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CITY OF NEW PORT RICHEY

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May 2, 2017
5:00 PM

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ORDER OF
BUSINESS

1. Call to Order - Roll Call

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Parks and Recreation Master Plan - Page 2
3. Adjournment

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TO: City of New Port Richey City Council

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DATE: 5/2/2017

RE: Parks and Recreation Master Plan - Page 2

SUMMARY:

On September 20, 2016, City Council approved the hiring of Barth Associates, Inc. to create a Parks and Recreation Master Plan. To date the project has included the completion of Park Evaluations, Needs Assessment Surveys, Public Meetings, Steering Committee Meetings and a Visioning Workshop. The draft report that is attached for Council's review and discussion contains an evaluation of existing conditions along with the needs assessment and long range visioning.

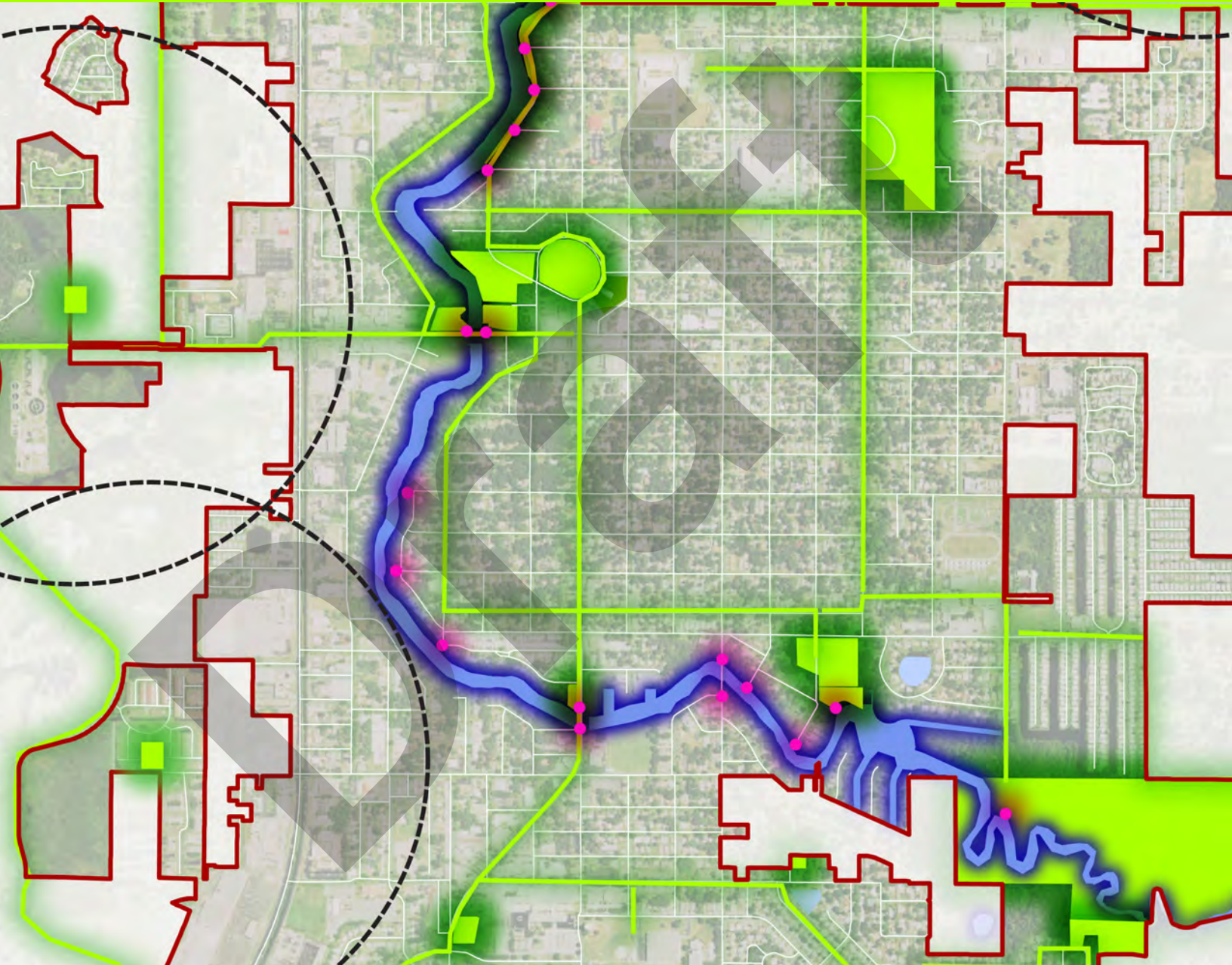
REQUESTED ACTION:

The recommendation from staff is for the City Council to conduct a work session to discuss the proposed Parks and Recreation Master Plan Needs Assessment.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
☐ Parks and Recreation Master Plan Draft	Backup Material

City of New Port Richey **Parks and Recreation Master Plan**



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Executive Summary

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Introduction

The City of New Port Richey is a small coastal city known for its rich history and natural character. As the “Gateway to Tropical Florida,” the City’s parks and recreation facilities play a key role in the City’s quality of life and sense of place. Currently, the City has 14 parks and recreation sites, ranging from riverside parks to neighborhood pocket parks, to the 94-acre James E. Grey Preserve. The Parks and Recreation Department is highly regarded and has been the recipient of numerous awards and designations.

This high quality is reflected in residents’ overall satisfaction with their parks: according to the City’s 2012 Citizen Survey, respondents were very pleased with New Port Richey’s parks and recreation facilities and services. Therefore, the purpose of this Master Plan is to make a good system even better, focusing on the unmet needs of the community.

The City’s Request for Qualifications (RFQ) stated that the purpose of this Parks Master Plan is “to ensure that quality recreation and park facilities and services are available to the community into the future”, taking into account “the existing parks and amenities, available open space areas within the City limits, the impact and accessibility of parks and recreation facilities on the environment and the community, and community education and health”.

The Master Plan was completed in four phases over a six-month period, including an evaluation of the existing parks system; an assessment of community needs and priorities; the development of a long-range vision; and the development

of the Master Plan document, including an implementation strategy/action plan.

Needs Assessment Summary

The purpose of the parks and recreation needs assessment is to identify the needs and priorities of New Port Richey residents and stakeholders. Needs Assessment techniques included an evaluation of the existing parks system; a level-of-service (LOS) analysis; a statistically-representative survey; an on-line survey; a public outreach meeting; and stakeholder/focus group interviews.

The figure below illustrates the top priority action, facilities, and program needs identified from each of the different needs assessment techniques.

There is a broad-based consensus that the top priority facilities include:

- Improvements to existing parks, including additional facilities, programs, amenities, and marketing;
- Additional walking, hiking, and biking trails;
- Additional off-leash dog parks;
- Additional small neighborhood parks; and
- Natural areas and nature parks

Top priority programs include:

- Adult fitness and wellness programs;
- Summer concerts; and
- Nature programs

	Needs Assessment Techniques					
	Site Evaluations	LOS Analysis	Statistically Valid Survey	On-line Survey	Public Meeting	Stakeholder / Focus Group Interviews
Actions						
Improve Marketing and Outreach Efforts	●		●		●	●
Improve Existing Parks	●				●	●
Reduce Program Fees			●	●		●
Facilities						
Paved bike trails		●	●	●	●	●
Off-leash dog parks		●	●	●	●	●
Walking and hiking trails		●	●	●	●	
Small Neighborhood Parks		●	●	●		
Natural areas/ nature parks			●	●		●
Programs						
Adult fitness and wellness programs			●	●	●	
Nature programs			●	●	●	
Summer concerts			●	●		
Pet exercise programs			●		●	
50+ programs			●			

Long Range Vision

A long-range parks and recreation vision was developed from several sources, including ideas generated from stakeholders during the needs assessment process; current “best practices” in parks and recreation planning, and urban design; and ideas generated from a “Visioning” workshop with City of New Port Richey staff, stakeholders, and consultants.

The Vision recognizes that the City’s parks and recreation system is integral to the quality of life for City residents, as expressed through the NPR Parks and Recreation Department Mission and Vision:

Mission: Create memorable recreational, parks & aquatic experiences to enhance the quality of life.

Vision: Connecting people and parks for life.

Elements of the Vision include City-wide improvements and initiatives such as improved marketing of recreation and programming opportunities; improved signage and wayfinding for parks and recreation facilities; protection and enhancement of the Cotee River as the “heart” of the parks system; increased amenities and “things to do” at City parks; increased collaboration with the School District; a public art and interpretive program throughout the City’s parks; greater energy efficiency at public parks and recreation facilities; and improved bicycle/ pedestrian connectivity to improve access throughout the City. The Vision also includes specific improvements to each of the City’s 14 parks and recreation sites.



Evaluation of Existing Conditions

EXISTING PLANS AND CONTEXT REVIEW

Introduction

The purpose of this section is to summarize the context of the Parks Master Plan. Evaluation of Existing Conditions included a review of existing plans, demographics analysis, and parks and recreation facility inventory. Following are the findings from the evaluation.

1.1 Existing Plans and Context Review

The 2012 Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) Redevelopment Plan and the elements of the City's Comprehensive Plan were reviewed for implications for the Parks Master Plan:

2012 Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) Redevelopment Plan

The CRA Plan includes several concepts, policies, and /or recommendations relevant to the Parks Master Plan. These include:

- Policy FLU 1.2.6 encourages neighborhood plans to include open space for active and passive uses; reuse of the alley system for mobility enhancement; planting of regularly-spaced shade trees on key streets to encourage pedestrian activity year-round; and sidewalk connectivity within and external to the neighborhood, especially sidewalks which link residential areas to schools.
- Policy FLU 1.6.6 encourages the use of the river waterfront through enhanced
- public facilities.

- Policy TRA 2.1.2 promotes bicycle and pedestrian ways that provide connectivity between residential areas, to recreation areas, schools, shopping areas, transit terminals and the bicycle facilities of other jurisdictions.
- Policy ROS 1.5.6 continues to pursue state and federal funding to enhance the
- City's parks and recreational program. This is particularly important for the enhancement of the James E. Grey Preserve.
- Objective LIV 1.10 proposes to preserve, enhance and extend the pattern and character of the streets and alleyway system including the prevailing grid as a means to facilitate multi-modal mobility and reducing the future need for wider streets.

The CRA Plan also notes that there are issues and concerns common to most of the neighborhoods within the City that "would seem to lend themselves to City-wide solutions". Proposed CRA actions with potential implications for the Parks Master Plan include:

- Improve Community Communication
- Revise the Financial Approach to the Use of City Resources
- Re-institute the Neighborhood Planning Program
- Coordinate Festival Planning

- Practice Partnering
- Use the Cotee River as a Major Community Asset
- Improve the Economic Performance of US Highway 19:
- Design and Implement a City-Wide Wayfinding System
- Promote New Port Richey as a Destination
- Develop the Cotee Blueway

The CRA Plan also states that the character of the community should be emphasized through recreational opportunities:

“The CRA includes a system of approximately 160 acres of existing parks and open spaces that serve the current needs of residents and visitors alike. A healthy variety of recreational experiences is critical to serve the residential population. The Redevelopment Plan recommends strengthening connections between several neighborhood parks and open spaces to the riverfront by means of enhanced streetscapes, sidewalks, bike paths and multi-use trails that can be implemented over time as funding is available. The investment in the Recreation and Aquatic Center provides a significant enhancement to the immediate neighborhood and surrounding community. Partnership with North Bay Hospital is encouraged for projects including the development of a trail to the Recreation Center.

Access to the river is important for all residents, especially those that do not own waterfront property. There is public access to water resources in all of the City’s water-based parks. The City should coordinate with adjacent municipalities, county and appropriate agencies to ensure adequate sites for water-dependent

uses and ensure access. Observation decks and other similar structures could be constructed at the terminus of key road rights-of-way as another means to guarantee access and enhanced scenic views.”

Finally, the Redevelopment Plan calls for a traffic circulation system, which mitigates congestion, enhances community character and provides for efficient parking resources and bicycle and pedestrian facilities. The bicycle/pedestrian facilities are particularly important to provide equitable access to parks for all residents.

Comprehensive Plan

Barth Associates reviewed the elements of the Comprehensive Plan including the Capital Improvements Element, Coastal Management Element, Conservation Element, Future Land Use Element, Housing Element, Infrastructure Element, Livable Cities Element, Public School Facilities Element, Intergovernmental Coordination Element, and Recreation and Open Space Element. Key implications include:

- The City’s 5-year Capital Improvements Program includes proposed improvements to Sims Park, the Recreation and Aquatics Center, the Pine Hill Baseball Field, James E. Grey Preserve, sidewalks and multi-use trails.
- A variety of funding sources are potentially available to implement the recommendations of the Parks Master Plan, including “Local Resources” such as the General Fund, Redevelopment Trust Fund (CRA), Impact Fees, Stormwater Utility Fees, Special Assessments, and Municipal Share of County Business Tax Receipts; “County Resources” (Local Option Taxes) such as the Tourist Development Tax, County Gas Tax (transportation), Pasco County Local

Option Gas Tax (transportation), and Local Option Sales Taxes (Penny for Pasco); and “Alternative Financing Methods” such as General Obligation Bonds and Revenue Bonds. Other potential funding sources include “State Sources”, “Developer Agreements”, and “Grants and Loans” (Capital Improvements Element).

- The City’s parks and conservation areas have the potential to help accomplish the City’s objectives to protect and enhance the Pithlachascotee (Cotee) River, provide native habitat, protect existing natural areas, treat stormwater runoff, store flood waters, and improve energy efficiency system (Conservation Element).
- The City’s parks, conservation areas, sidewalks, and trails have the potential to contribute to the livability and sustainability objectives including the creation of great public spaces; stabilizing neighborhoods; providing pedestrian/ bicycle access; and generating other economic, social, and/or environmental benefits outlined in the Livable Cities Element.
- The City should continue to seek partnerships with public schools, developers, Pasco County, and others to maximize resources in order to sustain/improve the quality of life for City residents (Public School Facilities Element, Intergovernmental Coordination Element).
- The City should continue to maintain or exceed the parks and recreation level-of-service (LOS) standards established in the Recreation and Open Space Element. It is important to note, however, that these standards are based in part on the 2000

Florida Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP), which has been updated. The latest SCORP (2013) includes benchmark data rather than standards and encourages communities to develop their own LOS standards.

1.2 Demographic Analysis

The most effective parks and recreation systems are those that are tailored to the needs of their residents, both present, and future. The following section analyzes demographic data for the City of New Port Richey and discusses how the findings may relate to City residents’ parks and recreation needs. It is important to note that these findings are not recommendations, but rather preliminary observations that will be considered and examined further alongside the findings from subsequent parks and recreation needs assessment techniques.

In order to better understand the demographic data, City of New Port Richey data is compared to data from Pasco County and the State of Florida. Key demographics examined include:

- Population Density + Percent Housing Units in Multi-Unit Structures
- Population + Population Growth
- Ethnicity + Race
- Age Distribution
- Household Types
- Household Income
- Poverty
- Education
- Housing Characteristics

In each category, 2015 U.S. Census American Community Survey data was compared to 2000 U.S. Census data to identify demographic trends. A summary of the key findings and possible implications for City parks and recreation needs are presented below first, followed by more detailed discussions of each of the demographics examined.

Summary of Demographic Analysis

Based on the review of demographic data from 2000 to 2015, it appears that the City of New Port Richey has experienced various demographic shifts during the last fifteen years. These may suggest shifts in parks and recreation desires and needs based on the following demographics examined.

Population Density + Percent Housing Units in Multi-Unit Structures

In the year 2015, the City of New Port Richey had the highest population density of the jurisdictions analyzed. However, almost 60 percent of residents live in single-family homes. The high population density and a high percentage of single-family homes may suggest small residential lots with small backyards and front yards. This may limit the amount of private greenspace available for basic, everyday recreational activities that a family living in a single-family home may enjoy in their front or back yard.

Additionally, the City has the highest percentage of housing units in multi-unit structures of the jurisdictions analyzed. Based on these factors, City residents may have a need for small, close-to-home recreational opportunities that provide typical every day recreational facilities such as playgrounds, a lawn to play catch, picnic pavilions, or a place for dogs to run without a leash.

Population + Population Growth

While the City of New Port Richey lost population between the years 2000 and 2015, the City is projected to grow by about 2,400 residents by the year 2020. This represents a projected growth rate of about 15.78 percent, which is higher than the projected growth rates for Pasco County and the State of Florida. This increase in residents may suggest that more park acreage, facilities and amenities may be needed to maintain the quality of life that residents currently enjoy.

Ethnicity

In the year 2015, the City of New Port Richey had an 88.7 percent majority of White residents. However, between the years 2000 and 2015, the City experienced a 5.0 percent decrease in White residents and a 12.8 percent increase in Hispanic, Black, and Asian minority residents. The City may wish to monitor these demographic changes to see if it should offer ethnically and culturally influenced programming and activities.

Age Distribution + Household Types

2015 Age Distribution and Household Type census data both suggests that the City of New Port Richey's population is predominantly comprised of adults between the ages of 35 and 64, with younger aged seniors on the rise. This may suggest that the City may continue to experience a higher demand for adult and younger senior-oriented recreation programs, activities, and facilities such as tennis, pickle ball, walking, biking, and hiking in nature, versus youth programs, activities, and facilities.

Household Income + Poverty

In the year 2015, the City of New Port Richey had the lowest median household income and highest poverty rates of the jurisdictions analyzed. While the household income grew between the years 2000 and 2015, the growth rate was the lowest of the jurisdictions analyzed. Poverty rates on the other hand, grew at faster rates than the jurisdictions analyzed.

This data suggests that residents may have limited disposable income, and may rely on more affordable recreation options, social programs, and services.

Education

2015 Education census data suggests that a high percentage of residents in the City of New Port Richey have a low educational attainment (high school equivalency or less). This is consistent with the City's high poverty rates and low household income. Fortunately, the data suggest that this condition appears to be changing with a slight increase in the percentage of residents receiving college degrees.

Housing Characteristics

In the year 2015, the City of New Port Richey had the lowest percentage of occupied and owner-occupied housing units of the jurisdictions analyzed. The City also had the highest percentage of vacant and renter-occupied housing units of the jurisdictions analyzed. Additionally, between the years 2000 and 2015, the City experienced the highest growth rates of vacant and renter-occupied housing units and a decrease of owner-occupied housing units of the jurisdictions analyzed.

These findings may suggest a degree of community instability, where neighborhood turnover may be high and people may be less invested in their homes and community as a

whole. There may be a need to enhance the sense of community. This can be partially accomplished through an investment in community amenities and places where people can gather

More detail on each of the demographic categories analyzed is presented below.

Sims Park



Population Density + Percent Housing Units in Multi-Unit Structures

Population Density and Percent Housing Units in multi-unit structures are important to consider in parks system planning because they impact lifestyles and the manner by which residents enjoy parks and recreation services. For example, cities with high population densities may have more residents living in a smaller area. This may create a larger demand on and for parks, recreation facilities, and programs within a given area. Similarly, residents living in multi-unit structures typically rely more on public parks to provide basic, close-to-home recreational opportunities such as a playground, a lawn to play catch, a community garden, or a place for dogs to run. These are some of the basic, everyday activities that a family living in a single-family home may enjoy in a front or back yard.

Figure 1.1 below shows the major difference in Population Density and Percent Housing Units in Multi-Unit Structures between the three jurisdictions analyzed. The City of New Port Richey has the highest density and highest percentage of housing units in multi-unit structures of the jurisdictions analyzed. However, almost 60 percent of residents live in detached housing units (single-family homes). The high density and high percentage of single-family homes may suggest smaller single-family home properties with small backyards and front yards, which may indicate a need for more public open space such as neighborhood parks.

Figure 1.1 - Comparison of Population Density + Housing Units in Multi-Unit Structures, Percent

	Population Density (Population per Acre)	Percent of Housing Units in Multi-Unit Structures*
City of New Port Richey	5.3	41.0%
Pasco County	1.0	17.4%
State of Florida	0.6	33.4%

*Source: US Census

Population and Population Growth

Population and population growth are two important demographics to consider in parks system planning. The larger the population growth, the more need there may be to expand parks and recreation services in the future. **Figure 1.2** below compares the past, existing, and projected population and population growth of New Port Richey to Pasco County and the State of Florida.

As represented in Figure 1.2 above, the City of New Port Richey lost about 900 residents between the years 2000 and 2015. However, based on population figures included in the City's Comprehensive Plan, the City is projected to grow by about 2,400 residents by the year 2020 which represents a growth rate of about 15.78 percent. This projected growth rate is higher than the projected growth rate for Pasco County and the State of Florida. This increase in residents may suggest that more park acreage, facilities, and amenities are needed to maintain the quality of life that residents currently enjoy. This need will be further analyzed in subsequent sections.

Figure 1.2 - Population + Population Growth

Year	City of New Port Richey	Change in %	Pasco County	Change in %	State of Florida	Change in %
2000*	16,117	-	344,765	-	15,982,378	-
2015**	15,260	-5.32%	479,288	39.02%	19,645,772	22.92%
2020	17,668^	15.78%	540,400^^	12.75%	21,141,318^^	7.61%

*Source: US Census

**Source: US Census American Community Survey

^Source: City of New Port Richey Comprehensive Plan

^^Source: University of Florida Bureau of Economic and Business Research (BEBR)

Ethnicity and Race

Ethnicity and race can be an interesting indicator of recreation program and facility needs and desires.

Figure 1.3 below demonstrates the ethnic shifts that the City of New Port Richey and comparable jurisdictions have experienced from the year 2000 to 2015. The data reveals that overall, the City has remained majority White. However, the City does appear to be becoming more diverse with a decrease in White residents (-5.0 percent) and an increase in Hispanic, Black, and Asian residents (collectively 12.8 percent). For the most part, this rate of change appears to be happening at a faster rate than Pasco County and the State of Florida. The City may wish to monitor these changes to see if it should explore offering ethnic and culturally influenced programming and activities. Additionally, needs assessment techniques discussed in subsequent chapters will explore this idea further.

Figure 1.3 – Ethnicity and Race

	City of New Port Richey		Change in %	Pasco County		Change in %	State of Florida		Change in %
Year	2000*	2015^		2000*	2015^		2000*	2010^	
White	93.7%	88.7%	-5.0%	94.1%	91.5%	-2.6%	78.0%	76.0%	-2.0%
Black	2.1%	5.1%	3.0%	1%	2.6%	1.6%	14.6%	16.1%	1.5%
American Indian	0.4%	0.4%	0.0%	0.5%	0.9%	0.4%	0.3%	0.3%	0.0%
Asian	0.9%	2.3%	1.4%	0.9%	1.2%	0.3%	1.7%	2.6%	0.9%
Other Race	1.5%	1.2%	-0.3%	1.6%	1.3%	-	3.0%	2.6%	2.5%
Two or More Races	1.4%	2.4%	1.0%	1.9%	2.5%	0.6%	2.4%	2.4%	0.0%
Hispanic Latino (any race)	5.7%	13.1%	7.4%	5.2%	13.1%	7.9%	16.8%	23.7%	6.9%

*Source: US Census

^Source: US Census American Community Survey

Age Distribution

The type of programs and recreation facilities that a city provides its residents is directly related to the age distribution of the city's population. Cities with a high concentration of population ages 0-9 and 10 –19 for example, may offer more before school or after school care programs and youth athletics, and therefore, may require more playgrounds, athletic fields, and stronger joint-use agreements with schools; whereas cities with a high concentration of population ages 65 and older, may require more senior programs, senior center space, and transportation services to transport seniors from activity to activity.

Figure 1.4 below shows the change in age distribution and median age from the year 2000 to 2015 for the City of New Port Richey. In 2015, the City of New Port Richey had the highest median age of all the jurisdictions analyzed. The median age increased from age 44.2 in 2000 to 47.4 in 2015 suggesting that the population in the City is getting older. In 2015, 65.1 percent of the population in New Port Richey was over the age of 35. The City experienced a slightly higher increase in population ages 35 to 64 than the jurisdictions analyzed and a decrease in younger age cohorts. This suggests that adults and younger aged seniors may continue to remain the dominant population in the City of New Port Richey, with younger aged seniors on the rise. This may suggest that the City will continue to experience a higher demand for adult and younger senior-oriented recreation programs, activities, and facilities such as tennis, pickle ball, walking, biking, and hiking in nature, versus youth programs, activities, and facilities.

Figure 1.4 – Age Distribution

	City of New Port Richey		Change in %	Pasco County		Change in %	State of Florida		Change in %
Year	2000*	2015^		2000*	2015^		2000*	2015^	
Median Age	44.2	47.4	-	44.9	40.9	-	38.7	41.4	-
Ages 0-9	10.9%	9.5%	-1.4%	11.0%	11.0%	0.0%	12.4%	11.2%	-1.2%
Ages 10-19	10.4%	9.2%	-1.2%	11.1%	11.8%	0.6%	13.0%	11.8%	-1.1%
Ages 20-34	16.6%	16.2%	-0.4%	14.3%	15.7%	1.4%	18.8%	19.2%	0.3%
Ages 35-54	24.4%	24.6%	0.2%	25.8%	26.4%	0.5%	28.5%	26.3%	-2.2%
Ages 55-64	9.4%	13.5%	4.1%	11.0%	13.2%	2.2%	9.8%	12.9%	3.1%
Ages 65+	28.3%	27.0%	-1.3%	26.8%	22.0%	-4.8%	17.6%	18.6%	1.0%

*Source: US Census

^Source: US Census American Community Survey

Household Type

Occupied households and family types often mirror age distribution and can be used to further confirm the trends noted in the City's age distribution analysis. As noted in Figure 1.5, occupied households in the City of New Port Richey saw the largest percentage decrease (-9.1 percent) over the last fifteen years of the jurisdictions analyzed. Family households in the City of New Port Richey also decreased at a faster rate than Pasco County and in contrast to the State of Florida. Non-family households in the City of New Port Richey on the other hand, grew by about 3.1 percent, which is a higher growth rate than Pasco County (1.2 percent) and the State of Florida (2.0 percent). Moreover, households with their own children under 18 years also saw a decrease between the years 2000 and 2015 (-5.4 percent). These findings suggest that the City of New Port Richey may continue to attract adults and younger senior populations and may therefore continue to see a need for adult and younger senior based recreation programs, activities, and facilities.

Figure 1.5 – Household Types

	City of New Port Richey			Pasco County			State of Florida		
	Change in %			Change in %			Change in %		
Year	2000*	2015^		2000*	2015^		2000*	2015^	
Total occupied households	7,231	6,575	-9.1%	147,556	137,465	-6.8%	6,337,929	7,300,494	15.2%
Family households	54.8%	50.6%	-4.2%	67.1%	68.6%	1.5%	66.4%	64.4%	-2.0%
Non-family households	45.2%	48.3%	3.1%	32.9%	34.1%	1.2%	33.6%	35.6%	2.0%
Households with own children under 18 years	21.6%	16.2%	-5.4%	23.5%	23.8%	0.3%	28.1%	24.7%	-3.4%

*Source: US Census

^Source: US Census American Community Survey

Household Income

Household income provides parks planners with a glimpse of the purchasing power of city residents. The lower the household income, the more residents may rely on the local government to provide more affordable parks, recreation, and social programs and services.

Figure 1.6 below illustrates the median household income and percentage distribution of income ranges in the City of New Port Richey in comparison to the other jurisdictions analyzed. The City of New Port Richey has the lowest median household income (\$29,882) of the jurisdictions analyzed. More than half (57.9 percent) of the population has a median household income of less than \$34,999. While the median household income increased by 13.4 percent from 2000 to 2015, this increase was at a lower rate than Pasco County and the State of Florida.

Figure 1.6 – Household Income

	City of New Port Richey		Change in %	Pasco County		Change in %	State of Florida		Change in %
Year	2000*	2015^		2000*	2015^		2000*	2015^	
Median Household Income	25,881	29,882	13.4%	32,969	45,064	26.8%	38,819	47,507	18.3%
Less than \$10,000	14.0%	11.7%	-2.3%	9.2%	7.1%	-2.1%	9.6%	7.8%	-1.8%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	13.2%	12.1%	-1.1%	8.7%	6.1%	-2.6%	6.7%	5.6%	-1.1%
\$15,000 to \$24,000	21.5%	18.1%	-3.4%	18.5%	13.2%	-5.3%	14.5%	12.1%	-2.4%
\$25,000 to \$34,999	17.8%	16.0%	-1.8%	16.4%	12.6%	-3.8%	14.2%	11.6%	-2.6%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	14.9%	16.1%	1.2%	18.8%	15.9%	-2.9%	17.4%	15.0%	-2.4%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	11.6%	13.8%	2.2%	16.6%	18.4%	1.8%	18.5%	18.29%	-0.3%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	4.1%	6.2%	2.1%	6.3%	11.2%	4.9%	8.7%	11.1%	2.4%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	1.4%	5.0%	3.6%	3.8%	10.2%	6.4%	6.3%	10.8%	4.5%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	0.6%	0.7%	0.1%	0.9%	3.1%	2.2%	1.8%	3.8%	2.0%
\$200,000 or more	0.9%	0.4%	-0.5%	0.9%	2.3%	1.4%	2.3%	4.1%	1.8%

*Source: US Census

^Source: US Census American Community Survey

The low median income suggests that residents may have limited disposable income, and may rely on more affordable recreation options, social programs, and services.

Poverty

Poverty rates can be used to further confirm the trends noted in the household income analysis. High poverty rates may suggest vulnerable families in need of free and affordable recreation options, social programs, and services. Figure 1.7 below illustrates various poverty indicators in the City of New Port Richey in comparison to the other jurisdictions analyzed. The City of New Port Richey had the highest poverty rates for all but one of the indicators in the year 2015. Notable indicators included population in poverty (24.7 percent), population under 18 years of age in poverty (43.4 percent), families in poverty (31.7 percent), female householder, no husband present in poverty (30.0 percent), and female householder, no husband present with related children under 18 in poverty (38.6 percent). The City saw the largest increase in population in poverty (8.1 percent) from the year 2000 to 2015 in comparison to Paso County (3.3 percent) and the State of Florida (4.0 percent). Female householder, no husband present with related children under 18 was the only indicator that decreased between 2000 and 2015.

Figure 1.7 – Poverty

	City of New Port Richey		Change in %	Pasco County		Change in %	State of Florida		Change in %
Year	2000*	2015^		2000*	2015^		2000*	2015^	
Population for whom poverty status is determined	16.6%	24.7%	8.1%	10.7%	14.0%	3.3%	12.5%	16.5%	4.0%
Under 18	28.7%	43.4%	14.7%	15.9%	17.9%	2.0%	17.6%	24.1%	6.5%
65 years and over	8.7%	11.2%	2.5%	7.7%	8.9%	1.2%	9.1%	10.3%	1.2%
Families in poverty	12.3%	15.5%	3.2%	7.6%	9.9%	2.3%	9.0%	12.0%	3.0%
With related children under 18	22.4%	31.7%	9.3%	12.8%	15.6%	2.8%	14.2%	19.8%	5.6%
Female, householder, no husband present	40.2%	30.0%	-10.2%	23.0%	24.6%	1.6%	25.3%	29.0%	3.7%
With related children under 18	48.2%	38.6%	-9.6%	32.0%	33.7%	1.7%	32.8%	38.6%	5.8%

*Source: US Census

^Source: US Census American Community Survey

Consistent with the suggested findings from the household income analysis, these high poverty rates suggest that a portion of the City of New Port Richey's population may have a need for more affordable recreation and/or social programs and services.

Education

Education is often associated with household income and poverty rates. Low educational attainment may limit a resident's potential to generate income, which may influence their quality of life. Figure 1.8 below contains various education indicators for the City of New Port Richey in comparison to the other jurisdictions analyzed.

Figure 1.8 – Education

	City of New Port Richey		Change in %	Pasco County		Change in %	State of Florida		Change in %
Year	2000*	2015^		2000*	2015^		2000*	2015^	
Population 18 to 24									
Less than high school graduate	22.2%	23.6%	1.4%	30.5%	16.3%	-14.2%	28.3%	16.4%	-11.9%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	42.9%	35.9%	-7.0%	34.7%	37.0%	2.3%	29.3%	30.0%	0.7%
Some college or associate's degree	34.1%	33.7%	-0.4%	32.3%	41.3%	9.0%	36.0%	45.4%	9.4%
Bachelors degree or higher	0.8%	6.7%	5.9%	2.5%	5.4%	2.9%	6.4%	8.1%	1.7%
Population 25 or over									
Less than high school graduate	26.4%	16.0%	-10.4%	22.4%	12.0%	-10.4%	20.1%	14.1%	-6.0%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	39.6%	40.0%	0.4%	36.5%	33.7%	-2.8%	28.7%	29.5%	0.8%
Some college or associate's degree	20.3%	19.9%	-0.4%	21.2%	22.3%	1.1%	21.8%	20.7%	-1.1%
Associate's degree	6.0%	10.0%	4.0%	6.4%	10.6%	4.2%	7.0%	9.4%	2.4%
Bachelors degree or higher	5.0%	9.6%	4.6%	8.8%	14.2%	5.4%	14.3%	17.5%	3.2%

*Source: US Census

^Source: US Census American Community Survey

In 2015, the City of New Port Richey had the highest population rate (59.5 percent) of residents that were aged 18 to 24 with a high school equivalency education or less in comparison to Pasco County (53.3 percent) and the State of Florida (46.4 percent). The City also had the highest population rate (56.0 percent) of residents that were over 25 years of age with a high school equivalency education or less in comparison to Pasco County (45.7 percent) and the State of Florida (43.6 percent).

The City did, however, experience a 7.0 percent decrease in population ages 18 to 24 with a high school equivalency education between the years 2000 and 2015, in contrast to Pasco County and the State of Florida that experienced an increase of 2.3 percent and 0.4 percent respectively. Additionally, the City of New Port Richey saw the largest percentage change (5.9 percent) of population ages 18 to 24 with a Bachelor's degree or higher between the years 2000 and 2015 in comparison to Pasco County and the State of Florida that saw increases of 2.9 percent and 1.7 percent respectively. The City also experienced an increase of 4.6 percent in populations over 25 years with a Bachelor's degree or higher. While this percentage change was not as high as Pasco County (5.4 percent) it was higher than the State of Florida (3.2 percent).

This data suggests that a high percentage of residents in the City of New Port Richey have a low educational attainment. This is consistent with the City's high poverty rates and low household income. Fortunately, the data suggest that this condition appears to be changing with a slight increase in the percentage of residents receiving college degrees.

Housing Characteristics

Analysis of housing characteristics can provide further insights into a City's population. For example, high percentages of homeownership typically suggest stable populations while economies with high percentages of rental and vacant properties may suggest transient and, at times, less stable populations and economies.

Figure 1.9 below illustrates the housing characteristics of the City of New Port Richey between the years 2000 and 2015 as compared to the other jurisdictions analyzed. In 2015, the City of New Port Richey had the lowest percentage of occupied housing units (74.9 percent) versus 80.4 percent in Pasco County and 80.3 percent in the State of Florida. Vacant units in the City of New Port Richey increased by 4.8 percent to 25.1 percent in 2015, the highest of the jurisdictions analyzed. Owner-occupied housing units decreased by 2.0 percent from the 58.9 percent in the year 2000 to 56.9 percent in 2015, also the highest of the jurisdictions analyzed. Renter-occupied housing units also increased by 2.0 percent to 43.1 percent in 2015, also the highest of the jurisdictions analyzed.

These findings may suggest a degree of community instability, where neighborhood turnover may be high and people may be less invested in their homes and communities as a whole. There may be a need to enhance the sense of community. This can be partially accomplished through an investment in community amenities and places where people can gather.

Figure 1.9 – Household Characteristics

	City of New Port Richey		Change in %	Pasco County		Change in %	State of Florida		Change in %
Year	2000*	2015^		2000*	2010^		2000*	2010^	
Total housing units	8,693	8,780	1.0%	173,717	231,612	25.0%	7,302,947	9,049,999	19.3%
Occupied housing units	79.7%	74.9%	-4.8%	84.9%	80.4%	-4.5%	86.8%	80.3%	-6.5%
Vacant housing units	20.3%	25.1%	4.8%	15.1%	19.6%	4.5%	13.2%	19.7%	6.5%
Owner-occupied housing units	58.9%	56.9%	-2.0%	82.4%	73.8%	-8.6%	70.1%	65.3%	-4.8%
Renter-occupied housing units	41.1%	43.1%	2.0%	17.6%	26.2%	8.6%	29.9%	34.7%	4.8%

*Source: US Census

^Source: US Census American Community Survey

1.3 Parks and Recreation Facility Inventory

The City of New Port Richey has fourteen public parks within its City limits totaling 157 acres. The City's Comprehensive Plan organizes these parks into six categories. Specifically, these include the following:

Special Purpose Facility - Park or recreational facility that typically provides a single or predominant recreation facility, or has a very limited number of recreational facilities that serve a specific recreational purpose for the entire community.

- Service Area – Citywide
- Acreage – Varies based on activity space needs.

Figure 1.10 – Sims Boat Ramp – Example of a Special Purpose Facility



Community Park – Park facility typically providing a diverse range of recreational and leisure activities, or may contain useable areas where residents can gather to share community events or activities in an aesthetic natural environment. Facilities and activities at community parks may include, athletic fields, swimming pools, gymnasiums, performing and designing art centers, crafts buildings, large open areas for community events, and any facilities associated with the neighborhood or mini-park recreation areas. Unlike special purpose facilities, community parks offer more than one recreation facility or leisure activity, and in most cases, offer several.

- **Service area:** Citywide.
- **Acreage:** Varies based on activity space needs (typically 5 to 25 acres).

Figure 1.11 – Recreation & Aquatic Center – Example of a Community Park



Neighborhood Park- Recreational facility sized for neighborhood needs or passive recreation. Typical facilities are playgrounds, picnic areas, tennis courts, basketball courts, open play areas or small multi-purpose fields, and landscaping.

- **Service area:** One-half mile radius (walking/biking distance).
- **Acreage:** Based on activity space needs (typically 2 to 5 acres).

Figure 1.12 – Meadows Park – Example of a Neighborhood Park



Mini-Park - Park similar to, but smaller than, a neighborhood park. Often referred to as tot-lots, these parks typically contain open lawns and play areas. Mini-parks may also provide play apparatus for small children, a half to a full-size basketball court, one or two tennis courts, or picnic areas, landscaping, or natural areas. Mini-parks usually do not provide automobile parking.

- **Service area:** One-quarter mile radius (walking distance).
- **Acreage:** Based on activity space needs (typically less than 2 acres).

Figure 1.13 – Grand Boulevard Park – Example of a Mini Park



Linear Park - Linear facilities that accommodate bicycling, hiking, jogging, roller skating, or similar recreational activities.

- **Service area:** Citywide.
- **Acreage:** No minimum.

Figure 1.14 – Cotee River Park – Example of a Linear Park



Open Space - Undeveloped lands suitable for passive recreation, leisure, or conservation uses. Types of open space include undeveloped parkland, lakes, rivers, wetlands and floodplains, Conservation and Preservation designated lands on the Future Land Use Map, plazas, and beautified corridors.

- **Service area:** Not applicable
- **Acreage:** 0.1-acre minimum.

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Thirteen of the fourteen parks are maintained by the City of New Port Richey's Parks Division, which, according to the City of New Port Richey, Florida Annual Budget 2015-2016, was moved to the Grounds Maintenance Division under the direction of the Public Works Department to better help with the maintenance of all City properties. One of the City's parks, Pinehill Park, is maintained and managed by Pasco County through a joint-use agreement. Capital improvement responsibilities are shared between the City and the leagues that play in Pinehill Park. Figure 1.15 below provides an inventory of the City's parks system.

Recreation & Aquatics Center



Figure 1.15 City of New Port Richey Parks Inventory

Parks and Recreation Master Plan					
Park Name	Total Acreage Acres	Open Space Acreage	Developed/Developable Acreage	Recreation Center/Community Center Square Footage*	Park Type
Recreation & Aquatic Center	17.27		17.27	39,600	Community Park
Pine Hill Park*	9.68		9.68		Community Park
Russ Park	0.27		0.27		Mini Park
Orange Grove Park*	0.11		0.11		Mini Park
Jasmin Park	0.67		0.67		Mini Park
Cotee River Park	3.2	4	-0.8		Linear Park
Sims Park/Orange Lake	14.3	8.74	5.56	3,100	Community Park
Sims Boat Ramp	1.37		1.37		Special Use Facility
Grand Boulevard Park	0.75		0.75		Mini Park
Frances Avenue Park	5	0.97	4.21		Neighborhood Park
James E. Grey Preserve	93.37	12.45	80.92		Community Park
Meadows Park	6		6		Neighborhood Park
High Street	0.99		0.99		Mini Park
Rivers End Park**	0.16		0.16		Mini Park
Peace Hall	-			2,100	
Kulhawik Park	1.18		1.18		Mini Park
Total	154.50	26.16	128.34	44,800	

James Grey Preserve



Sims Park



Number of Indoor Facilities							Number of Outdoor Facilities																					
Aerobics Room	Gymnasium	Indoor Basketball Courts	Indoor Volleyball Courts	Indoor Pickleball Courts	Locker Room	Multi-Purpose Room	Restrooms	Dog Park	Vending/Concession Stand	Picnic Areas	Playground	Fitness Stations	"Walking Trails (LF or Miles)"	Basketball Court	Tennis Court	Pickleball Courts	Racquetball Court	Volleyball Court	Shuffleboard Court	Boat Ramp	Baseball Fields	Soccer Fields	Football Fields	Multi-purpose Playing Fields	Canoe & Kayak Launch	Softball Fields	Swimming Pool	Batting Cages
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The City of New Port Richey also has other public and private recreational resources in the City. These include facilities provided by the Pasco County School Board, private apartment complexes, homeowner associations, and commercial providers. Pasco County School Board has four schools located within the City limits. Figure 1.16 identifies these schools and their respective recreation facilities.

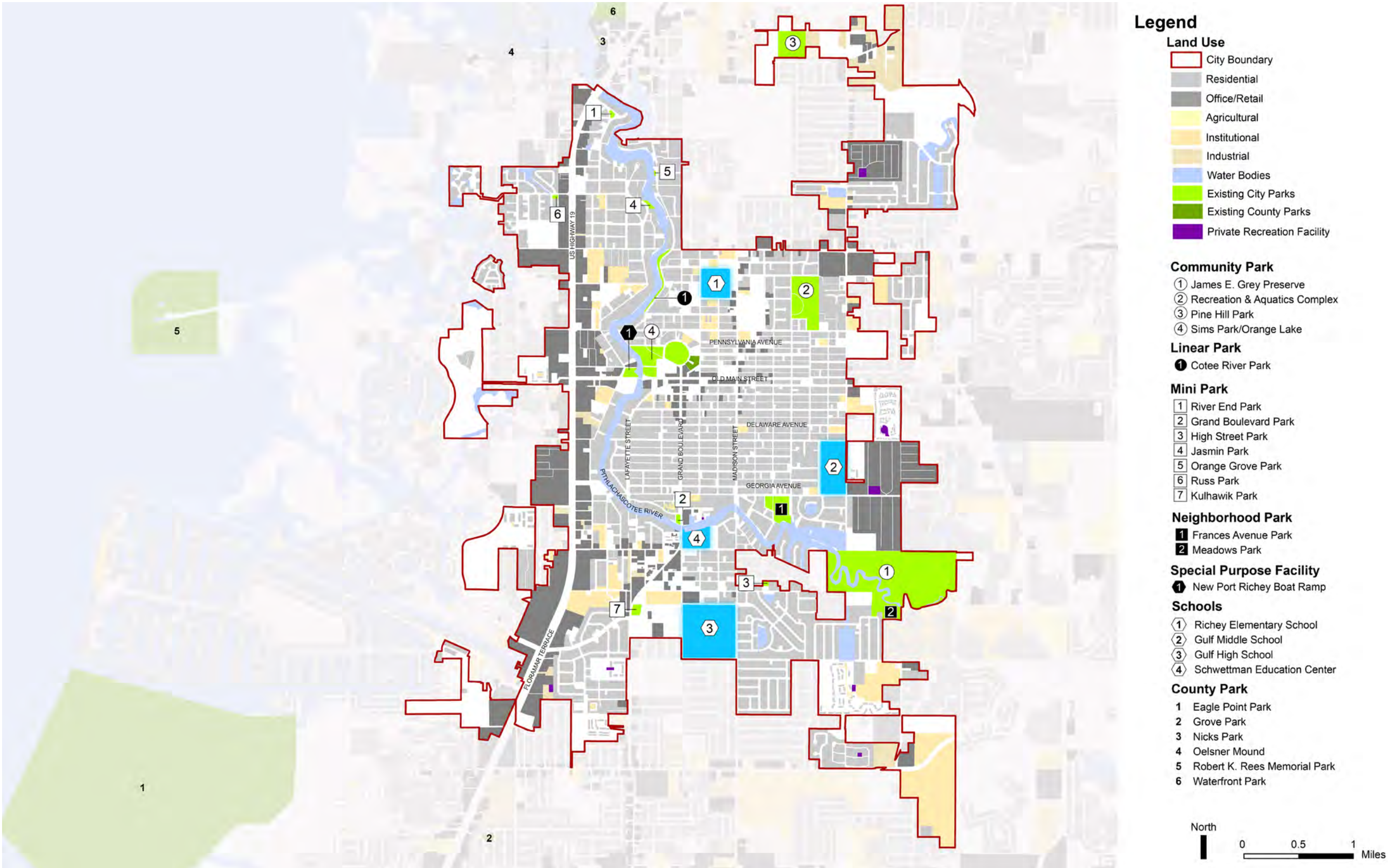
Figure 1.16 – Public Schools with Recreational Facilities

School	Acreage		Facilities
	Total	Recreation	
Richey Elementary School	16.3	3.5	Passive recreation areas
Gulf Middle School	20.0	7	Football field (1), baseball field (1), basketball courts (2), track (1)
Gulf High School	37.6	15	Tennis courts (4), football field (1), track (1), baseball fields (2), basketball courts (4)
Schwettman Education Center	7.9	5	Basketball courts (2), football field (1), open play field (1)

Source: City of New Port Richey Comprehensive Plan

Various apartment complexes and homeowner associations within the City of New Port Richey also provide their residents with access to private recreational facilities. Examples of these communities include The Wilds, Rivermist Condominiums, and Sunnybrook. While these communities may address some specialized recreation needs, they typically do not address the large recreational needs such as natural areas, hiking trails, dog parks, pickleball courts, and multi-purpose open spaces. Since these private recreation facilities, along with the public schools are not accessible to the general public, these facilities are not included in the scope of analysis for the City's Parks Master Plan. In order for them to be accessible to the public, the City would have to establish an interlocal agreement with these providers. Figure 1.17 below maps the City's park system including Pasco County Public School and private recreation locations.

Figure 1.17 City of New Port Richey Parks System





Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment

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PARKS AND RECREATION NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Introduction

The purpose of this section is to identify the needs and priorities of New Port Richey residents and stakeholders. Needs Assessment techniques included an evaluation of the existing parks system; a level-of-service (LOS) analysis; a statistically-representative survey; an on-line survey; a public outreach meeting; and stakeholder/focus group interviews. Following are the findings from each of the techniques.

2.1 Evaluation of the Existing Parks System

The Barth Associates Team and City of New Port Richey Parks and Recreation Department staff visited and evaluated the City's parks during the month of November 2016. These parks were evaluated using the following five key criteria:

ACCESS: Proximity, Access, and Linkages

- Visibility from a distance. Can one easily see into the park?
- Ease of walking to the park. Can someone walk directly into the park safely and easily?
- Clarity of information/signage. Is there signage that identifies the park, and/or signage that provides additional information for users?
- ADA Compliance. Does the site generally appear to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) laws for

accessibility?

- Lighting. Is the park lighted appropriately for use at night? (if applicable)

COMFORT: Comfort and Image

- First impression/overall attractiveness. Is the park attractive at first glance?
- Feeling of safety. Does the park feel safe at the time of the visit?
- Cleanliness/overall quality of maintenance. Is the park clean and free of litter?
- Comfort of places to sit. Are there comfortable places to sit?
- Protection from bad weather. Is there a shelter in case of bad weather?
- Evidence of management/stewardship (Exterior Site). Is there visual evidence of site management?
- Evidence of management/stewardship (Interior). Is there visual evidence of management in interior spaces of park buildings?

USE: Uses, Activities, and Sociability

- Mix of uses/things to do. Is there a variety of things to do given the type of park?
- Level of activity. How active is the park with visitors?

- Sense of pride/ownership. Is there evidence of community pride in the park?
- Programming flexibility. How flexible is the park in accommodating multiple uses?
- Ability of facility to effectively support current organized programming. Is the site meeting the needs of organized programs?

The criteria were scored for each park, using a scale of 1 to 5:

1.0 – 1.9 = Well Below Expectations (**dark red**)

2.0 – 2.9 = Not Meeting Expectations (**red**)

3.0 – 3.9 = Meets Expectations (**orange**)

4.0 – 4.9 = Exceeds Expectations (**green**)

5.0 = Far Exceeds Expectations (**dark green**)

SUSTAINABILITY: Environmental Sustainability

- Stormwater management. Is green infrastructure present to help manage stormwater?
- Multi-modal capacity. Is the park accessible by many modes of transportation?
- Facility energy efficiency. Has the site been updated with energy efficient components?

Each whole number represents a performance tier. Scores were assigned based on an evaluation of the site and the buildings compared to other sites in the city. Although the process of scoring is inherently subjective, multiple evaluators were present to discuss each score and reach consensus.

BUILDINGS: Buildings and Architecture (If a building is present on the site)

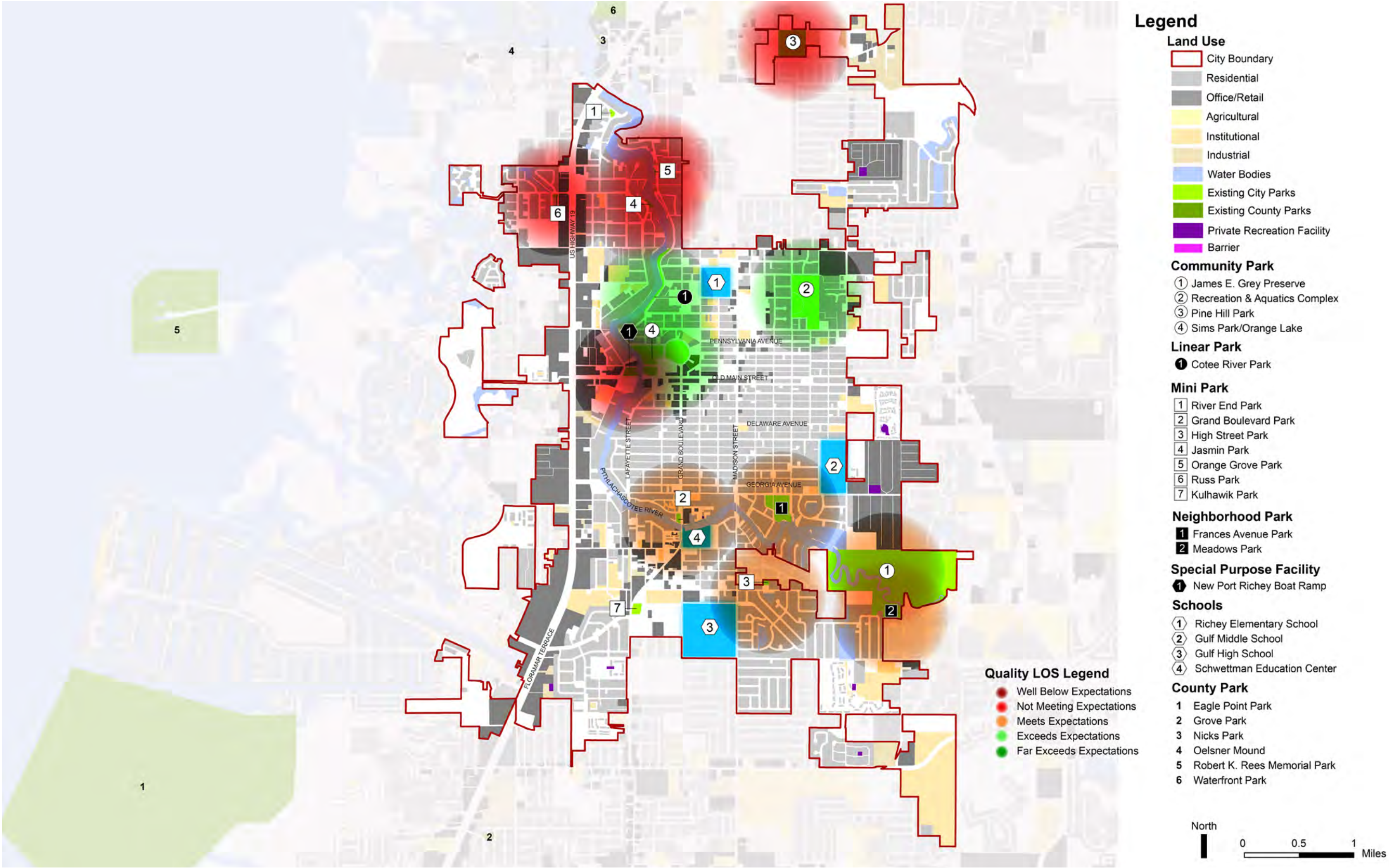
- Image and aesthetics. Is the building attractive?
- Clarity of entry and connection to the park. Is the building integrated into its surroundings?
- Interior finishes, furniture, and equipment. Are the furnishings and equipment inside the building of good condition and quality?
- Building enclosure. Is there any obvious need for repairs to the building shell?
- Building systems. Are all mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems in working order?

The purpose of the scoring was to establish an understanding of how the parks rate in terms of quality and its ability to serve users. Figure 2.1 below provides a summary chart of the park system's average scores and Figure 2.2 maps these findings. This is followed by a discussion associated with the apparent strengths and weaknesses of the park system. Detailed observations for each of the parks can be found in Chapter 3: Long Range Vision and Implementation Strategy, which have been integrated into the park improvement recommendations.

Figure 2.1 Site Evaluation Summary

	Pinehill Park	Russ Park	Jasmin Park	Sims Boat Ramp	Sims Park/Orange Lake	Peace Hall	Cotee River Park	Orange Grove Park	Frances Avenue Park	James E. Grey Preserve	Meadows Park	Grand Boulevard Park	Recreation & Aquatic Center	Total
Proximity/ Access/ Linkages (Max 5.0)	2.8	2.0	2.8	3.2	4.0	4.2	4.4	2.4	3.0	3.3	2.0	3.6	4.2	3.2
Visibility from a distance	2	5	5	4	4	5	5	5	3	-	1	4	3	3.8
Ease in walking to the park	1	2	5	3	5	5	5	4	3	2	3	3	4	3.5
Clarity of information/ signage	2	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	2	5	2	3	4	2.1
ADA Compliance	5	1	1	5	5	5	5	1	4	3	3	5	5	3.7
Lighting	4	1	1	3	5	5	5	1	3	-	1	3	5	3.1
Comfort and Image (Max 5.0)	2.2	2.2	3.7	2.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	2.5	3.8	3.8	3.2	4.0	3.7	3.6
First Impression/overall attractiveness	2	2	4	3	5	5	5	2	4	4	2	4	4	3.5
Feeling of safety	2	1	4	2	5	5	5	3	3	3	3	3	4	3.3
Cleanliness/overall quality of maintenance (Exterior)	3	4	4	3	5	5	5	3	4	4	4	4	4	4.0
Cleanliness/overall quality of maintenance (Interior)	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.0
Comfort of places to sit	2	1	4	2	5	5	5	2	4	4	4	4	4	3.5
Protection from bad weather	1	1	2	2	5	5	5	2	4	4	3	5	2	3.2
Evidence of management/stewardship (Exterior Site)	3	4	4	3	5	5	5	3	4	4	3	4	4	3.9
Evidence of management/stewardship (Interior)	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.0
Uses and Activities and Sociability (Max 5.0)	2.4	1.8	2.8	2.6	5.0	4.4	3.6	1.5	4.0	3.8	3.5	3.0	5.0	3.3
Mix of uses/things to do	1	1	3	3	5	5	4	1	4	4	4	4	5	3.4
Level of Activity	5	1	2	4	5	4	5	1	4	3	4	3	5	3.5
Sense of pride/ownership	3	3	4	3	5	5	5	2	4	4	3	3	5	3.8
Programming Flexibility	1	2	2	2	5	5	3	2	4	4	3	2	5	3.1
Ability of Facility to Effectively Support Organized Programming	2	-	-	1	5	3	1	-	4	4	-	-	5	3.1
Environmental Sustainability (Max 5.0)	1.7	2.3	2.7	3.3	4.7	4.7	4.0	2.0	4.0	4.0	3.5	2.7	4.3	3.4
Stormwater Management	3	4	4	4	5	5	4	4	4	4	4	3	5	4.1
Multi-modal Capacity	1	2	3	3	5	5	4	1	5	4	3	3	4	3.3
Facility Energy Efficiency	1	1	1	3	4	4	4	1	3	-	-	2	4	2.5
Buildings/Architecture (Max 5.0)						3.8								4.4
Image and Aesthetics	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.0
Clarity of Entry and Connections to Park	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.0
Interior Finishes and Furniture and Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.0
Building Enclosure	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.0
Building Systems	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.0
Average Score Without Building/Architecture (Max 5)	2.3	2.1	3.0	2.9	4.7	4.6	4.3	2.1	3.7	3.7	3.0	3.3	4.3	
Average Score with/for Building/Architecture (Max 5)						4.4								
Overall Average														3.4

Figure 2.2 Site Evaluation Summary Map



Park System Observation Summary

Overall, the City of New Port Richey's park system appears to be meeting expectations and providing residents and visitors with an acceptable recreational experience. This is represented by the overall average system score of a 3.4 noted in Figure 2.1. Ten of the thirteen visited parks scored in the range of 3.0 – 4.7 (Meeting and Exceeding Expectations). Three of the parks scored in the range of 2.1 to 2.3 (Not Meeting Expectations).

The highest scoring park was Sims Park (4.7). As such, it displays many great qualities and principles that should be integrated throughout the City's park system. Sims Park meets expectations in Proximity/Access/Linkages (4.0) and Environmental Sustainability (4.7) and exceeds expectations in the categories of Comfort and Image (5.0) and Uses, Activities, and Sociability (5.0). The park provides the best overall first impression, has the highest level of overall quality of maintenance and stewardship

and sense of safety, and provides the highest overall variety of shaded comfortable places to sit. It also provides residents and visitors of all ages with a variety of "things to do" including playing in the large playground for kids of various ages, playing in the splash pad, exercising on the outdoor exercise equipment, walking/ running/ jogging on the paths located throughout the park, picnicking, relaxing on the open lawn areas located under large oak canopy trees, listening to a concert in the amphitheater, and canoeing/ kayaking on the Cotee River.

Sims Park also displays a high sense of pride and ownership from residents and visitors that use the facility, and it provides flexibility and ample space to support programming. The park provides a variety of shelters that appear to be ample for large gatherings and provide refuge during inclement weather. This is particularly important in Florida where severe weather such as heavy rains and thunderstorms can develop quickly. These shelters also provide refuge from the hot Florida sun which can lead to uncomfortable conditions, especially for small children and seniors.

Sims Park connects well to the surrounding neighborhood through sidewalks, parking, ample visibility into the park, and appropriate lighting. The park also displays good Environmental Sustainability (4.7) characteristics with ecological treatment of stormwater in the park, use of energy efficient fixtures, and multi-modal access via walking and bicycling through low-stress streets and sidewalks that lead into the park.

The lowest scoring parks were Russ Park and Orange Grove Park (2.1). They scored poorly in all the categories and display qualities and principles that the City should try to avoid in its parks. In the Proximity/Access/Linkages category, they scored poorly due to the lack of signage, ADA compliant facilities, and lighting. In the Comfort

Sims Park



and Image category, they scored poorly due to their unattractive overall first impressions and lack of comfortable and shaded places to sit. It is important to note that the grounds in both parks are actually well mowed and maintained. However, the limited amenities present in both parks are outdated and in poor condition, which negatively influenced the appearance of the parks.

In the Uses and Activities and Sociability category, the parks scored poorly due to the lack of “things to do”, low levels of activity, and limited flexibility for programming. Lastly, in the Environmental Sustainability category, the parks scored poorly due to their inability to be accessed by residents through multiple means of transportation (e.g. no safe bicycle routes or parking, no sidewalks to get to the park, and no parking spaces), and lack of facility energy efficient amenities.

In addition to looking at how specific parks scored, it is important to examine how the

parks system as a whole scored in each of the categories and sub-categories. As noted in Figure 2.1, most of the categories and subcategories scored between the range of 3.1 and 3.9 (Meeting Expectations). However, there were a few subcategories that scored particularly high and others that scored particularly low.

The subcategories that scored high included cleanliness/overall quality of maintenance (exterior) (4.0), cleanliness/overall quality of maintenance (interior) (5.0), evidence of management/stewardship (interior) (5.0), stormwater management (4.1), and Buildings/Architecture (4.4), image and aesthetic (4.0), clarity of entry and connections to park (5.0), and interior finishes and furniture and equipment (4.0). Most of these subcategories deal with park and building upkeep and maintenance. The high scores are an indication of how well the City's Parks and Recreation Department and Public Works Department are maintaining the City's parks and park buildings. This in turn, encourages park users and visitors to be good stewards of the park, which leads to great looking parks.

Subcategories that scored the lowest were clarity of information/signage and facility energy efficiency. Most of the signage in the City's parks is limited to a park monument sign. Many of the parks lack park amenity signage and wayfinding, park regulatory signage, and system-wide signage and wayfinding. The City is currently implementing a City-wide wayfinding program, which should include park directional and entrance signs. Additionally, the City should continue to upgrade as many park features as possible to be energy and water efficient.

As noted previously, detailed observations for each of the parks can be found in Chapter 3: Long-Range Vision and Implementation Strategy, which have been integrated into the park improvement recommendations.

Russ Park



2.2 Existing Level of Service Analysis

There is no industry standard or regulation regarding how a community should establish Levels of Service (LOS) for parks and recreation services. Both the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) and the Florida State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) have discontinued the exclusive use of traditional population-based LOS standards such as park acres and facilities per 1,000 residents. Instead, cities are encouraged to conduct community-wide needs assessments and benchmark themselves against other similar communities in order to establish their own LOS standards. The National Recreation and Parks Association has developed its benchmarking website PRORAGIS, and SCORP publishes regional LOS averages around the state to assist local communities in establishing their LOS.

For the City of New Port Richey, three different LOS methods were used to determine how well the City's parks and recreation system is meeting residents' needs:

- **Acreage LOS:** Measures the quantity of parkland acreage that is available per 1,000 residents.
- **Facilities LOS:** Measures the number of recreation facilities available per capita.
- **Access LOS:** Measures the geographic areas served by parks or recreation facilities.

Acreage Level of Service

The City's Comprehensive Plan establishes a total LOS target of 6 acres of park land per 1,000 residents. This 6-acre target is divided into two acreage categories: 5 acres per 1,000 residents for "Local Parks" and 1 acre per 1,000 residents for Open Space. Local Parks are defined in the Comprehensive Plan as Mini-Parks, Neighborhood Parks, Community Parks, Linear Parks, and Special Purpose Facilities. These are the parks that allow the development of recreation facilities such as ball fields, playgrounds, sports courts, and dog parks. Open Space is defined in the Comprehensive Plan as undeveloped lands suitable for passive recreation, leisure, or conservation uses. Types of open space include undeveloped parkland, lakes, rivers, wetlands and floodplains, Conservation and Preservation designated lands on the Future Land Use Map, plazas, and beautified corridors. Recreation facilities such as ball fields, playgrounds, sports courts, and dog parks are typically not permitted to be built in these types of parks. As noted in Figure 1.10, the City of New Port Richey has a total of 154.50 acres of park land, 26.16 acres of which are considered Open Space and 128.34 Local Parks.

Figure 2.3 below analyzes the City's park acreage LOS using the population estimates for the years 2015 and 2020. Park land acreage is organized into three categories 1) Total Park Acreage, 2) Local Parks and, 3) Open Space.

Based on the City's Acreage LOS target of 6 acres per 1,000 population, it appears that there may not be a need to acquire additional parkland in the near future. Furthermore, based on the City's Local Park target of 5 acres per 1,000 residents and Open Space target of 1 acre per 1,000 residents, it appears that there may not be a need for the City to acquire additional Local Parks or Open Space Parks. However, this analysis does not consider the differences in the distribution of park acreage between the various parts of the City, which is discussed in the section below regarding "Access Level of Service".

Figure 2.3: City of New Port Richey Acreage Level of Service Analysis

Park Acreage Calculation			2015* 15,260			2020** 17,668		
			2015 Acres per 1,000 population	2015 Target Acreage	Acreage Need / Surplus	2020 Acres per 1,000 population	2020 Target Acreage	Acreage Need / Surplus
Total Park Acreage	154.50	6.00	10.1	91.56	63	8.7	106.01	48
Local Parks	128.34	5.0	8.4	76.30	52	7.3	88.34	40
Open Space	26.16	1.0	1.7	15.26	11	1.5	17.67	8

* Source: US Census

^ Source: City of New Port Richey Comprehensive Plan

It is often useful to compare a city's target Acreage LOS to national acreage LOS benchmarks. Figure 2.4 below identifies the National Acreage LOS Median for Agencies with Population Density's similar to the City of New Port Richey. This Acreage LOS is 12.9 acres per 1,000 population. When looking at the City's total park land, the City of New Port Richey's current Acreage LOS is higher than the City's target of 6.0 acres per 1,000 population but below the National Median Acreage benchmark of 12.9 acres per 1,000 people. To match the National Median Acreage LOS benchmark, the City would need to acquire approximately 42 acres based on 2015 population figures. Factoring in population growth, the analysis shows that the projected Acreage LOS for 2020 will remain higher than the City's target but below the National Median Acreage LOS. The City would need to acquire approximately 73 acres by the year 2020 to match the National Median Acreage LOS benchmark.

When only looking at park acreage that allows the development of recreation facilities, the City of New Port Richey's current Acreage LOS is higher than the City's target of 5.0 acres per 1,000 population but below the National Median Acreage benchmark of 12.9 acres per 1,000 people. To match the National Median Acreage LOS benchmark, the City would need to acquire approximately 69 acres based on 2015 population figures. Factoring in population growth, the analysis shows that the projected Acreage LOS for 2020 will remain higher than the City's target but below the National Median Acreage LOS. The City would need to acquire approximately 100 acres by the year 2020 to match the National Median Acreage LOS benchmark.

Figure 2.4: National Recreation and Parks Association PRORAGIS National Median Acreage LOS

Park Acreage Calculation				2015*			2020**		
	Acreage	New Port Richey Comprehensive Plan Acreage LOS Target (X /1,000 Population)	National Acreage LOS for Agencies with Population Densities between 1,501 and 2,500 per Square Mile	2015 Acres per 1,000 population	2015 National Acreage LOS Median Target Acreage	Acreage Need / Surplus	2020 Acres per 1,000 population	2020 National Acreage LOS Median Target Acreage	Acreage Need / Surplus
Total Park Acreage	154.50	6.00	12.9	10.1	196.85	(42)	8.7	227.92	(73)
Local Parks	128.34	5.0	12.9	8.4	196.85	(69)	7.3	227.92	(100)
Open Space	26.16	1.0	-	1.7	15.26	11	1.5	17.67	8

* Source: US Census

^ Source: City of New Port Richey Comprehensive Plan

Analyses of population to park acreage alone provides mixed results. When comparing the City's existing Acreage LOS to the City's Comprehensive Plan target of 6.0 acres per 1,000 residents for total park land and 5.0 acres per 1,000 for local parks, the analysis suggests that the City may not have to acquire any additional park land through the year 2020. When comparing the City's existing Acreage LOS to the National Median Benchmark of 12.9 acres per 1,000 residents, the analysis suggests that the City may have to acquire additional park land through the year 2020. Findings from Chapter 2: Needs Assessment, may provide additional guidance on this need.

Facilities Level of Service

Each community must establish its own standards for Facilities LOS, expressed as the number of facilities required to serve the population. The City of New Port Richey's Comprehensive Plan does include Facilities LOS targets for Swimming Pools, Basketball Courts, Tennis Courts, Baseball/softball Diamond, Picnic Areas, Shuffleboard Courts, Multi-use trails, fishing sites, and boat ramps. Figure 2.5 below lists these targets and analyzes the City's Facilities LOS using the population estimate for 2015 and the population projection for 2020.

In addition to the City's Facilities LOS targets, a Facilities LOS target for Pickleball Courts is included in Figure 2.5. This Facilities LOS target is based on the Barth Associates Team's experience working with

communities throughout the State of Florida. It is important to note that the City has not adopted this particular Facilities LOS target. It is merely being used as a benchmark for this phase of the project.

Figure 2.5: City of New Port Richey Facilities Level of Service Analysis

Facility Type	City of New Port Richey Comprehensive Plan Facilities Level of Service (1 per X persons)	Number of City of New Port Richey Facilities	Need Based on 2015 Population		Need Based on 2020 Population	
			Need	Surplus / Surplus to meet City LOS Target	Need	Surplus / Surplus to meet City LOS Target
Basketball Courts^	5,000	5	3	1.95	4	1.47
Boat Ramp Lanes	5,000	2	3	(1)	4	(2)
Diamond Field Sports	3,000	4	5	(1)	6	(2)
Picnic Areas	6,000	10	3	7	3	7
Shuffleboard Courts	5,000	0	3	(3)	4	(4)
Swimming Pools	25,000	4	1	3	1	3
Tennis Courts	2,000	4	8	(4)	9	(5)
Fishing Sites (Feet)*	800 per 5,600	8,870	2,180	6,690	2,524	6,346
Multi-Use Trails (Mile)*	3,000	3	9	(6)	10	(7)
Pickleball Courts^	2,000	2	8	(6)	9	(7)

*Source: City of New Port Richey Comprehensive Plan

^Indoor courts are counted as 50% due to their temporary availability.

Based on the City's Facilities LOS targets, it appears that there may be a need for additional Basketball Courts, Boat Ramp Lanes, Diamond Field Sports, Shuffleboard Courts, Tennis Courts, and Multi-Use Trails. Additionally, based on the Facilities LOS target used by the Barth Associates Team for Pickleball Courts, it appears that there may be a need for additional Pickleball Courts.

Comparing the City's existing and future Facilities LOS to state and national averages is also a useful way to understand potential needs.

Figure 2.6 below compares available National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) PRORAGIS database national median Facilities LOS standards to the City of New Port Richey's existing and future

Facilities LOS. Out of the 10 facilities included in Figure 2.6, the City of New Port Richey has LOS targets for four of them. Through the City's Parks Master Plan process, the City may wish to establish targets for the other six facilities. This would be discussed in the Visioning phase of the project

Figure 2.6: National Recreation and Parks Association PRORAGIS Facilities LOS Benchmarking

National Recreation and Parks Association PRORAGIS Benchmark	City of New Port Richey Facilities		National Median Level of Service (1 per X persons)	2015	2020
	City of New Port Richey Facilities	City of New Port Richey Facilities LOS (1 per X persons)		2015 City of New Port Richey Facilities Level of Service (1 per X persons)	2020 City of New Port Richey Facilities Level of Service (1 per X persons)
Diamond Fields	4	3,000	3,333	3,815	4,417
Rectangle Fields	0	0	8,124	0	0
Playgrounds	6	3,000	3,899	2,543	2,945
Dog Parks	1	15,000	53,915	15,260	17,668
Tennis Courts	4	2,000	4,413	3,815	4,417
Basketball Courts*	5	5,000	7,526	3,052	3,534
Indoor Recreation Center	1	15,000	24,804	15,260	17,668
Swimming Pools	4	25,000	33,660	3,815	4,417
Senior Center	1	15,000	50,000	15,260	17,668
Golf Course (population per 9 holes)	0	0	26,288	0	0

*Indoor Basketball Courts are counted as 50% due to their temporary availability.

When compared to NRPA's PRORAGIS database, it appears that the City's existing and projected Facilities LOS are lower than the national **median** for most recreation facilities through the year 2020, except Basketball Courts. This means that when compared to other park systems throughout the nation with similar population densities, the City of New Port Richey may not have a need for most additional facilities. The Facilities LOS for Basketball Courts however, is above the national median after the year 2020, which may suggest that the City of New Port Richey may have a need for additional Basketball Courts. Additionally, the City currently does not have any Rectangle Fields or Golf Courses. While in the past it appears that the City may not have had a need for these facilities, this Facilities LOS techniques

suggest that the City may have a need for these facilities. The findings from this Facilities LOS technique will be compared to the findings from other techniques to confirm these needs.

Figure 2.7 below benchmarks the City of New Port Richey's outdoor facilities to available Florida Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) Facilities LOS for agencies in Florida's Central West Region for the years 2015 and 2020.

Figure 2.7: Florida Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan Facilities LOS Benchmarking for Facilities in the Central West Region

Outdoor Facility Type	Central West Region LOS X/1000 Participants	Number of City of New Port Richey Facilities	Need Based on Participants in 2015	Need / Surplus to meet Central West Region LOS	Need Based on Participants in 2020	Need / Surplus to meet Central West Region LOS
Baseball Fields	1.04	4	2.38	1.62	2.76	1.24
Outdoor Basketball Courts	1.43	4	2.84	1.16	3.28	0.72
Football Fields	0.57	0	0.87	(0.87)	1.01	(1.01)
Tennis Courts	1.31	4	2.20	1.80	2.55	1.45
Soccer Fields	0.54	0	0.91	(0.91)	1.05	(1.05)
Outdoor Swimming Pools	0.06	4	0.27	3.73	0.31	3.69
Paved Trails (Miles)	0.09	3	0.55	2.45	0.64	2.36
Fresh Water Boat Ramps (Lanes)	0.16	2	0.49	1.51	0.57	1.43
Picnic Areas	3.22	10	19.65	(9.65)	22.76	(12.76)

This analysis suggests that the City may have a need for additional Outdoor Basketball Courts and Picnic areas.

Access Level of Service

Access LOS measures the distance residents have to travel to access parks and recreation facilities. It is used to understand how park access varies between different neighborhoods in a city. Similar to other LOS metrics, each community must determine its own standards. Access LOS may be determined based on recreational lifestyles, land use patterns, transportation networks, population densities and/or other variables.

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The City of New Port Richey's Comprehensive Plan establishes Access LOS standards for the six park categories. It suggests that residents should be able to reach a neighborhood park within ½ mile and a mini-park within ¼ of a mile. The rest of the park categories, specifically community parks, linear parks, special use facilities, and open spaces have a city-wide Access LOS. Informed by the City's Comprehensive Plan, the following distances were used to analyze Access LOS for the City's park system:

- All Parks – 1/4 mile, 1/2 mile, and 1 mile
- Mini Parks – 1/4 mile and Neighborhood + Community + Linear + Special Use Parks - 1/2 mile

Access LOS analyses for recreation facilities were also conducted. Facilities chosen for analysis include some of those that were identified in previous LOS techniques. The analyses distances were determined based on industry best practices. It should be noted that this analysis considers US 19 as a barrier. Following are the recreation facilities analyzed along with the distance parameters:

- Picnic Areas – 1/2 mile and 1 mile
- Basketball Courts – 1/2 mile and 1 mile
- Tennis Courts – 1/2 mile and 1 mile
- Pickleball Courts – 1/2 mile and 1 mile

Figures 2.8 – 2.20 in subsequent pages illustrate where the gaps appear to be in the City based on the above-noted analyses. Figure 2.8 below provides a summary of these findings. Specifically, this summary suggests that while the City overall may have a need for all of the parks analyzed, the degree of need may be less based on the Access LOS Analysis distance used. The appropriate Access LOS distance that the City should establish will be further discussed in Chapter 4: Long Range Vision.

