnic areas, benches, drinking fountain) (13)
- Dog Park (10)
- Sports fields (9)
- Better playground equipment (8)
- Trees/Shade (7)
- Basketball courts (5)
- Frisbee (4)
- Gym (4)
- River Park (4)
- Water feature (fountain, spray/wading pools) (4)
- Farmers market (3)
- No skateboard park (2)
- Place for concerts/gatherings (2)

8. *Would you prefer to see a system of small neighborhood parks or a large community park?*

Most respondents favor developing both a large community park and a system of smaller neighborhood parks. Of those who selected one option, most preferred a large community park.

Small neighborhood parks	9.7%
A large community park	33.8%
Both	56.6%

9. *Which of the following do you think is most needed or should be top priority for the city? Please use the numbers 1 through 5 to indicate your top choices.*

In this question, residents were asked to choose up to five choices from 10 options. Trails, swimming pool and active parks were most often the first choice of respondents.

The overall ranking of these selections from most to least popular is as follows::

1. Walking and biking paths and trails
2. Swimming pool
3. Active parks
4. Recreation center
5. Recreation programs
6. Nature park
7. Skateboard park
8. Baseball/softball fields
9. Basketball courts
10. Soccer fields

The most common responses under "other" are:

- Sports fields (11)
- Dog park (3)
- Picnic area (3)
- None of these (3)

10. *Which of the following features are most important to include in new or improved parks? Please use the numbers 1, 2 and 3 to indicate your top choices.*

Survey takers were asked to select three choices from a list of seven options. Public restrooms, playground equipment and picnic tables and shelters were most likely popular.

The overall ranking of these selections from most to least popular is as follows::

1. Public restrooms
2. Picnic tables and shelters
3. Playground equipment
4. Park benches
5. Water features/fountains
6. "Dog duty" stations
7. Drinking fountains

The most common responses under "other" are:

- Walking/biking/jogging trails (4)
- No change – fine the way it is (3)
- Garden/flower beds (2)
- Skateboard park (2)

11. Dare to dream! If you had unlimited funds, what would your ideal park look like?

This question was intended to elicit creative responses from residents. Common answers to this question were very similar to park features identified in previous survey questions, as demonstrated by the list below.

- Pool (40)
- Walking/biking/hiking/jogging trails (40)
- Great play equipment (39)
- Recreation center (29)
- Picnic area (22)
- Sports fields/courts (22)
- Water features (wading pool, spray fountain) (22)
- Trees/shade (17)
- Skateboard park (14)
- Nature park (13)
- Dog park (12)
- Restrooms/drinking fountain/lighting (12)
- Lake/ponds (10)
- Grassy area (6)

Several other residents named specific regional parks they would ideally like to see replicated in North Plains, including Rood Bridge, Washington Park, LB Stuart State Park and Silverwood Theme Park. Others proposed improvements on existing parks such as Dawson's Creek with a pool, play structure and restrooms and Washington Park, Laurelhurst and Jamison Square combined.

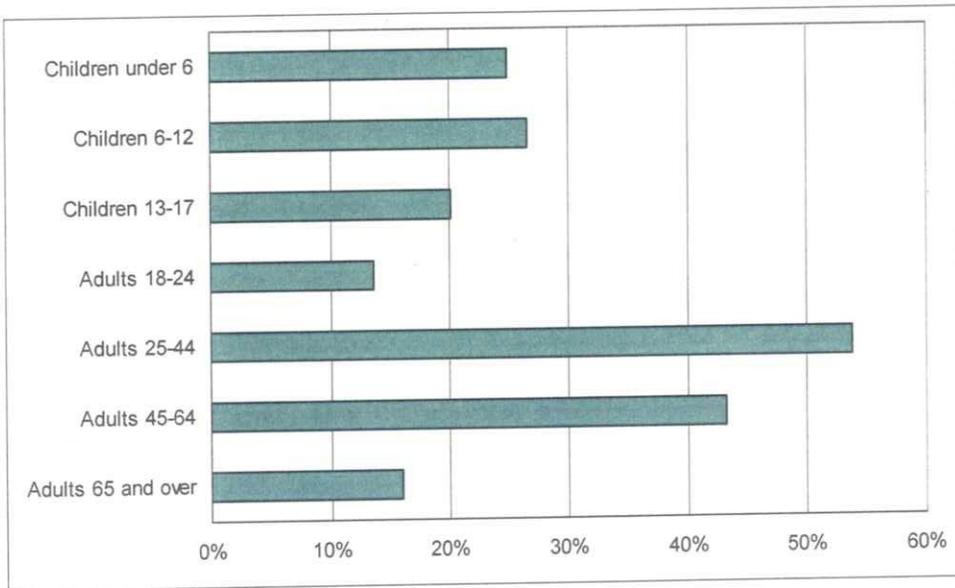
Other unique proposed park elements include:

- Bandstand/gazebo (4)
- Volleyball court (3)
- Farmers market (2)
- Daycare

- Indoor park with rock climbing wall
- Journey to Atlantis
- Racquetball courts
- Radio controlled dirt track
- Start at the water tank, follow creek to cottage and wetlands

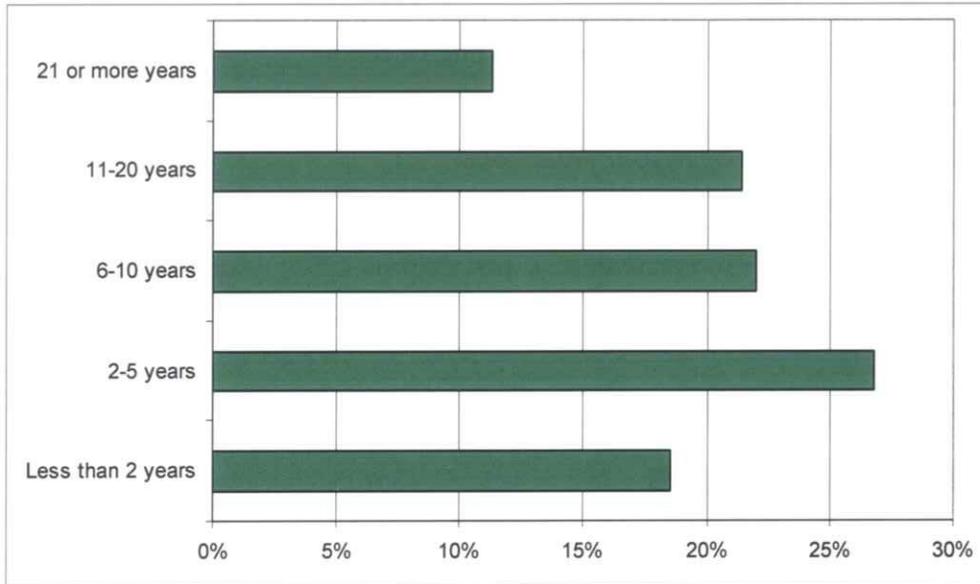
12. How many adults and children live in your household?

Most households that returned a survey include an adult between 25 and 44. Sixteen percent included a senior citizen (person over 65). Just over half (52%) included at least one child under age 18.



13. How long have you lived in North Plains?

Responses to this question were relatively evenly distributed.



14. Do you plan on residing in North Plains for the next five years or more?

The vast majority (94.4%) of respondents plan on residing in North Plains for at least the next five years.

Middle/High School Survey Summary

This survey was available online only. Five students completed this survey. These students visit Jessie Mays Park and use other spaces in North Plains to recreate. For other activities, they travel to nearby communities. Soccer and swimming were listed as the most popular pastimes and these students favored a local pool or aquatic center. Complete results from this survey are shown below. Multiple write-in answers were allowed.

