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1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



This plan is meant to provide the Recreation Board, the County Commission and residents with a clear vision about how they will improve, maintain and manage recreation facilities for the next 10 years. Through the continued development of this Plan, the County recognizes that maintenance of existing historic buildings and facilities is critical.

Ultimately the plan provides a prioritized list of projects which will be used by the Recreation Board and the County Commission to focus limited resources and money and to effectively pursue funding opportunities. Table 1 below prioritizes projects as identified by the Recreation Board and approved by the County Commission.

Table 1 - Recreation Project Priorities

PRIORITY	FACILITY	IMPROVEMENT
1	Community Events Center	New Facility
2	Trail System Expansion	Additional Trails
3	Fairgrounds Project	See Appendix
4	City Swimming Pool	Pool Liner
5	McCarthy and Holloway Parks	Vault Toilets and Pavilions
6	Connor’s Memorial Softball Field	Automated Irrigation, Vault Toilets and Pavilions
7	Skating/Hockey Rink	Build a Rink with Boards
8	City Swimming Pool	Upgrade or Replace Restrooms and Locker Rooms
9	Silo’s Project	To Be Determined by Silo’s Master Plan
10	Dog Park	Build a Dog Park
11	Heritage Park Bandshell	New Facility
12	Skate Park	Build a Skate Park *project completed June, 2022

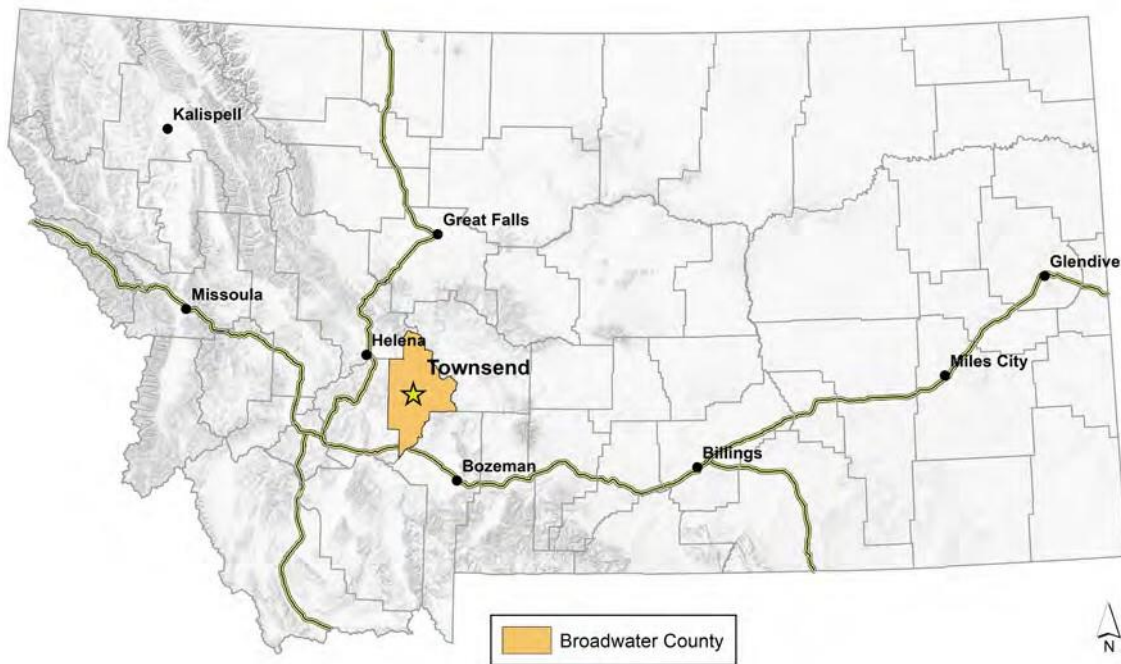


2.0 INTRODUCTION

2.1 PURPOSE OF THE PLANNING PROCESS

This plan is a framework for guiding the improvement of Broadwater County's and the City of Townsend's existing recreation facilities and the creation of new ones. The plan is based on the knowledge of the Recreation Board with input from residents and is meant to provide a logical and economical approach to improving the recreation facilities in the County. Broadwater County and the City of Townsend are located in west central Montana, see Figure 1.

Figure 1 - Location of Broadwater County and the City of Townsend



The process was also meant to elevate the profile and importance of recreation facilities in the eyes of residents and to gather their ideas and advice for improving them. The result is a plan that encompasses the ideas and guidance of residents, the County Commissioners, City Council, and Recreation Board.

It is important to note that this plan does not cover the entire County. It's geographic focus is on the City of Townsend and the County area surrounding the City for a radius of approximately 7 miles. This radius encompasses the Silos Recreation Area, County Fairgrounds and York's Island Fishing Access.

2.2 STEPS IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

The development of the plan involved several major steps. The entire planning process required almost five years to complete. The primary steps included:

- Resident Survey: April - June 2018

2.0 INTRODUCTION



- Kick-off Meeting: July 2018
- Site Visits by Great West Engineering: August 2018
- Seven (7) Recreation Board Meetings: July 2018 – March 2020
- Project Prioritization by Board: November 2019
- Project Cost Estimating: January - February 2020
- Draft Plan Presented to the Recreation Board: March 2020
- Edits to Draft Plan: March 2020 – March 2023
- Recreation Board Hearing on Final Draft: March 2023
- County Commission Adoption of the Plan: April 2023

The focus of the planning process was intended to elevate the importance of the recreation facilities in the eyes of residents and to gather their ideas and input. The result is a plan that encompasses both the residents and the Recreation Board's priorities for the County and the City.

3.0 EXISTING FACILITIES

3.1 OVERVIEW OF RECREATION FACILITIES

A wide variety of recreational facilities exist in Broadwater County ranging from fully developed sites such as the City of Townsend Swimming Pool to more primitive recreation facilities found at the Canyon Ferry Wildlife Management Area. The recreational facilities in the County are owned and managed by a variety of entities ranging from the County and City to non-profit organizations and state and federal agencies. The following is a brief description of those facilities, their ownership and management.

3.2 COUNTY FACILITIES

The County owns several properties located north and east of the City of Townsend. These include the parcels that are home to the Broadwater Rod and Gun Club Canton Lane facility, Connors Memorial Softball Field, the County Fairgrounds and Old Baldy Golf Course. In addition, the County owns several vacant parcels.

While the County owns these properties, they lease the Canton Lane facility and the Golf Course to their respective organizations, the Broadwater Rod and Gun Club and the Old Baldy Recreation Association Board. These organizations manage and maintain each facility.

3.2.1 Broadwater Rod and Gun Club - Canton Lane Facility

The Rod and Gun Club operates a trap range and indoor pistol and rimfire rifle range at its facility on Canton Lane northeast of the City of Townsend. The trap range has four trap houses and a shotgun patterning area. The indoor range includes a classroom, meeting area and a ten-station indoor shooting range. The indoor range is also used for indoor archery and hunter education classes.



3.2.2 Connors Memorial Softball Field

The softball field is located northeast of the City of Townsend and adjacent to the Broadwater Rod and Gun Club facility along Canton Lane. The field is maintained by volunteers.



