City of College Park
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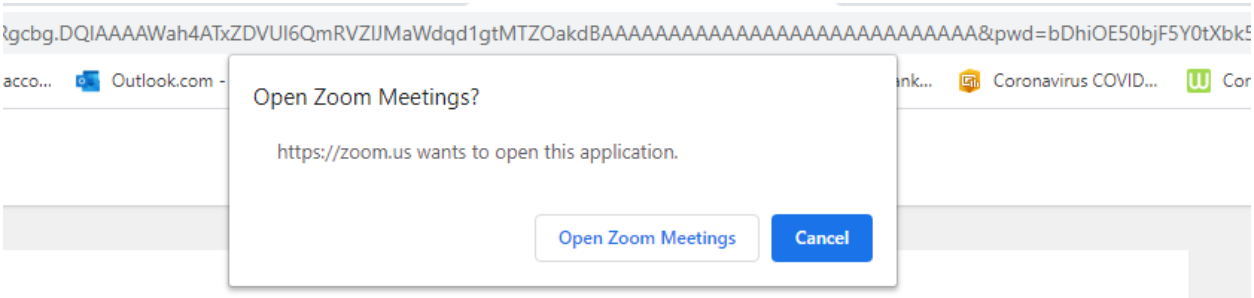

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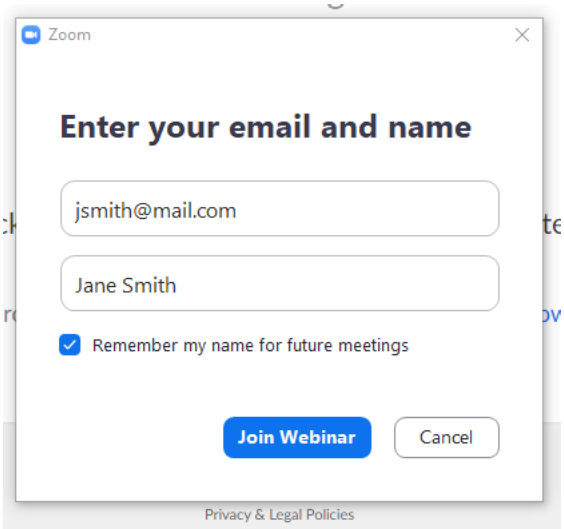

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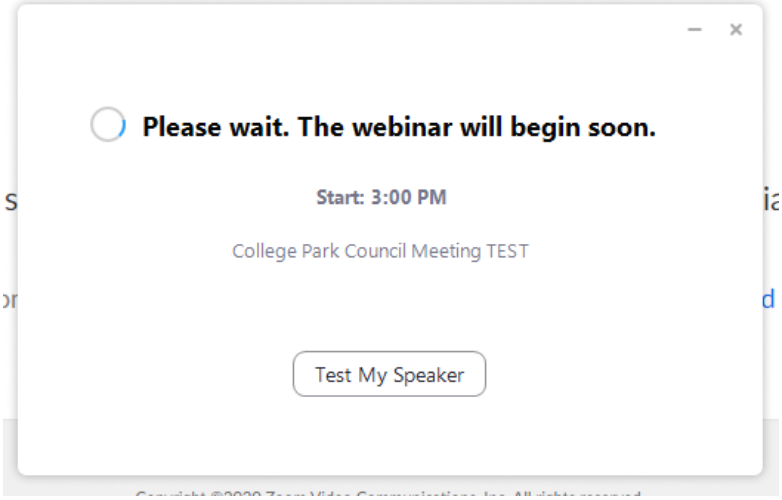

