



**Town of Davidson
Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting
Town Hall & Community Center Council Chamber – 251 South Street
Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 6:00 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS / PROCLAMATIONS

- a. **Constitution Week**
- b. **National Preparedness Month**

III. CHANGES / ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

IV. QUARTERLY COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- a. **Centralina Regional Council - Commissioner Autumn Rierson Michael**
Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization – Mayor Knox
Lake Norman Transportation Commission – Mayor Knox
Lake Norman Chamber of Commerce - Commissioner Tracy Mattison
Brandon
Lake Norman Economic Development Corporation – Commissioner Ryan Fay
Community Capital & Bond Committee - Commissioner Autumn Rierson
Michael
Metropolitan Transit Commission - Mayor Rusty Knox
Visit Lake Norman - Commissioner Steve Justus
Summary: Each board member provides an update of the outside Board to which they have been appointed.

V. BUSINESS ITEMS

- a. **Amplify Davidson Annual Review**
Presenter: Kim Fleming, Economic Development Director
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consulting, and a commitment to providing underrepresented business owners with subsidized talent. The staff from The Hurt Hub at Davidson College is providing a recap of our first year of providing this program.

Action/Proposed Motion: This item is for discussion only.

b. Consider Approval of Resolution 2024-20 in Support of Legislation Authorizing Referendum (This item will include a Public Comment Period)

Presenter: Jamie Justice, Town Manager

Summary: The Town of Davidson is a member of the Metropolitan Transit Commission established in 1999, and is supportive of providing diverse roadway infrastructure and public transportation options to its citizenry. The town, city, and county managers have been working for many months to draft legislation that would, if approved by the North Carolina General Assembly, allow the citizens of Mecklenburg County to decide by referendum whether they will authorize an additional sales tax for investment in roadway and public transportation systems. This item was previously discussed at the August 27 meeting. At that meeting, the Board voted to amend the Rules of Procedure to allow for a Public Comment Period on the Proposed Resolution in Support of Legislation Referendum.

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At the conclusion of the public comment period, the Board of Commissioners will be asked to Consider Approval of Resolution 2024-20 in Support of Legislation Authorizing Referendum.

Action/Proposed Motion: Motion to Approve Resolution 2024-20 in Support of Legislation Authorizing Referendum.

c. Consider Approval of the 2024 Resurfacing Project and Budget Amendment 2025-07

Presenter: Douglas Wright, Project Manager

Summary: The 2024 resurfacing project will take place in the “East Central” area. This project is Year 4 of a 5-Year resurfacing plan for all town-maintained streets. Formal contracts greater than \$500,000 require Board of Commissioners approval. Powell Bill funds (gas tax revenues) are collected by the state and redistributed to municipalities, and these funds are restricted to use for resurfacing and a few other uses. Our distribution is budgeted at \$425,000. The town budget includes other funds for this resurfacing project for a total budget of up to \$708,552. A formal bid opening was held on August 28, 2024, with Red Clay Industries being the low bid at \$658,617 and the bid and contract have been vetted for approval.

Action/Proposed Motion: Motion to approve the 2024 Resurfacing Contract and Budget Amendment 2025-07.

d. Consider Approval of Resolution 2024-21 Establishing an Urgent Home Repair Pilot Program

Presenter: Alexander Cahill, Affordable Housing & Equity Director

Summary: The Town of Davidson is proposing to establish an Urgent Home Repair program. This program falls under the "preserve" pillar of the affordable housing strategic framework. Town staff are seeking the Board's input on the draft program requirements. Any vendor that can meet the program requirements, is a HUB-certified vendor, and aligns with the Town's mission, strategic plan, and core values will be considered. This item was brought before the Town Board on August 13, 2024, as an informational item.

Action/Proposed Motion: Motion to Approve Resolution 2024-21 Establishing an Urgent Home Repair Pilot Program.

e. Discuss 2017 GO Bond Orders Issued in 2021 Update and Gymnasium Remediation Costs

Presenter: Pieter Swart, Finance Director

Summary: Voter approved GO Bonds were issued in 2021 from the 2017 Parks, Mobility and Greenways GO Bond orders. The cost of the projects has varied from the original projection, a grant was received to offset the cost of Beaty Park, and interest was earned on the bond proceeds. Additionally, hazardous materials testing identified lead paint at the 251 South Street gymnasium. Remediation of the lead paint will cost \$135,000.

Action/Proposed Motion: This item is for discussion only.

f. Consider Adoption of the 2024 Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Presenter: Leslie Willis, Parks & Recreation Director

Summary: In January 2024, the Town contracted with LandDesign to administer a Parks and Recreation Master Plan update. The current plan was completed in 2014 and an update to the Master Plan was necessary for future grant funding. Over the course of 8 months, 5 public-input sessions, and 2 surveys were administered to gather the current needs within the community. The current needs and national trends will be used to guide and make decisions regarding new and existing park amenities, recreational programs and investments. This item was presented and discussed at the meeting on August 27, 2024.

Action/Proposed Motion: Motion to Adopt the 2024 Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

g. Consider Approval of Budget Amendment 2024-08 to Purchase a Public Works Hybrid Truck

Presenter: Jesse Bouk, Public Works Director

Summary: The Public Works Department has an opportunity to replace an F-150 truck. Staff researched and compared a typical replacement with a gasoline engine and a hybrid option. The total cost of the hybrid option is roughly 30% more than the gasoline option, with a total cost of \$62,000.

Action/Proposed Motion: Motion to Approve Budget Amendment 2024-08 to fund the purchase of the first hybrid truck for Public Works.

VI. SUMMARIZE MEETING ACTION ITEMS

Town Manager will summarize items where the board has requested action items for the staff.

VII. ADJOURN



PROCLAMATION Constitution Week

WHEREAS, September 17, 2024, marks the two hundred and thirty-seventh anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to accord official recognition to this magnificent document and its memorable anniversary; and to the patriotic celebrations which will commemorate the occasion; and

WHEREAS, Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rusty Knox, Mayor of Davidson, do hereby proclaim September 17 through September 23, 2024 as “**CONSTITUTION WEEK**” and ask our citizens to reaffirm the ideals of the Framers of the constitution had in 1787 by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties, remembering that lost rights may never be regained.

Proclaimed this the 10th day of September 2024.

Rusty Knox, Mayor



PROCLAMATION

National Preparedness Month

WHEREAS, National Preparedness Month is an observance each September to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that could happen at any time; and

WHEREAS, Many towns and counties throughout North Carolina have been affected by a variety of emergencies, including mudslides, wildfires, flooding, earthquakes, tornadoes, and hurricanes; and

WHEREAS, The peak period of hurricane season is historically mid-August through October, and September 10 marks the peak of hurricane season; and

WHEREAS, The 2024 theme of National Preparedness Month is “Start a Conversation” encouraging talks with your loved ones about potential emergencies and steps to stay safe; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Davidson Board of Commissioners, Staff, and Emergency Personnel desires that every household, property owner, and business in the Town of Davidson be prepared for possible emergencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rusty Knox, Mayor of Davidson, do hereby proclaim ***September 2024 as Preparedness Month*** in the Town of Davidson and encourage all citizens, especially older adults in our community, to “Start a Conversation” to help you and your family to take more actions to prepare for a disaster or emergency.

Proclaimed this the 10th day of September 2024.

Rusty Knox, Mayor



AGENDA MEMO

Davidson Board of Commissioners Quarterly Commissioner Reports

Date: September 10, 2024

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AGENDA MEMO

To: Davidson Board of Commissioners
From: Kim Fleming, Economic Development Director
Date: September 10, 2024
Re: Amplify Davidson Annual Review

ITEM SUMMARY/OVERVIEW

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RELATED TOWN GOALS

Strategic Plan Alignment

Economic Development - Attract diverse commercial development contributing to Davidson's unique economy and support new initiatives to create local jobs and add to the vibrancy of the community.

Affordable Living, Equity & Inclusion - Work together to foster a culture of equity, belonging, inclusion, and advance the Town's Affordable Housing program. Provide, create, and support opportunities for all. Treat everyone with respect, dignity, and recognize every voice.

Core Values

Davidson's economic health is essential to its remaining a sustainable community, so town government will judiciously encourage and guide the location of new business opportunities.

NEXT STEPS

Implement Amplify Davidson programming for the upcoming year.



Overview

Amplify Davidson's small business service philosophy revolves around customized support, a holistic service model, and an emphasis on community bonds.

Feedback from participants indicates a dynamic shift in self-efficacy and an increased capacity to tackle underdeveloped areas of their business.

Three key areas of service: Education, Business Consulting, and Student-based Projects through Gig-Hub.

- 95 individuals attended small business or entrepreneurship training
- 5 Davidson businesses received consulting
- 6 Davidson businesses received project support from Gig-Hub

Education Highlights

10+ Skills-Based Learning Opportunities

- Grow with Google Digital Skills
- Search Engine Optimization
- ChatGPT
- Cybersecurity
- StrengthsFinder
- Customer Experience Design
- Market Strategy Fundamentals

2 Entrepreneurial Mindset Cohorts

18% of learners took advantage of more than one opportunity

~54% of learners were women

~36% of learners were BIPOC



Learning Communities

To serve potential and emerging entrepreneurs in the community, Amplify Davidson has powered two cohorts of the Ice House Entrepreneurship Program.

Cohorts meet for five weeks and work on developing their entrepreneurial mindset through a curriculum developed by the Entrepreneurial Learning Initiative.



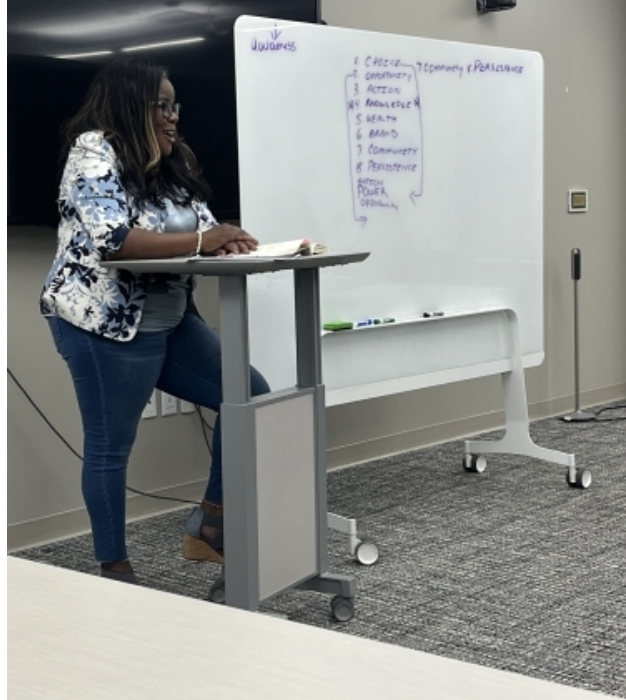
“This class was exactly what I needed to jumpstart my endeavor...I look forward to continue to use the things I learned in my personal life as well as in my business. I truly think this is the beginning of something GREAT. I am happy I signed up and would recommend this class to anyone!”

-Ice House Entrepreneurship Program Alumni
& Davidson Resident, Tyler Ragland

“This program has completely shifted my mindset regarding who is capable of being an entrepreneur and the skills it takes to be one. Meaning, entrepreneurship is not only reserved for the wealthy, connected, or MBA holders, it’s open to anyone willing to do the strategic work, day after day.

-Ice House Entrepreneurship Program Alumni
& Davidson Resident, Mary Miller





Educator Spotlight: Chereese Spand

6-year resident of Davidson and a serial Entrepreneur, Community Organizer, Educator, and Learner.



Amplify grant allowed Chereese to become a Certified Facilitator in Entrepreneurship Mindset program.

Chereese is now our lead instructor for the Ice House Entrepreneurship Mindset Program and is deeply revered by participants.

Consulting



5 businesses received an average of 8 hours of consulting



Businesses consisted primarily of brick-and-mortar Davidson establishments



Industries represented include Retail, Food & Bev, Legal and Human Services



Main consulting topics centered around marketing strategies or operations strategies

Feedback indicates consulting is making a positive impact:

“Evan & Erin with Amplify Davidson were astute, specific & prompt in their coaching & guidance to specific tactics to help serve more clients in the community through our services. We highly recommend Davidson business owners to lean in and let them speak into your business perspectives—you won’t regret it!”

-Business Owner in the Wellness Industry

Gig-Hub: Student Project-Based Support



Emma Huff
Gig-Hub Consultant for Amplify
Davidson Class of 2026

6 Davidson Students provided project support

Projects:

- Social Media Content Creation
- Cleaning up Web Channels
- Videography Services
- Building an e-commerce Site
- Conducting a Competitive Analysis

“She was perfect! It was so much help for us to get a boost on activity with social media so we could focus on other very critical business needs. Truly thank you! Emma was thorough, followed through and was great to work with. Thank you so much! ”

-Business Owner from the Retail Industry

Future Plans



Recent addition of a Consulting Operations Manager to Hurt Hub team will build small business consulting branch of Amplify and help us develop new success metrics.



Continue to host new Ice House Entrepreneurship Program Cohorts at least 2 more times in 2025. Continue to provide periodic follow-up programming based on participant feedback.



Continue hosting monthly small business skill-building workshops.



Proactively train Davidson students on common Amplify Gig-Hub project requests.



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ACTION/PROPOSED MOTION

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RELATED TOWN GOALS

Strategic Plan Alignment

Healthy, Livable, & Vibrant Community - Promote collaborative efforts to create livable spaces and healthy places to enhance quality of life for all residents.

Connecting People and Places - Expand, improve, and diversify the town's transportation network to provide residents and visitors with safe, convenient, accessible, reliable, and efficient multi-modal travel choices to connect people across the community.

Sustainability and Natural Assets - Preserve Davidson's natural assets and develop, implement, and actively encourage innovative solutions to environmental, energy, and climate-based challenges.

Economic Development - Attract diverse commercial development contributing to Davidson's unique economy and support new initiatives to create local jobs and add to the vibrancy of the community.

Core Values

Open communication is essential to an engaged citizenry, so town government will seek and provide accurate, timely information and promote public discussion of important issues.

Citizens must live in a healthy environment, so town government will protect watersheds, trees, air quality, and other elements of the town's ecology.

Davidson's economic health is essential to its remaining a sustainable community, so town government will judiciously encourage and guide the location of new business opportunities.

Davidson exists in proximity to and is interdependent with other jurisdictions, so we strive for local, regional, state and federal cooperation.

NEXT STEPS

If approved by the necessary parties, the legislation would be introduced in the N.C. General Assembly.

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE SUPPLEMENTAL SOURCES OF REVENUE FOR LOCAL
GOVERNMENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM FINANCING.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

PART I. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS

SECTION 1.1. The General Assembly makes the following findings:

- (1) Transportation plays a vital role in the State’s economy; it makes economic activity possible (e.g., connecting producers to raw materials, workers, and customers) and is a major economic activity in its own right.ⁱ
- (2) Increased investment in public transportation can lead to significant economic growth as a result of both the short-term stimulus impact of public transportation outlays and a longer-term, cumulative impact on economic productivity.ⁱⁱ
- (3) Multiple research studies show a link between access to transportation and economic mobility.ⁱⁱⁱ
- (4) Sound transportation investments lower the costs of moving people and goods, thereby increasing economic productivity and improving standards of living.^{iv}
- (5) Some studies have suggested that traffic congestion costs the United States economy over \$120 billion annually.^v
- (6) Potential costs of congestion include those related to increased travel time, added fuel costs, increased unreliability, emissions and environmental damage, excess vehicle operating costs, loss of productivity, increased inventory costs, and higher frequency of cargo delays.^{vi}
- (7) Research studies have linked traffic congestion to higher rates of depression and anxiety, lower job and overall satisfaction, and even increased rates of domestic violence.^{vii}
- (8) Traffic congestion is typically a bigger problem in more urbanized and rapidly growing areas.
- (9) North Carolina is home to urbanized and rapidly growing areas that are experiencing the negative effects of traffic congestion.
- (10) According to a February 2024 Forbes article, Charlotte, North Carolina scored second in a “hardest commute report.”^{viii}
- (11) Congestion begins slowing the employment growth rate in a region at approximately 37 annual hours of commuter delay and halts growth altogether at 180 annual hours of commuter delay.^{ix}
- (12) According to the Texas A&M Transportation Institute, the Charlotte-Concord-Gastonia MSA reached 38 annual hours of commuter delay in 2000 and climbed to 53 hours in 2019.^x
- (13) In 20 years, the Charlotte region’s population will grow by 50% from 2.6 million today to 4.1 million in 2045.^{xi}
- (14) As congestion continues to increase, it’s estimated that up to 126,100 jobs and \$3.0 billion in tax receipts could go unrealized by the end of 2050 in the Charlotte-Concord-Gastonia MSA.^{xii}
- (15) Additional sources of transportation funding are needed to help these areas address congestion so as not to impede future economic growth.

PART II. REVISIONS TO CURRENT MECKLENBURG COUNTY SALES TAX FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

SECTION 2.1. G.S. 105-506.1 reads as rewritten:

“§ 105-506.1. Definitions.

The definitions in G.S. 105-164.3 and the following definitions apply in this Article:

- ...
- (3) Public transportation system. – Any combination of real and personal property established for purposes of public transportation. The systems may include one or more of the following: structures, improvements, buildings, equipment, vehicle parking or passenger transfer facilities, railroads and railroad rights-of-way, rights-of-way, bus services, shared-ride services, high-occupancy vehicle facilities, car-pool and vanpool programs, voucher programs, telecommunications and information systems, integrated fare systems, and the interconnected bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure that supports public transportation, bus lanes, and busways. The term includes tunnels and other infrastructure designed to rapidly transport people, freight, or vehicles through automated means. The term does not include, however, streets, roads, or highways except to the extent they are dedicated to public transportation vehicles or to the extent they are necessary for access to vehicle parking or passenger transfer facilities.
- (4) Transportation authority. – For the purposes of Part 2 of this Article, a metropolitan public transportation authority created pursuant to Article 33 of Chapter 160A. For the purposes of Parts 3 and 4 of this Article, a regional public transportation authority created pursuant to Article 26 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes; and for the purposes of Parts 3 and 5 of this Article, a regional transportation authority created pursuant to Article 27 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes.”

SECTION 2.2. G.S. 105-507.2 reads as rewritten:

“§ 105-507.2. ~~Levy and collection~~ Levy, collection, and repeal of sales and use tax.

(a) If the majority of those voting in a referendum held pursuant to G.S. 105-507.1 vote for the levy of the tax, the board of commissioners of the county may, by resolution, levy one-half percent (½%) local sales and use taxes in addition to any other State and local sales and use taxes levied pursuant to law. Except as provided in this Part, the adoption, levy, collection, administration, and repeal of these additional taxes shall be in accordance with Article 39 of this Chapter. In applying the provisions of Article 39 of this Chapter to this Part, references to ‘this Article’ mean ‘Part 1 of Article 43 of Chapter 105 of the General Statutes’.

(b) No action by a county to repeal a tax levied under this Part may become effective while previously issued or, as provided in this subsection, refinanced, bonds, notes, or other financing secured or payable by receipts derived from the tax allocated to a municipality or a transportation authority by the county remain outstanding. Nothing in this Part obligates a county to exercise any power of taxation or restricts the ability of the county to repeal the tax previously levied. If a county repeals a tax levied under this Part, a municipality or transportation authority may refinance previously issued bonds, notes, or other financing that are secured or payable by receipts for the tax revenue under this Part to reduce debt service as allowed under the law so long as the refinancing does not extend the date of maturity for the previously issued bonds, notes, or other financing.”

SECTION 2.3. G.S. 105-507.3(b) reads as rewritten:

1 “(b) Use. - A county must allocate the net proceeds distributed to it in accordance with
2 its financial plan adopted pursuant to G.S. 105-507 and use the net proceeds only for financing,
3 constructing, operating, and maintaining local public transportation systems. Any other unit of
4 local government may use the net proceeds distributed to it under this Part only for financing,
5 constructing, operating, and maintaining local public transportation systems. Every unit of
6 government shall use the net proceeds to supplement and not to supplant or replace existing
7 funds or other resources for public transportation systems. The net proceeds distributed to any
8 unit of local government, other than the county that levies the tax, pursuant to this Part may be
9 included as revenues within the meaning of G.S. 159-81(4), including any modifications of that
10 statute.”

11 **SECTION 2.4.** G.S. 105-507.3, as amended by Section 2.3 of this act, reads as
12 rewritten:

13 **“§ 105-507.3. Distribution and use of taxes.**

14 (a) Distribution. – The Secretary shall, on a monthly basis, allocate to each taxing county the
15 net proceeds of the tax levied under this Part by that county. If the Secretary collects taxes under
16 this Part in a month and the taxes cannot be identified as being attributable to a particular taxing
17 county, the Secretary shall allocate these taxes among the taxing counties, in proportion to the
18 amount of taxes collected in each county under this Part in that month and shall include them in
19 the monthly distribution.

20 The Secretary shall distribute the net proceeds of the tax levied by a county ~~on a per capita~~
21 ~~basis among the county and the units of local government in the county that operate public~~
22 ~~transportation systems to the largest transportation authority that includes the county.~~ No
23 proceeds shall be distributed to a ~~county that does not operate a public transportation system or~~
24 ~~to a unit of local government~~ transportation authority that does not operate a public
25 transportation system.

26 (b) Use. - ~~A county must allocate the net proceeds distributed to it in accordance with its~~
27 ~~financial plan adopted pursuant to G.S. 105-507 and use the net proceeds only for financing,~~
28 ~~constructing, operating, and maintaining local public transportation systems. Any other unit of~~
29 ~~local government~~ transportation authority may use the net proceeds distributed to it under this
30 Part only for financing, constructing, operating, and maintaining local public transportation
31 systems. ~~Every unit of government shall use the net proceeds to supplement and not to supplant~~
32 ~~or replace existing funds or other resources for public transportation systems.~~ The net proceeds
33 distributed to any unit of local government, other than the county that levies the tax, pursuant to
34 this Part may be included as revenues within the meaning of G.S. 159-81(4), including any
35 modifications of that statute.”

36 **SECTION 2.5.** Section 2.4 of this act becomes effective only if Mecklenburg County
37 levies a tax authorized under Part IV of this act. If Mecklenburg County levies a tax authorized
38 under Part IV of this act, then Section 2.4 becomes effective on the same date that the tax levied
39 under that Part becomes effective. The remainder of this Part is effective when it becomes law.
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41 **PART III. REVISIONS TO CURRENT MECKLENBURG COUNTY U-DRIVE-IT TAX**

42 **SECTION 3.1.** Section 3.1 of S.L. 1997-417, as added by Section 30 of S.L. 2006-162
43 and amended by Section 2.(h) of S.L. 2009-527, reads as rewritten:

44 **"SECTION 3.1.** A county authorized to impose a tax under Part 2 of Article 43 of
45 Chapter 105 of the General Statutes is considered an authority under Article 50 of Chapter 105 of
46 the General Statutes, as enacted by Section 3 of this act, and the board of commissioners of that

county is considered the board of trustees of the authority under Article 50. G.S. 105-554 of Article 50 does not apply to the proceeds of a tax imposed by a county considered an authority under this section. The proceeds of a tax imposed by a county considered an authority under this section must be transferred to the largest ~~city in~~ metropolitan public transportation authority including that county operating a public transportation system and used only for financing, constructing, operating, and maintaining a public transportation system. The proceeds may supplant existing funds allocated for a public transportation system. The term 'public transportation system' has the same meaning as defined in G.S. 105-506.1."

SECTION 3.2. This Part act becomes effective only if Mecklenburg County levies a tax authorized under Part IV of this act. If Mecklenburg County levies a tax authorized under Part IV of this act, then this Part becomes effective on the same date that the tax levied under that Part becomes effective.

PART IV. ADDITIONAL MECKLENBURG COUNTY ROADWAY SYSTEMS AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS SALES TAX

SECTION 4.1. Title. – This Part is the Mecklenburg County Roadway Systems and Public Transportation Systems Sales Tax Act and may be cited by that name. This Part gives Mecklenburg County an opportunity to obtain an additional source of revenue with which to meet its needs for financing roadway systems and public transportation systems. It provides the County with authority to levy sales and use taxes. All such taxes must be approved in a referendum.

SECTION 4.2. Definitions. – The definitions in G.S. 105-164.3, G.S. 105-506.1, and the following definitions apply in this Part:

- (1) Authority. – A metropolitan public transportation authority created under Article 33 of Chapter 160A, as enacted by Part V of this act.
- (2) Eligible municipality. – Any of the following municipalities in Mecklenburg County: the City of Charlotte and the Towns of Cornelius, Davidson, Huntersville, Matthews, Mint Hill, and Pineville.
- (3) Red Line. – A rail project that includes, at a minimum, service from the center of the City of Charlotte through the towns of Cornelius, Davidson, and Huntersville and, provided that agreement is obtained from applicable local governments outside of Mecklenburg County, continues to a point north of the jurisdiction of the Town of Davidson, and in no event shall the terminus be in the Town of Davidson's jurisdiction unless approved by the Town of Davidson.
- (4) Roadway system. – A roadway together with appurtenances to a roadway which includes, but is not limited to plans, designs, and related studies; rights-of-way, whether conveyed by deed or easement; construction, maintenance, and improvements to streets and highways, intersections, streetscapes and landscaping, pedestrian facilities, bicycle facilities, parking lots, curbs, gutters, storm drainage, bridges, overpasses, grade crossings, street lighting, and traffic control devices; utility relocations; publicly accessible electric vehicle charging infrastructure, hydrogen fueling infrastructure, propane fueling infrastructure, natural gas fueling infrastructure, and vehicle-to-grid infrastructure; current and emerging intelligent transportation technologies, including the ability of vehicles to communicate with infrastructure, buildings, and other road users; projects that facilitate intermodal connections between emerging transportation technologies,

1 such as magnetic levitation and hyperloop; protective features, including natural
2 infrastructure, to enhance the resilience of a transportation facility; and measures
3 to protect a roadway system from cybersecurity threats.

4 **SECTION 4.3.** Exemption of Food. – A tax levied under this Part does not apply to the
5 sales price of food that is exempt from tax pursuant to G.S. 105-164.13B or to the sales price of a
6 bundled transaction taxable pursuant to G.S. 105-467(a)(5a).

7 **SECTION 4.4.(a)** Advisory Referendum. – The Mecklenburg County Board of
8 Commissioners may direct the county board of elections to conduct an advisory referendum
9 within the County on the question of whether a local sales and use tax at the rate of one percent
10 (1%) may be levied in accordance with this Part. The election shall be held in accordance with
11 the procedures of G.S. 163-287. The Board of Commissioners shall hold a public hearing on the
12 question at least 30 days before the date the election is to be held.

13 **SECTION 4.4.(b)** Ballot Question. – The form of the question to be presented on a ballot
14 for a special election concerning the levy of a tax authorized by this Part shall be:

15 “[] FOR [] AGAINST

16 One percent (1%) local sales and use taxes, in addition to the current local sales and use
17 taxes, to be used only for roadway systems and public transportation systems.”

18 **SECTION 4.5.** Levy of Tax. –The Board of Commissioners may, by resolution, levy
19 one percent (1%) local sales and use taxes in addition to any other State and local sales and use
20 taxes levied pursuant to law only if all the following conditions are satisfied:

- 21 (1) The majority of those voting in a referendum held pursuant to Section 4.4(a) of
22 this Part vote for the levy of the tax.
23 (2) An Authority that includes Mecklenburg County has been established.
24 (3) At least one eligible municipality or an Authority maintains a public
25 transportation system in the County.

26 **SECTION 4.6.** Administration. – Except as otherwise provided in this Part, the
27 adoption, levy, collection, administration, and repeal of these additional taxes shall be in
28 accordance with Article 39 of Chapter 105 of the General Statutes. Nothing in this Part obligates
29 Mecklenburg County to exercise any power of taxation or restricts the ability of the County to
30 repeal the tax previously levied.

31 **SECTION 4.7.** Distribution. – The Secretary of Revenue shall, on a monthly basis,
32 distribute to Mecklenburg County the net proceeds of the tax levied under this Part.
33 Mecklenburg County must distribute forty percent (40%) of the net proceeds of a tax levied
34 under this Part as provided in Section 4.8 of this act and sixty percent (60%) of the net proceeds
35 of a tax levied under this Part as provided in Section 4.9 of this act.

36 **SECTION 4.8.** Roadway Distribution and Use. – Mecklenburg County must distribute
37 forty percent (40%) of the net proceeds of a tax levied under this Part among the eligible
38 municipalities as provided in this section. Each eligible municipality shall annually submit to the
39 County a copy of the statement certified by a registered engineer or surveyor that is submitted to
40 the Department of Transportation under G.S. 136.41.1(a) of the total number of miles of streets
41 in that municipality that are not part of the State highway system. The word “street” as used
42 under this subdivision has the same definition as provided in G.S. 136-41.1(a). Each eligible
43 municipality shall use the net proceeds distributed to it under this subdivision only for costs
44 associated with financing, constructing, operating, or maintaining roadway systems.

- 45 (1) Procedure. The following amounts must be computed before the distribution of
46 any tax proceeds under this subsection.

- a. The monthly amount for each eligible municipality other than the City of Charlotte is equal to one hundred twenty-five percent (125%) of the greater of the following two amounts:
 1. The amount generated by multiplying the net proceeds distributed under this section during a month by the percentage proportion that the mileage of streets in the eligible municipality that do not form a part of the State highway system bears to the total mileage of the streets that do not constitute a part of the State highway system in all eligible municipalities combined.
 2. The sum of the following:
 - I. The amount generated by multiplying seventy-five percent (75%) of the net proceeds distributed under this section during a month by the percentage proportion that the population of the eligible municipality bears to the total population of all eligible municipalities according to the most recent annual estimates of population as certified to the Secretary of Revenue by the State Budget Officer.
 - II. The amount generated by multiplying twenty-five percent (25%) of the net proceeds distributed under this section during a month in the percentage proportion that the mileage of streets in each eligible municipality that do not form a part of the State highway system bears to the total mileage of the streets that do not constitute a part of the State highway system in all eligible municipalities combined.
- b. The monthly amount for the City of Charlotte is the remainder of net proceeds to be distributed under this section during a month after the amounts for the other eligible municipalities are determined under Section 4.8(1)a. of this act.
- c. The annual amount for an eligible municipality is equal to the sum of the 12 monthly amounts for that municipality.
- d. The baseline amount for an eligible municipality other than the City of Charlotte is equal to the following:
 1. For fiscal years beginning on or after the effective date of the levy of the tax but prior to the first full fiscal year beginning on or after one year after the effective date of the levy of the tax, the baseline amount is zero.
 2. For fiscal years beginning on or after at least one full fiscal year after the effective date of the levy of the tax but before the release of census data by the U.S. Census Bureau for the next decennial census, the annual amount as calculated under Section 4.8(1)c. of this act for the first full fiscal year beginning on or after the effective date of the levy of the tax.
 3. For later fiscal years, the annual amount as calculated under Section 4.8(1)c. of this act for the first fiscal year beginning on or

- 1 after the release of census data by the U.S. Census Bureau for the
2 most recent decennial census.
- 3 e. The baseline amount for the City of Charlotte is zero.
- 4 (2) Distribution. The distribution of net proceeds under this subdivision is as follows:
- 5 a. For the first 11 months of the fiscal year, the County shall distribute the
6 monthly amount to each eligible municipality.
- 7 b. For the final month of the of the fiscal year, the distribution is as follows:
- 8 1. If the total net proceeds distributed to the County for the fiscal year
9 are less than the total net proceeds distributed to the County for the
10 preceding fiscal year, the County shall distribute the monthly
11 amount to each eligible municipality.
- 12 2. If the total net proceeds distributed to the County for the fiscal year
13 are greater than the total net proceeds distributed to the County for
14 the preceding fiscal year, the County shall distribute the proceeds
15 as follows:
- 16 I. If the annual amount for each municipality is greater than
17 the baseline amount for that municipality, the monthly
18 amount.
- 19 II. Except as provided in Section 4.8(2)b.2.III. of this act, if
20 the annual amount for any municipality is less than the
21 baseline amount for that municipality, then the following:
- 22 A. The amount to be distributed to each eligible
23 municipality whose annual amount is less than the
24 baseline amount is the amount needed so that the
25 total amount distributed to that municipality for the
26 fiscal year is equal to the baseline amount.
- 27 B. The amount to be distributed to the other eligible
28 municipalities is the monthly amount as reduced by
29 this sub-sub-sub-sub-subdivision. The amount of
30 the reduction is equal to the difference between the
31 annual amount and the baseline amount for all
32 eligible municipalities combined that receive a
33 distribution under Section 4.8(2)b.2.II.A. of this act
34 multiplied by a percentage. The percentage is equal
35 to the percentage proportion that the population of
36 the eligible municipality bears to the total
37 population of all eligible municipalities subject to
38 distribution under this sub-sub-sub-sub-subdivision
39 according to the most recent annual estimates of
40 population as certified to the Secretary of Revenue
41 by the State Budget Officer.
- 42 III. If the calculation required in Section 4.8(2)b.2.II.B. would
43 result in the annual amount for any of those eligible
44 municipalities to be lower than that municipality's baseline
45 amount, then the county shall distribute to each eligible
46 municipality the monthly amount.

SECTION 4.9. Public Transportation Distribution and Use. – Mecklenburg County must distribute sixty percent (60%) of the net proceeds of the tax levied under this Part to the Authority. The Authority shall use the net proceeds distributed to it under this section only for costs associated with financing, acquiring, constructing, operating, and maintaining any combination of real and personal property for a public transportation system. The Authority may accomplish these purposes by undertaking these activities itself or by entering an interlocal agreement with a municipality in Mecklenburg County that operates a public transportation system to use funds allocated under this subdivision for those purposes as directed by the Authority in the interlocal agreement. An interlocal agreement entered under this section may include a binding commitment on the part of the Authority to allocate all or a portion of these proceeds to the municipality for a defined number of years or until a defined condition is met, such as the satisfaction of any debt that was issued for public transportation systems. In addition, the Authority may enter an agreement with a private entity whereby that entity uses these funds for this purpose as directed by the Authority in the agreement. The net proceeds of a tax levied under this Part that are distributed to the Authority may be included as revenues within the meaning of G.S. 159-81(4), including any modifications of that statute. The following conditions apply to the use of funds distributed under this section.

- (1) No more than two-thirds of these funds may be used for the capital construction costs of new or expanded rail projects over any period of 30 calendar years combined. Compliance with this section is first determined at the end of the first 30-year period, and then annually thereafter based on the previous 30-year period. Nothing in this subsection will be interpreted to adversely impact the rights of bondholders to any funds distributed or pledged to secure bonds, notes or other obligations used to finance or refinance real and personal property for a public transportation system.
- (2) The Authority shall complete at least fifty percent (50%) of the Red Line as evidenced by a scope of work schedule created and submitted by the general contractor or construction manager on the project before the completion of any other rail project, absent the existence or occurrence of force majeure events that delay completion of the Red Line or make completion of the Red Line impracticable. For the purposes of this Section, a scope of work schedule is defined as a listing of project tasks associated with a project timeline that is updated as the Red Line construction project progresses. For the purposes of this Section, force majeure events include fire, flood, earthquakes, other elements of nature, acts of war, terrorism, riots, civil disorders, rebellions or revolutions, nuclear or chemical contamination, epidemics, quarantines, acts of the federal or State government, a declared state of emergency, strikes or labor disruptions other than those specific to the Authority, or other conditions beyond its reasonable control and which, by reasonable diligence, the Authority is unable to prevent. Should a force majeure event delay or halt the Red Line project, the Authority shall resume the original Red Line schedule as soon as practicable when the force majeure event has ceased or subsided. Planning, design, and construction work may occur simultaneously on other rail projects, but only to the extent that those activities do not interfere with or delay the completion of the Red Line.
- (3) The Authority shall solicit input from the Towns of Cornelius, Davidson, and Huntersville on all aspects of the Red Line design, including conceptual design,

construction drawings, and station location. If the Red Line extends to the Town of Mooresville, the Authority shall also solicit input from that Town.

- (4) The Authority shall reimburse the City of Charlotte for the acquisition of the Norfolk Southern O-Line and related property. The amount to be reimbursed may not be more than the cost to the City of Charlotte to acquire the property from Norfolk Southern, including any costs for indebtedness incurred by the City with respect to the acquisition. The Authority and the City of Charlotte shall jointly agree to a schedule for reimbursement of these costs.

SECTION 4.10. Repeal of Tax – The Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners may by resolution repeal the levy and imposition of the tax in the County as provided in G.S. 105-473(c). The Board of Commissioners, upon adoption of a repeal resolution, shall cause a certified copy of the resolution to be delivered immediately to the Secretary of Revenue. No liability for any tax levied under this Part that attached prior to the effective date on which a levy is repealed shall be discharged as a result of such repeal, and no right to a refund of tax or otherwise that accrued prior to the effective date on which a levy is repealed shall be denied as a result of such repeal. If a county repeals a tax levied under this Part, the Authority or a municipality may refinance previously issued bonds, notes, or other financing that are secured or payable by receipts for the tax revenue under this Part to reduce debt service as allowed under the law so long as the refinancing does not extend the date of maturity for the previously issued bonds, notes, or other financing. No repeal of taxes levied and imposed under this Part shall be effective until the latest of the following:

- (1) The end of the fiscal year in which the repeal resolution was adopted.
- (2) The date by which all previously issued or, as provided in this section, refinanced, bonds, notes, or other financing obtained by the Authority or a municipality secured or payable by receipts from the tax levied under this Part have been satisfied.
- (3) The date by which the Authority has fully reimbursed the City for the purchase of the O-Line as required by Section 4.9(4) of this act.

PART V. METROPOLITAN PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

SECTION 5.1. Chapter 160A of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new Article to read:

“Article 33.

“Metropolitan Public Transportation Authority.

“§ 160A-880. Title.

This Article shall be known and may be cited as the "Metropolitan Public Transportation Authority Act."

“§ 160A-881. Definitions.

As used in this Article, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (1) Authority. – A metropolitan public transportation authority as defined by subdivision (5) of this section.
- (2) Board of trustees. – The governing board of the authority, in which the general legislative powers of the authority are vested.
- (3) Population. – The number of persons residing in respective areas as defined and enumerated in the most recent decennial federal census.
- (4) Public transportation system. – Defined in G.S. 105-506.1.

- (5) Metropolitan public transportation authority. – A body corporate and politic organized in accordance with the provisions of this Article for the purposes, with the powers and subject to the restrictions hereinafter set forth.
- (6) Unit of local government. – Any county, city, town or municipality of this State, and any other political subdivision, public corporation, authority, or district in this State, which is or may be authorized by law to acquire, establish, construct, enlarge, improve, maintain, own, and operate public transportation systems.
- (7) Unit of local government's chief administrative official. – The county manager, city manager, town manager, or other person by whatever title, in whom the responsibility for the unit of local government's administrative duties is vested.

“§ 160A-882. Definition of territorial jurisdiction of authority.

An authority may be created for any area of the State that, at the time of creation of the authority, meets all the following criteria:

- (1) The area consists of a single county that has a population greater than 1 million.
- (2) The county borders another state.
- (3) The county includes at least one unit of local government that operates a light rail system.

“§ 160A-883. Creation of authority.

(a) The Board of Commissioners of a county for which an authority may be created as defined in G.S. 160A-882 may by resolution signify its determination to organize an authority under the provisions of this Article. The resolution shall be adopted after a public hearing thereon, notice of which hearing shall be given by publication at least once, not less than 10 days prior to the date fixed for such hearing, in a newspaper having a general circulation in the county. The notice shall contain a brief statement of the substance of the proposed resolution, shall set forth the proposed articles of incorporation of the authority and shall state the time and place of the public hearing to be held thereof. No county shall be required to make any other publication of such resolution under the provisions of any other law.

(b) Each such resolution shall include articles of incorporation which shall set forth all the following:

- (1) The name of the authority.
- (2) A statement that the authority is organized under this Article.
- (3) The name of the organizing county.
- (4) A provision stating that an affirmative vote equal to at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the membership of the board trustees is required to amend the articles of incorporation or to adopt or amend the bylaws of the authority.

(c) A certified copy of the resolutions signifying the determination to organize an authority under the provisions of this Article shall be filed with the Secretary of State, together with proof of publication of the notice of hearing on each of such resolutions. If the Secretary of State finds that the resolution, including the articles of incorporation, conform to the provisions of this Article and that the notices of hearing were properly published, the Secretary shall file the resolutions and proofs of publication and shall issue a certificate of incorporation under the seal of the State and shall record the same in an appropriate book of record. The issuance of a certificate of incorporation by the Secretary of State constitutes the authority a public body and body politic and corporate of the State of North Carolina. The certificate of incorporation is conclusive evidence of the fact that the authority has been duly created and established under the provisions of this Article.

(d) When the authority has been duly organized and its officers elected as provided in this Article, the secretary of the authority shall certify to the Secretary of State the names and addresses of officers as well as the address of the principal office of the authority.

(e) The authority may become a Designated Recipient pursuant to the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as amended.

“§ 160A-884. Territorial jurisdiction of the authority.

(a) The initial territorial jurisdiction of an authority created pursuant to this Article shall be coterminous with the boundaries of the county that organized it.

(b) Except as provided by this Article, the jurisdiction of the authority may include all local public passenger transportation operating within the territorial jurisdiction of the authority, but the authority may not take over the operation of any existing public transportation without the consent of the owner.

(c) The authority shall not have jurisdiction over public transportation subject to the jurisdiction of and regulated by the Interstate Commerce Commission, nor shall it have jurisdiction over intrastate public transportation classified as common carriers of passengers by the North Carolina Utilities Commission.

“§ 160A-885. Membership; officers; compensation.

(a) The governing body of an authority is the board of trustees. The initial board of trustees shall consist of 27 members, appointed as provided in this section. For each appointment below, the appointing authority may appoint an alternate that may act in the absence of the primary person appointed. The appointments are as follows:

(1) 12 members appointed by the board of commissioners of the county that created the authority as follows:

a. The board of commissioners shall appoint one member as recommended by the governing body of the municipality that has the second largest population of residents that reside in the county.

b. The board of commissioners shall appoint one member as recommended by the governing body of the municipality that has the third largest population of residents that reside in the county.

c. The board of commissioners shall appoint one member as recommended by the governing body of the municipality that has the fourth largest population of residents that reside in the county.

d. The board of commissioners shall appoint one member as recommended by the governing body of the municipality that has the fifth largest population of residents that reside in the county.

e. The board of commissioners shall appoint one member as recommended by the governing body of the municipality that has the sixth largest population of residents that reside in the county.

f. The board of commissioners shall appoint one member as recommended by the governing body of the municipality that has the seventh largest population of residents that reside in the county.

g. The board of commissioners shall appoint six members in its discretion. No more than one of these members may be an elected official of the county.

(2) 12 members appointed by the governing body of the largest municipality in the county that created the authority as follows:

- a. At least three of these appointments must be made upon the recommendation of an entity that represents business interests in the county. The municipality may reject a recommendation from the entity that represents business interests. If the municipality rejects a recommendation, then the entity that represents business interests shall make another recommendation to the municipality with respect to the appointment. This process shall continue until the municipality accepts the recommendation of the entity that represents business interests.
- b. The governing body shall appoint nine members in its discretion. No more than two of these members may be an elected official of the municipality.

(3) Two members appointed by the General Assembly, one upon the recommendation of the President Pro Tem of the Senate and one upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(4) One member appointed by the Governor.

(b) Members of the board of trustees shall serve for terms of four years, provided that one-half of the initial appointments shall be for two-year terms, to be determined by lot at the first meeting of the board of trustees. Initial terms of office shall commence upon approval by the Secretary of State of the articles of incorporation.

(c) An appointing authority may appoint one or more of its members to the board of trustees, subject to the limitations of subsection (a) of this section. Service on the board of trustees may be in addition to any other office which a person is entitled to hold. Each voting member of the board of trustees may hold elective public office as defined by G.S. 128-1.1(d).

(d) Members of the board of trustees shall have demonstrated experience or qualifications in the areas of law, finance, engineering, public transportation, urban planning, logistics, government, architecture, or economic development.

(e) Members of the board of trustees shall reside within the territorial jurisdiction of the authority as defined by G.S160A-884.

(f) Every two years, the board of trustees shall elect from its membership a group of officers, which shall include a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer. An election of an officer must be by a majority vote at a meeting where a quorum is present.

(g) No trustee may serve for more than two consecutive terms on the board of trustees, but a person who has been a member for two consecutive terms may be reappointed after being off the board of trustees for a period of at least two years. An initial term that is two years or less shall not be counted in determining the limitation on consecutive terms. This limitation applies regardless of whether the appointments are made by the same appointing authority.

“§ 160A-886. Expansion of authority.

Upon approval of authorizing resolutions by the board of trustees and the board of commissioners of the affected county, the territorial jurisdiction and service area of an authority may be expanded to include a whole county within this State that is contiguous to the then existing territorial jurisdiction of the authority. Each of the authorizing resolutions must receive an affirmative vote equal to at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the membership of the applicable board. The authorizing resolutions shall contain provisions with respect to the following:

- (1) The date on which the territorial jurisdiction is to be expanded to include the county.

(2) The extent to which the composition of the board of trustees may be amended, if at all, due to the addition of the county to the territorial jurisdiction of the authority. The authorizing resolutions shall not eliminate or amend the requirements with respect to appointments to the board of trustees that are provided in G.S. 160A-885. Subsections (b) through (g) of G.S. 160A-885 shall apply to any additional appointments to the board of trustees.

(3) Financial, legal, or operational commitments with respect to the county that is to be added to the territorial jurisdiction of the authority.

(4) Any other matter determined to be relevant by the board of trustees and the board of commissioners of the affected county.

“§ 160A-887. Voting; removal.

(a) A majority of the board of trustees constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business. Each member shall have one vote.

(b) Each member of the board of trustees may be removed with or without cause by the appointing authority.

(c) Appointments to fill vacancies shall be made for the remainder of the unexpired term by the respective appointing authority charged with the responsibility for making such appointments pursuant to G.S. 160A-885. All members shall serve until their successors are appointed and qualified, unless removed from office.

“§ 160A-888. Advisory committees.

The board of trustees may provide for the selection of such advisory committees as it may find appropriate, which may or may not include members of the board of trustees.

“§ 160A-889. Purpose of the authority.

The purpose of the authority shall be to finance, provide, operate, and maintain for a safe, clean, reliable, adequate, convenient, energy efficient, economically and environmentally sound public transportation system for the service area of the authority through the granting of franchises, ownership and leasing of terminals, buses and other transportation facilities and equipment, and otherwise through the exercise of the powers and duties conferred upon it, in order to enhance mobility in the region and encourage sound growth patterns. Such a service, facility, or function shall be financed, provided, operated, or maintained in the service area of the authority either in addition to or to a greater or lesser extent than services, facilities, or functions are financed, provided, operated, or maintained for the entirety of the respective units of local government. An authority may take direct action to accomplish these purposes or may enter agreements with another unit of local government in the service area of the authority or a private entity to accomplish these purposes.

“§ 160A-890. Service area of the authority.

The service area of the authority shall be as determined by the board of trustees consistent with its purpose but shall not exceed the sum of the following:

(1) The territorial jurisdiction of the authority.

(2) An area outside of the territorial jurisdiction of the authority provided that one of the following conditions is satisfied:

a. If the area is within this State, the governing bodies of the political subdivisions to which service is to be extended approve by majority vote of their governing boards the extension of service into the political subdivision or the purchase of real property within the political subdivision for the extension of service.

- b. If the area is in another state, the extension of service is approved by any applicable federal or State agency and in accordance with the other state's laws.

“§ 160A-891. General powers of the authority.

The general powers of the authority include all the following:

- (1) To sue and be sued.
- (2) To have a seal.
- (3) To make rules and regulations, not inconsistent with this Article, for its organization and internal management.
- (4) To employ persons deemed necessary to carry out the functions and duties assigned to them by the authority and to fix their compensation, within the limit of available funds.
- (5) With the approval of the unit of local government's chief administrative official, to use officers, employees, agents, and facilities of the unit of local government for such purposes and upon such terms as may be mutually agreeable.
- (6) To retain and employ counsel, auditors, engineers and private consultants on an annual salary, contract basis, or otherwise for rendering professional or technical services and advice.
- (7) To acquire, lease as lessee with or without option to purchase, hold, own, and use any franchise, property, real or personal, tangible or intangible, or any interest therein and to sell, lease as lessor with or without option to purchase, transfer (or dispose thereof) whenever the same is no longer required for purposes of the authority, or exchange same for other property or rights which are useful for the authority purposes, including but not necessarily limited to parking facilities.
- (8) To acquire by gift, purchase, lease as lessee with or without option to purchase or otherwise to construct, improve, maintain, repair, operate, or administer any component parts of a public transportation system or to contract for the maintenance, operation, or administration thereof or to lease as lessor the same for maintenance, operation, or administration by private parties, including parking facilities.
- (9) To make or enter into contracts, agreements, deeds, leases with or without option to purchase, conveyances or other instruments, including contracts and agreements with the United States, the State of North Carolina, and units of local government.
- (10) To purchase or finance real or personal property in the manner provided for cities and counties under G.S. 160A-20.
- (11) To surrender to the State of North Carolina or a unit of local government any property no longer required by the authority.
- (12) To develop and make data, plans, information, surveys, and studies of public transportation facilities within the territorial jurisdiction of the authority and to prepare and make recommendations in regard thereto.
- (13) To enter in a reasonable manner lands, waters, or premises for the purpose of making surveys, soundings, drillings, and examinations whereby such entry shall not be deemed a trespass except that the authority shall be liable for any actual and consequential damages resulting from such entries.
- (14) To develop and carry out demonstration projects.

- 1 (15) To make, enter into, and perform contracts with private parties, and public
2 transportation companies with respect to the management and operation of public
3 passenger transportation.
- 4 (16) To make, enter into, and perform contracts with any public utility, railroad, or
5 transportation company for the joint use of property or rights, for the
6 establishment of through routes, joint fares, or transfer of passengers.
- 7 (17) To make, enter into, and perform agreements with governmental entities for
8 payments to the authority for the transportation of persons for whom the
9 governmental entities desire transportation.
- 10 (18) With the consent of the unit of local government which would otherwise have
11 jurisdiction to exercise the powers enumerated in this subdivision: to issue
12 certificates of public convenience and necessity; and to grant franchises and enter
13 into franchise agreements and in all respects to regulate the operation of buses and
14 other methods of public passenger transportation which originate and terminate
15 within the territorial jurisdiction of the authority as fully as the unit of local
16 government is now or hereafter empowered to do within the territorial jurisdiction
17 of the unit of local government.
- 18 (19) To operate public transportation systems, to enter into and perform contracts to
19 operate public transportation services and facilities, and to own or lease property,
20 facilities, and equipment necessary or convenient therefor, and to rent, lease or
21 otherwise sell the right to do so to any person, public or private; further, to obtain
22 grants, loans and assistance from the United States, the State of North Carolina,
23 any public body, or any private source whatsoever, but may not operate or
24 contract for the operation of public transportation systems outside the territorial
25 jurisdiction of the authority except as provided by subdivision (21) of this section.
- 26 (20) To enter into and perform contracts and agreements with other metropolitan
27 public transportation authorities, public transportation authorities, regional public
28 transportation authorities, or units of local government pursuant to the provisions
29 of G.S. 160A-460 through 160A-464 (Part 1 of Article 20 of Chapter 160A of the
30 General Statutes); further to enter into contracts and agreements with private
31 transportation companies, but this subdivision does not authorize the operation of,
32 or contracting for the operation of, service of a public transportation system
33 outside the service area of the authority.
- 34 (21) To operate public transportation systems extending service into any political
35 subdivision of the State of North Carolina unless a particular unit of local
36 government operating its own public transportation system or franchising the
37 operation of a public transportation system by majority vote of its governing
38 board, shall deny consent.
- 39 (22) To operate public transportation systems extending service into another state, but
40 only if the extension of service is authorized by any applicable federal or State
41 agency and in accordance with the other state's laws.
- 42 (23) Except as restricted by covenants in bonds, notes, or equipment trust certificates,
43 to set in its sole discretion rates, fees and charges for use of its public
44 transportation system.
- 45 (24) To do all things necessary or convenient to carry out its purpose and to exercise
46 the powers granted to the authority.

- (25) To issue bonds or other obligations of the authority as provided by law and apply the proceeds thereof to the financing of any public transportation system or any part thereof and to refund, whether or not in advance of maturity or the earliest redemption date, any such bonds or other obligations of the authority or another municipality that financed or refinanced real and personal property for a public transportation system to be owned or operated by the authority.
- (26) To contract for, or to provide and maintain, with respect to the facilities and property owned, leased with or without option to purchase, operated or under the control of the authority, and within the territory thereof, a security force to protect persons and property, dispense unlawful or dangerous assemblages and assemblages which obstruct full and free passage, control pedestrian and vehicular traffic, and otherwise preserve and protect the public peace, health, and safety; for these purposes a member of such force shall be a peace officer and, as such, shall have authority equivalent to the authority of a police officer of the city or county in which said member of such force is discharging such duties.
- (27) To contract for the purchase, lease, or other acquisition of any apparatus, supplies, materials, or equipment for public transit purposes with any person or entity that, within the previous 60 months, after having completed a public formal bid process substantially similar to that required by Article 8 of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes or through the competitive proposal method provided in G.S. 143-129(h), has contracted to furnish the apparatus, supplies, materials, or equipment to any unit or agency approved in G.S. 143-129(g) if the person or entity is willing to furnish the items at the same or more favorable prices, terms, and conditions as those provided under the contract with the other unit or agency. Any purchase made under this section shall be approved by the board of trustees as provided in G.S. 143-129(g).

“§ 160A-892. Authority of Utilities Commission not affected.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this Article, nothing in this Article shall be construed to limit or otherwise affect the power or authority of the North Carolina Utilities Commission or the right of appeal to the North Carolina Utilities Commission as provided by law.

(b) The North Carolina Utilities Commission shall not have jurisdiction over rates, fees, charges, routes, and schedules of an authority for service within its territorial jurisdiction.

“§ 160A-893. Fiscal accountability.

An authority is a public authority subject to the provisions of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes.

“§ 160A-894. Funds.

The establishment and operation of an authority are governmental functions and constitute a public purpose, and the State of North Carolina and any unit of local government may appropriate funds to support the establishment and operation of the authority. The State of North Carolina and any unit of local government may also dedicate, sell, convey, donate, or lease any of their interests in any property to the authority. An authority may apply for grants from the State of North Carolina, or from the United States or any department, agency, or instrumentality thereof. The Department of Transportation may allocate to an authority any funds appropriated for public transportation, or any funds whose use is not restricted by law.

“§ 160A-895. Competition.

1 No equipment of the authority may be used for charter, tour, or sight-seeing service except as
2 allowed under regulations adopted by the Federal Transit Administration.

3 **“§ 160A-896. Effect on existing franchises and operations.**

4 Creation of the authority shall not have an effect on any existing franchises granted by any
5 unit of local government; such existing franchises shall continue in full force and effect until
6 legally terminated; further, all ordinances and resolutions of the unit of local government
7 regulating local public transportation systems, bus operations, and taxicabs shall continue in full
8 force and effect now and in the future, unless superseded by regulations of the authority; such
9 superseding, if any, may occur only on the basis of prior mutual agreement between the authority
10 and the respective unit of local government.

11 **“§ 160A-897. Termination.**

12 The board of trustees may terminate the existence of the authority by adopting a resolution
13 by majority vote to do so at any time when it has no outstanding indebtedness. The resolution to
14 terminate the existence of the authority does not become effective unless and until ratified by
15 majority vote of the board of commissioners of the county that created the authority. In the event
16 of such termination, all property and assets of the authority not otherwise encumbered shall
17 become the property of a unit of local government within the territorial jurisdiction of the
18 authority as specified in the termination resolution and, if accepted by the unit of local
19 government, the unit of local government shall succeed to all rights, obligations, and liabilities of
20 the authority.

21 **“§ 160A-898. Controlling provisions.**

22 Insofar as the provisions of this Article are not consistent with the provisions of any other
23 law, public or private, the provisions of this Article shall be controlling.

24 **“§ 160A-899. Bonds and notes authorized.**

25 In addition to the powers granted by this Article, the authority may issue bonds and notes
26 pursuant to the provisions of The State and Local Government Revenue Bond Act, Article 5 of
27 Chapter 159 of the General Statutes, for the purpose of financing public transportation systems
28 or any part thereof and to refund such bonds and notes and to refund any bonds, notes or other
29 obligations of another municipality used to finance or refinance real and personal property for a
30 public transportation system to be owned or operated by the authority, whether or not in advance
31 of their maturity or earliest redemption date

32 **“§ 160A-900. Equipment trust certificates.**

33 In addition to the powers here and before granted, the authority shall have continuing power
34 to purchase equipment, and in connection therewith execute agreements, leases with or without
35 option to purchase, or equipment trust certificates. All money required to be paid by the authority
36 under the provisions of such agreements, leases with or without option to purchase, and
37 equipment trust certificates shall be payable solely from the fares, fees, rentals, charges,
38 revenues, and earnings of the authority, monies derived from the sale of any surplus property of
39 the authority, and gifts, grants, and contributions from any source whatever. Payment for such
40 equipment or rentals may be made in installments; the deferred installments may be evidenced
41 by equipment trust certificates payable solely from the aforesaid revenues or receipts and title to
42 such equipment may or may not vest in the authority until the equipment trust certificates are
43 paid.

44 **“§ 160A-901. Power of eminent domain.**

45 (a) The authority shall have continuing power to acquire, by gift, grant, devise, exchange,
46 purchase, lease with or without option to purchase, or any other lawful method, including the

1 power of eminent domain, the fee or any lesser interest in real or personal property for use by the
2 authority.

3 (b) Exercise of the power of eminent domain by the authority shall be in accordance with
4 Chapters 40A and 136 of the General Statutes.

5 **“§ 160A-902. Tax exemption.**

6 The property of the authority, both real and personal, its acts, activities and income shall be
7 exempt from any tax or tax obligation; in the event of any lease of authority property, or other
8 arrangement which amounts to a leasehold interest, to a private party, this exemption shall not
9 apply to the value of such leasehold interest nor shall it apply to the income of the lessee.

10 Otherwise, however, for the purpose of taxation, when property of the authority is leased to
11 private parties solely for the purpose of the authority, the acts and activities of the lessee shall be
12 considered as the acts and activities of the authority and the exemption. The interest on bonds or
13 obligations issued by the authority shall be exempt from State taxes.

14 **“§ 160A-903. Removal and relocation of utility structures.**

15 (a) The authority shall have the power to require any public utility, railroad, or other public
16 service corporation owning or operating any installations, structures, equipment, apparatus,
17 appliances or facilities in, upon, under, over, across or along any ways on which the authority has
18 the right to own, construct, operate or maintain its public transportation system, to relocate such
19 installation, structures, equipment, apparatus, appliances or facilities from their locations, or, in
20 the sole discretion of the affected public utility, railroad, or other public service corporation, to
21 remove such installations, structures, equipment, apparatus, appliances or facilities from their
22 locations.

23 (b) If the owner or operator thereof fails or refuses to relocate them, the authority may
24 proceed to do so.

25 (c) Except as otherwise agreed, the authority shall provide any necessary new locations and
26 necessary real estate interests for such relocation, and for that purpose the power of eminent
27 domain as provided in G.S. 160A-901 may be exercised provided the new locations shall not be
28 in, on or above, a public highway; the authority may also acquire the necessary new locations by
29 purchase or otherwise.

30 (d) Except as otherwise agreed, any affected public utility, railroad or other public service
31 corporation shall be compensated for any real estate interest taken in a manner consistent with
32 G.S. 160A-901, subject to the right of the authority to reduce the compensation due by the value
33 of any property exchanged under this section.

34 (e) The method and procedures of a particular adjustment to the facilities of a public utility,
35 railroad or other public service corporation shall be covered by an agreement between the
36 authority and the affected party or parties.

37 (f) Except as otherwise agreed, the authority shall reimburse the public utility, railroad or
38 other public service corporation, for the cost of relocations or removals which shall be the entire
39 amount paid or incurred by the utility properly attributable thereto after deducting the cost of any
40 increase in the service capacity of the new installations, structures, equipment, apparatus,
41 appliances or facilities and any salvage value derived from the old installations, structures,
42 equipment, apparatus or appliances.

43 **“§ 160A-904. Reports to the General Assembly.**

44 The authority shall annually submit to the General Assembly, on or before February 1, its
45 annual operating report, including a report of its administrative expenditures, and its audited
46 financial report. In odd-numbered years, the report shall be submitted to the Senate and House

1 Transportation Committees. In even-numbered years, the report shall be submitted to the Joint
2 Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee.

3 **“§ 160A-905. Limitations on rail transportation liability.**

4 (a) As used in this section:

5 (1) Claim. – A claim, action, suit, or request for damages, whether compensatory,
6 punitive, or otherwise, made by any person or entity against:

7 a. The authority, a railroad, or an operating rights railroad; or

8 b. An officer, director, trustee, employee, parent, subsidiary, or affiliated
9 corporation as defined in G.S. 105-130.2, or agent of: the authority, a
10 railroad, or an operating rights railroad.

11 (2) Operating rights railroad. – A railroad corporation or railroad company that, prior
12 to January 1, 2001, was granted operating rights by a State-Owned Railroad
13 Company or operated over the property of a State-Owned Railroad Company
14 under a claim of right over or adjacent to facilities used by or on behalf of the
15 authority.

16 (3) Passenger rail services. – The transportation of rail passengers by or on behalf of
17 the authority and all services performed by a railroad pursuant to a contract with
18 the authority in connection with the transportation of rail passengers, including,
19 but not limited to, the operation of trains; the use of right of way, trackage, public
20 or private roadway and rail crossings, equipment, or station areas or appurtenant
21 facilities; the design, construction, reconstruction, operation, or maintenance of
22 rail related equipment, tracks, and any appurtenant facilities; or the provision of
23 access rights over or adjacent to lines owned by the authority or a railroad, or
24 otherwise occupied by the authority or a railroad, pursuant to charter grant, fee
25 simple deed, lease, easement, license, trackage rights, or other form of ownership
26 or authorized use.

27 (4) Railroad. – A railroad corporation or railroad company, including a State-Owned
28 Railroad Company as defined in G.S. 124-11, that has entered into any contracts
29 or operating agreements of any kind with the authority concerning passenger rail
30 services.

31 (b) Contracts Allocating Financial Responsibility Authorized. – The authority may contract
32 with any railroad to allocate financial responsibility for passenger rail services claims, including,
33 but not limited to, the execution of indemnity agreements, notwithstanding any other statutory,
34 common law, public policy, or other prohibition against same, and regardless of the nature of the
35 claim or the conduct giving rise to such claim.

36 (c) Insurance Required. –

37 (1) If the authority enters into any contract authorized by subsection (b) of this
38 section, the contract shall require the authority to secure and maintain, upon and
39 after the commencement of the operation of trains by or on behalf of the
40 authority, a liability insurance policy covering the liability of the parties to the
41 contract, a State-Owned Railroad Company as defined in G.S. 124-11 that owns
42 or claims an interest in any real property subject to the contract, and any operating
43 rights railroad for all claims for property damage, personal injury, bodily injury,
44 and death arising out of or related to passenger rail services. The policy shall
45 name the parties to the contract, a State-Owned Railroad Company as defined in
46 G.S. 124-11 that owns or claims an interest in any real property subject to the

contract, and any operating rights railroad as named insureds and shall have policy limits of not less than two hundred million dollars (\$200,000,000) per single accident or incident, and may include a self-insured retention in an amount of not more than five million dollars (\$5,000,000).

(2) If the authority does not enter into any contract authorized by subsection (b) of this section, upon and after the commencement of the operation of trains by or on behalf of the authority, the authority shall secure and maintain a liability insurance policy, with policy limits and a self-insured retention consistent with subdivision (1) of this subsection, for all claims for property damage, personal injury, bodily injury, and death arising out of or related to passenger rail services.

(d) Liability Limit. – The aggregate liability of the authority, the parties to the contract or contracts authorized by subsection (b) of this section, a State-Owned Railroad Company as defined in G.S. 124-11, and any operating rights railroad for all claims arising from a single accident or incident related to passenger rail services for property damage, personal injury, bodily injury, and death is limited to two hundred million dollars (\$200,000,000) per single accident or incident or to any proceeds available under any insurance policy secured pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, whichever is greater.

(e) Effect on Other Laws. – This section shall not affect the damages that may be recovered under the Federal Employers' Liability Act, 45 U.S.C. § 51, et seq., (1908); or under Article 1 of Chapter 97 of the General Statutes.

“§ 160A-906. Civil liability.

Except as provided in G.S. 160A-905, the authority shall be deemed a city for purposes of civil liability pursuant to G.S. 160A-485. Governmental immunity of the authority is waived to a minimum of twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) per single accident or incident. The authority shall maintain a minimum of twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) per single accident or incident of liability insurance. Participation in a local government risk pool pursuant to Article 23 of Chapter 58 of the General Statutes shall be deemed to be the purchase of insurance for the purpose of this section.”

PART VI. REQUIREMENTS IF MECKLENBURG COUNTY CREATES A METROPOLITAN PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

SECTION 6.1. If Mecklenburg County creates a metropolitan public transportation authority under Article 33 of Chapter 160A, as enacted by Part V of this act, then that Authority is subject to all the provisions of this Part.

SECTION 6.2. The Authority shall conduct a study of the issues listed in this Section. The Authority may use any source of funding available to it to conduct the studies required by this Section. This specifically includes funds provided to the Authority by another unit of government and funds that the Authority receives as a donation or grant from any other public or private source. The Authority shall complete the study required under this Section and publish a report no later than July 1, 2025. The Authority shall publish the report and submit copies of the report to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Legislative Library, the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners, the Charlotte City Council, the Town of Cornelius Board of Commissioners, the Town of Davidson Board of Commissioners, the Town of Huntersville Board of Commissioners, the Town of Matthews Board of Commissioners, the Town of Mint Hill Board of Commissioners, the Town of

1 Mooresville Board of Commissioners, and the Pineville Town Council. The Authority shall
2 study the following issues:

- 3 (1) Legal and financial considerations with respect to the transfer or use of assets
4 from the City of Charlotte or the Charlotte Area Transportation System (CATS) to
5 the Authority.
- 6 (2) Legal and financial considerations with respect to outstanding indebtedness issued
7 by the City of Charlotte with respect to CATS to ensure no adverse impacts in
8 relation to the outstanding indebtedness.
- 9 (3) Legal and financial considerations with respect to agreements and recognitions by
10 the City of Charlotte or CATS with respect to the public transportation system
11 with any federal, state, regional, or local governmental entities.
- 12 (4) Legal and financial considerations with respect to human resources of a transfer
13 of assets, liabilities, and operations of the public transportation system from the
14 City of Charlotte or CATS to the Authority, including issues related, but not
15 limited, to employee pensions, retirement plans, and benefits.
- 16 (5) A recommendation as to whether the transfer of assets, liabilities, and operations
17 of the existing public transportation system to the Authority is feasible and
18 advisable.
- 19 (6) Any other issue determined to be relevant by the Authority.

20 **SECTION 6.3.** If Mecklenburg County creates a metropolitan public transportation
21 authority under the provisions of Article 33 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes, as enacted
22 by Part V of this act, before the convening of the 2025 Regular Session of the 2025 General
23 Assembly, then as of the date of the issuance of a certificate of incorporation by the Secretary of
24 State under G.S. 160A-883(c), as enacted by Part V of this act, the General Assembly makes the
25 following appointments to the Board of Trustees of that Authority:

- 26 (1) [President Pro Tem’s appointee].
- 27 (2) [Speaker’s appointee].

28 **SECTION 6.4.** The Authority shall do the following no later than one year after
29 enactment of this act:

- 30 (1) Adopt bylaws that are consistent with the provisions of Article 33 of Chapter
31 160A of the General Statutes.
- 32 (2) Establish policies with respect to Board governance, including the adoption of a
33 Code of Ethics for Trustees and key employees and the adoption of a Conflicts of
34 Interest policy.
- 35 (3) Create a human resources plan. This includes, at a minimum:
 - 36 a. Creating an organizational chart that specifies positions that report directly
37 to the Authority’s Board of Trustees.
 - 38 b. Completing the search for direct reports to the Board of Trustees.
 - 39 c. Creating personnel policies and procedures including those related to
40 employee recruitment and retention, compensation and benefit policies
41 and plans, and an employee code of conduct.
 - 42 d. Taking all steps necessary to ensure participation by the Authority in the
43 Local Government Employees’ Retirement System under Article 3 of
44 Chapter 128 of the General Statutes.
 - 45 e. Creating a plan, including a timeline, to implement a transfer of
46 employees of CATS from the City of Charlotte to the Authority.

- 1 f. Developing or acquiring information technology and other assets needed
2 to implement the human resources plan.
- 3 (4) Develop financial policies for the Authority.
- 4 (5) Develop operational policies for the Authority including policies related to
5 business continuity, system operation, maintenance of the system and system
6 assets, fares, purchasing and contracts, transit rules and regulations, travel
7 markets, transit service, and advertising and sponsorships.
- 8 (6) Develop an information technology plan for the operation and administration of
9 the public transportation system. The plan shall include provisions related to
10 cybersecurity, data privacy, and the use of websites and mobile applications.
- 11 (7) Create a plan, including a timeline, for the acquisition of the assets of CATS from
12 the City of Charlotte. This includes:
- 13 a. Drafting agreements to be entered into with the City of Charlotte with
14 respect to the use, control, and acquisition of assets of CATS. With
15 respect to assets of CATS that were procured with funds available to the
16 City other than federal or State funds received by the City with respect to
17 CATS and funds generated by a tax levied under Article 43 of Chapter
18 105 of the General Statutes or a tax levied under Section 3.1 of S.L. 1997-
19 417, as added by Section 30 of S.L. 2006-162 and amended by Section
20 2.(h) of S.L. 2009-527 and this act, the agreements shall provide that the
21 City has a right of reverter with respect to the property if the property is no
22 longer used for a purpose supporting the operation of a public
23 transportation system.
- 24 b. Negotiating an agreement with the City of Charlotte to reimburse the City
25 for the acquisition of the Norfolk Southern O-Line as provided in Section
26 4.9(4) of this act.
- 27 c. Drafting agreements with the City of Charlotte with respect to any
28 outstanding bonds, notes, or other financing secured or payable by receipts
29 from the taxes levied under Article 43 of Chapter 105 of the General
30 Statutes or under Section 3.1 of S.L. 1997-417, as added by Section 30 of
31 S.L. 2006-162 and amended by Section 2.(h) of S.L. 2009-527 and this
32 act.
- 33 d. Notwithstanding the agreements above, any agreements entered into
34 between the City and the Authority will require that the Authority
35 undertake all obligations necessary to ensure that the City will remain in
36 compliance with and will not have an adverse impact on the City's
37 outstanding bonds, notes on other financing obligations for the public
38 transportation system.
- 39 (8) Take all steps necessary to ensure approval by the Federal Transit Administration
40 and any other applicable federal or State agency of the use, control, and
41 acquisition of CATS assets.
- 42 (9) Draft amendments to the interlocal agreement between Mecklenburg County, the
43 City of Charlotte, the Town of Cornelius, the Town of Davidson, the Town of
44 Huntersville, the Town of Matthews, the Town of Mint Hill, and the Town of
45 Pineville dated February 16, 1999, as amended, to provide for the termination of
46 that agreement at the time a tax levied under Part IV of this act becomes effective,

subject to any continuing obligations agreed to by the parties to the agreement. The agreement shall contain provisions dissolving the Metropolitan Transit Commission created under that interlocal agreement and repealing all maintenance-of-effort requirements.

- (10) Draft agreements or amendments to agreements with third parties to ensure that the Authority may be substituted for the City as a party to any ongoing contracts, agreements, rights, responsibilities, or liabilities with respect to CATS once the Authority assumes operational control of CATS.

SECTION 6.5. If Mecklenburg County enacts a tax authorized by Part IV of this act, then the Authority and the City of Charlotte shall do all the following effective as of the date the tax levied under that Part becomes effective:

- (1) The Authority shall begin receiving the proceeds of all the following:
 - a. Taxes levied under Part IV of this act as provided in that Part.
 - b. Taxes levied under Article 43 of Chapter 105 of the General Statutes as provided in G.S. 105-507.3
 - c. Taxes levied under Section 3.1 of S.L. 1997-417, as added by Section 30 of S.L. 2006-162 and amended by Section 2.(h) of S.L. 2009-527 and this act, as provided in that act.
- (2) The City shall transfer control of the operational assets of CATS to the Authority subject to use agreements between the City and Authority.
- (3) The City shall retain ownership of any assets that are pledged as security for any outstanding indebtedness. Once any outstanding indebtedness is satisfied, the City shall begin transferring ownership of these assets of CATS to the Authority as provided in the agreements.
- (4) The City shall begin transferring ownership of other physical assets of CATS to the Authority as provided in the agreements.
- (5) The City shall retain the \$30 million required fund balance from the existing CATS Revenue Reserve Fund. If these reserves must be used by the City to cover any debt service payments due within the current fiscal year, the Authority shall provide an amount sufficient to return the fund balance to the \$30 million required balance. Once all applicable debt obligations have been satisfied, any amount remaining in the Fund shall revert to the Authority.
- (6) The Authority shall begin making payments to the City in accordance with agreements between the Authority and City for the following:
 - a. An amount to the City that is, at a minimum, sufficient to cover any debt service payments due within the current fiscal year. Amounts must be provided according to a schedule that ensures the funds are available prior to the required payment dates.
 - b. An amount to reimburse the City for the acquisition of the Norfolk Southern O-Line as provided in the agreements.
- (7) Except as provided with specifically identified positions or individuals, employees of CATS shall be transferred from the City to the Authority.

SECTION 6.6. If Mecklenburg County enacts a tax authorized by Part IV of this act, then as of the date the tax levied under that Part becomes effective the interlocal agreement between Mecklenburg County, the City of Charlotte, the Town of Cornelius, the Town of Davidson, the Town of Huntersville, the Town of Matthews, the Town of Mint Hill, and the

Town of Pineville dated February 16, 1999, as amended, and any other interlocal agreement with respect to the tax levied under Article 43 of Chapter 105 of the General Statutes or a tax levied under Section 3.1 of S.L. 1997-417, as added by Section 30 of S.L. 2006-162 and amended by Section 2.(h) of S.L. 2009-527 and this act, is terminated subject to any continuing obligations agreed to by the parties to that agreement. In addition, the Metropolitan Transit Commission is dissolved as of that date.

SECTION 6.7. If Mecklenburg County creates a metropolitan public transportation authority under Article 33 of Chapter 160A, as enacted by Part V of this act, then, notwithstanding G.S. 160A-890 as enacted by that Part, any service outside of the territorial jurisdiction of the Authority that is offered as of the date that the Authority assumes operational control of the assets of CATS may continue without the governing bodies of the applicable political subdivisions granting approval by majority vote for the continuation of service.

PART VII. REVENUE BONDS

SECTION 7.1. The definitions in G.S. 159-81 apply in this Part.

SECTION 7.2. In addition to the revenues included in G.S. 159-81(4), a municipality may include as revenues the receipts from any sales and use tax or other local tax received by a municipality in connection with its ownership and operation of a revenue bond project or a utility or public service enterprise facility or system of which a revenue bond project is a part as long as the pledge of such receipts does not constitute a pledge of the municipality's taxing power.

SECTION 7.3. In addition to the powers provided in G.S. 159-83, a municipality has the authority to finance and refinance the cost of public transportation systems, facilities, or equipment with bonds or notes secured in one or more of the following ways: (1) By the revenues of the public transportation systems, facilities, or equipment, (2) By pledge, mortgage, or grant of a security interest in all or a portion of the real and personal property, whether owned or leased, comprising the public transportation systems, facilities, or equipment, and (3) as otherwise provided in Article 5 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes. Notwithstanding anything in G.S. 159-83(a) or otherwise in Article 5 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes to the contrary, each municipality may secure bonds or notes by a pledge of all or any portion of the revenues of public transportation systems, facilities, or equipment without regard to meeting the expense and maintenance and operation of and renewals and replacements with respect to the revenue bond project.

SECTION 7.4. This Part applies only to cities with a population of greater than 870,000 according to the 2020 federal decennial census or any subsequent federal decennial census and metropolitan public transportation authorities created under Article 33 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes, as enacted by Part V of this act.

PART VIII. CONFORMING CHANGES

SECTION 8.1. G.S. 40A-3(c) reads as rewritten:

“(c) Other Public Condemnors. – For the public use or benefit, the following political entities shall possess the power of eminent domain and may acquire property by purchase, gift, or condemnation for the stated purposes.

...

(14) A metropolitan public transportation authority established under Article 33 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes for the purposes of that Article.”

SECTION 8.2. G.S. 105-164.14(c) reads as rewritten:

1 “(c) Certain Governmental Entities. – A governmental entity listed in this subsection is
2 allowed an annual refund of sales and use taxes paid by it under this Article on direct purchases
3 of items. Sales and use tax liability indirectly incurred by a governmental entity on building
4 materials, supplies, fixtures, and equipment that become a part of or annexed to any building or
5 structure that is owned or leased by the governmental entity and is being erected, altered, or
6 repaired for use by the governmental entity is considered a sales or use tax liability incurred on
7 direct purchases by the governmental entity for the purpose of this subsection. The refund
8 allowed under this subsection does not apply to purchases of electricity, telecommunications
9 service, ancillary service, piped natural gas, video programming, or a prepaid meal plan. A
10 request for a refund must be in writing and must include any information and documentation
11 required by the Secretary. A request for a refund is due within six months after the end of the
12 governmental entity's fiscal year.

13 This subsection applies only to the following governmental entities:

14 ...

15 (15) A regional public transportation authority created pursuant to Article 26 of
16 Chapter 160A of the General Statutes, a metropolitan public transportation
17 authority created pursuant to Article 33 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes,
18 or a regional transportation authority created pursuant to Article 27 of Chapter
19 160A of the General Statutes.

20 ...”

21 **SECTION 8.3.** G.S. 136-44.20(b1) reads as rewritten:

22 “(b1) The Secretary may, subject to the appropriations made by the General Assembly
23 for any fiscal year, enter into State Full Funding Grant Agreements with a Regional Public
24 Transportation Authority (RPTA) duly created and existing pursuant to Article 26 of Chapter
25 ~~160A~~, 160A of the General Statutes, a Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) duly created
26 and existing pursuant to Article 27 of Chapter ~~160A~~, 160A of the General Statutes, a
27 Metropolitan Public Transportation Authority (MPTA) duly created and existing pursuant to
28 Article 33 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes, or a city organized under the laws of this
29 State as defined in G.S. 160A-1(2), to provide State matching funds for "new start" fixed
30 guideway projects in development by any entity pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 5309. These grant
31 agreements shall be executable only upon an Authority's or city's completion of and the Federal
32 Transit Administration (FTA) approval of Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Impact
33 Studies in anticipation of federal funding pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 5309.

34 Prior to executing State Full Funding Grant Agreements, the Secretary shall submit proposed
35 grant agreements or amendments to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee
36 for review. The agreements, consistent with federal guidance, shall define the limits of the "new
37 starts" projects within the State, commit maximum levels of State financial participation, and
38 establish terms and conditions of State financial participation.

39 State Full Funding Grant Agreements may provide for contribution of State funds in
40 multiyear allotments. The multiyear allotments shall be based upon the Department's estimates,
41 made in conjunction with an Authority or city, of the grant amount required for "new start"
42 project work to be performed in the appropriation fiscal year.

43 State funds may be used to fund fixed guideway projects developed without federal funding
44 by the Department, a Regional Public Transportation Authority (RPTA) duly created and
45 existing pursuant to Article 26 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes, a Regional
46 Transportation Authority (RTA) duly created and existing pursuant to Article 27 of Chapter

160A of the General Statutes, a Metropolitan Public Transportation Authority (MPTA) duly created and existing pursuant to Article 33 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes, or a unit of local government. In addition, State funds may be used to pay administrative costs incurred by the Department while participating in such fixed guideway projects.”

SECTION 8.4. G.S. 136-44.27(e) and (f) read as rewritten:

“(e) Funds distributed by the Department under this section shall be used by counties, public transportation authorities, metropolitan public transportation authorities, or regional public transportation authorities in a manner consistent with transportation development plans which have been approved by the Department and the Board of County Commissioners. To receive funds apportioned for a given fiscal year, a county shall have an approved transportation development plan. Funds that are not obligated in a given fiscal year due to the lack of such a plan will be distributed to the eligible counties based upon the distribution formula prescribed by subsection (d) of this section.

(f) A regional public transportation authority created pursuant to Article 25 or Article 26 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes and a metropolitan public transportation authority created under Article 33 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes may, upon written agreement with the municipalities served by a public transportation authority, county served by the metropolitan public transportation authority, or counties served by the regional public transportation authority, apply for and receive any funds to which the member municipality or counties are entitled to receive based on the distribution formula set out in subsection (d) of this section.”

SECTION 8.5. G.S. 143-129(h) reads as rewritten:

“(h) Transportation Authority Purchases. – Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, any board or governing body of any regional public transportation authority, hereafter referred to as a "RPTA," created pursuant to Article 26 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes, ~~or~~ a regional transportation authority, hereafter referred to as a "RTA," created pursuant to Article 27 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes, or a metropolitan public transportation authority, hereafter referred to as a "MPTA", created pursuant to Article 33 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes may approve the entering into of any contract for the purchase, lease, or other acquisition of any apparatus, supplies, materials, or equipment without competitive bidding and without meeting the requirements of subsection (b) of this section if the following procurement by competitive proposal (Request for Proposal) method is followed.

The competitive proposal method of procurement is normally conducted with more than one source submitting an offer or proposal. Either a fixed price or cost reimbursement type contract is awarded. This method of procurement is generally used when conditions are not appropriate for the use of sealed bids. If this procurement method is used, all of the following requirements apply:

- (1) Requests for proposals shall be publicized. All evaluation factors shall be identified along with their relative importance.
- (2) Proposals shall be solicited from an adequate number of qualified sources.
- (3) ~~RPTAs or RTAs~~ RPTAs, RTAs, or MTPAs shall have a method in place for conducting technical evaluations of proposals received and selecting awardees, with the goal of promoting fairness and competition without requiring strict adherence to specifications or price in determining the most advantageous proposal.
- (4) The award may be based upon initial proposals without further discussion or negotiation or, in the discretion of the evaluators, discussions or negotiations may

be conducted either with all offerors or with those offerors determined to be within the competitive range, and one or more revised proposals or a best and final offer may be requested of all remaining offerors. The details and deficiencies of an offeror's proposal may not be disclosed to other offerors during any period of negotiation or discussion.

- (5) The award shall be made to the responsible firm whose proposal is most advantageous to the ~~RPTA's or the RTA's~~ RPTA's, RTA's, or MPTA's program with price and other factors considered.

The contents of the proposals shall not be public records until 14 days before the award of the contract.

The board or governing body of the ~~RPTA or the RTA~~ RPTA, the RTA, or the MPTA shall, at the regularly scheduled meeting, by formal motion make findings of fact that the procurement by competitive proposal (Request for Proposals) method of procuring the particular apparatus, supplies, materials, or equipment is the most appropriate acquisition method prior to the issuance of the requests for proposals and shall by formal motion certify that the requirements of this subsection have been followed before approving the contract.

Nothing in this subsection subjects a procurement by competitive proposal under this subsection to G.S. 143-49, 143-52, or 143-53.”

~~RPTAs and RTAs~~ RPTAs, RTAs, and MPTAs may adopt regulations to implement this subsection.”

SECTION 8.6. G.S. 143-157.1(d) reads as rewritten:

“(d) Reporting by Local Units of Government. – By September 1 of each year and with regard to each local board listed in this subsection, the information required by subsection (b) of this section shall be submitted on behalf of the appointing authority to the Secretary of State by the clerk of that appointing authority. Appointments to each of the following local boards, whether established by State law or local decision, or appointments to those local boards having equivalent functions, however named or denominated, must be reported:

- ...
- (26) A public transportation authority created pursuant to Article 25 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes, a regional public transportation authority created pursuant to Article 26 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes, ~~or~~ a regional transportation authority created pursuant to Article 27 of Chapter 160A of the General ~~Statutes-Statutes~~, or a metropolitan public transportation authority created pursuant to Article 33 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes.

...”

SECTION 8.7. G.S. 153A-148.1(a) reads as rewritten:

“(a) Disclosure Prohibited. – Notwithstanding Chapter 132 of the General Statutes or any other law regarding access to public records, local tax records that contain information about a taxpayer's income or receipts are not public records. A current or former officer, employee, or agent of a county who in the course of service to or employment by the county has access to information about the amount of a taxpayer's income or receipts may not disclose the information to any other person unless the disclosure is made for one of the following purposes:

- ...
- (4) To exchange information with a regional public transportation ~~authority or authority~~, a regional transportation authority, or a metropolitan public transportation authority, created pursuant to Article ~~26 or 26~~, Article 27, or 33 of

Chapter 160A of the General Statutes, when the information is needed to fulfill a duty imposed on the authority or on the county.

...

SECTION 8.8. G.S. 159-48(e) reads as rewritten:

“(e) Each sanitary district, mosquito control district, hospital district, merged school administrative unit described in G.S. 115C-513, metropolitan sewerage district, metropolitan water district, metropolitan water and sewerage district, county water and sewer district, regional public transportation authority, metropolitan public transportation authority, and special airport district may borrow money and issue its bonds under this Article in evidence thereof for the purpose of paying any capital costs of any one or more of the purposes for which it is authorized, by general laws uniformly applicable throughout the State, to raise or appropriate money, except for current expenses.”

SECTION 8.9. G.S. 159-81 reads as rewritten:

“§ 159-81. Definitions.

The words and phrases defined in this section shall have the meanings indicated when used in this Article:

(1) "Municipality" means a county, city, town, incorporated village, sanitary district, metropolitan sewerage district, metropolitan water district, metropolitan water and sewerage district, county water and sewer district, water and sewer authority, hospital authority, hospital district, parking authority, special airport district, special district created under Article 43 of Chapter 105 of the General Statutes, regional public transportation authority, regional transportation authority, metropolitan public transportation authority, regional natural gas district, regional sports authority, airport authority, joint agency created pursuant to Part 1 of Article 20 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes, a joint agency authorized by agreement between two cities to operate an airport pursuant to G.S. 63-56, the North Carolina Turnpike Authority described in Article 6H of Chapter 136 of the General Statutes and transferred to the Department of Transportation pursuant to G.S. 136-89.182(b), and a Ferry Transportation Authority created pursuant to Article 29 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes, but not any other forms of State or local government.

...

SECTION 8.10. G.S. 160A-20(h) reads as rewritten:

“(h) Local Government Defined. – As used in this section, the term "unit of local government" means any of the following:

...

(11) A regional public transportation ~~authority or authority~~, a regional transportation authority, or a metropolitan public transportation authority created pursuant to Article ~~26 or 26~~, Article 27, or Article 33 of this Chapter.

...

PART IX. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

SECTION 9.1. It is the intent of the General Assembly not to reduce transportation funding allocations for any municipality in Mecklenburg County as a result of the enactment of this act or the levy of a tax under the provisions of this act. In addition, it is the intent of the General Assembly not to reduce State transportation funding for State projects located in

Mecklenburg County as a result of the enactment of this act or the levy of a tax under the provisions of this act. Without specific authorization from the General Assembly, the Department of Transportation may not reduce funding for any transportation projects as a result of this act or the levy of a tax pursuant to Parts II, III, or IV of this act.

SECTION 9.2. Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes law.

ⁱ https://www.bts.gov/archive/publications/transportation_statistics_annual_report/2016/chapter_5 (Last viewed 5/21/24).

ⁱⁱ <https://www.apta.com/research-technical-resources/economic-impact-of-public-transit/> (Last viewed 5/21/24).

ⁱⁱⁱ <https://www.nlc.org/article/2023/06/29/how-transportation-can-drive-economic-mobility/> (Last viewed 5/21/24).