Figure 2.8 – Summary of Park Needs Based on Access LOS Parameters

Distances	Access Level of Service Needs per Distance		
	¼ Mile	½ Mile	1 Mile
Parks Analyzed	Takeaways from Access LOS		
All Parks	Most City residents do not have access to parks	More than half of the City's residents have access to parks	All City residents have access to parks
Mini Parks + Neighborhood Parks	More than half of the City's residents have access to parks that function as Mini Parks and Neighborhood Park		
Picnic Areas	N/A	More than half of the City's residents have access to Picnic Areas	Most City's residents have access to Picnic Areas
Basketball Courts	N/A	Most City residents do not have access to Basketball Courts	More than half of the City's residents have access to Basketball Courts
Tennis Courts	N/A	Most City residents do not have access to Tennis Courts	Less than half of the City's residents have access to Tennis Courts
Pickleball Courts	N/A	Most City residents do not have access to Pickleball Courts	Less than half of the City's residents have access to Pickleball Courts
Playgrounds	N/A	Less than half of the City's residents have access to a Playground	Most City residents have access to a Playground

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Figure 2.9 – All Parks – 1/4 Mile Access LOS

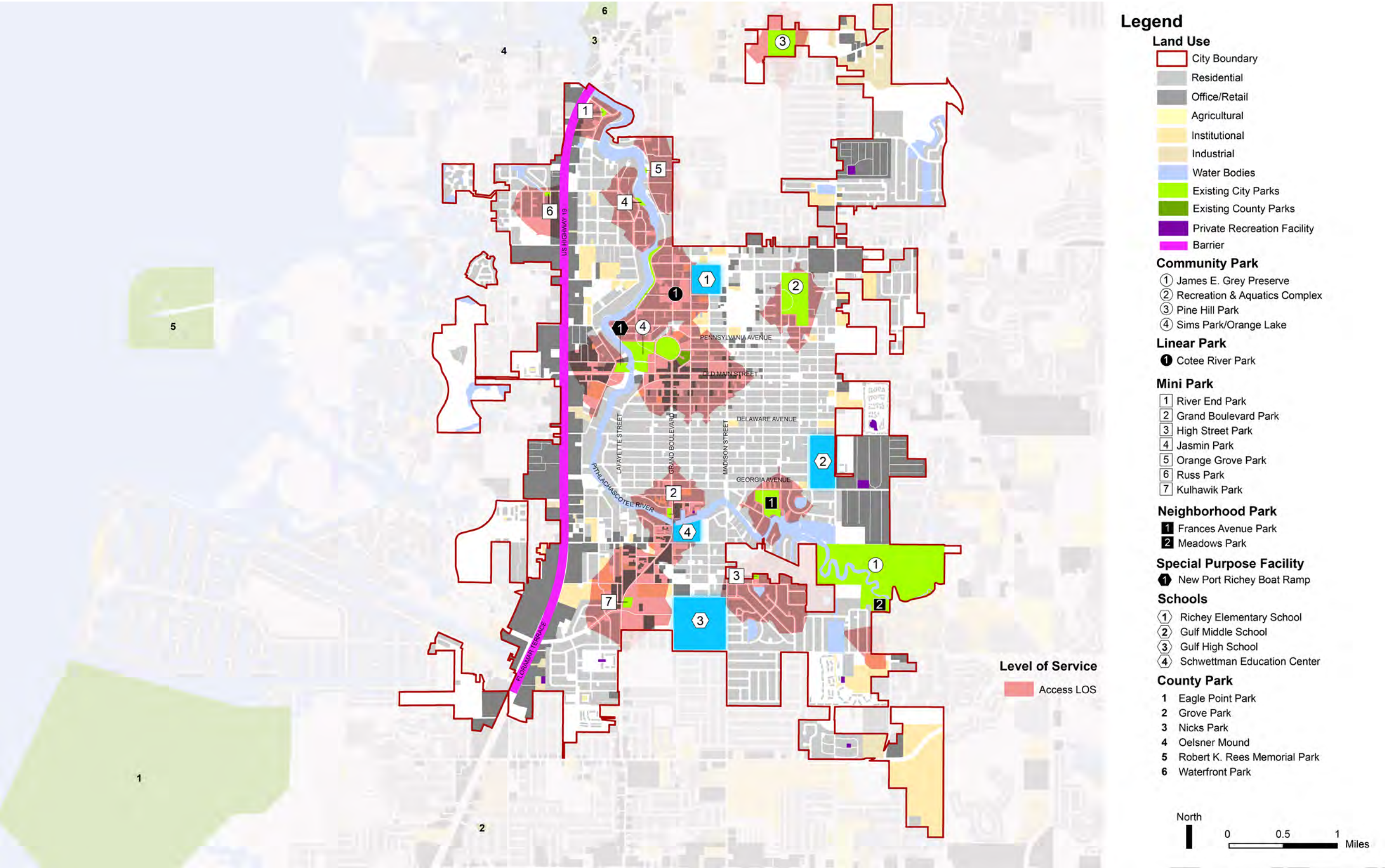


Figure 2.10 – All Parks – 1/2 Mile Access LOS

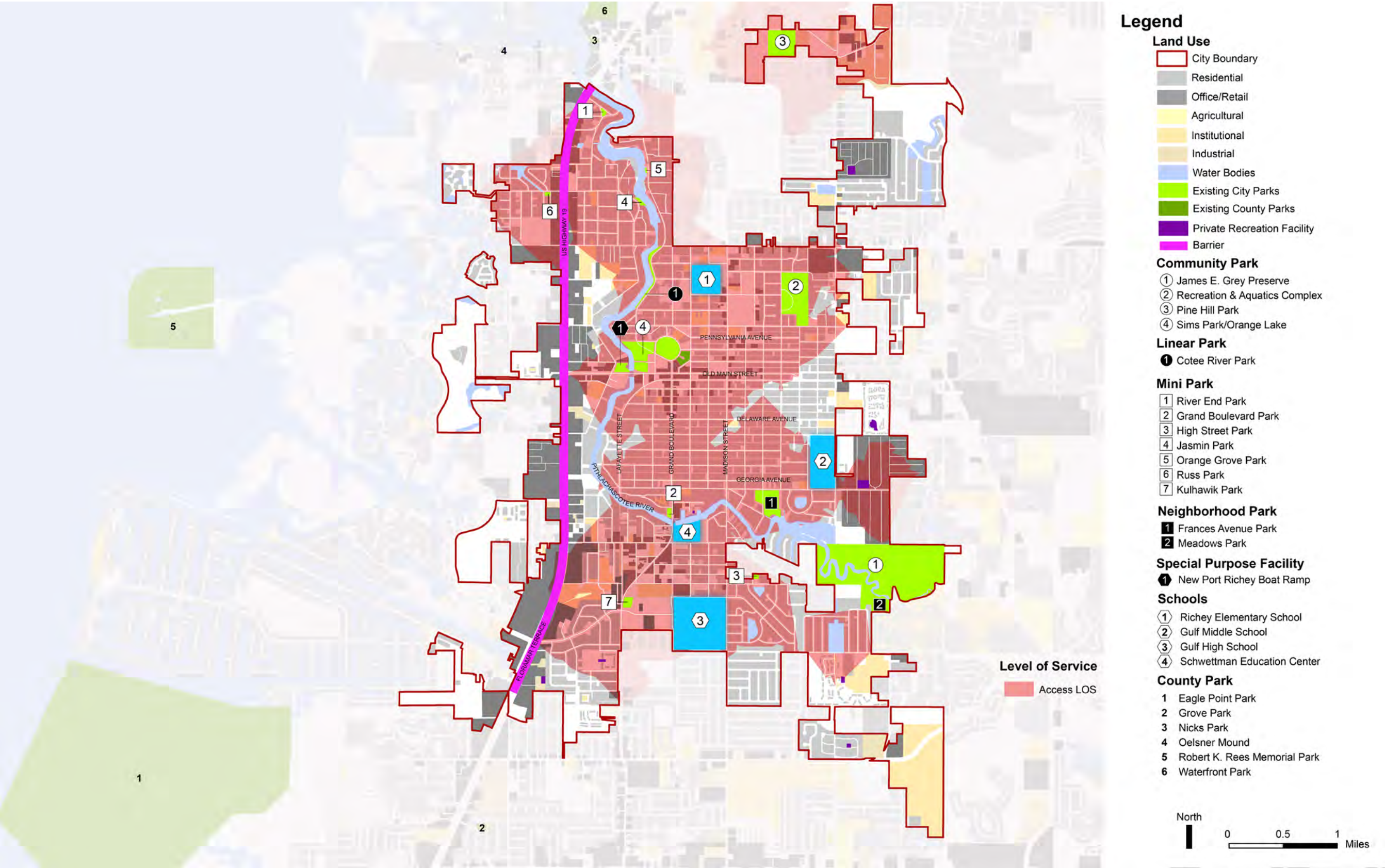


Figure 2.11 – All Parks – 1 Mile Access LOS

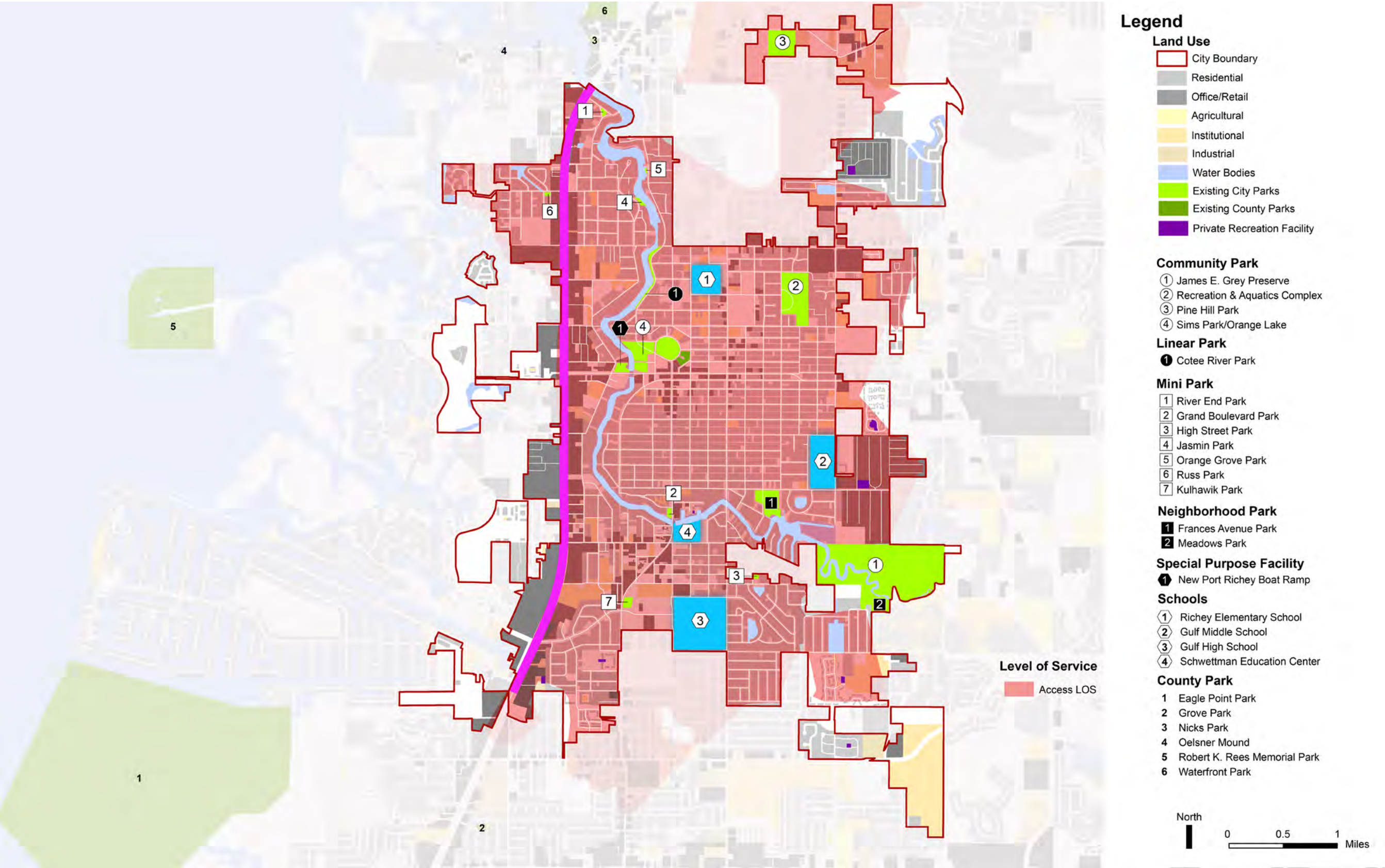


Figure 2.12 – Mini Parks – 1/4 Mile Access LOS and Neighborhood + Community + Linear + Special Use Parks - 1/2 Mile

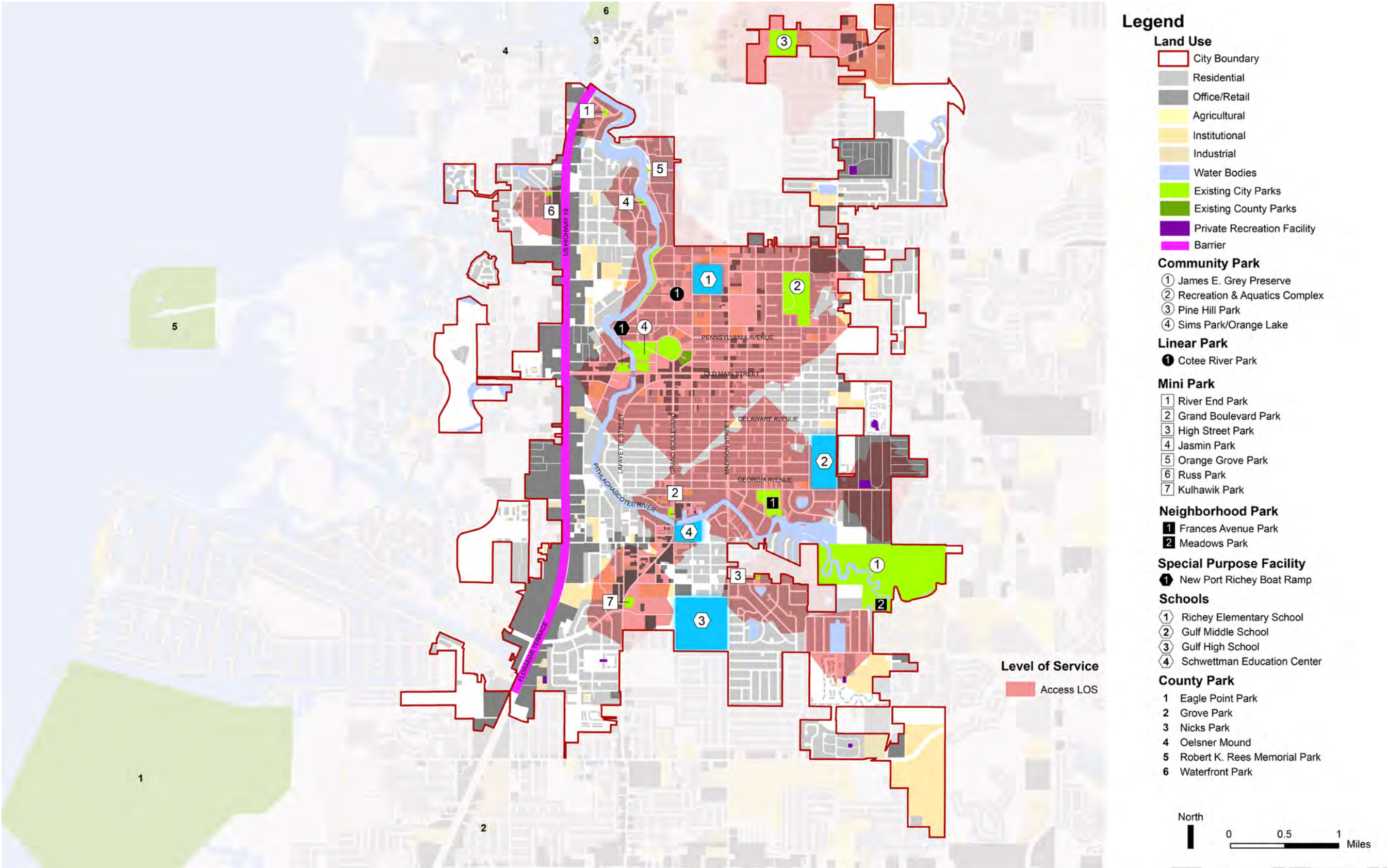


Figure 2.13 – Picnic Areas – 1/2 Mile Access LOS

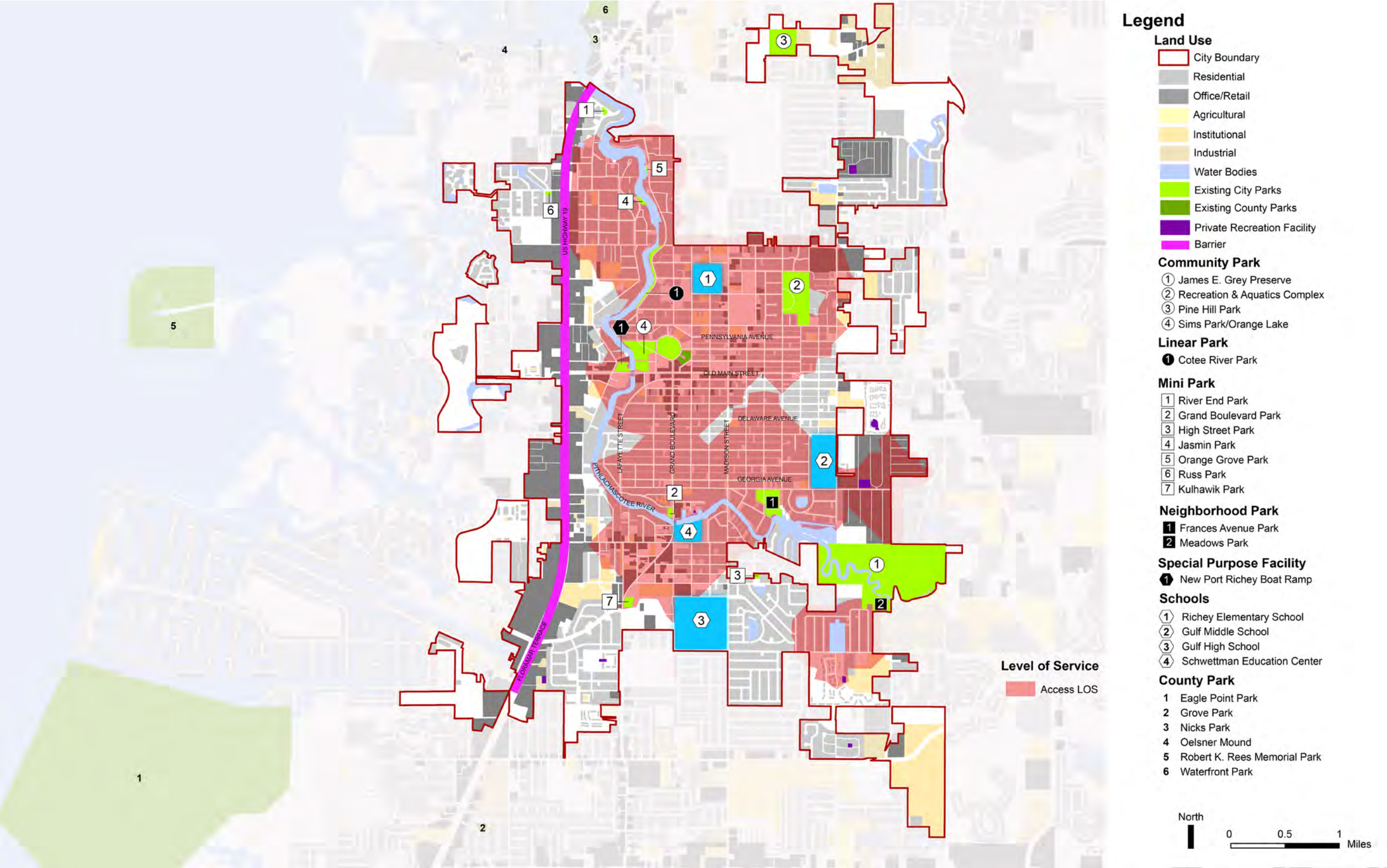


Figure 2.14 – Picnic Areas – 1 Mile Access LOS

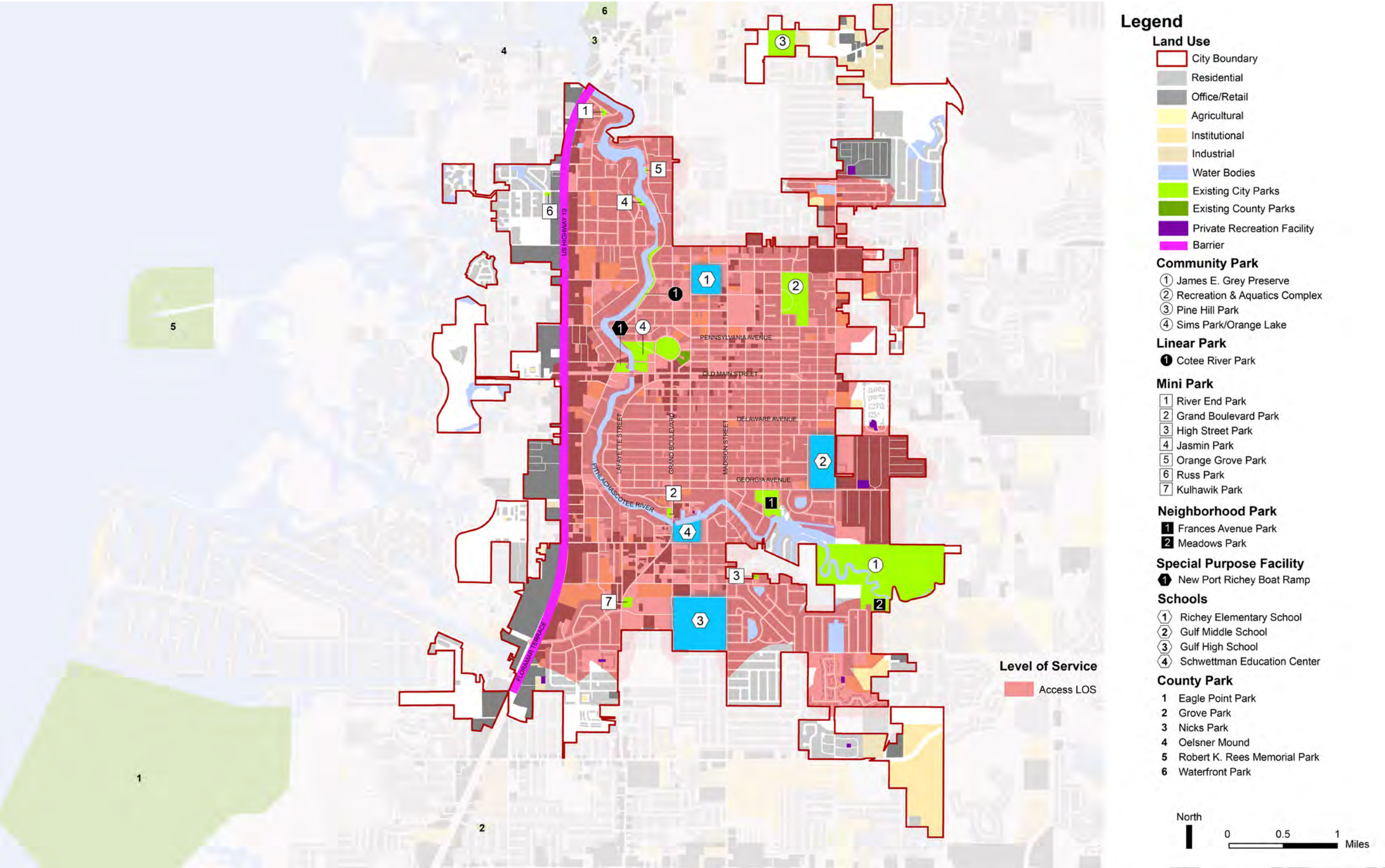


Figure 2.15 – Basketball Courts – 1/2 Mile Access LOS

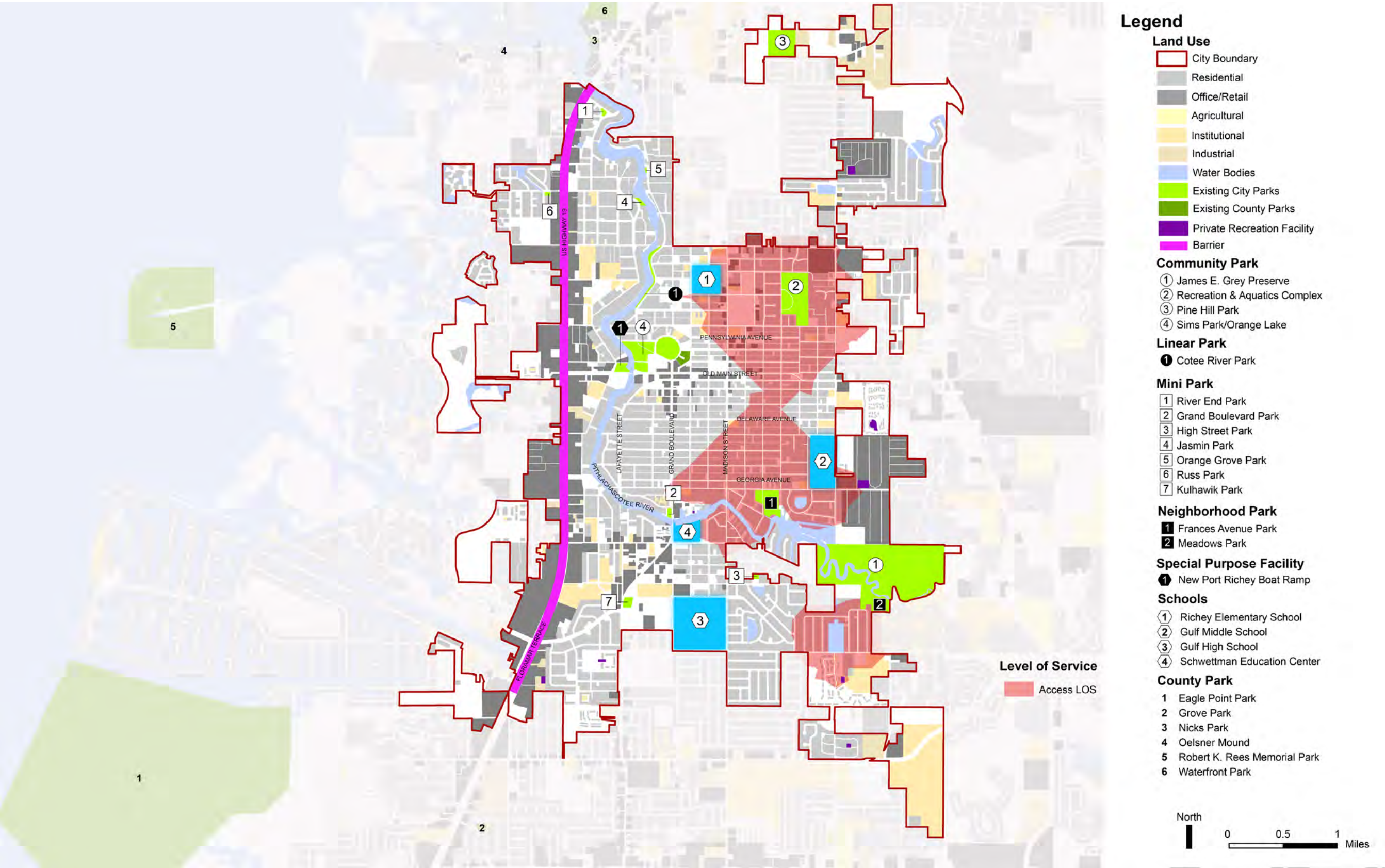


Figure 2.16 – Basketball Courts – 1 Mile Access LOS

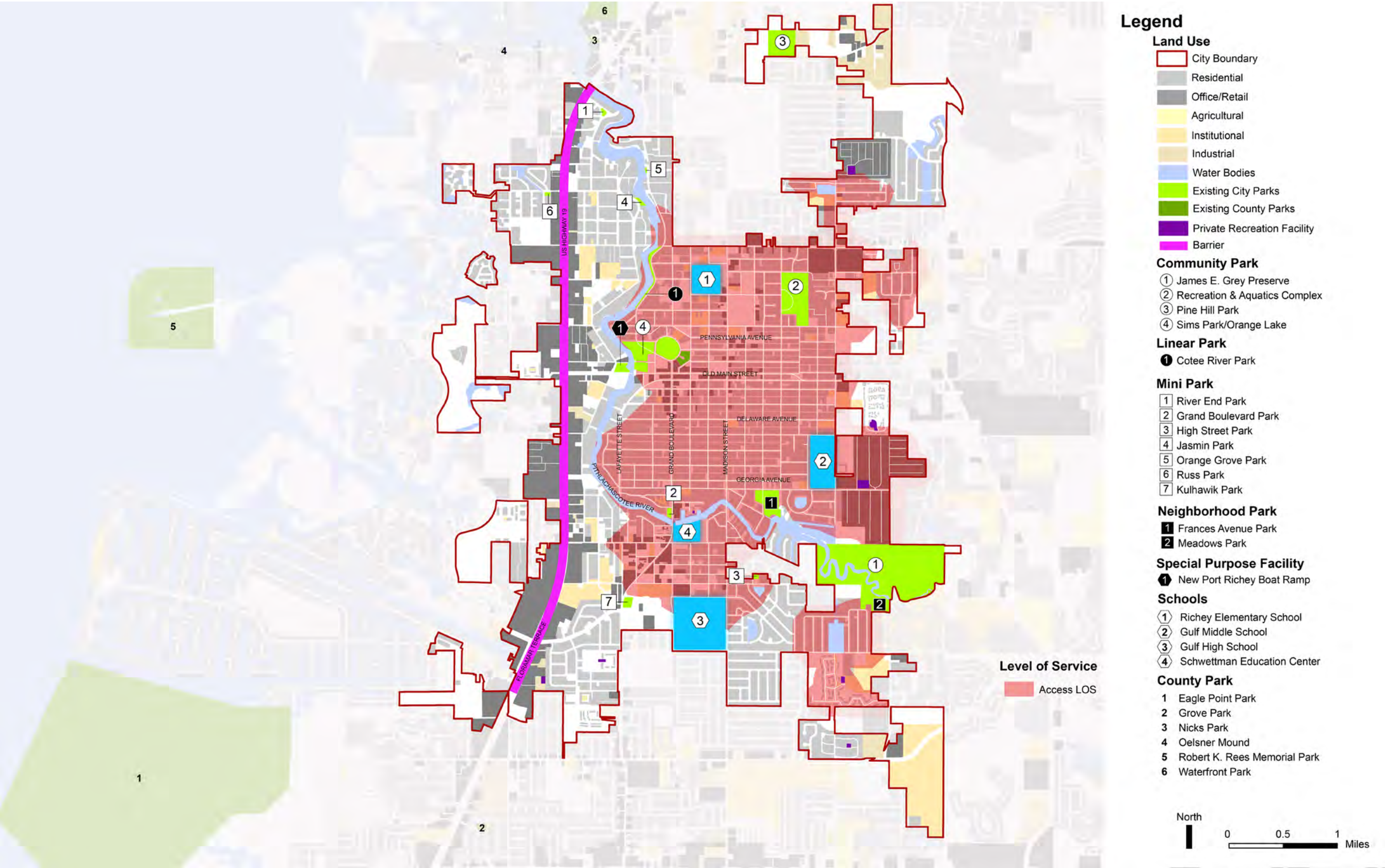


Figure 2.17 – Tennis Courts – 1/2 Mile Access LOS

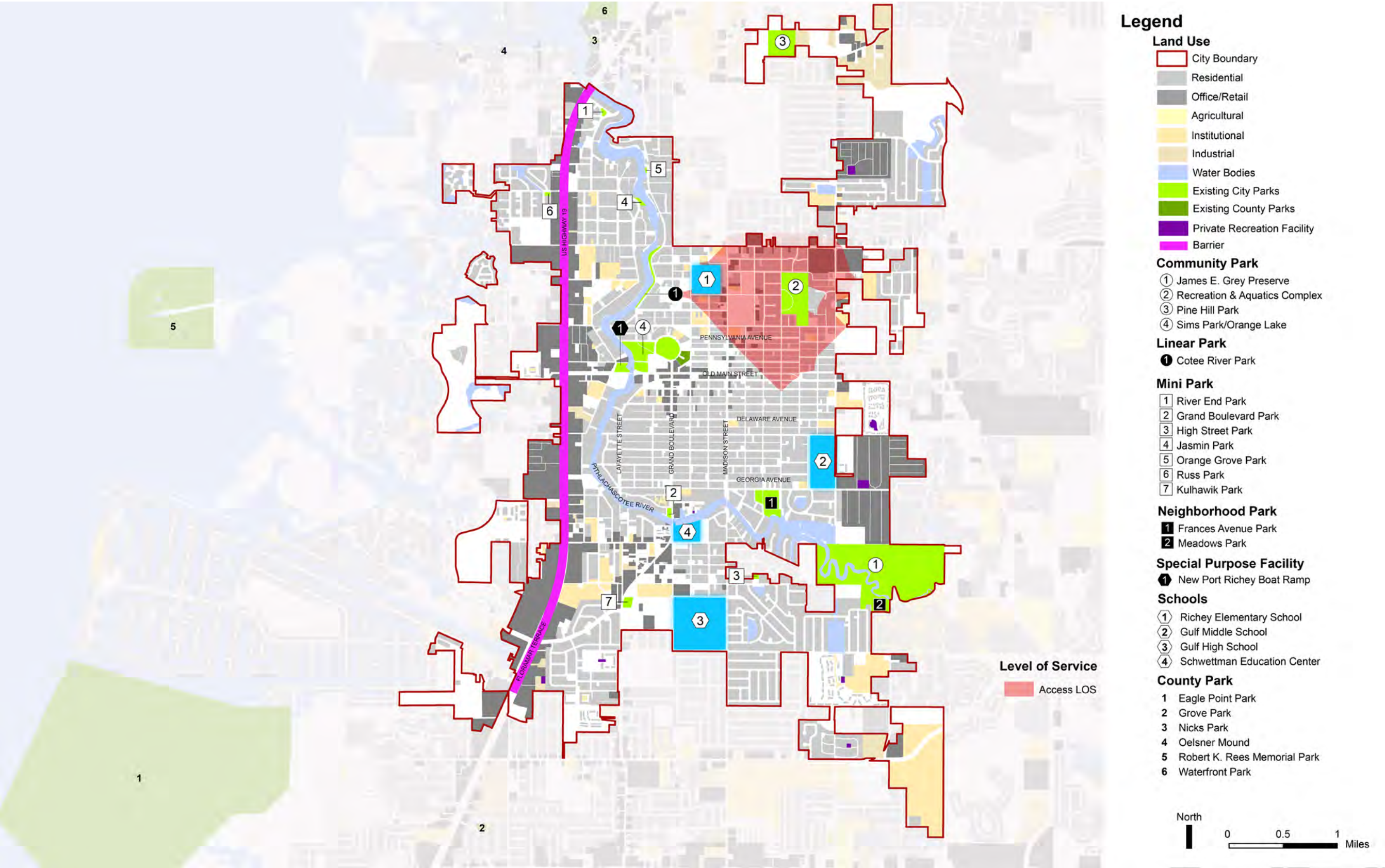


Figure 2.18 – Tennis Courts – 1 Mile Access LOS

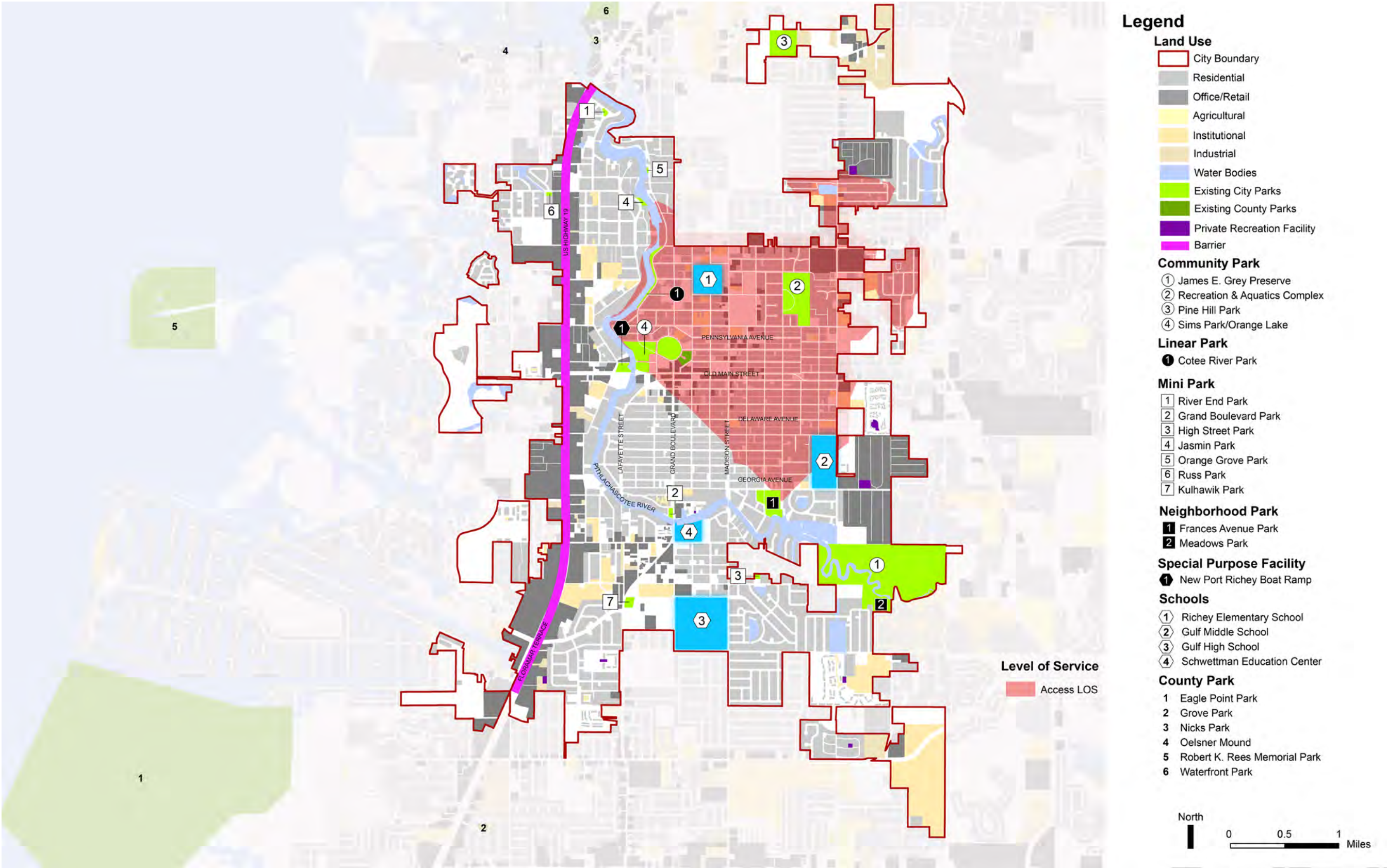


Figure 2.19 – Pickleball Courts – 1/2 Mile Access LOS

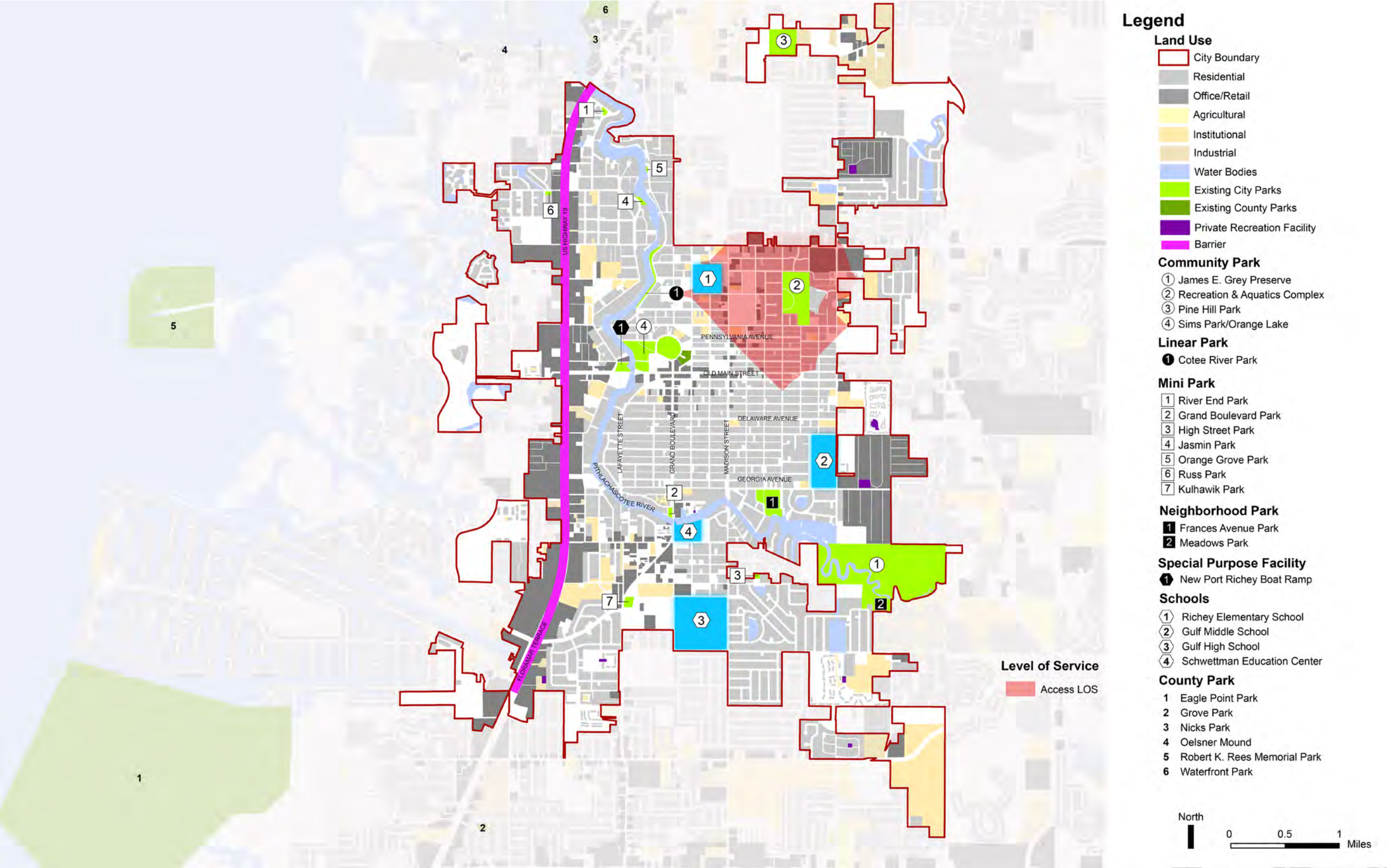


Figure 2.20 – Pickleball Courts – 1 Mile Access LOS

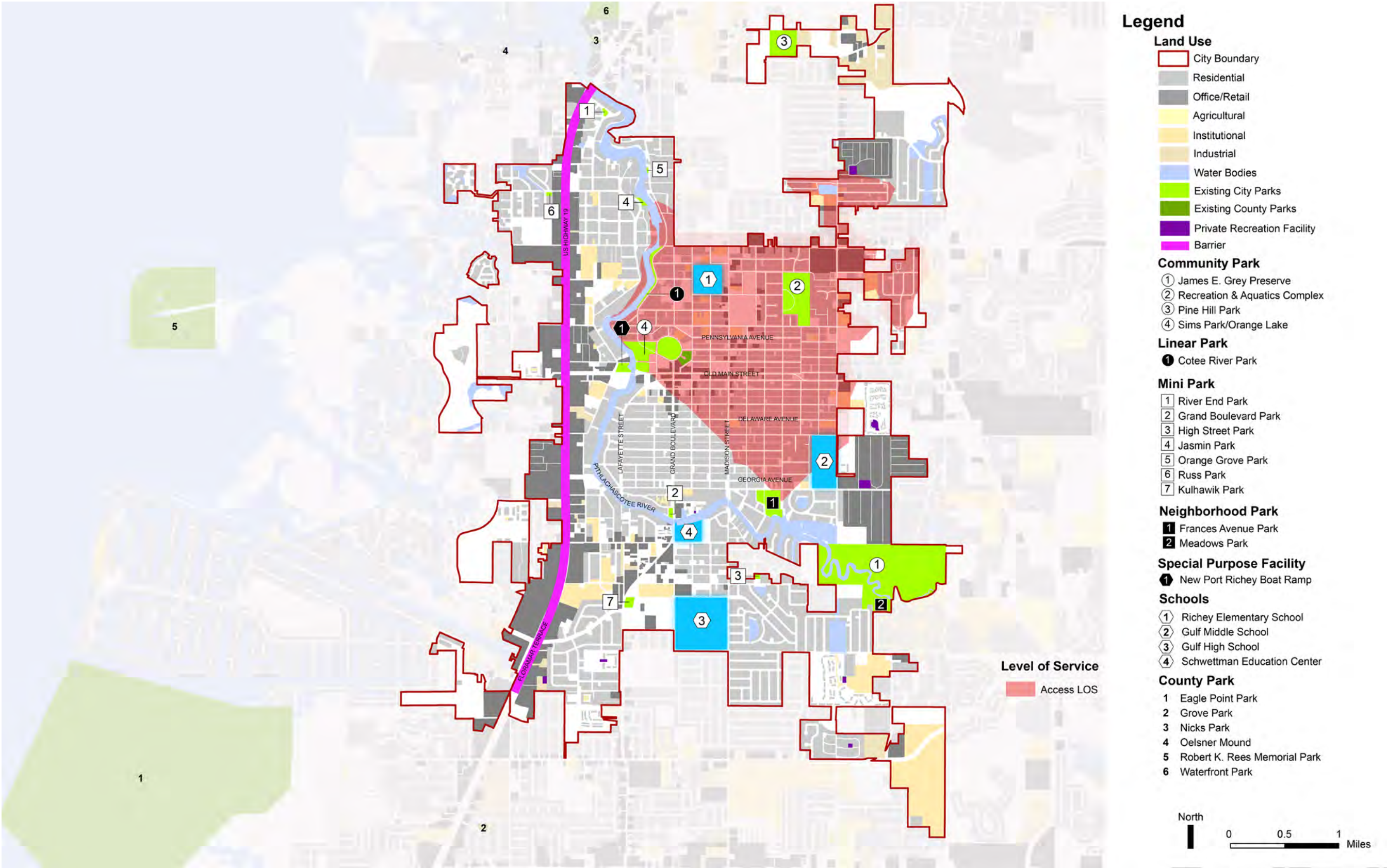


Figure 2.21 – Playgrounds– 1/2 Mile Access LOS

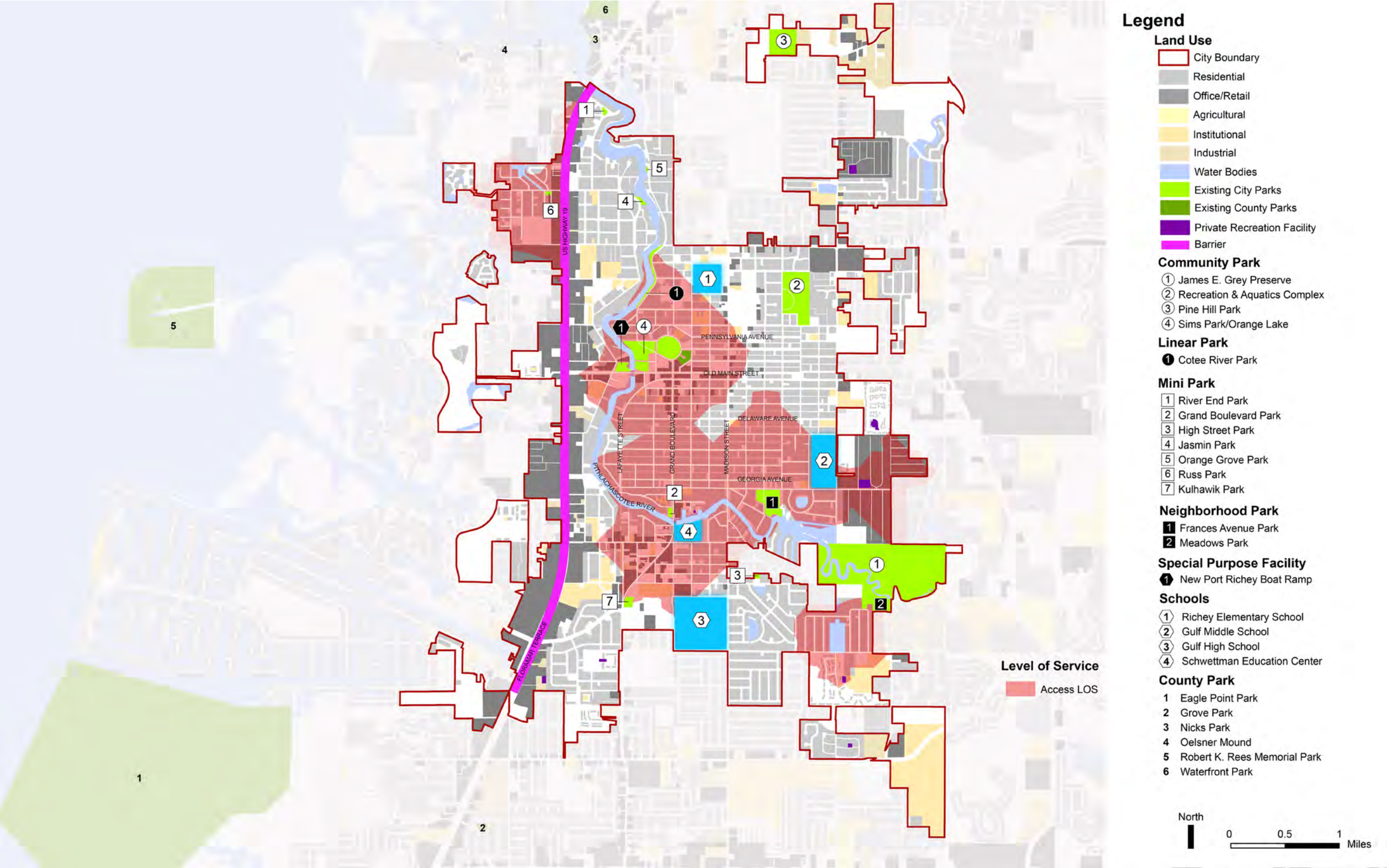
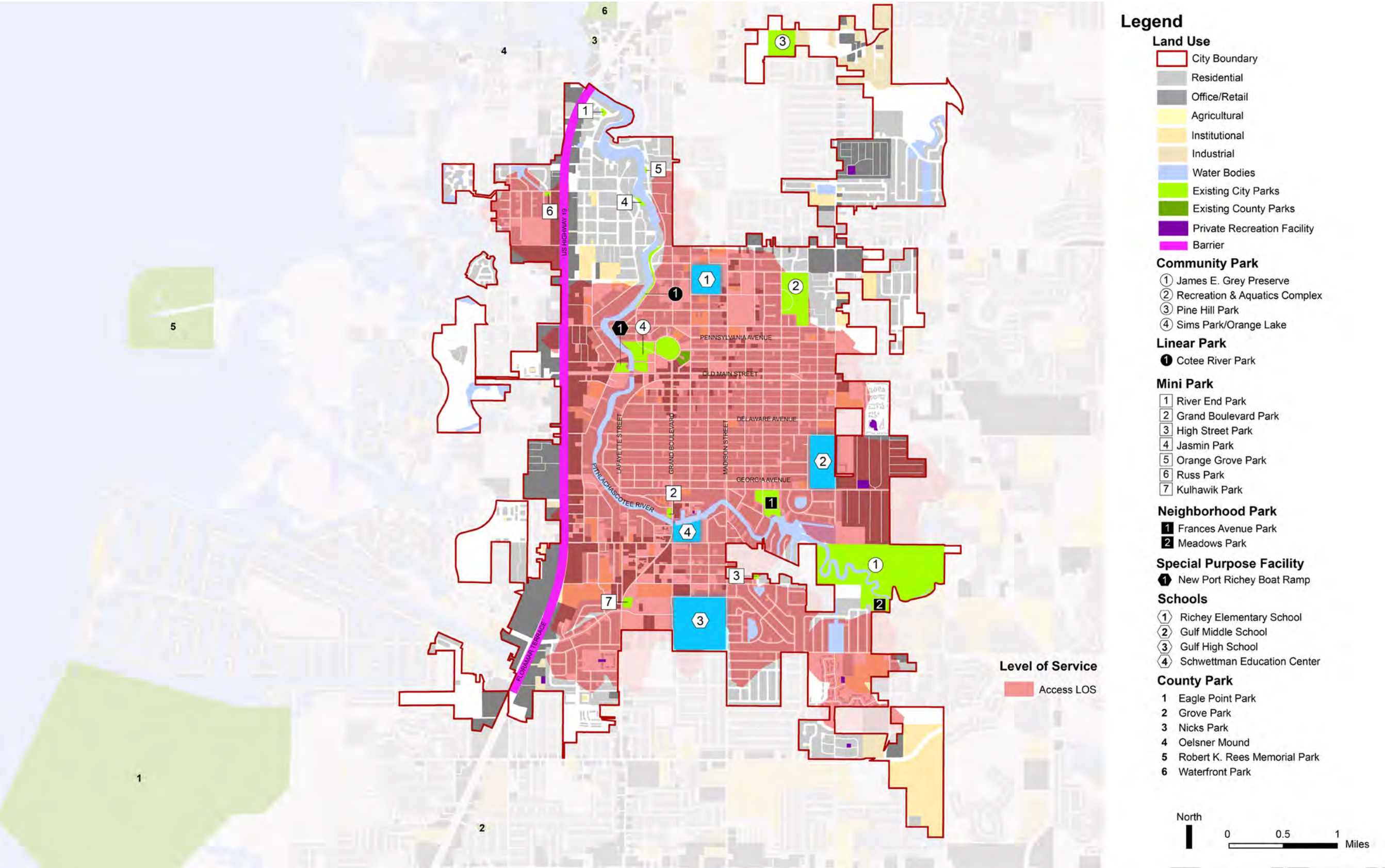


Figure 2.22 – Playgrounds – 1 Mile Access LOS



Level-of-Service Analysis

While the City appears to have sufficient park acreage when compared to the City's Acreage LOS target, it is below the National Median Benchmark.

- Based on the City's Access LOS targets, parks do not appear to be equitably distributed throughout the City, which may suggest the need to acquire additional park land to address these gaps or change the City's Access LOS standards
- Facilities that the City may have a need for in the future may include:
 - Basketball Courts
 - Rectangle Fields
 - Diamond Fields
 - Boat Ramp Lanes
 - Multi-Purpose Trails
 - Tennis Courts
 - Pickleball Courts
 - Shuffleboard Courts

2.3 Statistically Representative Survey

Overview and Methodology

ETC Institute administered a needs assessment survey for the City of New Port Richey during the fall of 2016. ETC Institute mailed a survey packet to a random sample of households in the City of New Port Richey. Each survey packet contained a cover letter, a copy of the survey, and a postage-paid return envelope. Residents who received the survey were given the option of returning the survey by mail or completing it on-line at www.NewPortRicheyGov.org.

Ten days after the surveys were mailed, ETC Institute sent emails and placed phone calls

to the households that received the survey to encourage participation. The emails contained a link to the on-line version of the survey to make it easy for residents to complete the survey. To prevent people who were not residents of the City of New Port Richey from participating, everyone who completed the survey on-line was required to enter their home address prior to submitting the survey. ETC Institute then matched the addresses that were entered on-line with the addresses that were originally selected for the random sample. If the address from a survey completed on-line did not match one of the addresses selected for the sample, the on-line survey was not counted.

The goal was to obtain completed surveys from at least 400 residents. The goal was exceeded with a total of 502 residents completing the survey. The overall results for the sample of 502 households have a precision of at least +/-4.4% at the 95% level of confidence. Following is a summary of the findings.

Overall Facility Use and Ratings

Overall Use: Eighty-three percent (83%) of households surveyed indicated they had visited any of the City of New Port Richey parks and/or recreation facilities during the past 12 months. A majority of respondents (55%) made between one and 10 visits during the past year, 12% of respondents made 11 to 19 visits, and a third of respondents (33%) made 20 or more visits.

Ratings: A majority of respondents (68%), who visited a City of New Port Richey park or recreation facility, indicated the physical condition of the park they visited was "excellent". Sixty-eight percent (68%) is more than double the national average of 31%.

Program Participation and Ratings

Overall Participation: Nineteen percent (19%) of households surveyed indicated that they had participated in the City of New Port Richey recreation programs during the past 12 months.

Ratings: A majority of respondents (90%), who participated in a program offered by the City of New Port Richey, indicated the quality of the program was either “excellent” (56%) or “good” (34%). The national averages are nearly a mirrored reversal, a majority of national respondents (53%) indicated the programs they participated in were “good”, while 36% of national respondents indicated the programs they participated in were “excellent”.

Organizations and Facilities Used for Parks and Recreation Programs and Cultural Facilities

Over half of the respondents (57%) indicated their household uses parks and recreation programs and facilities offered by the City of New Port Richey. The top three organizations, not including the City of New Port Richey, households use most often include neighboring cities/counties/state parks (34%), churches (20%), and private clubs (11%).

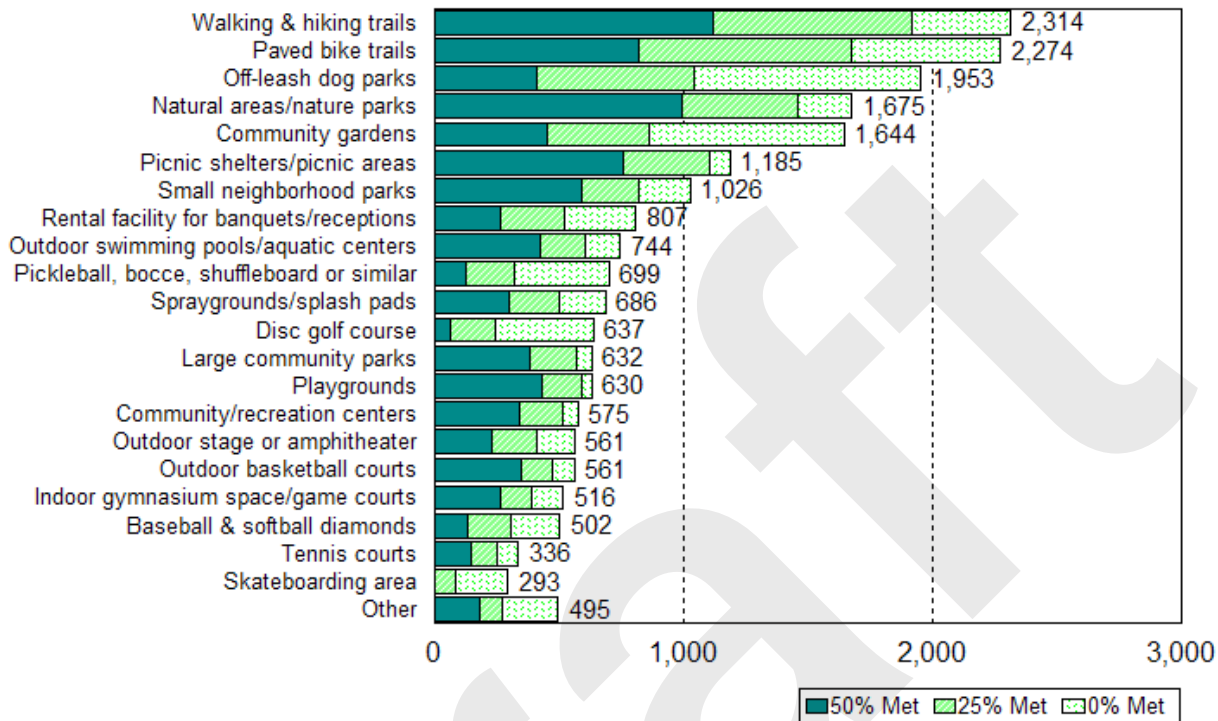
Barriers to Park, Facility, and Program Usage

Respondents were asked from a list of 19 potential reasons to identify why households use private fitness centers or other facilities instead of the City’s recreation and aquatics center. The top four reasons selected were: not knowing what is offered (43%), fees are too high (36%), program or facility is not offered (24%), and program times are not convenient (24%).

Figure 2.23 – Number of Households Whose Needs for Facilities Are Only Being Met 50% or Less

Q5-3. Estimated Number of Households in the City of New Port Richey Whose Needs for Parks and Recreation Facilities Are Only Being Met 50% or Less

by number of households based on 8,780 households in New Port Richey



Source: ETC Institute (2016)

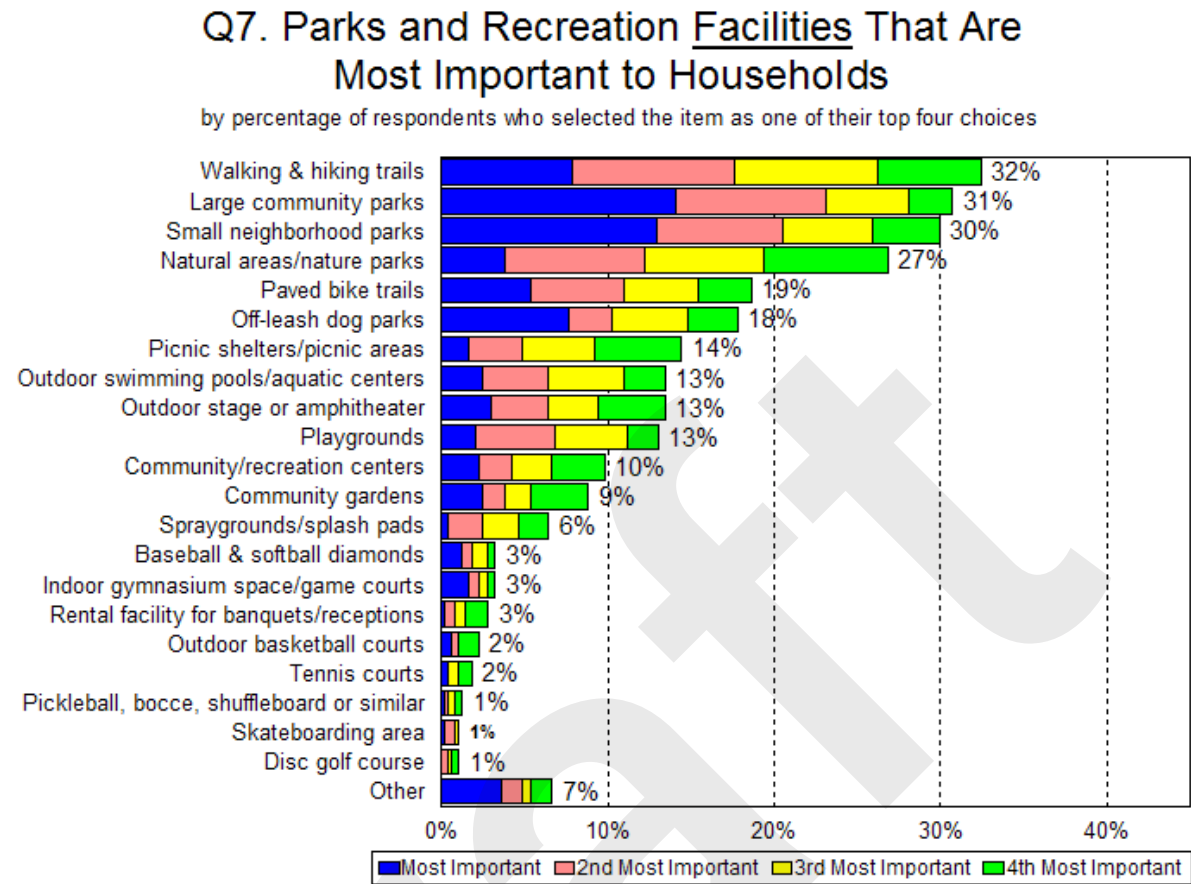
Facility Needs and Priorities

Facility Needs: Respondents were asked to identify if their household had a need for 22 recreation facilities and amenities and rate how well their needs for each were currently being met. Based on this analysis, ETC Institute was able to estimate the number of households in the community that had the greatest “unmet” need for various facilities.

The three recreation facilities with the highest percentage of households that indicated a need for the facility were: small neighborhood parks (56%), natural areas/nature parks (56%), and walking and hiking trails (55%). When ETC Institute analyzed the needs in the community, only two facilities, walking and hiking trails and paved bike trails, had a need that affected more than 2,000 households.

ETC Institute estimates a total of 2,314 of the 8,780 households in the City of New Port Richey have unmet needs for walking and hiking trails. The estimated number of households that have unmet needs for each of the 22 facilities that were assessed is shown in **Figure 2.23**.

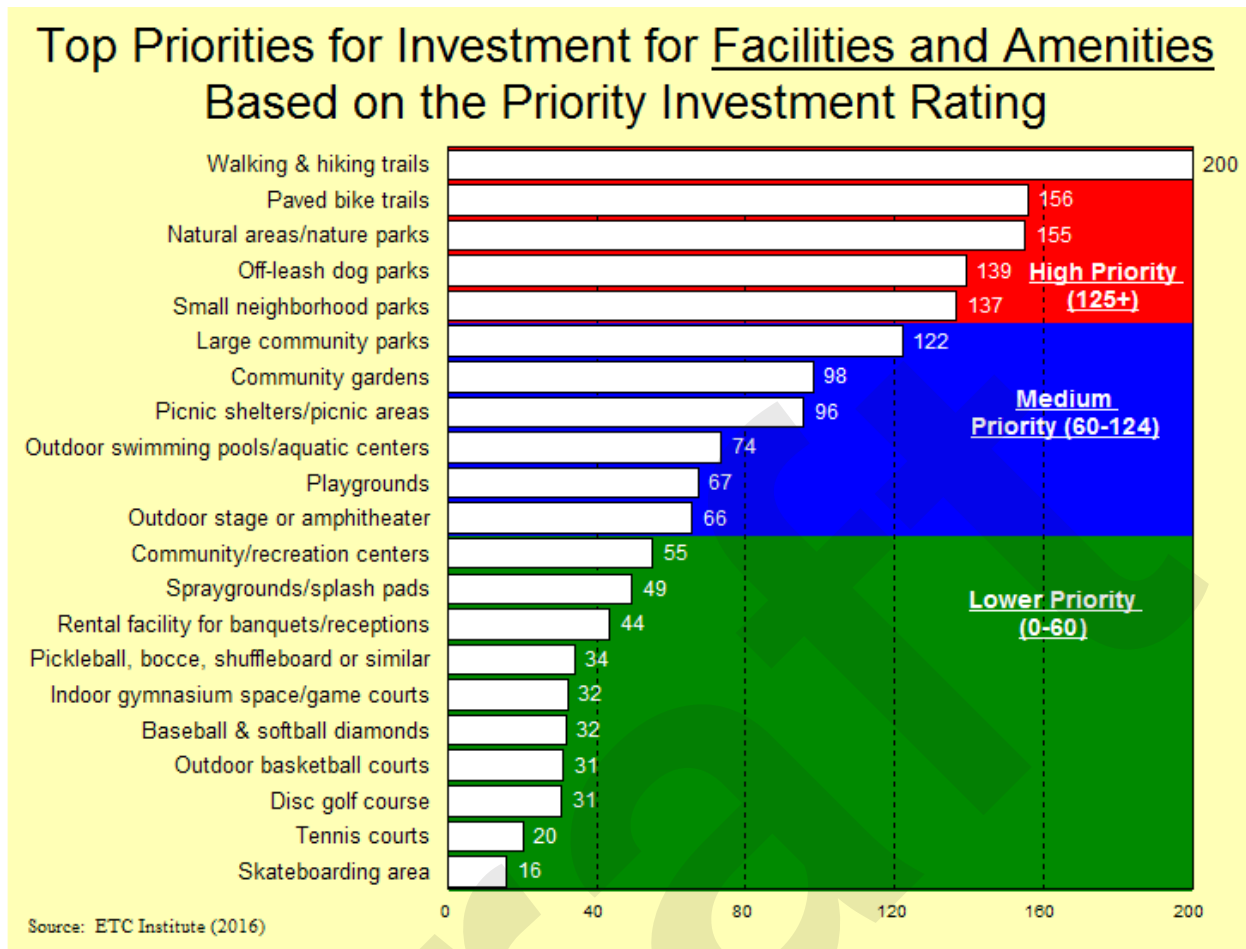
Figure 2.24 – Parks and Recreation Facilities That are Most Important to Households



Source: ETC Institute (2016)

Facility Importance: In addition to assessing the needs of each facility, ETC Institute also assessed the importance that residents placed on each facility. Based on the sum of respondents' top four choices, the three most important facilities to residents were: walking and hiking trails (32%), large community parks (31%), and small neighborhood parks (30%). The percentage of residents who selected each facility as one of their top four choices is shown in **Figure 2.24**.

Figure 2.25 – Top Priority Facilities and Amenities



Priorities for Facility Investments: The Priority Investment Rating (PIR) was developed by ETC Institute to provide organizations with an objective tool for evaluating the priority that should be placed on Parks and Recreation investments. The Priority Investment Rating (PIR) equally weights (1) the importance that residents place on facilities and (2) how many residents have unmet needs for the facility. Based on the Priority Investment Rating (PIR), the following five facilities were rated as high priorities for investment:

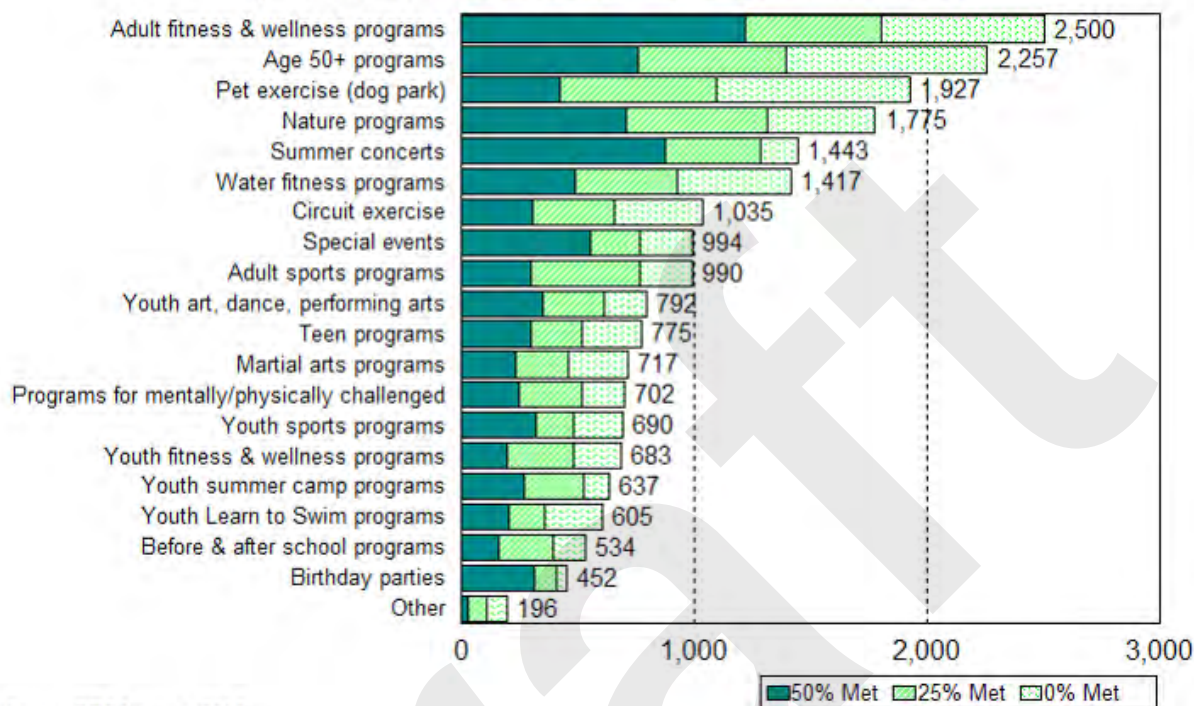
- Walking and hiking trails (PIR=200)
- Paved bike trails (PIR=156)
- Natural areas/nature parks (PIR=155)
- Off-leash dog parks (PIR=139)
- Small neighborhood parks (PIR=137)

Figure 2.25 shows the Priority Investment Rating for each of the 21 facilities/amenities that were assessed on the survey.

Figure 2.26 – Recreation Programs That are Most Important to Households

Q8-3. Estimated Number of Households in the City of New Port Richey Whose Needs for Recreation Programs Are Only Being Met 50% or Less

by number of households based on 8,780 households in New Port Richey



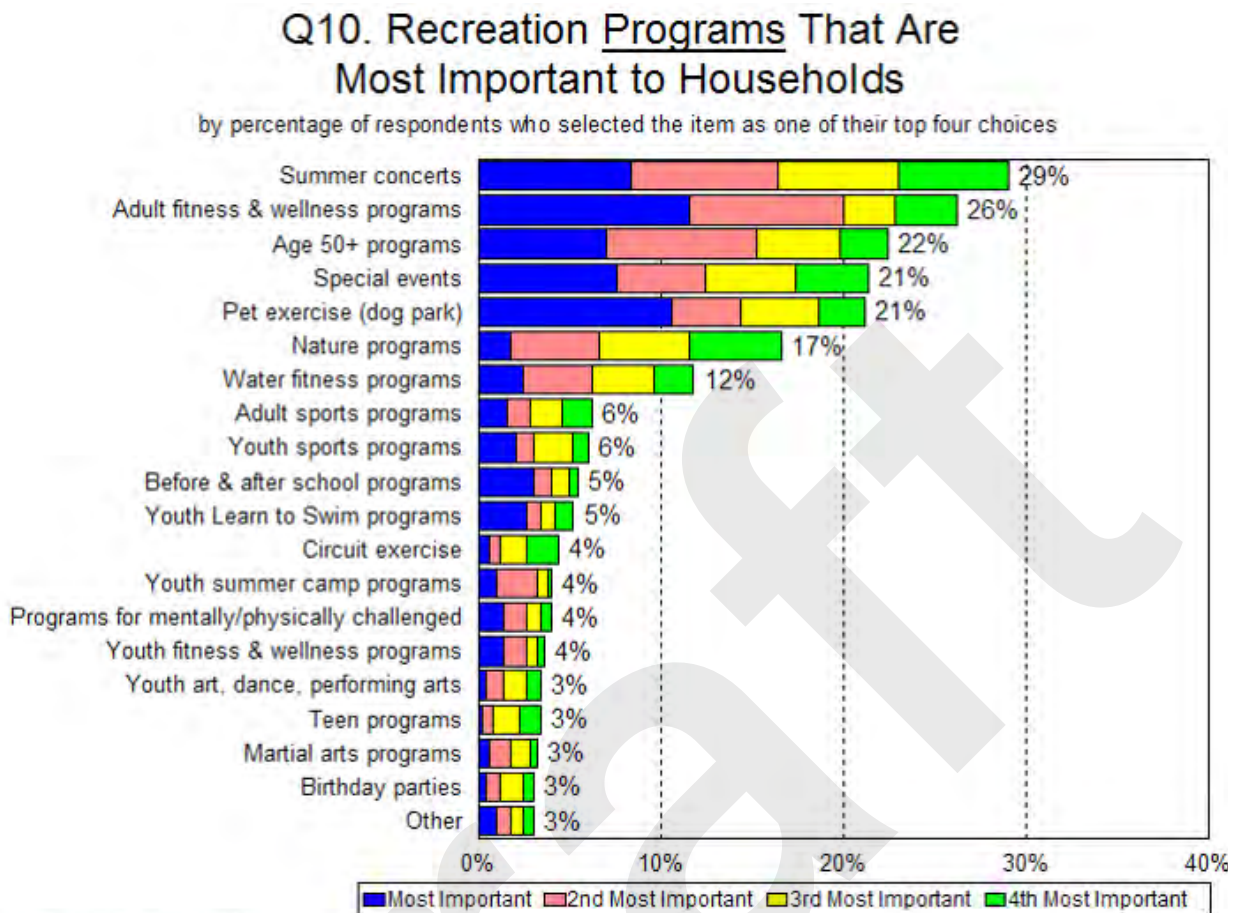
Source: ETC Institute (2016)

Programming Needs and Priorities

Respondents were also asked to identify if their household had a need for 20 recreational programs and rate how well their needs for each program were currently being met. Based on this analysis, ETC Institute was able to estimate the number of households in the community that had “unmet” needs for each program.

The three programs with the highest percentage of households that had needs were: summer concerts (48%), adult fitness and wellness programs (47%), and age 50+ programs (36%). In addition to having the highest total need, two of the top three most needed programs also have the highest unmet need among the 20 programming-related areas that were assessed. ETC Institute estimates a total of 2,500 households have unmet needs for adult fitness and wellness programs and 2,257 households have unmet needs for age 50+ programs. The estimated number of households that have unmet needs for each of the 20 programs that were assessed is shown in **Figure 2.26**.

Figure 2.27 – Programs that are Most Important to Households Who Selected Program as One of Their Top Four Choices

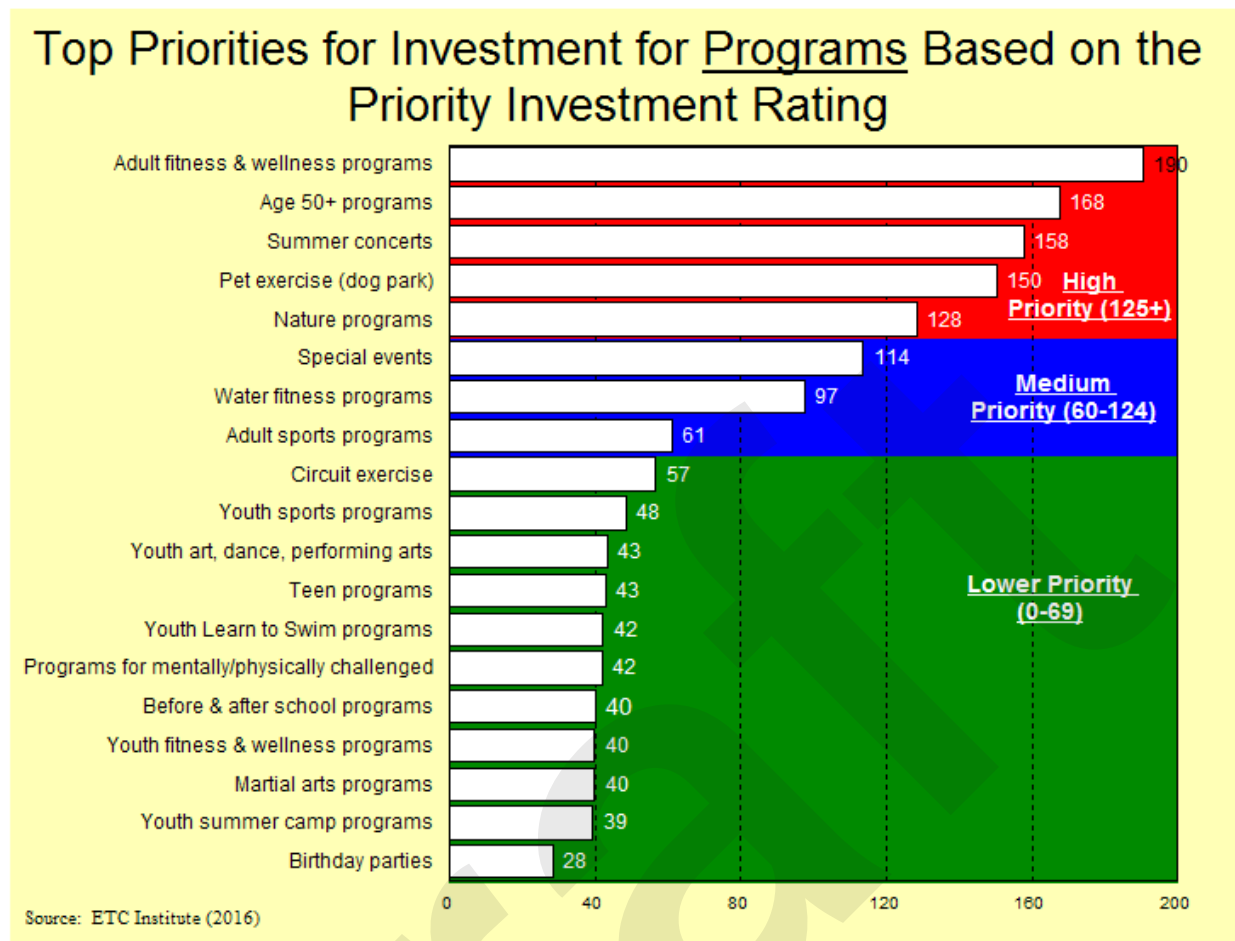


Source: ETC Institute (2016)

In addition to assessing the needs of each program, ETC Institute also assessed the importance that residents place on each program. Based on the sum of respondents' top four choices, the three most important programs to residents were: summer concerts (29%), adult fitness and wellness programs (26%), age 50+ programs (22%).

The percentage of residents who selected each program as one of their top four choices is shown in **Figure 2.27**.

Figure 2.28 – Top Priority Programs



Priorities for Programming Investments. Based on the priority investment rating (PIR), which was described earlier, the following five programs were rated as “high priorities” for investment:

- Adult fitness and wellness programs (PIR=190)
- Age 50+ programs (PIR=168)
- Summer concerts (PIR=158)
- Pet exercise (dog park) (PIR=150)
- Nature programs(PIR=128)

Figure 2.28 shows the Priority Investment Rating (PIR) for each of the 19 programs that were rated.

Conclusions and Recommendations

The City of New Port Richey finds itself in a unique position compared to cities around the nation. They have fantastic support from their constituents, and over 90% of respondents feel that it is either “very important” (77%) or “somewhat important” (14%) for the City to provide high-quality parks and recreation facilities and programs. The key phrase from that statement is “high-quality”. Residents of New Port Richey have very high expectations for their parks and recreation facilities and programs, and the City is doing a fantastic job of ensuring most needs are met within the community. When compared to the national average, more respondents from New Port Richey indicated the parks they’ve visited, and the programs they’ve participated in were “excellent”. Nationally, respondents are more likely to indicate their parks and recreation programs and facilities are more “good” than “excellent”, the City should pride itself knowing that they have high standards and are meeting those standards by setting the bar nationally.

One important factor that may be contributing to lower rates of program use in the City of New Port Richey is that respondents do not know what is being offered. Focusing on the ways respondents learn about recreation programs and activities, namely the newspaper and word of mouth could go a long way in closing the participation gap seen here.

When analyzing the programs offered by the City of New Port Richey the same item was among the most important to respondent’s households, had the highest level of unmet need, and was the number one most important facility to households; walking and hiking trails. Focusing on walking and hiking trails would provide

the greatest benefit for the largest number of residents within the City of New Port Richey.

In order to ensure that the City of New Port Richey continues to meet the needs and expectations of the community, ETC Institute recommends that the Parks & Recreation Department sustain and/or improve the performance in areas that were identified as “high priorities” by the Priority Investment Rating (PIR). The facilities and programs with the highest PIR ratings are listed below.

Facility Priorities

- Walking and hiking trails (PIR=200)
- Paved bike trails (PIR=156)
- Natural areas/nature parks (PIR=155)
- Off-leash dog parks (PIR=139)
- Small neighborhood parks (PIR=137)

Programming Priorities

- Adult fitness and wellness programs (PIR=190)
- Age 50+ programs (PIR=168)
- Summer concerts (PIR=158)
- Pet exercise (dog park) (PIR=150)
- Nature programs(PIR=128)

2.4 On-line Survey

The survey instrument used for the statistically-valid survey was modified for use as an on-line survey, administered by the City. Approximately two hundred and forty people responded to the on-line survey; the survey results are included in **Appendix C**. Highlights from the survey include:

- Over 94% of respondents have visited parks and/or recreation facilities in the City of New Port Richey during the past 12 months
- The three most frequently visited parks are the Recreation and Aquatics Center (43%), Sims Park/ Orange Lake (37%), and the James E. Grey Preserve (5%)
- Over 92% of respondents rated the physical condition of the parks they visited as good or excellent
- Over 46% of the respondents have participated in a recreational program offered by the City of New Port Richey over the past 12 months
- Over 95% of respondents rated the quality of the program they attended as good or excellent
- 50% or more of respondents indicated a need for more of the following recreation facilities:
 - ─ Paved bike trails (78%)
 - ─ Walking and hiking trails (68%)
 - ─ Community gardens (66%)
 - ─ Natural areas/nature parks (61%)
 - ─ Small neighborhood parks (54%)
 - ─ Off-leash dog parks (60%)
 - ─ Picnic shelters/picnic areas (50%)
 - ─ Spray-grounds/splash pads (50%)
- 50% or more of respondents indicated a need for more of the following recreation programs:
 - ─ Nature programs (66%)
 - ─ Adult fitness and wellness programs (58%)
 - ─ Summer concerts (58%)
 - ─ Teen programs (57%)
 - ─ Before and after school programs (54%)
 - ─ Adult sports programs (53%)
 - ─ Youth fitness and wellness programs (54%)
 - ─ Water fitness programs (50%)
- The top three reasons why respondents use private fitness centers or other facilities instead of the City's Recreation and Aquatics Center are:
 - ─ Fees are too high (38%)
 - ─ Facility operating hours not convenient (19%)
 - ─ Program times are not convenient (19%)

2.5 Public Outreach Meeting

The City hosted a public meeting Monday, December 5 to solicit residents' input regarding parks and recreation needs and priorities. Approximately 30 people attended the meeting. The agenda included:

- Welcome, Introductions
- Overview, Purpose of the Master Plan
- Needs Assessment Exercises:
- Facility and program priorities ("dots")
- Individual park improvements ("post-its" on aerials)
- Open station - flipchart
- Questions, discussion, adjourn

Following are the findings from the three needs assessment exercises.

Facility and Program Priorities

Participants were asked to indicate which types of recreation facilities and programs are "important, but not being provided adequately in New Port Richey". The top three priority facilities included "paved bike trails" (indicated by 18 participants), "off-leash dog parks" (10 people), and "walking and hiking trails" (9 people). Other needs included a "skateboarding area", "outdoor pool/aquatics", and "outdoor stage/amphitheater" (7 people each).

The top four priority programs included "river activities" (indicated by 13 participants), "pet exercise (dog park)" (11 people), and "adult fitness/wellness" and "circuit exercise" (8 people each). Other needs included a "summer concerts" and "special events" (7 people each), and "nature programs" (6 people).

Individual Park Improvements

Participants were asked to write down specific improvements needed at each of the City's existing parks. Proposed improvements included:

Cotee River Park

- Blow sidewalks more often
- Favorite Sunday walk
- Stop water runoff from Kentucky sprinklers
- Continue the bayou in Port Richey
- Docks at street ends
- Wider multi-use sidewalks
- Sidewalks between Sims Park and Cotee River Park are too narrow, often overgrown
- Continue lighting, add lamp posts to Sims Park along Grand, improve sidewalk

Frances Avenue Park

- Larger playground area
- Enclosed dog park
- Dog park in a shaded area
- Add bigger slides and equipment for bigger kids
- Equipment for special needs kids
- No more improvements
- Paved access to boat launch

Grand Boulevard Park

- Great park
- Add a restroom

High Street Park

- Dog park and pond
- Play area fenced in

James E. Grey Preserve

- Allow dogs
- Love it, leave it alone
- Bike path next to river
- Real bike paths, not wide sidewalks
- Bike park (2)
- Real bike path, directions to it from main roads
- More playground equipment
- More shelters

Jasmin Park

- Get rid of sand spurs
- More benches or covered picnic areas
- No playground
- Porch swing
- Quit driving up with heavy trucks to empty trash cans; sidewalks are cracked

Meadows Park

- Time-out cages, areas
- Community area for both small and large dogs
- More shade trees
- Look at new Tarpon Springs dog park
- Put a barrier in the river to prevent dogs from swimming away, protection from alligators
- Grass to replace sand
- Walking trail around periphery of park
- Trees, shade, and grass
- Is river clean enough for dogs to swim in?