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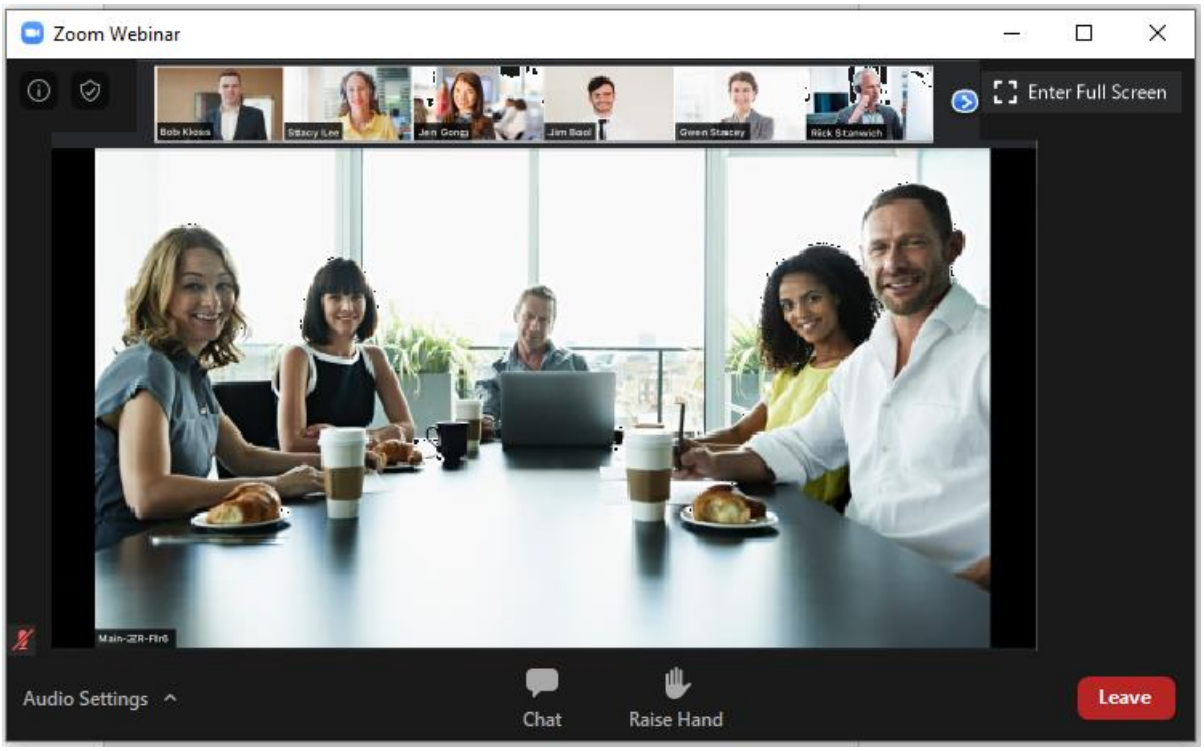

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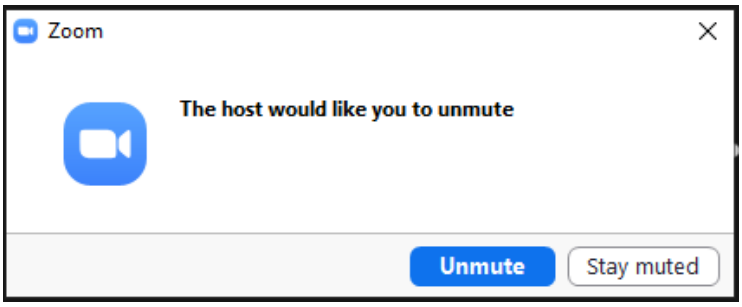

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2020
CITY OF COLLEGE PARK

VIRTUAL MEETING
Meeting Link Will Be Posted On City Website Calendar

7:30 P.M.
MAYOR AND COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA

COLLEGE PARK MISSION STATEMENT
The City Of College Park Provides Open And Effective Governance And Excellent Services That Enhance The Quality Of Life In Our Community.

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1. MEDITATION

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Councilmember Kabir

3. ROLL CALL

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS - MAYOR, COUNCIL, STUDENT LIAISON

5. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

6. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

7. PROCLAMATIONS AND AWARDS - Indigenous People's Day

8. AMENDMENTS TO AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

9. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS - Speakers are asked to provide their name and address for the record, and are given three minutes to address the Council.

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. Charter Amendment 20-CR-02, a Charter Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park, to amend Article III, "Mayor and Council", §C3-1, "Membership; election; term of office", to delete the requirement that elected officials shall be registered to vote for one year prior to their election and to substitute the requirement that a candidate shall have been domiciled in the City for at least one year prior to qualification, to clarify that a candidate for Council member must be a resident of their respective district at the time of qualification as a candidate, to authorize the Supervisors of Elections to verify the requirements of age, citizenship and domicile to be a candidate, and to make conforming changes.