1. *Where do you and your friends usually go to recreate or hang out?*

- Jessie Mays Park (2)
- Park (2)
- Around town
- Backyard
- Friends' houses
- Home
- Lenox Street
- North Plains Elementary

2. *Is there a place to play near your home?*

All students responded "yes" to this question.

3. *What are your three favorite games, sports or activities?*

- Soccer (3)
- Swimming (3)
- Baseball
- Dancing
- Learning about computers
- Reading
- Running around
- Tag

4. *Are there sports or activities you have to leave North Plains to do? What are they? Where do you go for these activities?*

- Swimming (Hillsboro, Banks or Beaverton) (3)
- Dancing
- Ice Skating (Beaverton)
- Soccer (Hillsboro/Banks)

5. *What activity or sport would you like to be able to play in North Plains?*

- Swimming (3)

- Skateboard park
- Soccer
- Build a computer from scratch

Elementary School Survey

Sixty surveys were collected from students ranging in age from three to 12. Key points are summarized below. A complete list of responses is included in Appendix 2.

1. Where do you usually play? How do you get there?

Most younger students play in their homes, yards or at local spots, including Jessie Mays Park and the elementary school playground. Most walk or rely on their parents to drive them, while about 8% ride their bikes to their destination.

- Home/yard (20)
- Park (8)
- Outside (7)
- Jessie Mays Park (5)
- School playground (5)
- Anywhere/everywhere (2)
- Friend's house (2)

2. Is there a park or place to play near your home?

Yes	59%
No	41%

3. What are your three favorite sports or activities?

Sports such as soccer, basketball, football and baseball are popular activities along with swimming and bike riding. Other activities listed include rock climbing, gymnastics and dancing.

- Soccer (26)
- Basketball (16)
- Swimming (16)
- Baseball (12)
- Football (12)
- Bike riding (9)
- Climbing/rock wall (4)
- Gymnastics (4)
- Swinging (4)
- Dancing (3)
- Horseback riding (3)
- Lacrosse (3)
- Running (3)
- Skating (3)

4. *What activity would you like to be able to play in North Plains?*

The most popular activities—swimming and soccer—are those that students would like to be able to do locally. Students also would like to play organized sports, including baseball/softball, football and basketball in North Plains. Five students mentioned support for a skateboard park.

- Swimming/pool (13)
- Soccer (8)
- Football (6)
- Baseball/softball (5)
- Skate park/skateboarding (5)
- Basketball (2)
- Horseback riding (2)
- Play structure (2)
- Roller skating (2)

Conclusion and Next Steps

In 2009, NPCPI members will begin working with City staff to refine and update its Parks and Recreation Master Plan to better reflect community priorities. The results of this survey demonstrate the need for additional park amenities and recreation programs and reflect the importance of these amenities to the community's quality of life.

These results also provide information on where the greatest needs are. For example, the student surveys suggest there is unmet demand for activities such as soccer, skateboarding and swimming among youth. If incorporated into the City's plan, this information can direct energy and funds to match community priorities. A healthy parks and recreation system will meet families' needs locally, reducing reliance on neighboring communities and improving overall quality of life for North Plains.

List of Appendices

- 1) Surveys
- 2) Compilation of survey responses
- 3) Map exercise results

APPENDIX 1

SURVEYS

North Plains Citizens for Parks Improvements



Parks Survey

The North Plains Citizens for Parks Improvement is a community-based non-profit organization who wishes to help improve the City's Parks and Recreation system. The goal is to conduct a comprehensive, inclusive and valid survey of North Plains' households to identify parks and recreation needs and desires to provide direction in generating 20-year plan to update, change and build a more functional, beautiful and inviting network of parks for the entire community.

Please help us by completing the following survey about your experience and your vision for a healthy parks and recreation system for the City of North Plains. Please refer to the map on the following pages. We appreciate your input!

You can also take this survey online at: <http://www.coganowens.com/northplainsparks.html>

By completing this survey and providing us with your contact information, you will be entered into a drawing to win one of several gift certificates to local businesses! Please complete the entry form on the back page.

1. How often do you and your family visit a park in North Plains?

- Every day
- About once a week
- About once a month
- A few times a year
- Never

2. How important are parks and recreation programs to your family and your quality of life?

- Very important
- Somewhat important
- Neutral/Not sure
- Not very important
- Not at all important

3. How satisfied are you with parks and recreation opportunities available in North Plains?

- Very satisfied
- Somewhat satisfied
- Neutral/Not sure
- Not very satisfied
- Not at all satisfied

4. If you do not regularly visit a park in North Plains, what is the primary reason?

- It is too far from my home.
- There is nothing to do there.
- There is undesirable activity in the park.
- Other reasons (please specify) _____

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5. Do you have a favorite park (in or outside North Plains)? If so, please identify _____
Why is it your favorite?

6. Where do you and your family usually recreate or play?

7. Are there recreation opportunities or activities in nearby communities that should be available in North Plains? If yes, what are they?

8. Would you prefer to see a system of small neighborhood parks or a large community park?

- Small neighborhood parks
- A large community park
- Both

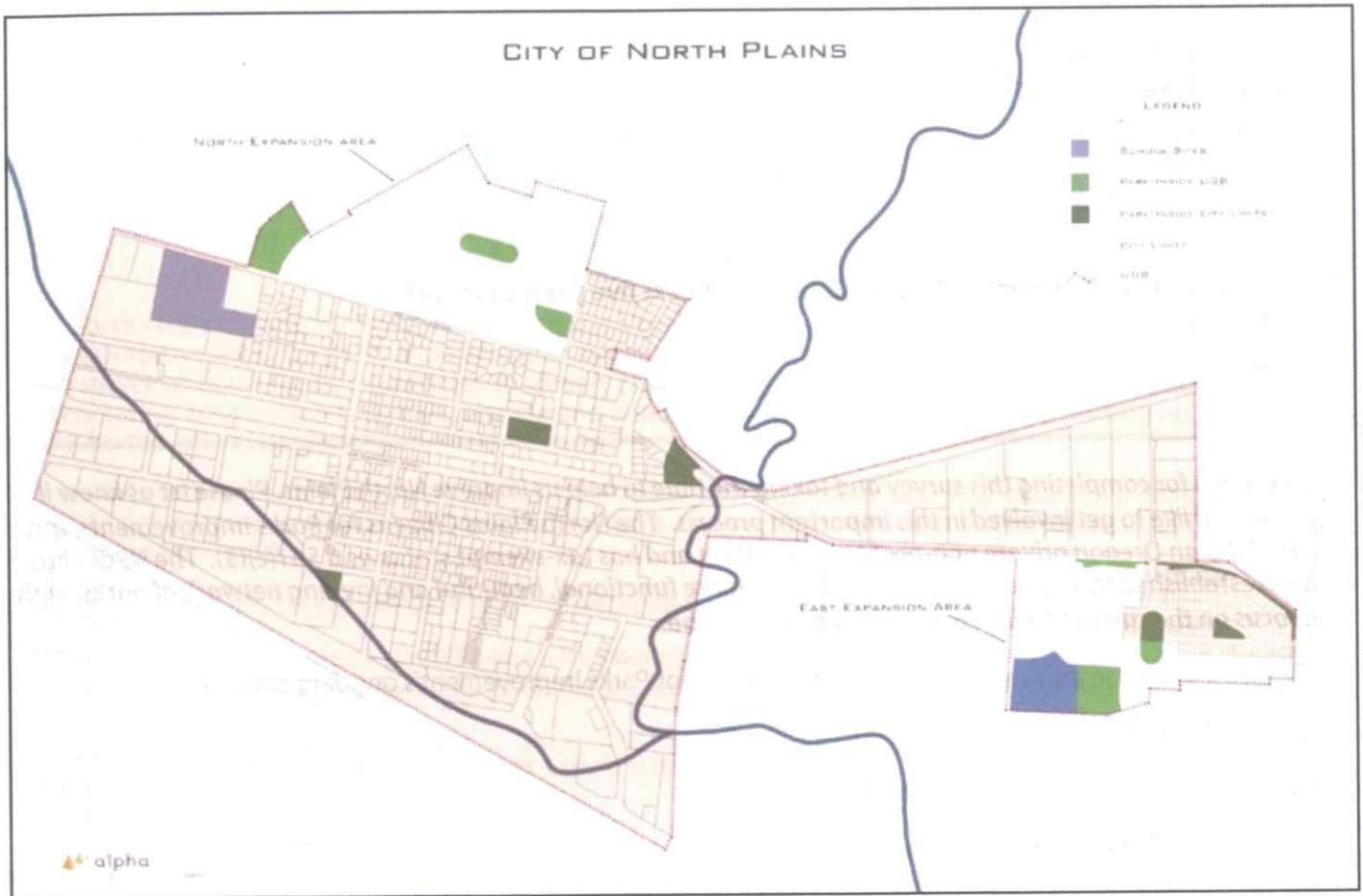
9. Which of the following do you think is most needed or should be top priority for the city? Please use the numbers 1 through 5 to indicate your top choices.