Orange Grove Park

- Covered picnic area
- Dock and benches
- Casual space areas

Peace Hall

- “No” to return of the gardens
- Gardens back
- Beautiful landscape and shell art sculptures
- Sections with shade
- Yes, bring the green
- Gardens/plants
- Kitchen for events
- Make building bigger for parties
- More community-pleasing acoustic music inside

Pine Hill Park

- Adult softball fields

Recreation and Aquatics Center (grounds)

- No changes needed
- Do not spend more money on brick, use existing space more effectively
- Additional parking
- Skatepark
- More parking out front
- Bigger slide pool
- Staff is great, wonderful place
- Expanded recreation services, hours of operation

River Drive Park

- Make it a playground, get prostitutes out
- Lots of light

Russ Park

- Sell it
- Have no clue where it is

Sims Boat Ramp

- Ramp use free
- Parking fee, especially for non-City residents
- Sidewalk on Main is undermining (washing out) by the bridge on the Chamber side
- Charge for the boat ramp
- Charge for parking meters or charge \$5 to use the boat ramps or sell permits, especially for non-residents
- Don't charge citizens for boat ramp
- More boat ramps and parking
- Purchase abutting properties

Sims Park (including Orange Lake)

- Docks along entire seawall
- More shade in front of the stage
- Move swings
- Improve street (repave?)
- Make splash pad more of a "spray ground"
- More handicapped swings and equipment
- More bike paths linking all parks
- Do not want crazy improvements made to circle boulevard Orange Lake walk, leave as is
- Dog park area under shade
- Lake used to be crystal clear, bring clear water back, new area for ducks
- Finish all phases before spending \$ on rec center
- More shade structures
- More boat docks

2.6 Stakeholder/ Focus Group Interviews

The Barth Associates team conducted interviews with key stakeholders and focus groups (invited by the City) on December 5th and 6th. Interview questions included:

1. Review of Scope/ Schedule: Do you have any questions about the project scope/ methodology?
2. Needs: Based on what you know, see and hear about your community, what do you believe are the top priority parks and recreation needs?
3. Priorities: Of the needs listed above, what are your top 3 priorities?
4. Benchmark Communities: As we analyze your system, who should we compare you to? Are there any communities that you wish to emulate?

Following is a summary of responses related specifically to needs and priorities. Interview notes are included in **Appendix D**.

Council Member and City Manager Priorities

Top priority improvements identified by the five members of City Council and the City Manager included:

- Complete phase 2 of Sims Park (including Orange Lake)
- Improve Grey Preserve, including new amenities and programs
- Coordinated marketing, broad and inclusive (not in silos)
- Upgrade other parks throughout the City, including Frances Park, Pine Hill Park, Russ Park, and Jasmin Park, including:
 - Playground equipment, other passive amenities in neighborhood parks
 - Improved maintenance and quality
 - Free programs and activities
 - Incorporation of public art, history, iconic images
 - Incorporation of natural elements, e.g. bat house and programs

Priorities of other Key Stakeholders

In addition to interviewing Council members and the City Manager, Barth Associates also met with representatives of the following recreation interest groups to discuss their needs and priorities: tennis, pickleball, swimming, skateboarding, Pinehill Baseball, fitness and runners, kayaking, playgrounds, and dog parks. Following is a summary of their priority needs:

Tennis:

- Adjust tennis lighting to encourage night-time play
- 6 lighted har-tru courts
- 5 permanent children's courts

Pickleball:

- 4 lighted outdoor courts in one park

Swimming:

- Marketing
- 50-meter heated pool (heated)
- Heated plunge pool
- Additional programming provided by 50-meter pool and heated plunge pool

Skateboarding:

- New skatepark
- Skate programs

Pinehill Baseball:

- Parking
- Sidewalks
- Upgrade on concession stand.

Fitness and Runners:

- Dedicated multi-purpose trail, minimum 5 miles long
- Safe, well-lighted running routes

Kayaking:

- Acquisition of land for boat ramps (parking will come).
- Boat parking (Charge for boat parking at the church lot near the Sims Boat Ramp.)
- Better canoe/kayak at James E. Grey Preserve

Playgrounds:

- More playgrounds for kids under 5, especially infit swings
- Maintenance of swings – fix seatbelts
- Larger pavilions, additional tables
- More dog parks

Dog Parks:

- Better signage to get to the dog park, park, and walk to the park
- Better and more parking
- Better location for the dog park

2.7 Summary of Needs and Priorities

Figure 2.29 below illustrates the top priority action, facilities, and program needs identified from each of the different needs assessment techniques.

There is a broad-based consensus that the top priority facilities include:

- Improvements to existing parks, including additional facilities, programs, amenities, and marketing;

- Additional walking, hiking, and biking trails;
- Additional off-leash dog parks;
- Additional small neighborhood parks; and
- Natural areas and nature parks

Top priority programs include:

- Adult fitness and wellness programs;
- Summer concerts; and
- Nature programs

Figure 2.29: Summary Needs

	Needs Assessment Techniques					
	Site Evaluations	LOS Analysis	Statistically Valid Survey	On-line Survey	Public Meeting	Stakeholder / Focus Group Interviews
Actions						
Improve Marketing and Outreach Efforts	●		●		●	●
Improve Existing Parks	●				●	●
Reduce Program Fees			●	●		●
Facilities						
Paved bike trails		●	●	●	●	●
Off-leash dog parks		●	●	●	●	●
Walking and hiking trails		●	●	●	●	
Small Neighborhood Parks		●	●	●		
Natural areas/ nature parks			●	●		●
Programs						
Adult fitness and wellness programs			●	●	●	
Nature programs			●	●	●	
Summer concerts			●	●		
Pet exercise programs			●		●	
50+ programs			●			



Long Range
Vision

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LONG RANGE VISION

Introduction

The purpose of this section is to outline a compelling, long-range vision for the City's parks system that responds to residents' needs and desires.

The long-range parks and recreation vision was developed from several sources, including ideas generated from stakeholders during the needs assessment process; current "best practices" in parks and recreation planning and urban design; and ideas generated from the ½ day visioning workshop, conducted on February 18, 2017 with City of New Port Richey staff, stakeholders, and consultants. The vision recognizes that the City's parks and recreation system is integral to the quality of life for City residents, as expressed through the NPR Parks and Recreation Department Mission and Vision:

Mission: *Create memorable recreational, parks and aquatic experiences to enhance the quality of life.*

Vision: *Connecting people and parks for life.*

Workshop participants also noted the following values that should be included in the mission/ vision, and be used to help prioritize proposed improvements:

- Health
- Affordability
- Families
- Convenience
- Access
- Athletics
- Safe routes
- Communication/ marketing
- Education
- Connectivity
- Forward-thinking

The long-range vision is divided into two sections. Section 3.1 includes proposed City-wide improvements and Initiatives, while Section 3.2 outlines proposed individual park improvements.

Visioning Workshop



3.1 Proposed City-wide Public Realm Improvements and Initiatives

The proposed City-wide improvements are intended to improve the overall quality of the City's public realm, including connectivity, aesthetics, environmental sustainability, and the quality of users' experience.

1. Improved Marketing

The City-wide mail survey found that 43% of residents use private recreation centers or other facilities instead of the City's Recreation and Aquatics Center because they "do not know what is being offered". This finding may indicate a need for increased marketing efforts to inform residents of programs, activities, special events, facility hours of operation, and/or other information regarding parks and recreation opportunities within the City.

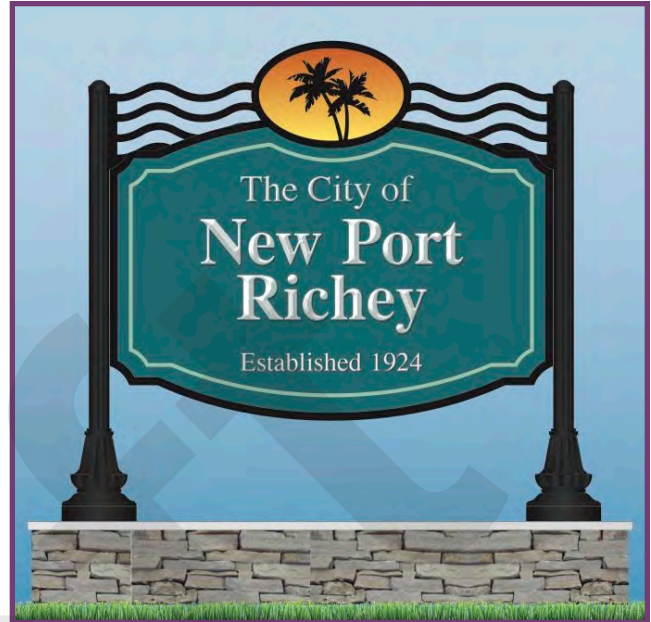
The survey also found that residents learn about the City's programs and services primarily through newspaper articles, from friends and neighbors, the City website, flyers at facilities, social media, and mailings. The City should intensify efforts to keep residents informed; request additional input from residents re: preferred communication techniques; and conduct an annual on-line survey to determine if intensified marketing efforts have generated results, and whether residents feel better-informed.

2. Improved Signage + Wayfinding for City Parks

The City is currently implementing a new signage and wayfinding system to re-enforce the City's brand, and to make it easier for residents and visitors to find City facilities. The City should expand the system to include uniform park directional signs, entrance signs, and information signs. Improved signage could also help inform

residents and visitors about City parks and recreation facilities, programs, and activities.

City of New Port Richey Signage



3. Protection and Enhancement of the Cotee River as the "Heart" of the System

The City's Comprehensive Plan encourages the protection and enhancement of the Pithlachascotee ("Cotee") River, and the CRA Redevelopment Plan promotes the use of the river waterfront through enhanced public facilities. The parks and recreation vision proposes to reinforce the role of the Cotee River as the heart of the City's parks and recreation system. The river connects over ½ of the City's parks; is within easy walking distance of most of the City's residents; and generates economic, social, environmental, and recreation benefits for the City (See Figure 3.1).

Proposed improvements and programs to enhance the use of the river include:

- Extension of the City's signage and wayfinding system to the river corridor, including identification of City parks; directional signs to canoe/kayak/boat

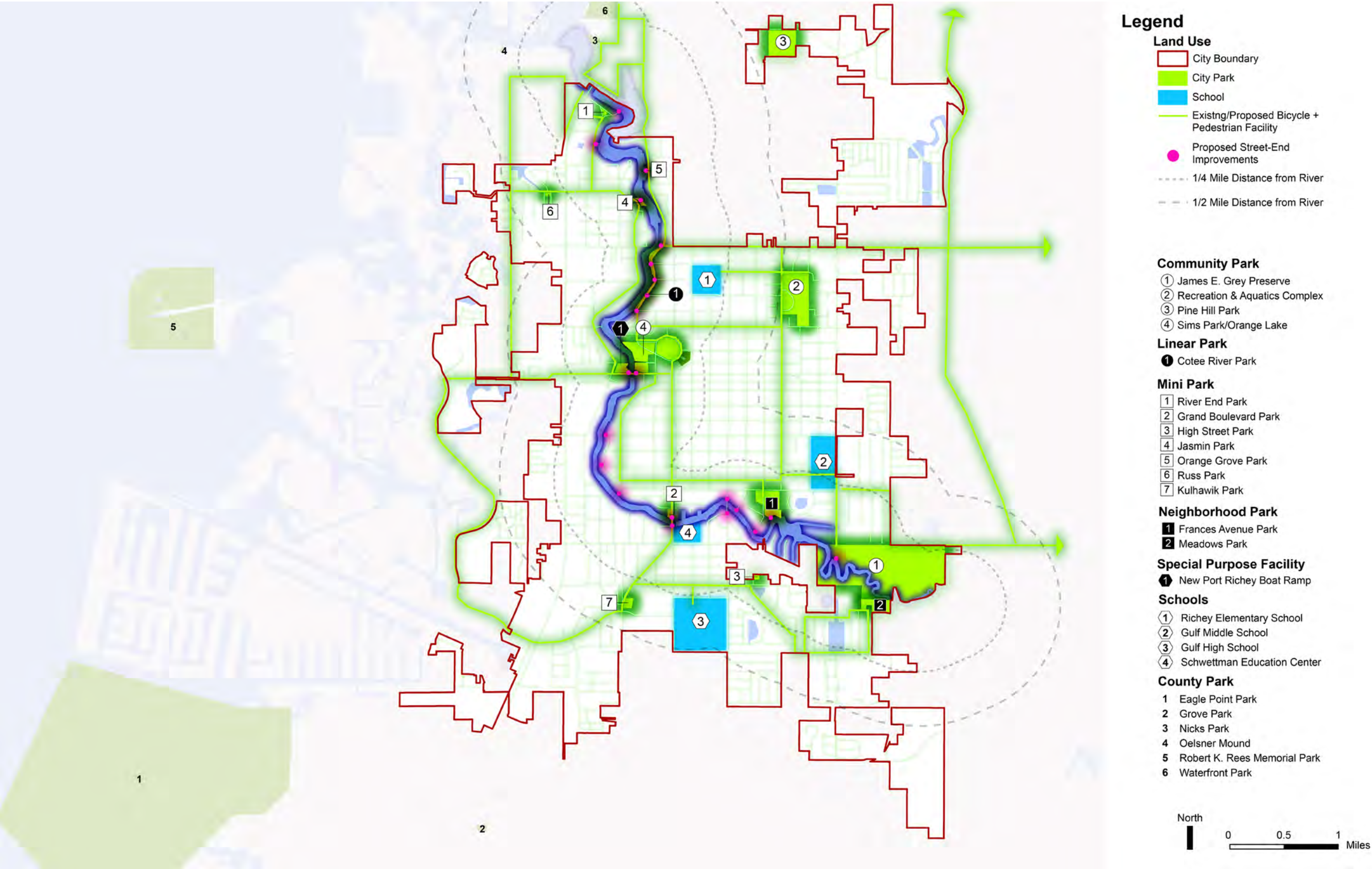
ramps and dockage; maps and kiosks at the waterfront parks, showing blueway and greenway trails and trailheads; and QR codes providing links to boating-related outfitters, restaurants, programs, and other information. Reinforce the three distinct “character zones” of the river: “natural zone” from James E. Grey Preserve to Frances Park; “residential zone” from Frances to Sims; and “historic zone” from Sims Park to SR 19

- Construction of rain gardens and/or other stormwater treatment facilities in City parks to help retain and treat stormwater runoff in order to 1) reduce flooding, and 2) improve water quality before it enters the river
- Native plantings throughout the City parks system to restore/ improve habitat where appropriate
- Construction of street-end fishing docks and/or canoe/kayak launches to improve residents’ access to the river
- Monthly learn-to-paddle classes at different parks throughout the City, in partnership with local kayak/ paddleboard vendors
- Formation of a non-profit “Friends of the Cotee” group to promote the protection and enhancement of the river
- Additional river-related special events coordinated by the City and/or the Friends of the Cotee, such as a kayak festival providing lessons, rentals, and opportunities to try out new boats from manufacturers; a kayak relay race, from James E. Grey Preserve to the Nick’s Park Boat Ramp in Port Richey; and additional Cotee River clean up days to pick up

litter, remove exotic species, and plant native vegetation. Corporate sponsors (e.g. refuse-removal companies), manufacturers, and vendors should be asked to help defray costs

- Closer coordination with county and state agencies to develop and implement a river management plan
- Acquire the Green Key Beach Park from the County to provide direct Gulf access

Figure 3.1– The Cotee River as the Heart of the System



4. Increased Amenities and “Things to Do” at City Parks

Many of the priorities identified in the needs assessment can be met through improvements to existing parks, including walking trails, on-leash or off-leash dog areas, neighborhood park facilities, natural areas, adult/ 50+ fitness programs, nature programs, summer concerts, and pet exercise programs. In order to provide residents with free/ low cost access to these facilities and programs within easy access of their homes, the City should strive to provide the following amenities (where appropriate) at each of the City’s parks:

- Paved, multi-purpose trail
- On-leash dog walk areas and pick-up stations
- Multipurpose open lawn(s)
- Shaded playground(s) for all ages
- Multi-purpose court(s) for basketball, tennis, and pickleball
- Shade trees
- All types of seating, including moveable tables and chairs
- Picnic shelter(s)
- Wi-Fi throughout the park
- Information kiosks with maps of the parks system, and information regarding upcoming programs and events
- Outdoor fitness station(s)
- Bike racks and bike fix-it stations
- Drinking fountains
- Restrooms (in parks that are far from residents’ homes)
- Power, water, infrastructure for special events
- Regularly scheduled “neighborhood” fitness programs, nature programs, concerts, and other special events

The City may wish to experiment with some of these amenities, such as movable chairs and tables, at Sims Park and/or other popular parks to test residents’ reactions.

Movable Tables and Chairs



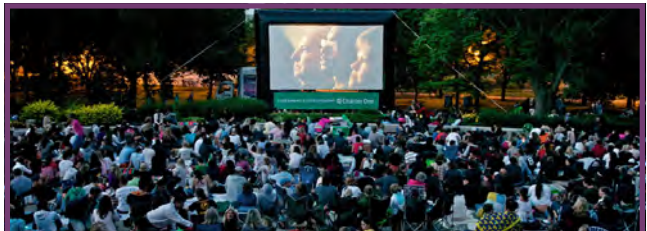
Outdoor Electrical Outlets



Outdoor Ping-Pong



Movies in the Park



5. Increased Collaboration with Schools

Several opportunities to collaborate with the school system were identified during the visioning process. These included the integration of City parks and natural areas in school science, history, math, art, and environmental curricula; school field trips to parks for education and fitness; learn-to-swim classes at school sites; use of the City's Recreation and Aquatics Center for school programs; and other opportunities to leverage existing City and school resources.

School Paddling Field Trips



Physical Education (P.E) in City Parks



6. Public Art and Interpretive Program

New Port Richey has a rich, vibrant, and fascinating history that differentiates it from other cities and towns in Florida. The City's parks system provides a "canvas" to tell the City's story, including the natural environment, connections to Hollywood, the Cotee River, the Gulf of Mexico, folklore, and other unique elements. Art forms could include sculpture, kiosks, custom shelters and site furnishings, architecture, geocaching, exhibits (permanent

Sculpture



Interactive Art



and temporary), performances, art shows, art classes and workshops, visiting artists, and other media throughout the entire parks system. Each park could explore a specific theme or story based on its unique resources, for example the Hacienda hotel and Cotee River adjacent to Sims Park, and the natural environment at the James E. Grey Preserve. Potential partners include local non-profit organizations such as the Rotary Club, Lighthouse for the Blind, County schools, and others.

Local Historical Themes to Explore in Parks



Local Historical Themes to Explore in Parks



7. Facility Energy Efficient Fixtures

Wherever possible, the City should strive to replace existing water and power systems with energy efficient and sustainable systems to reduce operation and maintenance costs, conserve energy and water, and enhance natural systems. Specific improvements the City may wish to consider include the use of solar power, non-potable water, pervious pavements, rain gardens, and xeric/native plantings. The City may also wish to re-evaluate its use of sod, fertilizers and pesticides, particularly on parks adjacent to the Cotee River.

Solar Power In Parks

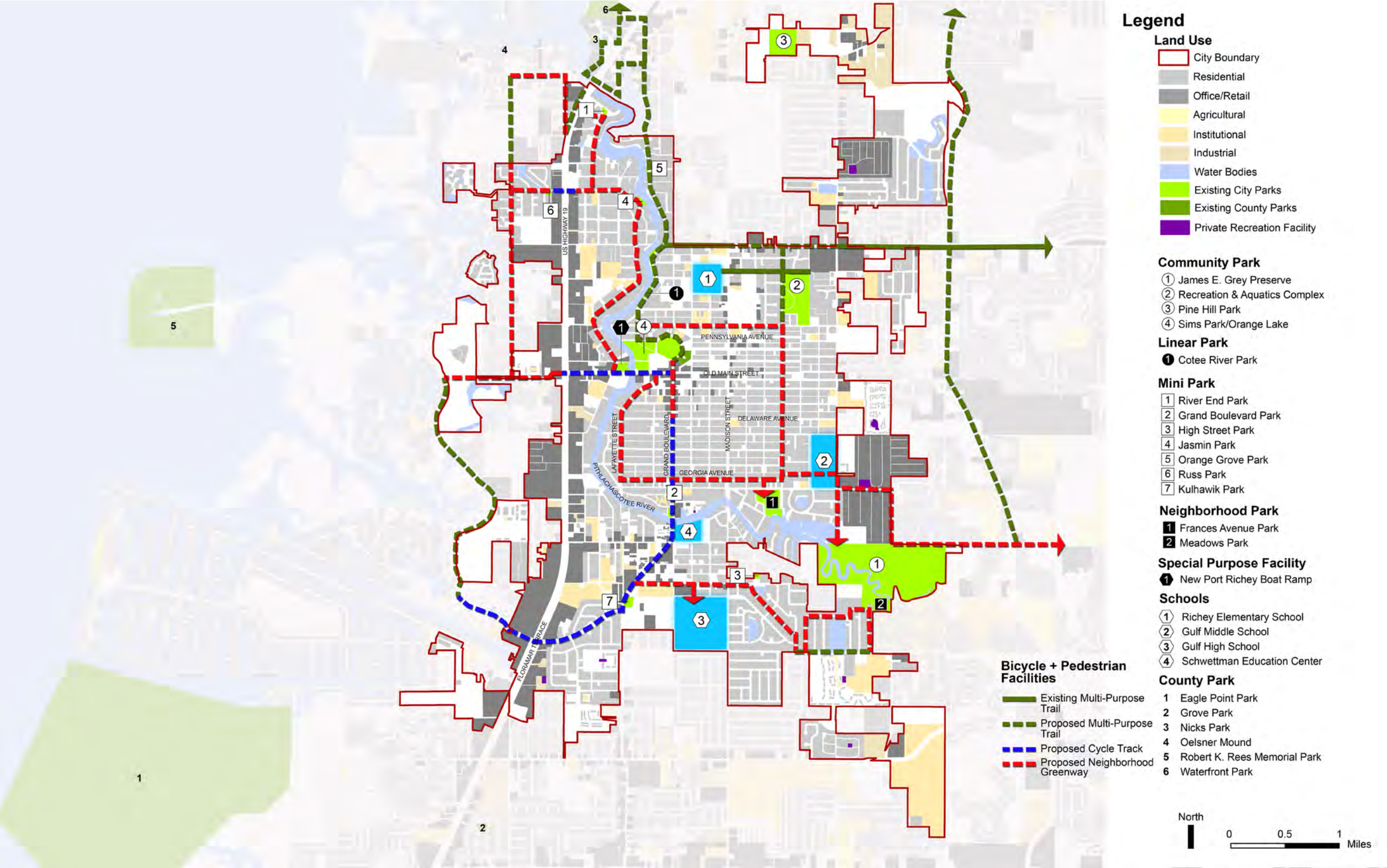


8. Improved Bicycle/ Pedestrian Connectivity

Additional walking, hiking, and biking trails were one of the highest priority needs identified through the needs assessment process. During the visioning process, attendees discussed a variety of challenges and opportunities related to walking and biking within the City of New Port Richey.

One of the biggest challenges discussed was the limited right-of-way found in many of the City's roads. Many of these roads contain insufficient space to add enhanced bicycle and pedestrian

Figure 3.2 – Bicycle and Pedestrian Vision



facilities. Various strategies were discussed for implementing walking and biking facilities in these constrained environments.

One strategy proposed was minimizing the space allocated for vehicular traffic by reducing travel lanes widths to acceptable minimums, using header curbs instead of curb and gutters, and removing medians. The new-found space achieved through these roadway modifications could be re-allocated to walking and bicycling facilities.

Other strategies discussed included obtaining easements or acquiring additional right-of-way from adjacent properties, and modifying traffic patterns were appropriate to allocate more right-of-way space to walking and bicycle facilities. Examples of traffic pattern modifications include changing two-way roads to one-way roads and reducing four lane roads to three-lane roads. While additional analysis would have to be completed to ensure that traffic pattern modifications would not adversely impact traffic in the City, the City's gridded roadway network has the potential to facilitate these modifications without causing significant inconveniences.

Figure 3.2 illustrates a proposed preliminary Bicycle and Pedestrian Vision, informed by the visioning process and the Pasco County Greenways, Trails, and Blueways Map. The City should plan to develop a comprehensive bicycle and pedestrian master plan that could further inform this preliminary vision.

The preliminary vision is comprised of the following types of bicycle and pedestrian facilities and strategies:

A. Sidewalks - 5' to 6' wide pedestrian walkways located on both sides of all city streets. They should ideally have a landscape buffer with street trees between the street and the sidewalk.

Sidewalks



B. Multi-Purpose Trails - Paths that are fully separated from the street and can be shared by bicyclists, pedestrians, rollerbladers, and other non-motorized modes. They can be used for leisure and commuter trips and are typically designed as a loop or a connection between points of interest. They are appropriate along high volume or high speed streets. Multi-purpose trails range in width between 8' to 12' wide and are marked with a yellow center line. They should ideally have a landscape buffer with street trees between the street and the trail.

Multi-Purpose Trail



C. Cycle Tracks - Bike-only facilities physically separated from automobiles and sidewalks by striping, a curb, planters, bollards, parked cars, and/or other vertical elements. Cycle tracks can be one-way or two-way, and can be at the same level as the roadway or slightly elevated.

A cycle track is appropriate for medium-high volume streets. One-way cycle tracks are typically a minimum of 5' wide with a 1.5' to 3' buffer. Two-way cycle tracks are ideally 12' wide with a 1.5' to 3' buffer.

One-Way Protected Cycle Track



Two-Way Protected Cycle Track



D. Neighborhood Greenways - The most basic bicycle facility and simplest to implement, neighborhood greenways use minimal traffic control signals and markings to denote that cars and bicyclist share the road. Typically, this is achieved by placing a sharrow marking on the travel lane and adding signs that notify drivers that they are sharing the road with bicyclist. A neighborhood greenway condition is appropriate in low-volume and low-speed streets.

Neighborhood Greenway



Neighborhood Greenway



E. Programs - Bicycle advocacy and education programs intended to establish a culture that encourages and supports walking and biking. Proposed programs should include material that provides reasons to choose bicycling and walking over other modes of transportation, provides tips for safe bicycling, links to local, regional, and national advocacy organizations, and other important bicycle-related information. This information could also be integrated into school curriculums.

The City should seek to integrate bicycling and walking into the City's special events and encourage and facilitate bicycling and walking to these events. Additionally, the City should explore creating events that foster bicycling and walking over driving. An example of these types of event are the "open streets" events that occur all across the county. Open streets events temporarily close the streets or a portion of a City to cars to create a whole new healthy, sustainable, and vibrant street experience for residents and visitors.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Special Events



The vision seeks to physically connect the City's parks and recreation system through a network of bicycle and pedestrian facilities located within a ¼ mile, or a 5-minute walk from every resident's home.

The proposed preliminary Bicycle and Pedestrian Vision also considers temporary, low-cost, and phased implementation strategies that allow the City to "test" the viability, effectiveness, and impact of some of these facilities.

For example, **Figures 3.3 - 3.5** illustrate how a proposed bicycle and pedestrian greenway along Grand Boulevard could be tested by simply placing traffic cones along the roadway and temporarily converting the two-way to a one-way road allowing pedestrians and cyclist to use the other lane for walking and biking. If residents and City officials feel that this temporary facility is desirable, it could be converted into a high-quality multi-use trail as depicted in **Figure 3.6**. This experimental and phased strategy could be used for all of the various types of bicycle and pedestrian proposed in the bicycle and pedestrian vision.

Figure 3.3: Existing Grand Boulevard along the Cotee River



Figure 3.4: Proposed Weekend Shared-Use Concept



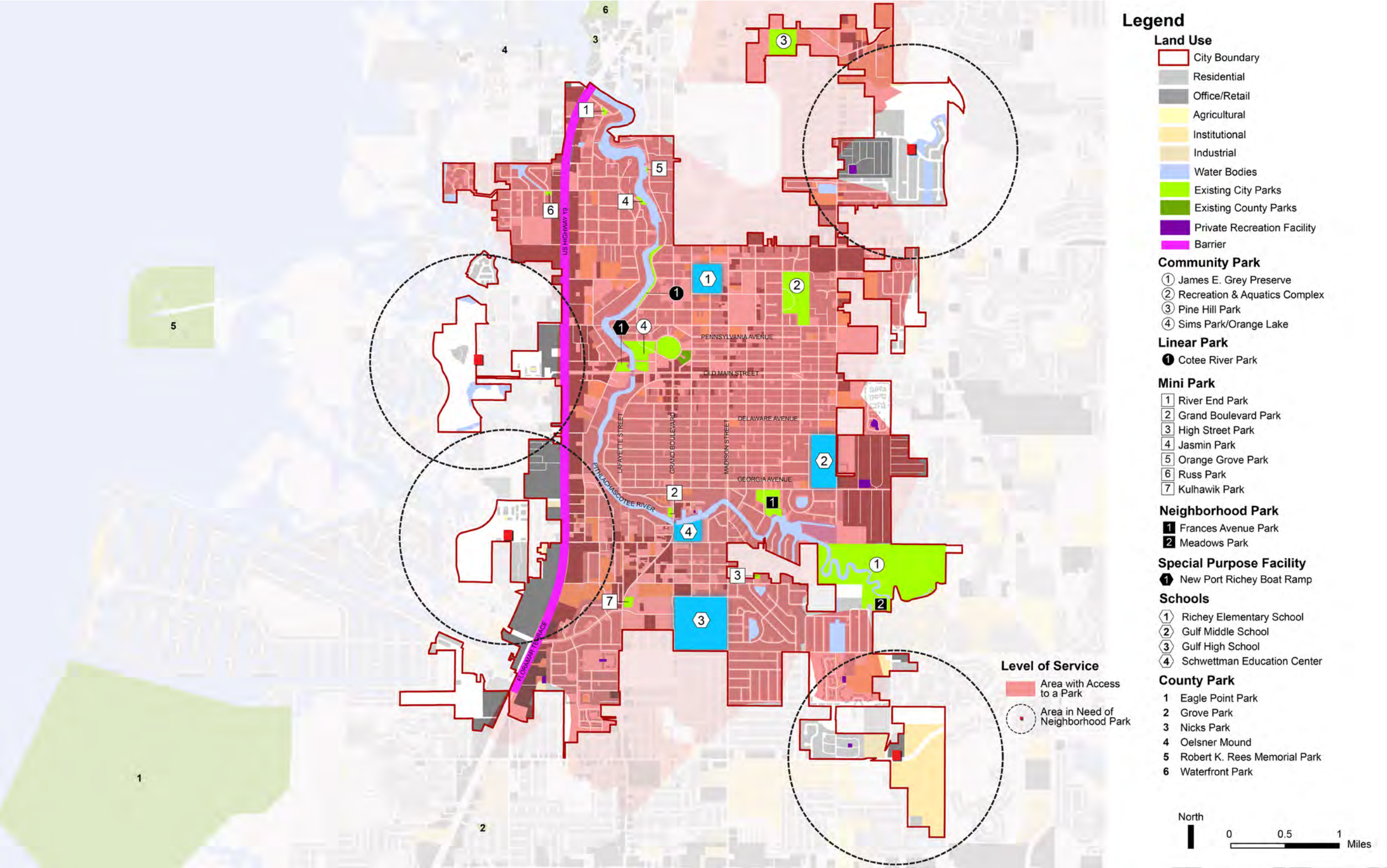
Figure 3.5: Potential Grand Boulevard Greenway Concept



9. Additional Neighborhood Parks

The needs assessment indicated a potential need for additional neighborhood parks, to ensure that every resident has access to a park within $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 mile of their home. **Figure 3.6** illustrates areas in the City that currently have access to a mini and/or neighborhood park within 1 mile. Four areas near the City's limits currently do not have access to mini or neighborhood parks. The City should evaluate the potential use of existing City-owned sites in these areas to develop neighborhood parks. Any proposed new parks should not only provide additional recreational opportunities for City residents, but should also help meet other City needs such as economic development, neighborhood stabilization, stormwater treatment, flood control, and /or other benefits.

Figure 3.6 – Areas in Need of a Neighborhood Park



3.2 Proposed Individual Park Improvements

In addition to the proposed City-wide improvements, following are proposed recommendations for each of the City's parks. As noted previously, these proposed improvements are based on public and stakeholder input, park site evaluation findings, needs assessment findings, and industry best practices and trends. Some of the small-scale improvements, such as site furnishings, can be implemented immediately. Larger scale improvements may require the development of an overall master plan for the specific park site, working with neighborhood residents and/or City-wide stakeholders.

Cotee River Park



Cotee River Park is a 1.8-acre linear park located along the eastern edge of the Pithlachascotee River between Virginia and Massachusetts Avenue. As a linear park, Cotee River Park serves residents city-wide. The park provides residents and visitors with opportunities to stroll and sit along the river on benches and picnic tables found under shade structures and trees.

The park provides a great overall first impression. Visibility into and out of the park is good, and park amenities are well maintained, all of which create a feeling of safety. Parking along the road needs to be improved to increase access and safety. The linear nature of the park limits the opportunities for amenities, activities, and programming. Potential improvements include:

Short-Term Operations and Maintenance Improvements Obtained Through Public Input:

- Blow and maintain sidewalks more often, especially the sidewalk located between Sims Park and Cotee River Park

Capital Improvements:

- Improved parking
- Signage and wayfinding system
- Power, water, infrastructure for special events and visitor use
- More seating, especially moveable tables and chairs
- Wi-Fi throughout the park
- Amenities such as bike racks, bike fix-it stations, water fountains, and fitness equipment
- Additional shelters in the park
- Improved bollards (already budgeted)
- Canoe-kayak launch points
- Docks at street ends
- Pedestrian lighting
- Dog pick-up stations and allow dogs on leashes
- Information kiosk
- Trash receptacles, recyclable bins
- Public art

Frances Avenue Park



Frances Avenue Park is a 19-acre community park located near the southeastern portion of the City between the Pithlachascotee River and Louisiana Avenue. The park serves the needs of residents in nearby neighborhoods, as well as City-wide, and provides a variety of things to do including a playground, picnic shelters, basketball, multi-purpose field, and access to the Cotee River. The park also contains a restroom facility and a parking lot.

The park provides an acceptable first impression. Visibility into and out of the park is good from the Louisiana Avenue side of the park but limited from the other sides due to adjacent residential homes that back onto the park. The park and park amenities are well maintained and in acceptable condition. Some of them, like the restroom facilities and picnic shelters appear to be nearing the end of their life cycle and may need improvements or replacement in the near future. Frances Avenue, which runs through the park, limits vehicular and pedestrian access to the residential neighborhood behind the park. Potential improvements include:

Capital Improvements:

- Clear exotic species along the Pithlachascotee River shore line
- Integrate park boulders into play areas
- Signage and wayfinding system
- Power, water, infrastructure for special events and visitor use
- More seating, especially moveable tables and chairs
- Wi-Fi throughout the park
- Amenities such as bike racks, bike fix-it stations, water fountain, and fitness equipment
- Paved, multi-purpose trail
- Multi-purpose courts for basketball, tennis, and pickleball
- Paved access to boat launch
- Improved restroom
- Improved shelters
- Expand playground area with shade canopy to include bigger slides and equipment for bigger kids and equipment for special needs kids
- Enclosed dog park in shaded area(?)
- Formal multi-purpose lawn for non-competitive pick-up activities such as throwing the Frisbee, playing catch, kicking the ball with friends, and special events
- Information kiosk
- Trash receptacles, recyclable bins
- Community gardens
- Public art

Grand Boulevard Park



Grand Boulevard is a 1-acre Mini Park located along the Pithlachascotee River on Grand Boulevard. As a riverfront Mini Park, Grand Boulevard Park is intended to provide access to the river for local residents. This suggests that the park should be accessible primarily by walking or biking, with little or no parking provided.

The park provides a great overall first impression. While limited to three sides, the visibility into and out of the park is good. Park and park amenities are well maintained and good condition. Potential improvements include:

Short-Term Operations and Maintenance Improvements:

- Littoral plantings along seawall
- Plant mangroves to buffer adjacent homes
- Remove fence around storm-water pond and add plantings and boulders along the pond slopes to create habitat and improve aesthetics

Capital Improvements:

- Signage and wayfinding system
- Power, water, infrastructure for visitor use
- All types of seating, including moveable tables and chairs
- Wi-Fi throughout the park
- Amenities such as bike racks, bike fix-it stations, water fountains, and fitness equipment
- Dog pick-up stations and allow dogs on leashes
- Trash receptacles, recyclable bins
- Improved bicycle/pedestrian access

High Street Park



High Street is a 0.98-acre Mini Park located in the southern part of the City. As a Mini Park, High Street Park is intended to serve residents located about a $\frac{1}{4}$ mile from the park. This suggests that the park should be accessible primarily by walking or biking, and should contain little or no parking. High Street Park is currently undeveloped and functions primarily as a storm-water retention facility. The park is accessible from one side; the other three sides are bordered by homes. This edge condition limits access and visibility into the park.

Potential improvements include:

Capital Improvements:

- Signage and wayfinding system
- Power, water, infrastructure for visitor use
- All types of seating, including moveable tables and chairs
- Wi-Fi throughout the park
- Playground for all ages with a shade canopy
- Picnic shelter
- Amenities such as bike racks, bike fix-it stations, and water fountain
- Dog pick-up stations and allow dogs on leashes
- Trash receptacles, recyclable bins
- Public art

The City may also wish to remove/relocate the existing fire station to expand the park; the fire station is located in the center of the neighborhood, and may be redundant due to the location of another station nearby.

James E. Grey Preserve



James E. Grey Preserve is the City's largest park. This wooded 98-acre Community Park serves residents city-wide with a variety of amenities including a playground, restroom, natural areas, and a natural surface trail system throughout the park.

The park provides a great overall first impression. Park and park amenities are well maintained and in good condition. The park is accessed primarily by vehicles with limited to no pedestrian or bicycle access. The park contains sufficient parking and park spaces for programmed events. However, the dirt parking lot creates a lot of dust. The City recently purchased 14 acres that expanded the park from 84 acres to 98 acres. Potential improvements include:

Capital Improvements:

- Signage and wayfinding system
- Add fine gravel to parking lot
- Observation tower
- ADA access to key park features such as the playground, pavilions, and restrooms
- Mulch trails
- Paved, multi-purpose trails
- Expanded playground
- Sustainable power, water, infrastructure for special events and visitor use
- All types of seating, including moveable tables and chairs
- Picnic shelters
- Wi-Fi throughout the park
- Amenities such as bike racks, bike fix-it stations, water fountain, and fitness equipment
- Canoe/kayak launch
- Dog pick-up stations and allow dogs on leashes
- Information kiosk
- Possible “drawbridge” connection to Meadow Park
- Canoe/ kayak/ paddleboard rental concession (private), particularly on weekends
- Trash receptacles, recyclable bins
- Public art, educational/historical signage
- Nature/ environmental center
- Youth group camping area including primitive camp sites, outdoor classrooms, restrooms, campfire circle
- Community gardens

Jasmine Park



Jasmin Park is a 1-acre Mini Park located along the Pithlachascotee River in the north part of the City. As a riverfront Mini Park, Jasmin Park is intended to provide access to the river for local residents. This suggests that the park should be accessible primarily by walking or biking, with little or no parking provided. The park provides residents with limited facilities and amenities including benches with shelters, open lawn area, and a fishing dock.

The park provides a great overall first impression. Visibility into and out of the park is good and the park and park amenities are well maintained and good condition, all of which create a safe feeling in the park. The linear nature of the park limits the opportunities for amenities, activities, and programming in the park. Potential improvements include:

Short-Term Operations and Maintenance Improvements:

- New sign
- Removal of vegetation to allow better views
- Seawall repair

Capital Improvements:

- Wider sidewalks
- Signage and wayfinding system
- Picnic shelters
- ADA access to shelters and dock
- Canoe/kayak launch
- Bench swings
- Power, water, infrastructure for visitor use
- All types of seating, including moveable tables and chairs
- Wi-Fi throughout the park
- +Amenities such as bike racks, bike fix-it stations, and water fountain
- Dog pick-up stations and allow dogs on leashes
- Information kiosk
- Trash receptacles, recyclable bins

Meadows Park



Meadows is a 6-acre Neighborhood Park located along the Pithlachascotee River in the southern part of the City. As a Neighborhood Park, Meadows Park is intended to serve residents located within a ½ mile of the park; however, the dog park is intended to serve residents City-wide.

The park is “tucked away” behind several homes, and provides a variety of facilities and amenities including a dog park with two dog corrals, a playground, a restroom, and a basketball court. The park was underused and frequently vandalized; the City added the dog park to improve the level of use and safety.

The park does not provide an overall great impression. Access and visibility into the park are limited due to its less than ideal location behind single-family residential homes. While the park grounds are well maintained, many of the park amenities and facilities including the playground, picnic shelters, furnishings, and dog corral fencing appear to be aged and/or over-used and are in need of repair. Additionally, the over-use of the dog park is leading to excessive wear and tear of the dog corral grounds.

Ideally, the dog park would be relocated to a more central, accessible location to serve residents City-wide; and the park would be restored and improved as a neighborhood or stormwater park. The City is currently evaluating alternative locations for the dog park, including other City-owned sites; a master planning/feasibility study should be conducted to evaluate the various alternatives. Potential improvements include:

Short-Term Operations and Maintenance Improvements:

- Clear understory to provide views to river and shelter

Capital Improvements:

- Acquire +/- 3 homes at entrance (if owners are willing) to open views into the park
- Signage and wayfinding system
- Power, water, infrastructure for visitor use
- Remove playground enclosure and add a new playground with a shade canopy
- Picnic shelters
- Paved, multi-purpose trail
- Trees, shade, and grass
- All types of seating, including moveable tables and chairs
- Wi-Fi throughout the park
- Amenities such as bike racks, bike fix-it stations, water fountains, and fitness equipment
- Information kiosk
- Trash receptacles, recyclable bins
- Public art
- Environmental theme, including signs and exhibits
- Stormwater treatment and habitat improvements
- Bridge connection to James E. Grey Preserve
- If the dog park is not relocated, additional improvements may include:
 - Expand dog park into forested area
 - Replace sod in dog park with decomposed granite
 - New fencing for dog park
 - Agility equipment for dog park
 - Areas for both small and large dogs

Orange Grove Park



Orange Grove Park is a 0.2-acre Mini Park located along the Pithlachascotee River at the intersection of Grand Boulevard and Orange Grove Avenue. As a riverfront Mini Park, Orange Grove Park is intended to provide access to the river for local residents. This suggests that the park should be accessible primarily by walking or biking.

The park is relatively undeveloped. While the park grounds are well maintained, the park contains a small picnic shelter with a bench that is past its life cycle and in poor condition. The park is narrow and contains limited space for additional amenities, activities, and programming. Potential improvements include:

Capital Improvements:

- Signage and wayfinding system
- Picnic shelters
- Canoe/kayak launch
- Dock
- ADA access to shelters and dock
- Bench swings
- Power, water, infrastructure for visitor use
- All types of seating, including moveable tables and chairs
- Wi-Fi throughout the park
- Amenities such as bike racks, bike fix-it stations, and water fountain
- Dog pick-up stations and allow dogs on leashes
- Trash receptacles, recyclable bins
- Public art

Peace Hall



Peace Hall is an historic, special event building in Sims Park/Orange Lake. The space is approximately 2,100 square feet and is regularly booked for weddings and family gatherings. It provides a great first impression. The hall is well maintained and in good condition. The building is aging, and some of the mechanical/electrical systems are outdated and nearing the end of their life cycle.

The City may wish to reinforce the use of Peace Hall, and the adjacent Rao Musunuru, M. D., Museum and Library, as a special events venue by redesigning the grounds to create greater privacy; improving the pedestrian connections to Orange Lake; and providing additional event parking. Other potential improvements include:

Capital Improvements:

- Building system upgrades
- Signage and wayfinding
- Wi-Fi
- Trash receptacles, recyclable bins
- Bike racks
- Public art
- Additional landscaping along the east side
- Valet parking and drop-off

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Pine Hill Park



Pine Hill Park is an 11-acre Community Park located in the north part of the City. As a Community Park, Pine Hill Park is intended to serve residents city-wide. However, the park functions more as a Sports Complex than a Community Park, providing residents and visitors with limited active recreation opportunities focused on little league baseball. The park contains typical sports complex amenities including batting cages, a concession stand with a sheltered seating area, and restrooms. The park is owned by the City, but maintained by the County and the little league baseball leagues that use the park. Maintenance responsibilities will revert back to the City within the next 2 years.

The park does not provide an overall great impression. It was one of the lowest scoring parks in the site evaluation. Visibility into and out of the park is good from Pine Hill Road, but limited from the other sides due to adjacent residential and light industrial development. The park and park amenities are nearing the end of their life cycle and are in need of repair. Parking is limited, which becomes a problem during games; the City recently purchased property across Pine Hill Road for expansion. Pedestrian and bicycle access is limited. Health and safety concerns include the risk of parked cars being hit by errant balls, and outdated concession and restroom building.

Alternative visions for Pine Hill Park include maintaining and improving the park as a size-constrained Little League Complex; or partnering with Pasco County and the leagues to construct a new, expanded, multi-use sports complex to serve the needs of western Pasco County residents. If a new sports complex is constructed, Pine Hill Park could be redesigned as a multi-purpose community park, possibly including a new dog park (to replace the Meadows dog park) and/or a new skate park (to replace the skate park at the Aquatics and Recreation Center). A master planning/feasibility study should be conducted to evaluate the various alternatives.

Potential improvements to Pine Hill Park (in its current use) include:

Capital Improvements:

- Signage and wayfinding system
- Better and more parking with ADA access (consider on-street parking along Pine Hill Road in combination with traffic calming measures).
- Explore expanding park property onto City property located just west of the park
- Raised crosswalk to connect to Church and potential expansion property
- Sidewalks throughout the park
- Upgrade concession stand and restrooms
- Improve drainage
- Ballfield fence
- Outfield netting
- Shade trees & canopies
- Paved, multi-purpose trail
- All types of seating, including moveable tables and chairs
- Picnic shelters
- Playground for all ages with shade canopy
- Wi-Fi throughout the park
- Amenities such as bike racks, bike fix-it stations, water fountains, and fitness equipment
- Multi-purpose courts for basketball, tennis, and pickleball
- Improved drop-off area
- Consolidated maintenance facility behind batting cages
- Information kiosk
- Trash receptacles, recyclable bins
- Public art

Recreation Center and Aquatics Center (Grounds)



The Recreation and Aquatics Center is part of an 18-acre “Signature” Park located in the north part of the City. The park functions as one of the main hubs of the City’s Parks and Recreation Department. The following recommendations focus on the grounds surrounding these facilities, as the building and aquatics facilities are being addressed through a separate study.

As a Signature Park, the Recreation and Aquatics Center grounds are intended to serve City and County residents throughout the region. The park grounds provide residents with a variety of outdoor activities including lighted tennis courts, a lighted skate park, lighted basketball courts, and open greenspace. Out of the 18 acres of park land, it appears that approximately 4 acres of the park are undeveloped. There may be opportunities to expand the offering of facilities and activities in the park by adjusting the layout of certain facilities and better utilizing excess greenspace. This may include the use of two large open greenspace areas that function as retention ponds that remain dry throughout the year.

The park provides an acceptable first impression. Visibility into and out of the park is good from and to Kentucky Avenue, which runs on the north side of the park. The topography along Van Buren Street limits views into and out of the park along the west side and residential development on the south and east of the park limit views into and out of the park. While the tennis and basketball courts appear to be in

good condition, the skate park is nearing the end of its life cycle and should be replaced. Pedestrian and bicycle access to the park is limited due to limited sidewalks connecting to the park.

There is a need to expand parking for the Center, especially considering the proposed building expansion. In order to make the best use of the existing property, the City should evaluate whether any existing uses could be relocated. For example, neither the skate park nor the Claude Pepper Senior Center have a direct relationship with the Aquatics and Recreation Center. A master planning/feasibility study should be conducted to evaluate the various site plan alternatives.

Potential improvements to the Recreation and Aquatics Center site (in its current use) include:

Capital Improvements:

- Signage and wayfinding
- Upgraded or relocated skatepark
- Outdoor, lighted pickleball courts
- Resurface tennis courts and improve lighting to allow night play
- Additional tennis courts
- Power, water, infrastructure for special events and visitor use
- Multipurpose open lawns
- Shade trees & canopies
- Paved, multi-purpose trail
- All types of seating, including moveable tables and chairs
- Picnic shelters
- Playground for all ages with shade canopy
- Wi-Fi throughout the park
- Amenities such as bike racks, bike fix-it stations, water fountains, and fitness equipment
- Dog pick-up stations and allow dogs on leashes
- Information kiosk
- Public art
- Additional parking
- Trash receptacles, recyclable bins
- Acquire the 4-5 homes at the southern end of the park, along Van Buren Street and Indiana Avenue, to provide greater visibility and land for expansion

River End Park



River End Park is a 0.16-acre Mini Park located in the northern part of the City. As a Mini Park, River End Park is intended to serve residents located within a $\frac{1}{4}$ mile of the park. This suggests that park should be accessible primarily by walking or biking.

The park is currently undeveloped. It has great visibility with transparent edges around the entire park. Single-family homes face the property and provide “eyes on the park”. The site is relatively flat, contains a utility lift station, and a large pine tree in the center of the property surrounded by sabal palms. Potential improvements include:

Capital Improvements:

- Signage and wayfinding system
- Power, water, infrastructure for visitor use
- Shade trees & canopies
- Paved, multi-purpose trail
- All types of seating, including moveable tables and chairs
- Picnic shelter
- Playground for all ages with a shade canopy
- Wi-Fi throughout the park
- Amenities such as bike racks, bike fix-it stations, water fountain, and fitness equipment
- Dog pick-up stations and allow dogs on leashes
- Perimeter bollards for vehicular control
- Trash receptacles, recyclable bins
- Maze
- Public art

Russ Park



Russ Park is a 0.27-acre Neighborhood Park located on the west side of the City. It is the only park located west of US Highway 19. As a Neighborhood Park, Russ Park is intended to serve the needs of local residents. This suggests that park should be accessible primarily by walking or biking.

The park does not provide a great first impression. It was the lowest scoring park in the site evaluations. The triangle shaped park has limited visibility from Avery Road located on the north side of the park, and no visibility from the other two sides due to adjacent residential and light industrial development. The dense and unpruned tree canopy further deters from the curb appeal of the park. While the park grounds are well maintained, the park contains a playground structure that is in poor condition. The park is narrow, and a central drainage swale limits the space available for additional amenities, activities, and programming. Potential improvements include:

Short-Term Operations and Maintenance Improvements:

- Prune existing trees and selectively remove understory plantings to enhance the overall appearance and use of the park
- Install buffer plantings along single-family residential property and light industrial property, enhance visibility and access to the park from the residential area
- Pipe existing swale to expand usable park space

Capital Improvements:

- Signage and wayfinding system
- ADA access
- New playground with shade canopy
- Outdoor exercise equipment
- Picnic shelter
- Power, water, infrastructure for visitor use
- All types of seating, including moveable tables and chairs
- Wi-Fi throughout the park
- Amenities such as bike racks, bike fix-it stations, and water fountain
- Dog pick-up stations and allow dogs on leashes
- Information kiosk
- Security lighting
- Reorientation of park entry to Wedgewood Drive
- Trash receptacles, recyclable bins
- Multi-purpose basketball/pickleball court
- Community garden
- Public art

The City may also wish to consider purchasing properties adjacent to the park, when they become available, to expand recreational opportunities.

Sims Boat Ramp



Sims Boat Ramp is a 3-acre Special Use Facility park located near the geographic center of the city. The park contains two boat ramps, boat parking, a restroom, bench shelters, and a seawall used for fishing. A City-owned building is leased by the Chamber of Commerce. Sims Boat Ramp is the only park with a boat ramp in the City of New Port Richey.

The park focuses on providing boat access and has limited other amenities or facilities. The park is predominantly comprised of an asphalt parking lot for the boat ramps with limited greenspace and shade. The limited impervious surface that exists in the park is located near the sea wall where the restroom and bench shelters are located. Parking for vehicles and boat trailers regularly becomes a challenge due to the limited number of parking spaces on the property.

Potential improvements include:

Short-Term Operations and Maintenance Improvements:

- Confirm and formalize agreements with surrounding properties for off-site parking (e.g. nearby church)
- Explore additional parking along adjacent roadways
- Add signage and wayfinding to nearby satellite vehicle and boat trailer parking
- Explore charging a nominal fee for boat parking to manage demand.

Capital Improvements:

- Demolish the Chamber of Commerce building to expand park use
- Acquire the residential parcel to the north of the park to expand park use
- Waterfront café/ bait and tackle shop/ restroom building
- Boat ramp extension
- Signage and wayfinding
- Canoe/kayak launch
- Bridge connection for fishing
- Sidewalks to picnic shelters
- Power, water, infrastructure for visitor use
- All types of seating, including moveable tables and chairs
- Wi-Fi throughout the park
- Amenities such as bike racks, bike fix-it stations, and water fountain
- Improved lighting
- Information kiosk
- Trash receptacles, recyclable bins
- Public art

Sims Park/Orange Lake



Sims Park/Orange Lake is the City's premier greenspace. This 15-acre "Signature" Park is located near the geographic center of the City along the Pithlachascotee River. As a Signature Park, Sims Park/Orange Lake attracts residents and visitors throughout the region and beyond, especially for special events. The park provides resident and visitors with a variety of opportunities including playing in the large playgrounds for kids of various ages, playing in the splash pad, exercising on the outdoor exercise equipment, walking/running/jogging on the paths located throughout the park, picnicking, relaxing on the open lawn areas located under large oak canopy trees, listening to a concert in the amphitheater, and canoeing/kayaking on the Cotee River.

The park provides a great overall first impression. Visibility into and out of the park is good and the park and park amenities are well maintained and in good condition, all of which create a safe feeling in the park. Sims Park/Orange Lake also displays a high sense of pride and ownership from residents and visitors that use the facility, and it provides flexibility and ample space to support programming. The park provides a variety of shelters that appear to be ample for large gatherings and provide refuge during inclement weather. Potential improvements include:

Short-Term Operations and Maintenance Improvements:

- Maintenance of pavilions that includes checking for wasp nests and bugs under tables in pavilions
- Maintenance of the playground that includes fixing the seatbelts on the baby swings
- Periodic sod replacement (including re-grading)

Capital Improvements:

- Implementation of Phase 2, including shade structures, a projection screen, and improved aesthetics around Orange Lake
- Signage and wayfinding system
- All types of seating, including moveable tables and chairs
- Shade structures
- Bench swings
- Wi-Fi throughout the park
- Amenities such as bike racks, bike fix-it stations, water fountains, and fitness equipment
- Dog pick-up stations and allow dogs on leashes
- Information kiosk
- Canoe/ kayak/ paddleboard rental concession (private)
- Trash receptacles, recyclable bins
- Sand volleyball courts
- Public art
- Outdoor music speakers
- Development of the adjacent Hacienda hotel as a special events venue within the park; comparable venues include Orange County's Cypress Grove Park, Orlando's Leu Gardens House, and Lakeland's Peggy Brown Center and Hollis Gardens at Lake Mirror Park

City of New Port Richey Parks System Master Plan Vision

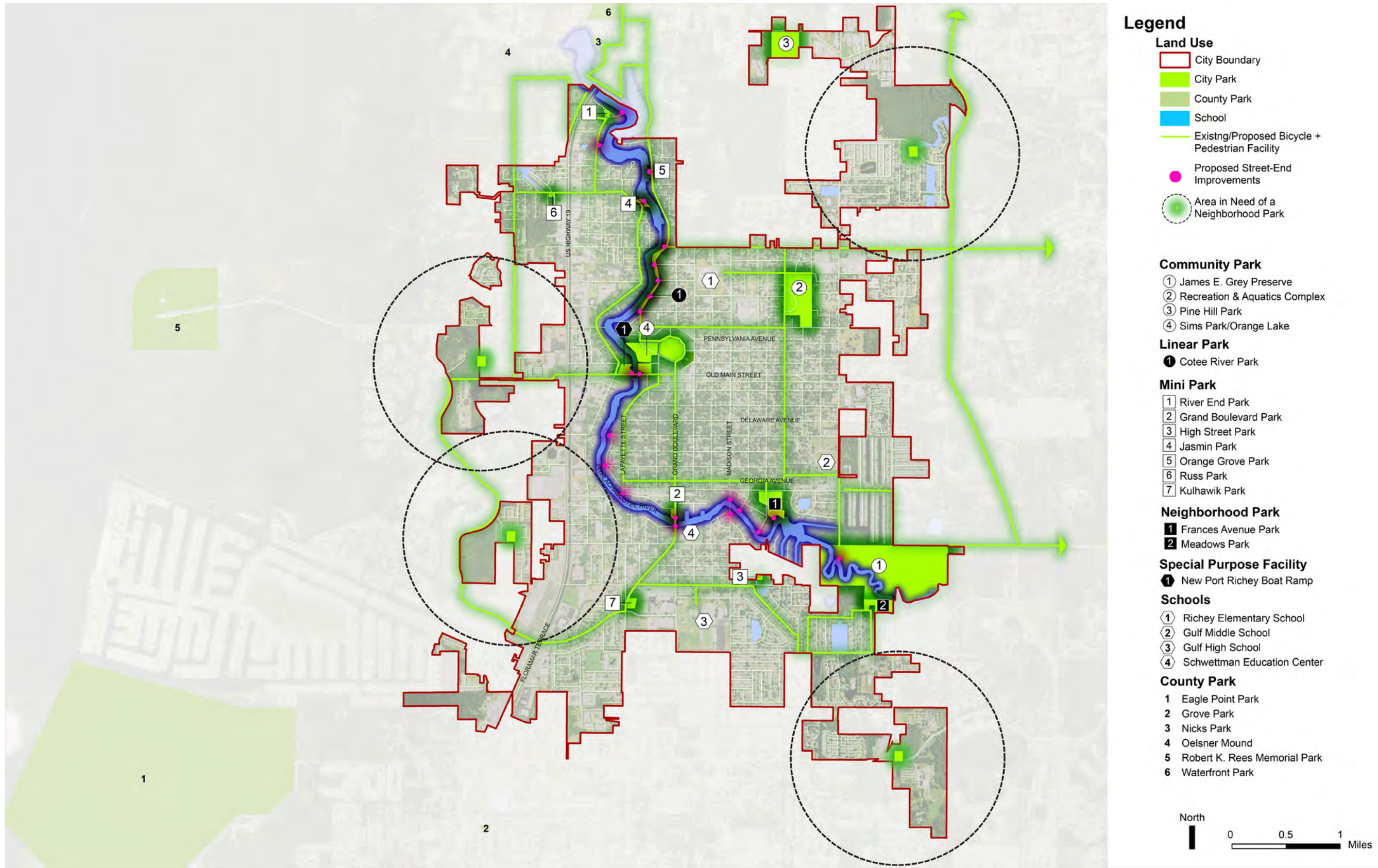
The City of New Port Richey's parks system is integral to the quality of life for City residents.

Figure 3.7 illustrates a comprehensive vision of the City's parks system that not only achieves the NPR Parks and Recreation Department's Mission and Vision but also addresses the values that were identified as being important and should be included in the mission/ vision, and prioritization of projects:

- Health
- Affordability
- Families
- Convenience
- Access
- Athletics
- Safe routes
- Communication/ marketing
- Education
- Connectivity
- Forward-thinking

The City's proposed parks system master plan vision will provide additional recreational opportunities for City residents and help meet other City needs such as economic development, neighborhood stabilization, stormwater treatment, flood control, and /or other benefits.

Figure 3.7 – City of New Port Richey Parks Master Plan System Vision



3.3 Estimate of Costs

Figure 3.8 lists a summary of the estimated costs of the proposed improvements discussed previously, including both City-wide and site-specific improvements. Subsequent pages provide more detail of these costs. All costs are “planning level estimates”, meaning that no detailed, engineering or design studies have been completed to determine the actual scope and magnitude of each improvements. Additionally, the costs do not include any potential land acquisition costs. Rather, estimates are based on available cost data and/or experience with similar projects.

The City should prioritize the proposed improvements, and prepare conceptual design/engineering studies of the top priorities in order to refine these estimates. The City should also develop a phasing and implementation strategy for the top priorities, based on available funding and partnerships. Appendix D includes a more detailed breakdown of the estimates for each of the improvements outlined in the Long Range Vision in this chapter.

Figure 3.8 - City-Wide and Individual Park Improvement Estimates of Probable Costs

Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity Improvements	\$19,305,000
Additional Neighborhood Parks	\$7,020,000
Individual Park Improvements	\$20,373,000
Cotee River Park	\$532,000
Frances Avenue Park	\$1,255,000
Grand Boulevard Park	\$121,000
High Street Park	\$451,000
James E. Grey Preserve	\$2,938,000
Jasmine Park	\$401,000
Meadows Park	\$1,112,000
Orange Grove Park	\$185,000
Recreational & Aquatics Complex	\$4,168,000
Russ Park	\$341,000
River End Park	\$551,000
Sims Boat Ramp	\$3,868,000
Sims/Orange Lake Park	\$2,071,000
Pine Hill Park	\$2,163,000
Peace Hall	\$216,000
Total Costs	\$46,698,000

Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity Improvements

Capital Improvements:

- Eight miles of multi-purpose trail \$12,000,000
- Four miles of buffered cycle track \$2,800,000
- Nineteen miles of neighborhood greenway \$50,000

Total **\$14,850,000**

20% Contingency and 10% Design Cost **\$4,455,000**

Total **\$19,305,000**

Additional Neighborhood Parks

Capital Improvements(do not include land acquisition):

- 5 acre park in the northwest \$1,350,000
- 5 acre park in the southwest \$1,350,000
- 5 acreage park in the southeast - \$1,350,000
- 5 acreage park in the norththeast - \$1,350,000

Total **\$5,400,000**

20% Contingency and 10% Design Cost **\$1,620,000**

Total **\$7,020,000**

Individual Park Improvements

Cotee River Park

Short-Term Operations and Maintenance Improvements Obtained Through Public Input:

- Blow and maintain sidewalks more often, especially the sidewalk located between Sims Park and Cotee River Park

Capital Improvements:

- Improved parking - \$3,000
- Signage and wayfinding system - \$8,000
- Upgrade pedestrian area lighting w/outlets for special events, visitor use - \$53,000
- More seating, especially moveable tables and chairs – \$12,000
- Wi-Fi throughout the park – \$5,000
- Amenities such as bike racks, water fountains, and fitness equipment - \$72,000
- Additional shelters in the park - \$51,000
- Improved bollards (already budgeted)
- Canoe-kayak launch points - \$60,000
- Docks at street ends - \$51,000
- Dog pick-up stations and allow dogs on leashes - \$8,000
- Information kiosk – \$17,000
- Trash receptacles, recyclable bins - \$11,000
- Public art - \$10,000
- Native Rain Garden Stormwater Improvements \$30,000
- Native Plantings \$15,000

Subtotal	\$409,000
20% Contingency and 10% Design Cost	\$123,000
Total	\$532,000

Frances Avenue Park

Capital Improvements:

- Clear exotic species along the Pithlachascotee River shore line - \$18,000
- Integrate park boulders into play areas - \$3,000
- Signage and wayfinding system - \$15,000
- Power, water, infrastructure for special events and visitor use - \$30,000
- More seating, especially moveable tables and chairs - \$19,000
- Wi-Fi throughout the park - \$5,000
- Amenities such as bike racks, water fountain, and fitness equipment - \$70,000
- Paved, multi-purpose trail - \$72,000
- Multi-purpose courts for basketball, tennis, and pickleball - \$50,000
- Paved access to boat launch - \$13,000
- Improved restroom - \$90,000
- Improved shelters - \$148,000
- Expand playground area with shade canopy to include bigger slides and equipment for bigger kids and equipment for special needs kids - \$150,000
- Enclosed dog park in shaded area(?) \$55,000
- Formal multi-purpose lawn for non-competitive pick-up activities such as throwing the Frisbee, playing catch, kicking the ball with friends, and special events - \$85,000
- Information kiosk - \$9,000
- Trash receptacles, recyclable bins - \$ 18,000
- Community gardens - \$3,000
- Public art - \$5,000
- Native Rain Garden Stormwater Improvements \$30,000
- Native Plantings \$20,000
- Upgrade pedestrian area lighting w/outlets for visitor use
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Subtotal	\$965,000
20% Contingency and 10% Design Cost	\$290,000
Total	\$1,255,000

Grand Boulevard Park

Short-Term Operations and Maintenance Improvements:

- Littoral plantings along seawall - \$2,000
- Plant mangroves to buffer adjacent homes - \$1,000
- Remove fence around storm-water pond and add plantings and boulders along the pond slopes to create habitat and improve aesthetics - \$15,000

Capital Improvements:

- All types of seating, including moveable tables and chairs - \$19,000
- Wi-Fi throughout the park - \$5,000
- Bike racks - \$2,000
- Dog pick-up stations and allow dogs on leashes - \$5,000
- Trash receptacles, recyclable bins - \$4,000
- Native Plantings \$15,000
- Upgrade pedestrian area lighting \$25,000

Subtotal	\$93,000
20% Contingency and 10% Design Cost	\$28,000
Total	\$121,000

High Street Park

Capital Improvements:

- Signage and wayfinding system - \$5,000
- Power, water, infrastructure for visitor use - \$30,000
- All types of seating, including moveable tables and chairs - \$12,000
- Wi-Fi throughout the park - \$5,000
- Playground for all ages with a shade canopy - \$150,000
- Picnic shelter - \$51,000
- Amenities such as bike racks and water fountain - \$ 5,000
- Dog pick-up stations and allow dogs on leashes - \$3,000
- Trash receptacles, recyclable bins - \$ 11,000
- Public art - \$5,000
- Native Rain Garden Stormwater Improvements \$30,000
- Native Plantings \$15,000
- Pedestrian area lighting with outlets for visitor use - \$25,000

Subtotal	\$347,000
20% Contingency and 10% Design Cost	\$104,000
Total	\$451,000

James E. Grey Preserve

Capital Improvements:

- Signage and wayfinding system - \$15,000
- Add fine gravel to parking lot - \$120,000
- Observation tower - \$500,000
- ADA access to key park features such as the playground, pavilions, and restrooms - \$4,000
- Mulch trails - \$42,000
- Paved, multi-purpose trails - \$169,000
- Expanded playground - \$ 100,000
- Sustainable power & water
- Power and water for special events and visitor use - \$ 30,000
- All types of seating, including moveable tables and chairs - \$19,000
- Picnic shelters - \$182,000
- Wi-Fi throughout the park - \$10,000
- Amenities such as bike racks, bike fix-it stations, water fountain, and fitness equipment - \$13,000
- Canoe/kayak launch - \$60,000
- Dog pick-up stations and allow dogs on leashes - \$12,000
- Information kiosk - \$26,000
- Possible "drawbridge" connection to Meadow Park - \$100,000
- Canoe/ kayak/ paddleboard rental concession (private), particularly on weekends - \$ (By Concessionaire)
- Trash receptacles, recyclable bins - \$22,000
- Public art \$25,000
- Educational/historical signage - \$31,000
- Nature/ environmental center - \$630,000
- Youth group camping area including primitive camp sites, outdoor classrooms, restrooms, camp-fire circle - \$115,000
- Community gardens - \$5,000
- Native Rain Garden Stormwater Improvements \$30,000

Subtotal	\$2,260,000
20% Contingency and 10% Design Cost	\$678,000
Total	\$2,938,000

Jasmin Park

Short-Term Operations and Maintenance Improvements:

- New sign - \$7,000
- Removal of vegetation to allow better views - \$2,000
- Seawall repair - \$49,000

Capital Improvements:

- Wider sidewalks & ADA Access - \$23,000
- Signage and wayfinding system - \$5,000
- Picnic shelters - \$51,000
- Canoe/kayak launch - \$60,000
- Bench swings - \$8,000
- All types of seating, including moveable tables and chairs - \$12,000
- Wi-Fi throughout the park - \$5,000
- Amenities such as bike racks and water fountain - \$5,000
- Dog pick-up stations and allow dogs on leashes - \$3,000
- information kiosk - \$9,000
- Trash receptacles, recyclable bins - \$7,000
- Native Rain Garden Stormwater Improvements \$30,000
- Native Plantings \$15,000
- Upgrade pedestrian area lighting with outlets for visitor use - \$18,000

Subtotal	\$309,000
20% Contingency and 10% Design Cost	\$93,000
Total	\$402,000

Meadows Park

Short-Term Operations and Maintenance Improvements:

- Clear understory to provide views to river and shelter - \$10,000

Capital Improvements:

- Acquire +/- 3 homes at entrance (if owners are willing) to open views into the park - \$450,000
- Signage and wayfinding system - \$8,000
- Pedestrian area lighting with outlets for visitor use - \$53,000
- Remove playground enclosure and add a new playground with a shade canopy - \$5,000
- Picnic shelters - \$91,000
- Paved, multi-purpose trail - \$60,000
- Trees, shade, and grass - \$20,000
- All types of seating, including moveable tables and chairs - \$12,000
- Wi-Fi throughout the park - \$5,000
- Amenities such as bike racks, water fountains, and fitness equipment - \$71,000
- Information kiosk - \$9,000
- Trash receptacles, recyclable bins - \$11,000
- Public art - \$5,000
- Environmental theme, including signs and exhibits - \$12,000
- Stormwater treatment and habitat improvements - \$20,000
- Bridge connection to James E. Grey Preserve - \$(see James E. Grep Preserve)

If the dog park is not relocated, additional improvements may include:

- Expand dog park into forested area - \$30,000*
- Replace sod in dog park with decomposed granite - \$50,000
- New fencing for dog park - \$15,000*
- Agility equipment for dog park - \$8,000*
- Areas for both small and large dogs - \$55,000

Subtotal	\$855,000*
20% Contingency and 10% Design Cost	\$257,000
Total	\$1,112,000

Orange Grove Park

Capital Improvements:

- Signage and wayfinding system - \$8,000
- Picnic shelter - \$17,000
- Canoe/kayak launch - \$60,000
- Dock - \$9,000
- ADA access to shelters and dock - \$4,000
- Bench swings - \$5,000
- Pedestrian area with outlets for visitor use - \$11,000
- All types of seating, including moveable tables and chairs - \$7,000
- Amenities such as bike racks - \$1,000
- Dog pick-up stations and allow dogs on leashes - \$2,000
- Trash receptacles, recyclable bins - \$2,000
- Public art - \$5,000
- Native Planting \$5,000

Subtotal	\$136,000
20% Contingency and 10% Design Cost	\$49,000
Total	\$185,000

Peace Hall

Capital Improvements:

- Building system upgrades - \$50,000
- Signage and wayfinding - \$8,000
- Wi-Fi - \$5,000
- Trash receptacles, recyclable bins - \$7,000
- Bike racks - \$2,000
- Public art - \$10,000
- Additional landscaping along the east side - \$9,000
- Valet parking and drop-off - \$3,000

Subtotal	\$94,000
20% Contingency and 10% Design Cost	\$28,000
Total	\$216,000

Pine Hill Park

Capital Improvements:

- Signage and wayfinding system - \$15,000
- Better and more parking with ADA access (consider on-street parking along Pine Hill Road in combination with traffic calming measures). - \$80,000
- Explore expanding park property onto City property located just west of the park
- Raised crosswalk & Signage to connect to Church and potential expansion property - \$10,000
- Sidewalk & Multipurpose trail throughout the park - \$120,000
- Upgrade concession stand and restrooms - \$460,000
- Improve drainage - \$50,000
- Ballfield fence - \$85,000
- Outfield netting - \$38,000
- Shade trees & canopies - \$15,000
- All types of seating, including moveable tables and chairs - \$36,000
- Picnic shelters - \$136,000
- Playground for all ages with shade canopy - \$150,000
- Wi-Fi throughout the park - \$5,000
- Amenities such as bike racks, water fountains, and fitness equipment - \$75,000
- Multi-purpose courts for basketball, tennis, and pickleball - \$50,000
- Improved drop-off area - \$25,000
- Consolidated maintenance facility behind batting cages - \$195,000
- Information kiosk - \$9,000
- Trash receptacles, recyclable bins - \$33,000
- Public art - \$5,000
- Native Planting \$15,000
- Pedestrian area lighting with outlets for visitor use - \$53,000

Subtotal	\$1,664,000
20% Contingency and 10% Design Cost	\$499,000
Total	\$2,163,000

Recreation and Aquatics Center (grounds)

Capital Improvements:

- Signage and wayfinding - \$30,000
- Upgraded or relocated skatepark - \$1,000,000
- Outdoor, lighted pickleball courts - \$200,000
- Resurface tennis courts and improve lighting to allow night play - \$100,000
- Additional tennis courts - \$240,000
- Power, water, infrastructure for special events and visitor use - \$70,000
- Multipurpose open lawns - \$110,000
- Shade trees & canopies - \$56,000
- Paved, multi-purpose trail - \$92,000
- All types of seating, including moveable tables and chairs - \$38,000
- Picnic shelters - \$142,000
- Playground for all ages with shade canopy - \$150,000
- Wi-Fi throughout the park - \$10,000
- Amenities such as bike racks, bike fix-it stations, water fountains, and fitness equipment - \$88,000
- Dog pick-up stations and allow dogs on leashes - \$18,000
- Information kiosk - \$34,000
- Public art - \$20,000
- Additional parking - \$41,000
- Trash receptacles, recyclable bins - \$44,000
- Acquire the 4-5 homes at the southern end of the park, along Van Buren Street and Indiana Avenue, to provide greater visibility and land for expansion - \$450,000 (not in contingency)
- Native Rain Garden Stormwater Improvements \$60,000
- Native Planting \$30,000
- Pedestrian area lighting - \$123,000

Subtotal	\$3,206,000
20% Contingency and 10% Design Cost	\$962,000*
Total	\$4,168,000

River End Park

Capital Improvements:

- Signage and wayfinding system - \$8,000
- Area lighting with outlets in poles for visitor use - \$21,000
- Shade trees & canopies - \$11,000
- Paved, multi-purpose trail - \$24,000
- All types of seating, including moveable tables and chairs - \$12,000
- Picnic shelter - \$51,000
- Playground for all ages with a shade canopy - \$150,000
- Wi-Fi throughout the park - \$5,000
- Amenities such as bike racks and water fountain equipment - \$5,000
- Dog pick-up stations and allow dogs on leashes - \$5,000
- Perimeter bollards for vehicular control - \$48,000
- Trash receptacles, recyclable bins - \$7,000
- Maze - \$4,000
- Public art - \$5,000
- Native Rain Garden Stormwater Improvements \$30,000
- Native Planting \$20,000
- Pedestrian area lighting with outlets for visitor use

Subtotal	\$424,000
20% Contingency and 10% Design Cost	\$127,000
Total	\$551,000

Russ Park

Short-Term Operations and Maintenance Improvements:

- Prune existing trees and selectively remove understory plantings to enhance the overall appearance and use of the park - \$2,000
- Install buffer plantings along single-family residential property and light industrial property, enhance visibility and access to the park from the residential area - \$3,000
- Pipe existing swale to expand usable park space - \$8,000

Capital Improvements:

- Signage and wayfinding system - \$5,000
- ADA access & pathway - \$18,000
- New playground with shade canopy - \$120,000
- Picnic shelter - \$34,000
- All types of seating, including moveable tables and chairs - \$12,000
- Wi-Fi throughout the park - \$5,000
- Amenities such as bike racks water fountain - \$4,000
- Dog pick-up stations and allow dogs on leashes - \$3,000
- Information kiosk - \$9,000
- Pedestrian area lighting with outlets in poles for visitor use - \$18,000
- Reorientation of park entry to Wedgewood Drive - \$3,000
- Trash receptacles, recyclable bins - \$5,000
- Community garden - \$3,000
- Public art - \$5,000
- Native Planting - \$5,000

Subtotal	\$262,000
20% Contingency and 10% Design Cost	\$79,000
Total	\$341,000

Sims Boat Ramp

Short-Term Operations and Maintenance Improvements:

- Confirm and formalize agreements with surrounding properties for off-site parking (e.g. nearby church)
- Explore additional parking along adjacent roadways
- Add signage and wayfinding to nearby satellite vehicle and boat trailer parking - \$5,000
- Explore charging a nominal fee for boat parking to manage demand.

Capital Improvements:

- Demolish the Chamber of Commerce building to expand park use - \$7,000
- Acquire the residential parcel to the north of the park to expand park use - \$1,000,000
- Waterfront café/ bait and tackle shop/ restroom building - \$330,000
- Boat ramp extension - \$20,000
- Signage and wayfinding - \$8,000
- Canoe/kayak launch - \$60,000
- Bridge connection for fishing - \$9,000
- Sidewalks to picnic shelters - \$6,000
- Water for visitor use - \$5,000
- All types of seating, including moveable tables and chairs - \$19,000
- Wi-Fi throughout the park - \$5,000
- Amenities such as bike racks, and water fountain - \$5,000
- Pedestrian area lighting with outlets for visitor use - \$42,000
- Information kiosk - \$9,000
- Trash receptacles, recyclable bins - \$13,000
- Public art - \$5,000
- Native Rain Garden Stormwater Improvements \$30,000
- Native Planting - \$15,000

Subtotal	\$1,593,000
20% Contingency and 10% Design Cost	\$478,000
Total	\$2,071,000

Sims Park/Orange Lake

Short-Term Operations and Maintenance Improvements:

- Maintenance of pavilions that includes checking for wasp nests and bugs under tables in pavilions
- Maintenance of the playground that includes fixing the seatbelts on the baby swings
- Periodic sod replacement (including re-grading) - \$6,000

Capital Improvements:

- Implementation of Phase 2, including shade structures, a projection screen, and improved aesthetics around Orange Lake - \$407,000
- Signage and wayfinding system - \$15,000
- All types of seating, including moveable tables and chairs - \$36,000
- Shade structures - \$85,000
- Bench swings - \$20,000
- Wi-Fi throughout the park - \$10,000
- Amenities such as bike racks, bike fix-it stations, water fountains, and fitness equipment - \$75,000
- Dog pick-up stations and allow dogs on leashes - \$12,000
- Information kiosk - \$26,000
- Canoe/ kayak/ paddleboard rental concession (private) - \$ By Concessionaire
- Trash receptacles, recyclable bins - \$ 27,000
- Sand volleyball courts - \$100,000
- Public art - \$15,000
- Outdoor music speakers - \$40,000
- Development of the adjacent Hacienda hotel as a special events venue within the park; comparable venues include Orange County’s Cypress Grove Park, Orlando’s Leu Gardens House, and Lakeland’s Peggy Brown Center and Hollis Gardens at Lake Mirror Park - \$2,000,000
- Native Rain Garden Stormwater Improvements \$30,000
- Native Planting - \$30,000
- Pedestrian area lighting with outlets for visitor use - \$53,000

Subtotal	\$2,975,000
20% Contingency and 10% Design Cost	\$893,000
Total	\$3,868,000

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Appendices



City of New Port Richey 2016 Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment Survey

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The City of New Port Richey Needs Assessment Survey Executive Summary

Overview

ETC Institute administered a needs assessment survey for the City of New Port Richey during the fall of 2016. The survey was administered as part of the City's efforts to plan the future for parks and recreation opportunities. The survey and its results will guide the City of New Port Richey in making improvements to the City's existing and future parks, trails, and recreational programs to best serve the needs of residents. The survey will also help the City establish priorities for the future improvement of Parks, Recreation and Forestry facilities, programs and services within the community.

Methodology

ETC Institute mailed a survey packet to a random sample of households in the City of New Port Richey. Each survey packet contained a cover letter, a copy of the survey, and a postage-paid return envelope. Residents who received the survey were given the option of returning the survey by mail or completing it on-line at www.NewPortRicheyGov.org.

Ten days after the surveys were mailed, ETC Institute sent emails and placed phone calls to the households that received the survey to encourage participation. The emails contained a link to the on-line version of the survey to make it easy for residents to complete the survey. To prevent people who were not residents of the City of New Port Richey from participating, everyone who completed the survey on-line was required to enter their home address prior to submitting the survey. ETC Institute then matched the addresses that were entered on-line with the addresses that were originally selected for the random sample. If the address from a survey completed on-line did not match one of the addresses selected for the sample, the on-line survey was not counted.

The goal was to obtain completed surveys from at least 400 residents. The goal was exceeded with a total of 502 residents completing the survey. The overall results for the sample of 502 households have a precision of at least +/-4.4% at the 95% level of confidence.

This report contains the following:

- Charts showing the overall results of the survey (Section 1)
- Priority Investment Rating (PIR) that identifies priorities for facilities and programs (Section 2)
- Benchmarking analysis comparing the City's results to national results (Section 3)
- Tabular data showing the overall results for all questions on the survey (Section 4)
- A copy of the survey instrument (Section 5)

The major findings of the survey are summarized below and on the following pages.

Overall Facility Use and Ratings

Overall Use: Eighty-three percent (83%) of households surveyed indicated they had visited any of the City of New Port Richey parks and/or recreation facilities during the past 12 months. A majority of respondents (55%) made between one and 10 visits during the past year, 12% of respondents made 11 to 19 visits, and a third of respondents (33%) made 20 or more visits.

Ratings: A majority of respondents (68%), who visited a City of New Port Richey park or recreation facility, indicated the physical condition of the park they visited was “excellent”. Sixty-eight percent (68%) is more than double the national average of 31%.

Program Participation and Ratings

Overall Participation: Nineteen percent (19%) of households surveyed indicated that they had participated in the City of New Port Richey recreation programs during the past 12 months.

Ratings: A majority of respondents (90%), who participated in a program offered by the City of New Port Richey, indicated the quality of the program was either “excellent” (56%) or “good” (34%). The national averages are nearly a mirrored reversal, a majority of national respondents (53%) indicated the programs they participated in were “good”, while 36% of national respondents indicated the programs they participated in were “excellent”.

Organizations and Facilities Used for Parks and Recreation Programs and Cultural Facilities

Over half of respondents (57%) indicated their household uses parks and recreation programs and facilities offered by the City of New Port Richey. The top three organizations, not including the City of New Port Richey, households use most often include: neighboring cities/counties/state parks (34%), churches (20%), private clubs (11%).