^{iv} <https://www.accessmagazine.org/spring-2011/transportation-jobs-economic-growth/#:~:text=Sound%20transportation%20investments%20lower%20the,a%20higher%20standard%20of%20living,> (Last viewed 5/21/24).

^v https://finance.yahoo.com/news/traffic-congestion-costs-commuters-valuable-122500799.html?guccounter=1&guce_referrer=aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZ29vZ2xllmNvbS8&guce_referrer_sig=AQAAANYNhNFd61P_p2v-I3GMJ_-c-xAme693klJLr_dWKxa7P-DiBEzIOlyQ0UgfyU87Dg3yzSEzEz-ENS7KlmnLn7uKB525R_TBAmUuwCJ_nOYHIHPG2fByyCYrVQXlaussIMlnJU96aJLMtUn4qQzOcMyyc_kmPQhaxxBWwwCamuX (Last viewed 5/21/24).

^{vi} <https://www.transportation.gov/sites/dot.gov/files/docs/Costs%20of%20Surface%20Transportation%20Congestion.pdf> (Last viewed 5/21/24).

^{vii} <https://www.theswaddle.com/traffic-mental-health-problems> (Last viewed 5/21/24).

^{viii} <https://www.forbes.com/home-improvement/moving-services/hardest-commutes-in-us/#:~:text=The%20top%20five%20hardest%20commutes,the%20top%2010%2C%20along%20with,> (Last viewed 5/21/24).

^{ix} <https://mobility.tamu.edu/umr/congestion-data/> (Last viewed 5/21/24).

^x *Id.*

^{xi} CLT Alliance, Population and Demographic Changes in the Charlotte Region, September 2021

^{xii} CLT Alliance Economic Impacts of Mobility Investments in Mecklenburg County and the Benefits to the Charlotte Region (Executive Summary)



RESOLUTION 2024-20
IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING REFERENDUM

WHEREAS, the Town of Davidson is a member of the Metropolitan Transit Commission established in 1999 between Mecklenburg County, the City of Charlotte, and six surrounding towns, and is supportive of providing a diverse roadway infrastructure and public transportation options to its residents; and

WHEREAS, Mecklenburg County is a regional economic engine with over 1.2 M residents and one of the fastest-growing metro areas in the country, attracting new businesses, jobs, tourism, and people every day; and

WHEREAS, our regional growth creates regional transportation needs that include managing the inevitable increase in vehicle trips, maintaining healthy air quality, reducing emissions and congestion; and

WHEREAS, Mecklenburg County is the center of the Piedmont region with roughly half of our collective employment base commuting from outside the county; and

WHEREAS, the transportation decisions we make today will shape the future of our municipalities, county, region, and state; and

WHEREAS, substantial federal grant funding is available for investment in transportation network infrastructure, which requires a percentage match of local funding to utilize; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Davidson desires that the North Carolina General Assembly pass legislation authorizing the citizens of Mecklenburg County to decide by referendum whether they will approve an additional sales tax for investment in roadway and public transportation systems.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Davidson Board of Commissioners:

1. Hereby supports the coalition of local jurisdictions in Mecklenburg County (including Mecklenburg County, City of Charlotte, and a majority of towns) to seek authorization from the North Carolina General Assembly authorizing the voters of Mecklenburg County to determine by referendum whether they will approve an additional sales tax for further investment in roadway and public transportation systems.

2. This Resolution shall be effective as of the date of its adoption.

Adopted on the ____ of ____ 2024

Elizabeth K. Shores, Town Clerk

Rusty Knox, Mayor

Approved as to form:

Karen Wolter, Town Attorney



Resolution in Support of Legislation Authorizing Referendum (This item will include a Public Comment Period)

Jamie Justice
Town Manager
September 10, 2024

www.townofdavidson.org

What is Proposed?

Legislation to seek authorization from the North Carolina General Assembly authorizing the voters of Mecklenburg County to determine by referendum whether they will support an additional sales tax for further investment in roadway and public transportation systems.

What is Proposed - Why Now?

- The Charlotte region is growing, and it is imperative that we address our infrastructure and transportation needs.
- Previously, Norfolk Southern did not want to share the O-Line tracks for passenger rail.
- Norfolk Southern recently changed their policy and is willing to make the O-Line available for passenger rail service and is negotiating an agreement with the City of Charlotte; closing is projected for early September.
- There is federal grant money available, so the timing is right to position ourselves to secure grant funding and we need a local revenue source to do it.

What is Proposed - Why Transit?

- The Town of Davidson has planned for transit for many years.
- The Town has long-time philosophies of pedestrian-oriented land-use planning and multi-modal transportation planning.
- Alignment with Town Plans: Comprehensive Plan; Mobility Plan; Strategic Plan – Goals: Healthy, Livable, & Vibrant Community, Connecting People and Places, Sustainability and Natural Assets, and Economic Development.
- 2030 Transit System Plan: This plan was adopted by the Metropolitan Transit Commission (MTC) which is comprised of representatives from all local governments within Mecklenburg County; this plan shows the transit lines, including Red Line.

What is Proposed – Process and Disclaimers

- Multiple sessions with the town managers within Mecklenburg county – city, county, and six towns; also included attorneys, lobbyists, and business representatives.
- All managers in county agree to this except Matthews
- Modeled after existing laws (sales tax, regional authority, etc.) and modified for our needs.
- Statewide legislation so that is why you see general terms, not specifics e.g. towns in the county with populations.
- This is all subject to change.

What is Proposed - Highlights

- Current 1/2-cent sales tax for transit in Mecklenburg County continues and proposed is a 1-cent increase to the sales tax for roadway and transit.
- New 1-cent projected to bring in \$19.4 billion over 30 years.
- New 1-cent would break down to 60% for transit (40% rail, 20% bus) and 40% for roads; the 6 towns get 50% share of the road funds.
- Road monies would go to the towns and city via a formula; Money to the Town of Davidson in the first year is app. \$3.125M and would grow over time.
- Transit dollars would build out the 2030 Transit System Plan – Red Line, Silver Line to airport, Blue Line extension, Silver Line bus rapid transit (BRT) to the east, Gold Line; Also includes bus system investment.

What is Proposed - Highlights

- A regional transit authority is proposed to replace the Metropolitan Transit Commission (MTC) as the governing agency for the transit system.
- Red Line service level – was commuter rail service only; Proposed is approximately 42 trains per day – day and night, weekday and weekend service; Approximately 45-minute trip from Mt. Mourne to the gateway station in downtown Charlotte; Train frequency approximately every 30 minutes during peak.
- Gateway station will connect with the extension of the silver line to the airport.

What is Proposed - Highlights

- Charlotte is in the process of acquiring the O-Line from Norfolk Southern (NS); NS retains freight rights to use the line, passenger rail would take precedence.
- Charlotte plans to acquire the Mecklenburg County portion of the O-Line;
- Iredell County and Town of Mooresville must approve the purchase in their jurisdictions
- It is expected the city will secure an option to purchase or a lease for the Iredell portion.
- Davidson would like to see the end of the line station be in Mt. Mourne as planned.

What is Proposed - Highlights

- Red Line Construction – 50% built before another line can be completed.
- Authority must get design input on Red Line from the 3 north Mecklenburg towns (and Mooresville if applicable).
- County has pledged to not proceed with the referendum if the O-Line purchase is not complete.

Overview of Draft Resolution

- Addresses our growing region and the transportation needs.
- Legislation to seek authorization from the North Carolina General Assembly authorizing the voters of Mecklenburg County to determine by referendum whether they will support an additional sales tax for further investment in roadway and public transportation systems.

NEXT STEPS:

- Town Board considers approval of Resolution at the September 10 Town Board meeting
- Legislation introduced at NC General Assembly - may be considered this fall or it may go to the long session starting January 2025.
- If legislation is passed, Mecklenburg County puts referendum on the ballot – referendum projected for November 2025.
- Planned opportunities for public input and discourse prior to the referendum.
- If referendum is passed, new sales tax levy would start summer 2026.
- Red Line planning continues concurrently; public input planned for September by CATS for Davidson station location options.

Questions



Public Comment Period



Recommended Motion: Motion to Approve
Resolution 2024-20 in Support of
Legislation Authorizing Referendum.



AMENDMENT TO THE BUDGET ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Board of the Town of Davidson, North Carolina, that the following amendment be made to the annual budget ordinance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025:

Section 1: To amend the General Fund, the appropriations are to be changed as follows:

<u>Acct. No.</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Increase</u>
11-20-4510-356	Street Repair/Resurfacing		\$85,000.00

Budgeted expenditures will fund the resurfacing of Town streets.

Section 2: To amend the General Fund, the estimated revenues are to be changed as follows:

<u>Acct. No.</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Increase</u>
11-20-3901-300	Powell Bill Fund Balance Appropriated		\$85000.00

The Town will use Powell Bill fund balance to fund a resurfacing project.

Section 3: Copies of this budget amendment shall be furnished to the Clerk of the Governing Board, and to the Budget Officer and the Finance Officer for their direction.

Adopted this 10th day of September, 2024

By: _____

Rusty Knox

Mayor

ATTEST:

Elizabeth K. Shores

Town Clerk



Consider Approval of the 2024 Resurfacing Project and Budget Amendment 2025-07

Doug Wright
Project Manager
September 10, 2024

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Five-Year Resurfacing Plan

PAVEMENT SURVEY



BUDGET



FIVE YEAR PLAN

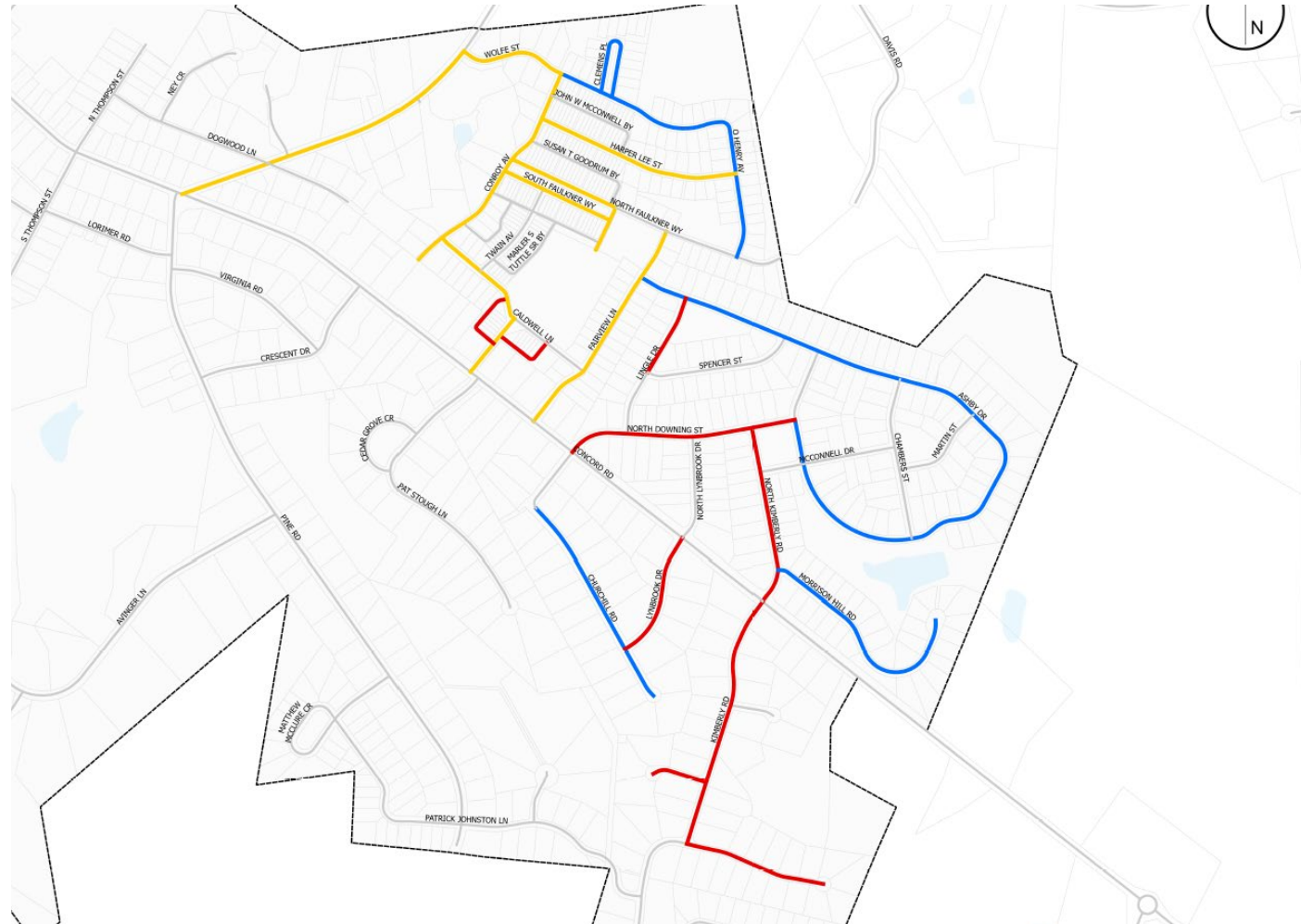


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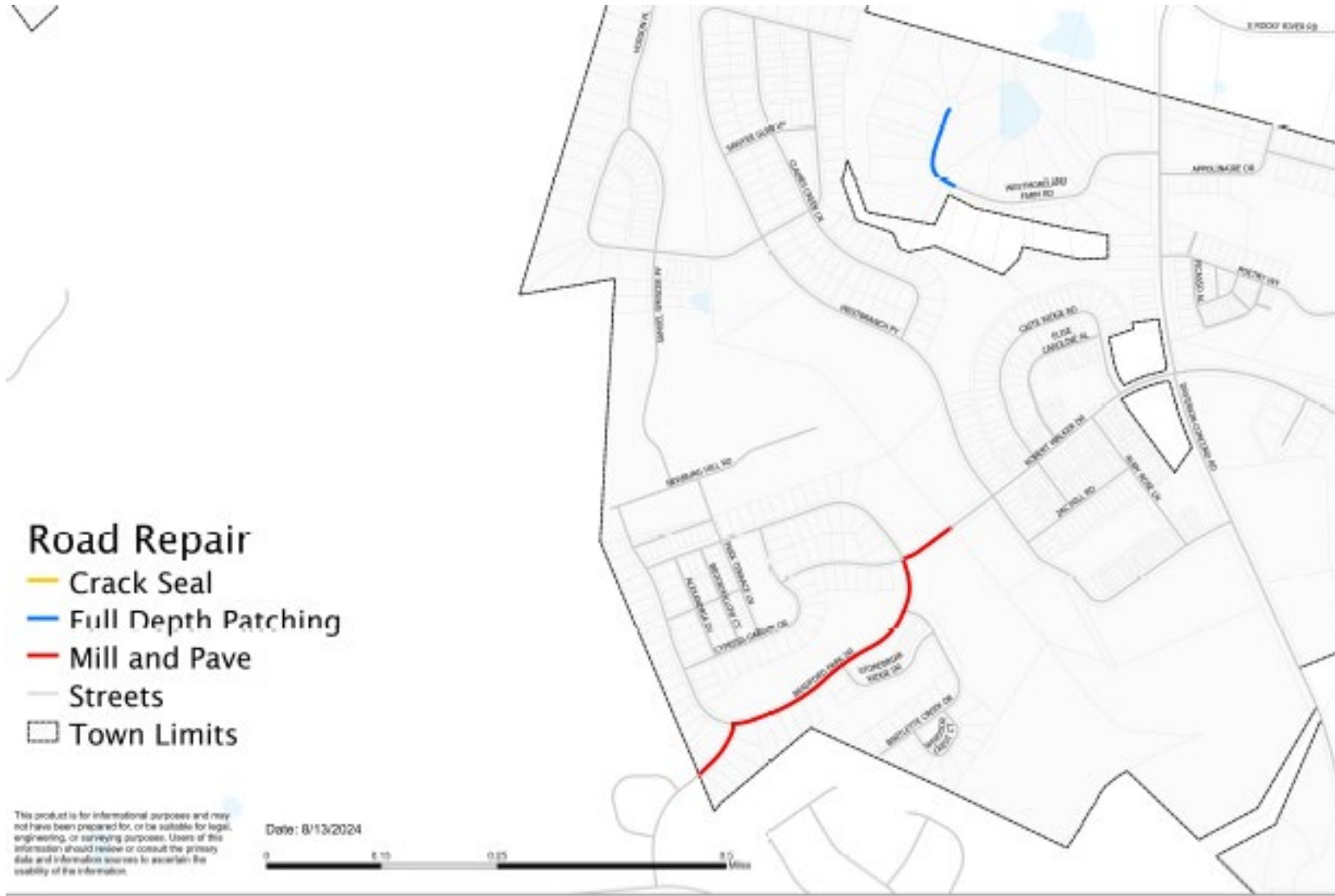
Pavement Survey January 2021

The Town of Davidson's street system is in "Good" condition with an overall weighted average PCR value of 85.4. This is an increase from 75.6 since the 2014 Pavement Condition Survey. This overall condition rating is slightly above average when compared to other municipalities. To put this figure in perspective, the estimated weighted PCR value for NC municipalities is approximately 80.

Year 4 - East Central Region



Year 4 - East Central Region



Bidding - Formal

- 7-day advertisement
- Red Clay Industries low bid \$658,617.75 (includes \$31,362.31 5% Contingency)
- 3.2, 1 % difference between bids
- Contract Completion Date November 16, 2024

Funding

- \$200,000 General Fund
 - \$508,552 Powell Bill Fund (Gas Tax Revenue)
 - \$708,552 Total
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- \$49,935 Engineering
 - \$ 658,617 Resurfacing (includes \$31,362.31 5% Contingency)
 - \$708,552 Total

NEXT STEPS:

If the contract is approved, work can start as early as mid-September, with a Contract Completion Date of November 16, 2024.

DISCUSSION



MOTION: Approve the 2024
Resurfacing Contract and Budget
Amendment 2025-07



Requisition no. _____

THE TOWN OF DAVIDSON
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT BETWEEN OWNER AND THE CONTRACTOR

This Construction Contract (the "Contract") is made and entered into this 10th day of September, 2024, by and between **The Town of Davidson** (the "Owner"), and **Red Clay Industries**, having its principal office and place of business, **10306 Industrial Dr, Pineville, NC 28134**, being duly licensed to engage in general contracting in North Carolina and being qualified to do business in the State of North Carolina (the "the Contractor").

The Owner and the Contractor agree as follows:

1. **Location:** The project is located on various town-maintained streets specified in **Exhibit 1 "Street Listing and Proposed Action."**
2. **Scope of Work:** Pavement resurfacing and improvements to include milling, patching, pavement marking, paving, subgrade repairs and traffic control on streets in Davidson, NC, incorporated herein as **Exhibit 1.**
3. **The Contractor's Responsibilities:** The Contractor agrees to be responsible for the following:
 - 3.1 The Contractor will supervise and direct the Work and shall furnish, provide, and pay for all labor, equipment, machinery, utilities, and services reasonably necessary for the execution and completion of the Work.
 - 3.2 The Contractor agrees to coordinate its Work with the work of any other separate Subcontractors or with the work of the Owner's own forces to avoid delaying or interfering with their work. The Contractor further agrees to inform the Owner on a regular basis or at the Owner's request of the progress of the Work.
 - 3.3 Unless otherwise provided, the Contractor shall secure and pay for all permits, licenses, or inspections necessary for the proper execution and completion of the Work; shall comply with all laws, ordinances, or regulations bearing on the performance of the Work; shall enforce good order and discipline among his employees and Subcontractors on the Project; and shall keep the Project reasonably free from waste materials or rubbish resulting from the Contractor's operations.
 - 3.4 The Contractor certifies that it will maintain during its performance under this Contract the following insurance from one or more insurance companies acceptable to the Owner and authorized to do business in the State of North Carolina:

Automobile - The Contractor shall maintain bodily injury and property damage liability insurance covering all owned, non-owned and hired automobiles. If the Contractor is not an individual, the policy limits of such insurance shall not be less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit each person/each occurrence. If the Contractor is an individual, the policy limits of such insurance shall not be less than a combined single limit of \$100,000 each person/\$300,000 each accident - bodily injury/\$50,000 each accident - property damage. The Contractor shall name Owner as additional insured on such policy or policies.

Commercial General Liability - The Contractor shall maintain commercial general liability insurance that shall protect the Contractor from claims of bodily injury or property damage, which arise from performance under this Contract. This insurance shall include coverage for contractual liability. If the Contractor is not an individual, the policy limits of such insurance shall not be less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit each occurrence/annual aggregate. If the Contractor is an individual, the policy limits of such insurance shall not be less than \$300,000 combined single limit each occurrence/annual aggregate. The Contractor shall name Owner as additional insured on such policy or policies.

Worker's Compensation and Employers' Liability Insurance - The Contractor shall meet the statutory requirements of the State of North Carolina for worker's compensation coverage and employers' liability insurance.

Certificates of insurance shall be furnished by the Contractor to the Owner and shall contain the provision that the Owner be given 30 days' written notice of any intent to amend or terminate by either the Contractor or the insuring company. Failure to furnish insurance certificates or to maintain such insurance shall be a default under this Contract and shall be grounds for immediate termination of this Contract.

- 3.5 At the request of the Owner, the Contractor agrees to furnish performance and payment bonds from a surety licensed to do business in North Carolina covering the Contractor's faithful performance of this Contract and payment of the

Contractor's obligations arising hereunder. The Owner and the Contractor agree that in the event that the Owner requests such performance and payment bonds, then the Contract Price shall be increased by a change order by the amount of the premiums for such bonds.

- 3.6 The Contractor agrees to complete the work by November 16, 2024. The Contractor further agrees that if the Contractor fails to complete the Work by the Date of Completion, the Owner will suffer damages that may be difficult to quantify. The Contractor thus agrees to pay as liquidated damages the amount of \$1000.00 per calendar day for each day that the Work remains uncompleted after the Date of Completion. It is the responsibility of the Contractor to notify Owner of the date on which Work will be completed.
- 3.7 The Contractor warrants that the Contractor has visited the location of the Project and is familiar with all field conditions bearing upon the Contractor's performance of the Work; that the materials and equipment furnished under the Contract are of good quality and new (unless otherwise permitted); that the Work meets or exceeds the standards ordinarily observed in the industry; and that the Work conforms to the requirements of the Contract and to all applicable codes, ordinances, laws, or regulations. The Contractor further warrants and promises that the Work shall be free from defects and nonconformities in materials and workmanship for a period of one year from the later of the Date of Completion or such date as the Contractor completes all the Work, including punch list items. During such period the Contractor will remedy, at the Contractor's expense, nonconformities, or defects in the Work within 10 days after receiving notice thereof from Owner.
- 3.8 The Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the Owner, its officers, agents, employees and assigns from and against all claims, losses, costs, damages, expenses, attorneys' fees and liability that any of them may sustain (a) arising out of the Contractor's failure to comply with any applicable law, ordinance, regulation, or industry standard or (b) arising directly or indirectly out of the Contractor's performance or lack of performance of the Work or the terms and conditions of this Contract.
- 3.9 The Contractor further agrees to defend and indemnify the Owner from and against all claims, damages, losses, and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, arising out of the Contractor's breach of this Contract, specifically including, but not limited to, the Contractor's failure to pay subcontractors or materials suppliers.

4. **Owner's Responsibilities:** The Owner agrees to be responsible for the following:

- 4.1 The Owner agrees to furnish the Plans and Specifications for the Project to the Contractor and to obtain and pay for all necessary easements, licenses, or charges necessary for access to the Project site for the proper execution and completion of the Work.
- 4.2 The Owner warrants that the Project is located on real property owned by the Owner, or that the Owner has a legal easement for the purpose of executing the work, and that access to such real property will be furnished to the Contractor at such times and on such dates as the Contractor may reasonably require in connection with the execution and completion of the Work.
- 4.3 Provided that the provisions of this Contract are being fulfilled by Contractor, Owner agrees to pay the Contractor the Contract Price for the Work as set forth in Exhibit B, which is incorporated herein by reference as if fully set out herein.
- 4.4 The Owner agrees to designate a representative to serve as project manager in connection with the Project and in connection with the Contractor's performance under this Contract.
- 4.5 The Owner Agrees to pay Contractor an amount not to exceed **\$658,617.75** as itemized and specifically shown on **Exhibit 2 (Bid Form and Supplements)** attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference for the Work subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Contract. Contractor shall submit invoices to Owner on a monthly basis. Owner shall review Contractor's invoices and provided that the provisions of this contract are being fulfilled by Contractor, Owner shall issue payment to the Contractor within thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of invoice. Provided that all the provisions of this Contract have been fulfilled by Contractor, Owner shall retainage, if any, to the Contractor in connection with payment of the contractor's final invoice or request for payment.

5. **Changes:** The Contractor agrees that the Owner may order changes in the general scope of the Work, including additions, deletions, and similar revisions. The parties agree to adjust the Contract Price and Date of Completion to reflect the effects of such changes, which adjustments shall be authorized only upon execution of a written change order.

- 5.1 The Owner may issue written Change Orders to the Contractor directing a change in the Work. The amount of any increase or decrease in the Contract Price shall be by mutual agreement in writing of the Owner and Contractor.
- 5.2 The Contractor may submit claims for an increase in the Contract Price or an extension of the Date of Completion by means of a written Change Request. The Contractor agrees to submit the Change Request within a reasonable time after the event giving rise to the requested change and before the Contractor undertakes any additional work. Upon receipt of a Change Request, the Owner shall inform the Contractor whether to proceed with the additional work and if approved, shall approve any adjustment in the Contract Price or Date of Completion by issuing a Change Order to be executed by the Owner and the Contractor, such Change Order to be considered an amendment to this Contract. The timely submission of a written Change Request shall be a condition precedent to the issuance of a Change Order, and the Owner will have no obligation to pay the Contractor for additional work performed by the Contractor without a Change Order approved in writing by the Owner as set out herein.
6. **Additional Provisions:** The Contractor agrees to the Standard Terms and Conditions set forth as **Attachment A** attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference and further agrees to the Project Special Provisions set forth as **Attachment B** attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

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Signatures Appear on Following Page

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Town of Davidson and the Contractor have executed this Contract on the day and year first written above.

the Contractor Name

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date

the Contractor's Federal Identification #
[if Contract is with Organization]

The Town of Davidson_____

This instrument has been pre-audited
in the manner required by the Budget and Fiscal Control Act.

Finance Officer

Date

(Witness)

By: _____

Title:
(Owner, or Corp. Pres. or Vice Pres. only)

**ATTACHMENT A
STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

Town of Davidson Contract and Purchase Order Terms and Conditions

1. Acceptance. The Contractor's acknowledgment of the terms of this purchase order (this "Order"), without timely written objection, or the Contractor's shipment or performance of any part of this Order, constitutes an agreement to (i) all terms and conditions set forth or referenced herein and on the face of this Order, (ii) on any attachments hereto, (iii) any applicable solicitation documentation related to this Order (including without limitation any request for proposals or invitation for bids or the Contractor's response thereto) that deal with the same subject matter as this Order, and (iv) any other terms and conditions of a written agreement signed by the Contractor and the Town of Davidson that deals with the same subject matter as this Order (collectively, the "Contract Documents"). The terms and provisions set forth in the Contract Documents shall constitute the entire agreement between the Contractor and The Town of Davidson with respect to the purchase by the Town of Davidson of the (i) goods ("Goods") and/or (ii) services provided or work performed ("Services") as described in the Contract Documents. The agreements set forth in the Contract Documents are sometimes referred to herein as the "Contract." In the event of any conflict between any terms and conditions of the Contract Documents, the terms, and conditions most favorable to the Town of Davidson shall control. This Order constitutes an offer by the Town of Davidson and expressly limits acceptance to the terms and conditions stated herein. No additional or supplemental provision or provisions in variance herewith that may appear in the Contractor's quotation, acknowledgment, invoice, or in any other communication from the Contractor to the Town of Davidson shall be deemed accepted by or binding on the Town of Davidson. The Town of Davidson hereby expressly rejects all such provisions which supplement, modify or otherwise vary from the terms of the Contract Documents, and such provisions are superseded by the terms and conditions stated in the Contract Documents, unless and until the Town of Davidson's authorized representatives expressly assent, in writing, to such provisions. Stenographic and clerical errors and omissions by the Town of Davidson are subject to correction.

2. Quantities. Shipments must equal exact amounts ordered unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Town of Davidson. The award of a term contract neither implies nor guarantees any minimum or maximum purchases.

3. Prices. If the Contractor's price or the regular market price of any of the Goods or Services covered hereunder is lower than the price stated in the Contract Documents on the date of shipment of such Goods or Services, the Contractor agrees to give the Town of Davidson the benefit of such lower price on any such Goods or Services. In no event shall the Contractor's price be higher than the price last quoted or last charged to the Town of Davidson unless otherwise agreed in writing. No charges for transportation, boxing, crating, etc. are allowable unless such charges are included in the Contract Documents.

4. Invoices. It is understood and agreed that orders will be shipped at the established Contract prices in effect on dates orders are placed. Invoicing at variance with this provision may subject the Contract to cancellation. Applicable North Carolina sales tax shall be invoiced as a separate item. Invoices shall be sent to the Town of Davidson's accounts payable department with a copy to the Town of Davidson Project Coordinator.

5. Freight on Board. All shipments of Goods are FOB destination unless otherwise stated in the Contract Documents.

6. Taxes. Applicable taxes shall be invoiced as a separate item.

7. Payment Terms. Payment terms are Net 30 days after receipt of correct invoice or acceptance of Goods or Services, whichever is later.

8. Condition and Packaging. Unless otherwise provided by special terms and conditions or specifications, it is understood and agreed that any item offered or shipped has not been sold or used for any purpose and shall be in first class condition. All containers/packaging shall be suitable for handling, storage, or shipment.

9. Delays in Shipment. Time and date of delivery are of the essence, except when delay is due to causes beyond the Contractor's reasonable control and without the Contractor's fault or negligence.

10. Risk of Loss. The Contractor shall have the risk of loss of and damage to the Goods subject to the Contract Documents until such Goods are delivered to the destination and accepted by the Town of Davidson or its nominee.

11. Rejection. All Goods and Services shall be received subject to the Town of Davidson's inspection. Goods or Services

that are defective in workmanship or material or otherwise not in conformity with the requirements of the Contract Documents may be rejected and returned at the Contractor's expense or may be accepted at a reduced price. The Town of Davidson may require the Contractor to promptly replace or correct any rejected Goods or Services and, if the Contractor fails to do so, the Town of Davidson may contract with a third party to replace such Goods and Services and charge the Contractor the additional cost.

12. Compliance with All Laws. The Contractor warrants that all performance hereunder shall be in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and orders.

13. Warranties. The Contractor warrants that all Goods and Services delivered hereunder will be free from defects in materials and workmanship and will conform strictly to the specifications, drawings, or samples specified or furnished. This warranty shall survive any inspection, delivery, acceptance or payment by the Town of Davidson of the Goods and Services and shall run to the Town of Davidson and any user of the Goods or Services. This express warranty is in addition to the Contractor's implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose which shall not be disclaimed. In addition to any other rights available at law or equity, the Town of Davidson shall be entitled to all rights and remedies provided by the Uniform Commercial Code, Chapter 25 of the North Carolina General Statutes, for breach of express warranties and implied warranties of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose, including but not limited to consequential and incidental damages.

14. Indemnification. The Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the Town of Davidson, its officials, officers, agents, employees and assigns from and against all claims, losses, costs, damages, expenses, attorneys' fees and liability that any of them may sustain (a) arising out of the Contractor's failure to comply with any applicable law, ordinance, regulation, or industry standard or (b) arising directly or indirectly out of the Contractor's performance or lack of performance of the terms and conditions of the Contract. In the event that any Goods or Services sold and delivered or sold and performed under the Contract Documents shall be defective in any respect whatsoever, the Contractor shall indemnify and save harmless the Town of Davidson, its officials, officers, agents, employees and assigns from all loss or the payment of all sums of money by reason of all accidents, injuries or damages to persons or property that shall happen or occur in connection with the use or sale of such Goods or Services and are contributed to by said condition. In the event the Contractor, its employees, agents, subcontractors or lower-tier subcontractors enter premises occupied by or under the control of the Town of Davidson in the performance of the Contract Documents, the Contractor agrees that it will indemnify and hold harmless the Town of Davidson, its officials, officers, agents, employees and assigns, from any loss, costs, damage, expense or liability by reason of property damage or personal injury of whatsoever nature or kind arising out of, as a result of, or in connection with such entry.

15. Insurance. Unless such insurance requirements are waived or modified by the Town of Davidson, the Contractor certifies that will maintain during its performance under the Contract the following insurance from one or more insurance companies acceptable to the Town of Davidson and authorized to do business in the State of North Carolina:

Automobile - the Contractor shall maintain bodily injury and property damage liability insurance covering all owned, non-owned and hired automobiles. The policy limits of such insurance shall not be less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit each person/each occurrence. The Contractor shall name the Town of Davidson as additional insured on such policy or policies.

Commercial General Liability - the Contractor shall maintain commercial general liability insurance that shall protect the Contractor from claims of bodily injury or property damage which arise from performance under the Contract. This insurance shall include coverage for contractual liability. The policy limits of such insurance shall not be less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit each occurrence/annual aggregate. The Contractor shall name the Town of Davidson as additional insured on such policy or policies.

Worker's Compensation and Employers' Liability Insurance - Contractor shall meet the statutory requirements of the State of North Carolina for worker's compensation coverage and employers' liability insurance.

The Contractor shall also provide any other insurance or bonding specifically required in writing by the Town of Davidson or required by applicable law. Certificates of such insurance or bonding shall be furnished by the Contractor to the Town of Davidson and shall contain the provision that the Town of Davidson be given 30 days' written notice of any intent to amend or terminate by either the Contractor or the insuring or bonding company. Failure to furnish insurance or bonding certificates or to maintain such insurance or bonds shall be a default under the Contract and shall be grounds for immediate termination

of the Contract.

16. Termination for Convenience. In addition to all of the other rights which the Town of Davidson may have to cancel this Order, the Town of Davidson shall have the further right, without assigning any reason therefore, to terminate any work under the Contract Documents, in whole or in part, at any time at its complete discretion by providing 10 calendar days' notice in writing from the Town of Davidson to the Contractor. If the Contract is terminated by the Town of Davidson in accordance with this paragraph and provided Contractor has fulfilled its obligations under the Contract, the Contractor will be paid for the Goods or Services actually delivered or performed at the same rate as contemplated by the Contract. The Town of Davidson will not be liable to the Contractor for any Goods or services if the costs for such Goods or services were incurred after the date of the Order, provided however that the Town of Davidson shall be reimbursed by Contractor for the costs of any Goods that were incurred prior to such notice and not used by Contractor for the project associated with the Contract.

17. Termination for Default. The Town of Davidson may terminate the Contract, in whole or in part, immediately and without prior notice, upon breach of any of the terms of the Contract by the Contractor. In addition to any other remedies available to the Town of Davidson in law or equity, the Town of Davidson may procure upon such terms as the Town of Davidson deems appropriate, Goods or Services substantially similar to those so terminated, in which case the Contractor shall be liable to the Town of Davidson for any excess costs for such similar Goods or services and any expenses incurred in connection therewith.

18. Contract Funding. It is understood and agreed between the Contractor and the Town of Davidson that the Town of Davidson's obligation under the Contract is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds from which payment for Contract purposes can be made. No legal liability on the part of the Town of Davidson for any payment may arise until funds are made available to the Town of Davidson's Finance Officer and until the Contractor receives notice of such availability. Should such funds not be appropriated or allocated, the Contract shall immediately be terminated. The Town of Davidson shall not be liable to the Contractor for damages of any kind (general, special, consequential, or exemplary) as a result of such termination.

19. Accounting Procedures. The Contractor shall comply with any accounting and fiscal management procedures prescribed by the Town of Davidson that apply to the Contract and shall provide such fiscal control and accounting procedures as may be necessary for proper disbursement of and accounting for all project funds.

20. Improper Payments. The Contractor shall assume all risks attendant to any improper expenditure of funds under the Contract. The Contractor shall refund to the Town of Davidson any payment made pursuant to the Contract if it is subsequently determined by audit or routine accounting procedures that such payment was improper under the Contract or any applicable law, regulation, or procedure. The Contractor shall make such refunds within 30 calendar days after the Town of Davidson notifies the Contractor in writing that a payment has been determined to be improper.

21. Contract Transfer. The Contractor shall not assign, subcontract, or otherwise transfer any interest in the Contract without the prior written approval of the Town of Davidson.

22. Contract Personnel. The Contractor agrees that it has, or will secure at its own expense, all personnel required to perform the services set forth in the Contract.

23. Key Personnel. The Contractor shall not substitute key personnel (defined as those individuals identified by name or title in the Contract Documents or in written communication from the Contractor) assigned to the performance of the Contract without prior written approval from the Town of Davidson Project Coordinator (the individual at the Town of Davidson responsible for administering the Contract).

24. Contract Modifications. The Contract may be amended only by written amendment duly executed by both the Town of Davidson and the Contractor. However, minor modifications may be made by the Town of Davidson Project Coordinator in the event that such minor modifications: (a) do not change the intent of the Contract or the scope of the Contractor's performance; (b) do not increase the Contractor's total compensation or method of payment; and (c) either improve the overall quality of the product or service to the Town of Davidson without increasing the cost, or reduce the total cost of the product or service without reducing the quantity or quality. All such minor modifications to the Contract must be recorded in writing and signed by both the Project Coordinator and the Contractor and placed on file with the Contract. Any price adjustments must be in writing and signed by the Project Coordinator and the Contractor provided that such price adjustments

are made in furtherance of completion of the Contract.

25. Relationship of Parties. The Contractor is an Independent Contractor and not an employee of the Town of Davidson. The conduct and control of the work will lie solely with the Contractor. The Contract shall not be construed as establishing a joint venture, partnership, or any principal-agent relationship for any purpose between the Contractor and the Town of Davidson. Employees of the Contractor shall remain subject to the exclusive control and supervision of the Contractor, who is solely responsible for their compensation, insurance, and benefits.

26. Advertisement. The Contract will not be used in connection with any advertising by the Contractor without prior written approval by the Town of Davidson.

27. Nondiscrimination. During the performance of the Contract, the Contractor shall not discriminate against or deny the Contract's benefits to any person on the basis of sexual orientation, national origin, race, ethnic background, color, religion, gender, age or disability.

28. Conflict of Interest. The Contractor represents and warrants that no official of the Town of Davidson nor any of its employees, officers, or agents who might obtain a direct benefit, personal gain or advantage for themselves or a relative or associate as a result of the Contract, subcontract, or other agreement related to the Contract, is in a position to influence or has attempted to influence the making of the Contract, has been involved in making the Contract, or will be involved in administering the Contract. The Contractor shall cause this paragraph to be included in all Contracts, subcontracts and other agreements related to the Contract.

29. Gratuities to the Town of Davidson. The right of the Contractor to proceed may be terminated if the Town of Davidson determines that the Contractor, its agent, or another representative has offered or given a gratuity to an official, officer, employee, or agent of the Town of Davidson in violation of policies established by the Town of Davidson.

30. Kickbacks to the Contractor. The Contractor shall not permit any kickbacks or gratuities to be provided, directly or indirectly, to itself, its employees, subcontractors, or employees of subcontractors for the purpose of obtaining or rewarding favorable treatment in connection with a Town of Davidson Contract or in connection with a subcontract relating to a Town of Davidson Contract. When the Contractor has grounds to believe that a violation of this clause may have occurred, the Contractor shall promptly report such violation in writing to the Town of Davidson.

31. Monitoring and Evaluation. The Contractor shall cooperate with the Town of Davidson, or with any other person or agency as directed by the Town of Davidson, in monitoring, inspecting, auditing, or investigating activities related to the Contract. The Contractor shall permit the Town of Davidson to evaluate all activities conducted under the Contract. The Town of Davidson has the right at its sole discretion to require that the Contractor remove any employee or agent of the Contractor from Town of Davidson property and from performing services under the Contract upon the Town of Davidson's dissatisfaction with the services of the Contractor's or subcontractor's employee.

32. Financial Responsibility. The Contractor is financially solvent and able to perform under the Contract. If requested by the Town of Davidson, the Contractor agrees to provide a copy of its latest audited annual financial statements or other financial statements as deemed acceptable by the Town of Davidson's Finance Officer. In the event of any proceedings, in bankruptcy or insolvency by or against the Contractor, the inability of the Contractor to meet its debts as they become due, or in the event of the appointment, with or without the Contractor's consent, of an assignee for the benefit of creditors or of a receiver, then the Town of Davidson shall be entitled, at its sole option, to cancel any unfilled part of the Contract without any liability whatsoever.

33. Governmental Restrictions. In the event any governmental restrictions are imposed which necessitate alteration of the material, quality, workmanship, or performance of the items offered prior to their delivery, it shall be the responsibility of the Contractor to notify, in writing, the issuing purchasing office at once, indicating the specific regulation which required such alterations. The Town of Davidson reserves the right to accept any such alterations, including any price adjustments occasioned thereby, or to cancel the Contract.

34. Inspection at the Contractor's Site. The Town of Davidson reserves the right to inspect, at a reasonable time, the equipment/item, plant, or other facilities of a prospective Contractor prior to Contract award and during the Contract term for the purposes of determining that such equipment/item, plant, or other facilities conform with the specifications/requirements of the Town of Davidson and are adequate and suitable for the proper and effective performance of the Contract.

35. Intellectual Property. The Contractor agrees, at its own expense, to indemnify, defend and save the Town of Davidson harmless from all liability, loss, or expense, including costs of settlement and attorney's fees, resulting from any claim that the Town of Davidson's use, possession, or sale of the Goods or Services infringes any copyright, patent or trademark or is a misappropriation of any trade secret.

36. No Pre-Judgment or Post-Judgment Interest. In the event of any action by the Contractor for breach of contract in connection with the Contract, any amount awarded shall not bear interest either before or after any judgment, and the Contractor specifically waives any claim for interest.

37. Background Checks. At the request of the Town of Davidson's Project Coordinator, the Contractor shall submit its employees a criminal background check or a drug testing procedure that are approved by the Town of Davidson.

38. Mediation. If a dispute arises out of or relates to the Contract, or the breach of the Contract, and if the dispute cannot be settled through negotiation, the parties agree to try in good faith to settle the dispute by mediation using a North Carolina certified mediator recommended by the Town of Davidson and using the "Rules for Mediated Settlement Conferences and other Settlement Procedures in Superior Court Civil Actions" before resorting to litigation.

39. No Third-Party Benefits. The Contract shall not be considered by the Contractor to create any benefits on behalf of any third party. The Contractor shall include in all contracts, subcontracts, or other agreements relating to the Contract an acknowledgment by the contracting parties that the Contract creates no third-party benefits.

40. Force Majeure. If the Town of Davidson is unable to perform its obligations or to accept the services or goods because of a Force Majeure, the time for such performance by the Town of Davidson or acceptance of services will be adjusted by allowing additional time for performance or acceptance of services equal to the period of time such Force Majeure was in effect. "Force Majeure" shall mean any delays caused by acts of God, riot, war, terrorism, inclement weather, labor strikes, material shortages and other causes beyond the reasonable control of the Town of Davidson.

41. Ownership of Documents. All documents created pursuant to the Contract shall, unless expressly provided otherwise in writing, be owned by the Town of Davidson. Upon the termination or expiration of the Contract, any and all finished or unfinished documents and other materials produced by the Contractor pursuant to the Contract shall, at the request of the Town of Davidson, be turned over to the Town of Davidson. Any technical knowledge or information of the Contractor which the Contractor shall have disclosed or may hereafter disclose to the Town of Davidson shall not, unless otherwise specifically agreed upon in writing by the Town of Davidson, be deemed to be confidential or proprietary information and shall be acquired by the Town of Davidson free from any restrictions as part of the consideration of the Contract.

42. Strict Compliance. The Town of Davidson may at any time insist upon strict compliance with these terms and conditions notwithstanding any previous course of dealing or course of performance between the parties to the contrary.

43. General Provisions. The Town of Davidson's remedies as set forth herein are not exclusive. Any delay or omission in exercising any right hereunder, or any waiver of any single breach or default hereunder, shall not be deemed to be a waiver of such right or of any other right, breach, or default. If action be instituted by the Contractor hereunder, the Town of Davidson shall be entitled to recover costs and reasonable attorney's fees. The Contractor may not assign, pledge, or in any manner encumber the Contractor's rights under this Order or delegate the performance of any of its obligations hereunder, without the Town of Davidson's prior, express written consent.

44. Contract Situs. All matters, whether sounding in contract or tort relating to the validity, construction, interpretation, and enforcement of the Contract, will be determined in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. North Carolina law will govern the interpretation and construction of the Contract and these Terms and Conditions.

EXHIBIT 1

Street Listing and Proposed Action

Mill 2" & Pave 2"

Wallace M. Gamble	Caldwell Lane	St. Albans Lane
Mary E. Gambe	St Albans Lane	Caldwell Lane
N. Downing Street	Concord Road	Ashby Drive
Lynnbrook Drive	Churchill Road	Concord Road
Lingle Drive	Spencer Street	Ashby Drive
S. Kimberly Road	Hudson Place	Concord Road
N. Kimberly Road	Concord Road	North Downing Street
Hudson Place	S. Kimberly Road	Dead End
Woody Lane	Kimberly Road	Dead End
Bailey Springs	Town Limits	Bradford Park Drive
Bradford Park Drive	Bailey Springs Drive	Robert Walker Drive
Robert Walker Drive	Bailey Springs Drive	Trail Cross Walk

Pavement Repair. Patch areas have been premarked with white paint. Patch 4" in 2 layers

1. Morrison Hill Road	Full Depth Patching	- 4 Locations
2. S. Kimberly Road	Full Depth Patching	- 1 location
3. Ashby Drive	Full Depth Patching	-1 Location
4. Churchill Road	Full Depth Patching	- 10 locations
5. Westmoreland Farms Rd	Full Depth Patching	-1 location at end of road Rt.
6. O Henry Road	Full Depth Patching	-1 location
7. Clemens Road	Full Depth Patching	-1 location- @ Gray Road

Crack Seal Following locations

1. Caldwell Lane	St. Albans to Conroy Alley
2. St. Albans	Concord Road to Caldwell Lane
3. Cloyd S. Goodrum	N. Faulkner Way to Dead End
4. Harper Lee Street	Conroy Ave. to O Henry Avenue
5. Wolfe Street	Grey Road to O Henry Alley
6. Grey Road	Concord Road to Wolfe Street
7. Conroy Alley	Caldwell Lane to Wolfe Street
8. Fairview Lane	Concord Road to Faulkner Way
9. N. Faulkner Way	Cloyd S. Goodrum BY to Conroy Avenue
10. S. Faulkner Way	Cloyd S. Goodrum BY to Conroy Avenue

EXHIBIT 2

BID FORMS AND SUPPLEMENTS

PROJECT NAME: Town of Davidson
2024 Resurfacing

PROJECT NUMBER: 2024 Resurfacing

ITEM#	SECT.#	ITEM DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
1	800	Mobilization	1	LS	35,210.00	35,210.00
2	607	Milling Bituminous Asphalt 0-3" Depth	27,400	SY	4.75	130,150.00
3	610	Asphalt Concrete Surface Course, 9.5B 1.5"	2597	TN	90.00	233,730.00
4	620	Asphalt Binder Plant Mix	154	TN	675.00	103,950.00
5	654	Bituminous Plant Mix, Pvm. Repair (Patching) Depth 4" Inter/surface	320	TN	170.00	54,400.00
6	654	Bituminous Plant Mix, Pvm. Repair (Patching) Depth to 2.5" Inter/surface	50	TN	240.00	12,000.00
7	657	Sealing Existing Pavement Cracks and Joints	2000	LB	14.00	28,000.00
8	657	Thermo Pvm. Markings 4" White/Yellow lines	1500	LF	2.05	3,075.00
9	1205-7	Thermo Pvm. Markings 8" White/ Yellow Lines	200	LF	8.75	1,750.00
10	1205-7	Thermo Pvm. Markings 24" White Lines Stop Bar	200	LF	24.00	4,800.00
11	1205-7	Thermo Symbols	10	EA	185.00	1,850.00
12	858	Adjustment of Water Meter/ Valve Boxes	2	EA	350.00	700.00
13	858	Adjustment of Manholes	2	EA	450.00	900.00
14	SP	Crosswalk w/Markings Piano Style	60	LF	29.00	1,740.00
15	1101	Traffic Control	1 50	LS	15,000.00	15,000.00
					Sub Total	627,255.00
		5% Contingency to be used at Town's Discretion	1	LS		31,362.75
					Total Bid	\$658,617.75

COMMERCIAL NON-DISCRIMINATION CERTIFICATION

Project: Town of Davidson 2024 Resurfacing

Name of Company (Bidder): Red Clay Industries

The undersigned Bidder hereby certifies and agrees that the following information is correct:

1. In preparing the enclosed bid, the Bidder has considered all bids submitted from qualified, potential subcontractors and suppliers and has not engaged in discrimination as defined in Section 2.
2. For purposes of this certification *discrimination* means discrimination in the solicitation, selection, or treatment of any subcontractor, vendor or supplier on the basis of race, ethnicity, gender, age, religion, national origin, marital status, familial status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or disability or any otherwise unlawful form of discrimination. Without limiting the foregoing, *discrimination* also includes retaliating against any person or other entity for reporting any incident of discrimination.
3. Without limiting any other remedies that the Town may have for a false certification, it is understood and agreed that, if this certification is false, such false certification will constitute grounds for the Town to reject the bid submitted with this certification and terminate any contract awarded based on such bid. It shall also constitute a violation of the Town's Commercial Non-Discrimination Ordinance and shall subject the Bidder to any remedies allowed thereunder, including possible disqualification from participating in Town contracts or bid process for up to two years.
4. As part of its bid, the Bidder shall provide to the Town a list of all instances within the past five years where a complaint was filed or pending against the Bidder in a legal or administrative proceeding alleging that the Bidder discriminated against its subcontractors, vendors or suppliers, and a description of the status or resolution of that complaint, including any remedial action taken.

By: 
Signature of Company's Authorized Representative

Title: Vice President

Date: August 28, 2024

EXECUTION OF BID

NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT, DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION, AND GIFT BAN CERTIFICATION

The person executing the bid, on behalf of the Bidder, being duly sworn, solemnly swears (or affirms) that neither he, nor any official, agent or employee of the Bidder has entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action which is in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with any bid or contract, that the Bidder has not been convicted of violating North Carolina General Statute 133-24 within the last three years, and that the Bidder intends to do the work with its own bona fide employees or subcontractors and is not bidding for the benefit of another contractor.

In addition, execution of this bid in the proper manner also constitutes the Bidder's certification of status under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States in accordance with the Debarment Certification attached, provided that the Debarment Certification also includes any required statements concerning exceptions that are applicable.

NC General Statute 133-32 prohibits the offer to, or acceptance by, any Town employee of any gift from anyone with a contract with the Town or State, or from any person seeking to do business with the Town of Davidson. By execution of any response in this procurement, you attest, for your entire organization and its employees or agents that you are not aware that any such gift has been offered, accepted, or promised by any employees of your organization.

In the event the Bidder is awarded the Contract, execution of the Bid by the Bidder is considered the same as execution of the Contract. Affixing the corporate seal to this document is only intended to verify the officer signing on behalf of the corporation has the authority to do so.

The undersigned, having carefully examined the site and familiarized himself with the existing conditions on the Project area affecting the cost of work and hereby proposes to furnish all supervision, labor, equipment, materials and services required to construct and complete the Project in accordance with the Project Manual at and for the Total Amount Bid, excluding any Allowances, such as contingency, which may be used by the Contractor only upon written instructions from the Engineer in accordance with the terms of this Contract.

The undersigned acknowledges receipt of the following addenda (initial next to each addendum):

1: FR2 # 2: _____ # 3: _____ # 4: _____ # 5: _____ # 6: _____ # 7: _____ # 8: _____ # 9: _____

Type of Bidder: ☐ Sole Proprietor ☐ Partnership ☒ Corporation ☐ Limited Liability Company
(check 1 box) ☐ Joint Venture

(if joint venture, complete this "Execution of Bid" sheet for each joint venture company and identify the "Name of Joint Venture" on each sheet)

NAME OF JOINT VENTURE:

Company Name:

Mailing Address:

City/State/Zip:

Phone:

Printed Name:

Signature:

Red Clay Industries

P.O. Box 241689

Charlotte, NC 28224

704-523-1018

Jim Littleton

[Signature]

Email:

Title: Vice President

NC Gen. Contractor

License #: 48055

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

28th

day of

August

2024

Signature of Notary Public

of

Mecklenburg

County

State of

North Carolina

My Commission Expires:

9/01/2026



JOSEPH L. DEATON
Notary Public, North Carolina
Gaston County
My Commission Expires
September 01, 2026

ATTACHMENT B

PROJECT SPECIAL PROVISIONS

NCDOT STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS

NCDOT Standard Specifications

2018 NCDOT Specifications: The January 2018 North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Standard Specifications for Roads and Structures, herein referred to as the "NCDOT Standard Specifications", is part of the Contract Documents and incorporated herein by reference. The Contract Documents are intended to be complementary. In case of any conflict among the Contract Documents that cannot otherwise be resolved, the order of precedence shall be as set forth in Section 105-4 of the NCDOT Standard Specifications.

TOWN STANDARD PROVISIONS

Existing Utilities

The Town does not anticipate any utility conflicts at this time. The contractor will contact the appropriate utility if any impact is expected.

The owners of utilities in this Project could include:

9. Alltel / Windstream Communications
10. Duke Energy Company
11. Piedmont Natural Gas Company
12. Charlotte-Mecklenburg Utility Department
13. American Telephone & Telegraph
14. Spectrum
15. CONTINUUM
16. Energy United

The Contractors work shall be in accordance with NCGS 87-115, Underground Utility Safety and Damage Prevention Act" (2013-407, s 2.). To assist the Contractor and utility owners in meeting the requirements of this law, there is a service provider called "NC811". Most major utilities with underground facilities in the State subscribe to this service.

From within North Carolina, dial 811. For calls originating outside (or inside) of North Carolina, the toll free number (800) 632-4949 may be used. NC811 can also be accessed via the Internet at <http://nc811.org/homepage.htm>.

The Contractor shall include the cost of any coordination and cooperation of utilities in his bid. No additional compensation shall be allowed for delays or inconvenience sustained by the Contractor due to utility relocation or adjustments. No additional payment will be made for re-mobilization required by the utility's failure to relocate a utility at the request of the Contractor.

Where changes to utility facilities are to be made solely for the convenience of the Contractor, it shall be the Contractor's responsibility to arrange for such changes, and the Contractor shall bear all costs of such changes.

Concrete

All concrete used on Town projects will be required to meet the NCDOT Standard Specifications for Roadways and Structures. In addition, the following Town requirements apply:

The Town of Davidson or their Independent Testing Laboratory (ITL) will perform all testing for Slump, Air Content, Temperature, and Compressive Strength for Town approved/accepted concrete mix designs at the Town's discretion.

Compressive Strength Quality Assurance for Incidental Concrete:

The following Quality Assurance Specifications shall apply only to incidental concrete used in the construction of this Project. Incidental concrete shall be defined as any concrete not used in the construction of rigid pavement or any concrete that is not an integral part of a structure. The Engineer reserves the right to reject questionable material at any time in lieu of making reduced payment.

Compressive Strength:

All incidental concrete used in the construction of this Project shall be a minimum 3600 PSI strength at twenty-eight (28) days, unless otherwise specified. No adjustment will be allowed for the required use of high-early strength concrete. When the Contractor is requested to use high-early strength concrete in certain areas, he must furnish a copy of the delivery ticket to the Project Inspector prior to allowing traffic to proceed across the item in question before the required seven (7) day curing period.

Concrete will be tested and accepted with respect to compressive strength on the basis of the average test results of concrete test cylinders. The Town's testing company will prepare test cylinders in accordance with ASTM C31 and take them to their laboratory for curing and testing. The Contractor is responsible for providing adequate curing boxes, blankets, burlap, if needed. If the average strength of concrete cylinder test results fail to attain the specified minimum compressive strength at twenty-eight (28) days, but meet or exceed 70% of the minimum compressive strength, the Engineer will have the option of instructing the Contractor to replace all concrete represented by those cylinders with concrete meeting specifications or of allowing the concrete to remain in place at a reduced Contract price. The Contract Unit Price for such concrete left in place shall be reduced by the following formula:

- $$\text{Reduced Unit Price} = \text{Contract Unit Price} \times \frac{\text{Avg. Strength of Test Cylinders at 28 Days}}{\text{Specified Minimum Compressive Strength}}$$

In the event that concrete cylinder tests fail to meet minimum compressive strengths at twenty-eight (28) days, the Contractor will have the option of taking cores from the concrete in question at the Contractor's expense. Cores must be taken and tested in accordance with ASTM C42. Cores must be taken thirty-one (31) days after placement of concrete. Cores must be taken and tested by a qualified independent testing laboratory approved by the Engineer. A minimum of three (3) cores shall be taken from questionable concrete, unless otherwise specified by the Engineer. Cores shall be taken from locations selected by the Engineer.

If the average strength of the concrete test results (cylinders and cores) fail to attain seventy percent (70%) of the specified minimum compressive strength at twenty-eight (28) days, all applicable concrete shall be rejected. The Contractor, at no additional cost to the Town, shall remove the rejected concrete and replace it with concrete that meets specifications.

The Contractor must submit a Process Control plan for review by the Town, including the name of the field person in charge for the contractor during concrete placement per the NCDOT Standard Specifications. This person must be concrete certified per ACI and NCDOT Field Level 1 Concrete.

Reclamation of Waste or Borrow Sources

All removal, disposal, and storage of waste and borrow material for this project will be required to meet the NCDOT Standard Specifications for Roadways and Structures. In addition, the following Town requirements apply. If any borrow or waste areas are to be utilized, it shall be the responsibility of the Contractor to notify the property owner that the property owner is responsible for any damage occurring at the site, either as part of the agreement with the Contractor, or on his own. The cost of all work of securing waste site, sediment control, re-grading and seeding shall be the responsibility of the property owner or contractor per their separate agreement.

The Town will not participate in the cost of this reclamation work on the waste or borrow areas. Prior to final payment being made, the Contractor shall obtain a release from the property owner of the borrow or waste site utilized for the Project.

Hazardous Materials

If the Contractor encounters any materials considered or suspected of being hazardous, he shall immediately secure the area, discontinue operations, and contact the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Hazardous Materials Coordinator, telephone 704-336-2461 for further instructions. All activities shall be required to meet the NCDOT Standard Specifications for Roadways and Structures – Section 107-25.

Sedimentation Pollution Control Act

Certification Requirement

For projects that disturb one or more acres of land and thus require an NPDES General Stormwater Permit for Construction Activities, the prime contractor must provide an employee who has current certification in one or more of the following:

- 5) Charlotte-Mecklenburg Certified Site Inspector
- 6) NCDOT/NCSTU's Level 2 Erosion and Sediment Control/Stormwater Certification
- 7) Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control (EnviroCert International)
- 8) Professional Engineer

Documentation of certification shall be submitted at the contract Pre-construction Conference and prior to Notice to Proceed.

The person designated as the certified employee will be responsible for doing the following as it relates to the project:

- Complete erosion control inspection records as specified in the NPDES General Stormwater Permit for Construction Activities and provide copies of records to the Town.
- Coordinate the performance of corrective maintenance to erosion and sediment control measures that are found to not be functioning as intended to minimize sediment loss. Discuss corrective actions deemed necessary with the Town's Construction Inspector prior to conducting the work.
- Immediately notify the Town's Construction Inspector of visible sediment deposition from the project site into any water body or wetland. Such discharges must be reported to the NC Department of Environmental Quality within 24 hours of discovery.

Financial Responsibility

If this project is subject to the "North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality Sediment Pollution Control Act", the Town has already acquired the permit. The Contractor, upon recommendation of award shall

complete Part B of the Financial Responsibility/Ownership form. The Town will transfer financial responsibility of the erosion control permit to the Contractor. The Contractor will be responsible for any fines levied for violation of the approved erosion control plan.

Maintenance of the Project

Maintenance of the Project shall be in accordance with **Section 104-10** of the NCDOT Standard Specifications.

The Contractor shall furnish and erect, at no additional cost to the Town, whatever sidewalks, bridges, culverts, or other works as may be necessary for the protection of the public, including, but not limited to, barricades, fences, etc. and for the safe and proper execution of other public utility lines so as not to interfere therewith or damage or cause damage thereto. The Contractor shall be responsible for all damages to persons or property that occur as a result of his fault, omission, or negligence in connection with the prosecution of the work and shall be responsible for the proper care and protection of all work performed hereunder until completion and final acceptance, whether or not the same has been covered in whole or in part by payments made by the Town.

Storage of Materials and Equipment

The Contractor shall be responsible for locating and providing storage areas for construction materials and equipment. The material and equipment storage shall comply with all local and state ordinances throughout the construction period. The Contractor shall restore the storage area to its original condition upon completion of the Project or upon such time as directed by the Engineer. Such restoration shall be at no additional cost to the Town.

The Contractor shall be responsible for the safeguarding of materials and equipment against fire, theft and vandalism and shall not hold the Town responsible in any way for the occurrences of same. The Contractor shall furnish and erect, at no additional cost, whatever works may be necessary for the protection of the public, including but not limited to barricades, fences, etc. Prior to final payment being made, the Contractor shall obtain a release from the property owner of the storage area utilized for the Project.

Subletting

The Engineer reserves the right to waive the subcontracting limits set forth in **Section 108-6** of the NCDOT Standard Specifications whenever it is deemed to be in the best interest of the Town. The limits can be waived only upon written approval from the Engineer.

Quantity Tickets

All quantity tickets for items not measurable in place shall be submitted in duplicate to the Project Inspector within seventy-two (72) hours after receipt of the material on the job. Each ticket shall indicate the date, contractor, job location and name, type of material, quantity of material, truck number and signature of the Contractor or his authorized representative.

No tickets will be accepted after seventy-two (72) hours have elapsed between the time of delivery and the submittal of tickets to the Project Inspector.

Noise

It shall be unlawful for any person or entity to emit or cause to be emitted any noise across a property line or to a public street, sidewalk or public vehicular area or into another dwelling unit of a multi-family structure in excess of the noise levels established below:

	Sound Level Limit		
	Time	Residential & Commercial	Multi-family
Daytime hours:	Sunday: Noon to 6:00 p.m. Monday—Thursday: 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Friday: 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Saturday: 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.	60 dBa	55 dBa
Nighttime hours:	Sunday: 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Monday—Thursday: 9:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Friday: 11:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. Saturday: 11:00 p.m. to noon Sunday	55 dBa	50 dBa

Special Events

Paving in the Uptown area must accommodate special events. Town has the right to limit/direct the work in the Downtown area, as they deem appropriate.

Locations of the Work

Locations of the work are shown on the attached map of this project manual.

The Town reserves the right to totally remove or add streets to the contract and to change the scheduled resurfacing of particular streets at any time without additional compensation to the contractor.

Price Adjustments – Asphalt Cement for Plant Mix

"Asphalt Binder for Plant Mix" will be in accordance with Section 620 of the Standard Specifications.

The Bidder shall consider that the Town will make adjustments in payments due the Contractor where it has been determined that the average terminal F.O.B selling price of asphalt cement has fluctuated.

The Base Price Index for Asphalt Cement for this project is set at \$490.00 per ton.

This Base Price Index represents an average F.O.B. selling price of asphalt cement at supplier's terminals on July 1, 2021 as determined by the North Carolina Department of Transportation from a survey of terminals located in North Carolina and adjacent states.

http://www.ncdot.org/doh/operations/dp_chief_eng/constructionunit/paveconst/Asphalt_Mgmt/acprices/

Payment will be made under:

ASPHALT BINDER FOR PLANT MIX TN

Bituminous Plant Mix Pavements - Recycled

Work in this provision consists of all work covered in Section 1012, "Aggregate for Asphalt Pavements and Surface Treatments" in the Standard Specifications, except that the provisions of this section pertaining to compensation shall not apply.

The Engineer will determine acceptability of materials and construction in accordance with the applicable sections of these specifications. Following the application of the appropriate acceptance plan, the decision of the Engineer shall be final as to the acceptance, rejection, or acceptance at an adjusted payment of the material.

Nonconforming materials, projects, items of construction, or complete construction that are not adaptable to correction by reworking shall be removed and replaced, accepted without payment, or accepted at an adjusted payment as stated in these specifications, or if not stated, as directed by the Engineer.

DESIGN MIX FORMULA

The Contractor shall submit for the Engineer's approval, a job mix formula approved by the NCDOT or a job mix formula within the limits of the Standard Specifications accompanied by the recommendation of an independent testing laboratory. The formula shall include aggregate gradation, bitumen content, stability, theoretical specific gravity, laboratory specific gravity, percent of voids, and unit weight. The Engineer has the right to reject a state approved mix based on the content of Rap material. For this Contract, RAP (reclaimed asphalt pavement), shall not constitute more than 30% of the total material used in recycled mixtures - with no allowance for RAS (reclaimed asphalt shingles – maximum 0%).

INTENT OF SPECIFICATIONS

It is the intent of these specifications to provide an equitable means of accepting materials and work that may vary slightly from the specification range stated in the Standard Specifications in lieu of total rejection, removal, repair or nonpayment.

When materials or construction are not within the limits of the specification, an adjusted payment maybe allowed as delineated in these specifications, except where the level and variability of test results indicate a degree of nonconformance with requirements so great as to make the material or construction unacceptable. Unacceptable material and construction shall be either reworked or replaced at no cost to the City. The Engineer reserves the right to reject questionable material at any time in lieu of making reduced payment.

COMPENSATION:

Payment at the contract unit prices for the various items covered by Section 610 will be full compensation for all work covered by this section except as provided below.

There will be no separate payment for furnishing non-strip additive. The cost of non-strip additive shall be included in the contract unit price per ton for "Asphalt Concrete Surface Course, S 9.5 B, SF 9.5 A and S 9.5 C".

Where samples of reclaimed asphalt pavement are obtained by milling, removal of the milled pavement will be paid for as provided in Section 607. The plant mix used for replacing the milled pavement will be paid for as provided by the section of the Specifications covering the type of plant mix used.

Advance Warning Signs

Advanced warning signs are to be placed on a street prior to resurfacing related activities being performed and remain posted until activities are completed. **No signs will be allowed to be placed on sidewalks.**

Subgrade Repair Using Aggregate Base Course (ABC)

At the direction of the engineer the contractor shall remove the existing subgrade to a depth of 6-8" and replace the existing subgrade with ABC to be compacted to 100%. Proof rolling is to be included in the cost of the subgrade repair and this line item will be full compensation for dig out of the existing subgrade failure including replacement and compaction with ABC.

Paving

A contract special provision requiring the tapering (feathering) of asphalt at curbs, catch basins, etc. should be included in the specifications. When paving, intersections are to be paved back to the end of the radius. In

addition, wedging should be performed where directed by the engineer to ensure acceptable ride quality and appropriate drainage. **No streets shall be paved into the curb & gutter, unless approved by the Town.**

Night Paving

Night paving will not be allowed unless specified in the contract or directed by the engineer based on severe circumstances relating to traffic and/or accessibility to high profile land uses such as hospitals, major events, etc. There will be no night paving allowed simply based on convenience to the contractor, meeting deadlines, or weather related reasons.

Street Closures

One passable lane must remain open at all times unless otherwise approved by the Engineer. If street closure is approved, the contractor must provide a detour, approved by the Engineer and the Town. Appropriate detour signage will be included in the cost of the work. No additional compensation will be provided.

SUPERPAVE

Asphalt shall comply with the most up to date SUPERPAVE mix designs and must be approved by the engineer. Mix designs shall not exceed 30% RAP material, unless Public Works approves specific locations to test higher RAP mixes.

Tack Coat

A “trackless” tack coat is required for use on all streets to be resurfaced.

Asphalt Base Failure Repair

Town Forces:

When utilizing Town forces for base failure repair, the Engineer should coordinate base repair and resurfacing between the Town Public Works and the resurfacing contractor. All base failure repairs are to be performed prior to resurfacing. Under no circumstances should a street be resurfaced before needed base repair is completed.

Contractor:

All base failure repairs are to be performed prior to resurfacing. AC (asphalt cement) is to be included in the cost per ton for this item and there will be **NO** AC adjustment allowed for Asphalt Base Failure Repair. Any repair of existing pavement by the contractor shall include but not be limited to the cutting of the pavement to a neat vertical joint and uniform line; undercutting of amount necessary to reach firm support, the removal and disposal of pavement, base and subgrade material as approved by the engineer. The area to be repaired shall be coated with a tack coat and the replacement of the removed material with asphalt concrete base course, type I 19.0. ‘Mill patching’ may be used pending approval of the engineer.

Milling

Milling of the designated streets will include clean up by the contractor. Cleanup is to be performed the day of the operation and consists of removal of millings in the Curb & Gutter and Sidewalks using dry methods such as brooms, blowers, vacuums, or similar items. Any asphalt in the gutter pan is to be removed by the milling operation. Obstructions preventing the normal flow of water in the existing curb and gutter are to be removed. Asphalt tie-ins due to milling shall have temporary paper seams to ensure a smooth transition. All milled edges and raised structures must be marked with high visibility paint. For streets in the Uptown area, resurfacing operations must occur immediately following milling.

Resurfacing of milled streets outside of the Uptown area is to be performed within 72 hours of the milling operation or when 500 tons of asphalt can be placed on the street being milled, whichever is first. The Engineer retains the ability to adjust these guidelines at his discretion.

Asphalt Surface Treatment-Chip Seal

Streets or sections of streets indicated to receive chip seal will receive a single layer of chip seal in accordance with NCDOT Standard Specifications for Roads and Structures, Section 660-8(D). AST will be applied immediately after milling and sweeping of streets and immediately prior to application of surface course.

On Street Parking

48 hours prior to resurfacing activities, notices are to be placed on vehicle windshields parked on the street along with door-hangers on the residences announcing the upcoming street resurfacing activities and that owners should move their vehicle from the street. If a vehicle is not moved from the street when the crews arrive to resurface the street, attempts will be made to contact the owner. As a last resort, the vehicle will be towed from the street until the resurfacing is completed. Any necessary towing will be the responsibility of the contractor.

Adjustment of Structures

Structure adjustment should be performed in accordance with the structure adjustment procedure provided by Public Works in previous resurfacing contracts. See section "Polypropylene and Fiberglass or Steel Manhole Adjustment Rings and Water Valve Box Adjustment Rings". All structures must be marked with high visibility paint, while awaiting final paving. All structures should be adjusted flush with the finish grade of the street surface and meet all specifications. All work must be completed prior to final paving. Any structures not adjusted flush with pavement are subject to be readjusted by the contractor at no additional charge.

Sawing Existing Pavement

Where pavement will be removed, the Contractor shall provide a neat edge along the pavement being retained by sawing the pavement a minimum of 2" deep and 1' wide before breaking adjacent pavement away. The cost of sawing existing pavement, including both concrete and asphalt, shall be considered as being incidental to the item requiring the sawing and shall be included in the unit price bid for that particular item unless otherwise specified therein.

Slurry discharge from saw-cutting will be prevented from entering storm water catch basins. This can be accomplished with items such as saw-cutting machines with vacuum, wet/dry vacuums, sand bags, rock bags and hay bales. Reasonable measures shall be taken to clean up accumulated slurry material before completing operations for the day.

Pollution Prevention and Spill Response

Washing and rinsing of vehicles, equipment and tools shall be done in a contained or vegetated area and not at a location where the wash water will discharge directly into surface waters or storm drain conveyances. In no case shall polluting substances be dumped directly into surface waters, storm water conveyances or onto paved surfaces (reference NCDOT Standard Specifications 107-12 (A) and (D)).

Contractors shall be responsible for following all local, state and federal laws for response to an investigation, reporting and remediation of hazardous material discharges that occur at a jobsite. To facilitate quick response and cleanup, contractors shall have spill clean-up materials readily available for use at jobsites.

Restoration

Final clean-up and restoration shall include the following:

1. Clean-up of excess material left in gutters, catch basins and private yards.
2. Removal of equipment-marks and restoration of public and private property to the condition existing before the paving operation.
3. The dumping of excess mix on the project site is prohibited.

4. Curb and other objects accidentally tacked or primed shall immediately be cleaned with a material and process approved by the Engineer so as to have no unsightly marks on the finished surface of these items.
5. If pressure washing is used during final clean-up or to remove tack or primer material, storm water catch basins into which the wash water will enter shall be protected with filters, such as silt sacks, to filter out sediment and other pollutants. Filters and accumulated sediment shall be removed when clean-up is completed.

Street Markings (Temporary)

Installation of temporary centerline and lane markings to ensure safe traffic flow will be the responsibility of the Contractor. Traffic control and/or temporary street markings are to be maintained at all times. Specifications for this line item should be outlined in the contract. Lane markings should be installed at or near pavement joints when practical.

Excavation and Trenches: Excavations and trenches that cannot be properly backfilled and patched prior to the end of the workday shall be secured as specified in Section "Excavations and Trenches" of the WATCH.

2.0 MEASUREMENT

There will be no separate measurement made for Traffic Control.

3.1 PAYMENT

Traffic Control will be paid at the lump sum price for "Traffic Control". This payment will be full compensation for all elements of work required to complete the Project as specified.

Partial payments will be made as follows:

- 25% of the lump sum price on the first partial payment estimate made after any work has been performed on the item of "Traffic Control".
- 25% of the lump sum price on the first partial payment after work is 25% complete.
- 25% of the lump sum price on the first partial payment after work is 50% complete.
- 25% of the lump sum price on the first partial payment after work is 100% complete.

Payment will be made under:

TRAFFIC CONTROL..... LS

POLYPROPYLENE AND FIBERGLASS OR STEEL MANHOLE ADJUSTMENT RINGS AND WATER VALVE BOX ADJUSTMENT RINGS

1.0 DESCRIPTION

NON-MILLED STREETS

For adjustment of water valve boxes and manhole frames and covers in streets that are not being milled and the valve or manhole structure is in good condition, as determined by the Charlotte Water Inspector, the valve box or manhole frame can be raised by using either steel or polypropylene and fiberglass adjustments rings as specified in the attached details, or approved equal. The Contractor will be responsible for getting the appropriate dimensions to the supplier to make these products fit tight inside the existing meter or water valve box or manhole frame. If the adjustment ring comes loose anytime during the 12-month warranty period, the Contractor will be responsible for adjusting the existing meter or water valve box or manhole frame to grade without the use of an adjustment ring of any type at no additional cost to the City.

Polypropylene and fiberglass adjustments rings may only be used on residential streets.

MILLED STREETS

For adjustment or meter or water valve boxes or manhole Frames in streets that are being milled and the Charlotte Water Inspector determines the water meter or valve box or manhole frame needs to be replaced or adjusted due to damage to the underlying structure or damage to the water meter or valve box or manhole frame or for any other reason, the structure will be rebuilt using adjustment rings constructed of expanded polypropylene and fiberglass with a poly urea coating as manufactured by Underground Technologies or approved equal. The structure will be demolished to a point of sound structure as determined by the Charlotte Water Inspector. The structure shall be rebuilt using these adjust rings only and not bricks and shims and cement mortar or any other spacer material unless directed by the Charlotte Water Inspector. The expanded polystyrene adjustment rings shall be adhered to the sound water meter or valve box or manhole structure using an epoxy based adhesive. Approved products for this epoxy based adhesive are Secure-n-Seal by Underground Technologies or approved equal. Once the expanded polystyrene adjustment ring has been secured to the sound MH structure, it shall be coated with a two part epoxy coating system poured over the MH frame and adjustment ring and MH structure to create a water tight connection of all three components. Approved products for this two part epoxy coating are Veil Safe by Underground Technologies or approved equal.

Valve Box or Manhole adjustment made with expanded polypropylene and fiberglass adjustment ring shall not exceed 2 inches. All other adjustment shall be made with brick and mortar as described in NCDOT Section 858.

2.0 MEASUREMENT

The quantity of manholes and water meter or valve boxes that are adjusted using steel or polypropylene and fiberglass adjustments rings to be paid for will be the actual number of water meter or valve boxes and manhole adjustment made where steel or polypropylene and fiberglass adjustments rings are used, which have been incorporated into the project and accepted.

3.0 PAYMENT

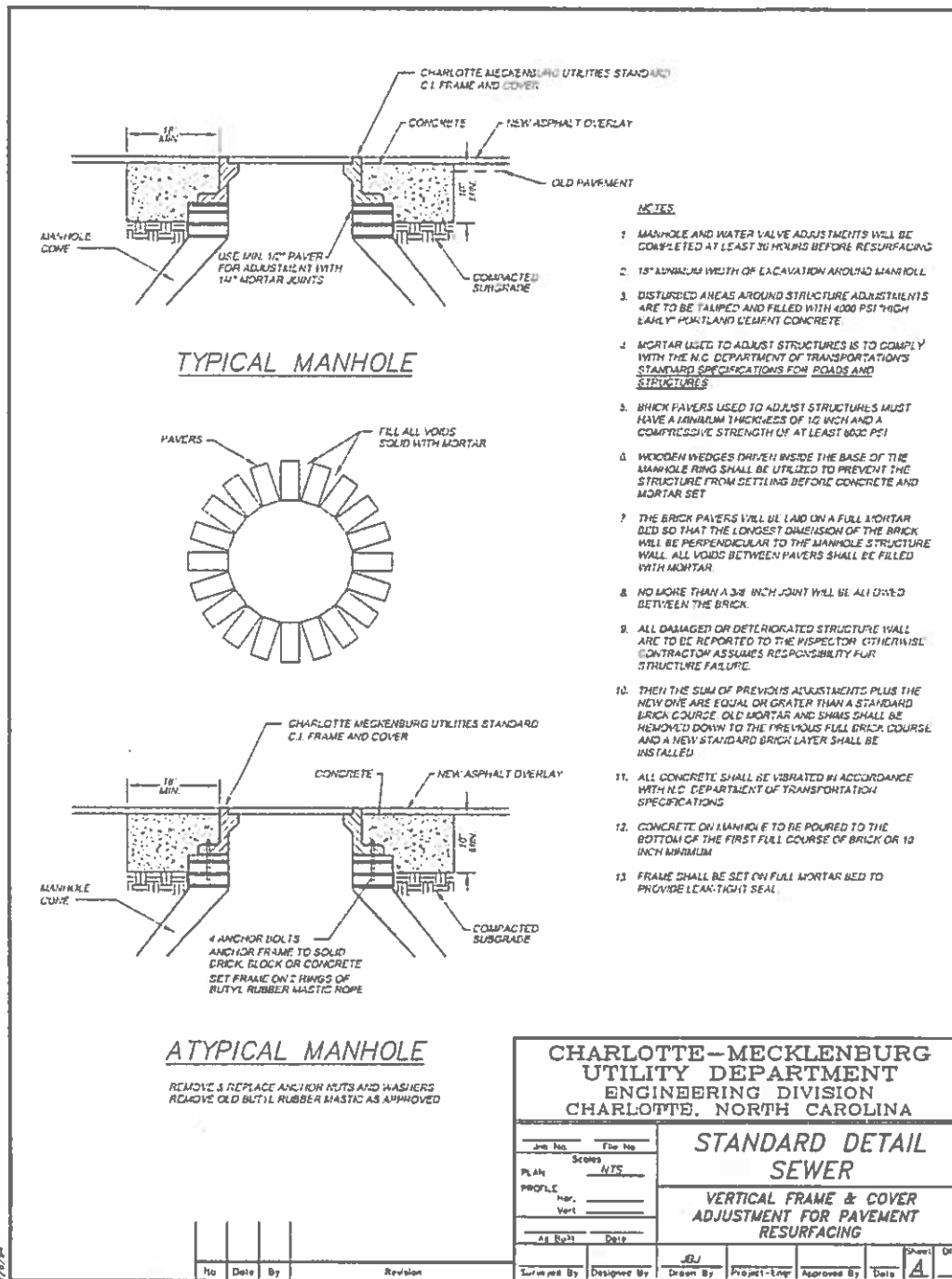
Payment for manhole and water meter or valve adjustments using steel or polypropylene and fiberglass adjustments rings, measured as provided above will be made at the contract unit price per each for steel or polypropylene and fiberglass adjustments rings.

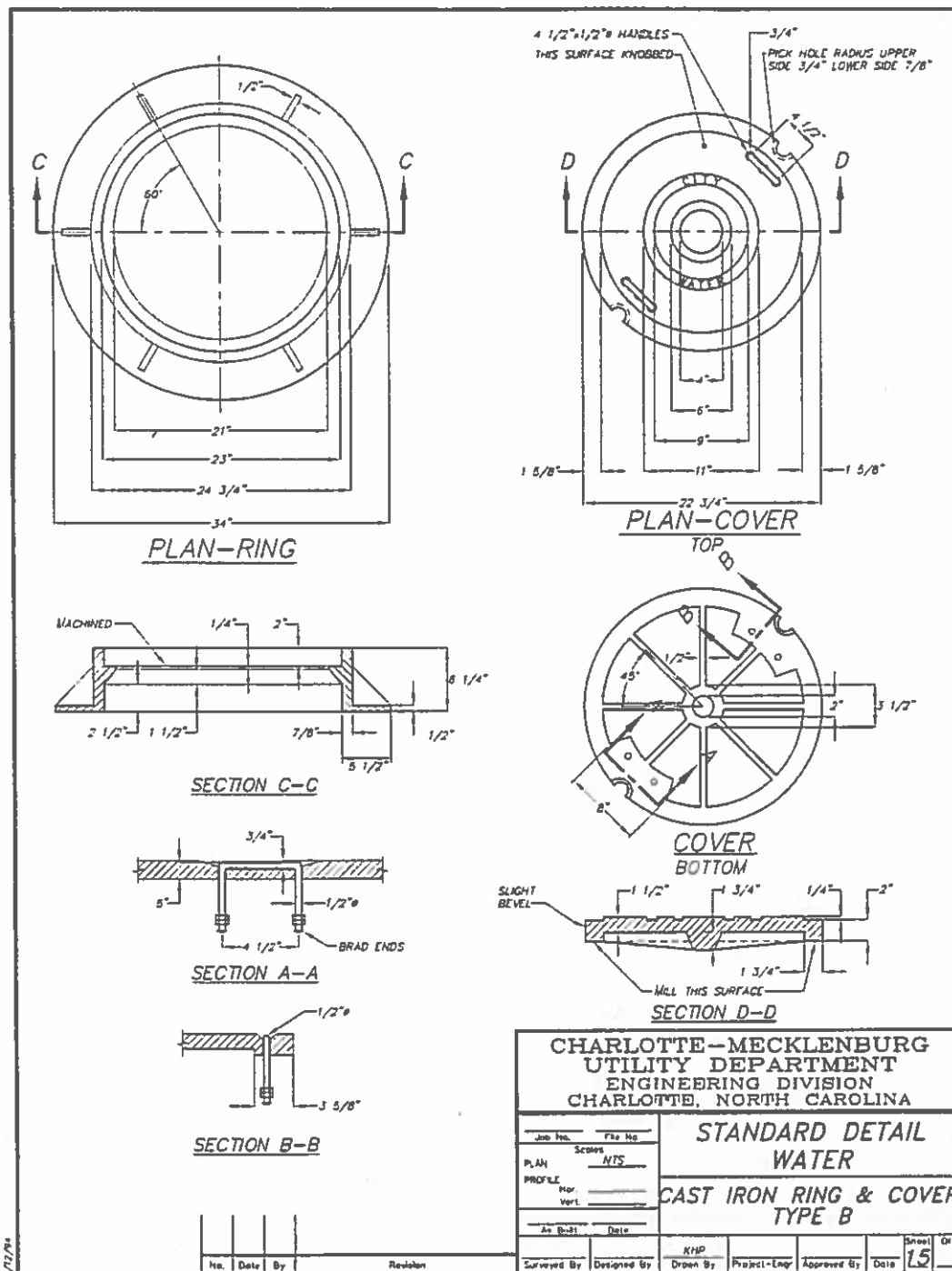
This payment will be full compensation for all labor, equipment and materials required to adjust manholes and water meter or valve boxes with steel or polypropylene and fiberglass adjustments rings furnished by the Contractor. No separate payment will be made for adjustment of the manhole under this special provision. The price bid for steel or polypropylene and fiberglass adjustments rings shall include and be full compensation for the work of adjusting the structure.

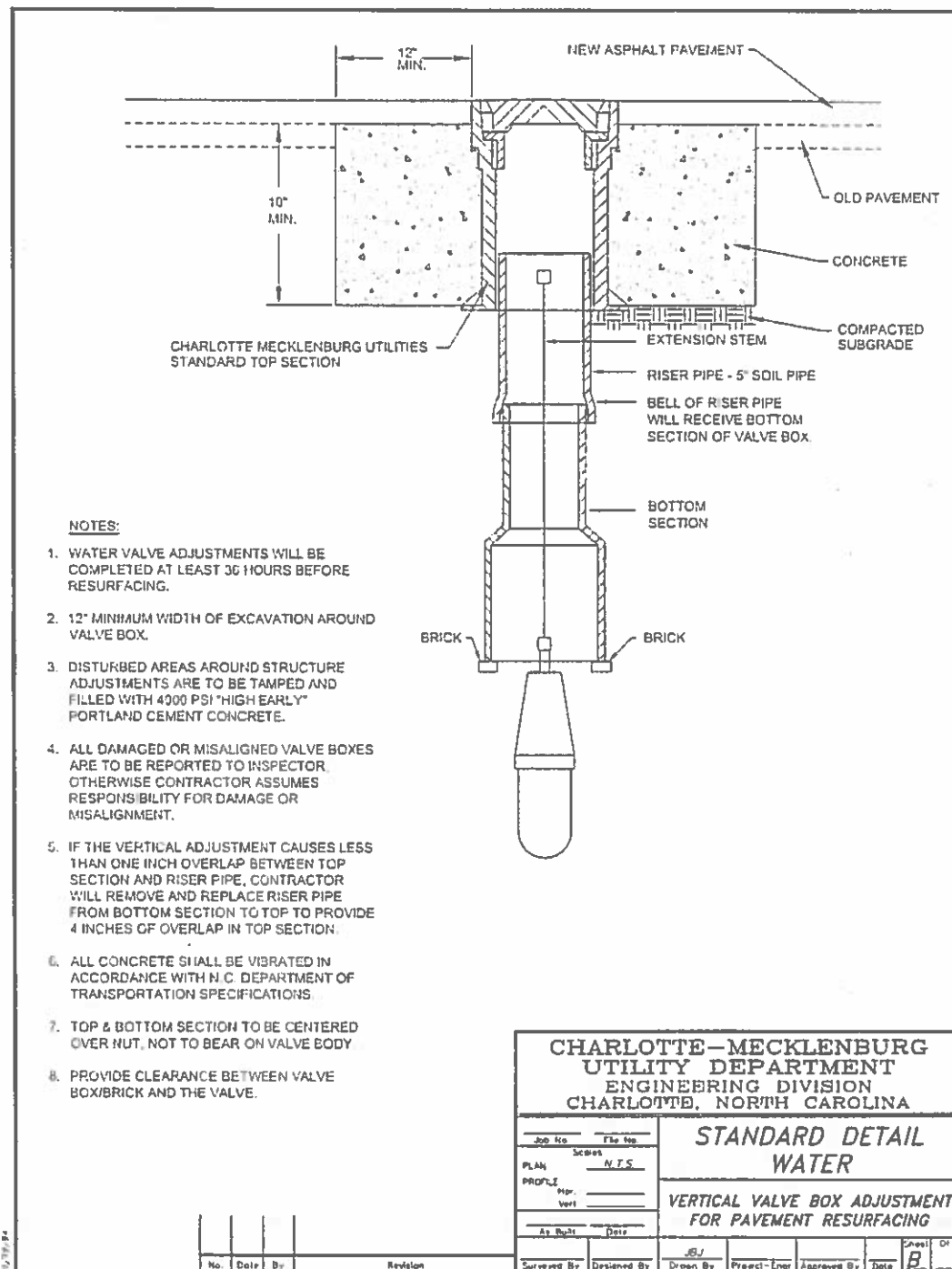
Manholes or water meter or valve boxes that are adjusted with brick and mortar will be paid for under a separate contract unit price.