- _____ Nature park
- _____ Active parks (with play equipment, sports fields, etc.)
- _____ Swimming pool
- _____ Recreation center
- _____ Walking and biking paths and trails
- _____ Skateboard park
- _____ Recreation programs (classes, activities for youth and seniors)
- _____ Sports fields and courts (please specify which sport) _____
- _____ Other (please specify) _____

10. Which of the following features are most important to include in new or improved parks? Please use the numbers 1, 2 and 3 to indicate your top choices.

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| _____ Picnic tables and shelters | _____ Park benches |
| _____ Playground equipment | _____ Water features/fountains |
| _____ "Dog duty" stations | _____ Other (please specify) _____ |
| _____ Public restrooms | |
| _____ Drinking fountains | |

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11. Dare to dream! If you had unlimited funds, what would your ideal park look like?

12. How many adults and children live in your household?

- Adults 65 and over _____
- Adults 45-64 _____
- Adults 25-44 _____
- Adults 18-24 _____
- Children 13-17 _____
- Children 6-12 _____
- Children under 6 _____

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13. How long have you lived in North Plains?

- Less than 2 years
- 2-5 years
- 6-10 years
- 11-20 years
- 21 or more years

14. Do you plan on residing in North Plains for the next five years or more?

- Yes
- No

Thank you for completing this survey and taking the time to help us improve North Plains. Please let us know if you would like to get involved in this important process. The North Plains Citizens for Parks Improvements, Inc. (NPCPI) is an Oregon private non-profit organization and has tax-exempt status as a 501(c)(3). The NPCPI has been established by city residents to help build a more functional, beautiful and inviting network of parks, with a focus on the current ability to secure meaningful funds.

- Please keep me informed of North Plains Citizens for Parks Improvement's ongoing activities.
- I would like to join a committee.
- I am interested in other volunteer opportunities.

The best way to reach me is:

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Parks Survey Elementary School

1. Where do you usually play?

How do you get there?

- I walk
- I bike
- My parents drive me

2. Is there a park or place to play near your home?

- Yes
- No

3. What are your three favorite sports or activities?

4. What activity or sport would you like to be able to play in North Plains?

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Parks Survey Middle School/High School

You can also take this survey online at: <http://www.coganowens.com/northplainsparks.html>

1. Where do you and your friends usually go to recreate or hang out?
2. Is there a park or place to play near your home?
3. What are your three favorite games, sports or activities?
4. Are there sports or activities you have to leave North Plains to do? What are they?
Where do you go for these activities?
5. What activity or sport would you like to be able to play in North Plains?
6. What do you think North Plains needs most? (Use 1, 2 and 3 to show your top choices).
 - Nature park
 - Active parks (with play equipment, sports fields, etc.)
 - Swimming pool
 - Recreation center
 - Walking and biking paths and trails
 - Skateboard park
 - Recreation programs (classes, activities for youth and seniors)
 - Sports fields and courts (please specify which sport) _____
 - Other (please specify) _____

7. How old are you? _____

By completing this survey and providing us with your contact information, you will be entered into a drawing to win one of several gift certificates to local businesses! Please complete this entry form.

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Name (optional) _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Mail to PO Box 332 or leave at the Library or City Hall.

APPENDIX 2

COMPILATION OF SURVEY RESPONSES

Resident Survey Results

North Plains Citizens For Parks Improvements
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Open Ended Questions

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Questions 1-3 did not include open-ended responses.

4. If you do not regularly visit a park in North Plains, what is the primary reason (other)?

- Grandkids don't come over too often
- No bathrooms or drinking fountains
- Just moved here don't know where things are yet
- No shade, restrooms or drinking water
- No kids
- No bathroom for my young children
- No shade
- My son is too young for the playground equipment that is available here
- I don't have kids
- Time
- Disabled
- We only go when the grandchildren visit
- Don't know where they are yet
- Just moved into the area
- Age related- see no need to go to park
- Not interested
- Visit only when grandchildren visit north plains
- We usually hit the coast or ATV parks
- Only with grandkids occasionally
- Too busy doing other family activities
- It is too small for a good walk.
- Elderly-limited mobility
- Other interests.
- Want a walking path
- No young children
- No kids
- Don't know
- Don't use
- No children
- Too old
- Limited activities
- Elderly
- Dangerous playground equipment, no big kid swings, baby swings are too high and not enough benches
- Too small and not enough to do
- There is undesirable activity in the park
- Not always enough time

- Didn't know of any
- Not interested
- No trees, too hot to go and relax, not enough picnic areas
- Limited resources
- Need something for older kids to do
- Don't feel the need
- Like to fish and garden
- Senior living alone
- Did not know about them
- No small children in my home
- 62 years old
- Busy
- Too busy
- I like being home
- Not interested
- No bathrooms or port-a-potty
- Don't know of a good one
- Don't make time to go
- Other reasons box checked but nothing specified
- No need
- Not motivated by the parks here
- The one I'm aware of is set up for kids, would like adult activities.
- Don't have small children
- The kids skateboarding all around us.
- There are no restrooms! So our trips to the park are short ones b/c of this. Also, @ Jessie Mays Park, there is often "undesirable activity" on the basketball court (swearing, spitting, etc) which is located right next to the children's playground-which often forces us to leave.
- Not interested
- Don't need it, so don't use it
- I think North Plains needs a new skate park and nothing else. Even with annexation, which is the real reason you are doing this survey, our town cannot support a new Rec center, and certainly not a pool. Forest Grove can only do this because of Pacific University.

5. Do you have a favorite park (in or outside North Plains)? If so, please identify:	Why is it your favorite?
Lake Sacajawea in Longview	The lake, walking paths, beautiful natural growth
Jessie Mays Park	
Jessie Mays Park	Variety
Griffin Oaks and Rood Bridge	Fun, clean, trails and beauty
Hillsboro and Forest Grove	They have skate parks
Park on River Road in Hillsboro	Streams, clean bathrooms, drinking water, covered picnic areas.
Griffin Oaks, Rood Bridge, Ibach park	Variety of activities including unique playground structures
Washington Park	Playground, walking trails, rose garden
School	My daughter (3) actually likes the school because of so much to choose from.

