

Parks and Recreation

Parks Survey

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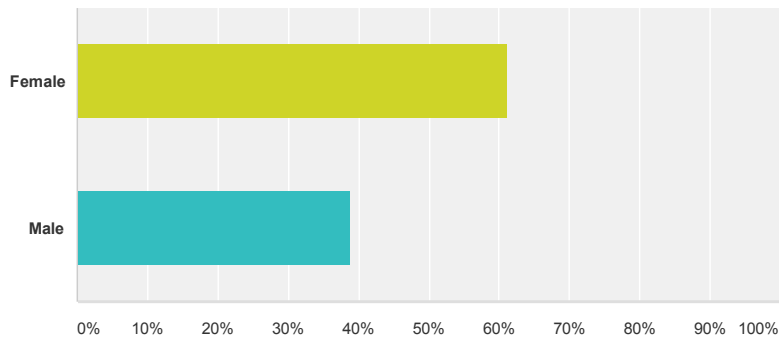
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Q1

What is your gender?

Answered: 542 Skipped: 4



Answer Choices	Responses
Female	61.25% 332
Male	38.75% 210
Total	542

546 responses

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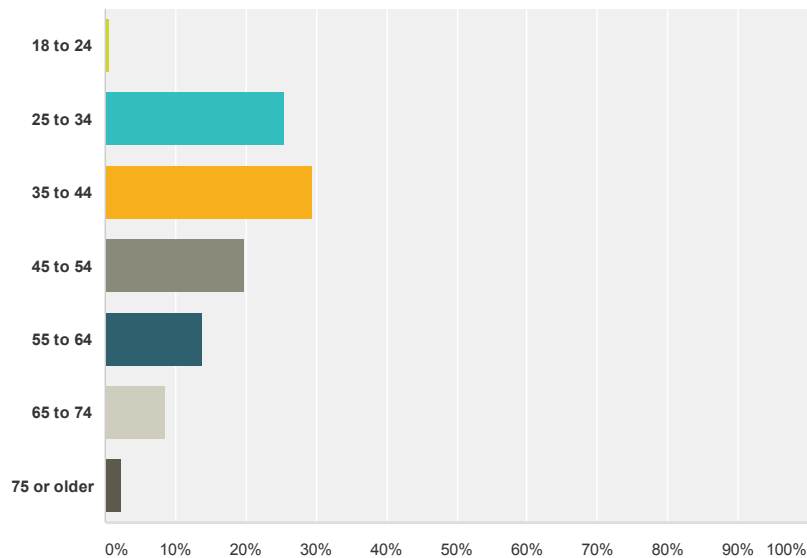
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Q2

What is your age?

Answered: 544 Skipped: 2

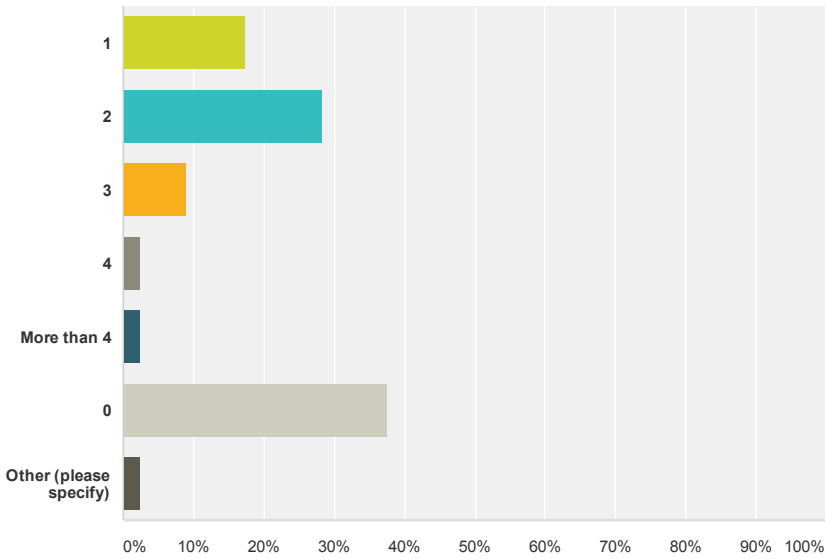


Answer Choices	Responses	
18 to 24	0.55%	3
25 to 34	25.37%	138
35 to 44	29.41%	160
45 to 54	19.85%	108
55 to 64	13.79%	75
65 to 74	8.64%	47
75 or older	2.39%	13
Total		544

Q3

How many children do you have living at home?

Answered: 545 Skipped: 1



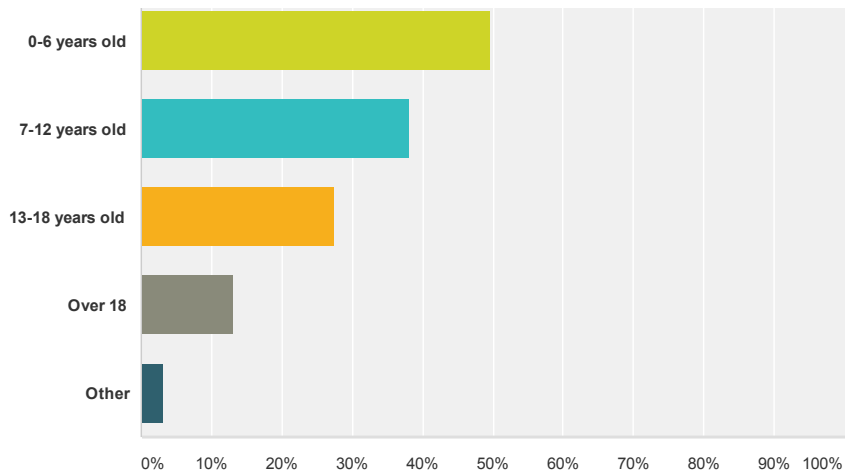
Answer Choices	Responses	
1	17.25%	94
2	28.44%	155
3	8.99%	49
4	2.57%	14
More than 4	2.57%	14
0	37.61%	205
Other (please specify)	2.57%	14
Total		545

Q4

If yes to question 3, what are the ages?

Answered: 340 Skipped: 206



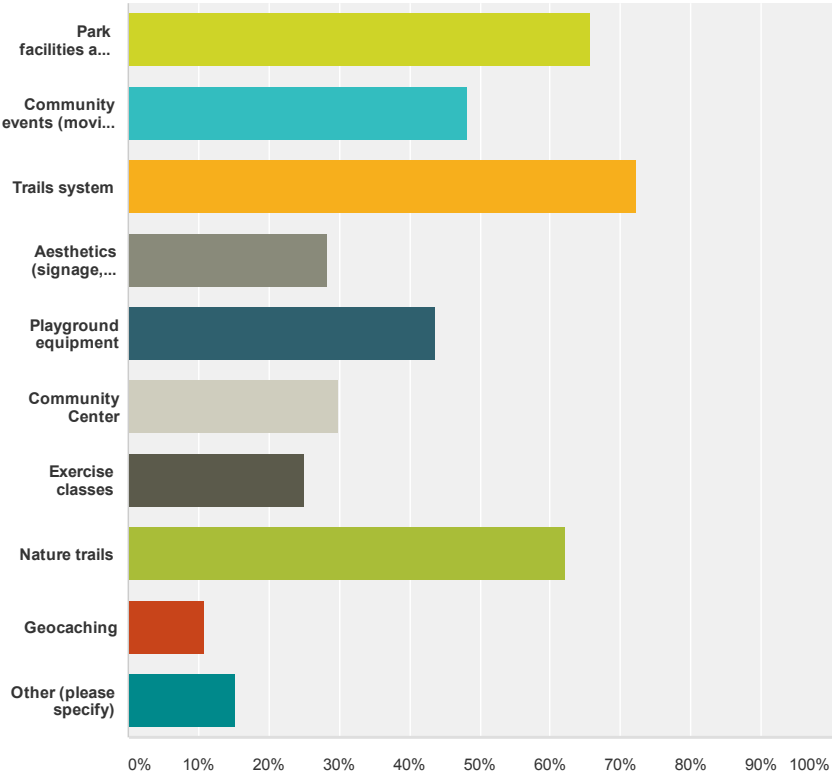


Answer Choices	Responses	
0-6 years old	49.71%	169
7-12 years old	38.24%	130
13-18 years old	27.65%	94
Over 18	13.24%	45
Other	3.24%	11
Total Respondents: 340		

Q5

What community offerings interest you?