3.2.3 Fairgrounds

The Broadwater County Fairgrounds are located 1.5 miles east of the City of Townsend adjacent to US Highway 12 and the Townsend Airport. The Fairgrounds property is managed mainly by the County, Rodeo Club and Fair Board and comprises approximately 76 acres. The Fairgrounds function as a typical

3.0 EXISTING FACILITIES

county fairground with the annual Broadwater County Fair and Rodeo as the main event. The buildings and structures located at the facility include the 4-H Building, Commercial Building, Public Restrooms, Concession Building, Grandstands, Outdoor Arena, Indoor Arena, Livestock Pens, Horse Barns and various other facilities.

The County, in conjunction with the Rodeo Club, Fair Board, City of Townsend and the Broadwater County Trust recently completed a master plan to guide the long-range improvement of facilities at the Fairgrounds. A priority list of projects and project costs was created as part of that process and are found in Appendix 1. Please see the full plan for more details: <https://file.ac/21euCO1oZvCCWBTHZ98i7Q/>



3.2.4 Golf Course

Old Baldy Golf Course is a nine-hole, par 36, course located northeast of the City of Townsend. It features greens, no water hazards and no reservation requirements. There is currently no golf pro nor a pro shop. The course has a clubhouse with beverage machines, and rain shelters dot the course. The course is open to the public from sunrise to sunset and annual memberships are available.



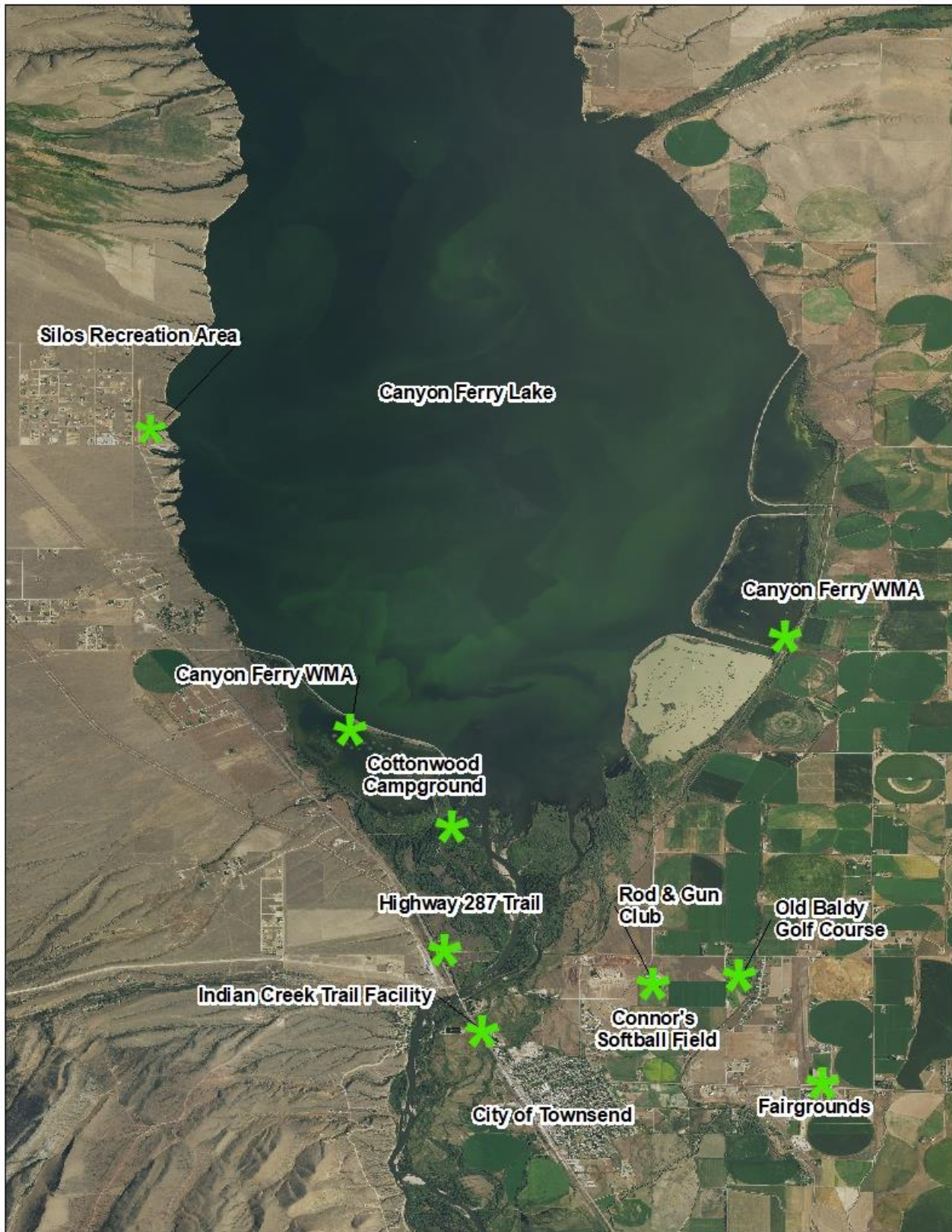
3.2.5 Undeveloped Land

The County owns several parcels of land that are either currently undeveloped or are only partially developed, all of which could be improved for additional recreational purposes.

An entirely undeveloped 10-acre property is located at the southwest corner of the intersection of Centerville Road and Mill Road. The County also owns the 95-acre parcel located southeast of the intersection of Canton Lane and Delger Lane. The property was developed with the Broadwater Rod and Gun Club Canton Lane facility, Connor's Memorial Softball Field and the Old Baldy Golf Course Driving Range. Nonetheless, a large portion of the property is undeveloped and might be available for additional recreation uses if it does not compromise or impact the operations of the Rod and Gun Club, softball field or golf course.

3.0 EXISTING FACILITIES

Figure 2
Recreation Facilities Located in Broadwater County and Near Townsend



3.0 EXISTING FACILITIES

3.3 CITY FACILITIES

The City of Townsend manages four parks within the City limits.

3.3.1 McCarthy Park

This is the largest park in the City. It contains approximately six acres of land and is used primarily for athletic activities such as baseball and tennis. The park includes the following facilities

- Restroom and concessions buildings
- 2 Baseball fields
- 1 T-ball field
- 1 Softball field
- Tennis courts
- Basketball court with 4 baskets



3.3.2 Heritage Fun Park

Heritage Fun Park is probably the most heavily used recreational facility in the City. It consists of nearly 2 acres, most of which is used for picnic areas. The facilities are accessible and include :

- Heated outdoor swimming pool
- Restroom
- Locker room and administration building
- Picnic tables and benches
- Pavilion
- Barbecue pits
- Playground

The pool is in operation from June through August. The pool schedule includes time for swim lessons, aerobics, exercise



3.0 EXISTING FACILITIES

for seniors, group rental and free swim. Lifeguards and water safety instructors are on duty and the pool is generally used to its capacity.

In 2002 the play area was remodeled and new playground equipment was added at Heritage Park. In 2004 the existing pavilion was revamped, and accessible parking was added in 2005. Additionally, improvements were made to the south side of the swimming pool in 2008 to include an accessible pool lift. Additional upgrades to the park include: a composite sitting bench, brick walking path and automated sprinklers.