Barriers to Park, Facility and Program Usage

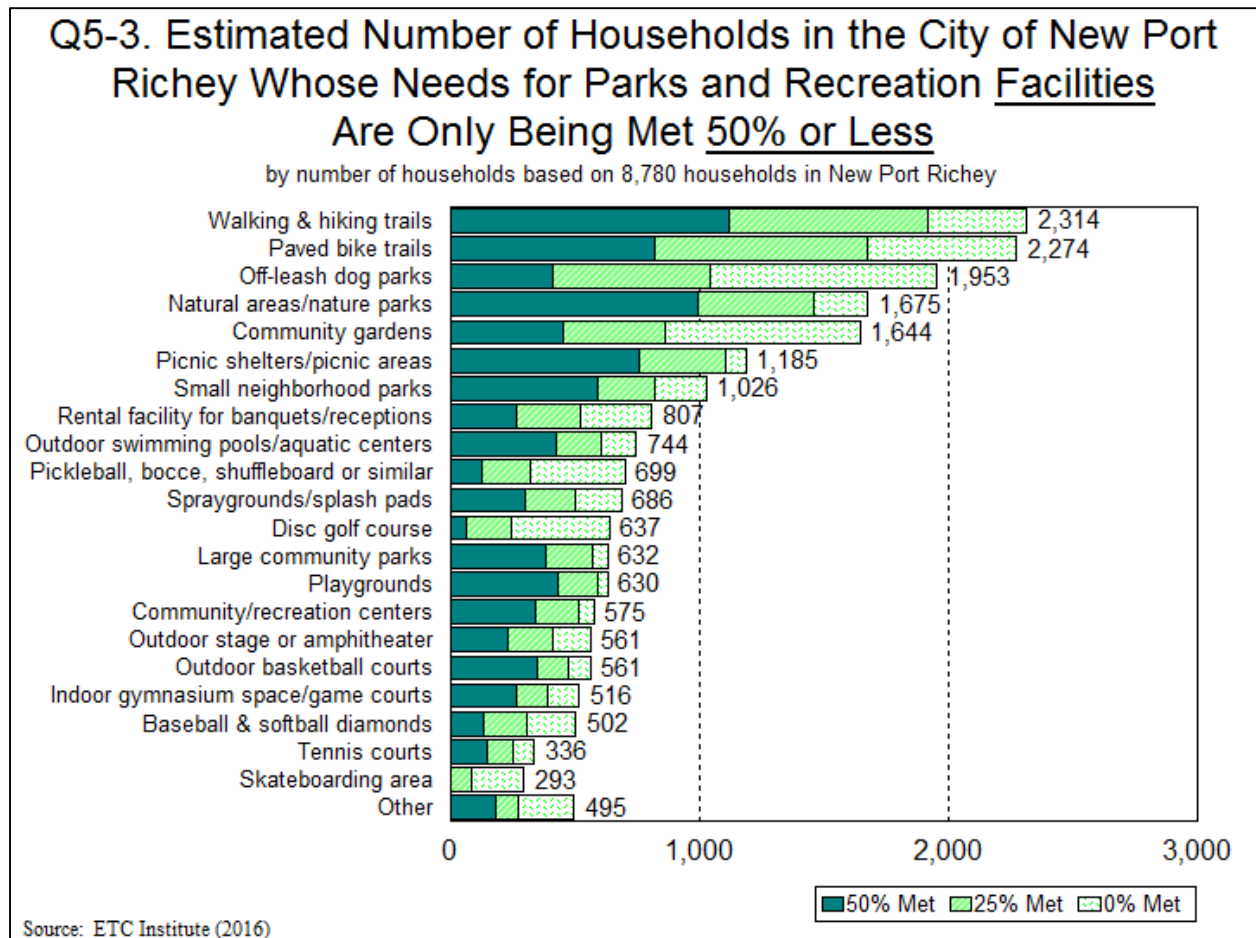
Respondents were asked from a list of 19 potential reasons to identify why households use private fitness centers or other facilities instead of the City’s recreation and aquatics center. The top four reasons selected were: not knowing what is offered (43%), fees are too high (36%), program or facility is not offered (24%), and program times are not convenient (24%).

Facility Needs and Priorities

Facility Needs: Respondents were asked to identify if their household had a need for 22 recreation facilities and amenities and rate how well their needs for each were currently being met. Based on this analysis, ETC Institute was able to estimate the number of households in the community that had the greatest “unmet” need for various facilities.

The three recreation facilities with the highest percentage of households that indicated a need for the facility were: small neighborhood parks (56%), natural areas/nature parks (56%), and

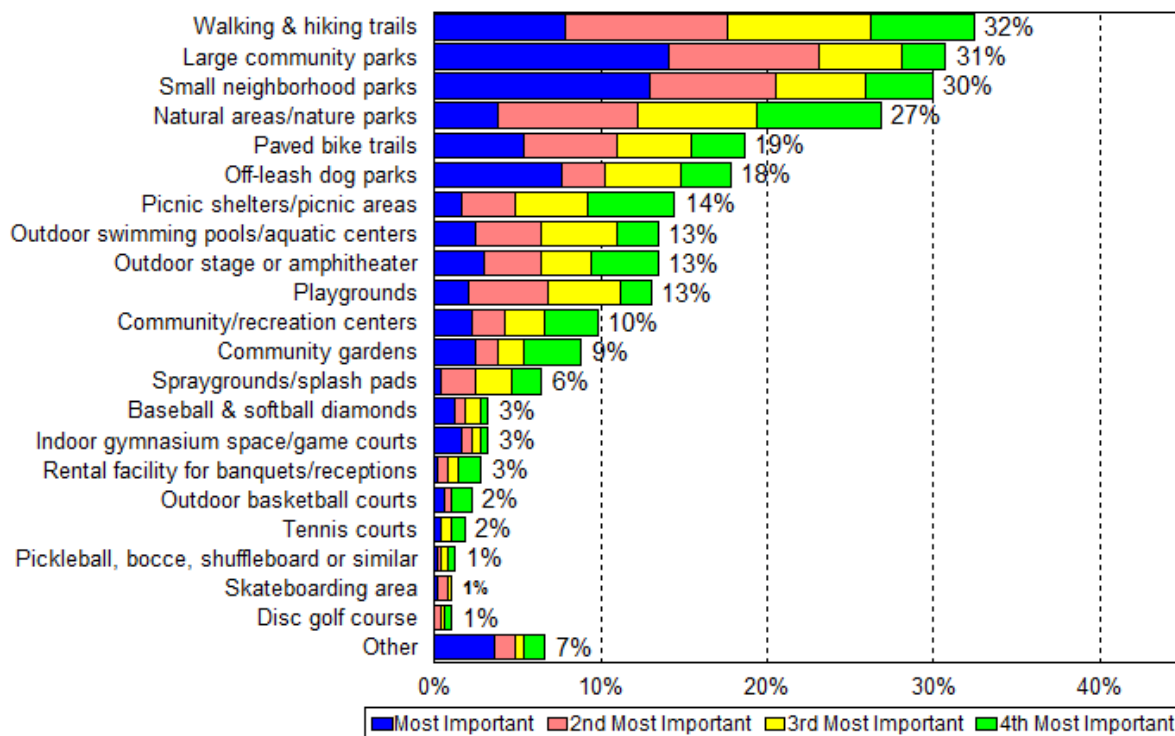
walking and hiking trails (55%). When ETC Institute analyzed the needs in the community, only two facilities, walking and hiking trails and paved bike trails, had a need that affected more than 2,000 households. ETC Institute estimates a total of 2,314 of the 8,780 households in the City of New Port Richey have unmet needs for walking and hiking trails. The estimated number of households that have unmet needs for each of the 22 facilities that were assessed is shown in the table below.



Facility Importance: In addition to assessing the needs for each facility, ETC Institute also assessed the importance that residents placed on each facility. Based on the sum of respondents' top four choices, the three most important facilities to residents were: walking and hiking trails (32%), large community parks (31%), and small neighborhood parks (30%). The percentage of residents who selected each facility as one of their top four choices is shown in the chart at the top of the following page.

Q7. Parks and Recreation Facilities That Are Most Important to Households

by percentage of respondents who selected the item as one of their top four choices



Source: ETC Institute (2016)

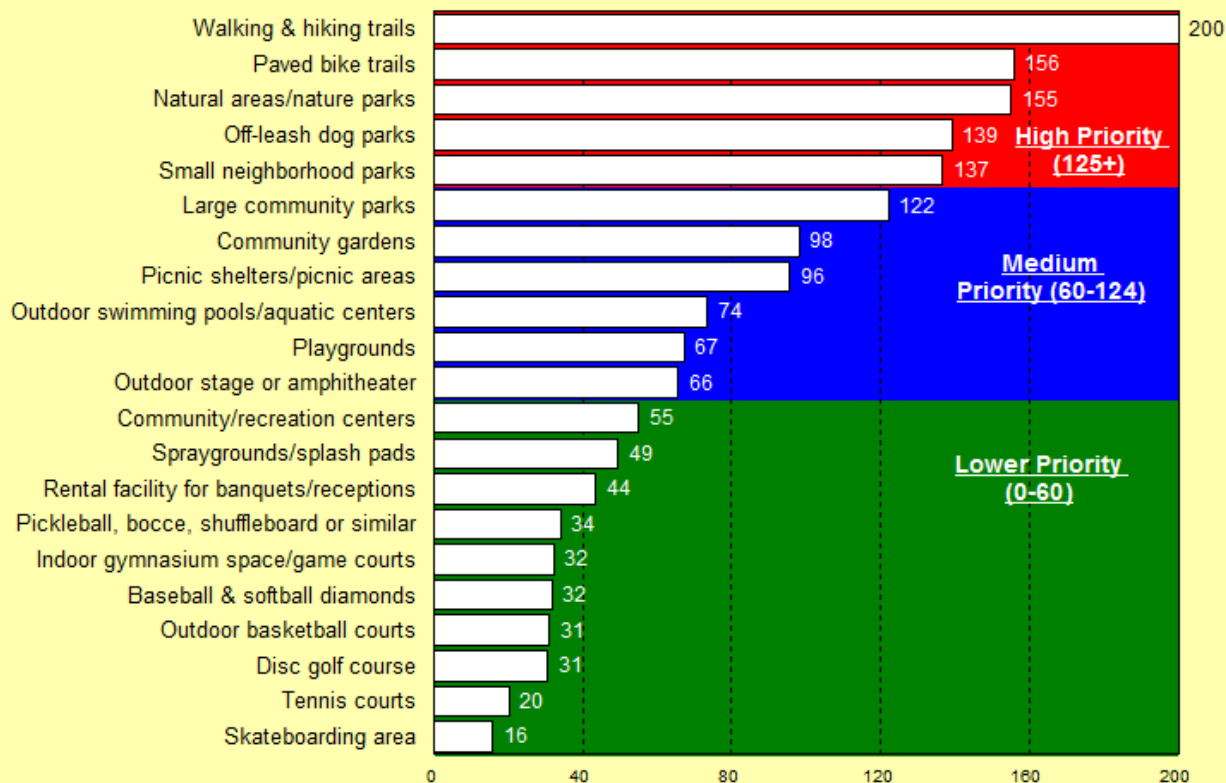
Priorities for Facility Investments: The **Priority Investment Rating (PIR)** was developed by ETC Institute to provide organizations with an objective tool for evaluating the priority that should be placed on Parks and Recreation investments. The Priority Investment Rating (PIR) equally weights (1) the importance that residents place on facilities and (2) how many residents have unmet needs for the facility. [Details regarding the methodology for this analysis are provided in Section 2 of this report.]

Based the Priority Investment Rating (PIR), the following five facilities were rated as high priorities for investment:

- Walking and hiking trails (PIR=200)
- Paved bike trails (PIR=156)
- Natural areas/nature parks (PIR=155)
- Off-leash dog parks (PIR=139)
- Small neighborhood parks (PIR=137)

The chart on the following page shows the Priority Investment Rating for each of the 21 facilities/amenities that were assessed on the survey.

Top Priorities for Investment for Facilities and Amenities Based on the Priority Investment Rating



Source: ETC Institute (2016)

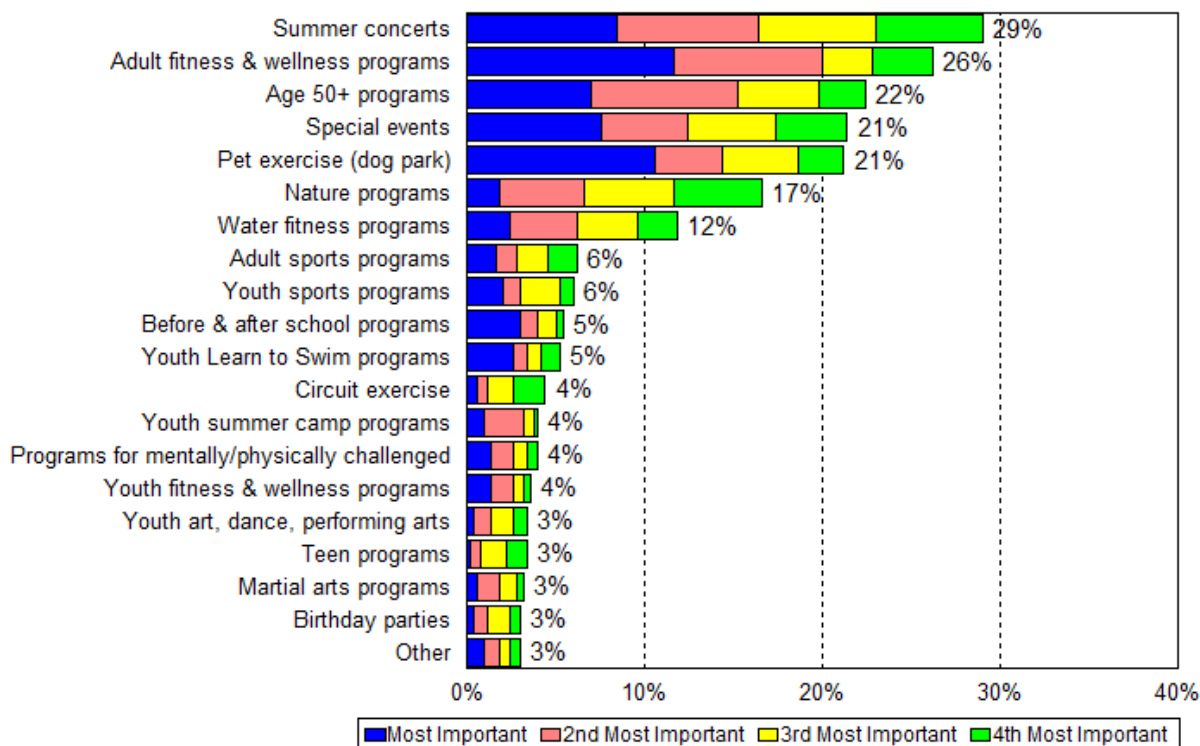
Programming Needs and Priorities

Programming Needs. Respondents were also asked to identify if their household had a need for 20 recreational programs and rate how well their needs for each program were currently being met. Based on this analysis, ETC Institute was able to estimate the number of households in the community that had “unmet” needs for each program.

The three programs with the highest percentage of households that had needs were: summer concerts (48%), adult fitness and wellness programs (47%), and age 50+ programs (36%). In addition to having the highest total need, two of the top three most needed programs programs also have the highest unmet need among the 20 programming-related areas that were assessed. ETC Institute estimates a total of 2,500 households have unmet needs for adult fitness and wellness programs and 2,257 households have unmet needs for age 50+ programs. The estimated number of households that have unmet needs for each of the 20 programs that were assessed is shown in the chart at the top of the following page.

Q10. Recreation Programs That Are Most Important to Households

by percentage of respondents who selected the item as one of their top four choices



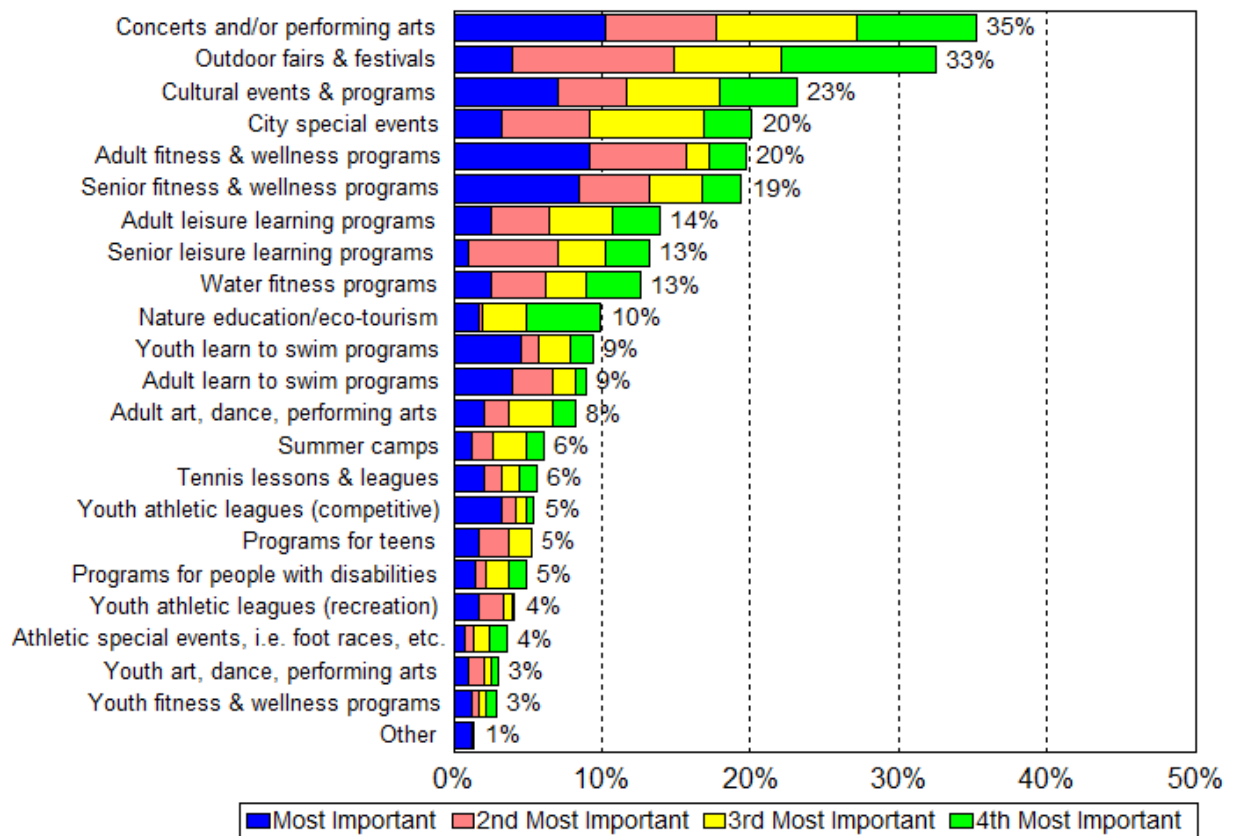
Source: ETC Institute (2016)

Program Importance. In addition to assessing the needs for each program, ETC Institute also assessed the importance that residents place on each program. Based on the sum of respondents' top four choices, the three most important programs to residents were: summer concerts (29%), adult fitness and wellness programs (26%), age 50+ programs (22%).

The percentage of residents who selected each program as one of their top four choices is shown in the table at the top of the following page.

Q11. Programs That Are Most Important to Households

by percentage of respondents who selected the items as one of their top four choices



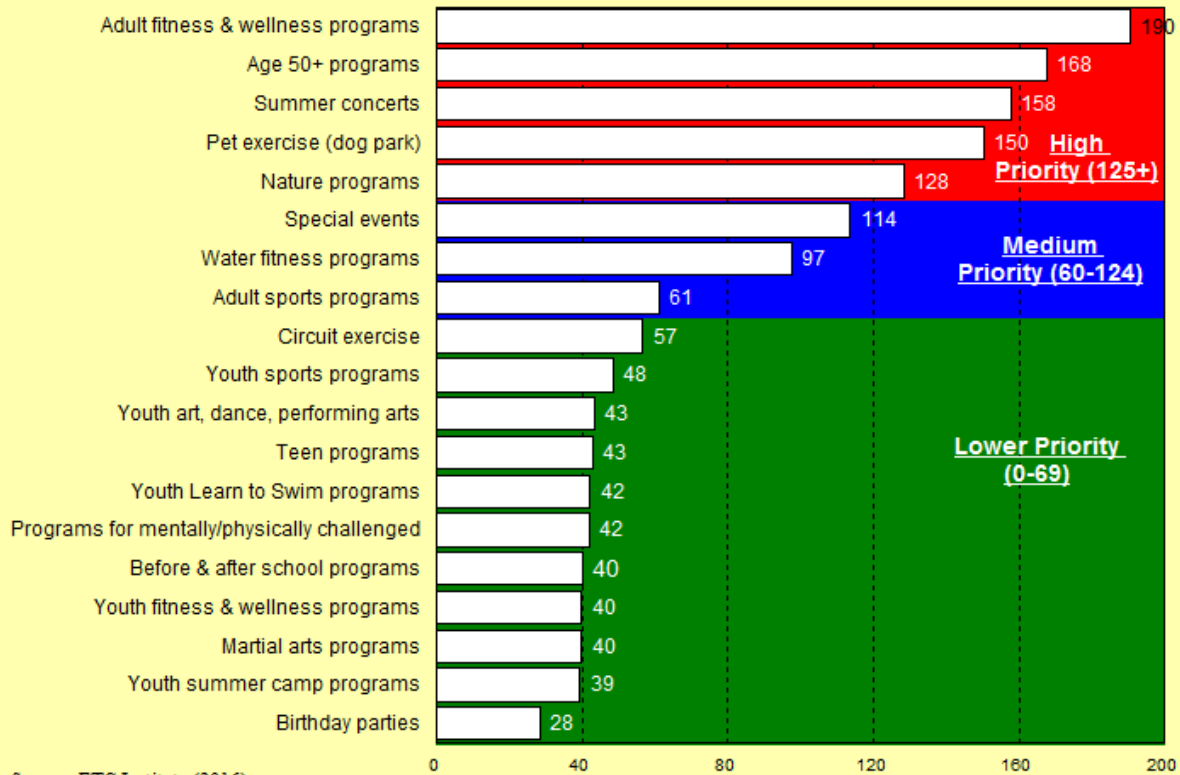
Source: ETC Institute (2016)

Priorities for Programming Investments. Based the priority investment rating (PIR), which was described briefly on page iv of this Executive Summary and is described in more detail in Section 2 of this report, the following five programs were rated as “high priorities” for investment:

- Adult fitness and wellness programs (PIR=190)
- Age 50+ programs (PIR=168)
- Summer concerts (PIR=158)
- Pet exercise (dog park) (PIR=150)
- Nature programs(PIR=128)

The chart on the following page shows the Priority Investment Rating (PIR) for each of the 19 programs that were rated.

Top Priorities for Investment for Programs Based on the Priority Investment Rating



Source: ETC Institute (2016)

Conclusions and Recommendations

The City of New Port Richey finds itself in a unique position compared to cities around the nation. They have fantastic support from their constituents, and over 90% of respondents feel that it is either “very important” (77%) or “somewhat important” (14%) for the City to provide high quality parks and recreation facilities and programs. The key phrase from that statement is “high quality”, residents of New Port Richey have very high expectations for their parks and recreation facilities and programs, and the City is doing a fantastic job of ensuring most needs are met within the community. When compared to the national average, more respondents from New Port Richey indicated the parks they’ve visited, and the programs they’ve participated in were “excellent”. Nationally, respondents are more likely to indicate their parks and recreation programs and facilities are more “good” than “excellent”, the City should pride itself knowing that they have high standards and are meeting those standards by setting the bar nationally.

One important factor that may be contributing to lower rates of program use in the City of New Port Richey is that respondents do not know what is being offered. Focusing on the ways respondents learn about recreation programs and activities, namely the newspaper and word of mouth, could go a long way in closing the participation gap seen here.

When analyzing the programs offered by the City of New Port Richey the same item was the among the most important to respondent’s households, had the highest level of unmet need,

and was the number one most important facility to households. Focusing on walking and hiking trails within the district would provide the greatest benefit for the largest number of residents within the City of New Port Richey.

In order to ensure that the City of New Port Richey continues to meet the needs and expectations of the community, ETC Institute recommends that the Parks and Recreation a sustain and/or improve the performance in areas that were identified as “high priorities” by the Priority Investment Rating (PIR). The facilities and programs with the highest PIR ratings are listed below.

Facility Priorities

- Walking and hiking trails (PIR=200)
- Paved bike trails (PIR=156)
- Natural areas/nature parks (PIR=155)
- Off-leash dog parks (PIR=139)
- Small neighborhood parks (PIR=137)

Programming Priorities

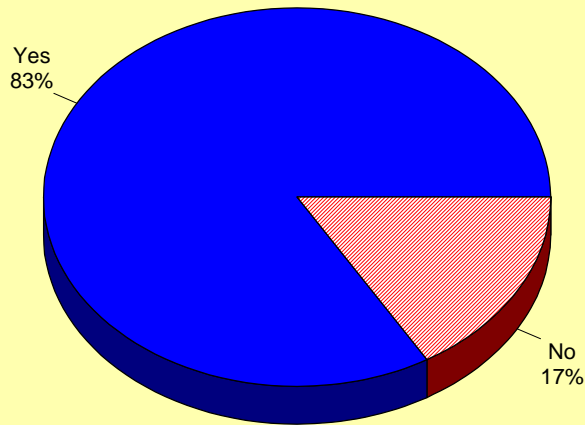
- Adult fitness and wellness programs (PIR=190)
- Age 50+ programs (PIR=168)
- Summer concerts (PIR=158)
- Pet exercise (dog park) (PIR=150)
- Nature programs(PIR=128)

Section 1

Charts and Graphs

Q1. Have you or members of your household visited any of the parks and/or recreation facilities in the City of New Port Richey during the past 12 months?

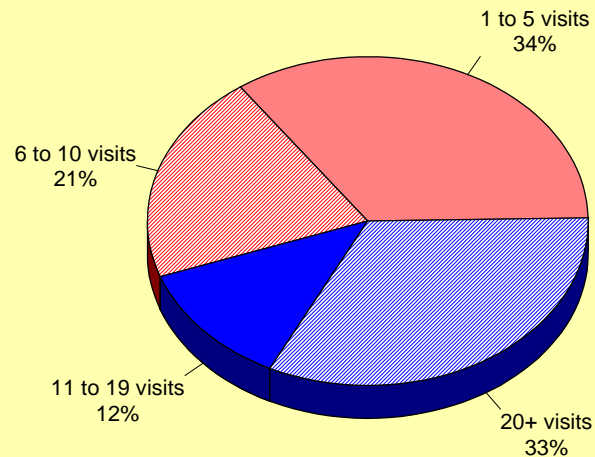
by percentage of respondents



Source: ETC Institute (2016)

Q1a. Approximately how often did you or members of your household visit those facilities in the City of New Port Richey during the past year?

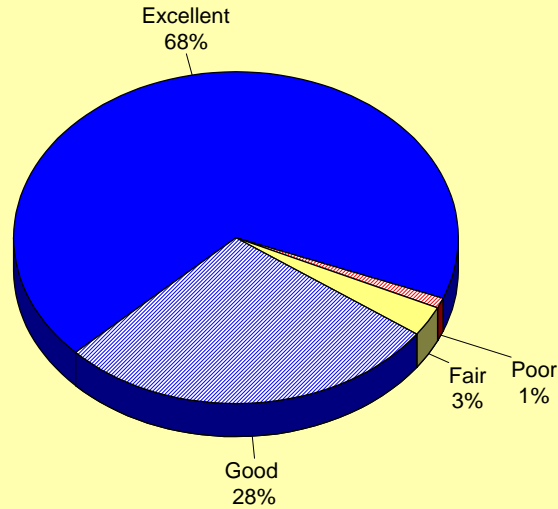
by percentage of respondents who visited parks and/or recreation facilities in New Port Richey (excluding "don't know")



Source: ETC Institute (2016)

Q1c. How Respondents Rate the Physical Condition of the Park They Visited

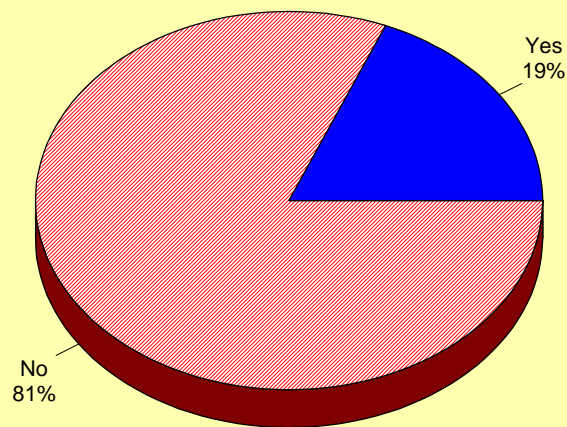
by percentage of respondents who visited parks (excluding "don't know")



Source: ETC Institute (2016)

Q2. Have you or members of your household participated in any recreational programs offered by the City of New Port Richey over the past 12 months?

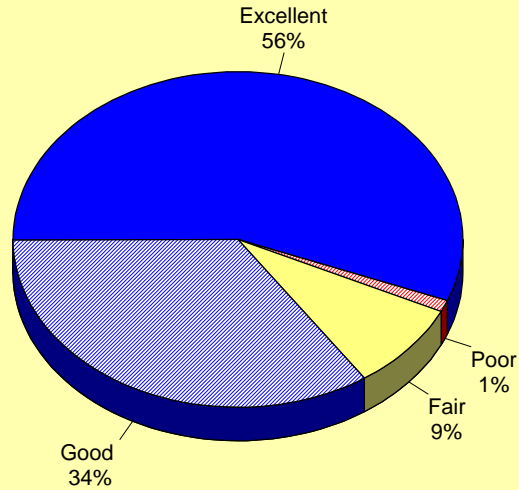
by percentage of respondents



Source: ETC Institute (2016)

Q2b. How Respondents Rate the Quality of the Program in Which They Participated

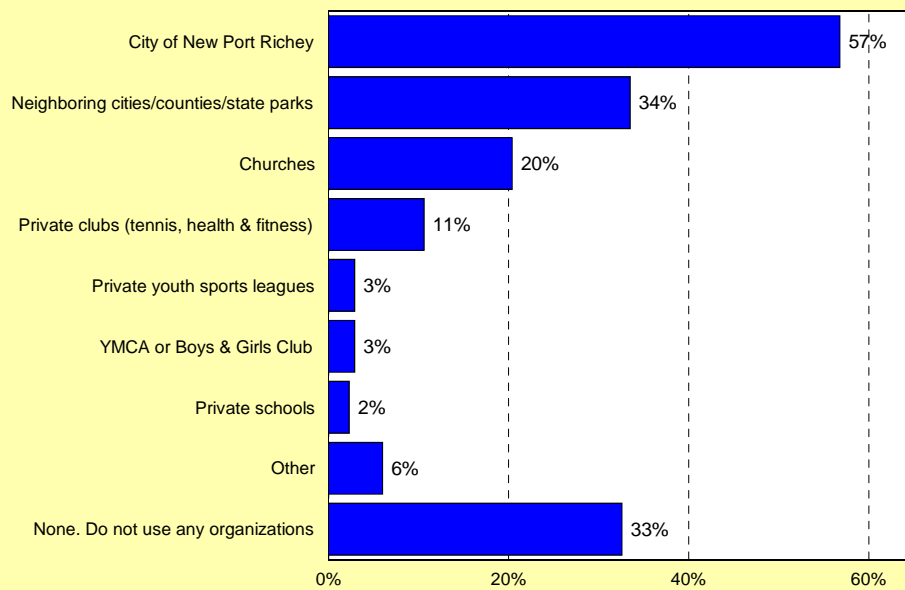
by percentage of respondents who participated in programs (excluding "don't know")



Source: ETC Institute (2016)

Q3. Organizations That Households Use for Parks and Recreation Programs and Facilities

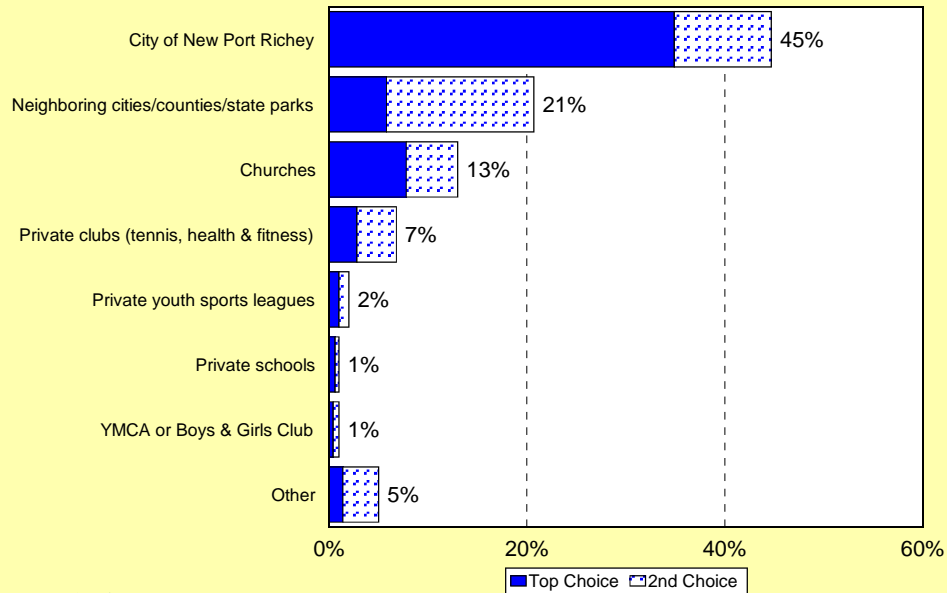
by percentage of respondents (multiple selections could be made)



Source: ETC Institute (2016)

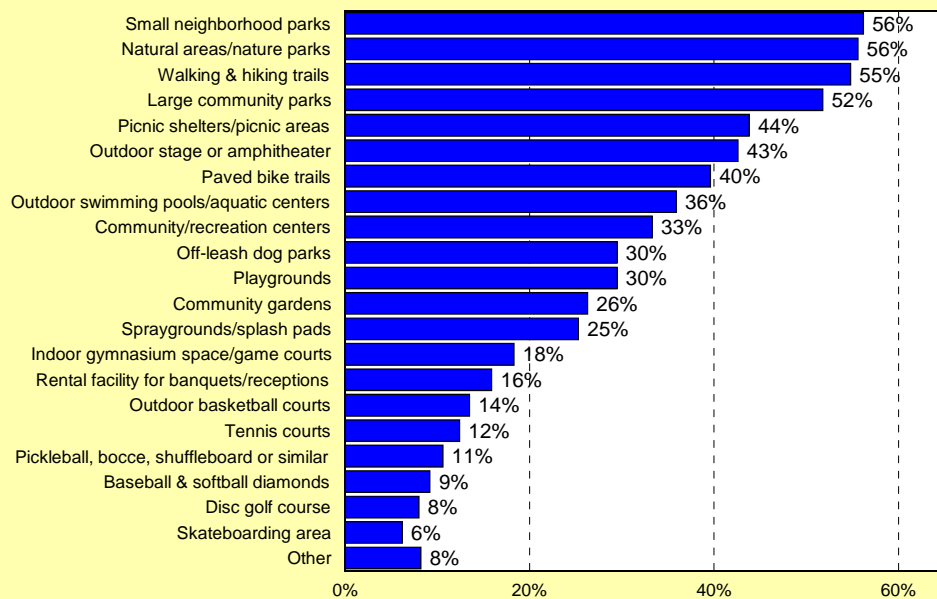
Q4. Organizations That Households USE THE MOST for Recreation and Park Programs and Facilities

by percentage of respondents who selected the item as one of their top two choices



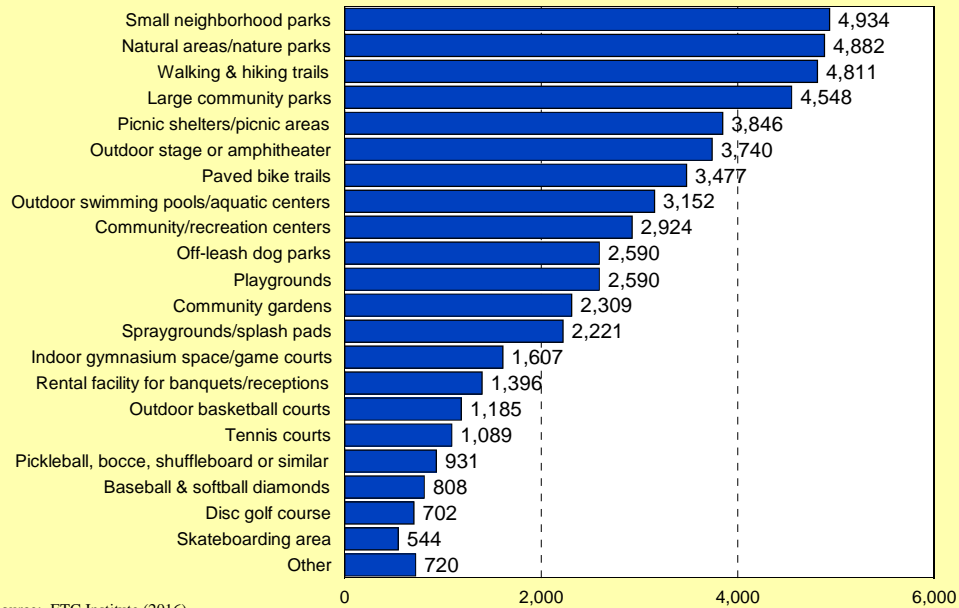
Q5. Households That Have a Need for Parks and Recreation Facilities

by percentage of respondents (multiple choices could be made)



Q5-1. Estimated Number of Households in the City of New Port Richey That Have a Need for Parks and Recreation Facilities

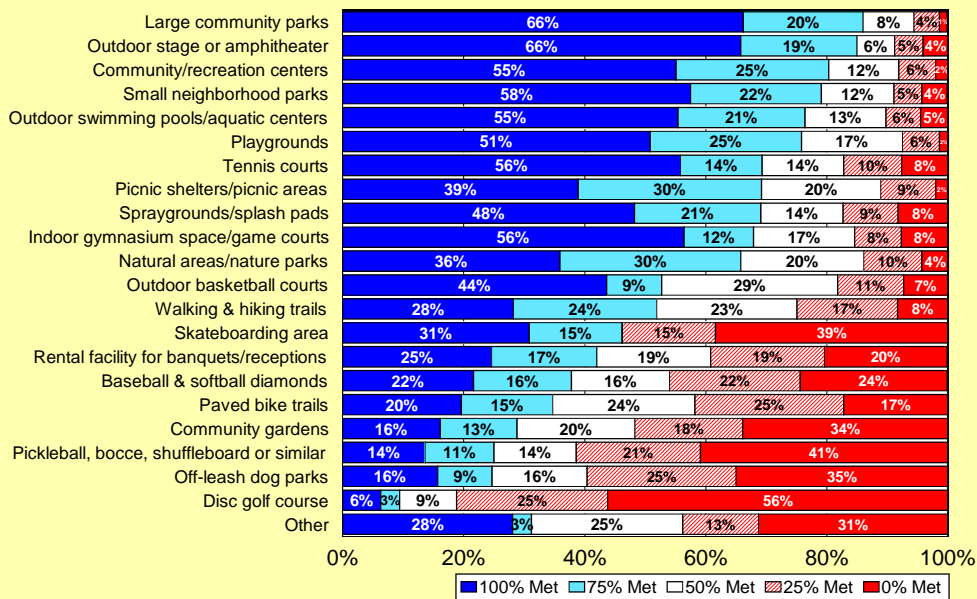
by number of households based on 8,780 households in New Port Richey



Source: ETC Institute (2016)

Q5-2. How Well City of New Port Richey Parks and Recreation Facilities Are Meeting the Needs of Households

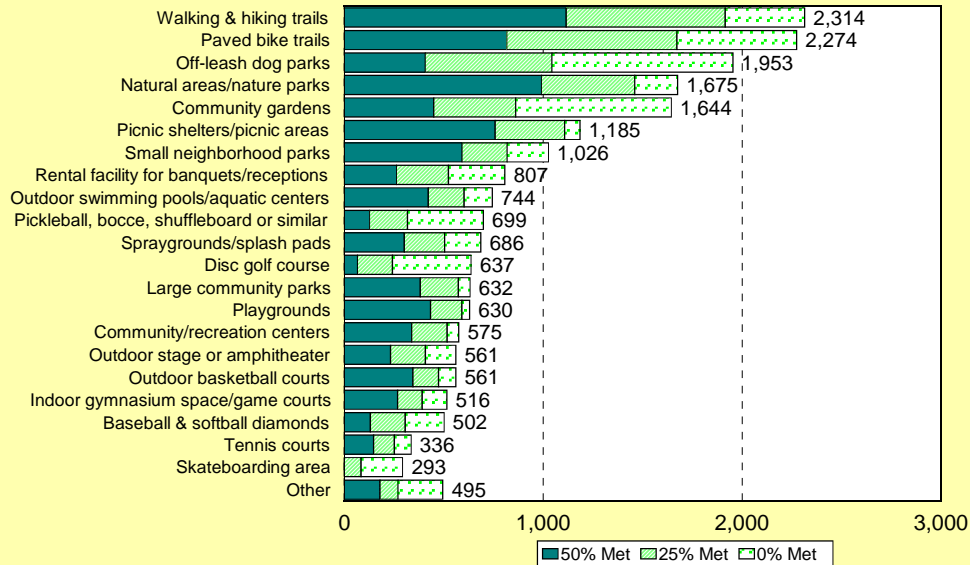
by percentage of households that have a need for facilities



Source: ETC Institute (2016)

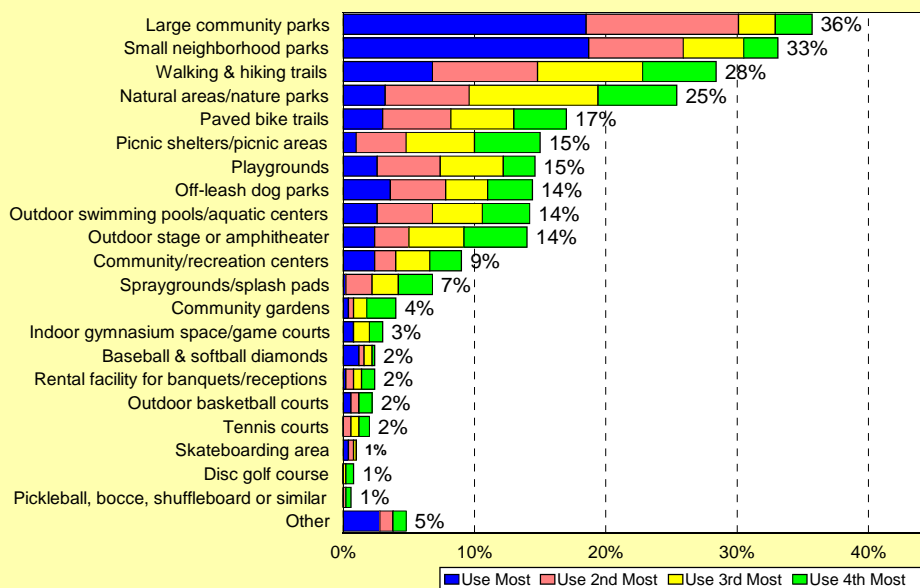
Q5-3. Estimated Number of Households in the City of New Port Richey Whose Needs for Parks and Recreation Facilities Are Only Being Met 50% or Less

by number of households based on 8,780 households in New Port Richey



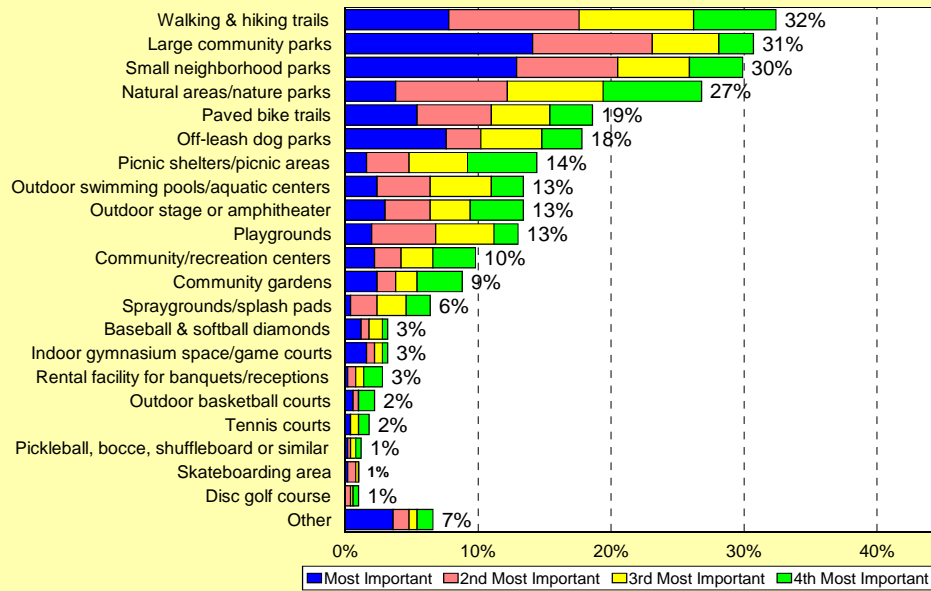
Q6. Parks and Recreation Facilities That Households Currently Use the Most

by percentage of respondents who selected the item as one of their top four choices



Q7. Parks and Recreation Facilities That Are Most Important to Households

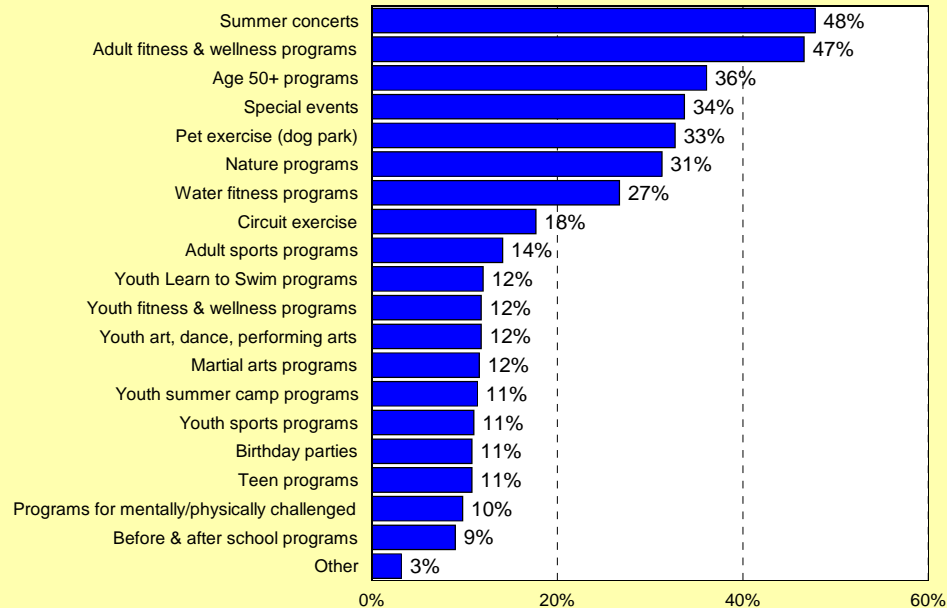
by percentage of respondents who selected the item as one of their top four choices



Source: ETC Institute (2016)

Q8. Households That Have a Need for Recreation Programs

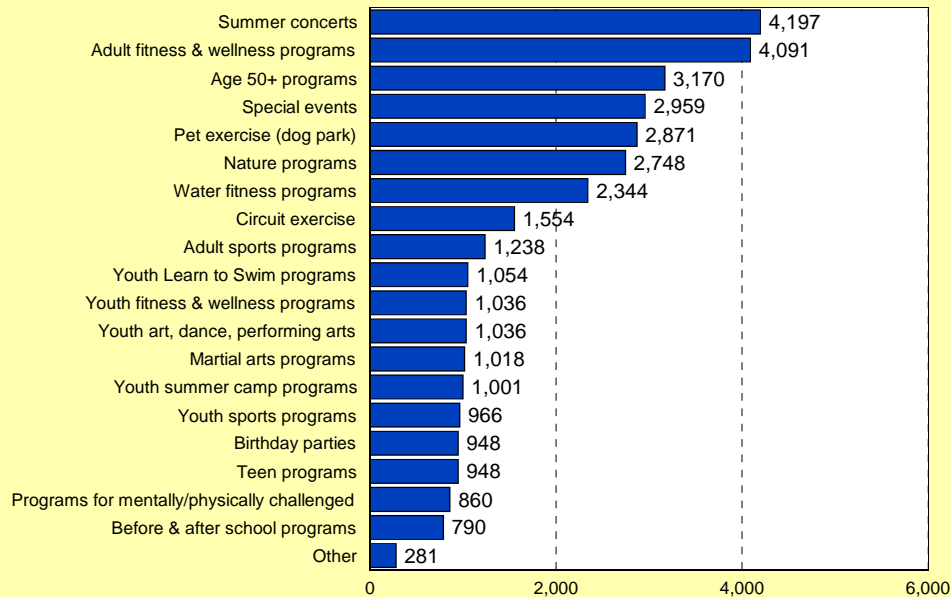
by percentage of respondents (multiple choices could be made)



Source: ETC Institute (2016)

Q8-1. Estimated Number of Households in the City of New Port Richey That Have a Need for Recreation Programs

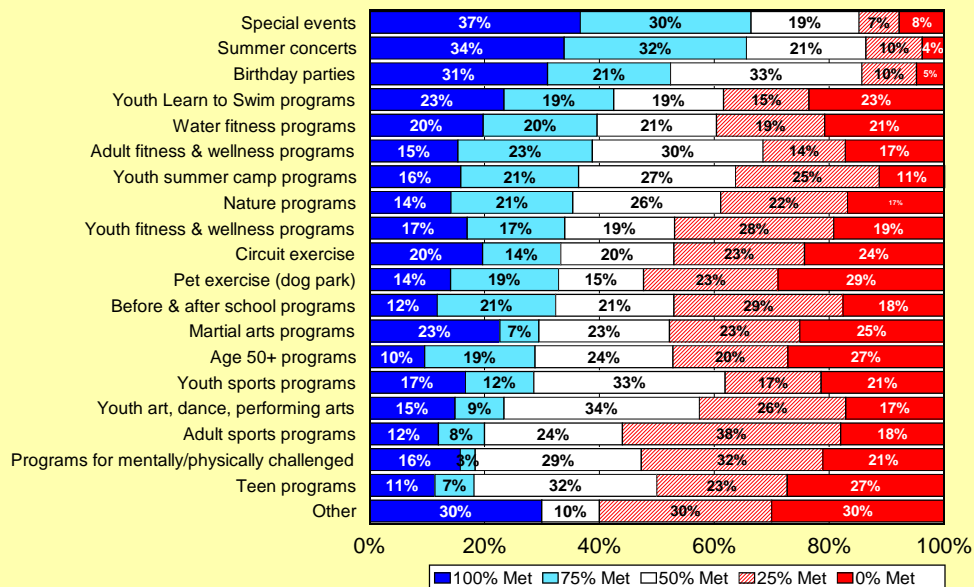
by number of households based on 8,780 households in New Port Richey



Source: ETC Institute (2016)

Q8-2. How Well City of New Port Richey Recreation Programs Are Meeting the Needs of Households

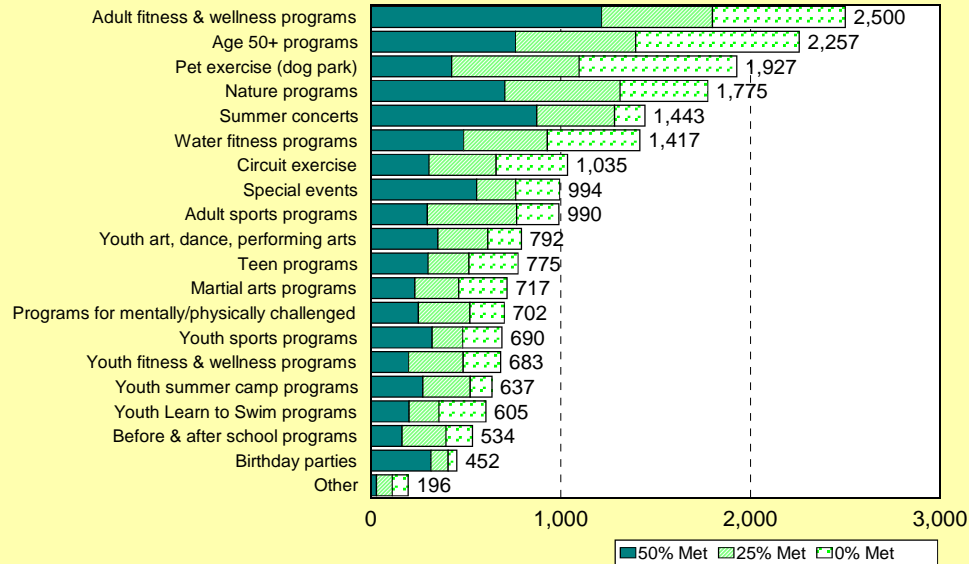
by percentage of households that have a need for programs



Source: ETC Institute (2016)

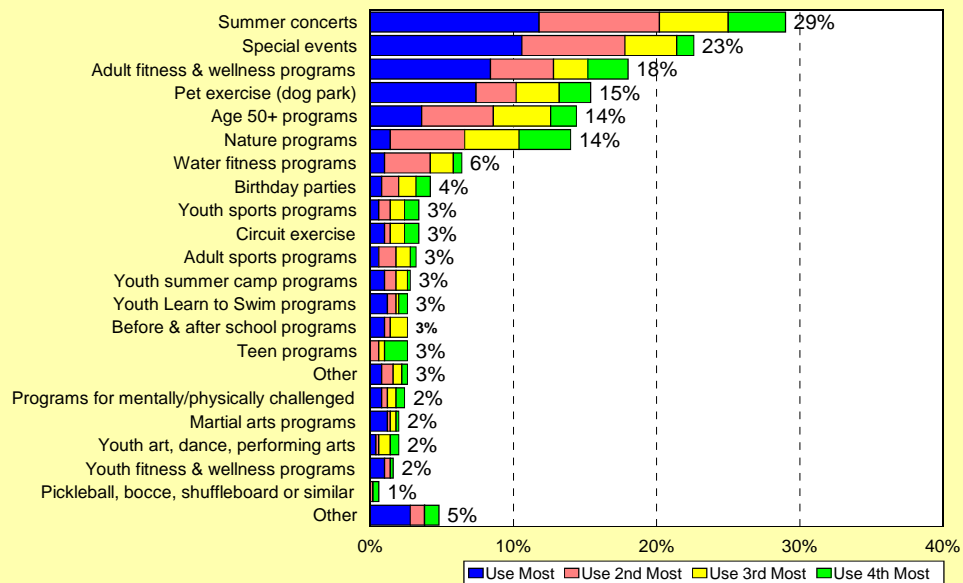
Q8-3. Estimated Number of Households in the City of New Port Richey Whose Needs for Recreation Programs Are Only Being Met 50% or Less

by number of households based on 8,780 households in New Port Richey



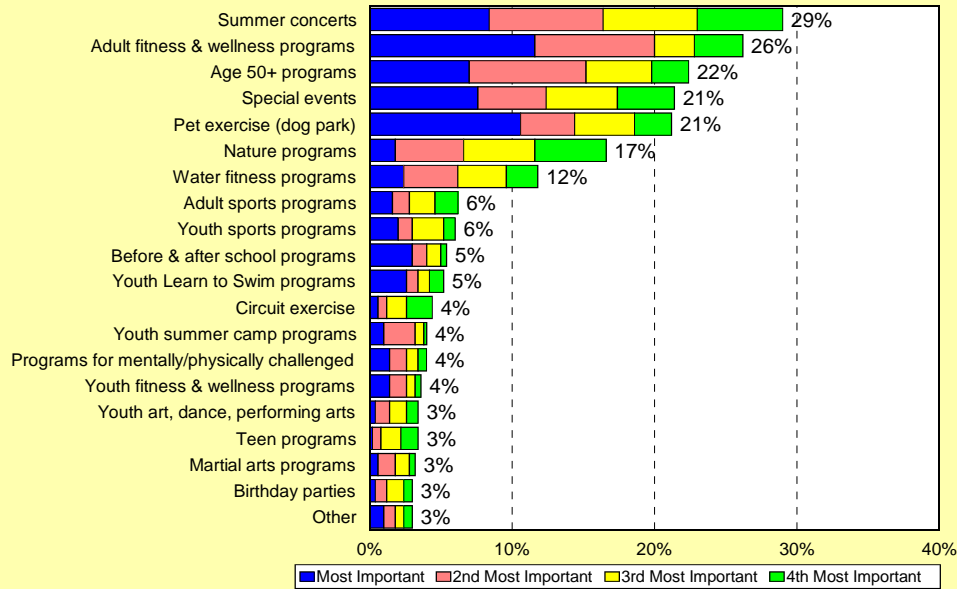
Q9. Recreation Programs That Households Currently Participate in the Most

by percentage of respondents who selected the item as one of their top four choices



Q10. Recreation Programs That Are Most Important to Households

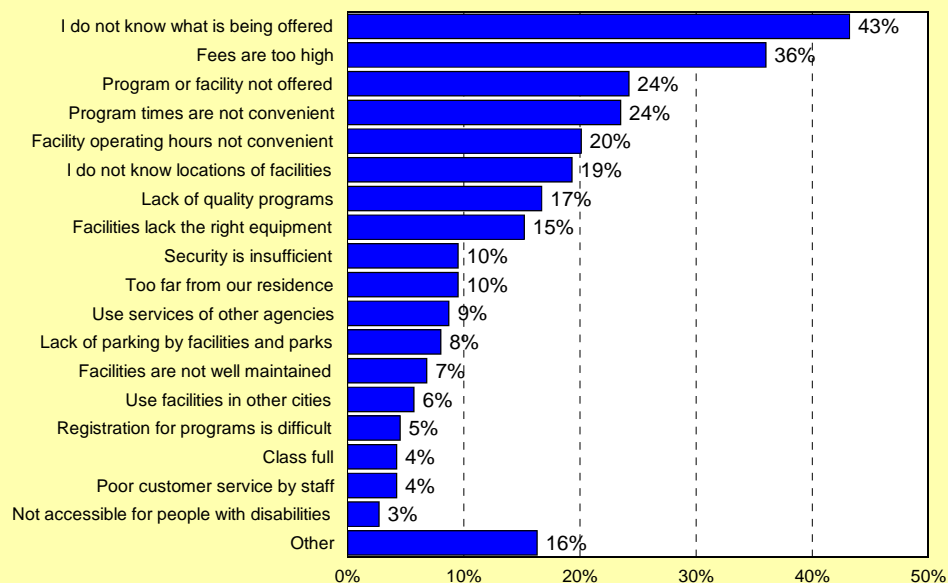
by percentage of respondents who selected the item as one of their top four choices



Source: ETC Institute (2016)

Q11. Reasons Households Use Private Fitness Centers or Other Facilities Instead of the City's Recreation and Aquatics Center

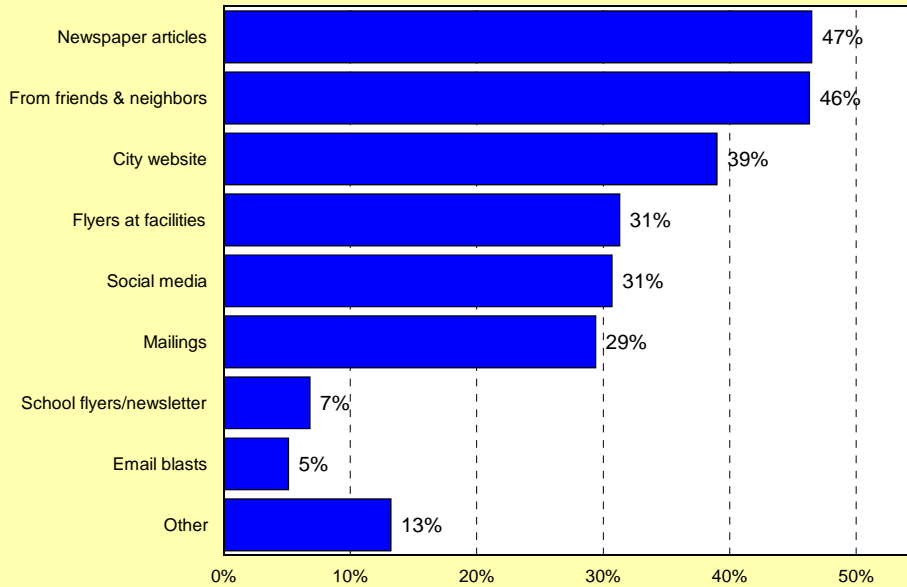
by percentage of respondents (multiple choices could be made)



Source: ETC Institute (2016)

Q12. Ways Respondents Learn About City of New Port Richey Parks and Recreation Programs and Services

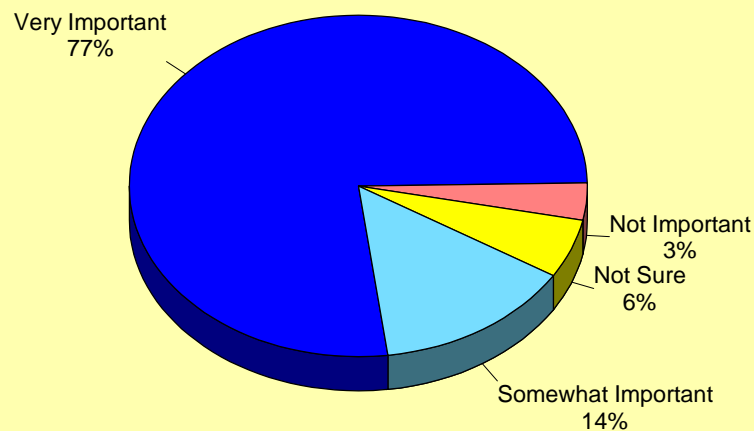
by percentage of respondents (multiple choices could be made)



Source: ETC Institute (2016)

Q13. How important do you feel it is for the City of New Port Richey to provide high quality parks and recreation facilities and programs?

by percentage of respondents



Source: ETC Institute (2016)

Q14. Demographics: Age of Respondents

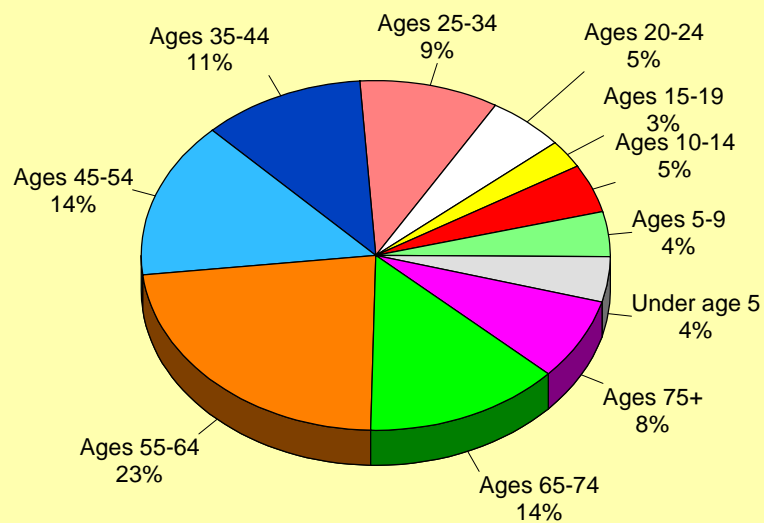
by percentage of respondents



Source: ETC Institute (2016)

Q15. Demographics: Ages of People in Household

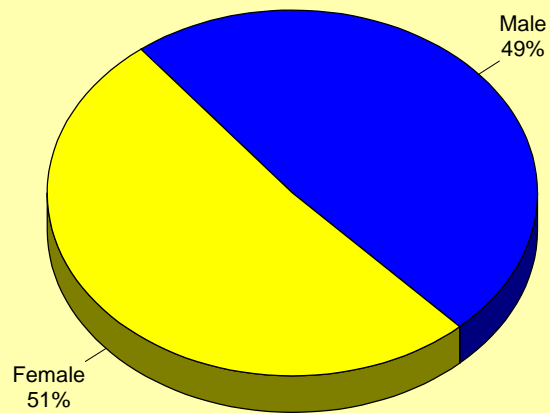
by percentage of household occupants



Source: ETC Institute (2016)

Q16. Demographics: Gender

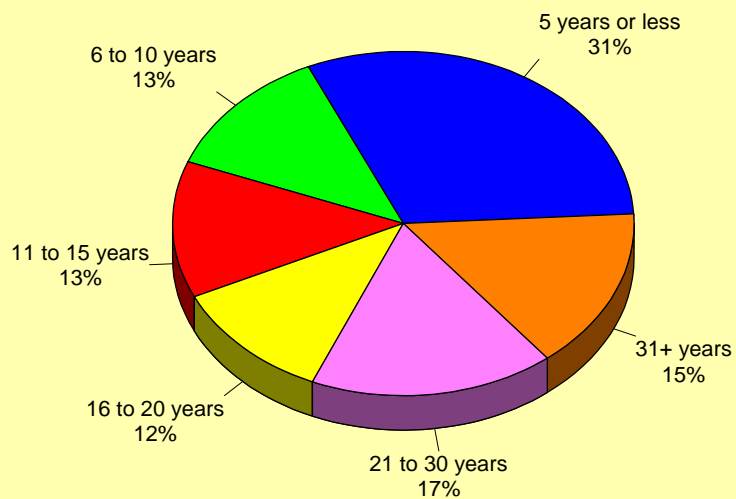
by percentage of respondents



Source: ETC Institute (2016)

Q18. Demographics: Number of Years Lived in New Port Richey

by percentage of respondents



Source: ETC Institute (2016)

Section 2

Priority Investment Rating

Priority Investment Rating

New Port Richey, Florida

The **Priority Investment Rating (PIR)** was developed by ETC Institute to provide governments with an objective tool for evaluating the priority that should be placed on parks and recreation investments. The Priority Investment Rating was developed by ETC Institute to identify the facilities and programs residents think should receive the highest priority for investment. The priority investment rating reflects the importance residents place on items (sum of top 4 choices) and the unmet needs (needs that are only being partly or not met) for each facility/program relative to the facility/program that rated the highest overall. Since decisions related to future investments should consider both the level of unmet need and the importance of facilities and programs, the PIR weights each of these components equally.

The PIR reflects the sum of the Unmet Needs Rating and the Importance Rating as shown in the equation below:

$$\text{PIR} = \text{UNR} + \text{IR}$$

For example, suppose the Unmet Needs Rating for playgrounds is 26.5 (out of 100) and the Importance Rating for playgrounds is 52 (out of 100), the Priority Investment Rating for playgrounds would be 78.5 (out of 200).

How to Analyze the Charts:

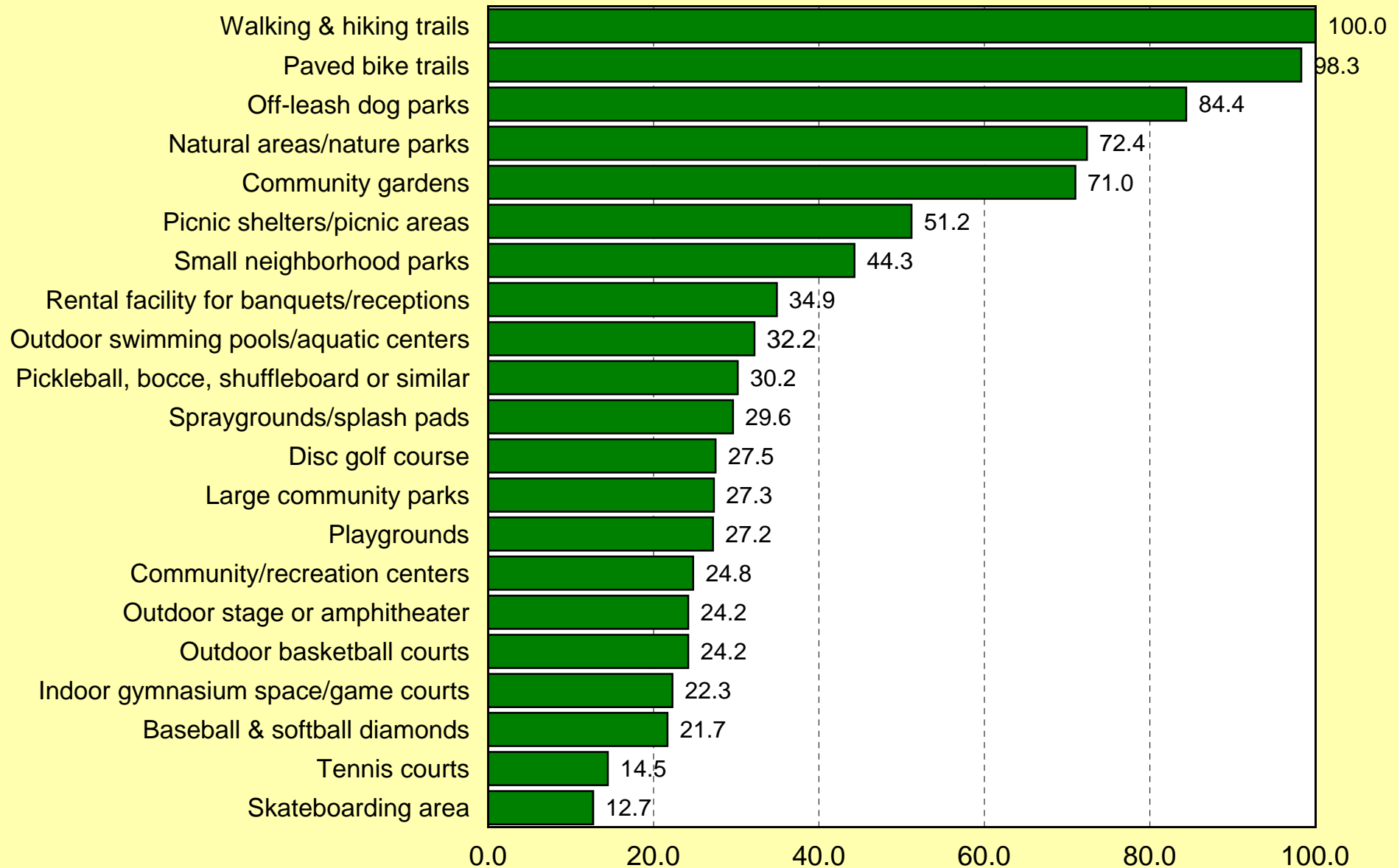
- **High Priority Areas** are those with a PIR of at least 125. A rating of 125 or above generally indicates there is a relatively high level of unmet need and residents generally think it is important to fund improvements in these areas. Improvements in this area are likely to have a positive impact on the greatest number of households.
- **Medium Priority Areas** are those with a PIR of 60-124. A rating in this range generally indicates there is a medium to high level of unmet need or a significant percentage of residents generally think it is important to fund improvements in these areas.
- **Low Priority Areas** are those with a PIR below 60. A rating in this range generally indicates there is a relatively low level of unmet need and residents do not think it is important to fund improvements in these areas. Improvements may be warranted if the needs of very specialized populations are being targeted.

The following pages show the Unmet Needs Rating, Importance Rating, and Priority Investment Rating for facilities and programs.

Unmet Needs Rating for Facilities

the rating for the item with the most unmet need=100

the rating of all other items reflects the relative amount of unmet need for each item compared to the item with the most unmet need

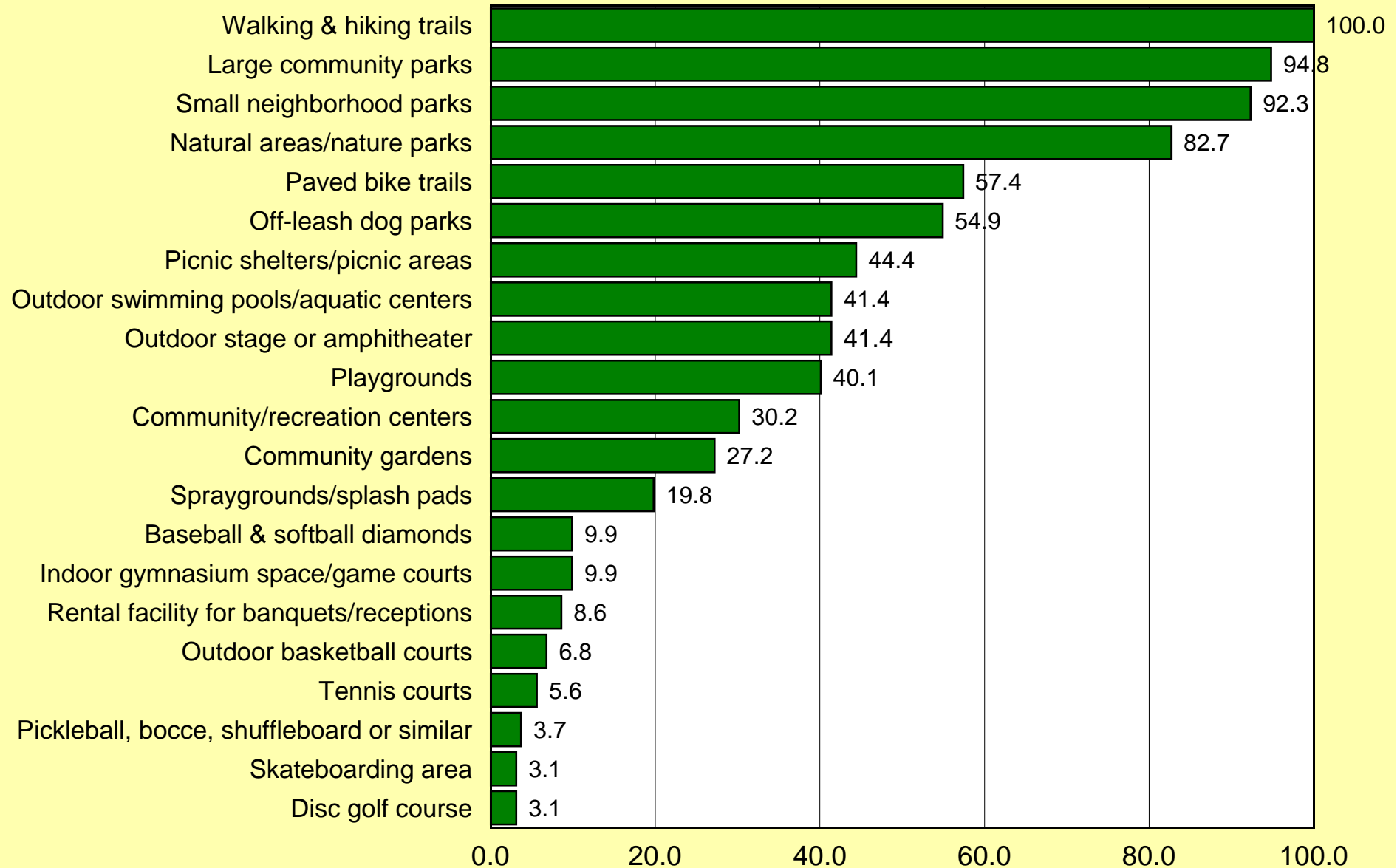


Source: ETC Institute (2016)

Importance Rating for Facilities

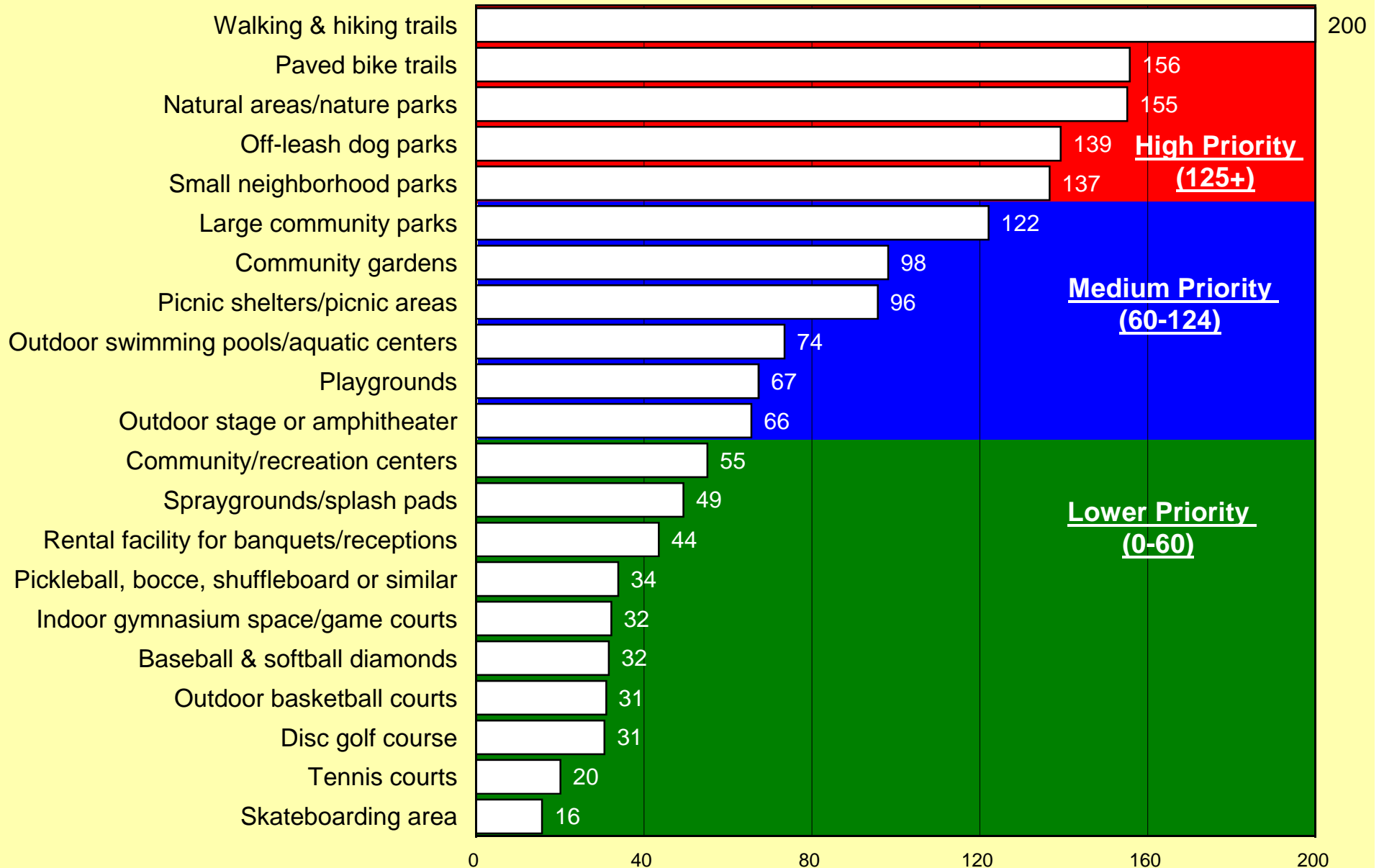
the rating for the item rated as the most important=100

the rating of all other items reflects the relative level of importance for each item compared to the item rated as the most important



Source: ETC Institute (2016)

Top Priorities for Investment for Facilities and Amenities Based on the Priority Investment Rating

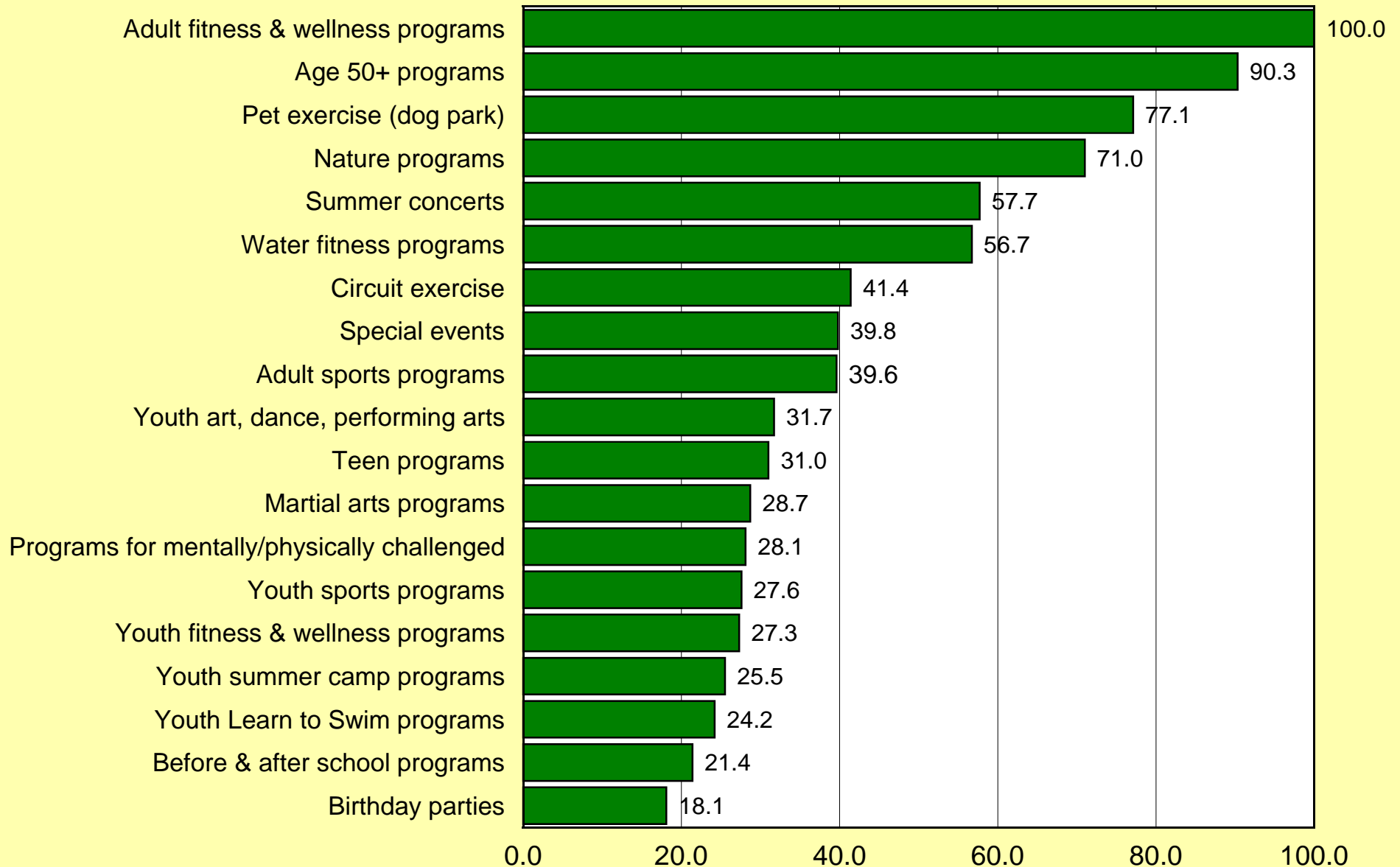


Source: ETC Institute (2016)

Unmet Needs Rating for Programs

the rating for the item with the most unmet need=100

the rating of all other items reflects the relative amount of unmet need for each item compared to the item with the most unmet need

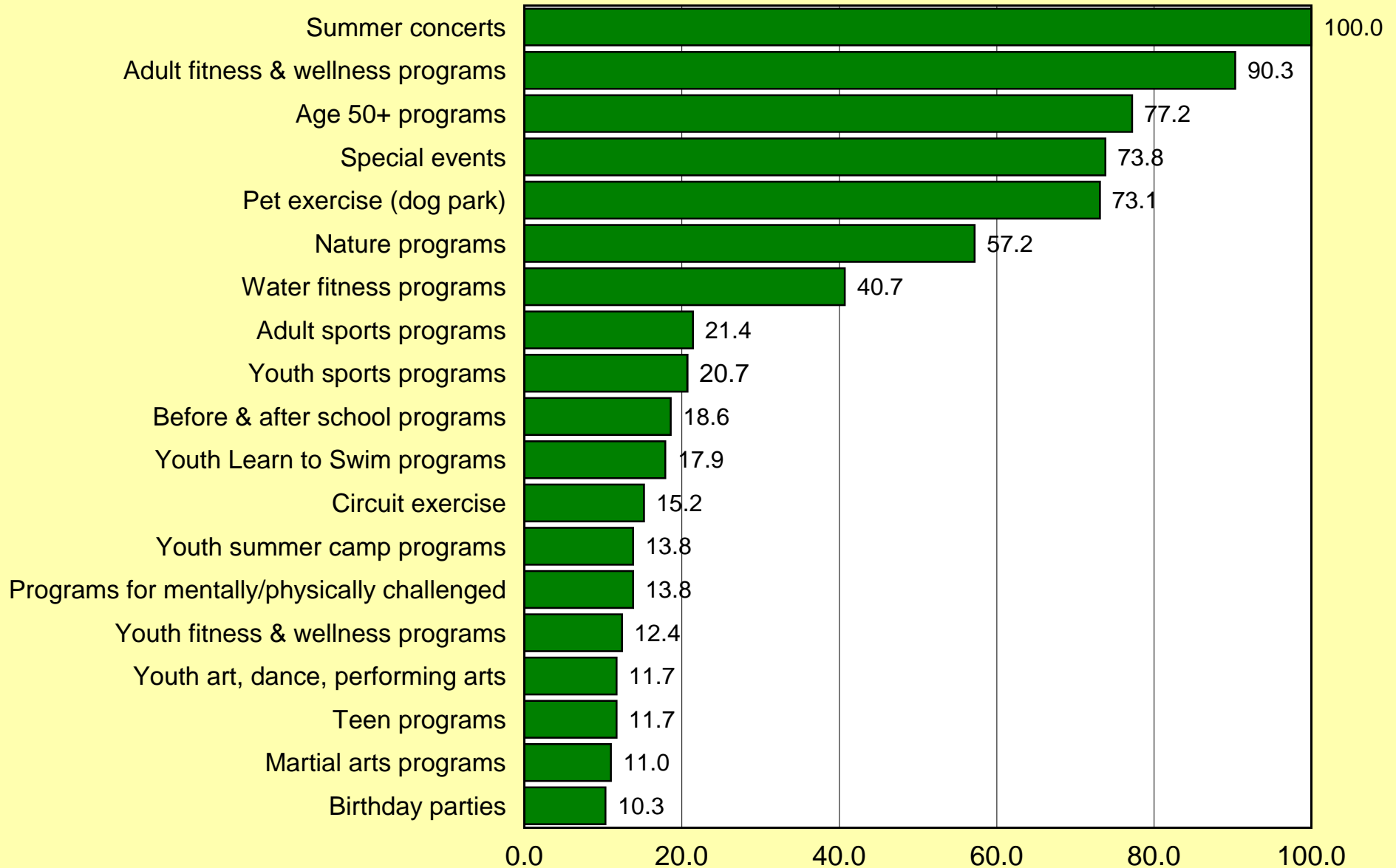


Source: ETC Institute (2016)

Importance Rating for Programs

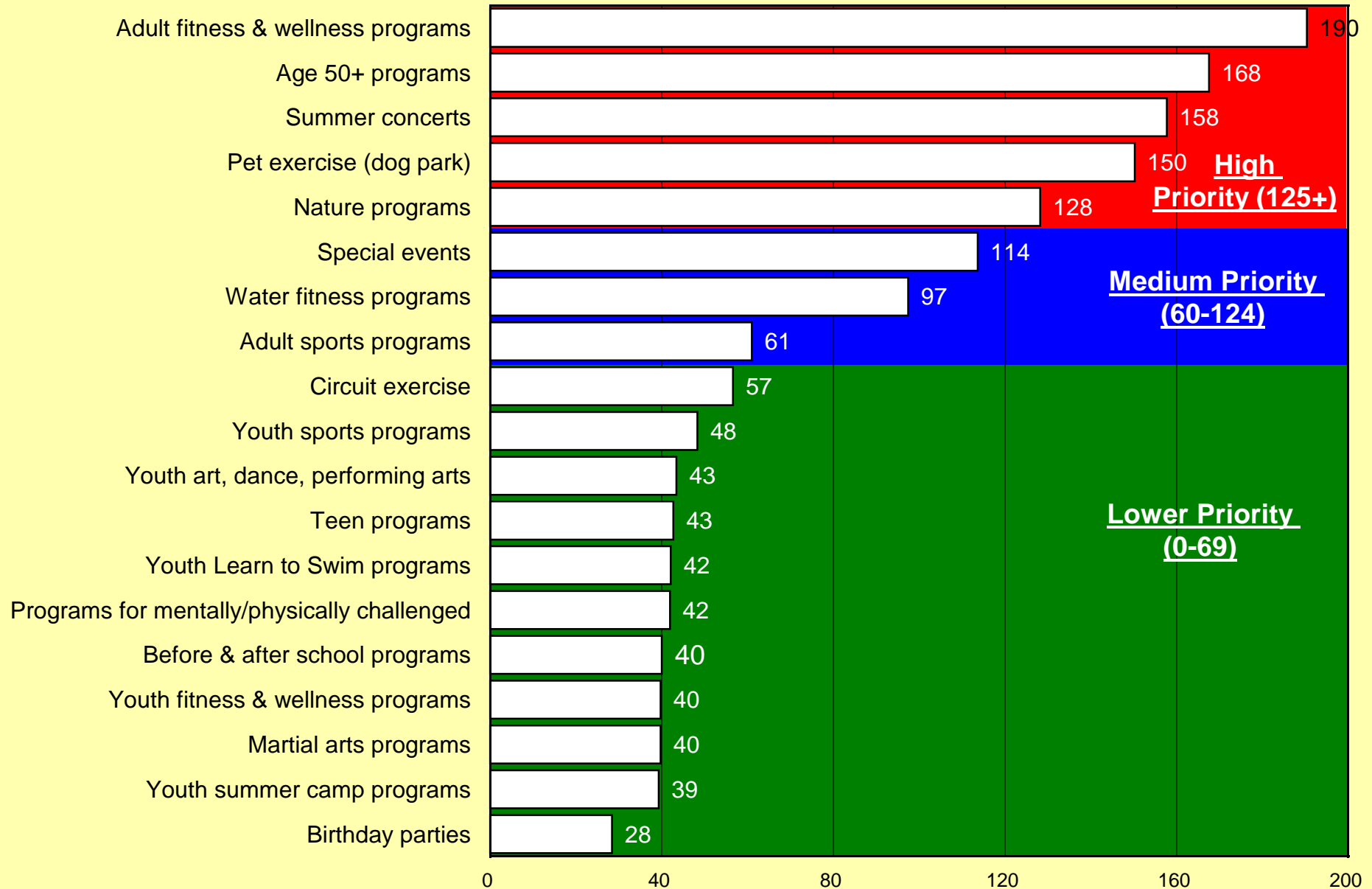
the rating for the item rated as the most important=100

the rating of all other items reflects the relative level of importance for each item compared to the item rated as the most important



Source: ETC Institute (2016)

Top Priorities for Investment for Programs Based on the Priority Investment Rating



Source: ETC Institute (2016)

Section 3

Benchmarking Analysis

Benchmarking Summary Report

New Port Richey, Florida

Since 1998, ETC Institute has conducted household surveys for needs assessments, feasibility studies, customer satisfaction, fees and charges comparisons, and other parks and recreation issues in more than 400 communities in over 49 states across the country.