5. Do you have a favorite park (in or outside North Plains)? If so, please identify:	Why is it your favorite?
Cannon Beach	Fun events and the ocean
Jessie Mays Park	
Jessie Mays Park and the frog pond	
Stubb Stewart State Park	Walking paths
Rood Bridge and Tyson Rec Center	Open field and play structure Hillsboro has great parks
Jessie Mays Park	
Shute Park in Hillsboro	
In North Plains we walk to the Jessie May Park Our favorite is Bagley Park in Hillsboro because its clean with bathrooms and great kids play area	
Dawson Creek, Silver Falls	Ride bridge love trails
Banks-Vernonia linear trail	It is an excellent place to walk, jog, ride bike, etc without worrying that a car or truck will run you down.
	1. Vernonia Banks Linear Park - biking, walking/running path. 2. Clackamas Aquatic Ctr. - swimming 3. Jessie Mays Park -Play structure
Greenway Park in Beaverton	It has long, paved walking paths -- they meander.
Washington Park – a lot to see and do Commonwealth Park - water and wildlife areas birds, fish	
	Water activities
Dawson Creek by the new Hillsboro Library	Nice grass and shade for picnics, great trails for walking/running. ducks to feed.
Mary S. Young Park, West Linn	Nature trails, nice open dog park, sports fields
Orengo	Water rock wall
Cape Mears, Cape Lookout, Gales Creek	
Rood Bridge	Pretty, pavilions for functions, pathways for walk.
We go to the park on Pacific St. (in North Plains)	Because its by our house and to Jessie Mays Park
The park off of Pacific St. (in North Plains)	I can take my dog there
Discovery Park McMinnville	Plenty of space and options for play including a water feature
In McMinnville	Because there are a lot of large trees and lush green grass. It is perfect for a small wedding or just a simple picnic
	Water front/Esplanade surrounded by water can ride bikes without fear of cars Dawson Creek can walk by nature
Somerset	Because they have a play area, a large grassy field to play in and a pool
New Hillsboro Library	
Washington Park, Laurelhurst Park, Jamison Square	Fountains, sandbox, huge play structures, trails, covered picnic areas, tennis, gardens, wading pools, duck ponds, wonderful programs in the park (crafts, Yoga, summer camps)
Rogers Park in Forest Grove	Lots of space to run/play sports, play equipment suitable for toddlers and older kids, big trees for

5. Do you have a favorite park (in or outside North Plains)? If so, please identify:	Why is it your favorite?
	shade, benches, picnic tables, bathroom available, tennis court, and basketball.
Esther Short Park in Vancouver	Play structure, big trees, daily market
Children's Playground @ Washington Park b/c of the play equipment. Hillsboro Shute Park b/c of the concert in the park area, library, children's playground, walking trail, aquatic and rec center. It is in one area and really well thought out.	See above
Banks/Vernonia Linear Park and Dawson Creek in Hillsboro	Bike paths with no traffic
Peninsula Park	Rose garden, fountain and wading pool, sports field and community center
Shute	Pool
Forest Park	
Kid-Town, Brookings, OR	
Jessie Mays Park	Basketball hoop
Rood Bridge	
Shute and Magnolia in Hillsboro; Mt. Scott, Tabor, and Laurelhurst in Portland	Skating rink and pedal cars for babies
Rood Bridge	Paved trails for wheelchairs, large picnic and grassy areas, restrooms, tennis courts.
Dawson Creek	Water features, walking paths, ducks and geese, close to Hillsboro library
not at this time in my life	
The park where the garlic festival was held	
n/a	
Tualatin Skate Park	The kids love it
Shute Park Industrial Park	Lots of sidewalks and grass along water (ponds)
Shute Park	The pool
Skate parks in Hillsboro	
Rood Bridge	Play equipment, picnic areas
Sellwood Park	Spent time there in my youth, it has a swimming pool, ball park, picnic tables on the river.
1. Shute Park 2. Dog Park 3. Rogers Park	Shade, Pool, dog park, play structures for the kids
Quincy V & Bessie Robinson near Seaside, OR	
Washington Park	Play structures
Jessie Mays Park	Tennis court
Jessie Mays Park	Close to home
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Vernonia	Swimming area in the shade at the river will check out Stewart Stubbs one of these days
Shute Park	Playground equipment, pool, library
Shute in Hillsboro	Swimming, walk/ride paths, big play area
Jessie Mays Park	Playground equipment
Nature Parks	I like to walk

5. Do you have a favorite park (in or outside North Plains)? If so, please identify:	Why is it your favorite?
Barview, Oregon	Enjoy the coast, fresh air, beach, fishing, clamming
Jessie Mays Park	Close to Home
Bagley Park--Hillsboro	
Shute Park--Hillsboro	Pretty and good walking trails
A park in Hillsboro	Because its large, green and has shade and picnic tables
Nature Park	
Rood Bridge Park Hillsboro	Picnic tables, water, play structure, pond paths for bikes
Reedville--Hillsboro Magnolia Park--Beaverton	Reedville has skatepark for my grandson and play equipment for my granddaughters also nice seating and restrooms Magnolia--water spray fountains
Jessie Mays Community Center	Close to home
Hornings hideout	Activities available and the setting
Lewis River Park, WA.	Tables, pits, trails, river, dog walks, play equipment, shade, all beautiful
Rood Bridge and Hondo Dog Park	I love the nature and variety of activities available at Rood Bridge. Hondo is great!
Dawson's Creek Business Park	Not crowded, trails, nature, water, all dogs are leashed.
Outside North Plains. Hillsboro Main Library	Nice Paths, just a good place to walk and enjoy the water ponds
Outside North Plains. The Rose and Japanese Gardens	
Horning's Hideout	Fishing
Magnolia Park-Hillsboro, Griffin Oaks Park in Hillsboro, the playground @ the THRPD rec center on 158 & Walker in Beaverton.	Magnolia Park-has everything you could want but in a small park-great design. The THRPD park playground has a covering over it for year-round play. Griffin Oaks has large play structures & convenient restrooms.
Rood Bridge, Hondo Dog Park, Stub Stewart State Park	
Rood Bridge Park	Large playground, walking trails, picnic area, nature, water, ducks
Rood Bridge Park	Nature Trails, Picnic Area, Big Playground, Dog Friendly
N. Plains Elementary School playground	Close to home and lots for kids to do
Yellowstone :-D, Dawson Creek in Hillsboro, Silver Falls	I like Dawson Creek because it is easy to get to, has benches, nice walking trails and is safe
Jessie Mays Park	Central location, historic place, and it's the town center to me.
Jessie Mays Park	Close by, has basketball courts

6. Where do you and your family usually recreate or play?

- Home
- Home, parks
- Shute park in Hillsboro, playing tennis, biking, walking
- Backyard