Payment will be made under:

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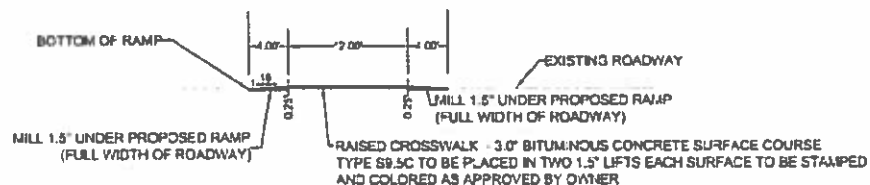
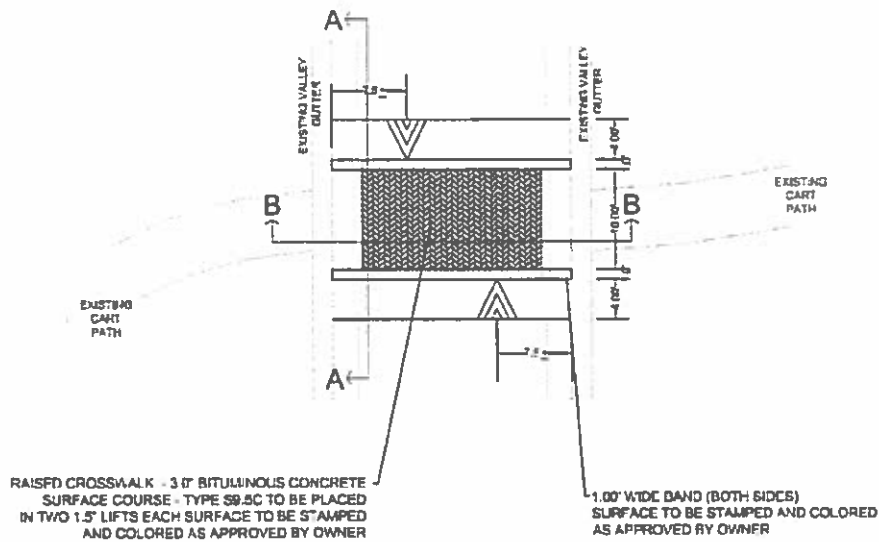






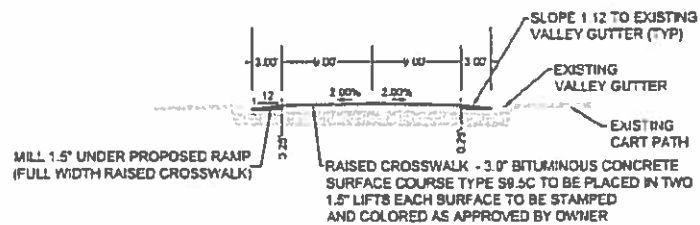
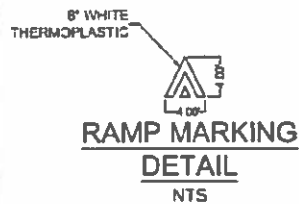
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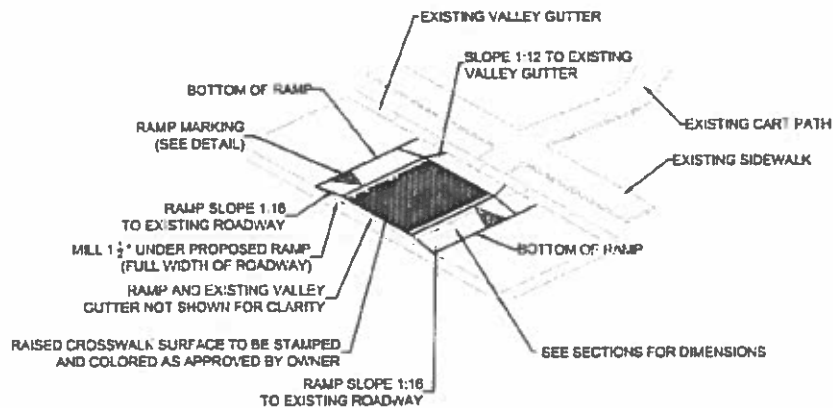
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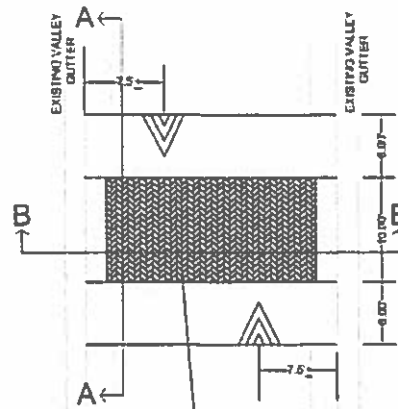
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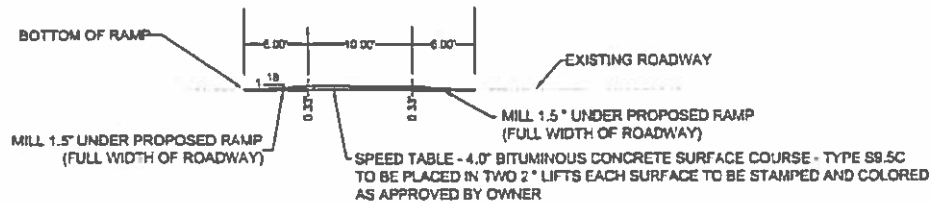


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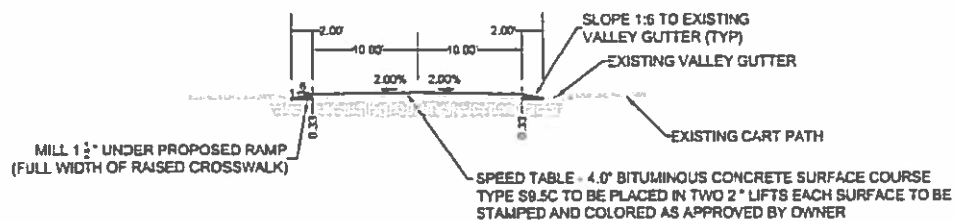


SPEED TABLE - 4.0" BITUMINOUS CONCRETE SURFACE COURSE - TYPE S9.5C TO BE PLACED IN TWO 2" LIFTS EACH SURFACE TO BE STAMPED AND COLORED AS APPROVED BY OWNER



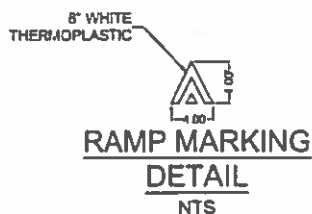
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RAMP MARKING DETAIL

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CONTRACTOR'S AFFIDAVIT

RELEASE AND WAIVER OF CLAIM

STATE OF: _____ COUNTY OF: _____

(Name) (Title)
_____, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that:
(Contractor)

1. The undersigned is authorized to execute this Affidavit, Release and Waiver of Claim on behalf of the Contractor and has personal knowledge of all facts set forth herein;
2. This Affidavit, Release and Waiver of Claim is made concerning the construction of the following project:
Project Name: Town of Davidson 2024 Resurfacing
3. All payrolls, material bills, sales tax, social security tax, state and federal unemployment insurance, and all other liabilities and taxes owed by the Contractor and arising in any manner from the above-described project have been paid in full;
4. No claim or lien exists in favor of any supplier of materials or labor or in favor of any subcontractor furnishing materials or labor on the above-described project;
5. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Town of Davidson or property of the Town of Davidson is subject to any claim or lien which arises in any manner from the failure of the Contractor to pay any liability described above, the Contractor will indemnify and hold the Town harmless for any amount which the Town of Davidson is required to pay to discharge such lien or settle such claim and further will pay the Town's expenses, costs, and attorney fees incurred in connection therewith;
6. All claims, suits, and proceedings of every name, description, or nature arising out of the above project against the Town of Davidson, its officers, employees and agents have been settled;
7. The Contractor releases and waives any and all claims of every type and description which the Contractor may have against the Town of Davidson arising in any manner from the construction of the above-described project.

(Contractors Signature)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____ 201__

Signature of Notary Public _____

of _____ County

State of _____

My Commission Expires: _____

**STATE / COUNTY
SALES / USE
TAX STATEMENT**

PROJECT: Town of Davidson 2024 Resurfacing

CONTRACTOR/ SUBCONTRACTOR: _____

PERIOD COVERED: _____ PAGE: _____ of _____

Invoice No.	Invoice Date	Vendor's Name	Town Vendor No.	Amount Before Taxes	NC Tax	County Tax	Total Invoice Amount	County Paid
Subtotal (Page 1)				\$	\$	\$	\$	
Plus total cost of material withdrawn from our warehouse stock								
Grand Total				\$	\$	\$	\$	

I certify that the above listed vendors were paid sales tax upon purchases of building material during the period covered by the construction estimate, and the property upon which such taxes were paid with or will be used in the performance of this contract. No tax on purchases of tangible personal property purchased by such contractors for use in performing the contract which does not annex to, affix to, or in some manner become a part of the project, building, structure or repairs included in the above list.

Signed: _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 201__

Signature of Notary Public _____

of _____ County

State of _____

My Commission Expires: _____



AGENDA MEMO

To: Davidson Board of Commissioners

From: Alexander Cahill, Affordable Housing & Equity Director

Date: September 10, 2024

Re: Consider Approval of Resolution 2024-21 Establishing an Urgent Home Repair Pilot Program

ITEM SUMMARY/OVERVIEW

The Town of Davidson is proposing to establish an Urgent Home Repair program. This program falls under the "preserve" pillar of the affordable housing strategic framework. Town staff are seeking the Board's input on the draft program requirements. Any vendor that can meet the program requirements, is a HUB-certified vendor, and aligns with the Town's mission, strategic plan, and core values will be considered. This item was brought before the Town Board on August 13, 2024, as an informational item.

ACTION/PROPOSED MOTION

Motion to Approve Resolution 2024-21 Establishing an Urgent Home Repair Pilot Program.

RELATED TOWN GOALS

Strategic Plan Alignment

Affordable Living, Equity & Inclusion - Work together to foster a culture of equity, belonging, inclusion, and advance the Town's Affordable Housing program. Provide, create, and support opportunities for all. Treat everyone with respect, dignity, and recognize every voice.

Core Values

Davidson's historic mix of people in all income levels and ages is fundamental to our community, so town government will encourage opportunities, services, and infrastructure that allow people of all means to live and work here.

NEXT STEPS

After authorization of the program, Town staff will begin implementation of the Urgent Home Repair Program, as administered by the Affordable Housing and Equity Department. Any vendor that can meet the program requirements, is a HUB-certified vendor, and aligns with the Town's mission, strategic plan, and core values will be considered.

I.	Policy
II.	Purpose
III.	Provisions
IV.	Program Procedures
V.	Procurement
VI.	Non-Discrimination and Conflict of Interest
VII.	Authorization

URGENT HOME REPAIR

I. POLICY

To establish rules and guidelines for the Urgent Home Repair program in the Town of Davidson.

II. PURPOSE

To establish a program for urgent and emergent housing services to owner-occupied homes. This policy falls under the “preserve” pillar of the affordable housing strategy to help keep low-income community members in their home. Urgent Home Repairs are defined as repairs that mean the resident cannot live in their home, is in immediate danger, and are immediate threats to health and safety.

III. PROVISIONS

Eligibility:

Property and Household Eligibility:

Applicants must meet the following property and household requirements to be eligible for the Urgent Home Repair Program. Recipients of assistance will be chosen by the criteria listed below being free from discrimination based on race, natural hair or hairstyles, ethnicity, creed, color, sex, pregnancy, marital or familial status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin or ancestry, citizen or non-citizen, military or veteran status, religious belief or non-religious belief, or disability.

Property Eligibility

1. The property must be located within the Town limits; and
2. The applicant must own the home and occupy the house as their primary residence; and
3. The repair must not be covered by homeowners insurance.

Household Eligibility

1. The total household income cannot be more than 60% of the area median income; or
2. The applicant must be receiving disability; or
3. The applicant must be a veteran; and
4. The applicant cannot own any other residential property categorized as a vacation or second home

Eligible Urgent Repairs Covered

1. Immediate hazard caused by unsafe structures (rotting flooring, etc.)
2. Lack of heating and cooling in extreme temperatures (HVAC system failure)
3. Electrical hazards that pose immediate threat to life or structural safety (causing sparks)
4. Leaking pipes/plumbing that are currently or could cause imminent flooding
5. Failing septic systems that render plumbing systems inoperable or pose immediate threat to do so
6. Accessibility modifications post-injury/illness necessary to safely access home
7. Other repairs as approved by Affordable Housing and Equity Director per the department procedure

Operational Deployment

1. *Overall deployment process.*

Town staff receive and application or request. The vendor performs an on-site walk-through within 24 hours of a Request for Service through a work order from Town staff. The vendor will:

- a. Inspect the reported issue
- b. Determine which next steps are necessary
- c. Complete an assessment of the issue (and determine whether this should be fixed or referred to the essential home improvement policy).
- d. Complete the work if the scoping and cost provisions are not met.

Commentary: If the homeowner does not allow the vendor into their home to inspect, the request will not be fulfilled, and the case will be closed.

2. *Permits & Approval.*

Work that does not require a permit and meets the cost thresholds below, can be completed immediately.

- a. If the cost of the work is \$3,000 or less, the work may proceed.
- b. If the cost is over \$3,00, but less than \$5,000, approval is needed from Town staff before proceeding.

The vendor will pull any necessary permits. Work that requires a permit and meets the cost thresholds below can be completed once the permit is pulled.

- a. If the cost of the work is \$3,000 or less, the work may proceed.
- b. If the cost is over \$3,000, but less than \$5,000, approval is needed from Town staff before proceeding.
- c. If the cost is \$5,000 or over, the work is not approved within this program. The homeowner will be directed to the Essential Home Improvement program and Town staff will work to see if the applicant can qualify for that program.

Funding

Various funding sources will be utilized. The initial Pilot Program will use Town ARPA funds to launch the program. Program guidelines may be more restrictive depending upon future funding sources.

VII. NON-DISCRIMINATION AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Equal Opportunity

It is the policy of the Town of Davidson to ensure that no person shall, on the ground of race, color, national origin (including limited English Proficiency), familial status, sex, age, or disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subject to discrimination under any program or activity administered by the Town of Davidson or its partners.

Conflict of Interest

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As of September 10, 2024, this policy replaces and supersedes any previous policies, or unwritten policies or practices covering the same subject.

V. AUTHORIZATION

Approved by the Board of Commissioners on September 10, 2024.



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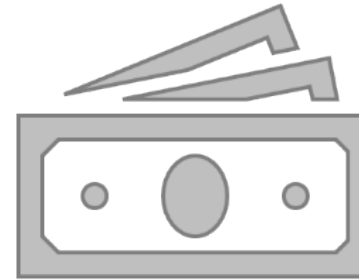
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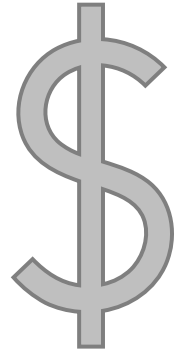
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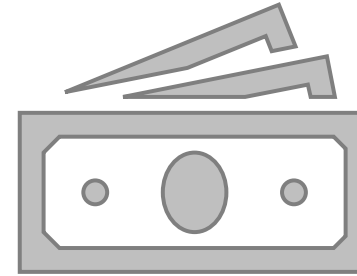
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RESOLUTION 2024-21

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF DAVIDSON TO ESTABLISH AN URGENT HOME REPAIR PROGRAM.

Whereas, the Town Board of Commissioners desires to implement the Affordable Housing Needs Assessment Plan;

Whereas, the Town Board of Commissioners desires to implement affordable housing strategies and activities as identified in the Strategic Plan;

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Whereas, the Town Board of Commissioners is authorized by N.C.G.S. § 160A-456(b) and N.C.G.S. § 157-4.1 to exercise directly those powers granted by law to a housing authority;

Whereas, acting under the powers granted to it, the Town may undertake any activity that is undertaken by a housing authority;

Whereas, The Town finds that there is a lack of safe or sanitary dwelling accommodations in the Town and said surrounding area available for all the inhabitants thereof.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN BOARD AS FOLLOWS:

1. RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorize the establishment of an Urgent Home Repair Program under N.C.G.S. § 157.

This resolution is effective this _____, 2024.

Attest:

Rusty Knox, Mayor
Town of Davidson

Elizabeth K. Shores, Town Clerk

THE TOWN OF DAVIDSON
JOB ORDER CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT (URGENT HOME REPAIRS)

This Job Order Construction Contract (the “Contract”) is made and entered into this 10th day of September, 2024, by and between **The Town of Davidson** (the “Owner”), and **JMC Finishing Services**, having its principal office and place of business, **415 Berkely Hill Drive, Charlotte, NC 28262**, being duly licensed to engage in general contracting in North Carolina and being qualified to do business in the State of North Carolina (the “the Contractor”).

The Owner and the Contractor agree as follows:

1. **Scope of Work:** The Contractor agrees to provide those services, labor, materials, and equipment for urgent home repairs as authorized by the Town. Such labor, services, equipment, and materials shall constitute the “Work.” Individual tasks will be assigned in writing on a project-by-project basis by an authorized representative of the Town. Such writing shall be in substantially the form attached hereto as Attachment 1, (“Work Order”), such Work Order to specify the specific Work desired by the Town; the dates, times and locations that the Contractor shall provide the requested Work; and the compensation that the Contractor will be paid for providing the requested Work. The Contractor will be deemed to have accepted a Work Order and be obligated to provide the Work as outlined in the Work Order in accordance with the price and other terms of the Work Order, and the terms and conditions hereof, unless within 24 hours after the Contractor’s receipt of a Work Order, the Contractor notifies the Project Coordinator (as hereinafter defined) in writing that it does not accept the Work Order and will not provide the requested Work.
2. **Term.** The term of this Contract shall be from _____ until _____.
3. **Compensation.** Compensation for an individual project shall be as stated in a Work Order. The total compensation under this contract for all Work Orders shall not exceed \$50,000. The Contractor shall submit the Contractor’s invoices or requests for payment to Town corresponding to the issued Work Order.
4. **The Contractor’s Responsibilities:** The Contractor agrees to be responsible for the following:
 - 4.1 The Contractor will supervise and direct the Work and shall furnish, provide, and pay for all labor, equipment, machinery, utilities, and services reasonably necessary for the execution and completion of the Work.
 - 4.2 The Contractor agrees to coordinate its Work with the work of any other separate Subcontractors or with the work of the Owner’s own forces to avoid delaying or interfering with their work. The Contractor further agrees to inform the Owner on a regular basis or at the Owner’s request of the progress of the Work.
 - 4.3 Unless otherwise provided, the Contractor shall secure and pay for all permits, licenses, or inspections necessary for the proper execution and completion of the Work; shall comply with all laws, ordinances, or regulations bearing on the performance of the Work; shall enforce good order and discipline among his employees and Subcontractors on the Project; and shall keep the Project reasonably free from waste materials or rubbish resulting from the Contractor’s operations.
 - 4.4 The Town will work to advertise the availability of the service within the Town of Davidson and its surrounding area in its extra territorial jurisdiction to those in need of Urgent Home Repair.
 - 4.5 The Town accepts applications, reviews qualifications, and approves applicants for the Urgent Home Repair relief.
 - 4.6 JMC assesses urgent repair within 24 hours of notification to determine the health and safety issues addressed through the Urgent Home Repair relief.
 - 4.7 Once the urgent repair has been reported by the community member and investigated by JMC, the repair may be made if it is \$3,000 or less.
 - 4.8 Any urgent repair exceeding \$3,000 but not exceeding \$5,000 will be reviewed by Town staff to determine if the repair should be made through the Urgent Home Repair program within 48 hours. Repairs over \$5,000 will be referred to the Essential Home Improvement program for consideration and shall not be funded through the Urgent Home Repair Program.
 - 4.9 After the repair is completed, JMC will submit a written follow-up report to Town staff to demonstrate the work that was performed.
 - 4.10 After the repair, JMC will invoice the Town for the work.
 - 4.11 As expenses are incurred, JMC may request reimbursement from the Town for funds under their control, provided they are associated with a work order issued by the Town.
 - 4.12 Town staff will inspect the repair within 5 business days and discuss the quality of the service and the repair with the community members.
 - 4.13 The Contractor certifies that it will maintain during its performance under this Contract the following insurance from one or more insurance companies acceptable to the Owner and authorized to do business in the State of North Carolina.
 - 4.14 At the request of the Owner, the Contractor agrees to furnish performance and payment bonds from a surety licensed to do business in North Carolina covering the Contractor’s faithful performance of this Contract and payment of the

Contractor's obligations arising hereunder. The Owner and the Contractor agree that if the Owner requests such performance and payment bonds, the Contract Price shall be increased by a change order by the amount of the premiums for such bonds.

3.15 The Contractor agrees to complete the work within 48 hours of the work order being issued, including on weekends. The Contractor further agrees that if the Contractor fails to complete the Work by the Date of Completion, the Owner will suffer damages that may be difficult to quantify. The Contractor thus agrees to pay as liquidated damages the amount of \$100.00 per calendar day for each day that the Work remains uncompleted after the Date of Completion. It is the responsibility of the Contractor to notify Owner of the date on which Work will be completed.

3.16 The Contractor warrants that the Contractor has visited the location of the Project and is familiar with all field conditions bearing upon the Contractor's performance of the Work; that the materials and equipment furnished under the Contract are of good quality and new (unless otherwise permitted); that the Work meets or exceeds the standards ordinarily observed in the industry; and that the Work conforms to the requirements of the Contract and to all applicable codes, ordinances, laws, or regulations. The Contractor further warrants and promises that the Work shall be free from defects and nonconformities in materials and workmanship for a period of one year from the later of the Date of Completion or such date as the Contractor completes all the Work, including punch list items. During such period the Contractor will remedy, at the Contractor's expense, nonconformities, or defects in the Work within 10 days after receiving notice thereof from Owner.

3.17 The Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the Owner, its officers, agents, employees and assigns from and against all claims, losses, costs, damages, expenses, attorneys' fees and liability that any of them may sustain (a) arising out of the Contractor's failure to comply with any applicable law, ordinance, regulation, or industry standard or (b) arising directly or indirectly out of the Contractor's performance or lack of performance of the Work or the terms and conditions of this Contract.

3.18 The Contractor further agrees to defend and indemnify the Owner from and against all claims, damages, losses, and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, arising out of the Contractor's breach of this Contract, specifically including, but not limited to, the Contractor's failure to pay subcontractors or materials suppliers.

5. **Owner's Responsibilities:** The Owner agrees to be responsible for the following:

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5.2 The Owner warrants that the Project is located on real property owned by the Owner, or that the Owner has a legal easement for the purpose of executing the work, and that access to such real property will be furnished to the Contractor at such times and on such dates as the Contractor may reasonably require in connection with the execution and completion of the Work.

5.3 Provided that the provisions of this Contract are being fulfilled by Contractor, Owner agrees to pay the Contractor the Contract Price for the Work as set forth in Exhibit 1, which is incorporated herein by reference as if fully set out herein.

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6. **Changes:** The Contractor agrees that the Owner may order changes in the general scope of the Work, including additions, deletions, and similar revisions. The parties agree to adjust the Contract Price and Date of Completion to reflect the effects of such changes, which adjustments shall be authorized only upon execution of a written change order.

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7. **Additional Provisions:** The Contractor agrees to the Standard Terms and Conditions set forth as Attachment A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Town of Davidson and the Contractor have executed this Contract on the day and year first written above.

the Contractor

Signature of Authorized Representative _____ Date _____

the Contractor's Federal Identification #
[if Contract is with Organization]

The Town of Davidson

This instrument has been pre-audited
in the manner required by the Budget and Fiscal Control Act.

Finance Officer	Date

(Witness)

By: _____

(Owner, or Corp. Pres. or Vice Pres. only)

ATTACHMENT 4

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ATTACHMENT A STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Town of Davidson Contract and Purchase Order Terms and Conditions

1. Acceptance. The Contractor's acknowledgment of the terms of this purchase order (this "Order"), without timely written objection, or the Contractor's shipment or performance of any part of this Order, constitutes an agreement to (i) all terms and conditions set forth or referenced herein and on the face of this Order, (ii) on any attachments hereto, (iii) any applicable solicitation documentation related to this Order (including without limitation any request for proposals or invitation for bids or the Contractor's response thereto) that deal with the same subject matter as this Order, and (iv) any other terms and conditions of a written agreement signed by the Contractor and the Town of Davidson that deals with the same subject matter as this Order (collectively, the "Contract Documents"). The terms and provisions set forth in the Contract Documents shall constitute the entire agreement between the Contractor and The Town of Davidson with respect to the purchase by the Town of Davidson of the (i) goods ("Goods") and/or (ii) services provided or work performed ("Services") as described in the Contract Documents. The agreements set forth in the Contract Documents are sometimes referred to herein as the "Contract." In the event of any conflict between any terms and conditions of the Contract Documents, the terms, and conditions most favorable to the Town of Davidson shall control. This Order constitutes an offer by the Town of Davidson and expressly limits acceptance to the terms and conditions stated herein. No additional or supplemental provision or provisions in variance herewith that may appear in the Contractor's quotation, acknowledgment, invoice, or in any other communication from the Contractor to the Town of Davidson shall be deemed accepted by or binding on the Town of Davidson. The Town of Davidson hereby expressly rejects all such provisions which supplement, modify or otherwise vary from the terms of the Contract Documents, and such provisions are superseded by the terms and conditions stated in the Contract Documents, unless and until the Town of Davidson's authorized representatives expressly assent, in writing, to such provisions. Stenographic and clerical errors and omissions by the Town of Davidson are subject to correction.

2. Quantities. Shipments must equal exact amounts ordered unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Town of Davidson. The award of a term contract neither implies nor guarantees any minimum or maximum purchases.

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4. Invoices. It is understood and agreed that orders will be shipped at the established Contract prices in effect on dates orders are placed. Invoicing at variance with this provision may subject the Contract to cancellation. Applicable North Carolina sales tax shall be invoiced as a separate item. Invoices shall be sent to the Town of Davidson's accounts payable department with a copy to the Town of Davidson Project Coordinator.

5. Freight on Board. All shipments of Goods are FOB destination unless otherwise stated in the Contract Documents.

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7. Payment Terms. Payment terms are Net 30 days after receipt of correct invoice or acceptance of Goods or Services, whichever is later.

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Commercial General Liability - the Contractor shall maintain commercial general liability insurance that shall protect the Contractor from claims of bodily injury or property damage which arise from performance under the Contract. This insurance shall include coverage for contractual liability. The policy limits of such insurance shall not be less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit each occurrence/annual aggregate. The Contractor shall name the Town of Davidson as additional insured on such policy or policies.

Worker's Compensation and Employers' Liability Insurance - Contractor shall meet the statutory requirements of the State of North Carolina for worker's compensation coverage and employers' liability insurance.

The Contractor shall also provide any other insurance or bonding specifically required in writing by the Town of Davidson or required by applicable law. Certificates of such insurance or bonding shall be furnished by the Contractor to the Town of Davidson and shall contain the provision that the Town of Davidson be given 30 days' written notice of any intent to amend or terminate by either the Contractor or the insuring or bonding company. Failure to furnish insurance or bonding certificates or to maintain such insurance or bonds shall be a default under the Contract and shall be grounds for immediate termination

of the Contract.

16. Termination for Convenience. In addition to all of the other rights which the Town of Davidson may have to cancel this Order, the Town of Davidson shall have the further right, without assigning any reason therefore, to terminate any work under the Contract Documents, in whole or in part, at any time at its complete discretion by providing 10 calendar days' notice in writing from the Town of Davidson to the Contractor. If the Contract is terminated by the Town of Davidson in accordance with this paragraph and provided Contractor has fulfilled its obligations under the Contract, the Contractor will be paid for the Goods or Services actually delivered or performed at the same rate as contemplated by the Contract. The Town of Davidson will not be liable to the Contractor for any Goods or services if the costs for such Goods or services were incurred after the date of the Order, provided however that the Town of Davidson shall be reimbursed by Contractor for the costs of any Goods that were incurred prior to such notice and not used by Contractor for the project associated with the Contract.

17. Termination for Default. The Town of Davidson may terminate the Contract, in whole or in part, immediately and without prior notice, upon breach of any of the terms of the Contract by the Contractor. In addition to any other remedies available to the Town of Davidson in law or equity, the Town of Davidson may procure upon such terms as the Town of Davidson deems appropriate, Goods or Services substantially similar to those so terminated, in which case the Contractor shall be liable to the Town of Davidson for any excess costs for such similar Goods or services and any expenses incurred in connection therewith.

18. Contract Funding. It is understood and agreed between the Contractor and the Town of Davidson that the Town of Davidson's obligation under the Contract is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds from which payment for Contract purposes can be made. No legal liability on the part of the Town of Davidson for any payment may arise until funds are made available to the Town of Davidson's Finance Officer and until the Contractor receives notice of such availability. Should such funds not be appropriated or allocated, the Contract shall immediately be terminated. The Town of Davidson shall not be liable to the Contractor for damages of any kind (general, special, consequential, or exemplary) as a result of such termination.

19. Accounting Procedures. The Contractor shall comply with any accounting and fiscal management procedures prescribed by the Town of Davidson that apply to the Contract and shall provide such fiscal control and accounting procedures as may be necessary for proper disbursement of and accounting for all project funds.

20. Improper Payments. The Contractor shall assume all risks attendant to any improper expenditure of funds under the Contract. The Contractor shall refund to the Town of Davidson any payment made pursuant to the Contract if it is subsequently determined by audit or routine accounting procedures that such payment was improper under the Contract or any applicable law, regulation, or procedure. The Contractor shall make such refunds within 30 calendar days after the Town of Davidson notifies the Contractor in writing that a payment has been determined to be improper.

21. Contract Transfer. The Contractor shall not assign, subcontract, or otherwise transfer any interest in the Contract without the prior written approval of the Town of Davidson.

22. Contract Personnel. The Contractor agrees that it has, or will secure at its own expense, all personnel required to perform the services set forth in the Contract.

23. Key Personnel. The Contractor shall not substitute key personnel (defined as those individuals identified by name or title in the Contract Documents or in written communication from the Contractor) assigned to the performance of the Contract without prior written approval from the Town of Davidson Project Coordinator (the individual at the Town of Davidson responsible for administering the Contract).

24. Contract Modifications. The Contract may be amended only by written amendment duly executed by both the Town of Davidson and the Contractor. However, minor modifications may be made by the Town of Davidson Project Coordinator in the event that such minor modifications: (a) do not change the intent of the Contract or the scope of the Contractor's performance; (b) do not increase the Contractor's total compensation or method of payment; and (c) either improve the overall quality of the product or service to the Town of Davidson without increasing the cost, or reduce the total cost of the product or service without reducing the quantity or quality. All such minor modifications to the Contract must be recorded in writing and signed by both the Project Coordinator and the Contractor and placed on file with the Contract. Any price adjustments must be in writing and signed by the Project Coordinator and the Contractor provided that such price adjustments

are made in furtherance of completion of the Contract.

25. Relationship of Parties. The Contractor is an Independent Contractor and not an employee of the Town of Davidson. The conduct and control of the work will lie solely with the Contractor. The Contract shall not be construed as establishing a joint venture, partnership, or any principal-agent relationship for any purpose between the Contractor and the Town of Davidson. Employees of the Contractor shall remain subject to the exclusive control and supervision of the Contractor, who is solely responsible for their compensation, insurance, and benefits.

26. Advertisement. The Contract will not be used in connection with any advertising by the Contractor without prior written approval by the Town of Davidson.

27. Nondiscrimination. During the performance of the Contract, the Contractor shall not discriminate against or deny its benefits to anyone based on sexual orientation, national origin, race, ethnic background, color, religion, gender, age or disability.

28. Conflict of Interest. The Contractor represents and warrants that no official of the Town of Davidson nor any of its employees, officers, or agents who might obtain a direct benefit, personal gain or advantage for themselves or a relative or associate as a result of the Contract, subcontract, or other agreement related to the Contract, is in a position to influence or has attempted to influence the making of the Contract, has been involved in making the Contract, or will be involved in administering the Contract. The Contractor shall cause this paragraph to be included in all Contracts, subcontracts and other agreements related to the Contract.

29. Gratuities to the Town of Davidson. The right of the Contractor to proceed may be terminated if the Town of Davidson determines that the Contractor, its agent, or another representative has offered or given a gratuity to an official, officer, employee, or agent of the Town of Davidson in violation of policies established by the Town of Davidson.

30. Kickbacks to the Contractor. The Contractor shall not permit any kickbacks or gratuities to be provided, directly or indirectly, to itself, its employees, subcontractors, or employees of subcontractors for the purpose of obtaining or rewarding favorable treatment in connection with a Town of Davidson Contract or in connection with a subcontract relating to a Town of Davidson Contract. When the Contractor has grounds to believe that a violation of this clause may have occurred, the Contractor shall promptly report such a violation in writing to the Town of Davidson.

31. Monitoring and Evaluation. The Contractor shall cooperate with the Town of Davidson, or with any other person or agency as directed by the Town of Davidson, in monitoring, inspecting, auditing, or investigating activities related to the Contract. The Contractor shall permit the Town of Davidson to evaluate all activities conducted under the Contract. The Town of Davidson has the right at its sole discretion to require that the Contractor remove any employee or agent of the Contractor from Town of Davidson property and from performing services under the Contract upon the Town of Davidson's dissatisfaction with the services of the Contractor's or subcontractor's employee.

32. Financial Responsibility. The Contractor is financially solvent and able to perform under the Contract. If requested by the Town of Davidson, the Contractor agrees to provide a copy of its latest audited annual financial statements or other financial statements as deemed acceptable by the Town of Davidson's Finance Officer. In the event of any proceedings, in bankruptcy or insolvency by or against the Contractor, the inability of the Contractor to meet its debts as they become due, or in the event of the appointment, with or without the Contractor's consent, of an assignee for the benefit of creditors or of a receiver, then the Town of Davidson shall be entitled, at its sole option, to cancel any unfilled part of the Contract without any liability whatsoever.

33. Governmental Restrictions. In the event any governmental restrictions are imposed which necessitate alteration of the material, quality, workmanship, or performance of the items offered prior to their delivery, it shall be the responsibility of the Contractor to notify, in writing, the issuing purchasing office at once, indicating the specific regulation which required such alterations. The Town of Davidson reserves the right to accept any such alterations, including any price adjustments occasioned thereby, or to cancel the Contract.

34. Inspection at the Contractor's Site. The Town of Davidson reserves the right to inspect, at a reasonable time, the equipment/item, plant, or other facilities of a prospective Contractor prior to Contract award and during the Contract term for the purposes of determining that such equipment/item, plant, or other facilities conform with the specifications/requirements of the Town of Davidson and are adequate and suitable for the proper and effective performance of the Contract.

35. Intellectual Property. The Contractor agrees, at its own expense, to indemnify, defend and save the Town of Davidson harmless from all liability, loss, or expense, including costs of settlement and attorney's fees, resulting from any claim that the Town of Davidson's use, possession, or sale of the Goods or Services infringes any copyright, patent or trademark or is a misappropriation of any trade secret.

36. No Pre-Judgment or Post-Judgment Interest. In the event of any action by the Contractor for breach of contract in connection with the Contract, any amount awarded shall not bear interest either before or after any judgment, and the Contractor specifically waives any claim for interest.

37. Background Checks. At the request of the Town of Davidson's Project Coordinator, the Contractor shall submit its employees a criminal background check or a drug testing procedure that are approved by the Town of Davidson.

38. Mediation. If a dispute arises out of or relates to the Contract, or the breach of the Contract, and if the dispute cannot be settled through negotiation, the parties agree to try in good faith to settle the dispute by mediation using a North Carolina certified mediator recommended by the Town of Davidson and using the "Rules for Mediated Settlement Conferences and other Settlement Procedures in Superior Court Civil Actions" before resorting to litigation.

39. No Third-Party Benefits. The Contract shall not be considered by the Contractor to create any benefits on behalf of any third party. The Contractor shall include in all contracts, subcontracts, or other agreements relating to the Contract an acknowledgment by the contracting parties that the Contract creates no third-party benefits.

40. Force Majeure. If the Town of Davidson is unable to perform its obligations or to accept the services or goods because of a Force Majeure, the time for such performance by the Town of Davidson or acceptance of services will be adjusted by allowing additional time for performance or acceptance of services equal to the period of time such Force Majeure was in effect. "Force Majeure" shall mean any delays caused by acts of God, riot, war, terrorism, inclement weather, labor strikes, material shortages and other causes beyond the reasonable control of the Town of Davidson.

41. Ownership of Documents. All documents created pursuant to the Contract shall, unless expressly provided otherwise in writing, be owned by the Town of Davidson. Upon the termination or expiration of the Contract, any and all finished or unfinished documents and other materials produced by the Contractor pursuant to the Contract shall, at the request of the Town of Davidson, be turned over to the Town of Davidson. Any technical knowledge or information of the Contractor which the Contractor shall have disclosed or may hereafter disclose to the Town of Davidson shall not, unless otherwise specifically agreed upon in writing by the Town of Davidson, be deemed to be confidential or proprietary information and shall be acquired by the Town of Davidson free from any restrictions as part of the consideration of the Contract.

42. Strict Compliance. The Town of Davidson may at any time insist upon strict compliance with these terms and conditions notwithstanding any previous course of dealing or course of performance between the parties to the contrary.

43. General Provisions. The Town of Davidson's remedies as set forth herein are not exclusive. Any delay or omission in exercising any right hereunder, or any waiver of any single breach or default hereunder, shall not be deemed to be a waiver of such right or of any other right, breach, or default. If action be instituted by the Contractor hereunder, the Town of Davidson shall be entitled to recover costs and reasonable attorney's fees. The Contractor may not assign, pledge, or encumber the Contractor's rights under this Order or delegate the performance of any of its obligations hereunder, without the Town of Davidson's prior, express written consent.

44. Contract Situs. All matters, whether sounding in contract or tort relating to the validity, construction, interpretation, and enforcement of the Contract, will be determined in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. North Carolina law will govern the interpretation and construction of the Contract and these Terms and Conditions.



AGENDA MEMO

To: Davidson Board of Commissioners

From: Pieter Swart, Finance Director

Date: September 10, 2024

Re: Discuss 2017 GO Bond Orders Issued in 2021 Update and Gymnasium Remediation Costs

ITEM SUMMARY/OVERVIEW

Voter approved GO Bonds were issued in 2021 from the 2017 Parks, Mobility and Greenways GO Bond orders. The cost of the projects has varied from the original projection, a grant was received to offset the cost of Beaty Park, and interest was earned on the bond proceeds.

Additionally, hazardous materials testing identified lead paint at the 251 South Street gymnasium. Remediation of the lead paint will cost \$135,000.

ACTION/PROPOSED MOTION

This item is for discussion only.

RELATED TOWN GOALS

Strategic Plan Alignment

Connecting People and Places - Expand, improve, and diversify the town's transportation network to provide residents and visitors with safe, convenient, accessible, reliable, and efficient multi-modal travel choices to connect people across the community.

Healthy, Livable, & Vibrant Community - Promote collaborative efforts to create livable spaces and healthy places to enhance quality of life for all residents.

Historic Preservation - Preserve the historic character of our Town, including its people, places, & stories. Honor the history of our residents through their lived experiences.

Operational Excellence - Provide efficient and high-quality public services and facilities through thoughtful and proactive planning, responsible stewardship of Town resources and a professional and committed workforce.

Core Values

Citizens entrust town government with the stewardship of public funds, so government will provide high quality services at a reasonable cost.

Open communication is essential to an engaged citizenry, so town government will seek and provide accurate, timely information and promote public discussion of important issues.

Citizens need to move easily throughout the town and region, so government will provide a variety of options, such as sidewalks, bike paths, greenways, connected streets, and transit.

The physical, social, and intellectual well-being of Davidson citizens is fundamental to our community, so town government will provide and encourage enjoyable, safe, and affordable recreational and cultural lifelong learning opportunities.

NEXT STEPS

The Board will be asked to consider approval of a resolution to allocate the 2021 GO Bond funding at the September 24, 2024 Board Meeting.



2017 GO Bond Orders Issued in 2021 Update and Approval of Gym Remediation Costs September 10, 2024

Piet Swart
Finance Director

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Agenda

- I. Issuance and Funds Available
- II. Project Status
- III. Gymnasium Project
- IV. Allocation of Funds
- V. Discussion

Issuance of Bonds and Funds Available

- Issuance of Bonds in 2021 resulted in \$4,704,613 in proceeds (net of issuance costs)
- Proceeds have earned \$117,691 in interest to date
- Total Funds available for projects: \$4,822,304

Project Status - Complete

<u>Completed Projects:</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
Beaty Park	\$2,118,661
Griffith St. Roundabouts - Pedestrian HAWK Signals	\$ 604,370
Plum Creek Park Restroom	\$ 495,885
Downtown Gathering Space	\$ 254,400

Project Status – In Progress

<u>Projects In Progress:</u>		<u>Funds Expended</u>	<u>Future Expenditures</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
Fisher Farm Park Restroom		\$ 455,372	\$ 15,000	\$ 470,372
Kincaid Trail				
	Grant Funded Section	\$ 128,542	\$ 121,958	\$ 250,500
	Gap Section	\$ -	\$ 149,500	\$ 149,500
Parham Park ADA Kayak Launch		\$ 18,635	\$ 236,365	\$ 255,000

Gymnasium Renovation Project

Hazardous materials testing identified lead-based paint on nearly all painted surfaces which will require remediation with a cost of \$135,000. Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission staff has reviewed and provided preliminary approval of the proposed solution.

Asbestos was also found, and removal cost was already included in the original scope of the project.

Parks GO Bond order allows for funds to be spent on the construction and renovation of Parks and Recreation facilities.

Allocation Summary

Net GO Bond Proceeds	\$ 4,704,614	
Interest Earnings	\$ 117,691	
Total Funds Available		\$ 4,822,304
Total Expenses	\$ 4,078,865	
Total Future Expenditures	\$ 657,823	
Total Projected Expenses		\$ 4,736,688
Unallocated Funds		\$ 85,616

Discussion





RESOLUTION 2024-XX

WHEREAS, on May 25, 2021 at a Town Board Meeting, the Town Board approved Resolution 2021-12 directing the issuance of GO Bonds which included Greenway Projects, Mobility Projects, Parks and Recreation Projects, and Public Facilities Projects

WHEREAS, Town Staff had presented the projects to be funded by the 2017 GO Bond Orders at the April 13, 2021 Town Board Meeting, and

WHEREAS, the cost to complete projects has varied from the original projection, and

WHEREAS, The Town received a PARTF grant to offset certain costs of Beaty Park, and the Town received income from the investment of the GO Bond proceeds, and

WHEREAS, funds are required to complete the lead paint remediation in the 251 South Street gymnasium renovation project,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town of Davidson Board of Commissioners:

To allocate funds from the 2017 GO Bond orders and issued in 2021 as follows:

Beaty Park	\$2,118,661
Griffith Street Roundabouts – Pedestrian HAWK Signals	\$ 604,370
Fisher Farm Park Restroom	\$ 470,372
Plum Creek Park Restroom	\$ 495,885
Kincaid Trail	\$ 400,000
Parham Park ADA Kayak Launch	\$ 255,000
Downtown Gathering Space	\$ 257,400
Gymnasium Renovation	\$ 135,000
Unallocated Funds	<u>\$ 85,616</u>
TOTAL	\$4,822,304

Adopted on the ____ of ____ 2024.

Attest:

Rusty Knox
Mayor

Elizabeth K. Shores
Town Clerk



AGENDA MEMO

To: Davidson Board of Commissioners

From: Leslie Willis, Parks & Recreation Director

Date: September 10, 2024

Re: Consider Adoption of the 2024 Parks and Recreation Master Plan

ITEM SUMMARY/OVERVIEW

In January 2024, the Town contracted with LandDesign to administer a Parks and Recreation Master Plan update. The current plan was completed in 2014 and an update to the Master Plan was necessary for future grant funding. Over the course of 8 months, 5 public-input sessions, and 2 surveys were administered to gather the current needs within the community. The current needs and national trends will be used to guide and make decisions regarding new and existing park amenities, recreational programs and investments. This item was presented and discussed at the meeting on August 27, 2024.

ACTION/PROPOSED MOTION

Motion to Adopt the 2024 Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

RELATED TOWN GOALS

Strategic Plan Alignment

Healthy, Livable, & Vibrant Community - Promote collaborative efforts to create livable spaces and healthy places to enhance quality of life for all residents.

Sustainability and Natural Assets - Preserve Davidson's natural assets and develop, implement, and actively encourage innovative solutions to environmental, energy, and climate-based challenges.

Connecting People and Places - Expand, improve, and diversify the town's transportation network to provide residents and visitors with safe, convenient, accessible, reliable, and efficient multi-modal travel choices to connect people across the community.

Affordable Living, Equity & Inclusion - Work together to foster a culture of equity, belonging, inclusion, and advance the Town's Affordable Housing program. Provide, create, and support opportunities for all. Treat everyone with respect, dignity, and recognize every voice.

Core Values

Citizens are the heart of Davidson, so town government will treat all people fairly, with courtesy and respect.

Open communication is essential to an engaged citizenry, so town government will seek and provide accurate, timely information and promote public discussion of important issues.

Davidson's historic mix of people in all income levels and ages is fundamental to our community, so town government will encourage opportunities, services, and infrastructure that allow people of all means to live and work here.

Citizens need to move easily throughout the town and region, so government will provide a variety of options, such as sidewalks, bike paths, greenways, connected streets, and transit.

Citizens must live in a healthy environment, so town government will protect watersheds, trees, air quality, and other elements of the town's ecology.

The physical, social, and intellectual well-being of Davidson citizens is fundamental to our community, so town government will provide and encourage enjoyable, safe, and affordable recreational and cultural lifelong learning opportunities.

Davidson exists in proximity to and is interdependent with other jurisdictions, so we strive for local, regional, state and federal cooperation.

NEXT STEPS

Motion to adopt the 2024 Parks and Recreation Master Plan.



Consider Adoption of the 2024 Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Leslie Willis,
Parks and Recreation Director
Board of Commissioners Meeting
September 10, 2024

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Parks and Recreation Update

- Current plan adopted in 2014
- Consultant - LandDesign
- 8-month process
- Included 5 public engagements and 2 surveys
- Cross referenced Comprehensive Plan, Climate Action Plan, Strategic Plan, and Vision Zero Plan



7 Dimensions of Wellness

- Cognitive Health (formerly Intellectual)
- Physical Health
- Social Health
- Environmental Health
- Vocational Health (formerly Occupational)
- Cultural Health (formerly Spiritual)
- Mental Health (formerly Emotional)

Master Plan Goals

- Carried over from the 2014 plan
- Intended to help guide all related decisions in order to realize a parks and recreation system that meets community expectations.

Master Plan Goals



Increase physical exercise



Promote safety to reduce injuries



Increase access to healthy food



Improve air + water quality



Minimize the effect of climate change



Decrease mental health stressors



Strengthen the social fabric of a community



Provide fair access to resources

Top 3 High Priority System Recommendations

- Increase funding as recommended in this Master Plan.
- Seek opportunities and support for public/private partnerships.
- Establish a 10-minute walk to a park, greenway, or public space.

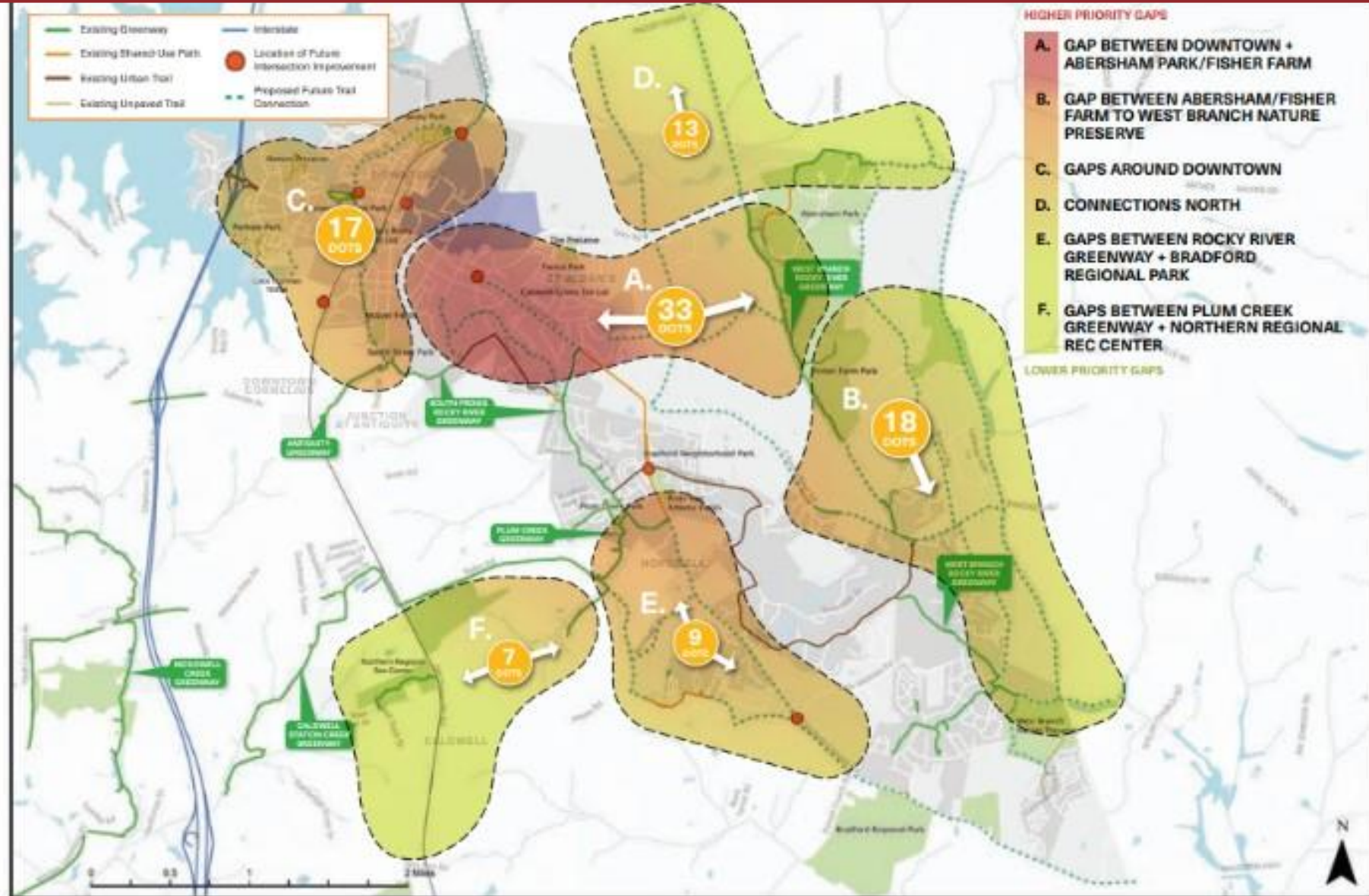
Top 3 High Priority Facility Recommendations

- Create a connected system of bike and pedestrian facilities.
- Ensure all facilities are maintained to a consistently high-quality standard.
- Increase active recreation amenities to provide closer access for residents.

Top 3 High Priority Programming Recommendations

- Continue to provide and expand special events in parks.
- Develop health and exercise programs that appeal to all of Davidson.
- Continue to expand and develop new summer camp programs for residents.

High Priority Greenway Gaps



MOTION:
Motion to adopt the 2024 Parks and
Recreation Master Plan





TOWN OF DAVIDSON

2024 PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN



 *The Town of*
Davidson

Original: August 28, 2014

Revised: August, 2024

Acknowledgments

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Executive Summary

It's been **10 years** since Davidson adopted the 2014 Parks & Recreation Master Plan.

The 2014 Parks & Recreation Master Plan is a reflection of the community's long-held values and support for parks, green space, climate resilience, fitness, and wellness. The plan defines a vision for the system based on these values, and has guided decision-making over the last 10 years. Today's system of parks, trails, programs, athletics, and large parcels of natural space is a result of this effort, and a **major contributor to Davidson's high quality of life and regional identity.**

Since 2014, the department has been proactive advancing recommendations in the Comprehensive Plan and 2014 Master Plan, seeking new funding opportunities and partnerships, and improving the communication strategy to increase awareness of offerings. Although **Davidson already exceeds many of the national standards for parks and recreation**, we believe there is always room to grow and improve.



We've added
47.4
ACRES OF PARKLAND
since adopting the
2014 Master Plan!

THE TOWN OF
DAVIDSON HAS...

9
miles of trail

27.4
acres of parkland
(per 1,000 residents)

1,126
residents per park

vs.

vs.

vs.

NATIONAL
STANDARDS
RECOMMEND...

2-10
miles of trail
(median range)

10.8
acres of parkland
(per 1,000 residents)

2,297
residents per park

The 2024 Update...

- **Evaluates the impact** of the original 2014 Master Plan;
- **Forecasts needs** for the next 20 years;
- Looks for **new partnership opportunities**;
- Considers **new trends and desires** as identified by the community; and,
- Includes a comprehensive and inclusive public process to **understand residents' priorities** for the future.

The 2024 Update brings together elements of Davidson's past and present, recognizes the values of the community, and provides structure through a community-supported set of recommendations that move the town toward its desired future.

508

people completed the
community survey.

93% of responses came from
Davidson residents.

60%

of respondents said the
top priority for this Plan
Update is to expand
trails and greenways.

The Town Green,
Fisher Farm,
Abersham Park, and
Roosevelt Wilson
Park were identified as
the most beneficial parks
in Davidson.

The Seven Dimensions of Health

The Town of Davidson recognizes that there are many types of health benefits that can be realized through the parks and recreation system, beyond physical health. It is through the lens of the **Seven Dimensions of Health** that the Parks & Recreation Master Plan and 2024 Update is developed, with the goal of enhancing measuring, developing and understanding the wellness benefits available to the town's residents through its parks, programs, and facilities.



Key Recommendations from the 2024 Update

SYSTEM RECOMMENDATIONS	FACILITY RECOMMENDATIONS	PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS
Establish a Town of Davidson Access Standard – Residents should be within a 10-minute walk to a park, greenway, or public space.	<i>Increase active recreation amenities to provide closer access for Davidson residents.</i>	<i>Increase programming to provide educational opportunities based on Davidson's environmental assets.</i>
<i>Update the Parks and Recreation Master Plan every 10 years.</i>	<i>Work with schools to improve outdoor learning.</i>	<i>Develop health and exercise programs that appeal to all of Davidson.</i>
<i>Increase funding as recommended in this Master Plan.</i>	<i>Continue to protect and leverage Davidson's natural assets.</i>	<i>Increase programming that utilizes lake access and water-based sports.</i>
<i>Partner with public and private schools and churches to provide more opportunities for shared-use facilities.</i>	Identify opportunities to provide more dog parks in Davidson.	<i>Continue to leverage and grow programming partnerships.</i>
Continue collaboration with Cornelius and Huntersville to provide programs and services to residents of all three communities.	<i>Create a connected bike/ped system between parks, open space, and key destinations.</i>	<i>Continue to partner with organizations to provide educational programs for bicyclists.</i>
Utilize the marketing and communications strategy to enhance education and awareness of program, schedule, and facility offerings.	Look for opportunities to establish more edible forests and urban farmland throughout Davidson.	<i>Continue to provide and expand special events in parks throughout Town.</i>
<i>Seek opportunities and support for land acquisition, adopt a park/trail, building, funding, and sponsorship opportunities.</i>	<i>Provide opportunities for diverse recreational opportunities and community gathering spaces throughout Davidson.</i>	Continue to expand and develop new summer camp programs for Town of Davidson residents.
<i>Continue and expand alternative funding through volunteers, grants, and donations.</i>	<i>Ensure all Davidson Parks and Recreation facilities are maintained to an equal and consistently high quality standard.</i>	Tie the impacts of public open space and programming to mental health.
Maintain or increase the level of maintenance in the park system. Continually assess the maintenance, risk, and safety in each park.	Provide amenities that cater to middle and high-school age students in Davidson parks.	<i>Create incentives to expand turnout for groups that currently are not using the system.</i>
<i>Continue to work through the Livability Board to support the development of the Department to meet the needs of the growing community.</i>	Provide more opportunities to connect to waterfronts in Davidson parks.	Provide programs that create opportunities for the whole family to recreate and exercise in one place.
Expand sustainability and conservation efforts town-wide.		Expand programs to increase attendance from middle and high school age students.
		Provide performing arts and music programming that connect to community gathering spaces.

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indicates Revised 2014 or New 2024 Recommendation

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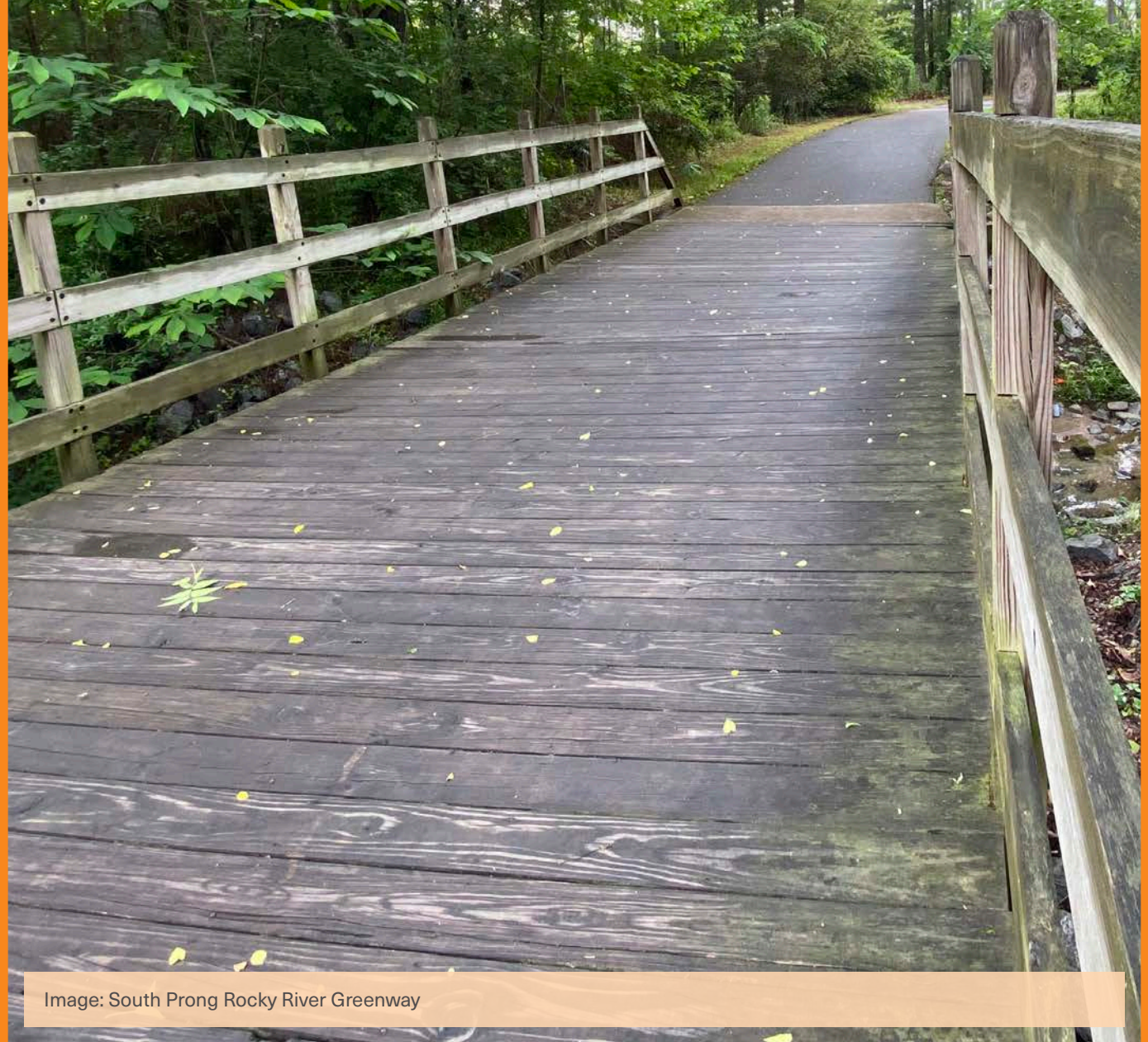


Image: South Prong Rocky River Greenway

01 Introduction

A PARK IS MORE THAN A PLACE TO RECREATE.

Parks contribute to the livability of a community and the health and well-being of its citizens.

A park is an asset to the community, often functioning as one or more of the following: a community meeting space, a venue for the arts, an environmental conservation area and an economic driver. It is a space that: (1) enhances the quality of life in a community; (2) catalyzes development (or redevelopment) stimulating private investment, particularly on land in close proximity; and (3) improves the overall health and well-being of the residents.

Benefits of Parks and Recreation Systems

As illustrated in the following graphic, the National Recreation and Parks Association's Synopsis of 2010 Research Papers summarizes the key categories to which parks and recreation contribute to building healthy and vibrant communities.



PHYSICAL HEALTH

Parks and recreation facilities play a key role in the physical health of a community. Designated outdoor recreation space encourages physical activity and provides a connection to nature. Studies suggest that communities with a greater availability of parks, greenways and trails have residents with lower rates of chronic disease and obesity and longer life spans. (National Recreation and Park Association, Synopsis of 2010 Research Papers: The Key Benefits).

MENTAL HEALTH

Parks and recreation departments have an immense impact on residents' mental health. "Numerous studies demonstrate that access to green views and environments can improve cognitive functioning, impulse control, resilience to stressful life events and overall mental health. Conversely, studies report a link between low nature access with increases in attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), clinical depression, stress and anxiety." (National Recreation and Park Association, Synopsis of 2010 Research Papers: The Key Benefits).

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Parks have often been described as the "lungs of the town." Parks contribute to air quality, reduce heat island effect and, when well-designed, serve as natural water and wastewater treatment facilities. In addition, well-connected parks and designated open space serve as wildlife corridors and contiguous natural flora habitat, and promote sustainable uses of open space.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

The economic impact of parks can be measured in a variety of ways. Researchers indicate that parks are one of the most cost-effective ways to lower long-term health care expenditures, reduce costs associated with removing air pollutants from the air and generate greater tax revenues from properties near parks and designated open space. Parks can provide employment opportunities for groups typically marginalized in the traditional workforce such as youth. Parks and open space serve as a catalyst for economic development by often increasing the value of nearby properties, increasing property tax revenue and attracting businesses and trained employees in search of a high quality of life.



SOCIAL FUNCTION

Parks provide community meeting space, a place for residents to come together regardless of class or race. Research suggests that access to parks and recreation facilities alleviates isolation in individuals, especially the elderly.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Effective park and recreation programming supports "the development of life skills in adolescents." One study suggests that "students who participate in at least one hour of extracurricular activities per week are 49% less likely to use drugs and 37% less likely to become a teen parent." (National Recreation and Park Association, Synopsis of 2010 Research Papers: The Key Benefits).



You can measure the health of a town by the vitality and energy of its streets and public open space."

- William H. Whyte

PROJECT PURPOSE

Davidson residents recognize the health, economic, social, and environmental value of parks. The town has expressed a dedication to improving community health and an interest in investing in parks and related recreation facilities, including passing a General Bond Referendum in 2017 and input into the Town's Comprehensive Plan, to ensure that Davidson is a location of choice for residents, businesses, and visitors alike. More importantly, they have demonstrated support for taking formal steps to develop a plan through an inclusive public process to determine the appropriate future investments. For this reason, the town engaged its residents and other stakeholders in a planning process to develop a Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

In general, a plan is a guiding policy document. It is a framework and tool that helps inform and guide decisions throughout a community. For Davidson, the master plan provides a resource for the public to learn about the value of parks and recreation facilities, defines priorities, informs decisions made by town leaders about investments and aids the coordination of community and health-focused programming throughout the municipality. The master plan brings together elements of Davidson's past and present, recognizes the values of the community and provides structure through a community-supported set of recommendations that will move Davidson toward its desired future.

ABOUT THE PLAN

This assessment describes the planning process and progress to date. In addition, it presents the following:

- the goals of the plan as determined with input from the community;
- a summary of data gathered through research, stakeholder interviews, public meetings, community survey, field observations and a review of available relevant information (i.e., GIS data, adopted plans and other relevant policy documents);
- a community profile, which summarizes demographic information about the community;
- nationally-accepted service standards that provide guidance in local investment decisions;
- an inventory and assessment of the existing facilities and programs in and around Davidson.

The results of the assessment inform this Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update and supporting recommendations for implementation.



PLANNING PROCESS

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Inventory and Analysis

Existing conditions assessment

2

Community Input

Public meetings, stakeholder interviews, community survey

3

Final Report

Recommendations and Action Plan for the Davidson Parks and Recreation Master Plan

The Planning Process

The process to develop the original 2014 plan took the community from an understanding of the current system (the facilities and programs available today), to the creation of a vision for a future system, to the identification of near-term and long-term steps to realize that future vision. Carried out over a nine-month period, the planning process included three phases: Phase One: Inventory and Analysis, Phase Two: Community Input and Phase Three: Final Report. The update in 2024 was a nine-month process.

This document provides the components of the 2024 Master Plan Update: a summary of progress that the Town has made over the last ten years, an assessment of the priorities and needs of current and future Davidson residents, and a 20-year implementation Action Plan that includes recommendations, target dates for implementation, potential costs, and funding strategies for Davidson Parks and Recreation.

Critical to the success of the Plan Update was a comprehensive public engagement component that provided multiple opportunities for Davidson residents and other stakeholders to give feedback and offer suggestions regarding the future system. These efforts included two public forums, monthly public status meetings and other engagement activities. The following is a summary of the avenues through which community input from these activities was gathered.

- Assisting with the process is a Livability Board made up primarily of individuals representing residents, property owners, local business interests, town representatives and staff, supplemented by community leaders representing schools and land conservancy. (For a complete list of Livability Board members please refer to Appendix A, page 81.)

- Feedback from the Town of Davidson Livability Board gave insight into on how to incorporate their ideas and helped provide input to refine health- and livability-based performance measures.
- To supplement the quantitative and qualitative data gathered through the project team's efforts, interviews with key personnel from relevant town departments, key staff members of county and regional agencies and selected stakeholders, such as community group representatives, recreation leaders and recreation-based business organizations, were conducted.
- Input solicited at multiple community pop-up meetings held at critical decision-making points during the process gave the public opportunities to become acquainted with the planning process, understand the purpose of the plan, provide feedback, help guide plan development and offer ideas for implementation action steps.
- A community survey of existing and future facilities and programming was administered both online and in-person to the residents of Davidson.

All of the input received through these activities has been synthesized to reconfirm the goals presented in this document, and they will provide guidance throughout the remainder of the planning process.

The Davidson Parks and Recreation Mission

Community health and welfare is a central focus of the Town of Davidson and a primary goal of its many policies and plans. It is listed as a core value in the town's Mission Statement and they have conducted several plans and studies regarding health, including the Davidson Strategic Plan (2024-2026), the Davidson Design for Life: Health Impact Assessment of the Pedestrian and Active Transportation Plan (2014), Davidson Walks and Rolls: An Active Transportation Plan (2013), and the Davidson Aging in Place Task Force (2008).

It is through this lens that the 2014 Parks and Recreation Master Plan, and the 2024 Update, has been developed. The following Seven Dimensions of Health were used as a guide when assessing the existing system and developing policies and a vision for the future:

- Cognitive Health (formerly Intellectual)
- Physical Health
- Social Health
- Environmental Health
- Vocational Health (formerly Occupational)
- Cultural Health (formerly Spiritual)
- Mental Health (formerly Emotional)

The dimensions were revised in the 2024 Update to better align with and reflect the terminology of Davidson's municipality goals, as outlined in the 2020 Comprehensive Plan.

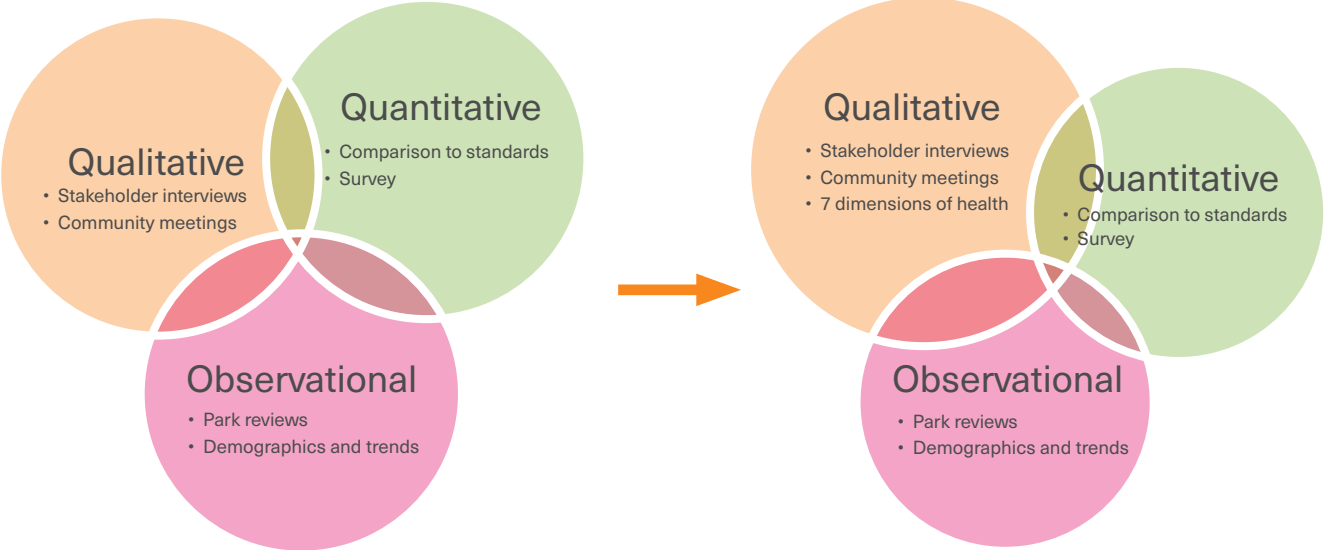
Measuring Impact using the Seven Dimensions of Health

Historically, parks and recreation departments have been defined in relatively narrow terms. Their emphasis is placed on the quantity and quality of facilities and programs being provided to the public. While health and wellness programs are nearly always referenced with their potential benefits – such as reduced obesity, fewer incidences of chronic disease, decreased stress levels and improved mental health – less emphasis has been placed on measurable benefits of specific facilities and programs. In addition, traditional methods of benchmarking do not always provide an adequate understanding of the scale and scope of health and wellness benefits provided by a parks and recreation department.

The 2014 Parks and Recreation Master Plan process for the Town of Davidson helped to create a better method for measuring, developing and understanding the health and wellness benefits available to the town's residents. In addition to the traditional planning steps completed during this process, additional measures were taken to include the Seven Dimensions of Health. For every potential recommendation, the health impacts for residents were considered, through all seven lenses. The 2014 Parks and Recreation Master Plan laid the foundation for the specific health and wellness benefits the community can achieve. **The intent of the 2024 Plan Update is to continue using a revised version of the Seven Dimensions of Health as a guidepost for the Department** – They provide a system to improve the overall health of Davidson and check the plan's effectiveness during implementation.



FIGURE 1: BALANCE OF DATA SOURCES IN PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN



The results of these efforts is a plan that relies more heavily on qualitative data for its development than in the past. Figure 1 illustrates the typical balance of data sources used for the development of parks and recreation master plans, and how that balance has shifted in this process.

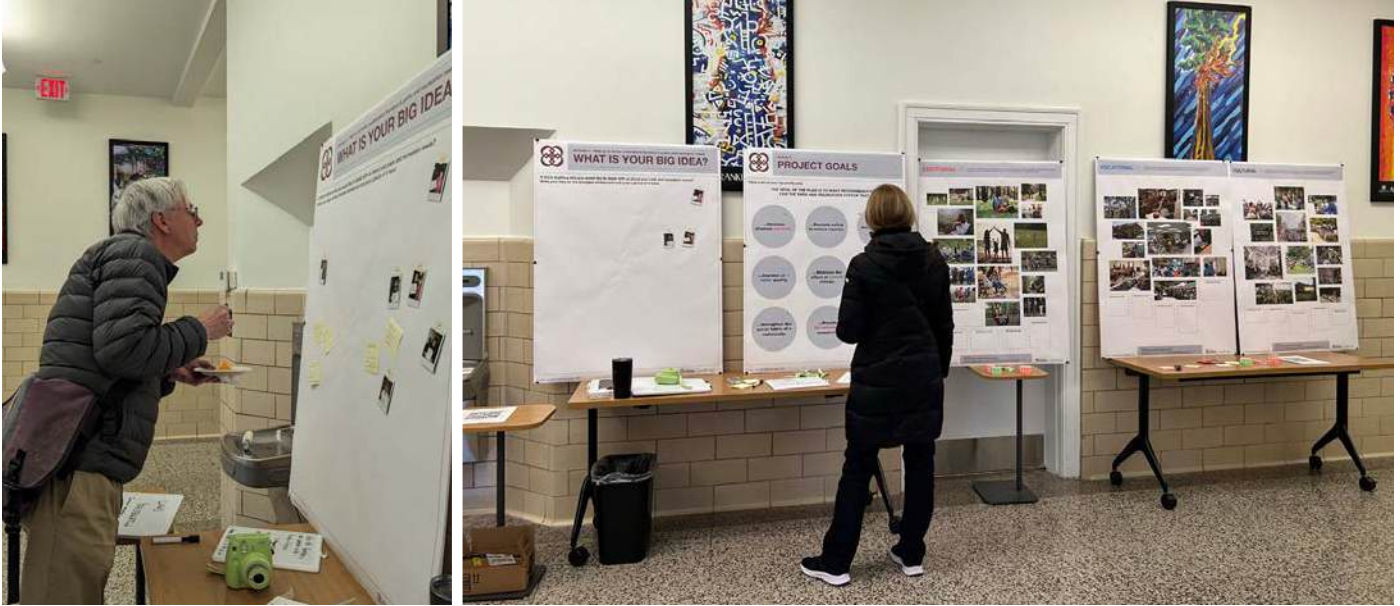
Increased emphasis on the qualitative analysis in this plan led to the creation of quantitative metrics that the town can track and measure to determine the success of implementation efforts and the impact of implementation on the overall health and wellness of Davidson’s residents.

An important step in developing this model is the creation of a framework that will allow for its implementation and continued use in future master plan updates. The following steps have been taken, and should be repeated in future iterations of this planning process:

1. Define the Seven Dimensions of Health based on the municipality’s principles.
2. Establish current issues facing Davidson’s Parks and Recreation Department for each of the Seven Dimensions of Health.
3. Continually revisit and consider the impacts on the Seven Dimensions throughout the process, when applicable. Examples of when and how the dimensions can be incorporated are as follows (the list not exhaustive):

- At public meetings, attendees can determine preference for facilities or programs, but will then be asked to determine which dimension of health the facility or program will impact.
 - Update the parks and recreation classification system that helps to maximize impact on the Seven Dimensions of Health. Utilize feedback from public meetings to determine the public’s perception of which activities / facilities have added value for each of the Seven Dimensions of Health.
 - Thoroughly map the area to spatially determine spatially how well Davidson’s needs are being met in regard to each of the Seven Dimensions of Health.
 - When developing a set of recommendations, create a running list of how many of the dimensions each recommendation will improve. Use this as an element to prioritize activities in the action plan.
4. Develop metrics to help measure how parks and recreation policies have effected change in each of the Seven Dimensions of Health and the issues identified earlier in the process.

These steps ensure that the Seven Dimensions of Health are addressed throughout the process and lead to a plan that results in a healthier community.



Davidson residents attending the MLK Jr Day Celebration were asked about what their 'big idea' is for Davidson Parks and Recreation, among other questions. Their responses helped to inform the project goals and priorities.

Goals

Davidson is a growing community, a college town with residents from all over the country and a sizable international population. It has strong connections to the past and great aspirations for the future. Recognizing this, the following goals were defined early in the process to ensure the community's values remain in focus throughout the planning effort and as implementation of the plan occurs. These goals were developed during the 2014 planning process, based on a study of related plans and studies, research of demographic and socioeconomic data, stakeholder interviews, and meetings with staff. Ultimately, **the goals are intended to help guide all related decisions in order to realize a parks and recreation system that meets community expectations.**

Master Plan Goals



Increase physical exercise



Promote safety to reduce injuries



Increase access to healthy food



Improve air + water quality



Minimize the effect of climate change



Decrease mental health stressors



Strengthen the social fabric of a community



Provide fair access to resources

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Community Profile

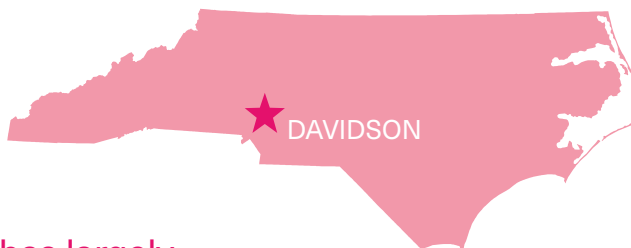


Image: Paddleboarding at a summer camp program on Lake Norman (2012)

02 Community Profile

THE TOWN OF DAVIDSON

is located in Mecklenburg County, approximately 20 miles from downtown Charlotte. Founded in 1837 with the establishment of Davidson College, the economy has largely been dominated by academia for the past 100 years. Davidson has also grown steadily over the past century due to its textile mills, relative location to the railroad, and in-migration of residents commuting to Charlotte. Today, Davidson is a growing community and a location of choice for residents and businesses due to the quality of life, presence of Davidson College and the Town's proximity to Charlotte.



Demographics

POPULATION

Davidson had an estimated population of 15,771 residents, according to 2022 US Census population estimates. The 4,827 new residents between 2010 and 2020 equated to a growth rate of 4.4% (Table 1). This rate was significantly greater than Mecklenburg County, which only grew at a rate of 2.7% during the same period.

TABLE 1: POPULATION GROWTH FROM 2000 TO 2020

Population	Davidson	Meck County	NC
Population, 2000	7,139	695,454	8,049,313
Population, 2010	10,944	919,625	9,535,483
Population, 2020	15,106	1,115,482	10,439,388
Population, 2022 (estimate only)	15,771	1,145,392	10,695,965
% Change (2010-2020)	4.4%	2.7%	2.5%

SOURCE: US CENSUS BUREAU QUICK FACTS

POPULATION BY AGE COHORT

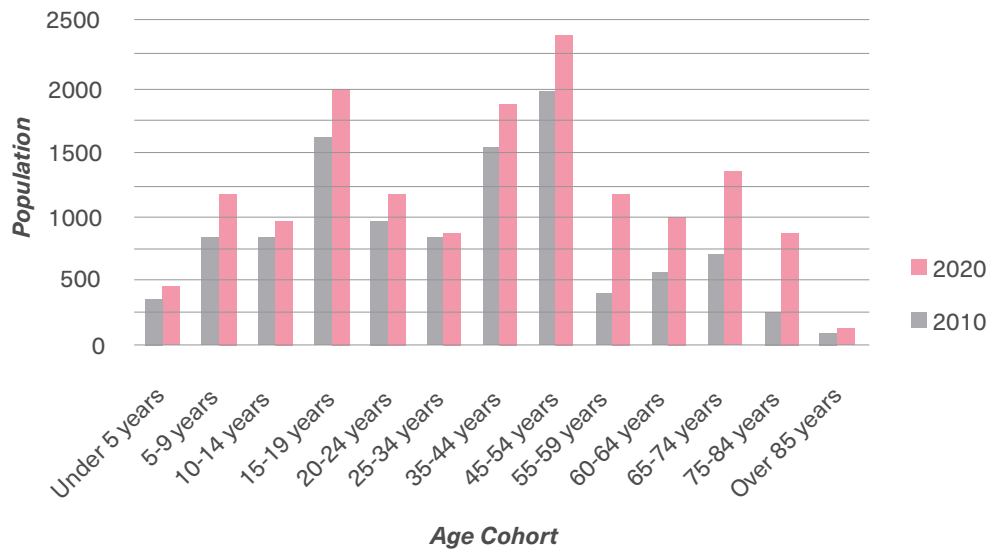
Table 2 shows Davidson's population change between 2010 and 2020, by age cohort. Older adults, 55 years and up, had some of the highest growth rates indicating that Davidson's senior population will likely continue to grow over the next 10 years, and will need services and programming that caters to their demographic.

TABLE 2: POPULATION GROWTH BY AGE (2010 - 2020)

Age	2010	2020	% Change
Under 5 years	337	451	33.8%
5-9	842	1,144	35.9%
10-14	842	950	12.8%
15-19	1,661	2,004	20.7%
20-24	983	1,141	16.07%
25-34	834	839	0.6%
35-44	1,546	1,876	21.3%
45-54	1,920	2,342	21.9%
55-59	379	1,113	193.7%
60-64	523	995	90.2%
65-74	716	1,315	83.7%
75-84	225	832	269.8%
Over 85	96	197	105.2%

SOURCE: US CENSUS BUREAU QUICK FACTS

FIGURE 2: POPULATION CHANGE BY AGE 2010 - 2020



As shown in Figure 2 (above), the largest groups of people and the largest amounts of population growth are from 15-19 years old, 35-44 years old and 45-54 years old. Interestingly, the 25-34 year-olds have a significantly lower population than the other age cohorts; possible reasons for this trend are that Davidson College students leave after graduation to find jobs, or they are being priced out of the market.

ETHNICITY AND RACE

Davidson's racial and ethnic composition in 2020 paints a picture that is much different than the compositions of Mecklenburg County and the rest of the state. The largest group, whites, comprises a vast majority of the town (83%). It appears to be a much less racially diverse town than Mecklenburg County and surrounding municipalities.

TABLE 3: ETHNICITY AND RACE BY PERCENTAGE 2020

Ethnicity and Race	Davidson	Meck County	NC
White	83%	56.4%	69.9%
Black	8.3%	33.2%	22.2%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.0%	0.9%	1.6%
Asian	2.6%	6.7%	3.6%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%
Two or more races	5.7%	2.7%	2.6%
Hispanic or Latino origin	3.5%	14.4%	10.5%
White persons, not Hispanic	80.9%	44.9%	61.5%

SOURCE: US CENSUS BUREAU QUICK FACTS

HOUSEHOLDS

There are an estimated 4,253 households in Davidson, a 73.4% increase from 2000. This increase is outpacing the population growth rate, indicating that the average household size appears to be shrinking in Davidson. Seemingly at odds with this estimate, Davidson also has a higher percentage of homeowners in owner-occupied, single-family structures, when compared to Mecklenburg County and the state. In addition, as noted in Table 4, the median value of owner-occupied units in Davidson is more than two times higher than Mecklenburg County and nearly three times higher than those of the state.

TABLE 4: HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

Households (2018-2022)	Davidson	Meck County	NC
Households,	5,510	446,584	4,105,232
Homeownership rate	76.5%	55.9%	66.2%
Median gross rent	\$1,615	\$1,413	\$1,093
Median value of owner-occupied housing units	\$572,300	\$334,700	\$234,900

SOURCE: US CENSUS BUREAU QUICK FACTS

INCOME

The median household income in Davidson is currently estimated at \$140,938, which is significantly higher than Mecklenburg County (\$79,265) and the state median (\$66,186). In addition, as noted in Table 5, poverty rate of Davidson is much lower than Mecklenburg County and North Carolina.

TABLE 5: INCOME INFORMATION

Income (2018-2022)	Davidson	Meck County	NC
Median household income	\$140,938	\$79,265	\$66,186
People of all ages in poverty, percent	5.9%	10.3%	12.8%

SOURCE: US CENSUS BUREAU QUICK FACTS

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Davidson continues to outpace both Mecklenburg County (90.0%) and North Carolina (89.4%) in terms of high school graduation rates at 97%. The percentage of persons older than 25 with a bachelor's degree or higher (74.3%), is also significantly higher than Mecklenburg County (47.8%) and North Carolina (33.9%).

Growth Implications for Davidson Parks and Recreation

While Davidson is interconnected with Mecklenburg County and the Charlotte-Metropolitan area, it also has unique market characteristics when compared to surrounding communities. As apparent from the demographic analysis section, Davidson is a rapidly growing community that is primarily both affluent and well-educated. In preparation for the 2024 Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update, the team reviewed the 2020 Davidson Comprehensive Plan. The Town also reviewed the findings from the Davidson Economic Strategic Plan – a market study that the Town of Davidson completed in 2012 that helped to inform growth implications for the original 2014 Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Much of these findings are still relevant:

- Davidson is among the highest educated, with the highest household income and highest home values in the region.
- The lifestyle characteristics include affluent young families, empty nesters and retirees.
- The local government that provides services is largely supported by residential property taxes with opportunities for revenue growth in commercial property taxes, retail sales tax and hotel occupancy/food taxes.
 - Davidson's economic base is driven by: Education; Professional and Technical; Finance and Insurance; and Health and Social Assistance industries.
- Davidson has limited opportunities in the retail sector due to market constraints, trade area and competitive supply. The focus should be on differentiating from the traditional “big box” and suburban models of shopping experiences.
- Housing is a key concern in Davidson, in particular as it relates to low income and workforce housing, but also extending to middle income households. Housing in Davidson continues to favor traditional single-family development, while leaving opportunities for senior living, apartments and other alternative housing options that might appeal to young professionals. Davidson's desirability as a place to live has increased the cost of living beyond the reach of many low- and middle-income workers, who are forced to live outside of Davidson and commute in, or are considered to be cost-burdened.
- Traffic is a top concern within the Davidson community. Traffic congestion from automobiles has increased due to a variety of factors, including rapid growth throughout the region. A strong desire exists to increase the variety of travel options, with a focus on active transportation.

Some important assets to the Town of Davidson are the following:

- Currently, the growth in population and capital flows in Davidson are a result of inbound residential migration.
- Davidson has a highly educated and highly skilled workforce due to its location relative to Davidson College.
- Davidson has a highly engaged citizenry that is intellectually and socially diverse.

Recent Trends in Parks and Recreation

The Team researched key national and regional lifestyle and leisure trends in order to better understand the recreational needs and demands at a Town level. The following summary highlights the current trends, interests, and best practices that could be relevant to the Davidson community and incorporated into the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update. A variety of sources were used to gather information for this Trend Summary, including the following:

- American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM)
- American Council on Exercise (ACE)
- Landscape Structures
- National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA)
- Trust for Public Land
- USA Pickleball

The following topics are not provided in a priority order.

SYSTEM TRENDS

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

There is a growing acknowledgment that access to parks, greenways, and recreation is historically not equitable. According to the NRPA, equitable park access is defined as just and fair quantity, proximity and connections to quality parks, green spaces and recreation facilities, as well as programming that is safe, inclusive, culturally relevant and welcoming to everyone. Establishing diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) programs in parks and recreation departments is helping to close the gap in park access. As of 2023, nearly 2 in 3 park and recreation agencies have, or plan to have in the immediate future, an established DEI framework/formal DEI activities.¹ These activities can include the following:

- Hiring practices and policies that promote a diverse workforce
- Staff education and professional development opportunities
- Community engagement policies that reach underrepresented demographics
- Recreation programming policies that cater to multicultural audiences

¹ <https://www.nrpa.org/contentassets/f768428a39aa4035ae55b2aaff372617/2023-dei-report.pdf>

- Contracting/procurement requirements (i.e. minority or women-owned businesses)
- Policies for providing marketing materials and promotions in multiple languages

Environmental Stewardship

Nearly every park and recreation agency has sustainability strategies that incorporate recycling, water conservation, energy use reduction, and natural habitat protection. But, according to NRPA, only 43% have or operate a formal sustainability plan with specific targets. Because parks and recreation agencies manage so much of communities' open space and undeveloped land, sustainability plays a vital role in parks and recreation. This includes a department-wide commitment to exceeding regulatory requirements for environmental protections, controlling erosion, following current stormwater regulations, and preserving wetlands, waterway channels, naturalized areas, and habitats. Agencies are planting more trees, transitioning to native-only and climate-adaptable plant palettes, and retrofitting infrastructure to reduce their carbon footprint. Park improvements and new parks and greenways are more integrated with the natural landform and sensitive to the surrounding environment to minimize impact. Some departments are pursuing LEED certification for municipal buildings, and adopting climate action plans that guide short- and long-term strategies to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and establish goals for carbon neutrality (Davidson already has an adopted Climate Action Plan). Parks and recreation departments have an obligation to lead by example with established sustainability principles, programmatic elements that teach trail etiquette, leave-no-trace, and other environmentally-friendly activities.