The results of these surveys has provided an unparalleled data base of information to compare responses from household residents in client communities to “National Averages” and therefore provide a unique tool to “assist organizations in better decision making.”

Communities within the data base include a full-range of municipal and county governments from 20,000 in population through over 1 million in population. They include communities in warm weather climates and cold weather climates, mature communities and some of the fastest growing cities and counties in the country.

“National Averages” have been developed for numerous strategically important parks and recreation planning and management issues including: customer satisfaction and usage of parks and programs; methods for receiving marketing information; reasons that prevent members of households from using parks and recreation facilities more often; priority recreation programs, parks, facilities and trails to improve or develop; priority programming spaces to have in planned community centers and aquatic facilities; potential attendance for planned indoor community centers and outdoor aquatic centers; etc.

Results from household responses for New Port Richey, Florida were compared to National Benchmarks to gain further strategic information. A summary of all tabular comparisons are shown on the following page.

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Benchmarking for New Port Richey, Florida		
	<i>National Average</i>	<i>New Port Richey 2016</i>
Have you or members of your household visited any City/County/Park District parks over the past year?		
Yes	81%	83%
No	18%	17%
How would you rate the quality of all the parks you've visited?		
Excellent	31%	68%
Good	54%	28%
Fair	12%	3%
Poor	1%	1%
Have you or members of your household participated in City/County/Park District recreation programs during the past year?		
Yes	34%	19%
No	65%	81%
How would you rate the quality of all the recreation programs you've participated in?		
Excellent	36%	56%
Good	53%	34%
Fair	9%	9%
Poor	1%	1%

Benchmarking for New Port Richey, Florida		
	<i>National Average</i>	<i>New Port Richey 2016</i>
Ways respondents learn about recreation programs and activities		
Direct Mail	29%	29%
E-mail bulletins/notification (Email)	11%	5%
Flyers/Materials at City/County/Park District facilities	18%	31%
Newspaper	37%	47%
School flyers (Program fliers at school)	14%	7%
Website	31%	39%
Word of Mouth/Friends/Coworkers	43%	46%
Social media - Facebook/Twitter	11%	31%
Organizations used for parks and recreation programs and facilities		
Churches	28%	20%
City Parks & Recreation Department	46%	57%
Other Cities/Park Districts	24%	34%
Private Clubs	21%	11%
Private schools	8%	2%
Private sports clubs	18%	3%

Benchmarking for New Port Richey, Florida		
	<i>National Average</i>	<i>New Port Richey 2016</i>
Reasons preventing the use of parks and recreation facilities and programs more often		
Facilities do not have right equipment	8%	15%
Facilities are not well maintained	7%	7%
Facility operating hours are not convenient	7%	20%
Fees are too expensive	15%	36%
I do not know location of facilities	12%	19%
I do not know what is being offered	24%	43%
Lack of accessibility (Not accessible for people w disabilities)	4%	3%
Lack of parking	6%	8%
Lack of quality programs	8%	17%
Poor customer service by staff	3%	4%
Program times are not convenient	16%	24%
Programs I am interested in are not offered	16%	24%
Registration for programs is difficult	3%	5%
Security is insufficient	9%	10%
Too far from residence	12%	10%
Use facilities in other Cities/Park Districts	10%	6%
Use services of other agencies	10%	9%
Waiting list/programs were full	5%	4%

Benchmarking for New Port Richey, Florida		
	<i>National Average</i>	<i>New Port Richey 2016</i>
Recreation programs that respondent households have a need for		
Adult fitness and wellness programs	46%	47%
Adult sports programs	22%	14%
Before and after school programs	16%	9%
Birthday parties	17%	11%
Martial arts programs	14%	12%
Nature programs/environmental education	31%	31%
Programs for people with disabilities	12%	10%
Seniors/Adult programs for 50 years and older	25%	36%
Special events	40%	34%
Teen programs	17%	11%
Water fitness programs	29%	27%
Youth art, dance, performing arts	18%	12%
Youth fitness and wellness programs	19%	12%
Youth Learn to Swim programs	25%	12%
Youth sports programs	26%	11%
Youth summer camp programs	19%	11%

Benchmarking for New Port Richey, Florida		
	<i>National Average</i>	<i>New Port Richey 2016</i>
Most important recreation programs (sum of top choices)		
Adult fitness and wellness programs	30%	26%
Adult sports programs	9%	6%
Before and after school programs	7%	5%
Birthday parties	4%	3%
Martial arts programs	4%	3%
Nature programs/environmental education	13%	17%
Programs for people with special needs/disabled	5%	4%
Seniors/Adult programs for 50 years and older	15%	22%
Special events	21%	21%
Teen programs	7%	3%
Water fitness programs	14%	12%
Youth art, dance, performing arts	6%	3%
Youth fitness and wellness programs	7%	4%
Youth Learn to Swim programs	14%	5%
Youth sports programs	14%	6%
Youth summer camp programs	9%	4%

Benchmarking for New Port Richey, Florida		
	<i>National Average</i>	<i>New Port Richey 2016</i>
Parks and recreation facilities that respondent households have a need for		
Community Gardens	31%	26%
Community/Recreation Centers	41%	33%
Indoor Gyms/Multi-Purpose Rec Center	27%	18%
Large Multi Use Community Parks	56%	52%
Natural areas/wildlife habitats (Greenspace and natural areas)	50%	56%
Off-leash dog parks	28%	30%
Outdoor Amphitheater	33%	43%
Outdoor basketball/multi-use courts	23%	14%
Outdoor Swimming Pools/Aquatic Center	43%	36%
Picnic Areas and Shelters	52%	44%
Playground Equipment for Children	43%	30%
Skateboarding Park/Area	12%	6%
Small neighborhood parks	59%	56%
Splash park/pad	28%	25%
Tennis Courts (outdoor)	26%	12%
Ultimate Frisbee/Disc Golf	15%	8%
Walking & Hiking Trails	70%	55%
Baseball Fields	20%	9%

Benchmarking for New Port Richey, Florida		
	<i>National Average</i>	<i>New Port Richey 2016</i>
Most important parks and recreation facilities (sum of top choices)		
Community Gardens	9%	9%
Community/Recreation Centers	13%	10%
Indoor Gyms/Multi-Purpose Rec Centers	7%	3%
Large Community Parks	19%	31%
Natural areas/wildlife habitats (Greenspace and natural areas)	17%	27%
Off-Leash Dog Park	14%	18%
Outdoor Amphitheater	8%	13%
Outdoor Basketball Courts	4%	2%
Outdoor Swimming Pools/Aquatic Facilities	19%	13%
Picnic Areas and Shelters	15%	14%
Playground Equipment for Children	18%	13%
Skateboarding Area	2%	1%
Small Neighborhood Parks	26%	30%
Splash park/pad	9%	6%
Tennis Courts (outdoor)	7%	2%
Ultimate Frisbee/Disc Golf	3%	1%
Walking and Hiking Trails	44%	32%
Baseball Fields	8%	3%

Section 4

Tabular Data

Q1. Have you or any members of your household visited any of the parks and/or recreation facilities in the City of New Port Richey during the past 12 months?

Q1. Have you visited any City parks and/or recreation facilities during past 12 months?	Number	Percent
Yes	419	83.5 %
No	83	16.5 %
Total	502	100.0 %

Q1a. (If YES to Question 1) Approximately how often did you or members of your household visit those facilities in the City of New Port Richey during the past year?

Q1a. How often did you visit those facilities during past year?	Number	Percent
1 to 5 visits	142	33.9 %
6 to 10 visits	85	20.3 %
11 to 19 visits	51	12.2 %
20 or more visits	134	32.0 %
Don't know	7	1.7 %
Total	419	100.0 %

WITHOUT "DON'T KNOW"

Q1a. (If YES to Question 1) Approximately how often did you or members of your household visit those facilities in the City of New Port Richey during the past year? (without "don't know")

Q1a. How often did you visit those facilities during past year?	Number	Percent
1 to 5 visits	142	34.5 %
6 to 10 visits	85	20.6 %
11 to 19 visits	51	12.4 %
20 or more visits	134	32.5 %
Total	412	100.0 %

Q1b. (If YES to Question 1) Which park did you visit most recently?

Q1b. Which park did you visit most recently?	Number	Percent
Sims Park	267	66.9 %
James E Grey Preserve	11	2.8 %
Frances Ave	10	2.5 %
Starkey Wilderness Park	9	2.3 %
Sims Park & Starkey Wilderness Park	7	1.8 %
Recreation center	6	1.5 %
Sims Park & Orange Lake	3	0.8 %
Sims Park & James E Grey Preserve	3	0.8 %
Sims & Frances Ave	3	0.8 %
Anclote River	3	0.8 %
Jasmine Park	3	0.8 %
Green Key & Sims Park	3	0.8 %
Green Key	3	0.8 %
Robert K Rees Memorial Park	2	0.5 %
Robert Rees - Green Key	2	0.5 %
Frances Ave, James E Grey Preserve	2	0.5 %
Park on Grand Blvd	2	0.5 %
Sims Park and recreation center	2	0.5 %
Orange Lake	2	0.5 %
NPR Rec Center	2	0.5 %
Sims Park, James E Grey Preserve, Frances Avenue	2	0.5 %
Sims Park & NPR Rec	2	0.5 %
Downtown boat launch	1	0.3 %
NPR Recreation Center	1	0.3 %
July 4th concert in park	1	0.3 %
The one downtown on the river for fireworks and concerts	1	0.3 %
NPR Rec Center for Thi Chi	1	0.3 %
Cotee River Park	1	0.3 %
James E Grey Preserve, Sims Park, Grand Ave Park	1	0.3 %
Frances Ave, Sims Park, & James E Grey Preserve	1	0.3 %
Starkey Wilderness Park & NPR Rec Center	1	0.3 %
Sims Park Main St	1	0.3 %
The little park on Grand by Schwettman	1	0.3 %
Grand Blvd	1	0.3 %
Meadows Dog Park	1	0.3 %
Main & Grand	1	0.3 %
Pool	1	0.3 %
Sims Park Water Park	1	0.3 %
aquatic center	1	0.3 %
Aquatic	1	0.3 %
the one on Grand Blvd	1	0.3 %
Key Vista	1	0.3 %
Downtown	1	0.3 %
Sims Park/riverfront areas	1	0.3 %
NPR Commons	1	0.3 %
Sims Park, James E Grey Preserve, Grand Blvd Park by river	1	0.3 %
All	1	0.3 %

Q1b. (If YES to Question 1) Which park did you visit most recently?

Sims Park new park and theater	1	0.3 %
Downtown on river	1	0.3 %
The one off Main St	1	0.3 %
Sims Park - the dog park	1	0.3 %
Anclote River, Reeves Park, Sims Park, Honeymoon Island	1	0.3 %
New park on Main Street	1	0.3 %
Pasco County Park	1	0.3 %
Sims Park & Frances Ave & Rec Center	1	0.3 %
Sims Park, Grand Blvd Park, Frances Ave	1	0.3 %
rec facilities	1	0.3 %
Grand Ave Park	1	0.3 %
Van Beuren Rec Center	1	0.3 %
park on Main St	1	0.3 %
Cotee River	1	0.3 %
BOARDWALK	1	0.3 %
Robert K Rees Memorial	1	0.3 %
Riverfront	1	0.3 %
Sims Park/Cotee River	1	0.3 %
Sims Park, Frances Ave, Green Key, James E Grey, Starkey, Rec		
Center	1	0.3 %
Sims Park, River walk	1	0.3 %
The recreational community pool	1	0.3 %
Starkey Wilderness Park, Green Key, Aquatic and Rec Center	1	0.3 %
NPR Rec and aquatic	1	0.3 %
Sims Park, Rec, Frances Ave, the little one by the bridge on		
Grand	1	0.3 %
Rec Center, library, Sims Park	1	0.3 %
Total	399	100.0 %

Q1c. (If YES to Question 1) Overall, how would you rate the physical condition of the park you listed in Question 1b above?

Q1c. How would you rate the physical condition of the park you visited?	Number	Percent
Excellent	270	67.7 %
Good	112	28.1 %
Fair	13	3.3 %
Poor	1	0.3 %
Don't know	3	0.8 %
Total	399	100.0 %

WITHOUT "DON'T KNOW"

Q1c. (If YES to Question 1) Overall, how would you rate the physical condition of the park you listed in Question 1b above? (without "don't know")

Q1c. How would you rate the physical condition of the park you visited?	Number	Percent
Excellent	270	68.2 %
Good	112	28.3 %
Fair	13	3.3 %
Poor	1	0.3 %
Total	396	100.0 %

Q2. Have you or members of your household participated in any recreational programs offered by the City of New Port Richey over the past 12 months?

Q2. Have you participated in any City recreational programs over past 12 months?	Number	Percent
Yes	95	18.9 %
No	407	81.1 %
Total	502	100.0 %

Q2a. (If YES to Question 2) In which program did you participate most recently?

<u>Q2a. In which program did you participate most recently?</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Chasco Fiesta	4	4.6 %
Hacienda Tour	3	3.4 %
Coteeman Triathlon	3	3.4 %
Aquatic Center	3	3.4 %
Zumba	2	2.3 %
Water aerobics	2	2.3 %
movies in the park	2	2.3 %
Chasco	2	2.3 %
NPR Rec Ctr	2	2.3 %
Trunk or Treat	2	2.3 %
upcycle festival	2	2.3 %
Thi Chi	1	1.1 %
Festivals	1	1.1 %
Silver Sneakers	1	1.1 %
NPR Rec Center, swimming the Mississippi challenge	1	1.1 %
Sims Park Motorcycle Thing	1	1.1 %
Pokemon 5K Walk	1	1.1 %
Using Aquatic Center pool	1	1.1 %
Downtown events	1	1.1 %
Florida Volunteer Force (security work)	1	1.1 %
Dog Walk	1	1.1 %
Concert in Sims Park	1	1.1 %
Rec center pools	1	1.1 %
Peace Hall/Relay for Life meeting, Prayer vigil in Sims Park	1	1.1 %
Church every Sunday, recreation center once a month	1	1.1 %
Parade, Barkfest	1	1.1 %
Halloween	1	1.1 %
Aerobics	1	1.1 %
CITY WALK IN THE PARK WITH CITY COUNCIL	1	1.1 %
SUMMER SCHOOL FOR MY DAUGHTER	1	1.1 %
RECREATION AQUATIC PARK	1	1.1 %
swimming	1	1.1 %
basketball after school	1	1.1 %
yard cleanup	1	1.1 %
Exercise equipment	1	1.1 %
HOME IMPROVEMENT GRANT	1	1.1 %
BIKE FEST	1	1.1 %
Grand opening of the park	1	1.1 %
Chasco/Bike Fest	1	1.1 %
Pasco Kids First	1	1.1 %
Main St Halloween	1	1.1 %
Pasco Upcycle Event	1	1.1 %
Playground/with visiting grandchildren	1	1.1 %
Fair	1	1.1 %
The city of NPR	1	1.1 %
Biketoberfest	1	1.1 %
Pool & gym	1	1.1 %
9/11 Memorial Service	1	1.1 %

Q2a. (If YES to Question 2) In which program did you participate most recently?

<u>Q2a. In which program did you participate most recently?</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Fitness Club	1	1.1 %
Workout	1	1.1 %
Oktoberfest	1	1.1 %
cheer	1	1.1 %
Exercise and pool	1	1.1 %
ECO FEST AND UPCYCLE	1	1.1 %
WALKING PATHS	1	1.1 %
CREASCO FESTIVAL	1	1.1 %
DOG EVENT AT ALL REC CENTERS	1	1.1 %
SWIMMING PROGRAM	1	1.1 %
Upcycle;Chasco	1	1.1 %
Exercise	1	1.1 %
Arts and Craft Fair	1	1.1 %
Yoga and water aerobics	1	1.1 %
Puppy Paddle	1	1.1 %
Poochie Paddle	1	1.1 %
Pasco Kids First Family Day	1	1.1 %
Movie nights at Sims	1	1.1 %
Senior water aerobics	1	1.1 %
Free movie night	1	1.1 %
River cleanup, movie, visiting parks	1	1.1 %
Tai Chi	1	1.1 %
Coed Softball	1	1.1 %
Total	87	100.0 %

Q2b. (If YES to Question 2) How would you rate the quality of the program you listed in Q2a above?Q2b. How would you rate the quality of the program
you participated in?

	Number	Percent
Excellent	52	54.7 %
Good	32	33.7 %
Fair	8	8.4 %
Poor	1	1.1 %
Don't know	2	2.1 %
Total	95	100.0 %

WITHOUT "DON'T KNOW"**Q2b. (If YES to Question 2) How would you rate the quality of the program you listed in Q2a above?
(without "don't know")**Q2b. How would you rate the quality of the program
you participated in?

	Number	Percent
Excellent	52	55.9 %
Good	32	34.4 %
Fair	8	8.6 %
Poor	1	1.1 %
Total	93	100.0 %

Q3. From the following list, please check ALL the organizations that you and members of your household use for parks and recreation programs and facilities in any location.

Q3. Organizations you use for parks & recreation programs & facilities in any location	Number	Percent
City of New Port Richey	273	56.8 %
Private schools	11	2.3 %
Private youth sports leagues	14	2.9 %
Churches	98	20.4 %
Private clubs (tennis, health & fitness)	51	10.6 %
Neighboring cities/counties/state parks	161	33.5 %
YMCA or Boys & Girls Club	14	2.9 %
None. Do not use any organizations	157	32.6 %
Other	29	6.0 %
Total	808	

WITHOUT "NONE"

Q3. From the following list, please check ALL the organizations that you and members of your household use for parks and recreation programs and facilities in any location. (without "none")

Q3. Organizations you use for parks & recreation programs & facilities in any location	Number	Percent
City of New Port Richey	264	81.5 %
Private schools	11	3.4 %
Private youth sports leagues	14	4.3 %
Churches	95	29.3 %
Private clubs (tennis, health & fitness)	51	15.7 %
Neighboring cities/counties/state parks	160	49.4 %
YMCA or Boys & Girls Club	14	4.3 %
Other	27	8.3 %
Total	636	

Q3. Other

<u>Q3. Other</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
NPR Rec Center	3	10.3 %
rec center	2	6.9 %
Starkey Park	2	6.9 %
Elfers Sr Center	2	6.9 %
New in town (from KY). Only here 3 months.	1	3.4 %
High school stadium track	1	3.4 %
Pow Wows in Florida and Georgia	1	3.4 %
Civic center	1	3.4 %
Fl Naval Sailors Assoc. AM. Legion Post 79	1	3.4 %
Pipeline swimming	1	3.4 %
Museum	1	3.4 %
Gym	1	3.4 %
American Legion	1	3.4 %
Aquatic Park	1	3.4 %
Non-profit programs such as SPCA	1	3.4 %
Salvation Army	1	3.4 %
Chasco Fiesta	1	3.4 %
Gulf Harbors Yacht Club	1	3.4 %
Sandbags	1	3.4 %
Pasco Co Parks	1	3.4 %
Community Gardens, Grand Gardens, Habitat Gardens	1	3.4 %
Pool	1	3.4 %
Aquatic and Rec Center (Van Buren)	1	3.4 %
Senior centers	1	3.4 %
Total	29	100.0 %

Q4. From the list in Question 3, which TWO organizations do you and your household USE THE MOST for recreation and park programs and facilities?

<u>Q4. 1st choice</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
City of New Port Richey	175	34.9 %
Private schools	3	0.6 %
Private youth sports leagues	5	1.0 %
Churches	39	7.8 %
Private clubs (tennis, health & fitness)	14	2.8 %
Neighboring cities/counties/state parks	29	5.8 %
YMCA or Boys & Girls Club	2	0.4 %
None. Do not use any organizations	3	0.6 %
Other	7	1.4 %
None chosen	225	44.8 %
Total	502	100.0 %

Q4. From the list in Question 3, which TWO organizations do you and your household USE THE MOST for recreation and park programs and facilities?

<u>Q4. 2nd choice</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
City of New Port Richey	49	9.8 %
Private schools	2	0.4 %
Private youth sports leagues	5	1.0 %
Churches	26	5.2 %
Private clubs (tennis, health & fitness)	20	4.0 %
Neighboring cities/counties/state parks	75	14.9 %
YMCA or Boys & Girls Club	3	0.6 %
None. Do not use any organizations	3	0.6 %
Other	18	3.6 %
None chosen	301	60.0 %
Total	502	100.0 %

SUM OF TOP 2 CHOICES

Q4. From the list in Question 3, which TWO organizations do you and your household USE THE MOST for recreation and park programs and facilities? (top 2)

Q4. Sum of top 2 choices	Number	Percent
City of New Port Richey	224	44.6 %
Private schools	5	1.0 %
Private youth sports leagues	10	2.0 %
Churches	65	12.9 %
Private clubs (tennis, health & fitness)	34	6.8 %
Neighboring cities/counties/state parks	104	20.7 %
YMCA or Boys & Girls Club	5	1.0 %
None. Do not use any organizations	6	1.2 %
Other	25	5.0 %
None chosen	225	44.8 %
Total	703	

Q5. Please indicate if you or other members of your HOUSEHOLD have a need for each of the facilities listed below.

(N=502)

	Yes	No
Q5-1. Small neighborhood parks	56.2%	43.8%
Q5-2. Large community parks	51.8%	48.2%
Q5-3. Baseball & softball diamonds	9.2%	90.8%
Q5-4. Off-leash dog parks	29.5%	70.5%
Q5-5. Walking & hiking trails	54.8%	45.2%
Q5-6. Paved bike trails	39.6%	60.4%
Q5-7. Natural areas/nature parks	55.6%	44.4%
Q5-8. Playgrounds	29.5%	70.5%
Q5-9. Picnic shelters/picnic areas	43.8%	56.2%
Q5-10. Skateboarding area	6.2%	93.8%
Q5-11. Disc golf course	8.0%	92.0%
Q5-12. Outdoor swimming pools/aquatic centers	35.9%	64.1%
Q5-13. Spraygrounds/splash pads	25.3%	74.7%
Q5-14. Indoor gymnasium space/game courts	18.3%	81.7%
Q5-15. Community/recreation centers	33.3%	66.7%
Q5-16. Outdoor stage or amphitheater	42.6%	57.4%
Q5-17. Tennis courts	12.4%	87.6%
Q5-18. Outdoor basketball courts	13.5%	86.5%
Q5-19. Rental facility for banquets/receptions	15.9%	84.1%
Q5-20. Pickleball, bocce, shuffleboard or similar	10.6%	89.4%
Q5-21. Community gardens	26.3%	73.7%
Q5-22. Other	8.2%	91.8%

Q5. If YES, please rate how well the needs of your household are currently being met by existing facilities in New Port Richey. Please use a scale of 1 to 5, where 5 means all (100%) of your needs are being met and 1 means none (0%) of your needs are being met.

(N=429)

	100% Met	75% Met	50% Met	25% Met	0% Met
Q5-1. Small neighborhood parks	57.5%	21.6%	12.0%	4.6%	4.2%
Q5-2. Large community parks	66.2%	19.8%	8.4%	4.2%	1.3%
Q5-3. Baseball & softball diamonds	21.6%	16.2%	16.2%	21.6%	24.3%
Q5-4. Off-leash dog parks	15.7%	9.0%	15.7%	24.6%	35.1%
Q5-5. Walking & hiking trails	28.2%	23.7%	23.2%	16.6%	8.3%
Q5-6. Paved bike trails	19.6%	15.1%	23.5%	24.6%	17.3%
Q5-7. Natural areas/nature parks	35.9%	29.9%	20.3%	9.6%	4.4%
Q5-8. Playgrounds	50.8%	25.0%	16.7%	6.1%	1.5%
Q5-9. Picnic shelters/picnic areas	38.9%	30.3%	19.7%	9.1%	2.0%
Q5-10. Skateboarding area	30.8%	15.4%	0.0%	15.4%	38.5%
Q5-11. Disc golf course	6.3%	3.1%	9.4%	25.0%	56.3%
Q5-12. Outdoor swimming pools/aquatic centers	55.4%	21.0%	13.4%	5.7%	4.5%
Q5-13. Spraygrounds/splash pads	48.2%	20.9%	13.6%	9.1%	8.2%
Q5-14. Indoor gymnasium space/game courts	56.4%	11.5%	16.7%	7.7%	7.7%
Q5-15. Community/recreation centers	55.1%	25.2%	11.6%	6.1%	2.0%
Q5-16. Outdoor stage or amphitheater	65.8%	19.2%	6.2%	4.7%	4.1%
Q5-17. Tennis courts	55.8%	13.5%	13.5%	9.6%	7.7%
Q5-18. Outdoor basketball courts	43.6%	9.1%	29.1%	10.9%	7.3%
Q5-19. Rental facility for banquets/receptions	24.6%	17.4%	18.8%	18.8%	20.3%
Q5-20. Pickleball, bocce, shuffleboard or similar	13.6%	11.4%	13.6%	20.5%	40.9%
Q5-21. Community gardens	16.1%	12.7%	19.5%	17.8%	33.9%
Q5-22. Other	28.1%	3.1%	25.0%	12.5%	31.3%

Q5. Other

Q5-22. Other	Number	Percent
Kayak launch	2	4.9 %
Boat launch	1	2.4 %
Special needs parks	1	2.4 %
parks from which to launch a kayak	1	2.4 %
Heated pool, shallow water exercise pool, walking track	1	2.4 %
Sidewalk	1	2.4 %
Exercise programs	1	2.4 %
Tennis court backboard	1	2.4 %
Rec Center pool	1	2.4 %
Nice family oriented areas to actually live within the city	1	2.4 %
bicycle paths and sidewalks suitable for commuting via bicycle	1	2.4 %
Notification	1	2.4 %
Fenced dog park	1	2.4 %
Church/museums	1	2.4 %
handicap places	1	2.4 %
card room	1	2.4 %
TABLE TENNIS	1	2.4 %
YMCA	1	2.4 %
Golf cart	1	2.4 %
SMALL BOAT RAMPS	1	2.4 %
Restrooms	1	2.4 %
Exercise Equipment facility	1	2.4 %
Zip line	1	2.4 %
Volleyball courts	1	2.4 %
Church, park, Orange Lake, restaurants, mall	1	2.4 %
Racquetball courts	1	2.4 %
Undeveloped open space	1	2.4 %
Sidewalks	1	2.4 %
None other than churches	1	2.4 %
Venues for local classes	1	2.4 %
Main St events	1	2.4 %
Gym	1	2.4 %
Downtown dog park	1	2.4 %
BOAT RAMP	1	2.4 %
EXERCISE CLASSES	1	2.4 %
Beach	1	2.4 %
Boat ramps with motors	1	2.4 %
We do not have a need for any	1	2.4 %
Indoor heated pools	1	2.4 %
<u>Kayaking, paddleboard</u>	1	2.4 %
Total	41	100.0 %

Q6. Which FOUR of the facilities listed in Question 5 do you and other members of your household currently Use Most?

<u>Q6. 1st choice</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Small neighborhood parks	94	18.7 %
Large community parks	93	18.5 %
Baseball & softball diamonds	6	1.2 %
Off-leash dog parks	18	3.6 %
Walking & hiking trails	34	6.8 %
Paved bike trails	15	3.0 %
Natural areas/nature parks	16	3.2 %
Playgrounds	13	2.6 %
Picnic shelters/picnic areas	5	1.0 %
Skateboarding area	2	0.4 %
Outdoor swimming pools/aquatic centers	13	2.6 %
Spraygrounds/splash pads	1	0.2 %
Indoor gymnasium space/game courts	4	0.8 %
Community/recreation centers	12	2.4 %
Outdoor stage or amphitheater	12	2.4 %
Outdoor basketball courts	3	0.6 %
Rental facility for banquets/receptions	1	0.2 %
Community gardens	2	0.4 %
Other	14	2.8 %
None chosen	144	28.7 %
Total	502	100.0 %

Q6. Which FOUR of the facilities listed in Question 5 do you and other members of your household currently Use Most?

<u>Q6. 2nd choice</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Small neighborhood parks	36	7.2 %
Large community parks	58	11.6 %
Baseball & softball diamonds	2	0.4 %
Off-leash dog parks	21	4.2 %
Walking & hiking trails	40	8.0 %
Paved bike trails	26	5.2 %
Natural areas/nature parks	32	6.4 %
Playgrounds	24	4.8 %
Picnic shelters/picnic areas	19	3.8 %
Skateboarding area	2	0.4 %
Outdoor swimming pools/aquatic centers	21	4.2 %
Spraygrounds/splash pads	10	2.0 %
Community/recreation centers	8	1.6 %
Outdoor stage or amphitheater	13	2.6 %
Tennis courts	3	0.6 %
Outdoor basketball courts	3	0.6 %
Rental facility for banquets/receptions	3	0.6 %
Pickleball, bocce, shuffleboard or similar	1	0.2 %
Community gardens	2	0.4 %
Other	5	1.0 %
<u>None chosen</u>	<u>173</u>	<u>34.5 %</u>
Total	502	100.0 %

Q6. Which FOUR of the facilities listed in Question 5 do you and other members of your household currently Use Most?

<u>Q6. 3rd choice</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Small neighborhood parks	23	4.6 %
Large community parks	14	2.8 %
Baseball & softball diamonds	3	0.6 %
Off-leash dog parks	16	3.2 %
Walking & hiking trails	40	8.0 %
Paved bike trails	24	4.8 %
Natural areas/nature parks	49	9.8 %
Playgrounds	24	4.8 %
Picnic shelters/picnic areas	26	5.2 %
Skateboarding area	1	0.2 %
Disc golf course	1	0.2 %
Outdoor swimming pools/aquatic centers	19	3.8 %
Spraygrounds/splash pads	10	2.0 %
Indoor gymnasium space/game courts	6	1.2 %
Community/recreation centers	13	2.6 %
Outdoor stage or amphitheater	21	4.2 %
Tennis courts	3	0.6 %
Rental facility for banquets/receptions	3	0.6 %
Community gardens	5	1.0 %
None chosen	201	40.0 %
Total	502	100.0 %

Q6. Which FOUR of the facilities listed in Question 5 do you and other members of your household currently Use Most?

<u>Q6. 4th choice</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Small neighborhood parks	13	2.6 %
Large community parks	14	2.8 %
Baseball & softball diamonds	1	0.2 %
Off-leash dog parks	17	3.4 %
Walking & hiking trails	28	5.6 %
Paved bike trails	20	4.0 %
Natural areas/nature parks	30	6.0 %
Playgrounds	12	2.4 %
Picnic shelters/picnic areas	25	5.0 %
Disc golf course	3	0.6 %
Outdoor swimming pools/aquatic centers	18	3.6 %
Spraygrounds/splash pads	13	2.6 %
Indoor gymnasium space/game courts	5	1.0 %
Community/recreation centers	12	2.4 %
Outdoor stage or amphitheater	24	4.8 %
Tennis courts	4	0.8 %
Outdoor basketball courts	5	1.0 %
Rental facility for banquets/receptions	5	1.0 %
Pickleball, bocce, shuffleboard or similar	2	0.4 %
Community gardens	11	2.2 %
Other	5	1.0 %
None chosen	235	46.8 %
Total	502	100.0 %

SUM OF TOP 4 CHOICES**Q6. Which FOUR of the facilities listed in Question 5 do you and other members of your household currently Use Most? (top 4)**

Q6. Sum of top 4 choices	Number	Percent
Small neighborhood parks	166	33.1 %
Large community parks	179	35.7 %
Baseball & softball diamonds	12	2.4 %
Off-leash dog parks	72	14.3 %
Walking & hiking trails	142	28.3 %
Paved bike trails	85	16.9 %
Natural areas/nature parks	127	25.3 %
Playgrounds	73	14.5 %
Picnic shelters/picnic areas	75	14.9 %
Skateboarding area	5	1.0 %
Disc golf course	4	0.8 %
Outdoor swimming pools/aquatic centers	71	14.1 %
Spraygrounds/splash pads	34	6.8 %
Indoor gymnasium space/game courts	15	3.0 %
Community/recreation centers	45	9.0 %
Outdoor stage or amphitheater	70	13.9 %
Tennis courts	10	2.0 %
Outdoor basketball courts	11	2.2 %
Rental facility for banquets/receptions	12	2.4 %
Pickleball, bocce, shuffleboard or similar	3	0.6 %
Community gardens	20	4.0 %
Other	24	4.8 %
None chosen	144	28.7 %
Total	1399	

Q7. Regardless of their current availability in New Port Richey, which FOUR of the facilities from the list in Question 5 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household?

<u>Q7.1st choice</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Small neighborhood parks	65	12.9 %
Large community parks	71	14.1 %
Baseball & softball diamonds	6	1.2 %
Off-leash dog parks	38	7.6 %
Walking & hiking trails	39	7.8 %
Paved bike trails	27	5.4 %
Natural areas/nature parks	19	3.8 %
Playgrounds	10	2.0 %
Picnic shelters/picnic areas	8	1.6 %
Skateboarding area	1	0.2 %
Outdoor swimming pools/aquatic centers	12	2.4 %
Spraygrounds/splash pads	2	0.4 %
Indoor gymnasium space/game courts	8	1.6 %
Community/recreation centers	11	2.2 %
Outdoor stage or amphitheater	15	3.0 %
Tennis courts	2	0.4 %
Outdoor basketball courts	3	0.6 %
Rental facility for banquets/receptions	1	0.2 %
Pickleball, bocce, shuffleboard or similar	1	0.2 %
Community gardens	12	2.4 %
Other	18	3.6 %
None chosen	133	26.5 %
Total	502	100.0 %

Q7. Regardless of their current availability in New Port Richey, which FOUR of the facilities from the list in Question 5 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household?

<u>Q7. 2nd choice</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Small neighborhood parks	38	7.6 %
Large community parks	45	9.0 %
Baseball & softball diamonds	3	0.6 %
Off-leash dog parks	13	2.6 %
Walking & hiking trails	49	9.8 %
Paved bike trails	28	5.6 %
Natural areas/nature parks	42	8.4 %
Playgrounds	24	4.8 %
Picnic shelters/picnic areas	16	3.2 %
Skateboarding area	3	0.6 %
Disc golf course	2	0.4 %
Outdoor swimming pools/aquatic centers	20	4.0 %
Spraygrounds/splash pads	10	2.0 %
Indoor gymnasium space/game courts	3	0.6 %
Community/recreation centers	10	2.0 %
Outdoor stage or amphitheater	17	3.4 %
Outdoor basketball courts	2	0.4 %
Rental facility for banquets/receptions	3	0.6 %
Pickleball, bocce, shuffleboard or similar	1	0.2 %
Community gardens	7	1.4 %
Other	6	1.2 %
None chosen	160	31.9 %
Total	502	100.0 %

Q7. Regardless of their current availability in New Port Richey, which FOUR of the facilities from the list in Question 5 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household?

<u>Q7. 3rd choice</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Small neighborhood parks	27	5.4 %
Large community parks	25	5.0 %
Baseball & softball diamonds	5	1.0 %
Off-leash dog parks	23	4.6 %
Walking & hiking trails	43	8.6 %
Paved bike trails	22	4.4 %
Natural areas/nature parks	36	7.2 %
Playgrounds	22	4.4 %
Picnic shelters/picnic areas	22	4.4 %
Skateboarding area	1	0.2 %
Disc golf course	1	0.2 %
Outdoor swimming pools/aquatic centers	23	4.6 %
Spraygrounds/splash pads	11	2.2 %
Indoor gymnasium space/game courts	3	0.6 %
Community/recreation centers	12	2.4 %
Outdoor stage or amphitheater	15	3.0 %
Tennis courts	3	0.6 %
Rental facility for banquets/receptions	3	0.6 %
Pickleball, bocce, shuffleboard or similar	2	0.4 %
Community gardens	8	1.6 %
Other	3	0.6 %
None chosen	192	38.2 %
Total	502	100.0 %

Q7. Regardless of their current availability in New Port Richey, which FOUR of the facilities from the list in Question 5 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household?

<u>Q7. 4th choice</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Small neighborhood parks	20	4.0 %
Large community parks	13	2.6 %
Baseball & softball diamonds	2	0.4 %
Off-leash dog parks	15	3.0 %
Walking & hiking trails	31	6.2 %
Paved bike trails	16	3.2 %
Natural areas/nature parks	37	7.4 %
Playgrounds	9	1.8 %
Picnic shelters/picnic areas	26	5.2 %
Disc golf course	2	0.4 %
Outdoor swimming pools/aquatic centers	12	2.4 %
Spraygrounds/splash pads	9	1.8 %
Indoor gymnasium space/game courts	2	0.4 %
Community/recreation centers	16	3.2 %
Outdoor stage or amphitheater	20	4.0 %
Tennis courts	4	0.8 %
Outdoor basketball courts	6	1.2 %
Rental facility for banquets/receptions	7	1.4 %
Pickleball, bocce, shuffleboard or similar	2	0.4 %
Community gardens	17	3.4 %
Other	6	1.2 %
None chosen	230	45.8 %
Total	502	100.0 %

SUM OF TOP 4 CHOICES

Q7. Regardless of their current availability in New Port Richey, which FOUR of the facilities from the list in Question 5 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household? (top 4)

<u>Q7. Sum of top 4 choices</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Small neighborhood parks	150	29.9 %
Large community parks	154	30.7 %
Baseball & softball diamonds	16	3.2 %
Off-leash dog parks	89	17.7 %
Walking & hiking trails	162	32.3 %
Paved bike trails	93	18.5 %
Natural areas/nature parks	134	26.7 %
Playgrounds	65	12.9 %
Picnic shelters/picnic areas	72	14.3 %
Skateboarding area	5	1.0 %
Disc golf course	5	1.0 %
Outdoor swimming pools/aquatic centers	67	13.3 %
Spraygrounds/splash pads	32	6.4 %
Indoor gymnasium space/game courts	16	3.2 %
Community/recreation centers	49	9.8 %
Outdoor stage or amphitheater	67	13.3 %
Tennis courts	9	1.8 %
Outdoor basketball courts	11	2.2 %
Rental facility for banquets/receptions	14	2.8 %
Pickleball, bocce, shuffleboard or similar	6	1.2 %
Community gardens	44	8.8 %
Other	33	6.6 %
None chosen	133	26.5 %
Total	1426	

Q8. Please indicate if you or other members of your HOUSEHOLD have a need for each of the programs listed below.

(N=502)

	Yes	No
Q8-1. Youth Learn to Swim programs	12.0%	88.0%
Q8-2. Before & after school programs	9.0%	91.0%
Q8-3. Youth summer camp programs	11.4%	88.6%
Q8-4. Youth sports programs	11.0%	89.0%
Q8-5. Youth fitness & wellness programs	11.8%	88.2%
Q8-6. Martial arts programs	11.6%	88.4%
Q8-7. Adult fitness & wellness programs]	46.6%	53.4%
Q8-8. Water fitness programs	26.7%	73.3%
Q8-9. Youth art, dance, performing arts	11.8%	88.2%
Q8-10. Adult sports programs	14.1%	85.9%
Q8-11. 50+ programs	36.1%	63.9%
Q8-12. Programs for mentally/physically challenged	9.8%	90.2%
Q8-13. Birthday parties	10.8%	89.2%
Q8-14. Pet exercise (dog park)	32.7%	67.3%
Q8-15. Teen programs	10.8%	89.2%
Q8-16. Special events	33.7%	66.3%
Q8-17. Nature programs	31.3%	68.7%
Q8-18. Summer concerts	47.8%	52.2%
Q8-19. Circuit exercise	17.7%	82.3%
Q8-20. Other	3.2%	96.8%

Q8. If YES, please rate how well the needs of your household are currently being met by existing programs/activities in New Port Richey. Please use a scale of 1 to 5, where 5 means all (100%) of your needs are being met and 1 means none (0%) of your needs are being met.

(N=393)

	100% Met	75% Met	50% Met	25% Met	0% Met
Q8-1. Youth Learn to Swim programs	23.4%	19.1%	19.1%	14.9%	23.4%
Q8-2. Before & after school programs	11.8%	20.6%	20.6%	29.4%	17.6%
Q8-3. Youth summer camp programs	15.9%	20.5%	27.3%	25.0%	11.4%
Q8-4. Youth sports programs	16.7%	11.9%	33.3%	16.7%	21.4%
Q8-5. Youth fitness & wellness programs	17.0%	17.0%	19.1%	27.7%	19.1%
Q8-6. Martial arts programs	22.7%	6.8%	22.7%	22.7%	25.0%
Q8-7. Adult fitness & wellness programs	15.4%	23.4%	29.7%	14.3%	17.1%
Q8-8. Water fitness programs	19.8%	19.8%	20.8%	18.8%	20.8%
Q8-9. Youth art, dance, performing arts	14.9%	8.5%	34.0%	25.5%	17.0%
Q8-10. Adult sports programs	12.0%	8.0%	24.0%	38.0%	18.0%
Q8-11. 50+ programs	9.6%	19.2%	24.0%	20.0%	27.2%
Q8-12. Programs for mentally/physically challenged	15.8%	2.6%	28.9%	31.6%	21.1%
Q8-13. Birthday parties	31.0%	21.4%	33.3%	9.5%	4.8%
Q8-14. Pet exercise (dog park)	14.1%	18.8%	14.8%	23.4%	28.9%
Q8-15. Teen programs	11.4%	6.8%	31.8%	22.7%	27.3%
Q8-16. Special events	36.7%	29.7%	18.8%	7.0%	7.8%
Q8-17. Nature programs	14.2%	21.2%	25.7%	22.1%	16.8%
Q8-18. Summer concerts	33.9%	31.7%	20.8%	9.8%	3.8%
Q8-19. Circuit exercise	19.7%	13.6%	19.7%	22.7%	24.2%
Q8-20. Other	30.0%	0.0%	10.0%	30.0%	30.0%

Q8. Other

Q8-20. Other	Number	Percent
gardening	1	6.3 %
Performing arts for adults	1	6.3 %
Health and wellness activities	1	6.3 %
Kayaking Launch Areas in City of NPR parks	1	6.3 %
Rec Center pool	1	6.3 %
Church/museums	1	6.3 %
cards	1	6.3 %
Christian concerts	1	6.3 %
We need senior activities	1	6.3 %
Walking	1	6.3 %
Senior dances	1	6.3 %
Local vocational classes	1	6.3 %
Meals on Wheels, Household Assistance	1	6.3 %
Farmers Market	1	6.3 %
Galleries/art	1	6.3 %
<u>Community Gardens</u>	1	6.3 %
Total	16	100.0 %

Q9. In which FOUR of the programs listed in Question 8 do you and other members of your household currently participate in MOST in New Port Richey?

<u>Q9. 1st choice</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Youth Learn to Swim programs	6	1.2 %
Before & after school programs	5	1.0 %
Youth summer camp programs	5	1.0 %
Youth sports programs	3	0.6 %
Youth fitness & wellness programs	5	1.0 %
Martial arts programs	6	1.2 %
Adult fitness & wellness programs	42	8.4 %
Water fitness programs	5	1.0 %
Youth art, dance, performing arts	2	0.4 %
Adult sports programs	3	0.6 %
50+ programs	18	3.6 %
Programs for mentally/physically challenged	4	0.8 %
Birthday parties	4	0.8 %
Pet exercise (dog park)	37	7.4 %
Special events	53	10.6 %
Nature programs	7	1.4 %
Summer concerts	59	11.8 %
Circuit exercise	5	1.0 %
Other	4	0.8 %
None chosen	229	45.6 %
Total	502	100.0 %

Q9. In which FOUR of the programs listed in Question 8 do you and other members of your household currently participate in MOST in New Port Richey?

<u>Q9. 2nd choice</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Youth Learn to Swim programs	3	0.6 %
Before & after school programs	2	0.4 %
Youth summer camp programs	4	0.8 %
Youth sports programs	4	0.8 %
Youth fitness & wellness programs	2	0.4 %
Martial arts programs	1	0.2 %
Adult fitness & wellness programs	22	4.4 %
Water fitness programs	16	3.2 %
Youth art, dance, performing arts	1	0.2 %
Adult sports programs	6	1.2 %
50+ programs	25	5.0 %
Programs for mentally/physically challenged	2	0.4 %
Birthday parties	6	1.2 %
Pet exercise (dog park)	14	2.8 %
Teen programs	3	0.6 %
Special events	36	7.2 %
Nature programs	26	5.2 %
Summer concerts	42	8.4 %
Circuit exercise	2	0.4 %
Other	4	0.8 %
None chosen	281	56.0 %
Total	502	100.0 %

Q9. In which FOUR of the programs listed in Question 8 do you and other members of your household currently participate in MOST in New Port Richey?

<u>Q9. 3rd choice</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Youth Learn to Swim programs	1	0.2 %
Before & after school programs	6	1.2 %
Youth summer camp programs	4	0.8 %
Youth sports programs	5	1.0 %
Martial arts programs	2	0.4 %
Adult fitness & wellness programs	12	2.4 %
Water fitness programs	8	1.6 %
Youth art, dance, performing arts	4	0.8 %
Adult sports programs	5	1.0 %
50+ programs	20	4.0 %
Programs for mentally/physically challenged	3	0.6 %
Birthday parties	6	1.2 %
Pet exercise (dog park)	15	3.0 %
Teen programs	2	0.4 %
Special events	18	3.6 %
Nature programs	19	3.8 %
Summer concerts	24	4.8 %
Circuit exercise	5	1.0 %
Other	3	0.6 %
None chosen	340	67.7 %
Total	502	100.0 %

Q9. In which FOUR of the programs listed in Question 8 do you and other members of your household currently participate in MOST in New Port Richey?

<u>Q9. 4th choice</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Youth Learn to Swim programs	3	0.6 %
Youth summer camp programs	1	0.2 %
Youth sports programs	5	1.0 %
Youth fitness & wellness programs	1	0.2 %
Martial arts programs	1	0.2 %
Adult fitness & wellness programs	14	2.8 %
Water fitness programs	3	0.6 %
Youth art, dance, performing arts	3	0.6 %
Adult sports programs	2	0.4 %
50+ programs	9	1.8 %
Programs for mentally/physically challenged	3	0.6 %
Birthday parties	5	1.0 %
Pet exercise (dog park)	11	2.2 %
Teen programs	8	1.6 %
Special events	6	1.2 %
Nature programs	18	3.6 %
Summer concerts	20	4.0 %
Circuit exercise	5	1.0 %
Other	2	0.4 %
None chosen	382	76.1 %
Total	502	100.0 %

SUM OF TOP 4 CHOICES

Q9. In which FOUR of the programs listed in Question 8 do you and other members of your household currently participate in MOST in New Port Richey? (top 4)

<u>Q9. Sum of top 4 choices</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Youth Learn to Swim programs	13	2.6 %
Before & after school programs	13	2.6 %
Youth summer camp programs	14	2.8 %
Youth sports programs	17	3.4 %
Youth fitness & wellness programs	8	1.6 %
Martial arts programs	10	2.0 %
Adult fitness & wellness programs	90	17.9 %
Water fitness programs	32	6.4 %
Youth art, dance, performing arts	10	2.0 %
Adult sports programs	16	3.2 %
50+ programs	72	14.3 %
Programs for mentally/physically challenged	12	2.4 %
Birthday parties	21	4.2 %
Pet exercise (dog park)	77	15.3 %
Teen programs	13	2.6 %
Special events	113	22.5 %
Nature programs	70	13.9 %
Summer concerts	145	28.9 %
Circuit exercise	17	3.4 %
Other	13	2.6 %
None chosen	229	45.6 %
Total	1005	

Q10. Regardless of their current availability in New Port Richey, which FOUR of the programs from the list in Question 8 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household?

<u>Q10. 1st choice</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Youth Learn to Swim programs	13	2.6 %
Before & after school programs	15	3.0 %
Youth summer camp programs	5	1.0 %
Youth sports programs	10	2.0 %
Youth fitness & wellness programs	7	1.4 %
Martial arts programs	3	0.6 %
Adult fitness & wellness programs	58	11.6 %
Water fitness programs	12	2.4 %
Youth art, dance, performing arts	2	0.4 %
Adult sports programs	8	1.6 %
50+ programs	35	7.0 %
Programs for mentally/physically challenged	7	1.4 %
Birthday parties	2	0.4 %
Pet exercise (dog park)	53	10.6 %
Teen programs	1	0.2 %
Special events	38	7.6 %
Nature programs	9	1.8 %
Summer concerts	42	8.4 %
Circuit exercise	3	0.6 %
Other	5	1.0 %
None chosen	174	34.7 %
Total	502	100.0 %

Q10. Regardless of their current availability in New Port Richey, which FOUR of the programs from the list in Question 8 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household?

<u>Q10. 2nd choice</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Youth Learn to Swim programs	4	0.8 %
Before & after school programs	5	1.0 %
Youth summer camp programs	11	2.2 %
Youth sports programs	5	1.0 %
Youth fitness & wellness programs	6	1.2 %
Martial arts programs	6	1.2 %
Adult fitness & wellness programs	42	8.4 %
Water fitness programs	19	3.8 %
Youth art, dance, performing arts	5	1.0 %
Adult sports programs	6	1.2 %
50+ programs	41	8.2 %
Programs for mentally/physically challenged	6	1.2 %
Birthday parties	4	0.8 %
Pet exercise (dog park)	19	3.8 %
Teen programs	3	0.6 %
Special events	24	4.8 %
Nature programs	24	4.8 %
Summer concerts	40	8.0 %
Circuit exercise	3	0.6 %
Other	4	0.8 %
None chosen	225	44.8 %
Total	502	100.0 %

Q10. Regardless of their current availability in New Port Richey, which FOUR of the programs from the list in Question 8 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household?

<u>Q10. 3rd choice</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Youth Learn to Swim programs	4	0.8 %
Before & after school programs	5	1.0 %
Youth summer camp programs	3	0.6 %
Youth sports programs	11	2.2 %
Youth fitness & wellness programs	3	0.6 %
Martial arts programs	5	1.0 %
Adult fitness & wellness programs	14	2.8 %
Water fitness programs	17	3.4 %
Youth art, dance, performing arts	6	1.2 %
Adult sports programs	9	1.8 %
50+ programs	23	4.6 %
Programs for mentally/physically challenged	4	0.8 %
Birthday parties	6	1.2 %
Pet exercise (dog park)	21	4.2 %
Teen programs	7	1.4 %
Special events	25	5.0 %
Nature programs	25	5.0 %
Summer concerts	33	6.6 %
Circuit exercise	7	1.4 %
Other	3	0.6 %
None chosen	271	54.0 %
Total	502	100.0 %

Q10. Regardless of their current availability in New Port Richey, which FOUR of the programs from the list in Question 8 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household?

<u>Q10. 4th choice</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Youth Learn to Swim programs	5	1.0 %
Before & after school programs	2	0.4 %
Youth summer camp programs	1	0.2 %
Youth sports programs	4	0.8 %
Youth fitness & wellness programs	2	0.4 %
Martial arts programs	2	0.4 %
Adult fitness & wellness programs	17	3.4 %
Water fitness programs	11	2.2 %
Youth art, dance, performing arts	4	0.8 %
Adult sports programs	8	1.6 %
50+ programs	13	2.6 %
Programs for mentally/physically challenged	3	0.6 %
Birthday parties	3	0.6 %
Pet exercise (dog park)	13	2.6 %
Teen programs	6	1.2 %
Special events	20	4.0 %
Nature programs	25	5.0 %
Summer concerts	30	6.0 %
Circuit exercise	9	1.8 %
Other	3	0.6 %
None chosen	321	63.9 %
Total	502	100.0 %

SUM OF TOP 4 CHOICES

Q10. Regardless of their current availability in New Port Richey, which FOUR of the programs from the list in Question 8 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household? (top 4)

<u>Q10. Sum of top 4 choices</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Youth Learn to Swim programs	26	5.2 %
Before & after school programs	27	5.4 %
Youth summer camp programs	20	4.0 %
Youth sports programs	30	6.0 %
Youth fitness & wellness programs	18	3.6 %
Martial arts programs	16	3.2 %
Adult fitness & wellness programs	131	26.1 %
Water fitness programs	59	11.8 %
Youth art, dance, performing arts	17	3.4 %
Adult sports programs	31	6.2 %
50+ programs	112	22.3 %
Programs for mentally/physically challenged	20	4.0 %
Birthday parties	15	3.0 %
Pet exercise (dog park)	106	21.1 %
Teen programs	17	3.4 %
Special events	107	21.3 %
Nature programs	83	16.5 %
Summer concerts	145	28.9 %
Circuit exercise	22	4.4 %
Other	15	3.0 %
None chosen	174	34.7 %
Total	1191	

Q11. Please CHECK ALL the reasons why you or other members of your household use private fitness centers or other facilities instead of the City's Recreation and Aquatics Center:

Q11. Reasons why you use private fitness centers or other facilities instead of City's Recreation & Aquatics

Center	Number	Percent
Facilities are not well maintained	18	4.1 %
Program or facility not offered	64	14.7 %
Facilities lack the right equipment	40	9.2 %
Security is insufficient	25	5.7 %
Lack of quality programs	44	10.1 %
Too far from our residence	25	5.7 %
Class full	11	2.5 %
Program times are not convenient	63	14.5 %
Use facilities in other cities	15	3.4 %
Fees are too high	95	21.8 %
Poor customer service by staff	11	2.5 %
I do not know locations of facilities	52	12.0 %
Use services of other agencies	23	5.3 %
Not accessible for people with disabilities	7	1.6 %
I do not know what is being offered	115	26.4 %
Facility operating hours not convenient	53	12.2 %
Registration for programs is difficult	12	2.8 %
Lack of parking by facilities and parks	21	4.8 %
Other	43	9.9 %
None	171	39.3 %
Total	908	

WITHOUT "NONE"**Q11. Please CHECK ALL the reasons why you or other members of your household use private fitness centers or other facilities instead of the City's Recreation and Aquatics Center: (without "none")**

Q11. Reasons why you use private fitness centers or other facilities instead of City's Recreation & Aquatics

Center	Number	Percent
Facilities are not well maintained	18	6.8 %
Program or facility not offered	64	24.2 %
Facilities lack the right equipment	40	15.2 %
Security is insufficient	25	9.5 %
Lack of quality programs	44	16.7 %
Too far from our residence	25	9.5 %
Class full	11	4.2 %
Program times are not convenient	62	23.5 %
Use facilities in other cities	15	5.7 %
Fees are too high	95	36.0 %
Poor customer service by staff	11	4.2 %
I do not know locations of facilities	51	19.3 %
Use services of other agencies	23	8.7 %
Not accessible for people with disabilities	7	2.7 %
I do not know what is being offered	114	43.2 %
Facility operating hours not convenient	53	20.1 %
Registration for programs is difficult	12	4.5 %
Lack of parking by facilities and parks	21	8.0 %
Other	43	16.3 %
Total	734	

Q11. Other

Q11. Other	Number	Percent
Larger Lap Pool	1	2.4 %
Didn't know most programs were available	1	2.4 %
We have our own pool and recreational area	1	2.4 %
Government was created to address health, safety & welfare	1	2.4 %
indoor heated swimming pool	1	2.4 %
We can afford it but are not eligible or get assistance	1	2.4 %
We don't have private transportation at this time	1	2.4 %
I will have Silver Sneakers Medicare	1	2.4 %
Pool winter hours lessen the ability for daily water exercise	1	2.4 %
Need daycare! You are lacking on marketing campaign!	1	2.4 %
Netflix	1	2.4 %
Need a 24 hr facility	1	2.4 %
I have my own pool and fitness equipment at home	1	2.4 %
Rec fitness center too small and congested!	1	2.4 %
No childcare	1	2.4 %
Building looks gross, crowded pool lack of shade and seating	1	2.4 %
Part of our H.O.A.	1	2.4 %
Don't use private centers	1	2.4 %
Not sure, need head up on programs offered	1	2.4 %
I am a care giver and don't have the time to get out	1	2.4 %
INSURANCE PAYS PROGRAM	1	2.4 %
Enjoy other beaches	1	2.4 %
Very few activities for seniors. We are ignored	1	2.4 %
Rest Spot of Happy	1	2.4 %
I am 91 years old so no longer need the facilities	1	2.4 %
We are golfers	1	2.4 %
I am 97 years old, not interested anymore	1	2.4 %
Do not use any	1	2.4 %
Have facility at my Sea Forest townhome	1	2.4 %
Employed by fitness gym	1	2.4 %
WE ARE OUTDOOR NATURE PEOPLE	1	2.4 %
JUST HAVEN'T GOTTEN INVOLVED	1	2.4 %
GOVERNMENTS SHOULD NOT COMPETE WITH PRIVATE BUSINESSES	1	2.4 %
We have community pool, etc.	1	2.4 %
Price pretty high	1	2.4 %
Multiple options for class times	1	2.4 %
Fitness center in our home community	1	2.4 %
go to Hudson Beach for access to Gulf	1	2.4 %
I live on a fixed income and can't afford to pay anything	1	2.4 %
Already belong to private club	1	2.4 %
Pool water cold - use solar energy for heat	1	2.4 %
Would like training on using equipment	1	2.4 %
Total	42	100.0 %

Q12. Please check ALL the ways you learn about New Port Richey parks and recreation programs and services:

Q12. Ways you learn about New Port Richey parks & recreation programs & services	Number	Percent
City website	183	39.0 %
Social media	144	30.7 %
Flyers at facilities	147	31.3 %
From friends & neighbors	217	46.3 %
School flyers/newsletter	32	6.8 %
Email blasts	24	5.1 %
Newspaper articles	218	46.5 %
Mailings	138	29.4 %
Other	62	13.2 %
Total	1165	

Q12. Other

Q12. Other	Number	Percent
signs	13	22.4 %
The Bridge Newsletter	3	5.2 %
visiting	2	3.4 %
Suncoast News	2	3.4 %
Drive-by	2	3.4 %
Live here	2	3.4 %
Found on my own or stick in the ground signs	1	1.7 %
word of mouth from neighbors/friends	1	1.7 %
TV	1	1.7 %
Mailings	1	1.7 %
They do not send us enough information	1	1.7 %
Facebook	1	1.7 %
Chamber of Commerce	1	1.7 %
flyers	1	1.7 %
Google	1	1.7 %
patch	1	1.7 %
LIVE BEHIND PARK	1	1.7 %
LIVE IN COMMUNITY	1	1.7 %
Radio advertisement	1	1.7 %
I'm a resident	1	1.7 %
City newsletter	1	1.7 %
Don't hear or read about them	1	1.7 %
Lived here since 1958	1	1.7 %
Printed signs on side of road.	1	1.7 %
City council meetings	1	1.7 %
Sunshine News	1	1.7 %
News	1	1.7 %
Old school	1	1.7 %
Sign on Main Street	1	1.7 %
drive around	1	1.7 %
Signs around town	1	1.7 %
Street signs	1	1.7 %
exploring	1	1.7 %
Suncoast News, street corner signs	1	1.7 %
Internet	1	1.7 %
NPR Newsletter	1	1.7 %
Signs and banners	1	1.7 %
Billboard signs	1	1.7 %
From recreation staff	1	1.7 %
City library	1	1.7 %
Total	58	100.0 %

Q13. How important do you feel it is for the City of New Port Richey to provide high quality parks and recreation facilities and programs?

Q13. How important is it for City to provide high quality parks & recreation facilities & programs?	Number	Percent
Very Important	385	76.7 %
Somewhat Important	72	14.3 %
Not Sure	28	5.6 %
Not Important	17	3.4 %
Total	502	100.0 %

Q14. What is your age?

Q14. Your age	Number	Percent
18-34	94	18.7 %
35-44	85	16.9 %
45-54	103	20.5 %
55-64	109	21.7 %
65+	104	20.7 %
Not provided	7	1.4 %
Total	502	100.0 %

WITHOUT "NOT PROVIDED"

Q14. What is your age? (without "not provided")

Q14. Your age	Number	Percent
18-34	94	19.0 %
35-44	85	17.2 %
45-54	103	20.8 %
55-64	109	22.0 %
65+	104	21.0 %
Total	495	100.0 %

Q15. Counting yourself, how many people in your household are:

	Mean	Sum
number	2.2	1113
Under age 5	0.1	45
Ages 5-9	0.1	45
Ages 10-14	0.1	49
Ages 15-19	0.1	31
Ages 20-24	0.1	62
Ages 25-34	0.2	106
Ages 35-44	0.2	125
Ages 45-54	0.3	161
Ages 55-64	0.5	255
Ages 65-74	0.3	150
Ages 75+	0.2	84

Q16. What is your home zip code?

Q16. What is your home zip code?	Number	Percent
34652	242	48.2 %
34653	260	51.8 %
Total	502	100.0 %

Q17. Your gender:

Q17. Your gender	Number	Percent
Male	244	48.6 %
Female	258	51.4 %
Total	502	100.0 %

Q18. How long have you lived in New Port Richey?

<u>Q18. How long have you lived in New Port Richey</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
5 or less	152	30.3 %
6 to 10	62	12.4 %
11 to 15	62	12.4 %
16 to 20	58	11.6 %
21 to 30	84	16.7 %
31+	75	14.9 %
Not provided	9	1.8 %
Total	502	100.0 %

WITHOUT “NOT PROVIDED”**Q18. How long have you lived in New Port Richey?**

<u>Q18. How long have you lived in New Port Richey?</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
5 or less	152	30.8 %
6 to 10	62	12.6 %
11 to 15	62	12.6 %
16 to 20	58	11.8 %
21 to 30	84	17.0 %
31+	75	15.2 %
Total	493	100.0 %

Section 5

Survey Instrument



NEW PORT RICHEY

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November 2016

Dear City of New Port Richey Resident:

Your response to the enclosed survey is very important...

The City of New Port Richey is conducting a comprehensive parks and recreation needs assessment survey. The results of this survey will be used to establish priorities for improvements to parks and recreation facilities and services in the City.

Your household was one of a limited number selected at random to receive this survey, therefore, it is very important that you participate.

We appreciate your time...

We realize that this survey will take approximately 5 -10 minutes to complete, but each question is important. The time you invest in completing this survey will aid the City in taking a resident-driven approach to making decisions that will enrich the future of our community and positively affect the lives of all its residents.

Please complete and return your survey within the next two weeks...

We have selected ETC Institute, an independent consulting company, as our partner to administer this survey. They will compile the data received and present the results to the City later this year. **Your responses will remain confidential.** Please return your completed survey in the enclosed postage-paid envelope addressed to ETC Institute, 725 W. Frontier Circle, Olathe, KS 66061. If you would like to take the survey over the web, the address is www.NewPortRicheyGov.org.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (727) 853-1021.

Sincerely,

Debbie L. Manns
City Manager



City of New Port Richey Community Needs Assessment Survey

Your input is an important part of the City's ongoing efforts to provide quality parks, recreation, and other services for our community. This survey will take only 5-10 minutes to complete. When you are finished, please return your survey in the enclosed postage-paid, return-reply envelope. You may also complete the survey on-line at www.NewPortRicheyGov.org.

1. Have you or any members of your household visited any of the parks and/or recreation facilities in the City of New Port Richey during the past 12 months?

____ (1) Yes (Please answer Questions #1a, #1b and #1c.)

____ (2) No (Please skip to Question #2.)

1a. Approximately how often did you or members of your household visit those facilities in the City of New Port Richey during the past year?

____ (1) 1 to 5 visits

____ (3) 11 to 19 visits

____ (9) Don't know

____ (2) 6 to 10 visits

____ (4) 20 or more visits

1b. Which park did you visit most recently? _____

1c. Overall, how would you rate the physical condition of the park you listed in Q1b above?

____ (1) Excellent

____ (3) Fair

____ (2) Good

____ (4) Poor

2. Have you or members of your household participated in any recreational programs offered by the City of New Port Richey over the past 12 months?

____ (1) Yes (Please answer Question #2a & #2b.)

____ (2) No (Please skip to Question #3.)

2a. In which program did you participate most recently? _____

2b. How would you rate the quality of the program you listed in Q2a above?

____ (1) Excellent

____ (2) Good

____ (3) Fair

____ (4) Poor

3. From the following list, please check ALL the organizations that you and members of your household use for parks and recreation programs and facilities in any location.

____ (01) City of New Port Richey

____ (06) Neighboring cities/counties/state parks

____ (02) Private schools

____ (07) YMCA or Boys & Girls Club

____ (03) Private youth sports leagues

____ (08) None. Do not use any organizations

____ (04) Churches

____ (09) Other: _____

____ (05) Private clubs (tennis, health & fitness)

4. From the list in Question #3 which TWO organizations do you and your household USE THE MOST for recreation and parks programs and facilities? [Write in the numbers from the list in Question #3 for the TWO agencies you use most or circle NONE.]

Most Used

2nd Most Used

NONE

5. FACILITY NEEDS. Please indicate if you or other members of your HOUSEHOLD have a need for each of the facilities listed below by circling either "YES" or "NO".

If "YES", please rate how well the needs of your household are currently being met by existing facilities in New Port Richey. Please use a scale of 1 to 5, where "5" means all (100%) of your needs are being met and "1" means none (0%) of your needs are being met.

Facility	Do You Have a Need for this Facility?		If YES You Have a Need, How Well Are Your Needs Being Met?				
	Yes	No	100% Met	75% Met	50% Met	25% Met	0% Met
01. Small neighborhood parks	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
02. Large community parks	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
03. Baseball and softball diamonds	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
04. Off-leash dog parks	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
05. Walking and hiking trails	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
06. Paved bike trails	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
07. Natural areas/nature parks	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
08. Playgrounds	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
09. Picnic shelters/picnic areas	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
10. Skateboarding area	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
11. Disc golf course	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
12. Outdoor swimming pools/aquatic centers	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
13. Spraygrounds/splash pads	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
14. Indoor Gymnasium space/game courts	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
15. Community/recreation centers	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
16. Outdoor stage or amphitheater	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
17. Tennis courts	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
18. Outdoor basketball courts	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
19. Rental facility for banquets/receptions	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
20. Pickleball, bocce, shuffleboard or similar	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
21. Community gardens	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
22. Other	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1

6. Which FOUR of the facilities listed in Question 5 do you and other members of your household currently Use Most? [Using the list from Question 5 above, please write-in the numbers below for your 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th choices, or circle "NONE".]

1st: _____ 2nd: _____ 3rd: _____ 4th: _____ NONE

7. Regardless of their current availability in New Port Richey, which FOUR of the facilities from the list in Question 5 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household? [Using the list from Question 5 above, please write-in the numbers below for your 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th choices, or circle "NONE".]

1st: _____ 2nd: _____ 3rd: _____ 4th: _____ NONE

8. PROGRAM NEEDS. Please indicate if you or other members of your **HOUSEHOLD** have a need for each of the programs listed below by circling either "YES" or "NO".

If "YES", please rate how well the needs of your household are currently being met by existing programs/activities in New Port Richey. Please use a scale of 1 to 5, where "5" means all (100%) of your needs are being met and "1" means none (0%) of your needs are being met.

Programs/Activities		Do You Have a Need for this Program?		If YES You Have a Need, How Well Are Your Needs Being Met?				
		Yes	No	100% Met	75% Met	50% Met	25% Met	0% Met
01.	Youth Learn to Swim programs	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
02.	Before and after school programs	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
03.	Youth summer camp programs	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
04.	Youth sports programs	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
05.	Youth fitness and wellness programs	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
06.	Martial arts programs	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
07.	Adult fitness and wellness programs	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
08.	Water fitness programs	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
09.	Youth art, dance, performing arts	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
10.	Adult sports programs	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
11.	50+ programs	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
12.	Programs for mentally/physically challenged	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
13.	Birthday parties	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
14.	Pet exercise (dog park)	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
15.	Teen programs	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
16.	Special events	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
17.	Nature programs	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
18.	Summer concerts	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
19.	Circuit exercise	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
20.	Other:	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1

9. In which FOUR of the programs listed in Question 8 do you and other members of your household currently participate in MOST in New Port Richey? [Using the list from Question 8 above, please write-in the numbers below for your 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th choices, or circle "NONE".]

1st: _____ 2nd: _____ 3rd: _____ 4th: _____ NONE

10. Regardless of their current availability in New Port Richey, which FOUR of the programs from the list in Question 8 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household? [Using the list from Question 8 above, please write-in the numbers below for your 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th choices, or circle "NONE".]

1st: _____ 2nd: _____ 3rd: _____ 4th: _____ NONE

11. Please CHECK ALL the reasons why you or other members of your household use private fitness centers or other facilities instead of the City's Recreation and Aquatics Center:

(Check all that apply)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> (01) Facilities are not well maintained | <input type="checkbox"/> (12) I do not know locations of facilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (02) Program or facility not offered | <input type="checkbox"/> (13) Use services of other agencies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (03) Facilities lack the right equipment | <input type="checkbox"/> (14) Not accessible for people with disabilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (04) Security is insufficient | <input type="checkbox"/> (15) I do not know what is being offered |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (05) Lack of quality programs | <input type="checkbox"/> (16) Facility operating hours not convenient |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (06) Too far from our residence | <input type="checkbox"/> (17) Registration for programs is difficult |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (07) Class full | <input type="checkbox"/> (18) Lack of parking by facilities and parks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (08) Program times are not convenient | <input type="checkbox"/> (19) Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (09) Use facilities in other cities | <input type="checkbox"/> (20) None |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (10) Fees are too high | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (11) Poor customer service by staff | |

12. Please check ALL the ways you learn about New Port Richey parks and recreation programs and services: (Check all that apply)

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> (01) City website | <input type="checkbox"/> (06) E-mail blasts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (02) Social media | <input type="checkbox"/> (07) Newspaper articles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (03) Flyers at facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> (08) Mailings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (04) From friends and neighbors | <input type="checkbox"/> (09) Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (05) School flyers/newsletter | |

13. How important do you feel it is for the City of New Port Richey to provide high quality parks and recreation facilities and programs?

- ☐ (1) Very important
☐ (2) Somewhat important
☐ (3) Not sure
☐ (4) Not important

14. What is your age? _____ years old**15. Counting yourself, how many people in your household are:**

Under age 5: _____	Ages 20-24: _____	Ages 55-64: _____
Ages 5-9: _____	Ages 25-34: _____	Ages 65-74: _____
Ages 10-14: _____	Ages 35-44: _____	Ages 75+: _____
Ages 15-19: _____	Ages 45-54: _____	

16. What is your home zip code? _____**17. Your gender:**

- ☐ (1) Male
☐ (2) Female

18. How long have you lived in New Port Richey? _____ years

Do you have any other comments or suggestions for improving parks and recreation in the City of New Port Richey? If so, please write them in the space below.

This concludes the survey. Thank you for your time.

**Please return your completed survey in the enclosed return-reply envelope addressed to:
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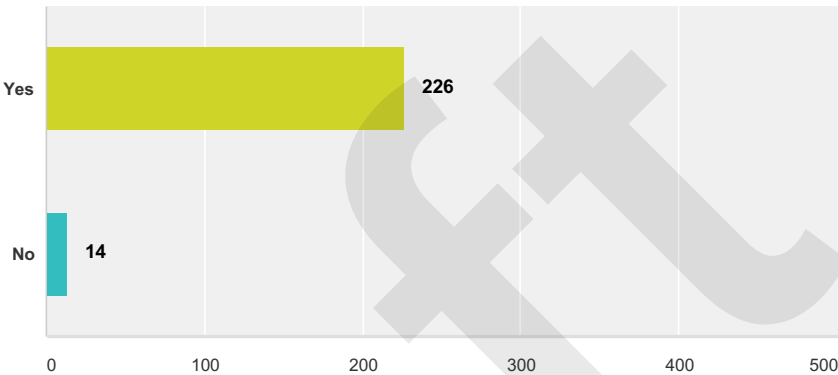
Your responses will remain completely confidential.
The address information to the right will ONLY be
used to help identify areas with special interests.

B. Online Survey Responses

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Q1 Have you or any members of your household visited any of the parks and/or recreation facilities in the City of New Port Richey during the past 12 months?

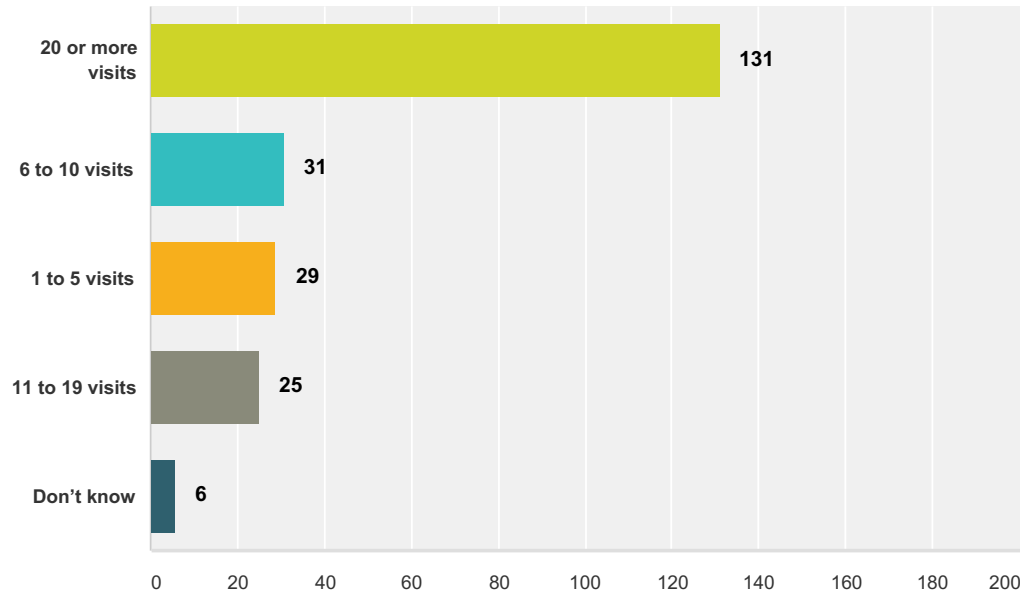
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	94.17%	226
No	5.83%	14
Total		240

Q2 Approximately how often did you or members of your household visit those facilities in the City of New Port Richey during the past year?