- Pools and skate parks
- Home
- Coast, pools in Hillsboro and Forest Grove, Golf
- Camping
- Griffin Oaks and Hawthorne Farms Athletic center
- The coast, Hagg Lake
- We usually go to the small park.
- Cannon Beach, Banks/Vernonia biking trail, Washington Park gardens.
- Our cabin in LaPine
- Hagg Lake
- At the school and Jessie Mays Park
- Home, parks at the coast, family farm
- TV, reading
- Camping, square dancing , the beach
- Parks
- Rood Bridge and Tyson Rec Center
- Jessie Mays Park
- Shute Park
- We like to go to the school and play or the community center, other than that we play in our back yard or drive to another park
- Ocean beaches or zoo or Dawson creek park trails - we love to walk
- S.H.A.R.C. Pool
- In the backyard
- Forest Grove swimming pool, Vernonia-Bank linear park, Clackamas Aquatic ctr.
- The school
- Home
- Fishing, hunting, racing venues
- At home
- Swimming pool -beach, near water
- In our yard or beach
- Dawson Creek if we are going to a park.
- All around town - and into Hillsboro. Shute Park Reedville Skate Park
- North Plains Elementary - but the walking path needs work!
- Around water swings
- The coast or brown's camp
- Rood Bridge
- Horning's Hideout or Vernonia
- Hondo dog park
- In home or around town (at the school playground)
- In our yard- or camping out in the woods
- Swimming pool, beach, bike riding, walking
- The Coast, walk at Waterfront Park in Portland. The gas prices are curtailing these activities.
- North Plains Elementary School play ground
- The bike x walkways around the library in Hillsboro
- Jessie Mays Park
- State Parks
- Coast

- Boating and camping
- Portland and Beaverton Parks and Rec areas
- Home or friends house
- In another city
- Hillsboro-Bagley Park
- Our or friend's homes/yards we like to ride bikes to parks in NP or walk Hillsboro and Forest Grove Parks.
- At home
- Coast, Mountains
- Community Center, School, our yard, water park in downtown Hillsboro
- Beach/Seaside
- Shute Park, Jessie Mays Park
- At home
- TNT Martial arts/Glencoe school and PCC/and our back yard.
- The school
- here in North Plains
- Hillsboro, Beaverton, Portland parks
- On our boat
- Our dead end street
- At home, everything else is too far away
- Home, beach, mountains, rivers
- State Parks
- The elementary school here in north plains
- Jessie Mays Park or home
- Grandmas in Cornelius and Jessie Mays Park here
- Parks in Hillsboro and Portland
- Rood Bridge
- Hillsboro
- Home
- Shute or Magnolia in Hillsboro
- At home or above
- At the coast
- Soccer fields, t ball fields, Nike campus
- N/a
- Beach when we can
- N P Elementary School field
- Fitness club
- At the beach
- Skate Parks
- Aquatic Center
- Jessie Mays Park, Shute Park
- While at the skate park there is nothing for my youngest child to do
- At the school; Tyson Rec center @ griffin oaks
- Jessie Mays Park
- At home or the beach
- Fishing physically challenged
- Hardly ever
- Daughters farm on Mason Hill

- Our back yard
- Golf course, home, the park on Pacific St (in North Plains)
- Jessie Mays Park
- The coast
- YMCA
- Jessie Mays Park
- Jessie Mays Park
- Home, river, beach
- The coast
- Home or Shute park
- Hillsboro
- At home and the coast
- In our yard
- Hillsboro Aquatic Center
- Jesse Mays--tennis
- Hagg Lake, Rivers
- At home or the bike trail to Vernonia to Stuart Stubb Park
- Rood Bridge Park Hillsboro
- Hillsboro, Beaverton or Seaside
- At home
- We like to go into areas that are more natural like the coast range etc
- Lewis River Park, WA.
- In mountains, coast--hiking, camping, etc.
- N/a
- Mountains, beach
- Various places
- At parks with trails where all dogs are leashed so I can take my dog and there are not too many obnoxious kids--uncontrolled.
- Beach
- picnic, games, play structures, walking
- Unsure
- Rood Bridge Park
- Bowling alley, Blue Lake
- Many of the parks and rec centers in Hillsboro and the Banks-Vernonia trail for runs & bike rides.
- Rood bridge, Hondo dog park, S. Stewart State Park
- Our own backyard, rood bridge park, Tyson Rec center in Hillsboro
- Ocean Beaches
- Rood Bridge
- Home, Beach, Mtn.
- N.P school playground
- Wilson River
- Hillsboro Parks and Rec
- Beach
- Drive to state parks
- You already asked this.
- All over the state, the coast, etc.

7. Are there recreation opportunities or activities in nearby communities that should be available in North Plains? If yes, what are they?

- Barbecue and horse shoe pits
- Pool
- Pool and walking paths
- Dog park, pool, skate park, more play equipment
- Better play equipment, covered area, classes
- No
- Pool, skate park, arcade
- A pool, not a skatepark
- Mini-golf, pool
- Hiking/biking trails, play structures
- Sports fields, pool, better community center
- Swimming pool
- Pool
- Full court basketball
- Classes
- Pool, gym
- Activity center for kids and teen
- Unsure
- A Pool
- More structured activities for kids. Story time at the library is great but it would be nice to have more than the 1 option
- Pool - kids in summer
- Adult and youth classes such as sports, art, swimming, dancing
- Walking paths, continuous park space along the creek
- Yes swimming pool
- A pool , walking paths
- Unsure
- none
- N/A
- Swimming pool, walking paths that are not concrete or asphalt
- NO (entered from paper survey, word "should" in question has been underlined twice)
- Skate park, running trails, swimming pool.
- Swimming and skate boarding
- Swimming
- Swimming and/or wading pool open space to take dogs off leash skate park
- Pool
- Unsure
- We need a spot with a skatepark for the older kids and a wadding pool for little kids
- Yes. A dog park!
- Hillsboro Rec center with a gym and weights, hot tub and pool. Why do we as residents of N. Plains have to pay out of district prices when we are just minutes away and have no other options here?
- Bike paths without cars + walking/nature trails without pavement, made of natural materials that are easy on the body
- Swimming
- Swimming, soccer for youth and a rec center for exercise classes

- Yes, a better park - biking pathways for safety off the street
- Swimming lessons
- Swimming, baby swings at the park
- Would like to see a long walk path
- Walking trail and/or obstacle course classes i.e. Tai chi
- Yes!!!! We should have a pool! And access to Rec programs like sports, lessons, craft times, indoor playgrounds, classes for adults too!
- Dog park that dogs can run off a leash
- Swimming pool. Youth activities. Co-ed sport activities.
- Shade trees in park
- My kids take many lessons/camps through Hillsboro Parks and Rec, but we always have to pay high out of district fees! Would love to have similar activities here (or not have to pay higher prices) Would love a pool too
- Do not know
- Skate park and pool, mostly for youngsters
- Farmers Market on weekends
- Everything offered @ Hillsboro Shute Park Aquatic and Rec Center is a fine example, including classes, of what I hope North Plains eventually will offer.
- Pool and Rec center
- Buses, parks and Rec programs
- Pool
- Pool and skateboard park
- A pool and a fountain
- A dog park
- No
- No, like the peace and quiet here
- Pool
- Pool
- Pool, skate park, gym, climbing wall
- Frisbee, walking, hiking, biking trails
- Sports complex, classes, dog park
- Skate park, swimming
- Rec center and pool, indoor basketball
- Dog park, walking trails, basketball court, skate park, natural area
- Gym, bb courts, pool, walking paths, parks with shade trees and picnic areas
- Yes, a pool
- Something like Shute park summer concerts with different kinds of music---free groups, bands and singers com in to entertain
- Swimming pool
- Baby swings
- Racquetball
- I hope to see the skate park take off and become a reality. More stuff in our existing park, trees, park benches, tables.
- Skate parks
- Swimming pool (indoor) and Frisbee, golf
- Pool, picnic area with barbecues, exercise area
- Pool and skateboard park
- Swimming