Answered: 535 Skipped: 11



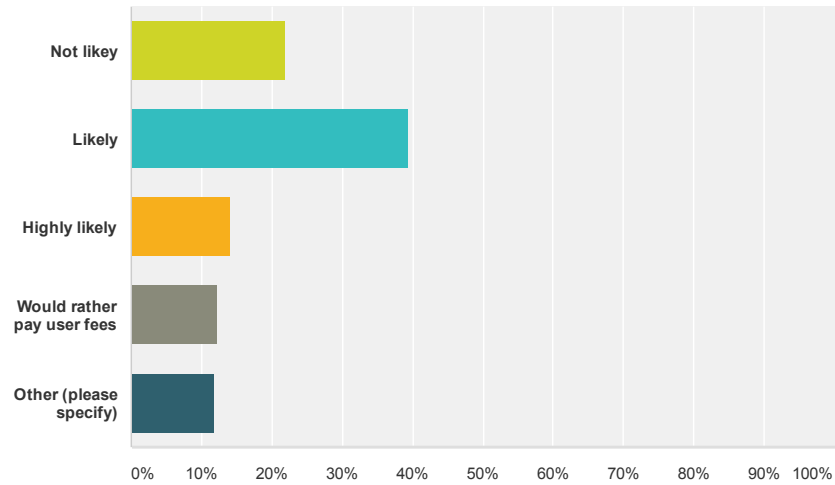
Answer Choices	Responses	
Park facilities and amenities	65.79%	352

Park facilities and amenities	55.13%	352
Community events (movie in the park; trunk-or-treat, etc.)	48.22%	258
Trails system	72.15%	386
Aesthetics (signage, landscaping, etc.)	28.41%	152
Playground equipment	43.55%	233
Community Center	29.91%	160
Exercise classes	25.05%	134
Nature trails	62.24%	333
Geocaching	10.84%	58
Other (please specify) Responses	15.14%	81
Total Respondents: 535		

Q6

How likely would you support a tax increase for parks and trails?

Answered: 532 Skipped: 14



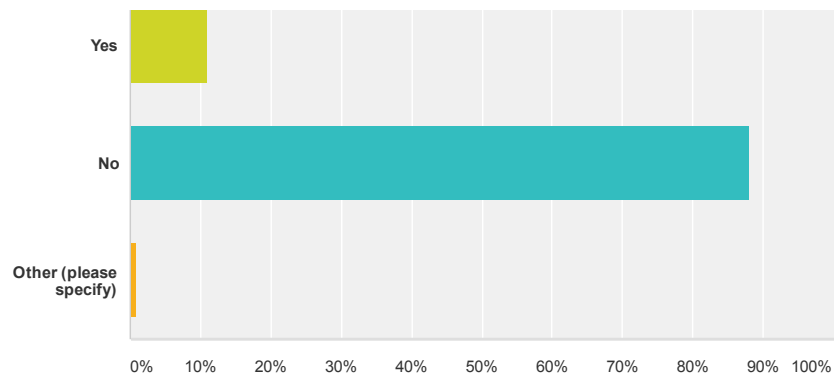
Answer Choices	Responses	
Not likely	21.99%	117
Likely	39.47%	210
Highly likely	14.29%	76
Would rather pay user fees	12.41%	66
Other (please specify) Responses	11.84%	63
Total		532

Q7

Are you familiar with the Building a Brighter McCordsville fund?

Answered: 531 Skipped: 15



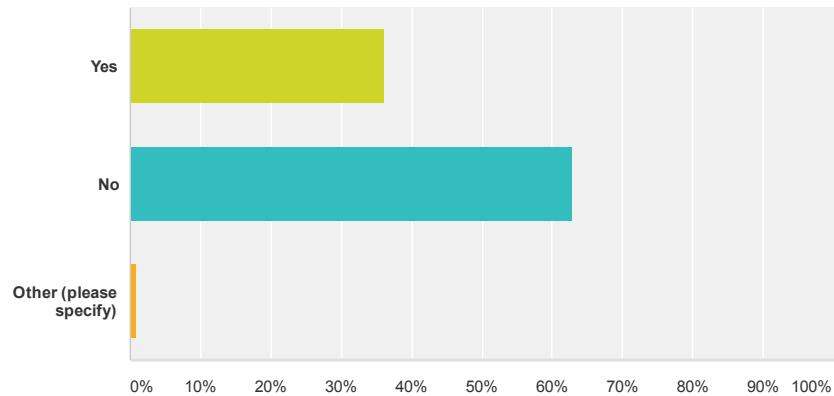


Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	11.11%	59
No	88.14%	468
Other (please specify)	0.75%	4
Total		531

Q8

Are you aware that McCordsville has a Parks and Recreation Board (PARB?)

Answered: 536 Skipped: 10



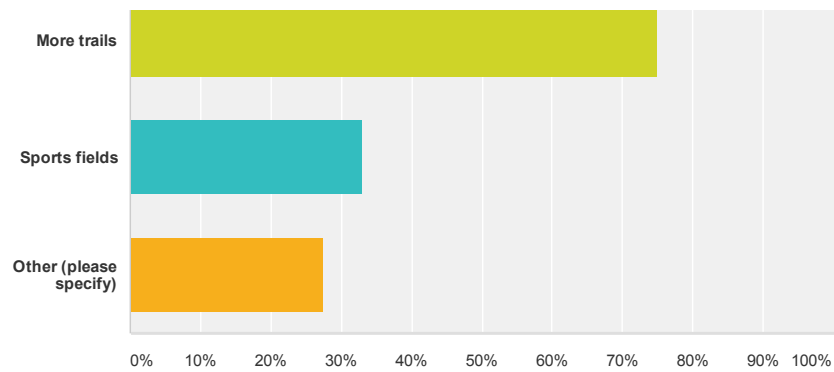
Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	36.19%	194
No	62.87%	337
Other (please specify)	0.93%	5
Total		536

Q9

What are some activities you would like to see in McCordsville

Answered: 493 Skipped: 53



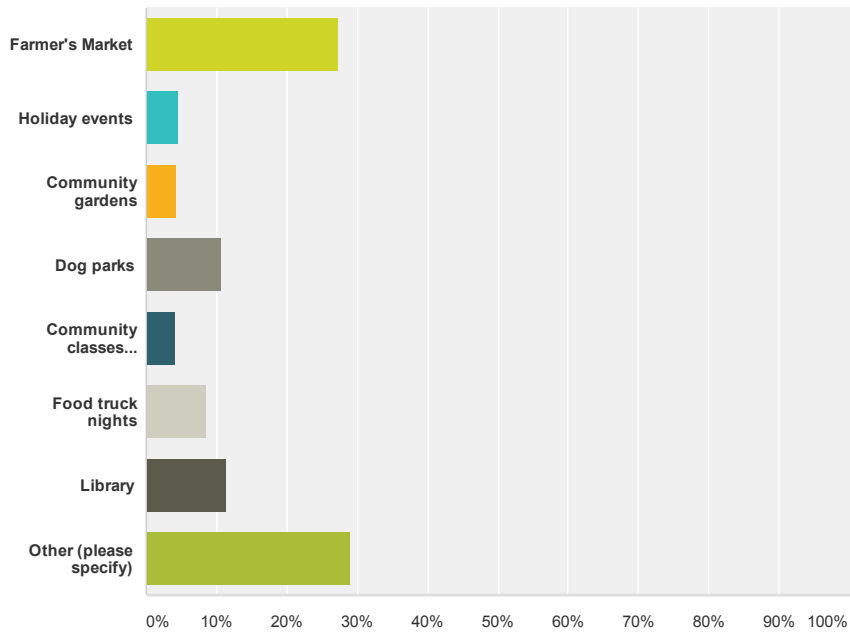


Answer Choices	Responses	
More trails	75.05%	370
Sports fields	33.06%	163
Other (please specify)	27.59%	136
Total Respondents: 493		

Q10

What community activities would you like to see?

Answered: 509 Skipped: 37

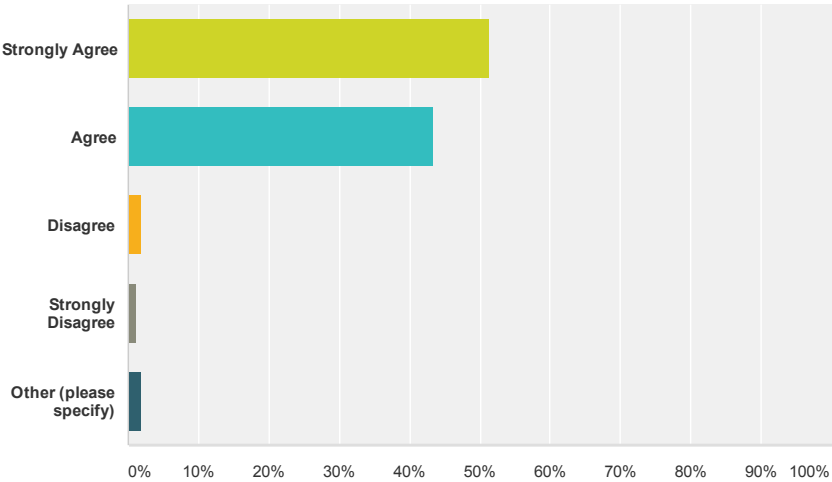


Answer Choices	Responses	
Farmer's Market	27.31%	139
Holiday events	4.52%	23
Community gardens	4.32%	22
Dog parks	10.61%	54
Community classes (cooking, health, art)	4.13%	21
Food truck nights	8.64%	44
Library	11.39%	58
Other (please specify)	29.08%	148

Q11

I agree that community activities would make McCordsville a better place to visit