11. PRESENTATIONS

12. CONSENT AGENDA - Note: Consent Agenda items are routine items of business that are collectively presented for approval through a single motion. A Councilmember may request that an item be pulled from the Consent Agenda and placed under Action Items for separate discussion and action.

20-G-158	Approval of Minutes: August 4, 2020 Special Session; September 1, 2020 Worksession; September 8, 2020 Regular Meeting; September 12, 2020 Special Worksession on the Strategic Plan.		Motion By: To: Second: Aye: Nay: Other:
20-G-159	Approval of updates to the City Seal		
20-G-161	Approval of a letter with City comments on the draft DEIS for the I-495/I-270 Managed Lanes Study – Terry Schum, Director of Planning		
20-G-163	Approval of a letter to Prince George's County Public Schools regarding sustainability (CBE request) – Robert Marsili, Director of Public Works		

13. ACTION ITEMS

20-G-164	Acceptance of the final GreenPlay Senior and Community Recreation Needs Assessment report – Kiaisha Barber, Director, Youth, Family and Senior Services		Motion By: To: Second: Aye: Nay: Other:
20-CR-02	Adoption of Charter Amendment 20-CR-02, a Charter Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park, to amend Article III, "Mayor and Council", §C3-1, "Membership; election; term of office", to delete the requirement that elected officials shall be registered to vote for one year prior to their election and to substitute the requirement that a candidate shall have been domiciled in the City for at least one year prior to qualification, to clarify that a candidate for council member must be a resident of their respective district at the time of qualification as a candidate, to authorize the Supervisors of Elections to verify the requirements of age, citizenship and domicile to be a candidate, and to make conforming changes.		Motion By: To: Adopt Second: Aye: Nay: Other:
20-O-11	Introduction of an ordinance with amendments to Chapter 102, Dogs and Other Animals ***The Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.***		Motion By: Mitchell To: Introduce Second:

14. GENERAL COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

15. ADJOURN

- This agenda is subject to change. For the most current information, please contact the City Clerk at 240-487-3501.

- Public Comment is taken during Regular Business meetings on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month in one of the following ways. All speakers are requested to complete a card with their name and address for the record.
  - To comment about a topic not on the meeting agenda: Speakers are given three minutes to address the Council during "Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items" at the beginning of each Regular Meeting.

  - To comment on an agenda item during a Regular Business meeting: When an agenda item comes up for consideration by the Council, the Mayor will invite public comment prior to Council deliberation. Speakers are given three minutes to address the Council on that agenda item.

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PROCLAMATION
Indigenous Peoples’ Day

PROCLAMATION
City of College Park, Maryland
Indigenous Peoples' Day

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples' Day was first proposed in 1977 by a delegation of Native Nations to the United Nations sponsored International Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas; and

WHEREAS, the Indigenous Peoples of the lands that would later become known as the Americas have occupied these lands since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, in the 1600's, European explorers coming to the "new world" encountered a great diversity of people living in the area that later would be named Maryland; and

WHEREAS, most of this land was claimed by Algonquin tribes, although Iroquois Piscataway and Sioux were also present; and

WHEREAS, over the years the importance of our Indigenous people has been diluted, lost or overlooked; and

WHEREAS, the City values the many contributions of Indigenous Peoples that have shaped the character of our nation in the areas of labor, technology, science, philosophy, arts and culture.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Patrick L. Wojahn, as Mayor of the City of College Park, Maryland, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the **12th** day of **October** 2020 as "INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY" in the City of College Park, Maryland.

PROCLAIMED this **13th** day of **October ,** 2020.

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Patrick L. Wojahn, Mayor
City of College Park

PUBLIC HEARING

Charter Resolution
20-CR-02
Amending Article III
Mayor and Council

CITY OF
COLLEGE PARK

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Notice of Public Hearing for Charter Amendment 20-CR-02, introduced on September 8, 2020:

- Posted to City Website on September 11, 2020
- Posted on Cable Television Channel on September 11, 2020
- Sent to Constant Contact LISTSERV on September 15, 2020

ATTEST:

Janeen S. Miller

Janeen S. Miller, City Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CHARTER RESOLUTION 20-CR-02
October 13, 2020
7:30 P.M.