3.3.3 Holloway Park

Holloway Park is approximately two acres in size and is used for soccer fields in the spring and summer and ice skating in the winter. A new pavilion and vault toilet are planned for installation at the park in the Spring of 2020. The skate park is operational year-round.



3.3.4 Veterans Memorial Park

Veterans Memorial Park encompasses one acre of land and is located across the street from the County Courthouse. It contains the Blue Star Memorial, picnic tables and benches. In 2007, new sidewalks were installed, and memorial trees were planted, and in 2009 the sprinklers were automated.

3.0 EXISTING FACILITIES

3.4 TOWNSEND SCHOOL'S FACILITIES

The Townsend School District's facilities are located within the City of Townsend. Playground equipment and a running track are located on the District's property and provide additional recreation options for County and City residents.

3.5 STATE OF MONTANA FACILITIES

3.5.1 Canyon Ferry Wildlife Management Area

Canyon Ferry Wildlife Management Area (WMA) is managed by the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks and is comprised of 5,129 acres. The purpose of the WMA is to "provide and improve habitat for ducks, geese and non-game species and to provide wildlife viewing and hunting opportunities." The WMA also provides opportunities for camping, hiking and horseback riding. The Cottonwood Campground lies within the WMA.

3.5.2 York's Island Fishing Access

York's Island Fishing Access Site is a 22-acre site managed by the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks and is located along the Missouri River approximately 4 miles south of Townsend. The site provides a boat launch, picnic tables, fishing access, camping and toilets. Access is available for camp trailers up to 30 feet in length. No water is available. Please note that the fishing access is not shown on any of the maps in this plan.



3.0 EXISTING FACILITIES

Figure 3
Recreation Facilities Located in the City of Townsend



3.0 EXISTING FACILITIES

3.6 BUREAU OF RECLAMATION FACILITIES

3.6.1 Indian Road Day Use Area and Campground

The Indian Road facility is located just north of Townsend and adjacent to the Missouri River and US Highway 287 and is managed by the Bureau of Reclamation. It contains a day use area and campground. The day use area has a picnic shelter with 8 picnic tables and 2 grills. Two vault toilets are located at the facility. The site also includes a small fishing pond with an accessible entrance and exit. The campground is primitive in nature and provides 14 spaces for camping. RV parking at the site is currently very limited as the facility was never designed for RV's.



3.6.2 Silos Recreation Area

Silos Recreation Area Campground and Marina is located on the west shore of Canyon Ferry Lake approximately 7 miles north of Townsend. The Bureau of Reclamation campground has 77 dry sites, 4 gazebos, accessible restrooms and RV sites. The boat marina is managed by the Silos KOA Campground.



Broadwater County in conjunction with partners, such as the Bureau of Reclamation and Citizens Action Group for Silos Recreation Area, is developing a new Master Plan for the area. The plan is meant to identify and present alternatives for the types of amenities and infrastructure that users would like to see and that are appropriate for this site. The planning process is in its initial stages and a draft plan is not yet available.

4.0 PUBLIC OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT



The plan was developed using a variety of methods to engage City residents. The primary approach was the creation of an Advisory Committee containing a diverse membership and with people having a strong interest in and knowledge about recreational facilities in the County and City of Townsend.

Other steps included holding an open house, submitting newspaper articles and holding a public hearing before the City Council. The following is a description of the methods used to obtain the advice and ideas of City residents about future recreational facilities.

4.1 RECREATION BOARD

To ensure that a wide range of views were incorporated into the development of this plan, County Recreation Board was tasked with providing Great West Engineering with advice and guidance. Table 2 lists the membership of the Recreational Board.

Table 2 – Recreation Board Membership

NAME	AFFILIATION
Adam Six, Chariman	City representative
Stacy Sommer	County representative
Israel Schwope	County representative
Jennifer Dalrymple	County representative
Lacey Forrey	County representative

The Recreation Board was supported in the planning effort by the County Community Development Director Nichole Brown and consulting planner, Jerry Grebenc from Great West Engineering.

The Recreation Board held ten (10) meetings over the course of the planning project, starting in July of 2018.

- July 12, 2018: Kickoff meeting
- August 7, 2018: Work session
- March 11, 2019: Work session
- June 10, 2019: Work session
- July 8, 2019: Work session
- August 12, 2019: Work session
- October 14, 2019: Work session
- January 23, 2023: Presentation of first plan draft
- March 6, 2023: Parks & Recreation Board Public Hearing
- ??????: Adoption by Commissioners

4.2 RESIDENT SURVEY

Gathering the input and advice of County and City residents about recreation needs was one of the main goals of this project. The Recreation Board discussed the best ways to gather input and comments from residents.

4.0 PUBLIC OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT



These options ranged from hosting open houses and newspaper articles, to having a booth at a Slice of Summer and providing an online survey.

The Board ultimately decided to use an online survey as its primary way to gather resident input. The survey offered the advantages of allowing people to complete it on their own schedule and to easily analyze and publish the results. The survey was done using the online program Survey Monkey. The survey ran through May of 2019. Two hundred and ninety-three (293) people responded to the survey. A summary of the survey results is found in Appendix 2 of this plan.

It is important to note that the survey was not meant to be a statistically valid survey, just a snapshot of what residents think. Highlights from the survey include:

- The response rate per each of the six (6) age groups was relatively even, except for 40-54, which overwhelmingly had the highest response.
- Most respondents rated recreation facilities in the County and City as being in fair to good condition.
- The top four new or expanded facilities that residents want to see were:
 1. Events Center
 2. Bicycle and Walking Paths
 3. Fairgrounds
 4. Swimming Pool
- The top needs for new or expanded recreational facilities as ranked by respondents were:
 1. Bicycle and Walking Paths
 2. Fairgrounds
 3. Events Center
- Overwhelmingly respondents thought grants and private donations are the most appropriate way to fund recreation projects.

4.3 PUBLIC HEARING

The final draft of the plan was presented to the Recreation Board at a hearing on March 6, 2023. The hearing was noticed in the Broadwater Reporter and the draft plan was available for review and download from the County's website. County and City residents were encouraged to review the draft plan prior to the hearing. Residents provided the Board with their thoughts on the Park plan as envisioned by the Recreation Board. The Recreation Board voted to recommend approval of the plan to the County Commission.

The County Commission adopted the Recreation Plan on ????

5.0 PROJECT COST ESTIMATES

In addition to prioritizing recreation projects, the Recreation Board wanted to be able to provide County and City residents with an idea of what the identified projects might cost to complete. The following is a brief narrative describing the potential cost for each of the proposed projects. It is important to note that these cost estimates were developed as though each project would be completed using professional services, contracted labor, and paying for all construction materials. It is likely that some, if not all of these projects, may be completed using donated labor and materials. Nonetheless, it is unknown at this time what those donations might look like over the next 5 to 10 years.

5.1 EVENTS CENTER: RANGE - \$4 TO \$6 MILLION.

The newly adopted Fairgrounds Master Plan includes preliminary layouts and cost estimates for an events related facility. A cost estimate was also compiled for a potential facility that might be located at a different site and includes enough space to accommodate activities such as basketball games. This estimate is meant to provide a comparison between a new site and the Fairgrounds.