Answered: 520 Skipped: 26



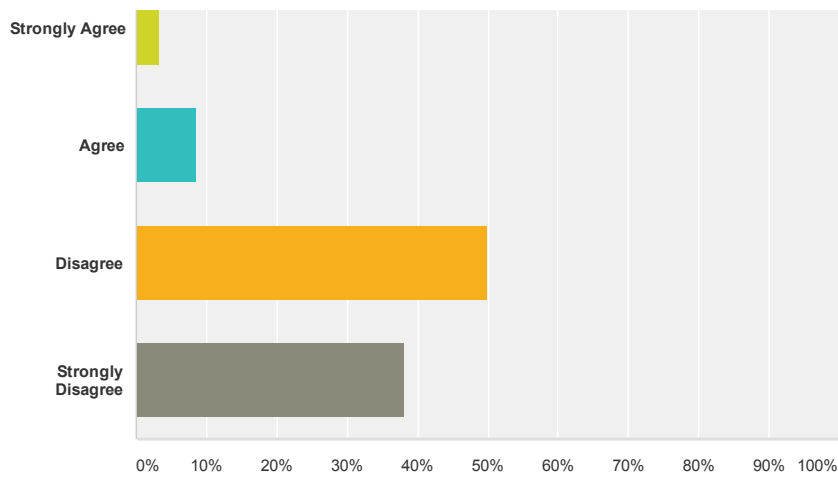
Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly Agree	51.35%	267
Agree	43.46%	226
Disagree	1.92%	10
Strongly Disagree	1.35%	7
Other (please specify)	1.92%	10
Total		520

Q12

I don't think McCordsville needs any more community events

Answered: 504 Skipped: 42





Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly Agree	3.37%	17
Agree	8.53%	43
Disagree	49.80%	251
Strongly Disagree	38.29%	193
Total		504

Q13

Please share any other comments you have on this topic

Answered: 113 Skipped: 433

3/31/2016 5:39 PM

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3/31/2016 5:10 PM

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3/31/2016 3:01 PM

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3/31/2016 2:51 PM

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3/31/2016 2:37 PM

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Written Comments from the Parks Survey

Would like the town to set aside much more open safe areas, with walking paths and more sidewalks.

11/26/2016 9:41 AM

Glad to know there is a board working on this - thanks for the work you do. Green spaces/parks are important: more is better!

11/3/2016 5:14 PM

In anything planned please keep handicap accessibility in mind as I have two children (as I'm sure others do as well) on wheelchairs that could benefit from these facilities.

10/21/2016 5:52 PM

Need more daytime and evening offerings for group type of events. Possibly bus trips to places nearby, game nights, bocci courts, croquet courts, etc.

10/20/2016 7:58 PM

Question 10 allows you to pick only one activity. I would like to see Community Classes, Farmer's Market, Food truck nights, Holiday Events, and a Library.

9/15/2016 3:15 PM

Splash pads for kids, as well as parks and dog parks!!!!

9/8/2016 11:58 AM

When subdivisions were approved, developers should have been required to dedicate a tract of land for a park.

8/21/2016 5:11 PM

With the ever expanding population, I would love to see more places to make a positive influence on the kids and provide them an outlet. McCordsville is in desperate need of sport fields.

8/19/2016 9:04 AM

Just moved here, I feel there is a TON of potential here, excited to see where it goes!

8/18/2016 9:31 PM

foundation of community growth starts with activities offered for our children. poor facilities makes it too easy to segregate the children from growing within their community by having to participate in organizations outside of the mt vernon community

8/15/2016 9:10 PM

Now that a Meijer is being built on the Living Streams field, a large dog park would be a good replacement.

8/10/2016 8:22 PM

I strongly believe that a strong park system enhances the quality of life for all that live in the community. It also serves as an important economic tool in attracting new residents and business to McCordsville.

7/29/2016 10:27 AM

We recently moved here from Noblesville, and they had fantastic Parks and Recreation options. It really adds value to the community. Thank you for your hard work!

7/25/2016 11:21 PM

Community events are nice, but parks are better. We need larger parks. We need a park like the Brooks School Park in Fishers--trail, large open spaces, basketball court, and playground equipment.

7/24/2016 10:31 PM

I believe an model aircraft field would be a very positive thing for McCordsville. The field could be part of a multi use property.

7/4/2016 12:48 PM

I agree we don't need anymore holiday-type events than we have. We currently offer a good variety and I think that's enough. I know they are time-intensive to plan, & I think staff's time can be best spent elsewhere and offering classes would help fulfill a need. Hancock County has hardly no options of adult, or adult-child classes.

7/1/2016 1:18 PM

I like the idea of more community events, but I think those work better when community residents organize them and the town is a strong supporter. Also, the town can help promote existing regular activities that utilize the parks. For example, there is a group that meets to play Ultimate Frisbee at the town hall park Sunday afternoons and it is open to the public. The town could help promote those kinds of park activities.

6/27/2016 12:06 AM

Affordable Dog Park Please!!!

6/7/2016 8:51 AM

Funds should be collected by other means than raising taxes. Community fundraisers work well.

5/20/2016 12:46 PM

I believe community activities will make McCordsville. However, at the same time I don't want to see it grow too fast, so please continue your plan of steady, planned growth.

5/20/2016 11:31 AM

Especially like the idea of cooking classes, food trucks (the real deal), walking trails, and a bigger farmers market.

5/20/2016 1:21 AM

Fortville is close and doing well. Why not visit there?

5/17/2016 3:29 PM

As a senior citizen still working, I don't want to see any more projects that increase my cost of living!

5/17/2016 3:23 PM

If you want more feedback, it would help by sending return envelopes. I had to go find my own, same with the monthly bills

5/17/2016 3:20 PM

would support trail systems being built if they would make it mandatory for bikers to use paths and not ride on streets.

5/17/2016 3:15 PM

McCordsville Fireworks on a night before or after others to bring in guests

5/17/2016 2:12 PM

I feel most people like that McCordsville is small & they go elsewhere into the surrounding communities like Fishers, Carmel, Indy, etc. for events/activities. Would like to see McCordsville do a better job of maintaining their roads, trimming & cleaning up their thoroughfares, etc.

5/17/2016 2:03 PM

We need a large centrally located TOM park, preferably at a new town hall/town center site

5/17/2016 1:59 PM

Trails are great, but to keep children from waling down the middle of the street, PUT IN SOME SIDEWALKS!!!

5/17/2016 11:41 AM

We love McCordsville!

5/17/2016 11:38 AM

keep up the good work!

5/17/2016 11:12 AM

Our location, this side of the tracks, makes many Geist activities available & close to us

5/17/2016 11:07 AM

NO MORE TAXES!

5/17/2016 10:54 AM

can not afford taxes now - no more taxes

5/17/2016 10:51 AM

my biggest issue is the outrageous cost of electricity through ninestar and their ridiculous added on fees.

5/17/2016 10:47 AM

I would like to see a "community park" as outlined in your parks and recreation master plan 2012-2016 (30-50 acres). It does not appear we have anything close to that.

5/12/2016 8:23 AM

For any improvement in Parks and Rec, PLEASE IMPROVE THE TRAFFIC FLOW!!!! McCordsville is big choke on people moving around the local area.

5/9/2016 10:07 AM

we need a better park. i drive to fishers for their park on brookside and 116th

5/9/2016 8:50 AM

Moved here to be away from congestion--don't need this to be a hub of activity.

5/7/2016 2:47 PM

In addition to boosting the parks and events, it would be a great time to boost the town's presence on social media or other outlets (community newsletter?) in order to promote these events.

5/6/2016 5:13 PM

Any tax created to fund these improvements MUST be limited to the specific improvement detailed. Any future tax need MUST be created anew.

5/6/2016 4:30 PM

Trail system is a must, it will interest more people to walk, run, and ride.

5/5/2016 11:41 AM

I would love to see more parks & rec offerings in McCordsville! We are long time residents and think this would be a great addition to our town and make us just as attractive as Fishers and Carmel.

5/4/2016 11:41 AM

I live on Social Security. No more taxes.

5/4/2016 10:34 AM

The issue is our property taxes are increasing in spite of the tax cap. Assess values are being increased so the counties can make up lost revenue. The Assessors are jacking up home values so they can collect more property taxes. Also, the recent increase to bail out Mt. Vernon Schools is not helping your cause for another tax increase.

5/4/2016 10:28 AM

Retired.

5/4/2016 10:21 AM

Community festival like the 4th of July Parade and Festival in Lawrence. Are we ever getting a grocery store or a library?

5/4/2016 10:15 AM

Water fun, Lake (rent out paddle boats), pool (low annual cost), YMCA (low fees).

5/4/2016 10:06 AM

I look at other towns around me and see so much to do. I think McCordsville would want to compete with other townships for future citizens & businesses. It is difficult to spend money here due to the few businesses present! When I found out there wasn't a library here in McCordsville I almost backed out of purchasing a home here.

5/4/2016 10:00 AM

Stop looking for ways to spend money! Some people always want to spend money they did not earn!

5/4/2016 9:55 AM

Fishers is doing an amazing job with their downtown. Given how close they are, there is no need to copy them. But if McCordsville could pursue complimenting community offerings (dog parks, play grounds and nature trails) that would be great. Also, it would be great to finish a side walk connecting to Geist for walking, running, biking and safely navigating my family to the July 4th events on the bridge.