- Swimming pool, nature trails
- Not at this time
- Gardening; ecofriendly/carbon friendly preaching of the gospel and related activities
- Picnic areas, swimming pool, baseball park or other sport outlet
- Swimming would be nice
- Dog park, pool, shady park
- Weight Watchers Roller skating rink
- No
- Yes, walking and biking paths
- Better tennis court, swimming pool, better baseball courts, walking trail
- A nice river park, swimming for free!
- Pool-I wish there was a place I could take an aqua aerobics class where I didn't have to pay out of district fees.
- Pool. Kids classes ballet, karate, swimming
- Swimming, walk/ride paths, big play area
- Pool, walking trails, farmers market, water feature
- Skate park
- Swimming
- Pool, bike trails
- Pool, biking and hiking trails
- Picnicking, frisbee, skateboarding, fishing
- Skateboard park, water spray fountains, public restrooms, drinking fountains, park benches
- Swimming, bike/skate path
- Swimming, classes, disk golf
- Tables, pits, trails, river, dog walks, play equipment, shade, all beautiful
- N/a
- No
- Senior, Adult, Youth recreation classes of any sort would be a great addition to North Plains
- Dog Park Nature Trails Bathrooms Multipurpose ball fields (soccer....)
- Yes. Sports for children instead of having them have to go to Banks or Hillsboro
- Certainly
- Swimming pools
- Unsure
- Indoor basketball, swimming pool
- Not really-it's fine as is. We have many acres on which we use for recreation of family & friends (no tax money needed)
- A "town square" for concerts/gatherings/farmers markets, etc. A swimming pool/Rec center
- Yes-sports fields, swimming pool, walking trails, skateboard park.
- No
- Nature trails, bigger playground, swimming
- No-What we have is fine-They don't even get used except for Jessie Mays Park
- Skateboard Park
- Rec programs
- Pool would be great for kids and families in the summer. I am not so hip on the skate park as I do not think that so many of the kids would use it. Not usually girls....
- Yes, there is the Tillamook Forest, the new park in Banks, The linear trail, Forest Park-00-We are close to as many parks as we want.

- I think it is fine the way it is.

9. Which of the following do you think is most needed or should be top priority for the city? Please use the numbers 1 through 5 to indicate your top choices.

- This city is so small none of this should be top priority
- Soccer, baseball, basketball
- Boys and girls club
- Area for very young children to play - fenced (one in and out gate)-no older children allowed smaller play structures
- Soccer/basketball, tennis
- Dog park
- None
- Sidewalks to get us there safely please!!!!
- Baseball and softball
- Sports fields and courts--none specified
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- Tables for family picnics, more trees
- Baseball and soccer, youth activities
- Dog park
- Picnic area
- None
- Racquet ball
- Football
- Water spray fountains
- Off leash dog area
- Sports fields--all--none specified
- Exercise trail with stations
- Sports fields and courts--all--none specified
- Picnic areas
- Basketball, Soccer, Baseball all in Sports fields
- Please watch the money you already have in the the city-This would have helped us all.

10. Which of the following features are most important to include in new or improved parks? Please use the numbers 1, 2 and 3 to indicate your top choices.

- Bbq pits
- Botanical garden
- Swimming pool, recreational programs
- Running trails
- Natural walking paths - not pavement. --walkable city--
- Do not want another park don't use the one we have
- Walk/bike path
- Walking trails
- Large grass areas
- None
- Skateboard park

- Off leash dog area
- All boxes but water features checked
- No pet allowance
- Skateboard area
- Park benches, water features/fountains and flower beds
- Just what we have

11. Dare to dream! If you had unlimited funds, what would your ideal park look like?

- Nature park with natural features
- Rec center, dog park, pool, skate park
- Wooded area with trails, lake, waterfalls, great play equipment, tennis courts, fields for soccer or baseball, pool with kiddie pool and hot tub. Rec center with a racquet ball and a weight room
- Pool, skate park, water fountain, picnic area, soccer field, baseball diamond, volleyball courts, tennis courts, bathrooms, drinking fountains, playground, dog area
- Disneyland
- Just like the park on River Road
- Lights for evening use and radio controlled car dirt track area plus all of the usual stuff
- A Lake, hiking and biking trails, sport courts and fields, a rec center, pool, and playground equipment
- Pool, picnic tables, trees & shrubs, green grass, sandbox, play equipment, water features to play in & not, large rocks
- Bandstand, gazebo, and farmers market
- Indoor pool, basketball, soccer, play set for kids
- A dog park and swimming pool
- We should not cater to out of town visitors, no one vacations here. A small community place. We'll stay if the city doesn't grow too fast.
- Water aerobics
- Like Rood Bridge, No more housing development here
- Unsure
- Beautiful green grass with flowers and trees. Clean restrooms, walking paths and great playground equipment for kids. Maybe a separate area for bigger kids to hang out. A water feature would be nice in the summer, maybe a wading pool. If there is a swimming pool have an area for little ones [cut off with gift certificate form]
- Swings, climbing structures, slides, bathrooms, drinking fountains, indoor swimming pool, basketball courts, baseball, and soccer fields, covered picnic areas, nature trails for walking and bicycles, and a skating park for youth
- It would be a path/park that starts at the water tank, follow the creek to cottage. There would be a large grassy area w/picnic tables, etc. The path would continue on cottage to main, go south on main w/sidewalks. Continue on main to Pacific St. (in North Plains) and follow the creek to wetlands behind McDonalds.
- Small forest area with paths and trails, open fields for soccer, a dog park, indoor/outdoor play structures, indoor/outdoor swimming pool, long winding walking/running [cut off with gift certificate entry form]
- There would be a grassy picnic area and wooded areas with paths and streams. Maybe a gazebo/fountain area for weddings and ?
- Pool, ponds, water features, nature trails, walking paths and separate bike trails
- Disneyland!

- Large open spaces with playground equipment, activities, center, and a swimming pool with a skateboard park included
- Swimming pool, nature trails, dog park, skate park, sports fields (lacrosse, softball), playgrounds, wading pool, lots of trees, picnic tables and shelters, fitness trail like Lincoln Park used to have, volleyball set
- Biking and walking trails, large dog free play area, ball courts, open field for soccer and football or flying kites, playground for all ages, bathrooms and drinking fountains.
- Journey to Atlantis
- It would have a lot of #9 and #10
- It would have a big swimming pool and a small wadding pool for little kids, a skateboard park and a place for barbeques.
- Disneyland! =)
- Natural walking paths trails --walkable city! Bike paths --without cars-- water features pool ponds wildlife
- Picnic tables, BBQ's, Benches, Play Equipment, Pool
- Recreation center, with swimming and a soccer field, a baseball field, a track to run on and paved trails to ride bikes or walk on
- Swimming pool + fitness center - dog areas - large playground equipment - community Christmas tree - picnic shelters - bike paths - water features
- Nature path following brooks
- Zoo Botanical Gardens
- Washington park, Laurelhurst, and Jamison square combined! Pool, wading pool, fountain, sidewalks to get there, shelter/shade, fabulous age appropriate pay equipment, hiking trails, dog area, skate area, rec center, baseball field, community garden.
- A swimming pool with recreation programs
- Hiking trails, swimming pool, playground equipment for kids, volleyball courts, bathrooms, drinking fountains, rent-able rec center, water features.
- Please see answer to #5-plus swimming pool facility w/ exercise room/classes available to residents.
- Silly Question.
- Lots of old growth trees, pond, play structures, swings, farmers market, BBQ area for picnics.
- It would have classes, amenities, gym, indoor/outdoor pool, water slides, and courts of the Hillsboro SHARC. including Racquetball courts. The plays system of Washington Park children's playground, walking and bike trails, picnic area, nature area that was attractive to birds and wildlife. The biking trail would connect to the Banks Vernonia Trail.
- Rec center/skate park/impact reducing surface on trails for walking and jogging, 8 ft wide
- Swing set with slide seat for little ones/slide/monkey bars/water fountain for kids to run through
- It would have all of the things listed in #9 and #10 plus a fishing pond.
- See previous entry
- A Pool; picnic areas, walking/biking trails, sports fields, playground equipment.
- A place for all children to play
- Opposed to annexation
- Rec center with pool and gym, craft classes, natural areas
- Go to www.silverwoodthemepark.com only scaled down to fit the relaxed atmosphere and social community network that North Plains is known for.
- An indoor park with a sand pit, lots of windows, a rockwall and the usual

- Similar to rood bridge park
- Fountains to play in, playground equipment, shady areas for picnics
- A park for young and old--water features/fountain, picnic tables and shelters with paths for walking or path for bikes, benches along the way to sit and rest as well as take in the beauty of the area. A main rec center for family activities, area for just the skateboards (so they're not on the streets)
- Lots of trees and flowers, pond with fish, fountains
- Dawson's Creek (off Shute Rd) with swimming pool and play equipment
- More play equipment, tables, picnic areas, shelters, walk trails, nature paths
- Lots of grassy areas, skate board friendly, picnic friendly, big enough for family reunions, and swimming?
- An indoor swimming pool and hot tub, public restrooms, covered outdoor stage for community events, etc...,water features (fountains or creek/lake)
- 5 acre park w rec bldg and pool, trees all over except for the ball field, dog duty stations, electric for large events, covered picnic area, restrooms.
- Pool, skateboarding, play equipment, sports fields, walking and biking trail, dog area
- Gym, pool, daycare, hiking playground equipment
- Pool, Rec center, play ground, picnic shelters, concert stage, nature trails, benches
- A 25 acre forest park with trails, a creek and nature
- Swimming pool and playground
- Look like Dawson Creek on Shute Road but with a playground, shelters, restrooms, and trails.
- Like Washington Park; kid swim/wade, trees, walk paths, dog friendly, play equipment, benches, tables, covered areas, tennis, baseball, and adult swings.
- Small pool, lg playground, nice restrooms, roller skating rink, picnic area..no skateboard park
- Lots of trees, a huge fountain or river for the kids, a rec center, bike and walking paths that extend to Vernonia/Banks and a bike/walk off the highway to Hillsboro for old farts who need and want to exercise safely and without fear.
- A park with an indoor rec center with playground stuff inside and out, sports fields, aquatic center and room to hold lots of classes.
- There are some residents like us that are happy with the way things are and would like to just enjoy the city we have and not have people trying to always change it.
- Unsure
- Lots of trees, fountains and trails. Grass and lounge areas.
- A large pond with fishing and waterfalls!
- A Nature Park with benches and easy walking
- Skateboard area, playground equipment, walking trails, park benches, water spray fountains and swimming pool, indoor and outdoor recreation
- It would have a swimming pool and rec center picnic area and play structures and have a path around it for bikes and skateboards with benches along the path, lots of trees and small, fenced in areas for dogs.
- A Rec center with an indoor/outdoor swimming pools the center could house classes and meetings and a preschool a skatepark and outdoor play equipment as well as sports fields and a stocked fishing pond also a enclosed off leash area for pets
- Beautiful yet practical. A wide range of things or places to recreate.
- n/a
- Secluded/wooded/lots of winding trails with ponds

- A must have: swimming pool. Not need outside pool but nice indoor covered one with slide and diving board. Outside playground equipment with a bike/walking path around it.
- Unlimited funds--I don't see this happening in my lifetime! North Plains is too small--We need a bigger tax base to afford necessities let alone a great park. Unfortunately, growth will no doubt be very slow in coming years given our current and probably projected bad economy for the next few years.
- Reedville
- Long walking trails with water features. A swimming pool and lots of play structures.
- Short walk from home, benches, paved walkways, ponds and fountains, flower beds.
- Swimming Pool, Bathrooms, Basketball Court, Playground
- The "LB Stuart" state park
- Part nature park with paths to walk, part playground (a fenced-in playground to keep the kids contained so parents can sit on benches to rest a bit!) A water fountain to splash in. A Rec/Community Center with a gym/wt. room/sports courts/swimming pool.
- Large play structure, shady areas to cool down, walking/nature trails, rec center with classes for youth and seniors like art, sports, etc.
- Hiking/biking trails, Huge Playground, Rec Center, Pool, sports fields
- A skateboard park with walking and biking paths with picnic tables in the shade and it has to have public restrooms.
- Rec Center with Pool
- I also like Rude Bridge park. I love the paths and the rolling lawns there. Lots of open space and nice walking paths.
- Playgrounds with space for children of ALL ages. Walking trails.
- Jessie Mays Park
- A bike trail from North Plains to Portland, following West Union Road.

**Elementary Students
And
Middle/High School
Students
Survey Results**

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Elementary Student Survey

1. Where do you usually play?

- Jessie Mays Park
- Jessie Mays Park
- Unimproved Lenox ROW
- Jessie Mays Park
- Back yard
- Park
- Front yard
- Front yard
- Home
- Home
- Home
- School playground
- Home
- Anywhere
- Home
- Everywhere
- Park
- Jessie Mays Park
- Back yard
- Video games
- Outside
- Home
- Home
- Home
- Home
- Home
- Hillsboro parks
- Outside
- Yard
- Pool
- School playground
- School playground
- Street
- The park
- Friend's house
- Friend's house
- Home/park
- Park
- Outside

- Bmx park
- Outside
- Inside
- Outside
- School playground
- Home
- Park
- Outside
- Outside
- School playground
- Neighborhood
- Home
- Park
- Park
- Jessie Mays Park
- Back yard
- Back yard

3. What are your favorite sports or activities?		
Soccer		
Soccer	Tag	Basketball
Riding bike	Soccer	Swimming
Swimming	Soccer	Creating things
Basketball	Wall ball	Bug catching
Sliding	Skateboarding	Riding bike
Soccer	Rollerblade	Baseball
Running	Swimming	Baseball
Bike riding	Swinging	
Bike riding	Swinging	
Backflipping	Tire Swing	Soccer
Soccer	Dancing	Swimming
Gymnastics	Swimming	
Climbing		
Soccer	Swimming	
Football	Running	Swimming
Soccer	Swimming	Tennis
Skating	Football	Basketball
Dodgeball	Freeze tag	Every body sit
Baseball	Soccer	Basketball
Skate boarding	Soccer	
Baseball	Basketball	Football
Soccer	Running	
Beach ball	Riding bike	Walking with mom
Motorcycle	Baseball	

3. What are your favorite sports or activities?

race		
Wallball	Ride bike	Swimming
Baseball	Dirt bike	
Soccer	Basketball	Swimming
Football	Basketball	
Soccer	Softball	Lacrosse
Softball	Football	
Slide	Teeter-totter	Rock wall
Soccer	Swimming	Rock wall
Soccer	Baseball	Volleyball
Basketball	Football	Soccer
Volleyball	Tetherball	Basketball
Football		
Horse riding	4-h	School
Horse riding	4-h	School
Baseball	Football	Skate
Bike riding	Baseball	Play structure
Dirt bike	Football	Soccer
Baseball	Hiking	
Basketball	Football	Soccer
Basketball	Swimming	Soccer
Swimming	Biking	Basketball
Soccer	Basketball	Swimming
Skating	Dancing	Singing
Rock wall	Swimming	Gymnastics
Soccer	Swimming	Baseball
Soccer	Basketball	Softball
Video games		
Lacrosse	Swings	Bike
Lacrosse	Playground	Swings
Ogo	Soccer	Horseback riding
Gymnastics	Soccer	Softball
Dancing	Basketball	Gymnastics
Football	Basketball	Baseball
Soccer	Football	T-ball