Based on estimates developed for a similar project in Madison County, Montana a 120-foot by 240-foot steel insulated building with a concrete floor, heating and cooling systems, commercial kitchen, and restrooms would cost in the neighborhood of \$4 to \$6 million dollars depending upon the final configuration. This estimate does not include other details such as potential land costs, locker rooms, scoreboard, stands, PA system, basketball floor, etc.

5.2 TRAIL SYSTEM EXPANSION: PER LINEAR FOOT ESTIMATE

No specific locations have been identified for the siting and construction of new trails. However, a cost per foot of trail with signage can be provided. Assuming an 8-foot wide trail with other improvements such as signs, detectable warning devices and potential site restoration, engineering and contingency funds, a gravel surfaced or asphalt surfaced trail would cost:

- Gravel Base Course (6-inches) and Surface (2-inches) – \$25 per linear foot
- Gravel Base Course (6-inches) with Asphalt Surface (0.2-inches) – \$55 per linear foot



5.3 FAIRGROUNDS IMPROVEMENT AND EXPANSION

As mentioned earlier, the County in conjunction with the City of Townsend, and the Broadwater County Trust recently completed a master plan to guide the long-range improvement of facilities at the Fairgrounds. A priority list of projects and project costs was created as part of that process and are found in Appendix 1. Please see the full plan for more details: <https://file.ac/21euCO1oZvCCWBTHZ98i7Q/>.



5.0 PROJECT COST ESTIMATES

5.4 CITY SWIMMING POOL – LINER REPLACEMENT: \$62,000

Based on discussions with pool vendors, it is recommended that an onsite inspection be completed by an expert to determine overall needs for the City Pool. Such an inspection would cost approximately \$1,500 to \$2,000.

Replacement of the existing vinyl liner in the pool would likely cost approximately \$60,000. This only includes removal and replacement of the existing liner and does not include painting lines.

5.5 CITY POOL – POOL COVER OR NEW BUILDING: RECOMMEND ADDITIONAL STUDY

It is recommended that a detailed condition analysis be conducted for the entire pool facility by an aquatic engineer and architect, which would range in cost from \$10,000 to \$20,000. If the City is going to consider an indoor facility it should first conduct a preliminary architectural report which would range in cost from \$30,000 to \$50,000 depending on the scope of the project.

5.6 MCCARTHY AND HOLLOWAY PARKS – VAULT TOILETS AND PAVILIONS: \$90,000 TO \$120,000

- Vault Toilet - \$20,000 installed
- Pavillion – \$70,000 to \$100,000
 - » This assumes timber construction, contractor installed, professional services and minimal use of concrete.

5.7 CONNOR'S FIELD – AUTOMATED IRRIGATION, VAULT TOILET AND PAVILION: \$100,000 TO \$135,000

- Vault Toilet - \$20,000 installed
- Pavillion – \$70,000 to \$100,000
 - » This assumes construction with timber, contractor installed, professional services and minimal use of concrete.
- Automation of Irrigation System - \$10,000 to \$15,000
 - » This assumes there will be one set of simple controls housed in a small structure.



5.0 PROJECT COST ESTIMATES

5.8 SKATING/HOCKEY RINK: \$30,000 TO \$45,000

The official size of a hockey rink is 200 ft long and 85 ft wide (1700 square feet).

- Concrete with boards for a total cost: \$30,000 to \$45,000

This estimate does not include a covered building or refrigeration system.



5.9 SILO'S MASTER PLAN PROJECT

As mentioned earlier, Broadwater County in conjunction with partners, such as the Bureau of Reclamation and Citizens Action Group for Silos Recreation Area, is developing a new master plan for the area. The plan is meant to develop and present alternatives with cost estimates for the types of amenities and infrastructure that users would like to see and what are appropriate for this site. The planning process is in its initial stages and a draft plan is not yet available.

5.10 DOG PARK: \$50,000 TO \$60,000

The Pad for Paws Dog Park in Helena was used to develop an estimate for this plan. The Helena park is 3-acres in size and cost approximately \$50,000 to build. Assuming the County or the City would create a park containing a couple acres or 300 feet by 300 feet, it is estimated the project could cost \$50,000 to \$60,000.



Twin Falls Dog Park

5.11 HERITAGE PARK STAGE OR MULTI-PURPOSE PAVILION: \$200,000 TO \$300,000

Two excellent examples exist to estimate a cost to provide either a full-fledged performance stage or multi-purpose pavilion/performance stage.

In 2016, the City of Roundup built a multi-purpose performance stage that would have cost approximately \$250,000 without the donation of substantial labor and professional services such as architects and engineers.



City of Cut Bank Pavilion



City of Roundup Stage

5.0 PROJECT COST ESTIMATES

In 2016 the City of Cut Bank built a multipurpose pavilion in 2017, which cost approximately \$200,000 to complete.

5.12 SKATE PARK: \$100,000 TO \$135,000

Assuming a 3,000 square foot skate park which would support a few skaters at a time, it is estimated the project would cost \$100,000 to \$135,000. *This has been installed at Holloway Park in collaboration with the Montana Skatepark Association.



City of Helena Skate Park

6.0 ACTION PLAN

The Plan priorities were identified by the Recreation Board with input and guidance from County residents. The final priorities list was ultimately reviewed and approved by the County Commission at a public hearing held on [REDACTED]. The following Table 3 lists all the major projects proposed based on their priority.

Table 3 – Action Plan

PRIORITY	PROJECT	ESTIMATED COST	RESPONSIBILITY	SCHEDULE
1	Event Center	\$4 to \$6 Million	County and City	5 years
2	Trail System	Depends on type and length	Recreation Board, County, City, MT FWP Etc.	3 years
3	Fairgrounds Project	See Appendix 1 for costs	Fair Board, Rodeo Club, County and City	1 to 3 years
4	City Swimming Pool Liner	\$62,000	City, County Etc.	3-5 years
5	Vault Toilets and Pavilions at Holloway and McCarthy Parks	\$90,000 to \$120,000	City, Rotary, Lions Club and AYSO	1 year
6	Connors Field: Automated Irrigation, Vault Toilets and Pavilions	\$100,000 to \$135,000	County, City, Lion's Club, Rotary Club, Broadwater Community Trust	1 to 3 years
7	Hockey/Skating Rink: Concrete base and boards	\$30,000 to \$45,000	Individuals, Helena hockey organizations	2 to 10 years
8	City Swimming Pool Buildings	Condition analysis: \$10,000 to \$20,000 Preliminary architectural report: \$30,000 to \$50,000	City, County, Rotary Club, Lions Club	5 to 10 years
9	Silo's Master Plan Project	Await completion of the plan	BOR, Citizen's Action Group, Canyon Ferry Trust, County	5 years
10	Dog Park (3 acres)	\$50,000 to \$60,000	County, City, Pad's for Paws	3 to 5 years
11	Heritage Park Bandshell	Multi-purpose pavilion: \$200,000 Performance stage: \$300,000	Rotary Club, Lion's Club, County Theater	1 to 3 years
12	Skate Park (3,000 sq. feet) *completed June, 2022	\$100,000 to \$150,000	County and City special interests	5-10 years

Out of necessity, the County will be opportunistic when it comes to completing the projects on the priority list. Therefore, while the list serves as the basic approach and schedule for improvements, if an appropriate funding opportunity arises to implement a project that is a lower priority, it will be pursued.