5/3/2016 10:20 PM

Thank you for asking for my input.

5/3/2016 4:31 PM

I think a Dog Park would be really cool and Holiday events (such as an annual Fall festival) would be awesome!

5/2/2016 11:26 AM

Would love to see a project for baseball and soccer fields gain some momentum with so many kids in the area now.

5/2/2016 9:20 AM

Dog park or an fence in area for dogs to run around or swim would be awesome!

5/2/2016 8:30 AM

what has been done with the tax money we already pay???

5/1/2016 5:37 PM

Please make sure that any plan has not only two or three large parks, but other smaller pocket parks as well.

5/1/2016 8:40 AM

A central hub with the library at the heart orchestrating all things "life".

5/1/2016 12:26 AM

none

4/30/2016 10:39 AM

I would like to see the bike/walking trail that is currently across from the Wellness Center extended further South along Mt. Comfort road. We are in Gateway Crossing and do not have a good way to access the trail without crossing the busy traffic of 36 and the railroad tracks.

4/29/2016 1:33 PM

No more tax increases, way out of line now. Wait till we get more pop to help pay and preventing tax increase

4/26/2016 7:28 PM

Make McCordsville more pedestrian friendly - beautify Pendleton Pike, add bike lanes, encourage crafty shop boutique owners.

4/23/2016 9:29 PM

how about a community swimming pool and water park?

4/23/2016 4:57 PM

My family and I moved to McCordsville for the convience of the big city with the amenities of a small town. With that said, McCordsville has a blank slate right now that could be great with a forward thinking plan. I am excited to have a voice in this decision. We would absolutely pay more on our taxes in order to help grow McCordsville into a family friendly community with rec leagues, parks and community events!

4/21/2016 5:24 PM

A golf course and trails which lead to the winery would be ideal. Nature trails should not just be roadside paths, but go through wooded areas.

4/21/2016 4:41 PM

None on this but we need businesses not community park. I would definitely oppose any tax increases for this. What ever happened to meijers coming to Mccordsville, This is what we need not stupid community parks.

4/21/2016 1:26 PM

My husband and I appreciate all that is being done to make our city a better place to live. Thank you!

4/5/2016 9:57 AM

We think McCordville has ENOUGH sub divisions, But most of all DONT BUILD MEIJERS !! Think of the Riff Raff that it will bring into our town. (ie walmart on Pendleton pike) It has turned that area into a ghetto .

4/5/2016 8:39 AM

100% need a library!!!!

4/4/2016 4:39 PM

McCordsville is growing the right way, everyone I talk to I tell them about the best kept secret "McCordsville, IN".

Keep up the great job

4/4/2016 7:51 AM

I would love for McCordsville to have a baseball park that could compete with OYO and would generate money for the city and community.

4/4/2016 6:32 AM

None

4/4/2016 12:32 AM

Just would like to see McCordsville grow maybe along 67 toward Fortville. I guess it could only grow on one side because of the rr track.

4/3/2016 2:40 PM

I think that a nice baseball park would be great for McCordsville.

4/3/2016 8:44 AM

To attract quality residential developments and business, there needs to be more to do, such as large festivals, a library of our own close by, community events shared by all ages and a common swimming pool-maybe water park that could bring in revenues to offset cost. Also, a nice downtown park center and area off the highways.

4/2/2016 4:39 PM

community events such as farmers market or movies etc would be more welcoming in a highly visible location in McCordsville

4/2/2016 3:48 PM

Town park and township park should merge all activities. Need sidewalk or trail to town park

4/2/2016 12:25 PM

when g-kids visit, usually end up at Brooks School Park playground ("it's cool and has a lot of stuff to climb on"), not playground in sub.

4/2/2016 10:06 AM

Free or nearly free (couple bucks per person) activities are always welcome. This is a growing community and fun activities that won't break the bank would be a great addition. I like the idea of a library. Greenfield is a bit far away and we have to pay at Fishers since we are not residents. I also think the idea of community classes is good. I'm sure you could get volunteers to teach the classes to get exposure. Anything that is exercise or that teaches people a skill will help its people grow.

4/2/2016 7:41 AM

need a site for a large new town park that is located at the town center

4/2/2016 7:00 AM

I appreciate these personal emails keeping me connected vs the book of information we used to receive! Thank you for all you do!

4/2/2016 5:05 AM

I was only allowed to check one box for #10. I would have checked them all!

4/1/2016 11:31 PM

#10 Only allows one pick, would like library & farmers market.

4/1/2016 10:01 PM

believe the activity should be self supporting for the most part.

4/1/2016 9:37 PM

Dog Park and farmers market need to be priority

4/1/2016 9:13 PM

Bocce court!

4/1/2016 8:55 PM

Would be nice to offer something surrounding communities can not offer, so not competing for attendance...but offering another opportunity. Would live a European Garden Market with fresh bakery and flower items, food trucks, etc one Sat mo...or a summer concert or movie a month with flavored corn for sale and yard games, cookoff in July, etc.

4/1/2016 7:58 PM

I appreciate any and all community activities...I think they bring the community together!! Maybe again another huge garage sale...they always bring neighbors together!!!

4/1/2016 7:20 PM

Drop down boxes dont work

4/1/2016 6:12 PM

When food or candy is involved, you must take "peanut allergies" into consideration.

4/1/2016 6:02 PM

We have enjoyed the trunk/treat event, Xmas event and the Easter egg hunt this past year. And hope that the town can continue to offer such events.

4/1/2016 4:44 PM

Store fronts need more of a facelift on Broadway.

4/1/2016 4:37 PM

Please find a way to bring a branch of the Greenfield Library to McCordsville. The Fortville Vernon Township Library is very small, outdated, and way below the quality you find at Fishers Library or Greenfield Library, A quality library in McCordsville is a great place to host community activities and is an invaluable resource for families with children.

4/1/2016 4:10 PM

It's great that we currently use Town Hall as our focal point for activities but we desperately need a Town Square/downtown to identify with.

4/1/2016 4:04 PM

Please finish sidewalks/paths especially west of Ohio and 900.

4/1/2016 4:00 PM

We need more connecting trails.

4/1/2016 2:52 PM

We need a Monon Center!

4/1/2016 11:38 AM

Pendleton has great community events & park for ideas

3/31/2016 9:15 PM

We spend a lot of time driving elsewhere for these things that I wish we had here!

3/31/2016 9:14 PM

McCordsville reminds me of Fishers some 30 years ago. Growing the tax base may be the best thing to focus on.

Need more commercial which I understand contributes more tax than residential. We need a better defined 'downtown area' that is walkable. It's probably better to focus on making the community walkable right with trails and such rather than trying to develop a signature park or two. Master plan well, let the tax base grow, then develop the park system.

3/31/2016 7:53 PM

I think fundraisers could go a far away instead of adding additional taxes. Get the community involved. Schools. Churches.

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3/31/2016 2:37 PM

I think the town needs to embrace the fact that the demographic is changing and more young families are moving into our community. I would rather spend money putting my kids through summer camps and going to events in my town rather than paying for them to attend a Fishers park and recreation sponsored event. With that said a good model to go forward would be how the city of Fishers uses its green space and parks to promote its self.

3/31/2016 2:31 PM

With the amount of young families McCordsville has, it would be beneficial to meet the needs of children with parks and community activities (camps or other events). We find ourselves venturing to Fishers to meet these needs and would be better closer to home!