The Mayor and Council of the City of College Park will hold a Public Hearing on Charter Resolution 20-CR-02, Amending Article III, "Mayor and Council", § C3-1, "Membership; Election; Term of Office", to Delete the requirement that Elected Officials Shall Be Registered To Vote For One Year Prior To Their Election and To Add A Requirement That Elected Officials Shall Be Domiciled In The City For At Least One Year Prior To Their Election.

This Public Hearing will be held virtually on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. To obtain the meeting link or phone number to join the meeting, please visit the **Mayor and Council Meeting Page by clicking HERE**. All interested parties will have the opportunity to be heard. Please note, participants will be muted during the meeting except during public comment.

Copies of this Charter Resolution may be obtained from the City Clerk's Office, 8400 Baltimore Avenue, Suite 375, College Park, MD 20740, by calling 240-487-3501, or from the City's website: www.collegeparkmd.gov.

If you are unable to participate in the meeting, you may submit written comment prior to the Public Hearing. In order to be received by the Council as part of the record, the comment must include the specific topic to which it relates and the full name and address of the person submitting the comment. Written comment should be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the hearing to cpmc@collegeparkmd.gov.

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CITY OF COLLEGE PARK, MARYLAND
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM 20-CR-02

Prepared By: Suellen M. Ferguson
City Attorney

Meeting Date: October 13, 2020

Presented By: Suellen M. Ferguson
City Attorney

Consent Agenda: No

Originating Department: Administration

Action Requested: Public Hearing on, and possible adoption of, 20-CR-02, a Charter Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park, to amend Article III, "Mayor and Council", §C3-1, "Membership; election; term of office", to delete the requirement that elected officials shall be registered to vote for one year prior to their election and to substitute the requirement that a candidate shall have been domiciled in the City for at least one year prior to qualification, to clarify that a candidate for council member must be a resident of their respective district at the time of qualification as a candidate, to authorize the Supervisors of Elections to verify the requirements of age, citizenship and domicile to be a candidate, and to make conforming changes

Strategic Plan Goal: Goal 5: Effective Leadership

Background/Justification:
Currently, § C3-1 requires that a candidate for City elective office be a registered voter for at least one year prior to the election. This is different than many other jurisdictions in Maryland, which require that a person be domiciled, but not registered to vote, in the jurisdiction for a period of time before the election. This requirement is generally supported on the basis of ensuring that candidates have a connection to the community that they seek to represent. Requiring that a person be registered to vote for a period of time before the election does increase the barrier to being a candidate, because a person may have lived in the community for at least one year but only recently registered to vote. Removing this barrier should enlarge the pool of individuals who could become candidates. The requirement of registration itself is not deleted, only the "so registered for at least one year immediately preceding the date of election" provision. This amendment also clarifies that a candidate for Councilmember must be domiciled in their respective district in order to qualify to be a candidate. This amendment authorizes the Supervisors of Elections to make these determinations.

We have changed the title of the Resolution to more fully detail what this Charter Amendment accomplishes.

Fiscal Impact:
None

Council Options:
1. Hold the Public Hearing and then adopt the Charter resolution.
2. Hold the Public Hearing and then amend and adopt the Charter resolution.
3. Do nothing.

Staff Recommendation:
Option #1

Recommended Motion:
I move to adopt Charter Resolution 20-CR-02, a Charter Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park, to amend Article III, "Mayor and Council", §C3-1, "Membership; election; term of office", to delete the requirement that elected officials shall be registered to vote for one year prior to their election and

to substitute the requirement that a candidate shall have been domiciled in the City for at least one year prior to qualification, to clarify that a candidate for Council member must be a resident of their respective district at the time of qualification as a candidate, to authorize the Supervisors of Elections to verify the requirements of age, citizenship and domicile to be a candidate, and to make conforming changes.
Attachments: 1. Charter Resolution 20-CR-02

