

RECREATION AND PARKS MASTER PLAN COMMUNITY INPUT SURVEY

PURPOSE: Hopewell's Department of Recreation and Parks is in the process of developing a Master Plan. The department seeks to enrich the quality of life for the citizens of Hopewell by offering safe, accessible park facilities and a diverse recreational and activities program. Their goal is to provide residents with the opportunity to develop new skills, create new interests, and learn and teach new hobbies that will enhance and expand citizens' physical, mental, and social development. This plan will serve as a guide for the department for the management of facilities and programs over the next decade. An important part of the planning process is providing ample opportunity for community members to share their thoughts on the current park system and suggest changes that will enhance the services offered. This survey is meant to gauge public interest, behaviors, and attitudes concerning Hopewell's Department of Recreation and Parks. Results from survey responses will be used to help address recreational concerns in a way that will reflect the community's values and best meet its needs.

STATEMENT OF ANONYMITY: The survey is completely anonymous and voluntary. It contains no identifying questions to preserve this anonymity. The survey will take about 10 minutes to complete. If you come to any questions that you would prefer not to answer, please skip ahead to the next question.

Thank you for participating in this survey.

Please complete by Wednesday, February 22

Drop off completed surveys at one of the following locations:

- Hopewell Community Center (100 W. City Point Rd.)
- Appomattox Regional Library (245 E. Cawson St.)
- Hopewell/Prince George Chamber of Commerce (210 N. Main St.)
- Hopewell Housing and Redevelopment (350 E. Poythress St.)
- City Hall (300 N. Main St.)
- Hopewell School Board Office (103 N. 12th Ave.)

Or mail to:

Department of Recreation and Parks
100 W. City Point Rd.
Hopewell, VA 23860

****Survey also available to complete online: <http://www.hopewellva.gov>****

For more information call 804-541-2353 or visit hopewellva.gov

1. Community quality of life is enhanced through a well-developed recreation and parks system.
 - a. Strongly agree
 - b. Agree
 - c. No opinion
 - d. Disagree
 - e. Strongly disagree

2. How often do you or members of your household visit Hopewell's parks?
 - a. Never
 - b. Less than once a month
 - c. 1-3 times a month
 - d. Once a week
 - e. More than once a week

3. How often do you or members of your household participate in Hopewell's recreational programs?
 - a. Never
 - b. Less than once a month
 - c. 1-3 times a month
 - d. Once a week
 - e. More than once a week

4. Which types of programs are most relevant to your household? Circle all that apply.
 - a. Youth/Preschool
 - b. Adult
 - c. Senior
 - d. Family – Group Activities

5. User fees should be used to help offset the costs of providing recreation.
 - a. Strongly agree
 - b. Agree
 - c. No opinion
 - d. Disagree
 - e. Strongly disagree

6. How often do **you or members of your household** participate in the following indoor and transportation related activities? Not all of these are currently available in Hopewell.

Activity	Often	Sometimes	Once	Never, but interested	Never, NOT interested
Arts/Crafts					
Basketball					
Bingo					
Card/Board Games					
Ceramics/Pottery					
Climbing Wall					
Cooking					
Creative Writing					
Dancing					
Dominos					
Educational/Enrichment Classes					
Exercise (Cardio, Weights)					

Question 5 Continued – How often do you participate in the following activities?					
Activity	Often	Sometimes	Once	Never, but interested	Never, NOT interested
Exercise Classes (Zumba, Yoga, etc.)					
First Aid/CPR Certification					
Gymnastics					
Karate/Martial Arts					
Lifeguard Certification					
Music					
Open Gym					
Out of Town Group Trips					
Photography					
Quilt Making					
Racquetball/Squash					
Respite Care					
SCUBA Certification					
Sewing					
Shopping Trips					
Swimming					
Theater					
Therapeutic Recreation					
Transportation Services					
Water Aerobics					
Other (specify)					

7. How often do **you or members of your household** participate in the following outdoor activities? Not all of these are currently available in Hopewell.

Activity	Often	Sometimes	Once	Never, but interested	Never, NOT interested
Baseball					
Basketball					
Bicycling					
Boating					
Camping					
Canoeing/Kayaking					
Field Hockey					
Fishing					
Fitness Trails					
Football					
Frisbee Golf/Ultimate					
Golf					
Hiking					
Horseback Riding					
Lawn Games (Horseshoes, Bocce Ball, etc.)					
Picnicking					
Playground					
Roller Blading					
Roller Hockey					
Running/Jogging					
Skateboarding					
Soccer					
Softball					

Question 7 Continued – How often do you participate in the following activities?					
Activity	Often	Sometimes	Once	Never, but interested	Never, NOT interested
Tennis					
Volleyball					
Walking for Pleasure					
Special Events					
Outdoor Concerts					
Other (specify)					

8. Below is a list of facilities that the City could consider developing or enhancing. Please indicate the level of priority you feel each should receive.