Technology in Parks

The integration of technology in parks is expanding, providing benefits to both park visitors and parks and recreation departments. For parks and recreation departments, technology is a useful tool for collecting data about park visitation and assessing environmental conditions. User counters and geofencing can be used to detect users' presence in the park and relay that data to a central location.

More communities are choosing to provide free WiFi hubs in parks (called 'smart parks') to cater to people who want or need to connect. This helps to remove barriers for those who need access to messaging apps, streaming, social media, or

critical services, bridging the digital divide. People often seek out and stay longer at parks that have internet. Departments are also leveraging digital kiosks and mobile apps to enhance the user experience and increase visitation. Kiosks can include interactive maps, educational materials, quizzes, and other activities and resources to engage the community. Some kiosks can even allow people to easily register for upcoming programs while those opportunities are top of mind.

FACILITY / DESIGN-RELATED TRENDS

Dog Parks

Dog parks are becoming more present in community parks. Not everyone wants to live next door to a dog park, but nearly every community wants one. The latest survey from Trust for Public Land indicated that from 2009 to 2020, the number of dedicated off-leash dog parks in the US increased by over 42% to more than 800.² Dog parks provide a fenced-in space where their dog can run free and burn some energy, especially important for people who do not have yards at home. Dog parks socialize pets, and also their owners; dog owners get a place to meet and form friendships with other dog owners from diverse neighborhoods and backgrounds.

Dog parks can simply be a fenced-in open space, or they can be extravagant playgrounds for dogs. Play structures, obstacles, and tunnels, are becoming increasingly more common. These structures can aid with training and create different ways for pets to play and engage with other dogs. Dog drinking fountains, washing stations, shade shelters, and seating areas are other human-focused amenities that are becoming more popular in dog parks. Dog parks can be developed as a standalone amenity, or easily retrofitted into an existing park.

Inclusive Playgrounds

Inclusive playgrounds create safe places for children of all physical, sensory, and developmental abilities to play outside – this includes wheelchair-accessible surfaces and ramps, customized equipment (such as special swings, zipline/glidens, companion slides, etc.), and sensory play elements (such as music stations, texture panels, etc.). Play, for all children, is an important place for cognitive, emotional, and physical development. Playgrounds offer opportunities to socialize, challenge themselves, and develop their motor skills.

² "The Trust for Public Land Releases U.S. City Rankings for Dog Parks" <https://www.tpl.org/media-room/trust-public-land-releases-us-city-rankings-dog-parks>

An inclusive playground does not mean that there is special equipment in a separate area, but the entire space is designed as a cohesive and integrated place where play opportunities cater to all kinds of kids.

Spray Parks / Splash Pads

Splash pads are replacing community swimming pools in many communities, because they offer a break from the summer heat without the high cost of traditional pools, level of staffing requirements, with minimal maintenance and a no- or low-cost entry fee. Toddlers are able to be more adventurous at a splash pad than a swimming pool, because they can interact with the different bubblers and misting equipment without needed to know how to swim. There is very little standing water at a splash pad, which lowers risk of drowning at a splash pad and negates the need for fencing, signage, and lifeguards. Splash pads can be developed as a standalone amenity, or easily retrofitted into an existing park/inside a family aquatic center.

RECREATION TRENDS

Greenways and Trails

People across the nation are demanding more biking and walking connectivity throughout their communities, especially along greenways separated from vehicles. Trails increase physical activity across communities, especially when they connect residents to parks, and provide diverse opportunities for walking, running, hiking, skating, wheelchair recreation, and bicycling. They can serve as recreational spines along a linear park, waterway, or rail corridor as well as an alternate form of transportation. Trails improve the quality of life for residents.

Pickleball

Across the country there is a growing demand for more pickleball courts in public parks – some departments are even restriping existing tennis courts to meet the needs of their residents. In 2023, the Sports and Fitness Industry Association (SFIA) named pickleball the fastest-growing sport in America for the third consecutive year in its annual 2023 Topline Participation Report. According to the report, pickleball is now up to a total of 8.9 million players in the United States over the age of six years old, an increase from 4.8 million in 2022. Pickleball is a relatively approachable sport that is easy to learn with minimal gear required. The sport appeals to many different age groups, including seniors.

Skate Parks

Skate parks cater to people of all ages, genders, backgrounds, and abilities. They appeal to diverse users such as skateboarders, scooterers, BMXers, wheelchair users inline, and roller skaters. In recent years, older skaters and even families are becoming more prevalent in skate parks. This popularity is creating more demand for designated places to skate/roll. Skate parks promote active outdoor recreation for teens and help build self esteem by creating safe places to learn or practice. Today, many communities are finding that their skate parks can even generate revenue by offering programming and lessons. Skateboarding classes, clinics, and camps in completed skate parks can have lower overhead than many traditional recreation programs and encourage a positive climate by establishing a consistent adult presence. Providing designated skate parks also help to deter skateboard-related vandalism (chips and scuffs on concrete walls and rails caused by grinding ledges) around the community.

Drones

Recreational drones are becoming more affordable and more accepted in park settings. Hobbyist drones give people the opportunity to experience the outdoors from a bird's-eye view, take pictures of the landscape, and get close to wildlife. However, because drone popularity has skyrocketed, local regulations regarding the use of drones for recreation have not kept up. There are positive aspects to having drones in parks for their use in helping to manage parks and facilities. Drones can be used in conservation efforts, public safety, and natural resource management.

Recreational flying of drones, on the other hand, often creates concern from the public due to private property encroachment, and perceived privacy and security intrusions. Complaints that drones pose safety problems, cause noise pollution and are a nuisance to other park visitors have also become more common. To alleviate these public concerns, park and recreation professionals need to figure out how to regulate drones and accommodate public recreation flying in a way that is safe and productive. Stronger guidelines about how, when, and where hobbyists can fly their drones in Town-managed parks can give people an outlet to fly their drones while increasing general acceptance of this new form of recreation. The Department could offer new programming and events that are planned around drones.



Image: Beaty Park playground

03 Needs Assessment

THE LEVEL OF SERVICE STANDARDS SEEK TO IDENTIFY KEY AREAS where the Davidson Parks and Recreation Department could improve. As a commonly-used method of determining a department's ability to meet its community's needs, this provides an understanding of how Davidson compares to other communities of a similar size nationally.

Inventory of Existing Parks and Recreation Facilities

FACILITIES MAINTAINED AND OPERATED BY THE TOWN OF DAVIDSON

The Town of Davidson currently owns and maintains 18 different parks and 9.12 miles of greenways. These parks range from active (McEver Fields and River Run Athletic Fields) to passive (Fisher Farm Park and Faulkner Park) recreational facilities. The facilities offer a wide variety of uses for many age groups. This list includes facilities not owned and operated by Davidson (indicated with a *) in order to include the portion of the Town's population that participates in recreation activities outside of Davidson-owned facilities.

Abersham Park – 239.93 Acres*

Located just north of Fisher Farm Park off Shearer Road, Abersham Park is a nature preserve with access roads, trails and parking. The Town of Davidson maintains this park even though it is owned by Mecklenburg County.

Beaty Park – 19.4 Acres

Located at the northern entrance into Davidson, the park consists of 2 distinct zones; the top (2.26 acre) developmental zone and the bottom (17.13 acre) preservation zone. Overall, the park features picnic shelters, a restroom, raised garden beds, a natural playground, a small amphitheater, foot bridges, trails, and a pond.

Bradford Neighborhood Park – 2.05 Acres

Located on Robert Walker Drive, this park is a neighborhood park that includes a playground, shelter, and access to a paved multi-use path.

Caldwell Green Tot Lot – 0.34 Acres

This fully-enclosed neighborhood park, located in the St. Alban's neighborhood, features benches, tables, a large sandbox, shade structures, trike path, tunnel, riding toys and a drinking fountain.

Faulkner Square Park – 1.0 Acre

A formal garden square located in the St. Alban's neighborhood, this space includes two decorative trellises, benches for seating and lawn areas.

Fisher Farm Park – 200.03 Acres

This district park is located south of Abersham Park on Shearer Road. Currently the park includes 12 miles of multi-purpose trails, archery range, primitive camping sites, picnic tables and parking.

Forest Park Playground – 2.0 Acres

Located in the St. Alban's neighborhood, the Forest Park playground is a neighborhood park with a playground, picnic tables, trails and a wetland area.

Lake Davidson Nature Preserve – 8.32 Acres

Lake Davidson Nature Preserve is located on Jetton Street and provides frontage to Lake Davidson. It has nature trails, a kayak/canoe launch, storage racks, a gazebo, picnic tables, and benches.

North Lawn and South Lawn – 0.6 Acres

Located in the St. Alban's neighborhood, both lawns are a grassy area in the center of the development.

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Mary Beaty Tot Lot (Summit) – 0.38 Acres

The Mary Beaty Tot Lot is located in downtown Davidson behind Summit Coffee and includes benches and playground equipment.

McEver Fields – 8.62 Acres

McEver Fields is a community park located south of downtown on South Street, near Davidson Elementary School. It consists of 3 lighted softball/baseball fields, a picnic area, restrooms and concessions.

Parham Park – 2.5 Acres

Parham Park is a neighborhood park located on Lake Cornelius. It consists of a natural surface trail, a playground, a kayak/canoe launch with storage racks and exercise stations.

Plum Creek Park – 32.34 Acres

Located between the Bailey Springs and West Branch Neighborhoods off Robert Walker Drive. The park includes two pickleball courts, two tennis courts, one basketball court, a restroom building, two shelters, and an informal open field. The park is also located on the Plum Creek Greenway.

The Preserve Dog Park – 7.71 Acres

This fully-enclosed dog park in the St. Alban's neighborhood features a hiking trail, natural area, parking lot, water fountain, and picnic tables.

River Run Athletic Park – 64.04 Acres

This community park is located southeast of Downtown off Davidson-Concord Road. Facilities include one baseball/softball field, one multi-purpose field, a drinking fountain and winterized restrooms.

Roosevelt Wilson Park – 11.07 Acres

Roosevelt Wilson Park is located on Griffith Street as one approaches downtown from Interstate 77. It has a central pond, paved trails, winterized restrooms, playground and picnic shelter.

Town Green – 1.4 Acres

Located in the center of town, the Town Green is a large grassy area used for passive recreation and events.

Town Hall and Community Center – 5.28 Acres

Originally the Davidson Academy (built in 1893), the building was renovated in 2023 into town offices, community rooms, a 300-seat auditorium, and a separate 5,200 square foot gymnasium building.

DAVIDSON SCHOOL FACILITIES

Community School of Davidson Elementary and High School*

Located on the north side of town and next to Lake Davidson, CSD includes two campuses – one located on Griffith St, and the other located on Armour St. The campuses feature soccer/multi-use field, trails, and three gymnasiums.

Davidson College*

Located in the center of town, Davidson College has many indoor and outdoor facilities that serve its students, faculty and staff.

Davidson Day School*

Located on Jetton Street and Griffith Street as one enters Davidson from Interstate 77, Davidson Day School features a gym, playground and a multi-use field.

Davidson Elementary School*

Located on South Street across from McEver Fields and a part of Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools, Davidson Elementary School has a playground and a multi-use field.

PRIVATE/REGIONAL FACILITIES

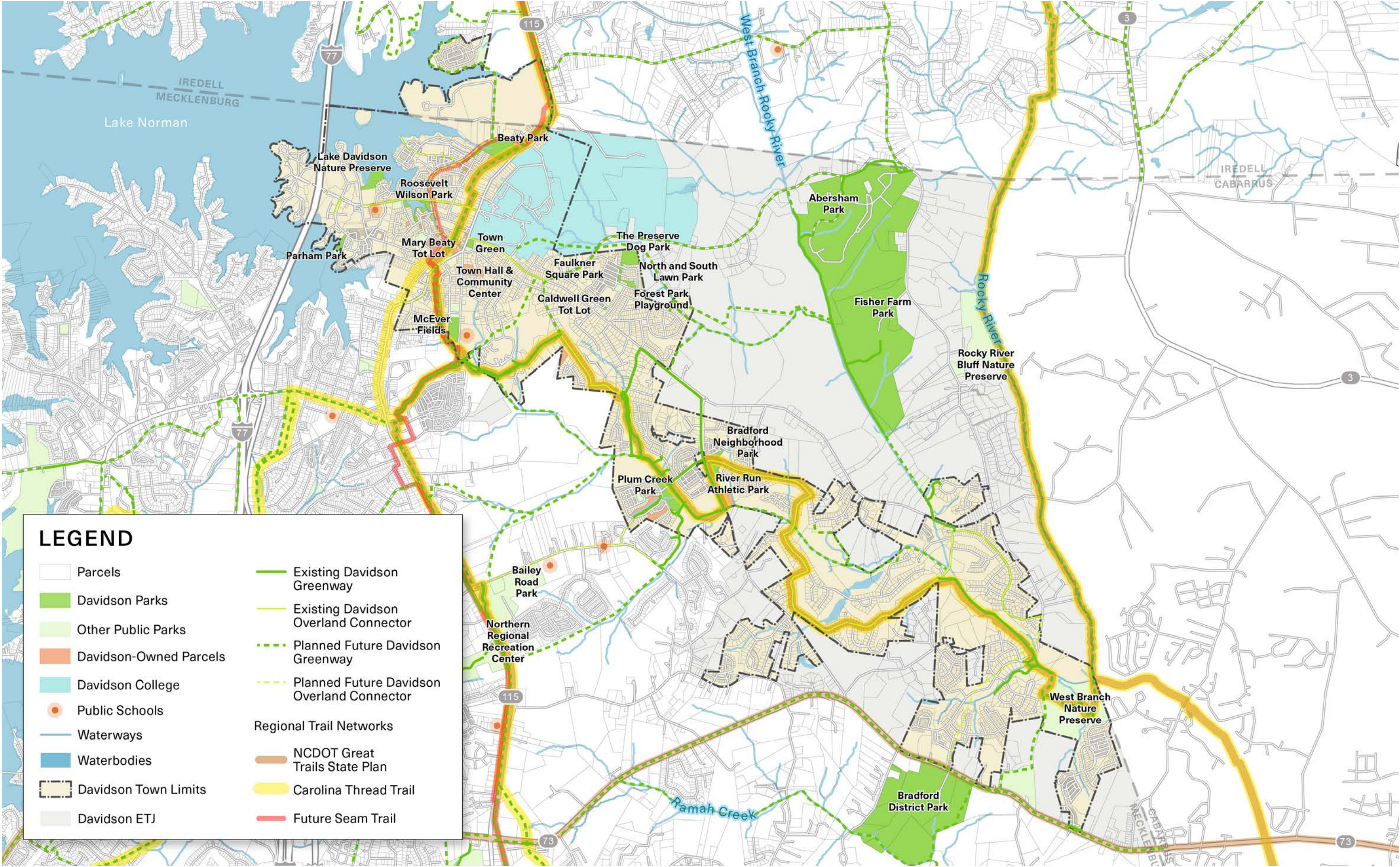
The following private and regional facilities were identified through the public engagement process as those most widely-used by Davidson residents.

Ada Jenkins Recreation Center*

Located in northwest Davidson, the facilities at the Ada Jenkins Center and fields include a multi-purpose field, an outdoor basketball court, indoor mini-gymnasium, public meeting spaces, restrooms, a playground and seating areas.

Bailey Road Park*

More than 66 acres, Bailey Road Park is operated by Cornelius Parks and Recreation and includes an amphitheater, baseball/softball fields, basketball courts, batting cages, disc golf, multi-purpose fields, picnic areas, picnic shelters, tennis courts, soccer fields, trails and a walking/running track.



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Bradford District Park – 211.13 Acres

Located in southeast Davidson, this park is a shared facility with Huntersville Parks and Recreation, and Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation. Davidson has access to one large baseball field and one small baseball field during the week. The park also includes a playground, disc golf course, restrooms and soccer fields.

Lake Norman YMCA*

Located on Main Street in Cornelius, just south of downtown Davidson, the YMCA has a wide variety of programs and services including child care, fitness and wellness programs and indoor and outdoor pools.

Legion Park*

This seven-acre facility, operated by Cornelius Parks and Recreation, is located in the center of Cornelius and very close to Davidson. It includes a baseball/softball field, batting cages, picnic shelter, playground, restrooms, walking trails and parking.

Northern Regional Recreation Center*

Northern Regional Recreation Center is a state-of-the-art facility operated by Mecklenburg County that offers age-specific programs and activities, athletics, aquatics, community events, health and wellness activities, nature education programs and therapeutic recreation programs.

Private Development Amenities*

Many of the residential developments in and around Davidson have private recreation amenities including pool and dedicated open space. While these facilities are widely used by their residents, they are private and therefore are not accessible to the general public.

Smithville Park*

Approximately nine acres, Smithville Park is operated by Cornelius Parks and Recreation and includes a baseball/ softball field, a batting cage, multi-purpose field, picnic shelter, playground, restrooms and parking.

Service Standards

The following are the generally-accepted park planning standards for small communities, according to National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA):

TABLE 6: POPULATION SERVED BY ACRES OF PARKLAND

Category	NRPA National Metric	Town of Davidson (Today)	Town of Davidson (2040**)
Residents per park	2,287	1,126	2,028
Acres of parkland per 1,000 residents (with nature preserves*)	10.8 AC	61.5 AC	34.2 AC
Acres of parkland per 1,000 residents (without nature preserves*)		33.2 AC	15.3 AC

SOURCE: 2023 NRPA STANDARDS

*Nature preserves refer to Abersham Park, Fisher Farm, and the Lake Davidson Nature Preserve.

**Assumes no additional parkland.

The following table indicates the population served by one facility and the number of facilities needed per 1,000 residents for the current population (less than 20,000 people) and future population (20,000 to 49,999 people):

TABLE 7: POPULATION SERVED BY FACILITIES

		National Standards for Communities with less than 20,000 people	
Facility Category	Facility Type	Total Population Served by 1 Facility	# of Facilities Needed per 1000 residents
Sports Fields	Soccer / Multi-Use	3,859	0.26
	Baseball / Softball Field	5,405	0.19
Courts	Tennis	2,805	0.36
	Basketball	3,729	0.27
	Volleyball / Multi-Use	5,093	0.2
Outdoor Recreation	Skate Park	10,726	0.09
	Pickleball	3,252	0.31
Leisure	Tot Lot	5,816	0.17
	Playground	2,014	0.5
Other Recreational Facilities	Pool	9,745	0.1
	Dog Park	11,100	0.09

SOURCE: 2023 NRPA STANDARDS

Level of Service Assessment

The following section provides an analysis of the recreation system serving Davidson's existing and estimated future population. This type of analysis is referred to as a Level of Service analysis and identifies the type and scale of facilities required by the current and future population in terms of demand and supply. Schools have been included in the analysis to raise awareness of the opportunity to, through joint-use agreements, utilize school facilities to make better use of available resources in meeting Davidson's needs.

EXISTING DEMAND

The Town of Davidson has grown considerably in recent years. Such growth places heavy burdens on infrastructure, facilities and services. In order to best understand the impact of this population growth on the town's need for additional recreation facilities, it is necessary to conduct both a current and future Level of Service analysis. The Level of Service analysis for the current population is summarized in the following table (Table 8), which is based on NRPA standards for communities of comparable sizes (less than 20,000 residents). This Plan Update uses the estimated population at the time of this plan, 15,771 residents, to determine the current demand of Davidson facilities.

ANALYSIS

The existing Level of Service analysis compares current demand to the current supply of recreation acreage. **Davidson currently has 972.1 acres of parkland, including nature preserves.** Given the generally accepted park planning standards, roughly 10 acres per 1,000 residents, and the current population (2020) of 15,771, Davidson is currently operating a system that is exceeding its demand at approx. 61.6 acres per 1,000 residents. Much of that space, however, comprises naturally-preserved lands. When those lands are not included in the analysis, Davidson has 433.23 acres of active parkland (approx. 27.4 acres per 1,000 residents). The exclusions of these lands in the inventory helps to paint a picture of a town with a large amount of passive recreational facilities, and an appropriate amount of active recreation facilities, supplemented by private amenities and regional recreation facilities. The previous section details additional information on the type and scale of the Davidson-owned and supplemental recreation facilities.

If the Town of Davidson does not increase the supply of parks as the population grows (approx. 28,399 people in 2040), there will be an estimated 15.3 acres of active recreational parkland per 1,000 residents.

The following table (Table 8) indicates the number of facilities needed to meet the standard based on Davidson's estimated current population – 15,771 residents.

TABLE 8: EXISTING FACILITIES BY NUMBER OF FACILITIES

Facility Category	Facility Type	Existing Facilities in Davidson		Existing Demand for Davidson	Current Gap in Facilities	
		without Schools	with Schools		without Schools	with Schools
Sports Fields	Soccer / Multi-Use	2.0	6.0	4.1	2.1	(1.9)
	Baseball / Softball Fields *	5.0	5.0	2.9	(2.1)	(2.1)
Courts	Tennis	2.0	2.0	5.6	3.6	3.6
	Basketball	2.0	5.0	4.2	2.2	(0.8)
	Volleyball / Multi-Use	-	-	3.1	3.1	3.1
Outdoor Recreation	Skate Park	-	-	1.5	1.5	1.5
	Pickleball	2.0	2.0	4.8	2.8	2.8
Leisure	Tot Lot	2.0	2.0	2.7	0.7	0.7
	Playground	7.0	10.0	7.8	0.8	(2.2)
Other Recreational Facilities	Pool	-	-	1.6	1.6	1.6
	Dog Park	1.0	1.0	1.4	0.4	0.4

SOURCE: 2023 NRPA PARK METRICS

Red: Gap

(Green): Surplus

*4 fields within town limits. Access to 20% of 5 fields at Bradford Regional Park, equivalent to 1 field, for a total of 5.

FUTURE DEMAND

In order to forecast future demand for recreation facilities, a population estimate is needed. Given the historic and anticipated continued growth of Davidson, an annual population growth multiplier of 4.4% per year was used to forecast the population in 2040. This figure is consistent with the projections used by US Census Bureau. If Davidson continues to grow at this rate and pace, **the Town can expect the population to be 28,399 in the year 2040.** Table 9 illustrates the current and future demand for recreational facilities based on estimated population figures and the Level of Service standards for recreation facilities in Davidson.

Population	Davidson	Meck County	NC
Population, 2000	7,139	695,454	8,049,313
Population, 2010	10,944	919,625	9,535,483
Population, 2020	15,106	1,115,482	10,439,388
Population, 2022 (estimate only)	15,771	1,145,392	10,695,965
Population, 2040 (estimate only)	28,399	1,176,318	10,963,364
% Change (2010-2020)	4.4%	2.7%	2.5%

For the Town of Davidson to address future demand (28,399 people in 2040), it would require the following type and number of facilities (in total):

TABLE 9: FUTURE DEMAND IN NUMBER OF FACILITIES

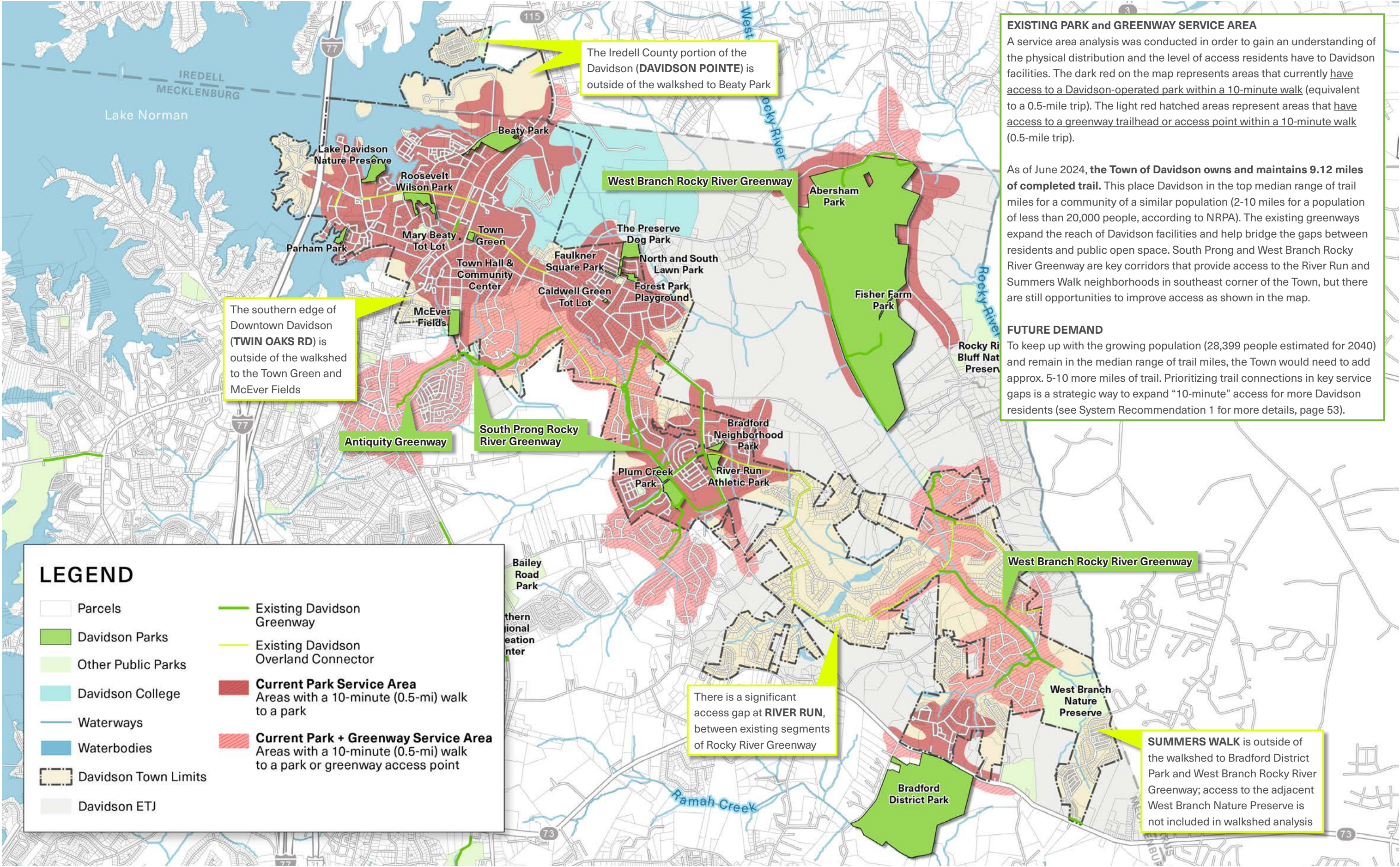
Facility Category	Facility Type	Existing Facilities in Davidson		Existing Demand for Davidson	Future Demand for Davidson (2040)	Future Gap in Facilities (2040)	
		without Schools	with Schools			without Schools	with Schools
Sports Fields	Soccer / Multi-Use	2.0	6.0	4.1	7.4	5.4	1.4
	Baseball / Softball Fields	5.0	5.0	2.9	5.3	.3 *	.3
Courts	Tennis	2.0	2.0	5.6	10.1	8.1	8.1
	Basketball	2.0	5.0	4.2	7.6	5.6	2.6
	Volleyball / Multi-Use	-	-	3.1	5.6	5.6	5.6
Outdoor Recreation	Skate Park	-	-	1.5	2.6	2.6	2.6
	Pickleball	2.0	2.0	4.8	8.7	6.7	6.7
Leisure	Tot Lot	2.0	2.0	2.7	4.9	2.9	2.9
	Playground	7.0	10.0	7.8	14.1	7.1	4.1
Other Recreational Facilities	Pool	-	-	1.6	2.9	2.9	2.9
	Dog Park	1.0	1.0	1.4	2.6	1.6	1.6

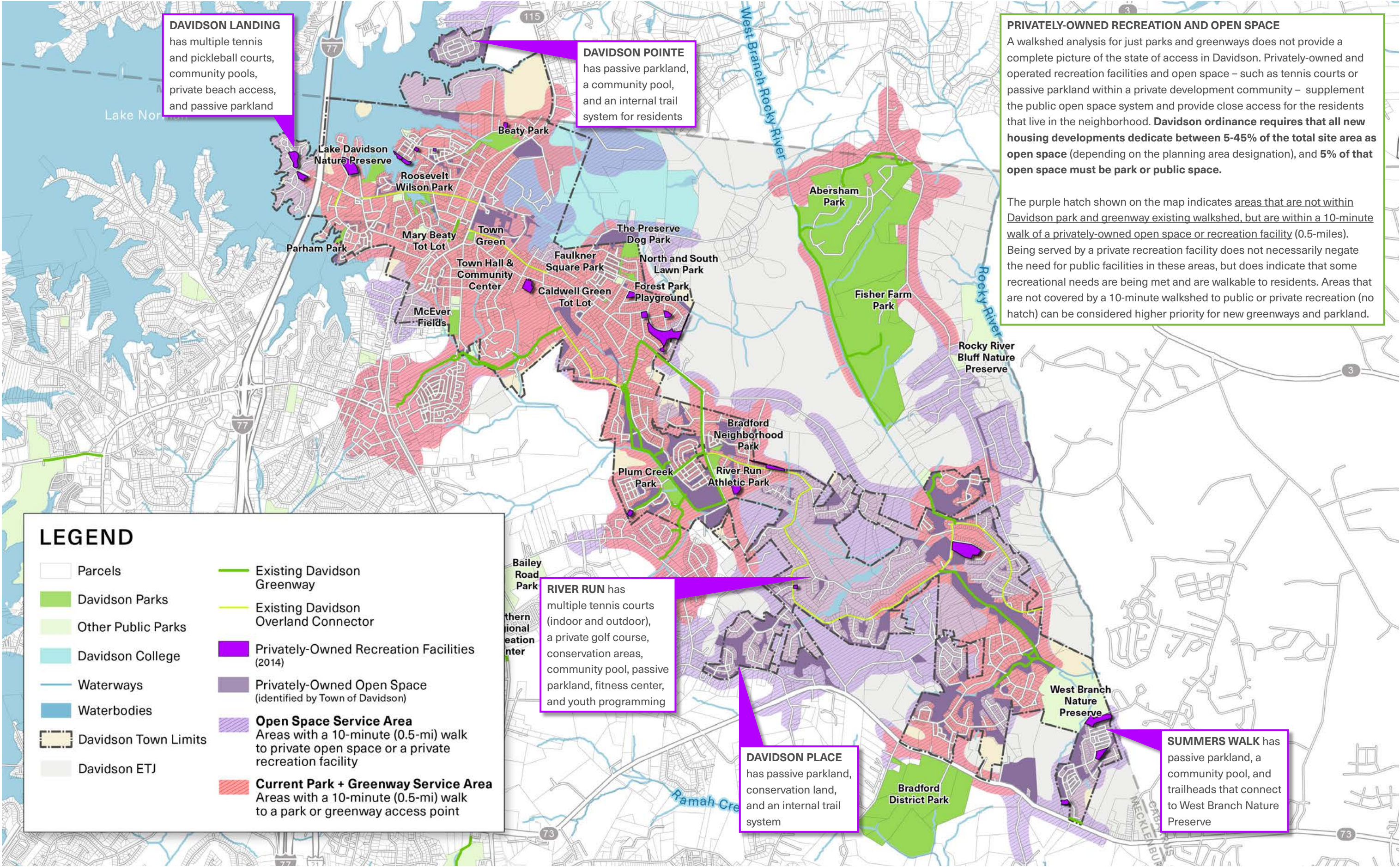
SOURCE: 2023 NRPA PARK METRICS

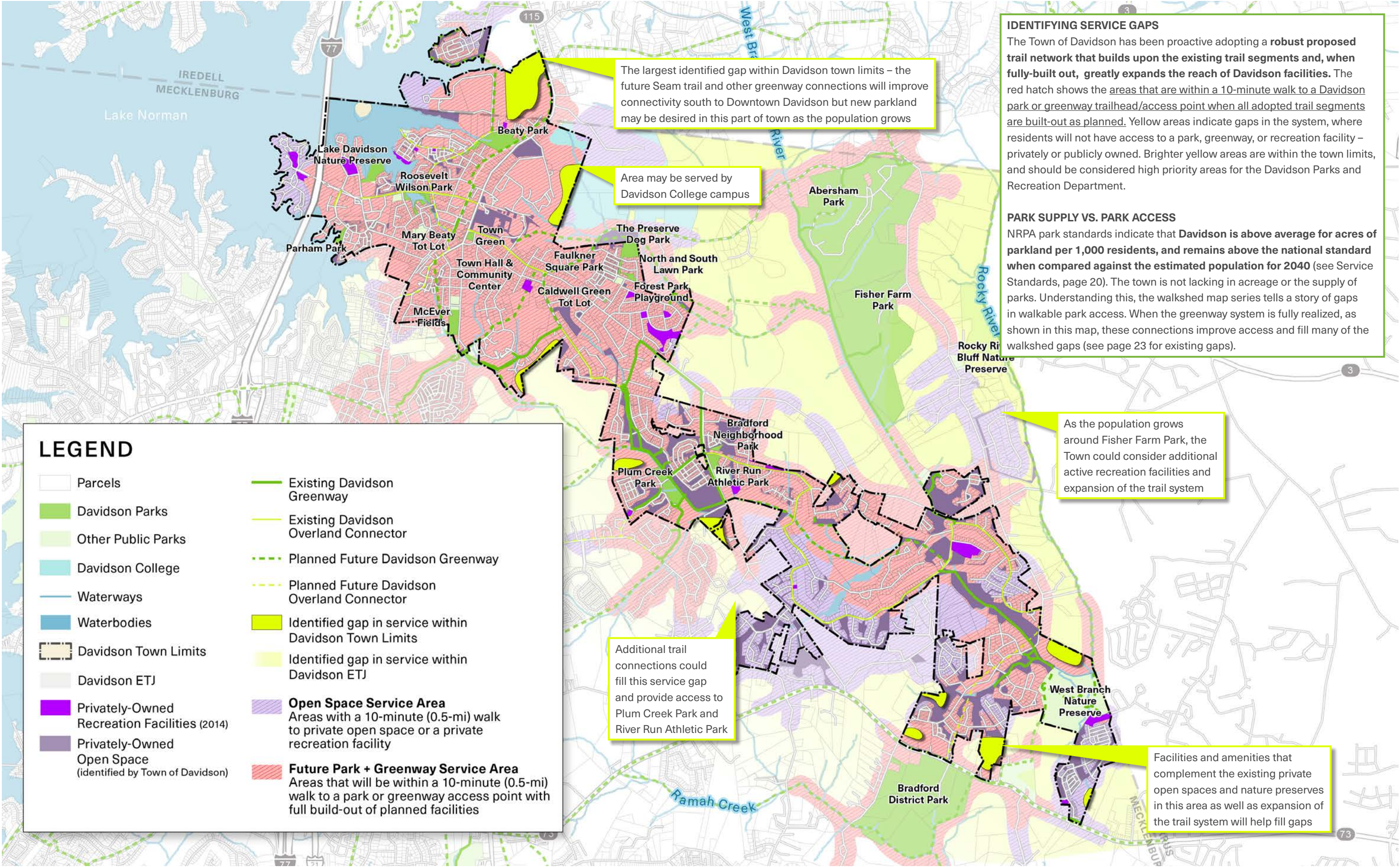
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*Future demand for fields does not take into account the development of the County Armstrong property, the future CIP project for fields at River Run Soccer Fields or additional fields at Bradford Regional Park.









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Image: Archery range at Fisher Farm Park

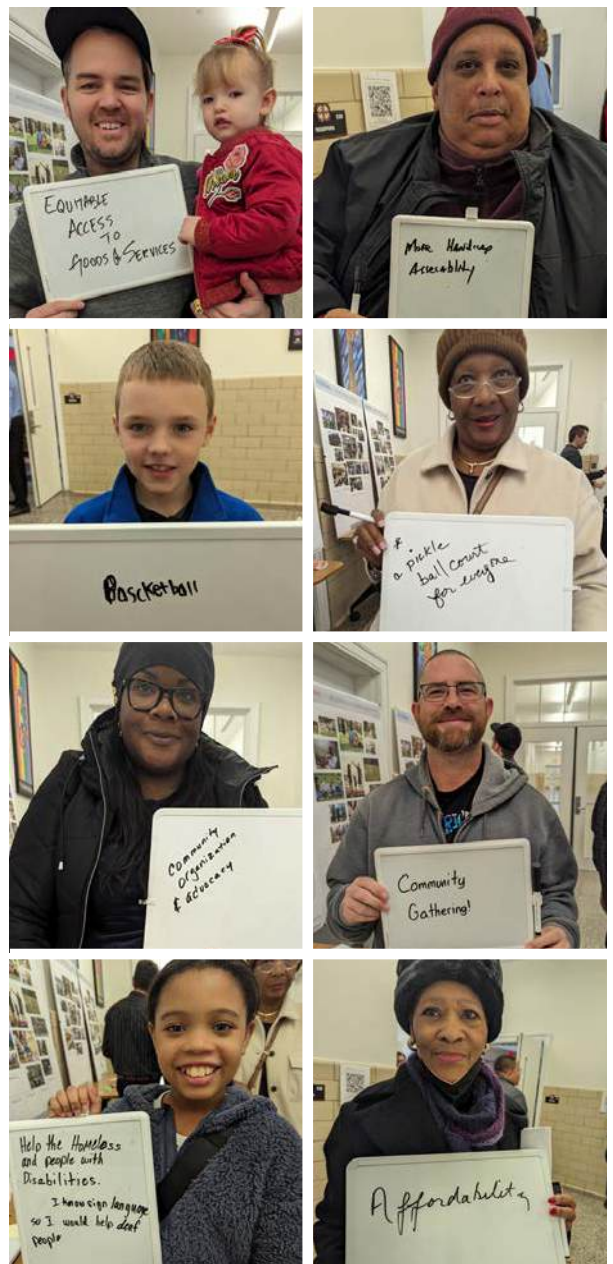
04 Community Preferences

COMMUNITY INPUT IS AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT OF THE PARKS and Recreation Needs Assessment process. In order to better understand the current needs and preferences of the population, multiple pop-up public meetings and a community survey were conducted in two phases during the 2024 Plan Update. Based on this input, a clear portrait of local trends and preferences for facilities and programs began to emerge.

Public Input: Phase 1

In early January 2024, the Town and the consultant team attended the MLK Jr Day Community Celebration to introduce the Park and Recreation Master Plan Update process and to solicit the community's input on existing and future park and recreation needs. This session was also the kickoff event for the Community Survey. The drop-in format and organization was divided into five exhibits/exercises.

- **Live, Work and Play:** As attendees entered the room they were asked to indicate on a map, where they live, work and play.
- **Seven Dimensions of Health Exercise:** Attendees were asked to place dots on seven boards depicting images correlating with the Seven Dimensions of Health. These dots were placed on any images or activities that they thought had an impact on a particular dimension of health.
- **Goals Exercise:** An exhibit described the goals of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, and the project schedule. Attendees were asked to comment on the draft project goals and suggest additions to the list of goals.
- **Ideas Board Exercise:** Attendees were asked to offer any ideas they had in addition to the feedback they had given through the previous exercises. They wrote their idea on a post-it or a whiteboard and the consultant team took a Polaroid of them holding up their answer (see images at right for some of the responses).



Approximately 20-25 people visited the team's setup to interact with the boards and access the survey. The following types of facilities, activities or features received the most votes (number of dimensions in parenthesis):

- Rowing/kayaking facilities and launch (7)
- Tennis (6)
- Natural trails (4)
- Bike trails (4)
- Baseball (3)
- Basketball (3)

For a complete chart of votes from the first public meeting and images of the boards shown, please see Appendix B, page 82.



Davidson Parks and Recreation Survey Overview and Results

As part of the Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment and Master Plan Update process, the Town of Davidson conducted a community survey. The survey was designed to focus on the Seven Dimensions of Health and gather information regarding the following categories: demographics, current programs and facilities, future programs and facilities and health and wellness. It was drafted and distributed through Survey Monkey, then advertised through town email lists, public meetings and the town website. In total, there were 508 responses, which is more than the 383 responses needed to create a survey with a 95% confidence level and a 5% margin of error. This minimum number of responses was calculated using Survey Monkey's formula for determining the required sample size in order to attain validity. For more information on how this number was determined, please visit: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/mp/sample-size/>

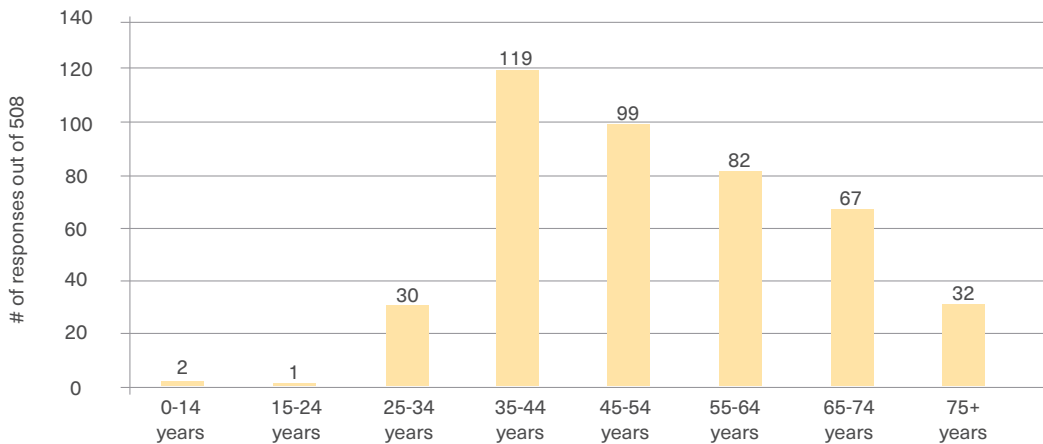
The following charts give an overview of this survey. For the entire survey results see Appendix C, page 96. Responses from the survey represented broad segments of the population. Figure 3 shows responders to the survey grouped by age.

While there was good distribution throughout age groups, the biggest number of responders came from the middle age cohorts, 35 to 44, 45 to 54, and 55 to 64. When compared to the current population distribution indicated earlier, the distribution is similar, except for a significantly lower percentage of younger respondents, primarily accounted for by the low percentage of Davidson College students (0.24%) who had taken the survey. The survey had a significant mix of responses from many different types of households. This geographically dispersed group included households with children (49%), empty nesters (28%), without children (20%), and from a variety of incomes.

CURRENT PROGRAMS AND FACILITIES

An understanding of current programs and facilities is essential to determining which new programs and facilities Davidson may need, and which ones may require expansion. In the survey, respondents were asked what facilities were most beneficial to them and their families. The facilities indicated in Figure 4, page 31, were the top five choices of the current offerings that are important to the Davidson community. Respondents ranked The Town Green as the facility most beneficial to the community, along with Fisher Farm Park, and Roosevelt Wilson Park. These are the same parks that were identified in the 2014 community survey. Many people also commented on the importance of greenway facilities, their connectivity and their continued improvement.

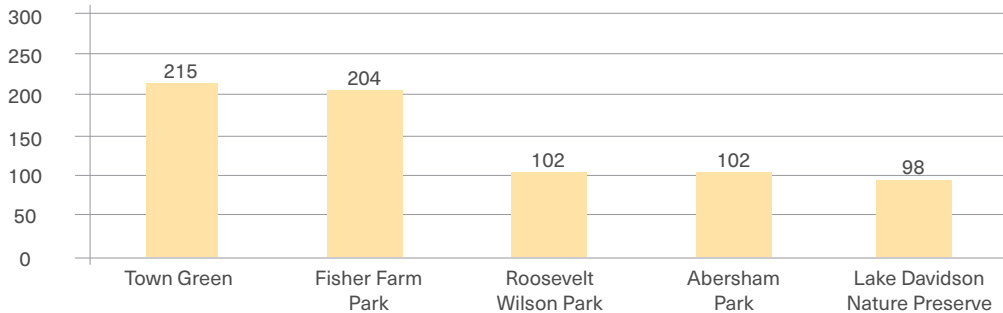
FIGURE 3: AGE GROUPS OF RESPONDERS



57%

of survey respondents reported being satisfied with the overall Town of Davidson Parks and Recreation system.

FIGURE 4: TOP 5 FACILITIES MOST BENEFICIAL TO DAVIDSON



“

[The outdoor spaces] are what make Davidson the special place that it is. Most residents come here for its emphasis on the outdoors and all the amazing outdoor spaces [Davidson] offers.”

- survey respondent

The survey also included a question about the opinion of maintenance of current facilities. Erosion control, drainage, and bathroom maintenance were recurring themes in many of the comments. The following chart (Figure 5) identifies the top 5 facilities that were mentioned the most and likely require the most maintenance.

FIGURE 5: TOP 5 MAINTENANCE CONCERNS

1	2	3	4	5
Greenways (misc.)	Roosevelt Wilson Park	McEver Fields	St. Alban's Parks (misc.)	Lake Davidson Nature Preserve
- Drainage issues, mud, and flooding after storm events - Erosion - Need more pet waste stations	- Bathroom cleanliness was identified as a major issue - Litter (in pond and overflowing in waste cans) - Picnic shelter leaks and is dirty - Playground is getting rusty - Bridge is deteriorating	- Bathroom cleanliness was identified as a major issue - Drainage issues and flooding after storm events - Water fountains don't work	- Broken toys in the Tot Lot - More frequent mowing and weeding is needed - Drainage issues and mud in the Dog Park and Tot Lot - Playground needs to be updated	- Path has a lot of roots and fallen debris “Needs work” - Old signage needs to be replaced - Erosion - Drainage issues and mud after storm events

A key issue that surfaced throughout the public input process and stakeholder interviews, is the distance residents are traveling to meet their recreational needs and where those needs are met. These charts illustrate the distance residents are walking, biking or driving, and where they may be going. Currently many people are driving to facilities within walking and biking distance.

These results indicate that a large number of respondents are traveling to other communities (most often Cornelius, Huntersville, and Mooresville). While some of this is due to Davidson's geographic disposition (very linear), it is clear there are unmet recreational needs in Davidson.

Additionally, while the community is meeting the needs of other age groups, there is a definite lack of adequate programming among middle/high school age groups. Many of the individual comments refer to lack of programming (i.e. youth sports, tennis, soccer, etc.), in the middle/high school age group and the fact that residents are driving to other communities to meet those recreational needs.

“We would love to be able to spend more time in Davidson doing the activities that our kids do, but we have to go to neighboring towns to participate in youth sports and activities. An indoor multi-use facility with indoor fields and courts is totally absent in [Davidson]. It would be used all the time!”
- survey respondent

FIGURE 6: TRAVEL DISTANCE OUTSIDE OF DAVIDSON

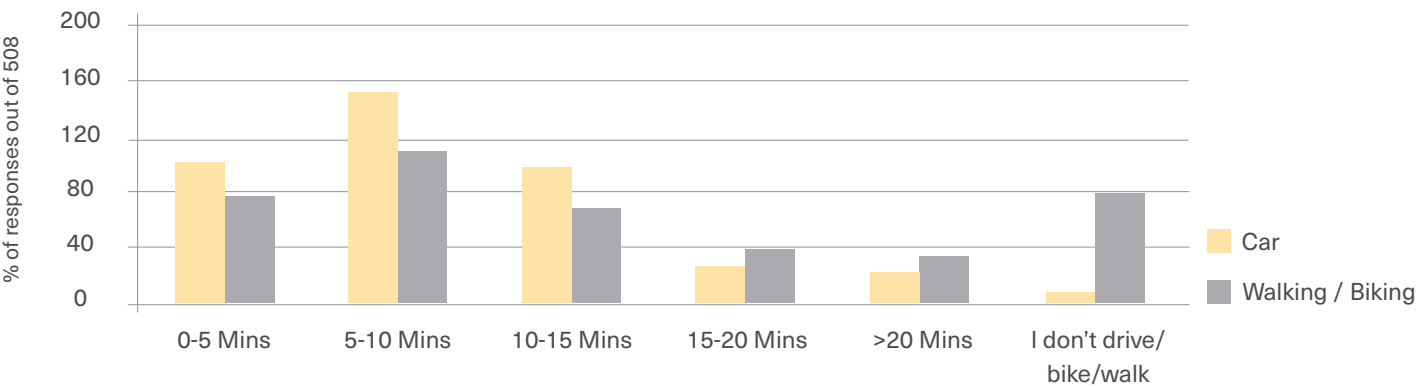
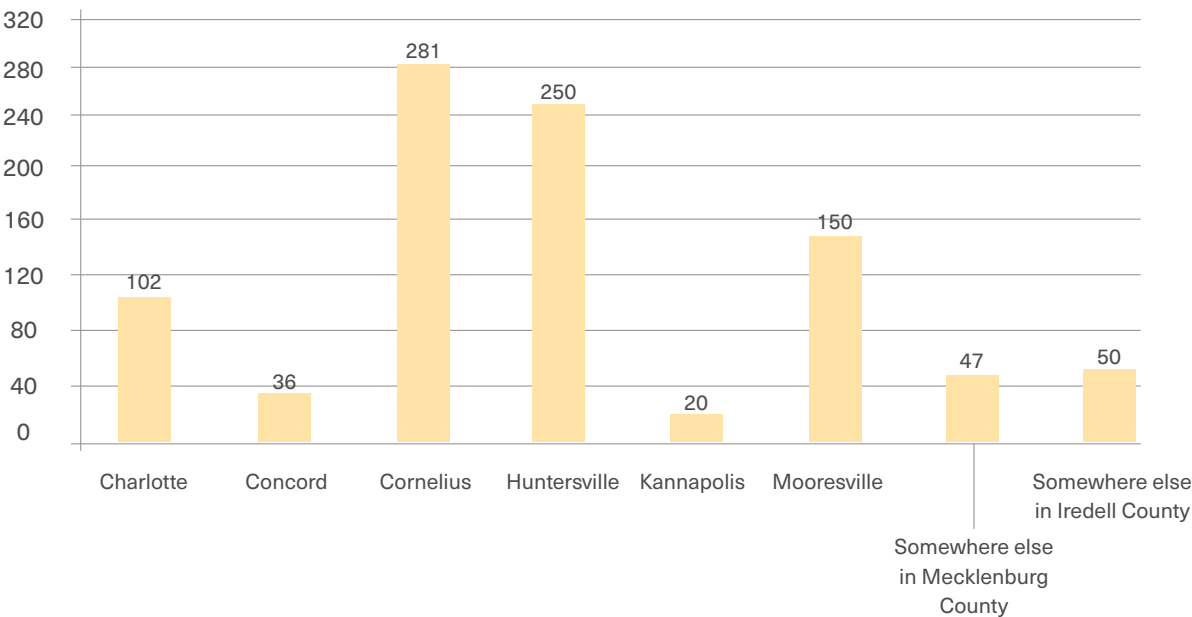


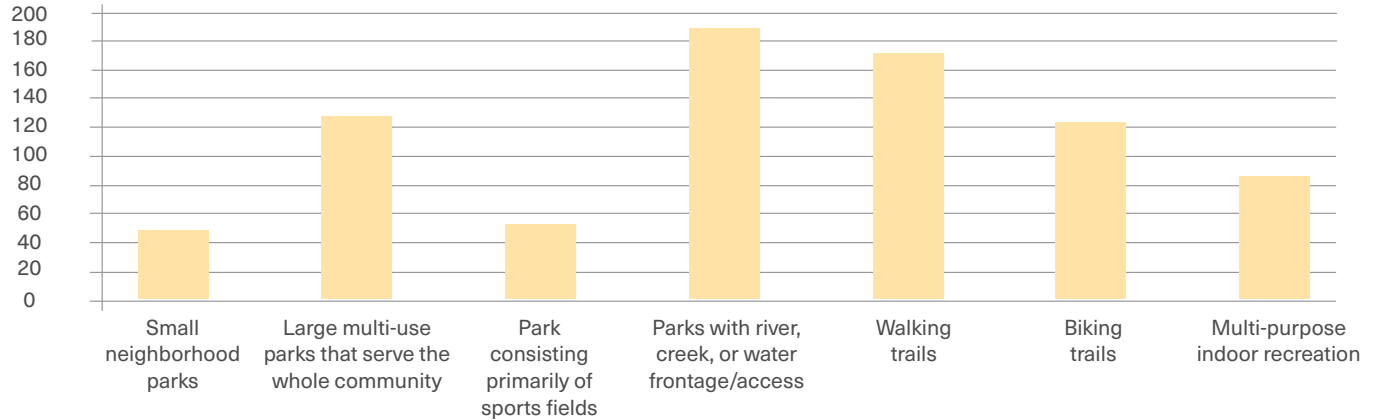
FIGURE 7: TRAVEL LOCATION OUTSIDE OF DAVIDSON



FUTURE PROGRAMS AND FACILITIES

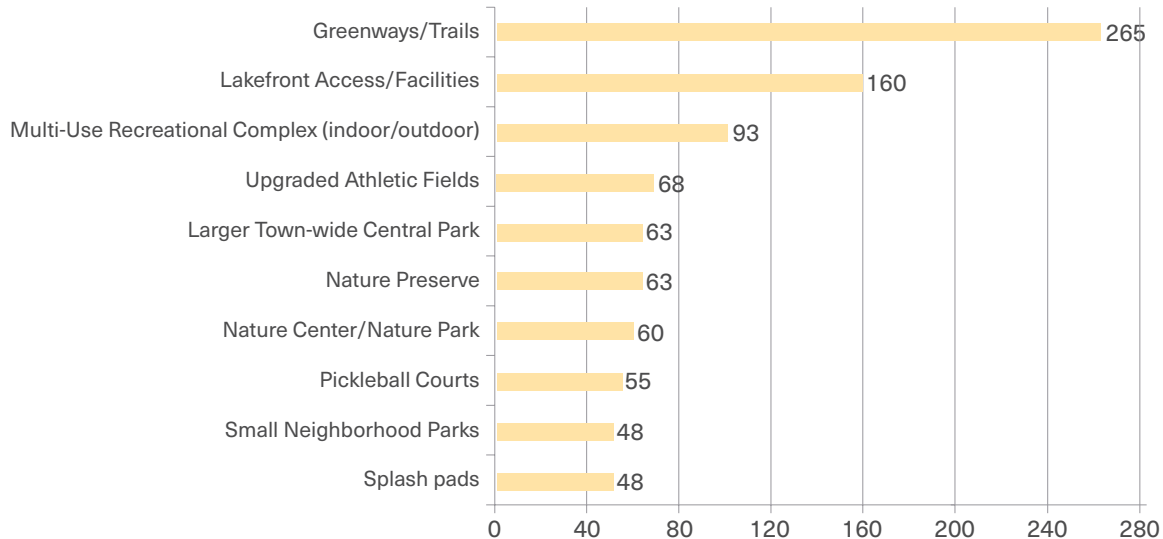
In assessing existing gaps and programs and facilities needed in Davidson, there were a few areas that stood out. The following chart (Figure 8) shows the result when residents were asked “what type of open space is most needed in Davidson?” Passive recreation facilities, especially parks with water access and greenways/trails, received the most votes and comments. Among the write-in responses, respondents also asked for more sidewalks, dog parks, skate parks, and expanded conservation areas.

FIGURE 8: MOST NEEDED OPEN SPACE TYPES



When asked about specific facilities, the responses echoed the same sentiments. While traditional active recreation facilities, such as pickleball and splash pads, received a considerable amount of votes, greenways and trails and parks with water access emerged as a top priority overall.

FIGURE 9: TOP 10 ADDITIONAL FACILITIES

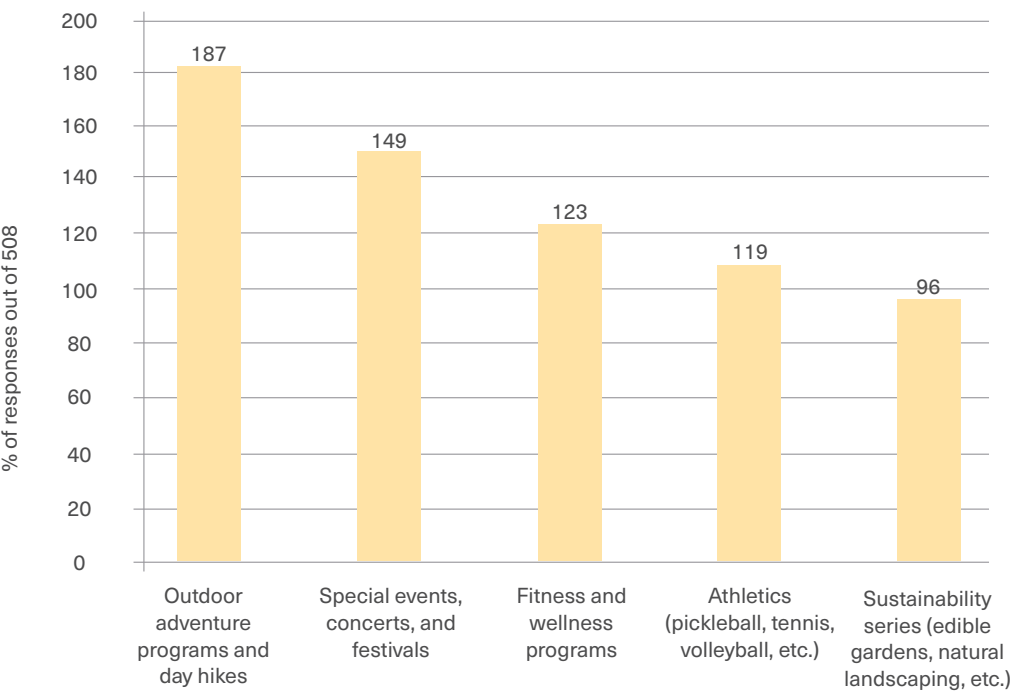


Many of the comments reinforced these results with a considerable number of comments requesting active recreation opportunities such as tennis, pickleball, and basketball courts, as well as mountain biking trails and upgraded fields.

While great facilities are of paramount importance, they will never reach their potential without quality programming. The following (Figure 10, below) shows the survey results, when asked what programs are most beneficial to Davidson.

Consistent with the assessment of the current facilities and programs, this chart illustrates a need for programming for teens, adults and families. Likewise, many people expressed the importance of community events, and that they would like to see additional concerts and festivals.

FIGURE 10: TOP 5 MOST DESIRED PROGRAMS IN DAVIDSON



“It would be nice to have guided nature walks with historians to explain the history of Davidson.”
- survey respondent

“I’d like to see adult programming [in the evening] after traditional work hours.”
- survey respondent

“Having more programs that take advantage of the special resource we have at the lake would be great.”
- survey respondent



HEALTH AND WELLNESS

As an essential part of the Town of Davidson Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update, residents' perception of their health and wellness and how well these needs are being met is of great importance. In this assessment, respondents were asked what motivates them to use parks and recreation facilities, how they perceive their own health and wellness, and what could be provided to improve these. The following is an overview of the health and wellness survey results.

When asked, "Do you feel you (and your family) have access to adequate opportunities to lead healthy/active lives?," an overwhelming number of respondents answered "Yes." This is a 4% increase from responses in 2014 (see Figure 11 at right).

When broken down by the types of access they may have, a majority of residents believe they have access to many different types of healthy activities and facilities.

FIGURE 11: ADEQUATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR HEALTHY / ACTIVE LIVES

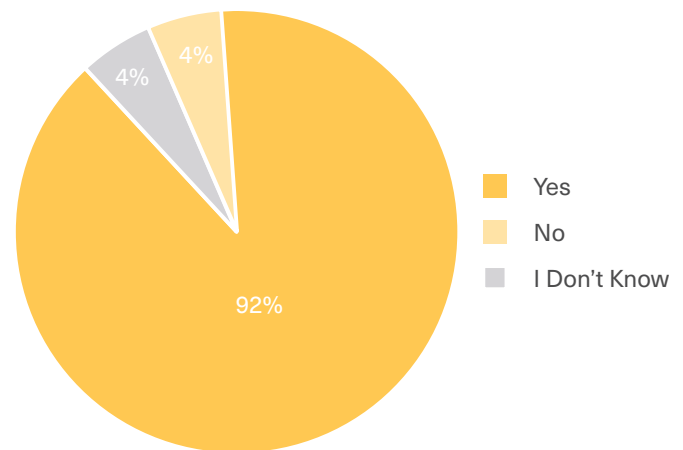
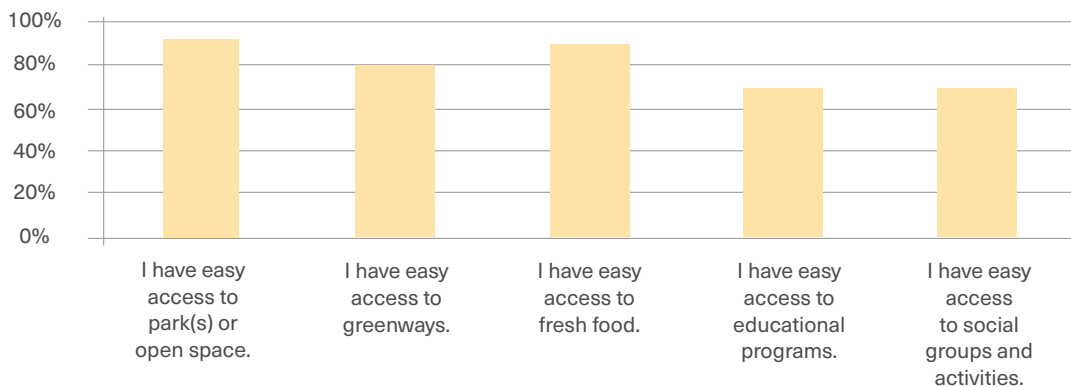


FIGURE 12: ACCESS OPPORTUNITIES



In an open-ended question, respondents were asked to complete the statement, "I would lead a healthier lifestyle if..." **Time was the most common response with 33 mentions.** Other common responses included:

- "...I had safer options for walking and bicycle riding around town."
- "...there was a more connected greenway and trail system."
- "...I had a better work-life balance."
- "...I had more options close by for exercising."
- "...there were more social opportunities and places to gather."
- "...I had more access to healthy foods."

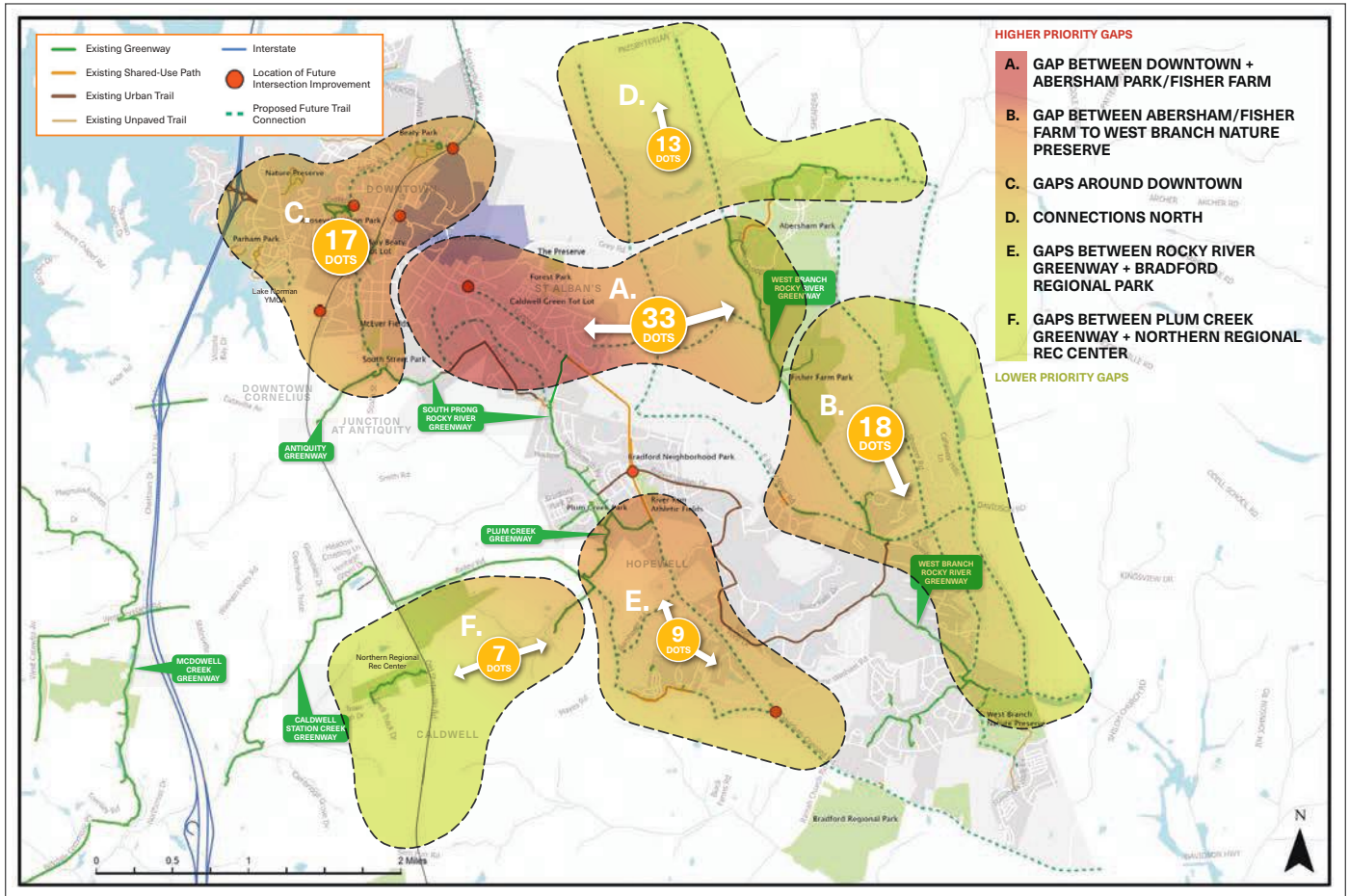
Public Input: Phase 2

The project team completed a second phase of public information sessions late April-May 2024 to present the draft recommendations for the Master Plan Update and receive feedback on the progress to date. The Town hosted three drop-in sessions at Town Day, Davidson Farmer's Market, and Earth Day to capture feedback from a diverse group of residents. There was also a short online prioritization survey for users that wanted to provide input virtually. At the tent, residents reviewed a high-level summary of findings from the Community Survey and a comparison of how the Town of Davidson performs next to national standards before being given stickers to note their preferences in a series of activities. **The goal of this second phase was to generate more detailed feedback from the community about specific strategies, amenities, and programs that will address the service gaps and challenges identified by the 2024 Community Survey.** The following is a cumulative summary of the feedback from the in-person sessions:

- **Communication Strategies:** Online platforms and social media were the preferred forms of communication. Text blasts and radio ads received the lowest number of votes. The Town of Davidson already maintains their website and socials regularly.
 - **Sustainable Practices:** A preference for low-impact, native landscaping with an emphasis on conservation was a key theme from input. 'Water bottle refill stations' received the most dots.
 - **Maintenance Strategies:** Litter management and access to dog pickup/waste receptacles was a major theme, especially for the short-term. Sustainability and conservation maintenance practices (like invasive species management and enhanced stream/lake buffers) were the top long-term strategies.
 - **Greenway Expansion:** Connections between Downtown Davidson and Abersham Park/Fisher Farm received the most dots. Many people also placed dots on the trail gaps between Abersham Park/Fisher Farm and West Branch Nature Preserve and smaller gaps around Downtown. See map on facing page, page 37, for a hot spot map of greenway priorities.
 - **Amenity Recommendations:** Hiking and biking trails, kayaking, and pickleball were top answers from respondents.
 - **Underserved Demographics:**
 - **Teens:** Hobby and special interest courses (hiking/camping, art/photography, drone flying, skate parks) were popular. LGBTQ+ group was a write-in response with strong support.
 - **Families:** Family movie nights received the most dots for short-term strategies. Active outdoor programs that teach skills – kayaking, urban farming, group bike rides – were the top long-term strategies. Splash pad was a write-in long-term strategy that received a lot of support.
 - **Program Recommendations:** Health and wellness, arts and crafts, and music and theater were the top 3 program themes that appealed to respondents.
- To review the exhibits and individual scores from the second phase of public input sessions, please refer to Appendix D, page 127.



FIGURE 13: GREENWAY EXPANSION HOT SPOTS



PRIORITIZATION SURVEY

The Town of Davidson released a Prioritization Survey as a follow-up to the Community Survey across April and May 2024. The survey link was shared at the in-person public input sessions as the final step in the series of exhibits, and was intended to be used to identify high-priority system, facility, and program recommendations in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update. Overall, the Prioritization Survey received less participation (39 responses) than the in-person activities. The feedback received is summarized below:

Key Themes

- Expanding access via greenways and other bike facilities was a top comment from respondents.
- Land and tree conservation was mentioned multiple times in responses.
- Maintenance is a priority for some residents.

Top 3 High Priority System Recommendations

- Increase funding as recommended in this Master Plan.
- Seek opportunities and support for public/private partnerships.
- Establish a 10-minute walk to a park, greenway, or public space.

Top 3 High Priority Facility Recommendations

- Create a connected system of bike and pedestrian facilities.
- Ensure all facilities are maintained to a consistently high quality standard.
- Increase active recreation amenities to provide closer access for residents.

Top 3 High Priority Program Recommendations

- Continue to provide and expand special events in parks.
- Develop health and exercise programs that appeal to all of Davidson.
- Continue to expand and develop new summer camp programs for residents.

05 Davidson Standards



Image: Basketball game at the Community School of Davidson

05 Davidson Standards

THE LEVEL OF SERVICE ANALYSIS IS A GOOD STARTING POINT

to determine demand for a recreation system. By incorporating these findings with community values and priorities, and the knowledge that some of this demand is being met by other facilities, a tailored Level of Service for the Town of Davidson was defined.

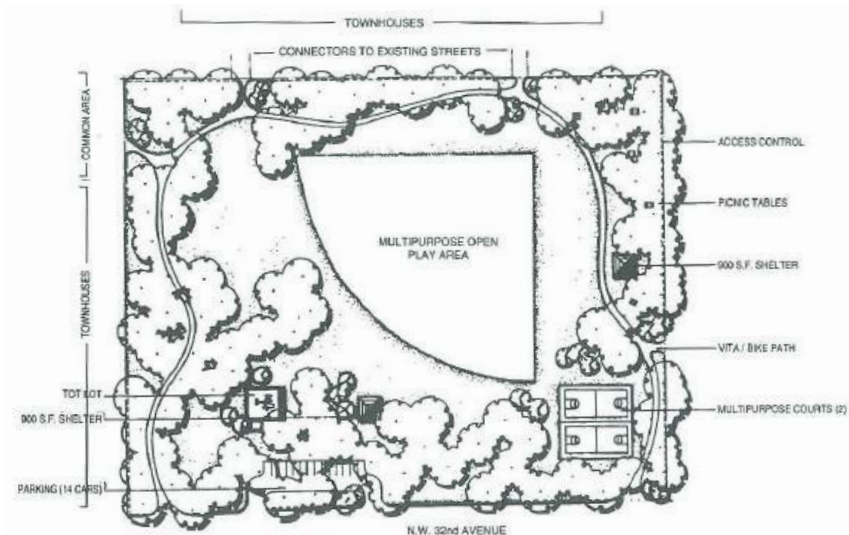
Based on extensive community engagement through meetings with the Davidson Parks and Recreation Department, Livability Board, stakeholder interviews, public meetings, and the community survey, the Davidson Level of Service standard is defined as the following:

- **10-minute walk to a Davidson greenway or park**
- 10 acres per 1,000 residents for parks
- 16 acres per 1,000 residents including dedicated open space
- A new town-wide greenway system, connecting parks and open space
- Dedication standard for new development
- Park classification system for Davidson

The following section describes the parks and greenway types that comprise the Davidson classification system. This classification system should be used as a standard for developing park land in respect to park size, types of amenities offered and service radius to citizens. By applying these classifications to the existing park facilities and future park development, the park system framework is created.

The parks serve as the destination points or nodes of the system, while sidewalks, greenways and trails provide the links or corridors between the nodes.





EXAMPLES OF EXISTING NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS:

- Parham Park
- Beaty Park
- Plum Creek Park
- Bradford Neighborhood Park

SOURCE: MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES DEPARTMENT

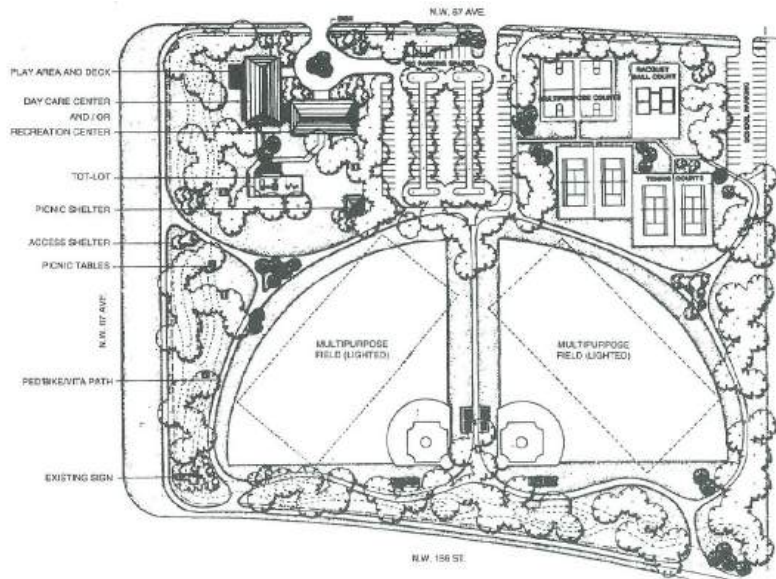


Neighborhood/Mini Park

The Neighborhood/Mini Park is the basic unit of a park and recreation system and the foundation of all great systems. These parks are the smallest in size of the parks types, but often times the most widely used. They offer a recreational and social focus for the neighborhood they serve and are gathering spots for informal active and passive recreation. Neighborhood/Mini Parks generally have a 1/4-mile service radius of their intended users and are typically located on lightly travelled local roads. As with all parks in the parks system, it should be connected to or provide linkages to the greenway system. A Neighborhood/Mini Park size can be up to 10 acres in size often offering optional parking or on-street parking.

MINIMUM NEIGHBORHOOD/ MINI PARK STANDARDS:

- Up to 10 acres in size
- ¼-mile service radius
- Connection to the greenway
- Unprogrammed, multipurpose open space
- Internal path system
- Picnic and seating areas
- Pedestrian scale lighting for safety and security
- Design should reflect the neighborhood character
- One small unique and accessible active space
- Space for edible landscapes, if desired



EXAMPLES OF EXISTING COMMUNITY PARKS:

- River Run Athletic Park
- McEver Fields

SOURCE: MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES DEPARTMENT

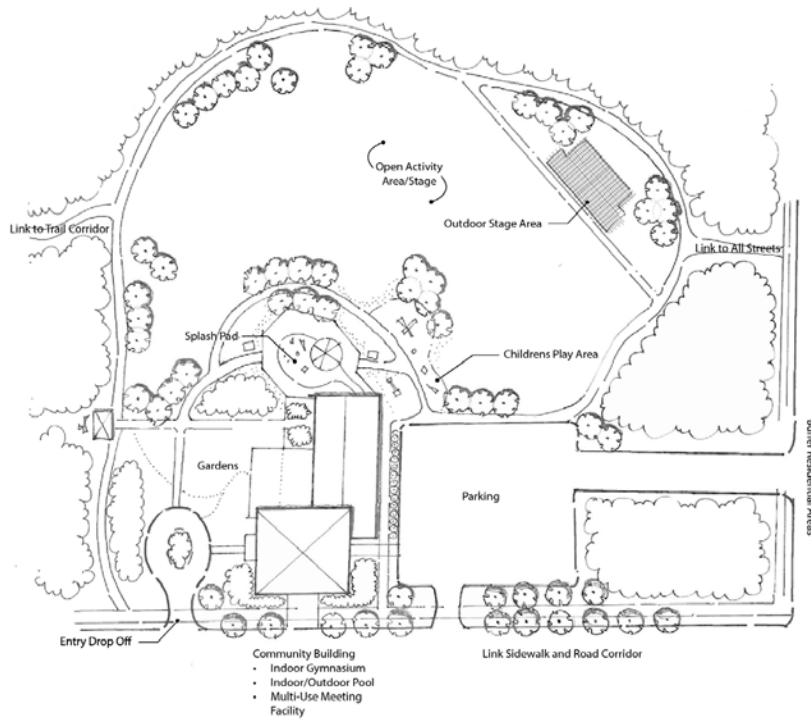


Community Park

The Community Park serves the community on a broader scale than the Neighborhood/Mini Park. The main purpose of the Community Park is to provide the community a focal point for a variety of recreational needs. It can also function as a community meeting place for social and recreational activities. The average size for a Community Park is between 10 to 50 acres and has a service radius of three miles from the park. Since the Community Park is designed to service the recreational needs of the community, it is usually located near arterial and collector streets that can accommodate the number of visitors to the park.

MINIMUM COMMUNITY PARK STANDARDS:

- 10-50 acres in size
- 3-mile service radius
- Internal path system which connects to the town-wide greenway system
- Restroom facilities
- Programmed recreational fields and courts
- Picnic shelters
- Children's play area
- Shelter building
- Landscape features
- Parking areas
- Lighting for security, safety and facilities
- Space for a edible landscapes, if desired



EXAMPLES OF EXISTING COMMUNITY CENTRAL PARKS:

- Roosevelt Wilson Park
- Town Green

SOURCE: MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES DEPARTMENT



Community Central Park

The Community Central Park concept was identified early in the public input process as a centralized park in the historic downtown where the community can gather and have a sense of place. The character of the Community Central Park should reflect the historical and cultural resources found within the surrounding community, making it the iconic park for the park system. Within the Community Central Park would be a community center facility. The center will provide a place for citizens to gather, hold meetings, and offer community programs and events. The primary focus of the center will be to offer programming and services for seniors.

MINIMUM COMMUNITY CENTRAL PARK STANDARDS

- Multipurpose Community Center
- Focus on seniors and youth programming
- Indoor recreation facilities
- Indoor/outdoor aquatics facilities
- Outdoor community gathering area for events
- Lighting for safety, security, and facilities
- Informal open space for recreation
- Children's play area
- Dog area
- Internal paths connected to town-wide greenway system
- Located in or near downtown
- Strong street presence
- Parking
- Space for a community garden, if desired
- Farmer's market, if desired

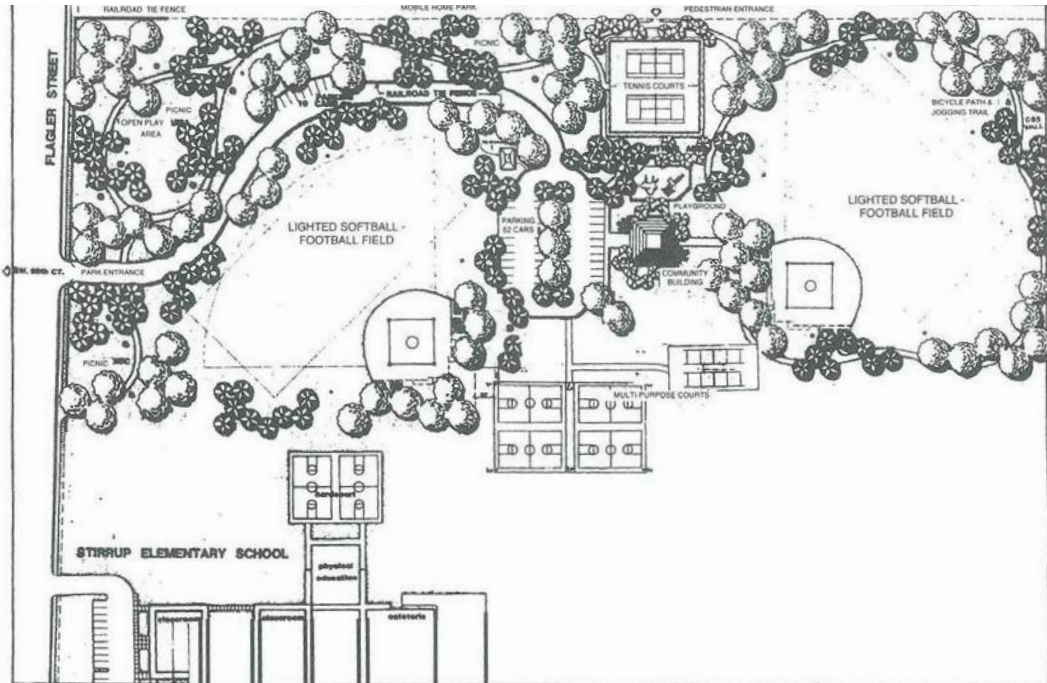


Special-Use Parks

Special-Use Parks play an important role within the park system framework. These parks offer users different activities not typically found in a parks and recreation system. Parks are typically a single-use facility catering to a single activity. Special-use parks can range in the amount of programming and free use depending on the nature of the activities. Examples of these types of facilities would be skate parks, dog parks, a sports complex, or a nature preserve.

EXAMPLES OF EXISTING SPECIAL USE PARKS:

- Mary Beaty Tot Lot
- Faulkner Square Park
- The Preserve Dog Park
- Fisher Farm Park



SOURCE: MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES DEPARTMENT



School Parks

School Parks are a great asset to the community. A School Park is a joint-use facility between the Parks and Recreation Department and school district. The park is located next to a school facility and is used by both the school and the public. The park can function either as a neighborhood park or community park depending on the acreage of land being developed and the facilities that are being proposed. A School Park offers both active and passive

recreational activities and is oriented more towards youth recreation. Due to the nature of the park as a shared-use facility between the Parks and Recreation Department and the school district, a joint-use agreement will need to be enacted. The joint-use agreement will need to address financial responsibilities, maintenance, liabilities and accessibility of use.

Greenways and Trails

Greenways and trails provide the essential link between parks and destination points throughout the park system and can be located in a variety of settings. Greenways are typically separated from vehicular traffic and follow streams and river corridors. Locating greenways in these natural corridors provides a buffer to the riparian corridors protecting them from future development. They can be located within existing utility corridors, making construction and obtaining easements less time consuming and less of a financial burden for the town. Trails can also be located along a roadway, called a sidepath, to utilize the existing right-of-way of the street grid to directly access destinations. These facilities offer multiple users, including hikers, runners and bicyclists, opportunities for recreation.

There is a very high demand and desire for an expanded trail and greenway system in Davidson, as indicated by the two phases of public engagement and the 2024 community survey. For this reason, the Town should adopt a 10-minute walk standard – this means that **every Davidson resident should be within a 10-minute walk (approx. ½-mile) of a trail access point or park from their home**. Working towards this goal will ensure that there is adequate greenway connections in all neighborhoods and help close gaps to create a more equitable park and open space system.

Trailheads and trail access points, with amenities such as signage/trail kiosks (includes instructions and maps), benches, lighting (as appropriate), and waste receptacles should be located every ½-mile along the greenway and public streets. Depending on the location and potential number of users accessing the greenway at that location, the design of trailheads can be scalable. Smaller trailheads may simply have a sign indicating access to the greenway, while larger trailheads may contain parking areas, seating, and restroom facilities. When developing future parks, provide connections to and integration with the greenway system. By linking and constructing parks and greenways together, it creates a cohesive park system of corridors and nodes that can be enjoyed and accessed by citizens regardless of their location within the Town.

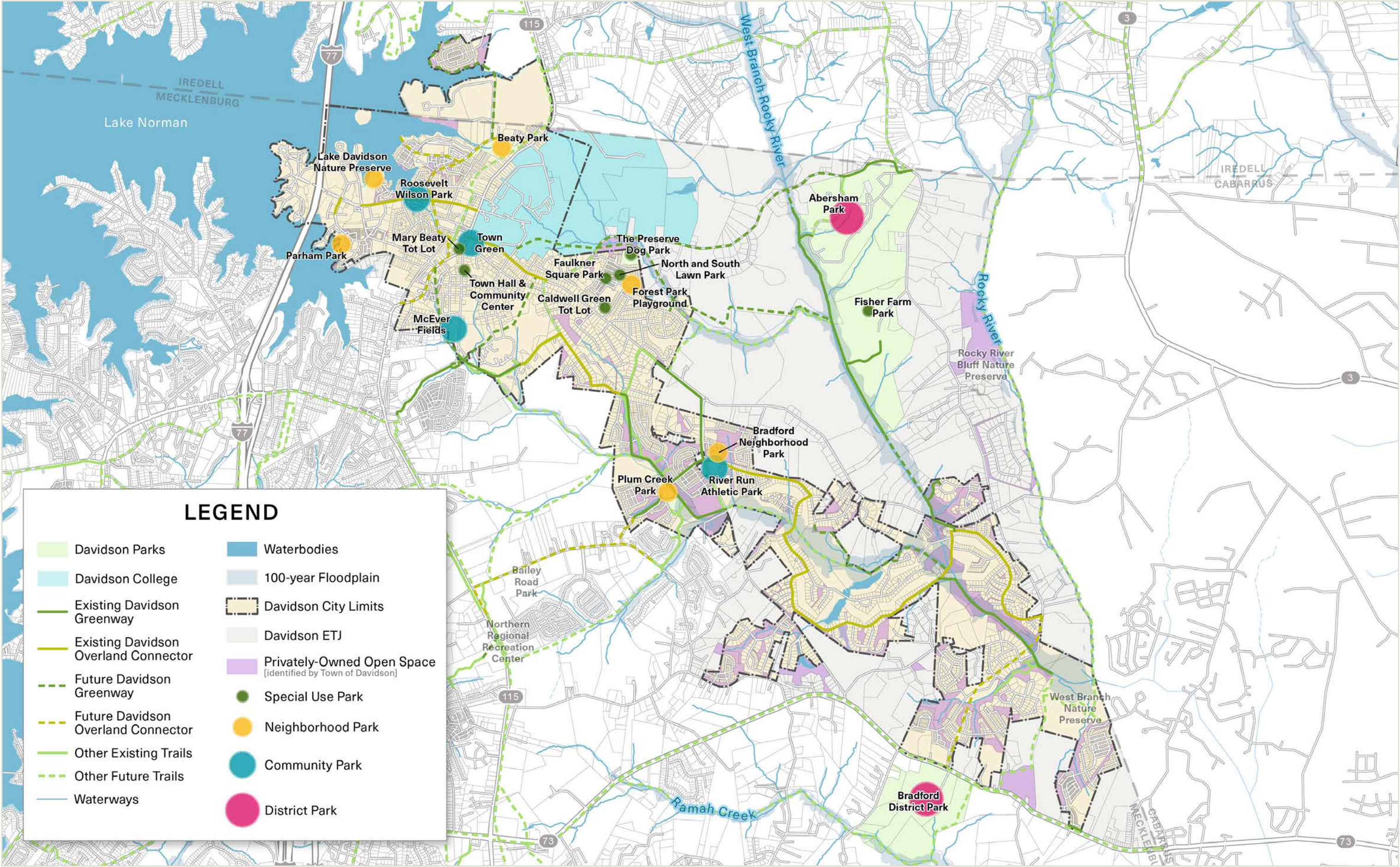


EXAMPLES OF EXISTING GREENWAYS AND TRAILS:

- South Prong Rocky River Greenway
- West Branch Rocky River Greenway
- Plum Creek Greenway



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06

Recommendations and Action Plan



Image: Tree planting event at Fisher Farm (2022)

06 Recommendations and Action Plan

THIS SECTION OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN UPDATE provides recommendations and specific implementation strategies to meet existing and future community needs. These recommendations build upon the 2014 Master Plan recommendations and stem from the findings of the Needs Assessment, research, and an understanding of trends, industry standards, and community input.