3/31/2016 1:38 PM

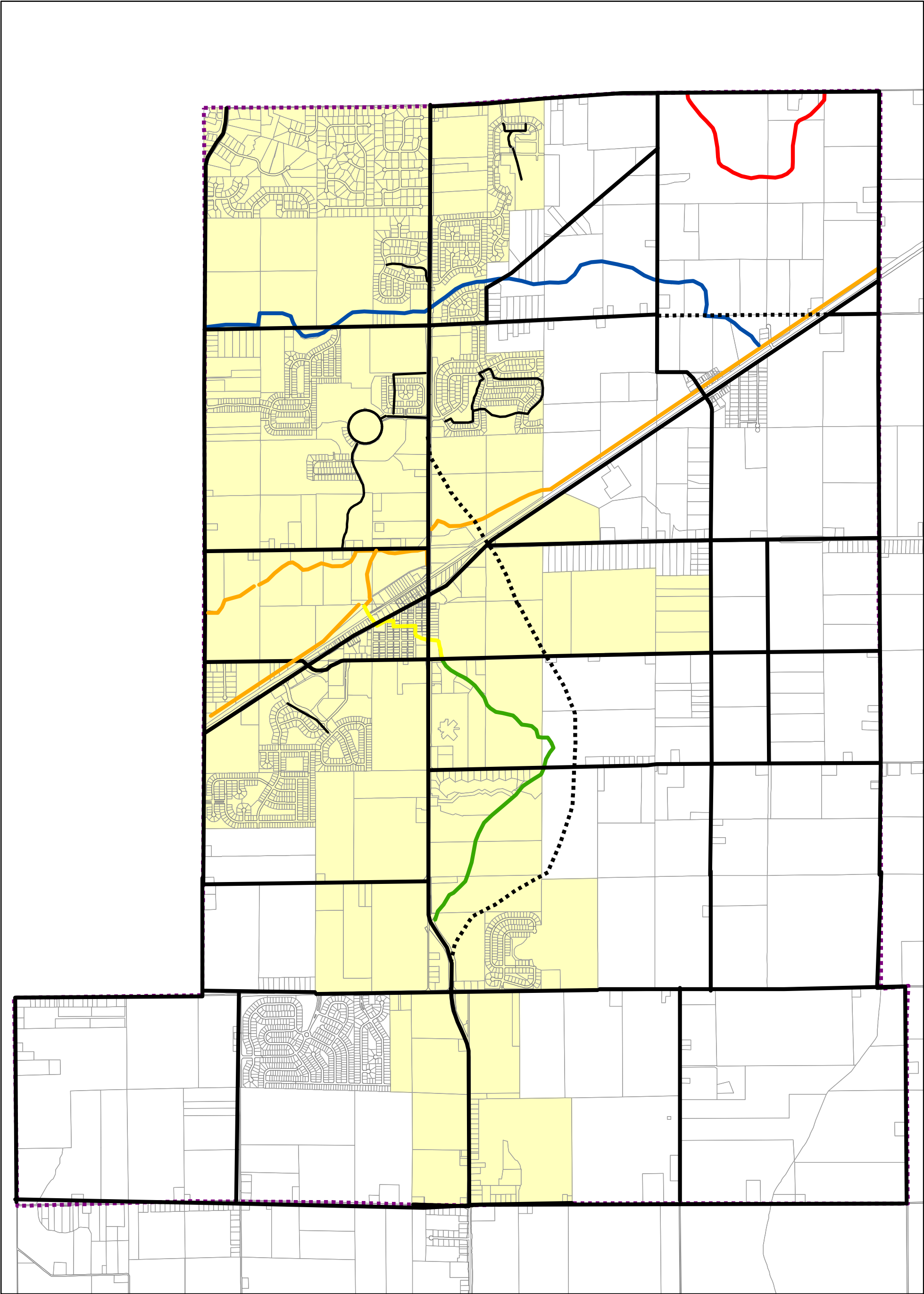
I would love to have a cool park or splash pad that people would travel to bring their kids too, I drive to surrounding parks of ingest good things, it would bring more visitors to the area

3/31/2016 1:04 PM

The first thing I would like to see is the trail extended all the way to Wood Haven. It would be nice to be able to ride our bikes into town. Or take a walk with other neighbors from Wood Haven.

3/31/2016 12:12 PM

Connectivity Plan



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Dry Branch/Interurban Trail
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North Fork Trail
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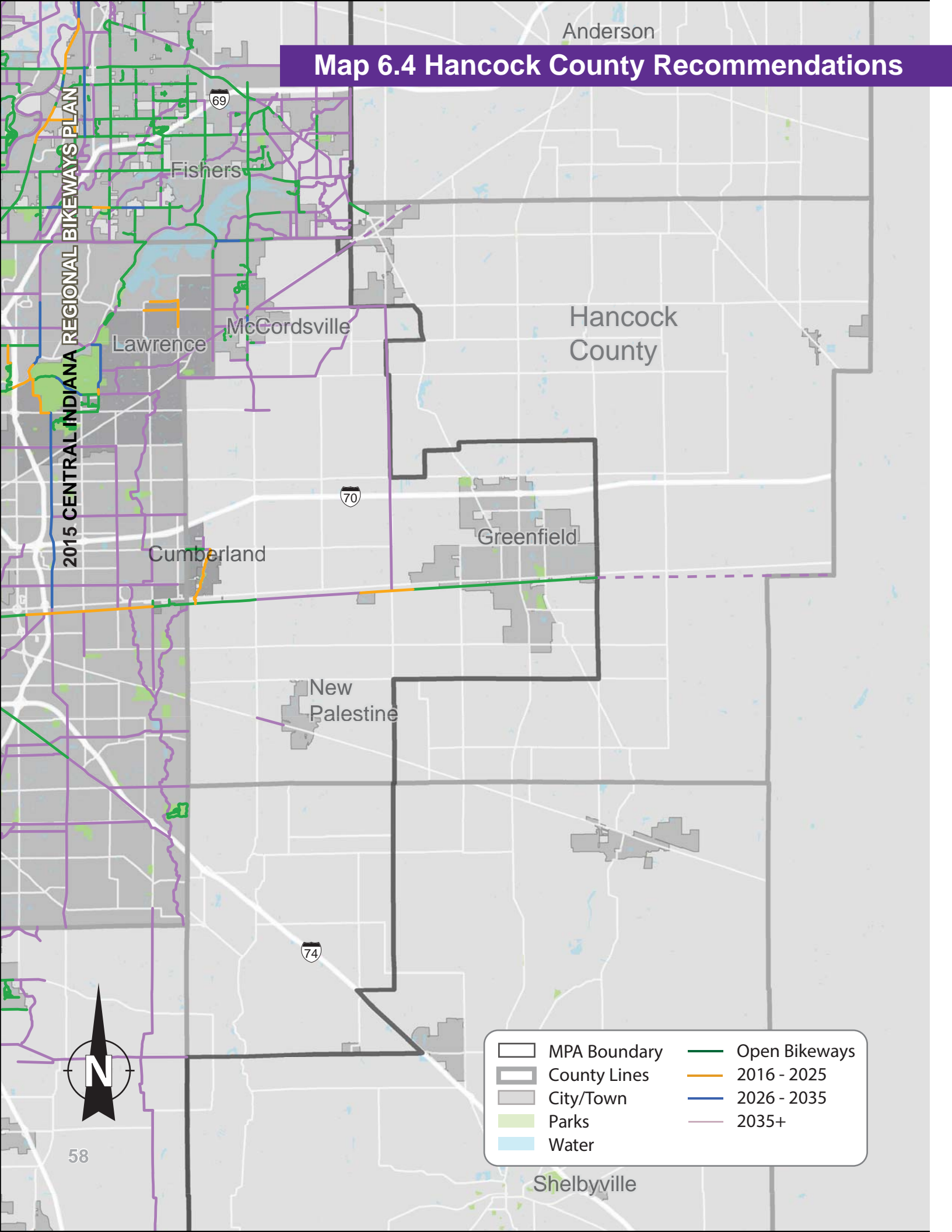
Village Boardwalk Trail
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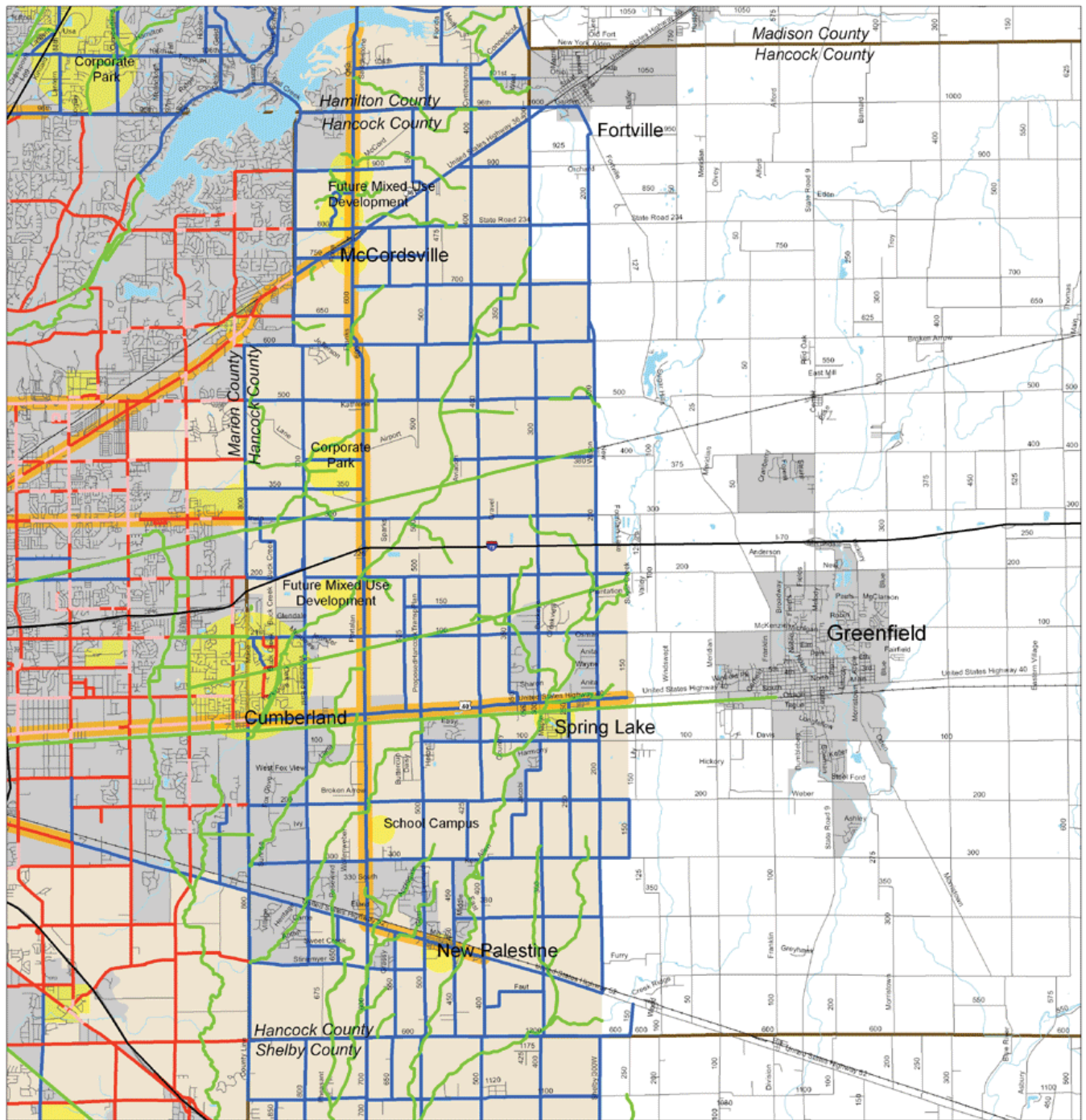
Stansbury Trail
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Bee Camp Trail