CHARTER RESOLUTION
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLLEGE PARK, TO AMEND ARTICLE III, "MAYOR AND COUNCIL", §C3-1, "MEMBERSHIP; ELECTION; TERM OF OFFICE", TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT ELECTED OFFICIALS SHALL BE REGISTERED TO VOTE FOR ONE YEAR PRIOR TO THEIR ELECTION AND TO SUBSTITUTE THE REQUIREMENT THAT A CANDIDATE SHALL HAVE BEEN DOMICILED IN THE CITY FOR AT LEAST ONE YEAR PRIOR TO QUALIFICATION, TO CLARIFY THAT A CANDIDATE FOR COUNCIL MEMBER MUST BE A RESIDENT OF THEIR RESPECTIVE DISTRICT AT THE TIME OF QUALIFICATION AS A CANDIDATE, TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISORS OF ELECTIONS TO VERIFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF AGE, CITIZENSHIP AND DOMICILE TO BE A CANDIDATE, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

A Charter Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park, adopted pursuant to the authority of Article XI-E of the Constitution of Maryland and §4-301 *et seq.*, Local Government Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended.

WHEREAS, §C3-1, "Membership; Election; Term of Office" currently requires that a candidate for City elective office, at the time of taking office, shall have attained the age of 18 years and must be a citizen of the United States, and a registered voter in the City for at least one year immediately preceding the date of election; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have determined that requiring domicile in the City for one year prior to the election, instead of requiring voter registration in the City for one year prior to the election, will expand the pool of possible candidates while still ensuring that individuals are knowledgeable about the College Park community; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have determined that it is in the public interest to delete the requirement that a candidate for City elected office be a registered voter for at least one year prior to election and to substitute the requirement that a

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CAPS : Indicate matter added to existing law.
[~~Brackets~~] : Indicate matter deleted from law.
Asterisks * * * : Indicate matter remaining unchanged in existing law but not set forth in Resolution.
CAPS :Indicate matter added in amendment
[~~Brackets~~] :Indicate matter deleted in amendment

candidate shall have been domiciled in the City for at least one year prior to the election; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council authorize the City's Supervisors of Elections to confirm age, citizenship and domicile.

Section 1. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park that Article III, "Mayor and Council", §C3-1, "Membership; election; term of office" be repealed, re-enacted and amended to read as follows:

§ C3-1 **Membership; election; term of office.**

All legislative powers of the City shall be vested in a Mayor and eight district Council members, two from each district of the City, to be known as the Mayor and Council. The Mayor and Council is the legislative body of the City. The Mayor shall be elected at large by the voters of the City and the Council members shall be elected by the voters within their respective districts. The candidate for Mayor with the highest number of votes shall be declared elected as Mayor. The two candidates for Council member for each Council district with the highest number of votes shall be declared elected as Council member. At the time of taking office, the Mayor and each member of the Council shall have attained the age of 18 years. TO QUALIFY, A CANDIDATE FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE [~~and must~~] SHALL:

1. Be a citizen of the United States;
2. BE a current registered voter–in the City; [~~ so registered for at least one year immediately preceding the date of election~~]
3. FOR COUNCIL MEMBER CANDIDATES, BE DOMICILED IN THEIR RESPECTIVE DISTRICT; AND
4. HAVE BEEN DOMICILED IN THE CITY FOR AT LEAST ONE YEAR IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE DATE OF QUALIFICATION.

THE CITY'S SUPERVISORS OF ELECTIONS SHALL DETERMINE WHETHER THESE REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN MET. The Mayor and Council members shall continuously [~~reside~~] BE DOMICILED in the City during their term of office. Each Council member must reside in their respective district and the Mayor and each Council member shall retain throughout their respective term of office all the qualifications necessary for election, and the failure to retain all of such qualifications shall ipso facto cause a forfeiture of office.