7.0 FUNDING OPTIONS



Determining how to finance the identified recreation projects will be one of the most difficult and important parts of making this plan a reality. The goal of this plan is to identify funding sources for recreation improvements so they do not become a financial burden on County and City residents. While it is likely that many of the projects listed in this plan will be completed using donated services, labor and materials, it will be important to approach the funding of each as though their costs will be predicated upon using professional services, labor and full cost materials.

The Canyon Ferry-Broadwater County Trust may be a readily available source of funding for some of the projects identified in the plan. In 1999 Congress created the Canyon Ferry-Broadwater County Trust. Section of 1008 of P.L. 105-277 required the County commissioners to establish a nonprofit charitable permanent perpetual public trust fund. In 2001, \$3,000,000 was deposited into the trust fund for the following purposes:

- A. Principal – A sum not to exceed \$500,000 may be expended from the corpus to pay for the planning and construction of a harbor at the Silos recreation area.
- B. Interest – The balance of the Trust shall be held and the income shall be expended annually for the improvement of access to the portions of the Reservoir lying within Broadwater County, Montana, and for the creation and improvement of new and existing recreational areas within Broadwater County.

The following table is a brief description of other potential funding sources to help finance the proposed improvement projects. It is important to note that this is not an all-inclusive list of every potential funding opportunity.

Table 4 – Potential Project Funding Sources

IMPROVEMENT	FUNDING OPTIONS
Event Center	LWCF, Tourism Grant Program, Resource Advisory Council,
Trails	LWCF, Transportation Alternatives Program, MT FWP Trails Program
Fairgrounds	See Fairgrounds Master Plan
City Swimming Pool Liner	Town Pump Foundation, Lowe’s Foundation, Home Depot Foundation, Walmart Foundation
City parks vault toilets and pavilions	Town Pump Foundation, Lowe’s Foundation, Home Depot Foundation, Walmart Foundation, BNSF Foundation
Connor’s Field irrigation Automation, vault toilet and pavilion	LWCF, Town Pump Foundation, Lowe’s Community Grants, Home Depot Foundation
Skating/Hockey Rink	Local Fundraising
City Pool cover or new building	LWCF, Town Pump Foundation, Lowe’s Community Grants, Home Depot Foundation, Walmart Foundation, BNSF Foundation
Silo’s Project	Refer to Silo’s Master Plan once completed.
Dog Park	Montana Farm Bureau Foundation, Opportunity Bank Endowment Fund
Bandshell/Stage	Tourism Grant Program, Private Foundations: Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation, Town Pump Foundation, BNSF Foundation, Walmart Foundation, First Interstate Bank Foundation, Lowe’s Community Grants, NorthWestern Energy Community Works, Montana Community Foundation
Skate Park	Private Foundations: Vitality Foundation (Peal Jam) Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation, Town Pump Foundation, BNSF Foundation, Walmart Foundation, First Interstate Bank Foundation, Lowe’s Community Grants, NorthWestern Energy Community Works, Montana Community Foundation

8.0 PLAN EVALUATION AND UPDATE



The County Recreation Board is the entity assigned the task to manage the overall implementation of this plan. The Board will do this with the support and advice of County and City staff. The Recreation Board will review this plan on an annual basis to assess progress in achieving the plan's vision and recommendations. The Board will also determine if the prioritization of projects in the plan is still relevant. Based on this annual review, the Recreation Board will provide the County Commission and City Council with a report detailing which projects have been implemented, identifying any opportunities or difficulties encountered, and how the plan and its recommendations might be revised. The review schedule for the plan shall begin in January of 2021 and will continue in the subsequent years until the next comprehensive update of the plan. The plan is intended to provide guidance to the Recreation Board and the County and City for the next 5 to 8 years and it is anticipated that the plan would be fully updated in or around the year 2028.

APPENDIX 1 - FAIRGROUNDS PROJECT PRIORITIES



FACILITY	PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT	ESTIMATED COST
Grounds	On-Site Wastewater System	\$250,000
	Lift Station & Force Main to City	\$552,000
4H Building	Bathroom improvements to serve more than one person at a time	\$326,633
4H Building	Improved Insulation	\$56,000
4H Building	Rodent Control	\$1,200 per year
Public Restrooms	Public Restrooms	\$30,000
4H Building	Electrical upgrades	\$53,500
New Sale Barn/Multi-Use Building	Hold up to 350 people	\$1,969,830
4H Building	New Insulated overhead door	\$2,500
4H Building	Heating improvements	\$40,000
4H Building	New Folding Bleachers to replace old wooden benches	\$36,000
Indoor Arena	Electrical upgrades	\$213,700
Grounds	Pavilion/stage for concrete pad next to commercial building.	\$45,000
Grandstands	Cover over the front of the larger grandstands next to the Arena	\$97,600
New Sale Barn	New Sale Barn - finished/heated building for 4H Sale	See Combined Facility
4H Building	Kitchen expansion & refrigeration improvements	\$35,000
Grounds	Preservation of existing field immediately north of the fairgrounds is necessary for temporary cattle storage	\$0
Grounds	More Parking	\$0
Grandstands	Cover over the smaller grandstands to the North	\$62,400
4H Building	Acoustics improvements	\$5,600
New Multi-Use Facility	New Multi-Use facility to hold banquets and fundraisers for up to 300+ people	See Combined Facility
4H Building	Expansion of 4H Building to accommodate larger events. Possible tee-in with commercial building?	Not Feasible
Public Restrooms	Additional Public Restroom locations	See Multi-Use Facility
Indoor Arena	Addition of Spectator seating (addition to east side of arena)	\$754,303
4H Building	More outlets on outside of building	See Electrical Upgrades
Recreation	Multi-use pathway from town to the Fairgrounds	\$377,500
4H Building	Paint and Seal concrete floor	\$2,500
Indoor Arena	Add large overhead fans	\$19,800