Map 6.4 Hancock County Recommendations





- Recommended Collector Sidewalk
- Marion County Existing Sidewalk
- Recommended Multi-Use Path (within road right-of-way)
- Recommended Multi-Use Path (within off-street right-of-way)
- Urban Greenway
- Recommended Pedestrian Corridor (existing or planned development area)
- Recommended Pedestrian District (existing or planned development area)

- County Boundary
- Urbanized Area, Census 2000
- Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA)

Vision Plan- Hancock County

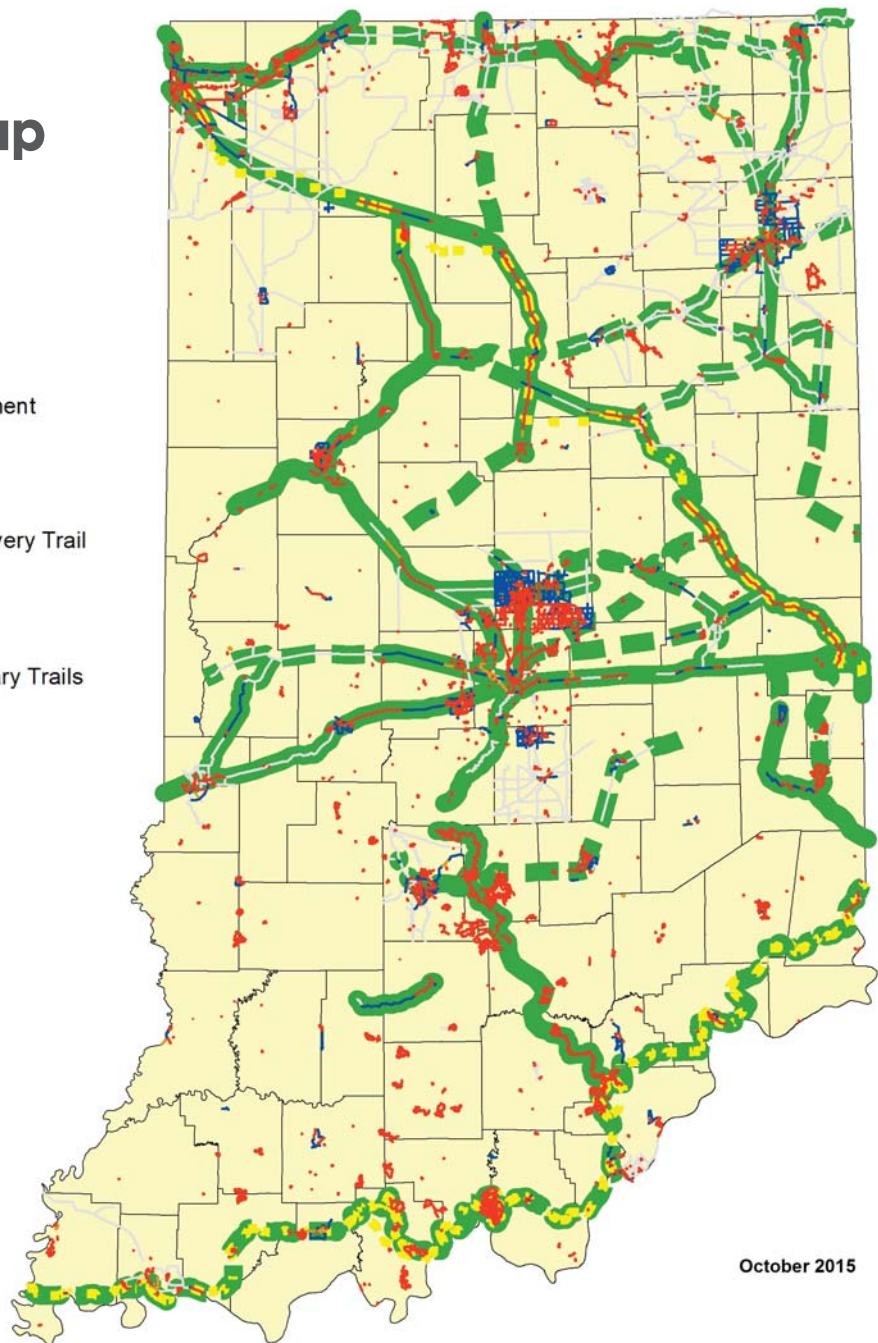
Indianapolis MPO Regional Pedestrian Plan

November 2006



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FIGURE 6.2
2016 Visionary
Trail System Map



October 2015

2016 TRAILS PLAN UPDATE - VISIONARY TRAILS SYSTEM

What the Visionary Trails System Actually Is, and What It Isn't

The Visionary Trails System is a collection of trail corridors that provide a backbone for connected trails throughout Indiana. The main purpose of the map is to show trail developers and planners where the priority trails are and how future development could fit into this network. For the Visionary Trails that are yet to be completed, the routes are intended to be broadly defined corridors within which trails are proposed or trail-potential exists. This Visionary Trails System was

created using input from trail providers, community planners and trail users. Trail corridors within the system must cross two or more counties and/or connect two visionary trails. A visionary trail must be completed, under development, or formally planned/actively supported (see figure 6.2).

The system is not a construction plan or a system the State of Indiana is unilaterally building. Rather, it encourages all levels of government and other trail providers to build trails along the corridors or connect to them. It is even possible for new trail groups to come together with a goal to build sections of trail with high priority. Some trail-funding programs encourage development of the Visionary Trail System by emphasizing it in applications for funding.

**Parks & Recreation Board
February 8, 2016
Meeting Minutes**

1. Call to Order & roll call- Kim Pearson

Members present: Max Meise, Summer Harper, Kim Pearson

Members absent: Ron Hill, Jack O'Boyle & Stephanie Stewart

Others present: Town Manager Tonya Galbraith, Plan Director Ryan Crum and Melissa Davidson, minutes

2. Introduction of New Member- Summer Harper

Ms. Harper is responsible for Harper's Best of Mutts twice that is held at the Town Hall Park. She is familiar with Town events and has interned for the Town. She is working on her Tourism Events Management Degree.

3. Election of Officers –tabled (no quorum)

4. Approval of August meeting minutes – tabled (no quorum)

5. Start process for updating 5-year Park Master Plan

The Parks Master Plan has to be updated every five years to be eligible for grants. Mr. Crum gave a basic timeline and an overview. Staff will craft some questions for a survey. The plan will need a public hearing and submitted to the DNR before final approval.

6. Date for Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 25th starting at noon.

7. Ideas for Bicentennial event

Ms. Galbraith would like members to brainstorm on a type of festival since the bicentennial torch relay will come through McCordsville on October 14th. Ms. Galbraith thought utilizing the old town hall property since it is on Broadway as the torch will travel through to Fortville. Ms. Galbraith thought maybe some food trucks and activities. Scarlett Lane has offered to be a part of the event. Ms. Galbraith will look at what other communities are doing. Mrs. Pearson thought a time capsule to be buried might be a good idea for the event also.

8. HCCF grants update- Next Round

In round two municipalities need to partner with another municipality or a not for profit. Ms. Galbraith and Mr. Crum thought of partnering with the Mt. Vernon School Corporation and Fortville to replace the Mt. Vernon School Corporation signs. There is also an idea to partner with Cumberland and Ninestar to apply for an economic fiscal impact analysis along the 600W corridor. .

9. What we should be doing next?

In need of some new ideas and events to have and committees to help with fundraising and events. Possible events are another 5K, Movie night and to have Trunk-or-Treat but with a fall festival.

10. Old Business- None

11. New Business- None

12. Next Meeting- April 11, 2016

13. Adjourn

Parks & Recreation Board
April 11, 2016
Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order and roll call- Ron Hill

Members present: Summer Harper, Ron Hill, Kim Pearson, Stephanie Stewart and Max Meise

Members absent: Jack O'Boyle

Others present: Town Manager Tonya Galbraith, Plan Director Ryan Crum and Melissa Davidson, minutes

2. Election of Officers-

Motion by Mrs. Pearson to nominate Ron Hill as President. 2nd by Ms. Stewart. Passes: 4/0.