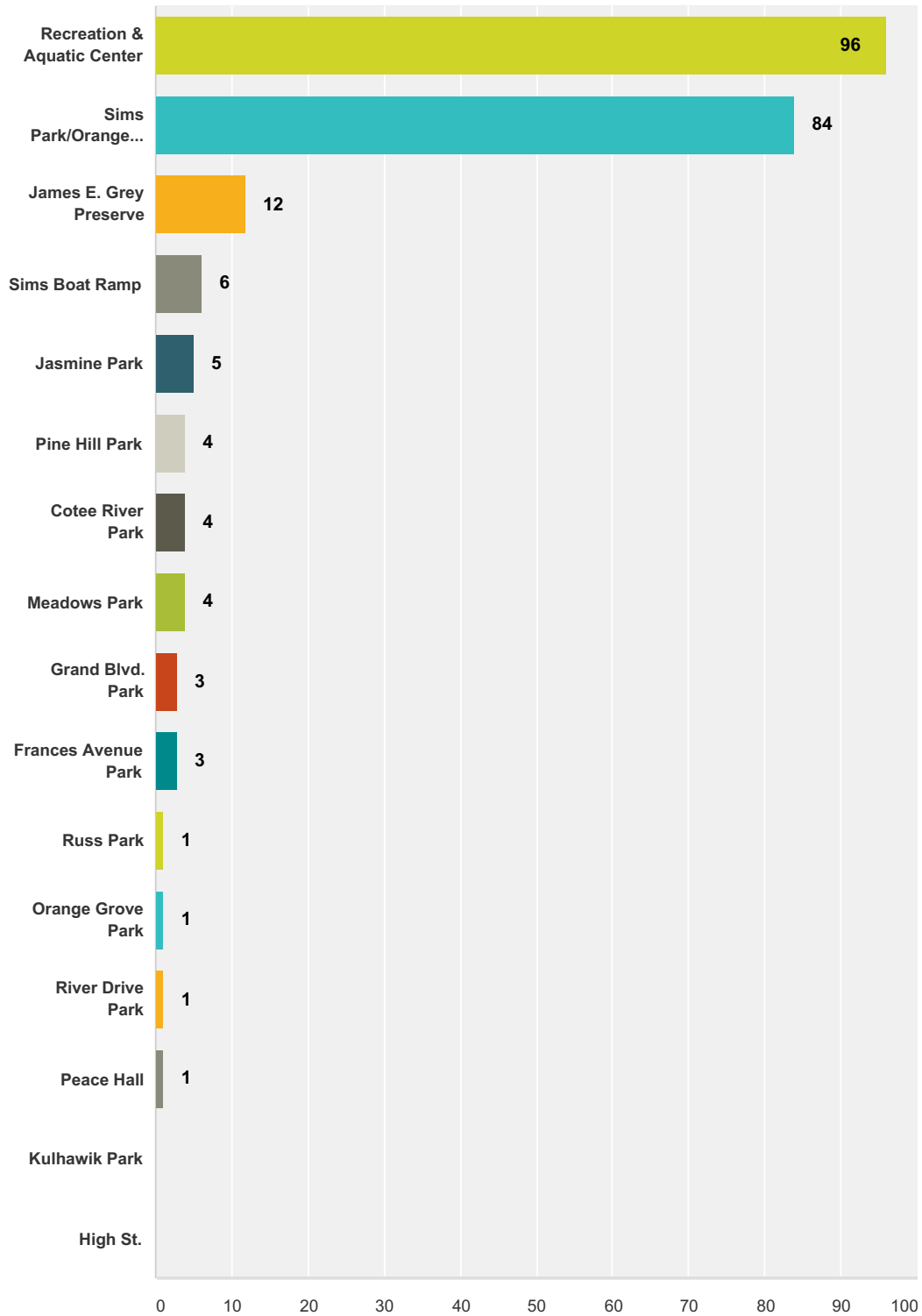
Answered: 222 Skipped: 24



Answer Choices	Responses	
20 or more visits	59.01%	131
6 to 10 visits	13.96%	31
1 to 5 visits	13.06%	29
11 to 19 visits	11.26%	25
Don't know	2.70%	6
Total		222

Q3 Which park did you visit most recently?

Answered: 225 Skipped: 21



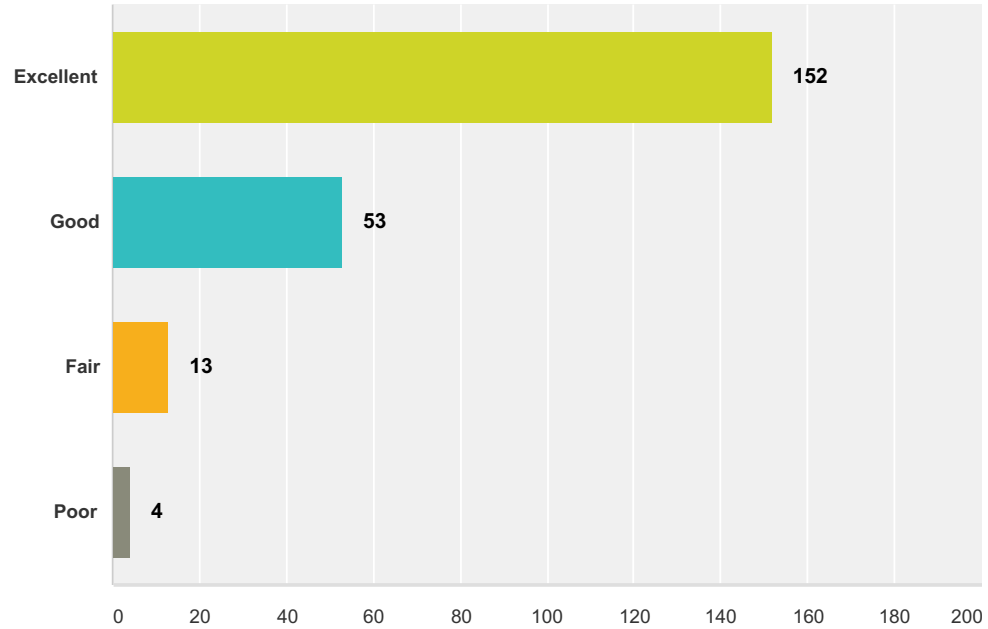
Answer Choices	Responses
Recreation & Aquatic Center	42.67% 96

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Sims Park/Orange Lake	37.33%	84
James E. Grey Preserve	5.33%	12
Sims Boat Ramp	2.67%	6
Jasmine Park	2.22%	5
Pine Hill Park	1.78%	4
Cotee River Park	1.78%	4
Meadows Park	1.78%	4
Grand Blvd. Park	1.33%	3
Frances Avenue Park	1.33%	3
Russ Park	0.44%	1
Orange Grove Park	0.44%	1
River Drive Park	0.44%	1
Peace Hall	0.44%	1
Kulhawik Park	0.00%	0
High St.	0.00%	0
Total		225

Q4 Overall, how would you rate the physical condition of the park you listed in the previous question?

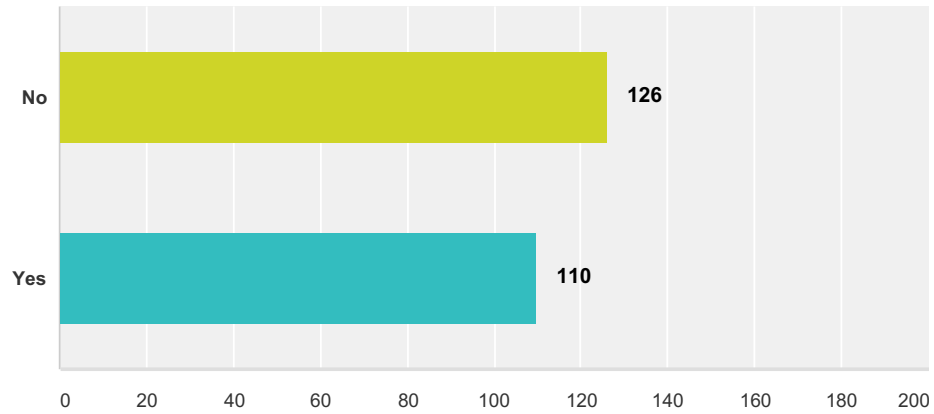
Answered: 222 Skipped: 24



Answer Choices	Responses	
Excellent	68.47%	152
Good	23.87%	53
Fair	5.86%	13
Poor	1.80%	4
Total		222

Q5 Have you or members of your household participated in any recreational programs offered by the City of New Port Richey over the past 12 months?

Answered: 236 Skipped: 10



Answer Choices	Responses	
No	53.39%	126
Yes	46.61%	110
Total		236

Q6 In which program did you participate most recently?

Answered: 92 Skipped: 154

#	Responses	Date
1	Forever Fit	12/4/2016 5:36 PM
2	Aaya cheer	12/2/2016 4:27 PM
3	Summer camp	12/1/2016 2:44 PM
4	THE UPCYCLE FREE EVENT	12/1/2016 9:18 AM
5	Movie night at Sims Park	11/30/2016 8:42 PM
6	Volleyball	11/30/2016 7:58 PM
7	Puppy paddle	11/30/2016 6:29 PM
8	main street mile	11/29/2016 1:36 PM
9	Trunk or Treat	11/29/2016 10:31 AM
10	Cotee River Bike Fest	11/29/2016 7:53 AM
11	skatepark	11/28/2016 5:52 PM
12	skatepark	11/28/2016 5:43 PM
13	skatepark	11/28/2016 5:36 PM
14	trunk or treat	11/28/2016 5:09 PM
15	Zombie Fun Run	11/28/2016 10:52 AM
16	Summer rec program	11/27/2016 5:04 PM
17	Recreation Center	11/27/2016 5:02 PM
18	Baseball	11/27/2016 4:33 PM
19	Coteeman	11/27/2016 3:00 PM
20	activities at rec center	11/27/2016 10:01 AM
21	Movie night and the event where Mr Tommy came out	11/26/2016 5:56 PM
22	Swimming	11/25/2016 1:23 PM
23	senior exercise	11/25/2016 12:26 PM
24	sims park	11/25/2016 8:31 AM
25	Pool at rec center	11/23/2016 6:51 PM
26	Concerts	11/23/2016 12:39 PM
27	Seafood Festival at Sims Park	11/23/2016 9:48 AM
28	Bike Fesr	11/22/2016 8:38 PM
29	trunk or treat	11/22/2016 6:12 PM
30	basketball	11/22/2016 3:46 PM
31	a dog walk	11/22/2016 11:49 AM
32	Trunk or Treat	11/19/2016 8:36 PM
33	basketball stuff	11/18/2016 5:25 PM
34	pool	11/18/2016 5:19 PM

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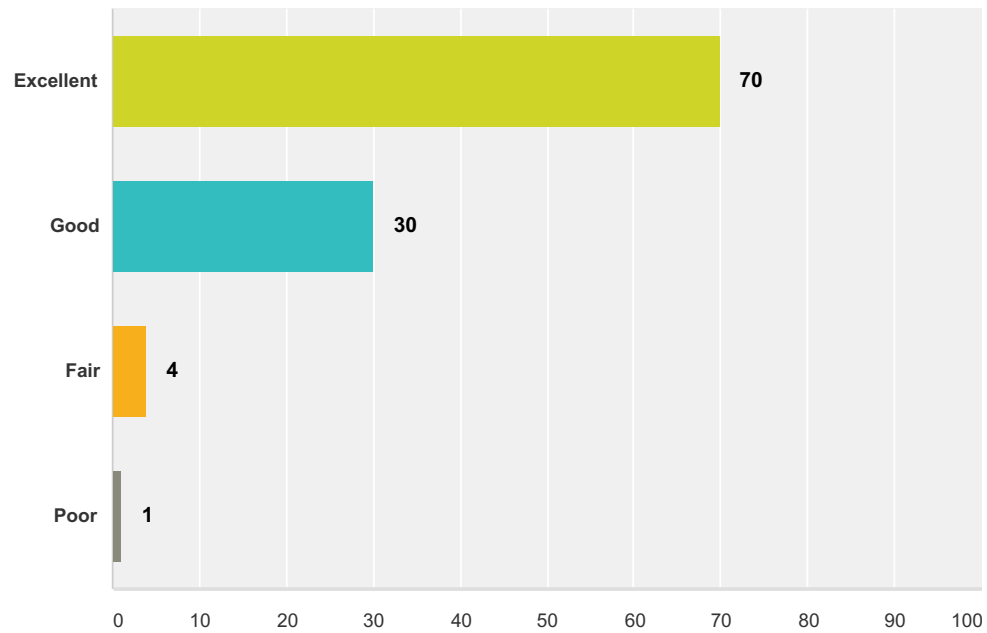
35	A tour.	11/18/2016 11:10 AM
36	Trunk or treat	11/18/2016 10:06 AM
37	swimming	11/17/2016 3:07 PM
38	Hacienda.	11/17/2016 1:55 PM
39	park events	11/17/2016 12:52 PM
40	recyle market at Sims park	11/17/2016 8:19 AM
41	midnight basketball	11/15/2016 6:51 PM
42	Hacienda open day	11/15/2016 5:14 PM
43	swimming	11/15/2016 2:15 PM
44	Water aerobics	11/15/2016 1:03 PM
45	Jazzercise	11/15/2016 11:26 AM
46	Hacienda tour	11/14/2016 6:57 PM
47	New Port Richey Aquatic Recreation Center. New Port Richey Aquatic Recreation Center	11/14/2016 10:49 AM
48	All	11/13/2016 2:06 PM
49	all	11/13/2016 1:52 PM
50	football	11/13/2016 12:24 PM
51	rec center	11/12/2016 3:08 PM
52	Frisbee	11/12/2016 2:40 PM
53	vollyball	11/12/2016 12:41 PM
54	vollball	11/12/2016 12:19 PM
55	basketball events and movie nights	11/12/2016 8:12 AM
56	Movie night in the park	11/11/2016 3:29 PM
57	Bike Night	11/11/2016 12:08 PM
58	4th of july	11/11/2016 12:19 AM
59	ultimate frisbee	11/10/2016 9:19 PM
60	water park	11/10/2016 8:10 PM
61	basketball	11/10/2016 7:55 PM
62	basketball	11/10/2016 6:46 PM
63	basketball	11/10/2016 6:34 PM
64	midnight basketball	11/10/2016 5:54 PM
65	Karate and Swimming	11/10/2016 5:10 PM
66	basket ball 3point shoot out	11/10/2016 4:44 PM
67	Youth	11/10/2016 9:55 AM
68	Indoor Frisbee League	11/9/2016 7:14 PM
69	summer Camp	11/9/2016 6:32 PM
70	Trunk and Treat	11/9/2016 4:24 PM
71	swim chalenge	11/9/2016 1:34 PM
72	Pickleball & Swimming	11/9/2016 12:14 PM
73	Pickleball	11/9/2016 11:59 AM
74	midnight volleyball	11/8/2016 6:46 PM
75	Exercise Class	11/8/2016 6:15 PM

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76	karate	11/8/2016 6:06 PM
77	movie nite	11/8/2016 5:02 PM
78	swimming	11/8/2016 3:21 PM
79	The recreational fitness center	11/8/2016 12:30 PM
80	PICKLEBALL	11/8/2016 11:30 AM
81	Halloween at Sims Park	11/8/2016 11:11 AM
82	Trunk or treat	11/8/2016 8:00 AM
83	cheerleading	11/8/2016 7:18 AM
84	Trunk or Treat	11/8/2016 6:22 AM
85	Trunk or Treat	11/8/2016 6:19 AM
86	Working out	11/7/2016 5:03 PM
87	Walk in the Park	11/7/2016 4:50 PM
88	neighborhood cleanup	11/7/2016 1:15 PM
89	Fitness Class	11/7/2016 9:37 AM
90	Fitness Center, Open Volleyball	11/4/2016 3:08 PM
91	Basketball	11/3/2016 1:04 PM
92	Basketball	11/2/2016 8:08 AM

Q7 How would you rate the quality of the program you listed?

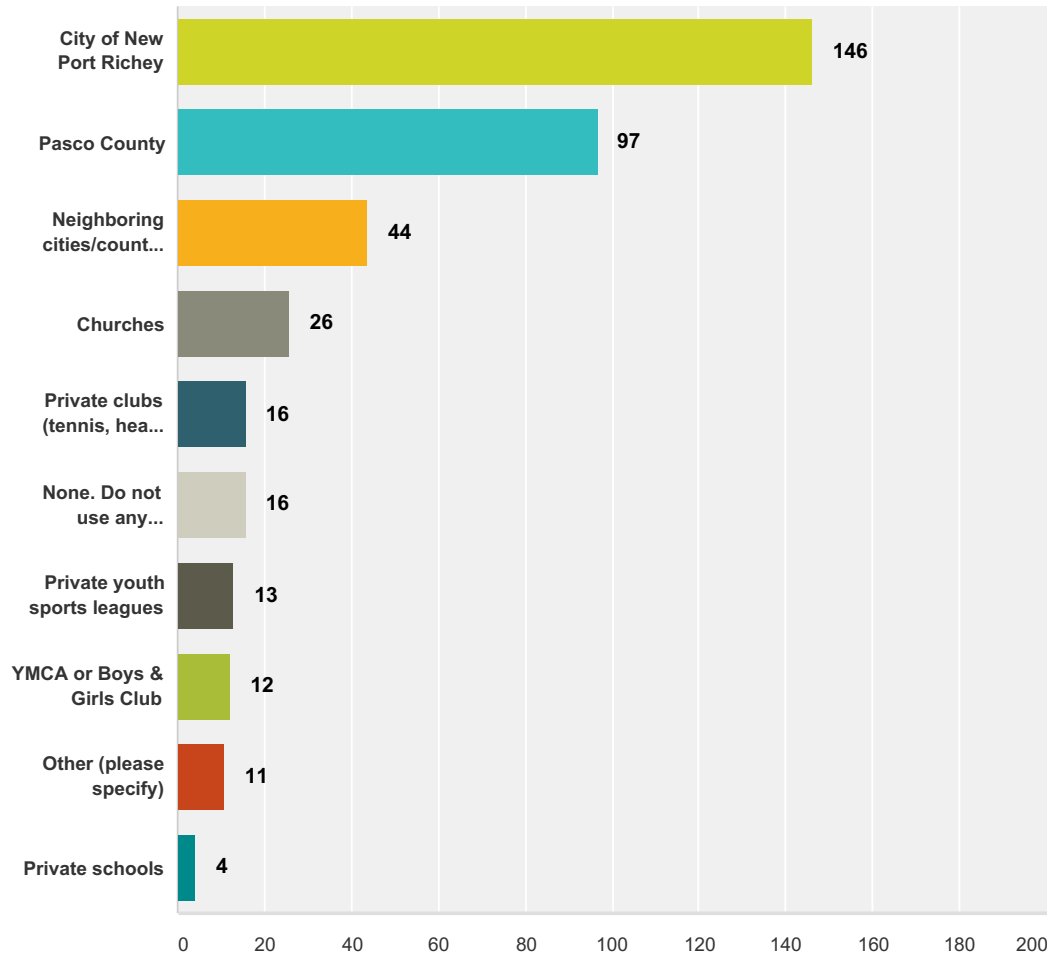
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Excellent	66.67%	70
Good	28.57%	30
Fair	3.81%	4
Poor	0.95%	1
Total		105

Q8 From the following list, please check ALL the organizations that you and members of your household use for parks and recreation programs and facilities in any location.

Answered: 185 Skipped: 61



Answer Choices	Responses
City of New Port Richey	78.92% 146
Pasco County	52.43% 97
Neighboring cities/counties/state parks	23.78% 44
Churches	14.05% 26
Private clubs (tennis, health & fitness)	8.65% 16
None. Do not use any organizations	8.65% 16
Private youth sports leagues	7.03% 13
YMCA or Boys & Girls Club	6.49% 12

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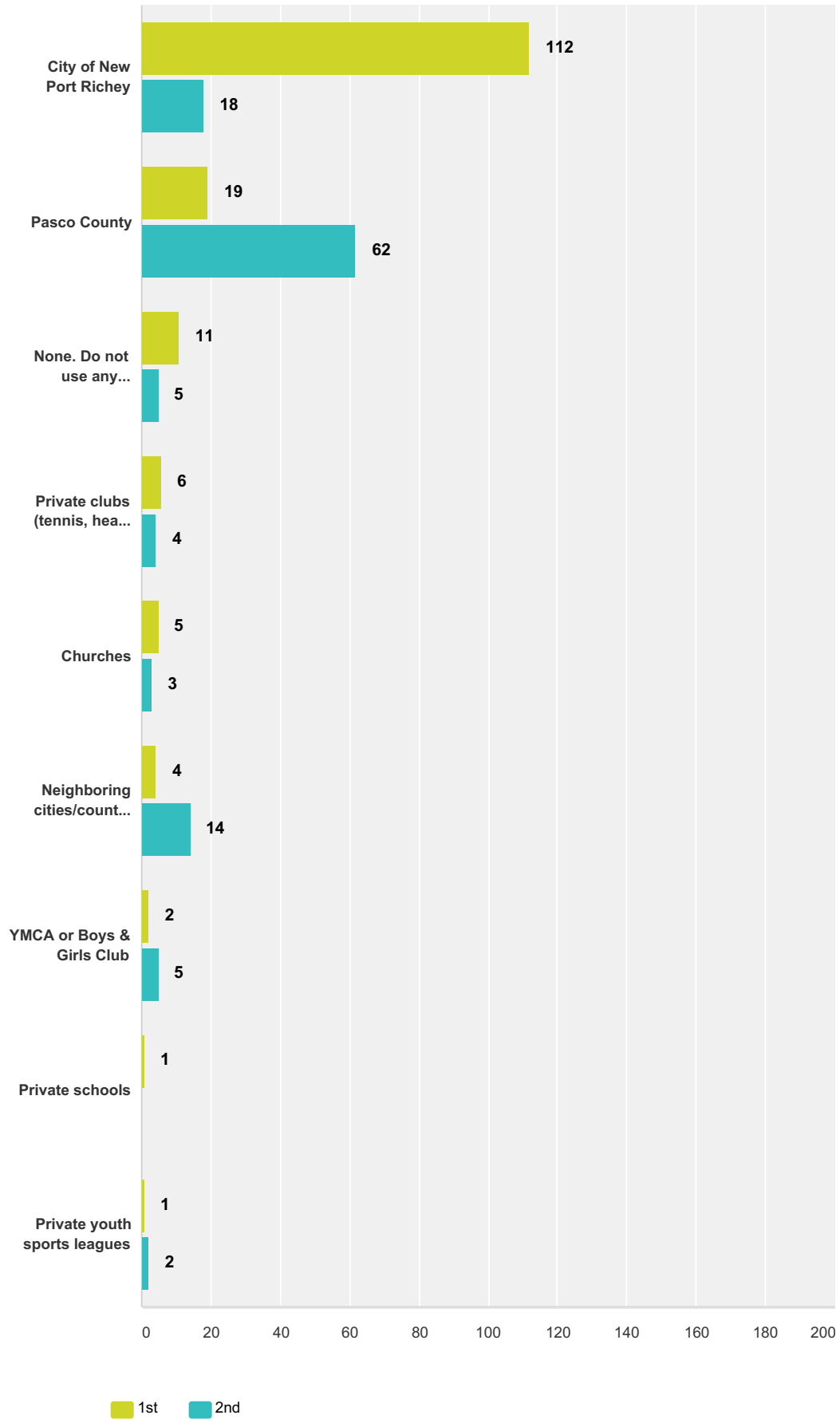
Other (please specify)	5.95%	11
Private schools	2.16%	4
Total Respondents: 185		

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	National Park Service	11/30/2016 10:11 PM
2	DSBPC	11/27/2016 5:06 PM
3	I don't understand the question	11/22/2016 12:03 PM
4	civic association	11/19/2016 8:00 PM
5	gdesyugcdszyfgcysaGcyudasgydu	11/18/2016 5:23 PM
6	Civic association facilities	11/15/2016 11:38 AM
7	jhhj	11/12/2016 4:22 PM
8	Spititual functions	11/11/2016 7:09 PM
9	State parks	11/10/2016 10:02 AM
10	library	11/8/2016 3:16 PM
11	locl gym	11/7/2016 1:39 PM

Q9 From the following list in the previous question, also shown below, which TWO organizations do you and your household USE THE MOST for recreation and parks programs and facilities?

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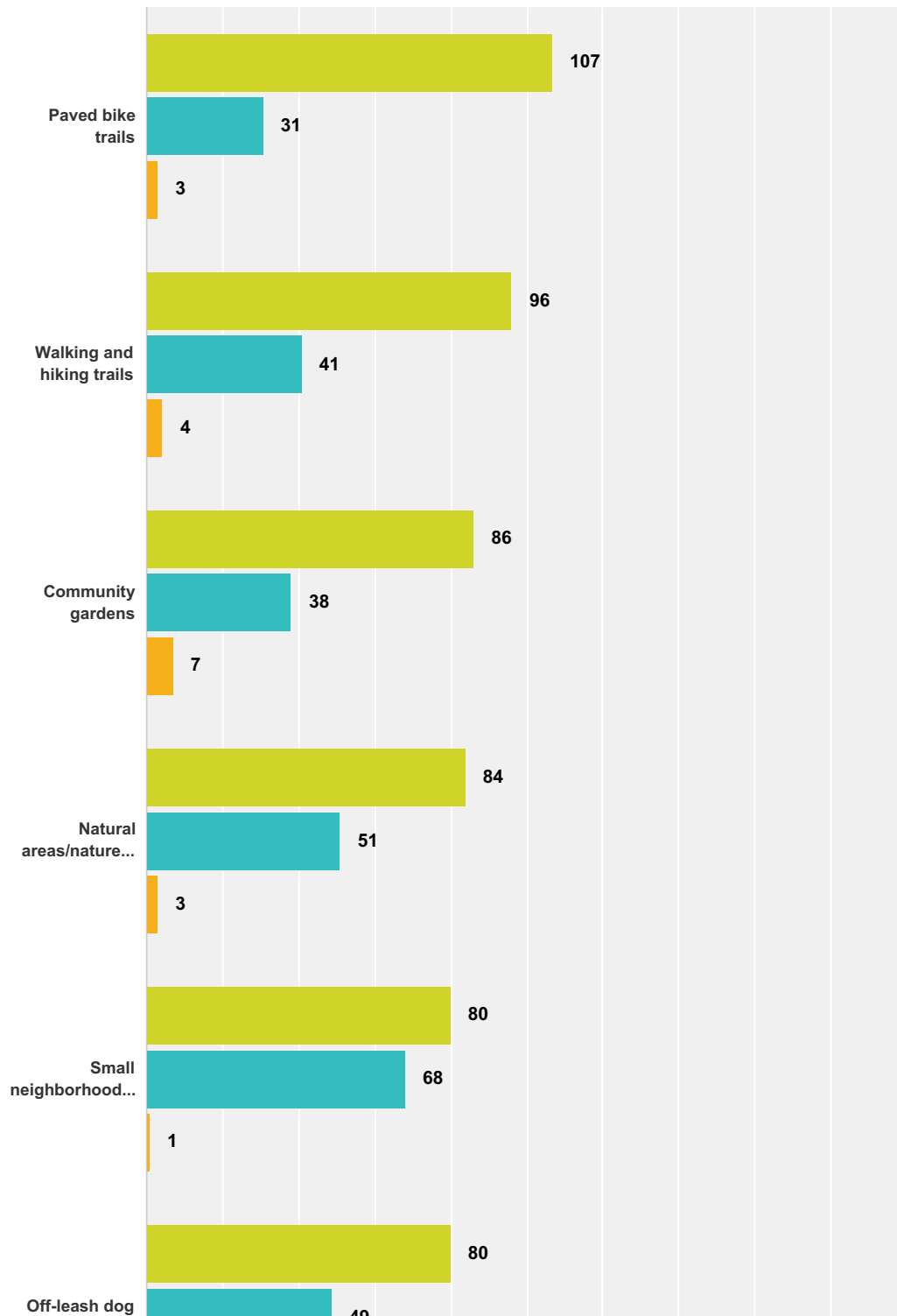
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	1st	2nd	Total
City of New Port Richey	86.15% 112	13.85% 18	130
Pasco County	23.46% 19	76.54% 62	81
None. Do not use any organizations	68.75% 11	31.25% 5	16
Private clubs (tennis, health & fitness)	60.00% 6	40.00% 4	10
Churches	62.50% 5	37.50% 3	8
Neighboring cities/counties/state parks	22.22% 4	77.78% 14	18
YMCA or Boys & Girls Club	28.57% 2	71.43% 5	7
Private schools	100.00% 1	0.00% 0	1
Private youth sports leagues	33.33% 1	66.67% 2	3

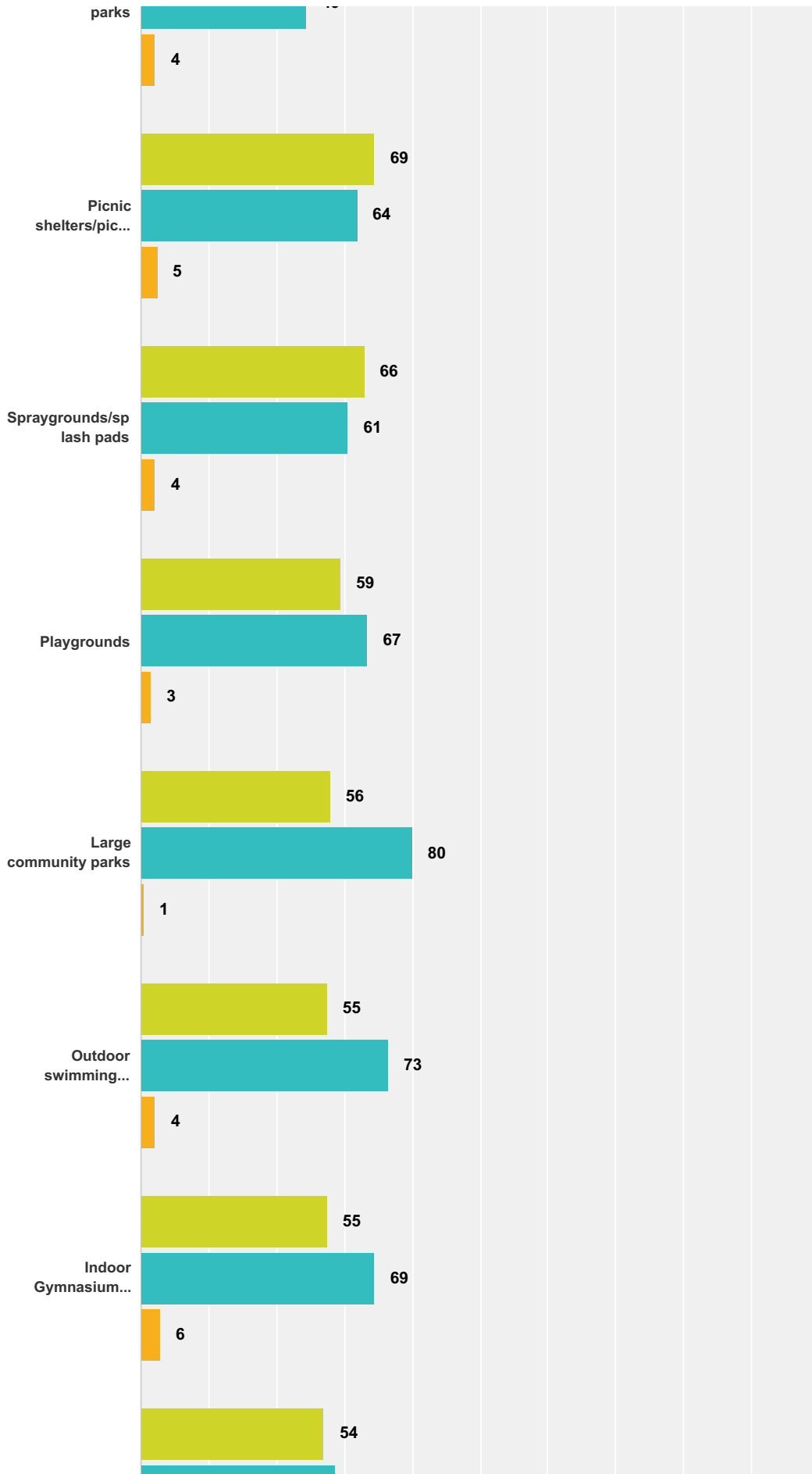
#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Keep the pool open all days.	12/5/2016 11:49 AM
2	Key Vista Park, Holiday & Gulf Harbors Yacht Club	11/22/2016 9:06 AM
3	Spiritual functions	11/11/2016 7:09 PM
4	Religious organizations which are not associated with churches.	11/11/2016 3:36 PM

Q10 Below please find a list of park and recreation FACILITIES. Please indicate if you or any member of your household need MORE, if there are ALREADY ENOUGH, or if there are TOO MANY of the type of recreation facilities listed below.

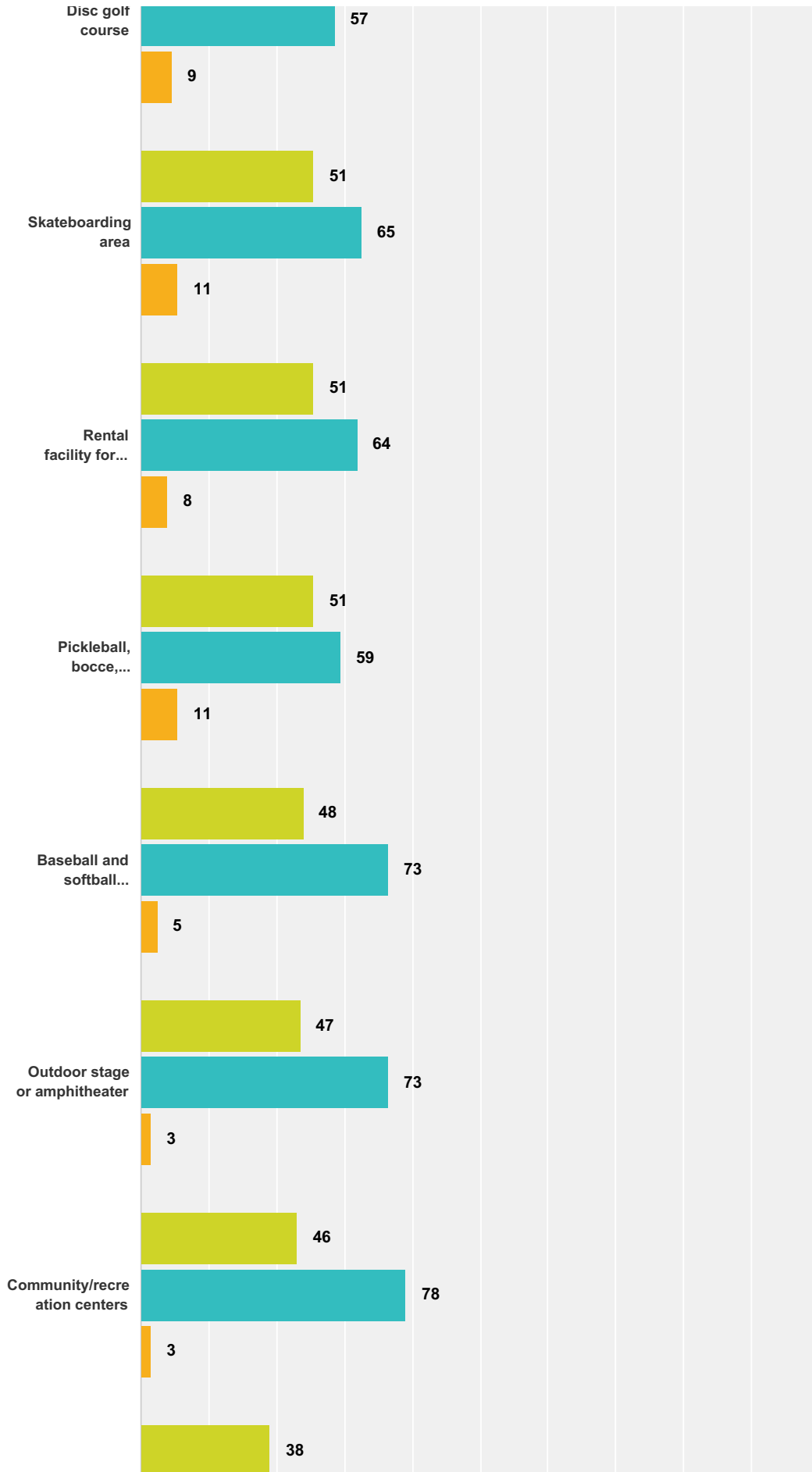
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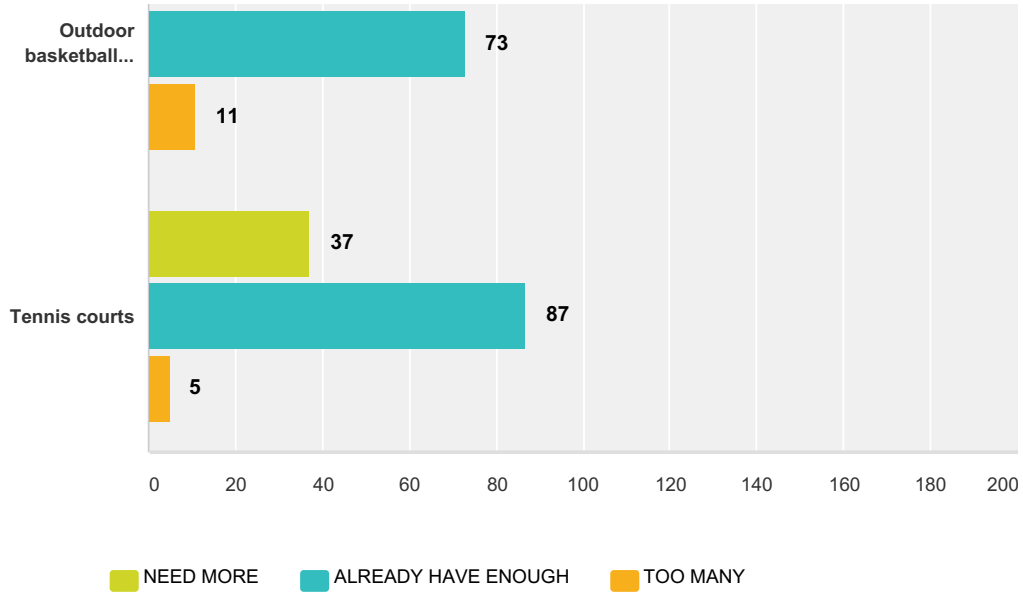
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	NEED MORE	ALREADY HAVE ENOUGH	TOO MANY	Total
Paved bike trails	75.89% 107	21.99% 31	2.13% 3	141
Walking and hiking trails	68.09% 96	29.08% 41	2.84% 4	141
Community gardens	65.65% 86	29.01% 38	5.34% 7	131
Natural areas/nature parks	60.87% 84	36.96% 51	2.17% 3	138
Small neighborhood parks	53.69% 80	45.64% 68	0.67% 1	149
Off-leash dog parks	60.15% 80	36.84% 49	3.01% 4	133
Picnic shelters/picnic areas	50.00% 69	46.38% 64	3.62% 5	138
Spraygrounds/splash pads	50.38% 66	46.56% 61	3.05% 4	131
Playgrounds	45.74% 59	51.94% 67	2.33% 3	129
Large community parks	40.88% 56	58.39% 80	0.73% 1	137
Outdoor swimming pools/aquatic centers	41.67% 55	55.30% 73	3.03% 4	132
Indoor Gymnasium space/game courts	42.31% 55	53.08% 69	4.62% 6	130
Disc golf course	45.00% 54	47.50% 57	7.50% 9	120
Skateboarding area	40.16% 51	51.18% 65	8.66% 11	127
Rental facility for banquets/receptions	41.46% 51	52.03% 64	6.50% 8	123

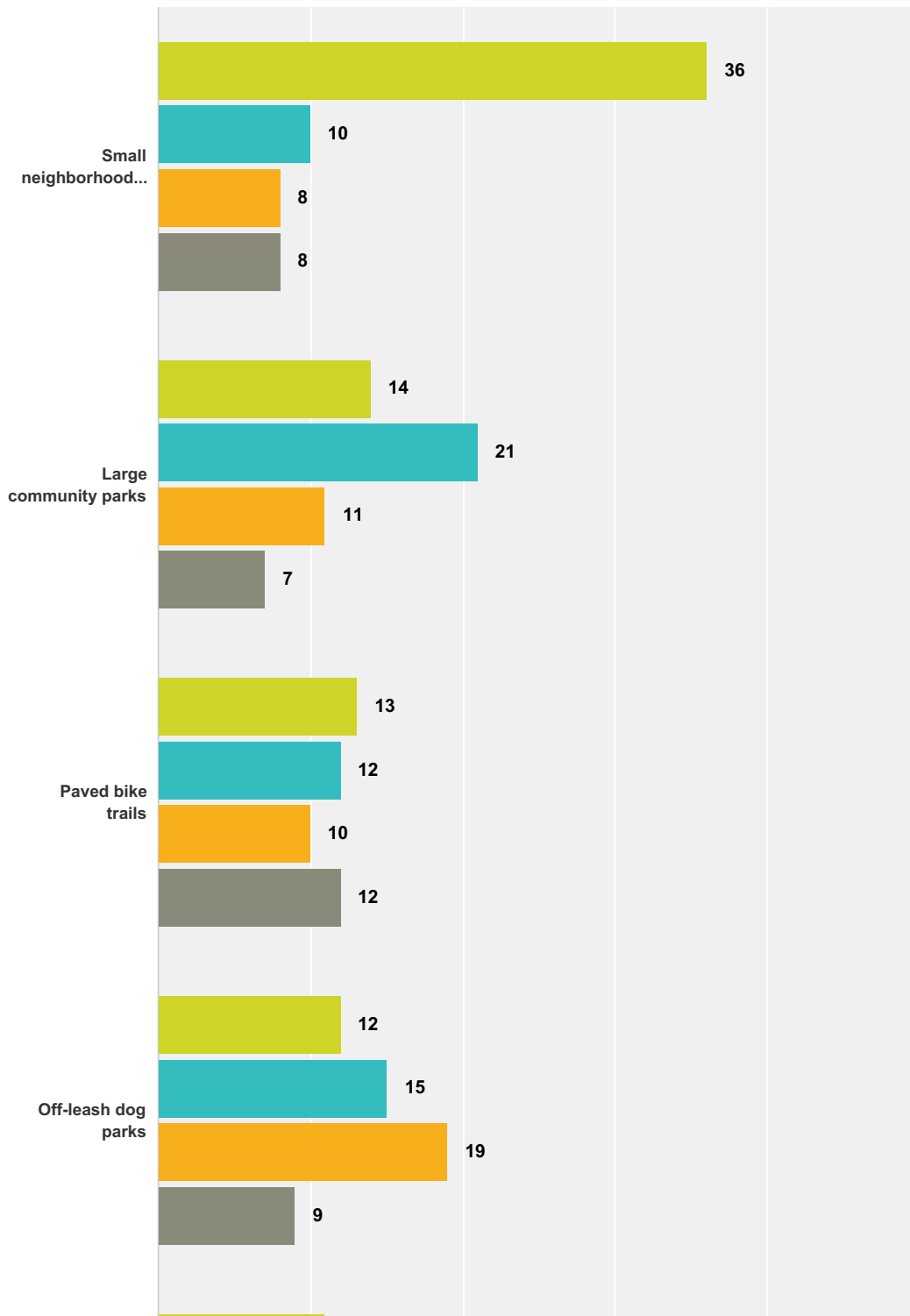
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Pickleball, bocce, shuffleboard or similar	42.15% 51	48.76% 59	9.09% 11	121
Baseball and softball diamonds	38.10% 48	57.94% 73	3.97% 5	126
Outdoor stage or amphitheater	38.21% 47	59.35% 73	2.44% 3	123
Community/recreation centers	36.22% 46	61.42% 78	2.36% 3	127
Outdoor basketball courts	31.15% 38	59.84% 73	9.02% 11	122
Tennis courts	28.68% 37	67.44% 87	3.88% 5	129

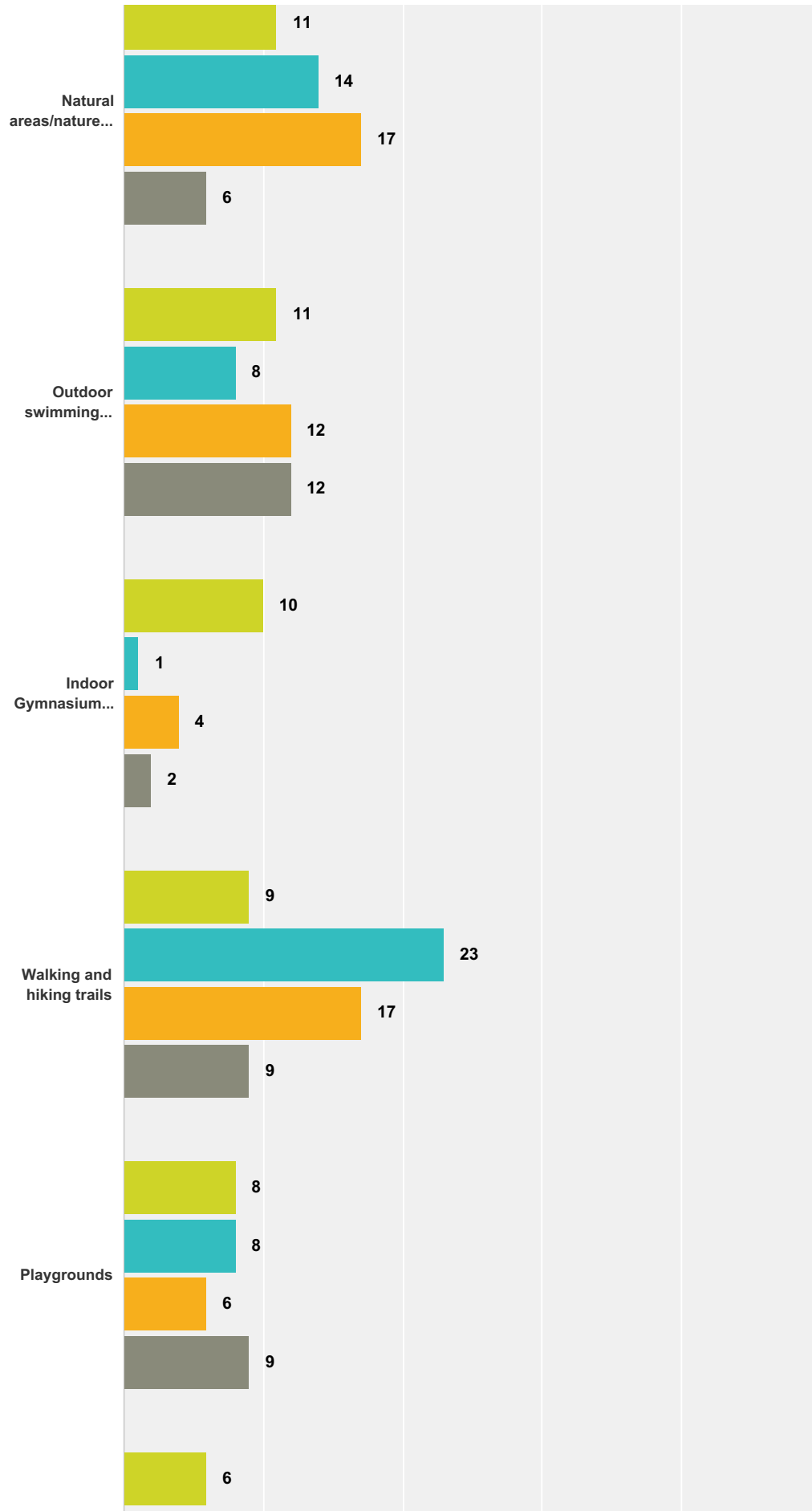
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1	We could use a 50 meter pool!	12/5/2016 11:49 AM
2	Fruit and vegetable gardens to feed the hungry.	12/2/2016 12:14 AM
3	need small train...like largo central park!	11/29/2016 1:44 PM
4	Spray ground vamped up at Sims	11/29/2016 10:38 AM
5	bigger weightroom at the rec center and for there to be childcare like they have at the ymca	11/28/2016 8:36 PM
6	we need a 50 Meter pool.	11/28/2016 4:30 PM
7	Need more swings in sims park.	11/28/2016 7:31 AM
8	Baby swings at Sims park, gates around play ground so the littles cant escape	11/26/2016 6:13 PM
9	Need affordable public golf courses NPR area	11/25/2016 8:51 AM
10	I left some blank because I don't know enough about them to make an informed selection.	11/23/2016 12:53 PM
11	boat ramp parking	11/23/2016 9:00 AM
12	We need volleyball courts and disc golf courses.	11/18/2016 11:28 AM
13	platform diving facility	11/17/2016 1:09 PM
14	need more gulf beach updates.	11/16/2016 7:46 PM
15	football leagues	11/12/2016 12:40 PM
16	I would love to see an off leash area for dogs at Sims park.	11/12/2016 10:58 AM
17	community sidewalks need to be replacement	11/11/2016 11:18 AM
18	professional sized trampoline rooms	11/8/2016 3:52 PM
19	hand ball/racket ball	11/8/2016 7:30 AM
20	Cotee river kayak rental facilities	11/7/2016 2:49 PM

Q11 Which FOUR of the facilities from the list in the previous question, also shown below, are MOST IMPORTANT to your household? Please select the FACILITIES below that are your 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th choices.

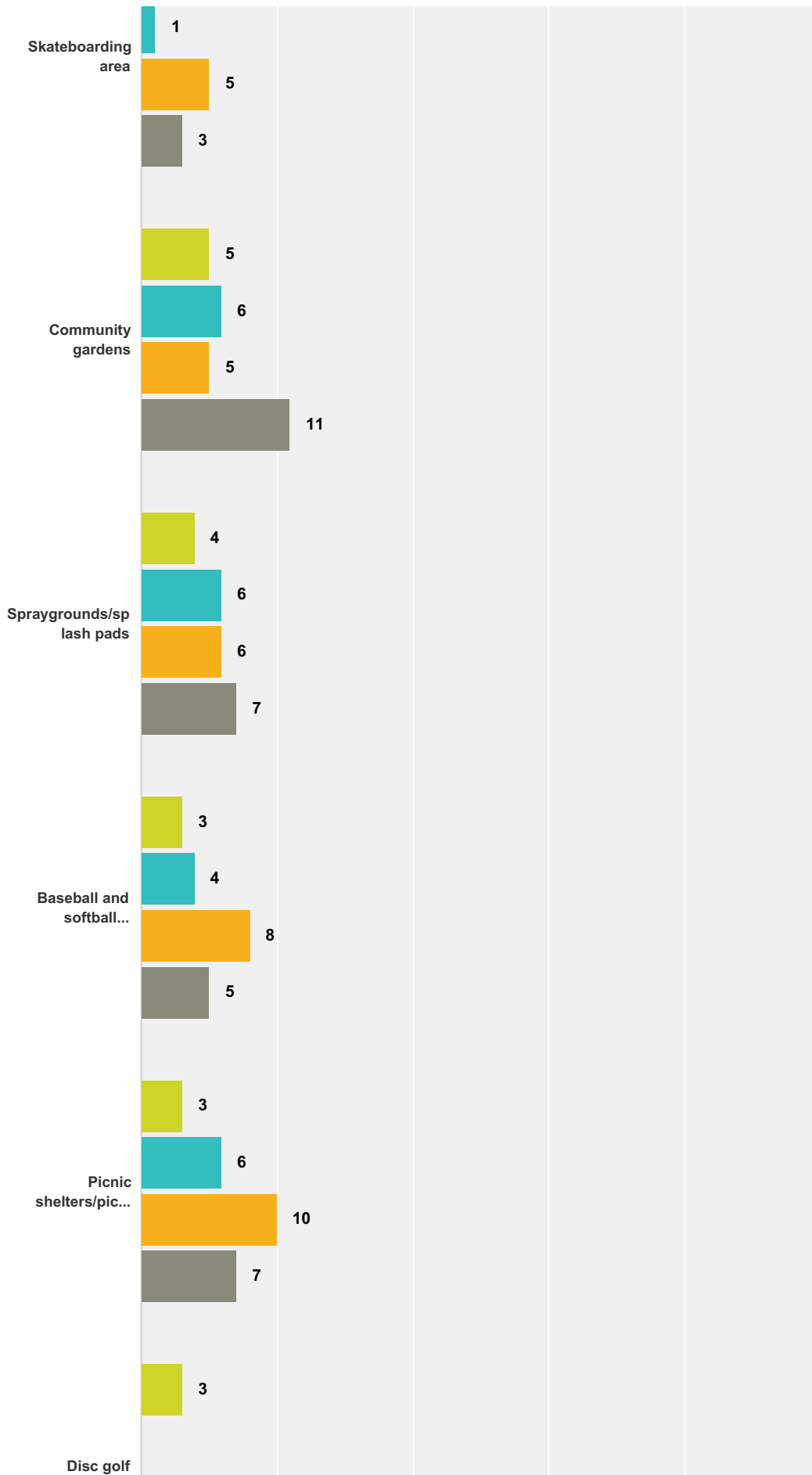
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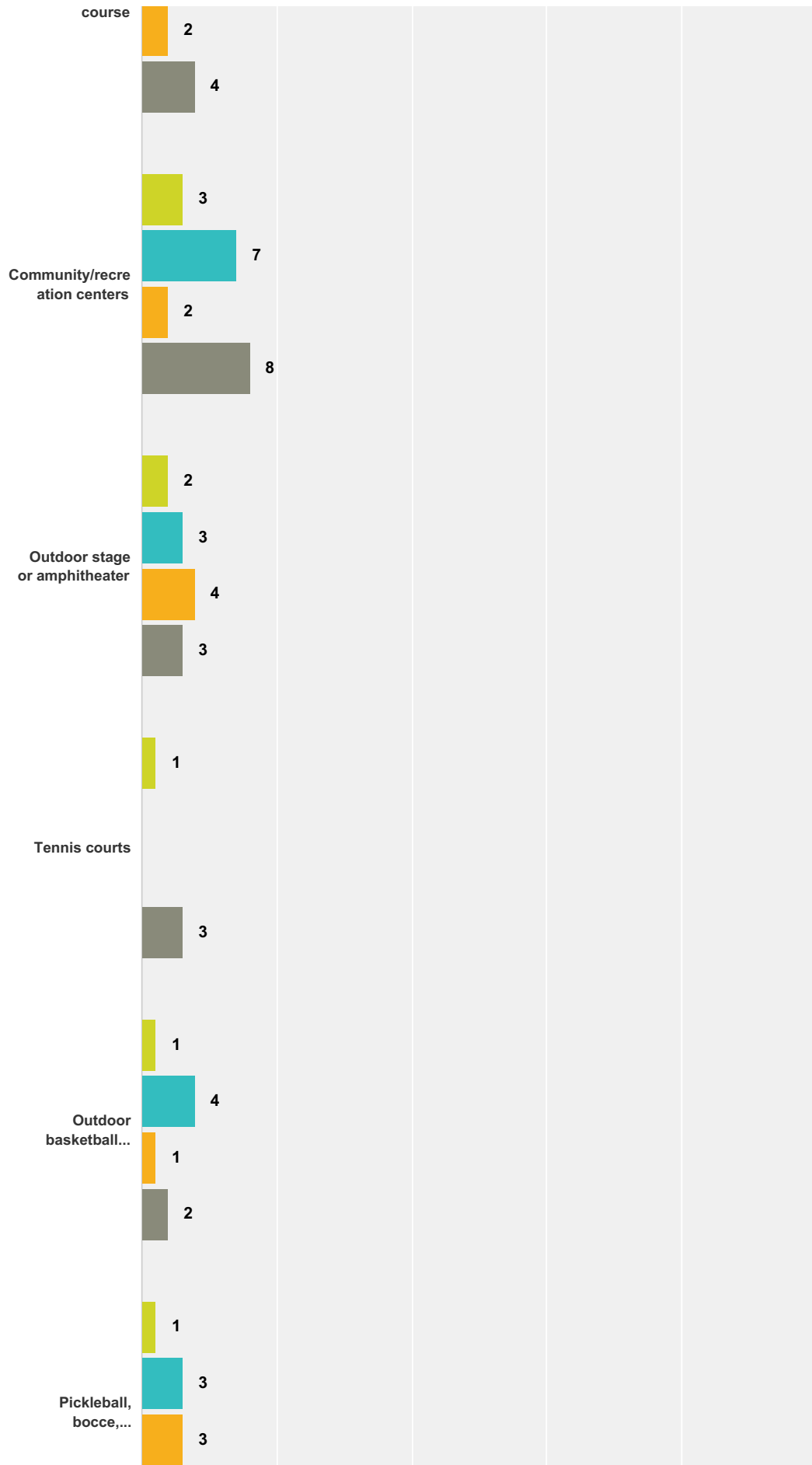
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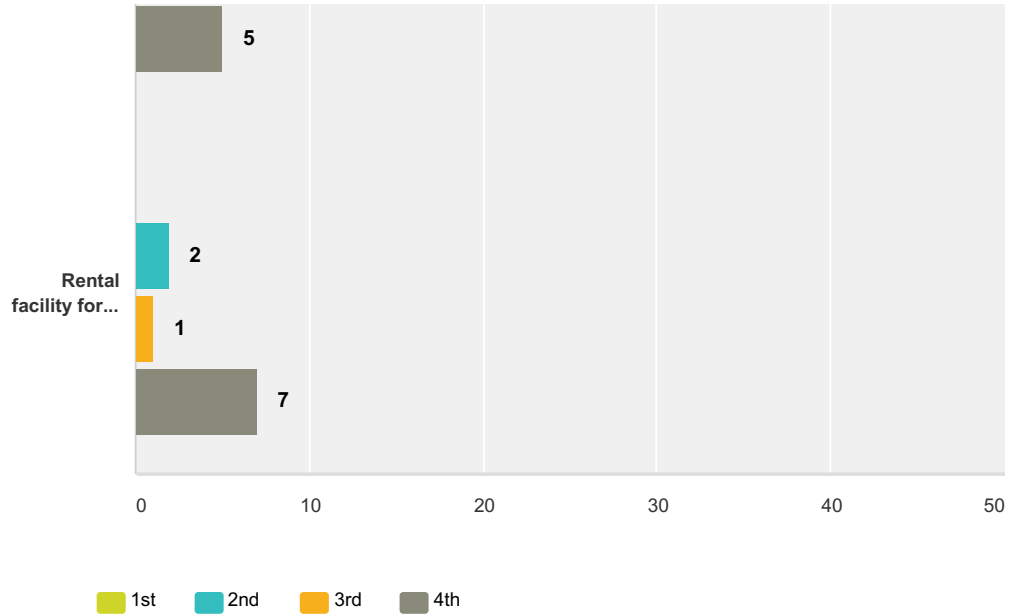
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Small neighborhood parks	58.06% 36	16.13% 10	12.90% 8	12.90% 8	62
Large community parks	26.42% 14	39.62% 21	20.75% 11	13.21% 7	53
Paved bike trails	27.66% 13	25.53% 12	21.28% 10	25.53% 12	47
Off-leash dog parks	21.82% 12	27.27% 15	34.55% 19	16.36% 9	55
Natural areas/nature parks	22.92% 11	29.17% 14	35.42% 17	12.50% 6	48
Outdoor swimming pools/aquatic centers	25.58% 11	18.60% 8	27.91% 12	27.91% 12	43
Indoor Gymnasium space/game courts	58.82% 10	5.88% 1	23.53% 4	11.76% 2	17
Walking and hiking trails	15.52% 9	39.66% 23	29.31% 17	15.52% 9	58
Playgrounds	25.81% 8	25.81% 8	19.35% 6	29.03% 9	31
Skateboarding area	40.00% 6	6.67% 1	33.33% 5	20.00% 3	15
Community gardens	18.52% 5	22.22% 6	18.52% 5	40.74% 11	27
Spraygrounds/splash pads	17.39% 4	26.09% 6	26.09% 6	30.43% 7	23
Baseball and softball diamonds	15.00% 3	20.00% 4	40.00% 8	25.00% 5	20
Picnic shelters/picnic areas	11.54% 3	23.08% 6	38.46% 10	26.92% 7	26
Disc golf course	33.33% 3	0.00% 0	22.22% 2	44.44% 4	9

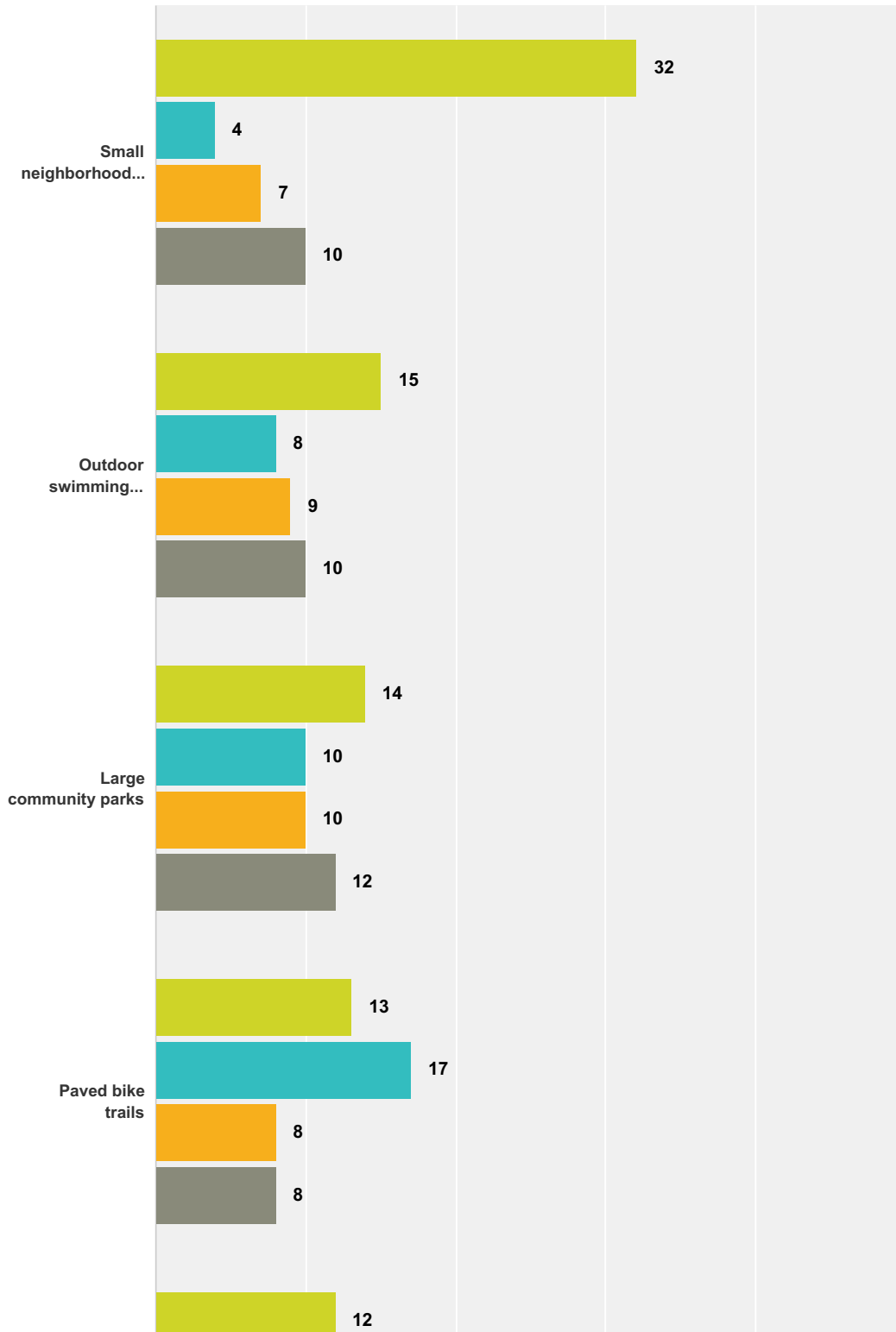
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Community/recreation centers	15.00% 3	35.00% 7	10.00% 2	40.00% 8	20
Outdoor stage or amphitheater	16.67% 2	25.00% 3	33.33% 4	25.00% 3	12
Tennis courts	25.00% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	75.00% 3	4
Outdoor basketball courts	12.50% 1	50.00% 4	12.50% 1	25.00% 2	8
Pickleball, bocce, shuffleboard or similar	8.33% 1	25.00% 3	25.00% 3	41.67% 5	12
Rental facility for banquets/receptions	0.00% 0	20.00% 2	10.00% 1	70.00% 7	10

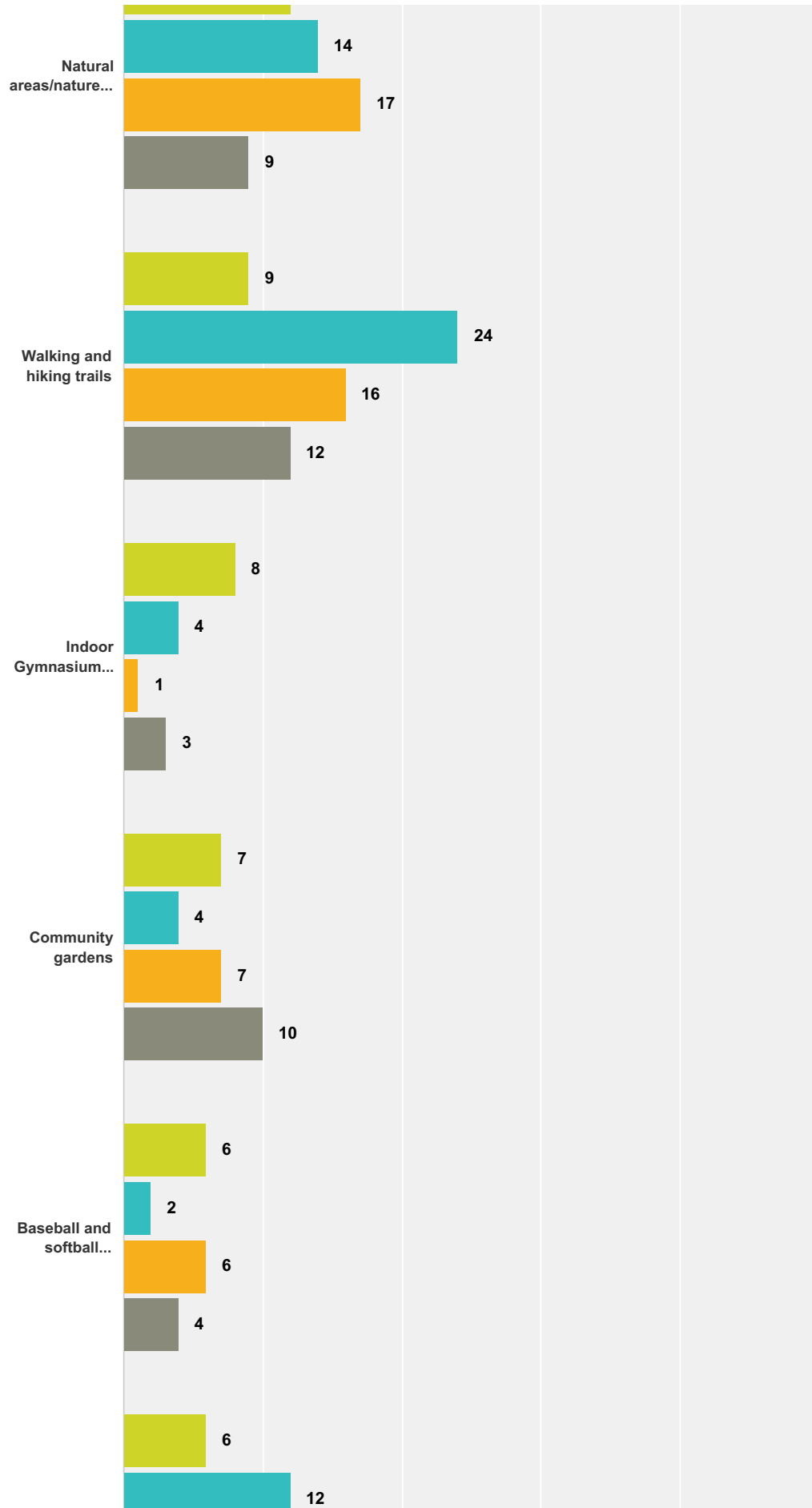
#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Way to many small parks!	12/5/2016 11:49 AM
2	More swings in sims park.	11/28/2016 7:31 AM
3	Golf course	11/24/2016 9:32 AM
4	Volleyball courts.	11/18/2016 11:28 AM
5	thats all	11/8/2016 4:41 PM
6	First is river recreation facilities	11/7/2016 2:49 PM

Q12 Regardless of their current availability in New Port Richey, which FOUR of the facilities from the list in the previous question, also shown below, are MOST IMPORTANT to your household?

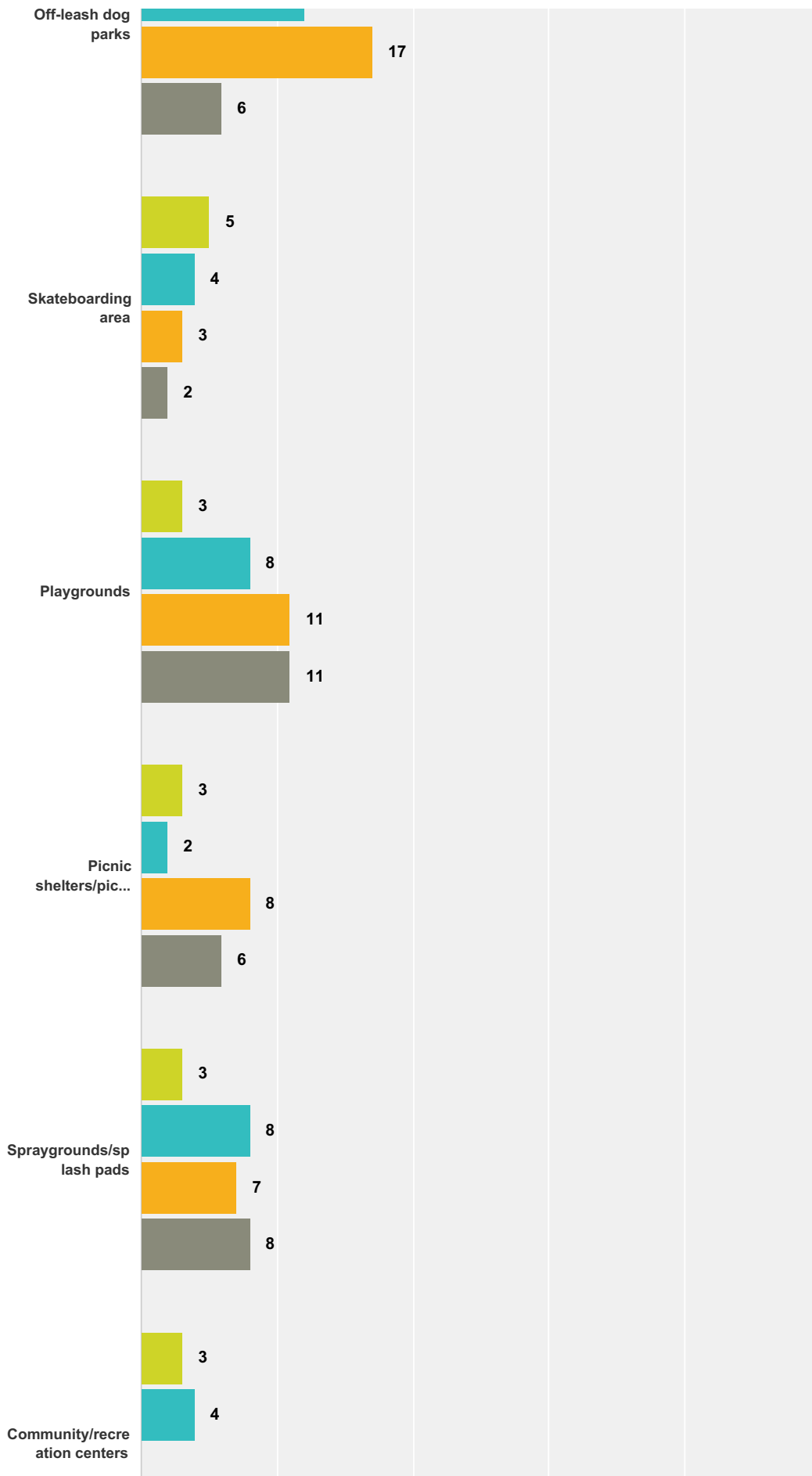
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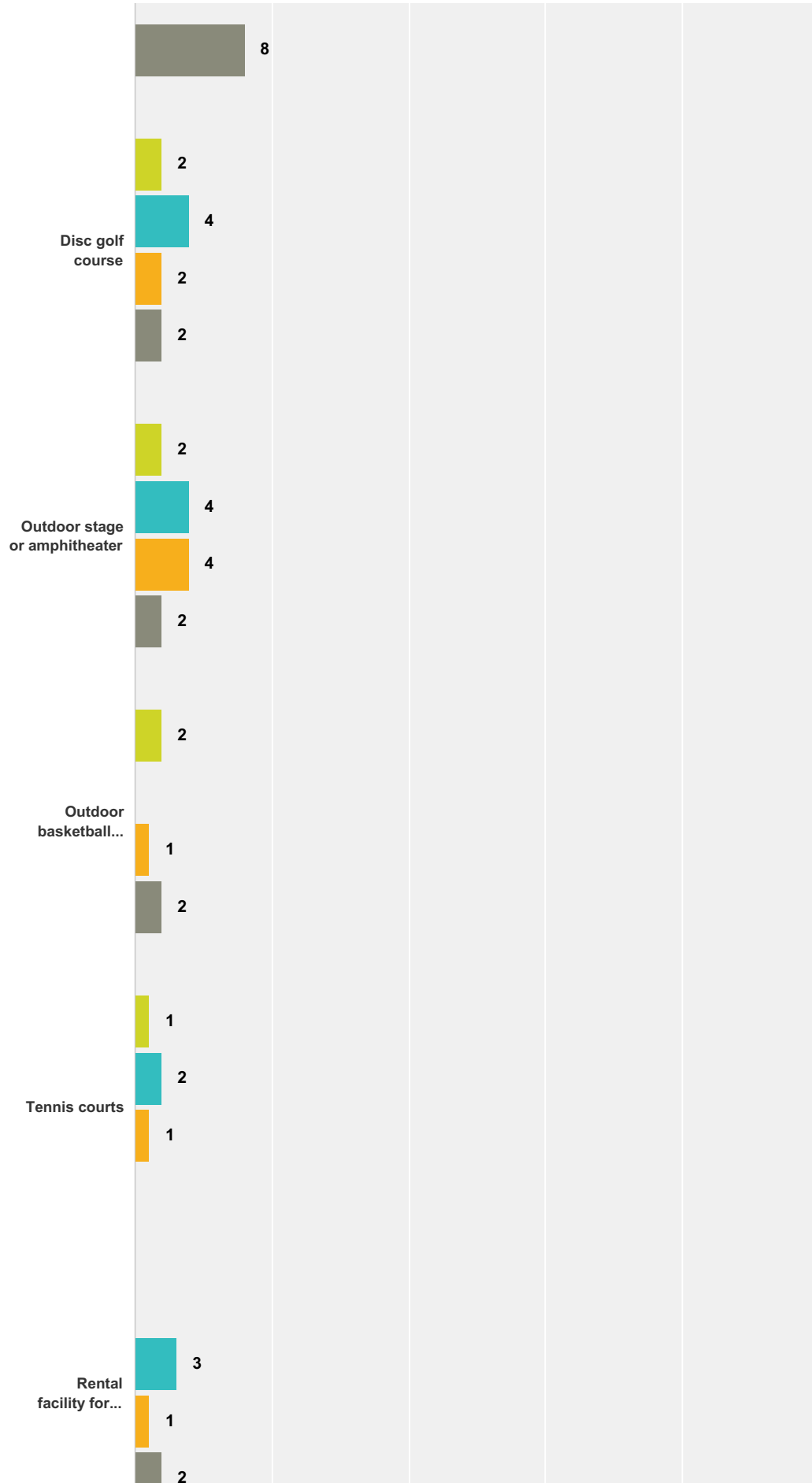
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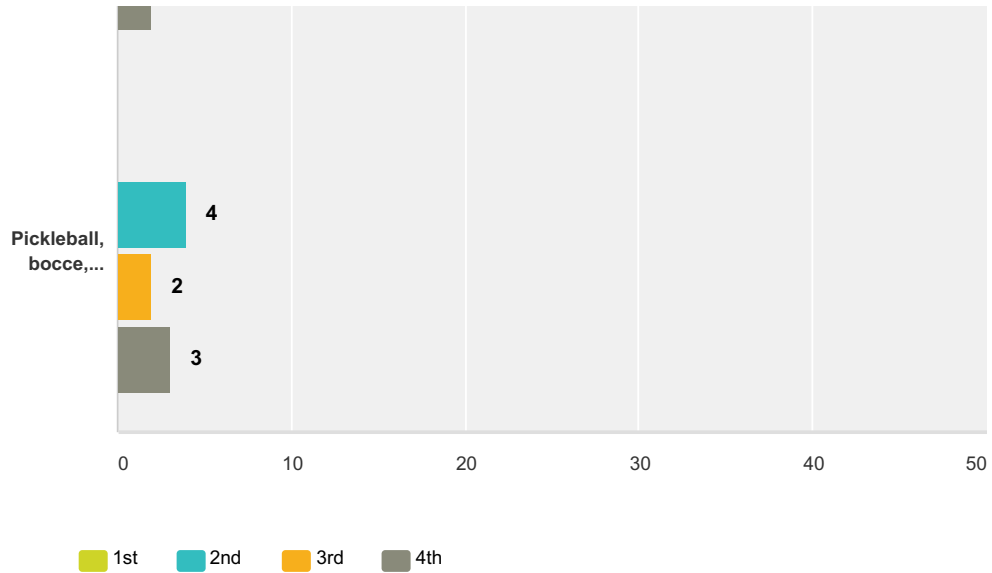
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Small neighborhood parks	60.38% 32	7.55% 4	13.21% 7	18.87% 10	53
Outdoor swimming pools/aquatic centers	35.71% 15	19.05% 8	21.43% 9	23.81% 10	42
Large community parks	30.43% 14	21.74% 10	21.74% 10	26.09% 12	46
Paved bike trails	28.26% 13	36.96% 17	17.39% 8	17.39% 8	46
Natural areas/nature parks	23.08% 12	26.92% 14	32.69% 17	17.31% 9	52
Walking and hiking trails	14.75% 9	39.34% 24	26.23% 16	19.67% 12	61
Indoor Gymnasium space/game courts	50.00% 8	25.00% 4	6.25% 1	18.75% 3	16
Community gardens	25.00% 7	14.29% 4	25.00% 7	35.71% 10	28
Baseball and softball diamonds	33.33% 6	11.11% 2	33.33% 6	22.22% 4	18
Off-leash dog parks	14.63% 6	29.27% 12	41.46% 17	14.63% 6	41
Skateboarding area	35.71% 5	28.57% 4	21.43% 3	14.29% 2	14
Playgrounds	9.09% 3	24.24% 8	33.33% 11	33.33% 11	33
Picnic shelters/picnic areas	15.79% 3	10.53% 2	42.11% 8	31.58% 6	19
Spraygrounds/splash pads	11.54% 3	30.77% 8	26.92% 7	30.77% 8	26
Community/recreation centers	20.00% 3	26.67% 4	0.00% 0	53.33% 8	15

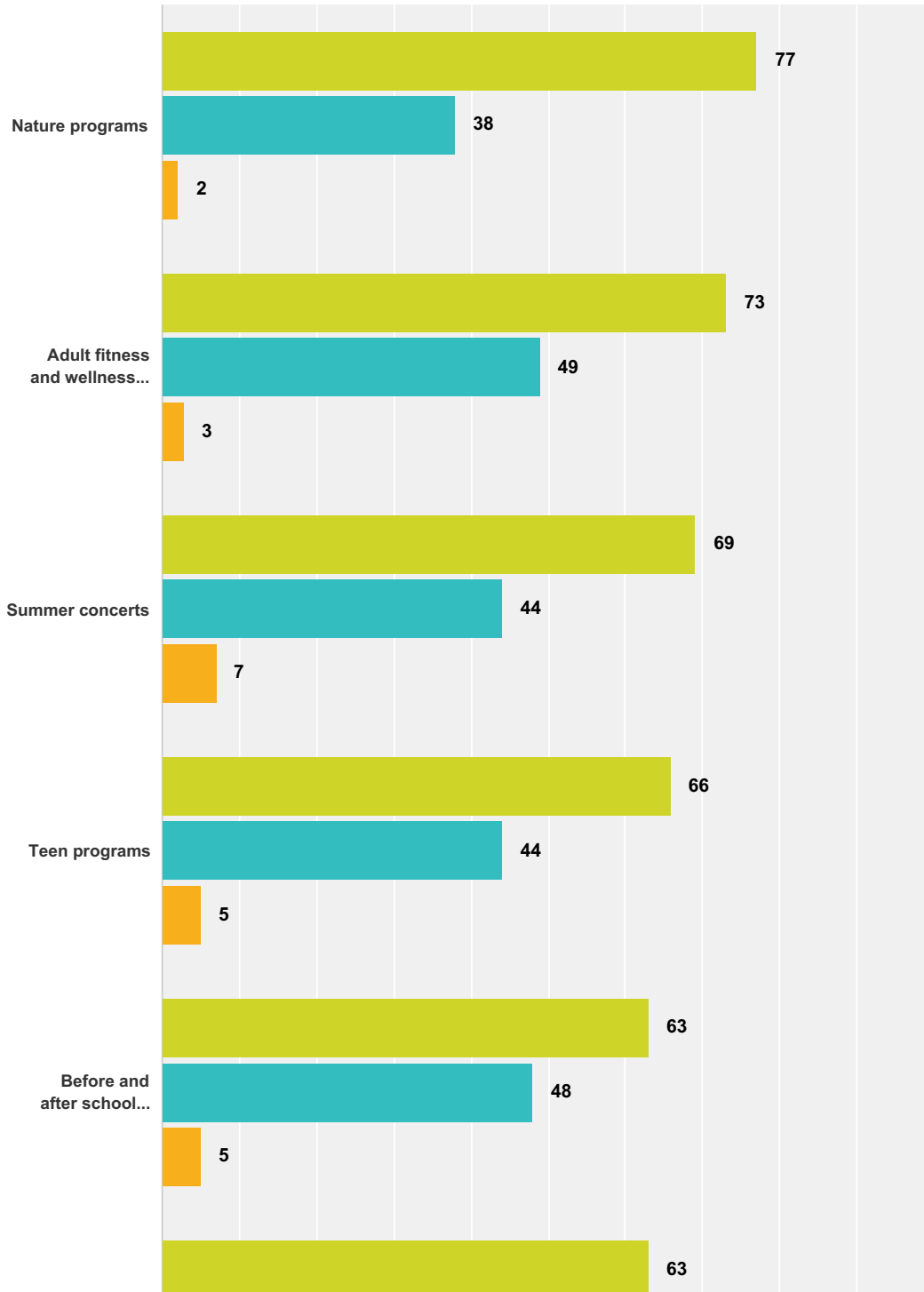
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Disc golf course	20.00% 2	40.00% 4	20.00% 2	20.00% 2	10
Outdoor stage or amphitheater	16.67% 2	33.33% 4	33.33% 4	16.67% 2	12
Outdoor basketball courts	40.00% 2	0.00% 0	20.00% 1	40.00% 2	5
Tennis courts	25.00% 1	50.00% 2	25.00% 1	0.00% 0	4
Rental facility for banquets/receptions	0.00% 0	50.00% 3	16.67% 1	33.33% 2	6
Pickleball, bocce, shuffleboard or similar	0.00% 0	44.44% 4	22.22% 2	33.33% 3	9

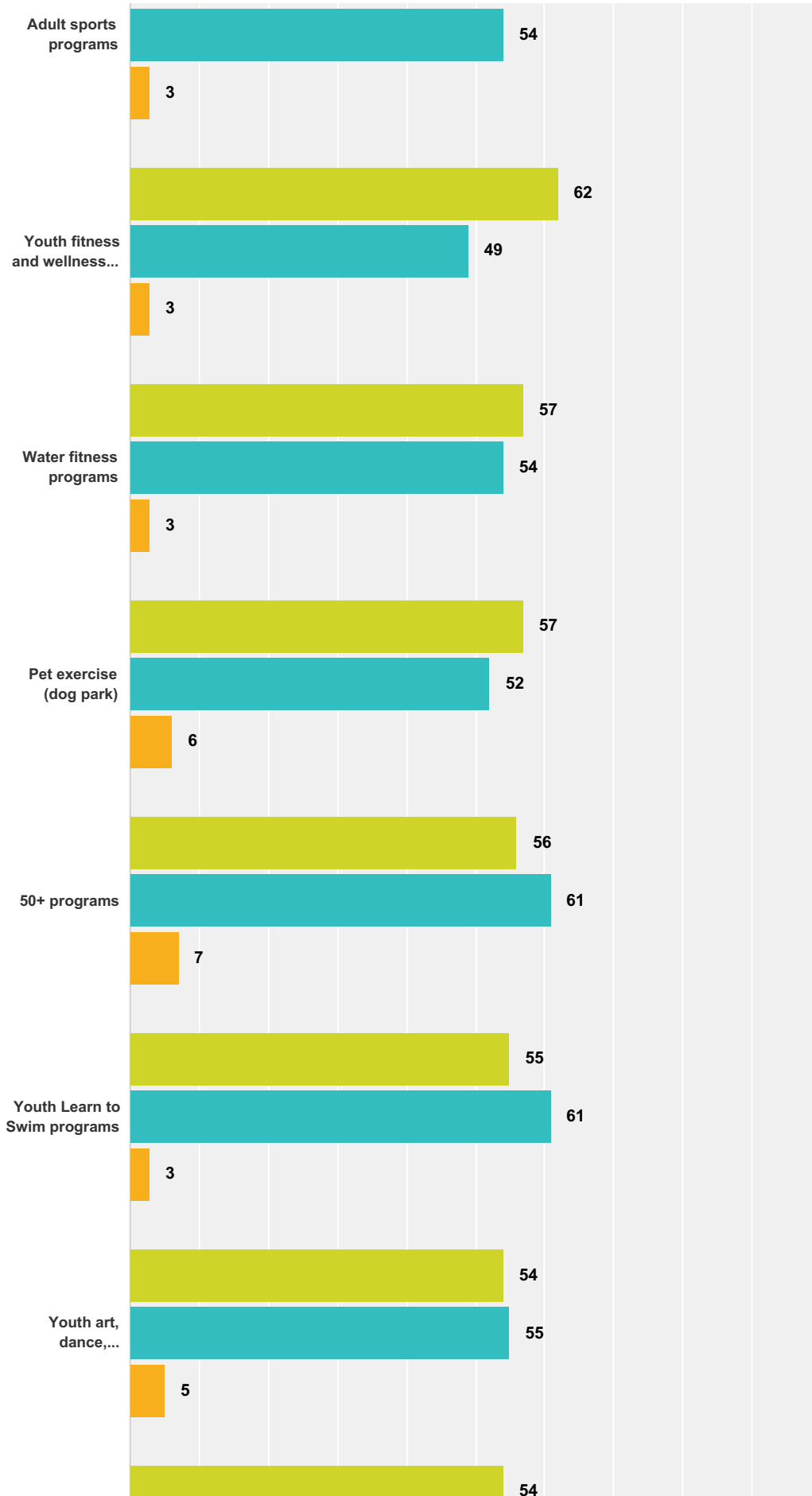
#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	A garden to feed the hungry	12/2/2016 12:14 AM
2	River boating facilities	11/7/2016 2:49 PM

Q13 Below please find a list of parks and recreation PROGRAMS. Please indicate if YOU or any member of your HOUSEHOLD need MORE, if there are ALREADY ENOUGH, or if there are TOO MANY of the type of parks and recreation programs listed below.