RECREATION SURVEY RESULTS

Results as of Tuesday, June 04, 2019

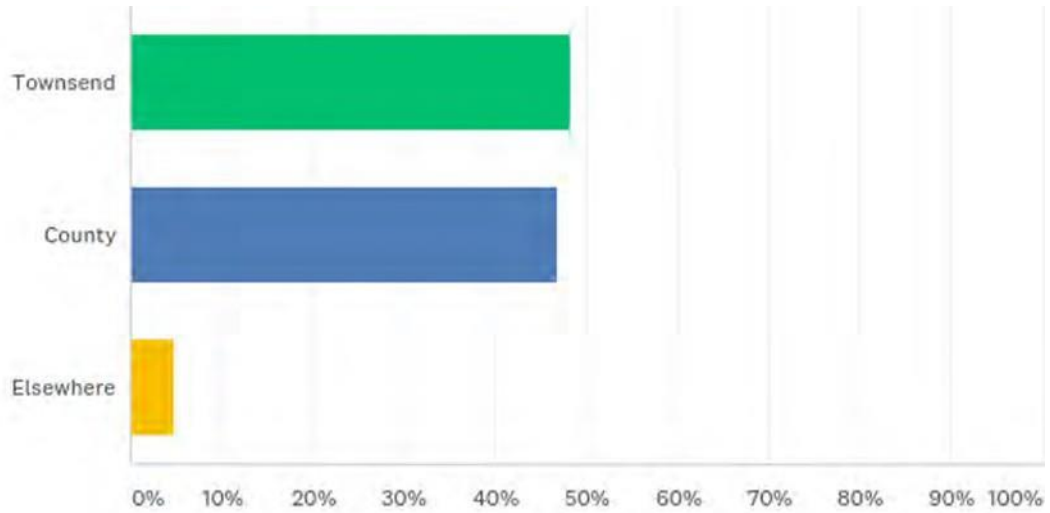
293 Total Responses

HIGHLIGHTS OF SURVEY RESULTS

- This was not meant to be a statistically valid survey, just a snapshot. Statistically valid surveys can be very expensive and time consuming.
- Most respondents live within the County and Townsend.
- Relatively even response from each age group, except for 40-54, which was overwhelmingly the highest.
- Most respondents think recreation facilities in the County are in the range of fair to good.
- The top four new or expanded facilities were:
 1. Events Center
 2. Bicycle and Walking Paths
 3. Fairgrounds
 4. Swimming Pool
- The top three recreational facilities as ranked by respondents were:
 1. Bicycle and Walking Paths
 2. Fairgrounds
 3. Events Center
- Overwhelmingly respondents think grants and then private donations are the most appropriate way to fund projects.
- The Questions 6 and 7 which were answered only in text were not analyzed in detail due to the amount of time needed to do so.
- There is a list of emails from respondents asking to be kept informed and to be eligible for a \$50 Voucher of Chamber "Scrip Money."

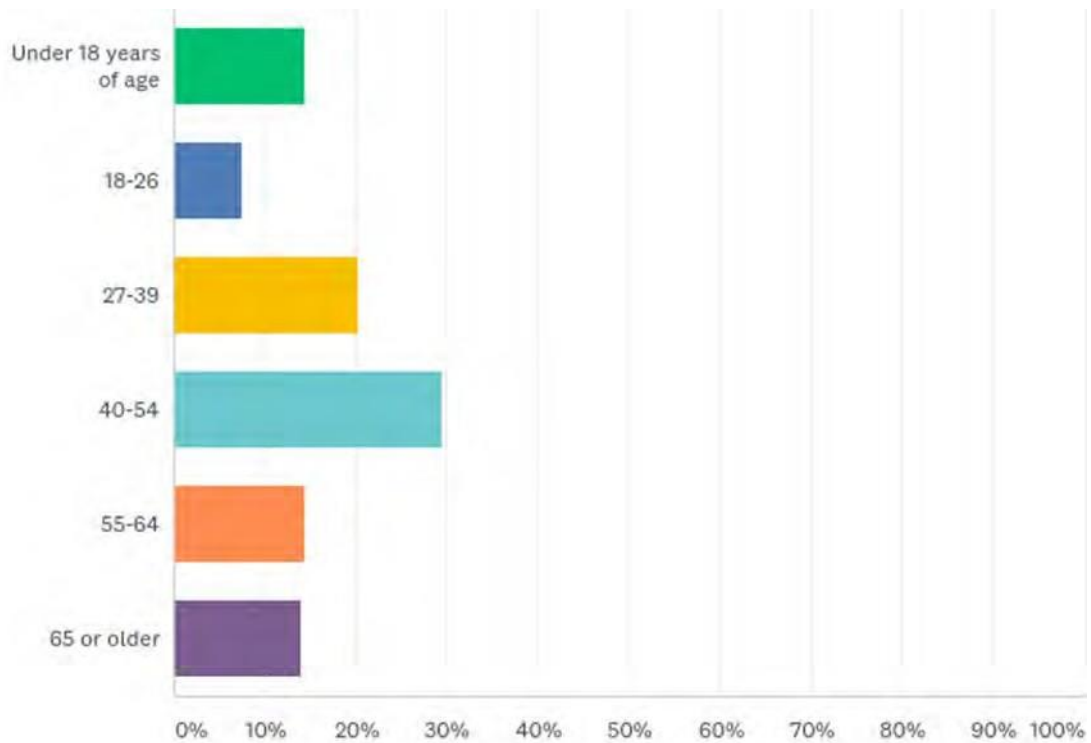
Q1: Where do you live?

Answered: 292 Skipped: 1



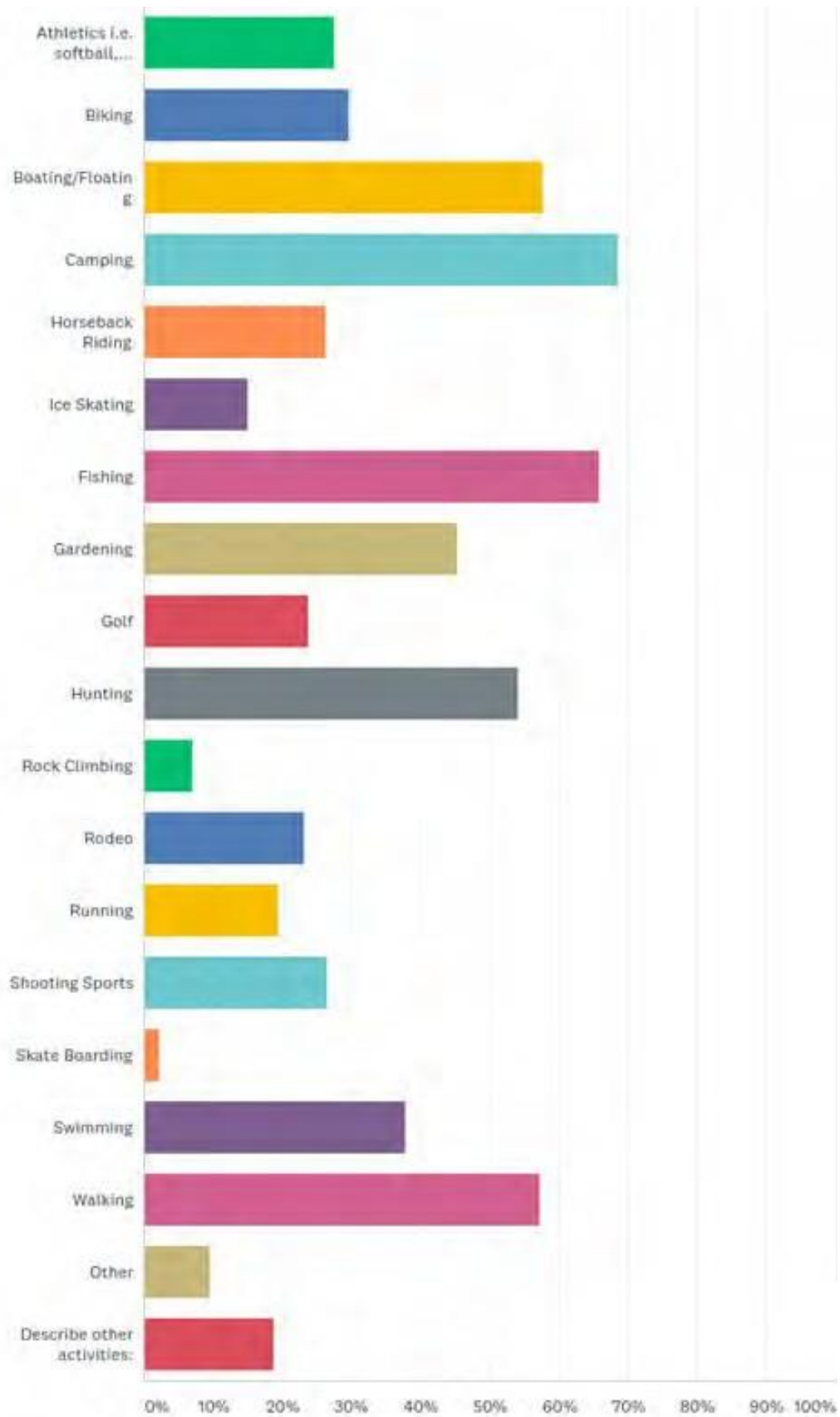
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Townsend	48.29%	141
County	46.92%	137
Elsewhere	4.79%	14
TOTAL		292

Q2: What age group do you belong in?