Motion by Mr. Hill to nominate Kim Pearson as Vice-President. 2nd by Ms. Harper. Motion passes: 4/0.

3. Approval of February meeting minutes-

*Official approval not needed- no quorum in February.

August 10th, 2015 minutes- Motion by Mrs. Pearson to approve the August 10th minutes. 2nd by Ms. Stewart. Motion passes: 4/0.

4. 5-Year Park Master Plan update- Ryan

Mr. Crum reviewed changes to the Parks Master Plan. The Plan needs to be updated every 5 years so that the Town is eligible to apply for grants. There will be a public hearing in June.

- **Survey results to date-** Ms. Galbraith provided a summary sheet of the 286 responses received. The survey may go out in the sewer bills and included in another blast for more feedback. 87% of respondents said they were not familiar with the Building a Brighter McCordsville Fund. This fund needs to be built up and eventually can help with playground equipment and other amenities that residents want in McCordsville. A majority of respondents would like more trails, water parks, park centers, bark parks, farmer's markets and Food truck nights along with playground equipment. Ms. Galbraith would also like to see some type of Community Classes that could be held at Town Hall.

Ms. Galbraith also discussed a Park Impact Fee that is paid by developers and builders through the cost of building permits. The money could help develop parkland within the town.

5. Ideas for Bicentennial event- torch relay Friday October 14th. Ms. Galbraith would like to see the Parks Board or Members put together a volunteer group like other communities have to plan something for the Bicentennial. The time capsule is a good idea and Ms. Galbraith will reach out to try and find someone who can donate a capsule. One stop is the Methodist Church and Ms. Galbraith will discuss event ideas with the Outreach Coordinator. Mrs. Pearson would like to put together a committee to plan an event.

6. HCCF grants update- The Communities who were awarded money last year were able to collaborate with another communities or not-for-profit for another chance at grant money. McCordsville is collaborating with the Town of Fortville and the Town of Cumberland for unified school district signs in the County. The Town is also collaborating with the Town of Cumberland and the Hancock Economic Development Council to do an economic impact analysis of 600W from 1000N to 100S in Cumberland. The study could also help with the County regarding the 600W road alignment. Awards will be announced in May.

7. Easter Egg Hunt summary- The event was another great turn-out. It was about 65 degrees and a bunch of great volunteers.

8. Old Business-

Shultz pedestrian bridge- Received all of the INDOT approvals and waiting on the contractor to be able to start work. It will take about 6-8 weeks to construct and has to be completed by September.

700W Trail- Project is still progressing and the Town has received verbal agreements from all parties. Two signatures still needed to be obtained before the project can be released to the design phase. Geist Harbors association will complete the path in the Marion County portion.

Daniel's Vineyard path- There will be a path in front of Daniel's Vineyard, but they have reached an agreement with the Town to put in at a certain time triggered by either if a path is built adjacent, if the final building is constructed or in 7 years. There was a hefty price tag on sanitary sewer for this particular use.

Movie Night- Ms. Davidson will check dates in September for a possible movie night.

5K- The event was successful and raised money for the Building a Brighter McCordsville Fund. There will need to be a committee to get the 5K up and going. The Hospital would likely be involved. Ms. Galbraith will reach out to Hancock Regional Hospital. Sign-ups could possibly be done at the Wellness Center or even start at the Wellness Center parking lot with a possible health fair. This could even be incorporated in the Bicentennial event with a bison on the shirt, a mobile bison or other promotional items. The Board decided on Aug. 27, 2016 for the 2nd 5K. Ms. Galbraith will help with promoting on the Facebook, town blast and the 5k Facebook page.

9. New Business

Mr. Meise would like to see something come from Railroad Street and the easement along the tracks to end at Scarlett Lane Brewery. The trail could be of historical value with the buildings and all. The right-of-way is owned currently by a farmer. Mr. Crum will look into this and incorporate this into the Master Plan.

At the next meeting there will be a new Administrative Assistant taking minutes. There was an Administrative Assistant/Utility Billing Clerk hired. Mrs. Olsen starts next Monday the 18th of April. Ms. Davidson will assume more duties in the Clerk-Treasurer's office.

10. Next meeting – June 13, 2016

11. Adjourn-

Motion by Mrs. Pearson to adjourn. 2nd by Ms. Harper. Motion passes: 4/0.

**Parks & Recreation Board
June 13, 2016
Meeting Minutes**

1. Call to order and roll call

Members present: Ron Hill, President, Kim Pearson, Stephanie Stewart, Summer Harper and Max Meise

Others present: Town Manager Tonya Galbraith, Planning Director Ryan Crum and Erica Olson, minutes

2. Approval of April 11, 2016 meeting minutes

Motion by Mr. Hill to approve the April 11 minutes as amended. 2nd by Mrs. Harper.

Motion passes: 4/0.

3. Appointment of new member

Motion by Mr. Hill to recommend to Town Council to appoint Brody Schoen to the Parks and Recreation Board. 2nd by Mrs. Harper. Motion passes: 4/0.

4. 5-Year Park Master Plan update

Mr. Crum reviewed updates in demographic and factual data to the Parks Master Plan Chapters 1 thru 3. Staff is still looking for more updated data as the National Parks and Recreation Association has not updated theirs since 1990 to create a needs profile.

- **Survey results to date-** Mr. Crum reviewed the 497 collected survey results. 80% of respondents would like more trails and 25% would like exercise classes. There was a favorable reaction to an increase in taxes to help pay for parks and trails.

5. Ideas for Bicentennial event- torch relay Friday October 14th. The state has released the relay route but no conversations with law enforcement in regards to road closures and it is hard to plan events. When we find out more we will try to arrange something simple. We will put the bicentennial logo on the 5K t-shirts. Scarlet Lane is interested in doing an adult chili cook-off event and perhaps even creating a special bicentennial beer.

6. HCCF grants update and tour-

- The Celebrate Communities bus tour will be in McCordsville between 1-1:45pm on June 17th. We will give them an update on how we used the 2015 grant money: the Town Hall Park sign, lights in the shelter, 3 evergreens by the shelter and to drill-seed the open area to make it grassier. We will also talk about our 2016 grant: McCordsville is collaborating with the Town of Fortville and the Town of Cumberland for unified school district signs in the County and we won \$4000 for each. Ms. Galbraith and Mr. Meise will accept of the "big check"
- The second grant we applied for is in collaboration with the Town of Cumberland for an economic impact analysis of 600W from 1000N to 100S by Thomas P Miller & Associates. Together we were awarded \$12,000 towards the \$25,000 study. The Hancock County Redevelopment Commission, NineStar Connect and the Hancock Economic Development Council also awarded us funds which left us with a \$5000 funding gap which will be split between us and Cumberland. This could be reduced because we may be able to get some funds from Hancock County.

7. Upcoming events-

- **Movie Night** – The movie Minions will be shown at the Town Hall Park on July 30th. We will spray the ground in the vicinity to keep mosquitos down. We have 2 shaved ice vendors already lined up and are working on getting more vendors.
- **2nd Annual Path to Fitness 5K** – Planning is coming along and we have a route identified. The start/finish line will be at the Hancock Wellness center and go through Villages at Brookside and Bay Creek East. We already have \$2250 in sponsorships. We are adding timed and chipped capabilities this year as well as a 1-mile family run/walk.

8. Old Business- None

9. New Business

- Mr. Hill had a question on the make-up of the Park Board. The make-up is by state statute, we need to look at the statute and see what we need to do. Ms. Galbraith is going to reach out to the Mt. Vernon school system to see if we can get an ex-officio representative from them.
- Mrs. Harper has someone who is interested in having a community class on how to judge beer and to properly drink it. They would like to hold it at Town Hall Park.

10. Next meeting – August 8, 2016

11. Adjourn-

Motion by Ms. Pearson to adjourn. 2nd by Ms. Stewart. Motion passes: 4/0.

**Parks & Recreation Board
August 8, 2016
Meeting Minutes**

1. Call to order and roll call

Members present: Ron Hill, President, Kim Pearson and Stephanie Stewart

Members absent: Summer Harper

Others present: Town Manager Tonya Galbraith, Planning Director Ryan Crum and Erica Olson, minutes

2. Approval of April 11, 2016 and the June 13, 2016 meeting minutes

Motion by Ms. Pearson to approve both minutes as presented. 2nd by Ms. Stewart.

Motion passes: 3/0.

3. 5-Year Park Master Plan update

The board reviewed the changes that were suggested by Mr. Crum for Chapters 4 and 5 and discussed further revisions – see attached marked up draft. Some statistics need updating yet and some of the written information may be turned into charts for a greater impact. An updated draft will be presented for final review at the next meeting. The formatting will change when all revisions are finalized.

Comparison benchmarks are now ourselves against other jurisdictions of our size and the National Recreation & Parks Association (NRPA) has created a national database we can utilize. Over the past 5 years we have spent much less at \$67,000 than the national median in capital spending of \$547,000 on parks. Starting from this year, 2016, we have 2 specific budget line items for parks and trails which will amount to \$350,000 over 5 years as long as the Town Council continues to approve the capital projects plan as we present it.