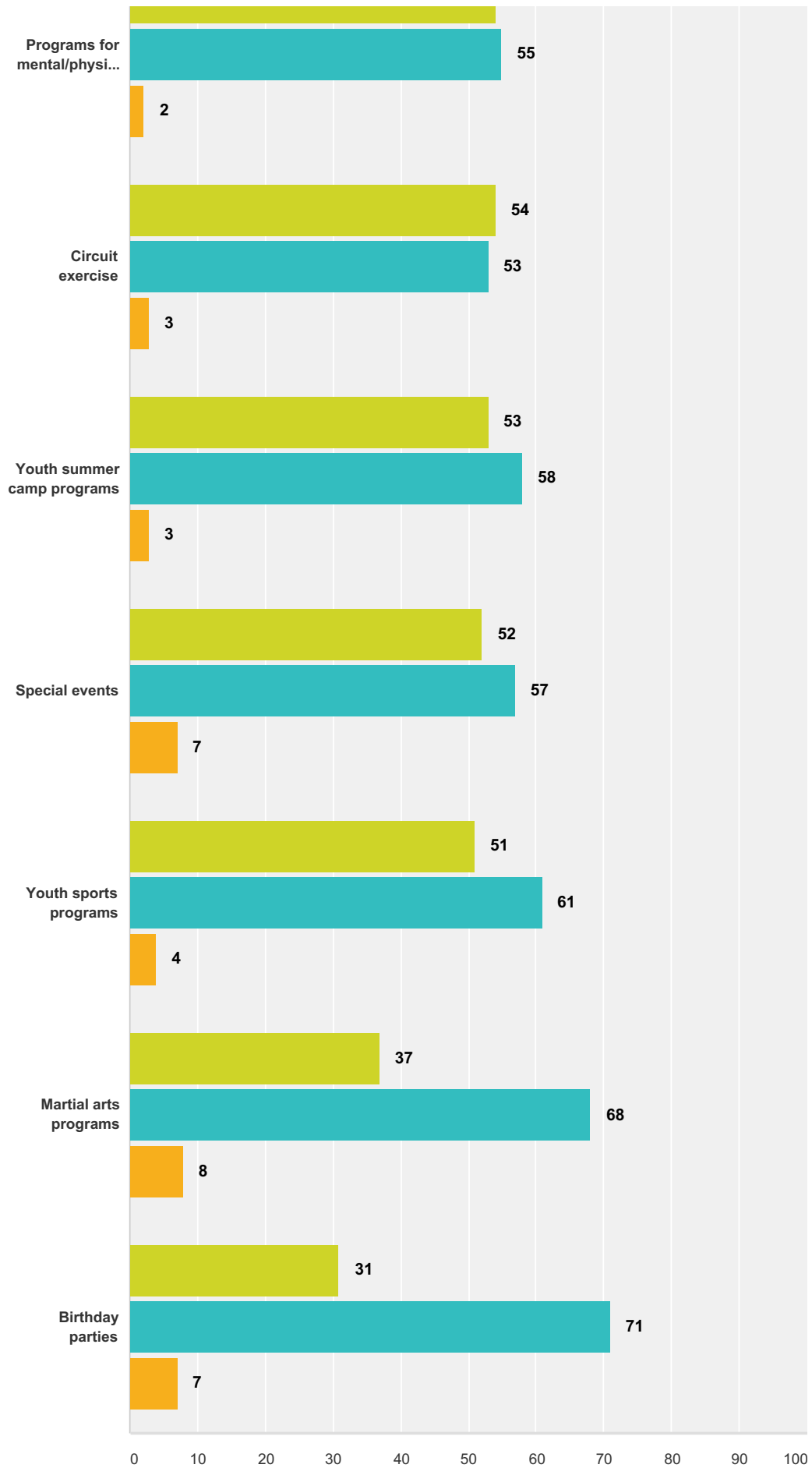
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■ NEED MORE
 ■ ALREADY HAVE ENOUGH
 ■ TOO MANY

	NEED MORE	ALREADY HAVE ENOUGH	TOO MANY	Total
Nature programs	65.81% 77	32.48% 38	1.71% 2	117
Adult fitness and wellness programs	58.40% 73	39.20% 49	2.40% 3	125
Summer concerts	57.50% 69	36.67% 44	5.83% 7	120
Teen programs	57.39% 66	38.26% 44	4.35% 5	115
Before and after school programs	54.31% 63	41.38% 48	4.31% 5	116
Adult sports programs	52.50% 63	45.00% 54	2.50% 3	120
Youth fitness and wellness programs	54.39% 62	42.98% 49	2.63% 3	114
Water fitness programs	50.00% 57	47.37% 54	2.63% 3	114
Pet exercise (dog park)	49.57% 57	45.22% 52	5.22% 6	115
50+ programs	45.16% 56	49.19% 61	5.65% 7	124
Youth Learn to Swim programs	46.22% 55	51.26% 61	2.52% 3	119
Youth art, dance, performing arts	47.37% 54	48.25% 55	4.39% 5	114
Programs for mental/physically challenged	48.65% 54	49.55% 55	1.80% 2	111
Circuit exercise	49.09% 54	48.18% 53	2.73% 3	110
Youth summer camp programs	46.49% 53	50.88% 58	2.63% 3	114
Special events	44.83% 52	49.14% 57	6.03% 7	116
Youth sports programs	43.97% 51	52.59% 61	3.45% 4	116
Martial arts programs	32.74% 37	60.18% 68	7.08% 8	113
Birthday parties	28.44% 31	65.14% 71	6.42% 7	109

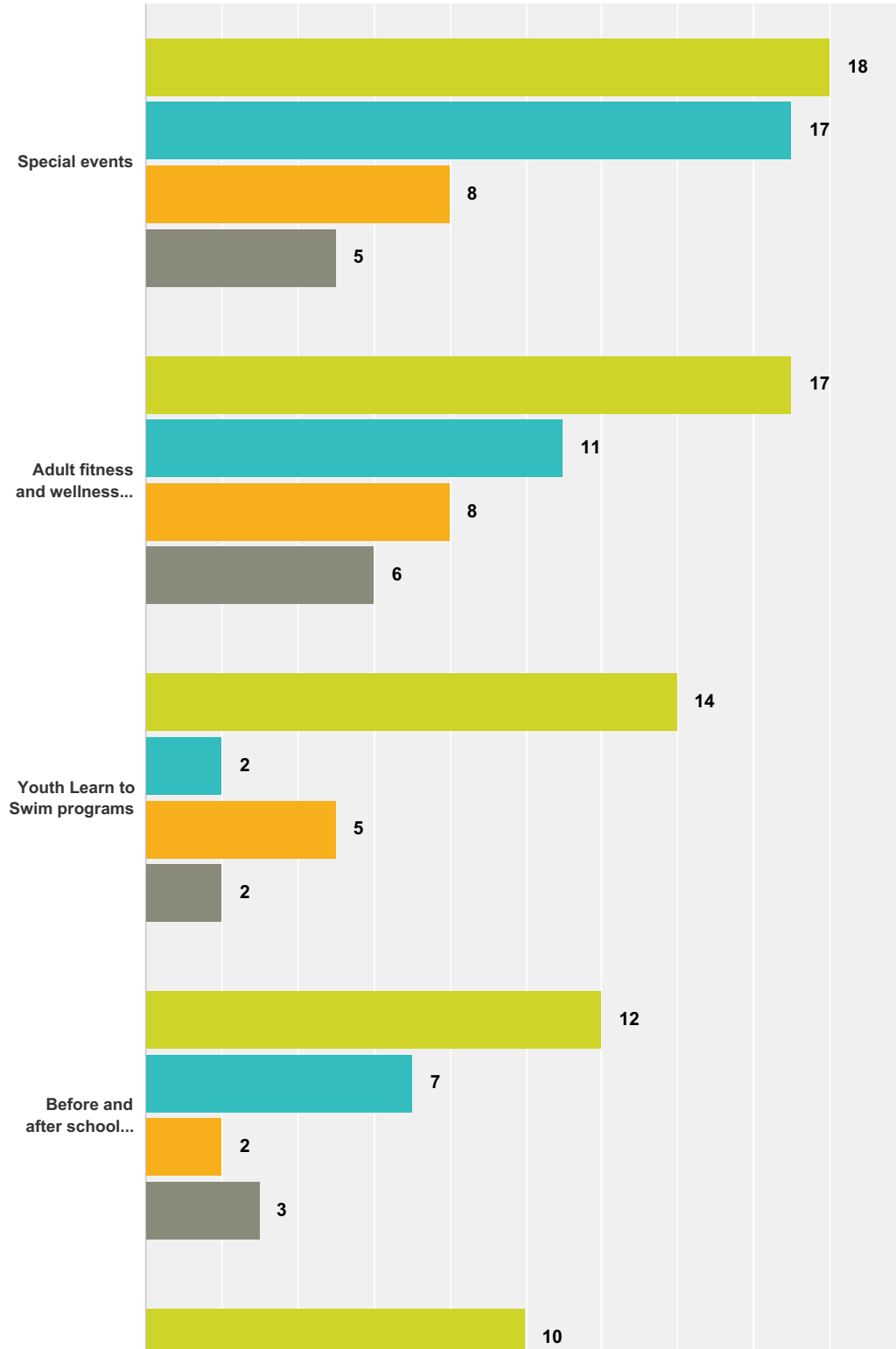
#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	skate contests	11/28/2016 6:01 PM
2	Fifty meter pool	11/28/2016 4:30 PM
3	Chess!!!!!!	11/22/2016 9:06 AM

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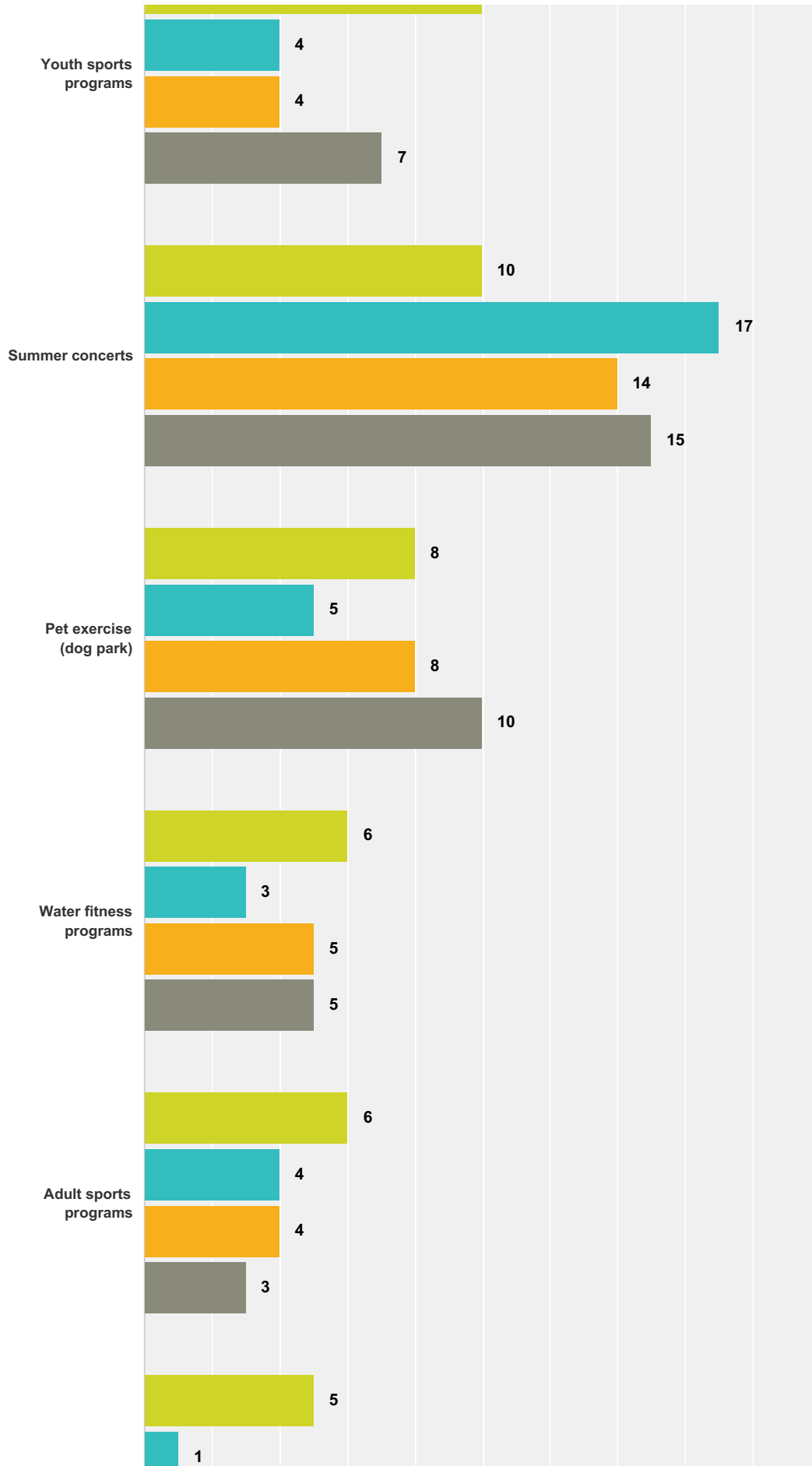
4	walking sidewalks repaired	11/11/2016 11:18 AM
5	more for disabled people	11/8/2016 4:41 PM
6	professional trampoline workout room	11/8/2016 3:52 PM
7	Need more kayaking facilities	11/7/2016 2:49 PM
8	Any programs to keep the youth busy are great things.	11/7/2016 9:31 AM

Q14 In which FOUR of the programs listed in the previous question, also shown below, do you and other members of your household currently participate MOST in New Port Richey?

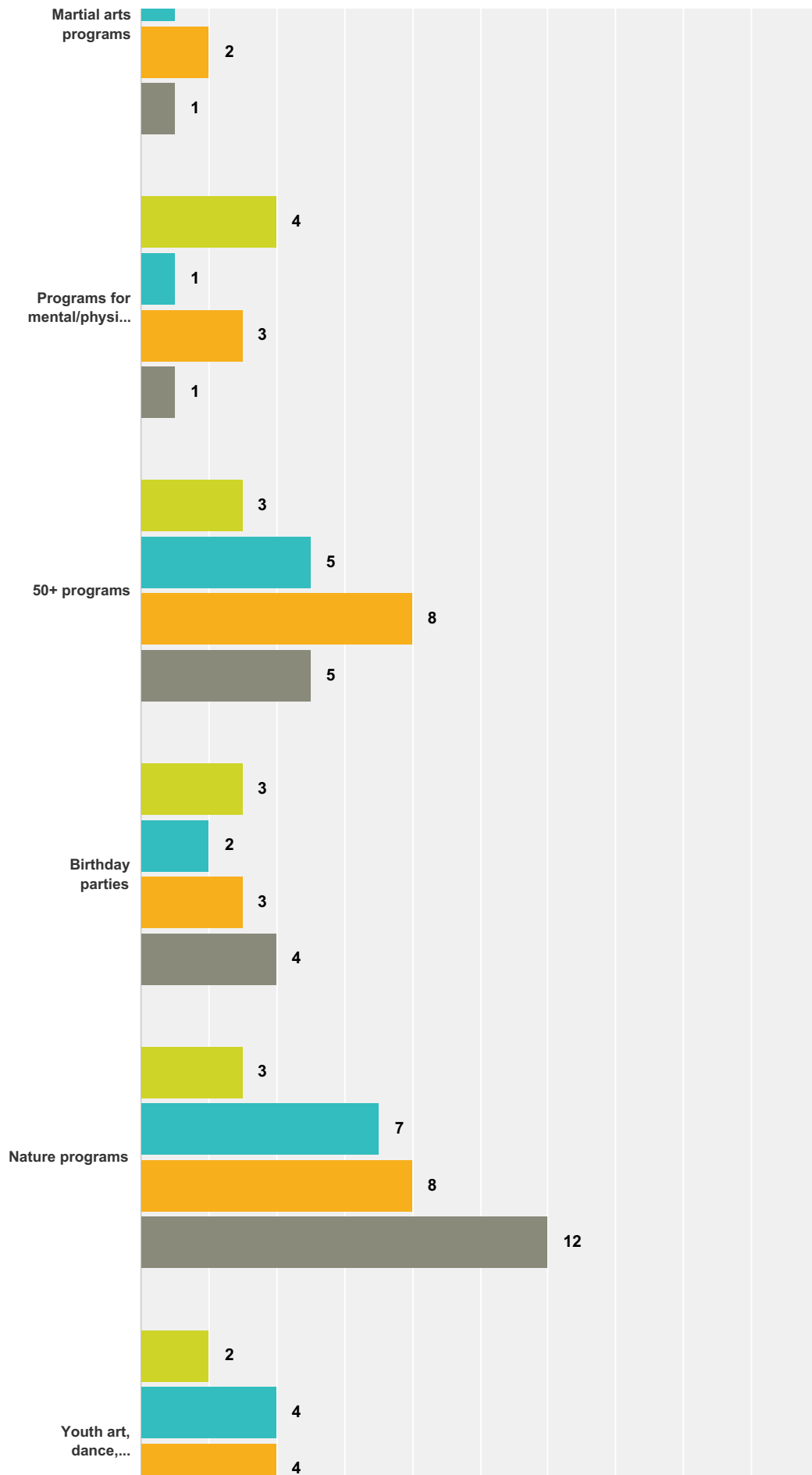
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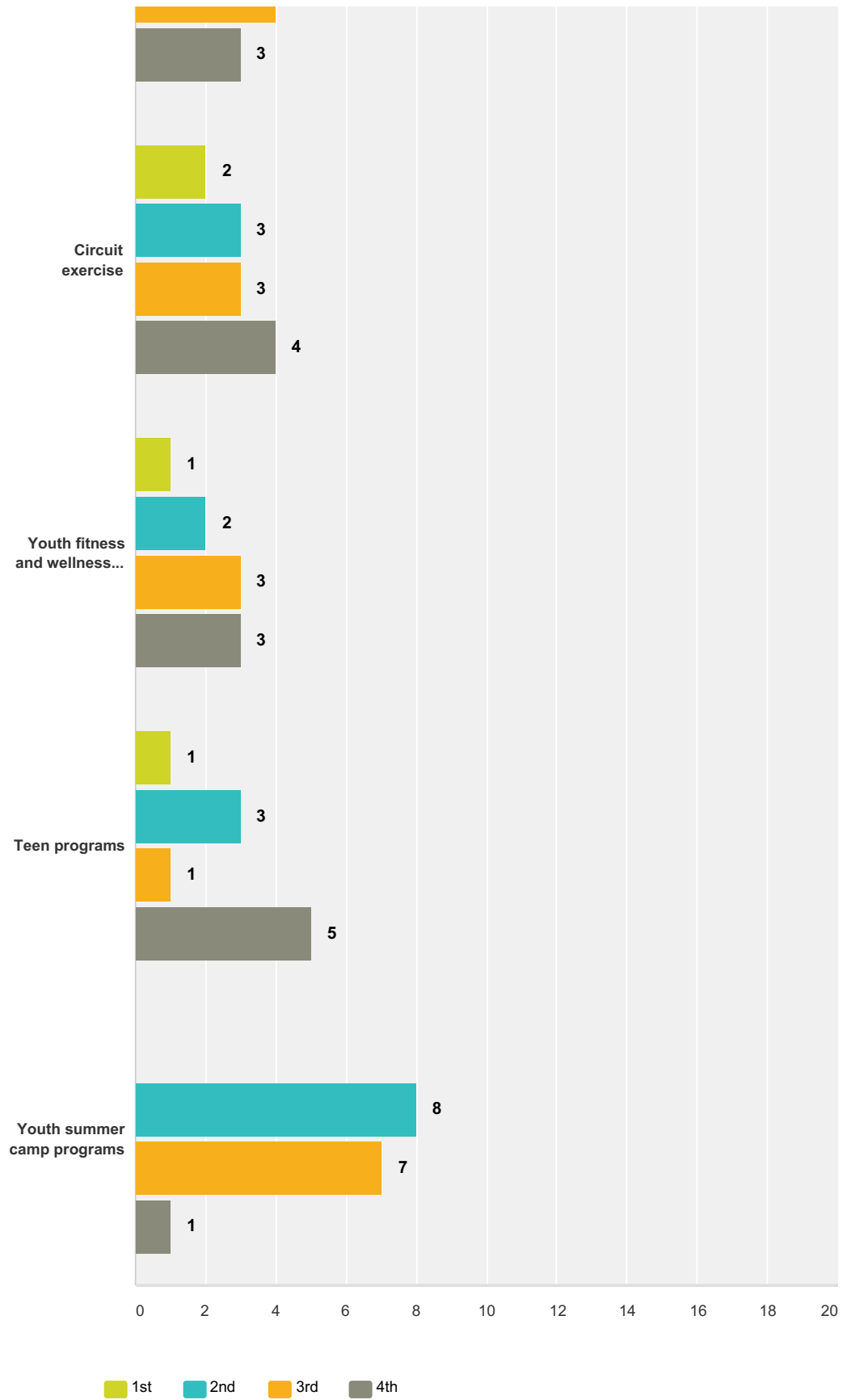
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Special events	37.50% 18	35.42% 17	16.67% 8	10.42% 5	48
Adult fitness and wellness programs	40.48% 17	26.19% 11	19.05% 8	14.29% 6	42
Youth Learn to Swim programs	60.87% 14	8.70% 2	21.74% 5	8.70% 2	23
Before and after school programs	50.00% 12	29.17% 7	8.33% 2	12.50% 3	24
Youth sports programs	40.00% 10	16.00% 4	16.00% 4	28.00% 7	25
Summer concerts	17.86% 10	30.36% 17	25.00% 14	26.79% 15	56
Pet exercise (dog park)	25.81% 8	16.13% 5	25.81% 8	32.26% 10	31
Water fitness programs	31.58% 6	15.79% 3	26.32% 5	26.32% 5	19
Adult sports programs	35.29% 6	23.53% 4	23.53% 4	17.65% 3	17
Martial arts programs	55.56% 5	11.11% 1	22.22% 2	11.11% 1	9
Programs for mental/physically challenged	44.44% 4	11.11% 1	33.33% 3	11.11% 1	9
50+ programs	14.29% 3	23.81% 5	38.10% 8	23.81% 5	21
Birthday parties	25.00% 3	16.67% 2	25.00% 3	33.33% 4	12
Nature programs	10.00% 3	23.33% 7	26.67% 8	40.00% 12	30
Youth art, dance, performing arts	15.38% 2	30.77% 4	30.77% 4	23.08% 3	13
Circuit exercise	16.67% 2	25.00% 3	25.00% 3	33.33% 4	12
Youth fitness and wellness programs	11.11% 1	22.22% 2	33.33% 3	33.33% 3	9
Teen programs	10.00% 1	30.00% 3	10.00% 1	50.00% 5	10
Youth summer camp programs	0.00% 0	50.00% 8	43.75% 7	6.25% 1	16

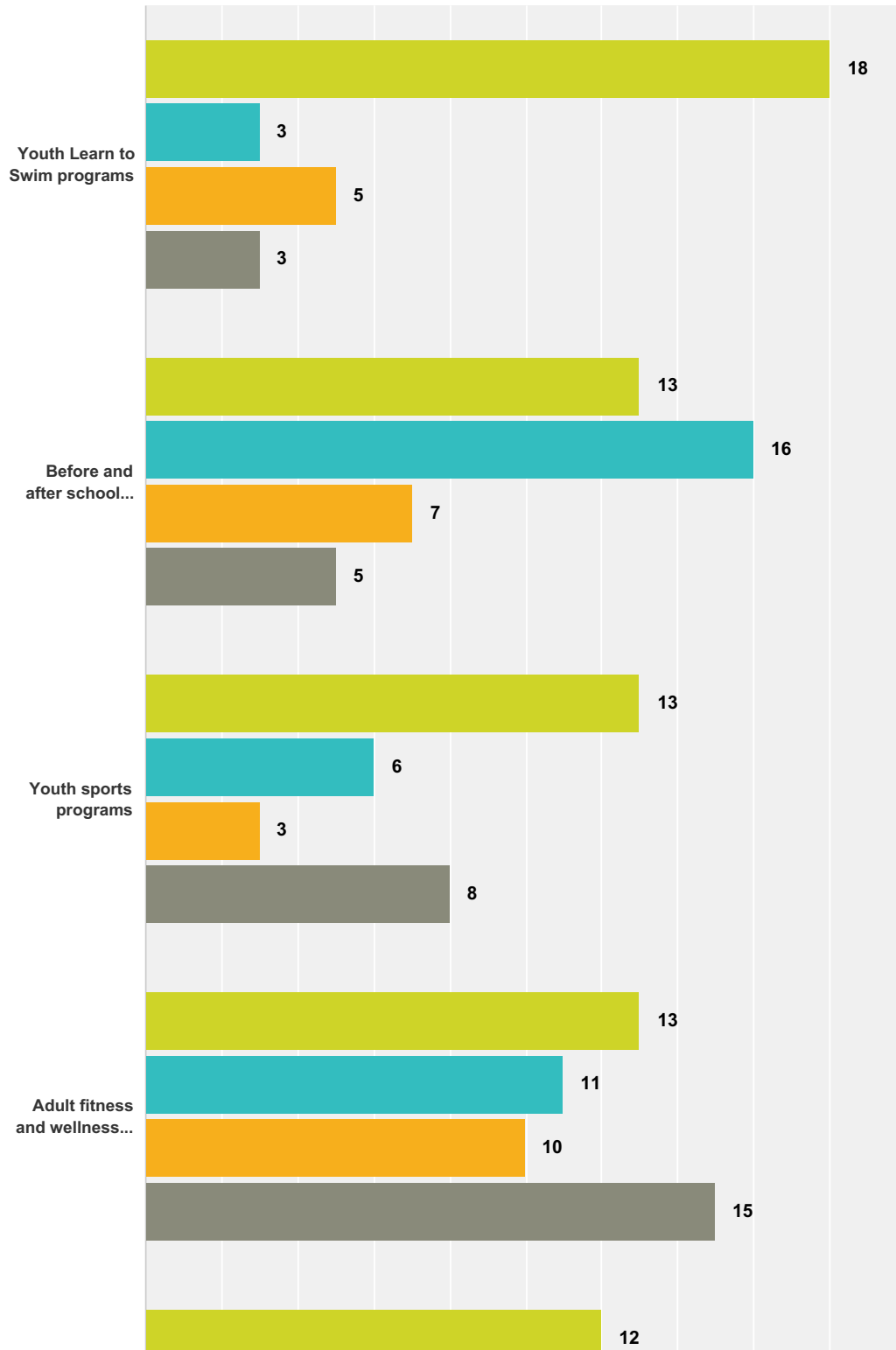
#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	A garden to feed hungry people	12/2/2016 12:14 AM
2	Ww do not use these because of having to pay higher p	12/1/2016 6:36 AM
3	none. not things we like to do or it costs too much money.	11/29/2016 2:52 PM
4	None	11/28/2016 8:40 PM
5	more skateparks	11/28/2016 5:51 PM
6	Lap swim.	11/28/2016 4:30 PM
7	(Walking, hiking, bike riding in the county parks)	11/23/2016 12:53 PM
8	none	11/23/2016 8:15 AM

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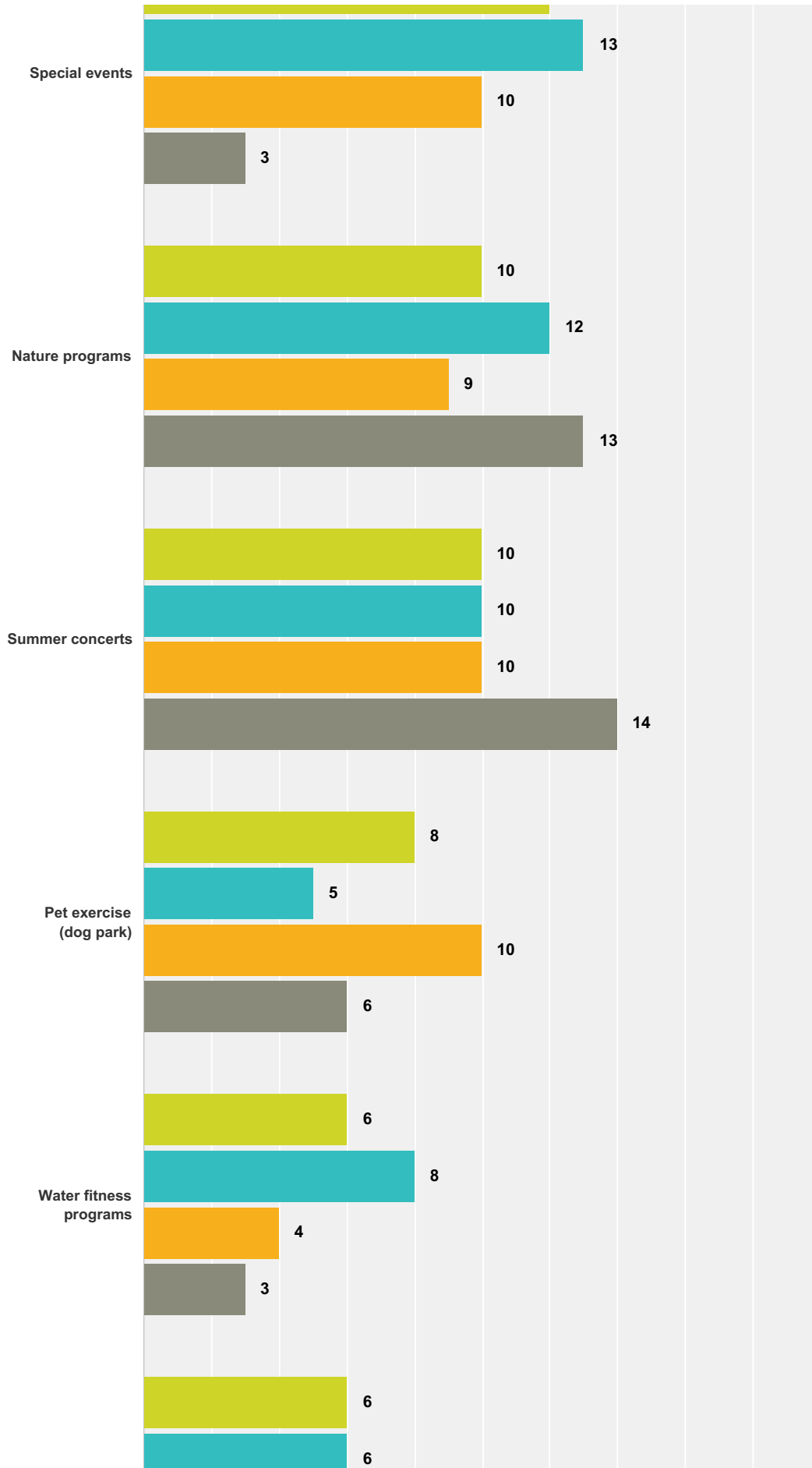
9	walking paths	11/11/2016 11:18 AM
10	trampoline rooms	11/8/2016 3:52 PM
11	Kayaking on Cotee river	11/7/2016 2:49 PM

Q15 Regardless of their current availability in New Port Richey, which FOUR of the programs from the list in the previous questions, also shown below, are MOST IMPORTANT to your household?

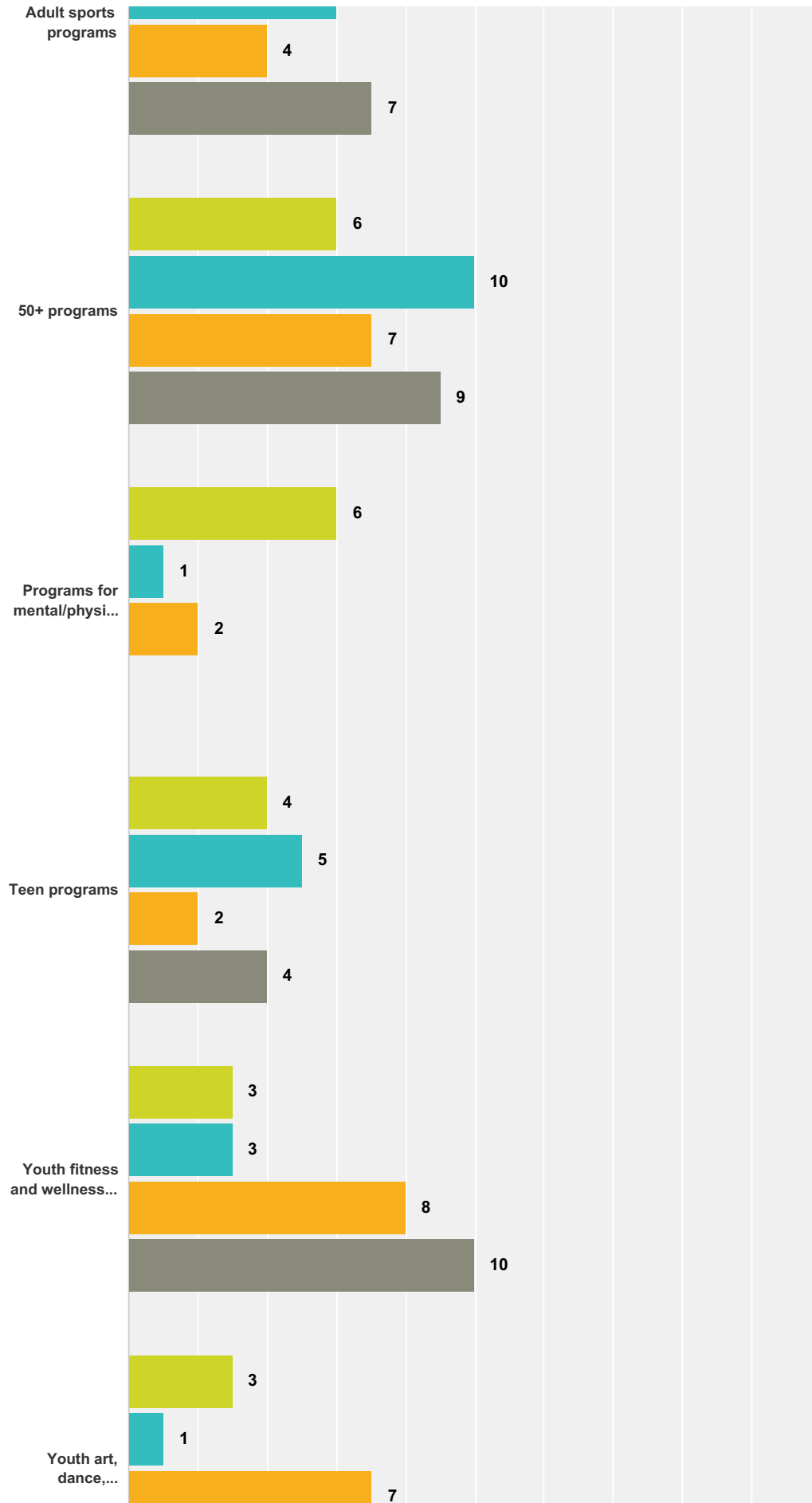
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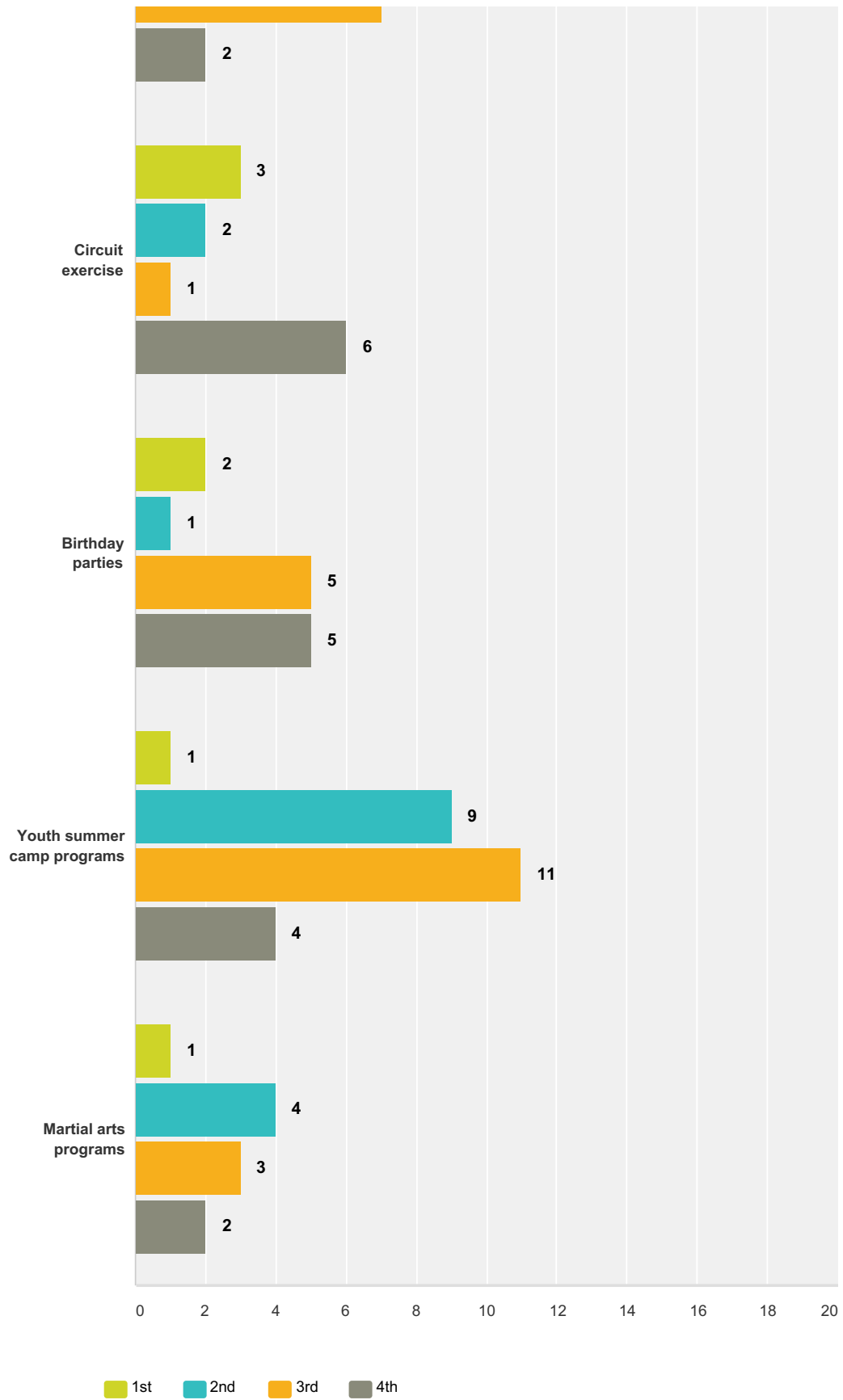
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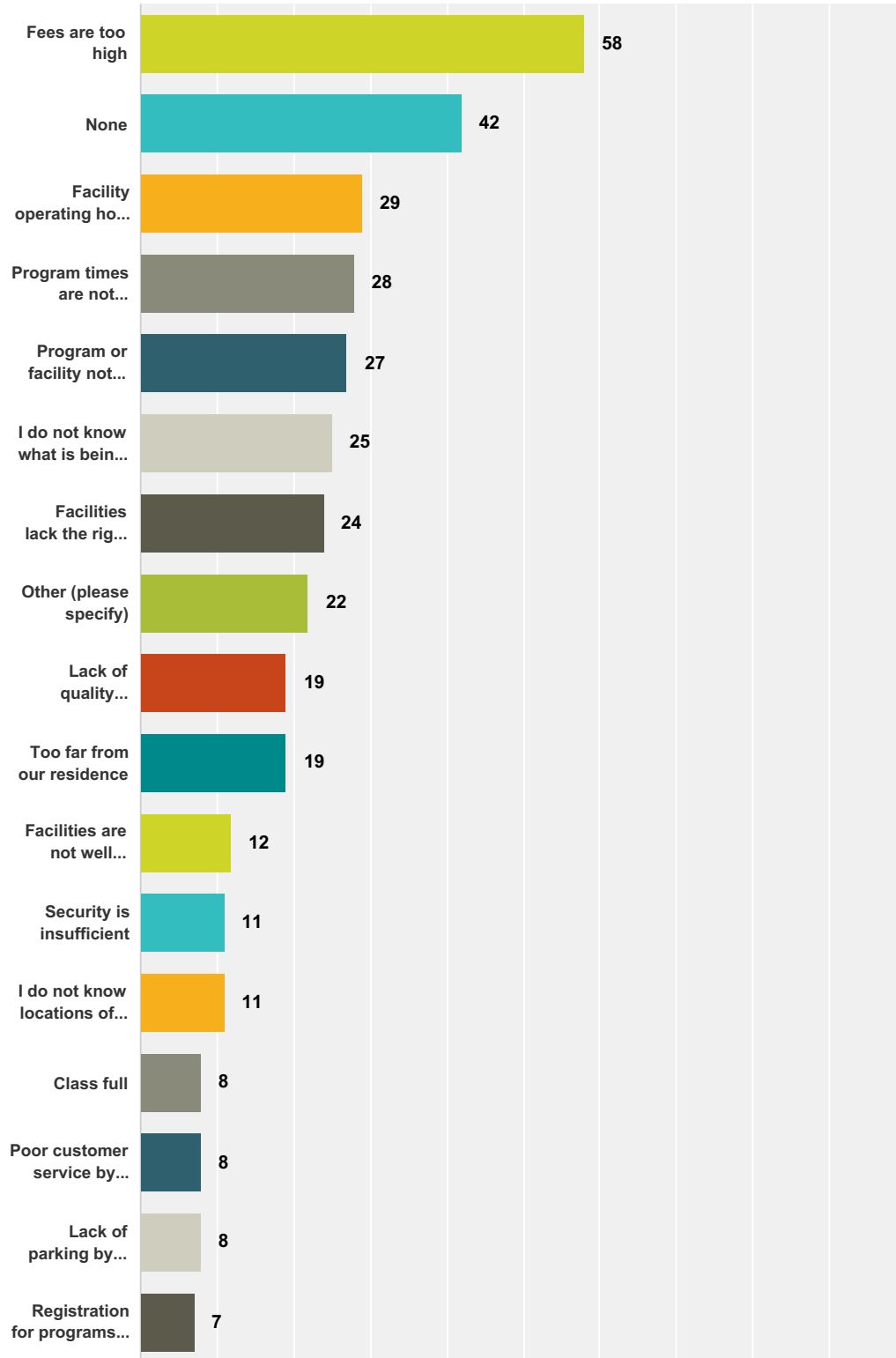
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Youth Learn to Swim programs	62.07% 18	10.34% 3	17.24% 5	10.34% 3	29
Before and after school programs	31.71% 13	39.02% 16	17.07% 7	12.20% 5	41
Youth sports programs	43.33% 13	20.00% 6	10.00% 3	26.67% 8	30
Adult fitness and wellness programs	26.53% 13	22.45% 11	20.41% 10	30.61% 15	49
Special events	31.58% 12	34.21% 13	26.32% 10	7.89% 3	38
Nature programs	22.73% 10	27.27% 12	20.45% 9	29.55% 13	44
Summer concerts	22.73% 10	22.73% 10	22.73% 10	31.82% 14	44
Pet exercise (dog park)	27.59% 8	17.24% 5	34.48% 10	20.69% 6	29
Water fitness programs	28.57% 6	38.10% 8	19.05% 4	14.29% 3	21
Adult sports programs	26.09% 6	26.09% 6	17.39% 4	30.43% 7	23
50+ programs	18.75% 6	31.25% 10	21.88% 7	28.13% 9	32
Programs for mental/physically challenged	66.67% 6	11.11% 1	22.22% 2	0.00% 0	9
Teen programs	26.67% 4	33.33% 5	13.33% 2	26.67% 4	15
Youth fitness and wellness programs	12.50% 3	12.50% 3	33.33% 8	41.67% 10	24
Youth art, dance, performing arts	23.08% 3	7.69% 1	53.85% 7	15.38% 2	13
Circuit exercise	25.00% 3	16.67% 2	8.33% 1	50.00% 6	12
Birthday parties	15.38% 2	7.69% 1	38.46% 5	38.46% 5	13
Youth summer camp programs	4.00% 1	36.00% 9	44.00% 11	16.00% 4	25
Martial arts programs	10.00% 1	40.00% 4	30.00% 3	20.00% 2	10

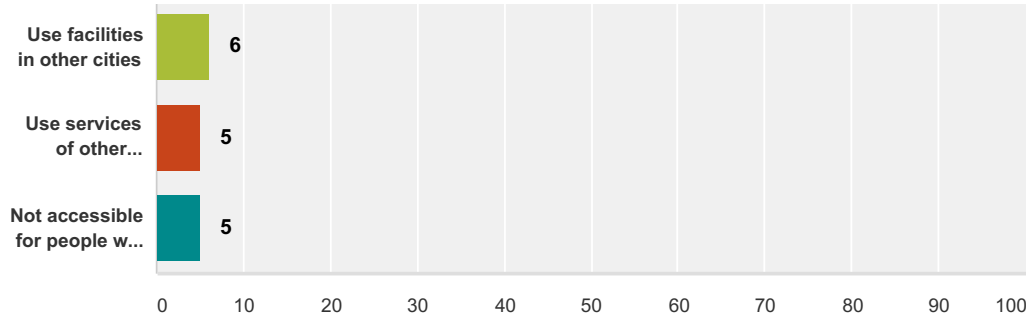
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1	trampolining .	11/29/2016 2:52 PM
2	Competive swimming.	11/28/2016 4:30 PM
3	none	11/23/2016 8:15 AM
4	walking paths and sidewalks thru neighborhoods for safety repaired please	11/11/2016 11:18 AM
5	for dialed people	11/8/2016 4:41 PM
6	N/a	11/7/2016 3:42 PM
7	Kayaking on Cotee river	11/7/2016 2:49 PM
8	Nature Program	11/3/2016 1:15 PM

Q16 Please CHECK ALL the reasons why you or other members of your household use private fitness centers or other facilities instead of the City's Recreation and Aquatics Center:

Answered: 151 Skipped: 95



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Answer Choices	Responses
Fees are too high	38.41% 58
None	27.81% 42
Facility operating hours not convenient	19.21% 29
Program times are not convenient	18.54% 28
Program or facility not offered	17.88% 27
I do not know what is being offered	16.56% 25
Facilities lack the right equipment	15.89% 24
Other (please specify)	14.57% 22
Lack of quality programs	12.58% 19
Too far from our residence	12.58% 19
Facilities are not well maintained	7.95% 12
Security is insufficient	7.28% 11
I do not know locations of facilities	7.28% 11
Class full	5.30% 8
Poor customer service by staff	5.30% 8
Lack of parking by facilities and parks	5.30% 8
Registration for programs is difficult	4.64% 7
Use facilities in other cities	3.97% 6
Use services of other agencies	3.31% 5
Not accessible for people with disabilities	3.31% 5
Total Respondents: 151	

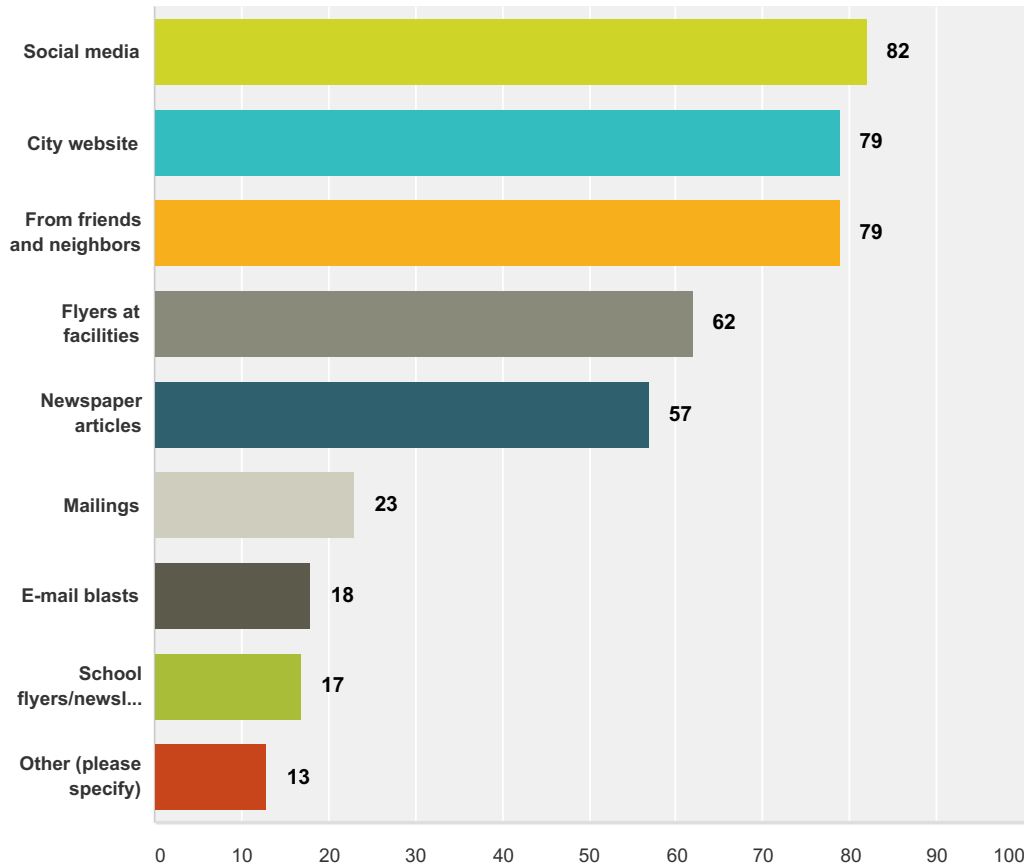
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1	Not enough equipment; too long to wait your turn	12/4/2016 1:49 PM
2	A community garden with plants that produce food donated from farms	12/2/2016 12:14 AM
3	Lack of normal pool hours.	12/1/2016 11:36 PM
4	Lack of free excersize classes	12/1/2016 2:55 PM
5	Nudist - clothing optional	11/30/2016 10:11 PM

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6	fees should be more discounted for city retirees 65+	11/29/2016 12:42 PM
7	no child care. we purchased a year membership and couldnt even make it because we had no one to watch the kids...	11/28/2016 8:36 PM
8	Lack of childcare available	11/28/2016 2:30 PM
9	Swim lessons should be offered year-round	11/28/2016 11:19 AM
10	No childcare for the tiny gym	11/26/2016 6:13 PM
11	Locker rooms Need attention	11/23/2016 7:01 PM
12	get obvious gangs and criminal element out of in town parks	11/23/2016 9:00 AM
13	doing away with the Van Buren St skate park, not good	11/20/2016 3:48 PM
14	Not fair that because my New Port Richey address isn't in the city so I would have to pay a non-resident fee which is higher.	11/18/2016 11:28 AM
15	close pool too often	11/17/2016 1:09 PM
16	Adult Day Care Program at no cost a small fee for people with Dementia	11/15/2016 2:41 PM
17	Lack of programs for working adults	11/14/2016 3:38 PM
18	desprately need monthly rates for singular areas of the facility., like a month to month pool passes/memberships!!!!!!	11/8/2016 3:52 PM
19	Although my address is npr, i do not live in the city and therefore your fees, are ridiculous even when you're going broke and trying to increase membership you still offer 34654 no incentive.	11/8/2016 7:40 AM
20	Kayaking on Cotee river	11/7/2016 2:49 PM
21	got to figure out a way to get the word out better. Facebook advertising would go a long way.	11/7/2016 1:39 PM
22	Only use the NPR Rec	11/3/2016 1:15 PM

Q17 Please check ALL the ways you learn about New Port Richey parks and recreation programs and services: (Check all that apply)

Answered: 157 Skipped: 89



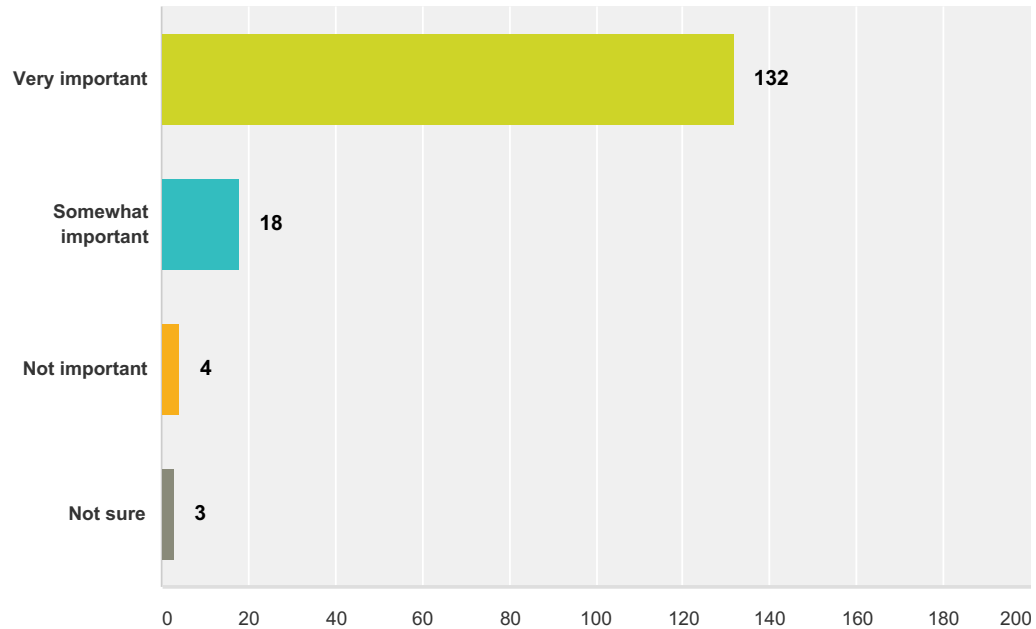
Answer Choices	Responses	
Social media	52.23%	82
City website	50.32%	79
From friends and neighbors	50.32%	79
Flyers at facilities	39.49%	62
Newspaper articles	36.31%	57
Mailings	14.65%	23
E-mail blasts	11.46%	18
School flyers/newsletter	10.83%	17
Other (please specify)	8.28%	13
Total Respondents: 157		

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#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Local News websites	11/29/2016 12:42 PM
2	Banners/signs along the roads	11/29/2016 8:07 AM
3	it is very difficult to find out what is going on in the city. we live downtown and dont even know an event is happening until we hear music or the roads are blocked off. the checkmarks for #15 is how my family and i try to figure out what is going on.	11/28/2016 8:36 PM
4	Reserch	11/28/2016 4:30 PM
5	Don't know how to find information.	11/23/2016 10:12 AM
6	Suncoast News, Pasco Central	11/22/2016 9:29 PM
7	Library	11/19/2016 8:52 PM
8	word of mouth	11/18/2016 3:34 PM
9	Signs	11/17/2016 2:21 PM
10	don't hear about them.	11/16/2016 7:46 PM
11	Web	11/16/2016 3:54 PM
12	Signs downtown	11/9/2016 7:26 PM
13	Walk In	11/8/2016 9:56 AM

Q18 How important do you feel it is for the City of New Port Richey to provide high quality parks and recreation facilities and programs?

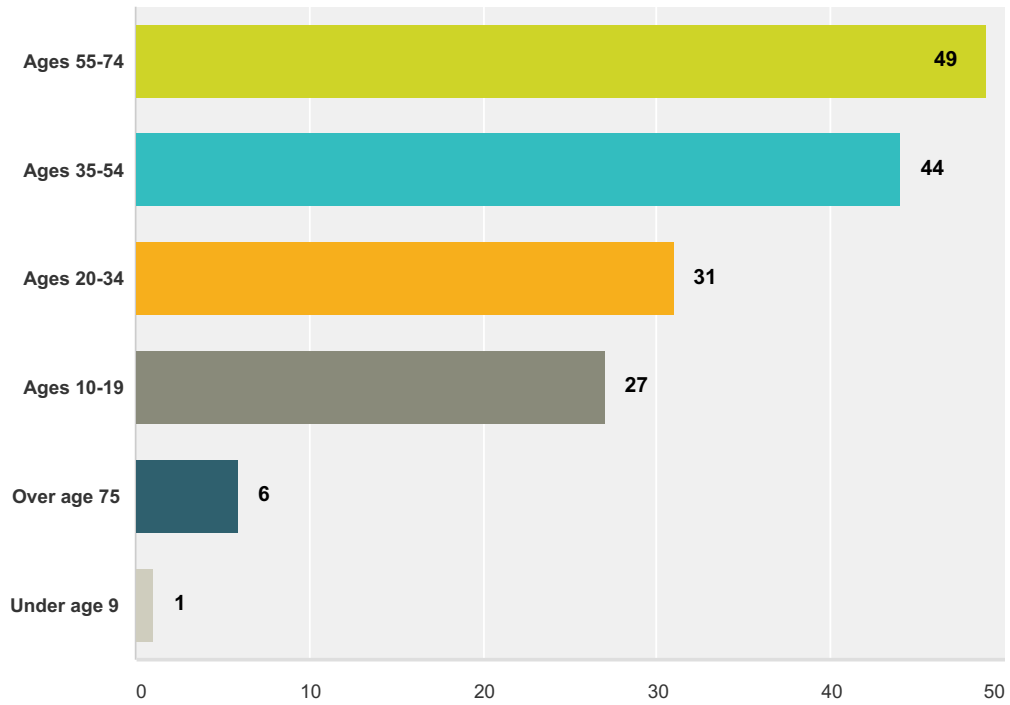
Answered: 157 Skipped: 89



Answer Choices	Responses	
Very important	84.08%	132
Somewhat important	11.46%	18
Not important	2.55%	4
Not sure	1.91%	3
Total		157

Q19 What is your age?

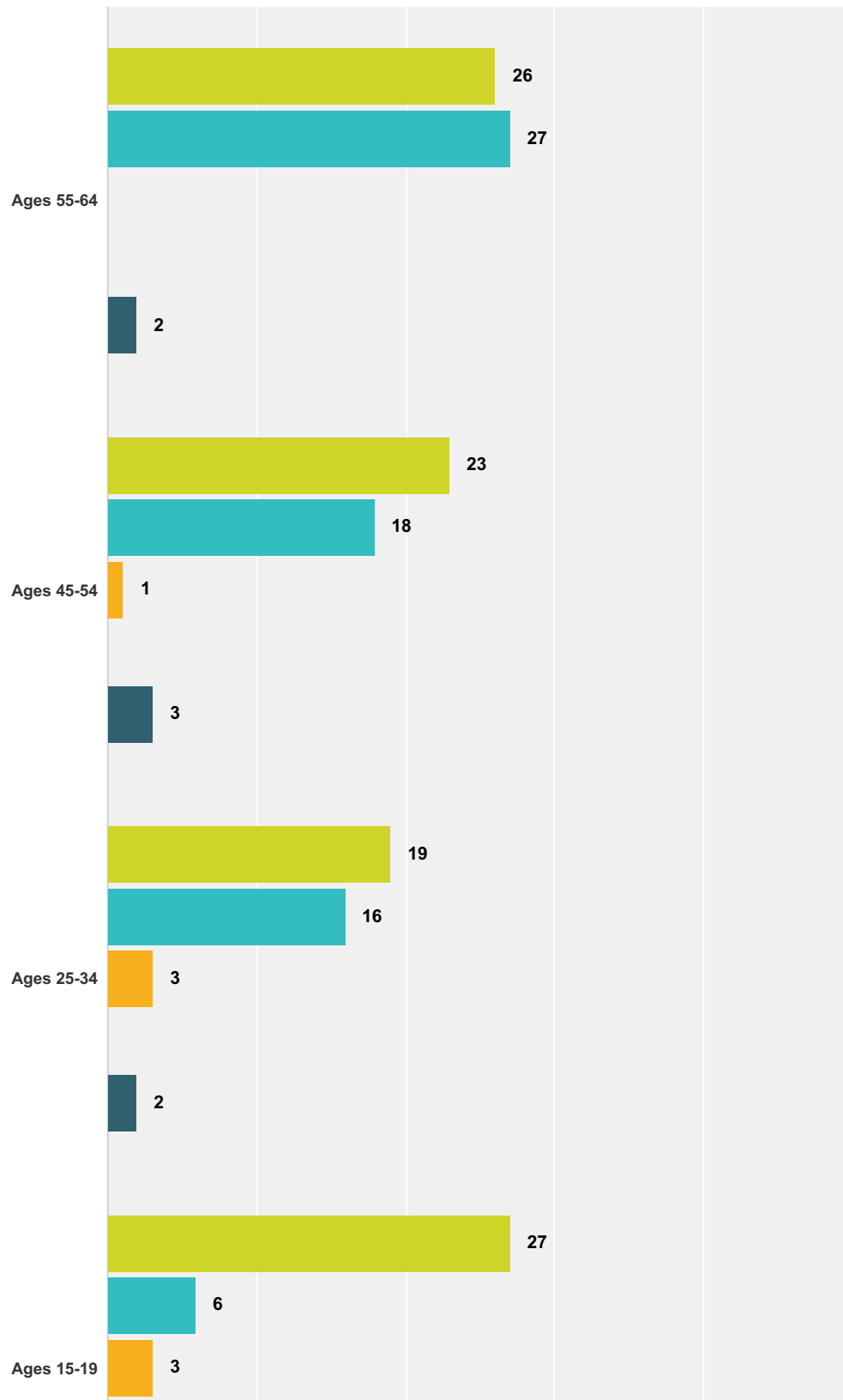
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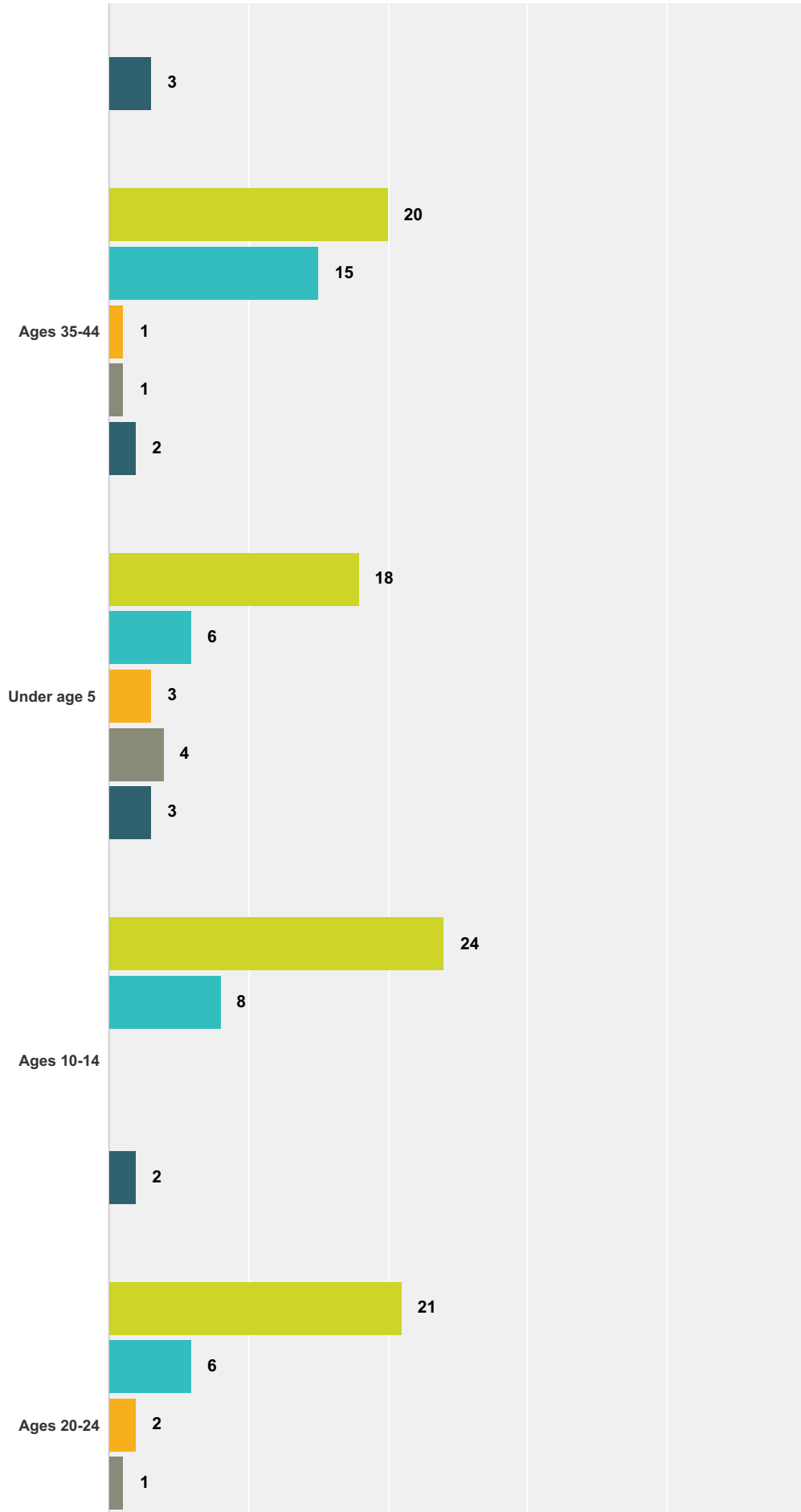
Answer Choices	Responses
Ages 55-74	31.01% 49
Ages 35-54	27.85% 44
Ages 20-34	19.62% 31
Ages 10-19	17.09% 27
Over age 75	3.80% 6
Under age 9	0.63% 1
Total	158

Q20 Counting yourself, how many people of the various age groups listed below are in your household?

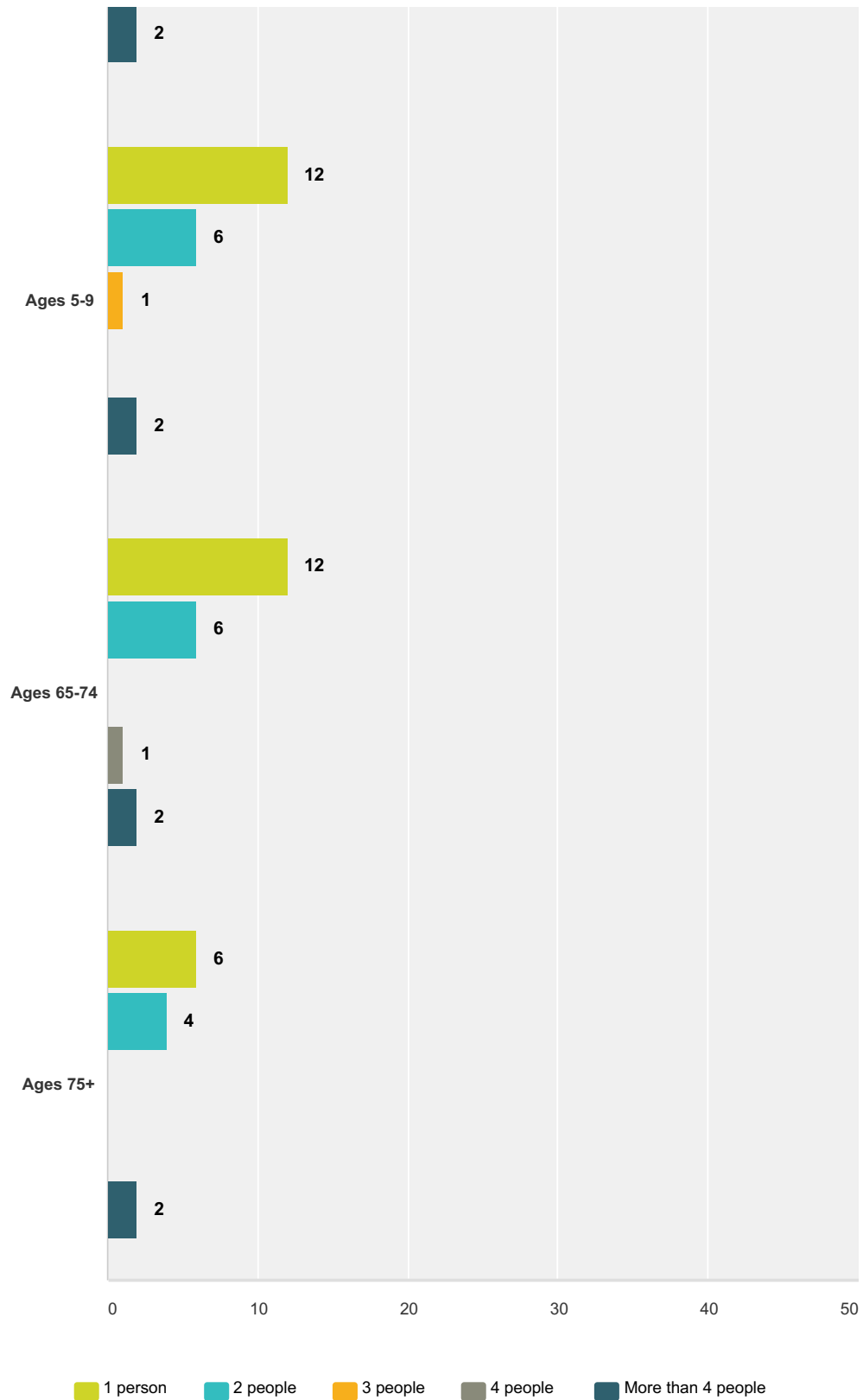
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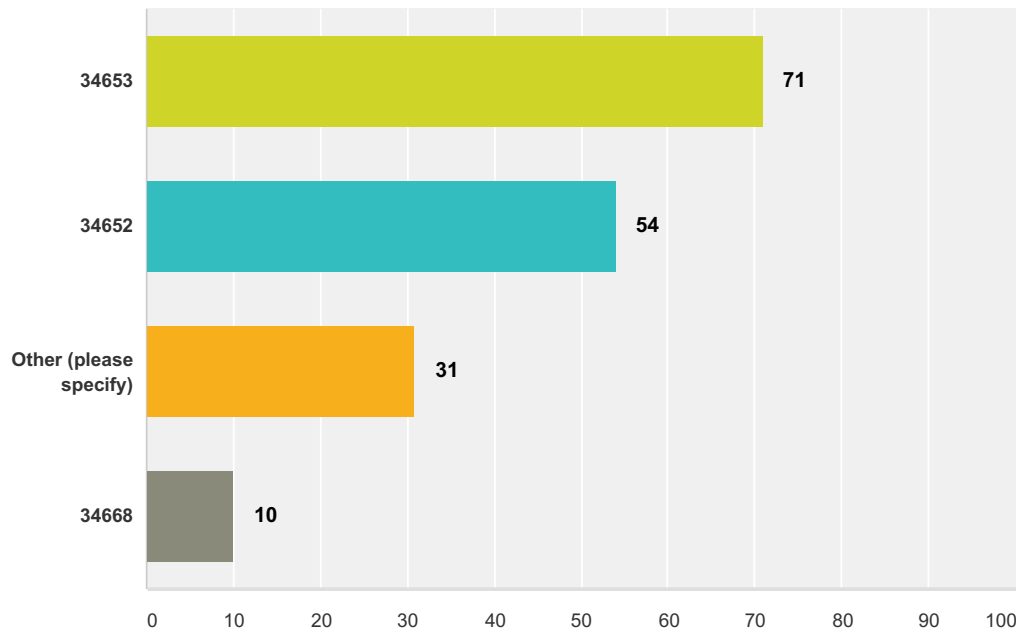
	1 person	2 people	3 people	4 people	More than 4 people	Total
Ages 55-64	47.27% 26	49.09% 27	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	3.64% 2	55
Ages 45-54	51.11% 23	40.00% 18	2.22% 1	0.00% 0	6.67% 3	45

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Ages 25-34	47.50% 19	40.00% 16	7.50% 3	0.00% 0	5.00% 2	40
Ages 15-19	69.23% 27	15.38% 6	7.69% 3	0.00% 0	7.69% 3	39
Ages 35-44	51.28% 20	38.46% 15	2.56% 1	2.56% 1	5.13% 2	39
Under age 5	52.94% 18	17.65% 6	8.82% 3	11.76% 4	8.82% 3	34
Ages 10-14	70.59% 24	23.53% 8	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	5.88% 2	34
Ages 20-24	65.63% 21	18.75% 6	6.25% 2	3.13% 1	6.25% 2	32
Ages 5-9	57.14% 12	28.57% 6	4.76% 1	0.00% 0	9.52% 2	21
Ages 65-74	57.14% 12	28.57% 6	0.00% 0	4.76% 1	9.52% 2	21
Ages 75+	50.00% 6	33.33% 4	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	16.67% 2	12

Q21 What is your home zip code?

Answered: 166 Skipped: 80



Answer Choices	Responses
34653	42.77% 71
34652	32.53% 54
Other (please specify)	18.67% 31
34668	6.02% 10
Total	166

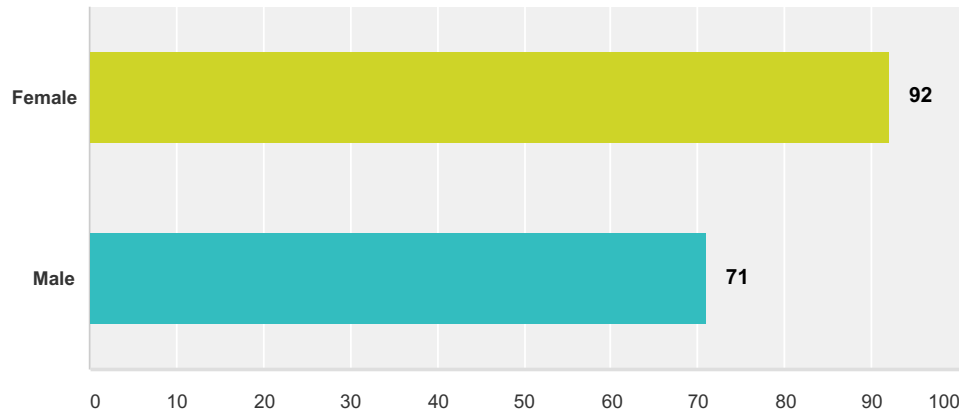
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1	34637	11/30/2016 10:11 PM
2	34691	11/30/2016 8:10 PM
3	34655	11/29/2016 1:44 PM
4	34655	11/29/2016 8:07 AM
5	34610 (but I'm in Hudson, not SH)	11/28/2016 8:40 PM
6	34684	11/28/2016 11:19 AM
7	34654	11/27/2016 10:16 AM
8	34654	11/25/2016 1:47 PM
9	34667	11/24/2016 7:06 PM
10	34690	11/23/2016 4:09 PM
11	34655	11/22/2016 9:05 PM
12	99338	11/20/2016 3:40 PM
13	34689	11/18/2016 3:34 PM

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14	34654	11/16/2016 3:54 PM
15	34654	11/15/2016 2:41 PM
16	34691	11/15/2016 11:38 AM
17	6654	11/12/2016 12:57 PM
18	6645	11/12/2016 12:40 PM
19	34654	11/12/2016 11:38 AM
20	34654	11/12/2016 10:17 AM
21	34683	11/11/2016 2:20 PM
22	34654	11/10/2016 5:23 PM
23	34610	11/10/2016 9:59 AM
24	34655	11/9/2016 9:27 PM
25	34655	11/9/2016 7:02 PM
26	34654	11/9/2016 12:11 PM
27	34690	11/8/2016 4:24 PM
28	34664	11/8/2016 7:40 AM
29	36491	11/8/2016 7:19 AM
30	33654	11/8/2016 7:00 AM
31	34654	11/3/2016 1:15 PM

Q22 Your gender:

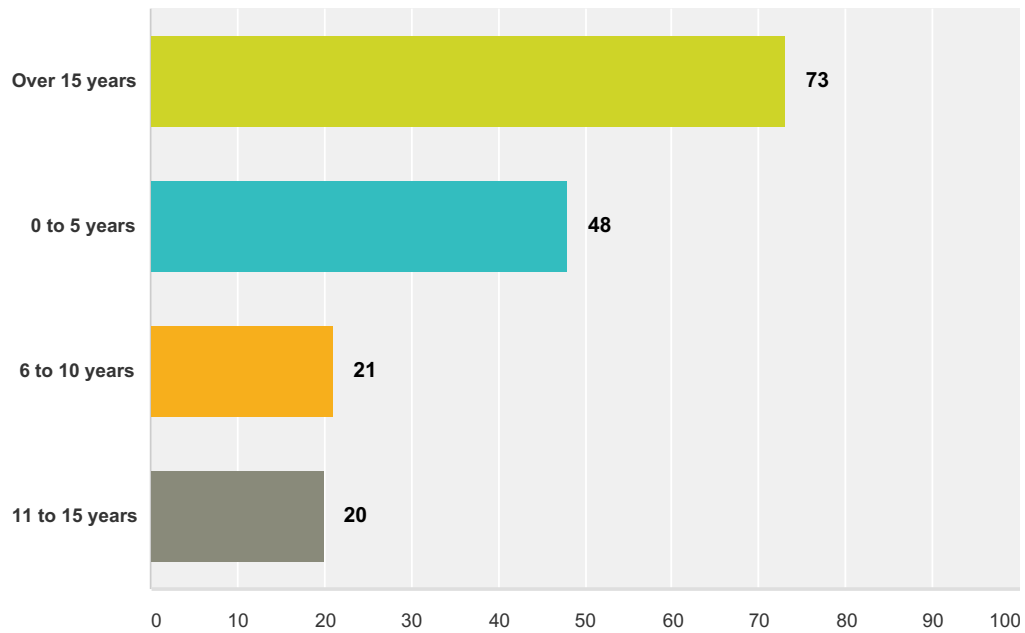
Answered: 163 Skipped: 83



Answer Choices	Responses	
Female	56.44%	92
Male	43.56%	71
Total		163

Q23 How long have you lived in New Port Richey?

Answered: 162 Skipped: 84



Answer Choices	Responses
Over 15 years	45.06% 73
0 to 5 years	29.63% 48
6 to 10 years	12.96% 21
11 to 15 years	12.35% 20
Total	162

Q24 Do you have any other comments or suggestions for improving parks and recreation in the City of New Port Richey? If so, please write them in the space below.