The previously-adopted 2014 Parks and Recreation Master Plan is a reflection of the community's long-held values and support for parks, green space, climate resilience, fitness, and wellness. The plan defines a vision for the system based on these values, and has guided decision-making over the last 10 years. Today's system of parks, trails, programs, athletics, and large parcels of natural space is a result of this effort, and a major contributor to Davidson's high quality of life and regional identity.

Since 2014, the department has been proactive advancing recommendations in the Comprehensive Plan and 2014 Master Plan, seeking new funding opportunities and partnerships, and improving the communication strategy to increase awareness of offerings. Although Davidson already exceeds many of the national standards for parks and recreation (as detailed in the Level of Service section, page 21), the Town believes that there is always room to grow and improve. The 2024 recommendations refine the 2014 recommendations, identify gaps in the system, and plan for the next 20 years of population growth while also understanding the preferences, needs, and trends of today. All of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update recommendations and policies within this document are reflective of the project goals, stakeholder interviews, public meetings, Community Surveys, and meetings with staff. The recommendations were created through the lens of the Seven Dimensions of Health.

Master Plan Goals



Increase physical exercise



Promote safety to reduce injuries



Increase access to healthy food



Improve air + water quality



Minimize the effect of climate change



Decrease mental health stressors



Strengthen the social fabric of a community



Provide fair access to resources

System Recommendations and Actions

The following are the key findings that inform the recommendations pertinent to the governance of the Town of Davidson's Parks and Recreation Department at the system level. Included with each recommendation is its rationale and applicable key action steps to be taken for implementation. These recommendations are summarized in a table at the end of this section (page 59).

KEY FINDINGS

The Town of Davidson has made a lot of progress since 2014, as demonstrated through the addition of 47.4 acres of parkland, 3.3 miles of greenway, and a number of new amenities. The town has also been proactive seeking funding and partnerships, advancing recommendations as determined in the Comprehensive Plan and 2014 Parks and Recreation Master Plan, and improving the communication and marketing strategy to increase the awareness of the Department's facilities and offerings.

Improving the **communication strategy** and employing more **sustainable practices** within the Department were common requests from all of the sources of input. Communication to residents is a very common challenge departments face, so this input was not atypical. Carbon neutrality goals, native landscaping, increased land acquisition and conservation are practices that many parks and recreation departments are adopting as the culture shifts nationally. 72% of agencies do not yet have an adopted goal or mandate to reduce their carbon footprint – Davidson has an adopted Sustainability Framework in the 2020 Comprehensive Plan, and a Climate Action Plan (adopted April 2024) and aims to achieve carbon neutrality for all municipal operations by 2037.

COMMUNITY SURVEY

- People are generally positive about the quality of Davidson Parks and Recreation. 57% of survey respondents report being satisfied with the overall Town of Davidson Parks and Recreation system, which is an improvement from the 2014 responses.
- Survey indicates that the top barriers of using Davidson parks, facilities, and programs include lack of a specific facility or activity (22%), lack of awareness of offerings or facilities (14%), and lack of communication about offerings (12%).
- Connectivity was a popular topic that appeared in all responses to the open-ended questions. 1/3 of survey respondents note that they wish that Davidson provided more opportunities closer to home to safely walk, bike, and hike on trails that are separated from roadways and connect to parks and open space.

- Survey indicates that some residents feel there is an inequitable distribution of programs and facilities on the west side of Davidson. The town's shape is likely a factor in the distribution of facilities, the perceived isolation, and the lack of pedestrian and bicycle connections.

BEST PRACTICES, NATIONAL STANDARDS, AND TRENDS

- 76% of park and recreation agencies print a program catalog or guide to promote their offerings (Davidson has a monthly newsletter).
- The Town of Davidson currently exceeds the NRPA national metric for acres of parkland per 1,000 residents at 46.4 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents (compared to the metric of 10.8 acres per 1,000 acres).
- Davidson exceeds the NRPA national metric for residents per park at 1,126 residents per park (compared to the metric of 2,297 residents). The 2040 population estimate also exceed this metric, at 2,028 residents per park, indicating that there is a sufficient number of existing parks in the town.
- Davidson exceeds the NRPA national at 27.4 acres of active recreational parkland per 1,000 residents (compared to the metric of 10 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents). This number does not include the 538.87 acres of nature preserves.
- Davidson has just over 9 miles of greenway, which is in the median range of trail miles for a community of a similar population (2-10 miles for a population of less than 20,000 people according to 2023 NRPA Park Metrics). Based on the estimated 2040 population, Davidson will need 8.2 additional miles of trail to remain in the median range.

PREVIOUS PLANNING STUDIES

- The 2020 Comprehensive Plan recommends that the Department continues to partner with Mecklenburg County and other organizations to integrate sustainable practices, including protection of critical watersheds and other sensitive areas.
- The 2020 Comprehensive Plan prioritizes safe streets for all and includes recommendations to increase transportation options and improve access town-wide.

SYSTEM RECOMMENDATION 1

Establish a Town of Davidson Access Standard – Residents should be within a 10-minute walk to a park, greenway, or public space as a part of a connected open space system.

SOURCE

2014 2014 (Revised) 2024 (New)

RATIONALE

☒ National standards / best practices

☒ Previous plans

☐ Design team observations

☒ Community engagement

ACTION STEPS

- **Action S1.1:** Adopt the 10-minute walk to a park or greenway as a town-wide standard, as outlined in the 2024 Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update (System Recommendation 12).
- **Action S1.2:** Prioritize constructing trail segments that fill gaps in the open space network, including the following segments identified by the public:
 - Connection to Abersham Park/Fisher Farm from the west (Downtown Davidson)
 - Connection to Abersham Park/Fisher Farm from the south (West Branch Nature Preserve)
 - Segments of The Seam – Beaty Park north to Davidson Pointe
 - Connection to Bradford Regional Park from the north (Rocky River Greenway extension)
 - Connection to Northern Regional Rec Center from the east (Plum Creek Greenway extension)
 - Other gaps around Downtown Davidson
- **Action S1.3:** Provide amenity stations and enhanced wayfinding along trails to encourage longer trips.
- **Action S1.4:** Consider trail connections that go beyond Davidson municipal boundaries and provide access to the regional trail network (Carolina Thread Trail, Great Trails State, etc.)
- **Action S1.5:** Work with Planning Department to update the Davidson Planning Ordinance to ensure public access requirements to open space are associated with new development.

RESPONSIBILITY	FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	TIMING
Davidson Parks and Recreation Davidson Projects Manager Davidson Planning Department Mecklenburg County	Staff time, funding	Ongoing

SYSTEM RECOMMENDATION 2

Update the Parks and Recreation Master Plan every 10 years, at a minimum.

SOURCE

2014 2014 (Revised) 2024 (New)

RATIONALE

☒ National standards / best practices

☒ Previous plans

☐ Design team observations

☐ Community engagement

ACTION STEPS

- **Action S2.1:** The Parks and Recreation Master Plan should be updated every 10 years, at a minimum (2034).
- **Action S2.2:** Revisit the Strategic Plan/Action Items annually.

RESPONSIBILITY	FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	TIMING
Davidson Parks and Recreation	Staff time, funding	Ongoing 

SYSTEM RECOMMENDATION 3

Increase funding to meet the recommendations outlined in this Master Plan.

SOURCE

2014 2014 (Revised) 2024 (New)

RATIONALE



National standards / best practices



Previous plans



Design team observations



Community engagement

ACTION STEPS

- **Action S3.1:** Secure more funding to complete greenway gaps (CIP, CRTPO, federal grants, partnerships, etc.).
- **Action S3.2:** Secure more funding for amenities.
- **Action S3.3:** Increase funding for maintenance as the system expands.
- **Action S3.4:** Secure more funding to meet staffing needs, including the following positions: parks maintenance manager, community recreation programmer, communications role (see System Recommendations 6, 8, and 9 for more information about potential role expansions and/or new hires).

RESPONSIBILITY	FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	TIMING
Davidson Parks and Recreation	Staff time, funding, potential new role(s)	Immediate 

SYSTEM RECOMMENDATION 4

Partner with public/private schools and churches to provide more opportunities for shared-use of existing and future facilities that will fill service gaps as identified in this Master Plan.

SOURCE

2014 2014 (Revised) 2024 (New)

RATIONALE



National standards / best practices



Previous plans



Design team observations



Community engagement

ACTION STEPS

- **Action S4.1:** Continue to establish standard forms, protocol, and joint use agreements that clearly lay out facility maintenance and use for all stakeholders involved with partners.
- **Action S4.2:** Consider opportunities to partner with Ada Jenkins Center and other schools to provide shared facilities and programs to the community.

RESPONSIBILITY	FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	TIMING
Davidson Parks and Recreation Ada Jenkins Center Mecklenburg County CMS/local schools and churches	Staff time	Ongoing 

SYSTEM RECOMMENDATION 5

Continue collaboration with Cornelius and Huntersville to provide programs and services to residents of all three communities.

SOURCE

2014 2014 (Revised) 2024 (New)

RATIONALE



National standards / best practices



Previous plans



Design team observations



Community engagement

ACTION STEPS

- **Action S5.1:** Continue the working relationship between Davidson, Cornelius, Huntersville, Mooresville, and Mecklenburg County to expand bike and pedestrian connectivity.
- **Action S5.2:** Work together to ensure there isn't duplication of services.
- **Action S5.3:** Establish a formal partnership with neighboring municipalities, including a joint programming and fee structure agreement that treats the residents of each municipality equally.

RESPONSIBILITY	FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	TIMING
Davidson Parks and Recreation Cornelius and Huntersville Mecklenburg County	Staff time, funding	Ongoing 

SYSTEM RECOMMENDATION 6

Utilize the marketing and communications strategy to enhance education and awareness of the programs, class schedules, and facilities offered in and around Davidson.

SOURCE

2014 2014 (Revised) 2024 (New)

RATIONALE



National standards / best practices



Previous plans



Design team observations



Community engagement

ACTION STEPS

- **Action S6.1:** Continue to leverage and streamline the Town website and social media across a broad audience for dissemination of information.
- **Action S6.2:** Continue to maintain an updated calendar of events that includes information on daily programs and classes, sign up opportunities, and special events. Post physical calendars at park kiosks and popular community spots.
- **Action S6.3:** Review current communication tools in use to identify gaps reaching Davidson's diverse populations and develop a plan to adopt new platforms if needed.
- **Action S6.4:** Consider creating a dedicated role in the Parks and Recreation department that is specific to the management of Davidson parks and recreation communications (social media, marketing, website).

RESPONSIBILITY	FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	TIMING
Davidson Parks and Recreation Davidson Communications Department	Staff time, potential new hire or job expansion	Ongoing 

SYSTEM RECOMMENDATION 7

Seek opportunities and support to develop public/private partnerships for land acquisition, adopt a park/trail, park/trail build, funding, and sponsorship opportunities.

SOURCE

2014 2014 (Revised) 2024 (New)

RATIONALE

☐ National standards / best practices	☒ Previous plans	☐ Design team observations	☐ Community engagement
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ACTION STEPS

- **Action S7.1:** Track and document the economic and health impacts of Davidson's parks and open space, and leverage this benefit to advocate for increased municipal support for capital and operating needs.
- **Action S7.2:** Explore potential for new earned income streams (e.g. vending, paid programming) to support ongoing park operation needs.
- **Action S7.3:** Research and pursue federal/state grants to support specific park/trail renovations and green infrastructure.
- **Action S7.4:** Continue and seek opportunities to expand the "adopt a park/trail" program for unique community facilities to provide additional support for them.
- **Action S7.5:** Pursue new partnerships with stakeholders (e.g. philanthropies, corporate sponsors) who can provide funding to support both capital and operation needs.
- **Action S7.6:** Continue to seek opportunities for land acquisition with partnerships, such as land conservancies, to create new conservation areas and active/passive recreation spaces.

RESPONSIBILITY	FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	TIMING
Davidson Parks and Recreation Mecklenburg County Davidson Lands Conservancy Trust for Public Land plus partnerships	Staff time, funding	Ongoing

SYSTEM RECOMMENDATION 8

Continue to expand the use of alternative funding through volunteers, grants, and donations.

SOURCE

2014 2014 (Revised) 2024 (New)

RATIONALE

☐ National standards / best practices	☒ Previous plans	☐ Design team observations	☐ Community engagement
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ACTION STEPS

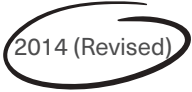
- **Action S8.1:** Create a new dedicated role or expand an existing role within the Parks and Recreation department for the tracking and facilitation of partnerships, grants, contractors, and volunteer opportunities.
- **Action S8.2:** Coordinate the partnership program with the communications and social media strategy.
- **Action S8.3:** Identify new partnership opportunities to expand reach and diversify audience and opportunities.
- **Action S8.4:** Continue to demonstrate the utilization and need for current and future additional staff positions through tracking resources and impact.

RESPONSIBILITY	FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	TIMING
Davidson Parks and Recreation Davidson Planning Department Davidson Communications Department	Staff time, potential new role	Ongoing 

SYSTEM RECOMMENDATION 9

Work to maintain or increase the level of maintenance in the park system. Establish a plan to continually assess the quality of maintenance, risk, and safety of each park.

SOURCE

2014  2024 (New)

RATIONALE

☒ National standards / best practices	☒ Previous plans	☐ Design team observations	☒ Community engagement
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ACTION STEPS

- **Action S9.1:** Develop a sustainable plan to increase park maintenance budgets year over year.
- **Action S9.2:** Include maintenance teams in the design review and decision-making process for new trails, parks, and park elements.
- **Action S9.3:** For each new park/trail or park/trail improvement, develop a maintenance plan and identify funding sources in tandem with the design.
- **Action S9.4:** Adopt park and trail-specific sustainability goals to support a reduction in long-term maintenance (e.g. reduce mowing requirements, utilize LED lights, adopt Dark Sky initiatives, reduce chemicals/herbicides, deploy flood mitigation techniques in sensitive areas, etc.)
- **Action S9.5:** Work with the communications team to create resources that educate the public on the role of the Parks and Recreation Department maintenance team vs. Public Works.
- **Action S9.6:** Develop a Park Maintenance Operations Plan that is updated annually.
- **Action S9.7:** Develop and adopt a Davidson-standard Landscape Manual for all public projects with maintenance level, aesthetics, and sustainability as guideposts of the plan.
- **Action S9.8:** Prioritize installing more litter receptacles and dog waste stations in Davidson Parks, especially around Downtown and in more high-traffic parks and trails.
- **Action S9.9:** Consider adding a role within the department that focuses on park-specific maintenance.

RESPONSIBILITY	FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	TIMING
Davidson Parks and Recreation Davidson Planning Department Davidson Public Works	Staff time	Ongoing 

SYSTEM RECOMMENDATION 10

Continue to work through the Livability Board to advocate for, promote, and support the development and growth of the Parks and Rec Department to meet the needs of the community.

SOURCE

2014 2014 (Revised) 2024 (New)

RATIONALE

☐ National standards / best practices	☒ Previous plans	☐ Design team observations	☒ Community engagement
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RESPONSIBILITY	FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	TIMING
Davidson Parks and Recreation Davidson Livability Board	Staff time	Ongoing

SYSTEM RECOMMENDATION 11

Expand sustainability and conservation efforts town-wide.

SOURCE

2014 2014 (Revised) 2024 (New)

RATIONALE

☒ National standards / best practices	☒ Previous plans	☐ Design team observations	☐ Community engagement
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ACTION STEPS

- **Action S11.1:** Look for opportunities to incorporate meaningful green stormwater features.
- **Action S11.2:** Work to minimize the development footprint of new parks and park elements.
- **Action S11.3:** Host seasonal or annual clean up days of trails, nature preserves, and parks.
- **Action S11.4:** Install recycling receptacles and water bottle refill fountains in parks.
- **Action S11.5:** Make events and programs more low-waste by using recyclable/compostable products and providing adequate and accessible receptacles.
- **Action S11.6:** Consider installing food waste drop off at more parks around Davidson.
- **Action S11.7:** Look for opportunities to use all native and pollinator-friendly landscapes at Davidson facilities. Consider replacing invasives with native and pollinator-friendly plants.

RESPONSIBILITY	FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	TIMING
Davidson Sustainability Manager Davidson Parks and Recreation Davidson Public Works	Staff time, funding	Short-term

 How do the System Recommendations Support the 7 Dimensions of Health?		7 Dimensions of Health						
		Physical	Social	Emotional	Vocational	Environmental	Intellectual	Cultural
S1	Establish a Town of Davidson Access Standard – Residents should be within a 10-minute walk to a park, greenway, or public space as a part of a connected open space system.	X	X	X		X		
S2	Update the Parks and Recreation Master Plan every 10 years, at a minimum.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
S3	Increase funding as recommended in this Master Plan.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
S4	Partner with public and private schools and churches to provide more opportunities for shared-use and existing and future facilities.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
S5	Continue collaboration with Cornelius and Huntersville to provide programs and services to residents of all three communities.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
S6	Utilize the marketing and communications strategy to enhance education and awareness of the programs, class schedules, and facilities offered in and around Davidson.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
S7	Seek opportunities and support to develop public/private partnerships for land acquisition, adopt a park/trail, park/trail build, funding, and sponsorship opportunities.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
S8	Continue and expand the use of alternative funding through volunteers, grants, and donations.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
S9	Work to maintain or increase the level of maintenance in the park system. Establish a plan to continually assess the quality of maintenance, risk, and safety of each park.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
S10	Continue to work through the Livability Board to advocate for, promote, and support the development and growth of the Parks and Rec Department to meet the needs of the community.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
S11	Expand sustainability and conservation efforts town-wide.		X			X		X

Facility Recommendations and Actions

The following are the key findings that inform the recommendations pertinent to the development and maintenance of park facilities and greenways to achieve the vision of a fully-connected system. Included with each recommendation is its rationale and applicable key action steps to be taken for implementation. These recommendations are summarized in a table at the end of this section (page 66).

KEY FINDINGS	BEST PRACTICES, NATIONAL STANDARDS, AND TRENDS
Davidson residents value the small-town character of the town, their proximity to nature and water, and would like to spend more time recreating with the whole family closer to home. A blended strategy of providing new amenities that expand active and passive recreation opportunities and filling the gaps in the trail and greenway system will create more variety and a more connected and accessible network of open spaces and recreation. The need for more pickleball courts, dog parks, and tennis courts are common themes across the different sources of input – national standards and trends indicate that there is a gap in supply to serve the existing and future population and survey respondents identified that they want more of these amenities around town. It is also worth noting that 5% of residents who responded indicated that additional fields are a priority.	- Davidson has more acreage of parkland than is typical for communities of a similar size, indicating that there is not necessarily a gap in supply or a need for more parkland in Davidson, but rather there is a gap in walkable access and facilities within the parks. - Tennis and pickleball sports courts have the greatest gap in coverage based on existing and future (2040) demand. - Davidson is above the NRPA Level of Service standard for baseball and softball fields. - Davidson is close to the Level of Service standard for dog parks based on current demand, despite a perceived lack of facilities (according to the 2024 community survey). - There are no skate parks in Davidson, which could contribute to the gap in programming for middle and high school students. The NRPA park metric for Davidson's 2040 estimated population recommends 2.6 skate parks. - According to the 2023 Topline Participation Report, pickleball is now up to a total of 8.9 million players in the United States over the age of six years old, an increase from 4.8 million in 2022. The Sports and Fitness Industry Association (SFIA) named pickleball the fastest-growing sport in America for the third consecutive year.
COMMUNITY SURVEY	PREVIOUS PLANNING STUDIES
- The Town Green, Fisher Farm, Abersham Park, and Roosevelt Wilson Park were identified as the most beneficial parks in Davidson. Greenways and mountain biking trails were also exceedingly popular. 60% of respondents said the top priority for this Plan Update is to expand trails and greenways. 24% of survey responses indicate that parks with water access are a top need for the community. - Despite meeting NRPA standards for baseball, softball, and soccer fields based on the existing Davidson population, respondents indicated that sports courts (6%) and fields (5%) are priorities for Davidson residents. There is a <i>perceived</i> shortage of pickleball courts, soccer fields, and tennis courts based on the open-ended responses received, with many people reporting that they travel outside of Davidson for sports recreation and practice. - Survey indicates that people are willing to walk or bike 0-10 minutes to a Davidson park or greenway, or not at all (46%). Most people drive between 5-10 minutes to access a park or facility.	The 2014 Parks and Recreation Community Survey indicated that the maintenance level in Davidson parks is an average 3, on a scale of 1-5. 45% of 2024 respondents rated the average maintenance level higher, a 4 on a scale of 1-5.

FACILITY RECOMMENDATION 1

Increase active recreation amenities to provide closer access for Davidson residents.

SOURCE

2014

2014 (Revised)

2024 (New)

RATIONALE



National standards / best practices



Previous plans



Design team observations



Community engagement

ACTION STEPS

- **Action F1.1:** Explore opportunities to add pickleball and tennis courts at the following locations: Bradford Regional Park (number of courts TBD), Plum Creek Park (3 courts), and other future open spaces (in partnership with Mecklenburg County).
- **Action F1.2:** Expand mountain biking and hiking trails in Davidson parks, especially at Fisher Farm.
- **Action F1.3:** Consider adding lawn games such as table tennis, bocce courts, cornhole, etc. at existing parks.
- **Action F1.4:** Explore opportunities to build additional kayak launches and supporting blueway routes.

RESPONSIBILITY

Davidson Parks and Recreation
Mecklenburg County

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Staff time, funding

TIMING

Short- to medium-term



FACILITY RECOMMENDATION 2

Work with schools to improve outdoor learning for the community.

SOURCE

2014

2014 (Revised)

2024 (New)

RATIONALE



National standards / best practices



Previous plans



Design team observations



Community engagement

ACTION STEPS

- **Action F2.1:** Coordinate with schools (public and private) to allow public access to school playgrounds and other facilities as part of a joint use agreement.
- **Action F2.2:** Support community-wide school outdoor learning initiatives through the development of outdoor learning environments in public open space (traffic gardens, outdoor classrooms, etc.).
- **Action F2.3:** Provide learning opportunities for homeschooled children through programming, educational signage, and educational spaces in parks.

RESPONSIBILITY

Davidson Parks and Recreation
plus partnerships

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Staff time, funding

TIMING

Medium-term



FACILITY RECOMMENDATION 3

Continue to protect and leverage Davidson's natural assets.

SOURCE

2014 2014 (Revised) 2024 (New)

RATIONALE

☒ National standards / best practices	☒ Previous plans	☒ Design team observations	☒ Community engagement
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ACTION STEPS

- **Action F3.1:** Develop invasive species management plans for parks in sensitive environments.
- **Action F3.2:** Include native plant species in landscape designs and provide training for maintenance personnel in their proper care. Seek to add native plant and pollinator species and re-wild areas in existing parks where possible.
- **Action F3.3:** Seek to provide access to natural features within and from parks and open spaces, including views.
- **Action F3.4:** Integrate natural features into the layout of parks, trails, and greenways.
- **Action F3.5:** Follow all regulations and guidelines for stormwater management.
- **Action F3.6:** Identify opportunities for land acquisition for conservation areas or contiguous wildlife corridors.
- **Action F3.7:** Consider opportunities to acheive or Leed Community or LEED Building certification for Davidson facilities, Dark Sky Place (DSP) certification or implementation of Dark Sky strategies, and other environmental certifications.

RESPONSIBILITY	FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	TIMING
Davidson Parks and Recreation Davidson Planning Department Davidson Public Works Davidson Lands Conservancy	Staff time, funding	Ongoing

FACILITY RECOMMENDATION 4

Identify opportunities to provide more dog parks in Davidson.

SOURCE

2014 2014 (Revised) 2024 (New)

RATIONALE

☐ National standards / best practices	☒ Previous plans	☐ Design team observations	☒ Community engagement
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ACTION STEPS

- **Action F4.1:** Consider building an additional dog parks at Fisher Farm and other priority areas as identified in the Master Plan gap analysis (page 25).
- **Action F4.2:** Coordinate with developers to integrate dog parks in or near future high-density residential areas.

RESPONSIBILITY	FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	TIMING
Davidson Parks and Recreation plus partnerships	Staff time, funding	Medium-term

FACILITY RECOMMENDATION 5

Create a connected system through providing more pedestrian and bicycle connections between parks, open space, and key destinations based upon Mobility Plan recommendations.

SOURCE

2014 2014 (Revised) 2024 (New)

RATIONALE

☒ National standards / best practices

☒ Previous plans

☐ Design team observations

☒ Community engagement

ACTION STEPS

- **Action F5.1:** Identify and look for opportunities to build shared-use path connections to the open space system in neighborhoods that do not have adequate facilities.
- **Action F5.2:** Coordinate with regional partners to build awareness of long distance connections (e.g. The Seam, Carolina Thread Trail, Great Trails State).
- **Action F5.3:** Test street closures or expanded sidewalks through the use of temporary, low cost measures.
- **Action F5.4:** Provide bicycle repair stations along high-traffic trail sections.
- **Action F5.5:** Emphasize wayfinding for pedestrian and bike connections through town between parks, greenway trailheads, and key destinations and nodes. Measure distance in time and mileage.
- **Action F5.6:** Prioritize greenway and trail connections in areas that are lesser served by Davidson parks and open spaces to connect residents to the system. Refer to the priority areas as identified by the public and in the Master Plan service gap analysis (page 25, page 37).

RESPONSIBILITY	FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	TIMING
Davidson Parks and Recreation Davidson Planning Department Mecklenburg County CRTPO	Staff time, funding	Ongoing

FACILITY RECOMMENDATION 6

Look for opportunities to establish more edible forests and urban farmland throughout Davidson.

SOURCE

2014 2014 (Revised) 2024 (New)

RATIONALE

☐ National standards / best practices

☒ Previous plans

☐ Design team observations

☒ Community engagement

ACTION STEPS

- **Action F6.1:** Evaluate underutilized public lands, such as parks, school grounds, and town-owned vacant lots, for potential conversion into edible forests.
- **Action F6.2:** Offer educational programs and other educational materials to teach residents about sustainability practices and the benefits of edible landscapes.

RESPONSIBILITY	FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	TIMING
Davidson Parks and Recreation plus partnerships	Staff time, funding	Medium-term ☐ ☐ ☒ ☒ ☐ ☐

FACILITY RECOMMENDATION 7

Provide opportunities for diverse recreational opportunities and community gathering spaces throughout Davidson.

SOURCE

2014 2014 (Revised) 2024 (New)

RATIONALE



National standards /
best practices



Previous plans



Design team
observations



Community
engagement

ACTION STEPS

- **Action F1.1:** Look for opportunities to develop non-traditional amenities such as: bike parks, pump tracks, parkour courses, outdoor gyms, etc.
- **Action F7.2:** Look for opportunities to build a skate park.
- **Action F7. 3:** Expand mountain biking and hiking trails in Davidson parks, especially at Fisher Farm.
- **Action F7.4:** Explore opportunities for interactive art installations around Davidson.

RESPONSIBILITY	FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	TIMING
Davidson Parks and Recreation Davidson Public Art Commission plus partnerships	Staff time, funding	Medium-term ☐ ☐ ☒ ☒ ☐ ☐

FACILITY RECOMMENDATION 8

Ensure all Davidson Parks and Recreation facilities are maintained to an equal and consistently high quality standard.

SOURCE

2014 2014 (Revised) 2024 (New)

RATIONALE



National standards /
best practices



Previous plans



Design team
observations



Community
engagement

ACTION STEPS

- **Action F8.1:** Address the identified issues from the Community Survey: drainage, litter, bathroom maintenance, erosion control.
- **Action F8.2:** Collect data on the performance and maintenance of each park and review on an annual basis.
- **Action F8.3:** Optimize the existing see-click-fix system to make it easier for park users to report maintenance issues (posted QR code) and track reports as part of annual assessments.

Recommendations

RESPONSIBILITY	FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	TIMING
Davidson Parks and Recreation Davidson Public Works Parks Maintenance Manager (new role)	Staff time, funding	Ongoing 

FACILITY RECOMMENDATION 9

Provide amenities that cater to middle and high-school age students in Davidson parks.

SOURCE

2014 2014 (Revised) 2024 (New)

RATIONALE

☒ National standards / best practices	☐ Previous plans	☐ Design team observations	☒ Community engagement
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ACTION STEPS

- **Action F9.1:** Seek input directly from middle and high school age students in Davidson schools to understand their priorities and desires – this could include outreach in Davidson middle and high school classrooms or via the Teen Council.
- **Action F9.2:** Consider the following amenities: pump tracks, mountain biking trails, skate parks, e-sports/gaming lounges, sand volleyball, photography/AV rental, interactive art installations.

RESPONSIBILITY	FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	TIMING
Davidson Parks and Recreation CMS/Local schools Lake Norman Teen Council	Staff time, funding	Medium-term 

FACILITY RECOMMENDATION 10

Provide more opportunities to connect to waterfronts in Davidson parks and open spaces.

SOURCE

2014 2014 (Revised) 2024 (New)

RATIONALE

☐ National standards / best practices	☒ Previous plans	☐ Design team observations	☒ Community engagement
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ACTION STEPS

- **Action F10.1:** Enhance and protect the health of stream and lake buffer areas in Davidson and include signage at recreational access points to promote environmental stewardship.
- **Action F10.2:** Work to improve accessibility for all park users (Note: the Davidson Planning Ordinance already requires waterfront development to be publicly accessible).

RESPONSIBILITY	FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	TIMING
Davidson Parks and Recreation plus partnership	Staff time, funding	Long-term 



How do the Facility Recommendations Support the 7 Dimensions of Health?

		7 Dimensions of Health						
		Physical	Social	Emotional	Vocational	Environmental	Intellectual	Cultural
F1	Increase active recreation amenities to provide closer access for Davidson residents.	X	X					
F2	Work with schools to improve outdoor learning for the community.		X		X	X	X	
F3	Continue to protect and leverage Davidson's natural assets.			X		X		
F4	Identify opportunities to provide more dog parks in Davidson.		X	X				
F5	Create a connected system through providing more pedestrian and bicycle connections between parks, open space, and key destinations based upon Mobility Plan recommendations.	X	X	X		X		
F6	Look for opportunities to establish more edible forests and urban farmland throughout Davidson.			X	X	X	X	X
F7	Provide opportunities for diverse recreational opportunities and community gathering spaces throughout Davidson.	X	X					X
F8	Ensure all Davidson Parks and Recreation facilities are maintained to an equal and consistently high quality standard.			X		X		
F9	Provide amenities that cater to middle and high-school age students in Davidson parks.	X	X	X			X	
F10	Provide more opportunities to connect to waterfronts in Davidson parks and open spaces.	X	X	X		X		



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Programming Recommendations and Actions

The following are the key findings that inform the recommendations for program offerings in Davidson. Included with each recommendation is its rationale and applicable key action steps to be taken for implementation. These recommendations are summarized in a table at the end of this section (page 75).

KEY FINDINGS

According to the survey, community engagement, and Level of Service analysis, Davidson residents have a variety of interests and programming needs, many of which are currently being met, but a lack of adequate programming and scheduling conflicts is discouraging attendance from certain age groups. By strengthening or expanding existing programming relationships and building new ones, Davidson can provide more convenient programs that advance the Seven Dimensions of Health and are accessible and appealing for all residents.

With such a small staff in the Parks and Recreation department, contractor-led programs are essential to offer a variety of programs that meet the diverse needs of the community and cast a wider net for leagues and team activities. **93% of programs in Davidson are hosted by independent contractors.** This is important to note because the department relies on the contractors to develop curriculum for programs, rather than hosting internally. These contractors bring their unique expertise and resources to fill the parks and recreation calendar with interesting classes, summer camps, and recreational opportunities. The Community Survey and national trends identify opportunities for diversified programming, but the Town will have to build new partnerships to meet programming needs.

COMMUNITY SURVEY

- More than 1/3 of survey respondents had suggestions to diversify program offerings in Davidson. Outdoor adventure programs/day hikes (15%), special events and concerts (12%), fitness and wellness programs (10%), and athletic programs (10%) were ranked as the most beneficial programs.
- Many residents report participating in summer camps (31%), team youth sports (30%), and mountain biking (15%) in the last year.
- Respondents indicate that programming and facilities are lacking for adults (30% of respondents) and middle/high school age kids (24%).

- Survey indicates that programming for adults, especially in the evenings (after work hours), is lacking.

BEST PRACTICES, NATIONAL STANDARDS, AND TRENDS

- There is a considerable gap in coverage regarding sports fields and courts (tennis, pickleball, soccer/multi-use, volleyball/multi-use) which leads to a shortage of athletic programming in Davidson. This gap is lessened with programs shared with neighboring municipalities (Cornelius and Huntersville).
- There are no skate parks in Davidson, which could contribute to the gap in programming for middle and high school students.
- According to 2023 NRPA Park Metrics, park programs specific for teens are offered in 60% of communities of a similar size (compared to the estimated 2040 population, and communities with a similar number of parks).
- The 2021 NRPA Advancing Community Health and Well-Being Study cites food access as a top emerging public health threat, according to a national survey of parks and recreation professionals.
- Park and recreation leaders anticipate that their agencies will be tackling challenges such as the social-mental health of youth (41%) in the next three years, as well as social isolation and loneliness (32%), and environmental resilience (37%).

PREVIOUS PLANNING STUDIES

- The 2014 community survey indicated more desire for life skills programs than exists today. Nature-based programs, water-based sports, and fitness and wellness programs were also top desires.
- The 2020 Comprehensive Plan emphasizes sustainable activities and reducing the environmental impacts of town programs and events.

PROGRAMMING RECOMMENDATION 1

Increase programming to provide educational opportunities based on Davidson's environmental assets.

SOURCE

2014 2014 (Revised) 2024 (New)

RATIONALE



National standards / best practices



Previous plans



Design team observations



Community engagement

ACTION STEPS

- Action P1.1:** Continue to seek partnerships with local outdoor clubs, non-profits, and businesses to develop new outdoor adventure programs, day hikes, mountain bike rides, guided nature walks, gardening, nutrition, food preparation, and sustainability series.
- Action P1.2:** Incorporate interactive maps and educational resources on the Davidson Parks and Recreation website.

RESPONSIBILITY	FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	TIMING
Davidson Parks and Recreation Ada Jenkins Center Davidson Lands Conservancy Mecklenburg County plus partnerships (<i>TreesDavidson, local schools and churches, community groups</i>)	Staff time, funding	Short-term ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

PROGRAMMING RECOMMENDATION 2

Develop health and exercise programs that appeal to all of Davidson.

SOURCE

2014 2014 (Revised) 2024 (New)

RATIONALE



National standards / best practices



Previous plans



Design team observations



Community engagement

ACTION STEPS

- Action P2.1:** Continue to evaluate and consider the following programs: bocce leagues, sailing, kayaking/paddleboarding, parent/tot classes, hiking, golf leagues, virtual fitness, BMX, archery camp, group bike ride.

RESPONSIBILITY	FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	TIMING
Davidson Parks and Recreation Mecklenburg County plus partnerships	Staff time, funding	Medium-term ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

PROGRAMMING RECOMMENDATION 3

Increase programming that utilizes lake access and water-based sports.

SOURCE

2014 2014 (Revised) 2024 (New)

RATIONALE



National standards / best practices



Previous plans



Design team observations



Community engagement

ACTION STEPS

- **Action P3.1:** Identify existing and potential water access points that can support group activities and events.
- **Action P3.2:** Seek and strengthen partnerships with landowners adjacent to the lake to broaden programming opportunities.

RESPONSIBILITY	FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	TIMING
Davidson Parks and Recreation plus partnerships (<i>Davidson Outdoors and other businesses</i>)	Staff time, funding	Medium- to long-term ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒ ☒ ☒

PROGRAMMING RECOMMENDATION 4

Continue to leverage and grow programming partnerships.

SOURCE

2014 2014 (Revised) 2024 (New)

RATIONALE



National standards / best practices



Previous plans



Design team observations



Community engagement

ACTION STEPS

- **Action P4.1:** Leverage local health industry to sponsor events and build partnerships for health-focused programming in public open spaces and trails.
- **Action P4.2:** Partner with local small businesses to encourage and provide classes and health/wellness-related events in parks (boot camps, yoga or tai chi classes, running groups, etc.).
- **Action P4.3:** Partner with schools to participate in national environmental education events like Earth Day and “PARK(ing) Day” to engage youth and build awareness.

RESPONSIBILITY	FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	TIMING
Davidson Parks and Recreation Davidson Economic Development plus partnerships	Staff time	Ongoing ☒ ☒ ☒ ☒ ☒

PROGRAMMING RECOMMENDATION 5

Continue to partner with organizations to provide educational programs for bicyclists.

SOURCE

2014 2014 (Revised) 2024 (New)

RATIONALE



National standards / best practices



Previous plans



Design team observations



Community engagement

ACTION STEPS

- **Action P5.1:** Utilize the Vizion Zero Plan to inform educational programming for cyclists and pedestrians.
- **Action P5.2:** Identify and partner with the local organizations and businesses to offer a variety of active and educational programs.
- **Action P5.3:** Incorporate painted crosswalks throughout Davidson, where appropriate.

RESPONSIBILITY	FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	TIMING
Davidson Parks and Recreation Davidson Planning Department plus partnerships	Staff time	Ongoing 

PROGRAMMING RECOMMENDATION 6

Continue to provide and expand special events in parks throughout Town.

SOURCE

2014 2014 (Revised) 2024 (New)

RATIONALE



National standards / best practices



Previous plans



Design team observations



Community engagement

ACTION STEPS

- **Action P6.1:** Review existing events in the region and identify gaps and opportunities.
- **Action P6.2:** Continue to seek opportunities and partnerships with local groups to provide concerts and festivals in parks and public spaces, and explore opportunities for a recurring family movie night.
- **Action P6.3:** Partner with local groups to support and strengthen cultural events and activities within public open spaces.
- **Action P6.4:** Seek unique event opportunities that build momentum for and support other Parks and Recreation Master Plan and Comprehensive Plan recommendations.

RESPONSIBILITY	FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	TIMING
Davidson Parks and Recreation Davidson Economic Development Davidson Planning Department	Staff time, funding	Short-term 

PROGRAMMING RECOMMENDATION 7

Continue to expand and develop new summer camp programs for Town of Davidson residents.

SOURCE		
2014	2014 (Revised)	2024 (New)
RATIONALE		
☐ National standards / best practices	☒ Previous plans	☐ Design team observations
		☒ Community engagement
RESPONSIBILITY		TIMING
Davidson Parks and Recreation		Ongoing

PROGRAMMING RECOMMENDATION 8

Tie the impacts of public open space and programming to mental health (positive impacts).

SOURCE		
2014	2014 (Revised)	2024 (New)
RATIONALE		
☐ National standards / best practices	☒ Previous plans	☐ Design team observations
		☐ Community engagement
ACTION STEPS		
• Action P8.1: Track and document attendance and feedback from residents at community events and programs (mood, physical wellness, etc.). • Action P8.2: Seek partnerships to provide more mental health education and programming. • Action P8.3: Expand accessibility to parks and programming as a way to positively impact mental health.		
RESPONSIBILITY		TIMING
Davidson Parks and Recreation		Short- to medium-term

PROGRAMMING RECOMMENDATION 9

Create incentives to expand turnout for groups that currently are not using the system.

SOURCE

2014

2014 (Revised)

2024 (New)

RATIONALE

National standards /
best practices

Previous plans

Design team
observationsCommunity
engagement

ACTION STEPS

- **Action P9.1:** Provide programming for adults at a variety of times (especially evenings/after work hours) to accommodate different schedules.
- **Action P9.2:** Provide introductory classes with lower registration costs to provide easy introduction to new activities.
- **Action P9.3:** Create a “demo day” for residents to try out, experience and explore the full range of program and sport options.
- **Action P9.4:** Provide more time and space for open/drop-in play/practice.
- **Action P9.5:** Continue to track cancellation rates, attendance rates, and net revenue calculations of programs to evaluate popular or declining programs. Compare with 7 Dimensions of Health value (high mission/low value, etc.) to determine cost/benefit.
- **Action P9.6:** Consider opportunities to provide scholarships for summer camps and other programs that reduce barriers and encourage participation from groups that are not currently using the system.

RESPONSIBILITY

Davidson Parks and Recreation

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Staff time, funding

TIMING

Short-term



PROGRAMMING RECOMMENDATION 10

Provide programs that create opportunities for the whole family to recreate and exercise in one place – community engagement indicates that people want to exercise and spend time with family in Davidson parks.

SOURCE

2014

2014 (Revised)

2024 (New)

RATIONALE

National standards /
best practices

Previous plans

Design team
observationsCommunity
engagement

ACTION STEPS

- **Action P10.1:** Consider the following programs: photography, nature walks, family movie nights, meet the beekeeper (or other profession), disc golf league, family fishing, birdwatching, group bike rides, foraging walks, kayaking/paddleboarding, sailing, tree planting events.
- **Action P10.2:** Consider providing food/meals at weeknight family programs.

RESPONSIBILITY

Davidson Parks and Recreation
plus partnerships

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Staff time, funding

TIMING

Short- to
medium-term

PROGRAMMING RECOMMENDATION 11

Expand programming to cater to, and increase interest and attendance from middle and high school age students.

SOURCE

2014 2014 (Revised) 2024 (New)

RATIONALE

☐ National standards / best practices	☐ Previous plans	☐ Design team observations	☒ Community engagement
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ACTION STEPS

- **Action P11.1:** Seek input directly from middle and high school age students in Davidson schools to understand their priorities and desires – this could include outreach in Davidson middle and high school classrooms or via the Teen Council.
- **Action P11.2:** Consider the following programs for teens: drone flying, e-sports and gaming, camping, bike/skate/rollerblade lessons, flag football, ultimate frisbee, dance, golf leagues, photography, babysitter training, college/SAT prep, STEM programs, LGBTQIA+ support groups, music camps, sports camps, lifeguard training, sailing, and kayaking/paddleboarding.
- **Action P11.3:** Consider providing ‘teen only’ classes, hosted on weekday afternoons or on half days.

RESPONSIBILITY	FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	TIMING
Davidson Parks and Recreation Local schools Lake Norman Teen Council plus partnerships	Staff time, funding	Short- to medium-term ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

PROGRAMMING RECOMMENDATION 12

Provide performing arts and music programming that connects to community gathering spaces.

SOURCE

2014 2014 (Revised) 2024 (New)

RATIONALE

☐ National standards / best practices	☒ Previous plans	☐ Design team observations	☐ Community engagement
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RESPONSIBILITY	FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	TIMING
Davidson Parks and Recreation	Staff time, funding	Long-term ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒ ☒

 How do the Program Recommendations Support the 7 Dimensions of Health?		7 Dimensions of Health						
		Physical	Social	Emotional	Vocational	Environmental	Intellectual	Cultural
P1	Increase programming to provide educational opportunities based on Davidson's environmental assets.		X	X		X	X	X
P2	Develop health and exercise programs that appeal to all of Davidson.	X	X					
P3	Increase programming that utilizes lake access and water-based sports.	X	X	X				X
P4	Continue to leverage and grow programming partnerships.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
P5	Continue to partner with organizations to provide educational programs for bicyclists.	X	X				X	
P6	Continue to provide and expand special events in parks throughout Town.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
P7	Continue to expand and develop new summer camp programs for Town of Davidson residents.	X	X				X	X
P8	Tie the impacts of public open space and programming to mental health (positive impacts).		X	X			X	
P9	Create incentives to expand turnout for groups that currently are not using the system.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
P10	Provide programs that create opportunities for the whole family to recreate and exercise in one place – community engagement indicates that people want to exercise and spend time with family in Davidson parks.	X	X	X				X
P11	Expand programming to cater to, and increase interest and attendance from middle and high school age students.	X	X	X				
P12	Provide performing arts and music programming that connects to community gathering spaces.		X	X				X

07

Funding Strategies



Image: Child attending Fiber Art Summer Camp (2021)

07 Funding Strategies

THERE ARE SEVERAL METHODS THROUGH WHICH PARKS AND recreation systems can be funded. The first step is to update the Capital Improvement Plan to provide the guiding framework for the financing of the department. The following section defines several funding tools that, when used in conjunction with town funds, will enable the acquisition, planning, construction and programming of this critical community resource.

Capital Improvement Plan

A capital improvements program (CIP) is a framework for planning a community's capital expenditures. It is a four-to six-year schedule of infrastructure and facilities to be built or upgraded. The CIP is composed of two parts – a capital budget and a capital program. The budget is the upcoming year's spending plan; the program is a plan for expenditures five years beyond the budget. A complete, properly developed CIP should identify funding sources and timelines for completion of projects upon which all citizens can rely. A well planned capital improvement plan has the following benefits:

- Facilitates coordination between capital needs and the operating budgets.
- Enhances the community's credit rating, control of its tax rate, and avoids sudden changes in its debt service requirements.
- Identifies the most economical means of financing capital projects.
- Increases opportunities for obtaining federal and state aid.
- Relates public facilities to other public and private development and redevelopment policies and plans.
- Focuses attention on community objectives and fiscal capacity.
- Keeps the public informed about future needs and projects.
- Coordinates the activities of neighboring and overlapping units of local government to reduce duplication.
- Encourages careful project planning and design to avoid costly mistakes and help a community reach desired goals.

Sources of CIP Funding

General fund revenue

Community Investment Fund

Town Fund Balance

Installment financing

General Obligation Bonds

Grants

Grant Resources

A variety of special grants exist through federal, state and local governmental agencies which can be used to fund a parks and recreation department. Utilizing grants, creates opportunities to fund projects that may not normally be feasible if only reliant on other sources for funding. While very beneficial, many of these are time consuming and require dedicated staff time to do research, applications, documentation and tracking.

The following table highlights a variety of grants available from local, state and federal sources that could help achieve some of the aforementioned recommendations:

TABLE 18: GRANT RESOURCES

Level	Funding Tool	Source	Purpose
Local	Carolina Thread Trail	Carolina Thread Trail	This grant funds greenway/trail implementation projects.
Local	Mecklenburg County	Mecklenburg County Capital Funding	The county has been a frequent contributor for town park projects and land acquisitions.
Local	Partners for Parks	Partners for Parks General Fund	Partners for Parks "General Fund" is an unrestricted fund that is used primarily to supplement ongoing recreation programs and facility improvements. Funds are distributed at the board's discretion for such programs as summer camp scholarships, the Reedy Creek "Nature Play" playground construction or the sponsorship of a local trail conference.
State	Clean Water Management Trust	State of North Carolina	This grant supports projects that enhance or restore degraded waters, protect unpolluted waters, and/or contribute toward a network of riparian buffers and greenways for environmental, educational and recreational benefits.
State	Connecting Communities to State Trails Grant (CCST)	State of North Carolina	CCST grant requests can be for the planning or development of connecting trails to the state trails system. All constructed land trails must be natural surface.
State	Great Trails State Program (GTS)	State of North Carolina	This program provides funding for new trail development and extension of existing trails anywhere in the state. This includes paved trails or greenways, natural surface trails, biking trails – any other type of trail recognized by the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.
State	Land and Water Conservation Fund	State of North Carolina	The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) program is a reimbursable, 50/50 matching grants program given to states for conservation and outdoor recreation purposes, and through states to local governments to address "close-to-home" outdoor recreation needs.
State	Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF)	State of North Carolina	PARTF provides dollar-for-dollar matching grants to local governments for parks and recreation projects that serve the public interest.
State	Recreational Trails Program (RTP)	NC Division of Parks and Recreation, funded by FHWA	This program provides funding for construction of new trails, maintenance and repair of existing trails, land acquisition, purchase of trail tools and planning, legal, environmental and permitting costs through a cost-reimbursement basis (up to 80% of eligible costs).
State	Safe Routes to School	State of North Carolina	This grant is designed to create and improve safe walking and bicycling facilities to and from school.
State	Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG)	CRTPO, funded by FHWA	This program provides flexible funding for a wide range of transportation projects, including highways, bridges, transit capital projects, and pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure.
Federal	Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program (ATIIP)	US Department of Transportation	This program provides funding to plan or construct safe and connected active transportation facilities in active transportation networks or spines.

Note: The not a comprehensive list of all tools available to fund parks and recreation. This list should be used as a starting point when researching funding mechanisms and available grants.

Level	Funding Tool	Source	Purpose
Federal	Neighborhood Access and Equity (NAE)	US Department of Transportation	Improve access to transportation and enhance mobility options within neighborhoods, with an emphasis on underserved and disadvantaged communities.
Federal	Our Town	National Endowment for the Arts	This endowment is for creative placemaking projects that contribute toward the livability of communities and help transform them into lively, beautiful and sustainable places with the arts at their core.
Federal	Ready, Set, Go! Transportation Alternatives Grant Program (TAP)	US Department of Transportation	This federal reimbursement program is intended to fund community-based projects that expand non-motorized travel choices and enhance the transportation experience by improving the cultural, historical, and environmental aspects of the transportation infrastructure. It does not fund traditional roadway projects or maintenance. TAP aims to expand travel choices, strengthen the local economy, improve quality of life, and protect the environment.
Federal	Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity Grants (RAISE)	US Department of Transportation	This program supports surface transportation infrastructure projects that will have a significant local or regional impact, with a focus on sustainability and equity.
Federal	Reconnecting Communities (RCP)	US Department of Transportation	This grant program funds projects aimed at reconnecting communities by removing, retrofitting, or mitigating transportation infrastructure barriers to mobility, access, or economic development.
Federal	Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)	US Department of Transportation	This grant program aims to improve safety and accessibility for all road users, particularly pedestrians and cyclists, to reduce traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries.
Federal	Urban Waters Small Grants	EPA	Funding for projects that contribute to improved water quality and community revitalization qualify for this program.

Local Equity

Through land donations or land swaps, the parks and recreation department can utilize local equities to help fund facility development. Donations of land to parks and recreation departments have become a very popular due to the many tax benefits. The department can help to minimize land acquisition costs by developing on donated parcels. In addition, they may also lower acquisition costs by taking part in a land swap. This involves the municipality trading existing town-owned property for it to be developed commercially in exchange for a property more suitable for parks and recreation. The town and the developer enter into this agreement as it is mutually beneficial for both parties.



Image: Concert on the Green (2011)

08 Appendix

APPENDIX A: Town of Davidson Livability Board

The Livability Board typically meets monthly, on the 3rd Tuesday, in the board room at Town Hall. The group's mission is to serve as sounding board and provide advice and recommendations to staff on any and all questions concerning parks, recreation, healthy living initiatives, trees and natural assets, greenways and trails, bicycle and pedestrian facilities and policies.

The Livability Board may be called upon for advice and recommendations to the Board of Commissioners in any or all of the following areas of concern: to create and promote an enjoyable place to live, learn, work and play; to support safe and vibrant spaces and neighborhoods; to promote cultural, socioeconomic and age diversity; to encourage committed civic involvement and responsibility; to provide sustainable and healthy choices for transportation, food and energy use; to enable faithful stewardship of natural and historic resources; to continue to provide effective and efficient public services; to maintain quality design and sound planning principles; to create diverse business and job opportunities.

The Livability Board includes staff from the Parks and Recreation Department, but also combines expertise from Public Works and Planning Department staff, depending on the issue.

MEMBERS

Bruce Batman
Anne Bontempo
Cathy Denham
Lee Ann Gay
Michael Murray
Kasia Worsham
Katie Zager
Pam Foltz
Sally Nardone
Gabrielle Craig
Jennifer Fielder
Gina Carmon (Town Staff)

APPENDIX B: Public Input Phase 1 Boards and Responses

1. Activity 1: Live, Work, Play Map

- a. 16 'Live' Dots
 - i. Most respondents live within walking distance of Downtown Davidson – off Bridges Farm Road, around Ada Jenkins Center, along Lake Norman, around Faulkner Square Park
 - ii. 3 Cornelius residents
 - iii. 1 Huntersville resident
- b. 7 'Work' Dots
 - i. Top answer – Work from home: 5 dots
 - ii. Davidson College
 - iii. Davidson Day K-8 School
- c. 12 'Play' Dots
 - i. Top answer – Roosevelt Wilson Park (3 dots)
 - ii. Lake Davidson Nature Preserve
 - iii. Parham Park
 - iv. Davidson College
 - v. South Prong Rocky River Greenway
 - vi. Abersham Park
 - vii. Northern Regional Rec Center
 - viii. Caldwell Station Creek Greenway
 - ix. River Run Country Club
 - x. Off map limits: 1 dot

iv. "I like to go to church and worship God and Jesus because He loves ME SO MUCH" – write-in response

d. Vocational

- i. Top answer – cooking class (5 dots)
- ii. 3-4 dots – art/craft fair, night class with instructor, physical therapy
- iii. 1-2 dots – job fair, painting class, chess tournament with food trucks, breathalyzer

e. Environmental

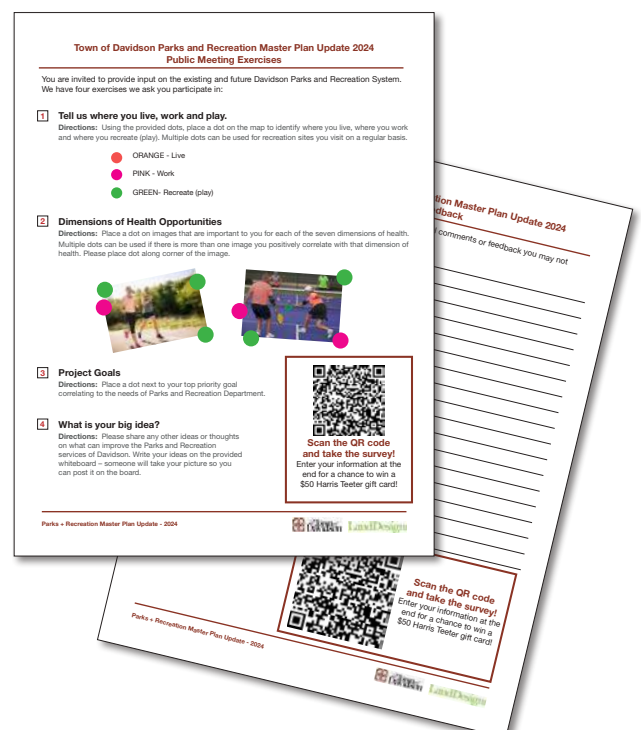
- i. 3-4 dots – hiking, community garden, waterway cleanup, community litter cleanup, seniors stretching, fishing, paddling, rain garden
- ii. 1-2 dots – children gardening, butterfly catching

f. Emotional

- i. Top answer – nature trail (4 dots)
- ii. 2-3 dots – reading, sitting by the water, studying with friends, meadow, talking to a friend on a bench, seniors walking, play equipment
- iii. 1 dot – alone in the woods, bicycling

2. Activity 2: 7 Dimensions of Health

- a. Physical
 - i. Top answer – kayaking (7 dots)
 - ii. 3-5 dots – pickleball, group exercise classes
 - iii. 1-2 dots – tennis, baseball, basketball, archery, soccer, outdoor fitness stations, bocce, skate park, lake access
- b. Social
 - i. Top answer – seniors jogging (9 dots)
 - ii. 5 dots – dog park, paddleboarding, festivals, markets, pickleball, accessible for all abilities
 - iii. 1-3 dots – nature play for children, hiking, water play, basketball, open lawns, lounging
- c. Cultural
 - i. Top answer – yoga class (6 dots)
 - ii. 3-5 dots – concert, family party in a park, meditation class, stress-free zone, street festival
 - iii. 1-2 dots – students talking, religious ceremony, kids socializing, pride/costume festival, outdoor class for kids, outdoor class for adults



g. Cognitive

- i. Top answers – kayaking and community garden (6 dots each)
- ii. 3-5 dots – farmer’s market, movie nights, mural painting, little free library
- iii. 1-2 dots – beekeeping, sculpture, cooking class, birdwatching, pottery, children gardening, outdoor classroom

3. Activity 3: Project Goals

a. 13 Dots

- i. Top answer – Strengthen the social fabric of a community (5 dots)
- ii. Increase physical exercise: 2 dots
- iii. Increase access to healthy food: 2 dots
- iv. Provide fair access to resources: 2 dots
- v. Decrease mental health stresses: 1 dot
- vi. Minimize the effect of climate change: 0 dots
- vii. Promote safety to reduce injuries: 0 dots

b. No write-ins in the ‘Other’ category

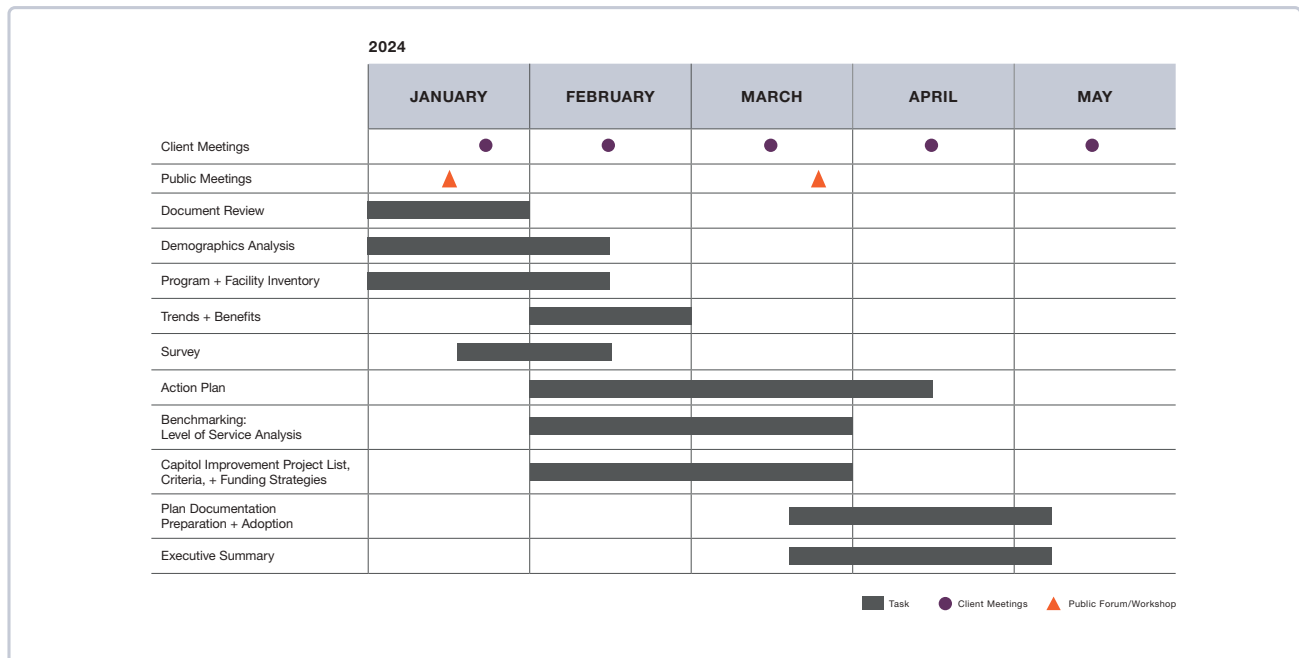
4. Activity 4: What is your Big/Most Important Idea?

- a. “Help the homeless and people with disabilities – I know sign language so I would help deaf people”
- b. “Dog park for small dogs”
- c. “Keep stormwater runoff going into Lake Norman clean! Mud is clogging the lake”
- d. “Clean the preserve behind Davidson Day – trails dangerous”
- e. “Handicap accessibility at Parham Park”
- f. “Affordability for all children; address African American and minority access”
- g. “Reach out to African American churches”
- h. “Community gathering”
- i. “A pickleball court for everyone”
- j. “Equitable access to goods and services”
- k. “Affordability”
- l. “Basketball” x2
- m. “Land preservation”
- n. “Integrating nature”
- o. “More handicap accessibility”
- p. “Increase interaction in our community”
- q. “Community organization and advocacy”



Davidson Parks and Recreation's

MASTER PLAN UPDATED SCHEDULE

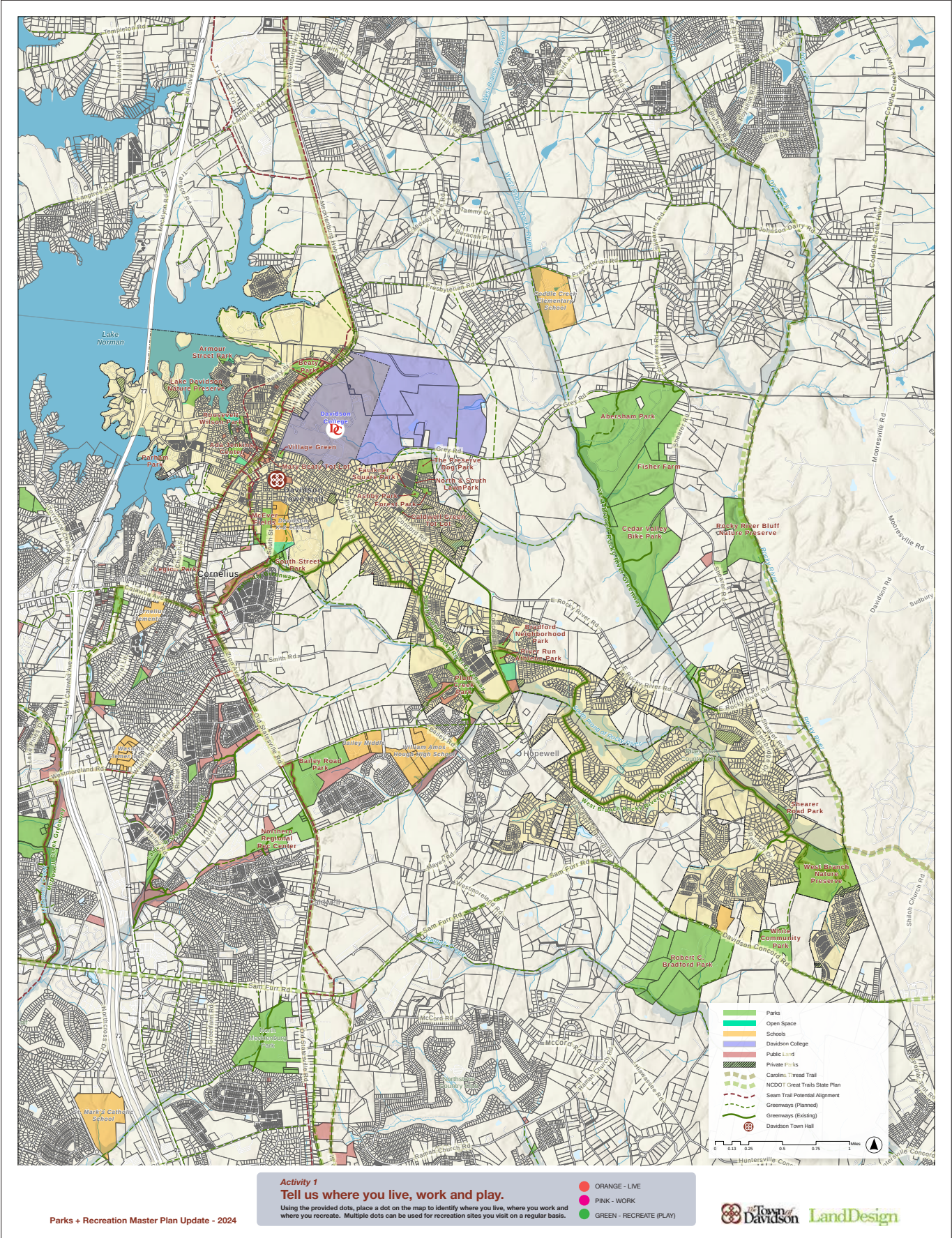


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Appendix B

ACTIVITY 1: LIVE, WORK, PLAY MAP



ACTIVITY 2: SEVEN DIMENSIONS OF HEALTH

INTELLECTUAL →

The ability to open our minds to new ideas and experiences that can be applied to personal decisions, group interaction and community betterment. The desire to learn new concepts, improve skills and seek challenges in pursuit of lifelong learning.



Describe your own!

Describe your own!

Describe your own!

Describe your own!

Describe your own!

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ACTIVITY 2: SEVEN DIMENSIONS OF HEALTH

SOCIAL →

The ability to relate to, and connect with, other people in our world. The ability to establish and maintain positive relationships with family, friends and coworkers.



(Describe your own!)

(Describe your own!)

Describe your own!

Describe your own!

Describe your own!

ACTIVITY 2: SEVEN DIMENSIONS OF HEALTH

ENVIRONMENTAL →

The ability to recognize our own responsibility for the quality of the air, the water and the land that surrounds us. The ability to make a positive impact on the quality of our environment, be it our homes, our communities or our planet.



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ACTIVITY 2: SEVEN DIMENSIONS OF HEALTH

VOCATIONAL →

The ability to obtain training and skills to further improve our lives. Our desire to contribute in our careers to make a positive impact on the organizations we work in and to society as a whole.



Describe your own!

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Describe your own!

Describe your own!

ACTIVITY 2: SEVEN DIMENSIONS OF HEALTH

CULTURAL →

The ability support and be inclusive to cultural diversity in your community. It involves building positive relationships and interacting respectfully with people of different backgrounds, lifestyles, genders, ethnicities, abilities, and ages.



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ACTIVITY 2: SEVEN DIMENSIONS OF HEALTH

EMOTIONAL →

The ability to understand ourselves and cope with the challenges life can bring. The ability to acknowledge and share feelings of anger, fear, sadness or stress; hope, love, joy and happiness in a productive manner.



Describe your own!

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Describe your own!

Describe your own!

Describe your own!

ACTIVITY 2: SEVEN DIMENSIONS OF HEALTH

PHYSICAL



The ability to maintain a healthy quality of life that allows us to get through our daily activities without undue fatigue or physical stress. The ability to recognize that our behaviors impact our wellness and adopting healthful habits while avoiding destructive habits will lead to optimal physical wellness.



Describe your own!

Describe your own!

Describe your own!

Describe your own!

Describe your own!

Activity 2

Dimension of Health Opportunities

Place a dot on images that are important to you for each dimension of health. Multiple dots can be used if there is more than one image you positively correlate with that dimension of health. Please place dot(s) along corner of the image.



Activity 3

PROJECT GOALS

Place a dot on your top priority goal.

THE GOAL OF THE PLAN IS TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR THE PARK AND RECREATION SYSTEM THAT...

...Increase
physical **exercise.**

...Promote **safety**
to reduce injuries.

...Increase
access to **healthy**
food.

...Improve **air +**
water quality.

...Minimize the
effect of **climate**
change.

...Decrease
mental health
stresses.

...Strengthen the
social fabric of a
community.

...Provide
fair access to
resources.

Others?

Note: The goals are adapted from the CDC

ACTIVITY 4: WHAT IS YOUR BIG/MOST IMPORTANT IDEA?



Activity 4 – Help us to better understand Davidson’s parks and recreation needs

WHAT IS YOUR BIG IDEA?

Is there anything else you would like to share with us about your park and recreation needs?
Write your idea on the provided whiteboard and post a photo of it here!



Davidson Level of Service (LOS)

WHAT HAS CHANGED SINCE 2014?

NEW PARKS

Plum Creek Park



Beaty Park



Bradford Neighborhood Park*

*(acquired from HOA)



...generating an additional **47.4 ACRES** of parkland in Davidson since 2014*

*(includes 2.06 acres of Bradford Neighborhood Park)

NEW PARK FACILITIES

3 playgrounds

**2 tennis /
pickleball
courts**

5 shelters

**3 restroom
buildings**

**1 archery
range**

NEW GREENWAYS

**West Branch
Rocky River
Greenway**

2.78 miles

(greenway funded by Meck County, operated by Davidson)



**Plum Creek
Greenway**

0.52 miles

(greenway funded by Meck County, operated by Davidson)





DAVIDSON LEVEL OF SERVICE (LOS)

NATIONAL RECREATION AND PARK ASSOCIATION (NRPA) PARK METRICS STANDARDS

FACILITY TYPE	TOTAL POPULATION SERVED BY 1 FACILITY (BASED ON NRPA STANDARDS)	EXISTING PUBLIC FACILITIES WITHIN DAVIDSON (2023)	EXISTING DEMAND FOR DAVIDSON	EXISTING GAP IN LEVEL OF SERVICE (LOS)	FUTURE DEMAND FOR DAVIDSON (2042)	FUTURE GAP IN LEVEL OF SERVICE (LOS) FOR 2042
Soccer / Multi-Use	3859	2	4.1	2.1	7.1	5.1
Baseball / Softball Fields	5405	9	2.9	6.1	5.1	3.9
Tennis	2805	2	5.6	3.6	9.8	7.8
Basketball	3729	2	10.4	8.4	7.4	5.4
Volleyball / Multi-Use	5093	-	3.1	3.1	5.4	5.4
Pickleball	3252	2	4.8	2.8	8.4	6.4
Skatepark	10726	-	1.5	1.5	2.6	2.6
Tot lots	5816	2	12.0	10	4.7	2.7
Playgrounds	2014	7	7.8	.8	13.6	6.6
Pool	9745	-	1.6	1.6	2.8	2.8

(RED) indicates gap
(Green) indicates surplus

2023 NRPA KEY FINDINGS



NRPA National Metric



Town of Davidson
1,126 RESIDENTS per PARK
(compared to 2,287 National Metric)



NRPA National Metric



Town of Davidson
46.4 ACRES per 1,000 RESIDENTS
(compared to 10.8 National Metric)

APPENDIX C:
Community Survey Results + Key Findings

Town of Davidson

PARKS & RECREATION

Master Plan

2024 Update

Community Survey Results





KEY FINDINGS

508

The survey received a very strong response (508 completed surveys total, 121 more responses than the 2014 survey). Approximately 93% of survey responses came from Davidson residents.



The Village Green, Fisher Farm, Abersham Park, and Roosevelt Wilson Park were identified as the most beneficial parks in Davidson. Greenways and mountain biking trails were also very popular.



60% of respondents said the top priority for this Plan Update is to expand trails and greenways. Connectivity was a very popular topic that appeared in all lists of responses to the open-ended questions. 1/3 of survey respondents note that they wish that Davidson Parks and Recreation provided more opportunities to safely walk, bike, and hike on trails that are separated from roadways.



Some respondents feel that Davidson Parks and Recreation facilities, events and greenways are concentrated on the west side of town, and they desire more programming and connections to facilities on the east side. The shape of the town is likely a factor in the distribution of facilities and the perceived 'isolation' in Davidson East.



Respondents feel that sports courts (6%) and fields (5%) are additional priorities for the Town of Davidson. There is a perceived shortage of soccer fields, baseball fields, tennis, and pickleball courts based on the open-ended responses received, with many people reporting that they travel outside of Davidson for sports recreation and practice.

KEY FINDINGS



The desire for a **Davidson-specific indoor/outdoor recreation complex and community center** was mentioned **19 times** throughout the survey responses. Responses indicate the perception that the North Meck Rec Center is for Cornelius residents, too busy, or too far away for Davidson residents. 11% of respondents think that an indoor recreation center is a top need.



More than 1/3 of survey respondents had suggestions to diversify program offerings in Davidson. **Outdoor adventure programs/day hikes, special events and concerts, fitness and wellness programs, and athletic programs** were ranked as the most beneficial programs for the Davidson community. Many residents also report participating in summer camps (31%), team youth sports (30%), and mountain biking (15%) in the last year.



Respondents feel that **programming and facilities are lacking for middle/high school age kids (24% of respondents)**. Some respondents also note that they want more programming for adults, especially in the evenings (after work hours).



The top barriers of using Davidson parks, facilities, and programs include **lack of a specific facility or activity, lack of communication about offerings, and lack of awareness** of offerings or facilities. Of the 91 write-in responses, 29% of respondents referred to a **lack of bike and greenway connectivity** as the main factor.

A total of 33% of respondents said that they do not experience any factors that discourage use ("None, I'm satisfied with current recreation facilities and amenities").

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DEMOGRAPHICS OF RESPONDERS



61%
of survey respondents
identify as **female**.
(compared to 54% of
Davidson population)

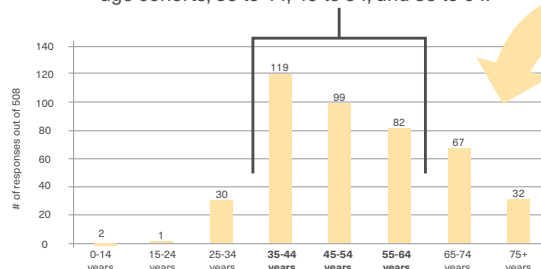


39%
of survey respondents
identify as **male**.
(compared to 46% of
Davidson population)

3.7%
of survey respondents have
a need for **ADA-accessible
facilities and services**.
(compared to 3.8% of
the Davidson population)

AGE GROUPS OF RESPONDERS

While there is good distribution throughout age groups, the biggest number of responders came from the middle age cohorts, 35 to 44, 45 to 54, and 55 to 64.



INCOME + HOUSEHOLD

58%
of survey
respondents
own a dog.

94%
of survey respondents
report that they **own
property in Davidson**
(rather than rent).

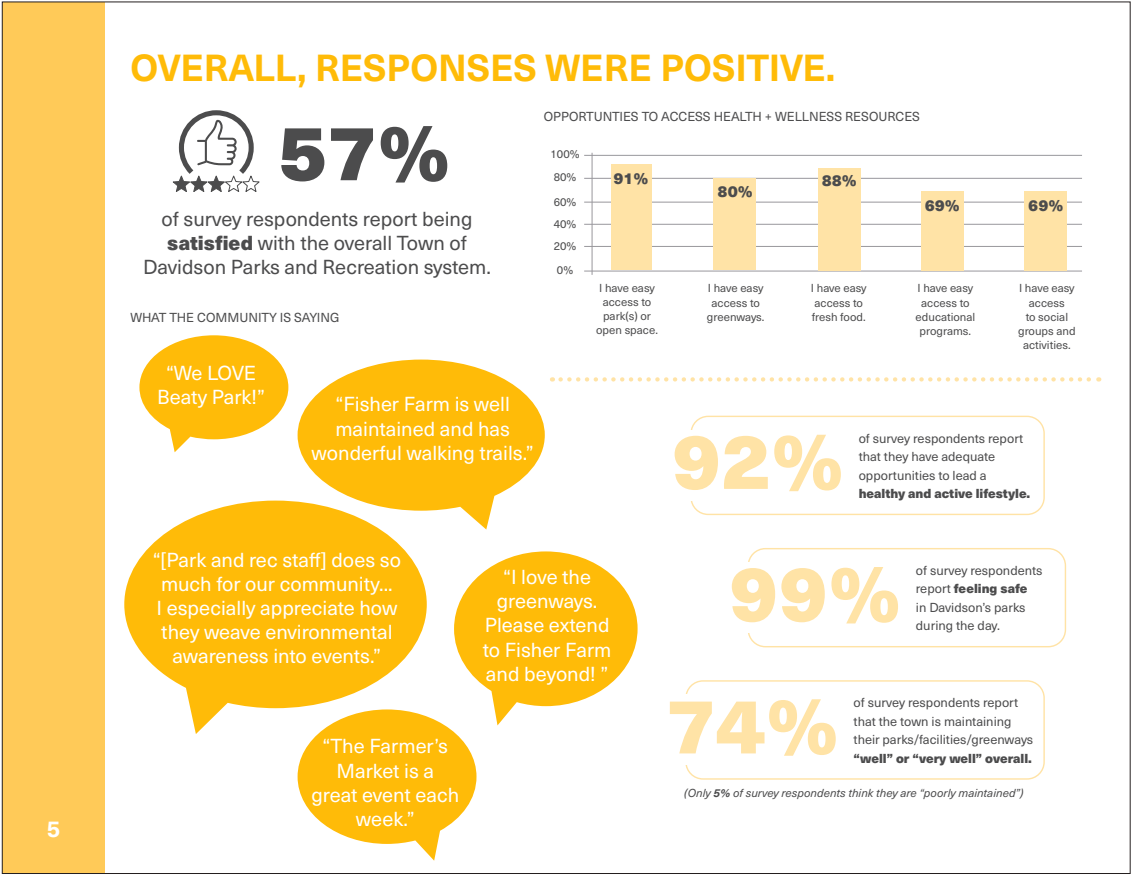
43%
of survey respondents
report that their
household **earns
\$200,000+** annually.

When compared to the current population distribution, the distribution is similar, except for a **significantly lower percentage of younger respondents**, primarily accounted for by the low percentage of Davidson College students (0.24%) who had taken the survey.



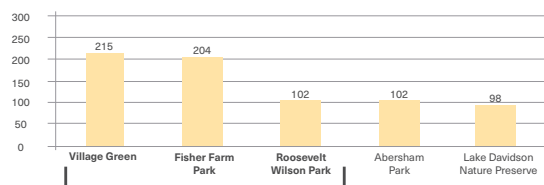
The survey had a significant mix of responses from many different types of households. This geographically dispersed group included households with children (49%), empty nesters (28%), and without children (20%). **The household income distribution was less dispersed.** The median household income in Davidson, according to the 2022 Census, is \$140,938.

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FACILITY USE

TOP 5 FACILITIES MOST BENEFICIAL TO DAVIDSON



The same 3 facilities were identified as 'most beneficial' in 2014!

WHAT ARE THE SHARED OR DESIRABLE CHARACTERISTICS IN THE TOP 5 PARKS?

1. Connection to nature
2. Walking paths and trails
3. Play space
4. Proximity to Downtown
5. Community Events



Greenways were mentioned in **35%** of the write-in responses (34 total responses).

“I [enjoy] the Lake Davidson Nature Preserve as it is our only access to the lake. It's a gem that needs a face.”
- survey respondent

“So grateful for Fisher Farm - it's a true gem! The Village Green is the centerpiece of the community.”
- survey respondent

“[The outdoor spaces] are what make Davidson the special place that it is. Most residents come here for its emphasis on the outdoors and all the amazing outdoor spaces [Davidson] offers.”
- survey respondent

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QUALITY OF MAINTENANCE

RECURRING THEMES IN THE 271 OPEN-ENDED RESPONSES RELATED TO MAINTENANCE

1. Drainage and flooding
2. Litter
3. Bathroom maintenance
4. Erosion control

35%

of open-ended responses about maintenance were **generally positive**.

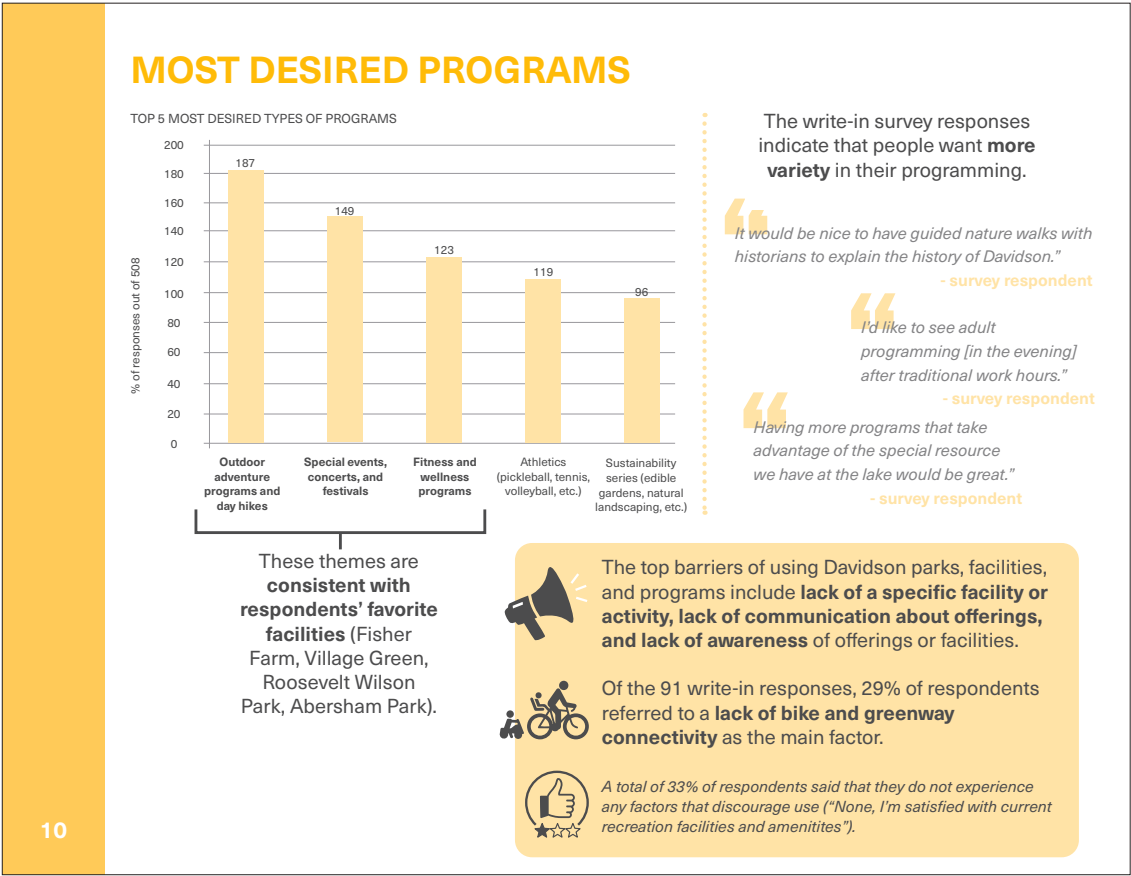
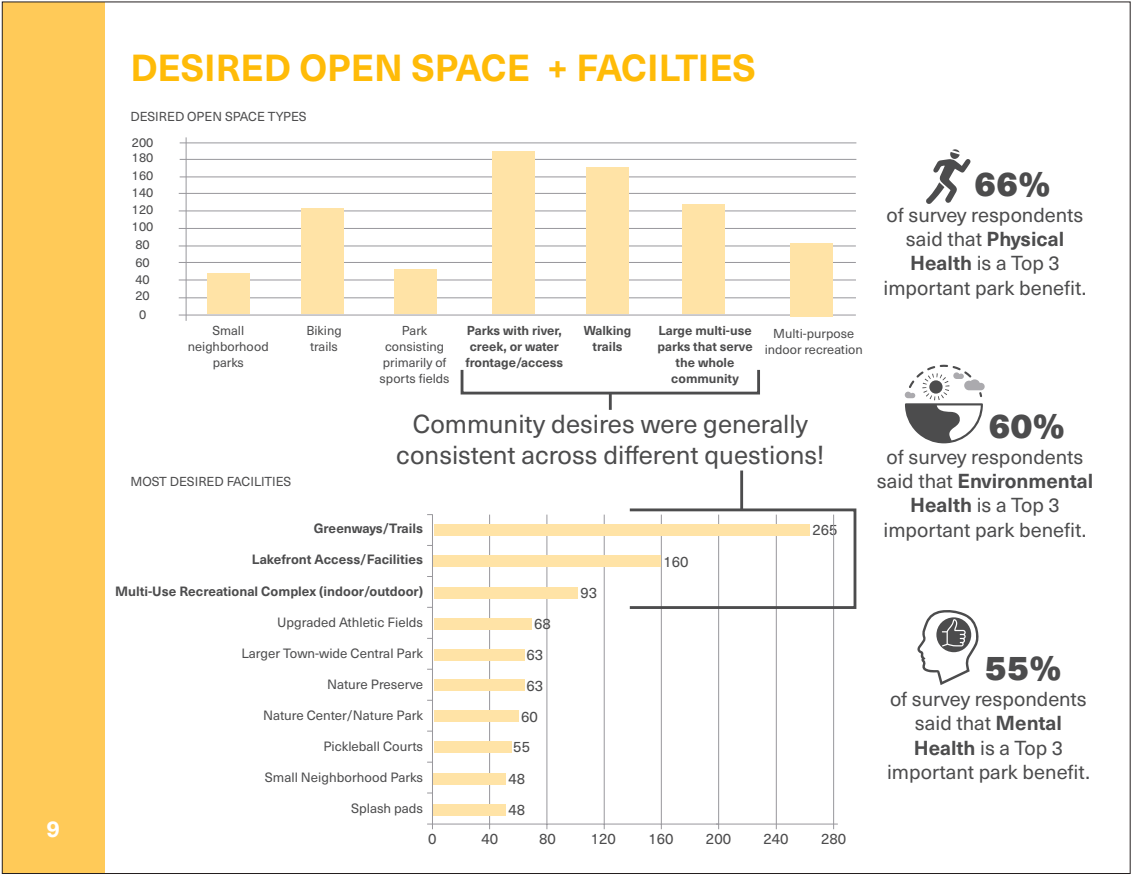
51%

of open-ended responses about maintenance included specific suggestions for maintenance improvements (see below).