Section 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park that this Charter Resolution was introduced on the **8th** day of **September**, 2020 and was considered for adoption after a public hearing. It is adopted this _____ day of _____, 2020, after at least 21 days of prior public notice of the public hearing, and shall be and become effective upon the fiftieth (50th) day after its passage by the City unless petitioned to referendum in accordance with §4-304 of the Local Government Article, Annotated Code of Maryland within forty (40) days following its passage. A complete and exact copy of this Charter Resolution shall be posted in the City offices located at 4500 Knox Road, College Park, Maryland for forty (40) days following its passage by the Mayor and Council and a fair summary of the Charter Resolution shall be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City not less than four (4) times, at weekly intervals, also within the forty (40) day period following its adoption by the City.

Section 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, within ten (10) days after the Charter Resolution hereby enacted becomes effective, either as herein provided or following referendum, the City Manager for the City of College Park shall send separately, by mail, bearing a postmark from the United States Postal Service, to the Department of Legislative Services, one copy of the following information concerning the Charter Resolution: (i) the complete text of this Resolution; (ii) the date of referendum election, if any, held with respect thereto; (iii) the number of votes cast for and against this Resolution by the Council of the City of College Park or in the referendum; and (iv) the effective date of the Charter Resolution.

Section 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager of the City of College Park be, and hereby is, specifically enjoined and instructed to carry out the

provisions of Sections 2 and 3 as evidence of compliance herewith; and said City Manager shall cause to be affixed to the minutes of this meeting (i) an appropriate Certificate of Publication of the newspaper in which the fair summary of the Charter Resolution shall have been published; and (ii) shall further cause to be completed and executed the Municipal Charter or Annexation Resolution Registration Form.

Section 5: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision of this Resolution or the Charter adopted by this Resolution, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or any other application of this Resolution or of the Charter which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end, all the provisions of this Resolution and of the Charter are hereby declared to be severable.

INTRODUCED by the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park at a regular meeting on the **8th** day of **September** 2020.

ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park at a regular meeting on the _____ day of _____ 2020.

EFFECTIVE the _____ day of _____, 2020.

ATTEST:

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Janeen S. Miller, CMC, City Clerk

CITY OF COLLEGE PARK,

By _____
Patrick L. Wojahn, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

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Suellen M. Ferguson, City Attorney

20-G-158

Approval of Minutes

SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES
College Park City Council
Tuesday, August 4, 2020
10:38 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Wojahn; Councilmembers Kabir, Kennedy, Brennan, Dennis, Day, Rigg, Mackie and Mitchell.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Scott Somers, City Manager; Bill Gardiner, Assistant City Manager; Yvette Allen, Assistant City Clerk; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney; Bob Ryan, Director of Public Services; Terry Schum, Director of Planning; Miriam Bader, Senior Planner; Adam Rosenbaum, Student Liaison; Julia Nikhinson, Deputy Student Liaison.

During the regularly scheduled Worksession of the College Park Mayor and Council, a motion was made by Councilmember Rigg and seconded by Councilmember Kennedy to enter into a Special Session to approve several time-sensitive matters. The possibility of the Special Session was listed on the Worksession agenda. The motion carried 6-2-0 and the Council entered Special Session at 10:38 p.m.

Roll call vote to go into Special Session:
Councilmember Kabir – No
Councilmember Kennedy – Yes
Councilmember Brennan – Yes
Councilmember Dennis – Yes
Councilmember Day – Yes
Councilmember Rigg – Yes
Councilmember Mitchell – Yes
Councilmember Mackie – No
Motion passed 6-2-0 to enter into Special Session.

Mayor and Council went into Special Session at 10:38 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

20-G-133 Approval of a letter to the College Park Property Owners requesting that they work with their student renters and consider allowing them to terminate leases or sublet to other students who wish to remain in the community.

A motion was made by Councilmember Rigg and seconded by Councilmember Kennedy to approve a letter to the College Park Property Owners.

Councilmember Rigg stated that the letter speaks for itself. Students are asked to sign a lease one year in advance and this is a reasonable task on behalf of our students.

There were no comments from the audience.

Councilmember Brennan does not support the letter as drafted. Landlords should be seeking ways to allow their tenants to sublet. We should not overstep our role as a government by interceding in legal agreements. We are not offering any relief to our landlords nor are we decreasing our taxes during this pandemic. We need to help both the landlord and the tenant.

Councilmember Day can't support this letter as written.

Councilmember Mitchell would like more time to discuss this issue.