Facilities	High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority	No Priority
After School Care				
Baseball Fields				
Before School Care				
Bicycle Paths				
Connecting Trails between Parks				
Daytime Youth Activities				
Dog Parks				
Exercise Rooms				
Field Hockey Fields				
Field Lighting				
Football Fields				
Game Room (Pool Table, Table Tennis, Air Hockey, etc)				
Golf Course				
Lacrosse Fields				
Mountain Bike Trails				
Nature Education Center				
Nature Trails				
Outdoor Pool				
Outdoor Theater				
Picnic Areas				
Playgrounds				
Racquetball/Squash Courts				
Skateboard Park				
Soccer Fields				
Softball Fields				
Summer Sports Camps				
Teen Center				
Tennis Courts				
Therapeutic Pool				
Walking Trails				
Other (specify)				

9. How satisfied are you with the sites you have visited?

Site	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	No Opinion	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
Arlington Park					
Atwater Park					
Atwater Soccer Complex					
Carter G. Woodson Middle					
City Park					
City Point Playground					
Community Center					
Crystal Lake Park					
Davisville					
Hopewell City Marina					
Hopewell High School					
Heritage Gardens					
King Court Playground					
Mathis Park					
Patrick Copeland Elem.					
Riverside Park					
Riverside Harbor Playground					
Skateboard Park					
Union Fort					
Union Hall					
Westwood Park					
Woodlawn Playground					
3 1/2 Street Playground					

For the questions below please indicate your level of agreement with the statement provided.

10. I am satisfied overall with the **facilities** managed by the Department of Recreation and Parks.

- a. Strongly agree
- b. Agree
- c. No opinion
- d. Disagree
- e. Strongly disagree

11. I am satisfied overall with the **programs** offered by the Department of Recreation and Parks.

- a. Strongly agree
- b. Agree
- c. No opinion
- d. Disagree
- e. Strongly disagree

12. The facilities managed by the Department of Recreation and Parks overall are **safe**.

- a. Strongly agree
- b. Agree
- c. No opinion
- d. Disagree
- e. Strongly disagree

13. The facilities managed by the Department of Recreation and Parks overall are **accessible**.
- Strongly agree
 - Agree
 - No opinion
 - Disagree
 - Strongly disagree
14. The facilities managed by the Department of Recreation and Parks overall are **well maintained**.
- Strongly agree
 - Agree
 - No opinion
 - Disagree
 - Strongly disagree
15. Having connecting trails between facilities is important.
- Strongly agree
 - Agree
 - No Opinion
 - Disagree
 - Strongly disagree
16. Are you male or female?
- Male
 - Female
17. Which category below includes your age?
- 17 and younger
 - 18-20
 - 21-29
 - 30-39
 - 40-49
 - 50-59
 - 60 or over
18. What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree received?
- Less than high school degree
 - High school degree or equivalent (GED)
 - Some college but no degree
 - Associate's degree
 - Bachelor's degree
 - Graduate degree

19. Which of the following categories best describes your employment status?
- a. Employed, working 1-20 hours per week
 - b. Employed, working 21-39 hours per week
 - c. Employed, working 40 or more hours per week
 - d. Not employed, looking for work
 - e. Not employed, NOT looking for work
 - f. Retired
 - g. Disabled, unable to work
20. How much total combined money did all members of your household earn in 2011?
- a. Less than \$20,000
 - b. \$20,000 to \$34,999
 - c. \$35,000 to \$49,999
 - d. \$50,000 to \$74,999
 - e. \$75,000 to \$99,999
 - f. \$100,000 or more
21. In which racial category do you most identify yourself?
- a. White
 - b. Black or African-American
 - c. American Indian or Alaskan Native
 - d. Asian
 - e. Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
 - f. From multiple races
 - g. Some other race (please specify) _____
22. How long have you lived in Hopewell?
- a. Less than 1 year
 - b. 1-5 years
 - c. 6-10 years
 - d. 11-20 years
 - e. More than 20 years
 - f. I am not a resident of Hopewell
23. Do you rent or own your home?
- a. Rent
 - b. Own

Please share any additional comments below: