Town of Troutman, North Carolina

2020 Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan

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Vision Statement

Troutman's high-quality parks, beautiful open spaces, protected natural areas, and innovative recreational facilities are welcoming to all. The verdant parks have been thoughtfully designed to be accessible and offer unique experiences for all ages, abilities, and interests.

The Town's greenways offer easily navigable and integrated connections between neighborhoods, community destinations, and town parks. Residents are active participants in promoting the establishment of new parks and recreational programs while keeping existing facilities clean, safe, and well maintained for the Town's current and future residents.

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McEachern Greenway, Concord (photo by Bill Galloway)

Background

Plan Summary

In January of 2010 the Board of Aldermen were given the opportunity to partner with Engineered Sintered Components (ESC) to develop the Town's **first** park. The Board of Aldermen appointed a small committee on February 19, 2010 to explore development of a park plan for the ESC site and apply for a Parks And Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) grant. In March the park planning committee expanded its membership to form the "Troutman Parks and Recreation Committee." The initial purpose of the Parks and Recreation Committee was to develop a communitywide parks and recreation plan and assist in site development of the park. The decision to expand was affirmed by the Board of Aldermen on June 10, 2010 as each member was appointed to a one year term. In conjunction with development of the Parks and Recreation Plan, the Committee worked to develop the Master Site Plan for the Town's first park.

The Troutman Parks and Recreation Committee includes individuals representing the disabled community, the retirement community, youth, parents, teachers, preachers, business leaders, town leaders, industrial operators, school officials, and various athletic interests. This 13 member committee began meeting in April as the Steering Committee for this plan to understand the recreational needs of the entire community. To accomplish this, the Committee surveyed and held meetings for the general public and youth. The Town of Troutman Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan was recommended by the Parks and Recreation Committee on December 20, 2010, recommended by the Planning Board on December 21, 2010, and adopted by the Board of Aldermen on January 13, 2010. What follows is a 10 year parks and recreation plan to serve as a guide for development of recreational facilities and services in the Troutman area.

Study Area & Demographics

There are three parts to what is referred to as the "Troutman Area" in this document (see map below). The first is the municipal corporate limits which includes the "contiguous" town limits and the "non-contiguous" or "satellite" town limits. Properties within the town limits are under all Town of Troutman ordinances. The second area encompassed by the study area is the Extra-territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ). Properties within the ETJ are subject to the Town's Unified Development Ordinance which regulates subdivisions and zoning. The final area making up the study area is the annexation boundary agreed upon by Mooresville, Statesville, and Troutman in 2008. Properties within this area are subject to county regulations unless the property is annexed into the Town of Troutman; thus, falling under the Town's jurisdiction.

Population estimates and demographic information can provide foresight into the future composition of Troutman and the surrounding area. Troutman's population was reported by the United States Census Bureau as 1,592 in 2000. Troutman's estimated population for 2009 by the United States Census is 1,998 while the North Carolina Office of State Budget and Management's 2009 estimate is 2,289. Warren and Associates prepared a demographic study for Iredell County in 2008 forecasting through 2015. Based on approved housing units (2,677 for Census Tract 061200) and studying various trends, Warren and Associates projects that 43% of the county's households will be located in Census Tract 061200 (which encompasses most of the Troutman Area) by 2015.

Demographic numbers can assist in the development of programs and recreational facilities. The demographic information listed below is from the 2000 Census and may not reflect trends or the current makeup of Troutman. The 2010 Census results are anticipated for release in the summer of 2011.

Median Age: 38.9
Persons under 5 years: 5.1%
Persons 5-9 years: 6.5%
Persons 10-14 years: 8%
Persons 15-19 years: 7.1%
Persons 20-24 years: 5.8%
Persons 25-29 years: 5.6%
Persons 30-34 years: 6%
Persons 35-39 years: 8.1%
Persons 40-44 years: 8.2%
Persons 45-49 years: 9.5%
Persons 50-54 years: 6.4%
Persons 55-59 years: 5.3%
Persons 60-64 years: 3.7%
Persons 65-69 years: 3.5%
Persons 70-74 years: 4.3%
Persons 75 and over: 6.9%
5 years and older disabled: 23.8%

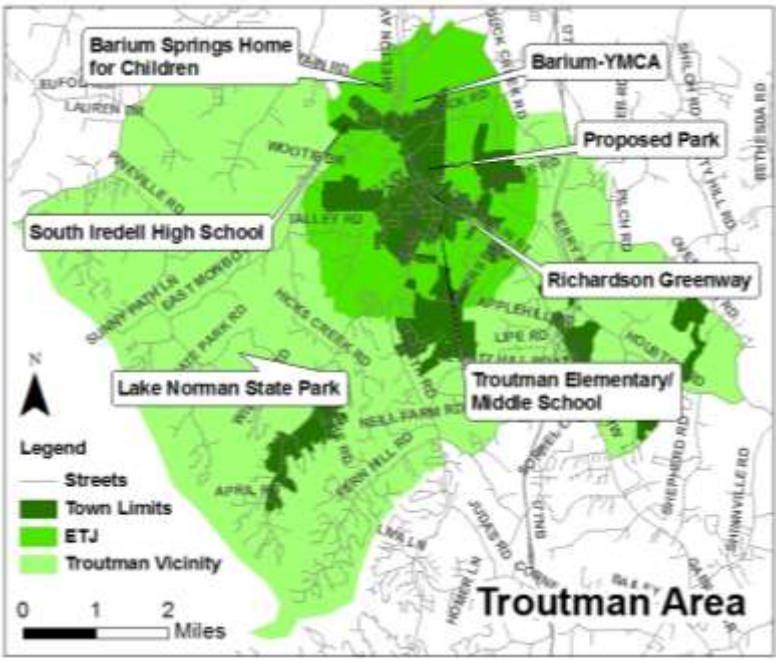

Figure 1: Map of Troutman Area

Previous Plans

The Aldermen have adopted a number of ordinances, plans, and resolutions over the past ten years to improve the quality of life in Troutman. The Aldermen have also been actively replacing sidewalks in disrepair and building new sidewalks to enhance the community's walkability. Part of this plan's purpose is to evaluate relevant goals from previous plans and combine the information into one comprehensive document. Plans from the past decade are listed below and briefly note any reference to parks, recreation, open space, or pedestrian facilities.

2010

- Proposed plans: A countywide greenway master plan is underway which will establish trails throughout the county and establish a route for the Iredell County "spine" of the Carolina Thread Trail.

2009

- ***Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP):*** Broad look at street improvements and alternative transportation means. References the Pedestrian Plan.
- ***Lytton Street Vision***: Architectural drawings for the expansion and revitalization of downtown Troutman. Streetscape includes sidewalks, street trees, and pedestrian scaled buildings.
- ***Lake Norman Bicycle Route***: Resolution of support signed for a bicycle route encompassing Lake Norman. The initial route is on road; however, the ultimate route aims to provide off-street options or add improvements such as bicycle lanes. Signage for the route is scheduled to be erected in the fall of 2010.
- ***Carolina Thread Trail***: Resolution of support signed for development of a fifteen county regional greenway trail.

2008

- ***Troutman Pedestrian Plan***: Suggests modifications to strengthen current ordinances and recommends pedestrian connections throughout Troutman.
- ***Troutman Area Land Use Plan***: Provides elected officials a future land use guide.

2006

- ***Troutman Unified Development Ordinance (UDO)***: Requires street connectivity, sidewalks, and bicycle racks for new development (some exceptions).
- ***Northeastern Area Plan***: Offered goals and strategies for handling growth and requesting Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) at Exit 45 from the county.

2004

- ***Commercial Design Standards***: Created standards for streetscapes and buildings in Troutman. The standards were incorporated into the Town's current Unified Development Ordinance.

2002

- ***Troutman Town and Country Plan***: Comprehensive look at incorporating smart growth principals into Troutman plans. Discussed Troutman's "green infrastructure" comprised of streams, open spaces, and wooded areas. It offers goals for open space protection and building a more pedestrian friendly environment.

2000

- ***Exit 42 Future Land Use Plan***: Focused on handling development pressure and determining land use at Exit 42. Encourages tree preservation and use of greenways.

Inventory
Town Facilities

Although the Town does not have any town maintained parks, it is able to provide some recreation for its residents with the Richardson Greenway and ever expanding sidewalk network (reinforcement began in 2009). The Richardson Greenway is essentially a meandering sidewalk running from the Village Shopping Center to the heart of downtown Troutman between Main Street and Eastway Drive. The Greenway is actively used throughout the year by the Troutman community and its prominent location gives users a sense of safety as "eyes" are always on the sidewalk. The Greenway as it exists today, is just under a mile in length and was completed in December of 2003 with partial funding from the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21).The Town purchased an additional segment at the southern end of Greenway corridor in 2010 to extend the Greenway to Troutman Elementary School.

Additionally, the county operated J Hoyt Hayes Troutman Memorial Library provides a bicycle rack and outdoor reading area for patrons. Lake Norman State Park also lies within the study area (6 miles from the Town's corporate limits) providing recreational opportunities to the region. Some neighborhoods are serviced with recreational facilities from churches, schools, or home owners associations. Classification of parks, open space, and trail types by the National Recreation and Park Association can be found in the Appendix of this document.

J Hoyt Hayes Troutman Memorial Library

Richardson Greenway

Lake Norman State Park

Lake Norman State Park was established in 1962 with the initial 1,328 acres donated by Duke Power. The Park offers a variety of recreational opportunities for the outdoor enthusiast; thus, it is no surprise the park draws half a million visitors annually. Fifteen miles of shoreline are contained within the State Park, including Lake Norman's only public lake swimming area. Access to Lake Norman can be enjoyed further by renting a canoe or paddle boat for use on the 33 acre "Park Lake" or with private watercraft from the free boat launch. The hiking and biking trails also offer views of the Lake.

- Boating: Canoes and paddle boats may be rented for use within "Park Lake." Private watercraft may be launched for free at the boat launch.
- Camping: 33 family sites each with a grill, picnic table, and tent pad. 5 group camping sites each with a fire ring and picnic tables.
- Community Building: Meeting room, kitchen, restrooms, and fireplace.
- Education and Events: Regularly scheduled interpretive programs.
- Fishing: Handicapped accessible pier at the swimming area. Shore access available from trails.
- Hiking: 0.8 mile Alder Trail (novice), 5 mile Lake Shore Trail (moderate), and 18 mile Itusi trail (hikers must yield to bikers).
- Mountain Biking: 18 mile Itusi Trail.
- Picnicking: Pier picnic area (located next to the swimming area), Peninsula picnic area (located near Park Lake), and Cove picnic area (off Shortleaf Lane).
- Swimming: Sand beach, bathhouse, and concession stand.

School Facilities

Troutman has four public schools and one alternative education school in the Troutman area. The schools all offer recreational facilities and opportunities (with the exception of the Career Academy and Technology School). South Iredell High School built additional sidewalks, a new gymnasium, and field house in 2009, followed by a ticket booth in 2010. Fundraising efforts by parents, students, and faculty lead to a new playground at Troutman Elementary School in 2009. Troutman Middle School has plans to expand and improve its athletic fields; however, at the time of site plan approval (July 2010) the school did not have any funding to move forward with the project (Figure 2). The public schools' facilities are available for use by the public for a small fee. Barium Springs Home for Children leases property to the YMCA.

Barium Springs Home for Children
- Outdoor basketball court
- YMCA facilities

Career Academy and Tech School
- NA

Troutman Elementary School
- Gymnasium
- Playgrounds

Troutman Middle School
- Baseball field
- Football field
- Gymnasium
- T-ball field

South Iredell High School
- Baseball field
- Batting cages
- Fitness center
- Football field (games)
- Football field (practice)
- Gymnasiums
- Running trail
- Rubberized track
- Softball field
- Weight room

Troutman Elementary School

Troutman Middle School

South Iredell High School

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Troutman Youth Athletic Association (TYAA)

The Troutman Youth Athletic Association (TYAA) is a volunteer organization established over 25 years ago. TYAA generally has annual participation rates of 100 football/flag football players, 150 fall and 225 spring soccer participants, and 150 baseball/softball participants. TYAA also provides volleyball and cheerleading for the community. TYAA relies on several Troutman area fields, but many are restrictive in times available or are limited to use for games only: Barium Springs YMCA, Bethel Church, South Iredell High School, Southview Christian School, and Troutman Middle School. All youth sports for Troutman Elementary and Middle Schools are organized by TYAA with "home fields" typically 15-20 miles away .

Barium YMCA

The Barium Springs YMCA is one of three branches making up the Iredell County YMCA system. The Barium YMCA is located on the Barium Springs Home for Children campus with indoor workout facilities, fitness programs, soccer fields, an outdoor pool, and one mile of walking trails.

Churches

Many churches in the Troutman area offer outdoor play equipment and/or open space for their members. Some churches; such as Bethel, allow use of their fields by TYAA.

First United Methodist Church

Existing Facilities Chart

The chart below (Figure 3) highlights the limited recreational facilities in the Troutman area for youth and the general public.

Figure 3

	Schools					Churches													Other		
	Barium Springs Home for Children	Troutman Elementary School	Troutman Middle School	South Iredell High School	Career Academy and Technology	Bethel Baptist Church	Church of God	Fern Hill Missionary Baptist Church	First United Methodist Church	Holy Trinity Lutheran Church	Houston Road Baptist Church	New Life Missionary Baptist Church	New Perth ARP	Presbyterian Church of the Spring	Refuge Church of Christ	Shiloh United Church of Christ	Troutman Baptist Church	Watermark Church	Lake Norman State Park	YMCA Burgin Springs	TOTAL
Fields																					
Football			1	1																	2
Baseball/Softball			2	2		1															5
Multi-Purpose				1																	1
Soccer				1				1												3	5
Outdoor Courts																					
Basketball	1					1															2
Tennis				4																	4
Other																					
Access to Lake Norman/Water																			2		2
Camping																			2		2
Community Building																			1	1	2
Gymnasium	1		1	1																1	4
Picnic Shelter																			3		3
Playground	2					1			1			1	1	2	1						9
Pool/Swimming																			1	1	2
Track				1																	1
Trails				1															3	1	5

Town of Troutman, North Carolina

Troutman-ESC Park Master Plan

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Background

Master Plan Summary

The proposed park site consists of 30.1 acres located off North Eastway Drive, North Ave, and Patterson Street. The proposed site was originally part of the Newton Family farm and currently rests on a portion of Engineered Sintered Components' (ESC) property. The site is conveniently situated near schools, neighborhoods, civic properties, shops, offices, the downtown, and other employment centers.

Staff interviewed representatives of ESC in March of 2010 to discuss their vision for the park. Following the interview with ESC, students at Troutman Middle School participated in a two day charrette and filled out Recreational Needs Surveys to give input on the proposed park and development of parks and recreation in general. The Parks and Recreation Committee also reviewed the Parks and Recreation Needs Surveys (results found in the Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan) in early July 2010. Based on the survey results, comments from ESC, and Troutman Middle School students the Committee directed Engineering Staff to develop an initial site plan of the park in July of 2010. The initial site plan was shared with the public during the drop in meeting of August 23, 2010 and through a library display (see Community Input in the Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan). The same plan was also shared with adjacent property owners in a neighborhood meeting on September 9, 2010.

Feedback from the public and adjacent property owners resulted in further revisions to the proposed park plan. The revised plan was then shown to the public at an exclusive park site meeting on September 14, 2010. The exclusive public meeting was advertised in the paper, through flyers placed throughout the community, the Town's website, "Blackboard" (a communitywide phone call to all residents), and through use of the social media site, Facebook. Following this meeting the site plan underwent a final revision to create the Master Site Plan and development of Phase 1. The major site plan and Phase 1 went before the Town's Technical Review Committee, Parks and Recreation Committee, Planning Board, and Town Board to ensure compliance with the Town of Troutman's Unified Development Ordinance. The site plan was approved by the Aldermen on December 9, 2010.

The Troutman Area Council acted as the Fundraising Subcommittee of the Parks and Recreation Committee. Students at Troutman Middle School stayed involved with the park efforts by stuffing fundraising materials for parents, local businesses, and the community at large.

TMS Students in December 2010 (photo provided by TMS).

Site Analysis

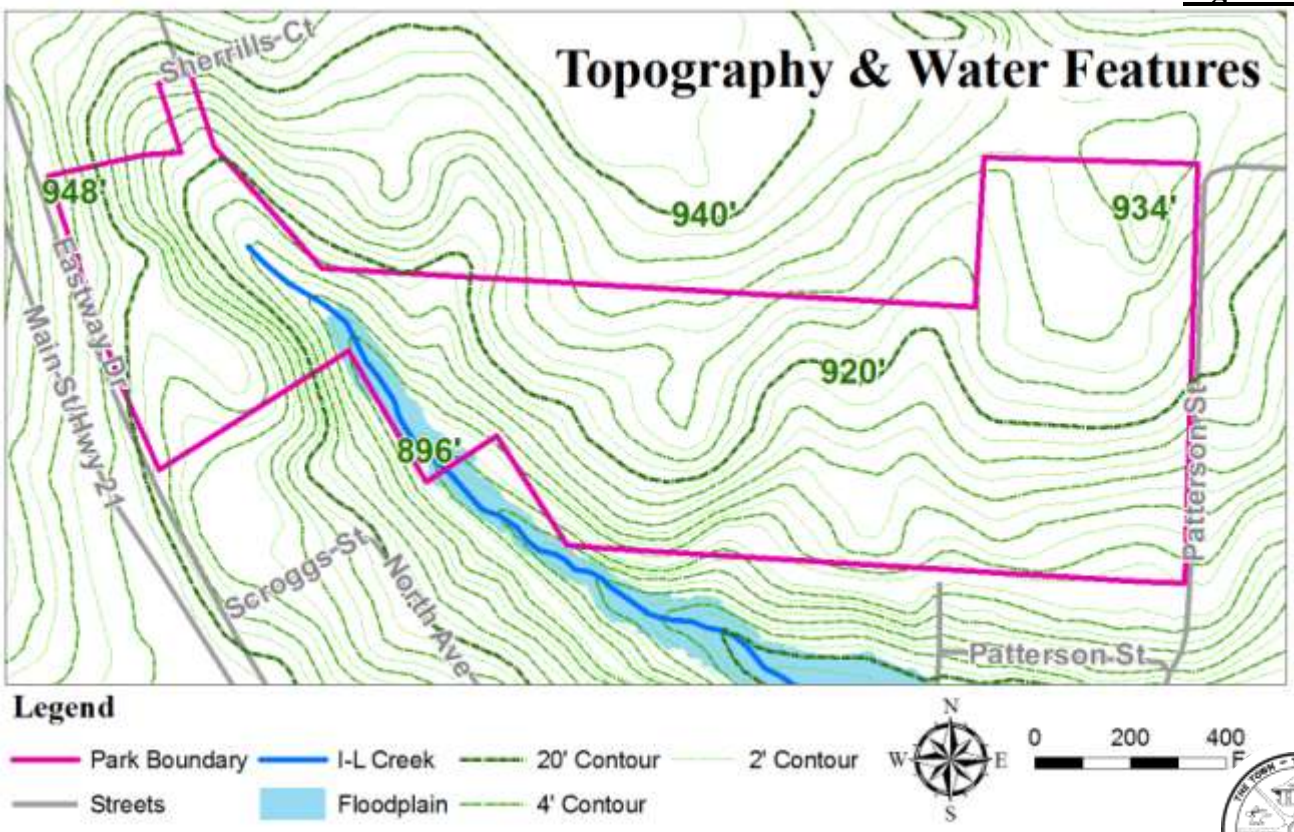
Acreage: 30.1 acres total (5.29 acres donated, 24.81 acres leased).

Significant Resources: Steep slopes, trees with a diameter at breast height of greater than 18", I -L Creek, and wetlands (additional details found below).

Topography: The proposed park's topography is predominately level to rolling with slopes averaging between 7-10%. The steepest slopes within the proposed park are found within 200 feet of the western portion of I-L Creek, with banks ranging from 13-16%. The most level areas of the existing site are found immediately along Eastway Drive and the northern part of the proposed park site. The highest elevation is 948' found in the northwest corner of the park along Eastway Dr. The lowest elevation is 896' found just above Scroggs Street (Figure 4).

Water Features: Approximately 638' of I-L Creek is contained within the proposed park site. No wetlands are shown on the US Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory. However, upon a requested site inspection the US Army Corps of Engineers determined that wetlands exist along I-L creek. The US Army Corps of Engineers will need to be contacted prior to any grading or discharge of fill near the creek site; specifically, in the construction of park trails, stream crossing, and amphitheatre. The North Carolina Floodmapping program also shows a 100 year floodplain along I-L Creek. The floodplain appears to stop abruptly at the western end of the creek as a detailed study of the area has not been completed by the North Carolina Floodmapping Program (Figure 4).

Figure 4

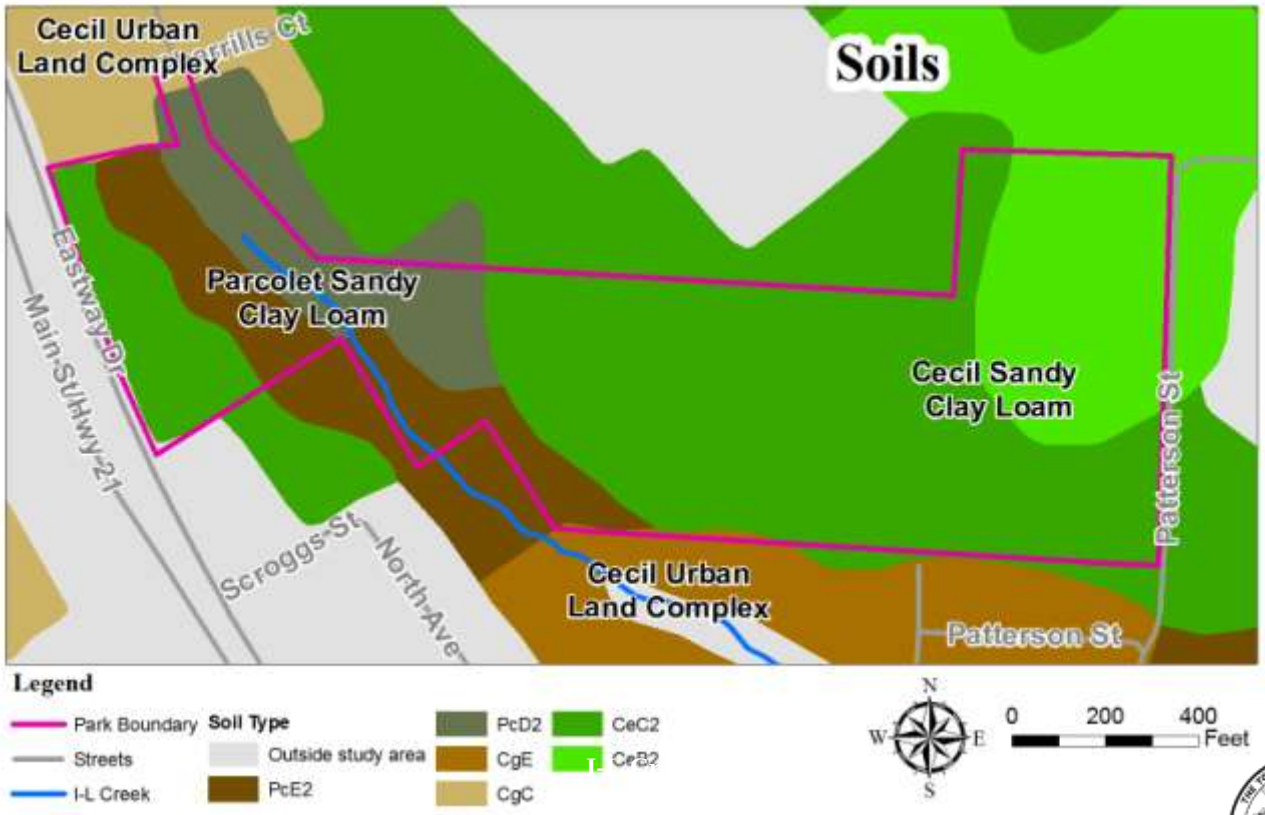


Site Analysis

Soils: Prominent soils on the site include Cecil Sandy Clay Loam (CeB2, CeC2), Cecil Urban Land Complex (CgC, CgE), and Parcolet Sandy Clay Loam (PcD2, PcE2). According to official series descriptions by the *National Co-operative Soil Survey* Cecil soils are very deep well draining soils found on slopes ranging between 0-25%. Cecil soils are often used for cultivating crops; such as, corn, cotton, grains, and tobacco. Pacolet soils are also very deep, well draining soils and are found on slopes ranging between 2-60%. Pacolet soils are often used for forests or pastures. Cecil soils tend to be more clayey than Pacolet soils. Both Cecil and Pacolet soils are found extensively in the piedmonts of Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia. Both are moderately to strongly acidic in character and have soil horizons ranging from sandy loam to forested.

Pacolet soils along I-L Creek.

Figure 5



Site Analysis

Tree and Wildlife Species: Arial images from 2009 show that nearly 80% of the site is covered with trees and the remaining 20% is open field (Figure 6). The aerials further reveal that approximately 70% of the trees are evergreen varieties. The predominant evergreen trees on the site are shortleaf and white pine. Predominant deciduous trees include varieties of Birch, Beech, Hickory, Maple, Oak, and Poplar. The only threatened species identified by the US Fish and Wildlife Service as endangered in Iredell County are the drawf-flowered heartleaf and the bog turtle. Over subsequent visits to the proposed park site, neither species was found on the property.

Trees 18" DBH on site.

Tree canopy viewed from on site.

Historical and Existing Structures: There are no known historical structures on the proposed 30.1 acre park site. The proposed park site was originally part of the Newton family farm prior to purchase of the property by GTE. GTE built a plant for light manufacturing on the property in 1982. The property was bought in 1989 by Engineered Sintered Components (ESC) for industrial operations and underwent several expansions. ESC still operates the plant and employs nearly 400 workers. No known spills have occurred on the site, on the contrary, ESC has won awards for being exceptional environmental stewards. The area of the proposed park has remained largely undeveloped with the exception of utilities: power lines, sewer lines, and manholes (Figure 6).

Town Hall looking towards future park site.

View of ESC from park site.

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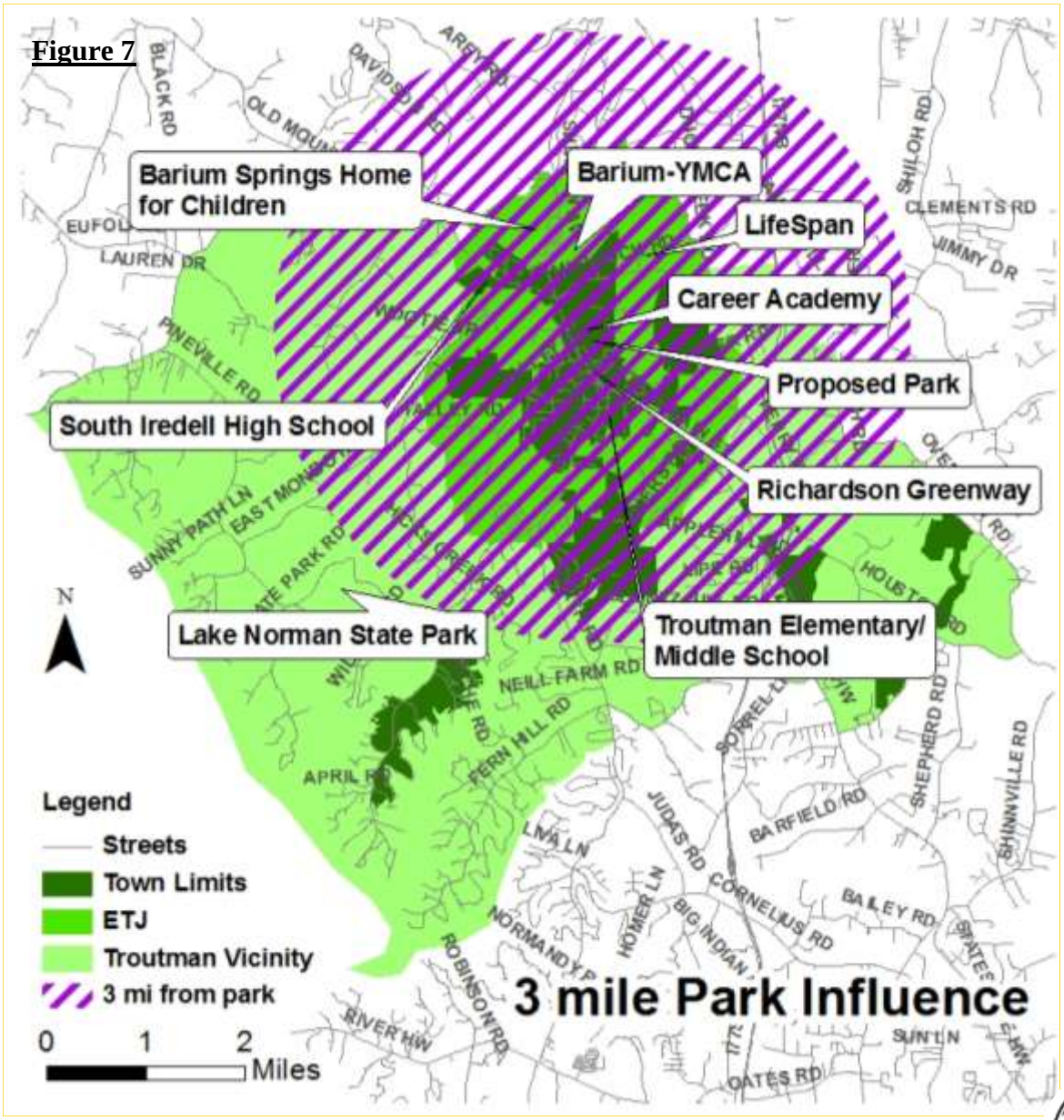
Site Analysis

Adjacent Structures and Park Location: Structures immediately adjacent to the property include an industrial plant (ESC), a civic building (Town Hall), residences, and an apartment building. According to the National Recreation and Park Association community parks service between a half mile and three miles. The entire contiguous corporate town limits, all five Troutman Area schools, and LifeSpan (an employment and creative learning center for the disabled community) fall into this three mile realm of influence (Figure 7). Several neighborhoods, the downtown, three schools, the library, the fairgrounds, and various shops and businesses are within a half mile of the proposed park location (Figure 8). The site can be accessed from Eastway Drive, Sherrils Court, and Patterson Street.



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Stakeholder and Community

ESC Stakeholder Interview

ESC's Park Vision
ESC representatives noted during their March 1, 2010 interview with Staff that their company's vision for the park is one of giving back: enhancing the quality of life for their workers and the community through increased social interaction and recreational opportunities.

Recreational Facilities
The representatives shared they were open to the results that would arise from the public, but expressed a desire to see the following: picnic area with restrooms, walking/hiking trails, athletic fields (especially softball or baseball), natural areas/stream preservation, and a playground. They noted that ESC could potentially help with funding for a picnic pavilion.

Site Specifics
The representatives shared that roughly 20 acres of their 80 acre site could be leased for a community park. The representatives noted that the plant may expand in the future and therefore, the site design should consider the potential expansion of the plant near the existing parking lot. They recommended screening of the plant with a vegetative buffer for visual appeal to those within the park and residents off of Patterson Street. They requested tree preservation when possible and practical, especially along Eastway Drive. To protect visitors to the park they wanted assurance that the Town would be responsible for maintenance and liability of the park. As the site plan went through the public process the company graciously agreed to lease more property and even donate a portion of the property.

Aerial view of ESC (photo provided by ESC).

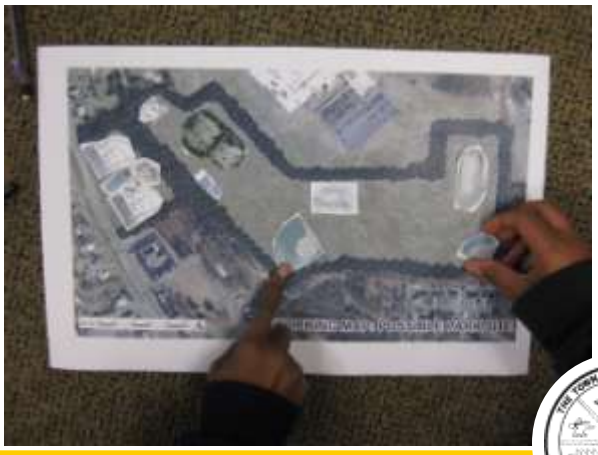
Stakeholder and Community Input

Troutman Middle School Input

Following the interview with ESC, students at Troutman Middle School participated in several activities to gain their input on the possible park site. The students completed surveys, identified their general park priorities, looked for possible park sites in the Troutman area, worked on site plans for the proposed park site, and more. Their input helped in development of the initial park site plan and creation of the Town of Troutman Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan. Although, the lease agreement was still under development, Staff gave small groups of students a possible 20 acre site boundary. The students were given the following scaled facilities: aquatic center/pool, amphitheatre, baseball field, basketball court, community center, football field, gyms, horseshoes, parking lots, picnic shelter/restrooms, playground, ponds, running track, skateboard park, soccer field, t-ball field, tennis court, volleyball court, and walking trail.

The 6th and 7th grade students were given instructions to: 1) stay inside the proposed boundary, 2) protect the stream buffer, and 3) work together to create a park. 8th grade students were given a fourth instruction to include some basic park components; such as, at least one parking lot, a picnic shelter with restrooms, and trails connecting the various features in addition to facilities they felt were needed. The students could use as many of each facility as they desired. Most students showed a need for a variety of activities with clear favorites being baseball, soccer, football, natural areas, skateboard park, and a pool.

Examples of Student Site Plans.



Stakeholder and Community Input

Neighborhood Stakeholder Meeting

All adjacent property owners to the proposed park site were invited to give feedback on the project. Ten property owners participated, with the majority of participants owning property on Patterson Street. Those living on Patterson Street were especially concerned with the preservation of their quiet street. The proposed plan showed a full access entrance within their neighborhood. Mrs. Elva Reavis spoke on behalf of Patterson Street residents at the neighborhood meeting and the park public input meeting. The transcript of her concerns in its entirety can be found in the appendix. Mrs. Reavis explained that 4 out of the 5 houses immediately bordering the park were lived in by widows. She shared further concern over the proximity of the softball field to these homes. Additionally, she noted that the trees within the property were virgin woods and should be preserved. Other residents wanted screening of their property from the park with a fence and vegetation. Some residents expressed fear that their property would lose value. Studies from *National Recreation and Park Association* and *Trust for Public Lands* determined the proximity of property to parks has a positive impact on value. Two residents spoke in favor of the plan, one owning an apartment building on Sherrils Court. The other living on North Eastway Dr expressed her hope that the park would be built so her young daughter and many other children could enjoy a place to play in their own community. The remaining adjacent property owners were neutral on development of the park and had come to the meeting for informational purposes.

The Town of Troutman's Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) favors connectivity. However, as noted above some of the Patterson Street property owners were opposed to the connection due to traffic concerns. The Town's Engineer confirmed that the street was not built to accommodate heavy traffic. As a compromise the Parks and Recreation Committee recommends gating the Patterson Street connection for emergency access only. Due to the lack of opposition from Sherrils Ct a pedestrian connection was added for access to the park. Trees along Eastway Drive and the southern perimeter of the park will be left when possible and practical. Tree planting, fencing, and ball netting are proposed for additional buffering of Patterson Street residences (including the Barker property).

Above: Adjacent property owners discuss the proposed park.

Left: Proposed park amenities near Patterson Street residences.

Stakeholder and Community Input

Public Input Meeting

The public was invited to attend a public input meeting on September 14, 2010 to exclusively discuss the proposed park. A presentation of efforts (see youth and general public input found in the Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan) and frequently asked questions was given, then the floor was opened up for questions and comments by the public, and followed by stations. Nearly thirty were in attendance, the majority of which spoke in support of the plan (transcript found in the appendix).

Station 1 Park Details: Participants were shown the preliminary park budget and the estimated cost of items found within the Master Site Plan of the park. Using corresponding colored "dots" the participants were shown two choices and asked to mark their preferences if applicable.

Athletic Fields
Fescue Turf ($30,000): 9
Hybrid Mix ($99,900): 1
No Preference: 4

Basketball Court
Asphalt Court ($12,000): 10
Concrete Court ($30,000): 0
No Preference: 4

Exercise Stations
Wooden Stations ($10,000): 2
Polycoated Metal ($39,000): 7
No Preference: 1

Tennis Courts
Concrete Courts ($59,800): 4
Acrylic Tops ($79,800): 4
No Preference: 5

Asphalt Trail*
5' Walking Trail ($67,720): 11
10' Multi-User Trail ($135,440): 4
No Preference: 0

*Results from the August 23, 2010 drop in meeting clearly showed the public preferred asphalt trails; thus, varying widths were shown at the station. Several participants at the September 14 public input meeting noted that they preferred a wider trail, but had voted for the 5' trail based on cost. Therefore, the Committee directed the Engineer to develop a trail that could be widened at a later date. Signage should be erected and the public should be educated on sharing trails with different user groups prior to any trail widening to minimize potential conflicts.

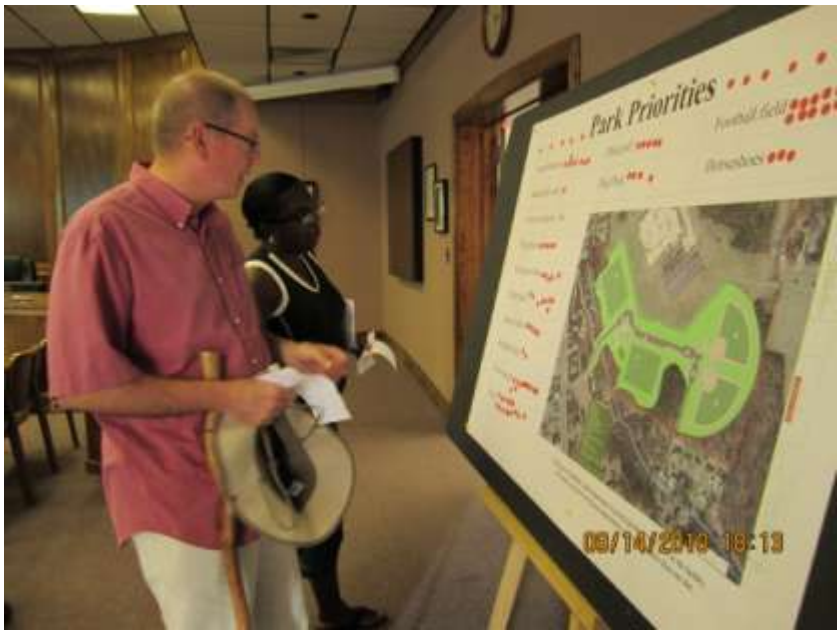
Stakeholder and Community Input

Public Input Meeting

Station 2 Park Priorities: Participants were shown the proposed park Master Site Plan. Items shown within the proposed park Master Plan and additional elements gathered from public input were listed by the plan. Participants were then given five red "dots" to prioritize the items of greatest importance to them and give direction to the Parks and Recreation Committee as to what elements should be included in Phase 1.

<u>Shown</u>
Amphitheatre: 9
Basketball Court: 2
Exercise Stations: 1
Playground: 5
Picnic Pavilion: 5
Splash Pad: 8
Soccer Fields: 5
Softball Fields: 3
Tennis Courts: 11
Trails: 15

<u>Not Shown</u>
Disk Golf: 5
Dog Park: 4
Football: 10
Horseshoes: 4



Following the public input meeting, the Parks and Recreation Committee discussed the results from all the meetings. They also discussed that the proposed park site had grown to nearly 40 acres from the Committee's attempt to accommodate the public; however, ESC had only agreed to 20 acres. The Committee noted that by squeezing in the elements 10 acres could be easily removed and the only facility that would be lost was the second soccer field closest to the plant. Some Committee members noted that the soccer field could also be used for football. Combining the votes for soccer and football resulted in 15 votes for a multipurpose athletic field. Trails had also received 15 votes. Tennis courts and the splash pad also ranked high.

Stakeholder and Community Input

Public Input Meeting

The Committee concluded that the splash pad and amphitheatre were more seasonable in nature and therefore, should be developed in a later phase. They revisited the Recreational Needs Surveys, confirmed that soccer, football, and trails had ranked high. Also, based on survey results they opted for an all seasons playground and picnic pavilion with the convenience of restrooms for the first phase. Based on all the public input they further directed the Engineer to add "shortcut trails" to Sherrils Court and from Town Hall, move the road to the lower portion of the park to keep all facilities together and children from crisscrossing the parking area to get to different facilities, add a third tennis court to allow for tournament games, move the amphitheatre closer to concessions, restrooms, and parking for convenience, denote that the Patterson Street connection was for emergency access only, add turnaround spaces for cars, add bus parking, add additional picnic facilities, and add horseshoes.

Other suggestions from the public that the committee recommends looking into upon park development are lighting, landscaping, safety, and educational signage for the nature trail. Lighting comments were geared towards visibility, safety, and energy efficiency. A detailed landscaping plan will be developed following approval of the Master Site Plan for the park in accordance with the Town of Troutman Unified Development Ordinance (UDO). Landscaping will be required to buffer adjacent properties and to add shade to the parking areas. Additional landscaping is also proposed and recommended by the Committee for park aesthetics and additional buffering of Patterson Street residents.

The Committee also determined that the nature trail could be included in Phase 1 as a civic group project. The public had suggested educational signage be erected along the nature trail as well. The two day charrette with the students of Troutman Middle School revealed aspirations of continuing to participate in park planning and community development. Woody Keen with Trail Dynamics, LLC notes that children should be kept in mind when trail building. He suggests family involvement with trail construction, using various textures along trails, kid friendly obstacles or elements, and signage that keeps kids plugged into the outdoors. For example at Craters of the Moon National Monument Park in Idaho children drew pictures and developed the text for educational signage. Following a similar approach at this park is recommended.

The National Crime Prevention Council has developed "Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design." Part of this method includes avoidance of shrubbery which could harbor unwanted persons. Due to potential budget constraints in Phase 1 little to no lighting is proposed; thus, the park should be closed after dark; unless and until, lighting is added.

Photo by Woody Keen, Trail Dynamics, LLC

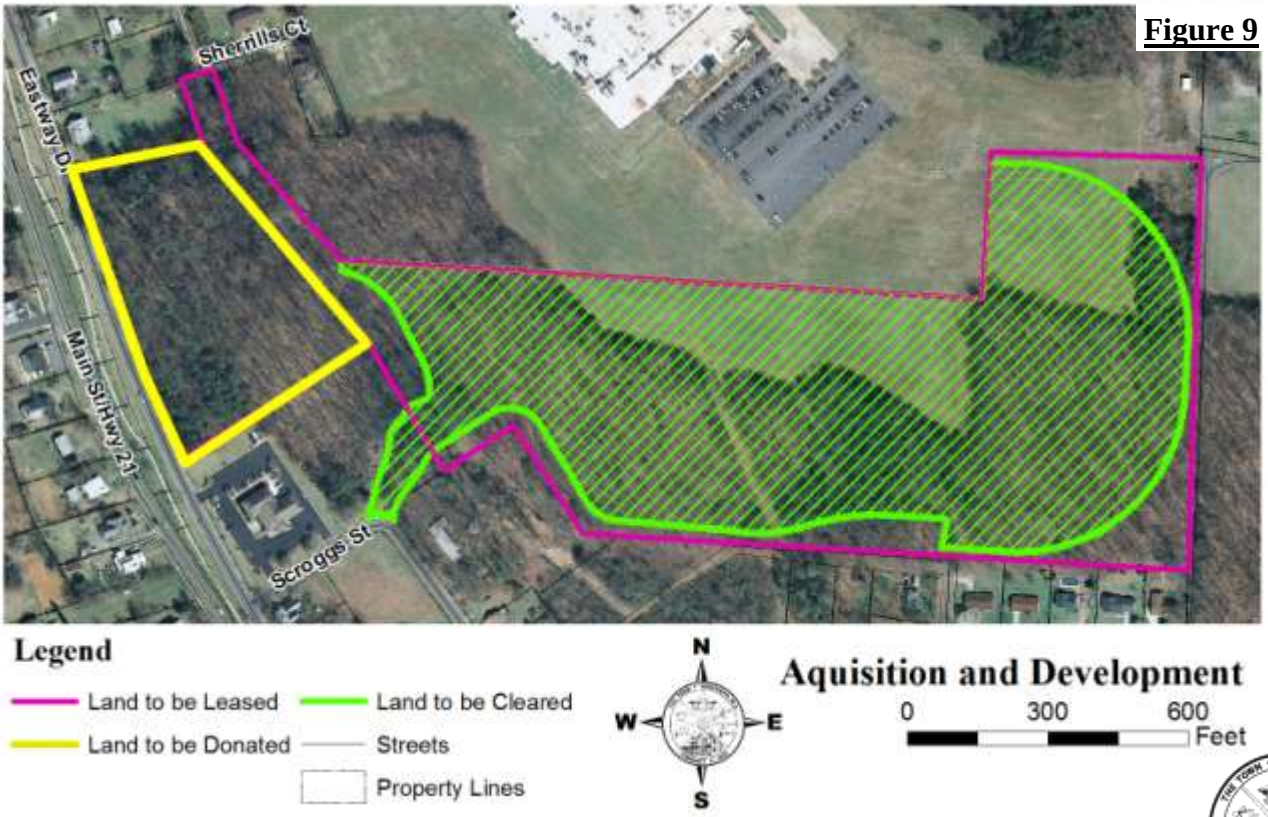
Site Development

The Parks and Recreation Committee developed the Master Site Plan and Phase 1 from recreational needs findings in the Town of Troutman Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan, input from adjacent property owners, and an exclusive meeting to discuss the park site with the public. The project was presented to and received support from the following civic organizations: Greater-Statesville Chamber of Commerce, Girl Scouts of Iredell County, Lion's Club of Troutman, Troutman Area Council, and Troutman Rotary Club. The site was found to be suitable for park development through the environmental review.

Land Acquisition: Documentation has been prepared and both parties are ready to sign pending project funding. 5.29 acres will be donated with the remaining 24.81 acres leased for 30 years (Figure 9). The property can be publicly accessed through the main entrance off of North Avenue (road crosses Town property) or through a pedestrian connection from Town Hall, the Richardson Greenway, or Sherrils Court. Patterson Street will be extended to create a gated, emergency access (Figure 10).

Site Clearing: Approximately nineteen acres of trees will be cleared (Figure 9). Trees along the southern portion of the property will be left when possible and practical. A minimal amount of trees will be removed in development of the walking and nature trails. Additional screening is proposed to buffer Patterson Street from the park (new trees will be planted and fencing erected). ESC employees plants over 300 trees each year; upon park development, they plan to assist with restoring part of the tree canopy through their annual tree planting program.

Figure 9



Site Development

Program Description: The Town's first park aims to meet the vision statement conceived by the Parks and Recreation Committee and the public for all parks. Troutman-ESC Park will be a high quality park that provides unique experiences for all ages, abilities, and interests. The public input opportunities and months of discussion by the Committee based on their experiences and the public's input have resulted in a well designed park. The park will have traditional elements; such as, athletic fields and walking trails. It will also include innovative facilities; such as, a creek side amphitheatre and children's splash pad.

The park will have beautiful open spaces and protected natural areas. As funding becomes available the Committee plans to seek additional input from the public to ensure a functional and aesthetically pleasing park. The forested portion of the park will remain protected with only the minimal disturbance of a meandering trail. Residents of all ages have been active participants in promoting the establishment of Troutman-ESC Park. The Troutman Youth Athletic Association (TYAA) and community volunteers will assist the Town and County in keeping the park clean, safe, and well maintained.

Park Maintenance & Operation: The Town of Troutman will be responsible for liability, utilities, and ultimate operation of the park. To accomplish this, the Town has entered into an agreement with the Iredell County Parks and Recreation Department for maintenance and scheduling of the park. The Iredell County Parks and Recreation Department includes 11 full time and 150 part time staff and volunteers.

Splash pad, Kannapolis (photo by Erin Burris)

Site Development

The existing county fee and scheduling system will be extended to this park site. Troutman TYAA will get first priority to park facilities. There will be no fee to enter the park, but a fee will be required to reserve facilities. For example, if an individual, business, or organization wishes to reserve a facility; such as, a picnic shelter or ball field they would pay a fee to ensure availability. However, if recreational facilities are not reserved, anyone can use them at no cost. The only exception may be the future development of the splash pad. Due to the high cost of water and staff needed to oversee the facility during seasonal operation, a minimal entrance fee may be established for this element.

Permits Needed: The Master Site Plan and Phase 1 have been reviewed and recommended by the Town of Troutman Technical Review Committee, Parks and Recreation Committee, Planning Board, and approved by the Town Board. A zoning permit, landscaping plans, and engineering design documents will require additional approval from Town Staff. Permits will be needed from Iredell County for soil and erosion, building, and health inspections. Prior to construction of any amenities near I-L Creek, the location of such amenities will need to be staked and approved by the US Army Corps of Engineers. The streets adjacent to the proposed park are Town streets and the use will not adversely affect any state streets (as parks are typically used during off-peak hours); therefore, no permits are required from NCDOT.

Master Site Plan: *See Figure 10*

Phase 1: *Figure 11.*

- Prepare entire site for phase 1 and future phases (grading, seeding, landscaping, road, utilities, parking, benches).
- Construct ADA accessible facilities including a multipurpose field (soccer and football), picnic pavilion, playground, and walking trail (to be widened for multipurpose use in future phases).
- Construct a nature trail along I-L Creek with civic and youth involvement.
- Screen residential properties with landscaping and/or fencing.
- Erect signage.

Future Phases:

- Recreation Facilities: amphitheatre, basketball court, exercise stations, horseshoe courts, multipurpose trail, softball fields, splash pad, tennis courts, and walking track.
- Support facilities: concessions, fencing, landscaping, lighting, picnic shelters, parking, seating, restrooms, signage, and utilities.

McEachern Greenway, Concord

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Site Development

Budget Estimate for Entire Project

ITEM	QUANTITY	TOTAL PRICE
Paved Trail– Asphalt (5' trail with fit stations)	2,388 LF @$18.00/LF	$106,780.00
Playground (surfacing and equipment)	Lump Sum	$120,000.00
Ball fields (fencing, dugouts, lighting)	Lump Sum	$254,320.00
Basketball Court-Asphalt	Lump Sum	$12,000.00
Tennis Courts– Acrylic Top	Lump Sum	$119,700.00
Amphitheatre	Lump Sum	$100,000.00
Horseshoes	Lump Sum	$300.00
Splash Pad	Lump Sum	$350,000.00
Main Pavilion (restrooms, concessions, storage)	Lump Sum	$342,000.00
Softball Pavilion (restrooms, concessions, storage)	Lump Sum	$182,500.00
Picnic Shelter	Lump Sum	$10,000.00
6' Sidewalks– Concrete	1,514 LF @ $20.00/LF	$39,480.00
Benches	$1,500.00/EA	$16,500.00
Roads and Parking Areas	Lump Sum	$168,480.00
Storm Drainage (with catch basin)	Lump Sum	$148,260.00
Site Preparation (erosion control, grading, seeding, matting)	Lump Sum	$299,410.00
Irrigation System (multipurpose field and playing areas)	Lump Sum	$57,000.00
Landscaping	Lump Sum	$50,000.00
Trail and Street Lighting	72@1,400.00/EA	$100,800.00
	Cost to Develop Project	**$2,477,530.00**
	Contingencies (5%)	$123,876.50
	Planning/Incidental Cost (10%)	$247,753.00
	Land Acquisition/Donation	($496,800.00)
	Total Project Cost	**$3,345,959.50**

Site Development

Budget Estimate Phase 1

ITEM	QUANTITY	TOTAL PRICE
5' Paved Trail– Asphalt (wooded area)	2,388 LF @$18.00/LF	$43,000.00
6' Sidewalks– Concrete	1,514 LF @ $20.00/LF	$30,300.00
Roads and Parking Areas	Lump Sum	$140,490.00
Storm Drainage (with catch basin)	Lump Sum	$145,760.00
Site Preparation (erosion control, grading, seeding, matting)	Lump Sum	$289,410.00
Irrigation System (multipurpose field and playing areas)	Lump Sum	$38,000.00
Playground (surfacing and equipment)	Lump Sum	$60,000.00
Landscaping	Lump Sum	$20,000.00
Pavilion (with restrooms, concessions, storage)	Lump Sum	$257,000.00
Cost To Develop Project		**$1,023,690**
Contingencies (5%)		$51,200.00
Planning and Incidental Land Cost (10%)		$102,400.00
Land Donation/Acquisition		($496,800.00)
	Total Project Cost	**$1,674,360.00**
	Total PARTF Grant Request	**$500,000.00**
	Total Local Match (includes land donation)	**$1,174,360.00**

Town of Troutman, North Carolina

2020 Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan Continued

Adopted on January 13, 2011 by the Troutman Board of Aldermen

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Community Input

Overall Participation

Several methods were used to gather public input in development of this plan. Troutman Middle School students participated through a survey and two day workshop in March 2010. Surveys were also hand delivered to South Iredell High School students. The parks and recreational needs survey was mailed to all 1,440 water customers in April with a July 5, 2010 deadline. Steering Committee members also hand delivered the surveys to civic organizations, workplaces, and interested persons.

Comment and input was further elicited from the public through a public input drop-in meeting on August 23, 2010 at Town Hall. The public was also given opportunity to complete surveys at the J. Hoyt Hayes Troutman Memorial Library for two weeks following the drop-in meeting. The meeting was advertised in the *Statesville Record and Landmark*, on the Town's website, community bulletin board, community message sign, water bills, and with flyers. Large posters were also displayed at Troutman Elementary School, J Hoyt Hayes Troutman Memorial Library, and Town Hall. Over 1,000 surveys were returned and 74 people participated in the August public input opportunities.

Details of these public input opportunities are found in the pages that follow and in the appendix. Recommendations based on input from the public and Steering Committee are explored in the Recommendations section of this plan. The input from the general public and youth revealed an overlap in the desire for the following recreational facilities: access to Lake Norman/ponds/streams, walking trails, swimming pool, picnic areas, playgrounds, fitness centers, bicycle trails, basketball courts, and baseball/softball fields.

Library display.

Student input.

Public input.

Troutman's Youth

Public Participation of Troutman's Youth

Following the formation of the Park Planning Committee, Troutman staff spent two days in March with the students of Troutman Middle School (TMS) to gather the views of young citizens in regards to parks and recreation. As a result 348 Middle School students filled out a recreational needs survey and worked through several public input exercises. In an effort to further include the viewpoints of the youth the Parks and Recreation Committee also solicited the input of South Iredell High School (SIHS) students through a recreational needs survey, nearly 400 students responded. Due to logistics and time constraints the surveys were brief, but the results provided valuable insight into the needs of Troutman's youngest citizens.

The students at TMS were respectful, alert, insightful, and thankful for the opportunity for their voice to be heard. The views below showcase the exuberance of youth, but also highlight a commonality in many respects to the needs of adults.

Youth Input Exercises— "Visioning"

First students lead other students in visioning their "perfect park", what makes parks good, and what makes them problematic. What emerged was an image of fun, excitement, and practicality. The perfect park would have an array of activities: trails, a paintball course, athletic fields, fishing, ropes course, a pool, etc. It would also have open space, refreshments, bathrooms, and perhaps a pond. When asked what would make a park really good they directed their peers to jot down cell service, picnic tables, a place to dance, and for parks to offer something unique like a petting zoo, waterslide, or foam pit. A great park would also over pour with bike trails, athletic fields, and oversized play equipment such as "really big slides", a "big, big trampoline", or a "mega [skateboard] ramp".

Students were just as clear expressing what would make a park bad. They described a bleak picture of unmaintained facilities (with an emphasis on restrooms), homelessness, litter, lack of trees and wildlife, irresponsible pet owners, and nothing for their age group to do. They also expressed aversion to mulch (its hard and gets in their shoes), sidewalks (the students associate them with proximity to traffic), and wooden benches (often are sticky or have splinters).

TMS Visioning Exercise Results (March 10-11, 2010)

Ideal Park

- Go cart track
- Skateboard park
- Dirt bike track
- Fun station
- Soccer field
- Chucky Cheese
- Playground
- Basketball and baseball field
- People selling ice cream from bikes
- Vending machine
- Paint balling
- Bathrooms
- Pool
- Basketball court
- Swings
- Baseball field
- Trails
- Soccer complex
- Tennis court
- Volleyball court
- Rock climbing
- Pond
- Ropes course
- Go cart track
- Bike trail
- Football field
- Grass field
- Sea saw
- Big trampoline
- Skateboarding
- Rollercoaster
- Paintball court
- Food court
- Rock climbing
- Frisbee golf
- Horseback riding
- Canoeing
- Golf
- Walking road

Good parks

- Bike trails
- Ducks
- Kickball
- Lake
- Dancing
- Swings
- Hunting
- Sea saw
- Fishing
- Water slide
- Skateboarding
- Mega ramp
- Walking trail
- Pool
- Place to play foot-ball
- Basketball court
- Batting cages
- Baseball field
- Bike trails
- Swings sets
- Monkey bars
- Petting zoo
- Soccer balls
- Jungle gym
- Spinners
- Tire swings
- Stuff to play on
- Really big slides
- Gift shop
- Picture booth
- Cell phone service
- Picnic table
- Big big trampoline
- Foam pit
- Full pipe
- Volleyball court

Bad Parks

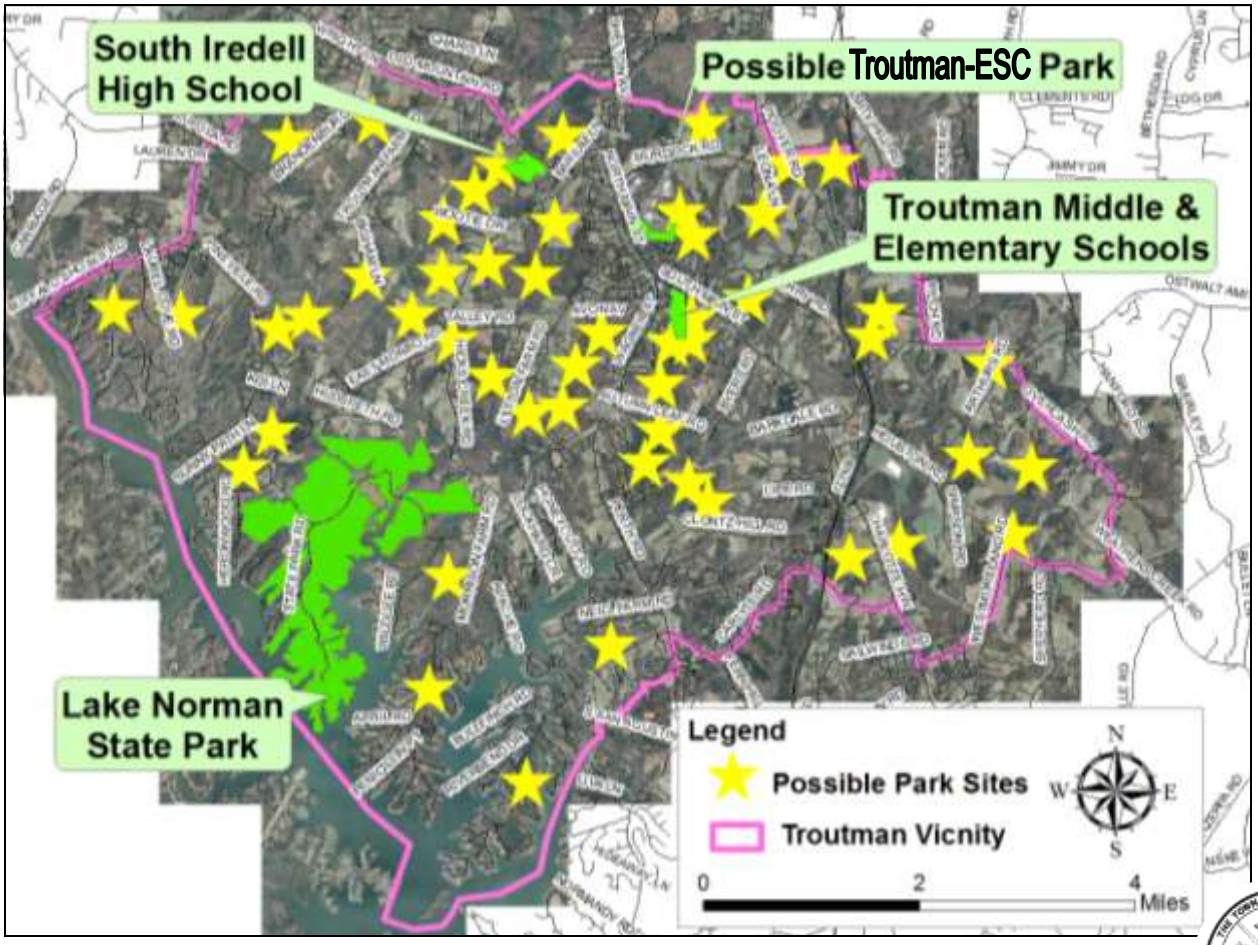
- Nasty bathrooms
- Sidewalks
- Trashy grounds
- Mulch in shoes
- Sand in shoes
- Rabid animals
- Bad things in the sand box
- Tree roots
- Not enough trees
- Sidewalk between two roads
- Litter
- Pet poo
- Hard mulch
- Litter
- Wooden benches
- Dangerous animals
- Bad water
- More trees
- Sap on trees
- Mulch
- Not a lot of green
- Nothing for older kids to do
- Don't like lines
- Not a lot of animals
- Doors not on restrooms
- Nasty water fountain
- Homeless people

Youth Input Exercises— "Stations"

Following the visioning process, students rotated through four stations 1) to find possible park sites in the Troutman area, 2) conceptualize a park site, 3) identify their recreational needs, and 4) complete surveys. Town staff went to TMS with the knowledge that Troutman-ESC Park was a possibility, but prepared activities that would be of value in overall planning for parks and recreational facilities in the years to come.

Station 1: Identify Park Sites

The first station provided large maps identifying Lake Norman State Park, South Iredell High School, Troutman Middle School, Troutman Elementary School, and the possible location of Troutman-ESC Park. Students tried to find fields, wooded areas, or a combination of both near neighborhoods and schools for potential park sites. The students were shown how to use a scale and instructed to keep parks one to two miles apart to prevent clustering and promote distribution throughout the community. A pattern emerged showing the need for a park centrally located (below).



Station 2: Develop a Site Plan

The second station also taught students about scale and park planning. Groups of four were given the possible boundary of Troutman-ESC Park and a sheet with scaled images of various recreational facilities. The 6th and 7th grade students were not limited by the number or variety of facilities; they were given three simple instructions: 1) stay inside the proposed boundary, 2) protect the stream buffer, and 3) work together to create a park. Sometimes this resulted in a site covered exclusively in ball fields or skateboard parks, but for the most part the proposed plans featured a variety of interests. 8th grade students were given a fourth instruction to include some basic park components; such as, at least one parking lot, a picnic shelter with restrooms, and trails connecting the various features in addition to facilities they felt were needed.

Recreational Facilities Choices

- Aquatic centers
- Amphitheatres
- Baseball fields
- Basketball courts
- Community centers
- Football fields
- Gyms
- Horseshoes
- Parking lots
- Picnic shelters/restrooms
- Playgrounds
- Ponds
- Running tracks
- Skateboard park
- Soccer fields
- T-ball fields
- Tennis courts
- Volleyball courts
- Walking trails

Station 3: Determine Priorities

The third exercise employed the "dot method" in which students were asked to vote on the activities they wanted most in Troutman. Each student was given three stickers to vote with and thirty-two activity choices. Students were allowed to place all three of their stickers on the same activity or spread them out. SIHS students were asked a similar question on their surveys, but given directions to choose five. The middle school's activity choices have been equated to the facilities needed for such activities. For example, the activity TMS students most wanted to see in town parks was basketball, so on page ?? of this document basketball court is shown as their most preferred facility. Swimming could have been categorized as a swimming pool or water access. However, it was evident to Town staff during the time spent at TMS that the students were seeking a pool.

Station 4: Surveys

The final station had students fill out a short survey inquiring about the time they spend outdoors, what they do outdoors, where they play, and if they feel parks are needed or not needed in Troutman. SIHS students filled out a similar survey; therefore, the results for both will be discussed here.

The students reported that their outdoor recreational activities are limited to their personal property, neighborhood streets, undeveloped areas, school facilities, and/or facilities outside the Town's control which is not surprising considering the lack of parks and recreational facilities in the community. Despite this current deficiency 91% of TMS and 88% of SIHS students indicated they spend at least 30 minutes outside each day. The top three activities that TMS students report they participate in regularly are swimming (62%), bicycling (51%), and basketball (50%). The SIHS students indicated the regularly participate in walking/running (59%), swimming (44%), and basketball (35%).

When students were asked if Troutman needs parks, they overwhelming responded yes (94% TMS and 83% SIHS) with the following themes derived as to why they would be beneficial:

- Provide locations for social and community gatherings
- Promote an active and healthy lifestyle for youth
- Offer economical and easy access to recreational opportunities
- Create a local destination for fun, entertainment, and recreation
- Enhance community pride and character
- Keep youth safe and out of trouble
- Enjoy nature and preserve open space in a growing community

5% of Middle School students and 14% of High School students responded that parks are not needed (remaining percentage stated they were neutral) in Troutman. The dominate reason being their needs are meet by the proximity of Lake Norman State Park, Mooresville Skateboard Park, and other area facilities. Other "no" responses included concerns over costs, traffic congestion, loss of community character, and lack of interest.

Perhaps more importantly students were asked what recreational facilities they most desired:

TMS

1) Basketball court (11.7%)
2) Soccer field (11.4%)
3) Swimming pool (10.8 %)
4) Access to Lake Norman/ponds/streams (9.6%)
   (Fishing, water sports, canoeing/kayaking)
5) Football field (9.5%)
6) Skateboard park (7.6%)
7) Baseball/softball field (4.5%)
8) Miniature golf (3.6%)
9) Horseback riding trails (3.2%)
10) Ski slope (3.0%)
11) Camping areas (2.9%)
11) Rock climbing (2.9%)
11) Volleyball court (2.9%)
12) Bicycle trails (2.1%)
13) Walking/running trails (2.0%)
14) Community recreation center (1.8%)
   (Arts/crafts)
15) Other (1.7%)
15) Playground (1.5%)
16) Dog park (1.2%)
17) Frisbee golf (1.0%)
18) Natural areas/open space/ gardens (1.0%)
   (Bird watching, reading)

Activities with less than 1% vote:
Roller skating/ rollerblading (0.9%)
Tennis (0.8%)
Fitness center (0.7%)
Golf course/driving range (0.6%)
Picnicking (0.5%)

SIHS

1) Swimming pool (53.7%)
2) Fitness center (38.7%)
3) Playground (32.6%)
4) Walking trails (31.7%)
5) Access to Lake Norman/ponds/streams (28.4%)
6) Amphitheatre (26.4%)
7) Picnic areas (23.2 %)
8) Bicycle trails (22.3%)
9) Camping areas (21.1%)
10) Football field (20.8%)
11) Baseball/softball (18.5%)
11) Dog park (18.5%)
12) Skateboard park (18.2%)
13) Natural areas/ open space/ gardens (17. 3%)
14) Soccer field (17.0%)
15) Community recreation center (15.8%)
16) Horseback riding trails (12.9%)
16) Tennis court (12.9%)
17) Other (10.0%)*
18) Golf course/driving range (7.9%)

*Other: Shooting range, Outdoor exercise stations, and Amusements

Troutman's Public

Public Participation

The Parks and Recreation Committee served as the steering committee for this document. In April a survey was sent out to all 1,440 water customers and the committee worked to get the survey out to various groups in the Troutman area. The survey officially closed on July 5, 2010 with 310 participants. In early summer, staff lead the Committee through two Action Planning workshops to determine parks and recreational needs and develop a draft vision and goals. The public was then invited to participate in a public input drop in meeting on August 23, 2010 to comment on the Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan and community park site. A second public input meeting to exclusively discuss the master plan for the Town's first community park was held September 14, 2010. The public also had opportunities to participate through a display at the J Hoyt Hayes Troutman Memorial Library. The public was informed of the meetings through the newspaper ads, website notices, social media, water bills, flyers, e-mails, the scrolling community sign, and word of mouth.

"Visioning"

Staff asked the steering committee the same questions asked of Troutman Middle School students: what makes parks ideal, good, and problematic. Additionally staff asked the steering committee to consider the threats and opportunities facing park development in Troutman. The steering committee noted uniqueness, inclusiveness, and a nurturing community spirit make ideal parks. Furthermore, they suggested that parks are made great with safety features; such as lighting, visibility, maintenance, and activity. Lack of shade, poor parking, and a deficiency in activities were reasons listed for uninviting parks. The steering committee noted opportunities for park development in Troutman include knowledgeable citizens, proximity to water, and land availability. Threats include development pressure, lack of a parks and recreation department, and misconceptions (specifically, a recent announcement of a baseball complex in the county. Some committee members expressed concern that it may appear that Troutman residents will have access to the complex, and thus are not in need of ball fields. However, this particular facility is proposed to be a commercial training facility.)

Based on these visioning exercises and comment from the youth and general public the following vision statement emerged:

> *Troutman's high-quality parks, beautiful open spaces, protected natural areas, and innovative recreational facilities are welcoming to all. The verdant parks have been thoughtfully designed to be accessible and offer unique experiences for all ages, abilities, and interests.*
>
> *The Town's greenways offer easily navigable and integrated connections between neighborhoods, community destinations, and town parks. Residents are active participants in promoting the establishment of new parks and recreational programs while keeping existing facilities clean, safe, and well maintained for the Town's current and future residents.*

Parks and Rec Committee Visioning Exercise Results (June 28, 2010)

Ideal Park

- Climbing toys
- Amusements
- Monkey bars
- Bike path/twisty walkway connecting facilities
- Playgrounds by fields/facilities
- Picnic areas
- Hopscotch
- Trees
- Safe
- Sandbox
- Baseball field
- Basketball court
- Athletic fields
- Accessible equipment to the handicapped community (swings, basketball goals, etc.)
- Swings
- Water fountain
- Shaded areas
- Sprayground/splash pad
- Restrooms near rec facilities
- Bocce court
- Concessions– ice cream
- Amphitheatre
- Open space
- Clean, well-kept restrooms
- Large shelters for gatherings
- Kiosk/information booth
- Good spectator seating
- Picnic areas
- Putt putt
- Bike trails
- Parking
- Connection to other parks with greenway
- Cardio/ exercise station
- Nature center
- Pond/ water feature
- Fishing
- Cooking facilities

Good parks

- Water feature
- Visibility
- Variety
- 1st aide station
- Trees
- Natural settings
- Safe
- Community
- Lights
- Clean
- Paved parking
- Facilities in good condition/ well maintained
- Active park

Bad Parks

- Overflowing trash-cans
- Poor parking
- No variety
- Flat, boring terrain
- Dogs
- Can't see the park
- Unsafe
- Dust
- Poor seating
- Bad field conditions
- Vandalism
- No shade
- Sand
- Community
- Bugs

Opportunities

- Knowledgeable citizens regarding sports and recreation
- Land availability
- Partnership with businesses
- Already have organized youth sports
- Fair amount of existing facilities nearby
- Baseball park/complex
- Proximity to water
- Concerned citizens
- County for maintenance and management
- Place for low-moderate income to play

Threats

- Contentment with the status quo
- Aging community
- Maintenance concerns
- Limited resources– need more businesses
- Baseball park/complex
- Parks not being kept for recreational use by the Troutman community
- Roads
- Land development
- Lack of support
- No parks and rec dept
- Misconceptions
- Lack of education
- Funding

Latta Plantation, Huntersville

Public Input Meeting 1— "Stations"

The public drop in meeting on August 23, 2010 offered several opportunities for input through the following stations 1) goal prioritization, 2) future park sites, 3) vision statement/ parks and recreation plan, 4) sidewalks and trails, 5) visual preference survey, and 6) proposed community park site plan. The participants could visit the stations in any order and were given a comment sheet that correlated with the various stations. Steering committee members were on hand to listen to and assist the public with the stations.

The activities were set up on a smaller scale at the library for two weeks to allow input from residents unable to attend the first public input meeting. Library staff handed out comment cards to those who wanted to participate and assisted the public with the stations. Forty-four people, including three Aldermen, participated in the stations either through the library or drop in meeting.

Vision/Comprehensive Plan Station

Several copies of the draft of this document were available for the public to write comments in. The planning documents noted earlier in this document were also on display for reference by the public. The draft vision statement and listing of existing facilities were printed on larger sheets for quick reference by participants. The vision statement was well received by the majority of public.

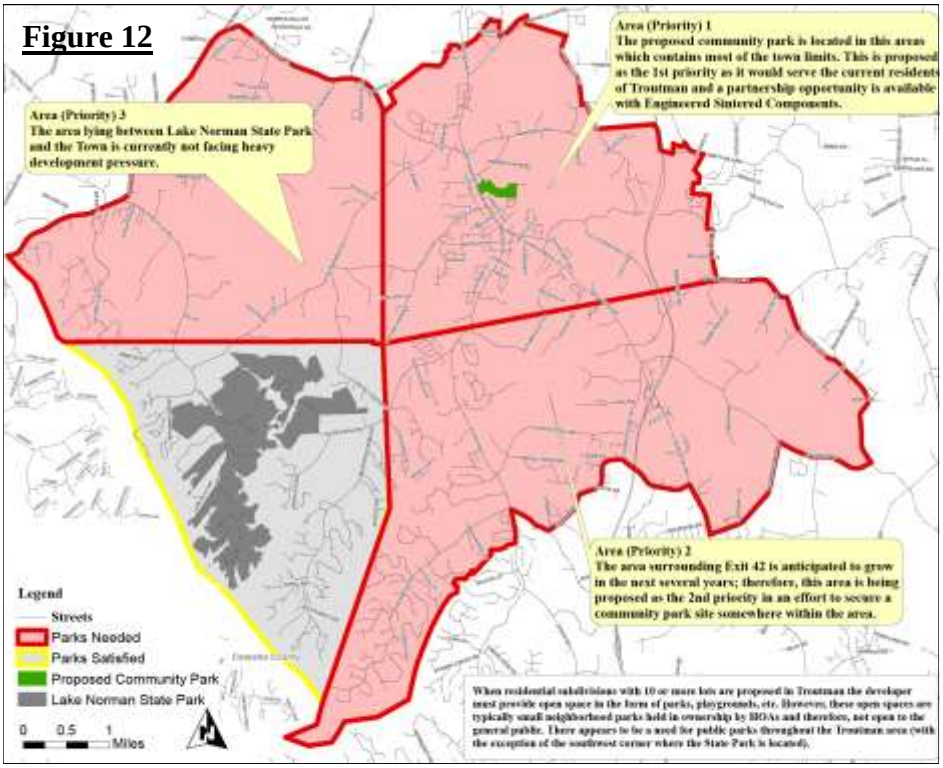
Proposed Community Park Station

This station gave participants an opportunity to comment on an initial layout of ESC park. Results from this station can be found in the ESC Master Plan.

Future Park Station

When residential subdivisions with 10 or more lots are proposed in Troutman the developer must provide open space in the form of parks, playgrounds, etc. However, these open spaces are typically small neighborhood parks held in ownership by Home Owners Associations (HOAs) and therefore, not open to the general public. The steering committee recommended dividing the Troutman area in to four quadrants and work towards the development of community parks. Figure 12. The steering committee and the public also emphasized the need to encourage and support parks of all sizes throughout the Troutman area. 89% of participants indicated on the comment sheet that they agreed with the proposed boundaries, 9% disagreed with the boundaries stating Exit 42 should be the third priority and area adjacent to the park as the second. The remaining 2% were neutral on the topic. To address the shortfalls in existing parks and recreational facilities at least one community park (30 acres minimum) should exist in each quadrant. The top ten recreational facilities identified by the community as "needed" (on page 49) should be developed.

1) Walking trails
2) Water body access
3) Swimming pool
4) Picnic areas
5) Playground
6) Fitness center
7) Natural areas
8) Bicycle trails
9) Splash pad
10) Baseball/Softball
11) Basketball courts



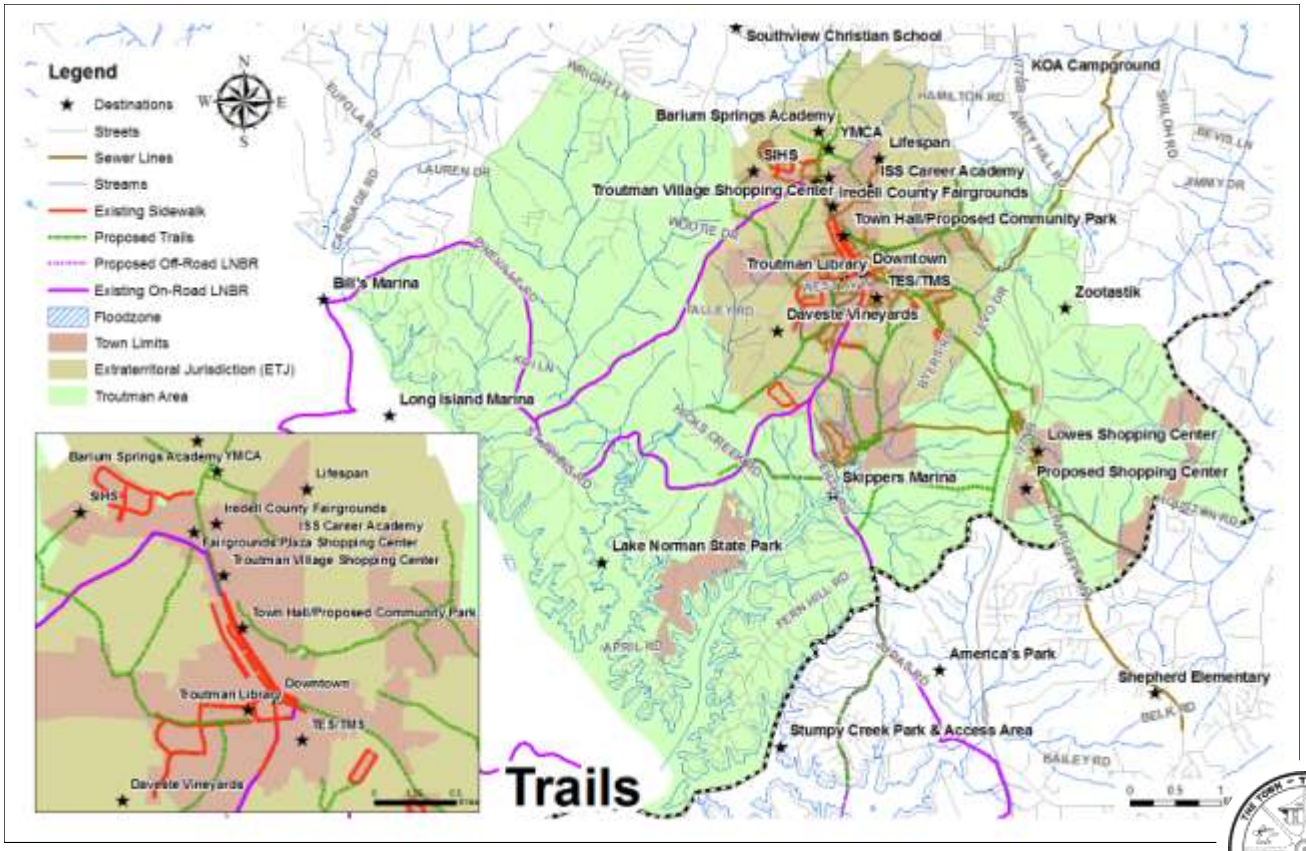
Trails and Sidewalks Station

Participants were shown maps with proposed trails from the Troutman Pedestrian Plan and existing sidewalks. They were asked to identify important destinations and draw on the map were they would like (or would not like) to see sidewalks and trails (Figure 13). Additionally they were asked who trail users should be. 79% of participants noted that trails should be built for multi-users. The remaining 21% noted trails should be for a single user group. The destinations most frequently identified as important were schools and shopping destinations.

Upon adoption of the County Greenways Master Plan the Town should consider further exploration of existing and proposed trails and sidewalks to ensure connectivity, prioritize connections, and work towards implementation of priority trails and sidewalks. Trail Builders, LLC. notes that trails are used by all ages and cost significantly less than traditional facilities; such as, athletic fields.

McEachern Greenway, Concord

Figure 13



Visual Preference Station

Participants of this station were shown the following recreational element themes: amphitheatre, trails, benches, and picnic tables. Based on their personal preference they were asked to rank each photograph with the corresponding theme (preferred item in bold boxes).

Amphitheatre Seating

A) Folding chairs

Photo by: Brian Reder

B) Terraced Concrete

Photo by: Jan Comer

C) Terraced Grass

Photo by: VA Museum of NH

D) Open Grass

Photo by: Erika Martin

Trails/Greenways

A) Asphalt

Photo by: Erika Martin

B) Gravel

Photo by: Erika Martin

C) Concrete

Photo by: Erika Martin

D) Natural/Dirt

Photo by: Erika Martin

Park Benches

A) Standard

Photo by: outdoorparkbench.com

B) Divided

Photo by: landscapeforms.com

C) Backless

Photo by: webcoat.com

D) Artistic

Photo by: igougo.com

Picnic Tables

A) Square

Photo by: cdn.com

B) Round

Photo by: picnictableoutlet.com

C) Rectangular

Photo by: theparkcatalog.com

Theme Ratings

Amphitheatre
A) 1.75, B) 2.35, **C) 3.29**, D) 2.74

Trails/Greenways
A) 3.20, B) 2.38, C) 2.41, D) 2.13

Park Benches
A) 3.56, B) 1.86, C) 2.88, D) 1.75

Picnic Tables
A) 3.26, B) 3.21, C) 2.55

Goal Prioritization Station

Some of the goals listed below are taken from previous planning efforts by the Town, the remaining were derived from a planning workshop with the steering committee. The public was then invited to prioritize which goals were most important to them using the dot method. They are ranked from highest priority to lowest below:

1) Make safety a top priority for parks, trails, and recreational areas (46 votes)

2) Reinforce the sidewalk network throughout Town (40 votes)

3) Widen existing rural thoroughfares to accommodate bicycle use (35 votes)

4) Preserve waters, open space, and natural areas (31 votes)

5) Insure that parks, trails, and recreational facilities are accessible to all members of the community (29 votes)

6) Provide opportunities that create access to Lake Norman and other bodies of water (22 votes)

7) Provide broad community based recreational programs to meet the needs of all age groups and abilities (20 votes)

8) Create a greenway (trail) network (19 votes)

9) Develop interesting/innovative park sites, trails, and programs (15 votes)

10) Operate efficiently and effectively: financial stability (14 votes)

11) Provide a means for social interaction and gathering (8 votes)

12) Connect significant destinations locally and regionally with sidewalks and trails (8 votes)

13) Encourage the distribution of a range of parks within neighborhoods and throughout the Troutman area (7 votes)

14) Encourage citizen participation in the establishment of new parks and recreational programs (3 votes)

15) Encourage the incorporation of parks facilities in economic development projects (3 votes)

16) Follow the comprehensive parks and recreational plan to achieve goals (2 votes)

Parks and Recreational Needs Survey Results

Participant Demographics

As noted earlier 310 people participated in the recreational needs survey: 38.9 % live in the town limits, 26.1% in the Troutman vicinity, and 15.5% live in the ETJ. The remaining 19.5% did not indicate where they live or indicated they live outside the study area.

54.7% of those surveyed were women, the remaining 45.3% male. 82% of the participants indicated their race as Caucasian, 9.9% African American, 3.6% Hispanic, 3% Native American, 2% Asian, 1% Pacific Islander, and 2.3% did not answer the question or listed other. The majority of participants were between 31 and 45 years of age.

Parks and Recreation in the Troutman Area

75% of those surveyed indicated that they use parks and recreation facilities in the Troutman Area. Participants indicated they use Lake Norman State Park is used most often (72%), followed by the Barium Springs YMCA (44%), Troutman Elementary/Middle School (36%), Richardson Greenway (31%), South Iredell High School (26%), and Other (6% church playgrounds, library). A presentation by the YMCA in October of 2010 revealed that the actual use by Troutman residents was less than 8%. When survey participants were asked where their household used parks and recreation facilities the most, the Troutman Area came in first, followed by Statesville, the County, and Mooresville.

Town Perception

76% of the participants agreed or strongly agreed with the following statement "The Town of Troutman does an excellent job of maintaining the Richardson Greenway." The remaining 24% were neutral on the issue. 84% of the participants indicated that the Town should work towards developing more parks and recreational facilities, with 54.7% stating they would be willing to pay additional taxes for such services.

Richardson Greenway

Parks and Recreational Needs Survey Results Continued

Recreational Activities

1) **Walking/Running (63.5%)**
2) **Swimming/Aquatics (47.4%)**
3) **Fishing (42.3%)**
4) **Fitness Programs (38.2%)**
5) **Baseball/Softball/Kickball (36.9%)**
6) **Picnicking (36.2%)**
7) **Reading (35.5%)**
8) **Basketball (34.1%)**
9) **Hiking (33.4%)**
10) **Dog Walking (31.4%)**
11) Camping (30.7%)
11) Football (30.7%)
12) Soccer (30.4%)
13) Bicycling, Road/Greenway (28%)
14) Arts and Crafts (27.3%)
14) Golf (27.3%)
15) Miniature Golf (26.6%)
16) Water Sports (25.3%)
17) Site Seeing (23.5%)
18) Tennis (20.8%)
19) Bicycling, Mountain (20.1%)
20) Solo Play (19.8 %)
21) Canoeing/Kayaking (16.7%)
22) Performing Arts (16%)
23) Bird Watching (15.7%)
23) Shooting Sports (15.7%)
24) Volleyball (12.6%)
25) Horseback Riding (10.6%)
26) Roller-Skating/ Rollerblading (9.6%)
27) Other (8.5%) *
28) Horseshoes (8.2%)
29) Frisbee Golf (7.8%)
30) Frisbee (6.1%)
31) Rock Climbing (4.8%)
32) Skateboarding (4.4%)
33) Bicycling, Motocross (1.7%)

* Other: Amusements, ATV riding, Community Events, Geocaching, Gardening, & Travel.

Recreational Facilities

1) **Walking Trails (66.9%)**
2) **Access to Lake Norman/Ponds/Streams (66.2%)**
3) **Swimming Pool/Aquatics Center (53%)**
4) **Picnic Areas (49.1%)**
5) **Playground (48.1%)**
6) **Fitness Center (45.6%)**
7) **Natural Areas/Open Areas/Gardens (41.8%)**
8) **Bicycle Trails (35.5%)**
9) **Water Spray Park/Splash Pad (31.4%)**
10) **Baseball/Softball Fields (33.1%)**
10) **Basketball Courts (33.1%)**
11) Soccer Fields (30.7%)
12) Community Recreation Center (29.3%)
13) Camping Areas (28.6%)
14) Amphitheatre (27.5%)
15) Football Field (26.5%)
16) Dog Park (25.4%)
17) Golf Course (23.7%)
17) Tennis Courts (23.7%)
18) Education Center (19.2%)
19) Golf Driving Range (18.1%)
20) Volleyball Courts (13.6%)
21) Horseback Riding Trails (10.8%)
22) Skateboard Park (5.9%)
23) Other (4.5) **

**Other: Batting Cages

McEachern Greenway, Concord (photo by Bill Galloway)

Recommendations & Implementation

Goals & Objectives

Goals and objectives express the needs and desires of the community. They form the basis for the following recommendations and reflect what this plan aims to accomplish. Goals differ from objectives in that they showcase the public's priorities and are broad statements of policy. Objectives are strategies used to accomplish goals over time. Listed below are goals prioritized by the community (some of the goals from the community input stations have been incorporated into similar or complementary goals).

Goal 1) Make safety a top priority for parks, trails, and recreational areas

Objective: Maintain and inspect park equipment and facilities regularly.

Objective: Design parks that are active to keep the "eyes" of the community accountable for each other.

Objective: Prepare an emergency management plan for all parks and review annually.

***Objective*:** Design parks that avoid conflict between users by building trails wide enough to accommodate pedestrians and non-motorized vehicles. Design streets and parking areas to allow adequate and safe movement by both pedestrians, non-motorized vehicles, and motorized vehicles

Objective: Inform the public of park safety through signage (ie "Push Panic Button to Alert the Authorities", "Bicyclists Must Yield to Pedestrians", "Call 555-PARK to Report Damaged Equipment", etc.)

Goal 2) Reinforce the sidewalk network throughout Town

Objective: Replace damaged or deteriorating sidewalk throughout the Town

Objective: Build, connect, and maintain sidewalks to schools, neighborhoods, and businesses throughout Town

Objective: Use the *Troutman Pedestrian Plan,* results of the *2020 Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan,* and the *Iredell County Greenways Master Plan* to determine where to build new sidewalks.

Objective: Follow adopted plans to improve the Town's walkability.

Former railroad corridor may offer a greenway connection at Exit 42 under I-77 (photos by Bill Galloway)

Goal 3) Widen existing thoroughfares to accommodate bicycle use

Objective: Work with the NCDOT, developers, and other organizations to build bicycle lanes or widen shoulders when expanding or improving roads

Objective: Participate in the Lake Norman Bicycle Route task force to assist in plan im plementation

Goal 4) Preserve waters, open space, and natural areas

Objective: Encourage the preservation of waters, open space, and natural areas by indi viduals, corporations, non-profits, and public agencies to enhance the livability, aes thetic value, and nature beauty of the Troutman area

Objective: Design parks that protect trees, streams, and other natural areas through buff ers and efficient use of land

Objective: Strengthen existing ordinances and establish procedures for acquiring land for future parks and recreational facilities

Objective: Rezone sensitive natural resource areas to conserve and protect such lands from intense development

Goal 5) Insure that parks, trails, and recreational facilities are accessible to all members of the community

Objective: Geographically distribute a range of parks and recreation facilities that will provide equitable activities and access.

Objective: Include accessibility at all parks by developing standards that provide quality park experiences

Objective: Inform citizens of available parks and facilities through brochures, websites, and other media

Objective: Include citizen participation in the decision making process and review the *2020 Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan*

Goal 6) Provide opportunities that create access to Lake Norman and other bodies of water

Objective: Acquire property or access to Lake Norman and other bodies of water for use by the public

Cyclists turning onto Main Street

Goal 7) Provide broad community based recreational programs to meet the needs of all age groups and abilities

Objective: Work with the Iredell County Parks and Recreation, YMCA, TYAA, and other interested groups to provide wellness programs

Objective: Inform citizens of available programs brochures, websites, and other media

Objective: Be responsive to community needs in program development and review the *2020 Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan*

Goal 8) Create a greenway (trail) network

Objective: Develop trails that provide safe and secure connections between neighbor hoods and community destinations

Objective: Work with property owners to secure property or easements for trail develop ment

Objective: Continue to work with the organizers of the Carolina Thread Trail and Lake Norman Bicycle Route to build regional connections and tourism

Objective: Develop cohesive signage for wayfinding between parks, schools, and other community destinations

Objective: Use the *Troutman Pedestrian Plan* and results of the *2020 Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan* to determine where to build trails

Goal 9) Develop interesting/innovative park sites, trails, and programs

Objective: Allow ordinance flexibility in the design and creation of parks, greenways, and open space

Objective: Work with the Iredell County Parks and Recreation, YMCA, TYAA, and other interested persons to implement innovative programs

Objective: Provide a range of parks and recreation facilities throughout the Troutman area

Goal 10) Operate efficiently and effectively; financial stability

Objective: Develop a Parks and Recreation Capital Improvement Plan

Objective: Develop parks and recreation facilities that are sustainable (developing a cost effective maintenance plan)

Objective: Cultivate partnerships with public agencies, community organizations, corpo-rations, citizens, and various groups to develop affordable solutions to secure land/ funding

Objectives: Actively pursue financial assistance through grant and loan programs

Objective: Encourage community organizations and citizens to help with basic mainte nance and clean up

Objective: Incorporate parks and recreation in economic development projects

Goal 11) Provide a means for social interaction and gathering

Objective: Encourage community events and celebrations within parks and recreational facilities; such as, family reunions, company picnics, Arbor Day Celebrations, artistic displays, outdoor movie nights, musical ensembles, etc.)

Objective: Include facilities in park and recreation design that will facilitate social inter actions and gatherings; such as, picnic shelters, amphitheatres, fields, benches, etc.

Objective: Provide for educational experiences through signage and programs

Funding

Current economic conditions are creating challenges throughout the Troutman and the state; therefore, it is vital for community leaders to be open and creative when exploring funding avenues for plan implementation. A "Friends of Troutman Parks" foundation could be established with individual and corporate member gifts to assist with ongoing land acquisition and building of facilities. Federal and State assistance should also be explored: Clean Water Management Trust Fund, Community Development Block Grants, NC Department of Transportation Enhancement Funds, NC Rails to Trails, Safe Routes to School, Trust for Public Land (Carolina Thread), Parks and Recreation Trust Fund, Wetlands Reserve Program, USDA Rural Business Enterprise Grants, etc. The Town should consider adopting a three to five year Capital Improvement Plan to steadily manage programs and facilities (example below).

Facility or Program	Estimated Cost	FY 2011-2012	FY 2012-2013	FY 2013-2014	FY 2014-2015	FY 2015-2016	Future Costs	Related Goal(s)
ESC Park	$2,986, 601	-	-	-	-	-	-	1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11
Ph. 1 Facilities	$1,000,000	$500,000					TBD	
Ph. 1 Maint.	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	
Phase 2	$1,000,000	NA	NA	NA	$1,000,000		TBD	
Phase 3	$986,601	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	TBD	
Greenways	TBD	-	-	-	-	-	-	1, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11
Maintenance/ Improvements	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	
Expansion	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	
Parks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-11
Neighborhood	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	
Land Acq.	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	
Water Access	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	
Sidewalks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1, 2, 10, 11
Maintenance/	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	
Expansion	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	
TYAA Support	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7, 9, 10, 11
Programs	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	
Facilities	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	
YMCA Support	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7, 9, 10, 11
Programs	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	
Facilities	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	

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Lake Norman (photo by Jason Martin)

General Park Standards

The National Recreation and Park Association has developed the following classification system for parks, open space, and trails:

Classification	General Description	Location	Size Criteria
Mini-Park	Used to address limited, isolated or unique recreational needs	Less 1/4 mile distance in residential setting	Between 2500 sq. ft. and one acre in size
Neighborhood Park	Neighborhood park remains the basic unit of the park system and serves as the recreational and social focus of the neighborhood. Focus is on informal activity and passive recreation	1/4 mile to 1/2 mile distance and uninterrupted by non-residential roads and other physical barriers	5 acres is considered minimum size. 5 to 10 acres is optimal
School-Park	Depending on circumstances, combining parks with school sites can fulfill the space requirements for other classes of parks, such as neighborhood, community, sports complex, and special use	Determined by location of school district property	Variable depends on function
Community Park	Serves broader purpose than neighborhood park. Focus is on meeting community-based recreation needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces	Determined by the quality and suitability of the site. Usually serves two or more neighborhoods within a 1/2 to 3 mile distance	As needed to accommodate desired uses. Usually between 30 and 50 acres
Large Urban Park	Large Urban parks serve a broader purpose than community parks and are used when community and neighborhood parks are not adequate to serve the needs of the community. Focus is on meeting community-based recreational needs as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces	Determined by the quality and suitability of the site. Usually serves the entire community.	As needed to accommodate desired uses. Usually a minimum of 50 acres with 75 or more acres being optimal

Classification System Continued

Classification	General Description	Location	Size Criteria
Natural Resource Areas	Lands set aside for preservation of significant natural resources, remnant landscapes, open space and visual aesthetics or buffering	Resource availability and Opportunity	Variable
Greenways	Effectively tie the park system components together to form a continuous park environment.	Resource availability and Opportunity	Variable
Sports Complex	Consolidates heavily programmed athletic fields and associated facilities to larger and fewer sites strategically located throughout the community	Strategically located Community-wide facilities	Determined by projected demand usually a minimum of 25 acres with 40 to 80 acres being optimal
Special Use Park	Covers a broad range of parks and recreation facilities oriented toward single-purpose use	Variable – dependent on specific use	Variable
Private Park/ Recreation Facility	Parks and recreational facilities that are privately	Variable – dependent on specific use	Variable

Surveys (Troutman Area Parks and Recreation)

Troutman Area Parks and Recreation Survey

1. Where do you live? Refer to map above.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Town limits	38.9%	118
Extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ)	15.5%	47
Troutman vicinity	26.1%	79
Other (please specify)	19.5%	59
	answered question	303
	skipped question	7

1. off Weathers Creek Rd	11. Statesville	21. none given	31. Union Grove
2. Lake Norman	12. Mooresville	22. Statesville	32. Mooresville
3. Alexander County	13. Cornelius	23. Statesville	33. Statesville
4. mooresville	14. Michigan	24. Terrell	34. Charlotte
5. Statesville	15. Statesville	25. West Iredell	35. Mooresville
6. Mooresville	16. West Iredell - Statesville	26. Mooresville	36. none given
7. Mooresville	17. Mooresville	27. Statesville	37. none given
8. Statesville	18. Statesville	28. Mooresville	38. none given
9. none given	19. West Iredell	29. none given	39. Mooresville
10. none given	20. Wallace Springs	30. Mooresville	40. Statesville

51. Wilkes	41. Statesville
52. Statesville	42. Statesville
53. none given	43. Harmony, NC
54. Mt. Ulla	44. Statesville
55. none given	45. none given
56. Mooresville	46. none given
57. Statesville	47. T
58. .	48. Statesville
59. Lake Norman State Park	49. Cornelius
	50. Statesville

2. Gender. Check one.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Male	45.3%	140
Female	54.7%	169
	answered question	309
	skipped question	1

Troutman Area Parks and Recreation Survey Continued...

3. Ethnic background. Check all that apply.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
African American	9.9%	30
Asian American	2.0%	6
Caucasian	82.2%	250
Hispanic	3.6%	11
Native American	3.0%	9
Pacific Island	1.0%	3
Other (please specify)	2.3%	7
	answered question	304
	skipped question	6

1. none given
2. White
3. European American
4. Asian
5. Asian (Japanese)
6. Asian
7. Russian

4. What are the ages of the members in your household? How many in each age group? Note number for #

Answer Options	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Re-sponse
Under 6	48	19	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	70
6-12	67	33	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	103
12-17	40	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	57
18-30	59	21	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	81
31-45	71	79	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	150
46-55	51	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	84
56-65	29	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49
Over 65	31	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44

	Ques-tion
answered question	309
skipped question	1

Troutman Area Parks and Recreation Survey Continued...

5. Does your household use parks and recreation facilities in the Troutman area? Check one.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	75.2%	228
No (skip next question)	24.8%	75
	answered question	303
	skipped question	7

6. My household uses the following parks and recreation facilities in the Troutman area on a regular basis. Check all that apply.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Barium Springs YMCA	43.6%	103
Lake Norman State Park	71.6%	169
Richardson Greenway	30.5%	72
South Iredell High School	26.3%	62
Troutman Elementary/Middle School	35.6%	84
Other (please specify)	5.9%	14
	answered question	236
	skipped question	74

1. Stumpy Creek
2. Troutman has no parks or recreation facilities
3. Methodist Church playground
4. Tennis courts/Statesville
5. Statesville
6. recreation center
7. Troutman Library
8. Mooresville
9. New Perth ARP Church playground and the Church on Mills St playground
10. Church behind Pantry
11. All over. Restaurants. Lowes.
12. playground across from Methodist Church behind Kangaroo gas station
13. walking path
14. Morningstar Marina

Troutman Area Parks and Recreation Survey Continued...

7. Where does your household use parks and recreation facilities the most? Check one.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
County (Stumpy Creek/Outdoor Center/ etc.)	14.1%	40
Mooresville (Liberty Park/Skate park/ etc.)	6.0%	17
Statesville (Aquatics center/greenway system/ etc.)	15.2%	43
Troutman (Lake Norman State Park/ etc.)	59.4%	168
Other (please specify)	5.3%	15
	answered question	283
	skipped question	27

1. Huntersville and Cornelius
2. Sherrills Ford Optamist
3. none given
4. Parks in Charlotte Area
5. Mooresville YMCA
6. state parks
7. nowhere
8. Davidson
9. none given
10. none given
11. none
12. Wilkes
13. Tanglewood
14. Do not use.
15. Not any of the above.

8. The Town of Troutman does an excellent job of maintaining the Richardson Greenway. Check the statement that best reflects your opinion.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly agree	29.5%	85
Agree	46.9%	135
Neutral	23.6%	68
Disagree	0.0%	0
Strongly disagree	0.0%	0
	answered question	288
	skipped question	22

9. Do you think Troutman should develop more parks and recreation facilities? Check one.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	84.4%	238
No	15.6%	44
	answered question	282
	skipped question	28

Troutman Area Parks and Recreation Survey Continued...

10. What are your household's 10 most preferred recreational activities? Select 10 from the list below.		
Answer Options	**Response Percent**	**Response Count**
Arts and crafts	27.3%	80
Baseball/softball/kickball	36.9%	108
Basketball	34.1%	100
Bicycling (mountain)	20.1%	59
Bicycling (motocross)	1.7%	5
Bicycling (road/greenway)	28.0%	82
Bird watching	15.7%	46
Camping	30.7%	90
Canoeing/kayaking	16.7%	49
Dog walking	31.4%	92
Fishing	42.3%	124
Fitness programs	38.2%	112
Football	30.7%	90
Frisbee	6.1%	18
Frisbee golf	7.8%	23
Golf	27.3%	80
Hiking	33.4%	98
Horseshoes	8.2%	24
Horseback riding	10.6%	31
Miniature golf	26.6%	78
Performing arts (dance, theatre, etc.)	16.0%	47
Picnicking	36.2%	106
Reading	35.5%	104
Rock climbing	4.8%	14
Roller-skating/rollerblading	9.6%	28
Shooting sports	15.7%	46
Site seeing	23.5%	69
Skateboarding	4.4%	13
Soccer	30.4%	89
Solo play (monkey bars, slides, swings, etc.)	19.8%	58
Swimming/aquatics	47.4%	139
Tennis	20.8%	61
Volleyball	12.6%	37
Walking/running	63.5%	186
Watersports (wakeboarding, boating, etc.)	25.3%	74
Other (please specify)	8.5%	25
	answered question	**293**
	skipped question	**17**

1. Family out of state trips
2. TV, Church, Beach
3. gymnastics
4. Classic Cars
5. OCEAN
6. movies (outside), outside music entertainment (some family, some adult only)
7. 4 wheeler riding
8. Something for smaller kids can do
9. ATV Trails for riding
10. None of the above due to age
11. Motorcycling
12. RC model flying- no where close to do this
13. Flowers
14. Crocheting, knitting, etc.
15. motorcycling, traveling
16. gardening
17. playing pool, bowling, watching and videoing trains
18. karate, scuba diving
19. gardening, family and church activities
20. Playground
21. ATV riding
22. geocaching
23. gardening, watching TV
24. fairs/carnivals, shopping, exploring new towns
25. Gardening, Classic Cars, Wine tasting

Troutman Area Parks and Recreation Survey Continued...

11. What are your household's 10 most preferred recreational facilities? Select 10 from the list below.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Access to Lake Norman/ponds/streams	66.2%	190
Amphitheater (open air theatre)	27.5%	79
Baseball/softball fields	33.1%	95
Basketball courts	33.1%	95
Bicycle trails	35.5%	102
Camping areas (RV or tent)	28.6%	82
Community recreation center	29.3%	84
Dog park	25.4%	73
Education center	19.2%	55
Fitness center	45.6%	131
Football field	26.5%	76
Golf course	23.7%	68
Golf driving range	18.1%	52
Horseback riding trails	10.8%	31
Natural areas/open areas/gardens	41.8%	120
Picnic areas	49.1%	141
Playground	48.1%	138
Soccer fields	30.7%	88
Skateboard park	5.9%	17
Swimming pool/aquatics center	53.0%	152
Tennis courts	23.7%	68
Volleyball courts	13.6%	39
Walking trails	66.9%	192
Water spray park/splash pad	31.4%	90
Other (please specify)	4.5%	13
	answered question	287
	skipped question	23

1. disc/frisbee golf course
2. Batting cages
3. Batting cages
4. Bow shooting
5. None.
6. Nature walks
7. Raquetball courts
8. Frisbee golf
9. bowling alley, pool hall
10. shooting range
11. local art/craft center for classes
12. Hiring Trails
13. Marinas, Libraries,Fishing Piers, Wineries

Troutman Area Parks and Recreation Survey Continued...

12. Would you be willing to pay more taxes for better recreation services? Check one.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	54.7%	156
No	45.3%	129
	answered question	285
	skipped question	25

13. Please feel free to make additional comments regarding parks/recreation in the space below.

Answer Options	Response Count
	71
answered question	71
skipped question	239

1. was hard to pick only 10.... any and all would great!
2. What are ya'll thinking. Troutman is a small Town that is growing fast. There's not a lot of room left for parks and recreation.
3. Having a nice variety of parks is important to the family unit and to the individual person. More recreation and park areas give children, teens and adults more activities to choose from and in turn results in healthier population with less obesity.
4. Call me I have a degree in Parks and Recreation. Chip Smith
5. We need parks!
6. Should be careful not to over duplicate leading to non-use.
7. I feel that recreational parks should have more things to do do keep children WANTING to come back.
8. Went to splashd park for preschoolers in Colorado, was delightful- Adults sat on benches and could view kids running thru sprinklers. Had pavallion to eat, umbrellas for shade- very nice to have one here.
9. We need a dog park. We are too old to do may of these but would be so wonderful for our younger community members. Would be nice for folks in town to have small fenced dog parks so dogs could run and exercise- one small dog only park, one for large dogs. Now we drive to Huntersville, Charlotte, or even Greensboro.
10. Troutman area kids are in need of soccer fields. There are none for our kids to use and play on.
11. wish we had a greenway that was not in the middle of town by all the cars
12. A swim area (pool) and playground are greatly needed.
13. Troutman Rocks!
14. We're in need of more soccer fields, football fields, and baseball fields.

Troutman Area Parks and Recreation Survey Continued...

15. Don't understand why the greenway is named the "Richardson Greenway" and not "the Troutman Greenway"
16. "SIGHT" Seeing
17. :)
18. more private walk-ways or trails would be helpful.
19. It may be worth it
20. Read my lips: NO NEW TAXES!
21. Paying taxes for something that can be used by everyone is much better than paying for things used by only a select few people. I am more than willing to pay more taxes for recreation facilities if we can eliminate some of the utterly useless programs paid for with the people's money.
22. nature rails w/animal habitats
23. THIS IS AWESOME
24. Thank you!
25. I'd be willing to pay lots and lots more taxes. Use the sewere row and make more natural areas to walk. ESC has a lot of land behind city hall.
26. Part of the job of living in Troutman is having so many activity areas that you can get to by walking. I would love to see the old tennis courts at Troutman Middle up and running again. Also, teens are breaking the equipment at the playground on Mills St. I have seen them and don't want the church to no longer allow use because of the destructive behavoir of 2 teens.
27. No adequate park in Troutman. Playground we have used was at Methodist Church downtown with old damaged play equipment.

    Greenway is hard to access from my house. No sidewalk that attaches to the greenway.
28. I might pay more taxes if the parks contained things that I look for in a park, I would like a real swimming pool and not a lazy river.
30. My water bill has been more than electric for years, now you want more. Just when we can least afford it. Someone has to have the balls to say "NO." Now is "Not" the time for recreational anything. It will be years before we are there. If you have money to spend put it toward the water problem. We don't live in Obama land. Don't spend or plan to spend what we don't have. The greenway is a perfect example of the Feds' controlling what Troutman, NC does. The greenway looks good, is used and is well maintained (by the Troutman taxpayers). They "gave" us money, told us what had to be done with it, we had to match it, and we the Troutman taxpayer have to pay $50,000 to maintain it annually. Would you do that at your house? If not don't do it to us anymore. We can not afford it. Now is not the time to be spending money on new projects. We are having trouble paying for old projects. We are paying for decisions Laurin Powell made years ago. I was there. Stop spending!
31. Co-sponsor more events with Lake Norman State Park. It would generate more revenue locally i.e. bike events and trail, birdwatch in town, community days, beautification.

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31. Co-sponsor more events with Lake Norman State Park. It would generate more revenue locally i.e. bike events and trail, birdwatch in town, community days, beautification.
32. Willing to pay more taxes after the streets are repaired.
33. Police need to crack down on noise, especially trucks changing gear or so called "jake brakeing" going uphill on 115-21 almost across the street from city hall.
34. We were sad to see the canoe rentals closed down in LNSP. Can't we get a private company, Troutman or Iredell County to rent canoes? Why do we have to rely on government?
35. Great job. We need parks and a swimming pool!
36. Greenway could use more flowering shrubs and flowers and maybe a coi pond. I'm 80 years old- a place for senior citizens to play cards, bingo, etc. A playground would be nice for the children.
37. I would love to see a dog park. We had one before moving to Troutman & we really miss it. I would like to see a recreation area with a dog park, playground area for the kids, & walking trails. Also, a splash pad like Birkdale would be so much fun.
38. It would be nice to have a community park with tennis courts, swimming pool, kiddie water park, fitness center, playground, walking trail, picnic area, etc
39. I feel that having recreational activities make Troutman a better place to live. I love the greenway. My finances aren't strong enough to support this but could in the future.
40. I think we can raise money for needed parks & recreations without having to raise taxes and make a hardship on everyone. There are alot of fund raisers that are alot of fun to do like silent auctions, poker runs, port-a-pits, etc, just to name a few. Best of luck.
41. We are a ver active family of 2 adults and though we wnjoy and greatly appreciate community outlets to recreation, we in no way feel it is the governments place to provide it!
42. Bring on walking trails
43. Need a place for skatebards to keep them off sidewalks and out of road. All
44. No more taxes!! We pay plenty and have little in return. I don't use these types of facilities and our town is too big now!
45. A performing arts in the Town of Troutman can bering families to use our local restaurants. Extra income coming from commerical (taxes) can help to subsidize expences incured in the construction of the performing art center.
46. Tennis court opportunity is a must! Have a travel to Statesville to play and you get there and all courts are taken.
47. No new texts beacause not enough poeple use the facilities we have now.
48. Troutman needs a sports complex. One that combines the best of Stumpy Creek and the Statesville Soccer Complex.

Troutman Area Parks and Recreation Survey Continued...

49. As I pay city and county taxes, I am not really interested in increasing that bill, but I would consider a small increase reasonable if it used to pay for additional parks/recreation in Troutman. Good Luck!

50. Work on the roads- potholes, repaving, repair it. Work on the infrastructure first - water and sewer system expences. Increase the police department salaries. I don't want my tax dollars going for recreation when there are much more important things to be done. Use the tax money on water and sewer and road repair and not raise the rates.

51. We are living in the Troutman City Limits but we should not have to pay to use certain facilities.

52. The land north of the police station would make a nice pathway thru a wooden area.

53. Taxes too high now. During economic down turns is not the time to build more drains on individual income by increase taxes for non necessary projects. Wake up people, let the tax payer keep more money in his/her pocket. When times area good again, then build parks.

54. The local area has enough recreational areas for our needs. What we need is a local arts/crafts center for classes.

55. I love going to the State Park but wish there was a playground. The State Park will be great when my son is older but I would love a playground for this age.

56. Do not spend time finding ways to increase tax base. This is governing the wrongway. Do look for ways to decrease tax base.

57. We do not use parks. Due to financial needs such as schools, help school, pay theirs. We pay taxes so why raise playgrounds. Do like we did, play in a rocky field. Didn't hurt me and it won't hurt today's kids. Tired of paying taxes and go up on water. Use some common sense! Let families pay for own facilites if thats what they want.

58. would love a playground in LNSP

59. We love the guided Lake Norman State Park Ranger programs. Please continue to provide them - these outings are so important for the children.

60. Our greenway is right in the middle of town (no greenery, nature - just care & exhaust). Morganton, NC has a wonderful greenway with a park, river, softball field; restrooms; I think even canoeing. Martha's Park is a park for kids with swings, slides, picnic areas, and a pad with water shooting up from the ground.

61. Rush hour traffic :(County Fairgrounds used for more events!

62. Just moved to NC. Still getting acquainted with the area.

63. What is the Richardson Greenway? Everything is fine. Leave it alone.

64. A playground built in Lake Norman State Park would likely draw more families with children to the park. Also, a playground built next to the new Library would be great!

65. Being the way the economy is today and most families struggling to make eneds meet - why would the town even consider raising taxes to accomdate recreational areas? There must be someplace in our town's budget that can accomadate extra funding for parks.

66. That the parks be in the City limits.

67. Our community desperately needs athletic fields for our children to play on. We need a safe place for them to grow and develop skills.

68. Do not raise my taxes!

69. We need to provide for our youth in exercise.

70. We need a place to recycle in Troutman. Please! :)

71. Would like to be more informed of activities going on in Troutman (before they are taking place)

Troutman Middle School Surveys

1. Gender (Check one): Create Chart Download

	Response Percent	Response Count
Male	48.4%	168
Female	51.6%	179
answered question		347
skipped question		1

2. Grade Level (Check One): Create Chart Download

	Response Percent	Response Count
6th	35.9%	124
7th	28.1%	97
8th	35.9%	124
answered question		345
skipped question		3

3. How much time do you spend outdoors each day? (Check One) Create Chart Download

	Response Percent	Response Count
Less than 15 minutes	6.1%	21
15 minutes	2.9%	10
30 minutes	15.9%	55
45 minutes	10.7%	37
1 hour	14.5%	50
More than 1 hour	50.0%	173
answered question		346
skipped question		2

Troutman Middle School Surveys Continued

4. Which (if any) do you use for outdoor activities? (Check all that apply) Create Chart Download

	Response Percent	Response Count
Backyard, front yard	77.8%	270
Lake Norman State Park	23.6%	82
Mooresville parks	12.1%	42
Neighborhood park	15.3%	53
Neighborhood street	34.6%	120
Richardson Greenway	3.2%	11
School playground/athletic fields	38.3%	133
Statesville parks	19.0%	66
Parking lot	15.9%	55
Woods/grassy field	37.8%	131
YMCA	32.6%	113
Other (please specify) Show Responses	15.0%	52
	answered question	347
	skipped question	1

1. Skatepark
2. Friends basketball goals.
3. Mooresville skate park and Troutman.
4. Sports. Hanging out with friends.
5. Driveway
6. .
7. friends trampoline
8. On my own property
9. Baseball field and fishing pond.
10. At home because there is no park near my house.
11. The woods behind my house have a creek.
12. .
13. In my shed.
14. .
15. Grandmother's house.
16. Roads.
17. Statesville rec.
18. Lake.
19. Charlotte.
20. Everywhere I ward.
21. Lake.
22. Neighbors' yard.
23. My swing set.
24. Friends' front yard/backyard
25. Soccer complex.
26. Basketball court
27. Basketball court
28. parks
29. .
30. grandmas house
31. skate park
32. volleyball/baseball
33. Bentley Center
34. outside on goal
35. House
36. Motocross tracks
37. Driveway, Lake
38. Motocross tracks
39. Lake
40. Go play with my bb gun.
41. .
42. Basketball
43. Virginia Park
44. Trampoline
45. Playing sports
46. None of them.
47. gym/football
48. Bentley, Soccer complex
49. Tennis court
50. Walking anywhere
51. pond
52. On my deck

Troutman Middle School Surveys Continued

5. Which (if any) outdoor activities do you participate in? (Check all that apply)

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	Response Percent	Response Count
Arts and crafts	23.3%	81
Baseball/softball/kickball	45.1%	157
Basketball	50.3%	175
Bicycling	50.6%	176
Bird Watching	8.6%	30
Camping	34.5%	120
Canoeing/kayaking	17.0%	59
Dog walking	31.9%	111
Fishing	38.2%	133
Fitness programs (dance, martial arts, ect.)	21.8%	76
Football	41.1%	143
Frisbee	16.1%	56
Frisbee golf	10.3%	36
Horseshoes	13.2%	46
Horseback riding	19.5%	68
Picnicking	18.1%	63
Putt-putt	29.9%	104
Reading	23.3%	81
Rock-climbing	29.6%	103
Roller-skating/rollerblading	26.1%	91
Site seeing	12.4%	43

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Picnicking	18.1%	63
Putt-putt	29.9%	104
Reading	23.3%	81
Rock-climbing	29.6%	103
Roller-skating/rollerblading	26.1%	91
Site seeing	12.4%	43
Skateboarding	32.5%	113
Snow sports (sledding, skiing, etc.)	30.5%	106
Soccer	40.5%	141
Solo play (monkey bars, slides, swings, ect.)	26.1%	91
Swimming	**62.4%**	**217**
Tennis	25.6%	89
Volleyball	29.6%	103
Walking/hiking/running	46.3%	161
Water sports (wakeboarding, boating, etc.)	36.8%	128
Other (please specify) Show Responses	12.9%	45
	answered question	**348**
	skipped question	**0**

1. My house. Playing xbox 360.
2. BMXing!
3. Softball
4. Hacky sack.
5. Bungy jumping and paint ball or air soft guns.
6. Golf
7. Taking care of animals.
8. 4 wheel riding
9. .
10. .
11. Barbecue
12. Camping.
13. Wrestling gym.
14. Sky diving.
15. Fourwheeling.
16. Wrestling.
17. Riding 4 wheelers and dirt bikes.
18. Riding 4 wheelers and dirt bikes.
19. Boy scouts.
20. Playing with my dog.
21. Go carts.
22. Trampoline. Playing prelend.
23. .
24. Cheerleading
25. .
26. pool
27. go out and play fight
28. chaser
29. nascar racing and hockey
30. Motocross. BMX
31. Motocross races
32. Motocross racing and dirt bike riding.
33. Tae-kwan do
34. Riding bikes
35. Baseball.
36. .
37. zip line, donkey rodeo indoor arena
38. Ping pong
39. Dirtbikes
40. .
41. Dancing, ahhhhh, make believing ninja-ing.
42. Weight lifting, personal gym.
43. .
44. Rake leaves
45. Paintball

Troutman Middle School Surveys Continued

6. Do you think Troutman needs parks? Why or why not?

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	Response Count
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1. Yes, to keep kids active.
2. Yes, that way people can play and get active.
3. Yes, cause we don't like driving to Lake Norman State Park.
4. Yes, we need a closer place to play.
5. Yes for fun!
6. Yes, cuz more people means more business.
7. Yes, because kids need to get out and have fun. They would love to go to the park every day and have fun.
8. Because it feels empty without excitement. Kids will be more active!
9. Why not, because some people do not like going to Statesville parks.
10. Yes, because many people may go to that park.
11. Yeah, because we need a place to ride our bikes!
12. Yes, because we don't have a lot of parks or places to go.
13. Yes, because it will bring more visitors.
14. Yes, because there is nothing to do in Troutman (teens). We need more for teens.
15. Yes, because it would be really nice to have one to play on!
16. Yes, because we need a place to have fun.
17. Yes, so I have somewhere to play.
18. Yes, so kids that don't have any people or toys to play with can come and play.
19. Yes, because the one in Statesville does not have fun things and it is crowded.
20. Yes, because I think it will be great for all kids.
21. It would attract more people to the town. It would be nice for people to be able to go there and a lot of other things.
22. Yes, so kids can play outside.
23. Yes, so we can be more active and stay healthy.
24. Yea, so we can hang out more.
25. Yes, so people could be more active in a fun way.
26. Troutman needs a park. It would help kids with getting exercise.
27. Yes, it would be a good addition to our community.
28. Yes, its too big to not have a park and you got to go all the way to Statesville.
29. Yeah, because we need these things.
30. Yes, so people can go and have fun.
31. Yes, for the kids it can play.
32. No, because no one here would probably use it.
33. Yes, because I think if we had a park kids would be more active and come outside to the park.
34. Yes, because we have nothing to do.
35. Yes, so that everyone can have a place to do their activities that they want to do and need to do.
36. Yes, because it would give me more to do, and my parents would not have to drive to Statesville.
37. Yes because too many people.
38. Yes and no.
39. Yes, for kids/grown ups to have fun ways to excersise and hang out or walk and hear animals.
40. Yes, so kids can have fun.
41. Yes, because Troutman is very boring and we need something fun.
42. Yes, because people and kids can get more active and not be the most over weight.
43. Yes, because I think it would keep a lot of kidz out of trouble and keep them from having nothing to do.
44. Yes, cause there's nothing to do here.
45. Yea, because there ain't nothing to do.
46. Yes, it would be nice.
47. Yes, its boring without one.
48. Yes, because it would be a lot closer than Mooresville.
49. Yes, we need the fun and nature of parks.
50. Yes, to skateboard.
51. Yes, because the other parks are too far away.
52. Yes, for fun.
53. Yes, so more people could exercise and have fun.
54. Yes, keep a lot of people active.
55. Yes, because we need something new and fun.
56. Yes, cause it will show other countries we are rich and it might be quieter to do homework. We can exercise.
57. Yea, because there be more to do.
58. Yes, because people can come to the park.
59. No, we already have plenty.
60. No.
61. Yes.
62. Yes.
63. Yes, we are a growing town and we need more things.
64. Yes, because there is nothing else to do in Troutman.
65. Yes, because we need outdoor activities.
66. Yes, because it will make Troutman fun and people would wanna go outside more.
67. Yes, cause we do.
68. Yes, to make us recognicable.
69. Yes, because it would be a lot closer than Mooresville.
70. Yes, there is not much to do and a park would help.
71. Yes, so kids and people will have somewhere to go if they're bored.
72. Yes, because there isn't that much space to do all these fun things.
73. Yes, because it would help more kids get fit.
74. No, because its too small for a park.
75. Yes, people want more place to go and sometimes they think its boring too.
76. Boring around Troutman.
77. Because its really boring around Troutman.
78. Yes, it would bring more people.
79. Yes, the parks are mostly in Mooresville.
80. Yes, because it would be a lot more fun.
81. Yes, because we need more places where we can play with our friends.

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82. Absolutely.
83. Yes, more places to play and have fun.
84. Yes, because there is no park around here except Statesville. If there was one in Troutman it would be close to my house.
85. Yes, because its a good idea.
86. Yes, because Troutman really don't have anything to do and if we had a park it would be better.
87. Yes, there are hardly any outdoor things in Troutman.
88. Yes, because kids now days stay inside and need to get out.
89. No, not really.
90. Yes, because it needs to be funner in Troutman.
91. Yes, kids won't be so bored. Probably would get in less trouble.
92. Yes, so that we can play.
93. Yes, because I said so.
94. Yes, cuz we need more activities.
95. Yes, so kids can have more fun.
96. Nope, be too crowded.
97. Yes, we need places to play.
98. Yes, because it's just a boring town with nothing to do really.
99. Skate park, because we got a lot of skateboarding in Troutman.
100. Yes, I do. We need somethings for people to do.
101. Yes, we need it.
102. Yes, because it will make Troutman more exciting. More people will come visit and have more places to go.
103. Because Troutman doesn't have any parks.
104. Yes, because Troutman can get boring so if we got a park it would make it more exciting.
105. I think so, because they need one.
106. Yes, so they have something to do.
107. Yes, so kids can stay healthy and have a good/safe place to play and have fun.
108. Yes, I would love a place to swim and play soccer.
109. Yes, we all need a close place to play at. YES!
110. Yes, we need parks because people enjoy going to parks for walking their dogs, hiking, things like that!
111. Yes, it encourages kids to be active everyday.
112. Yes, because there is no where cool to hang out here in Troutman.
113. I don't know.
114. Yes, so if there is a beautiful day outside we can go straight to the park.
115. Yes, because there's not much to do.
116. Yes, so people will be healthier.
117. Yes, for you won't drive all the way to Lakewood.
118. Yes, cuz Troutman kids need a place to play that's close.
119. Yes, it is boring in Troutman.
120. Yes, Troutman is boring!
121. Yea, its too boring.
122. Yes, that way people can get active.
123. Yes, because there is nothing to do here.
124. Yes, it would be good for it.
125. Yes, so we can have more fun.
126. Yes, so I can have somewhere to hang with friends.
127. Yes, because Troutman is kind of boring.
128. Yes! It's nothing to do in Troutman.
129. Yes.
130. Yes.
131. Yes, because Troutman could be expanded. It would be nice.
132. Yes, it will be fun.
133. Yes, we do not have a town park with fun stuff.
134. Yes, because it is safer than playing on the street.
135. Yes. It keeps people in shape and can be fun too.
136. Yes.
137. Yes, cuz kids need somewhere to play.
138. yes, because we need a safe place to play
139. yes, to have fun in.
140. yes it will attract more people.
141. yes, because it will keep more people active and healthy
142. yes, there is nothing to do
143. yes to get exercise.
144. yes, because it is boring, and i would like to meet my friends an people dont have pools these days
145. yes so more people will come to Troutman
146. yes, there is alot of room to play sports
147. yes it will make kids more active
148. yes, so more people can exercise
149. yes, so people arent lazy and can enjoy outdoors
150. yes, so kids have a bigger place to play
151. yes, you could bring more people to the city
152. they need a big skate park for the punks
153. yes, because we need to have something to do athletically on summer and warm days
154. yes, kids can hangout
155. i dont know
156. well i really dont think Troutman needs to change at all
157. yes, so you dont have to drive far
158. yes, so little kids and teens can hang out
159. Yes. so little kids and teens can hang out
160. yes, kids need to have fun that is close to home.
161. yes, so people can have more things to do
162. yes, because this town looks boring and plain without nothing
163. yes, because it would be fun.
164. Yes, I dont know
165. sure
166. YES, CAUSE IT IS BORING
167. yes.
168. yes they are awesome and we need one
169. yes, so people can enjoy the woods
170. Yes so people can play
171. yes and no we should on treeless areas, instead of cutting down trees
172. yes, so the little kids can play
173. probably not
174. yes, but no for me because I live right beside
175. yes, we need a community pool too, we also need a running course in the park! Please we need a park I'm bored.
176. yes, so people can let out there energy
177. yes, because we need more physical activity

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178. Yes, so that the kids will have something to do to keep them out of trouble.
179. yes, because the older kids need somewhere to hang out
180. Yes, because they would be cool, and we need more places for activity.
181. Yes, motocross tracks.
182. Yes, because Troutman doesnt have one, we need a pool and a volleyball net.
183. Yes, it would be awesome.
184. Yes, so kids have another place to hangout
185. Yes, it would make Troutman better.
186. Yes, because no where to play.
187. Yes, because there needs to be more to do.
188. Yes, because we don't have one.
189. Yes, because they ain't got nothing around.
190. yes, because Troutmans so small and it needs something
191. Yes, bring joy to many kids.
192. YES!
193. Yes, they do cause kids like to play and parents to talk to each other.
194. Yes, so we don't have to go to another city and go to their park, and so ill kids, adults, teenagers, etc. can hang out with friends and family or just be alone.
195. Yes.
196. no, because you can do things at home
197. yes, because there isn't many places to go.
198. yes, so you have a place to go to play sports
199. yes, they are pretty and fun
200. Yes, they need parks because they are fun.
201. Yes, because we can have more places to play.
202. Yes, to get out our energy.
203. Yes, to lose weight.
204. Yes, because it would be an attraction for tourists and it would be fun.
205. yes, because we sait at home and people cant afford pools.
206. Yes, I think because there's nothing to do.
207. Yes, so we will have more places to play games.
208. No, cause I don't live down here.
209. No, because I don't stay in Troutman.
210. yes, with lots of basketball courts
211. Yes, I think yes because there isn't nothing to do.
212. yes, because we are lazy
213. yes, get fat kids more active
214. yes, because there is a limit to what you can do at home
215. yes, if we have parks people will be outside more
216. yes, we dont have much but we have fun
217. yes, because kids need somewhere to hang
218. yes, kids dont need to roam in the streets all the time
219. yes, it would be fun
220. yes
221. Yes, because there's nothing to do and people need exercise and get in shape.
222. Yes, because there is nothing to do in Troutman.
223. Yes, because people need places to go when they want to relax outside and kids need places to go to play.
224. Yes, cause more kids will go.
225. Yes, because kids will be more active and go out more!
226. yes, teachers may want some time outdoors with kids
227. yes
228. Yes, because it doesn't have that much.
229. yes, more things to do and a place to hang out with my friends
230. Yes, because there is a lot of people in Troutman who don't have a yard or anything to play with or on.
231. yes, because we dont have one
232. Yes, so kids will have more to do.
233. Yes, to make it more interesting for the kids.
234. Yes, because its beneficial and helpful. It will be a lot of fun to have our own park.
235. Yes, Troutman sucks.
236. yes, nothing to do, boring
237. Yes, because it will be a good place for kids to enjoy themselves.
238. kids/teenagers need a gathering place
239. Yes, because parks are fun and bring a lot of joy.
240. Yes, we need a place to hang with friends and also feel safe.
241. Yes, I do. Because, kids need places to play.
242. Yes, so people/kids can get outside and be active.
243. Yes, so people will be more active.
244. Yes, because we have to go to Mooresville or Statesville to play!
245. Yes, because every kid in Troutma is bored all the time.
246. Yes, because this is a boring town. Please make it fun for us kids.
247. Yes, because children have nothing to do.
248. Yes.
249. Yes, but they need to be safe.
250. Yes, they are fun.
251. Yes, preserve nature.
252. I think we do, I think we should because Troutman needs more stuff to do.
253. Yes, so people can enjoy the outdoors without leaving their town.
254. I think we need more athletic facilities (recreation parks) and playgrounds for kids.
255. No, because parks are all old and stuff.
256. Yes, so friends can hang out there.
257. Yes, because we have a lot of lake area.
258. Yes, I do think that Troutman needs a park so children can play or have a picnic.
259. Yes, it would be fun.
260. Yes, because a lot of people like playing and stuff and it'd be better if they were closer.
261. Yes, it would be nice to have a park I could to easy.
262. Yes, Troutman needs parks why? Because it can help bring the future to Troutman and help improve the town.
263. No, I don't know if anyone would use it.
264. Yeah, because I need somewhere to skateboard.
265. Yes, because its good.
266. Yes, because there is really not much to do in Troutman.
267. Yes, because we need places to play sports in our spare time.
268. Yes, there are many kids such as me that live in a townhouse that don't have yards. I would like to have one near me so I can hang out with friends and play sports.
269. Yeah! because then we can play football with the neighborhood.
270. Yes, because people need places to skateboard.
271. Yes, because many people would go.
272. Yes, because I can play football.
273. Yes, because it will give kids something to do on weekends and days off from school.
274. Yes, so we will have more fun.
275. Yes, so we have room to play.

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276. Yes, because people sometimes need things to do.
277. Yes, because some people need more exercise.
278. Yes, but for older kids too, all of Troutman is boring.
279. Yes, because we waste gas driving to other parks! And we drive too far to do fun things.
280. Yeah, cuz it would place this place more fun.
281. Yes, so kids can play and we could hang out and stuff. But not a giant one so you don't have to cut down all the trees and stuff.
282. Yes I do, because they are fun to go to and have a picnic, play with family, and walk the dogs.
283. Yes, because parks are for kids to have fun. Plus when kids go outside to play they can't get as obese. Also hobo's like to have fun too and they want to exercise too. So yea, do it for the kids and hobos.
284. Yes, because Troutman is boring.
285. Yes, so kids can play.
286. Yes, so people can relax and just hang out.
287. Yes, so I can play football.
288. Yes, so everyone can have fun.
289. Yes, because our town is so empty without it.
290. Yes, because the kids of Troutman need somewhere to play.
291. Yes, so I have more stuff to do and so that people can do a lot more.
292. Yes, because it could attract many people.
293. Yes, because I think people would like to have a park.
294. Yes, to get people more active.
295. Yes.
296. Yes, 'cause.
297. Yes, because there is not much to do in Troutman.
298. I don't really care.
299. Yes, to give kids a place to play.
300. Yes, more fun activities.
301. Yes, because it would be a place for kids to go to and hang out and have a good time.
302. Yes, we need to be active.
303. Yes.
304. Yes, because people be bored and if a park came it would be more activities.
305. Yes, because we need more things to participate in. More fun to keep people from trouble.
306. Yes, so people can be able to be coming out with their kid to play.
307. Yes, because everyone is couped up in their houses and they don't have anything to do. We are asking can you please put a park in Troutman.

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1. Gender (Check one):

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	Response Percent	Response Count
Male	48.7%	174
Female	51.3%	183
answered question		357
skipped question		2

2. Grade Level (Check One):

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	Response Percent	Response Count
9th	25.2%	90
10th	28.9%	103
11th	28.0%	100
12th	17.9%	64
answered question		357
skipped question		2

3. How much time do you spend outdoors each day? (Check One)

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	Response Percent	Response Count
Less than 15 minutes	6.7%	24
15 minutes	5.9%	21
30 minutes	12.6%	45
45 minutes	6.7%	24
1 hour	17.6%	63
More than 1 hour	50.4%	180
answered question		357
skipped question		2

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4. Which (if any) do you use for outdoor activities? (Check all that apply) Create Chart Download

	Response Percent	Response Count
Lake Norman State Park	35.5%	121
Mooresville parks/recreation facilities	20.5%	70
Neighborhood park	10.3%	35
Neighborhood street	39.0%	133
Richardson Greenway/sidewalks	5.0%	17
School playground/athletic fields	26.7%	91
Statesville parks/recreation facilities	18.5%	63
YMCA	29.9%	102
Other (please specify) Show Responses	26.1%	89
	answered question	341
	skipped question	18

1. Mountains
2. Front yard.
3. My front yard
4. Golds Gym
5. Skate park.
6. Home.
7. In the yard.
8. Lake
9. Quante house
10. My yard.
11. golf
12. my yard
13. my trash can
14. my house
15. my house
16. my house
17. yard
18. BACKYARD
19. my house
20. .
21. woods
22. BACKYARD
23. my neighborhood
24. backyard
25. mow lawns
26. dirt bikes
27. backyard
28. at my house
29. lifts weights home
30. my field
31. THE LAKE
32. chillin
33. baking
34. outside my house
35. fish
36. downtown troutman
37. my yard
38. mow yards
39. Jetton Park, Cornelius
40. My house, pool.
41. my yard
42. My farm.
43. Tennis courts
44. My house, softball field
45. Hornets Nest Park
46. At home
47. Shopping/ Carrowinds
48. BACKYARD
49. CATAWBA RIVER
50. ANDERSON PARK
51. SOCCER COMPLEX
52. BACKYARD
53. BACKYARD
54. MOORESVILLE SKATEPARK
55. THE LAKE
56. .
57. my yard
58. YARD
59. REC CENTER
60. HOME
61. My backyard
62. .
63. woods
64. .
65. Skateboarding
66. My yard.
67. Backyard
68. .
69. pond (Quail Hollow)
70. THE LAKE
71. FRONT YARD
72. STUMPY CREEK
73. WORK
74. REC CENTER
75. BACKYARD
76. THE LAKE
77. lacross
78. My house.
79. My road
80. OUTSIDE AT MY HOUSE
81. .
82. my yard
83. Lake
84. FRIENDS
85. DRAG STRIP
86. THE WOODS & STUFF
87. Fishing pond.
88. None.
89. Backyard

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5. Which (if any) outdoor activities do you participate in? (Check all that apply)

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	Response Percent	Response Count
Arts and crafts	11.5%	41
Baseball/softball/kickball	24.5%	87
Basketball	35.2%	125
Bicycling (mountain)	11.8%	42
Bicycling (motocross)	6.8%	24
Bicycling (road/greenway)	17.2%	61
Bird Watching	3.9%	14
Camping	30.7%	109
Canoeing/kayaking	12.1%	43
Dog walking	31.0%	110
Fishing	34.4%	122
Fitness programs (dance, martial arts, ect.)	14.1%	50
Football	28.5%	101
Frisbee	9.9%	35
Golf	9.9%	35
Hiking	18.6%	66
Horseshoes	6.8%	24
Horseback riding	11.3%	40
Picnicking	15.2%	54
Minature golf	13.0%	46
Performing arts (dance, theatre, etc.)	13.0%	46
Reading	23.9%	85
Rock-climbing	11.0%	39
Roller-skating/rollerblading	10.4%	37

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Site seeing	12.4%	44
Skateboarding	9.9%	35
Soccer	24.5%	87
Solo play (monkey bars, slides, swings, ect.)	14.4%	51
Swimming	44.2%	157
Tennis	11.3%	40
Volleyball	17.5%	62
Walking/running	58.9%	209
Water sports (wakeboarding, boating, etc.)	24.5%	87
Other (please specify) Show Responses	11.8%	42
	answered question	355
	skipped question	4

1. Working
2. Cheerleading
3. Relaxing, tanning
4. Cheerleading
5. water polo
6. WRESTLING
7. tubing
8. mowing grass
9. bulling riding
10. . :)
11. backyard
12. boating
13. ATV, dirt biking
14. chilling
15. .
16. Lacrosse
17. SHOOT
18. TARKET SHOOTING, HUNTING
19. .
20. .
21. RUNNING
22. WORKING
23. .
24. Paintball
25. Play with myself
26. .
27. PAINTBALL/AIRSOFT
28. WORK
29. RUGBY
30. PAINTBALL
31. POGO STICKING
32. EXTREME HOP SCOTCH
33. TANNING
34. TUMBLING
35. Cheerleading
36. Cheerleading
37. CORNHOLE
38. Firefighting
39. HUNTING
40. WRESTLING
41. GOLF
42. GOLF, MINIATURE GOLF

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6. Which recreational facilities do you think Troutman needs most? (Select 5 from the following list)

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	Response Percent	Response Count
Access areas to Lake Norman, streams, or ponds	28.4%	97
Amphitheater	26.4%	90
Bicycle trails	22.3%	76
Baseball/softball/kickball fields	18.5%	63
Camping areas	21.1%	72
Community recreation center	15.8%	54
Dog park	18.5%	63
Fitness center	38.7%	132
Football field	20.8%	71
Golf course/range	7.9%	27
Horseback riding trails	12.9%	44
Natural areas, open areas, gardens	17.3%	59
Playground	32.6%	111
Picnic areas	23.2%	79
Skateboard park	18.2%	62
Soccer field	17.0%	58
Swimming pool/aquatics center	**53.7%**	**183**
Tennis court	12.9%	44
Walking trails	31.7%	108
Other (please specify) Show Responses	10.0%	34
	answered question	**341**
	skipped question	**18**

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1. Movie theatre
2. Movie Theatre
3. Swimming pool open to the public
4. Places for little kids.
5. Basketball court
6. black history museum
7. Basketball court
8. frisbee golf course
9. less cops
10. basketball court
11. dirt bike track
12. motor cross track
13.
14. frisbee golf
15. miniature golf course
16. outdoor shooting range
17. Centers for kids
18. A large multi-use park with fields
19. No opinion.
20.
21. SHOOTING RANGE
22. Paintball
23. Basketball courts.
24.
25. SAND & NORMAL VOLLEYBALL COURTS
26. OUTDOOR WORKOUT SECTION
27. SAND VOLLEYBALL COURTS
28. VOLLEYBALL COURTS
29. CONCERT HALLS, PLACES LIKE THE UPPER ROOM-CHRISTAIN HANGOUTS
30. RUNNING TRAIL
31. Motorcross track
32. FOUR-WHEELER TRAILS
33. DRAG STRIP
34. NO IDEA

7. Do you think Troutman needs parks? Why or why not?

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	Response Count
Show Responses	304
answered question	**304**
skipped question	**55**

1. Yes, it would give children a place to have fun and be safe for them.
2. Yes, so that there would be a place where everyone can play and hang out.
3. Troutman needs a park, because it gives people something to do on weekends.
4. Yes, it would be good for the community.
5. No, Troutman is a small town. It does not need to big, it will be crowded.
6. No way, because its way too small.
7. Yes, its boring here.
8. Because a lot of kids have nothing to do so I think a BIG park will keep everybody entertained for awhile.
9. I think Troutman does need a park so everyone can play at the same place instead of kids playing on the ones only at their schools.
10. No, I won't be here anyway.
11. Yes, parks are awesome.
12. Yes, because it will give everyone more reasons to get fit. Also, it gives a good healthy place for people to hang out.
13. Yes, so the little kids can go and have fun instead of sitting at home.
14. Yes, so people have a place to go.
15. Yes! Troutman needs a skatepark so bad. A lot of people skateboard in the area. A skatepark is needed!
16. Yes, so kids can go somewhere to hang out.
17. Yes, create pride within the community.
18. Yes, it will make more people want to be active.
19. Yes, where kids can have a place to play instead of being in the house.
20. Yes, so we could all enjoy Troutman more.
21. Yes, kids need somewhere to run around and meet new people.
22. Yes, because Troutman is a rather small town. A lot of people will go to the park instead of walking down Main St.
24. Yes, it would increase activities in Troutman.
25. Yes.
26. Yes, all we have is the sidewalk to have activities.
27. Yes, because it doesn't have one.
28. Yes, so the kids will have a place to go and hang out.
29. Yes, Troutman needs a park with basketball goals and everything so we can have things to do.
30. Yes, so people can be outside more.
31. We already have a park.
32. No, there are nice parks in neighboring cities.
33. Yes, because gas is too high to be riding up and down from Mooresville.
34. Yes, so kids can go play.
35. Yes!
36. No, the skate park isn't far away.
37. Yes, kids need a place where they can get away from the stresses of life to have fun and be with friends.
38. Yes, because lots of people use parks for picnicking.
39. yes so people have a place to go relax in Troutman
40. yes, whats a better way to spend more money
41. yea, so we can have some more popularity
42. yes, because people want to camp and go to parks to relax

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43. Yes! A park in Troutman is very much needed. A park in Troutman will provide a community with various activities and a opportunity to go outside and be active. Yes, we are in an economic downturn but I believe if this community really needed one we could raise one from our own pockets.
44. Yes, it will provide a way for people to get out and get healthy. It will also enforce happiness mixed with fun.
45. I believe a park in Troutman would be a positive, peaceful place for people to go. I believe many people would enjoy a park for exercising, recreation, and etc.
46. No.
47. Yes, there are a lot of kids and they would go out more if there was a park.
48. Yes, I think Troutman needs a park because Troutman is really small and boring. This way people won't have to go to Statesville or Mooresville's parks if they live in Troutman.
49. I'm indifferent. I probably wouldn't use it.
50. No, Lake Norman is right there.
51. Most kids go to Statesville or Mooresville parks. It would be nice to have something closer to home other than the yard.
52. yes
53. Yes, because there is no actual park around and many people will use it.
54. yes, because it would give kids somewhere to hang and stay out of trouble and stay fit.
55. yes, I think it needs something new and exciting
56. yes, because there's nothing to do.
57. yes, drving to Statesville & Mooresville is a long drive
58. yes it will give us something to do. Plus we don't have to drive to go to oneof the other parks
59. yes, it would help people
60. yes
61. yes, because it would help the commuinty and more people would go walking there
62. yes, they need to get more exercise
63. yes for the kids to play on
64. yes, b/c people wouldn't be complain about skateboarding b/c they ain't got nowhere else to skate
65. yes, a skateboard park because there are a lot of akters with no wear to skate nad they get arrested and in trouble for skating on the streets
66. yes to keep kids out of trouble and healthy
67. yes it would be cool
68. no
69. pool
70. nope we already have Lake norman State park
71. parks are always good
72. yes, have a place to spend the day with your family and be active
73. no because I am not going be here next year.
74. Yes, everyone could access the outdoors....
75. yes to promote exercise and preservation
76. yes because we should have some where to go on our free time
77. yes because troutman is boring
78. yes for exercise and recreation
79. yes
80. no because there is Lake Norman State park down the road
81. no
82. yes more opportunites for kids to be outside in Troutman
83. yes, kids noeed a place to play that is safe
84. not really, we have a YMCA already and lots of fields
85. yes, it would be good
86. yes, it would be good
87. yes, some people love to walk or run without having to run close to roads or public places
88. Yes, so that people can exercise
89. yes, it would better the town and make it more family friendly
90. yes so people would have a place to play
91. if troutman had a park it would be better for the people who live there so that they dont have to leave their town.
92. yes, so there is more options of things to do
93. yes, enjoy a place to hang out with friends
94. no, cause I dont live here
95. yes, some place to go and hang with friends
96. Yes
97. i dont know i dont live in troutman
98. yes, so kids would have something to do.
99. yes, no where to go except streets or a park.
100. yes, troutman needs to grow
101. i dont know I live in Mooresville
102. no becasue we have a state park and stumpy creek
103. no it don't need to be bigger
104. yes, a small one, because we need to keep Troutman the small place that it is, but we also need a small bit of enterainment
105. yes, something new
106. no, I said so
107. yes a good place for family & friends to go
108. yes
109. no because it would bring to much traffic

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110. yes, it would attact people from other areas & increase Troutman income. But the park needs to be very entertaining for all ages (ex: waterpark)
111. water park, we really need one and it would bring in more money than anything else and bring in people from other places
112. yes because there is nothing in troutman for kids or teens to hang out
113. yes, people have kids on the community
114. sure, it would give people something to do.
115. Yes, with a pond so everyone could go there and fish
116. yes, so there is a place to play with your friends
117. Yes. I won't use it but others will
118. yes, it might bring more people to this small town
119. yes, because there is nothing fun in Troutman
120. yes so kids will have a place to place.
121. yes because it will give us more to do.
122. yes. for kids to play at and for families to go to together, Troutman doesnt have much
123. Yes it would be good for the community
124. yes, so we would have a local park
125. Yes.
126. Yes.
127. Yes, the youth needs a safe place where they can be with friends and not get in trouble for just being there.
128. Yes, so children can have something to do instead of sitting at home.
129. Yes, it would give a place to go that would be inexpensive to go to.
130. A center where kids can go because everybody can't afford the YMCA.
131. Yes, because every county needs a park.
132. Yes so that kids can go and have fun.
133. Yes, and no because I live in Statesville, but my cousins may like this stuff.
134. Yes, more places for kids to go.
135. Yes, because you could do more activities and play or do what you want.
136. Yes, because it could influence people to be more active outdoors. It could also be good for the community, providing a safe place for kids to have fun.
137. Yes, because there is nothing to do.
138. No, waste of money.
139. No, because there is a state park right outside Troutman (Lake Norman State Park).
140. Probably so that kids have somewhere to go that doesn't cost a lot, but it might
141. Yes, the only thing offered is the sidewalk. We need to get on board with Michelle Obama's obesity plan. Exercise at a park would be beneficial.
142. Yes, because it will be a good way for kids to be active.
143. Yes, get Troutman active.
144. Yes, why wouldn't Troutman need a park.
145. Yes, because there aren't many places to go outdoors and just relax.
146. Yes, I would like a place to go play sports and not have to pay for a membership to go there.
147. Yes, because maybe some people do not have transportation abilities like other people may have.
148. Yes, around here teams have to travel to South in order to practice/play games. Considering we play during the week, this tears up our feilds anymore.
149. Yes, because you have to travel all the way to Statesville to get one.
150. Yes, people will have a place to walk, play, bring their dogs to play and all sorts of stuff.
151. Now
152. No opinion.
153. Yes, need somewhere for kids.
154. Yes, because its a small town with not much to do.
155. YES,WOULD ALLOW KIDS TO GET OUT MORE AND GET EXERCISE
156. YES SO MORE KIDS CAN BE ACTIVE
157. YES, I THINK PEOPLE WOULD USE IT HONESTLY I WOULD
158. YES BECAUSE MORE PEOPLE CAN INTERACT
159. YES CUZ TROUTMAN IS BORING!!
160. YES, BECAUSE IT GIVES THE KIDS A PLACE TO PLAY AND OLDER KIDS A PLACE TO HANG OUT
161. YES, BECAUSE SOME PEOPLE DON'T WANT TO DRIVE ALL THE WAY TO LAKE NORMAN TO GO TO A PARK
162. YES, SO WE DON'T HAVE TO DRIVE TO STATESVILLE TO GOT TO THE PARK
163. YES, BECAUSE PARKS ARE FUN & COOL TO CHILL AT & MAYBE MORE KIDS WOULD BE HEALTHIER WITSUFF TO DO
164. YES -KIDS CAN COME OUT MORE AND PLAY & MORE THING TO DO IN OUR FREE TIME
165. YES, BECAUSE THERE IS NOTHING TO DO IN TROUTMAN
166. SURE, WHATEVER WORKS FOR YA
167. YES, BECAUSE PEOPLE DON'T LIKE GOING TOO FAR TO GET TO A PARK. PLUS IT CAN BE A PLACE FOR LOCAL TEENS TO HANG AND GET FIT.
168. YES, SO THAT KIDS CAN HAVE A PLACE TO HANGOUT TO HAVE FUN
169. YES, BECAUSE A LOT OF PEOPLE USE THEM OR HTE TAKE THEIR KIDS THERE
170. WE DON'T NEED ANY MORE BASEBALL OR SOCCER FIELDS OR TENNIS COURTS. TROUTMAN BANNED SKATEBOARDING, SO A SKATEPARK WOULD MAKE SENSE
171. YES BECAUSE PEOPLE LIKE TO GO FOR WALKS AND KIDS LIKE TO PLAY SOMEWHERE
172. YES, ILOVE PRETTY FLOWERS, IT ATTACTS THE HOT BABES. WE NEED A PARK SO I CAN LOSE MY VIRGINITY
173. YES IT WOULD BE GREAT FOR THE COMMUNITY AND GREAT RECREATION
174. YES
175. YES TROUTMAN IS SO DEAS AND IT NEEDS HORSEBACK RIDING TRAILS TO BRING IT TO LIFE
176. YES
177. YES TROUTMAN NEEDS A PARK SO EVERYONE HAS A PLACE TO RELAX OUTDOORS
178. YES BECAUSE WE HAVE TO GO TO STATESVILLE IF WE WANNA TO TO A PARK
179. YES BECAUSE IT IS BORING AND NO WHERE TO GO
180. IT WOULD GIVE TROUTMAN MORE OF AN APPEAL. TYPICAL FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN ENJOY HAVE PARKS CLOSE TO HOME AND WITH MORE PEOPLE MOVING IN IT WOULD HELP THE LOCAL ECONOMY.
181. YEAH, SO PEOPLE CAN GO AND HANGOUT AND HAVE A SAFE PLACE TO COME TO
182. YES, WE HAVE LAKE NORMAN BUT IT CAN BE REALLY CROWDED
183. YES BECASUE IT WOULD PROVIDE A WAY TO KEEP FAT KIDS SKINNYER
184. Yes, so we can be outside and hang with friends and be doing activities.
185. Yes! So these kids can have something to do! Instead of staying in trouble.
186. Yes! So we can have something to do.
187. Yes! So everyone will have fun stuff to do.
188. Yes, it would be a good place to go if you had some free time!
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190. Yes, a skate park. More fun.
191. Yes, because there is a lot of kids in the town of Troutman and they have to go out of town to get access to do anything. A park would bring attention to Troutman.
192. We need more than a mile long sidewalk in the middle of town.
193. Yes, because we need a place to go instead of hanging out in the street.
194. Skatepark to have fun.
195. Yes, kids and adults need a safe place to hang out, play, and whatever else.
196. Yes, something to keep kids healthy!
197. Yes, t-town sucks.
198. Yes, for kids.
199. No, because I don't even live there.
200. Yes, I think it does for children can play and enjoy themselves.
201. Yes, because there isn't anything to do.
202. Yes, so students have something to do other than watching tv.
203. Yes, with a playground!
204. Troutman has Lake Norman State Park.
205. Yes, for people that want exercise.
206. Yes.
207. Skate park.
208. Yes, because everybody around Troutman goes to Mooresville or Statesville for things like a park or gym of some sort.
209. Yes, Troutman needs a park to add to the outdoor life of the community. We need more places where we can go enjoy the outdoors closer to home.
210. Yes. A park in Troutman would provide a central area where people can commune and relax.
211. Yes, because everyone knows everyone in Troutman anyways. So have a place besides the sidewalk that everyone can hangout including teenagers.
212. Yes, so the people in Troutman can have fun in their own town instead of having to go to Mooresville or Statesville.
213. Skate park!
214. Yes, just something that would keep everyone occupied and something where family and friends can go to hang out and spend time with each other.
215. yes because we have nothing else to do
216. yes it would make Troutman a better place. Also it will keep people "active."
217. yes b/c Lake Norman doesn't have much in it
218. not really b/c may surrending troutman and they don't get used
219. yes
220. no we have a park
221. yes it would make people more involved in the community. it would get people
222. yes because kids are always looking for a place to play and hand out and it might keep alot of kids off the streets
223. YES BECAUSE KIDS NEEDS SOMEWHERE TO PLAY & HAVE FUN & STAY OUT OF TROUBLE
224. YES FOR KIDS
225. YES SO KIDS CAN HAVE A SAFE PLACE TO GO TO HAVE FUN
226. YES BECAUSE WE WILL SAVE GAS IF WE LIVE CLOSE. I THINK THEY NEED A PARK
227. NO WE HAVE LAKE NORMAN STATE PARK BY US
228. YES BECAUSE I KNOW WHEN PEOPLE GET HOME FROM SCHOOL THEY DON'T HAVE NOTHING TO DO A SKATE AND SWIMMING ACILITY FOR PEOPLE TO HAVE SOMETHING TO DO IT'S BEST RECOMMEDATION (PLEASE CONSIDER DOING THIS)
229. YES, BECASUE THAT WOULD MAKE IT ALOT EASIER FOR KIDS AND PARENTS AROUND HERE TO HAVE SOMEWHERE SAFE TO PLAY AND HAND OUT AT.
230. YES, I THINK IT WOULD BRING MORE PEOPLE TO OUR TOWN WHICH IN TURN WILL BRING MONEY
231. YES, BECAUSE WE NEED ONE IN OUR OWN TOWN AND IT WOULD BE EASIER
232. YES, SINCE TROUTMAN IS GROWING ECONOMICALLY AND BY POPULATION WE NEED A PULIC PLACE TO UNITE A A TOWN AND GIVE BUSINESS AN OPPURTUNITY TO ADVERTISE TO THE PEOPLE.
233. YES, TO HAVE A PLACE TO RELAX OUTDOORS
234. YES, B/C WHEN MY FAMILY WANTS TO GO OUT & PLAY TOGETHER, WE HAVE TO GO TO MOORESVILLE. SOMETHING LOCAL WOULD BE BETTER
235. YES, SO KIDS CAN EXERCISE
236. YES, SO I CAN DO STUFF IN IT
237. YES, TO FULLFILL ALL OF THE NEEDS LISTED ABOVE
238. YES, WHILE TROUTMAN IS AN OLDER CITY, NEWER PEOPLE ARE COMING THROUGH. THEY NEED SOMEWHERE NEW & EXCITING TO GO.
239. YES BECAUSE IT WOULD BE A SAFE PLACE FOR TEENAGERS TO HANG OUT
240. YES THEY ARE FUN
241. YUP, EXERCISE
242. NO, IT WOULD BE JUST A WASTE
243. YES, BECAUSE IT JUST DOES
244. IDU
245. I have no idea
246. No there's already one. We need horseback riding trails! and an outdoor movie theatre would be cool
247. I don't care because I don't live in this area and would probably not come to an new facilities.
248. Yes.
249. Yes.
250. Yes, it would be beneficial
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252. No, we have Lake Norman.
253. I think that a park is not needed, but if we would be able to have a park in Troutman with the proper funding, then it would give a nice facility for kids to go and have fun after school and on the weekends.
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256. Yes, because it gives people time to exercise.
257. Yes, because people don't like to drive further to workout or excersise. People want it to be more convient for them, it would probably help out a lot.
258. Yes, to get the community active.
259. Yes, because it would be better for little kids to play then in the streets.
260. Yes, so the younger kids would have something to do rather than bug their parents or older siblings.
261. Yes, to give people options to do more things.
262. YES THERE IS NOTHING ELSE TO DO AROUND HERE
263. YES BECAUSE IT IS BORING WITHOUT ONE
264. No, Lake Norman State Park is only 5 minutes away from Troutman.
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269. YES, A PARK WITH PLAYGROUNDS, POOLS ECT LIKE DAN NICHOLS PARK
270. Yes, for kids to play in.
271. No.
272. I just go to the state park.
273. YES BECAUSE IT WOULD MAKE PEOPLE MORE ACTIVE
274. Yes
275. Yeah, good for the community.
276. Yes, because Troutman doesn't have much stuff.
277. YES BECAUSE THE KIDS NEED TO HAVE FUN AND CAN MAKE MORE FRIENDS
278. Yes, we don't have one and there's nothing to do.
279. NOPE B/C I DON'T LIVE IN TROUTMAN
280. YES,IT WOULD BE A PLACE FOR KIDS TO GET AWAY AND HAVE FUN AND LET OUT SOME ENERGY.
281. YES, WE NEED A PLACE WHERE WE CAN GO TO WORK OUT AND SWIM AND BE LIKE A COMMUNITY
282. YES, IT CREATES FUN FAMILY TIME
283. Yes, because so people that live in Troutman won't have to go to Statesville or Mooresville. So, yes Troutman needs to get a park.
284. Yes.
285. Yes, because every other town has one, so we need one.
286. YEA IT WOULD GIVE PEOPLE A PLACE TO HANG OUT
287. NO
288. No.
289. Yes, because we can have things to do over the summer and the school year.
290. Yes, so kids can have fun.
291. YES IT WOULD BE NICE
292. NO WE HAVE THE LAKE NORMAN STATE PARK
293. Yes, everyone needs to hang out somewhere!
294. Yes, so the kids can have fun.
295. Yes, why, for different reasons.
296. YES TO ENJOY WILD LIFE
297. SURE
298. YES BECAUSE I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A FUN PLACE TO PLAY BASKETBALL
299. NO BECAUSE ALREADY HAVE ONE
300. Yes because it will give people something to do.
301. No.
302. Yes, because more and more people have nothing to do over the summer. Plus if you can't go to a far park then you can't get there from Troutman.
303. THEY NEED SOCCER FIELD
304. Yes.

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1. Amphitheatre

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	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Rating Average	Response Count
A	10.0% (6)	11.7% (7)	21.7% (13)	**56.7% (34)**	1.75	60
B	12.3% (7)	28.1% (16)	**42.1% (24)**	17.5% (10)	2.35	57
C	**51.6% (32)**	29.0% (18)	16.1% (10)	3.2% (2)	3.29	62
D	29.5% (18)	**32.8% (20)**	19.7% (12)	18.0% (11)	2.74	61
				answered question		63
				skipped question		5

2. Trails

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	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Rating Average	Response Count
A	**55.7% (34)**	18.0% (11)	16.4% (10)	9.8% (6)	3.20	61
B	13.8% (8)	25.9% (15)	**44.8% (26)**	15.5% (9)	2.38	58
C	13.6% (8)	**37.3% (22)**	25.4% (15)	23.7% (14)	2.41	59
D	19.7% (12)	21.3% (13)	11.5% (7)	**47.5% (29)**	2.13	61
				answered question		62
				skipped question		6

3. Benches

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	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Rating Average	Response Count
A	**62.9% (39)**	32.3% (20)	3.2% (2)	1.6% (1)	3.56	62
B	3.4% (2)	13.8% (8)	**48.3% (28)**	34.5% (20)	1.86	58
C	31.7% (19)	**35.0% (21)**	23.3% (14)	10.0% (6)	2.88	60
D	5.3% (3)	19.3% (11)	21.1% (12)	**54.4% (31)**	1.75	57
				answered question		63
				skipped question		5

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4. Tables — Create Chart | Download

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Rating Average	Response Count
A	**41.9% (26)**	**41.9% (26)**	16.1% (10)	0.0% (0)	3.26	62
B	**43.5% (27)**	33.9% (21)	22.6% (14)	0.0% (0)	3.21	62
C	15.0% (9)	25.0% (15)	**60.0% (36)**	0.0% (0)	2.55	60
D	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.00	0
				answered question		63
				skipped question		5

5. What do you think of the vision statement? Would you add/remove anything? — Download

	Response Count
Show Responses	31
answered question	31

1. Great.
2. It is fine the way it is.
3. Very good.
4. Good.
5. Good.
6. I like it.
7. Ok.
8. Sounds good to me! No change.
9. Love the idea of walking trails. I would add a football field. I play semi pro football and we have no field to call a home field.
10. Its a good statement.
11. It is fine the way it is.
12. Leave it alone.
13. Fine.
14. Well done!
15. It's ok.
16. I like it.
17. Add more of a natural look and feeling.
18. Natural look and feel a plus.
19. Too long.
20. ok
21. I think this is a great vision statement and I can see a lot of thought and work went into the statement.
22. This statement is ok.
23. A little to long (words).
24. Excellent.
25. Nice overall vision.
26. Ver good, nothing to add.
27. Good.
28. Define verdant...otherwise "eco-friendly"
29. Nicely stated.
30. Very good.
31. Good.

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6. What destinations are most important/least important to you?

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	Response Count
Hide Responses	22

1. Most: Barium area
   Least: Exit 42
2. All in town areas, stores, and restaurants.
3. All of Eastway Dr.
4. none of them.
5. Library, most. Fairgrounds, least.
6. Restrooms.
7. Safely walk thru town to access stores and shops by sidewalk on 21, able to walk on sidewalk to Kerr, Food Lion, Fairgrounds, and Barium.
8. When you are a walker, they are all important, but we do need better access from the end of the greenway to Food Lion Shopping Center.
9. Schools/parks.
10. Connecting greenway to Barium Springs destination to provide access for biking/walking to schools.
11. All destinations are important to me and I know that does not answer the whole question.
12. Exit 42 and places in downtown Statesville.
13. Perth Rd connecting to the Town.
14. Most important: Barium springs YMCA, Barium springs woods.
15. Playground, picnic, trails.
16. Connect walking trails throughout town.
17. Biking areas (off of sidewalks)
18. Sidewalks from SHS to town hall area.
19. Getting back to where I started from my car.
20. Most: Greenway, Sumitomo Park.
21. Most: proposed community park, downtown
    Least: NA.
22. School children walking to elementary in the mornings.

7. What (if any) destinations are missing)?

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1. Skate park (half pipes, ramps, etc. like x games).
2. Walking by sidewalks towards I-77.
3. Bike path following Perth Rd up to 150.
4. Bicycle areas.
5. Include Richardson Greenway.
6. None.
7. Tennis courts.

	Response Count
	7
answered question	7
skipped question	61

8. Who should be trail users?

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	Response Percent	Response Count
Bicyclists	78.3%	47
Horseback riders	23.3%	14
Walkers/runners	98.3%	59
Skateboarders	26.7%	16
Roller skaters	36.7%	22
Other (please specify) Show Responses	10.0%	6
answered question		60
skipped question		8

1. Wheel chairs.
2. Dogs and families
3. We should not leave out any group (ie wheelchair or others as long as safety comes into play first).
4. Segways and users with pets.
5. Geocaching
6. Scooters (foot powered)

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9. Do you agree/disagree with the proposed priorities and boundaries? Create Chart Download

	Response Percent	Response Count
Agree	78.4%	29
Disagree	5.4%	2
Other (please specify) Show Responses	16.2%	6
	answered question	37
	skipped question	31

1. Neutral on this one.
2. I would switch priority 2 & 3, 1 is fine.
3. I agree the more green space the better for our community.
4. I agree with the boundaries. Very convenient location.
5. Agree!! Well laid out.
6. Agree, seems like a logical division...really illustrates need for public open space (of varying scales).

10. What do you like/dislike about the proposed park site plan? Download

	Response Count
Show Responses	29
answered question	29
skipped question	39

1. Wonderful to have a park- place to walk, run, bike..this area needs this.
2. Like playground and trails!
3. Seems to be adequate.
4. I live on Patterson St and am extremly upset about the amount of traffic by my house when the entrance is connected.
5. Like it, except not enough things to do.
6. Bigger splash pad.
7. I think a second basketball court would be nice.
8. Ok.
9. Dislike the soccer fields, one should be a football field for semi-pro and other special events.
10. Nothing great spots.
11. Propose more seating, Troutman services, and older more leisurely clientele. The rest is for the rising generations.
12. Like.
13. Most anything is an improvement, but remember this is only the beginning.
14. Good to go.
15. I like it all.
16. I think it is a great location!
17. As you can see from my above answers I like it all and again I did not answer the second part of the question.
18. I like it all.
19. 1 more basketball court needed. I love the splash pad.
20. I like the trails and soccer fields.
21. The plan looks good. It needs a pond/fishing area.
22. Activities for all.
23. Like.
24. Its size.
25. All the different activities.
26. Most: Multi-use fields.
27. -Need another play area at softball fields
    -Hopefully plan calls for supplemental tree plantings and landscape areas
    -love desire to connect to neighbhood in future
    -love trail/natural area
    -question heading parking off of main circulation route (need traffic calming slowing devices for ped safety)
28. Like.
29. Clear trees at Eastway for open field visable on Main.

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11. General comments: Download

	Response Count
Show Responses	15
answered question	15
skipped question	53

1. Make age appropriate playground sections, as most children that actually use the equipment are very young, this prevents injuries from older children and promotes park use.
2. Picnic, benches, and place to cook.
3. Why have sidewalk in middle nowhere.
4. Not sure yet.
5. There are soccer fields in bariums springs and a big complex in statesville. Now two in Troutman, please convert one to a football field.
6. We need so much in Troutman, this would add hugely.
7. The need is great! The use would be great! Value of life would be great!
8. Thank you Erika Martin for doing such a great job.
9. Just to have a park rec area is a wonderful and prosperous idea for the Town of Troutman.
10. We need more bike lanes!
11. Try to keep all areas as natural as possible.
12. Multiple basketball courts are needed.
13. Seems like there is something in these plans for all age groups.
14. Great job.
15. Lights -- perhaps solar --using government "green" money grants.

    Sale permanent amphitheatre seats to local businesses.

1st Community Park Site. What do you think?

- Consider creating visibility/open space on Eastway Dr. Move splash pad/soccer field to front so people can see something going on...more inviting to walkers. Safer.
- Work in more trails.
- Slide amphitheatre closer to parking and add trees for shading within seating areas (Epcott Center).
- More visibility from main road.
- Well, though-out, substantial sign to mark entrance!
- Sign/entrance to Hwy 21 at end of Scroggs St.
- Need to consider security of walking trails.
- Maybe one more basketball court?
- Lights! Lights! Lights! Solar using government grant money for "going green."
- Lights
- Really like the fields that are shown.
- Wish the splash pad was ready today!
- Is the green area grass?
- Lights! (Solar)
- Really like the splash area idea
- Would like for trees to stay
- What about leaving an open place for misc. stuff (ie kite flying, field day, whatever).
- Lights. What about putting lights on timers. The lights would also have a pay as you go feature so you could play for 15-30 minute increments.

September 9, 2010 Public Neighborhood Meeting
(Neighborhood Concerns by Elva Reavis)

1. WHO IS GOING TO PAY FOR BUILDING & MAINTAINING A PARK. IS ANY PERCENTAGE OF MY TAX DOLLARS BEING USED FOR THIS PROJECT? ($500,000.00 grant from Federal & State funds. Town board has allocated $200,000.00 from Troutman toward the Community Park Project. Iredell County park & rec maintance.)

2. WHAT IS ESC'S INCENTATIVE IN RETURN FOR THE $1.00 LEASE AGREEMENT OF THEIR PROPERTY TO THE TOWN?? IS THERE A FEE IN LIEU OF TAX ARRANGEMENT INVOLVED WHICH WOULD AFFECT TROUTMAN'S CORPORATE TAX BASE?? (Denial of any such arrangement)

3. TAX RECORDS DOCUMENT OVER 9 MILLION DOLLARS IN PROPERTY TAX VALUE FOR ESC & SUMITOMO ELECTRIC ESC INC. WILL PROPERTY TAX VALUE BE REDUCED BECAUSE OF THE $1.00 LEASE AGREEMENT FOR A PORTION OF THE PROPERTY. (Denial of any such reduction)

4. MY FOCUS & PRIMARY CONCERN IS THE TWO "CL ADULT SOFTBALL FIELDS" ADJACENT TO 7 PROPERTY OWNERS ON PATTERSON STREET. #18 ON THE MAP.

a. Trees to be cleared. Wild life destroyed. Out field vegetation barrier=grass comes to within a very few feet of my property line.

b. Home plate of south field is 453 feet from my back door per engineer & town planner. Noise, lights, safety & privacy issue, balls into my property. 4 of the 7 homes adjacent to park property are occupied by single women living alone and are all age 60 years and above. UNSAFE.

c. What does CL stand for. Church league demise over 10 years ago. Baptist Church league left goes to Mooresville to play.

d. 5 Adult Soft Ball Fields exist in near-by Statesville & are available for reservation by Church, Industrial, Travel or open leagues. Troutman Community does not need Soft Ball Fields. Two more soccer fields would be more realistic. Recommend One Field facing north. Balls – noise & light would then aim down across the open field to the left side of ESC.

5. Recommend and request a 10 foot complete privacy fence 500 feet long and 20 feet into ESC & proposed park property. Maintained by Park maintance crews. Fast growing buffer trees planted on the residence side of the fence.

September 9, 2010 Public Neighborhood Meeting
(Neighborhood Concerns by Elva Reavis Continued)

6. Extreme concern regarding the proposed future "Exit" entrance off Patterson street. Increased traffic. Danger of lottering and vandalism to homes. Danger to children & babies living in homes directly in the exit route. Property damage & littering.

7. And the lists goes on and on. Consideration of the residents affected by the proposed park is Expected from the Town Board we elected over and above the desires of folks or a committee who want a place to play.

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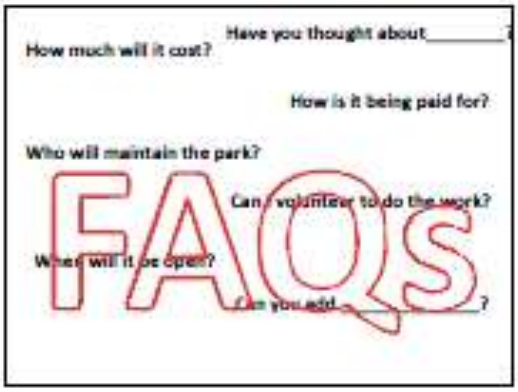

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September 14, 2010 Public Input Meeting to Exclusively Discuss Park

Public Comments:

Elva Reavis: Yes, I took the liberty to go ahead and type up some of the things we talked about in the meeting of the adjoining property owners and you've covered that well. So, I'll skip the first part and go to my focus and primary concern is the two the "CL" adult softball fields. All the other stuff is great and as I said in the other meeting I'm not against, but you asked for a show of hands and there are things of great concern to me. Those of you that know me, know I live at 458 Patterson St and my property and my beautiful little neighbor live in to of the original homes on Patterson St. The southern ballfield is 453' to my backdoor. We understood from David (Saleeby) of the adjoining property owners that the green is turf. Of those of you have visited me, and I have a number of Patterson St residents here, know that behind us is a huge set of virgin woods. So those trees would be completely cleared away to build these two ballfields. I need to know what CL means, I'm guessing Church League or Commercial League.

Jimmy Troutman: Centerline

Elva Reavis: I need to know the need for 2 softball fields in Troutman. Will one suffice? I've traveled over to ESC's parking lot, could the north field be tilted, that way when the balls are hit, they would go onto ESC's property with no danger of them coming onto our property. It's less than 50' from my property line to the ballfield, and right up to Ms. Connie's corner post.
The connection onto Patterson St is of great, great concern. I've lived there for 28 years and never had to call the police because I got frightened. Its not going to be that way…those of us who follow industrial ball playing know that there is a lot of loitering, trespassing, vandalizing, littering, simply I do not feel safe. I recommend more soccer fields. She said she does this for the children, I'm not anti-children, but it clearly shows adult ball fields. Let's don't forget the adult citizens, there are 7 homes involved here…4 out of the 7 have single women who are age 60 or above who live in them. Please think about the seniors along with the children. I thank you for your time and I love Troutman.

Erika Martin: Well tomorrow evening the park planning committee is going to meet to go through the list of your neighborhoods concerns from last week and try to incorporate some of your ideas. Obviously, there is going to be some compromising along the way…but we have heard you and we are going to try to accommodate you and make your neighborhood feel safer.
Now we did show the fields as adult fields, because our thinking was surely if adults can play there, then we could easily scale it down for the children. We wanted the fields to reach as many folks as possible.
Is there anyone else who would like to speak against the park? Alright, is there anyone who would like to speak for the park?

Jimmy Troutman: Why is there not some type of community building that could be rented out by families for get-togethers or whatever?

Erika Martin: The pavilion in the center will have some facilities like that. Comments from the public show they would like to see some smaller picnic shelters for families away from the central pavilion.

Jan Comer: We want to make it so it is also a concession stand with restrooms. We want to have company picnics and family reunions there. It would be a covered shelter, open on the sides.

Erika Martin: Is there anyone who would like to publicly say they support this project for the record?

Ted Delisi: I will. I support it and I appreciate Enginered Sintered Components doing what they are doing, because their commitment is just wonderful. Once this thing gets started I think you will see a lot more support, once people can see that its in its early stages and I commend all the work you and the town have done.

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Betty Jean Troutman: I have to agree with that comment that once its started they will agree. Its like the Greenway…when it was first started everybody seemed so negative because there were no trees, no park benches, no grass…just an old railroad bed…but then grass came, benches came, trees came, streetlights came and now it is a highlight. I think this park will be received in the very same way.

Vickie: I will definitely second both those comments and just also thank you so much. I think this is just a great opportunity for Troutman. We are so privileged to live in this great spot next to the State Park which is going to be a destination point for the Carolina Thread Trail and Lake Norman Bike Route (and we have the lovely greenway). It's a chance to really be identified as a town where people enjoy the outdoors, take care of each other, and public spaces. I'm very sensitive to the concerns of the neighbors and think those concerns can be worked out. I want to underscore that I think this park is a great opportunity for this town.

Mayor Elbert Richardson: Jan, her predecessors, and the Town have been working on trying to get a park for about 11 years now. So to me this is a real dream. I think that there will definitely be some changes to the plan, but when it is all said and done the community will have something they can be very proud of.

Carrie Harrison: I just think as a parent of young children that right now when we want to get together with our friends we are always going to Mooresville or Statesville. So I think it is really exciting to have an opportunity to gather where we live.

David Wright: I'm in full support of the park I think it would be a wonderful opportunity for the community as well as everyone outside the community. I completely understand your (adjoinging property owners) concerns. I think the field closest to the homes could be dropped down to a field size that is used more for young children or young adults. I'm assuming there are 300' fences which would be an adult softball field, the lower filed fences could be dropped to 250'…and then more vegetation and woods could be left….quite a bit more. I don't know if it would be enough to make the home owners more comfortable but that's a possible option.

Kenny: That's a great idea.

David Wright: The hard part about that would be keeping adult softball players from going on to that field and doing their own thing, playing and still hitting the ball 400' and causing problems.

Elva: What kind of leagues would be using the ballfields? Industrial? We don't have church leagues anymore except for the Baptist Church and they go to Mooresville.

Jan Comer: We do still have church leagues in Troutman.

Ted Delisi: We still play. I go to church here in Troutman, but we play in Stateville. We'd love to play here.

Erika Martin: ..but there is no place to play?

Ted Delisi: Right, but we are ready.

Erika Martin: Any other comments?

Earl Adams: I'm a football player at heart and I also play semi-pro football. We really don't have any place to play. I wrote this down on the survey at the library the other day…I was wondering why you couldn't convert one of the soccer fields into a football and soccer field or into a football field to have exhibition games for high schoolers and middle schoolers. Also, we'd be able to play semi-pro football.

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Erika Martin: I did get your comment from the library. I didn't know it was you of course because the comments were anonymous. On the chart back there, I added football to the top. So if that is your top priority you might want to put all 5 of your dots there to let us know that football really needs to be incorporated into the park. Just as Elva said a few minutes ago, why can't there be more soccer fields? If everybody puts all the stickers on soccer fields and not softball fields we'll know we need to make some changes there too.

Betty Jean Troutman: And still consider her comments of moving the fields away from her property and leaving as much vegetation.

Vicky: I may be the only tennis player here, but we have the same situation (only 2 courts) in Mooresville, Statesville, Cornelius, everywhere…if you have 3 you can actually attract league play. League players are accustomed to paying a fee for lights and play. So 2 would be wonderful, I'd be thrilled with 2, but if it's possible to consider 3, then that's the minimum we need for some of the leagues to play…and tennis players are wonderful people.
Does anyone have any final comments, I want to get everyone through the stations and home to their dinners. I'll be up here for questions and comments.

Ted Delisi: Just a little more information about the grant…what's the process, what are our chances?

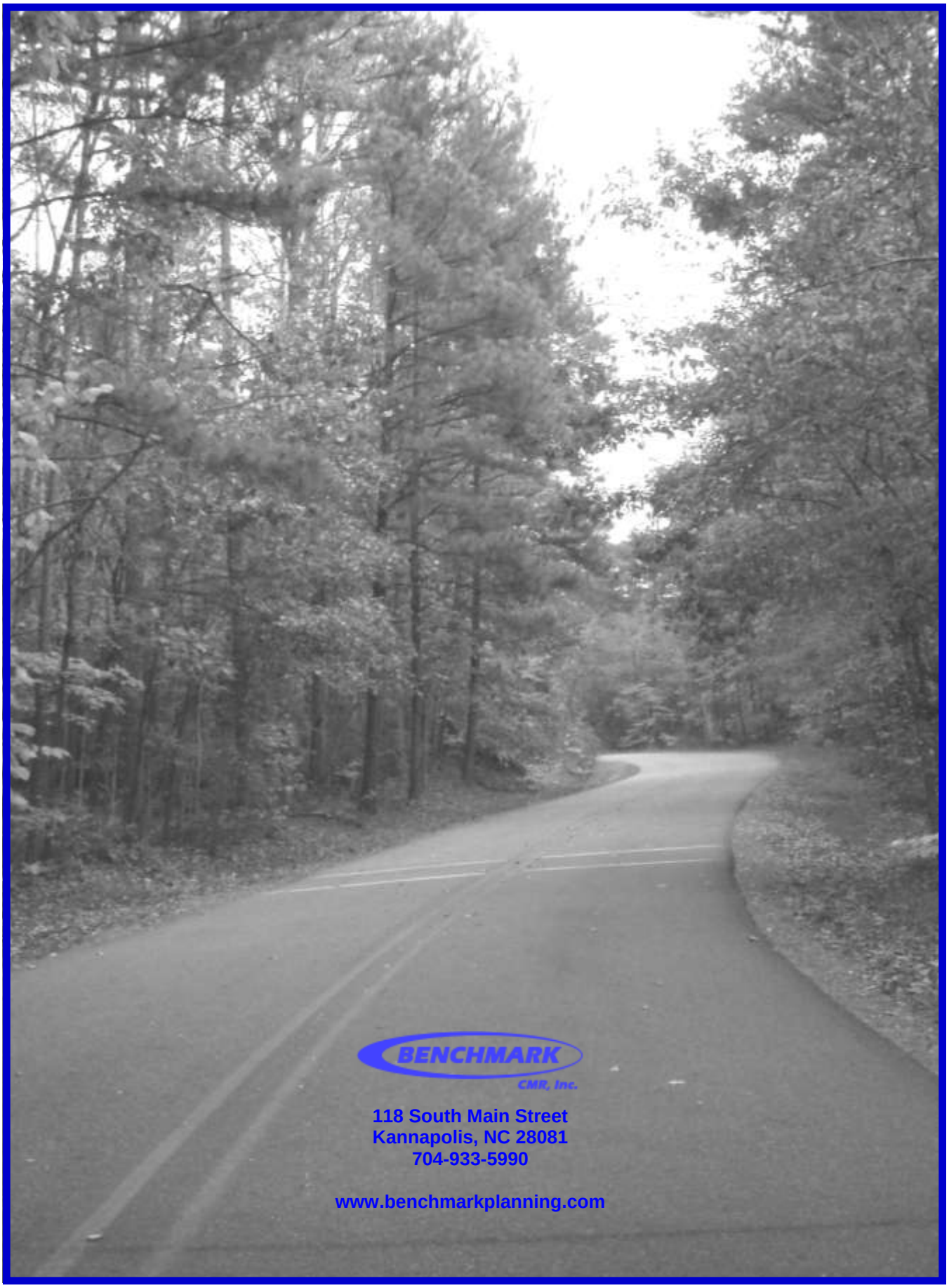
Erika Martin: It is competitive. Last year they had 80+ applicants and 30 something were funded. Not all of those that applied were ½ million dollar grant. You could apply for a smaller grant amount. So, it is very competitive which is why I am so glad you came out here tonight to support the project and for those who took the surveys. As a town we sincerely appreciate hearing from both sides. Thank you so much for your time.

<u>Park Priorities</u>

Trails (15), **Football/Soccer** (15), Tennis (13), **Amphitheatre** (9), Splash pad (8), **Picnic** (5), **Playground** (5), Horseshoes (4), Disk golf (4), Dog park (4), Softball (3), Basketball (2), and Exercise Stations (1).

<u>Written Comment(s):</u>

- Troutman is a wonderful community and the 30 acre park with the various stations and fields and court will be an attractive feature. The amphitheatre for a park is an innovative feature that not many parks offer. Little concern about one entrance.
- My main concerns are using Patterson St (residential street) as an exit to the park (a number of small children). Leave big trees as barrier between homes and field-Why not compromise? And why is this the main focus when we are still buying our water from the town of Statesville?
- I'm looking forward to a place to gather in our community instead of having to leave and got to Statesville or Mooresville to a community park. I'm in full support and look forward to donation and volunteer opportunities.
- Great community gather space. Will serve all ages. Great location. Save mature trees, please! Multi-use fields (easy football/soccer combo). Splash pad—consider location—- could serve 2 uses (functional play and entry feature)



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