TOP 5 FACILITIES WITH MAINTENANCE CONCERNS

1	2	3	4	5
Greenways (misc.)	Roosevelt Wilson Park	McEvers Fields	St. Alban's Parks (misc.)	Lake Davidson Nature Preserve
- Drainage issues, mud, and flooding after storm events - Erosion - Need more pet waste stations	- Bathroom cleanliness was identified as a major issue - Litter (in pond and overflowing in trash cans) - Picnic shelter leaks and is dirty - Playground is getting rusty - Bridge is deteriorating	- Bathroom cleanliness was identified as a major issue - Drainage issues and flooding after storm events - Water fountains don't work	- Broken toys in the Tot Lot - More frequent mowing and weeding is needed - Drainage issues and mud in the Dog Park and Tot Lot - Playground needs to be updated	- Path has a lot of roots and fallen debris "Needs work" - Old signage needs to be replaced - Erosion - Drainage issues and mud after storm events

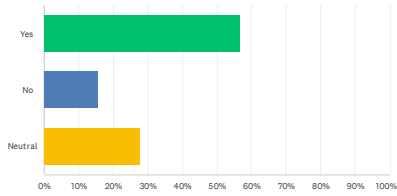
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Q1 Are you satisfied with the overall Town of Davidson Parks and Recreation System? (parks, facilities, greenways, programs)

Answered: 507 Skipped: 1



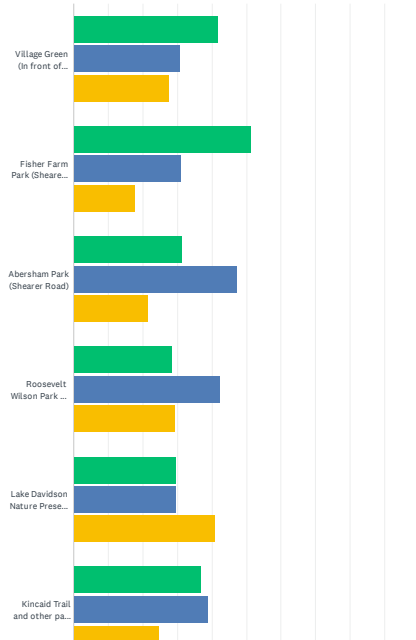
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	56.80%
No	15.58%
Neutral	27.61%
TOTAL	507

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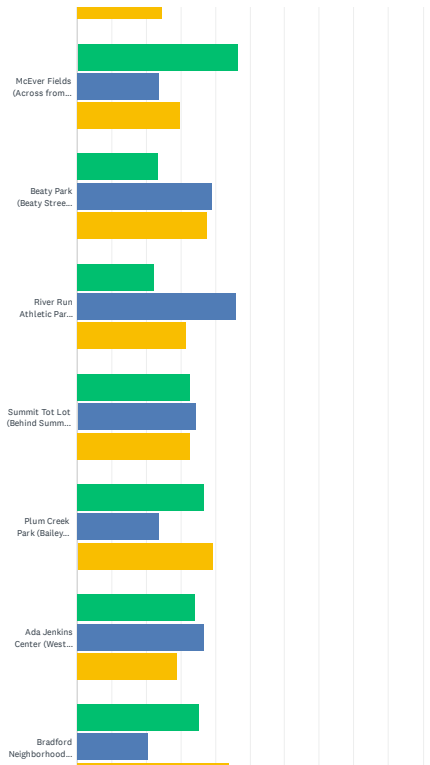
Q2 Of the following facilities currently in Davidson, please indicate which ones are the most important to you and your family, and most beneficial to the community (and/or members of your household): Select your top 3

Answered: 502 Skipped: 6



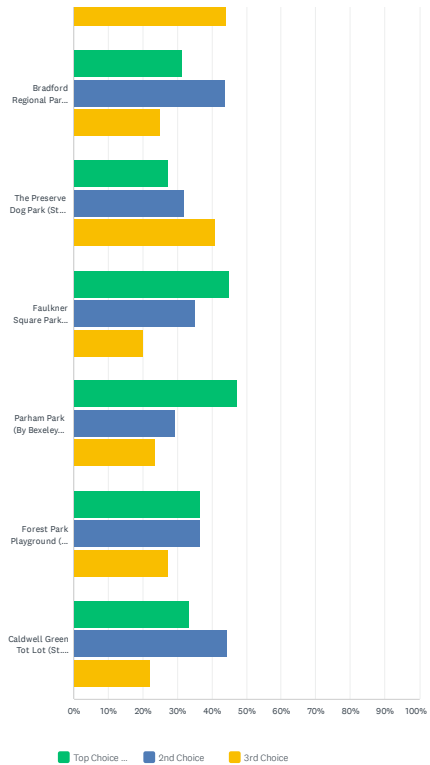
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	TOP CHOICE (MOST BENEFICIAL/FAVORITE)	2ND CHOICE	3RD CHOICE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE	
Village Green (In front of the library)	41.86% 90	30.70% 66	27.44% 59	215	21.44	
Fisher Farm Park (Shearer Road)	51.47% 105	30.88% 63	17.65% 36	204	23.38	
Abersham Park (Shearer Road)	31.37% 32	47.06% 48	21.57% 22	102	20.98	
Roosevelt Wilson Park (On Griffith Street)	28.43% 29	42.16% 43	29.41% 30	102	19.90	
Lake Davidson Nature Preserve (Behind Davidson Day School)	29.59% 29	29.59% 29	40.82% 40	98	18.88	
Kincaid Trail and other paved paths (South St. Pump House)	36.67% 33	38.89% 35	24.44% 22	90	21.22	
McEver Fields (Across from Davidson K8)	46.43% 39	23.81% 20	29.76% 25	84	21.67	
Beaty Park (Beaty Street and Main Street)	23.38% 18	38.96% 30	37.66% 29	77	18.57	
River Run Athletic Park (Davidson-Concord and Robert Walker)	22.37% 17	46.05% 35	31.58% 24	76	19.08	
Summit Tot Lot (Behind Summit Coffee)	32.88% 24	34.25% 25	32.88% 24	73	20.00	
Plum Creek Park (Bailey Springs Neighborhood)	36.96% 17	23.91% 11	39.13% 18	46	19.78	
Ada Jenkins Center (West Davidson Neighborhood)	34.21% 13	36.84% 14	28.95% 11	38	20.53	
Bradford Neighborhood Park (Davidson-Concord and Robert Walker)	35.29% 12	20.59% 7	44.12% 15	34	19.12	
Bradford Regional Park (Huntersville)	31.25% 10	43.75% 14	25.00% 8	32	20.63	
The Preserve Dog Park (St. Albans Neighborhood)	27.27% 6	31.82% 7	40.91% 9	22	18.64	
Faulkner Square Park (St. Albans Neighborhood)	45.00% 9	35.00% 7	20.00% 4	20	22.50	
Parham Park (By Bexley Apartments)	47.06% 8	29.41% 5	23.53% 4	17	22.35	
Forest Park Playground (St. Albans Neighborhood)	36.36% 4	36.36% 4	27.27% 3	11	20.91	
Caldwell Green Tot Lot (St. Albans Neighborhood)	33.33% 3	44.44% 4	22.22% 2	9	21.11	
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)			DATE		
1	Parks for smaller kids including splash parks to use during summers & a dog park along side it so it a whole family hangout			2/20/2024 9:45 PM		
2	Greenways are also important since they allow for exercise in nature right in our neighborhoods.			2/17/2024 9:01 AM		
3	I also greatly enjoy the LDNP as it is our only access to the lake. Its a gem that needs a face			2/9/2024 5:18 PM		
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4	The mountain bike trails at Fisher farm/cedar valley are absolutely my favorite outdoor activity in Davidson.	2/8/2024 10:36 PM
5	Cedar Valley	2/8/2024 5:37 PM
6	The greenway running in along West Branch neighborhood is actually the space we use most. it is sad to see it gradually losing so much of the trees that make it an actual greenway.	2/8/2024 4:37 PM
7	UR app was broken only allowed me to select one	2/8/2024 10:48 AM
8	Bailey and Plum are close 3rd	2/8/2024 7:28 AM
9	Top Choice: South Prong - Westbranch - Rocky River Greenway (runs through and Cornelius)	2/7/2024 6:02 PM
10	Truly all the outside spaces are beneficial as they are what make Davidson the special place that it is. Most residents come here for its emphasis on the outdoors and all the amazing outdoor spaces it offers.	2/7/2024 1:29 PM
11	Parks are lacking towards Davidson East. We have a greenway but we 100% depend on Cornelius and Huntersville to supply our demands for parks and 100% for any recreational programs.	2/7/2024 12:47 PM
12	I would combine Fisher Farm and Abersham as #2, and my third would be the greenway connectivity in the eastern part of town. This survey question is incredibly focused/biased towards downtown and its close to downtown areas. It lists a large number of tiny parks that serve only St. Albans/McConnell or immediate neighbors, but does not identify much at all in the eastern part of town. There is no reference to the River Run greenway system, its connection to Davidson East, Narrow Passage, or the West Branch Nature Preserve, and no reference to the several parks within River Run and similar areas (so while St Albans or downtown is made to seem significant, the omission of Overleaf, etc., is striking). It is also somewhat illogical to force a division of Fisher Farm and Abersham, particularly relative to these tiny parks mentioned.	2/7/2024 11:26 AM
13	Playground behind Ada Jenkins	2/7/2024 10:28 AM
14	I'm new to the area and a senior. I don't know much about Davidson Parks. I did walk a trail at Davidson College which is a mess. I then twisted my ankle and when I mentioned this to friends they said I was not supposed to walk there. I didn't know. My ankle healed.	2/1/2024 3:10 PM
15	Greenways!	1/31/2024 12:36 PM
16	I love and appreciate all natural areas and parks. I hope we can do all that is possible to preserve green space and trees.	1/31/2024 8:22 AM
17	Beaty Park's presence will likely continue to move it up in relevance in coming years.	1/29/2024 5:14 PM
18	I see rich potential on the land behind the New Town Hall	1/29/2024 9:29 AM
19	A nice park with amenities for older children and adults close to downtown would be well supported I think.	1/29/2024 8:40 AM
20	We also love the greenways behind River Run that lead to Summers Walk	1/28/2024 4:30 PM
21	I love them all. More is better.	1/27/2024 8:59 AM
22	Also in my top choices are: Lake Davidson Nature Preserve, Abersham, all of our greenways!, Plum Creek Park for pickle ball and Beaty Street park for the walking trail. SO grateful for Fisher Farm -- it's a true gem! The Village Green is the centerpiece of our community.	1/27/2024 8:10 AM
23	Pocket parks with playgrounds in McConnell - probably not "run" and maintained by the Town but by the HOA, but from a resident point of view equally important as "official" Town parks.	1/26/2024 8:54 PM
24	Greenway, accessed in River Run on Shearer	1/26/2024 6:02 PM
25	Nature, pets, gardens, safety.	1/26/2024 5:42 PM
26	Davidson Pointe	1/26/2024 2:28 PM
27	Specifically, the pickleball courts at Plum Creek Park.	1/26/2024 1:58 PM
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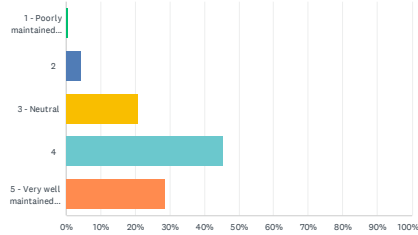
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28	Hard to pick three on this list -- I picked some because they are so important to the community and have spent hours and days there -- all of these are treasures.	1/26/2024 1:13 PM
29	Westbranch Nature Preserve in River Run	1/26/2024 1:08 PM
30	4th - Beaty Park	1/26/2024 1:00 PM
31	Town swimming pool	1/26/2024 12:59 PM
32	Greenway	1/26/2024 12:26 PM
33	Pickleball	1/26/2024 11:28 AM
34	Also Village Green is very important	1/15/2024 1:45 PM
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Q3 Do you feel safe in Davidson's parks during the day? (yes or no)		
Answered: 506 Skipped: 2		
Yes No If No, please explain why:		
0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100%		
ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES
Yes		98.81% 500
No		0.20% 1
If No, please explain why:		0.99% 5
TOTAL		506
#	IF NO, PLEASE EXPLAIN WHY:	DATE
1	I am ok in open areas, however not totally comfortable in some of the walking trails.	2/15/2024 12:01 PM
2	When alone I don't always feel safe due to noticing more loitering, especially around Roosevelt Wilson Park	2/7/2024 9:35 PM
3	The greenways are built poorly, allowing water and mud to wash over them every time it rains. I actually broke my leg at Abersham in 2020 because of this.	2/4/2024 4:59 PM
4	I am single; if I were with others, my answer would be yes.	1/27/2024 8:59 AM
5	I've never been to parks in Davidson. Cornelius resident	1/15/2024 2:40 PM
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Q4 Overall, of the parks/facilities/greenways we currently have in Davidson, how well do you feel the Town is maintaining them? (1-5, 1 – poorly and 5 – very well)

Answered: 504 Skipped: 4



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Q5 Tell us if there is a specific park/facility/greenway you think is well maintained or needs additional maintenance and why?

Answered: 271 Skipped: 237

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Kincaid - rusty rebar and erosion fences left from construction	2/21/2024 2:21 PM
2	Graffiti and very poor choices with cutting too many trees down, using harmful chemicals in lieu of alternatives, not repainting often enough the railings and play equipment, overall the town parks look much worse than they did 15 years ago	2/21/2024 9:34 AM
3	Transition to landscaping methods that are in harmony with nature across the park system.	2/21/2024 8:34 AM
4	We love Beaty Park!	2/20/2024 10:42 PM
5	Plum creek park & , river run athletic centre along with kids play area is very well maintained	2/20/2024 9:45 PM
6	McEver Field	2/20/2024 9:28 PM
7	South Prong Rocky River Greenway near Westbranch floods frequently and debris, mud covering the greenway	2/20/2024 9:11 PM
8	Na	2/20/2024 7:19 PM
9	Dirt infield at River Run fields is really bad. Not good at all for baseball (what it's intended for)	2/20/2024 5:47 PM
10	Greenway seems well maintained	2/20/2024 5:30 PM
11	All of the greenways are well maintained. The playgrounds around Davidson could use some updating.	2/20/2024 5:25 PM
12	Continued up keep of the baseball fields at McEver	2/20/2024 5:24 PM
13	Fisher farms is well maintained. Moever fields needs new restrooms	2/19/2024 7:39 PM
14	Nature Preserve needs a lot of work	2/19/2024 5:00 PM
15	Fisher farm well maintained	2/19/2024 1:44 PM
16	Woods trail at Fisher Farm has a bridge that needs replacing.	2/18/2024 2:34 PM
17	Johnson parcel of overall Beaty property	2/17/2024 9:36 PM
18	Nature preserve -needs additional maintenance	2/17/2024 8:21 PM
19	I think Abersham and Fischer are well maintained.	2/17/2024 10:16 AM
20	Fisher Rd (gravel) should be leveled more often. It quickly gets choppy and rutted with significant rainfall. Quarterly should be sufficient.	2/17/2024 10:00 AM
21	I wrote neutral because the parks are neat and tidy, but the town should use less pesticides and herbicides, since lawn chemicals are harmful to children, pets and wildlife, and harm children especially because they play on the ground around fence posts, on rocks, in the mulch around trees, etc.	2/17/2024 9:01 AM
22	The bathroom addition at the park by Westbranch is amazing!	2/17/2024 8:55 AM
23	Possible to add more equipment, larger size of tot park behind Summit	2/17/2024 7:17 AM
24	Beaty park is pretty rough around the edges	2/16/2024 4:17 PM
25	N/A	2/15/2024 5:37 PM
26	They are all generally well maintained	2/15/2024 1:12 PM
27	Love Abersham and think it is a local gem!	2/15/2024 1:11 PM

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28	Unless it's been fixed, the far east lower area at the dog park stays muddy for days after a rain. If you take your dog there during that period, he/she will need an intense foot bath or more when you get home.	2/15/2024 11:49 AM
29	N/A	2/15/2024 8:08 AM
30	Greenway to narrow passage	2/14/2024 11:09 AM
31	NA	2/13/2024 7:59 PM
32	ing primrose so much overgrowth due to among other issues, like dead wood around the periphery which needs to be removed.	2/13/2024 5:45 PM
33	Parham Park had live trees cut down left to rot and 3 foot tall stumps left to rot. No apparent maintenance of the plants and trees. No apparent protection of the water line allowing for excessive erosion. Lake Davidson Nature Preserve is not being treated as a Nature Preserve but as a recreational area. Trees along trail were painted with arrows to mark an event. Clearing of brush so crew skulls can be stored. Unchecked erosion of shoreline.	2/12/2024 8:49 PM
34	Fisher Farm. Crew is there nearly every day maintaining greenway.	2/12/2024 6:58 PM
35	Davidson need a rec center, Huntersville and Cornelius have one!!!	2/12/2024 3:07 PM
36	The Green! So many events are held here, but it's always cleaned up quickly and looks great. I know drainage is an issue, but we think the team does a great job prioritizing this area	2/12/2024 12:58 PM
37	South prong west branch greenway (Kimberly to r walker dr) often gets flooded and leaves slippery, muddy surface.	2/12/2024 9:37 AM
38	South prong has some water drainage issues	2/12/2024 9:18 AM
39	I think they are maintained well	2/11/2024 9:24 PM
40	None	2/11/2024 1:33 PM
41	I wish the summit playground was a bit safer for kids. There are lots of loose bricks and walls they can fall off	2/11/2024 7:41 AM
42	Please add more singletrack trails for bicycles.	2/10/2024 5:15 PM
43	Would be nice if there were more connections. Also, more trails at fisher farm.	2/10/2024 3:30 PM
44	The newly activated stewardship (rewilding) of Fisher Farm will greatly enhance what has been an under-managed property. I worry about the detrimental impacts of the unmanaged trail bike use at Fisher and Abersham, which is causing erosion and interferes with passive use of the parks. They are	2/10/2024 12:59 PM
45	Roosevelt Wilson park is well maintained.	2/10/2024 10:53 AM
46	Abersham. Grounds and greenways are clean and free of debris.	2/10/2024 6:06 AM
47	Correct amount of maintenance	2/9/2024 9:41 PM
48	Importance of completing all the greenways to connect	2/9/2024 6:23 PM
49	Several of our parks have significant natural areas that are not well management or optimized for wildlife. We need to establish long term maintenance and restoration efforts for our key natural assets. The build environment parks are well cared for overall.	2/9/2024 5:18 PM
50	Town right Subway along all parks, and Greenway should be planted only with, or with at least 85 to 90%, of North Carolina, native, pollinator, friendly perennials. This would help Wildlife, and reduce the town from replanting annuals every year.	2/9/2024 5:05 PM
51	We love the mountain bike trails at Fisher Farm! We only wish there were more.	2/9/2024 4:44 PM
52	I think the trails at Fisher Farm are amazing. Whoever builds and maintains them, including cedar valley, twisted sister, and the rest of the main trail system, they are providing a wonderful asset to the area.	2/9/2024 11:29 AM
53	None	2/9/2024 10:48 AM
54	All well maintained. Just need to please create a much more contiguous system of greenways.	2/9/2024 7:18 AM

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Love to see the greenway behind Narrow Passage connected to Fisher!

55	NA	2/9/2024 6:08 AM
56	More bike trails at Fisher	2/9/2024 2:47 AM
57	Fisher is great!	2/9/2024 12:07 AM
58	Love Fisher Farm Park. Would like to see it continue to grow.	2/8/2024 11:42 PM
59	Lake Davidson, path seems to have seen better days. Rotty	2/8/2024 10:54 PM
60	I would love to see more mountain biking trails at Fisher Farm	2/8/2024 10:43 PM
61	Na	2/8/2024 10:41 PM
62	Generally would like more off-road/mountainbike trails	2/8/2024 10:28 PM
63	I think the greenways could use better drainage. There are often puddles	2/8/2024 10:22 PM
64	Fisher Farm - well maintained	2/8/2024 5:37 PM
65	Need more porta potties at Fisher Farms	2/8/2024 4:14 PM
66	Fisher to Abersham is well done & maintained	2/8/2024 1:29 PM
67	Would be nice to have more lights on the greenways.	2/8/2024 11:57 AM
68	We LOVE the Beaty Park!! It's by far our favorite and was completed right after we moved in. Thank you!!	2/8/2024 11:55 AM
69	Greenway from coddle Creek elementary to Fisher farm	2/8/2024 10:48 AM
70	A greenway connector project was started in my neighborhood (off spring street and village main circle), but not yet completed?	2/8/2024 8:49 AM
71	I'd like to see the greenway and sidewalks connect all of davidson by bike	2/8/2024 7:28 AM
72	Given their extremely high use, the baseball fields at McEver could be maintained better. Better bathrooms, shade for all of the stands, water fountains that actually work, for example.	2/7/2024 11:14 PM
73	Bathrooms at Roosevelt are always nasty. Picnic area needs clearing of bird poop and trash at Bradford Park. New mulch would be nice as well	2/7/2024 8:52 PM
74	I think the trails at Fisher Farm are extremely well maintained, and look forward to how they will continue to develop and grow.	2/7/2024 6:43 PM
75	Greenways well maintained but some debris after storms are often not cleared quickly.	2/7/2024 6:02 PM
76	St alban's playground is tired and needs updating	2/7/2024 5:53 PM
77	Fisher Farm	2/7/2024 5:27 PM
78	St Albans dog park needs work.	2/7/2024 5:02 PM
79	Beaty Park access from Beaty street is needed. The Beaty leadership team communicated loud and clear about the need for an access trail into the park behind the homes that back up to Beaty Street. This is important due to lack of sidewalks from that point to Main Street. This was indicated as top priority but nothing has been done.	2/7/2024 4:40 PM
80	Tot Lot - toys are a mess and 1/2 dont work	2/7/2024 3:28 PM
81	river run baseball field. the grass could be better maintained.	2/7/2024 2:48 PM
82	I feel like downed trees and debris are cleared in a timely fashion	2/7/2024 2:26 PM
83	There should be additional lighting on the Bridge walkway in Wilson Park, during the evenings there are no lights on either side of the street and this creates a dangerous walkway. I do not feel safe walking here at night.	2/7/2024 2:10 PM
84	Kincaid is well maintained - I never see any trash and the benches etc are all in good order.	2/7/2024 2:06 PM
85	Beaty Park has great landscaping.	2/7/2024 2:00 PM

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86	Several parks/areas, especially the Town Green (constantly wet/muddy) and Roosevelt Park (rusty play equipment) could be better maintained	2/7/2024 1:47 PM
87	memorial trees at Roosevelt Wilson and pond litter	2/7/2024 1:41 PM
88	Tots lot is so unique and special but it needs major TLC to become the gem it once was	2/7/2024 1:29 PM
89	Trail connector needed from Fisher farm park to Narrow passage	2/7/2024 1:18 PM
90	Summer's Walk community green Way, is not well maintained	2/7/2024 1:07 PM
91	The Town demanded that Lemnar remove pet waste stops along the new Greenway, which by the way are on the master plan for this particular greenway.	2/7/2024 12:47 PM
92	Th Davidson Green looks like it needs to be re sodded - however, I know it is well used and difficult to do so.	2/7/2024 12:19 PM
93	I think there is a lack of focus on trash/recycle in the bins that we have around ton. Besides, who can really tell if trash/recycle if both bags are black when the staff throws them in the back of the truck.	2/7/2024 11:44 AM
94	I think the public works department does an overall great job with the resources and challenges they have. That said, I always believe good can be better and should always be pursued. McEver Fields and the ballfield at River Run are generally well maintained, but there susceptibility to flooding and the negative impact to playability they have when dried out leaves plenty of room for the playing surface to be improved. The bathrooms could also greatly benefit from new attention to bring them up to par with other bathroom facilities in other parks that have much less usage.	2/7/2024 11:26 AM
95	The greenway from Kimberly out to the fire station has water drainage issues that didnt exist before that development was built.	2/7/2024 11:10 AM
96	Bexley Davidson Neighborhood playground.	2/7/2024 10:28 AM
97	Main green square needs work with grass. Often very muddy and bare spots	2/7/2024 10:21 AM
98	N/A	2/7/2024 10:07 AM
99	N/A	2/7/2024 10:01 AM
100	The trail through Bradford needs to be better maintained. It has standing water and bad drainage after rain.	2/7/2024 9:39 AM
101	Kinkaid Greenway is well maintained with grass and brush trimmed back and litter-free.	2/7/2024 9:20 AM
102	no	2/7/2024 9:18 AM
103	The village green either needs artificial turf or better maintenance to maintain a consistent green grass.	2/7/2024 9:18 AM
104	the greenway sections near DK8, at the terminus down by Davidson-Concord Rd near the fire station, and most of all Abersham are flooded and often get frozen this time of year. The portion near the fire station doesn't need rain since it's runoff from the field.	2/7/2024 9:15 AM
105	The Rocky River Greenway on the north side of Rocky River Road is often very muddy and flooded.	2/7/2024 9:13 AM
106	Drainage on the greenway near Hudson St and by the fire station	2/7/2024 9:13 AM
107	NA	2/7/2024 9:12 AM
108	NA	2/7/2024 9:12 AM
109	Bradford	2/7/2024 9:12 AM
110	Greenway needs pet waste	2/7/2024 9:11 AM
111	Overall the parks are great. Caldwell tot lot could use more frequent mowing. The Roosevelt playground has many rust spots on the playground.	2/7/2024 9:11 AM
112	NA	2/7/2024 9:07 AM
113	Trash/recycle is always overflowing in town near the Summit Tot Lot.	2/7/2024 9:06 AM
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144	Y'all do a great job!	1/31/2024 12:16 PM
145	It would be nice to be able to use the parking lot at the south prong greenway. Each afternoon access is closed for school parking so you have this wonderful greenway but access to it.	1/31/2024 11:26 AM
146	RW park has poor drainage, the shelter leaks, the restrooms look shabby	1/31/2024 10:14 AM
147	N/A	1/31/2024 9:12 AM
148	basketball hoops at plum creek are usually damaged	1/31/2024 8:42 AM
149	Excited about the new Beatty street park which is near where I live.	1/31/2024 8:22 AM
150	The ones I have been to are well maintained.	1/30/2024 5:19 PM
151	McEver Fields is in need of more regular upkeep and cleaning. The condition of the bathrooms is embarrassing for the town; it is a joke that you need to bring you own soap and toilet paper on game days. The families and players try to avoid using the restrooms there and I can imagine other leagues are surprised by the conditions.	1/30/2024 1:05 PM
152	The tot lot on Caldwell could use some updating/ upkeep	1/30/2024 12:26 PM
153	River run field is dangerous for kids playing baseball since the infield is not maintained	1/30/2024 12:01 PM
154	I think the McEver fields could use some serious updating for the amount of usage it gets.	1/30/2024 11:57 AM
155	Na	1/30/2024 11:27 AM
156	McEver fields	1/30/2024 11:05 AM
157	McEver field could use a complete overhaul. The bathrooms are often dirty and I don't like that you made the bathrooms coed. There should not be a risk of a young child walking in on a man using a urinal.	1/30/2024 11:02 AM
158	McEver Restrooms look really shabby. They often are overrun with litter, etc on game days.	1/30/2024 10:59 AM
159	Greenway through river run and continues into skywalk	1/30/2024 10:58 AM
160	McEver field should have the snack stand run more often to align with practice and game schedules. Would be great to have various in town restaurants take turns providing, food, coffee, desserts etc	1/30/2024 10:49 AM
161	The Village Green is not well manicured with additional plants and flowers considering it is the center of our town.	1/30/2024 10:47 AM
162	Plum creek is always clean and well-maintained.	1/30/2024 10:45 AM
163	McEver Fields need to be better managed. They need to be watered when it doesn't rain, and better drainage when it rains a lot.	1/30/2024 10:43 AM
164	Bathrooms are worse than gas stations.	1/30/2024 10:41 AM
165	Post storm/excessive rain grooming and clean up. Could the town be using volunteers to implement a more rigorous plan for this?	1/30/2024 5:41 AM
166	Abraham and Fusher Farm	1/29/2024 5:47 PM
167	Continued coordination with developers when they build on adjacent parcels to mitigate impact - like flooding.	1/29/2024 5:14 PM
168	n/a	1/29/2024 3:49 PM
169	None	1/29/2024 12:44 PM
170	The Green in front of the library is sometimes messy, but it is very frequented	1/29/2024 11:35 AM
171	Rocky River South Prong is always great	1/29/2024 9:51 AM
172	I think the Kinkaid Greenway is well taken care of. It's clean and pleasant to walk or bike.	1/29/2024 9:29 AM
173	Greenway	1/29/2024 8:40 AM
174	Beatty Park- well maintained. Roosevelt Park - not well maintained-light has had top flipped open for nearly 1 year.in Southwest Corner	1/29/2024 6:45 AM
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114	To my knowledge, the ones I've visited all seem to be well maintained	2/7/2024 6:22 AM
115	All of the parks seemed to be maintained except Roosevelt Wilson Park. The bathrooms aren't kept, playground equipment is severely outdated, gnats are terrible and the shelter looks unsafe to be under	2/6/2024 10:12 PM
116	I wish we could add water fountains on the greenways! Runners and walkers (esp with kids!) do not always carry water.	2/6/2024 9:27 PM
117	None	2/6/2024 11:33 AM
118	The Lake Davidson Preserve has a hazardous walkway due to tree roots and fallen debris.	2/6/2024 10:24 AM
119	The Nature Preserve looks a little neglected. The signage is old, some falling apart. The shoreline is eroding - I don't expect you would have the funds to put anything in place to slow down, but I wonder if Duke power would provide any help maintaining these natural areas.	2/5/2024 7:31 PM
120	all good	2/5/2024 3:02 PM
121	None	2/5/2024 2:44 PM
122	The greenway beneath Narrow passage is typically flooded/muddy after heavy rain.	2/5/2024 9:27 AM
123	The village Green has drainage issues and is often wet and muddy	2/5/2024 8:41 AM
124	Abersham park is beautifully kept	2/4/2024 10:02 PM
125	Dog Park needs additional maintenance.	2/4/2024 9:50 PM
126	Westbranch greenway trail has several limbs down. No poop pick up station and poop all over on both sides of the trail	2/4/2024 8:27 PM
127	too much mud collects on the greenway under the shearer rd overpass	2/4/2024 8:12 PM
128	Just walk the greenways after a big rain. The 90 turn on Abersham running parallel to Grey Rd, for example.	2/4/2024 4:59 PM
129	None	2/4/2024 10:32 AM
130	Greenway off Spring St behind James Alexander Way needs to be finished	2/3/2024 5:55 PM
131	We go to Roosevelt almost every day and it definitely needs some updates.	2/3/2024 11:23 AM
132	Don't have an answer	2/3/2024 11:03 AM
133	West Branch - needs to be completed to connect Fisher Farm with Abersham	2/3/2024 10:57 AM
134	Love the greenway	2/3/2024 8:47 AM
135	The asphalt along the kinkaid trail is in rough shape near the West Branch neighborhood. Flooding along the path since the new neighborhood has also become an issue.	2/2/2024 12:37 PM
136	Beatty St. is well maintained	2/2/2024 12:26 PM
137	The use of glyphosate and loud gas-powered equipment is unnecessary and harmful to humans and wildlife. Less mowing! Rakes! Electric equipment!	2/2/2024 7:34 AM
138	I don't know Davidson Parks well enough.	2/1/2024 3:10 PM
139	Several of the parks could use erosion control on trails, Abersham, Fisher Farm, Nature Preserve	2/1/2024 9:17 AM
140	The Lake Davidson Nature Preserve trails are sometimes a bit overgrown.	1/31/2024 5:53 PM
141	It is definitely time for the playground at Roosevelt Wilson park to be updated and the wooden decking repaired. I would also suggest maintenance on the path at the Lake Davidson Preserve. There are many wasp issues there. Expansion of the baseball fields would be awesome too.	1/31/2024 2:11 PM
142	the greenways have water drainage issues	1/31/2024 1:01 PM
143	Greenway trails can be muddy after rainfall	1/31/2024 12:36 PM
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175	Roosevelt Wilson is well maintained.	1/28/2024 6:36 PM
176	Abersham is the one we use the most and it is always well maintained. It's beautiful there!	1/28/2024 4:30 PM
177	Town green is well maintained, you put a lot of work into the grass looking nice	1/28/2024 4:12 PM
178	Kinkaid trail needs water solution as it frequently floods. Who did the drainage plan?? Makes it really difficult to navigate after a rain.	1/28/2024 3:16 PM
179	Roosevelt Park could be our showcase when entering our town from 177 but it needs more attention. More flowering plants, picnic benches , etc.	1/28/2024 8:50 AM
180	The parks in St Alban's neighborhood need some love, particularly the tot park where kids would play if all the broken toys found new homes and the standing water could be addressed.	1/27/2024 9:53 PM
181	The parks in the St Albans neighborhood are terrible, full of weeds no actual amenities other than poorly maintained grass no basketball, pickleball, soccer or lacrosse nets	1/27/2024 6:21 PM
182	The greenway near Westbranch needs low spots fixed. It floods easily.	1/27/2024 4:01 PM
183	Bathrooms at Old Pump Station were very dirty today.	1/27/2024 1:41 PM
184	There was a LONG time with Roosevelt Wilson bathrooms were marked as closed	1/27/2024 12:06 PM
185	The Bridge over Roosevelt Wilson is deteriorating as the boards are rotting and are uneven	1/27/2024 11:57 AM
186	The Preserve Dog Park needs extra attention with the falling/dead trees within the park.	1/27/2024 11:28 AM
187	Kinkaid Trail floods whenever we have heavier rains	1/27/2024 11:06 AM
188	Roosevelt Wilson structure is in disrepair but planned for revitalization	1/27/2024 10:50 AM
189	Many of the natural trails could use regular maintenance after storms or particularly rainy weather.	1/27/2024 10:21 AM
190	In the downtown, you need to do better. ie: trash trees growing in the planter behind 5/3 Bank, need to fix brick walks and walls. Because this is the face of Davidson. And I don't know what happened to "the green" - but perhaps the population has gotten too large to use it as a lawn. It used to be a lawn.	1/27/2024 8:59 AM
191	When will the greenway from the wooden bridge on Spring Street (near James Alexander Way) be connected to the greenway by the Pump House?	1/27/2024 8:10 AM
192	Broken fence, strobing lights at Beatty park, needs more walking trails	1/26/2024 9:39 PM
193	After rain the Kinkaid Greenway (South Prong Rocky River Greenway) tends to have areas of standing water and puddles - not sure if better design or construction could avoid this, and is not a "desalbreaker"	1/26/2024 8:54 PM
194	Greenway behind the Pines could use better drainage in some spots.	1/26/2024 8:43 PM
195	Davidson East greenway hasn't been maintained since it was installed. The grass and weeds are over grown constantly, you can't use any of the benches because they're covered in overgrown weeds. There is not animal waste receptacles so there is constantly dog poop on the greenway making it impossible to walk with kids or ride their bikes.	1/26/2024 6:57 PM
196	None	1/26/2024 6:24 PM
197	Please complete greenway on spring street	1/26/2024 5:43 PM
198	I just love Davidson and feel the Town does a wonderful job. The Greenway gets a tad overgrown across from River Run over into the Hidden Passage side.	1/26/2024 5:42 PM
199	Roosevelt Wilson Park - the lake front needs to be cleared of trash and debris on a regular bases.	1/26/2024 5:07 PM
200	We walk our dogs through Roosevelt Wilson park 2-3x a day and I feel like there is a lot of trash in & around the water along with by the playground & pavilion. I know that the Community School of Davidson (K-8) eats lunch down there leading to more trash than usual. Either they need to be more responsible (both children AND adults) for picking up after themselves or parks & rec need to make more daily trips to pick up trash around the ground, in the bathrooms & the trash/recycle bins are the park.	1/26/2024 4:37 PM
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201	Kincaid Trail is well- maintained	1/26/2024 4:35 PM
202	new greenways near Davidson East and River Run need more frequent trash pickup and emptying of pet waste stations	1/26/2024 3:55 PM
203	Roosevelt Wilson park routinely has overflowing trash cans at the Pavillion. The restrooms there are missing toilet paper a lot. The restrooms also look dirty & smell bad.	1/26/2024 3:52 PM
204	N/A	1/26/2024 3:46 PM
205	i think the greenway btw river run and shearers needs to be better maintained	1/26/2024 3:40 PM
206	Caldwell Green Tot-Lot, too many broken toys	1/26/2024 3:36 PM
207	Fisher is great	1/26/2024 3:34 PM
208	Entrance trail/entry way yo Lake Davidson Nature Preserve could use additional reinforcement or drainage to discourage water from pooling creating a big, mucky, slippery mess. I don't mind nature getting a little dirty, but, any little bit of rain makes that entryway totally saturated. Thanks!	1/26/2024 3:16 PM
209	South Prong greenway needs some cleanup.	1/26/2024 3:14 PM
210	soccer ball field at river run-grass growing in the dirt, or no grass growing on the field.	1/26/2024 2:52 PM
211	Trash in pond at roosevelt wilson	1/26/2024 2:45 PM
212	Roosevelt Wilson could use updating. We'd also appreciate if it was possible to locate a playground for older kids closer to main street (the tot lot is great but only works for little ones). Some sort of gathering place for middle school+ kids would also be great (beyond just the CVS on Main St :))	1/26/2024 2:35 PM
213	Abersham trail leading into Fisher Farm is often slippery with mud	1/26/2024 2:28 PM
214	N/A	1/26/2024 2:16 PM
215	None	1/26/2024 2:13 PM
216	Abersham, Fisher Farm and Kincaid greenways are all poorly constructed and result in standing water that sometimes freezes creating hazards.	1/26/2024 2:05 PM
217	Great job managing the geese and droppings at Roosevelt	1/26/2024 2:03 PM
218	Plum Creek Park needs more pickleball courts.	1/26/2024 1:58 PM
219	Pump house is disgraceful and trash Abounds	1/26/2024 1:55 PM
220	Your crew is the best I've seen at maintaining fields and lawns. I'd give them all a raise.	1/26/2024 1:54 PM
221	Roosevelt Park bathrooms need work and there is a significant issue near the children's play area at bike rack- often standing water	1/26/2024 1:51 PM
222	There are so many of the signs and poles that are leaning and need to be set back up straight. A lot of sidewalks need updating due to mud collecting and cracks and uneveness.	1/26/2024 1:37 PM
223	wish Kincaid didn't end at a busy road -- please continue it	1/26/2024 1:13 PM
224	Fisher Farm Park -wooden bridge on hiking trail needs to be repaired as boards are rotting and there is a hole in it	1/26/2024 1:08 PM
225	Bradford neighborhood park needs mulch. Looks a little run down.	1/26/2024 1:05 PM
226	More lights or solar lighting would add to better safety.	1/26/2024 1:00 PM
227	The path between Hudson Place and Robert Walker has drainage issues. The new housing development changed the way water flows.	1/26/2024 12:52 PM
228	Beaty Park needs maintenance, but it has limited use. It should have been developed and not wasted as a park.	1/26/2024 12:40 PM
229	Greenway connecting Narrow Passage to River Run.	1/26/2024 12:36 PM
230	All trails seem well maintained	1/26/2024 12:35 PM

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231	There's always some trash floating in Roosevelt Wilson pond. But generally, everything is very well maintained,	1/26/2024 12:33 PM
232	Bradford park. Trails need to be maintained better	1/26/2024 12:31 PM
233	Trash collection in the village green is lacking.	1/26/2024 12:30 PM
234	Greenway needs better stormwater management	1/26/2024 12:26 PM
235	Bradford Park walking trail could use some paving or gravel in one area the is always so muddy that I avoid the trail all together during any rain and long after.	1/26/2024 12:24 PM
236	The path between Hudson Place and Robert Walker has drainage issues. The new housing development changed the way water flows.	1/26/2024 12:23 PM
237	Roosevelt Wilson Park could benefit from ground over (mulch) in the beds and maybe some pretty perennials	1/26/2024 12:19 PM
238	We are glad that Plum Creek got restrooms. The bathrooms at Wilson park need refurbishing. The grass on the green needs some help. It gets very muddy at times.	1/26/2024 12:19 PM
239	The bathrooms at McEver fields and Roosevelt park need attention (never have toilet paper, dirty)	1/26/2024 12:17 PM
240	Plum Creek Greenway is very well maintained	1/26/2024 12:16 PM
241	None	1/26/2024 12:15 PM
242	The very end of the greenway behind the Narrow Passage neighborhood (prior to the Fisher Farm property line) is in need of maintenance.	1/26/2024 12:14 PM
243	Roosevelt Wilson Park is the closest to our home, and we avoid it. Trash is always overflowing, the bug situation is absolutely out of control (especially mosquitos), and the equipment in general has become gross.	1/26/2024 12:11 PM
244	The new bathrooms at Fischer Farm will be very beneficial to its users	1/26/2024 12:08 PM
245	All the St. Albans parks are in need of freshening: signs and fencing	1/26/2024 12:07 PM
246	The green could be spruced up a bit more	1/26/2024 12:05 PM
247	I think the bathrooms at many facilities are below standards specifically the McEver fields and Roosevelt Wilson parks.	1/26/2024 12:01 PM
248	no opinion	1/26/2024 12:00 PM
249	Fisher farm is well maintained	1/26/2024 11:52 AM
250	No	1/26/2024 11:51 AM
251	Fisher Farm Park/Abersham Park need an organized and maintained trail system to allow the public to fully engage with the space.	1/26/2024 11:48 AM
252	Plum creek: I think there is one shared bench between the courts. Each court should have at least one bench. There are also broken pickleball nets that are an eye sore.	1/26/2024 11:32 AM
253	N/A	1/26/2024 11:31 AM
254	Fisher Farm is well maintained and has wonderful walking trails.	1/26/2024 11:30 AM
255	South Prong Rocky River Greenway is well maintained and I would like to see it stay that way	1/26/2024 11:28 AM
256	Village green - well maintained	1/26/2024 11:25 AM
257	Parks, such as Parham, typically have litter year around.	1/26/2024 11:25 AM
258	McEver Fields would benefit from painting the buildings, bathroom updates / cleaning (especially), etc.	1/26/2024 11:25 AM
259	N/A	1/26/2024 11:24 AM
260	The greenway around Westbranch I feel is very well maintained.	1/26/2024 11:23 AM

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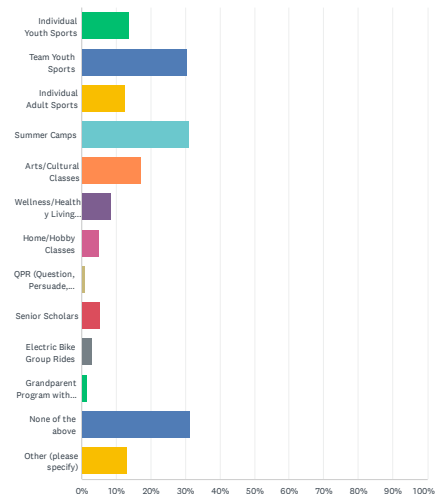
261	Greenway and paved path maintenance is generally good in terms of repairing bridges and smoothing out bumps.	1/26/2024 11:21 AM
262	St. Albans - Trimming and cleaning up	1/26/2024 11:21 AM
263	Bradford Neighborhood Park is unfinished, has ant hills, and needs landscaping	1/26/2024 11:18 AM
264	Some of the facilities are just looking dated. As the "gateway" park to the town, Roosevelt Park has looked really run down in the last year with weeds growing into the lake. I'd love to see the town make a major investment into Roosevelt Park to make it a crown jewel as the first place people see. It's be nice to see similar investments into the McEvers Field and that area, especially as another gateway area into the town.	1/26/2024 10:03 AM
265	I actually think all of them seem to be in really good shape.	1/20/2024 10:16 AM
266	NA/Unsure	1/19/2024 7:07 PM
267	Beaty is well maintained.	1/17/2024 7:50 AM
268	Everything is beautiful to me!	1/15/2024 8:54 PM
269	Around Roosevelt Park needs care/additional . Needs urgent maintenance care around the entire park, the pond and the entire surrounding pond area	1/15/2024 1:45 PM
270	I'm fairly new here and haven't experienced enough of the parks	1/15/2024 1:33 PM
271	Rocky river greenway	1/15/2024 11:46 AM

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Q6 Identify which programs, in or out of Davidson, you (and/or a member of your household) have participated in during the past year (select all that apply)?

Answered: 500 Skipped: 8



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Individual Youth Sports	13.60%	68
Team Youth Sports	30.40%	152
Individual Adult Sports	12.40%	62
Summer Camps	31.00%	155
Arts/Cultural Classes	17.00%	85
Wellness/Healthy Living Classes	8.40%	42
Home/Hobby Classes	5.00%	25
QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer)	0.80%	4
Senior Scholars	5.40%	27
Electric Bike Group Rides	3.00%	15
Grandparent Program with Davidson College	1.40%	7
None of the above	31.40%	157
Other (Please specify)	13.00%	65
Total Respondents: 500		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	While not listed because kids grown now, not long ago the summer camps and youth sports - individual and team - were extremely important to our family's well-being. We also did QPR more than one year ago and that was valuable.	2/21/2024 9:34 AM
2	Davidson Youth Baseball	2/20/2024 11:16 PM
3	Need programs of smaller kids	2/20/2024 9:45 PM
4	Library bookclubs, Davidson Learns	2/19/2024 5:00 PM
5	Davidson Learns Green Team	2/17/2024 8:21 PM
6	We use the town parks and greenways for walking and bicycling and birdwatching; these natural spaces are uplifting and beautiful.	2/17/2024 9:01 AM
7	I walk 3-4 miles daily around town.	2/15/2024 11:49 AM
8	North rec Ctr programs	2/13/2024 7:59 PM
9	Library events and clubs	2/12/2024 8:49 PM
10	Mountain bike Fisher Farm trails and ride the greenway	2/11/2024 8:42 AM
11	Mountain biking at fisher farms.	2/10/2024 3:30 PM
12	Mountain Biking	2/9/2024 9:41 PM
13	Davidson Lands Conservancy events	2/9/2024 6:23 PM
14	Tree planting events	2/9/2024 5:59 PM
15	Parades and town events	2/9/2024 10:48 AM
16	More mountain bike trails	2/8/2024 11:01 PM
17	Kayak fishing on Lake Davidson	2/8/2024 10:54 PM
18	Fisher fest	2/8/2024 10:36 PM

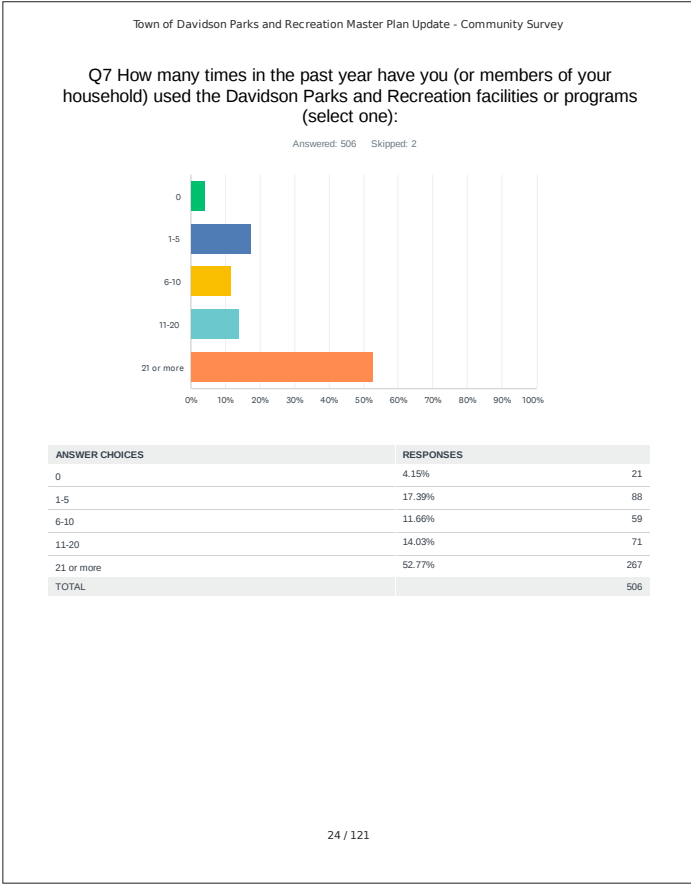
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19	Mountain bike at Fisher Fams	2/8/2024 4:14 PM
20	Mountain biking	2/8/2024 1:29 PM
21	Also attend many of the town festivals. Kids are younger, we usually stick to playgrounds at this time.	2/8/2024 11:57 AM
22	Boat racks at lake	2/7/2024 9:07 PM
23	Mountain biking at Fisher Kayak fish on Lake Davidson	2/7/2024 6:30 PM
24	Pickleball lessons	2/7/2024 4:40 PM
25	Kayak rental program	2/7/2024 2:06 PM
26	The Town of Davidson camps for kids and programs are not well attended because of the price. You are price gouging when compared to Huntersville and Cornelius and even summer camps at the private school Cannon. Cornelius is so much more creative: from puzzle competitions, fishing competitions for kids. Davidson offers nothing that even comes close. But we have to trek on to Cornelius for anything like this.	2/7/2024 12:47 PM
27	"Programs in or out of Davidson" — so what have I or my family done anywhere in the past year? Really? We hike and explore trails and forested areas; we ride bikes on greenways; we swim; and we attend concerts where occasionally we shake a leg.	2/7/2024 11:26 AM
28	Scouting	2/7/2024 10:28 AM
29	Library	2/7/2024 9:07 AM
30	Cycling groups in Davidson	2/4/2024 4:59 PM
31	Kayak storage	2/3/2024 8:47 AM
32	Davidson Learns	2/1/2024 9:17 AM
33	Would like exercise classes	1/31/2024 10:14 AM
34	Mah-jongg class	1/31/2024 8:22 AM
35	Mountain Biking.	1/30/2024 10:41 AM
36	2023 Mayor's Fitness Challenge	1/30/2024 10:32 AM
37	Mahjong	1/30/2024 12:33 AM
38	Civics 101	1/29/2024 5:47 PM
39	Mayor's Fitness Challenge - we need to get that trophy back.	1/29/2024 5:14 PM
40	Playing with my grandsons on playgrounds.	1/29/2024 9:29 AM
41	Our kids have aged out of the youth programs and we are busy with their high school sports but we love many of the offerings and will probably participate more as empty nesters.	1/28/2024 4:30 PM
42	We need better access to our lakes. We have a GREAT asset that unless we own property on the lakes or can afford a boat, we dont get to enjoy.	1/28/2024 8:50 AM
43	North Meck rec center Davidson learns	1/27/2024 11:04 AM
44	"Grandparents Program with Davidson College" sounds interesting (and reflects very much the spirit of community involvement in Davidson). However, this is the first time I hear about it.	1/26/2024 8:54 PM
45	Concerts on the Green	1/26/2024 8:28 PM
46	greenway trails, every day	1/26/2024 5:45 PM
47	Fitness Challenge, Concerts	1/26/2024 5:37 PM
48	Civics 101	1/26/2024 4:37 PM
49	I plan to start (now that I am retired!)	1/26/2024 4:22 PM
50	Recently moved here.	1/26/2024 3:46 PM

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51	DavidsonLearns	1/26/2024 3:36 PM
52	Davidson Area Running Team	1/26/2024 2:28 PM
53	Davidson Learns Davidson for Ukraine Concerts on the Green Senior scholars Art on the green Christmas in Davidson	1/26/2024 1:24 PM
54	Davidson Learns, Davidson College Presbyterian Church, Unity in Community, Davidson 4 Ukraine.	1/26/2024 1:22 PM
55	This has been a busy year but we have participated in almost all of these over time -- however, some dont seem as well advertised as others.	1/26/2024 1:13 PM
56	Mahjong	1/26/2024 12:35 PM
57	Preschool programs at the library	1/26/2024 12:25 PM
58	Canoe rentals	1/26/2024 12:17 PM
59	Davidson Learns	1/26/2024 12:00 PM
60	Pickleball	1/26/2024 11:28 AM
61	Kayak Rack Program	1/26/2024 11:25 AM
62	Canoe/kayak program	1/21/2024 6:14 AM
63	When my daughter was younger she participated in many of these programs.	1/15/2024 8:54 PM
64	I would be interested in an electric bike group ride	1/15/2024 1:45 PM
65	Davidson learns	1/15/2024 11:46 AM

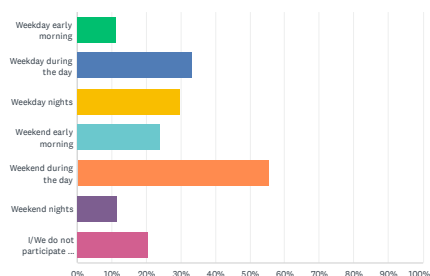
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Q8 When do you (and/ or members of your household) typically participate in recreational programming (select all that apply)?

Answered: 501 Skipped: 7

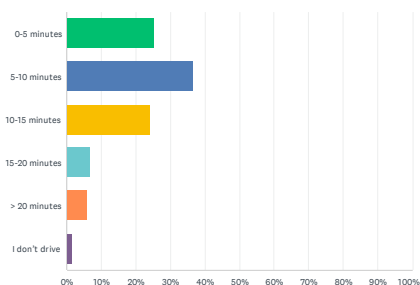


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Q9 How far are you currently traveling, on average, by automobile to meet your recreational needs (select one)?

Answered: 502 Skipped: 6

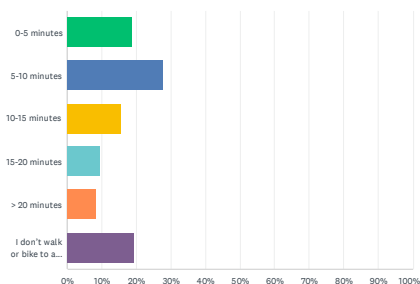


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Q10 How far are you currently traveling, on average, by foot or bicycle to meet your recreational needs (select one)?

Answered: 504 Skipped: 4

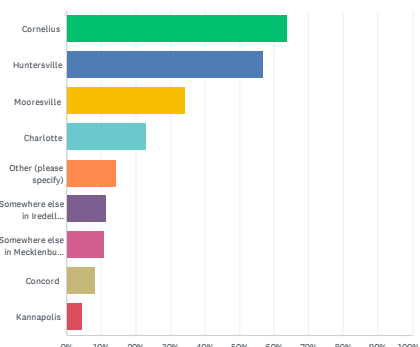


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Q11 If you are traveling outside of Davidson for recreation, where to (select all that apply)?

Answered: 441 Skipped: 67



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Cornelius	63.72% 281
Huntersville	56.69% 250
Mooresville	34.01% 150
Charlotte	23.13% 102
Other (please specify)	14.29% 63
Somewhere else in Iredell County	11.34% 50
Somewhere else in Mecklenburg County	10.66% 47
Concord	8.16% 36
Kannapolis	4.54% 20
Total Respondents: 441	
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY) DATE

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1	Latta Plantation in Huntersville and Quarry at Carrington Farms	2/21/2024 9:34 AM
2	Harrisburg	2/20/2024 9:45 PM
3	Lake Norman State Park, USNWC	2/17/2024 9:10 AM
4	We travel to the mountains to hike, bicycle and birdwatch.	2/17/2024 9:01 AM
5	If it has rained, the dog park will be muddy, so we divert to the dog park at either Ramsey Creek Park or the one in downtown Mooresville.	2/15/2024 11:49 AM
6	Lske noman	2/14/2024 11:09 AM
7	Pisgah forest	2/10/2024 5:15 PM
8	Occasionally to the mountains.	2/10/2024 12:59 PM
9	North Meck Rec Center	2/10/2024 8:54 AM
10	Lake Norman State Park	2/10/2024 6:06 AM
11	None	2/9/2024 6:23 PM
12	NC mountains.	2/9/2024 5:05 PM
13	The mountains toward Linville and Brevard NC.	2/9/2024 4:44 PM
14	Dupont State Forest	2/9/2024 11:29 AM
15	Gaston County	2/9/2024 10:48 AM
16	Other mountain bike parks on tarheel trailblazers list	2/9/2024 8:21 AM
17	Whitewater Center, Lake. Roman State Park. Love a big investment in trails at Fisher/Abersham!	2/9/2024 7:18 AM
18	Kannapolis	2/8/2024 11:42 PM
19	WNC	2/8/2024 10:54 PM
20	Lake Norman State Park, mountain creek park, whitewater center, airline bike park,	2/8/2024 10:36 PM
21	Poston park mountain bike trails	2/8/2024 1:29 PM
22	We will travel far for a good kids playground and greenway.	2/8/2024 11:57 AM
23	All state parks or Greenways	2/8/2024 10:48 AM
24	Children's discovery in Huntersville.... It's very crowded but a wonderful spot for young families.	2/8/2024 8:58 AM
25	South and Stone Mountain state parks	2/8/2024 7:28 AM
26	Lake Norman SP	2/7/2024 9:07 PM
27	Lake Norman State Park	2/7/2024 9:02 PM
28	Denver	2/7/2024 4:45 PM
29	Whitewater Center in Gastonia, Asheville area.	2/7/2024 2:06 PM
30	Different county	2/7/2024 1:55 PM
31	Davidson needs to get with the times regarding community events and programs. Just look at Cornelius summer camps coming up. From Biking with a police office to cheap tennis camps. It is pitiful. And I am not trying to mean. Davidson is way to expensive and does not offer much of anything other than craft and things for 5 year olds.	2/7/2024 12:47 PM
32	do not travel	2/7/2024 11:10 AM
33	N/A	2/7/2024 9:13 AM
34	SwimMAC	2/4/2024 9:50 PM
35	My son has to play on a travel baseball team based in Gaston County. Red Clay gets the	2/4/2024 8:27 PM

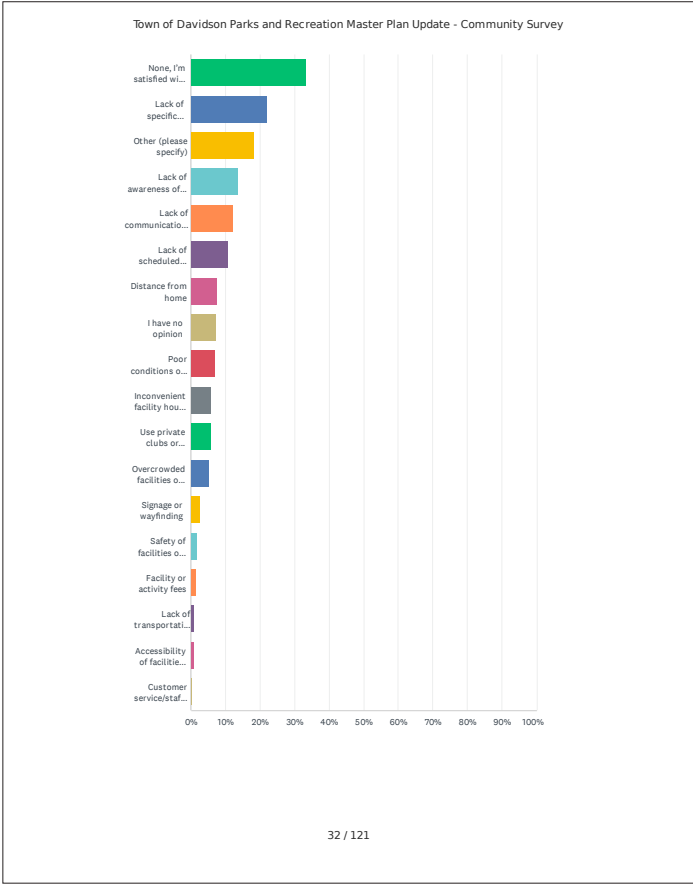
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Davidson field space but has ZERO Davidson kids on their younger teams. Not sure how that's right....		
36	I dont like putting my bike on my car, but when I do I head to Lake Norman State Park, the Whitewater Center, or up to the mountains.	2/4/2024 4:59 PM
37	State Parks outside the region	2/3/2024 10:57 AM
38	Weekends: National forest roads for gravel cycling and Appalachian Trail.	2/2/2024 7:34 AM
39	Mountain bike parks/trails: Whitewater Center, Airline Park, Fisher Farm, Lake Norman State Park, Mazeppa Park, Mountain Creek Park	1/31/2024 5:53 PM
40	N/A	1/31/2024 9:12 AM
41	My husband has to travel for tennis. We wish there were public tennis courts in Davidson.	1/31/2024 8:22 AM
42	West to the mountains and state parks with hiking	1/30/2024 10:59 AM
43	Davidson	1/30/2024 10:45 AM
44	Travel to access lake/mountain and other scenic view trails	1/30/2024 5:41 AM
45	We tend to explore other greenways in all directions and have been to all of these towns for walking or riding bikes.	1/28/2024 4:30 PM
46	white water center, carowinds	1/27/2024 11:35 AM
47	Swain County, NC	1/27/2024 11:06 AM
48	Because of Covid have not yet visited the new North Meck Rec Center in Cornelius, but am interested to go regularly once it seems OK to do so.	1/26/2024 8:54 PM
49	Northstone CC	1/26/2024 8:43 PM
50	Hiking in various places in NC	1/26/2024 4:22 PM
51	Davidson Pointe in Iredell County, part of Davidson but no non-vehicular access to Davidson.	1/26/2024 2:28 PM
52	Would love to see a town-specific recreational soccer program. We really don't like having to travel down to Richard Berry park in Huntersville for Charlotte Independence Rec Soccer. It seems like there should be closer to home options.	1/26/2024 1:58 PM
53	Mountains - NC and VA	1/26/2024 1:51 PM
54	lake noman	1/26/2024 1:46 PM
55	Only Davidson	1/26/2024 12:07 PM
56	Mountain hikes	1/26/2024 11:33 AM
57	Leave Davidson to play golf	1/26/2024 11:32 AM
58	Denver for pickleball	1/26/2024 11:28 AM
59	Hiking in mountains	1/26/2024 11:27 AM
60	Charleston	1/26/2024 11:21 AM
61	Jetton Park	1/17/2024 8:35 PM
62	N/A	1/17/2024 7:50 AM
63	Keith "Y" and McCorey "Y"	1/15/2024 1:45 PM

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Q12 Are there any factors that discourage you or a member of your household from using Davidson parks, recreation facilities, programs, or activities more often? (Check all that apply)		
Answered: 496 Skipped: 12		

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
None, I'm satisfied with current recreation facilities and amenities	33.47% 166
Lack of specific facility or activity	21.98% 109
Other (please specify)	18.35% 91
Lack of awareness of offerings or facilities	13.71% 68
Lack of communication about offerings	12.10% 60
Lack of scheduled events or programs	10.69% 53
Distance from home	7.46% 37
I have no opinion	7.26% 36
Poor conditions of facilities/needed maintenance	7.06% 35
Inconvenient facility hours or activity scheduling	6.05% 30
Use private clubs or facilities instead	5.85% 29
Overcrowded facilities or activities	5.24% 26
Signage or wayfinding	2.82% 14
Safety of facilities or activities	1.81% 9
Facility or activity fees	1.41% 7
Lack of transportation to facilities or programs	1.01% 5
Accessibility of facilities for people with disabilities or limited mobility	1.01% 5
Customer service/staff knowledge	0.40% 2
Total Respondents: 496	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Lack of dog parks	2/21/2024 3:55 PM
2	Destruction of lake health with overponding, chemical runoff, icky water	2/21/2024 9:34 AM
3	More youth baseball fields needed in Davidson.	2/20/2024 11:16 PM
4	Lack of baseball/softball fields or training options in Davidson	2/20/2024 5:25 PM
5	My family would like more natural areas where we can be in nature and enjoy meadows with flowers.	2/17/2024 9:01 AM
6	I ended up going to Huntersville to participate in their walking program since there was not one in Davidson. Since Covid there has been a lack of programs such as yoga, etc. for adults	2/15/2024 12:01 PM
7	See previous notes about the (after rain) muddy area at the dog park.	2/15/2024 11:49 AM
8	Some of the current staff are rude—we noticed just in last year	2/13/2024 7:59 PM
9	While we usually use and enjoy one of the parks every day or every other day, we are not very interested in the programs offered.	2/13/2024 5:45 PM
10	Lack of connectivity (ability to easily connect through greenways, without having to travel on major roads).	2/12/2024 9:37 AM
11	Big I her friendly mountain biking	2/11/2024 10:25 AM
12	parking access around the downtown area, Traffic on 115 can be intimidating.	2/11/2024 8:42 AM

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13	There are no parks within reasonable walking distance of the historic neighborhood (i.e., east of Main Street and south of concord rd)	2/11/2024 8:27 AM
14	More trails for mountain biking at fisher farms.	2/10/2024 3:30 PM
15	I also use the Y for indoor recreation.	2/10/2024 12:59 PM
16	Lack of dog park near our home on Magnolia St.	2/10/2024 10:53 AM
17	I would like walking tours given on our local greenways. We have many different greenways but residents don't know where they are. Offering walks on each of these would introduce people to our local natural resources.	2/10/2024 8:54 AM
18	Greenways need to be connected.	2/10/2024 6:06 AM
19	Would like more interconnected greenways along lake	2/9/2024 10:35 PM
20	Our natural areas need constant work and I am pleased with the great work of DLC at LDNP, Beatty Park, Fisher Farm and tree planting along the Plum Creek G.W.	2/9/2024 5:18 PM
21	We need more greenways, and more connectivity between the existing greenways	2/8/2024 10:22 PM
22	Access to Fisher farm via bike from town is not safe without sidewalk or greenway connection	2/8/2024 9:02 PM
23	Could have more bike trails at Fisher Farms	2/8/2024 4:14 PM
24	Bike access would be great	2/8/2024 7:28 AM
25	The lack of summer camps that are full day options is very inconvenient and shows a clear bias towards families who are wealthy or have stay at home parents who can take care of kids who are in half-day camps.	2/7/2024 11:14 PM
26	Would be great if Beatty park added additional features for younger kids	2/7/2024 6:55 PM
27	Need to connect Greenways	2/7/2024 8:06 PM
28	I love all of the community activities (music in the square and on the green, etc.), and we enjoy the summer camps, but I wish there were more athletic and artistic offerings for kids. We have to go to other communities for soccer, track, volleyball, field hockey, and musical theater, and I wish these offerings were closer to home. I also wish there were more adult athletic leagues.	2/7/2024 4:45 PM
29	Would love some sort of public golf course. Was recently looking to join a Mahjong beginner class series but they were only offered during the daytime when I am working. Would like to receive email notices on when these classes and signups are.	2/7/2024 2:06 PM
30	A wider variety of stuff to do in a park would be cool. Lots of little things add up to make a good time. Put a shuffleboard court over there, bocce grounds over here, volleyball courts over there	2/7/2024 12:39 PM
31	Need more tennis courts & greenways	2/7/2024 12:35 PM
32	McEver fields needs more	2/7/2024 9:56 AM
33	Need more greenways	2/7/2024 9:32 AM
34	Please keep intense focus on facilities and features at facilities that are accessible for folks in wheelchairs (accessible playground equipment in particular). It's an easy add-on in the planning stages.	2/7/2024 9:20 AM
35	I do not use Fisher Farm as often as I would like because the Greenway does not connect to it.	2/7/2024 9:13 AM
36	Playgrounds are less engaging, need a great one that is fenced in.	2/6/2024 7:29 PM
37	Would like to see pickleball courts	2/5/2024 3:02 PM
38	Lack of links between existing greenways.	2/5/2024 2:44 PM
39	Unknown if there are any public tennis or pickleball courts in Davidson	2/5/2024 8:41 AM
40	For both Antiquity and Davidson Greenways could be bigger signage	2/4/2024 9:50 PM

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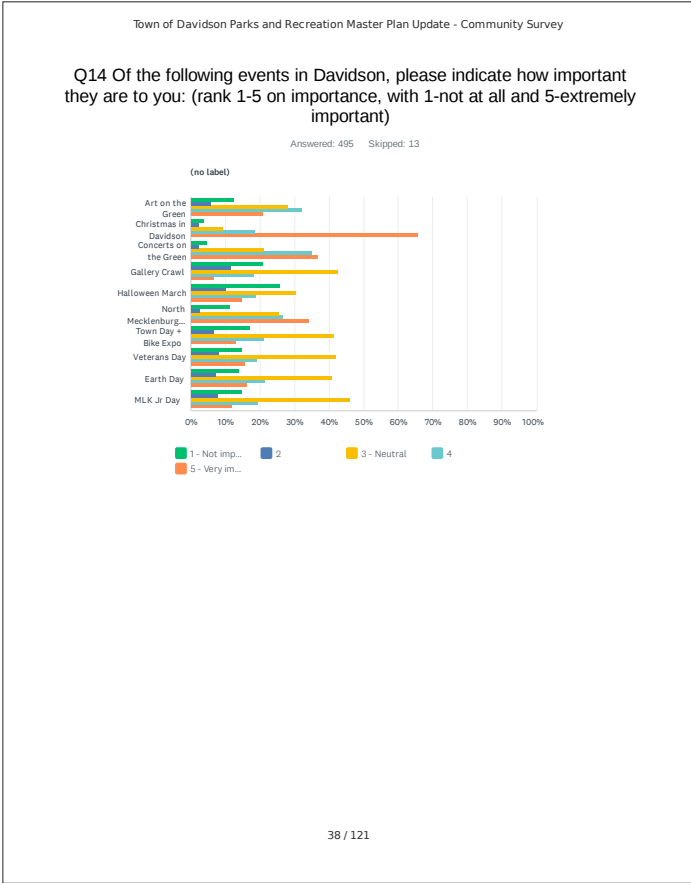
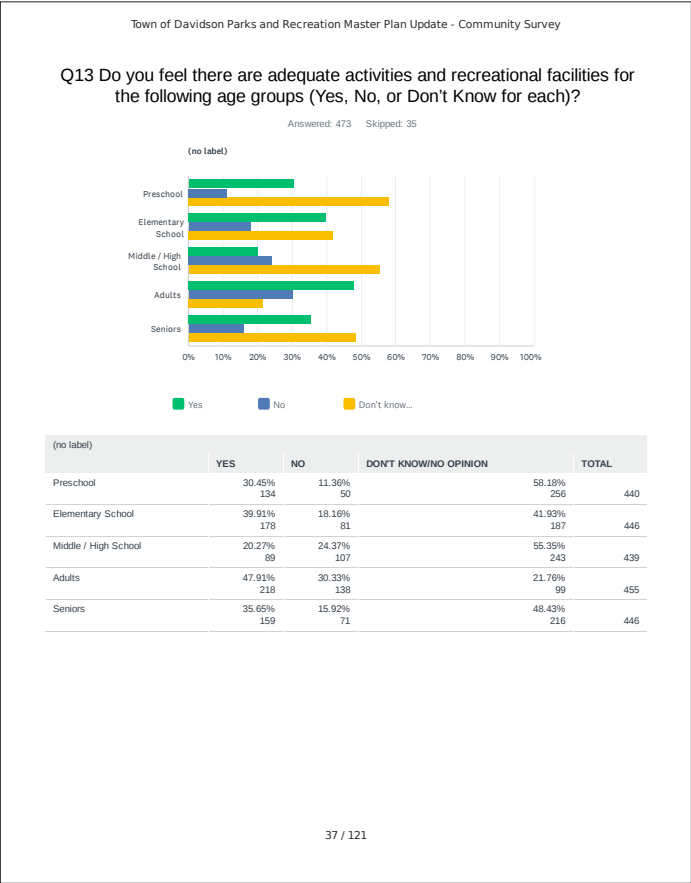
41	Need better summer camps- look at what Cornelius offers	2/4/2024 8:27 PM
42	I love Fisher and Abersham, but when they are wet it is dangerous. Traveling by bike along the roads here is scary. I wish there was a greenway heading to Fisher.	2/4/2024 4:59 PM
43	Would like more tennis and pickleball programming	2/4/2024 10:32 AM
44	There ar many parks and some greenways but no recreation center. But the County Center in Cornelius is quite good.	2/2/2024 12:26 PM
45	We don't need programming but love the open space and natural area of Abersham and Fisher Farm. Looking forward to a bike path that will get there from in town.	2/2/2024 7:34 AM
46	Availability of better maps on biking greenways in the area would be helpful. The map on the town website is not very good.	1/31/2024 5:53 PM
47	Would like additional Pickle ball courts	1/31/2024 12:36 PM
48	Exercise classes are not offered	1/31/2024 10:14 AM
49	Only with respect to pickleball is overcrowding an issue	1/31/2024 9:12 AM
50	Lights on pickleball/tennis courts	1/31/2024 8:40 AM
51	Parking/ access to lake front activities	1/30/2024 12:26 PM
52	No soccer fields	1/30/2024 10:47 AM
53	We need to update and utilize the concession stands at McEver field. The fields/stands also need to be updated. We are great community, but other venues offer much more to families who participate in games or spectators just watching.	1/30/2024 10:46 AM
54	It would be great to have more parks near Main St. by all the businesses.	1/30/2024 10:45 AM
55	Could use more parks for young kids	1/30/2024 10:43 AM
56	Need town gym space.	1/30/2024 10:41 AM
57	More connecting greenways would be amazing to avoid on-street connections	1/29/2024 9:51 AM
58	I see facilities developed in other parts of town that I wish were available in my part.	1/29/2024 9:29 AM
59	Parking. Doors locked for programs.	1/29/2024 8:40 AM
60	I feel really grateful that we have so many offerings right here in Davidson.	1/28/2024 4:30 PM
61	Pickleball courts can be hard to find.	1/28/2024 9:51 AM
62	the pickleball courts are too far away from my house. Also, there is supposed to be a park on the shoreline near the CSD development and it should have been completed a long time ago.	1/27/2024 3:04 PM
63	Lack of place for larger dogs to run safely while off leash.	1/27/2024 11:06 AM
64	The North Meck Rec Center is already overcrowded, just sayin'. I would like more lake access for a person without their own boat. Love that you have racks by Lake Davidson!	1/27/2024 8:59 AM
65	Playground facilities are somewhat limited and don't offer enough variety. Would love to see a rec center (workout space, basketball courts, kids activity rooms) and especially a town public pool.	1/26/2024 8:43 PM
66	We've tried signing up for day camps during the school year (for teacher workdays or winter break) but they've twice gotten canceled due to low enrollment. If communication about these offerings were better, they might have higher enrollment! Also, the town is VERY late in announcing summer camps compared to other programs in the area. By the time Davidson summer camps are communicated, I've already made other plans to ensure summer childcare.	1/26/2024 3:55 PM
67	Lack of a community center (particularly for seniors)	1/26/2024 3:36 PM
68	I would love to have access to public indoor tennis facilities in Davidson or a neighboring town. Also, I really appreciate the wide selection of classes and other programming. But, one must sign up way in advance because classes fill up so quickly. And even the wait list gets long quickly, too. This suggests to me that more schedule offerings are needed. Thanks!	1/26/2024 3:16 PM

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69	Fisher Farm has all of the bike paths but my son would have to be driven there to use them.	1/26/2024 2:52 PM
70	More connected greenways	1/26/2024 2:45 PM
71	need more pickleball courts	1/26/2024 2:42 PM
72	I wish there were more established walking and biking trails that went for miles and allowed for safe travel. I do not understand why the train tracks have not been turned into recreational use pathways. It seems the most obvious choice.	1/26/2024 2:30 PM
73	Not enough pickleball courts at Plum Creek Park. Caldwell green tot lot could use better upkeep with regards to folks discarding outdoor toys (e. remove the broken stuff periodically).	1/26/2024 1:58 PM
74	Would love more access to greenways -- Davidson Concord Road needs to continue walk way that is currently there towards June Washam	1/26/2024 1:13 PM
75	No access to a pool	1/26/2024 12:59 PM
76	I would like to see more summer camp options for youth to cover the gap during school break. We are a family with two working parents and two children who need summer care/activities. It's not affordable for our family to participate in Davidson programs and defer to options in Cornelius and Huntersville.	1/26/2024 12:43 PM
77	Lack of restroom facilities.	1/26/2024 12:36 PM
78	More youth sports/activities	1/26/2024 12:26 PM
79	A rec facility similar to North Rec but with an outdoor pool would be greatly appreciated.	1/26/2024 12:19 PM
80	Lack of connected Greenways to ride bikes safely to programming	1/26/2024 12:16 PM
81	When it comes to programming and activities, most things seem more geared towards seniors and not families.	1/26/2024 12:11 PM
82	Pickleball users have made many tennis courts in the area unusable, unsafe, and unavailable. They have had a disproportionate amount of influence.	1/26/2024 12:00 PM
83	Winter 2021 Town Message indicated that the town will be installing a kayak launch at the Nature Preserve . and that the project HAD BEEN submitted to FERC for review. Despite this public notice, in October 2022, I learned that the FERC application HAD NOT BEEN submitted. I have found no information or updates on any town communication. What is the status of the FERC application and eta on building a kayak launch dock?	1/26/2024 11:33 AM
84	In no particular order: (1) Fisher Farm road needs to be paved - don't want to wash cars every time we go and play the pot-hole avoidance game (2) Path from downtown Davidson to Fisher Farm is needed (3) no lights on tennis/pickleball courts force movement to cornelius/huntersville (4) not nearly enough courts for our population, also forces movement to cornelius/huntersville (5) courts under literally buzzing high transition power lines (6) facilities for tennis and pickleball need to be separated and formalized as such via verbiage on both facilities (7) the many overlapping lines on the tennis courts make both tennis and pickleball challenging	1/26/2024 11:32 AM
85	Need more options w/ more things to do at these options.	1/26/2024 11:30 AM
86	Lack of true pickleball courts	1/26/2024 11:28 AM
87	We used Davidson Elementary's field to play sports as a family and with neighborhood kids. It's not really in that great of shape. It would be great if the town had a soccer field or two that we could actually go play at, similarly with basketball courts, tennis courts, etc. We always have to go to Cornelius and Huntersville to find those.	1/26/2024 11:25 AM
88	Safety outside of our neighborhood	1/26/2024 11:21 AM
89	Kincaid walk needs a few benches near steep grades especially for older walkers, and parents pushing strollers.	1/17/2024 8:35 PM
90	Lack of pedestrian or bike access to facilities, eg Fisher Farm, Beatty Park	1/15/2024 7:56 PM
91	I find what I need in Cornelius	1/15/2024 2:40 PM

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(no label)	1 - NOT IMPORTANT TO ME	2	3 - NEUTRAL	4	5 - VERY IMPORTANT TO ME	TOTAL
Art on the Green	12.67% 57	6.00% 27	28.22% 127	32.22% 145	20.89% 94	450
Christmas in Davidson	3.93% 19	2.28% 11	9.32% 45	18.63% 90	65.84% 318	483
Concerts on the Green	4.59% 22	2.30% 11	21.09% 101	35.07% 168	36.95% 177	479
Gallery Crawl	20.86% 92	11.56% 51	42.63% 188	18.37% 81	6.58% 29	441
Halloween March	25.73% 115	10.29% 46	30.43% 136	18.79% 84	14.77% 66	447
North Mecklenburg Christmas Parade	11.23% 52	2.59% 12	25.49% 118	26.57% 123	34.13% 158	463
Town Day + Bike Expo	17.27% 76	6.82% 30	41.59% 183	21.36% 94	12.95% 57	440
Veterans Day	14.74% 65	8.16% 36	41.95% 185	19.27% 85	15.87% 70	441
Earth Day	13.96% 62	7.21% 32	40.99% 182	21.62% 96	16.22% 72	444
MLK Jr Day	14.81% 65	7.97% 35	46.01% 202	19.36% 85	11.85% 52	439

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Need more 4th of July activities (like a summertime version of Christmas in Davidson, with a town picnic). More flags in downtown during 4th of July please. I'd love to see Roosevelt Park completely covered in lights during December as another attraction for tourists and residents.	1/26/2024 10:03 AM
2	Concerts in the Circle (Jettson St.) - 5	1/26/2024 11:25 AM
3	Run for the Green - 4	1/26/2024 12:00 PM
4	We loved the Cookie Crawl this year! We participated with numerous other families and it was the best time.	1/26/2024 12:11 PM
5	I would like to see more artists at the Art on the Green. I was disappointed at the number of artists. I'm used to events like the Stockley Arts Festival in Norfolk, VA	1/26/2024 12:19 PM
6	4th of July parade/concert DYBA parade/opening day ceremonies	1/26/2024 12:17 PM
7	Though I may not participate in all of these events, I love that I live in a community where lots of events are celebrated	1/26/2024 1:24 PM
8	My very favorite event is the Cookie Trail. It's great to meet merchants I don't know & lots of fun & of course delicious! Various vigils on the Town Green have been extremely touching & appreciated.	1/26/2024 3:52 PM
9	Concerts on the circle-2	1/26/2024 2:45 PM
10	I think all of the events are very important to have in our town.	1/26/2024 2:52 PM
11	Farmers Market 5	1/26/2024 4:43 PM
12	Concerts on the Square; Concerts on the Circle - Very Important	1/26/2024 5:37 PM
13	National Night Out,	1/26/2024 6:02 PM
14	Thanks for ALL of the events you plan! They make for a vibrant community!	1/27/2024 8:10 AM

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15	Anything that brings the town people together is good. I wonder, are you using the parking lot at the new city building for weekend activities in town? Personally, I love nature programs and being on the lake.	1/27/2024 8:59 AM
16	Small business day	1/27/2024 11:44 AM
17	Looking for more teen activities.	1/28/2024 7:59 PM
18	Farmers market very important!	1/31/2024 12:36 PM
19	Free outdoor music events are extremely important to me. More art fairs would be nice.	1/31/2024 5:53 PM
20	Jewish Festival	2/3/2024 6:24 PM
21	Events (especially of religious nature) aren't important at all. I'm a veteran, and detest veterans day celebrations.	2/4/2024 4:59 PM
22	Pride event would be an inclusive event to add	2/7/2024 9:11 AM
23	Bring back the horse drawn carriage rides for Christmas in Davidson- also, not sure how effective Santa is at driving around. Most times, my kids miss him because we don't know when he will be coming by. Can't he just have a showing at the library for a cookies and milk? Maybe during Christmas at Davidson? I find that a lot of the "kids" activities haven't returned after the pandemic. It's been pretty lame for the past few years.	2/7/2024 2:10 PM
24	Fisher fest 5	2/8/2024 10:36 PM
25	I really like the Arbor Day Celebration and tree planting work with DLC.	2/9/2024 5:18 PM
26	Run for the Green	2/9/2024 6:23 PM
27	Town days especially Xmas in Davidson are overcrowded with people who don't live here. Is there a way to make it more focused on locals?	2/9/2024 10:35 PM
28	I had no idea about a lot of these events - so sad the communication is horrible	2/12/2024 3:07 PM
29	NatureFest is a great activity for young children	2/12/2024 6:58 PM
30	Concerts at the circles	2/16/2024 8:22 PM
31	Farmer's Market, meeting space at the town hall	2/17/2024 9:01 AM
32	Santa fire department drive by in December	2/20/2024 10:42 PM
33	Davidson Youth Baseball opening day parade.	2/20/2024 11:16 PM
34	Christmas in Davidson isn't as fun as it used to be. Things are too spread out and commercialized now. It felt like there was more citizen involvement in the past. The same is true for the Spring thing we used to have lots of fun and it turned into a nonprofit awareness booth exhibition (I fully support the nonprofits, but fun has value, too).	2/21/2024 9:34 AM

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Q15 Any additional comments on current programs, facilities and events?:

Answered: 179 Skipped: 329

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The Parks and Rec staff could not be better. Love them. They do so much for our community with not a whole lot of resources and we should appreciate them more. I especially appreciate how they weave environmental awareness fun stuff into events.	2/21/2024 9:34 AM
2	Improve recycling options at facilities	2/21/2024 8:34 AM
3	We love this town; thank you for all your work!	2/20/2024 10:42 PM
4	Need monthly family activities by the greens outside the library	2/20/2024 9:45 PM
5	Need more baseball fields and recreation spaces	2/20/2024 9:28 PM
6	I have volunteer coached at DYBA for the past 2.5 years, and the ball fields at McEver are always super crowded. We never have anywhere to practice outside of our allotted team practice because all the fields, batting cages, local fields (River Run, Bradford, etc) are always packed. I just wish there were more fields available during the week and weekends to practice and play leisurely on	2/20/2024 7:19 PM
7	I think there is a major need for more baseball fields in the Town of Davidson. We are already maxed out and more need to be built. I think an ideal spot is at River Run fields.	2/20/2024 5:47 PM
8	Not sufficient investment in fields given population growth. No new soccer or baseball fields, no expansion of current fields. Clearly behind Cornelius and Huntersville in this regard	2/20/2024 5:30 PM
9	There are so many young families in Davidson and there are insufficient fields and gyms to support the local sports teams. Teams are forced to practice on Sundays taking away family time. The town needs more space to support our athletes.	2/20/2024 5:25 PM
10	please stop using pesticides on our parks and trails	2/19/2024 5:00 PM
11	No	2/18/2024 2:34 PM
12	No	2/17/2024 9:36 PM
13	Please open the new restrooms at fisher farm. It has taken far too long to build, inspect, and make these operational.	2/17/2024 10:00 AM
14	The hvac in the community room at new town hall is very loud and it often over-cools in the summer. The microphones, sound and computer systems in the new town hall need improving.	2/17/2024 9:01 AM
15	Park equipment could be updated or additional offerings. Pickleball or tennis courts, more equipment and/or more expansive at Parks. Additional public basketball courts.	2/17/2024 7:17 AM
16	Please connect fisher farm to the narrow passage greenway	2/15/2024 1:12 PM
17	I wished you had asked age categories. My answers as a senior citizen are not the same as a family with children. Since Covid it seems as if there are less programs in general.	2/15/2024 12:01 PM
18	We need another fenced in off leash dog park in town. Not only is it a great place for dog to blow off steam and socialize, but it also brings dog owners together to socialize.	2/15/2024 11:49 AM
19	N/A	2/15/2024 8:08 AM
20	Davidson Community Garden is wonderful	2/12/2024 8:49 PM
21	There are no parks for kids near mayes hailandwoods neighbour hood	2/12/2024 5:50 PM
22	Get it together Davidson	2/12/2024 3:07 PM
23	I would like to see more funds spent towards walking and bike paths, with connected greenways that are easy to navigate.	2/12/2024 9:37 AM

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24	I would like to see more connections between greenways and easier and safer way to bike and cross streets (concord rd is unsafe for bike riding as well as grey road). Grey rd has no side walk. Would be nice to be able to reach Fisher park by foot or by bike. Concord rd has no side walk or bike lane from half of Concord rd to h to 73. Would it be nice to be able to ride to Public. Same for main street toward Mooresville I. Right now too many connections are on streets with no option to walk or bike.	2/12/2024 9:18 AM
25	We need more MTB trails at Fisher Farm. More pickleball courts, greenways and hiking trails	2/11/2024 9:24 PM
26	Programming is very limited for working adults	2/11/2024 2:41 PM
27	Wish there were more MTB trails at Fisher Farm and Abersham parks	2/11/2024 2:20 PM
28	Really need a park for historic neighborhood. This would also serve folks in downtown if located appropriately.	2/11/2024 8:27 AM
29	Thank you for listening	2/10/2024 3:30 PM
30	None at this time.	2/10/2024 10:53 AM
31	I would like to see more mountain biking trails at Fisher Farm	2/9/2024 9:41 PM
32	More mtn biking trails	2/9/2024 8:33 PM
33	DLC education programs are very meaningful!	2/9/2024 6:23 PM
34	See earlier comment about using native, pollinator, friendly perennials for town, landscaping in lieu of annuals, or non-natives.	2/9/2024 5:05 PM
35	Allow beer and wine at festivals	2/9/2024 10:48 AM
36	I would like to see more greenways and mountain bike trails.	2/9/2024 6:17 AM
37	More mountain bike trails at Fisher Farm	2/9/2024 6:08 AM
38	Please add more mountain bike trails at fisher	2/9/2024 2:47 AM
39	Need more bike trails	2/8/2024 11:06 PM
40	I feel that there are not enough offerings during the summer. The activities that are offered are cost prohibitive.	2/8/2024 10:41 PM
41	More mountain bike trails would be terrific.	2/8/2024 10:36 PM
42	I live in Davidson East. I would love to be able to get on my bike and ride to downtown Davidson or Cornelius without sharing city streets. Please consider the neighborhoods on the east side of town when making decisions about downtown Davidson and residents closer in.	2/8/2024 11:57 AM
43	Ned further Greenway development	2/8/2024 10:48 AM
44	I would love to see how we can connect main st and the area by carbarrios and beyond. There is a big opportunity to bridge those areas so it's walkable, with shops, more food and drink options.	2/8/2024 8:58 AM
45	We need more sidewalks	2/8/2024 7:28 AM
46	A splash pad would be a fantastic addition to the town	2/7/2024 8:52 PM
47	Would like to see pickle ball courts in Davidson	2/7/2024 7:30 PM
48	Please consider night riding at Fisher Farm	2/7/2024 6:30 PM
49	Need separated bikeways so we can safely ride to destinations. Need more dog parks. Thank you for all you do. Staff is great.	2/7/2024 5:02 PM
50	Schools seem to take over public spaces, making it difficult to enjoy the space. Forget about the Town Green on certain days. Also, please finish the trails at Bratly Park, making them go farther into the park so there is a greater distance to enjoy a walk within the park. Everything seems to be closer to road that into the property. When citizens serve on committees and boards, would appreciate better communication from the staff.	2/7/2024 4:40 PM
51	we need dedicated pickleball courts.	2/7/2024 2:48 PM

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52	Please put more lighting on the bridge at Wilson Park (along Griffith St) even solar is better than pitch black!	2/7/2024 2:10 PM
53	Very grateful for the offering that we do have but it'd be nice to see more variety of options.	2/7/2024 2:06 PM
54	Thank You to the men and women of the Davidson Police and Fire Departments!	2/7/2024 2:00 PM
55	More parking needed in town. Why not run things like farmers market etc in the parks	2/7/2024 1:55 PM
56	No	2/7/2024 1:47 PM
57	No	2/7/2024 1:07 PM
58	Need more greenways and connections to other greenways	2/7/2024 12:35 PM
59	I wish the camp offerings were listed sooner so we could plan better. There are several other camps (AOS, Everest, Enso, River Run Country Club, etc.) with their information out but I don't want to sign up my 3 children until I know what will be offered. I understand not having registration until whatever date, but at least having the listing so we can make decisions before other camps fill up. Also, I wish the instructors for all camps (specifically the DCP camps) were listed. There are specific teachers my children don't care for and others that they love - there should be mention of this in the registration.	2/7/2024 12:19 PM
60	It would be great to provide more facilities closer to town. The town could use a better playground behind summit. Basketball courts and a skate park would also be great. The area downtown should be better utilized for parks/activity areas. There is great space behind the basketball gym and town hall to create some very unique and creative spaces for young kids and teenagers.	2/7/2024 11:44 AM
61	There does not seem to be any Town-amplified approach to youth athletics or attention/collaboration to sporting events where there could be collaboration or synergies (e.g., combining sporting events with festival like events). Programming and events also continues to be virtually all focused and conducted in or near downtown and the western side of town. I cannot recall a significant town event in the eastern part of town in the past 10 years despite the greater concentration of population being in that area now.	2/7/2024 11:26 AM
62	n/a	2/7/2024 11:10 AM
63	Would love to see greenway expansion along Davidson-Concord Rd to connect downtown Davidson better with Publix area & River Run/Reserve neighborhoods along the front side! So many families I know would love a designated bike path from the roundabout all the way to Public.	2/7/2024 10:52 AM
64	Need more athletic fields.	2/7/2024 10:10 AM
65	No	2/7/2024 10:07 AM
66	None	2/7/2024 10:01 AM
67	More greenways	2/7/2024 9:32 AM
68	love the Greenways--please extend to Fisher Farms and beyond-I think this maybe already in the works?	2/7/2024 9:29 AM
69	Please stay committed to inclusion for all members of our community. This strengthens our collective bond as a village. A continued commitment to accessibility for wheelchair users and folks with disabilities is also appreciated. We appreciate all the excellent work and programming done by the Davidson Parks and Rec. team! Thank you for providing the opportunity to provide this feedback.	2/7/2024 9:20 AM
70	We need a splash pad	2/7/2024 9:17 AM
71	Again, I want to reiterate that it's very important that Fisher Farm be connected to the Greenway system to provide opportunities for families and individuals to use that park.	2/7/2024 9:13 AM
72	Need more baseball field space.	2/7/2024 9:08 AM
73	I'd like to see adult basketball (indoor) offered year-round.	2/7/2024 9:06 AM
74	I wish that there were more kid-friendly activities for holidays and in the summer! Egg hunt, larger 4th of July event for kids, summer movies on the Green, Valentine's Day etc. I love all	2/6/2024 9:27 PM

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of the activities that Birkdale offers for children, but I 100% would rather do them in Davidson rather than Birkdale. Having events on the Green would also draw businesses to eat, drink and socialize downtown more.