4. What activity would you like to be able to play in North Plains?

- Soccer
- Swimming, Soccer
- Basketball, Badminton
- Building where people can create things
- Tag, volleyball

- Pool
- Soccer
- Swimming
- Swimming
- Swimming
- Pool
- Soccer
- Play structure
- Climbing items
- Swimming, Soccer
- Swimming
- No
- Skate park
- Dodgeball
- Dog ball
- Skateboarding
- Drama class
- Playing with toys
- None
- Play structure
- Baseball
- Roller skating
- Skate park
- Lacrosse
- Softball
- Swimming
- Soccer
- Football
- Tetherball
- Football
- Horseback riding
- Horseback riding
- Skate
- Skate board
- Skate park
- Baseball
- Football
- Market
- Monkey bars
- Softball
- Swimming
- Soccer
- Basketball
- Soccer
- Football
- Football
- Don't know

- Swimming
- Swimming
- Football
- Swimming, t-ball

Middle/High School Student Survey

1. Where do you and your friends usually go to recreate or hang out?

- Backyard, house, around town, park
- Jessie Mays Park, Lenox Street and right of way
- At each others houses, if it is a nice day we may go to Jessie Mays Park
- We like to hang out around parks and play with other children
- North Plains Elementary

3. What are your three favorite games, sports or activities?

- Swimming, dancing and baseball
- soccer, swimming, tennis/badminton
- My favorite game is tag, my favorite sport is soccer, and an activity I like to do is to look up online how computers work and other things about computers
- Swimming, reading and just running around

4. Are there sports or activities you have to leave North Plains to do? What are they? Where do you go for these activities?

- Yes, swimming, dancing and ice skating - Banks, Hillsboro, Beaverton
- soccer, Hillsboro or Banks
- Swimming have to go to someone's house or Hillsboro and pay a whole lot
- No
- Swimming

5. What activity or sport would you like to be able to play in North Plains?

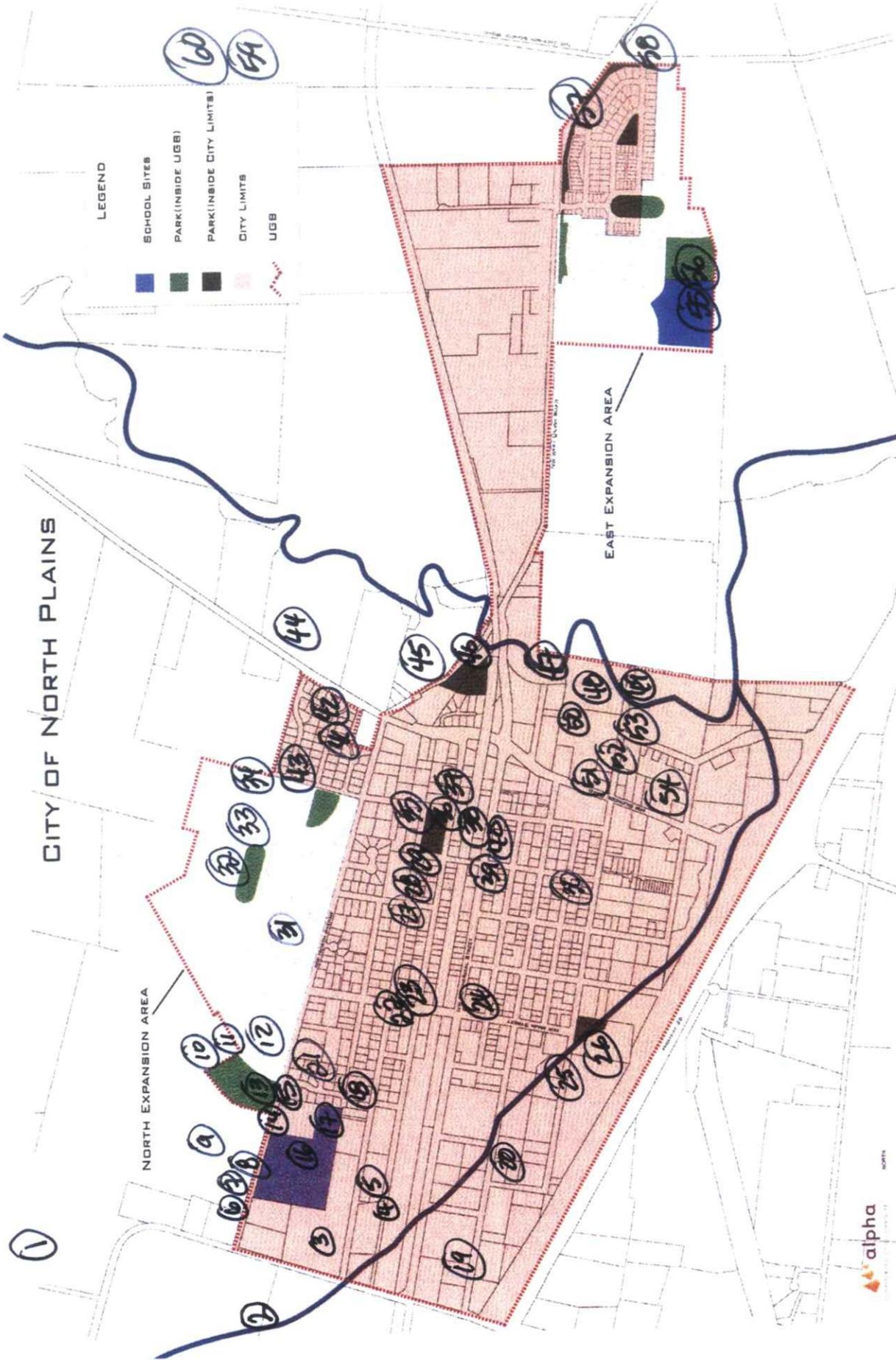
- Swimming
- Soccer
- Swimming and a skate park
- I would like to build a computer from scratch
- Swimming

APPENDIX 3

MAP EXERCISE RESULTS

In August 2008, NPCPI members staffed a booth at the Garlic Festival, a local community event. At the festival, a map was displayed of North Plains parks and open spaces, including some surrounding lands, the city boundaries, urban growth boundary and potential annexation areas. Residents were encouraged to comment on parks and recreation needs by making notes on the poster using small post-it notes. The results of this exercise are shown on the following pages.

CITY OF NORTH PLAINS



Comment #	Description	Comment #	Description
1	New County Fair Grounds	31	Water feature
2	Bike paths	32	Playground
3	Pool	33	Park
4	Pool	34	Park
5	Pool	35	Rec Center
6	Pool	36	Pool
7	Pool	37	Skate Park
8	Pool	38	Skate Park
9	Summer concerts	39	Sidewalks
10	Pool	40	After school tutoring
11	Pool	41	Community Center
12	Indoor pool	42	Natural park
13	Central plaza	43	Meeting/party room rental for public
14	Pool	44	Chicken gurl/skatepark
15	Pool	45	I want a nature trail here.
16	Pool	46	After school tutoring
17	Pool	47	Park
18	Skate Park	48	Grocery store
19	Softball field	49	Bike trail
20	Skate Park	50	Grocery store
21	Farmers Market	51	I want sidewalks and bike lines throughout town!
22	Downtown Community Center	52	Grocery store
23	Someone wants a skate park?	53	Liquor store
24	More restaurants	54	Papa Murphy's
25	Trail along creek	55	Swimming pool
26	How about a dog park here?	56	I want a swimming pool!
27	Sidewalks!	57	Dog park
28	Pool	58	Traffic light
29	Pool	59	Basketball Court
30	Dog Park	60	Baseball Field