Mr. Crum will update the draft for review at the next meeting.

4. Bicentennial event

Scarlet Lane is going to host a Bicentennial Chili Cook-Off Event on October 14th from 4-8pm. All Chili entries must be made using a Scarlet Lane Beer. Ms. Harper will be getting prizes from local businesses for the winner. They will be ordering glasses to give out to the attendees. The glasses will have the Scarlet Lane logo, the town's logo and the bicentennial logo on them. The Park Board will split the cost of the glasses. Proceeds from sales of any extra glasses will go to the Building a Brighter McCordsville Fund.

5. Upcoming events-

- **Trunk-or-Treat/Fall Festival** – Trunk-or-Treat went over well last year and we want to expand it to include more events. This year it will be on October 29th. Hoping to have a car decorating contest, games, photo booth, food trucks and a yard sale. There will be a fee of \$25 to participate in the yard sale.
- **2nd Annual Path to Fitness 5K** – Registration is now open and we have 35 registered so far but that is more than we had at the same time last year. The Wellness Center is actively promoting the event and it is in Indy Runners. The T-shirts and banners are in progress. Registration forms were handed out and the board was asked to try to pass them out. The Wellness Center is going to have a big member appreciation and Open House from 9am – noon in conjunction with the 5k which will include a bounce house, Zumba, massages and a BBQ. Their event will be held inside the Wellness Center.

6. Old Business-

- **Movie Night** – We had good weather and the spraying for mosquitos made a difference. Turn-out was small, probably because 2 other locations had already shown Minions. Next year we will pick an older movie. The food truck did not show but they did send over some pizzas free of charge.

7. New Business

- **Movie Night** – Would like to have an adult movie night September 30th or October 1st because the weather is still good and it gets dark earlier. Scarlet Lane will have their beer garden there. Some suggestions for movies are Blues Brothers, American Pie, Wedding Crashers and Bridesmaids.

8. Next meeting – October 10, 2016

9. Adjourn-

Motion by Mr. Hill to adjourn. 2nd by Ms. Stewart. Motion passes: 3/0.

**Parks & Recreation Board
October 10, 2016
Meeting Minutes**

1. Call to order and roll call

Members present: Summer Harper, Stephanie Stewart and Alyson Zelencik

Members absent: Ron Hill and Kim Pearson

Others present: Brandon Williams, Town Manager Tonya Galbraith, Planning Director Ryan Crum and Erica Olson, minutes

2. Nomination of Parks Board Secretary.

Ms. Stewart was nominated by Ms. Harper. 2nd by Ms. Zelencik. Motion Passes: 3/0.

3. Approval of August 8, 2016 - No Quorum

4. Introduction of New Member

Alyson Zelencik joins as an ex-officio member from Vernon Township library system. She and her family have lived in McCordsville since 2005. She joined the library board a year ago and is a media specialist the high school.

5. Sporting Indiana FC Presentation

Chris Steeno, vice president, gave a presentation about the Geist Area Soccer League that Sporting Indiana FC is beginning the spring of 2017. This will be a recreational league for ages 4-10 and if they get 6 teams for each age group they will be able to serve 264 kids. SIFC wants to bring this league to the area to be a part of the community and hopes this league will attract families that currently go elsewhere to play in recreational soccer leagues. This league will pull kids from McCordsville, Oaklandon, Geist, Fortville, Lawrence, Cumberland and other surrounding areas because McCordsville is a central location. The spring season is April thru May with one weeknight practice and a Saturday morning game. The fall season would be August thru September. They will be using Town Hall Park for practices and games.

The floor was opened for questions

- What about the added use and cost of supplies for our facilities? Jim Brandon, executive director, said they are open to a cleaning fee or they could bring in port-o-lets. They also have a staff member in the building to monitor the scene and respect the facility.
- Where would the equipment be stored? Mr. Brandon said it could be stored on-site at a staging area or would haul it back and forth in a trailer.
- What about parking? Mr. Brandon said they have staff for parking and would not need any additional volunteers. They would abide by our parking plan.
- How would the fields be marked? Mr. Brandon said they use spray paint that grows out in a few weeks and a few mows.
- What about the geese? Mr. Brandon has an organic application to the lawn that would deter the geese and is willing to work with Mr. Crider and the town to come to a solution.
- What about signs? Mr. Brandon understands that he'd have to get a sign permit and abide by allowable placement.
- What about rain dates? Gilberto Pineda, technical director, said Friday would be an option but they would work with the town's schedule.

- How many recreational soccer programs are in the area? Mr. Steeno said there are over 1300 kids participating in recreational soccer programs in Fishers and they have more than one program.

6. 5-Year Park Master Plan update

The board reviewed the changes that were suggested by Mr. Crum for Chapter 5.

Current language is in black and updated language is in red. Goals are mostly unchanged from current plan. We are adding “stream corridors” to goal 3. The map shows in black our current multi-use path. The green lines are the future paths that are in the capital projects plan. When we’re done, you can safely cross all pedestrian barriers on 600W.

The Connectivity Plan has been updated quite a bit. It includes stream corridors. There will be a pedestrian spine through Old Town and then connect to other trails. These trails will begin to create loops. The linear portions will be good to get from point “a” to point “b” and the loops will be good for recreation and exercise.

Parkland Opportunities is not singling out any specific properties but show areas of town that would be conducive to being a park. These factors include schools, community amenities, cultural attractions, natural features population concentration, distance from other parks and no known planned projects. Two areas in general are between 600 and 700 along 900N and adjacent to Old Town. This would need to be looked at further and may want to ask a consultant to dig into the details and see what makes sense.

The 5-year Priority Action Schedule and Associated Costs are required by the DNR in every plan. The old plan had items that weren’t necessarily actions. They are now all actions.

Potential Funding Sources has been updated with the state acts and bills that have changed as well as public grants and foundation monies available.

There is work to do on the appendix which is fitting in all the documents that we have used and referenced in the plan.

Following the public hearing, Mr. Crum plans to put it out for the 30 day public comment and review stage, make any changes and at the beginning of the year submit it to the state for their review. It is due January 15, 2017. He hopes to have it back by the February 2017 meeting.

Ms. Stewart opened the floor for public questions or comments – There were no public speakers.

Ms. Stewart asked for discussion by the Board

Ms. Harper would like a copy of the plan and will comment on it. Mr. Crum will send members an updated copy of the plan and requests comments by November, 1. If we do not send the plan to the state by their deadline we won’t be eligible for any grants.

7. Bicentennial events

- The torch will be handed off at the McCordsville United Methodist Church. Their event is scheduled from 2:30-5pm on September 14th. They will have a bounce house, face painting, games and a BBQ truck. A souvenir state flag will be handed out to each person that attends. The torch will be coming from Fortville on an antique fire truck and is expected to arrive at 3:45 pm. Max Meise will take the torch and hand it off to Mary McConnell who will get on an antique tractor to continue on the route.

- Scarlet Lane is having a Chili Cook-Off Event on October 14th from 5-8pm. They have the 25 entries signed up and there will be 4 judges: Ms. Tonya Galbraith, Tony May, Barry Wood and a Scarlett Lane employee. They are hoping 145 people will attend.

8. Old Business-

- **5K** – We had 20 more participate than last year. A survey of participants shows that they would like to continue with chip and timing and would like to have medals. Ms. Galbraith is going to ask Town Council send \$5000 to the Building a Brighter McCordsville Fund. We are keeping a small amount back as a cushion for next year. We will probably always start and finish at the Wellness Center but the route may change as our paths change. We want to keep it off the road as much as possible.
- **Fall Movie Night**- It was a smaller crowd and we learned to not do it during fall break. Simeris on the Street and Scarlett Lane showed up and we had free popcorn. We should look ahead and pencil in for late September next year and have one, not two, movie nights. We can lock down a date and chose the movie later. If we don't chose a first-run movie we may get a bigger crowd.
- **Trunk-or-Treat/Fall Festival** – Will be October 29th from noon-2pm. We will have toss games, a photo booth, face painting, free popcorn and a yard sale. We already have several entries. One of McCordsville's new MVPs is a minister at The Caring Place and he's thinking that he can get 15 more cars to participate.
- **Christmas Tree Lighting** – Will be November 30th. We do it on a Wednesday because we want the town hall decorated for the first Friday in December, which is the town-wide Christmas Party. We have 2 groups coming to provide music. For the first time the elementary school will be able to participate.

9. New Business

- **Boniccis** – It is located in McCordsville Corner Shops is now open. It is a family recreation place with arcade games and play gym activities.

10. Next meeting – December 12, 2016

11. Public Comments – Ted Bragdon, with the Mt. Vernon Optimists, gave information on how the Optimists are a “Friend of Youth” in that they provide extra funds to grade schools for field trips, pizza parties and speakers as well as anything else the school won't pay for. To raise funds they do recreational sports including baseball, softball, basketball and soccer. They cover the Mt. Vernon area from Fortville to Cumberland and recognize that McCordsville sits right in the middle of the area and is the fastest growing part of the county. The Optimists would be open to an eventual partnership with Parks for baseball, softball and soccer.

12. Adjourn-

Motion by Ms. Stewart to adjourn. Motion passes: 3/0.