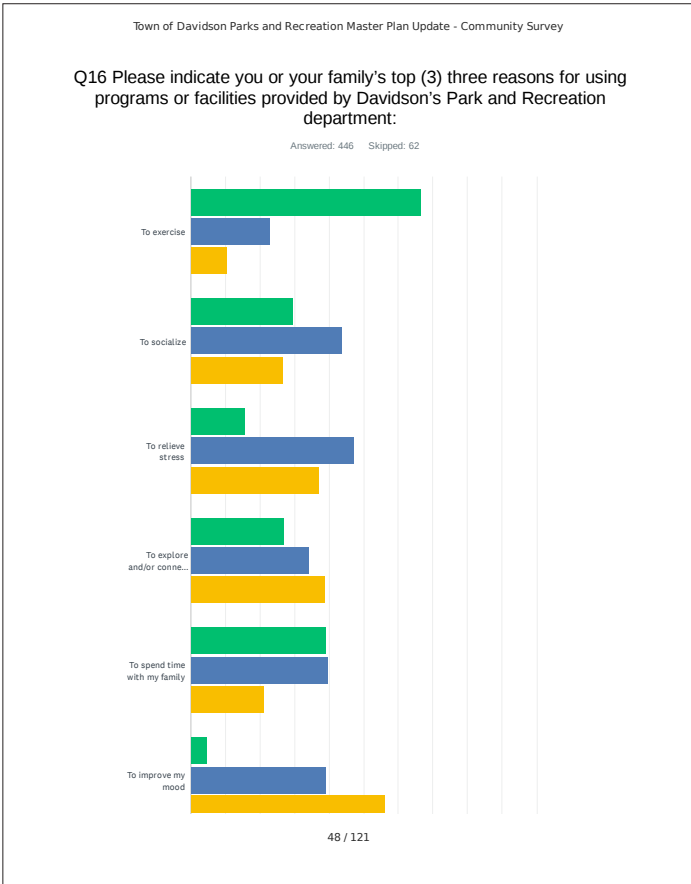
75	We need a great playground that kids can have more risk taking and also age appropriate. It needs to be fenced in.	2/6/2024 7:29 PM
76	None	2/6/2024 11:33 AM
77	I think a Bocce court would be welcomed and be used by all age groups.	2/6/2024 10:24 AM
78	More parks and activities!	2/6/2024 9:09 AM
79	We need more facilities for young children to participate in rec activities. Many of us are having to drive great than 20 minutes for our kids to participate in any sport.	2/5/2024 6:37 PM
80	Greenways should be the center of our recreation plans. Build more, faster by switching to a gravel surface. Gravel has no downside since nobody has rollerbladed in 25 years.	2/5/2024 2:44 PM
81	Would love for the greenway to Fisher Farm to be completed.	2/5/2024 9:27 AM
82	Roosevelt Wilson has so much potential this isn't being utilized. Nothing has changed structurally in the 12 years we've lived here.	2/4/2024 9:42 PM
83	I am super thankful for the trails at Fisher and Abersham. I ride and hike and volunteer my time taking care of them. Would love to see better signage letting people know that hiking trails exist. They always act so offended that there are bikes. Would also love to see a line drawn down the middle of the paved greenways to improve safety.	2/4/2024 4:59 PM
84	Jewish Festival is great	2/3/2024 6:24 PM
85	No	2/3/2024 5:55 PM
86	Need pickleball	2/3/2024 8:47 AM
87	I love Davidson	2/1/2024 3:10 PM
88	I think the overall quality of public facilities is very good and is an asset to living in Davidson.	1/31/2024 5:53 PM
89	I really wish our greenways connected throughout town. I want to be able to take my kids bike riding on the greenway to all parts of town.	1/31/2024 1:01 PM
90	Really want connector from Narrow Passage to Fisher Farm Greenway to happen!	1/31/2024 12:36 PM
91	Farmers Market is a great event each week.	1/31/2024 11:26 AM
92	Need exercise classes	1/31/2024 10:14 AM
93	It would be great if p&R had more "pop up" events. For example, Davidson Learns has monthly events that are so well attended. P&R can serve this senior community as well with programming. If you plan it, seniors will come.	1/31/2024 9:12 AM
94	Thank you for valuing community input.	1/31/2024 8:22 AM
95	Summer camp offerings have not been as strong as they were in years past. There is a lot for preschoolers but not much to interest older elementary school children who don't want to be outside in the heat playing a sport.	1/30/2024 1:05 PM
96	My family and I are looking forward to the greenway completion to Fisher Farms. We love to bike and that would be an amazing addition. Definitely a priority as far as we are concerned!	1/30/2024 12:26 PM
97	Need more fields for DYBA	1/30/2024 11:27 AM
98	Would love to see volleyball offered. Currently we have to go to Huntersville Parks and Rec to have my daughter play. I'd love to see Mc Ever field be redesigned with more fields and a set up that is more central to bathrooms and commons space. The fields are too large for the majority of leagues. And with smaller fields and more efficient layout, you could provide more for the wonder baseball program that it is! Also, having flag football would be a plus!	1/30/2024 11:02 AM
99	No	1/30/2024 10:47 AM
100	Need better fields that drain properly along with amenities that will keep kids and families	1/30/2024 10:46 AM

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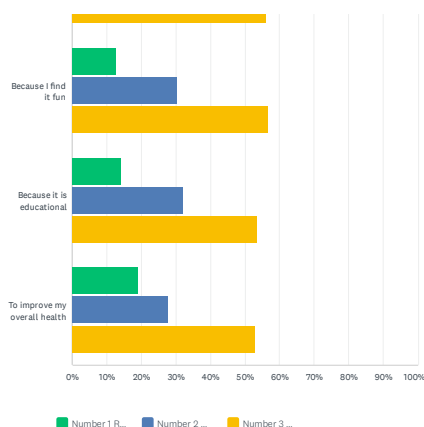
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playing in our league. The bathrooms at McEver are awful and need to be updated!		
101	Bring more parks to downtown Davidson	1/30/2024 10:45 AM
102	Real money needs to be invested in McEver Fields. Also, while not specifically mentioned here, several of the roads need to be repaired for the avid road cyclists that ride in the area. Davidson-Concord Rd from downtown to the circle is an absolute mess, and is not safe for riders. Road quality should be a top priority for the town.	1/30/2024 10:43 AM
103	Need more baseball fields, lacrosse fields, indoor gym space.	1/30/2024 10:41 AM
104	No	1/30/2024 5:41 AM
105	None	1/29/2024 12:44 PM
106	I believe we could develop facilities behind the New Town Hall that would benefit unserved kids and families, and make the New Town Hall more of a true community center.	1/29/2024 9:29 AM
107	A maintenance person should walk through the park twice a year to see if things need service.	1/29/2024 6:45 AM
108	Will you refinish the Gym at the new town Hall so we can have indoor recreation activities like pickleball as they do in Huntersville?	1/29/2024 3:16 PM
109	-	1/27/2024 9:53 PM
110	Love this town!	1/27/2024 4:01 PM
111	Just following comments on ND, there seems to be an interest in adult beginner crochet and knitting.	1/27/2024 3:10 PM
112	As much greenway paved space as we can	1/27/2024 2:41 PM
113	There is plenty of programs, facilities and events	1/27/2024 12:48 PM
114	no	1/27/2024 12:06 PM
115	Would like Coffee Clatch to start up again	1/27/2024 11:44 AM
116	Need a skateboard park someplace.	1/27/2024 11:13 AM
117	NA	1/27/2024 10:21 AM
118	Food, wine and fun usually does the trick - for most.	1/27/2024 8:59 AM
119	Davidson is a wonderful place to live, work, and play and the Davidson Parks & Recreation Department has a huge role in this. Sincere thanks for all of your efforts.	1/27/2024 8:10 AM
120	Hoping the Greenway linking South Street near DK8 to South Main will be a priority. Also, it's still very dangerous for pedestrians to access North Main from Beatty Park. I know that's not Parks and Rec's issue, but it affects people's ability to safely access the park on foot.	1/26/2024 9:39 PM
121	We need adult programs after working hours for younger families and adults to meet	1/26/2024 9:20 PM
122	--	1/26/2024 8:54 PM
123	Would love to see a facility centrally located in town to allow for young kids to gather safely, supervised, and organized. Some of the problems seen on the green on Fridays might be eliminated if elementary and middle school had such a place. After school programs and a place to go on Saturdays.	1/26/2024 8:43 PM
124	concern about cost for some activities, esp for those of us on fixed incomes	1/26/2024 7:32 PM
125	Would like Town auditorium sound issue addressed	1/26/2024 6:02 PM
126	I need to learn more :)	1/26/2024 4:22 PM
127	More food related events especially for kids & their adults. Grandparents love to do special fun events with their little ones.	1/26/2024 3:52 PM
128	P&R staff are very helpful & friendly. Wish we had a community center (like the Mack Center in Mooresville)	1/26/2024 3:36 PM
129	Davidson is an amazing small town! We moved here because our kids and grandkids live here	1/26/2024 3:34 PM
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and of all the places we've lived Davidson is the best		
130	Davidson needs public tennis and pickleball courts	1/26/2024 3:23 PM
131	rice the Parks helps with the rental of the new Town Center room for HOA meetings. A BIG thanks to Gina!	1/26/2024 3:19 PM
132	I am thrilled to be living in Davidson.	1/26/2024 3:14 PM
133	would like to have more options for middle school kids to feel included/wanted in the community. A few bad apples make it hard for the good kids.	1/26/2024 2:52 PM
134	No	1/26/2024 2:45 PM
135	Take a look at the dog park in Bozeman, MT (Dog Park At Gallatin County Regional Park (13 Acre w Pond)) This would be a perfect addition to Abersham. We can raise private funds.	1/26/2024 2:44 PM
136	Thanks for seeing our input and your great town management.	1/26/2024 2:35 PM
137	No	1/26/2024 2:16 PM
138	No	1/26/2024 2:13 PM
139	Some of the adult activities I'd be interested in are during work/normal business hours.	1/26/2024 1:58 PM
140	Need more dog park aras	1/26/2024 1:55 PM
141	I really enjoy the educational talks that are held at The Town Hall	1/26/2024 1:51 PM
142	Need pickle ball courts	1/26/2024 1:51 PM
143	The hours at Archery range are too limited for people with their own equipment	1/26/2024 1:46 PM
144	Pickleball courts	1/26/2024 1:05 PM
145	Kayak rental space is excellent	1/26/2024 1:00 PM
146	Need more day programs for adults. We like to do arts and crafts too. Or discussion groups. Learning something new such as better use of computers and phones, technology. Many of my neighbors are looking for daytime activities instead of night time.	1/26/2024 1:00 PM
147	Need in town access to outdoor basketball, tennis and swimming	1/26/2024 12:59 PM
148	I wish the park behind summit in town had a little something more for kiddos slightly older.	1/26/2024 12:56 PM
149	Make sure to build the tax base before adding any more parks.	1/26/2024 12:40 PM
150	None	1/26/2024 12:30 PM
151	no	1/26/2024 12:24 PM
152	I think the town is doing a great job overall.	1/26/2024 12:19 PM
153	None	1/26/2024 12:15 PM
154	Please consider adding more non-sports after school activities/programming for elementary and middle school aged students.	1/26/2024 12:14 PM
155	Additional pickleball courts needed.	1/26/2024 12:09 PM
156	5 - Concerts at the Circles	1/26/2024 12:09 PM
157	I would like to see more summer camp options for elementary age kids in addition to sports programs.	1/26/2024 12:01 PM
158	Trails and Greenways are attractive recreational amenities, but with unintended consequences of uses. Vehicles, off leash pets, and blinds created by design and overgrowth threaten the safety of citizens' use.	1/26/2024 11:56 AM
159	no	1/26/2024 11:54 AM
160	No	1/26/2024 11:51 AM
161	Hours for use at Fisher Farm Park should be extended so that it may be used during periods of	1/26/2024 11:48 AM
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darkness. My only time to run is in the early morning before the family wakes up. My mental health would greatly benefit from trail running on headlamp at fisher farm park before sunrise. Thank you!		
162	Like concerts at the Circles	1/26/2024 11:32 AM
163	Town path from downtown to Fisher Farm needs mapped out vision	1/26/2024 11:32 AM
164	N/A	1/26/2024 11:31 AM
165	We just moved to NC in Nov23 and are very impressed with the Davidson community thus far.	1/26/2024 11:28 AM
166	Wish there was a Tastes of Davidson date to sample restaurant fare	1/26/2024 11:27 AM
167	I would love to see even more programming on the West Side (like Concerts in the Circles).	1/26/2024 11:25 AM
168	Outdoor basketball courts, tennis courts, and a soccer fields (with lights) would add a lot!	1/26/2024 11:25 AM
169	I wish you would have yoga classes again. I miss them.	1/26/2024 11:24 AM
170	Would love for the kayaking options on Lake Davidson to have more possible dates and times	1/26/2024 11:21 AM
171	Pickleball courts!	1/26/2024 11:18 AM
172	Need boat access to Lake Davidson	1/18/2024 3:21 PM
173	No	1/17/2024 7:50 AM
174	More greenways!	1/16/2024 10:53 AM
175	We NEED bacce ball for the older folks. Would be great if it was ok to bring wine or beer.	1/15/2024 8:54 PM
176	Need to work with neighborhoods to share tennis courts	1/15/2024 7:56 PM
177	More educational and recreational programs for Blacks	1/15/2024 1:45 PM
178	It is tough for us to use many of the facilities because we lack a safe connection to them and instead must use our vehicles to access any of them (our community is not connected to the town via any sidewalk, greenway or path).	1/15/2024 1:33 PM
179	Keep up the good work	1/15/2024 11:46 AM
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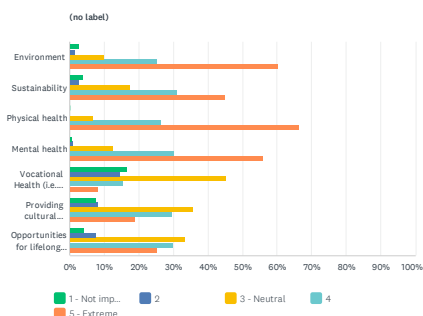
	NUMBER 1 REASON	NUMBER 2 REASON	NUMBER 3 REASON	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
To exercise	66.78% 199	22.82% 68	10.40% 31	298	25.64
To socialize	29.70% 49	43.64% 72	26.67% 44	165	20.30
To relieve stress	15.71% 11	47.14% 33	37.14% 26	70	17.86
To explore and/or connect with nature	26.79% 60	34.38% 77	38.84% 87	224	18.79
To spend time with my family	39.01% 71	39.56% 72	21.43% 39	182	21.76
To improve my mood	4.69% 3	39.06% 25	56.25% 36	64	14.84
Because I find it fun	12.71% 15	30.51% 36	56.78% 67	118	15.59
Because it is educational	14.29% 4	32.14% 9	53.57% 15	28	16.07
To improve my overall health	19.28% 32	27.71% 46	53.01% 88	166	16.63

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Q17 How important are the following purposes/benefits of parks and recreation to you in Davidson (rank 1-5 on importance, with 1-not at all and 5-extremely important):

Answered: 439 Skipped: 69



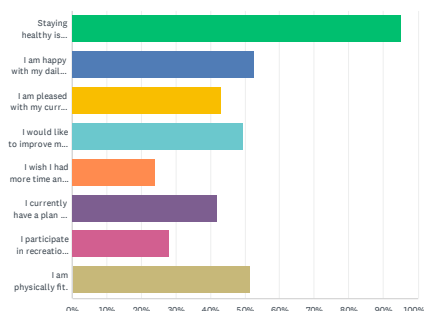
(no label)	1 - NOT IMPORTANT	2	3 - NEUTRAL	4	5 - EXTREMELY IMPORTANT	TOTAL
Environment	2.84% 12	1.42% 6	9.95% 42	25.36% 107	60.43% 255	422
Sustainability	3.89% 16	2.68% 11	17.52% 72	30.90% 127	45.01% 185	411
Physical health	0.23% 1	0.00% 0	6.91% 30	26.50% 115	66.36% 288	434
Mental health	0.71% 3	0.95% 4	12.53% 53	30.02% 127	55.79% 236	423
Vocational Health (i.e. skills development)	16.34% 66	14.60% 59	45.30% 183	15.35% 62	8.42% 34	404
Providing cultural opportunities	7.62% 31	8.35% 34	35.63% 145	29.73% 121	18.67% 76	407
Opportunities for lifelong learning	4.12% 17	7.51% 31	33.17% 137	29.78% 123	25.42% 105	413

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Q18 Please tell us about your attitude toward your health and well being or your approach to managing your health? (Select all with which you agree.)

Answered: 449 Skipped: 59



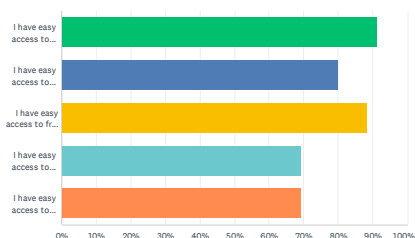
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Staying healthy is important to me.	95.32% 428
I am happy with my daily life and daily routine.	52.56% 236
I am pleased with my current state of overall health and wellness.	42.98% 193
I would like to improve my health and strive for a more active lifestyle.	49.44% 222
I wish I had more time and resources to make healthier choices in what I eat and being active.	24.05% 108
I currently have a plan for maintaining or improving my health and wellness.	42.09% 189
I participate in recreational activities or programs provided by the Town of Davidson.	28.06% 126
I am physically fit.	51.45% 231
Total Respondents: 449	

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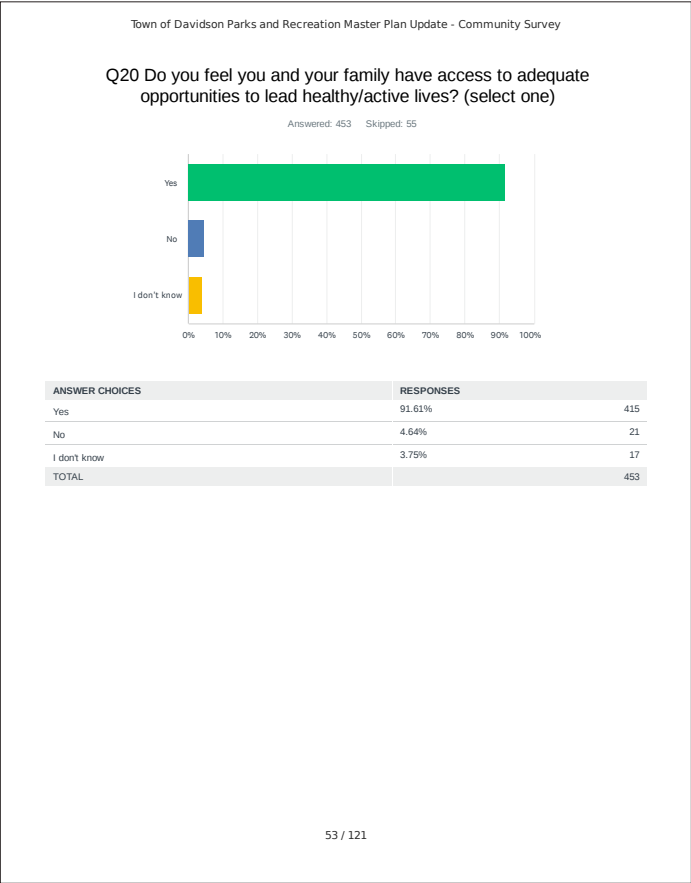
Q19 Please use the following to describe you or your family's access to healthy activities/facilities (select all that apply):

Answered: 443 Skipped: 65



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
I have easy access to park(s) or open space.	91.20% 404
I have easy access to greenways.	79.91% 354
I have easy access to fresh food.	88.26% 391
I have easy access to educational programs.	69.30% 307
I have easy access to social groups and activities.	69.30% 307
Total Respondents: 443	

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Q21 I would lead a healthier lifestyle if ...

Answered: 274 Skipped: 234

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	meal planning wasn't so difficult	2/21/2024 9:46 AM
2	A walking trail were nearer. I have to drive to one and they don't connect and are not pretty with all of the trees chopped down. I used to be able to walk to the trails but now with the street trees all gone on Concord Rd. there's no shade for hot months so now I drive.	2/21/2024 9:44 AM
3	Connecting with nature in the downtown corridor (trees, shrubs, pocket parks, pollinator gardens). Access to shared bikes & bus stop amenities.	2/21/2024 8:44 AM
4	Had more time	2/21/2024 2:33 AM
5	I had more time (full time working mother)	2/20/2024 10:44 PM
6	I could socialise more & do more activities without spending money on it as I am stay at home mom & need more activities	2/20/2024 9:52 PM
7	I was more consistent in reaching my goals	2/20/2024 9:14 PM
8	Worked out more	2/20/2024 8:23 PM
9	There were more free parks around town to visit	2/20/2024 7:24 PM
10	I wasn't in such a hurry sometimes.	2/20/2024 5:51 PM
11	I exercised more regularly in my case walking	2/20/2024 5:50 PM
12	I worked less	2/20/2024 5:37 PM
13	I had more time to cook at home every night.	2/20/2024 5:31 PM
14	We had truly healthy options for restaurants and take out. With nutritional education and attention that would make it easy to be in town and grab dinner with the family while still focusing on health.	2/20/2024 2:51 PM
15	I had more free time	2/19/2024 7:42 PM
16	I did not over book myself	2/19/2024 5:03 PM
17	More frequent access to fresh local produce	2/19/2024 1:47 PM
18	Better off road walking opportunities. With trees and nature. More parks in town.	2/18/2024 2:39 PM
19	If I had more time	2/17/2024 8:25 PM
20	I had less stress in my life.	2/17/2024 10:20 AM
21	the town had better bike lanes on main roads, more road signage to remind cars to slow down to protect bicyclists and pedestrians. Cudos to the town for improving downtown safety for pedestrians; downtown is much safer! Thank you. However, we have more work to do for bicyclists. If a car going 35 mph hits a bicyclist or pedestrian, its curtains! Car drivers need to be reminded that speed kills. And there need to be lots of signs reminding cars; then roads would be safer for bicyclists and pedestrians.	2/17/2024 9:14 AM
22	I had better self motivation	2/17/2024 7:19 AM
23	I had a better work life balance.	2/16/2024 3:10 PM
24	N/A	2/15/2024 5:39 PM
25	I had more time	2/15/2024 3:14 PM
26	I had more options close by for exercising	2/15/2024 12:08 PM

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27	I would be healthier if I could take my dog to the dog park more often. Hence the need for another dog park.	2/15/2024 11:56 AM
28	Continue to look for opportunities to do so.	2/15/2024 8:11 AM
29	NA	2/13/2024 8:04 PM
30	alternative intellectual pursuits were not so interesting	2/13/2024 8:49 AM
31	I could lose another 10 pounds	2/12/2024 8:54 PM
32	Parks for kids in neighbourhood	2/12/2024 5:52 PM
33	there were programs that had a blance of exercise and a soical compnenent - walking groups, bike rides, etc.	2/12/2024 11:06 AM
34	Had more connected greenways to walk more and explore new areas by foot.	2/12/2024 9:40 AM
35	I could walk or bike everywhere for errands and kids activities	2/12/2024 9:21 AM
36	I could walk to most destinations. Or use public transport combination	2/12/2024 9:13 AM
37	I didn't have to work	2/11/2024 10:06 PM
38	I made it a top priority	2/11/2024 9:28 PM
39	We had access to healthier food options.	2/11/2024 1:35 PM
40	I didn't have to be an expert at everything	2/11/2024 10:28 AM
41	Safer street access to parks/grenways	2/11/2024 9:05 AM
42	I had more time	2/11/2024 7:44 AM
43	I got out and walked more.	2/10/2024 1:05 PM
44	My work/life were in a better balance.	2/10/2024 10:56 AM
45	There were more bike lanes and sidewalks in town.	2/10/2024 6:13 AM
46	I didn't already	2/9/2024 9:43 PM
47	No comment	2/9/2024 6:27 PM
48	I got out more	2/9/2024 6:02 PM
49	More air and water policy regulations.	2/9/2024 5:08 PM
50	I had more time	2/9/2024 4:47 PM
51	There were more mountain bike trails	2/9/2024 12:57 PM
52	Donuts didn't exist	2/9/2024 10:53 AM
53	Safer street access to parks/grenways	2/9/2024 9:41 AM
54	Had more motivation	2/9/2024 8:24 AM
55	Safer roads for bicycling.	2/9/2024 7:21 AM
56	More greenway trails	2/9/2024 6:12 AM
57	There were more mountain bike trails	2/9/2024 2:49 AM
58	Healthy food was more affordable and easy to get.	2/8/2024 11:45 PM
59	There were more mountain bike trails, natural hiking trails, and camping areas	2/8/2024 10:47 PM
60	More opportunities for socialization	2/8/2024 10:44 PM
61	There were more mountain bike trails.	2/8/2024 10:38 PM
62	Not sure	2/8/2024 10:25 PM
63	More options to bike to town, safer biking between Davidson and Cornelius and to fisher farm	2/8/2024 9:06 PM

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64	I had more time	2/8/2024 7:25 PM
65	If I did not need to work all day at a desk job.	2/8/2024 5:40 PM
66	it was easier to walk/bike the places I need to go.	2/8/2024 3:00 PM
67	There wasn't so much incentive/money to keep people sick	2/8/2024 1:32 PM
68	We had a more connected greenway system. Like not just connected but destinations. Like biking to a restaurant/brewery/coffee shop along the greenway. Could just be a food truck rally or mobile food/bev provider. Wouldn't that be cool?	2/8/2024 12:01 PM
69	I made it more of a priority and habit. I fell out of the habit when I moved farther away from the North Mecklenburg Rec Center in Cornelius. I miss having it close by.	2/8/2024 11:59 AM
70	More social opportunities tied to Davidson - similar to concerts on the green.	2/8/2024 9:00 AM
71	took more walks, bike rides and spent more time with my kayak	2/8/2024 8:52 AM
72	I had more time	2/8/2024 7:37 AM
73	I had more time.	2/7/2024 11:19 PM
74	Unhealthy food didn't taste so good :)	2/7/2024 9:11 PM
75	N/A	2/7/2024 8:54 PM
76	I had more time	2/7/2024 7:33 PM
77	I ate better	2/7/2024 7:21 PM
78	Beer didn't exist	2/7/2024 6:46 PM
79	I didn't work so much and could utilize davidson offerings	2/7/2024 5:55 PM
80	there were well-maintained dog parks	2/7/2024 5:07 PM
81	There were other like-minded adults to play pickup soccer and basketball with, and if there were more opportunities to do so in the dark or in the evenings. Indoor soccer anyone?	2/7/2024 4:47 PM
82	Chocolate wasn't so doggone good!	2/7/2024 4:45 PM
83	We had more connected trails	2/7/2024 3:30 PM
84	more bike trails to downtown	2/7/2024 2:50 PM
85	I had more time in the day	2/7/2024 2:47 PM
86	Not sure	2/7/2024 2:27 PM
87	I had the time	2/7/2024 2:12 PM
88	I had more free time for exercising on top of my day to day responsibilities.	2/7/2024 2:11 PM
89	My wife and I did not work!	2/7/2024 2:04 PM
90	Davidson is the best place in the region to conveniently live a healthy lifestyle!	2/7/2024 1:49 PM
91	I moved more	2/7/2024 1:45 PM
92	We had a town gym. We don't have any local gyms.	2/7/2024 1:32 PM
93	I had a life coach	2/7/2024 1:09 PM
94	Made smarter decisions	2/7/2024 12:44 PM
95	Spent more time exercising and eating healthier	2/7/2024 12:38 PM
96	My job was more involved in the health of their employees.	2/7/2024 12:22 PM
97	I had a personal chef!	2/7/2024 11:48 AM
98	I did not have to work, did not have to care for children, and did not volunteer my time to help others.	2/7/2024 11:45 AM

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99	I had more time and money.	2/7/2024 11:16 AM
100	I had a better job with a more flexible schedule	2/7/2024 10:32 AM
101	managed my time better.	2/7/2024 10:13 AM
102	I didn't work so much to pay local taxes	2/7/2024 10:10 AM
103	I can walk	2/7/2024 10:07 AM
104	N/A	2/7/2024 9:53 AM
105	I had more time	2/7/2024 9:40 AM
106	n/a	2/7/2024 9:32 AM
107	I were more committed to exercise	2/7/2024 9:26 AM
108	I got my fat ass out and exercised more	2/7/2024 9:21 AM
109	There were greenways more connected	2/7/2024 9:20 AM
110	There were more trails closer to my house	2/7/2024 9:16 AM
111	More athletic fields	2/7/2024 9:16 AM
112	I had more time	2/7/2024 9:14 AM
113	NA	2/7/2024 9:09 AM
114	I had more time	2/7/2024 6:26 AM
115	I had access to more resources and money	2/6/2024 10:21 PM
116	I had a personal chef :)	2/6/2024 9:27 PM
117	Exercise groups for moms of young kids	2/6/2024 7:32 PM
118	More senior activities were available.	2/6/2024 11:46 AM
119	More time	2/6/2024 9:12 AM
120	Perhaps if there were classes like yoga and meditation at lower fees.	2/5/2024 7:39 PM
121	We had more gym facilities	2/5/2024 6:38 PM
122	all good	2/5/2024 3:04 PM
123	Roads in town were safer. Bike paths and greenways had clear links including links to Cornelius and beyond.	2/5/2024 2:47 PM
124	I had more time.	2/5/2024 2:38 PM
125	The greenway to Fisher Farm was finished.	2/5/2024 9:28 AM
126	There were more activities for adults for adults, none seniors, offered by Davidson.	2/4/2024 10:24 PM
127	I had more time	2/4/2024 10:12 PM
128	I took the time to rest more	2/4/2024 10:04 PM
129	I had more time in the day.	2/4/2024 8:29 PM
130	Eat better and move more	2/4/2024 8:08 PM
131	I didn't worry about being hit by a car on my way to Fisher	2/4/2024 5:01 PM
132	I had more motivation	2/4/2024 12:44 PM
133	I am living a healthy happy lifestyle	2/3/2024 5:59 PM
134	I was much younger	2/3/2024 12:34 PM
135	Worked less!	2/3/2024 11:25 AM
136	I was more disciplined	2/3/2024 11:07 AM

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137	N/A	2/3/2024 11:00 AM
138	Played activities with seniors	2/3/2024 8:52 AM
139	I had more hours in the day	2/2/2024 12:39 PM
140	There were safer roads for cycling: enforce speed limits for cars, more and safer bike lanes and bike paths. Car and truck traffic here is harmful to cyclists.	2/2/2024 7:40 AM
141	If senior programs were offered in Davidson Parks	2/1/2024 3:19 PM
142	I was less lazy	2/1/2024 9:22 AM
143	I could do more biking on paved paths.	1/31/2024 5:58 PM
144	There were greenways on the west side of Davidson	1/31/2024 1:03 PM
145	Would like more pickle ball clinics to meet other people	1/31/2024 12:41 PM
146	I had more time away from work	1/31/2024 12:23 PM
147	Planned better for it	1/31/2024 10:21 AM
148	There were exercise classes offered	1/31/2024 10:17 AM
149	I had greater access to community gardening. Every neighborhood should have at least one. Perhaps there is grant money for this?	1/31/2024 9:15 AM
150	better sleep	1/30/2024 1:20 PM
151	I had more time and money.	1/30/2024 1:08 PM
152	More bike friendly roads/systems	1/30/2024 12:33 PM
153	I'm good	1/30/2024 12:04 PM
154	More food service options	1/30/2024 11:59 AM
155	Had more time	1/30/2024 11:29 AM
156	N/a	1/30/2024 11:04 AM
157	I had more motivation	1/30/2024 11:03 AM
158	I had to work less and more time for exercise	1/30/2024 11:00 AM
159	Worked less	1/30/2024 10:52 AM
160	The greenway was expanded past shearer road	1/30/2024 10:50 AM
161	I had my own garden	1/30/2024 10:47 AM
162	I had better roads to ride on	1/30/2024 10:45 AM
163	There were more activities and more indoor gym space for volleyball, basketball.	1/30/2024 10:43 AM
164	Did more high intense cardio	1/29/2024 5:50 PM
165	my professional and parenting duties allowed more time to exercise/socialize	1/29/2024 4:09 PM
166	my kids were easier for one parent to watch.	1/29/2024 12:25 PM
167	I had more time in the day	1/29/2024 9:53 AM
168	There were more outdoor social gathering places.	1/29/2024 9:32 AM
169	I exercised more.	1/29/2024 8:46 AM
170	the weather allows it.	1/29/2024 6:49 AM
171	I had more time and evening opportunities.	1/28/2024 8:01 PM
172	I ate less sugar	1/28/2024 5:24 PM
173	Thankfully I have the resources I need	1/28/2024 4:37 PM

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174	There were more activities to sign up for	1/28/2024 3:18 PM
175	I'm fine	1/28/2024 3:05 PM
176	I had better access to our lakes	1/28/2024 8:59 AM
177	I had more time and better knees	1/27/2024 9:54 PM
178	I was more motivated and provided with more community opportunities	1/27/2024 5:02 PM
179	My grandchild would be born! May is coming!!!!	1/27/2024 4:05 PM
180	I had affordable respite care for an elderly parent residing in my home - perhaps a Caregiver's Morning Out program that provides activities for "senior" seniors.	1/27/2024 3:53 PM
181	There were safe walkways from Lake Davidson Park to trails (school traffic in particular is dangerous and a nightmare)	1/27/2024 12:09 PM
182	There were my options	1/27/2024 11:47 AM
183	I could walk/ride bike safely on Grey Road to Concord Road.	1/27/2024 11:33 AM
184	I had more time	1/27/2024 11:16 AM
185	exercised more	1/27/2024 11:10 AM
186	I slept more	1/27/2024 10:24 AM
187	Had more time	1/27/2024 9:59 AM
188	i could retire	1/27/2024 9:55 AM
189	I was not so isolated	1/27/2024 9:05 AM
190	I did more strength exercise	1/26/2024 11:47 PM
191	I had more time and money	1/26/2024 9:42 PM
192	I had more time to exercise	1/26/2024 9:37 PM
193	Had more time.	1/26/2024 8:32 PM
194	i made it a higher priority	1/26/2024 7:35 PM
195	I worked less :)	1/26/2024 6:27 PM
196	I didn't have so many family/ outside group responsibilities.	1/26/2024 6:09 PM
197	The weather cooperated	1/26/2024 5:47 PM
198	I were motivated	1/26/2024 5:46 PM
199	I would exercise more frequently	1/26/2024 5:06 PM
200	n/a	1/26/2024 4:45 PM
201	More time and more money	1/26/2024 4:40 PM
202	I lived next to Fisher Farm instead of a 10 minute drive :-). I am a health nut.	1/26/2024 4:24 PM
203	more social, small group opportunities were available at convenient times for my family	1/26/2024 3:58 PM
204	I were only younger (lol)	1/26/2024 3:42 PM
205	i lead a pretty healthy lifestyle	1/26/2024 3:42 PM
206	It didn't get as cold as it was a week ago! I can ride my bike down to about 40 degrees	1/26/2024 3:38 PM
207	Younger	1/26/2024 3:26 PM
208	LKN access in Davidson,	1/26/2024 3:23 PM
209	I socialized more with people who enjoy similar activities that I do.	1/26/2024 3:20 PM
210	I socialized more.	1/26/2024 3:17 PM

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211	Diet culture was not an influence	1/26/2024 2:47 PM
212	I had more free time	1/26/2024 2:45 PM
213	A greenway connected to my neighborhood and led to downtown and was not concord-Davidson road. We would walk rather than drive into town more often if this was the case.	1/26/2024 2:41 PM
214	I could get to the greenways without having to get in a car first.	1/26/2024 2:31 PM
215	?	1/26/2024 2:19 PM
216	I just did more!	1/26/2024 2:15 PM
217	We had better restaurants	1/26/2024 2:05 PM
218	I had more free time (kids and job make free time sometimes hard to come by).	1/26/2024 2:05 PM
219	Bike trails	1/26/2024 1:58 PM
220	It would stop raining	1/26/2024 1:58 PM
221	I did not live alone (senior) and have not been able to easily make new friends after moving here	1/26/2024 1:56 PM
222	There were safe biking trails/paths for daily transportation	1/26/2024 1:55 PM
223	There is no paved greenway access from my neighborhood	1/26/2024 1:50 PM
224	Long flowing sidewalks	1/26/2024 1:39 PM
225	I had more social interaction with people with common interests	1/26/2024 1:04 PM
226	We had improved facilities	1/26/2024 1:01 PM
227	I'd love a good, big area in town for socializing with friends that could be indoor/outdoor (i.e. I'd love if the massive warehouse behind the post office could be made into a multipurpose space with food/restaurants/greenspace, etc for families to gather and socialize	1/26/2024 12:59 PM
228	I traveled out-of-town on business less	1/26/2024 12:58 PM
229	I exercised more	1/26/2024 12:43 PM
230	I could retire!	1/26/2024 12:41 PM
231	there were more dedicated pickleball courts	1/26/2024 12:41 PM
232	I didn't work	1/26/2024 12:36 PM
233	I had a larger social network	1/26/2024 12:34 PM
234	None	1/26/2024 12:32 PM
235	...I had someone else making decisions/plans for me.	1/26/2024 12:30 PM
236	More volunteer activities	1/26/2024 12:28 PM
237	I was more motivated	1/26/2024 12:26 PM
238	I had access to an outdoor pool during the warm weather.	1/26/2024 12:22 PM
239	I had friends	1/26/2024 12:21 PM
240	I had access to community in my demographic	1/26/2024 12:21 PM
241	I had more time	1/26/2024 12:20 PM
242	I had more time!	1/26/2024 12:19 PM
243	I chose to	1/26/2024 12:18 PM
244	My lifestyle is as healthy as can be - but that's because of places and activities outside of Davidson	1/26/2024 12:15 PM
245	Free, come just join-in yoga, dance, or fitness on the green at set times.	1/26/2024 12:12 PM

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246	I didn't jam up my schedule with other things!	1/26/2024 12:11 PM
247	There were more fun ways to go about it	1/26/2024 12:08 PM
248	I was consistent with being more active.	1/26/2024 12:04 PM
249	Davidson had more tennis courts	1/26/2024 12:04 PM
250	ate better	1/26/2024 12:03 PM
251	N/A	1/26/2024 11:52 AM
252	Fisher Farm park was open 24 hours a day so that I could exercise before sunrise.	1/26/2024 11:51 AM
253	My kids weren't in school far away	1/26/2024 11:37 AM
254	we didn't have to spend time commuting to other towns to play tennis and pickleball	1/26/2024 11:37 AM
255	there were more pb courts in Davidson	1/26/2024 11:35 AM
256	N/A	1/26/2024 11:33 AM
257	I exercised more and ate less	1/26/2024 11:33 AM
258	I joined in Community activities to meet new people. We just moved here from the Midwest.	1/26/2024 11:32 AM
259	I had more active friends	1/26/2024 11:31 AM
260	I could safely ride a bike through town.	1/26/2024 11:30 AM
261	I had more will power	1/26/2024 11:28 AM
262	The summers weren't so hot and humid. I know you can't do anything about that though.	1/26/2024 11:27 AM
263	Work were not so busy and time consuming	1/26/2024 11:23 AM
264	I had more time	1/26/2024 11:23 AM
265	I worked less hours	1/26/2024 11:23 AM
266	There were more affordable fitness classes like barre and yoga.	1/26/2024 10:17 AM
267	There were more greenways	1/19/2024 6:55 PM
268	made more time for it, husband would walk with me, etc.	1/17/2024 8:42 PM
269	N/A	1/17/2024 7:52 AM
270	More greenways!	1/16/2024 10:57 AM
271	I could fine others like me who need to start exercise slowly. I'm not 25 anymore.	1/15/2024 8:58 PM
272	I worked less.	1/15/2024 8:00 PM
273	I would eat gluten free foods, fresh vegetables, fruits, and stop eating meat!	1/15/2024 1:59 PM
274	I could more easily access Davidson's programs and facilities, and if there were more options for those with disabilities.	1/15/2024 1:37 PM

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24	Do programs within walking distance of downtown	2/15/2024 12:08 PM
25	Please see dog park comments.	2/15/2024 11:56 AM
26	N/A	2/15/2024 8:11 AM
27	Explore the east side of the town	2/13/2024 8:04 PM
28	Easier to find out about programs available	2/12/2024 8:54 PM
29	For kids under 12	2/12/2024 5:52 PM
30	I would like to take adult classes at Davidson - espially in the arts. Would love to leran to paint.	2/12/2024 11:06 AM
31	Travel across town, avoiding major traffic/roads, by foot and/or bicycle.	2/12/2024 9:40 AM
32	Live locally	2/12/2024 9:21 AM
33	ride bikes	2/12/2024 9:13 AM
34	Play pickleball	2/11/2024 9:28 PM
35	Participate in programs at more convenient times	2/11/2024 2:44 PM
36	MTB trails	2/11/2024 2:24 PM
37	Enjoy novice Mountain biking	2/11/2024 10:28 AM
38	Explore nature	2/11/2024 7:44 AM
39	Enjoy more greenway connectivity. Wayfinding at Fisher Farm and Abersham so that I/we can take better advantage of the trails in the woods.	2/10/2024 1:05 PM
40	Take our dog to a dog park near our home on Magnolia St.	2/10/2024 10:56 AM
41	discover all the local greenways	2/10/2024 8:57 AM
42	experience nature in its natural state.	2/10/2024 6:13 AM
43	5 mile biking or walking in nature away from roads	2/9/2024 10:41 PM
44	Mountain bike	2/9/2024 9:43 PM
45	No comment	2/9/2024 6:27 PM
46	Connect to Davidson from the ETJ that didn't involve busy roads	2/9/2024 6:02 PM
47	More greenway connectivity and greenway opportunities. Good for health and the environment.	2/9/2024 5:20 PM
48	Enjoying tree canopy cover	2/9/2024 5:08 PM
49	Mountain bike	2/9/2024 4:47 PM
50	Mountain bike	2/9/2024 12:57 PM
51	Ride bike trails in Abersham Park, beyond just the greenway.	2/9/2024 11:31 AM
52	Mountain bike	2/9/2024 10:53 AM
53	Safer roads for biking. More trails at Fisher/Abersham. More kids sports programs	2/9/2024 7:21 AM
54	Mountain Biking trails. Currently I go to fisher farms which is AWESOME but would love to have more options that I could maybe ride to get there rather than drive.	2/9/2024 6:22 AM
55	More yoga, cooking classes, single adult activities	2/9/2024 6:12 AM
56	Mountain bike	2/9/2024 2:49 AM
57	Partake in family activities together.	2/8/2024 11:45 PM
58	Mountain bike ride at night at Fisher Farms.	2/8/2024 10:57 PM
59	Mountain biking and backpacking (hike and camp)	2/8/2024 10:47 PM

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Q22 I wish Davidson Parks and Recreation provided more opportunities for me (and my family) to:		
Answered: 258 Skipped: 250		
#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Learn	2/21/2024 2:26 PM
2	mountain bike	2/21/2024 9:46 AM
3	Have parks on every block. We needed in-fill homes built in town but now they are overbuilt and we did not leave enough park space as part of in-fill building. We need more sidewalks and parks in town and everywhere we build homes for people. McConnell-sized lots would be better for physical activity. Parks and Rec plans great athletic programs for kids but houses built on top of each other leave no space for play and practice in between organized events. Our kids need free play time spaces, too...more of them.	2/21/2024 9:44 AM
4	Gardening classes or other environmental class offerings	2/21/2024 8:44 AM
5	Play checkers	2/21/2024 2:33 AM
6	Socialise	2/20/2024 9:52 PM
7	Na	2/20/2024 8:23 PM
8	Practice/play baseball on open fields at our leisure during the weeks.	2/20/2024 7:24 PM
9	Have flexible hours and days to access baseball fields	2/20/2024 5:51 PM
10	Outdoor activities such as basketball, soccer, pickleball and tennis	2/20/2024 5:50 PM
11	Explore more youth sports	2/20/2024 5:37 PM
12	Play more. Field constraints are a problem	2/20/2024 5:32 PM
13	More family outdoor activities	2/20/2024 5:31 PM
14	Have areas for kids to play while also catering to adults needs (like behind Summit) Maybebe designated coffee truck days at certain playgrounds? If events and opportunities were communicated better and there were notices on message boards or local area signage, more detailed social media posts, more attention to giving ample time to plan for things, then I think there would be a better turnout and more excitement around local events. I often hear about things the day of by chance or even after the fact. And they are many times events that I really care about. I e spoken with others and everyone agrees. You really have to go out looking and searching for event dates and details or else hear about things through word of mouth. It feels like too much work a lot of times especially when trying to take care of little kids.	2/20/2024 2:51 PM
15	Play youth sports	2/19/2024 7:42 PM
16	even more greenways and parks would be great	2/19/2024 5:03 PM
17	Connect on long bike rides off road shared with cars	2/19/2024 1:47 PM
18	Answer my emails	2/17/2024 8:25 PM
19	Mountain bike in more areas at fisher farm	2/17/2024 10:04 AM
20	Bicycle, birdwatch and sit in a meadow with flowers	2/17/2024 9:14 AM
21	Make our facilities more supportive of our natural resources	2/16/2024 4:24 PM
22	Tennis / pickleball courts. More basketball courts, soccer / football fields, and PUBLIC RESTROOMS	2/15/2024 5:39 PM
23	i dont know. I think you are doing great.	2/15/2024 3:14 PM

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60	Meet other families	2/8/2024 10:44 PM
61	Ride mountain bikes.	2/8/2024 10:38 PM
62	Walk and bike to parks and stores	2/8/2024 10:25 PM
63	More greenway or biking trail	2/8/2024 9:06 PM
64	Mountain bike	2/8/2024 5:40 PM
65	Mountain bike more trails	2/8/2024 4:17 PM
66	Travel without a car.	2/8/2024 3:00 PM
67	Mountain bike	2/8/2024 1:32 PM
68	Get to downtown from our house without riding/walking on a busy street.	2/8/2024 12:01 PM
69	Be outside together. To learn new things in a way that's cool for teenagers.	2/8/2024 11:59 AM
70	kayak	2/8/2024 8:52 AM
71	Get to town on bikes	2/8/2024 7:37 AM
72	Play baseball. There are simply not enough fields for the growing population of young kids in Davidson. Having to drive to Huntersville for practices and games is very inconvenient, particularly on weeknights. More fields for young kids -- before pickleball courts for seniors -- should be a high priority.	2/7/2024 11:19 PM
73	Meet other families	2/7/2024 8:57 PM
74	N/a	2/7/2024 8:54 PM
75	Play pickle ball	2/7/2024 7:33 PM
76	Do activities together, learn together	2/7/2024 5:55 PM
77	bike safely	2/7/2024 5:07 PM
78	play sports	2/7/2024 4:47 PM
79	Adopt a park	2/7/2024 4:45 PM
80	Hike/use trails that connect long distances	2/7/2024 3:30 PM
81	community sporting events to participate in.	2/7/2024 2:50 PM
82	Enjoy as a family	2/7/2024 2:12 PM
83	learn new skills / hobbies	2/7/2024 2:11 PM
84	We are happy with what the Town already provides	2/7/2024 1:49 PM
85	connect tweens and teens running clubs, art clubs, etc	2/7/2024 1:45 PM
86	N/a	2/7/2024 1:32 PM
87	more activities/events for kids	2/7/2024 1:20 PM
88	Idk	2/7/2024 1:09 PM
89	do activities that we typically pay private companies to do: music, tutoring, sports other than baseball, gymnastics, art	2/7/2024 12:22 PM
90	for young kids and teenagers to feel part of the community...basketball and skate would be ideal. Mooresville has done a great job with bringing people in for that reason.	2/7/2024 11:48 AM
91	Engage in competitions and games with other families and hold events in the eastern part of town. I also wish there were more sports and baseball fields, not just passive recreation.	2/7/2024 11:45 AM
92	ride bikes for a long distance without having to go in the street or be on that narrow sidewalk on Concord	2/7/2024 11:16 AM
93	Spend time around the Lake Norman around Bexley Davidson community	2/7/2024 10:32 AM

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94	to explore greenways and were interconnected with one another. And not connected by large streets that are unsafe for kids to use without parental supervision.	2/7/2024 10:19 AM
95	Need more athletic fields for youth programs	2/7/2024 10:13 AM
96	Have family art/activities	2/7/2024 10:10 AM
97	Have a Pathway between Kenmare community and Bradford park	2/7/2024 10:07 AM
98	N/a	2/7/2024 9:53 AM
99	Art classes in evenings	2/7/2024 9:40 AM
100	More connected greenways	2/7/2024 9:33 AM
101	Davidson has it all! love it!	2/7/2024 9:32 AM
102	Play golf	2/7/2024 9:26 AM
103	Family outdoor outings	2/7/2024 9:20 AM
104	Athletic fields	2/7/2024 9:16 AM
105	More teen/family events	2/7/2024 9:14 AM
106	NA	2/7/2024 9:09 AM
107	Feel more part of the town and community that I grew up in	2/6/2024 10:21 PM
108	Do fun things together! Maybe I am unaware of all of the options!	2/6/2024 9:27 PM
109	Fun/competitive activities	2/6/2024 7:32 PM
110	Look into placing more funds for senior exercise. Also using a shuttle bus to explore surrounding areas and beyond.	2/6/2024 11:46 AM
111	Enjoy sport and play activities	2/6/2024 11:23 AM
112	To provide more camaraderie with community	2/6/2024 10:30 AM
113	Engage in exercise classes	2/6/2024 9:12 AM
114	Rec activities and gyms	2/5/2024 6:38 PM
115	I'm eager to see what the opportunities are for a rec center in the gym behind town hall.	2/5/2024 2:47 PM
116	Learn together	2/5/2024 2:38 PM
117	Bike	2/5/2024 9:28 AM
118	Play tennis or pickle ball, swim or have water park/rec center, have a place for kids and teens to hang out with activities	2/5/2024 8:45 AM
119	Do activities closer to home, and have more recreational opportunities, like Cornelius and Huntersville.	2/4/2024 10:24 PM
120	skateboard	2/4/2024 10:12 PM
121	Have our dog off leash outside of dog parks.	2/4/2024 10:04 PM
122	Park area with playground and water area and that's easy to walk to from DK8	2/4/2024 8:43 PM
123	have activities together	2/4/2024 8:29 PM
124	Learn new skills	2/4/2024 8:08 PM
125	Less events, more trails and trail connectors to parks	2/4/2024 5:01 PM
126	Socialize	2/3/2024 5:59 PM
127	Bike	2/3/2024 11:25 AM
128	Go on short trips on a recreation bus	2/3/2024 11:07 AM
129	experience more nature	2/3/2024 11:00 AM

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130	Expand the greenways	2/3/2024 8:52 AM
131	walk on sidewalks	2/2/2024 12:29 PM
132	Enjoy natural areas without having to drive to them.	2/2/2024 7:40 AM
133	Socialize with seniors	2/1/2024 3:19 PM
134	Use Lake Norman more. For such a large lake it seems so isolated and privately controlled.	2/1/2024 9:22 AM
135	bike on paved paths for longer distances.	1/31/2024 5:58 PM
136	ride bikes and walk away from traffic-laden roads	1/31/2024 1:03 PM
137	Wish there was a greenway from town to Fisher Farm	1/31/2024 12:41 PM
138	I think you do an outstanding job given the resources available!	1/31/2024 12:23 PM
139	Not have to travel outside Davidson to access recreational facilities like the Aquatic Center or North Meck Rec center	1/31/2024 11:30 AM
140	Play games with others	1/31/2024 10:21 AM
141	Go to exercise classes	1/31/2024 10:17 AM
142	Garden	1/31/2024 9:15 AM
143	Play pickleball	1/31/2024 8:44 AM
144	safety demos for preschoolers	1/30/2024 1:20 PM
145	Play sports with a better schedule	1/30/2024 12:04 PM
146	play more baseball	1/30/2024 11:59 AM
147	Baseball	1/30/2024 11:29 AM
148	N/a	1/30/2024 11:04 AM
149	Rock climb, kid yoga	1/30/2024 11:00 AM
150	Bike greenways from our house!	1/30/2024 10:52 AM
151	Rent garden space	1/30/2024 10:47 AM
152	Na	1/30/2024 10:45 AM
153	Play basketball, volleyball, fitness center, swim.	1/30/2024 10:43 AM
154	Play sports	1/29/2024 12:25 PM
155	Explore more greenways. Provide lake access	1/29/2024 9:53 AM
156	Have a family picnic. Sit in the shade in a park with amenities like I see other places in town.	1/29/2024 9:32 AM
157	Parks like Beatty closer to downtown.	1/29/2024 8:46 AM
158	Nothing more needed.	1/29/2024 6:49 AM
159	Have activities in green spaces in st albans. Plenty of space there	1/29/2024 5:24 PM
160	Learn new activities like tennis, pickleball,	1/28/2024 3:18 PM
161	Engage in activities	1/28/2024 3:05 PM
162	Play pickleball in a non competitive environment	1/28/2024 9:54 AM
163	Offer DP&R our ideas	1/28/2024 8:59 AM
164	-	1/27/2024 9:54 PM
165	Exercise	1/27/2024 5:02 PM
166	Learn skills such as crocheting, knitting, quilting, sewing, etc.	1/27/2024 3:53 PM
167	Walk safely	1/27/2024 12:09 PM

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168	Socialize with others	1/27/2024 11:47 AM
169	Movies on the green	1/27/2024 11:47 AM
170	Enjoy more concerts on the green and the circles. Great job and good fun to keep these going strong!	1/27/2024 11:33 AM
171	enjoy natural areas	1/27/2024 11:10 AM
172	Volunteer together	1/27/2024 10:24 AM
173	Feel safe riding a bike on grey road into town from the ETJ	1/27/2024 9:55 AM
174	be outdoors (done), enjoy art (done), be on the lake, free activities, meet our town folk, find a place to park.	1/27/2024 9:05 AM
175	walk safely	1/26/2024 9:42 PM
176	Do activities as a family	1/26/2024 9:37 PM
177	Pickleball adult leagues at night	1/26/2024 9:21 PM
178	Play/exercise	1/26/2024 8:48 PM
179	organized toddler activities such as swimming lessons, soccer shots, etc	1/26/2024 8:41 PM
180	learn and be involved in arts/cultural pursuits	1/26/2024 7:35 PM
181	Walk or bike ride throughout all of town not just downtown.	1/26/2024 7:02 PM
182	Yoga, have support groups, learn about health issues	1/26/2024 6:06 PM
183	eat together casually, like food truck night	1/26/2024 5:48 PM
184	Be a part of small groups	1/26/2024 5:47 PM
185	Bring my dogs or have adult only events	1/26/2024 5:46 PM
186	Play pickleball	1/26/2024 5:06 PM
187	n/a	1/26/2024 4:45 PM
188	? don't know	1/26/2024 4:24 PM
189	Community events are wonderful - wish we had a community center for indoor activities	1/26/2024 3:42 PM
190	learn more about mental health	1/26/2024 3:42 PM
191	Maybe senior athletic opportunities	1/26/2024 3:38 PM
192	Play tennis	1/26/2024 3:26 PM
193	Boating / fishing on LKN	1/26/2024 3:23 PM
194	Learn new arts, crafts, or skills like woodworking. I have been wanting to try the nature watercolor workshops at the Mecklenburg County Parks and Rec, but timing hasn't aligned for me.	1/26/2024 3:20 PM
195	Learn sports.	1/26/2024 3:17 PM
196	Use greenways	1/26/2024 2:47 PM
197	adult sports	1/26/2024 2:47 PM
198	play pickleball	1/26/2024 2:45 PM
199	Have interconnected greenways to parks and town	1/26/2024 2:41 PM
200	Do programs that are friendly to full family participation (adults and children) and programs for beginners at physical activities	1/26/2024 2:37 PM
201	We would love a bike path that is continuous.	1/26/2024 2:32 PM
202	Get to the greenways without having to get in a car first.	1/26/2024 2:31 PM

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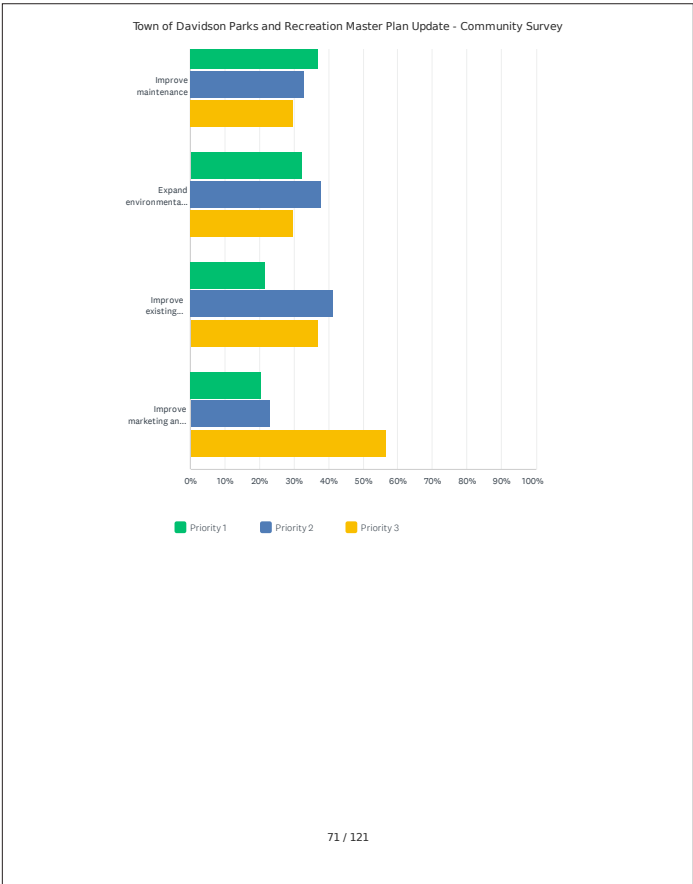
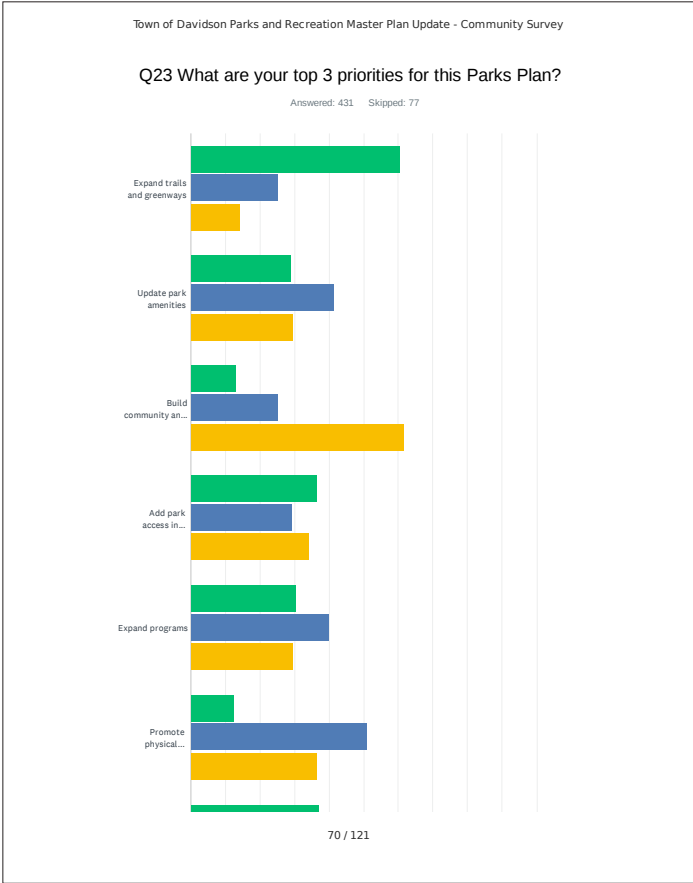
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203	?	1/26/2024 2:19 PM
204	Senior Scholars. Always full when I tried to sign up.	1/26/2024 2:15 PM
205	ride bikes (bike commute = protected bike lanes and safer street crossings, for fun = more greenways - connect McConnell out to fisher farm!) & play pickleball!	1/26/2024 2:05 PM
206	Dog parks	1/26/2024 1:58 PM
207	Meet new friends	1/26/2024 1:56 PM
208	Play pickleball and bike/walk easily in Davidson and neighboring towns	1/26/2024 1:55 PM
209	access greenway from our home	1/26/2024 1:50 PM
210	Group bike rides, learning classes related to our tech world	1/26/2024 1:04 PM
211	Take senior trips	1/26/2024 12:59 PM
212	n/a	1/26/2024 12:59 PM
213	play and laugh together more	1/26/2024 12:58 PM
214	na	1/26/2024 12:43 PM
215	Ceramics/pottery classes	1/26/2024 12:41 PM
216	play pickleball	1/26/2024 12:41 PM
217	Walking	1/26/2024 12:32 PM
218	...have more deep woods hiking trails.	1/26/2024 12:30 PM
219	Volunteer	1/26/2024 12:28 PM
220	Get outside	1/26/2024 12:27 PM
221	not sure...	1/26/2024 12:26 PM
222	Swim outdoors in warm weather. The beach at Ramsey Creek is inadequate.	1/26/2024 12:22 PM
223	Meet our neighbors	1/26/2024 12:21 PM
224	Attend cultural events	1/26/2024 12:20 PM
225	Be outside in nature	1/26/2024 12:18 PM
226	work out together (family friendly workouts on the green/yoga)	1/26/2024 12:15 PM
227	Bring my dog.	1/26/2024 12:12 PM
228	bike. We need better bike lanes.	1/26/2024 12:11 PM
229	So fun activities for families with adult kids	1/26/2024 12:08 PM
230	Socialize with others around town, but also for my kids to have more opportunities for summer camps or outside exploration	1/26/2024 12:04 PM
231	play tennis	1/26/2024 12:04 PM
232	?????	1/26/2024 12:03 PM
233	Na	1/26/2024 11:52 AM
234	Hike. More official and maintained trails are needed at Fisher Farm and Abersham Park.	1/26/2024 11:51 AM
235	Play team sports	1/26/2024 11:37 AM
236	run/bike safely to Fisher Farm without driving	1/26/2024 11:37 AM
237	Many of the adult activities seem geared toward seniors. While I may be in my early sixties, I can keep up with those younger than me so would be interested in programs or options that are aimed more generally toward adults.	1/26/2024 11:35 AM
238	play pickleball	1/26/2024 11:35 AM

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239	N/A	1/26/2024 11:33 AM
240	get outside and enjoy fun things for kids AND adults in the same place	1/26/2024 11:33 AM
241	Walk - ie, please continue to expand greenways	1/26/2024 11:33 AM
242	To enjoy music	1/26/2024 11:32 AM
243	Find exercise buddies	1/26/2024 11:31 AM
244	swim	1/26/2024 11:30 AM
245	Do yoga again	1/26/2024 11:27 AM
246	Play outdoor sports. And connect / extended all of the greenways better so that they aren't so disjointed.	1/26/2024 11:27 AM
247	take long bike rides on a paved path network that has increased connectivity of the various segments	1/26/2024 11:23 AM
248	have smaller sized events, often downtown events are too crowded for us to enjoy	1/26/2024 11:23 AM
249	Have more walking trails, more basketball courts, pickleball courts, skate parks	1/26/2024 10:05 AM
250	More greenways and paths along roads like the one on Concord Road	1/21/2024 6:18 AM
251	Workout as a family!	1/20/2024 10:17 AM
252	Use Lake Davidson	1/18/2024 3:26 PM
253	have benches for older walkers spread out throughout the town.	1/17/2024 8:42 PM
254	N/A	1/17/2024 7:52 AM
255	Family game night, town bingo on the green, movies on the green	1/15/2024 8:58 PM
256	Travel to Fisher Farm by bike. Tennis/pickleball on west side	1/15/2024 8:00 PM
257	To ride bicycles safely on the Davidson roads	1/15/2024 1:59 PM
258	Participate even though I have lower extremity disabilities	1/15/2024 1:37 PM

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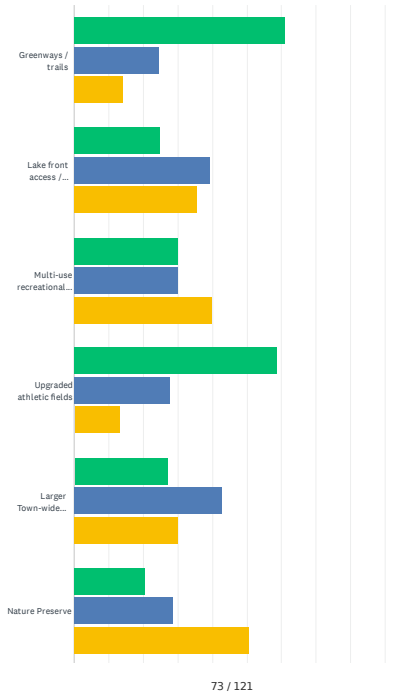
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	PRIORITY 1	PRIORITY 2	PRIORITY 3	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Expand trails and greenways	60.60% 183	25.17% 76	14.24% 43	302	24.64
Update park amenities	28.95% 44	41.49% 63	29.61% 45	152	19.93
Build community and strengthen social connections	12.93% 19	25.17% 37	61.90% 91	147	15.10
Add park access in currently undeserved areas	36.43% 47	29.46% 38	34.11% 44	129	20.23
Expand programs	30.56% 33	39.81% 43	29.63% 32	108	20.09
Promote physical activity and wellness	12.50% 13	50.96% 53	36.54% 38	104	17.60
Improve maintenance	37.11% 36	32.99% 32	29.90% 29	97	20.72
Expand environmentally friendly practices	32.18% 28	37.93% 33	29.89% 26	87	20.23
Improve existing program offerings	21.84% 19	41.39% 36	36.78% 32	87	18.51
Improve marketing and communication	20.51% 8	23.08% 9	56.41% 22	39	16.41

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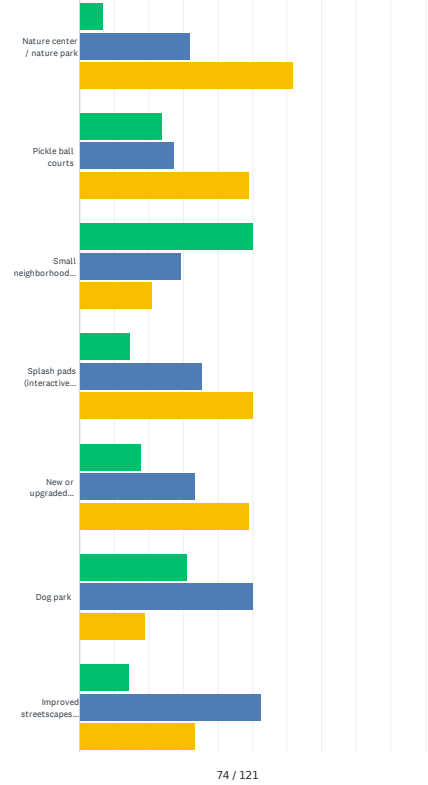
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Q24 If additional facilities were to be provided, which ones do you believe would be most beneficial for the Davidson community? (select your top 3)

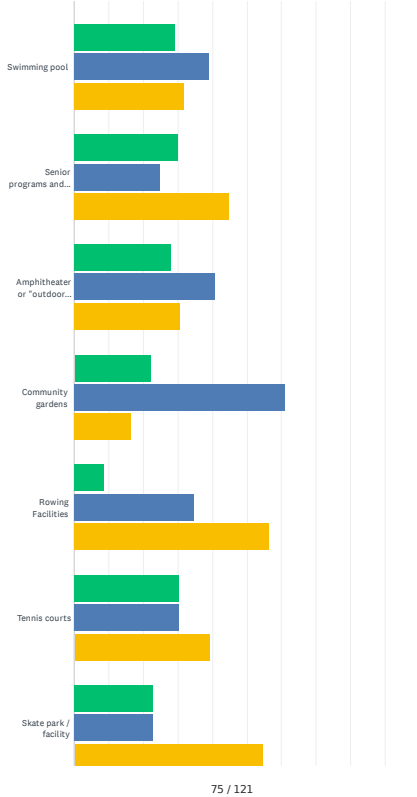
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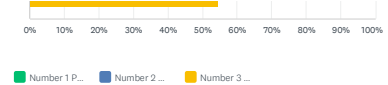
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	NUMBER 1 PRIORITY	NUMBER 2 PRIORITY	NUMBER 3 PRIORITY	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Greenways / trails	61.13% 162	24.53% 65	14.34% 38	265	24.68
Lake front access / facilities	25.00% 40	39.38% 63	35.63% 57	160	18.94
Multi-use recreational Complex (indoor / outdoor active recreation facility)	30.11% 29	30.11% 29	39.78% 37	93	19.03
Upgraded athletic fields	58.82% 40	27.94% 19	13.24% 9	68	24.56
Larger Town-wide central park	26.98% 17	42.86% 27	30.16% 19	63	19.68
Nature Preserve	20.63% 13	28.57% 19	50.79% 32	63	16.98
Nature center / nature park	6.67% 4	31.67% 19	61.67% 37	60	14.50
Pickle ball courts	23.64% 13	27.27% 15	49.09% 27	55	17.45
Small neighborhood parks	50.00% 24	29.17% 14	20.83% 10	48	22.92
Splash pads (interactive aquatic recreation feature)	14.58% 7	35.42% 17	50.00% 24	48	16.46
New or upgraded recreation / community center	17.78% 8	33.33% 15	48.89% 22	45	16.89
Dog park	30.99% 13	50.00% 21	19.05% 8	42	21.19
Improved streetscapes and entrances to town	14.29% 6	52.38% 22	33.33% 14	42	18.10
Swimming pool	29.27% 12	39.02% 16	31.71% 13	41	19.76
Senior programs and facilities	30.00% 12	25.00% 10	45.00% 18	40	18.50
Amphitheater or "outdoor classroom"	28.21% 11	41.03% 16	30.77% 12	39	19.74
Community gardens	22.22% 8	61.11% 22	16.67% 6	36	20.56
Rowing Facilities	8.70% 2	34.78% 8	56.52% 13	23	15.22
Tennis courts	30.43% 7	30.43% 7	39.13% 9	23	19.13
Skate park / facility	22.73% 5	22.73% 5	54.55% 12	22	16.82
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)			DATE	
1	sidewalks to get there...especially on our most heavily-travelled pedestrian corridors like Concord Rd.			2/21/2024 9:55 AM	
2	Purchase small parcels of land in the downtown corridor - stream buffers, small forests, and add trees/natural elements to improve streetscapes			2/21/2024 8:55 AM	

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3	An additional baseball/softball field for youth baseball and softball.	2/20/2024 11:23 PM
4	We need parks which offer more activities for the entire family also with opportunities to socialise & have inclusive multi cultural community events every month by the council like in Sydney, NSW Australia	2/20/2024 10:02 PM
5	Sidewalks down Shearer Rd and Grey Rd, providing access to greenways to the ETJ.	2/20/2024 7:31 PM
6	The current Nature Preserve on Lake Davidson cannot support one more activity. It is well used but visitors do not follow the rules. They swim and let their dogs off lead. They leave their trash and the shoreline is being eroded. Please take better care of this valuable town and nature resource.	2/19/2024 5:10 PM
7	There are 20 choices and you have only allowed us to prioritize 3. The town should be able to pursue more than three goals at a time, and should want to know more than three things that citizens might want the town to prioritize.	2/17/2024 9:40 AM
8	it would be nice to have better access to lake Davidson. It is hard to transport canoes and kayaks to the lake.	2/16/2024 3:14 PM
9	Lighted fields - soccer, football, etc. Let kids have a place to play and stay out of trouble. There is no way beside Davidson elementary and those fields are small and poorly maintained.	2/15/2024 5:43 PM
10	Focus on east side of town where population is—not the old part of town	2/13/2024 8:09 PM
11	With pickle ball taking over most tennis courts, we'd like to see more dedicated tennis courts.	2/12/2024 9:45 AM
12	Mountain biking trails	2/9/2024 9:48 PM
13	Mountain bike	2/9/2024 10:59 AM
14	So many of these options would be wonderful to have!	2/9/2024 7:07 AM
15	Pickle ball is 4th	2/8/2024 7:39 AM
16		2/7/2024 9:01 PM
17	Separated, safe bikeways.	2/7/2024 5:12 PM
18	What do you mean by larger town-wide Central Park? Beaty was referred to as this but access is limited for those who wish to walk along Beaty to reach it. A trail was supposed to be put in behind the houses that back up to Beaty Street but that hadn't happened. Without pedestrian access, usability of park is hampered.	2/7/2024 4:58 PM
19	Yes, this question reminded me that our town desperately needs a community pool! The Swimming Hole is lovely but so exclusionary. Could the town not buy that and fix it up? It would be so meaningful to have a place where the entire community could actually gather.	2/7/2024 4:50 PM
20	Improved playground in Bexley Davidson community	2/7/2024 2:24 PM
21	A lot of great ideas here, it was hard to pick just three!	2/7/2024 11:22 AM
22	It's not that current fields need to be upgraded. We need more fields that do not rely on Cornelius and Huntersville.	2/7/2024 10:17 AM
23	Larger playground/park near Summit tot lot. Outdoor basketball courts for teens. There is absolutely nothing around town center for ages 5-15 other than the green. We have 4 boys (ages 8-17) and there is nothing for them to do aside from ride bikes on the greenways and on the crowded in-town roads.	2/7/2024 9:12 AM
24	Splash pad also important! And I wish that you could access via sidewalk from Cornelius to Davidson under the tunnel easily.	2/6/2024 9:27 PM
25	Bocce courts	2/6/2024 11:55 AM
26	I think we have plenty of small parks, as the first page of this survey shows. Our greenways need improvement to provide alternate transportation methods. Let people head through the woods to work.	2/4/2024 5:10 PM
27	So hard to choose here! I do think splash pads and skate parks are good for the younger set.	1/31/2024 6:18 PM
28	More attention to downtown appearance and entering town. Bad drainage and worky	1/31/2024 10:26 AM

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sidewalks, no flowers or greenery, no attractive artwork		
29	Public tennis courts.. please!	1/31/2024 8:29 AM
30	Was hard to pick, love all potential amenities.	1/30/2024 10:56 AM
31	Skatepark, too. And swimming!	1/30/2024 10:46 AM
32	The existing dog park is mostly dirt. It would be nice if we could have a place for dogs (perhaps separated by dog size) to play that don't result in a "dirty dog". The private dog park in Antiquity is a great example of a turf surface that would be GREAT.	1/29/2024 5:23 PM
33	Dedicated Pickleball courts is by far my top priority.	1/29/2024 12:51 PM
34	More shade is always good. I expected a roof over the Summit Pavilion area.	1/27/2024 4:11 PM
35	Connect east side of Davidson to west side of Davidson with more walking and bike paths and add social centers on east side of Davidson.	1/26/2024 7:08 PM
36	plus Tennis & Pickle Ball courts	1/26/2024 3:51 PM
37	bike park that is accessible by sidewalks.	1/26/2024 2:56 PM
38	The new County facility helps a lot and is not far in my opinion - the Y needs to step up their game and be more accessible and attractive but keep Davidson serene and educational with recreation. Keep all age groups in mind.	1/26/2024 1:18 PM
39	Pottery/ceramics studio and classes	1/26/2024 12:52 PM
40	Any expansion of park services needs to be justified economically. A park at the north entrance to Davidson is a waste.	1/26/2024 12:49 PM
41	Outdoor public pool access is much needed	1/26/2024 11:38 AM
42	We really could benefit from tennis, pick ball, basketball, and all manner of other courts and soccer fields. There really aren't much of any in an around town...and not everyone is a member of or lives in River Run	1/26/2024 11:33 AM
43	It's hard to pick just one of these. I'd love to see many of these amenities, like pickleball, basketball and more nature preserves	1/26/2024 10:11 AM
44	Bacce Ball!	1/15/2024 9:01 PM

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Q25 What type of open space is most needed in Davidson? (indicate top two choices)

Answered: 396

Skipped: 112

(no label)

Small neigh...

Large multi...

Park consis...

Parks with ...

Walking tra...

Biking trails

Multi-purpo...

(no label)

	SMALL NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS	LARGE MULTI-USE PARKS THAT SERVE THE WHOLE COMMUNITY	PARK CONSISTING PRIMARILY OF SPORTS FIELDS	PARKS WITH RIVER, CREEK, OR WATER FRONTAGE/ ACCESS	WALKING TRAILS	BIKING TRAILS	MULTI-PURPOSE INDOOR RECREATION	TOTAL
Top Choice	5.56% 22	14.90% 59	8.59% 34	24.24% 96	22.98% 91	15.66% 62	8.08% 32	396
2nd Choice	6.19% 24	16.75% 65	5.15% 20	23.20% 90	19.85% 77	15.21% 59	13.66% 53	388

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OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)

DATE

1

Multi-purpose trails and paths

1/21/2024 6:22 AM

2

3rd choice more neighborhood parks with unique amenities at each.

1/26/2024 10:11 AM

3

Linking trails for continuity and distance

1/26/2024 11:38 AM

4

TRAILS! lots of trails, I just couldn't choose between these options!