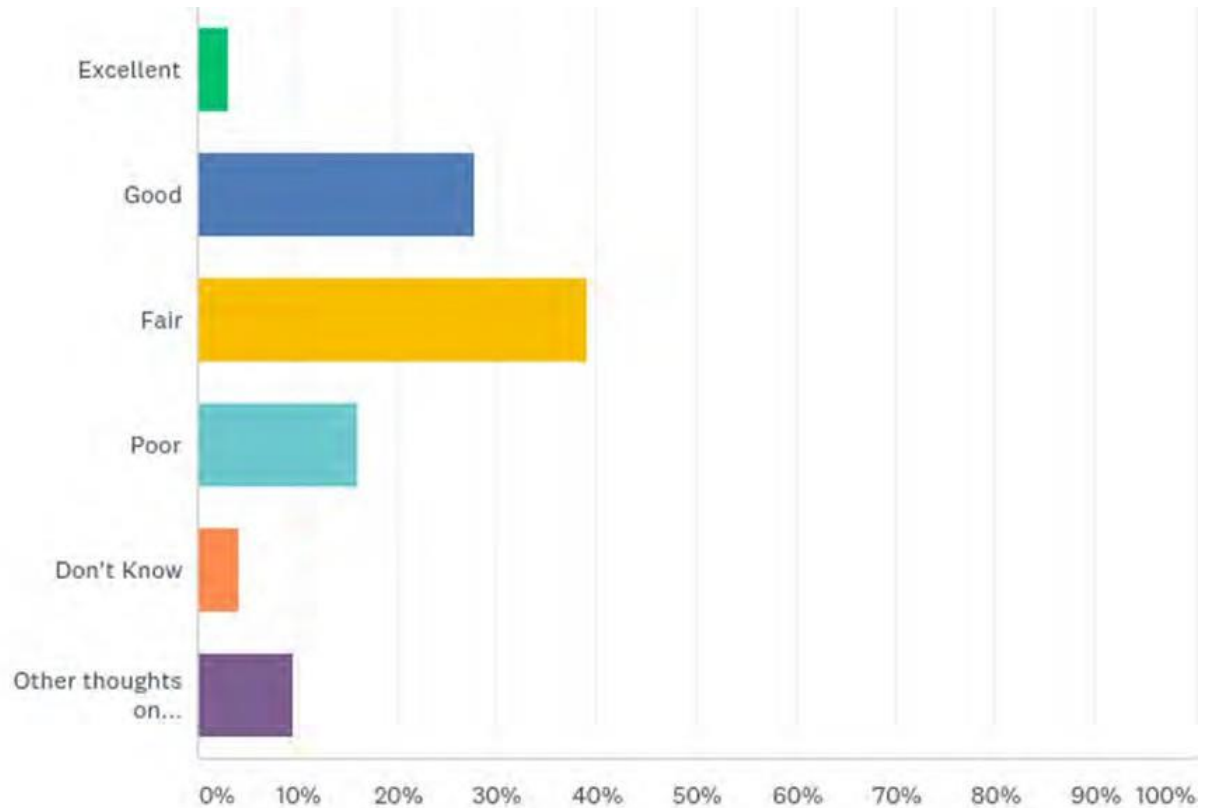
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18 years of age	14.38%	42
18-26	7.53%	22
27-39	20.21%	59
40-54	29.45%	86
55-64	14.38%	42
65 or older	14.04%	41
TOTAL		292

Q3: What recreational activities do you participate in?



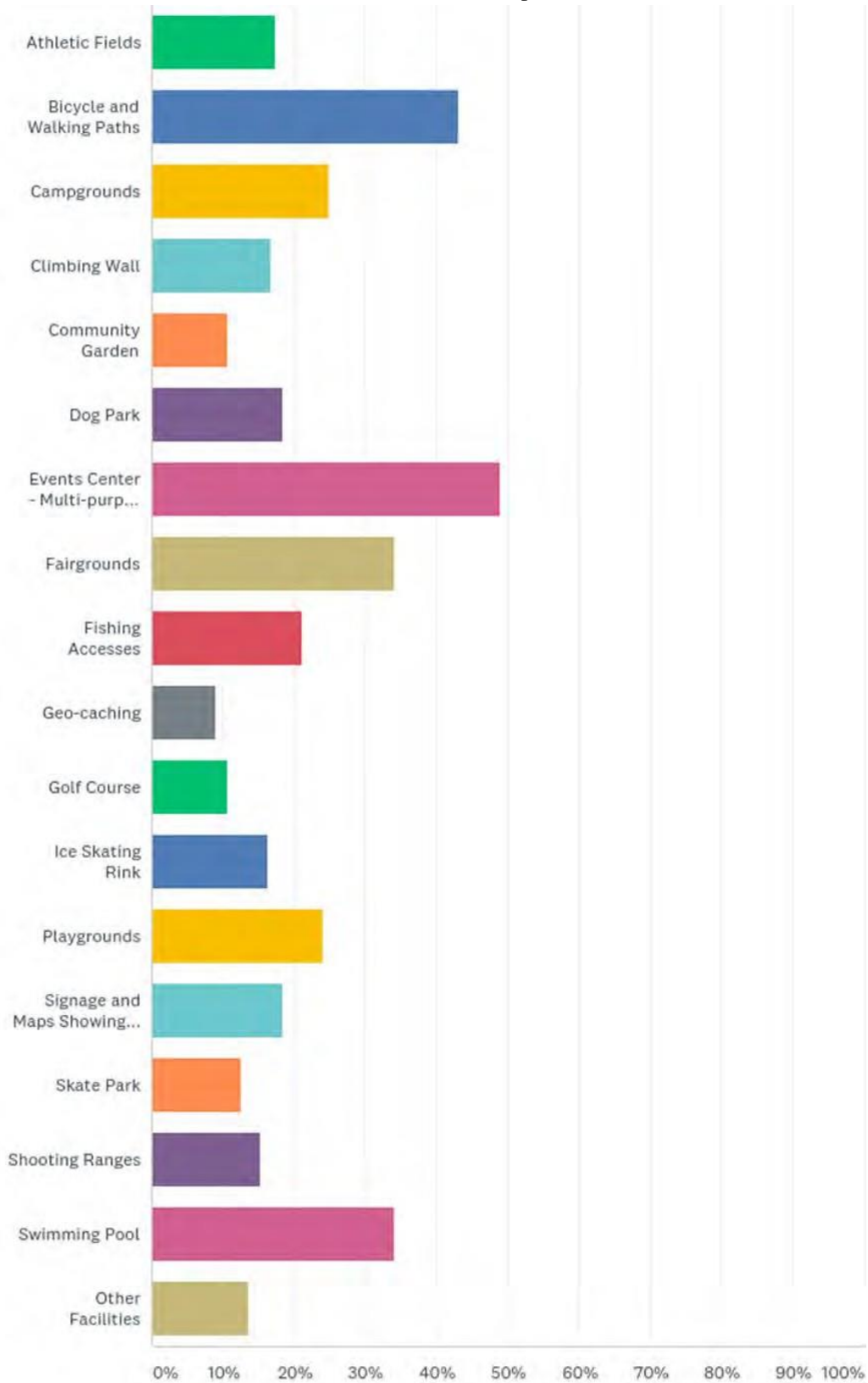
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Athletics i.e. softball, soccer etc.	27.65%	81
Biking	29.69%	87
Boating/Floating	57.68%	169
Camping	68.60%	201
Horseback Riding	26.28%	77
Ice Skating	15.02%	44
Fishing	65.87%	193
Gardening	45.39%	133
Golf	23.89%	70
Hunting	54.27%	159
Rock Climbing	7.17%	21
Rodeo	23.21%	68
Running	19.45%	57
Shooting Sports	26.62%	78
Skate Boarding	2.39%	7
Swimming	37.88%	111
Walking	57.34%	168
Other	9.56%	28
Describe other activities:	18.77%	55
Total Respondents: 293		