Answered: 78 Skipped: 168

#	Responses	Date
1	City should be more concerned about residents rather than constantly having events for the visitors and masses of humanity that impact the quality of life here. The town has become a bar destination attracting people from many other areas 4-5 nights a week. Additionally, the event and concert overloads are not friendly to town residents -- unbearable noise, trash floating down river, bottles and garbage in yards and driveways and inebriated individuals roaming the streets.	12/9/2016 8:36 AM
2	Very tedious survey.	12/5/2016 5:34 PM
3	We need a bathing suit spinner dryer in the changing rooms!!!	12/5/2016 11:49 AM
4	Need more security/police patrol of major parks... Cotee River Walk, Sims in particular. I can't tell you the number of times I have been approached by strange and scary individuals.	12/4/2016 1:49 PM
5	A fruit and vegetable garden . I'm sure plants would be donated and there's empty plots of county land everywhere if n not mistaken.	12/2/2016 12:14 AM
6	Lower prices is big. More offered with membership free classes and daycare	12/1/2016 2:55 PM
7	NEW PORT RICHEY OFFERS MANY EVENTS IN SIMS PARK AND I'VE BEEN AN ACTIVE VENDOR IN MANY OF THOSE EVENTS. RECENTLY THE RULES HAVE CHANGED AND I NO LONGER CAN PARTICIPATE IN THESE EVENTS THAT I ENJOY. I THINK THAT MAKING PEOPLE HAVE INSURANCE, AND A TAX I.D. TO PARTICIPATE IS TO MUCH. MANY OF THE EVENTS IN THE PARK START AT FIFTY DOLLARS THEN THE INSURANCE IS IS ANOTHER 40.00 THAT A HUNDRED DOLLAR DAY FOR MANY VENDORS. I'D LIKE TO SEE THINGS CHANGE SO THAT EACH PERSON BEING A BUSINESS OR A HOBBYIST CAN COME OUT AND ENJOY THE EVENTS IN SIMS PARK. IT IS TO DIFFICULT FOR SMALL PEOPLE WHO ENJOY SELLING THERE CRAFTS AND DO NOT HAVE A BUSINESS. MY THOUGHT IS REALLY A SIMPLE ONE WITHOUT THE VENDORS PAYING FOR EVENTS, THERE WOULD BE NO EVENTS. WE NEED TO MAKE THE APPLICATIONS EASIER AND INVITE ALL TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ACTIVITIES IN THE PARK.	12/1/2016 9:40 AM
8	I think that reoccurring patrons that are outside of the city limits should be discounted on certain fees, if the have consecutively paid for the same program each year. For example the family season pass for use of the pool. I paid more my second year than the first and was allowed less people than the year passed, which was unfortunate because I have a big family.	12/1/2016 6:36 AM
9	Keep up the great work!	11/30/2016 8:59 PM
10	Monthly payment plans for singular activities. mth to mth pool.....	11/29/2016 2:52 PM
11	Advertise the small business around the parks.	11/29/2016 1:44 PM
12	City Weekend events are important Boat Ramp important Dont like Usage fees for city residents	11/29/2016 12:42 PM
13	I sure hope you don't spend three million dollars on the recreation slash Aquatic Center. What a waste the money that could be used for other Parks or to finish Sims Park	11/29/2016 12:23 PM
14	Be progressive.	11/29/2016 10:38 AM
15	I was unaware until just now that I was supposed to be a NPR resident to take this survey, but I'm going to submit it anyway because I love the Rec center! My 18 month old & I enjoy the shallow pool for the kiddos immensely! I had no idea there were exercise classes offered there though. We love NPR and despite my zip code, I'm only a 10 minute drive away & we visit frequently. Love NPR!	11/28/2016 8:40 PM
16	Paint all of the buildings downtown fun Caribbean colors, how many shades of tan can you have? We need an actual water park; not just sprinklers.	11/28/2016 8:36 PM
17	new concrete skatepark	11/28/2016 6:01 PM
18	Please introduce a new concrete skatepark with a lot of street obstacles	11/28/2016 5:51 PM

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19	if demolishing the park that is existing, you should make a new skatepark with concrete, but if not supply the skatepark with more equipment and provide skater programs	11/28/2016 5:32 PM
20	50 Meter lap pool.	11/28/2016 4:30 PM
21	Add a climbing wall type of playground outside at the Recreation & Aquatic Center.	11/28/2016 11:19 AM
22	Close or sell the rec center it is losing money. Install more swings in Sims Park.	11/28/2016 7:31 AM
23	increase weight/exercise room size, add pin type weight change equipment, plate systems slow and cumbersome for older users. Match private gym hours or go to key card access for early workouts.	11/28/2016 6:32 AM
24	One word, MAINTENANCE!	11/27/2016 5:06 PM
25	aquatic & rec center hours need to be extended on the wknds, especially pool hours during summer.	11/27/2016 10:16 AM
26	I really wish there were baby swings at SIMS Park and gates to enclose the playground so the littles cannot run away. Also I think the handicapped swings with broken seat belts are in a very bad spot. I've seen kids get totally knocked in the head and go down to the ground from running past the swings. I think they should be against a gate like the other swings are. I would also consider a membership at the gym all year round if there were child care. but for now all we do is get the 3-month summer pass for the pool which is great.	11/26/2016 6:13 PM
27	Expand the swimming facilities. Maybe a competition pool for meets, swim teams & training. Also, expand hours of operation. This could potentially bring in more revenue for the city.	11/25/2016 1:47 PM
28	return spring water to weight room at Rec ctr keep dogs in dog park not in downtown park	11/25/2016 12:43 PM
29	Would like to see the old Magnolia golf course rebuilt into a public course with trails and play ground	11/25/2016 8:51 AM
30	Making things accessible for the disabled. Larger events downtown requires a lot of walking. The ramp for the boat area in Sims Park is too steep for safe use by motorize chairs.	11/24/2016 7:06 PM
31	Please bring back the golf course at Magnolia Valley	11/24/2016 9:32 AM
32	I visit Sim's Park very often with my 2 grandchildren. I'm very impressed with the improvements in the park. I have lived in NPR for 14 yrs before moving to Holiday. I am disappointed in the upkeep of the playground equipment. The 2 swings and seesaw have broken safety belts. I'm not able to utilize the equipment when I'm visiting with my 18mth old grandson. The water fountain was also clogged with debris and dirty water was clogging the drain. Overall I'm so pleased with the spraypark and the playground. I also stroll throughout the park and enjoy the overall cleanliness. Keep up the great work. NPR needs this park :)	11/23/2016 4:09 PM
33	We moved to NPR from Palm Harbor in 2010 (after children graduated from High School and went to college). I am impressed with our city/county government and their interest to make NPR a more desirable detsination to call home!	11/23/2016 3:28 PM
34	Sims Park needs more shaded areas near the theater stage. The Rec Center swimming pool deck needs carpeting to protect feet from the hot surface.	11/23/2016 3:12 PM
35	There are so many bees around Sims park. There are always tons in the garbage cans in the morning. Maybe they could be emptied at night? They are also starting to swarm around the playground. Not sure if anything can be done or what is attracting them.	11/23/2016 1:04 PM
36	Clean up the criminal element at the riverside parks and boat ramp. Prostitution and drug dealers are obvious	11/23/2016 9:00 AM
37	I wish the city workers would stop driving over the curb and side walk at Jasmin Park with their truck just to empty 1 trash can. It is damaging to the curb and to the side walk.	11/23/2016 8:15 AM
38	Keep the parking free. It's important that people who have little disposable income have access to good recreation.	11/22/2016 9:29 PM
39	Upkeep is important. Cleaning and painting make a huge difference in appearance. Wedd and trim trees and shrubs.	11/22/2016 9:05 PM
40	i believe this survey was to long but i completed it ! The staff at the New Port Richey Recreation and Aquatic center and everyone that works in public works and takes care of all the parks in the city of new port richy are outstanding !! That staff includes Justin, Matt, bree, david, selma, chandler, mike, elaine, donna, zach, cathy, james, thomas, charlie , they are all AMAZING !!!!	11/22/2016 7:06 PM
41	Public chess boards tables in parks	11/22/2016 9:06 AM
42	Please do not do away with the skate park at New Port Richey Recreation and Aquatic Center. There is no safe, clean and legal place for the skate boarders and BMX bikers to go to. There are plenty of pools already. Why would you tear down one of the only skate parks in Pasco County? The only other quality skate park is in Hernando. Does Pasco County want its residents to leave Pasco with their revenue and go to another county and spend it there? So instead of tearing down the skate park how about you place a little money into it and then advertising the park to get more people aware of the location. Please reconsider doing away with this area. Thank you	11/20/2016 3:48 PM

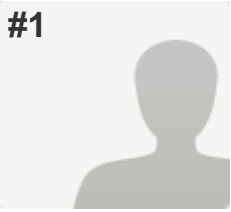
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43	I love swimming for exercise. The aquatic center is too costly because I live EAST of Rowan Rd, which is not the city proper. Wish I could have access at lower fee rate.	11/19/2016 8:52 PM
44	Consider a fitness center-only membership with a fee more in line with private fitness centers. Keep more current info on your website (closing for holidays, etc.).	11/19/2016 8:00 PM
45	Keep making improvements at Simms park and boat ramp as well as green key park	11/18/2016 5:56 PM
46	gender byist . more transgender options	11/18/2016 5:33 PM
47	We need better beaches. Pinellas has much better ones. Also our rivers are not clean. Too much pollution.	11/18/2016 11:28 AM
48	build a bigger pool to bring in competition and practice teams	11/17/2016 1:09 PM
49	If I live in the city limits I should get a cheaper rate to use the facilities. Since I pay higher taxes.	11/16/2016 7:46 PM
50	payment plan for membership	11/15/2016 7:04 PM
51	Every time we come to Grand Park there either is a bunch of teenagers hanging out or homeless people sleeping on the picnic tables and trash everywhere	11/15/2016 2:53 PM
52	so important to offer here locally at the rec center a youth swimming lesson for Toddlers.	11/15/2016 2:41 PM
53	More open swimming hours for the working class.	11/15/2016 11:38 AM
54	The parks in the city of New port Richey are GREAT !!!!! The New Port Richey Recreation and Aquatic center staff is awesome !!!! Thank you Mike , elaine , Donna , Selma , john , dan , Steve , norm , Tim , Matt , Justin , Thomas , zach , Chandler , Charlie , James , Bree , Cathy , David , and everyone I forget for a great job at keeping the facility and the city clean and safe !!!!!	11/14/2016 9:24 PM
55	A disc golf course would be phenomenal! I've always thought that the space next to Marlowe Elementary school might be a good spot...would love to know more about how citizens can become involved.	11/14/2016 3:40 PM
56	Before you spend any money on the Aquatic Center, finish all the additions to sim Park	11/14/2016 3:38 PM
57	Design parks with small paved paths, lighting, ponds, benches, fountains - better landscaping: flowers, gardens - modernize, select tropical trees with less trimming and bugs like palms - create a more tropical, lively feel in the city	11/13/2016 4:39 PM
58	HIRE SUMMER MARTIN	11/13/2016 2:21 PM
59	Hiring Summer Martin	11/13/2016 2:04 PM
60	More programs for special needs children.	11/12/2016 2:35 PM
61	none at all	11/12/2016 12:57 PM
62	yes I want them to add poukore stuff.	11/12/2016 12:40 PM
63	fron desk staff at the rec center is amazing!! We love it at the rec	11/12/2016 11:38 AM
64	Lower the damn prices. Really. I'd much rather have fewer programs and facilities that MORE people can use than a lot of programs and facilities that only a few can afford. Do you even know what the median income is for the surrounding area?	11/11/2016 3:36 PM
65	we need good quality parks so the community can come together	11/11/2016 12:24 PM
66	Keep up the progress and patrolling the area from crime. Thank You!	11/11/2016 12:20 PM
67	I would love to see more activities from the City of New Port Richey and more nature parks. I also believe New Port Richey could be a little better with advertising events and activities.	11/9/2016 6:17 PM
68	fuck james Charles tate 3	11/8/2016 7:12 PM
69	no	11/8/2016 4:41 PM
70	month to month passes/memberships. trampoline rooms for fitness..	11/8/2016 3:52 PM
71	access to computers and more gaming rooms and activities. like D&D, Minecraft. Five Nights at Freddy's.	11/8/2016 3:16 PM
72	Remove the park parking fees.	11/8/2016 2:32 PM
73	More frequently update facility equipment.	11/8/2016 12:40 PM
74	better security at parks	11/8/2016 7:30 AM
75	Better parking layout in the front of the Rec center (get rid of the grass next to the senior center and make it parking).	11/7/2016 5:11 PM

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76	The city should emphasize its river more. It already has facilities, but fails to promote and expand upon them. This could be a unique identifier for. NPR	11/7/2016 2:49 PM
77	Connect all the parks with running,biking, skating trails. Make the trail along the river wider and expand it further north along the river. Talk with port richiey about them continuing the path the length of grand to 19 and Gill Dog Marina area.	11/7/2016 1:39 PM
78	Wonderful Parks and staff is great.	11/3/2016 1:15 PM

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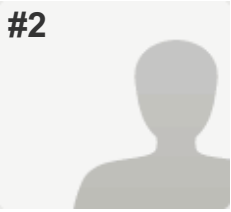
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Great Park. Love it.

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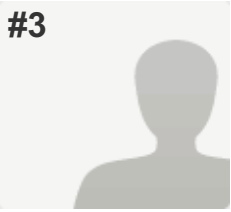
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It's well-kept and we enjoy the events and that's a nice place to take kids to the playground

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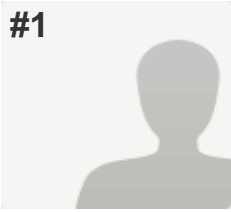
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Great park to walk in

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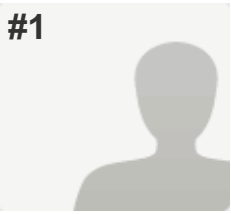
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This place is amazing. Absolutely beautiful.

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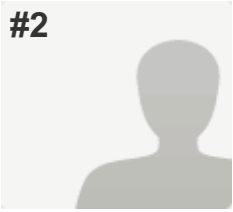
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There is no improvements or additions that are needed, other than getting rid of sandspurs on the southern part near the water

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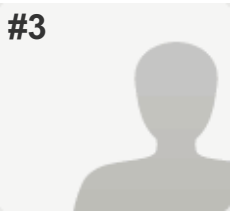
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I like it the way it is. It is a small neighborhood park so please don't add anything else to it if anything get rid of some of the sandSpurs

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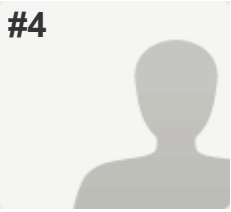
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I like the park - a few more covered picnic areas would be nice. there's quite a few sand Spurs though. maybe some flowers out front of the sign would be pretty but we love the quaintness of the park. thank you

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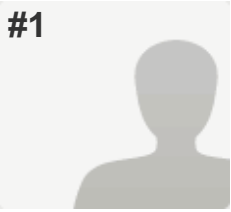
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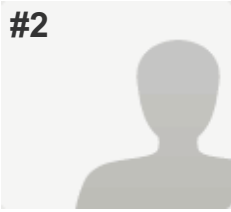
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I would say number one is coming into the park we need to have the blacktop get rid of that Limestone makes the car still think a lot of people don't want to come into the park new branches summer shade I know we had two trees that were destroyed by the other dogs and the grassy areas very bad to eat too much sand thank you.

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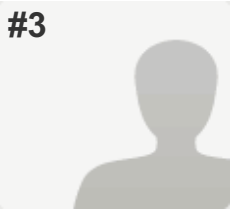
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It is nice. Bigger would be better.

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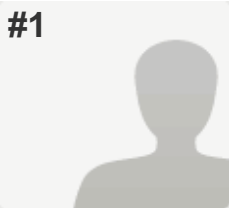
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Great Park but needs more parking but take our dogs there every weekend.



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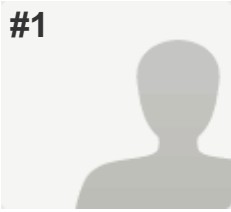
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Nice facility

#1



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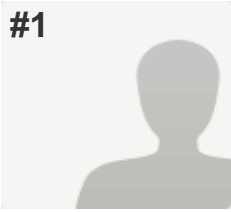
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Q1: Thank you for taking the time to help us improve the City of New Port Richey Pine Hill Park! In the box below, tell us what you think of Pine Hill Park. What do you like about the park? What do you not like about the park? What improvements would you like to see in the park?

Better fields the dirt is to hard. Scoreboards need fixed also

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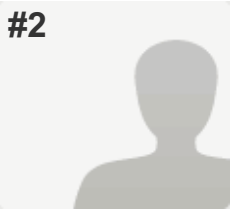
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Q1: Thank you for taking the time to help us improve the City of New Port Richey Recreation & Aquatic Center! In the box below, tell us what you think of the Recreation & Aquatic Center. What do you like about the Center? What do you not like about the Center? What improvements would you like to see in the Recreation & Aquatic Center?

This center is great the way it is!!

#2



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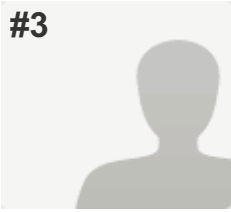
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Q1: Thank you for taking the time to help us improve the City of New Port Richey Recreation & Aquatic Center! In the box below, tell us what you think of the Recreation & Aquatic Center. What do you like about the Center? What do you not like about the Center? What improvements would you like to see in the Recreation & Aquatic Center?

Need an indoor playground and a skate park.
Staff are great!

#3



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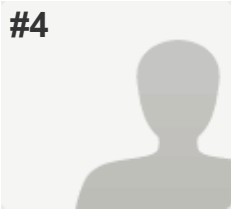
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What I like about the facility is that the Aquatic Center is a wonderful place for families, with a small waterpark feel.

What I don't like is the small size and lack of equipment in the fitness center. It gets too crowded and I am not interested in using it as a result.

I would like to see an expanded fitness center.

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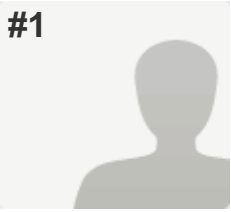
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Love the facility. Need child watch and arcade games for the kids.

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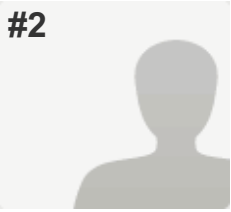
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Q1: Thank you for taking the time to help us improve the City of New Port Richey Sims Park/Orange Lake! In the box below, tell us what you think of Sims Park/Orange Lake. What do you like about the park? What do you not like about the park? What improvements would you like to see in the park?

Your park is full of hate.

#2



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Q1: Thank you for taking the time to help us improve the City of New Port Richey Sims Park/Orange Lake! In the box below, tell us what you think of Sims Park/Orange Lake. What do you like about the park? What do you not like about the park? What improvements would you like to see in the park?

Great park, I like the intentional use of shade, including strategic use of existing trees. I do not like that the playground has so many entrances, it's a security risk for people with multiple children. I'd like to have fewer exists to monitor and I hear this from others as well. A police presence/foot patrol would be a welcome sight. Excercise equipment obstructs view of the lake when you are using them.

C. Interview Notes



City of New Port Richey Parks and Recreation Master Plan Stakeholder Interview Questions

Council/ Manager #1:

1. **Review of Scope/ Schedule:** Do you have any questions about the project scope/ methodology?
 - Long and short: pragmatic enough to get Sims Park to a certain point, so City could finish something.
 - In a nutshell: being asked to agree on a timeline, management team hasn't provided numbers, audit information
 - When I put dollars and cents to it, want to know if we can afford it
 - One of the legs that holds up the table is parks and rec 14 months behind in aquatics and recreation center; Sims Park behind; being hampered by 30%
 - Shown up at meetings with new information, while at dais
 - Prepare to be flexible, viable; staff will move cheese
 - Strategic Plan was supposed to get to Council once completed budget; need to review old plan for consistency with recommendations
2. **Needs:** Based on what you know, see and hear about your community, what do you believe are the top priority parks and recreation needs?
 - Everybody thinks we did a great job with Simms Park
 - Internal fight re: providing a consistent deliverable and LOS out of Aquatics/ Rec center: overbuilt for market, built in wrong location: backed off on # employees, hours of operation; need to increase
 - How many use Center, when do you use it?
 - Neither sports nor swimming offset costs to break even
 - Have had 3 different rate studies for center. Have not done a good job of establishing identity, market. Ask Elaine for study from Sports Management Group, cost-recovery goals, etc.
 - Don't have internal software updated
 - Major proponent of buying additional land for Gray Preserve, plus another 6 acres
 - Need to finish Phase 2 of Simms Park; create a plan (3- 5 year) for CIP at Grey Preserve, make it part of marketing plan, community enhancement; go back into local community parks such as Frances Park, spruce them up

- Need to work with Pasco County, other municipalities to build a bigger sports complex on west side of the County; did away with girls' softball at that location because of travel ball, etc.; most users are not City residents; should there not a bigger/better plan for west County baseball?
 - Tax dollars are entrusted to us to provide a level-of-service; however, about 43-44% goes to payroll, benefits, pension benefits for fire and police
 - Water and sewer utility provides funding, along with Pennies for Pasco
 - Hacienda being renovated as a hotel, original 1924 footprint; limited by grant funding; potential recreational use?
 - Big elephant in room is consolidated VA facility
3. **Priorities:** Of the needs listed above, what are your top 3 priorities?
- Phase 2 Sims Park
 - Grey Preserve improvements
 - Improvements at other parks, incl. Frances Avenue (current), baseball complex
4. **Benchmark Communities:** As we analyze your system, who should we compare you to? Are there any communities that you wish to emulate?
- River, Hwy 19, historic downtown, non-profit hospital; no exact comparables, no other place like NPR
 - Decide what we want to be

Council/ Manager #2:

- Trying to recruit families to move to NPR
 - Jason (Principal of Gulf Middle School) has been working on school rankings
 - Site furnishings, buildings are important; reflect character of neighborhoods\
 - Jasmine Park ideas
 - Maintenance is important
 - Homelessness is an issue
 - How do we address economic, social issues? (e.g. HPPSs)
 - Each neighborhood park will require a neighborhood master planning process
1. **Review of Scope/ Schedule:** Do you have any questions about the project scope/ methodology?
No
2. **Needs:** Based on what you know, see and hear about your community, what do you believe are the top priority parks and recreation needs?

- Small parks are neglected, need to be improved; placemaking
- Each park needs its own identity; e.g. Frances is a small community park
- Plummer Field needs improvement, not very inviting, not enough parking
- New sports complex proposed for Starkey Ranch, 15 – 20 minutes away
- Kayak launch at Jasmin Park
- Improvements to Jasmin, Frances Parks

3. **Priorities:** Of the needs listed above, what are your top 3 priorities?

- Quality facilities that are well-maintained
- Improvements to Jasmin, Frances Parks

4. **Benchmark Communities:** As we analyze your system, who should we compare you to? Are there any communities that you wish to emulate?

- Sick of being benchmarked against other communities
- People keep comparing us to Dunedin

Council/ Manager #3:

1. **Review of Scope/ Schedule:** Do you have any questions about the project scope/ methodology?

No

2. **Needs:** Based on what you know, see and hear about your community, what do you believe are the top priority parks and recreation needs?

- Don't hear much
- Believe that, in general, we need to upgrade all of the facilities are park properties
- Need to program additional amenities and Grey Nature Preserve
- Need a little bit from special interests; skateboard park, pickleball courts
- See the City take ownership of Green Key Beach (intersection of US 19 Green Key)
- Trails are very important

3. **Priorities:** Of the needs listed above, what are your top 3 priorities?

- upgrade all of the facilities are park properties
- Need to program additional amenities and Grey Nature Preserve

4. **Benchmark Communities:** As we analyze your system, who should we compare you to? Are there any communities that you wish to emulate?

- No; City has responsibility to raise the bar, establish the standards

Council/ Manager #4:

1. **Review of Scope/ Schedule:** Do you have any questions about the project scope/ methodology?

No.
2. **Needs:** Based on what you know, see and hear about your community, what do you believe are the top priority parks and recreation needs?
 - Not a whole lot on the needs side
 - Absolute amazement that Simms Park came out as well as it did
 - Need to complete Phase 2 of Simms; need more swing sets, porch swings by the river, completion of Orange Lake improvements
 - Concern that we focus too much on downtown, not enough on neighborhoods
 - Solution is to look at neighborhood parks, e.g. Orange Grove Park, Jasmin Park including boat docks, bench swings; more passive uses
 - Haven't had neighborhood-level planning since before great recession
 - Have done a good job with special events, not with more passive areas; less intensive uses
 - "Spiff up" existing parks
 - Need to take advantage of river, greatest asset
 - Sidewalk to Frances Ave. boat ramp
 - Boat tours up river to Gray Preserve; add food, naturalist, other "layers"
3. **Priorities:** Of the needs listed above, what are your top 3 priorities?
 - Finish Orange Lake/ Sims Park (phase 2)
 - Fix Russ Park
 - Add playground equipment, other passive amenities to neighborhood parks (don't need restrooms)
4. **Benchmark Communities:** As we analyze your system, who should we compare you to? Are there any communities that you wish to emulate?
 - Not directly, not like Dunedin, Tarpon Springs, Dade City
 - Have assets: special events, parks, birthday party venues, rec center, river, neighborhoods

Council/ Manager #5

1. **Review of Scope/ Schedule:** Do you have any questions about the project scope/ methodology?

No.

2. **Needs:** Based on what you know, see and hear about your community, what do you believe are the top priority parks and recreation needs?

- Need to divide Rec Center from remainder of parks system because Rec Center charges, other entities are free
- 65% ALICE threshold (asset limited but income restrained employed)
- People cannot afford to come here
- City is currently at +/- 40% cost recovery
- 2012 market study for rec center (get a copy)
- No feasibility study for \$2.2M expansion plans
- Not activities at any park other than Simms; e.g. Frances Park could be programmed
- Too many employees at rec center, add programs to other parks
- Jasmin Park is right on river, no way to access
- Russ Park needs to be improved
- Need benches at dog park
- People want things to do, want it to be clean, neat, safe
- Location of park informs needs, e.g. Frances Park should relate to middle school, high school (appropriate playground), natural area of the river (jon boat access); programs on afternoons?
- Joint programming with schools?
- Old hospital being torn down (owned by HCA); City hopes that the VA will build new hospital
- Rec center could offer GED classes
- Hook up with Metropolitan Ministries
- More people need to feel like they are members of the community, need low/ no-cost recreation opportunities.
- Shift from economic development (now have 80% occupancy in downtown) to ALICE
- Metrics: % classified as "ALICE"; % homes owner-occupied
- People who work in rec center need to get out of the building
- Coordinate with the principals, find out what middle school kids needs are
- Doing a lot of work in the County to connect to trails; need to contact County re: trails maps, connect to Pinellas Trail, river, City, Starkey

3. **Priorities:** Of the needs listed above, what are your top 3 priorities?
 - Activities at the parks for no cost at each park
4. **Benchmark Communities:** As we analyze your system, who should we compare you to? Are there any communities that you wish to emulate?

No

Council/ Manager #6:

1. **Review of Scope/ Schedule:** Do you have any questions about the project scope/ methodology?
 - We are not reaching millennials; could we do a webinar?
 - Could we survey residents at special events?
 - Have a good supply of affordable housing
 - We are a Main Street City, have volunteers willing to maintain parks
2. **Needs:** Based on what you know, see and hear about your community, what do you believe are the top priority parks and recreation needs?
 - Boat ramps and docks for public use
 - Acquire land at Simms Park boat ramps for parking and docks
 - Need to connect Orange Lake, Sims Park, Rec Center; create branding, signage along corridor, more pedestrian and bike friendly
 - Not hearing a need for Orange Lake improvements, such as docks
 - Signage and wayfinding; would like to see significant, iconic branding in all of our parks, e.g. bollards with ropes
 - Need features, public art such as maze, obelisk, bat house, in other parks (ex. Oso Creek Trail, Mission Viejo)
 - Each park should have some element that is iconic, some elements that are contemplative, some public art
 - Make people aware of all the things to do here
 - More programming to connect with nature, make people more aware of parks – birds, bats, etc.
 - Public art, e.g. call for artists that interpret each park's character, history, etc., Gene Sarazen invited sand wedge here, Chasco Fiesta
 - Marketing: Need to make people more aware of Peace hall, other opportunities. Do not have effective, central marketing across the board
 - Duplication, conflicts between parks, libraries? Marketing in silos? Need one message that transcends departments
 - Need central calendar of City events?

3. **Priorities:** Of the needs listed above, what are your top 3 priorities?
 - Incorporation of public art, history, icon park images
 - Incorporation of natural elements, e.g. bat house and programs
 - Coordinated marketing, broad and inclusive, not in silos
4. **Benchmark Communities:** As we analyze your system, who should we compare you to? Are there any communities that you wish to emulate?

Swimmers + Dog Park:

1. **Review of Scope/ Schedule:** Do you have any questions about the project scope/ methodology?
2. **Needs:** Based on what you know, see and hear about your community, what do you believe are the top priority parks and recreation needs?

a. **Swim:** 50-meter pool similar to the Long Center (but not indoor), 8 eight lanes, be able to switch to be 24 lanes to be 25 m. St. Pete is a great example of how they made a premier facility. They didn't allow people to develop big. They have a 50-meter pool, then a 25x25 meter for water polo, master swimmers. Also have a zero-entry pool, slide pool, and everything is walkable. They use the parks in tune with that. This facility is set up the same, the only thing that is missing is a 50-meter pool.

Signage throughout the community for the aquatic and recreation center is not good. Signage is too small. Not enough people know about this facility.

Need more programs for aquatics – no swimming in the winter, only Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday for the public to use the 25-meter pool in the winter.

Could offer swim lessons 9 months, if not year-round.

25-yard pool is the only one that is heated (Pipeline pays for the heating bill). Pipeline also pays lifeguards, coach, and help with small CIPs. Pipeline is set up as an LLC, but functions more as a non-profit. Pipeline absorbs a lot of costs and breaks even every year.

Diving well could be used for practice water polo, deep water aerobics, synchronized swimming

If the plunge pool was heated, it would provide opportunities for water aerobics, therapy.

Membership only covers use of facilities, have to pay extra for programs. \$3 for members, \$5 for non-members. Classes are free at most health clubs and YMCA.

Facility is underused. Cannot run swim meets because it is not deep enough, on purpose.

Dog Park: Existing park is good, but big dog park is out of way, hard to get to, then go behind the house. Should move the park to another location (e.g. Sims Park, Recreation and Aquatic Center).

Signage is bad. Poor marketing,

3. **Priorities:** Of the needs listed above, what are your top 3 priorities?

Swimming Priorities:

1. Marketing – Let realtors know to
2. 50-meter pool (heated) (No 50-meter pool in the County, the closest one is 1 hour away. Prime location for people from Spring Hill and Lando Lakes. Already host high school meets, and is the best Pool in Pasco County)
3. Heated plunge pool
4. More programming provided by 50-meter pool and heated plunge pool

Dog Park Priorities:

1. Better signage to get to the dog park, park, and walk to the park.
2. Better and more parking
3. Better location for the dog park

4. **Benchmark Communities:** As we analyze your system, who should we compare you to? Are there any communities that you wish to emulate?

St. Pete Pool

Tennis + Pickleball:

1. **Review of Scope/ Schedule:** Do you have any questions about the project scope/ methodology?
2. **Needs:** Based on what you know, see and hear about your community, what do you believe are the top priority parks and recreation needs?

Tennis: More courts and different surfaces (clay and synthetic surfaces).
5 lighted additional clay courts.

6 Permanent 36' and 6-Permanent 60' courts for children under 8 to develop younger tennis players and hold tournaments because the closest one is in Hillsborough Community College (one-hour away).

Since the City can't do leagues so the people that learn here have to go elsewhere to play in leagues. Loose money because they don't have leagues. Great courts could bring in tournaments.

Poor lighting. Lighting fixtures are too high and angled poorly. Becomes a safety.

USTA could provide funding for kids (could go 50%/50%)

Pickleball: Need time and court. Restricted to three courts in few hours (Monday -Friday). The City provides racquets and balls.

4 outdoor dedicated pickleball.

Would like to have four courts from 6:00 am to 12:00 pm. Could line the gym for 6 courts.

Need Onyx Pickle balls.

Shade to block sunlight.

3. **Priorities:** Of the needs listed above, what are your top 3 priorities?

Tennis:

1. Adjusted tennis lighting to encourage night playing which now is dangerous
2. 6 lighted har-tru (or other synthetic surfaces - grass) courts

3. 5 permanent children's courts

Pickleball:

1. 4 lighted outdoor courts in one park.
4. **Benchmark Communities:** As we analyze your system, who should we compare you to? Are there any communities that you wish to emulate?

Skateboarders:

1. Review of Scope/ Schedule: Do you have any questions about the project scope/ methodology?
2. Needs: Based on what you know, see and hear about your community, what do you believe are the top priority parks and recreation needs?

Skateboarding: Closest skate park is Tampa or Clearwater, about 1 hour drive. Existing facility is dangerous and not monitored, which is leading to poor behavior; which will not allow new members to use. All current skaters drive to Tampa. Or skate in local businesses.

Difficult to mix skating and biking.

Hire Clearwater Instructor for a skate summer camp, provides skateboarding lessons and equipment (economical and safe). Summer camp can help pay for itself.

Park in a better location that is more visible and work with the skating community to develop a skate park that they really like, and that is better than what the City currently has.

*Community Centers building maker spaces for adults and kids. Work with Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) who donate their time to help kids.

3. **Priorities:** Of the needs listed above, what are your top 3 priorities?

Skateboarding:

1. New skate park (that is compatible with bicyclist)
2. Skate programs

4. **Benchmark Communities:** As we analyze your system, who should we compare you to? Are there any communities that you wish to emulate?

Fitness + Walkers:

1. **Review of Scope/ Schedule:** Do you have any questions about the project scope/ methodology?
2. **Needs:** Based on what you know, see and hear about your community, what do you believe are the top priority parks and recreation needs?

NPR Running: Problem is having running routes. Now that it is dark early, we are having issues that people are not seeing because it is too dark and can't see, streets don't work.

Thanksgiving Gobble Run which was held at James E. Grey Preserve which was a huge success. But it was difficult to get there. Park is hard to find, people got lost getting to the park. Park closes at dark so they can't use it as a run club. A lot of potential to use the park.

Sims Park, don't run around the park but run through it.

Need running routes – that doesn't have curb or pot holes. Nicely paved, well lit, wouldn't have to cross busy roads.

Also, do biking. Any group biking, they go to Starkey Park, which has a great bike trail. Bike safety is a big concern. Drivers don't understand that you should give people enough room.

Need a dedicated multi-purpose trail that is at least 5 miles. Running/biking path along the river would be ideal; from Sims north to Gill Dawgs, under Highway 19).

Explore basic route in town that starts in Johnny Grits, runs through Sims Park, up Massachusetts.

Also, run in Gulfview Square Mall, came to an agreement with them. They run around the mall (which is 1 mile). They provide the yellow cones and a security guard that helps patrol. Are even running in the mall during the last mall. Want to

combine the route with Salts Springs Park, where they will be building a restroom.

Ideal Route: Needs to be a restaurant with outdoor seating area that can hold about 50 people. Ask the restaurant to give specials. #keepmoving

3. **Priorities:** Of the needs listed above, what are your top 3 priorities?
 1. Safety
 2. Condition of the road
 3. Lighting
4. **Benchmark Communities:** As we analyze your system, who should we compare you to? Are there any communities that you wish to emulate?

Playground Mom's Club, Kayakers & Boaters:

1. **Review of Scope/ Schedule:** Do you have any questions about the project scope/ methodology?
2. **Needs:** Based on what you know, see and hear about your community, what do you believe are the top priority parks and recreation needs?

Boat Ramps/Kayak/Canoes: Boat ramps are very limited. Parking is very limited. Need more parking and boat ramps. The City needs to be aggressively looking for properties along the river for boat ramps.

City should explore land on the Gulf.

The city has done a pretty good job of adding kayak/canoe launches.

Need better access for kayak/canoes that is safer in James E. Grey preserve, it is one of the most popular spots on the river. Have done a good job with Frances and Sims.

Could charge people to park \$2, \$5, to \$10. People will pay for it.

Need to sign the Church so boaters can park at the Church.

Playground Mom's Club: Pavilions are really small, especially for what they are charging. Need larger pavilions with more tables. Currently food takes up all the table space and we have to bring another table for the Mom's to sit in.

Need baby swings. Under 5 playground is not very big, need more of that.

Maintenance of pavilions and playground - The seat belts are broken. Check for wasp's nests and bugs under tables in pavilions and playgrounds.

Dog parks.

3. **Priorities:** Of the needs listed above, what are your top 3 priorities?

Boats/Kayak/Canoes

1. Acquisition of land for boat ramps (parking will come).
2. Boat parking (Charge for boat parking at the church lot near the Sims Boat Ramp.)
3. Better canoe/kayak at James E. Grey Preserve

Playground

1. More playgrounds for kids under 5, especially infant swings
2. Maintenance of swings – fix seatbelts
3. Make bigger pavilions and add tables.
4. More dog parks

4. **Benchmark Communities:** As we analyze your system, who should we compare you to? Are there any communities that you wish to emulate?

West Pasco Little League (Controls Pinehill Park – City Owned/County Operated):

1. **Review of Scope/ Schedule:** Do you have any questions about the project scope/ methodology?
2. **Needs:** Based on what you know, see and hear about your community, what do you believe are the top priority parks and recreation needs?

Baseball League: Need additional parking. Have been in conversations with the City to purchase lots for parking. Currently people park on the street. 400 kids in the league, get worried about walking on the street. Everyone ends up parking on

the street. There is a Church across the street that doesn't help out, they tow people if they park there.

More sidewalks throughout the park. From dugout to dugout. Currently mostly sand areas that make it difficult to walk, kids push strollers through sand/dirt.

Concession stand is about 20 years old, could use a new roof. City helped them redo the dugouts which was big. Rotary club has helped.

Average about 400 kids for Spring Season, a little less during the Fall. Don't see a need for additional fields. Fluctuate between 375 to 425. Have not exceeded those limits. 4 fields are sufficient.

Have some open space in the back, could use another batting cage, playground could be helpful, sails over the bleachers for protection and shade.

3. **Priorities:** Of the needs listed above, what are your top 3 priorities?
 1. Parking
 2. Sidewalks
 3. Upgrade on concession stand.
4. **Benchmark Communities:** As we analyze your system, who should we compare you to? Are there any communities that you wish to emulate?

D. Estimates of Probable Cost Back-Up

Cotee River Park

		<u>Item</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Unit Cost</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
A.	Hardscape & Courts					
	1	Parking (restriping for angled parking)	EA	\$1,000.00	3	\$3,000.00
	2	Public Art Pedestals	EA	\$5,000.00	1	\$5,000.00
	Subtotal			\$6,000.00		\$8,000.00
B.	Achitecture & Structures					
	1	Picnic Pavilions - Small (12' x 12' w/concrete pad)	EA	\$17,000.00	3	\$51,000.00
	2	Information Kiosk (at intersecting streets)	EA	\$8,500.00	2	\$17,000.00
	3	Docks (PT wood; 8' x 30' street ends)	EA	\$18,000.00	2	\$36,000.00
	4	Canoe-Kayak Launch	EA	\$60,000.00	1	\$60,000.00
	Subtotal			\$103,500.00		\$164,000.00
C.	Site Furnishings & Amenities					
	Upgrade Pedestrian/Area Lighting (outlets in pole, pole, fixture, power & conduit; 160' oc typ plus access walk/pkg area)		EA	\$3,500.00	15	\$52,500.00
	2	Event Power & Water (15 pedestals and service)	AL	\$60,000.00	0	\$0.00
	3	Wi-Fi	AL	\$5,000.00	1	\$5,000.00
	4	Signage & Wayfinding System (5 directional & identification; 18' x 18")	AL	\$1,500.00	5	\$7,500.00
		Benches	EA	\$1,200.00	0	\$0.00
	5	Tables & Chairs (5 moveable sets each interseting street)	EA	\$2,400.00	5	\$12,000.00
	6	Trash Receptacles (includes concrete pad; street ends)	EA	\$1,100.00	5	\$5,500.00
	7	Recycle Receptacles (includes concrete pad; street ends)	EA	\$1,100.00	5	\$5,500.00
	8	Bike Racks (loops; 3 @ each intersecting street)	EA	\$500.00	8	\$4,000.00
		Bike Fix-it Station (w/concrete pad)	EA	\$2,500.00	0	\$0.00
	9	Drinking Fountain (unchilled)	EA	\$3,000.00	1	\$3,000.00
	10	Fitness Equipment (12 stations w/ resilient surface)	LS	\$65,000.00	1	\$65,000.00
		Bollards	EA	\$400.00	0	\$0.00
	11	Dog Waste Stations (street ends)	EA	\$1,500.00	5	\$7,500.00
	Subtotal			\$148,700.00		\$167,500.00
D.	Landscape					
	1	Native Rain Garden Stormwater Improvement	AL	30,000	1	30000
	1	Native Plantings	AL	\$15,000.00	1	
	Subtotal			\$15,000.00		\$0.00
E.	Miscellaneous					
	Subtotal			\$0.00		\$0.00
Combined Subtotal						
Construction Costs						\$731,000.00
Construction & Design Fee Contingencies (30%)						\$219,300.00
Total Construction Costs						\$950,300.00

Frances Avenue Park

	<u>Item</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Unit Cost</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
A.	Hardscape & Courts				
	1 Public Art Pedestals (8' x 8' x 6" concrete pad)	EA	\$1,000.00	5	\$5,000.00
	2 Paved Multipurpose Path (8' width concrete)	SF	\$5.00	14400	\$72,000.00
	3 Multipurpose Court w/fence (asphalt & unlighted)	EA	\$50,000.00	1	\$50,000.00
	4 Boat Launch Drive (16' wide; asphalt)	SF	\$4.00	3200	\$12,800.00
	Subtotal		\$51,009.00		\$139,800.00
B.	Architecture & Structures				
	1 Restroom Building (20' x 30')	EA	\$90,000.00	1	\$90,000.00
	2 Picnic Pavilions - Small (12' x 12' w/concrete pad)	EA	\$17,000.00	4	\$68,000.00
	3 Picnic Pavilions - Group (20' x 30' w/concrete pad)	EA	\$40,000.00	2	\$80,000.00
	4 Information Kiosk	EA	\$8,500.00	1	\$8,500.00
	Subtotal		\$65,500.00		\$246,500.00
C.	Site Furnishings & Amenities				
	1 Playground w/shade structure (mulched surface)	AL	\$150,000.00	1	\$150,000.00
	2 Event Power & Water (7 pedestals and service)	AL	\$30,000.00	1	\$30,000.00
	3 Wi-Fi	AL	\$5,000.00	1	\$5,000.00
	4 Signage & Wayfinding System (10 directional & identification; 18' x 18")	AL	\$1,500.00	10	\$15,000.00
	Benches	EA	\$1,200.00	0	\$0.00
	5 Tables & Chairs (moveable sets)	EA	\$2,400.00	8	\$19,200.00
	6 Trash Receptacles (includes concrete pad)	EA	\$1,100.00	8	\$8,800.00
	7 Recycle Receptacles (includes concrete pad)	EA	\$1,100.00	8	\$8,800.00
	8 Bike Racks (loops)	EA	\$500.00	4	\$2,000.00
	Bike Fix-it Station (w/concrete pad)	EA	\$2,500.00	0	\$0.00
	9 Drinking Fountain (unchilled)	EA	\$3,000.00	1	\$3,000.00
	10 Fitness Equipment (12 stations w/ resilient surface)	LS	\$65,000.00	1	\$65,000.00
	Dog Waste Stations	EA	\$1,500.00	0	\$0.00
	11 Park Boulder Play Element (repositioning)	AL	\$2,500.00	1	\$2,500.00
	12 Dog Park (225' x 250'; graded and sodded; fence, gates, concrete entry aprons)	AL	\$55,000.00	1	\$55,000.00
	Community Garden (fence with gate, water, raised beds, equipment storage; materials only, volunteer installed)	AL	\$3,000.00	1	\$3,000.00
	14 Upgrade pedestrian area lighting	AL	3,500	15	52500
	Subtotal		\$328,800.00		\$419,800.00
D.	Landscape				
	1 Hand Clear Exotic Species (assume 30' width)	LF	\$30.00	600	\$18,000.00
	2 Multipurpose Lawn w/Irrigation (assumes parallel to Louisiana Ave)	SF	85,000	1	85000
	3 Native Rain Garden Stormwater Improvement	AL	30,000	1	30000
	4 Native Plantings	AL	20,000	1	20000
	Subtotal		\$85,030.00		\$0.00
E.	Miscellaneous				
	Subtotal		\$0.00		\$0.00
	Combined Subtotal				
	Construction Costs				\$1,778,400.00
	Construction & Design Fee Contingencies (30%)				\$533,520.00
	Total Construction Costs				\$2,311,920.00

Grand Boulevard Park

	<u>Item</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Unit Cost</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
A.	Hardscape & Courts				
	Subtotal		\$0.00		\$0.00
B.	Architecture & Structures				
	Subtotal		\$0.00		\$0.00
C.	Site Furnishings & Amenities				
	Event Power & Water (7 pedestals and service)	AL	\$30,000.00	0	\$0.00
1	Wi-Fi	AL	\$5,000.00	1	\$5,000.00
	Signage & Wayfinding System (5 directional & identification; 18' x 18")	AL	\$13,000.00	0	\$0.00
	Benches	EA	\$1,200.00	0	\$0.00
2	Tables & Chairs (moveable sets; on waterfront walk)	EA	\$2,400.00	8	\$19,200.00
3	Trash Receptacles (includes concrete pad)	EA	\$1,100.00	2	\$2,200.00
4	Recycle Receptacles (includes concrete pad)	EA	\$1,100.00	2	\$2,200.00
5	Bike Racks (loops)	EA	\$500.00	4	\$2,000.00
	Bike Fix-it Station (w/concrete pad)	EA	\$2,500.00	0	\$0.00
	Drinking Fountain (unchilled)	EA	\$3,000.00	0	\$0.00
	Fitness Equipment (12 stations w/ resilient surface)	LS	\$65,000.00	0	\$0.00
6	Upgrade pedestrian area lighting	AL	\$3,500.00	7	\$24,500.00
7	Dog Waste Stations	EA	\$1,500.00	3	\$4,500.00
	Subtotal		\$129,800.00		\$59,600.00
D.	Landscape				
1	Mangrove Planting	SF	\$2.00	360	\$720.00
2	Littoral Planting (seawall)	SF	\$1.00	1400	\$1,400.00
3	Native Plantings	AL	\$15,000.00	1	
	Subtotal		\$15,003.00		\$0.00
					\$2,120.00
E.	Miscellaneous				
1	Stormwater Treatment & Habitat Improvements	AL	15000	1	15000
	Subtotal		\$15,000.00		\$15,000.00
	Combined Subtotal				
	Construction Costs				\$153,440.00
	Construction & Design Fee Contingencies (30%)				\$46,032.00
	Total Construction Costs				\$199,472.00

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High Street Park

		<u>Item</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Unit Cost</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
A.	Hardscape & Courts					
	1	Public Art	AL	\$5,000.00	1	\$5,000.00
	Subtotal			\$5,000.00		\$5,000.00
B.	Achitecture & Structures					
	1	Picnic Pavilions - Small (12' x 12' w/concrete pad)	EA	\$17,000.00	3	\$51,000.00
	Subtotal			\$17,000.00		\$51,000.00
C.	Site Furnishings & Amenities					
	1	Playground w/shade structure (mulched surface)	AL	\$150,000.00	1	\$150,000.00
		Area Lighting w/power outlets	AL	\$3,500.00	7	\$24,500.00
	2	Event Power & Water (7 pedestals and service)	AL	\$30,000.00	0	\$0.00
	3	Wi-Fi	AL	\$5,000.00	1	\$5,000.00
	4	Signage & Wayfinding System (directional & identification; 18' x 18")	AL	\$1,500.00	3	\$4,500.00
		Benches	EA	\$1,200.00	0	\$0.00
	5	Tables & Chairs (moveable sets)	EA	\$2,400.00	5	\$12,000.00
	6	Trash Receptacles (includes concrete pad)	EA	\$1,100.00	5	\$5,500.00
	7	Recycle Receptacles (includes concrete pad)	EA	\$1,100.00	5	\$5,500.00
	8	Bike Racks (loops)	EA	\$500.00	4	\$2,000.00
		Bike Fix-it Station (w/concrete pad)	EA	\$2,500.00	0	\$0.00
	9	Drinking Fountain (unchilled)	EA	\$3,000.00	1	\$3,000.00
	10	Dog Waste Stations	EA	\$1,500.00	2	\$3,000.00
	Subtotal			\$203,300.00		\$215,000.00
D.	Landscape					
	1	Native Rain Garden Stormwater Improvement	AL	30,000	1	30000
	2	Native Plantings	AL	\$15,000.00	1	
	Subtotal			\$15,000.00		\$0.00
E.	Miscellaneous					
	Subtotal			\$0.00		\$0.00
	Combined Subtotal					
	Construction Costs					\$597,000.00
	Construction & Design Fee Contingencies (30%)					\$179,100.00
	Total Construction Costs					\$776,100.00

James E. Grey Preserve

	<u>Item</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Unit Cost</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
A.	Hardscape & Courts				
	1 Public Art	AL	\$5,000.00	5	\$25,000.00
	2 Paved Multipurpose Path (8' width & 1 mile; asphalt)	SF	\$4.00	42,250	\$169,000.00
	3 Fine Aggregate Overlay (parking area)	SF	\$1.50	80,000	\$120,000.00
	4 ADA Decomposed Granite Paths (8' width)	SF	\$2.50	3200	\$8,000.00
	5 Mulched Trails (8' width)	SF	\$1.00	42240	\$42,240.00
	Subtotal		\$5,009.00		\$364,240.00
B.	Architecture & Structures				
	1 Picnic Pavilions - Small (12' x 12' w/concrete pad)	EA	\$17,000.00	6	\$102,000.00
	2 Picnic Pavilions - Group (20' x 30' w/concrete pad)	EA	\$40,000.00	2	\$80,000.00
	3 Information Kiosk	EA	\$8,500.00	3	\$25,500.00
	4 Canoe-Kayak Launch (Congress St Entrance)	EA	\$60,000.00	1	\$60,000.00
	5 Observation Tower (75' ht)	AL	\$500,000.00	1	\$500,000.00
	6 Drawbridge (connection to Meadow Park)	AL	\$100,000.00	1	\$100,000.00
	7 Nature/Environmental Learning Center (bldg only)	SF	\$135.00	4,680	\$631,800.00
	8 Youth Camping (12 primitive sites, 2 - covered outdoor classrooms, restroom bldg, campfire circle)	AL	\$115,000.00	1	\$115,000.00
	Subtotal		\$725,635.00		\$1,614,300.00
C.	Site Furnishings & Amenities				
	1 Playground w/shade structure (mulched surface)	AL	\$100,000.00	1	\$100,000.00
	2 Event Power & Water (7 pedestals and service)	AL	\$30,000.00	1	\$30,000.00
	3 Wi-Fi (one system w/multiple antenna locations)	AL	\$10,000.00	1	\$10,000.00
	4 Signage & Wayfinding System (10 directional & identification; 18' x 18")	AL	\$1,500.00	10	\$100,000.00
	5 Interpretive Signage (7-18" x 36" panels)	AL	\$21,000	1	21000
	Benches	EA	\$1,200.00	0	\$0.00
	6 Tables & Chairs (moveable sets)	EA	\$2,400.00	8	\$19,200.00
	7 Trash Receptacles (includes concrete pad)	EA	\$1,100.00	10	\$11,000.00
	8 Recycle Receptacles (includes concrete pad)	EA	\$1,100.00	10	\$11,000.00
	9 Bike Racks (loops)	EA	\$500.00	8	\$4,000.00
	10 Bike Fix-it Station (w/concrete pad)	EA	\$2,500.00	1	\$2,500.00
	11 Drinking Fountain (unchilled)	EA	\$3,000.00	2	\$6,000.00
	12 Fitness Equipment (12 stations w/ resilient surface)	LS	\$65,000.00	1	\$65,000.00
	13 Dog Waste Stations	EA	\$1,500.00	8	\$12,000.00
	Community Garden (fence with gate, water, raised beds, equipment storage; large garden; materials only, installed by volunteers)	AL	\$5,000.00	1	\$5,000.00
	14 Sustainable Power (solar & wind generation)	AL	\$50,000.00	1	\$50,000.00
	15 Sustainable Water (cistern grey water system)	AL	\$50,000.00	1	\$50,000.00
	16 Canoe/Kayak Concession (office and equip. storage, racks)	AL	\$70,000.00	0	\$0.00 By concessionaire
	Subtotal		\$415,800.00		\$496,700.00
D.	Landscape				
	Native Rain Garden Stormwater Improvement	AL	30,000	1	30000
	Subtotal		\$0.00		\$0.00
E.	Miscellaneous				
	Subtotal		\$0.00		\$0.00
	Combined Subtotal				\$4,646,240.00
	Construction Costs				\$1,393,872.00
	Construction & Design Fee Contingencies (30%)				\$1,393,872.00
	Total Construction Costs				\$6,040,112.00

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Jasmin Park

	<u>Item</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Unit Cost</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
A.	Hardscape & Courts				
	1 Paved Multipurpose Path (concrete)	SF	\$5.00	4600	\$23,000.00
	Subtotal		\$5.00		\$23,000.00
B.	Architecture & Structures				
	1 Picnic Pavilions - Small (12' x 12' w/concrete pad)	EA	\$17,000.00	3	\$51,000.00
	2 Information Kiosk	EA	\$8,500.00	1	\$8,500.00
	3 Canoe-Kayak Launch	EA	\$60,000.00	1	\$60,000.00
	4 Park Sign	EA	\$7,000.00	1	\$7,000.00
	Subtotal		\$92,500.00		\$126,500.00
C.	Site Furnishings & Amenities				
	1 Event Power & Water (7 pedestals and service)	AL	\$30,000.00	0	\$0.00
	1 Area Lighting (with electrical outlets)	AL	\$3,500.00	5	\$17,500.00
	2 Wi-Fi	AL	\$5,000.00	1	\$5,000.00
	3 Signage & Wayfinding System (3 directional & identification; 18' x 18")	AL	\$1,500.00	3	\$4,500.00
	Benches	EA	\$1,200.00	0	\$0.00
	4 Tables & Chairs (moveable sets)	EA	\$2,400.00	5	\$12,000.00
	5 Trash Receptacles (includes concrete pad)	EA	\$1,100.00	3	\$3,300.00
	6 Recycle Receptacles (includes concrete pad)	EA	\$1,100.00	3	\$3,300.00
	7 Bike Racks (loops)	EA	\$500.00	4	\$2,000.00
	Bike Fix-it Station (w/concrete pad)	EA	\$2,500.00	0	\$0.00
	8 Drinking Fountain (unchilled)	EA	\$3,000.00	1	\$3,000.00
	9 Dog Waste Stations	EA	\$1,500.00	2	\$3,000.00
	10 Bench Swings	EA	2500	3	7500
	Subtotal		\$55,800.00		\$61,100.00
D.	Landscape				
	1 Landscape Clearing for Visibility	AL	\$2,000.00	1	
	2 Native Rain Garden Stormwater Improvement	AL	30,000	1	30000
	3 Native Plantings	AL	\$15,000.00	1	
	Subtotal		\$47,000.00		\$0.00
	Subtotal				\$30,000.00
E.	Miscellaneous				
	1 Seawall Repair	LF	\$200.00	245	\$49,000.00
	Subtotal		\$200.00		\$49,000.00
	Combined Subtotal				
	Construction Costs				\$556,200.00
	Construction & Design Fee Contingencies (30%)				\$166,860.00
	Total Construction Costs				\$723,060.00

Jasmin Park

	<u>Item</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Unit Cost</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
A.	Hardscape & Courts				
	1 Paved Multipurpose Path (concrete)	SF	\$5.00	4600	\$23,000.00
	Subtotal		\$5.00		\$23,000.00
B.	Architecture & Structures				
	1 Picnic Pavilions - Small (12' x 12' w/concrete pad)	EA	\$17,000.00	3	\$51,000.00
	2 Information Kiosk	EA	\$8,500.00	1	\$8,500.00
	3 Canoe-Kayak Launch	EA	\$60,000.00	1	\$60,000.00
	4 Park Sign	EA	\$7,000.00	1	\$7,000.00
	Subtotal		\$92,500.00		\$126,500.00
C.	Site Furnishings & Amenities				
	1 Event Power & Water (7 pedestals and service)	AL	\$30,000.00	0	\$0.00
	1 Area Lighting (with electrical outlets)	AL	\$3,500.00	5	\$17,500.00
	2 Wi-Fi	AL	\$5,000.00	1	\$5,000.00
	3 Signage & Wayfinding System (3 directional & identification; 18' x 18")	AL	\$1,500.00	3	\$4,500.00
	Benches	EA	\$1,200.00	0	\$0.00
	4 Tables & Chairs (moveable sets)	EA	\$2,400.00	5	\$12,000.00
	5 Trash Receptacles (includes concrete pad)	EA	\$1,100.00	3	\$3,300.00
	6 Recycle Receptacles (includes concrete pad)	EA	\$1,100.00	3	\$3,300.00
	7 Bike Racks (loops)	EA	\$500.00	4	\$2,000.00
	Bike Fix-it Station (w/concrete pad)	EA	\$2,500.00	0	\$0.00
	8 Drinking Fountain (unchilled)	EA	\$3,000.00	1	\$3,000.00
	9 Dog Waste Stations	EA	\$1,500.00	2	\$3,000.00
	10 Bench Swings	EA	2500	3	7500
	Subtotal		\$55,800.00		\$61,100.00
D.	Landscape				
	1 Landscape Clearing for Visibility	AL	\$2,000.00	1	
	2 Native Rain Garden Stormwater Improvement	AL	30,000	1	30000
	3 Native Plantings	AL	\$15,000.00	1	
	Subtotal		\$47,000.00		\$0.00
E.	Miscellaneous				
	1 Seawall Repair	LF	\$200.00	245	\$49,000.00
	Subtotal		\$200.00		\$49,000.00
	Combined Subtotal				
	Construction Costs				\$556,200.00
	Construction & Design Fee Contingencies (30%)				\$166,860.00
	Total Construction Costs				\$723,060.00

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Meadows Park

		<u>Item</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Unit Cost</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
A.		Hardscape & Courts				
	1	Public Art	AL	\$5,000.00	1	\$5,000.00
	2	Paved Multipurpose Path (8' width;concrete)	SF	\$5.00	12000	\$60,000.00
		Decomposed Granite in Existing Dog Enclosure	SF	\$2.50	20,000	
		Subtotal		\$5,007.50		\$65,000.00
B.		Architecture & Structures				
	1	Picnic Pavilions - Small (12' x 12' w/concrete pad)	EA	\$17,000.00	3	\$51,000.00
	2	Picnic Pavilions - Group (20' x 30' w/concrete pad)	EA	\$40,000.00	1	\$40,000.00
	3	Information Kiosk	EA	\$8,500.00	1	\$8,500.00
		Subtotal		\$65,500.00		\$99,500.00
C.		Site Furnishings & Amenities				
	1	Playground w/shade structure (mulched surface)	AL	\$150,000.00	1	\$150,000.00
		Event Power & Water (7 pedestals and service)	AL	\$30,000.00	0	\$0.00
	2	Area Lighting (outlets in poles)	AL	\$3,500.00	15	\$52,500.00
	3	Wi-Fi	AL	\$5,000.00	1	\$5,000.00
	4	Signage & Wayfinding System (5 directional & identification; 18' x 18")	EA	\$1,500.00	5	\$7,500.00
	5	Interpretive Signage (4-18" x 36" panels)	AL	\$3,000	4	12000
		Benches	EA	\$1,200.00	0	\$0.00
	6	Tables & Chairs (moveable sets)	EA	\$2,400.00	5	\$12,000.00
	7	Trash Receptacles (includes concrete pad)	EA	\$1,100.00	5	\$5,500.00
	8	Recycle Receptacles (includes concrete pad)	EA	\$1,100.00	5	\$5,500.00
	9	Bike Racks (loops)	EA	\$500.00	6	\$3,000.00
		Bike Fix-it Station (w/concrete pad)	EA	\$2,500.00	0	\$0.00
	11	Drinking Fountain (unchilled; dog park areas and playground)	EA	\$3,000.00	1	\$3,000.00
	12	Fitness Equipment (12 stations w/ resilient surface)	LS	\$65,000.00	1	\$65,000.00
		Dog Park (225' x 250'; graded and sodded; fence, gates, concrete entry aprons)	AL	\$55,000.00	1	\$55,000.00
	13	Dog Agility Equipment	AL	\$8,000	1	8000
	14	Expand Existing Dog Park into Forested Area	AL	25,000	1	25000
		Subtotal		\$357,800.00		\$409,000.00
D.		Landscape				
	1	Site Landscaping (trees, shrubs & groundcovers, sod & Irrigation)	SF	\$4.00	5000	\$20,000.00
		Subtotal		\$0.00		\$0.00
		Subtotal				\$20,000.00
E.		Miscellaneous				
	1	Aquire Homes (based upon area listings)	EA	\$150,000.00	3	\$450,000.00
	2	Demo Playground Shelter & Fencing	AL	\$5,000	1	5000
		Stormwater Treatment & Habitat Improvements (parking area and pretreatment prior to river outfall)	AL	\$20,000	1	20000
	3	Clearing of Understory	AL	10,000	1	
		Subtotal		\$185,000.00		\$475,000.00
		Combined Subtotal				
		Construction Costs				\$2,072,000.00
		Construction & Design Fee Contingencies (30%)				\$621,600.00
		Total Construction Costs				\$2,693,600.00

Orange Grove Park

		<u>Item</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Unit Cost</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
A.		Hardscape & Courts				
	1	Public Art	AL	\$5,000.00	1	\$5,000.00
	2	Paved Multipurpose Path (concrete)	SF	\$5.00	800	\$4,000.00
		Subtotal		\$5,005.00		\$9,000.00
B.		Architecture & Structures				
	1	Picnic Pavilions - Small (12' x 12' w/concrete pad)	EA	\$17,000.00	1	\$17,000.00
		Docks (PT wood; 8' wide and integrated with canoe/kayak launch)	EA	\$18,000.00	0	\$0.00
	3	Canoe-Kayak Launch	EA	\$60,000.00	1	\$60,000.00
		Subtotal		\$95,000.00		\$77,000.00
C.		Site Furnishings & Amenities				
		Event Power & Water (3 pedestals and service)	AL	\$20,000.00	0	\$0.00
	1	Area Lighting (outlets in poles)	AL	\$3,500.00	3	\$10,500.00
	2	Water Service (meter, 3/4" line, hosebib)	AL	2500	0	0
	3	Signage & Wayfinding System (3 directional & identification; 18' x 18")	EA	\$8,000.00	1	\$8,000.00
		Benches	EA	\$1,200.00	0	\$0.00
	4	Tables & Chairs (moveable sets)	EA	\$2,400.00	3	\$7,200.00
	5	Trash Receptacles (includes concrete pad)	EA	\$1,100.00	1	\$1,100.00
	6	Recycle Receptacles (includes concrete pad)	EA	\$1,100.00	1	\$1,100.00
	7	Bike Racks (loops)	EA	\$500.00	2	\$1,000.00
		Drinking Fountain (unchilled)	EA	\$3,000.00	0	\$0.00
	8	Dog Waste Stations	EA	\$1,500.00	1	\$1,500.00
	9	Bench Swings	EA	2500	2	5000
		Subtotal		\$47,300.00		\$35,400.00
D.		Landscape				
	1	Native Planting	AL	\$5,000.00	1	\$5,000.00
		Subtotal		\$5,000.00		\$0.00
E.		Miscellaneous				
		Subtotal		\$0.00		\$0.00
		Combined Subtotal				
		Construction Costs				\$233,800.00
		Construction & Design Fee Contingencies (30%)				\$70,140.00
		Total Construction Costs				\$303,940.00

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Peace Hall

	<u>Item</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Unit Cost</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
A.	Hardscape & Courts				
	1 Public Art	EA	\$5,000.00	2	\$10,000.00
	2 Valet Parking (modification to 3 spaces on Sims Lane; stand)	AL	\$3,000.00	1	
	Subtotal		\$8,000.00		\$10,000.00
B.	Architecture & Structures				
	Subtotal		\$0.00		\$0.00
C.	Site Furnishings & Amenities				
	1 Wi-Fi	AL	\$5,000.00	1	\$5,000.00
	2 Signage & Wayfinding System (5 directional & identification; 18' x 18")	EA	\$1,500.00	5	\$7,500.00
	3 Trash Receptacles (includes concrete pad)	EA	\$1,100.00	3	\$3,300.00
	4 Recycle Receptacles (includes concrete pad)	EA	\$1,100.00	3	\$3,300.00
	5 Bike Racks (loops)	EA	\$500.00	3	\$1,500.00
	Subtotal		\$9,200.00		\$20,600.00
D.	Landscape				
	1 Site Landscaping (trees, shrubs & groundcovers, sod & Irrigation	SF	\$5.00	1800	\$9,000.00
	Subtotal		\$0.00		\$0.00
E.	Miscellaneous				
	1 Peace Hall Building System Upgrades (MEP)	AL	50000	1	50000
	Subtotal		\$50,000.00		\$50,000.00
	<u>Combined Subtotal</u>				
	Construction Costs				\$160,200.00
	Construction & Design Fee Contingencies (30%)				\$48,060.00
	<u>Total Construction Costs</u>				<u>\$208,260.00</u>

Pine Hill Park

		<u>Item</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Unit Cost</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
A.	Hardscape & Courts					
	1	Parking (areas north of NE & NW fields)	SF	\$4.00	20000	\$80,000.00
	2	Public Art	AL	\$5,000.00	1	\$5,000.00
	3	Paved Multipurpose Path (8' width around and through facility; concrete)	SF	\$5.00	24000	\$120,000.00
	4	Multipurpose Court w/fence (asphalt & unlighted)	EA	\$50,000.00	1	\$50,000.00
	5	Improved Drop-off Area (curbing, stripping and landscaping)	AL	\$25,000.00	1	\$25,000.00
	6	Raised Pedestrian Roadway Crossing (asphalt w/stripping & signage)	AL	\$10,000.00	1	\$10,000.00
	Subtotal			\$90,009.00		\$290,000.00
B.	Architecture & Structures					
	1	Picnic Pavilions - Small (12' x 12' w/concrete pad)	EA	\$17,000.00	8	\$136,000.00
	2	Information Kiosk	EA	\$8,500.00	1	\$8,500.00
	3	Restroom/Concession Building	SF	\$200	2300	460000
	4	Maintenace Building (office, two drive thru bays, storage	SF	150	1300	195000
	Subtotal			\$25,850.00		\$799,500.00
C.	Site Furnishings & Amenities					
	1	Playground w/shade structure (mulched surface)	AL	\$150,000.00	1	\$150,000.00
	2	Wi-Fi	AL	\$5,000.00	10	\$50,000.00
	3	Signage & Wayfinding System (10 directional & identification; 18' x 18")	EA	\$1,500.00	10	\$15,000.00
		Benches	EA	\$1,200.00	0	\$0.00
	4	Tables & Chairs (moveable sets)	EA	\$2,400.00	15	\$36,000.00
	5	Trash Receptacles (includes concrete pad)	EA	\$1,100.00	15	\$16,500.00
	6	Recycle Receptacles (includes concrete pad)	EA	\$1,100.00	15	\$16,500.00
	7	Bike Racks (loops)	EA	\$500.00	8	\$4,000.00
		Bike Fix-it Station (w/concrete pad)	EA	\$2,500.00	0	\$0.00
	8	Drinking Fountain (unchilled)	EA	\$3,000.00	2	\$6,000.00
	9	Fitness Equipment (12 stations w/ resilient surface)	LS	\$65,000.00	1	\$65,000.00
	10	Outfield Netting	LF	\$20	1900	38000
	11	Ballfield Fencing (complete w/backstops)	AL	\$25	3400	85000
	12	Pedestrian area lighting	EA	3500	15	52500
	Subtotal			\$236,845.00		\$534,500.00
D.	Landscape					
	1	Trees (100 gal)	EA	\$600.00	25	\$15,000.00
	2	Tree Irrigation	SF	\$100.00	25	\$2,500.00
	3	Native Planting	AL	\$15,000.00	1	
	Subtotal			\$15,700.00		\$0.00
						\$17,500.00
E.	Miscellaneous					
	1	Improved Drainage	AL	\$50,000	1	50000
	Subtotal			\$0.00		\$50,000.00
Combined Subtotal						
Construction Costs						\$3,093,000.00
Construction & Design Fee Contingencies (30%)						\$927,900.00
Total Construction Costs						\$4,020,900.00

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Recreation and Aquatics Center

	<u>Item</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Unit Cost</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
A.	Hardscape & Courts				
	1 Parking (lot expansion and Van Buren on-street parking)	SF	\$4.00	10300	\$41,200.00
	2 Public Art	AL	\$5,000.00	4	\$20,000.00
	3 Paved Multipurpose Path (8' width; concrete)	SF	\$5.00	18400	\$92,000.00
	4 Pickleball Courts (lighted)	AL	\$50,000	4	200000
	5 Tennis Court Resurfacing & Lighting	AL	100,000	1	100000
	6 Tennis Court (lighted)	EA	\$60,000	4	240000
	Subtotal		\$215,009.00		\$693,200.00
B.	Architecture & Structures				
	1 Picnic Pavilions - Small (12' x 12' w/concrete pad)	EA	\$17,000.00	6	\$102,000.00
	2 Picnic Pavilions - Group (20' x 30' w/concrete pad)	EA	\$40,000.00	1	\$40,000.00
	3 Information Kiosk	EA	\$8,500.00	4	\$34,000.00
	Subtotal		\$65,500.00		\$176,000.00
C.	Site Furnishings & Amenities				
	1 Playground w/shade structure (mulched surface)	AL	\$150,000.00	1	\$150,000.00
	2 Event Power & Water (21 pedestals and service)	AL	\$70,000.00	1	\$70,000.00
	3 Wi-Fi (includes remote antenna)	AL	\$10,000.00	1	\$10,000.00
	4 Signage & Wayfinding System (20 directional & identification; 18' x 18")	EA	\$1,500.00	20	\$30,000.00
	Benches	EA	\$1,200.00	0	\$0.00
	6 Tables & Chairs (moveable sets)	EA	\$2,400.00	16	\$38,400.00
	7 Trash Receptacles (includes concrete pad)	EA	\$1,100.00	20	\$22,000.00
	8 Recycle Receptacles (includes concrete pad)	EA	\$1,100.00	20	\$22,000.00
	9 Bike Racks (loops)	EA	\$500.00	16	\$8,000.00
	10 Bike Fix-it Station (w/concrete pad)	EA	\$2,500.00	1	\$2,500.00
	11 Drinking Fountain (unchilled)	EA	\$3,000.00	4	\$12,000.00
	12 Fitness Equipment (12 stations w/ resilient surface)	LS	\$65,000.00	1	\$65,000.00
	13 Dog Waste Stations	EA	\$1,500.00	12	\$18,000.00
	14 Pedestrian Area Lighting	EA	3,500	35	122500
	Subtotal		\$313,300.00		\$570,400.00
D.	Landscape				
	1 Trees (100 gal)	EA	\$600.00	80	\$48,000.00
	2 Tree Irrigation	SF	\$100.00	80	\$8,000.00
	3 Multipurpose Lawn w/Irrigation	SF	110,000	1	110000
	Native Rain Garden Stormwater Improvement	AL	60,000	1	60000
	Subtotal		\$110,700.00		\$226,000.00
E.	Miscellaneous				
	1 Acquire Homes (based upon area listings)	EA	\$150,000.00	3	\$450,000.00
	2 Skate Park	AL	1,000,000	1	1000000
	3 Native Planting	AL	30000	1	
	Subtotal		\$1,180,000.00		\$1,450,000.00
	Combined Subtotal				
	Construction Costs				\$5,538,000.00
	Construction & Design Fee Contingencies (30%)				\$1,661,400.00
	Total Construction Costs				\$7,199,400.00

River End Park

	<u>Item</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Unit Cost</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
A.	Hardscape & Courts				
	1 Public Art	AL	\$5,000.00	1	\$5,000.00
	2 Paved Multipurpose Path (concrete)	SF	\$5.00	4800	\$24,000.00
	3 Maze (pavers)	SF	\$9.00	400	\$3,600.00
	Subtotal		\$5,014.00		\$32,600.00
B.	Architecture & Structures				
	1 Picnic Pavilions - Small (12' x 12' w/concrete pad)	EA	\$17,000.00	3	\$51,000.00
	Subtotal		\$17,000.00		\$51,000.00
C.	Site Furnishings & Amenities				
	1 Playground w/shade structure (mulched surface)	AL	\$150,000.00	1	\$150,000.00
	Power & Water	AL	\$20,000.00	0	\$0.00
	2 Area Lighting (outlets in poles)	AL	\$3,500.00	6	\$21,000.00
	3 Wi-Fi	AL	\$5,000.00	1	\$5,000.00
	4 Signage & Wayfinding System (5 directional & identification; 18' x 18")	EA	\$1,500.00	5	\$7,500.00
	Benches	EA	\$1,200.00	0	\$0.00
	5 Tables & Chairs (moveable sets)	EA	\$2,400.00	5	\$12,000.00
	6 Trash Receptacles (includes concrete pad)	EA	\$1,100.00	3	\$3,300.00
	7 Recycle Receptacles (includes concrete pad)	EA	\$1,100.00	3	\$3,300.00
	8 Bike Racks (loops)	EA	\$500.00	4	\$2,000.00
	9 Bike Fix-it Station (w/concrete pad)	EA	\$2,500.00	0	\$0.00
	10 Drinking Fountain (unchilled)	EA	\$3,000.00	1	\$3,000.00
	11 Bollards	EA	\$400.00	120	\$48,000.00
	12 Dog Waste Stations	EA	\$1,500.00	3	\$4,500.00
	Pedestrian area lighting with outlets	EA	3500	5	17500
	Subtotal		\$197,200.00		\$277,100.00
D.	Landscape				
	1 Trees (100 gal)	EA	\$600.00	15	\$9,000.00
	2 Tree Irrigation	SF	\$100.00	15	\$1,500.00
	3 Native Rain Garden Stormwater Improvement	AL	30,000	1	30000
	4 Native Planting	AL	\$20,000.00	1	
	Subtotal		\$50,700.00		\$0.00
E.	Miscellaneous				
	Subtotal		\$0.00		\$0.00
	Combined Subtotal				
	Construction Costs				\$769,800.00
	Construction & Design Fee Contingencies (30%)				\$230,940.00
	Total Construction Costs				\$1,000,740.00

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Russ Park

		<u>Item</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Unit Cost</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
A.	Hardscape & Courts					
	1	Public Art	AL	\$5,000.00	1	\$5,000.00
	2	Paved Multipurpose Path (concrete)	SF	\$5.00	3600	\$18,000.00
		Multipurpose Court w/fence (asphalt & unlighted)	EA	\$50,000.00	0	\$0.00
	Subtotal			\$55,005.00		\$23,000.00
B.	Architecture & Structures					
	1	Picnic Pavilions - Small (12' x 12' w/concrete pad)	EA	\$17,000.00	2	\$34,000.00
	2	Information Kiosk	EA	\$8,500.00	1	\$8,500.00
	Subtotal			\$25,500.00		\$42,500.00
C.	Site Furnishings & Amenities					
	1	Playground w/shade structure (mulched surface)	AL	\$120,000.00	1	\$120,000.00
	2	Pedestrian/Area Lighting (outlets in pole, pole, fixture, power & conduit)	EA	\$3,500.00	5	\$17,500.00
		Power & Water	AL	\$20,000.00	0	\$0.00
	4	Wi-Fi	AL	\$5,000.00	1	\$5,000.00
	5	Signage & Wayfinding System (3 directional & identification; 18' x 18")	EA	\$1,500.00	3	\$4,500.00
		Benches	EA	\$1,200.00	0	\$0.00
	6	Tables & Chairs (moveable sets)	EA	\$2,400.00	5	\$12,000.00
	7	Trash Receptacles (includes concrete pad)	EA	\$1,100.00	2	\$2,200.00
	8	Recycle Receptacles (includes concrete pad)	EA	\$1,100.00	2	\$2,200.00
	9	Bike Racks (loops)	EA	\$500.00	1	\$500.00
	10	Drinking Fountain (unchilled)	EA	\$3,000.00	1	\$3,000.00
		Fitness Equipment (12 stations w/ resilient surface)	LS	\$65,000.00	0	\$0.00
	11	Dog Waste Stations	EA	\$1,500.00	2	\$3,000.00
		Community Garden (fence with gate, water, raised beds, equipment storage; materials only, installed by volunteers)	AL	\$5,000.00	1	\$5,000.00
	12	Pipe Swale	AL	\$8,000	1	8000
	Subtotal			\$238,800.00		\$182,900.00
D.	Landscape					
	1	Buffer Planing	AL	\$3,000.00	1	
	2	Native Planting	AL	\$5,000.00	1	
	Subtotal			\$8,000.00		\$0.00
E.	Miscellaneous					
	Subtotal			\$0.00		\$0.00
	Combined Subtotal					
	Construction Costs					\$473,800.00
	Construction & Design Fee Contingencies (30%)					\$142,140.00
	Total Construction Costs					\$615,940.00

Sims Park Orange Lake

		<u>Item</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Unit Cost</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
A.	Hardscape & Courts					
	1	Public Art	AL	\$5,000.00	3	\$15,000.00
	2	Sand Volleyball Courts	EA	\$25,000	4	100000
	Subtotal			\$30,000.00		\$115,000.00
B.	Achitecture & Structures					
	1	Picnic Pavilions	EA	\$17,000.00	5	\$85,000.00
	2	Information Kiosk	EA	\$8,500.00	3	\$25,500.00
	Subtotal			\$17,000.00		\$110,500.00
C.	Site Furnishings & Amenities					
	1	Event Power & Water (7 pedestals and service)	AL	\$30,000.00	1	\$30,000.00
	2	Wi-Fi (with atennas)	AL	\$10,000.00	1	\$10,000.00
	3	Signage & Wayfinding System (10 directional & identification; 18' x 18")	EA	\$1,500.00	10	\$15,000.00
	4	Pedestrian area lighting	EA	\$3,500.00	15	\$52,500.00
	5	Audio System	AL	\$40,000.00	1	\$40,000.00
		Benches	EA	\$1,200.00	0	\$0.00
	6	Tables & Chairs (moveable sets)	EA	\$2,400.00	15	\$36,000.00
	7	Trash Receptacles (includes concrete pad)	EA	\$1,100.00	12	\$13,200.00
	8	Recycle Receptacles (includes concrete pad)	EA	\$1,100.00	12	\$13,200.00
	9	Bike Racks (loops)	EA	\$500.00	8	\$4,000.00
	10	Bike Fix-it Station (w/concrete pad)	EA	\$2,500.00	1	\$2,500.00
	11	Drinking Fountain (unchilled)	EA	\$3,000.00	1	\$3,000.00
	12	Fitness Equipment (12 stations w/ resilient surface)	LS	\$65,000.00	1	\$65,000.00
	13	Dog Waste Stations	EA	\$1,500.00	8	\$12,000.00
	14	Bench Swings	EA	2500	8	20000
	Subtotal			\$165,800.00		\$316,400.00
D.	Landscape					
	1	Sod & Grading	SF	\$1.50	4000	\$6,000.00
	2	Native Rain Garden Stormwater Improvement	AL	30,000	1	30000
	3	Native Planting	AL	30,000	1	30000
	Subtotal			\$1.50		\$0.00
E.	Miscellaneous					
		Phase 2 Improvements (shade structures 8 @ \$17,000 , projection screen (\$50,000) Orange Lake aesthetic improvements (60,000 sf @ \$5)				
	1	\$5)	AL	\$407,000	1	407000
	2	Hacienda Hotel Special Events Venue Rennovation	AL	\$2,000,000	1	2000000
	Subtotal			\$2,407,000.00		\$2,407,000.00
	Combined Subtotal					
	Construction Costs					\$5,848,800.00
	Construction & Design Fee Contingencies (30%)					\$1,754,640.00
	Total Construction Costs					\$7,603,440.00

Chapter 4: Appendices

Sims Boat Ramp

	<u>Item</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Unit Cost</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
A.	Hardscape & Courts				
	1 Public Art	AL	\$5,000.00	1	\$5,000.00
	2 Seawall Walk (8' width; concrete)	SF	\$5.00	1200	\$6,000.00
	3 Boat Ramp Extension (assumes 20' extension)	SF	\$20.00	1000	\$20,000.00
	4 Bridge Stairs to Fishing Area (8' width)	SF	\$20	240	4800
	Subtotal		\$5,045.00		\$35,800.00
B.	Architecture & Structures				
	1 Information Kiosk	EA	\$8,500.00	1	\$8,500.00
	2 Canoe-Kayak Launch	EA	\$60,000.00	1	\$60,000.00
	3 Waterfront Café/Bait & Tackle Shop/Restroom Building (1,600 sf w/ indoor/outdoor seating area)	AL	\$330,000.00	1	\$330,000.00
	Subtotal		\$398,500.00		\$398,500.00
C.	Site Furnishings & Amenities				
	1 Pedestrian/Area Lighting (outlets in poles; pole, fixture, power & conduit)	EA	\$3,500.00	12	\$42,000.00
	2 Water service	AL	\$5,000.00	1	\$5,000.00
	3 Wi-Fi	AL	\$5,000.00	1	\$5,000.00
	4 Signage & Wayfinding System (10 directional & identification; 18' x 18")	EA	\$1,500.00	10	\$15,000.00
	Benches	EA	\$1,200.00	0	\$0.00
	6 Tables & Chairs (moveable sets)	EA	\$2,400.00	8	\$19,200.00
	7 Trash Receptacles (includes concrete pad)	EA	\$1,100.00	6	\$6,600.00
	8 Recycle Receptacles (includes concrete pad)	EA	\$1,100.00	6	\$6,600.00
	9 Bike Racks (loops)	EA	\$500.00	4	\$2,000.00
	Bike Fix-it Station (w/concrete pad)	EA	\$2,500.00	0	\$0.00
	11 Drinking Fountain (unchilled)	EA	\$3,000.00	1	\$3,000.00
	Subtotal		\$26,800.00		\$104,400.00
D.	Landscape				
	1 Native Rain Garden Stormwater Improvement	AL	30,000	1	30000
	2 Native Planting	AL	\$15,000.00	1	
	Subtotal		\$15,000.00		\$30,000.00
E.	Miscellaneous				
	1 Aquire Building North of Site	EA	\$1,000,000.00	1	\$1,000,000.00
	2 Demo Chamber of Commerce Building	AL	\$7,000	1	7000
	Subtotal		\$1,007,000.00		\$1,007,000.00
	Combined Subtotal				
	Construction Costs				\$3,115,600.00
	Construction & Design Fee Contingencies (30%)				\$934,680.00
	Total Construction Costs				\$4,050,280.00

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