1/26/2024 12:03 PM

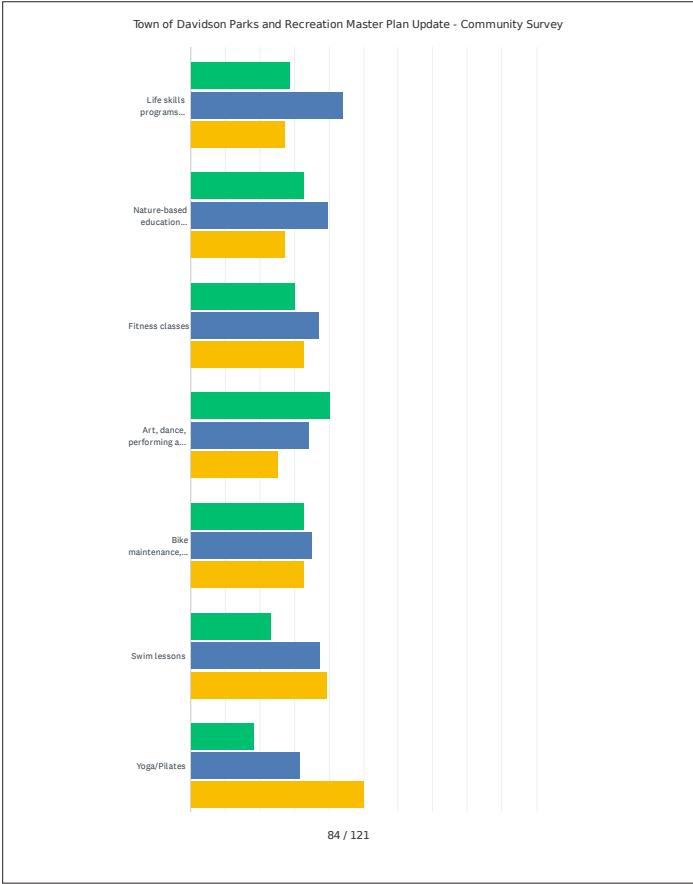
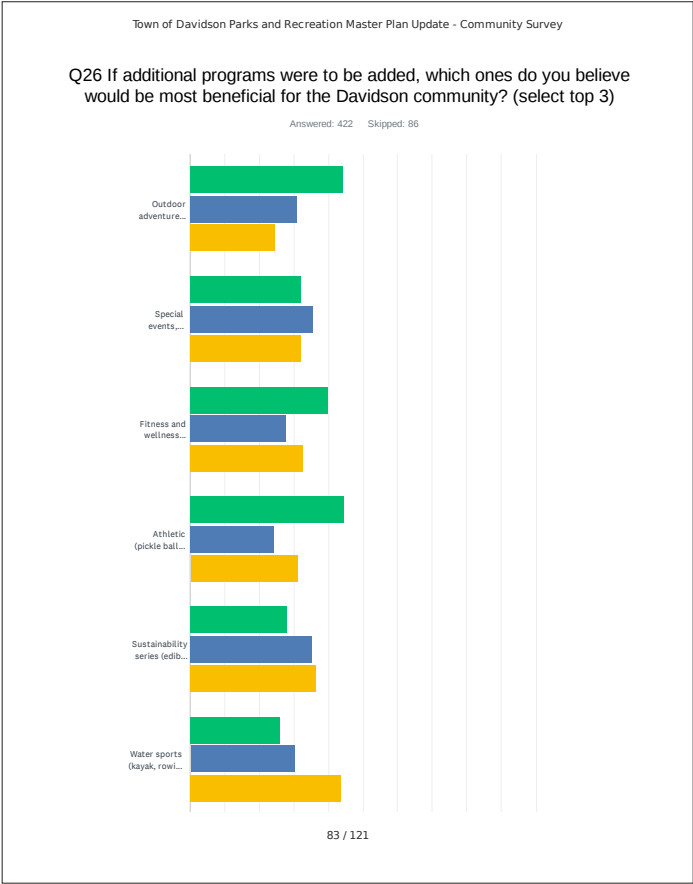
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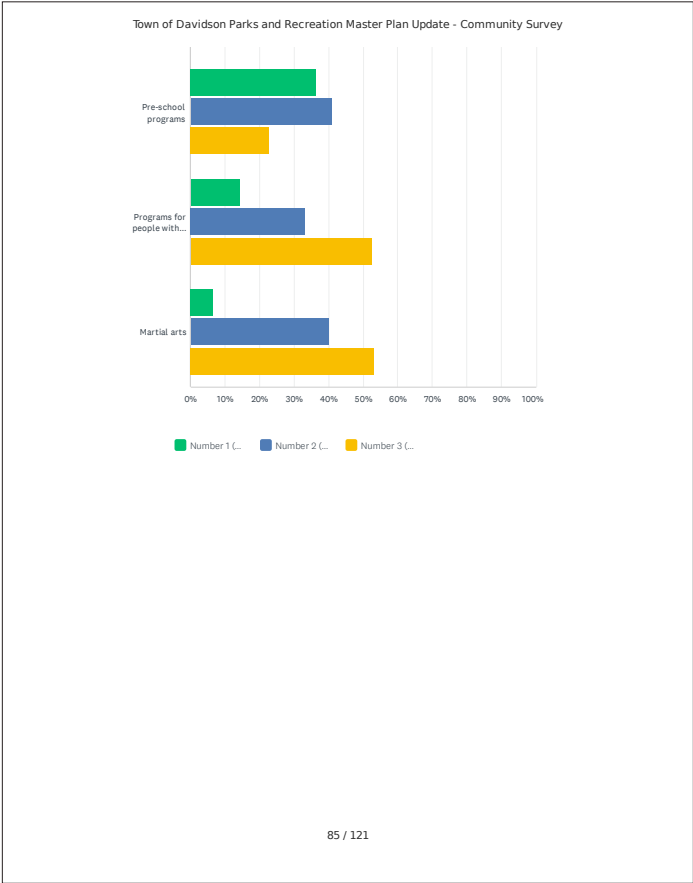
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5	NO MORE sports field...focus should be on open spaces	1/26/2024 11:39 AM
6	Splash pad - somewhere to take kids in the summer!	1/26/2024 12:18 PM
7	We need something like Baily Road park to hold large events/gatherings.	1/26/2024 12:31 PM
8	None	1/26/2024 12:49 PM
9	Enhance the walking and biking trails to be safe and contiguous. Expand out to the new growth areas and make connections.	1/26/2024 1:18 PM
10	Parks/ gardens with Native plants and benches & picnic tables for relaxation that support the environment	1/26/2024 2:03 PM
11	sports fields with the intent of Davidson actually running its own in-town youth recreational sports leagues	1/26/2024 2:10 PM
12	Indoor walking track.	1/26/2024 4:02 PM
13	Top choice would be swimming pool	1/26/2024 2:46 PM
14	Monarch / bird / and bee habitat areas	1/26/2024 3:28 PM
15	Walking trails that connect further out areas to town amenities	1/26/2024 6:18 PM
16	Swimming pool	1/26/2024 8:58 PM
17	Also enjoy water/creek frontage for viewing and listening, not necessarily to access.	1/27/2024 8:24 AM
18	Nature preserves.	1/27/2024 8:12 AM
19	I'm not familiar with what you have, but I'd say we need a better place for the concerts on the green - maybe more of an amphitheater, with the population/traffic out of hand in the downtown, maybe not in town center.	1/27/2024 9:11 AM
20	I think a location for a multi-use park is more important than its size. Given the existing infrastructure in the town and the needs of the central south neighborhoods, I believe the New Town Hall offers an ideal opportunity.	1/29/2024 9:41 AM
21	Exercise classes other than archery	1/31/2024 10:26 AM
22	SKATE PARK	1/31/2024 1:06 PM
23	Having lived around Europe a bit I've seen how wonderful it is to be able to feel safe riding or walking with your kids through (non-flooded) greenways and neighborhood park connectors to bring them to school and events. I dare anyone who thinks we need another small neighborhood park like Beatty or more religious events to walk or ride with a child along the single narrow sidewalk on the Concord Rd. The traffic is zooming right next to you and the light poles and weird rocks and awful diagonal curb cuts make it feel like you are taking your life into your own hands.	2/4/2024 5:10 PM
24	There is so much development happening everywhere... I think preserving green space and natural habitats are important.	2/5/2024 7:48 PM
25	Is there anyway to get a beach for the public to use? (Besides Ramsey Creek). Just somewhere where my kids can wade and throw stones and play in the sand. Lake Norman/Lake Davidson seems accessible only to those who live on the lake or have a boat.	2/6/2024 9:27 PM
26	Na	2/6/2024 10:21 PM
27	Baseball/Football/Soccer type fields	2/7/2024 9:12 AM
28	Greenways	2/7/2024 9:24 AM
29	Parks and playgrounds at Bexley Davidson	2/7/2024 2:34 PM
30	Do you have land for river, creek or waterfront access in Davidson. Speaking of waterfront, the pond in Beatty should be a top priority.	2/7/2024 4:58 PM
31	Dog park	2/7/2024 5:12 PM
32	Biking trails in Abersham Park	2/9/2024 11:33 AM

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33	We need more greenways and conserved lands that are interconnected and accessible.	2/9/2024 5:25 PM
34	None of the choices are open space—purchase land and leave it alone for critters and trees	2/13/2024 8:09 PM
35	More and longer / connected greenways	2/15/2024 5:43 PM
36	The town needs to expand natural areas with access for residents, especially children and families to go be in nature and experience wildflowers and beautiful trees. We do NOT need more mountain biking trails, but do need more paved pedestrian and bicycle trails.	2/17/2024 9:40 AM
37	3rd small neighborhood parks with splash pads	2/20/2024 10:02 PM
38	Baseball field.	2/20/2024 11:23 PM
39	Small parcels of land in the downtown corridor - stream buffers, small forests, and add trees/natural elements to improve streetscapes	2/21/2024 8:55 AM

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	NUMBER 1 (MOST BENEFICIAL)	NUMBER 2 (MOST BENEFICIAL)	NUMBER 3 (MOST BENEFICIAL)	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Outdoor adventure programs & day hikes	44.39% 83	31.02% 58	24.60% 46	187	21.98
Special events, concerts & festivals	32.21% 48	35.57% 53	32.21% 48	149	20.00
Fitness and wellness programs	39.84% 49	27.64% 34	32.52% 40	123	20.73
Athletic (pickle ball, tennis, volleyball, etc.)	44.54% 53	24.37% 29	31.09% 37	119	21.34
Sustainability series (edible gardens, natural landscaping, zero waste, etc.)	28.13% 27	35.42% 34	36.46% 35	96	19.17
Water sports (kayak, rowing, etc.)	26.04% 25	30.21% 29	43.75% 42	96	18.23
Life skills programs (social skills, cooking, computer classes, etc)	28.77% 21	43.84% 32	27.40% 20	73	20.14
Nature-based education programs	32.88% 24	39.73% 29	27.40% 20	73	20.55
Fitness classes	30.00% 21	37.14% 26	32.86% 23	70	19.71
Art, dance, performing art classes	40.30% 27	34.33% 23	25.37% 17	67	21.49
Bike maintenance, safety & learn to ride classes	32.56% 14	34.88% 15	32.56% 14	43	20.00
Swim lessons	23.26% 10	37.21% 16	39.53% 17	43	18.37
Yoga/Pilates	18.42% 7	31.58% 12	50.00% 19	38	16.84
Pre-school programs	36.36% 8	40.91% 9	22.73% 5	22	21.36
Programs for people with disabilities	14.29% 3	33.33% 7	52.38% 11	21	16.19
Martial arts	6.67% 1	40.00% 6	53.33% 8	15	15.33

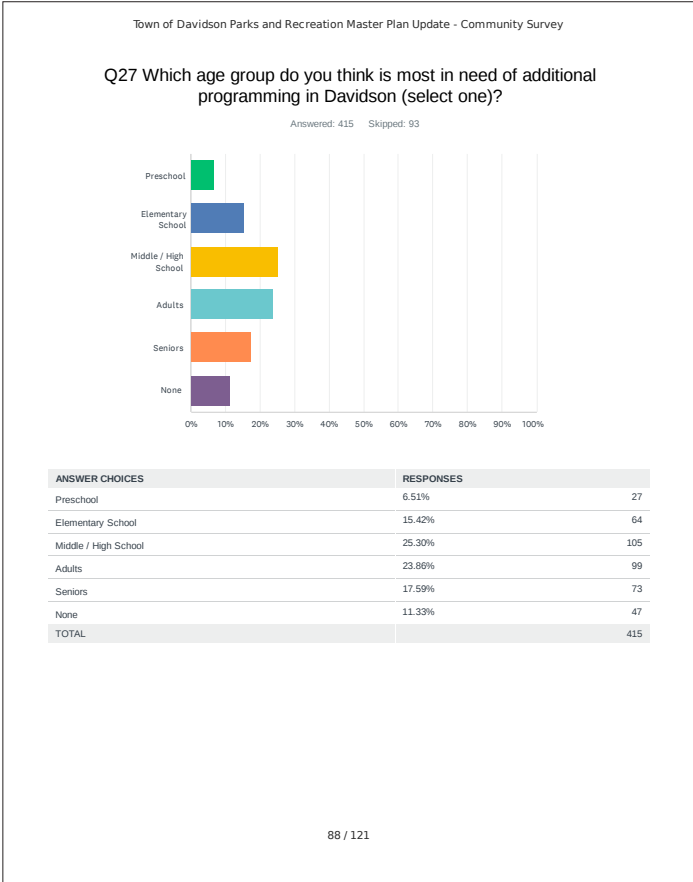
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Maker space	2/21/2024 2:31 PM
2	Our existing programs are diverse and well-run. I don't know if we need more but I like what we have. Access to programs should include people with disabilities not just be for people with disabilities. With Universal design, everyone benefits.	2/21/2024 9:55 AM
3	Volleyball & "try a sport" with expert coach/athlete	2/21/2024 8:55 AM
4	Try hard to choose just 3! I think that part of the issue with some programs like these is they end up being so specific that unless you're totally into the topic it's easy to say no. They seem to feel a bit "herdy" and unwelcoming. Maybe if there were more photos showing people enjoying these programs after the fact! Let those who hesitate to get involved see what it's like. Provide more details! Like what to expect, what is required of one who participates.	2/20/2024 3:08 PM
5	So many of these programs are valuable! Please do as many as possible! :)	2/17/2024 9:40 AM

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6	Honestly, all of the ideas are fantastic	2/7/2024 2:30 PM
7	Basketball, skate/scooter park	2/7/2024 9:12 AM
8	Bocce court	2/6/2024 10:38 AM
9	The town has limited bandwidth and there are many opportunities for programing from other groups. I would prefer that town focused on facilities - which are nearly impossible for individual organizations to organize.	2/5/2024 2:50 PM
10	Pickleball	1/31/2024 12:47 PM
11	Exercise classes	1/31/2024 10:26 AM
12	We have vibrant but fragmented music in the community. I've been to towns with festivals using a central music venue (like the Town Green or what could be behind New Town Hall) as well as people's front porches in neighborhoods. Our town's architecture has many such homes with porches and local talent: let's organize spaces and musicians and have a large weekend Music Festival.	1/29/2024 9:41 AM
13	Somewhere where middle school kids can go afterschool.	1/29/2024 8:56 AM
14	I could really select more than 3!	1/28/2024 9:57 AM
15	i don't think the town has to continually spend time and resources coming up with NEW things. We have plenty. Maybe more could be spent instead on other town priorities. i don't think parks and recreation is a priority at this time. we have wonderful, beautiful facilities and programming currently.	1/27/2024 12:55 PM
16	I am a senior with little money, so anything I do needs to be pretty inexpensive or right now, free. I do pay taxes, at least. :)	1/27/2024 9:11 AM
17	Also would enjoy art programs - ways to spark creativity. Maybe one-off experiences to create something specific/learn a new technique? Nature journaling, mindfulness in nature. Thanks for the mindfulness/meditation/forest bathing programs you offer!	1/27/2024 8:24 AM
18	Children are the most important-especially for the underserved!	1/26/2024 4:28 PM
19	Pottery	1/26/2024 12:52 PM
20	Golf practice facility	1/26/2024 11:39 AM
21	Know your neighbors, community building opportunities	1/26/2024 11:38 AM

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Q28 Additional comments on future programs and facilities:

Answered: 103 Skipped: 405

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	We seem to need space for kids to ride their electric scooters, etc. in safe, fun, community connected spaces other than Main St. sidewalks.	2/21/2024 9:55 AM
2	environmental/sustainability considerations in all operations (purchases, events, travel, etc)	2/21/2024 8:55 AM
3	Events & activities should be at downtown Davidson so it's easy access to all	2/20/2024 10:02 PM
4	None	2/20/2024 8:25 PM
5	Again, would love more ball fields, and access to greenways to those on Shearer Rd and Gray Rd.	2/20/2024 7:31 PM
6	I think Middle and High school kids would benefit from some fun programs but they are such a specific and particular group that the programs would need to be organized and implemented by people who really know, understand, and connect with those age groups. Not in an ideal way of thinking but in a realistic approach. Find a way to incorporate social media prompts or opportunities in a fun positive way (?) Also, I find the website tricky to maneuver often times. Or the classes are offered at tough times. Or limited times. I would love to participate in some adult classes but again, they seem hard to learn about. Adults may actually be the most needed group bc people tend to think they've got everything laid out well. But many adults really need someone to almost hold their hand and make it really easy to meet new people and get involved outside their comfort zone. I don't know what that looks like but I do see the need.	2/20/2024 3:08 PM
7	I spend a lot of time at fisher farm and work with the target trailblazers to maintain and improve the trail network out there. I would love for more trail to be permitted creating a network of more than 20 miles much like systems at LNSP and mountain creek.	2/17/2024 10:16 AM
8	Thank you to the town parks and rec for providing natural areas, nature preserves and parks and greenways; please keep working to preserve more. Our area is losing so much nature to development; where once there was a wooded area, suddenly there are houses and no place for wildlife. Please ask new developments and folks doing tear downs in our neighborhoods to save and contribute more natural areas and to save trees so our children's world will be full of birds, bees and butterflies, trees and meadows. We must preserve our natural heritage for our children and grandchildren.	2/17/2024 9:40 AM
9	Put more resources towards creating sustainable places that promote nature	2/16/2024 4:31 PM
10	Nope. Just more fields and greenways	2/15/2024 5:43 PM
11	We need another in town off leash dog park.	2/15/2024 12:18 PM
12	N/A	2/15/2024 8:14 AM
13	A sidewalk between Davidson Village and Cornelius on Potts and on South Main Street too	2/12/2024 9:02 PM
14	Walkable parks for kids under 12	2/12/2024 5:55 PM
15	It would be nice to have Guided nature walks and walks with historians to explain the history of Davidson.	2/12/2024 9:45 AM
16	More nature oriented programs and more sustainability programs.	2/12/2024 9:29 AM
17	More preschool art and music classes would be great	2/11/2024 8:01 AM
18	We're lucky to live in a town that offers so much. Having more programs that take advantage of the special resource we have at the lake would be great. More landscaping/beautifying existing smaller open areas, like the area behind Summit, is important.	2/10/2024 1:16 PM
19	I would like to see the master plan look at providing dog parks throughout town. I would also like to see more access to Lake Davidson.	2/10/2024 10:59 AM

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20	Conserve more land	2/9/2024 6:32 PM
21	Getting adults and children outside in nature with opportunities to learn about nature and develop a love of nature	2/9/2024 5:25 PM
22	There is wonderful topography and natural areas throughout Abersham Park that would be perfect for bike trails.	2/9/2024 11:33 AM
23	More funding and access to mountain bike trail maintenance and expansion	2/9/2024 10:59 AM
24	Would be so helpful to connect River Tun Greenway and Fisher Farm	2/9/2024 7:07 AM
25	More watercraft rafters at Parham Pk	2/9/2024 6:17 AM
26	Na	2/8/2024 10:47 PM
27	More mountain biking trails, lake access, and dog parks would be wonderful.	2/8/2024 10:41 PM
28	Sidewalk	2/8/2024 7:39 AM
29	N/A	2/7/2024 8:58 PM
30	Please finish Beaty, and if there are any changes since leadership team was in place it would be appreciated if that would be communicated. After all, citizens made this happen! We really need an accessible entry point where the sidewalk ends on Beaty Street to cross the street and gain access to a park trail. This was communicated repeatedly in meetings.	2/7/2024 4:58 PM
31	None	2/7/2024 1:51 PM
32	n/a	2/7/2024 1:35 PM
33	Na	2/7/2024 1:13 PM
34	n/a	2/7/2024 11:22 AM
35	Adults need more as well	2/7/2024 10:13 AM
36	Volleyball and tennis	2/7/2024 10:13 AM
37	Let's increase our commitment to inclusive programming for folks with disabilities.	2/7/2024 9:36 AM
38	make classes affordable to those who live in Huntersville, Davidson and Cornelius	2/7/2024 9:35 AM
39	Additional greenways and connections to Current Greenway to town parks	2/7/2024 9:24 AM
40	Na	2/7/2024 9:12 AM
41	A town space where people can gather - I love the green space by the library, but there is nothing there besides a few chairs? Sprucing it up - better landscaping, fun chairs, maybe outdoor lawn games, picnic tables, etc.	2/6/2024 9:27 PM
42	Bocce courts and senior programs	2/6/2024 11:55 AM
43	We would love to be able to spend more time in Davidson doing the activities that our kids do, but we have to go to neighboring towns to participate in youth sports and activities. An indoor multi-usr facility with indoor fields and courts is totally absent in this area. It would be used all the time! Maybe Earth Fare would be a good spot.	2/4/2024 10:32 PM
44	I'd like to see more intermediate and advanced archery classes and events added.	2/4/2024 10:08 PM
45	It would be nice if the programs for adults catered to people who work during the day by offering some night programming.	2/4/2024 8:36 PM
46	I teach @ the college and see the emails about the middle school bike gang. Those kids are out there bothering people because they can't ride their bikes to any trails. Please consider creating a park with some multi use trails to keep those kids busy.	2/4/2024 5:10 PM
47	Need to look for ways to link existing parks, extend greenways	2/3/2024 11:04 AM
48	Keep up the good work	2/3/2024 9:01 AM
49	Think about equity and include all citizens!	2/2/2024 7:43 AM
50	Seniors need to socialize with other seniors. Too much alone time.	2/1/2024 3:26 PM

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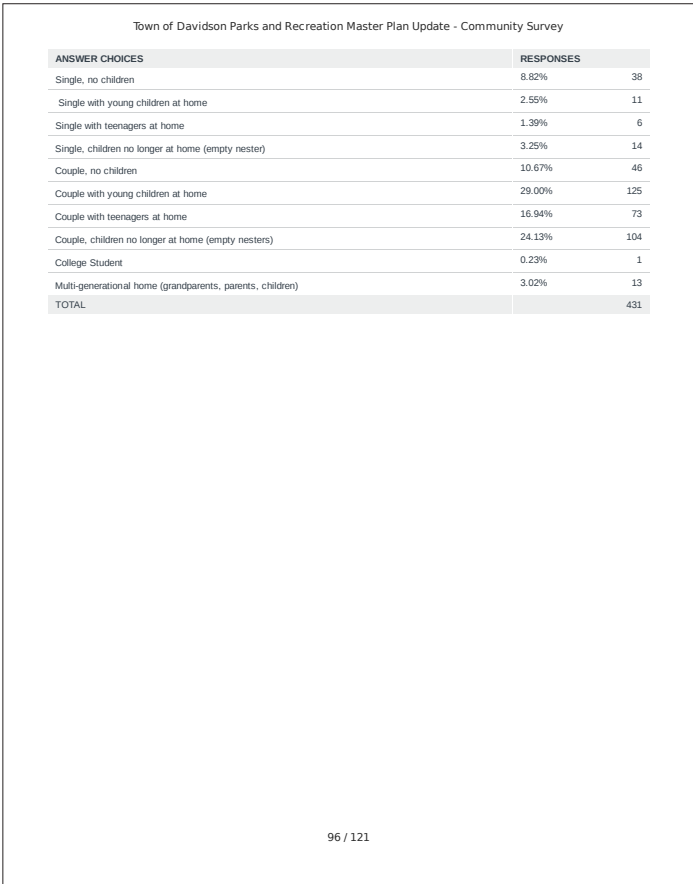
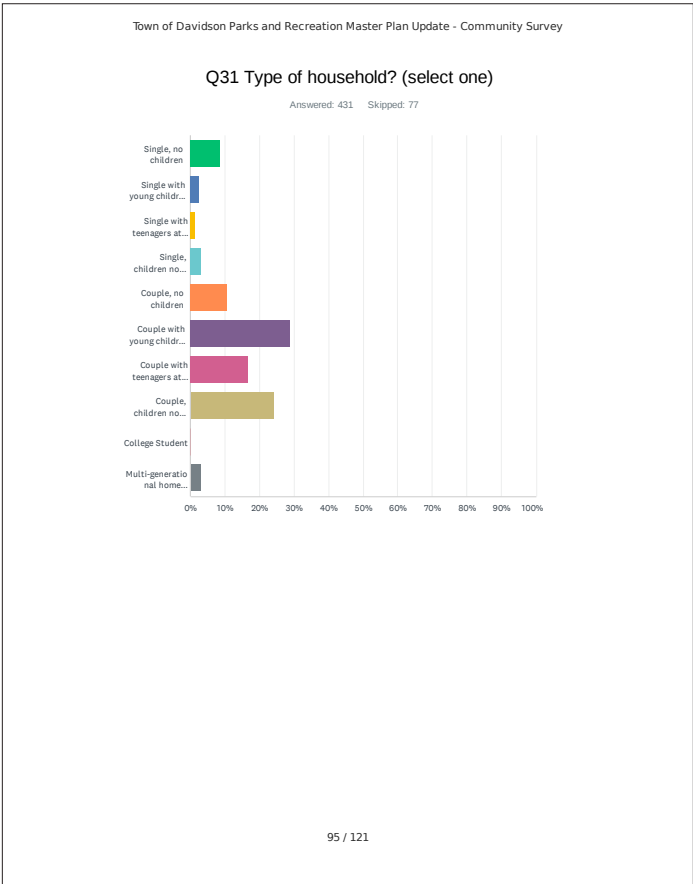
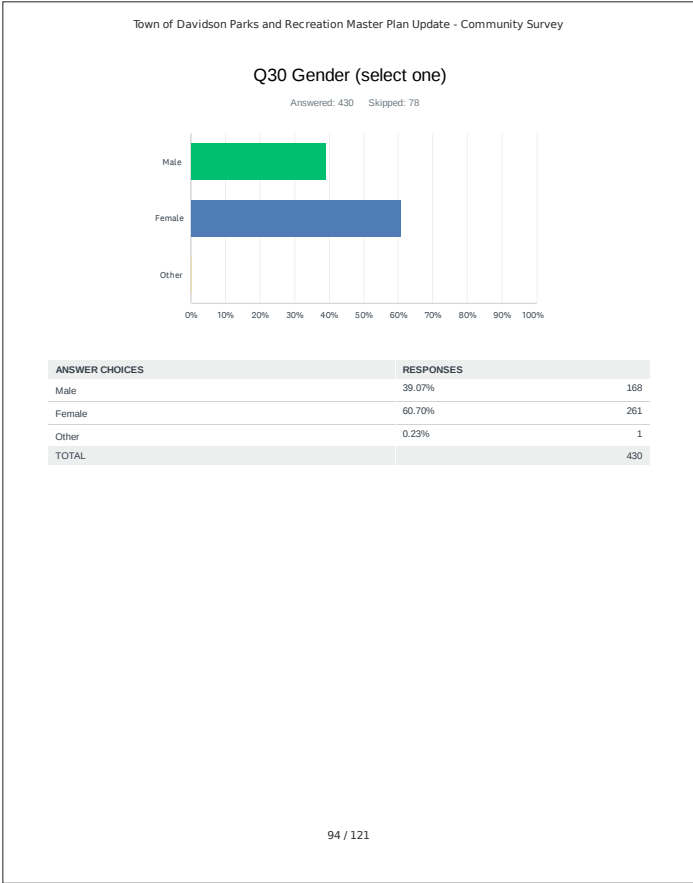
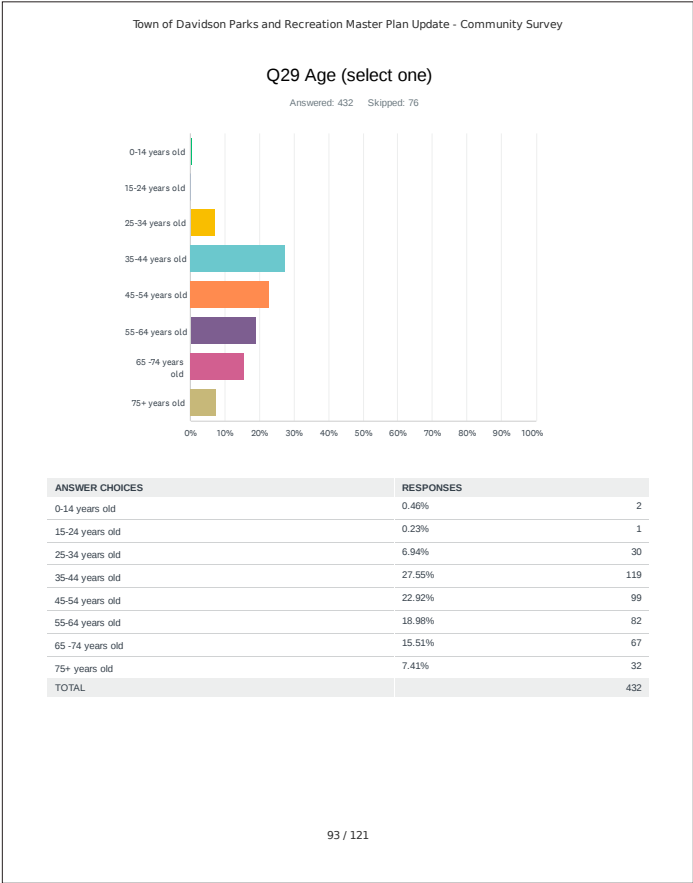
51	Outdoor movie area	1/31/2024 12:47 PM
52	Exercise classes please	1/31/2024 12:26 AM
53	None	1/30/2024 12:07 PM
54	Volleyball and improved baseball fields	1/30/2024 11:07 AM
55	I'd like to see adult programming after traditional work hours (evenings)	1/30/2024 10:43 AM
56	An indoor facility is needed to expand programs	1/30/2024 12:41 AM
57	Keep doing what you are doing, and make improvements when and where you can. Thank you for all the great existing programs & outstanding STAFF!!!!	1/29/2024 5:23 PM
58	So many reasons for the New Town Hall/Gym complex to be the heart of exciting new Parks & Rec program.	1/29/2024 9:41 AM
59	Pavilions	1/29/2024 8:56 AM
60	None	1/29/2024 7:00 AM
61	Yoga	1/28/2024 5:27 PM
62	One idea I saw that the Cramerton area does is a Paddle Under the Stars, that sounded fun! Or maybe a star gazing night (with smores maybe)?Also, I have thought about starting a walking club, and highlighting the different area greenways. You all already do so much, there is plenty to do and we appreciate it!	1/28/2024 4:57 PM
63	-	1/27/2024 9:56 PM
64	My answer to the last question would more accurately be I don't know!	1/27/2024 12:15 PM
65	Volunteer opportunities	1/27/2024 10:32 AM
66	Adults in their 30s do not have opportunities to connect with their community & meet others	1/26/2024 9:23 PM
67	none	1/26/2024 5:15 PM
68	I actually don't know the answer to 27. I just think pre-school is a critical time	1/26/2024 4:28 PM
69	None	1/26/2024 3:51 PM
70	As I've said Davidson is a great community and I'd like to see a natural evolution of the programs facilities and opportunities	1/26/2024 3:46 PM
71	mental health groups and education	1/26/2024 3:44 PM
72	Yogi on the green	1/26/2024 3:29 PM
73	nice survey. Will you share the findings with the community?	1/26/2024 3:28 PM
74	None.	1/26/2024 3:25 PM
75	Also look at the amphitheater in Atlanta, Chastain Park. Another perfect addition to Abersham. A modern, intimate concert venue	1/26/2024 2:50 PM
76	Please create more continuous and safe bike and walking trails!	1/26/2024 2:38 PM
77	None	1/26/2024 2:18 PM
78	more bike infrastructure, pickleball courts and youth recreational sports leagues would be great!	1/26/2024 2:10 PM
79	Limited athletic fields to be used by town residents and ones that we have are arbitrarily booked full by third party athletic organizations with contracts. Letting one organization dictate town property isn't benefiting town residents when they are blocking field access.	1/26/2024 2:03 PM
80	please accelerate greenway construction	1/26/2024 1:53 PM
81	Get the kids involved, active, etc.	1/26/2024 1:18 PM
82	Please make sure that Fisher Farm remains undeveloped land. With all the development in	1/26/2024 1:13 PM

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town we need open space natural surroundings to go to for our mental health.		
83	Splash pad please!	1/26/2024 1:10 PM
84	Adult learn classes. But DAYTIME activities. Not everyone wants to drive at night. Learn another language, learn a new hobby, discussion groups	1/26/2024 1:09 PM
85	A ceramics program at our community center would be great. There are very few available with long waitlists	1/26/2024 12:52 PM
86	None	1/26/2024 12:49 PM
87	More pickleball courts	1/26/2024 12:43 PM
88	None	1/26/2024 12:34 PM
89	n/a	1/26/2024 12:29 PM
90	Senior travel	1/26/2024 12:22 PM
91	N/A	1/26/2024 12:10 PM
92	No	1/26/2024 11:56 AM
93	More trails please! Preserve more land from development.	1/26/2024 11:54 AM
94	It would be nice if some of the local sports teams could practice in Davidson	1/26/2024 11:40 AM
95	Top need is pool with public access at affordable rate	1/26/2024 11:38 AM
96	N/A	1/26/2024 11:36 AM
97	more summer camps, Huntersville has a great program. to model after	1/26/2024 11:27 AM
98	Need much better gateway parks (McEvers Field and Roosevelt Park). I'd love to see has much of the chain link fencing that can come down around McEvers come down, with the exception of the foul ball fencing. Both of these parks need new restroom facilities, much better landscaping attention, and more amenities. As one of the most desirable places to live and a gateway to Davidson College and downtown, Roosevelt Park should be the best looking park in Mecklenburg County, imo	1/26/2024 10:11 AM
99	Need boat access to Lake Davidson	1/18/2024 3:30 PM
100	Thank you for all you are doing and planning to do!	1/17/2024 8:47 PM
101	N/A	1/17/2024 7:56 AM
102	Consider partnering with churches and/or AJC for programs for seniors with memory issues — respite programs like done at St Marks in Huntersville	1/15/2024 8:05 PM
103	Elderly recreational needs	1/15/2024 2:05 PM

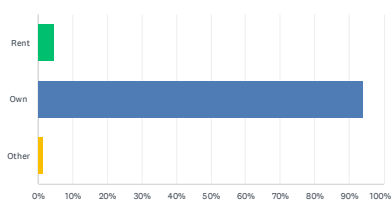
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Q32 Rent or Own? (select one)

Answered: 432 Skipped: 76



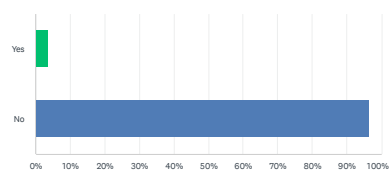
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Rent	4.63%
Own	93.98%
Other	1.39%
TOTAL	432

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Q33 Does your household have a need for ADA-accessible (American with Disabilities) facilities and services?

Answered: 431 Skipped: 77



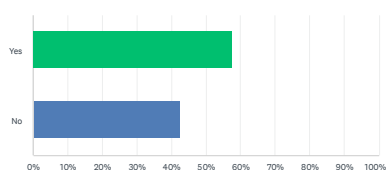
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	3.71%
No	96.29%
TOTAL	431

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Q34 Do you or a member of your household own a dog?

Answered: 433 Skipped: 75



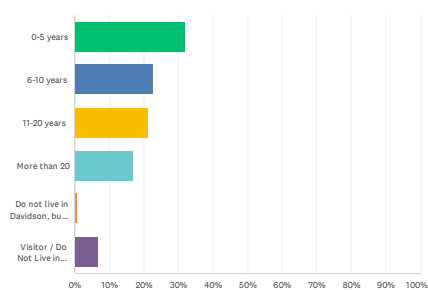
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	57.51%
No	42.49%
TOTAL	433

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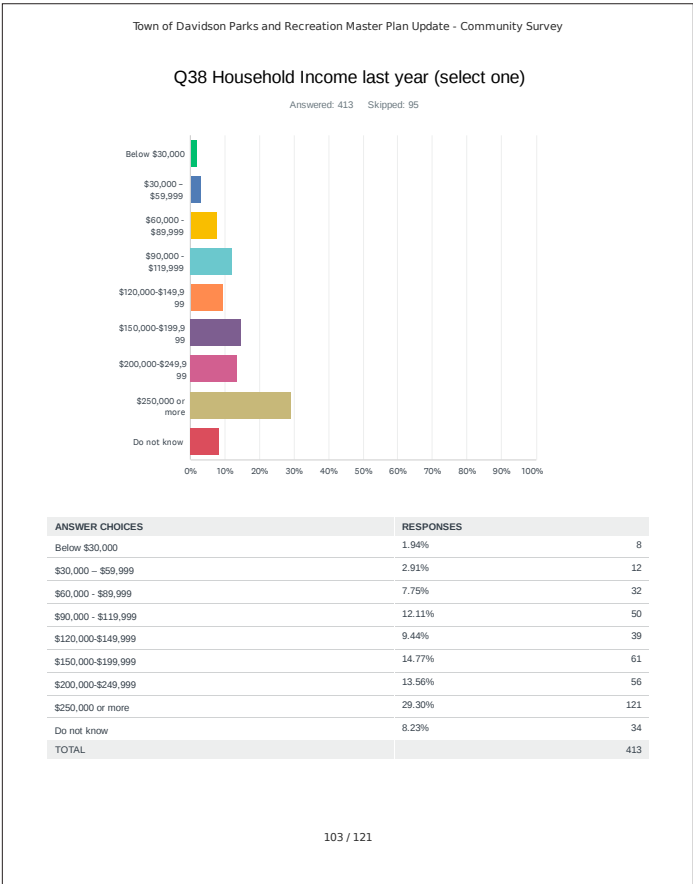
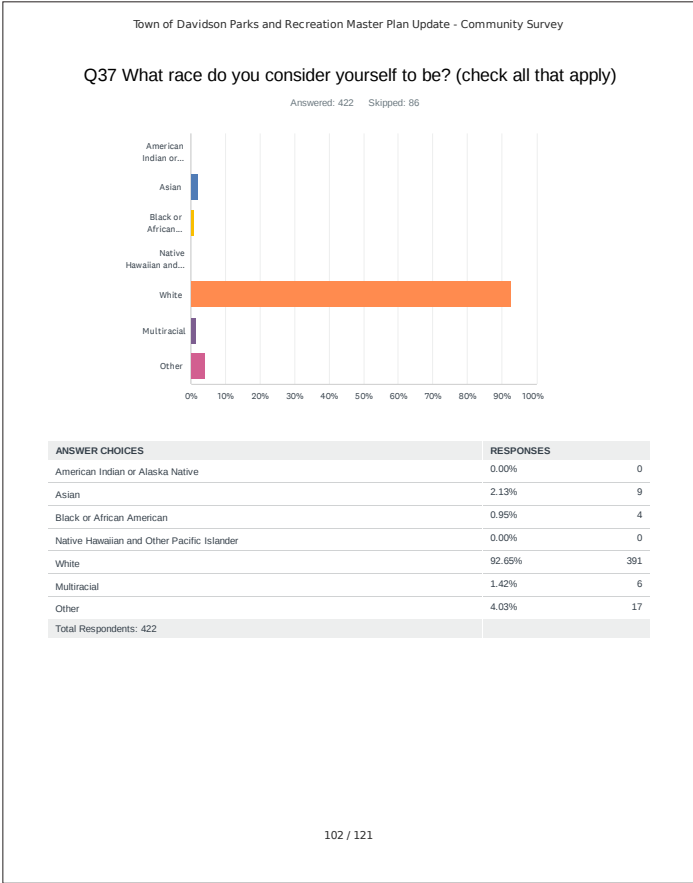
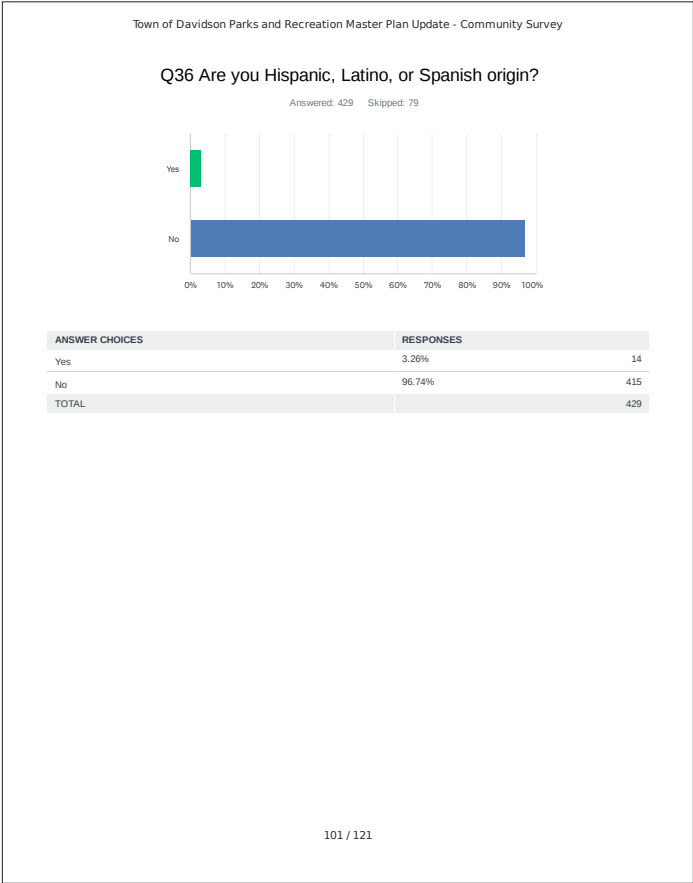
Q35 How long have you lived in Davidson? (select one)

Answered: 434 Skipped: 74



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
0-5 years	31.80%
6-10 years	22.58%
11-20 years	21.43%
More than 20	16.82%
Do not live in Davidson, but I own property in Town	0.69%
Visitor / Do Not Live in Davidson	6.68%
TOTAL	434

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APPENDIX D:

Public Input Phase 2 Boards and Responses

Davidson Public Input Sessions - Phase 2					
Farmer's Market (April and May 2024)		Top answer			
		Bottom answer			
Communication Strategies		# Dots	Comments	Key Findings	
App		9	"App with push notifications - emails get lost "	Online platforms and social media were the preferred forms of communication. Text blasts and radio ads received the lowest number of votes. The Town of Davidson already maintains their website and socials regularly. TOD could prioritize streamlining their socials and the TOD website and update more frequently. Improve user experience and ease of access: shortened links, QR codes, etc.	
Website		26			
Mail		10			
Radio		2			
Physical flyers		4			
Text blasts		1	"Need new cell tower in Davidson to provide adequate cell coverage by Concord Rd"		
Print newspaper		10			
Online news platform		6			
Email		27			
Social media		31			
Trailhead kiosks		11			
Via school		10	"Morning announcements at the schools"		
		1	"More in-person communication/volunteer opportunities (too many apps/social media ruining our face-to-face)"		
Sustainable Pratices		# Dots	Comments	Key Findings	
SHORT TERM					
Native pollinator plantings		35		A preference for low-impact, native landscaping with an emphasis on conservation was a key theme from input. "Water bottle refill stations" received the most dots.	
No-mow lawns		14	Lots of questions about what no-mow means		
Park recycling receptacles		13			
Annual clean up days		22			
Nature-oriented programs		20			
Rainwater collection		22			
		28	"Tree preservation"		
			"Land preservation - no more development"		
LONG TERM					
Reduce chemical use		23			
Replace bulbs with LED		8			
Flood mitigation techniques		5			
Erosion control		16			
Edible forests/urban farm		27			
Water bottle refill stations		49			
		3	"Bee boxes, bat boxes"		
		2	other comments - cut off by image		
Maintenance Strategies		# Dots	Comments	Key Findings	
SHORT TERM					
Bathroom maintenance		12		Litter management and access to dog pickup/trash receptacles was a major theme, especially for the short-term. Sustainability and conservation maintenance practices (like invasive species management and enhanced stream/lake buffers) were the top long-term strategies.	
Drainage improvements on trails		11			
Regular litter pickup		24	"Especially in the area behind Summit/Main Street stores"		
More dog pickup stations		24			
Repair equipment and shelters		2			
More regular mowing/cut back		3			
		7	"Empty garbage cans by farmer's market on weekends"		
		4	"Maintain Green Square in town"		
LONG TERM					
Invasive species management		23	"And education!"		
Erosion/flood control		10			
Drainage improvements on trails		11	"South Prong trail gets a lot of rain collecting and needs some efforts to redirect water or build drainage"		
Enhance stream/lake buffers		20			
Replace equipment and shelters		0			
Improve ADA accessibility		4			
		1	"Clean the trash cans in Business District"		
Greenway Expansion		# Dots	Comments	Key Findings	
HOT SPOTS					
Connections around Downtown		17		Connections between Downtown Davidson and Abersham Park/Fisher Farm received the most dots. Many people also placed dots on the trail gaps between Abersham Park/Fisher Farm and West Branch Nature Preserve and smaller gaps around Downtown. See map.	
Connections between Downtown/St Albans to Abersham/Fisher Farm		33			
Connections to Northern Regional Rec Center		7			
Davidson-Concord Rd		9			
Gaps between Abersham/Fisher Farm and West Branch Nature Preserve		18			
Connections north to Presbyterian		13			
		3	"Connect Davidson Pointe to Town!"		
			"Green area behind new Town Hall should be conservation hub for nature education, mindfulness with nature, scouting..."		
		4	"Easier/safer for kids to get downtown on bikes without sidewalk for pedestrians"		

Appendix D

Davidson Public Input Sessions - Phase 2

Farmer's Market (April and May 2024)

Top answer
Bottom answer

General Amenity	# Dots	Comments	Key Findings
SHORT TERM			Hiking and biking trails, kayaking, and pickleball were top answers from respondents.
Bocce court/cornhole	8		
Fitness stations	6		
More dog pickup stations	11		
Table tennis	8	"Ping pong tables"	
Solar powered picnic table	15		
Kayak put-in	26	"Kayak rental and launch"	
	13	"More hiking trails"	
LONG TERM			
Fenced-in dog park	19		
More mountain biking trails	22		
Pump track	9		
Disc golf course	11		
Sand volleyball court	20		
Pickleball court	34	"Make Plum Creek more shaded less wind..."	
	4	"Tennis courts"	
	1	"Soccer fields"	
	9	"More hiking trails"	
		"Multi-use..."	
Underserved Demo - TEENS			Key Findings
SHORT TERM			Hobby and special interest courses (hiking/camping, art/photography, drone flying, skate parks) were popular. LGBTQ+ group was a write-in response with strong support. TNO was also popular - though I am wondering if this will actually appeal to teens because adults nd young kids were the majority of respondents. SAT prep is interesting because they already offer this and it does not get a strong attendance.
Babysitter/lifeguard training	6		
Learn to ride camps	5		
College/SAT prep	10		
Camping/hiking group	20		
Teen Night Out	15		
Dodgebal/disc golf leagues	9		
	2	"Swimming lessons"	
	10	"Safe space for LGBTQIA+ kids"	
LONG TERM			
Skate park	13		
Mountain biking/pump track	11		
E-Sports/gaming lounge	9		
Art/photography course	16		
Sailing/kayaking/paddleboarding	10		
Drone flying	15		
	1	"Karaoke"	
		"Youth/life mentoring"	
	1	"Financial investment basics for teens"	
Underserved Demo - FAMILIES			Key Findings
SHORT TERM			Family movie nights received the most dots for short-term strategies. Active outdoor programs that teach skills – kayaking, urban farming, group bike rides – were the top long term strategies. Splash pad was a write-in long-term strategy that received a lot of support.
Family movie night	26		
Meet the beekeeper (or other pro)	16		
Foraging walks	14		
Group bike ride	15		
Family fishing	12		
Bocce/disc golf leagues	9		
	6	"Family swimming pool"	
	4	"Public picnic areas"	
	1	"Walk around town"	
LONG TERM			
Art/photography course	7		
Geocaching/scavenger hunt	13		
Sailing/kayaking/paddleboarding	21		
Cooking/nutrition	16		
Agriculture/urban farming course	21		
Family golf league	5		
	15	"Waterpark playground"	
		"Legal aid/pro bono clinic"	
Program Recs			Key Findings
Health and Wellness	48	"Forest bathing" "Yoga"	Health and wellness, arts and crafts, and music and theater were the top 3 program themes that appealed to respondents.
Sports and Fitness	34		
Arts and Crafts	52		
Life Skills	28	"Cooking whole foods"	
Music and Theater	41		
STEM	24	"Summer internships for college students, esp. environmental science and related studies"	
Hobby and Special Interests	37	"Vegan co-ops" "Bird walks" "Gardening"	



COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES

WHAT WE HEARD

25% OF RESPONDENTS

said they were discouraged from using parks, rec facilities, and programs due to a lack of awareness or communication.

DID YOU KNOW?

25% OF PARKS & REC PROGRAMS

were canceled in 2023 because they did not receive registrations.

76% OF PARKS & REC AGENCIES

print a program catalog or guide promoting their offerings. † Davidson has a monthly newsletter!

YOU CAN FIND OFFERINGS AND CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT:

1. The Town of Davidson Parks & Recreation Website
2. Social media (Instagram and Facebook)
3. Community board behind the front desk at Town Hall
4. Storefront posters

† 2019 NRPA Marketing and Communications Report



SCAN THE QR CODE!

Follow the Town of Davidson on socials for Parks & Rec Department updates!





COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES

How would you like to receive communication?
Place 2 dots or write in your ideas.

App

Place your dots here!

Website

Place your dots here!

Mail

Place your dots here!

Radio

Place your dots here!

Physical Flyers

Place your dots here!

Text Blasts

Place your dots here!

Print Newspaper

Place your dots here!

Online News Platform

Place your dots here!

Email

Place your dots here!

Social Media (Instagram, Facebook, X)

Place your dots here!

Other Ideas?

Write your ideas here!

Trailhead Kiosks

Place your dots here!

Via School

Place your dots here!

If you would like to be a part of the Davidson Parks & Rec Connection (the online newsletter) leave your email address or scan the QR code below!



SIGN UP HERE!





KEY GREENWAY EXPANSION STRATEGIES

WHAT WE HEARD

60% OF RESPONDENTS

said the top priority for this Plan Update is to **expand connectivity** of trails and greenways.

DID YOU KNOW?

33% OF RESPONDENTS

wish Davidson provided more trails that are separated from roadways and connect to parks and open space.

5-10 MINUTES

According to the survey, people are willing to walk/bike to access a park or facility, or not at all.

NATIONAL METRICS

OVER 9 MILES OF GREENWAY TRAILS

place Davidson in the top median range of trail miles for a community of a similar population (2-10 miles for a population of less than 20,000 people).

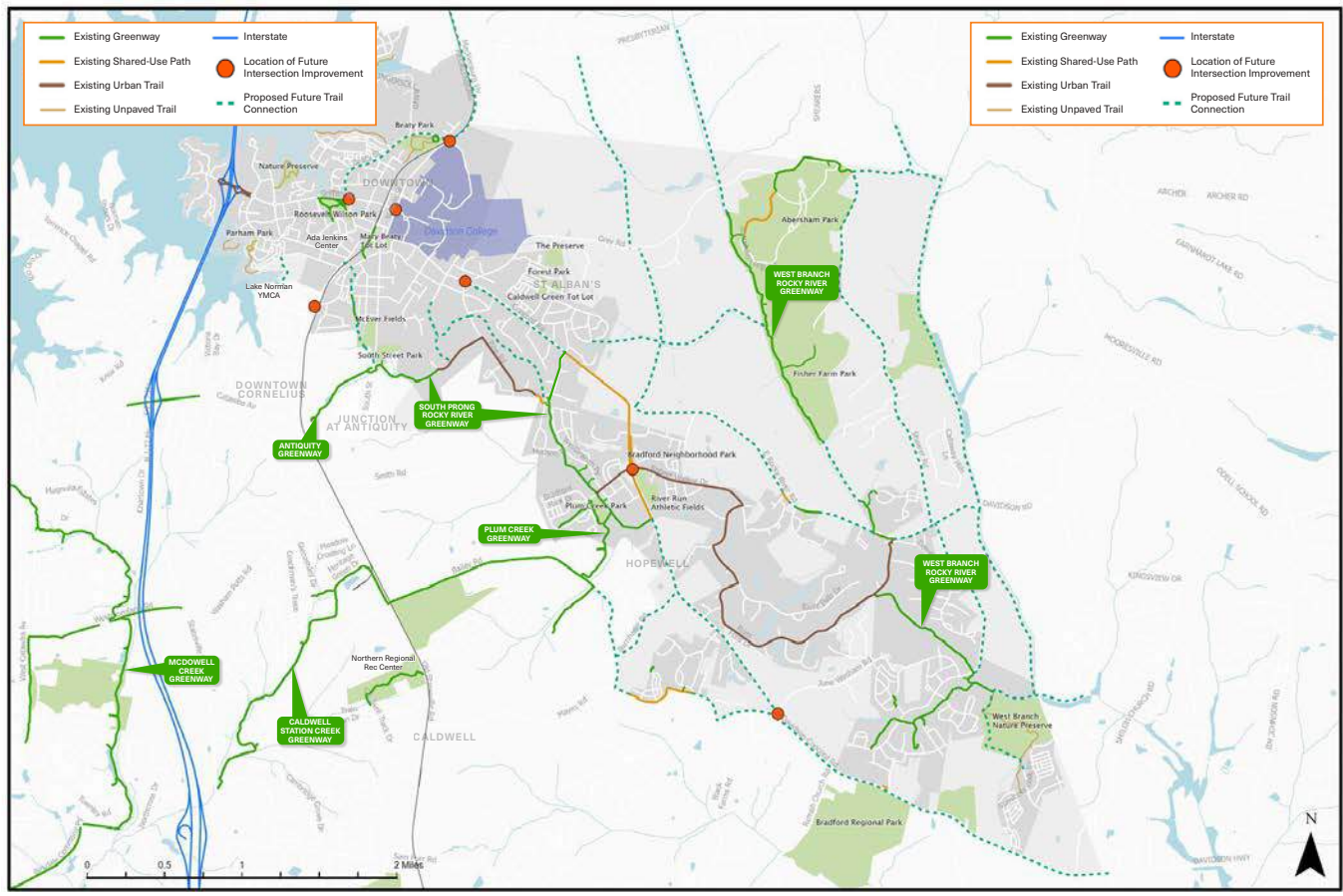




KEY GREENWAY EXPANSION STRATEGIES

Where would you like to see trail gaps completed first? Place 2 dots on a future trail connection and/or intersection improvement, or draw in your idea.

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- Existing Greenway
- Existing Shared-Use Path
- Existing Urban Trail
- Existing Unpaved Trail
- Location of Future Intersection Improvement
- Proposed Future Trail Connection

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SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGIES

WHAT WE HEARD

60% OF RESPONDENTS

said **environmental health** is one of the top 3 most important benefits of parks.

DID YOU KNOW?

19% OF RESPONDENTS

said a sustainability series (edible gardens, natural landscaping, etc.) is the most desired programming.

NATIONAL METRICS

72% OF PARK & REC AGENCIES

do not yet have an adopted goal or mandate to reduce their carbon footprint. Davidson has an adopted Sustainability Framework in the Comprehensive Plan and aims to achieve carbon neutrality by 2037!

42% OF PARK & REC AGENCIES

are acquiring more green spaces to meet sustainability goals. Davidson has added 47.4 acres of park land since adopting the 2014 Master Plan.



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SUSTAINABLE PRACTICE STRATEGIES

What sustainable practices would you like to see in the **short-term**?
Place 2 dots or write in your ideas.

Short-Term (0-4 Years)

Native Pollinator Plantings

Place your dots here!

No-Mow Lawns

Place your dots here!



Park Recycling Receptacles

Place your dots here!

Annual Clean Up Days

Place your dots here!

Nature-Oriented Programs

Place your dots here!



Rainwater Collection

Place your dots here!

Other ideas?

Write your ideas here!

Long-Term (4+ Years)

Reduce Chemical Use

Place your dots here!

Replace Bulbs with LED

Place your dots here!

Flood Mitigation Techniques

Place your dots here!



Erosion Control Measures

Place your dots here!



Edible Forest/Urban Farm

Place your dots here!



Water Bottle Refill Stations

Place your dots here!

Other ideas?

Write your ideas here!





MAINTENANCE STRATEGIES

WHAT WE HEARD

74% OF RESPONDENTS

reported the town is maintaining their parks, facilities, and greenways “well” or “very well” overall.

The 2024 Community Survey indicates that the quality of maintenance has increased from an average 3 (in 2014), to a 4, on a scale of 1-5.

DID YOU KNOW?

51% OF RESPONDENTS

had specific suggestions for maintenance improvements in Davidson.

COMMON THEMES FOR DESIRED IMPROVEMENTS

- Drainage and flooding
- Litter removal
- Bathroom Maintenance
- Erosion Control

TOP 5 FACILITIES WITH MAINTENANCE CONCERNS

include Roosevelt Wilson Park, McEvers Fields, St Alban's Parks (multiple), Lake Davidson Nature Preserve, and various greenways.





MAINTENANCE STRATEGIES

What maintenance practices would you like to see in the **short-term**?
Place 2 dots or write in your ideas.

What maintenance practices would you like to see in the **long-term**?
Place 2 dots or write in your ideas.

Short-Term (0-4 Years)		Long-Term (4+ Years)	
Bathroom Maintenance	Place your dots here!	Invasive Species Management	Place your dots here!
Drainage Improvements on Trails 	Place your dots here!	Erosion/Flood Control Measures 	Place your dots here!
Regular Litter Pickup	Place your dots here!	Drainage Improvements on Trails 	Place your dots here!
More Dog Pickup Stations 	Place your dots here!	Enhance Stream/Lake Buffers 	Place your dots here!
Repair Equipment/Shelters	Place your dots here!	Replace Equipment/Shelters	Place your dots here!
More Regular Mowing/Cut Back 	Place your dots here!	Improve ADA Accessibility	Place your dots here!
Other ideas?	Write your ideas here!	Other ideas?	Write your ideas here!





UNDERSERVED DEMOGRAPHIC STRATEGIES

WHAT WE HEARD

48% OF RESPONDENTS

suggested that programming and facilities are lacking for **adults or middle/high school-age kids.**

DID YOU KNOW?

49% OF RESPONDENTS report living in a household with young children or teenagers.

NATIONAL METRICS

43% OF PARK & REC AGENCIES of a similar size community offered programming targeted specifically to teens in 2023.

SUSTAINING TEEN PARTICIPATION

A qualitative study ¹ in 2008 with 70 middle school students suggests that students drop out of programs because of the following issues:

- Program fidelity (programs not carried out as advertised)
- Program was too long (especially in the winter)
- Program was "boring"
- Needed more academic help

¹ Attrition in Adolescent After-School Programs: Addressing the Concern via Interviews with Program Dropouts





UNDERSERVED DEMOGRAPHICS (TEENS)

What facilities and program offerings for middle/high school kids would you like to see in the **short-term**? Place 2 dots or write in your ideas.

What facilities and program offerings for middle/high school kids would you like to see in the **long-term**? Place 2 dots or write in your ideas.

Short-Term (0-4 Years)		Long-Term (4+ Years)	
Babysitter/Lifeguard Training	Place your dots here!	Skate Parks	Place your dots here!
Learn to Ride Camps (Bike/Skate)	Place your dots here!	Mountain Biking/Pump Track	Place your dots here!
College/SAT Prep Course	Place your dots here!	E-Sports/Gaming Lounge	Place your dots here!
Camping/Hiking Group	Place your dots here!	Art/Photography Course	Place your dots here!
Teen Night Out	Place your dots here!	Sailing/Kayaking/Paddle Boarding	Place your dots here!
Dodgeball/Disc Golf League	Place your dots here!	Drone Flying	Place your dots here!
Other ideas?	Write your ideas here!	Other ideas?	Write your ideas here!





UNDERSERVED DEMOGRAPHICS (FAMILIES)

What facilities and program offerings for families would you like to see in the **short-term**? Place 2 dots or write in your ideas.

What facilities and program offerings for families would you like to see in the **long-term**? Place 2 dots or write in your ideas.

Short-Term (0-4 Years)		Long-Term (4+ Years)	
Family Movie Night 	Place your dots here!	Art/Photography Course	Place your dots here!
Meet the Beekeeper (or other profession) 	Place your dots here!	Geocaching/Scavenger Hunt 	Place your dots here!
Foraging Walks	Place your dots here!	Sailing/Kayaking/Paddle Boarding	Place your dots here!
Group Bike Ride 	Place your dots here!	Cooking/Nutrition Course	Place your dots here!
Family Fishing	Place your dots here!	Agriculture/Urban Farming Course 	Place your dots here!
Bocce/Disc Golf League	Place your dots here!	Family Golf League	Place your dots here!
Other ideas?	Write your ideas here!	Other ideas?	Write your ideas here!





PROGRAM STRATEGIES

WHAT WE HEARD

44% OF RESPONDENTS said **outdoor adventure** and **day hike** programs would be the most beneficial for the community.

DID YOU KNOW?

93% OF PROGRAMS in Davidson are hosted by independent contractors.

NATIONAL METRICS

60% OF PARK & REC AGENCIES offer summer camps. Davidson had over 100 summer programs serving almost 1,600 people in 2023 alone!



MOST POPULAR PROGRAMS

- Watercraft leasing
- Pickleball 101 for adults
- Tennis for kids
- Archery instructional open hours
- Mah-jongg community open play



GENERAL PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS

What category of program offerings would you like to participate in?
Place 2 dots or write in your ideas.

Health and Wellness

EXAMPLES

- meditation
- paddleboarding
- sailing

Music and Theater

EXAMPLES

- improv comedy
- salsa dance

Sports and Fitness

EXAMPLES

- circuit training class
- marathon/spartan race prep
- pickleball/bocce/disc golf league

STEM

EXAMPLES

- edible plant foraging
- beginner coding/AI/robotics
- puzzle/LEGO league

Arts and Crafts

EXAMPLES

- sewing/quilting
- beginner carpentry
- pottery
- watercolor

Hobby and Special Interests

EXAMPLES

- group bike outings
- gaming league

Life Skills

EXAMPLES

- cooking
- college/SAT prep

Other ideas?





AMENITY STRATEGIES

WHAT WE HEARD

24% OF RESPONDENTS

indicate parks with **water access** are a top amenity for the community.

DID YOU KNOW?

36% OF RESPONDENTS

said that adding park access in currently underserved areas should be a top priority of the Master Plan Update.

NATIONAL METRICS

27.4 ACRES OF PARKLAND

per 1,000 residents places Davidson above the national recommended standard of 10.8 acres of parkland.





GENERAL AMENITY RECOMMENDATIONS

What amenity offerings would you like to see in the **short-term**?
Place 2 dots or write in your ideas.

What amenity offerings would you like to see in the **long-term**?
Place 2 dots or write in your ideas.

Short-Term (0-4 Years)		Long-Term (4+ Years)	
Bocce Court/Cornhole  Place your dots here!		Fenced-in Dog Park Place your dots here!	
Fitness Stations Place your dots here!		More Mountain Biking Trails  Place your dots here!	
More Dog Pick-Up Stations Place your dots here!		Pump Track  Place your dots here!	
Table Tennis  Place your dots here!		Disc Golf Course Place your dots here!	
Solar-Powered Picnic Table  Place your dots here!		Sand Volleyball Court  Place your dots here!	
Kayak Put-In  Place your dots here!		Pickleball Court Place your dots here!	
Other ideas? Write your ideas here!		Other ideas? Write your ideas here!	



The draft recommendations for the 2024 Update are **now available online** for public review.



2024 PARK & REC MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Spring 2024

The 2024 Update...

- Evaluates the impact of the original 2014 Master Plan;
- Forecasts needs for the next 20 years;
- Looks for new partnership opportunities;
- Considers new trends and desires as identified by the community.

This update also includes an comprehensive and inclusive public process to vet draft recommendations and understand residents' priorities for the future. The final plan will bring together elements of Davidson's past and present, recognize the values of the community, and provide structure through a community-supported set of recommendations that move the town toward its desired future.



TAKE THE SURVEY & ENTER TO WIN!

SCAN THE CODE!

STEP 1

Scan the code with a smart device.

STEP 2

Complete the survey.
[5 questions / 8 minutes]

STEP 3

Enter your contact information for a chance to win a Harris Teeter gift card!



Help us determine which recommendations are high-priority.

We are asking for feedback on what YOUR priorities are for the Town of Davidson parks and recreation system. The recommendations are divided into three categories:

1. System Recommendations
2. Facility Recommendations
3. Program Recommendations

Scan the QR code with your phone to rank recommendations for each category and help us determine the high-priority projects for the town.

It's been **10 years** since Davidson adopted the 2014 Parks & Recreation Master Plan.

The 2014 Parks & Recreation Master Plan is a reflection of the community's long-held values and support for parks, green space, climate resilience, fitness, and wellness. The plan defines a vision for the system based on these values, and has guided decision-making over the last 10 years. Today's system of parks, trails, programs, athletics, and large parcels of natural space is a result of this effort, and a major contributor to Davidson's high quality of life and regional identity.

Since 2014, the department has been proactive advancing recommendations in the Comprehensive Plan and 2014 Master Plan, seeking new funding opportunities and partnerships, and improving the communication strategy to increase awareness of offerings. Although Davidson already exceeds many of the national standards for parks and recreation, we believe there is always room to grow and improve. The 2024 Update will refine the current recommendations, identify gaps, and plan for the next 20 years of population growth while also understanding the preferences, needs, and trends of today.

We've added **47.4 ACRES OF PARK LAND** since adopting the Master Plan!

UPCOMING IMPROVEMENTS

- Plum Creek Park – Phase 3 (includes 3 pickleball courts, 2 shelters, 1 bocce court, & resurfaced tennis courts)
- Town Hall & Community Center Gymnasium Restoration & Upgrades
- Roosevelt Wilson Park Upgrades
- Beaty Park Pond Restoration
- Bradford Neighborhood Park Upgrades



BY THE NUMBERS

Davidson already **EXCEEDS** many National Recreation & Park Association Standards for communities of a similar size*!

*approx. 15,771 people in 2023



THE TOWN OF DAVIDSON HAS... **9** miles of trail **27.4** acres of parkland (per 1,000 residents) **1,126** residents per park

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NATIONAL STANDARDS RECOMMEND... **2-10** miles of trail (median range) **10.8** acres of parkland (per 1,000 residents) **2,297** residents per park

The 7 Dimensions of Health & Wellness

Community health and welfare is a central focus of the Town of Davidson and a core value of its many policies and plans. It is through this lens that the Parks & Recreation Master Plan Update is developed, with the goal of enhancing measuring, developing and understanding the wellness benefits available to the town's residents through its parks, programs, and facilities. The town recognizes that there are many types of health benefits that can be realized through the parks and recreation system, beyond physical health. These benefits are based on the following 7 Dimensions:

- PHYSICAL
- SOCIAL
- VOCATIONAL
- ENVIRONMENTAL
- CULTURAL
- MENTAL
- COGNITIVE

ACHIEVING OUR GOALS



The Town of Davidson relies on **partnerships** to provide shared programs and facilities.

With such a small staff in the Parks and Recreation department, contractor-led programs are essential to offer a variety of programs that meet the diverse needs of the community and cast a wider net for leagues and team activities. These contractors bring their unique expertise and resources to fill the Parks and Recreation calendar with interesting classes, summer camps, and recreational opportunities.

Davidson has collaborated with Huntersville and Cornelius for more than five years to expand program and facility offerings for all community members. The ongoing informal partnership includes monthly coordination meetings and annual strategic planning with the Davidson Livability Board and other local Advisory Councils. Looking ahead, the Town would like to formalize this partnership with a tri-municipal interlocal agreement in order to pool more resources and continue to expand recreational offerings for the community.

Our department may be small...

4 FULL TIME & **2** PART TIME

but our network is **mighty!**

93% OF PROGRAMS

in Davidson are hosted by independent contractors.

The ability to maintain a healthy quality of life without undue fatigue or physical stress.

The ability to relate to, and connect with, other people in your world through diverse community events and gatherings – both planned and impromptu.

The ability to enhance work (academic, career, or volunteer) with your passions, values, skills, and needs in order to find balance, satisfaction, and enrichment.

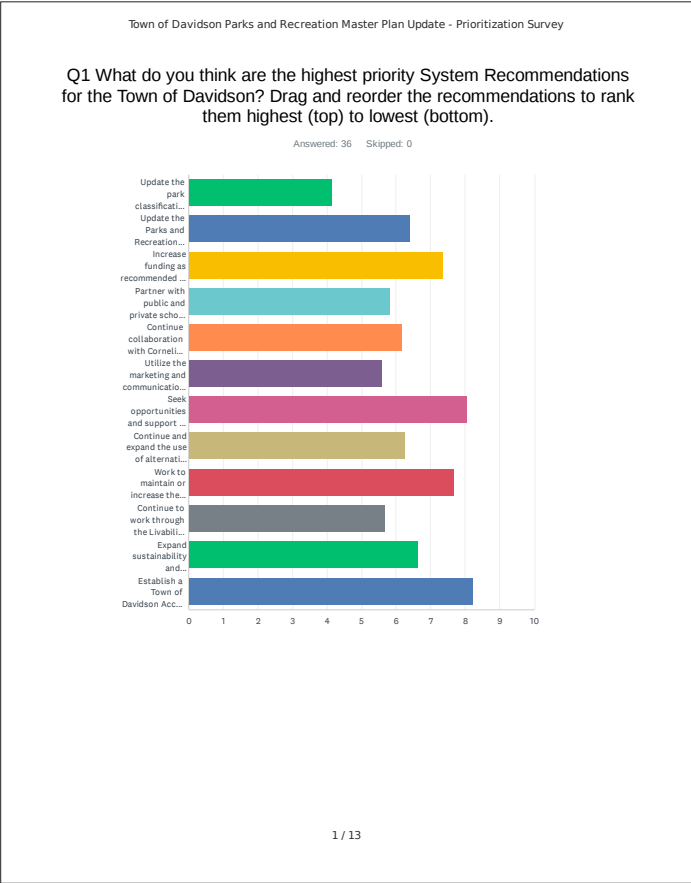
The ability to make a positive impact on the quality of your environment, be it your home, your community, or the planet.

The ability to create and maintain a positive environment that values inclusivity and mutual benefit.

The ability to understand yourself and cope with the challenges life can bring.

The ability to think clearly, learn, and remember.

APPENDIX E:
2024 Prioritization Survey Results



Town of Davidson Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update - Prioritization Survey											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Update the park classification system to reflect national best practices and standards.	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	8.33% 3	5.56% 2	2.78% 1	0.00% 0	19.44% 7	2.78% 1	11.11% 4	5.56% 2	22.22% 8
Update the Parks and Recreation Master Plan every 10 years, at a minimum.	5.56% 2	5.56% 2	0.00% 0	8.33% 3	19.44% 7	11.11% 4	11.11% 4	16.67% 6	5.56% 2	0.00% 0	13.89% 5
Increase funding as recommended in this Master Plan.	16.67% 6	11.11% 4	8.33% 3	8.33% 3	5.56% 2	5.56% 2	11.11% 4	13.89% 5	0.00% 0	5.56% 2	5.56% 2
Partner with public and private schools and churches to provide more opportunities for shared-use and existing and future facilities.	0.00% 0	2.78% 1	8.33% 3	8.33% 3	11.11% 4	16.67% 6	5.56% 2	11.11% 4	8.33% 3	16.67% 6	5.56% 2
Continue collaboration with Cornelius and Huntersville to provide programs and services to residents of all three communities.	5.56% 2	2.78% 1	11.11% 4	13.89% 5	2.78% 1	13.89% 5	5.56% 2	2.78% 1	16.67% 6	11.11% 4	5.56% 2
Utilize the marketing and communications strategy to enhance education and awareness of the programs, class schedules, and facilities offered in and around Davidson.	5.56% 2	5.56% 2	0.00% 0	11.11% 4	11.11% 4	2.78% 1	11.11% 4	11.11% 4	8.33% 3	13.89% 5	5.56% 2
Seek opportunities and support to develop public/private partnerships for land acquisition, adopt a park/trail,	13.89% 5	16.67% 6	22.22% 8	11.11% 4	0.00% 0	8.33% 3	2.78% 1	0.00% 0	5.56% 2	2.78% 1	11.11% 4

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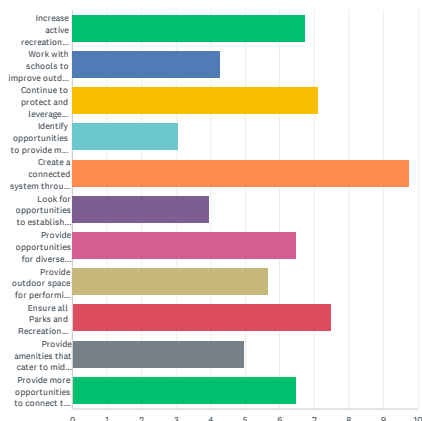
Town of Davidson Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update - Prioritization Survey											
park/trail build, funding, and sponsorship opportunities.	8.33% 3	2.78% 1	11.11% 4	5.56% 2	11.11% 4	16.67% 6	2.78% 1	2.78% 1	8.33% 3	11.11% 4	11.11% 4
Continue and expand the use of alternative funding through volunteers, grants, and donations.	8.33% 3	13.89% 5	8.33% 3	13.89% 5	13.89% 5	5.56% 2	13.89% 5	2.78% 1	5.56% 2	8.33% 3	5.56% 2
Work to maintain or increase the level of maintenance in the park system. Establish a plan to continually assess the quality of maintenance, risk, and safety of each park.	8.33% 3	13.89% 5	8.33% 3	13.89% 5	13.89% 5	5.56% 2	13.89% 5	2.78% 1	5.56% 2	8.33% 3	5.56% 2
Continue to work through the Livability Board to advocate for, promote, and support the development and growth of the Parks and Rec Department to meet the needs of the community.	2.78% 1	8.33% 3	8.33% 3	13.89% 5	5.56% 2	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	16.67% 6	8.33% 3	13.89% 5	8.33% 3
Expand sustainability and conservation efforts town-wide.	8.33% 3	11.11% 4	5.56% 2	0.00% 0	11.11% 4	16.67% 6	5.56% 2	8.33% 3	19.44% 7	5.56% 2	2.78% 1
Establish a Town of Davidson Access Standard - Residents should be within a 10-minute walk to a park, greenway, or public space as a part of a connected open space system.	25.00% 9	19.44% 7	8.33% 3	0.00% 0	5.56% 2	2.78% 1	11.11% 4	11.11% 4	2.78% 1	5.56% 2	2.78% 1

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Town of Davidson Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update - Prioritization Survey

Q2 What do you think are the highest priority Facility Recommendations for the Town of Davidson? Drag and reorder the recommendations to rank them highest (top) to lowest (bottom).

Answered: 31 Skipped: 5



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Town of Davidson Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update - Prioritization Survey

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Increase active recreation amenities to provide closer access for Davidson residents.	12.90% 4	16.13% 5	9.68% 3	3.23% 1	9.68% 3	6.45% 2	16.13% 5	6.45% 2	9.68% 3	6.45% 2	3.23% 1
Work with schools to improve outdoor learning for the community.	3.23% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	3.23% 1	3.23% 1	19.35% 6	6.45% 2	29.03% 9	12.90% 4	19.35% 6	3.23% 1
Continue to protect and leverage Davidson's natural assets.	16.13% 5	12.90% 4	6.45% 2	12.90% 4	6.45% 2	16.13% 5	12.90% 4	0.00% 0	9.68% 3	3.23% 1	3.23% 1
Identify opportunities to provide more dog parks in Davidson.	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	6.45% 2	0.00% 0	9.68% 3	6.45% 2	9.68% 3	19.35% 6	19.35% 6	29.03% 9
Create a connected system through providing more pedestrian and bicycle connections between parks, open space, and key destinations.	45.16% 14	25.81% 8	16.13% 5	0.00% 0	9.68% 3	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	3.23% 1	0.00% 0
Look for opportunities to establish more edible forests and urban farmland throughout Davidson.	3.23% 1	3.23% 1	3.23% 1	3.23% 1	6.45% 2	3.23% 1	16.13% 5	9.68% 3	9.68% 3	19.35% 6	22.58% 7
Provide opportunities for diverse recreational opportunities and community	0.00% 0	3.23% 1	16.13% 5	19.35% 6	25.81% 8	6.45% 2	6.45% 2	9.68% 3	6.45% 2	0.00% 0	6.45% 2

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Town of Davidson Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update - Prioritization Survey

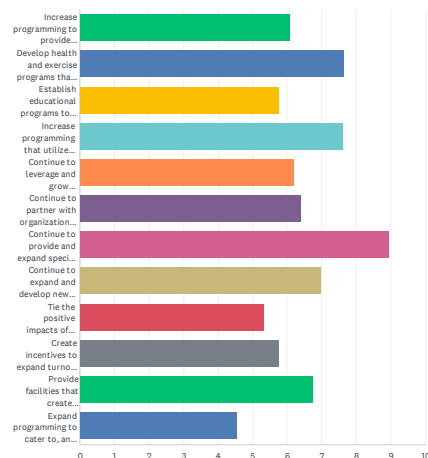
	Gathering spaces throughout Davidson.											
Provide outdoor space for performing arts and connect to community gathering spaces.	6.45% 2	3.23% 1	9.68% 3	6.45% 2	12.90% 4	12.90% 4	16.13% 5	6.45% 2	9.68% 3	6.45% 2	9.68% 3	
Ensure all Parks and Recreation facilities are maintained to an equal and consistently high quality standard.	6.45% 2	16.13% 5	16.13% 5	19.35% 6	9.68% 3	16.13% 5	3.23% 1	6.45% 2	0.00% 0	3.23% 1	3.23% 1	
Provide amenities that cater to middle and high-school age students in Davidson parks.	0.00% 0	12.90% 4	6.45% 2	6.45% 2	6.45% 2	3.23% 1	9.68% 3	16.13% 5	16.13% 5	9.68% 3	12.90% 4	
Provide more opportunities to connect to waterfronts (lakes, streams, etc.) in Davidson parks and open spaces.	6.45% 2	6.45% 2	16.13% 5	19.35% 6	9.68% 3	6.45% 2	6.45% 2	6.45% 2	6.45% 2	9.68% 3	6.45% 2	

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Town of Davidson Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update - Prioritization Survey

Q3 What do you think are the highest priority Program Recommendations for the Town of Davidson? Drag and reorder the recommendations to rank them highest (top) to lowest (bottom).

Answered: 28 Skipped: 8



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Appendix E

Town of Davidson Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update - Prioritization Survey											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Increase programming to provide educational opportunities based on Davidson's environmental assets.	7.14% 2	3.57% 1	7.14% 2	10.71% 3	3.57% 1	3.57% 1	17.86% 5	10.71% 3	10.71% 3	10.71% 3	10.71% 3
Develop health and exercise programs that appeal to all of Davidson.	10.71% 3	7.14% 2	25.00% 7	7.14% 2	10.71% 3	7.14% 2	7.14% 2	0.00% 0	7.14% 2	3.57% 1	10.71% 3
Establish educational programs to teach gardening, nutrition, and healthy food preparation.	3.57% 1	14.29% 4	0.00% 0	7.14% 2	3.57% 1	3.57% 1	14.29% 4	7.14% 2	14.29% 4	21.43% 6	3.57% 1
Increase programming that utilizes lake access and water-based sports.	7.14% 2	14.29% 4	3.57% 1	10.71% 3	25.00% 7	10.71% 3	7.14% 2	7.14% 2	3.57% 1	0.00% 0	7.14% 2
Continue to leverage and grow programming partnerships.	3.57% 1	7.14% 2	7.14% 2	17.86% 5	14.29% 4	3.57% 1	3.57% 1	7.14% 2	7.14% 2	3.57% 1	7.14% 2
Continue to partner with organizations to provide educational programs for bicyclists.	14.29% 4	3.57% 1	3.57% 1	7.14% 2	3.57% 1	14.29% 4	14.29% 4	7.14% 2	7.14% 2	10.71% 3	3.57% 1
Continue to provide and expand special events in parks throughout Town.	14.29% 4	21.43% 6	14.29% 4	14.29% 4	10.71% 3	7.14% 2	7.14% 2	3.57% 1	0.00% 0	3.57% 1	3.57% 1
Continue to expand and develop new summer camp programs for Town of Davidson residents.	14.29% 4	3.57% 1	17.86% 5	7.14% 2	0.00% 0	14.29% 4	0.00% 0	7.14% 2	14.29% 4	10.71% 3	10.71% 3

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Tie the positive impacts of public open space and programming to mental health.	3.57% 1	0.00% 0	7.14% 2	0.00% 0	17.86% 5	10.71% 3	7.14% 2	14.29% 4	10.71% 3	3.57% 1	7.14% 2
Create incentives to expand turnout for groups that currently are not using the system.	3.57% 1	10.71% 3	7.14% 2	3.57% 1	0.00% 0	3.57% 1	17.86% 5	17.86% 5	14.29% 4	0.00% 0	10.71% 3
Provide facilities that create opportunities for the whole family to recreate and exercise in one place - community engagement indicates that people want to exercise and spend time with family in Davidson parks.	10.71% 3	14.29% 4	7.14% 2	10.71% 3	3.57% 1	7.14% 2	3.57% 1	3.57% 1	7.14% 2	17.86% 5	7.14% 2
Expand programming to cater to, and increase interest and attendance from middle and high school age students.	7.14% 2	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	3.57% 1	7.14% 2	14.29% 4	0.00% 0	14.29% 4	3.57% 1	14.29% 4	17.86% 5

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Q4 Do you have additional comments or suggestions that you would like the Parks and Recreation Department to know?		
Answered: 16 Skipped: 20		
#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Look for your department's blind spots. Consider where the town is weakest and most lacking relative to community needs and demonstrated interests. Consider where we have existing imbalances and how doing more of the same will only further the divide and lack of resources needed by a significant portion of our citizens. Ask more questions that are not merely confirming a bias or forcing rank ordering of several statements that should not even be in this survey while other thoughts and ideas are nowhere to be found in options in the survey. Why only consider catering to middle and HS aged kids (whatever that means) but not focus on expanding and improving for elementary kids? Why ask specifically about certain ideas (edible forests; bicycling; conserving open space; etc) but not ask about increasing funding and support for sports programming, facilities, and having a plan for getting the town closer to a place resembling where a town of 16,000 should be rather than having only what the town had when it was half or even less the population 20+ years ago.	5/29/2024 12:11 AM
2	Would love a sculpture based Art Park!	5/26/2024 6:48 AM
3	Safe bike trails for kids and adults— that is my top priority. Btw, this survey was way too difficult to navigate and reorder, and it was way too wordy. That is why you probably have a poor response rate. Make it one page with eight priorities, and have people pick 3, not rank order 12 selections on each of 5 pages — that's 60 items and people get bored and never submit the survey. I almost gave up in frustration, and then decided to just move my top priority to the #1 spot on each page and to heck with the other 11 choices. Here's how to rewrite and simplify the survey if you want decent participation. Dear residents, what are your top priorities for Town of Davidson to focus on? Select 3: More safe bike trails. More community gardens. Better maintenance of parks. More outdoor entertainment spaces. More summer camps for kids. More lake access. More nature education for children and teens. More dog parks and poop stations. Thanks! I have a Ph.D. and taught survey research methods. Happy to volunteer to help craft better surveys in the future. Livia629@gmail.com.	5/25/2024 12:20 PM
4	Personally I would like to see the parks maintained/cleaned up more often. Garbage cans emptied more often. Old equipment fixed or replaced more often.	5/24/2024 7:02 AM
5	do more with Abersham, its a jewel!	5/23/2024 5:44 PM
6	I think access is the key... more greenways and pedestrian access, especially to Fisher Farm but throughout Davidson the greenways need to be fully connected	5/23/2024 2:51 PM
7	Love having a survey, but way too many choices to order. Too granular for those of us not immersed in the topic. #1 item listed that I would love to see was the edible landscaping. Have always thought there need to be fruit trees, bushes, etc with edibles in public spaces!	5/23/2024 11:21 AM
8	More connected greenways	5/20/2024 7:40 AM
9	For me, sustainability is key. How can we encourage walking, biking, and teach our residents to care for our environment? That is the priority for the next generation to thrive.	5/18/2024 1:24 PM
10	We need a splash pad or swimming pool bikeable for kids in Davidson. The North Meck Rec Ctr is not bikeable when portions of the ride are alongside busy 115. Not all neighborhoods have a pool. The waiting list at the Swimming Hole is years long. Why can't the field behind town hall or next to Ada Jenkins be used in this way?	5/15/2024 2:39 PM
11	N/A	5/13/2024 3:36 PM
12	More connected greenways. please!!	5/13/2024 1:51 AM
13	Open space and forested areas are very important. Organized activities are less important. We should protect the open space and do more to protect the trees and forests.	5/12/2024 9:02 PM

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14	I would love to see more dog waste stations throughout town. I'd also like the utilization of boardwalk sidewalks where saving the root system of a tree is pertinent.	4/30/2024 5:50 PM
15	Increase plantings of native plants that increase pollination and positively impact life for wildlife	4/28/2024 2:00 PM
16	Residents need kids summer camp program runs until 5pm for providing more opportunities to families.	4/27/2024 1:38 PM

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APPENDIX F: Definitions, Abbreviations and Acronyms

Definitions

Active Recreation – A physical activity that a person voluntarily undertakes in their leisure time for the purpose of mental and/or physical satisfaction. Active recreation facilities operated by Davidson Parks and Recreation include recreation centers, aquatic facilities, ball diamonds, volleyball courts, basketball courts, tennis courts, and rectangular fields. While some of these facilities can be used for different activities, many are single- or narrow-purpose.

Assessment – The process of comparing and evaluating an entity against established standards, and documenting the differences.

Asset – Real or personal property which organizations desire to track and manage as a distinct identifiable entity. It may be a physical structure or grouping of structures, land features, or other tangible property that has a specific service or function. The term “asset” can also be applied to movable items, such as vehicles and equipment.

Asset management – A systematic process of maintaining, upgrading, and operating physical assets in a cost-effective manner.

Benchmark – A well-defined, widely accepted standard of performance used to measure progress toward a specific state or level of competency.

Benchmarking – The continuous process of measuring a product, service, or process against the best practices of recognized leaders in the field in order to achieve superior performance.

Community benefit – A good that is shared for all (or most) members of a society or social group.

Condition assessment – The inspection and documentation of the condition of the features of an asset as measured against the applicable maintenance or condition standards. It provides the basis for long range maintenance planning, as well as annual work plans and budgets.

Current acres – As used in this plan, the number of acres that are developed and open for use at present.

Ball field – An athletic field used for baseball or softball.

Dog parks – Areas where dogs can play without leashes.

Existing acres – See “current acres”

Facility – See “asset”

Feasibility study – An evaluation and analysis of the potential of a proposed project or venture that objectively explores costs versus benefits. Costs and benefits can be financial, social, environmental, or political.

Level of Service (LOS) – An expression of the minimum recreation and park infrastructure capacity required to satisfy the needs of residents of the community. Unless otherwise specified, LOS is expressed as per 1,000 population.

Life Cycle – All stages of providing a facility or service including conception, planning, design, implementation, evaluation, monitoring, retirement, and/or disposal.

Multipurpose field – Areas that are typically rectangular and consist of either sand-based engineered soils or artificial turf used as playing surfaces for athletics.

Needs Assessment – A systematic process for determining and addressing gaps between current conditions and desired conditions.

Passive Recreation – Recreational activities that do not require prepared facilities like sports fields or pavilions. Passive recreational activities place minimal stress on a site's resources; as a result, they can provide ecosystem service benefits and are highly compatible with natural resource protection. Passive or community recreation facilities include playgrounds, picnic shelters, community gardens, and some open rectangular fields for use that is unstructured and informal. These facilities play a significant role in giving parks their character, and as a result of their broader use, a wider segment of the general public tends to access them.

Recreation facility – Major sport or leisure complexes that host many formal and informal athletic events.

Setting – The categorization type for park and recreation facilities that describes the intended use and function. A setting also provides contextual information for managers about operational decisions.

Stakeholder – A group or individual who can affect, or is affected by, the achievement of the organization's mission. Examples include managers, employees, policy makers, suppliers, vendors, citizens, and community groups.

Abbreviations and Acronyms

ACP – Activity Connection Plan

BMI – Body Mass Index

BRFSS – Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System

CDC – Center for Disease Control

CHA – Community Health Assessment

CHS – Carolinas Healthcare System

CIP – Capital Improvement Plan

CMS – Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools

EPA – Environmental Protection Agency

ETJ – Extra Territorial Jurisdiction

GIS – Geographic Information Systems

HIA – Health Impact Assessment

LOS – Level of Service

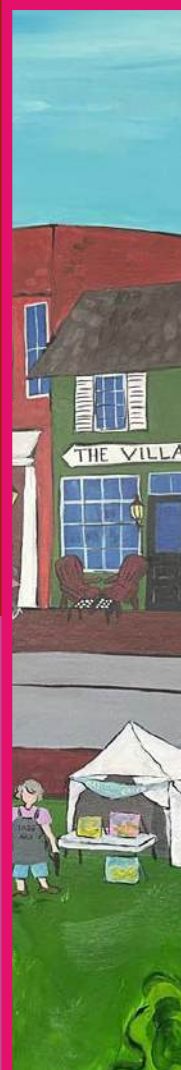
MAP-21 – Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act

NRPA – National Parks and Recreation Association

PARTF – Parks and Recreation Trust Fund

PTO – Parent Teacher Organization

SCHS – State Center for Health Statistics





AGENDA MEMO

To: Davidson Board of Commissioners

From: Jesse Bouk, Public Works Director

Date: September 10, 2024

Re: Consider Approval of Budget Amendment 2024-08 to Purchase a Public Works Hybrid Truck

ITEM SUMMARY/OVERVIEW

The Public Works Department has an opportunity to replace an F-150 truck. Staff researched and compared a typical replacement with a gasoline engine and a hybrid option. The total cost of the hybrid option is roughly 30% more than the gasoline option, with a total cost of \$62,000.

ACTION/PROPOSED MOTION

Motion to Approve Budget Amendment 2024-08 to fund the purchase of the first hybrid truck for Public Works.

RELATED TOWN GOALS

Strategic Plan Alignment

Sustainability and Natural Assets - Preserve Davidson's natural assets and develop, implement, and actively encourage innovative solutions to environmental, energy, and climate-based challenges.

Operational Excellence - Provide efficient and high-quality public services and facilities through thoughtful and proactive planning, responsible stewardship of Town resources and a professional and committed workforce.

Core Values

Citizens entrust town government with the stewardship of public funds, so government will provide high quality services at a reasonable cost.

NEXT STEPS

If approved, staff will procure the specified vehicle.



Consider Approval of Budget Amendment to Purchase Public Works Hybrid Truck

Jesse Bouk
Public Works Director
September 10, 2024

www.townofdavidson.org

Hybrid Truck Purchase

- Opportunity to replace Public Works F-150 truck
- Staff researched and compared a typical replacement with a gasoline engine and a hybrid option.
- Total cost of the hybrid option is roughly 30% more than the gasoline option.
- Total cost of the vehicle is \$62,000

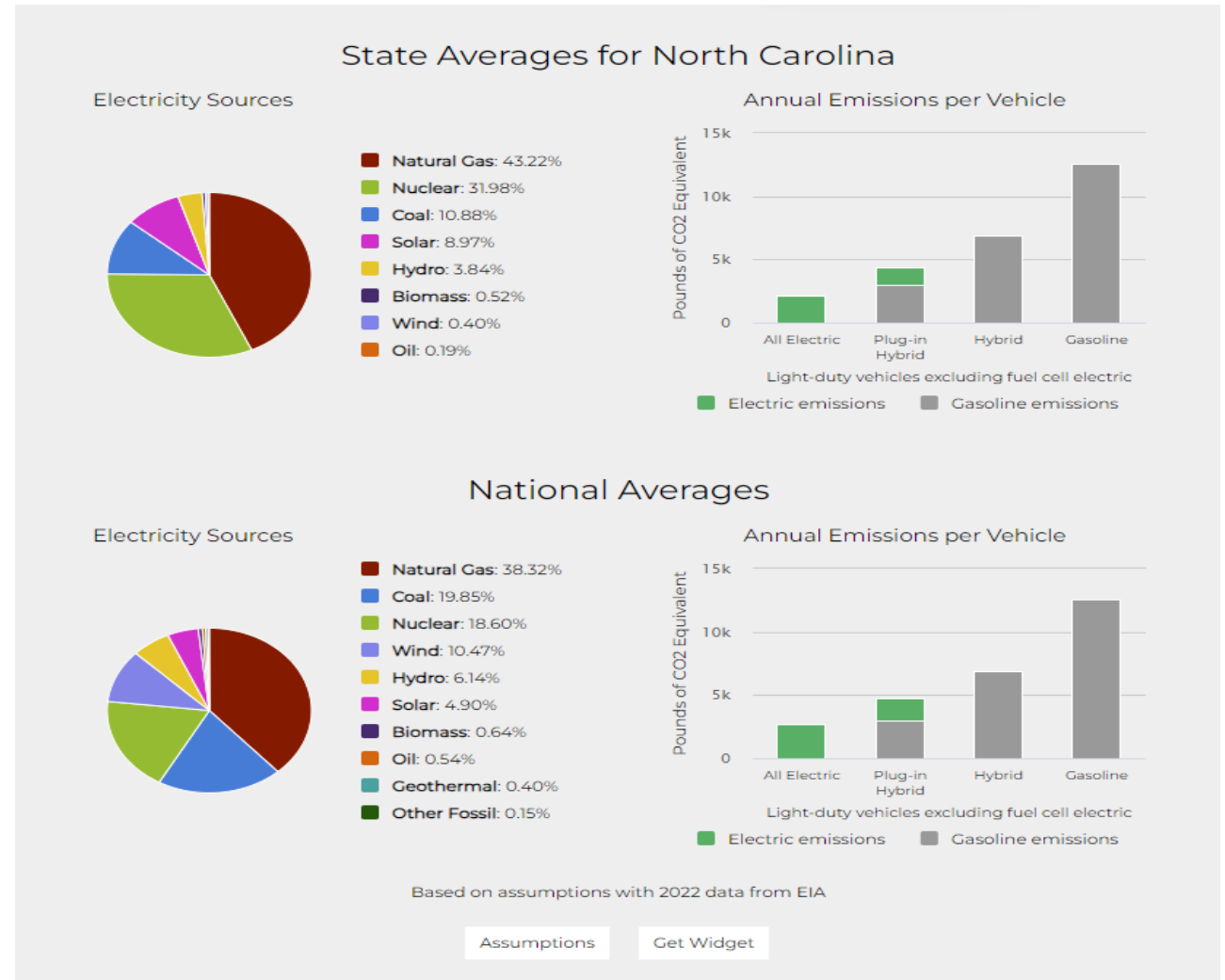
Emissions Impact/Climate Action Plan Alignment

For reference with the CAP:

Goal M1: Reduce Mobile Source Emissions in Town Operations Strategy

M1.1: Convert 100% of the Town fleet to EVs, hybrids, or use clean fuels by 2037.

M1.1.2: Ensure all newly acquired vehicles for town use are either EVs, hybrids, or use clean fuels.



DISCUSSION



MOTION: Approve budget amendment 2024-08 to fund the purchase of the first hybrid truck for Public Works.



AMENDMENT TO THE BUDGET ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Board of the Town of Davidson, North Carolina, that the following amendment be made to the annual budget ordinance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025:

Section 1: To amend the General Fund, the appropriations are to be changed as follows:

<u>Acct. No.</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Increase</u>
10-20-4510-540	C/O – Vehicles		\$62,000.00

Budgeted expenditures will fund the purchase a hybrid truck for Public Works

Section 2: To amend the General Fund, the estimated revenues are to be changed as follows:

<u>Acct. No.</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Increase</u>
10-00-3838-000	Insurance Proceeds		\$21,500.00
10-00-3990-980	Fund Balance Appropriated		\$40,500.00

Insurance Proceeds and Fund Balance will be used to purchase a hybrid truck for Public Works.

Section 3: Copies of this budget amendment shall be furnished to the Clerk of the Governing Board, and to the Budget Officer and the Finance Officer for their direction.

Adopted this 10th day of September, 2024

By: _____

Rusty Knox

Mayor

ATTEST:

Elizabeth K. Shores

Town Clerk