Q4: How would you rate the existing recreational facilities and services in the County?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Excellent	3.09%	9
Good	27.84%	81
Fair	39.18%	114
Poor	16.15%	47
Don't Know	4.12%	12
Other thoughts on facilities/services:	9.62%	28
TOTAL		291

Q5: Which of the following new or expanded facilities would you like to see in the County?



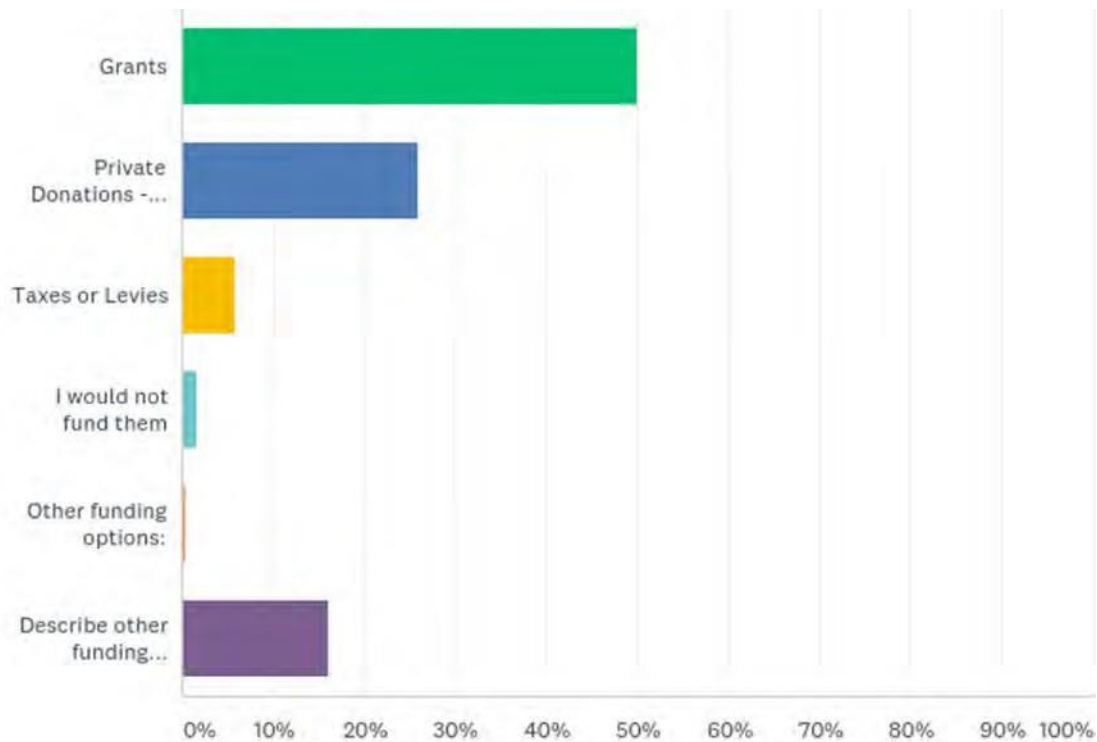
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Athletic Fields	17.36%	50
Bicycle and Walking Paths	43.06%	124
Campgrounds	25.00%	72
Climbing Wall	16.67%	48
Community Garden	10.76%	31
Dog Park	18.40%	53
Events Center - Multi-purpose Building	48.96%	141
Fairgrounds	34.03%	98
Fishing Accesses	21.18%	61
Geo-caching	9.03%	26
Golf Course	10.76%	31
Ice Skating Rink	16.32%	47
Playgrounds	23.96%	69
Signage and Maps Showing Recreation Options	18.40%	53
Skate Park	12.50%	36
Shooting Ranges	15.28%	44
Swimming Pool	34.03%	98
Other Facilities	13.54%	39
Total Respondents: 288		

Q8: Which three (3) recreational facilities are the most important to you? (Please rank them 1-3 with 1 being the most important)

Bar chart is too large to include in the summary.

	1	2	3	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Athletic Fields	36.54% 19	28.85% 15	34.62% 18	52	1.98
Bicycle and Walking Paths	40.91% 36	29.55% 26	29.55% 26	88	1.89
Campgrounds	25.86% 15	36.21% 21	37.93% 22	58	2.12
Community Garden	15.79% 3	36.84% 7	47.37% 9	19	2.32
Dog Park	18.18% 6	45.45% 15	36.36% 12	33	2.18
Events Center - Multipurpose Building	33.03% 36	42.20% 46	24.77% 27	109	1.92
Fairgrounds	40.40% 40	33.33% 33	26.26% 26	99	1.86
Fishing Accesses	40.00% 18	28.89% 13	31.11% 14	45	1.91
Golf Course	50.00% 13	23.08% 6	26.92% 7	26	1.77
Horseback Riding Facilities	35.48% 11	25.81% 8	38.71% 12	31	2.03
Ice Skating Rink	15.00% 3	50.00% 10	35.00% 7	20	2.20
Mapping and Signage for Recreation Facilities	25.00% 8	15.63% 5	59.38% 19	32	2.34
Playgrounds	38.10% 16	26.19% 11	35.71% 15	42	1.98
Skate Park	30.77% 8	30.77% 8	38.46% 10	26	2.08
Shooting Ranges	17.65% 6	47.06% 16	35.29% 12	34	2.18
Swimming Facilities	29.63% 24	35.80% 29	34.57% 28	81	2.05
Other Facilities	51.52% 17	12.12% 4	36.36% 12	33	1.85

Q9: How would you fund the development or expansion of recreational facilities?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Grants	50.00%	145
Private Donations - Fundraisers	25.86%	75
Taxes or Levies	5.86%	17
I would not fund them	1.72%	5
Other funding options:	0.34%	1
Describe other funding options:	16.21%	47
TOTAL		290

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