Councilmember Rigg stated that we should consider the needs of the people who live in the City. Landlords are in a better position to go into a business loss than a student resident.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kabir and seconded by Councilmember Dennis to table the motion to allow more discussion on this item. He said we need to consider offering other assistance or initiatives to our landlords.

Mayor Wojahn stated he has heard from several residents that stated that they must now come back to College Park because they are stuck in a lease. By not taking a position on this, we are not helping our tenants.

Adam Rosenbaum, Student Liaison, stated that the SGA may be willing to sign on to this letter as well.

Councilmember Rigg stated that it's imperative that we move on this letter now and not table.

Councilmember Kennedy doesn't feel we should delay and will support this letter.

Mayor Wojahn stated that this letter is asking landlords to consider letting tenants out of their lease. This letter is urgent and if we want to postpone, he will sign the letter on his own.

Roll Call vote to table until next week:
Councilmember Kabir – yes
Councilmember Kennedy – no
Councilmember Brennan – no
Councilmember Dennis – yes
Councilmember Day – no
Councilmember Rigg – no
Councilmember Mitchell – yes
Councilmember Mackie – yes
Tie vote 4-4-0 - Mayor Wojahn – No
Motion to table until next week fails.

Main Motion:

Councilmember Brennan is interested in having a detailed discussion on this contentious subject. This letter is mostly hollow without offering a relief package to our landlords. Most landlords are compassionate to the situation; however, they are also mindful of their own obligations.

Councilmember Kennedy stated that the COVID relief money hasn't been used to the full extent and could possibly be used for landlords that are feeling the hardship of allowing tenants out of their leases.

Councilmember Day stated that Business Assistance Program Grants should be used for business first.

Councilmember Dennis will be voting against this letter and would like to continue discussion on relaxing the Business Assistance Grant program to offer assistance to landlords.

Vote On Main Motion:
Councilmember Kabir -no
Councilmember Kennedy – yes
Councilmember Brennan – no
Councilmember Dennis – no
Councilmember Rigg – yes
Councilmember Day – no
Councilmember Mackie – yes
Councilmember Mitchell – no
Motion fails 3-5-0.

Mayor Wojahn informed Council that he will sign the letter in his own capacity. Suellen Ferguson stated that an individual may send a letter on their own capacity, but the letter needs to be clear that it's coming from them and not Council.

[At 10:47 PM a motion was made by Councilmember Kennedy and seconded by Councilmember Brennan to suspend the rules to extend the meeting. Motion passed 8-0-0]

20-G-134 Consideration of authorizing the City Attorney, on behalf of the City, to sign the Supreme Court Amicus Brief in support of the City of Philadelphia in a Case Challenging Philadelphia's Non-Discrimination Provisions

A motion was made by Councilmember Rigg and seconded by Councilmember Kennedy to support the Amicus Brief in support of the City of Philadelphia in a case challenging Philadelphia's Non-Discrimination Provisions.

Suellen Ferguson gave an overview of the Amicus Brief. The City of Philadelphia provides social services in placement of foster children. An association refused to consider same sex couples as parents suitable for placement of foster children, stating they believe certifying same-sex couples would "endorse" the couple's relationship as acceptable, which is barred by their religious beliefs. Philadelphia terminated its relationship for these services. This collision between religious beliefs and Philadelphia's need to act in a non-discriminatory way is relevant to decisions the City of College Park makes.

No comments from the audience.

Councilmember Mackie stated that this item is on the agenda for next week and since the residents thought it was on the agenda for next week, she would like to have it stay on next week's agenda.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kabir and seconded by Councilmember Mitchell to postpone this item until next week. Motion passed 8-0-0.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Councilmember Dennis and seconded from Councilmember Day to adjourn from Special Session. Special Session adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

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Yvette Allen Date
Assistant City Clerk Approved

WORKSESSION MINUTES
College Park City Council
Tuesday, September 1, 2020
7:30 P.M. – 11:07 P.M.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, this was a Virtual Meeting

PRESENT: Mayor Wojahn; Councilmembers Kabir, Kennedy, Brennan, Dennis, Day, Rigg, Mackie, and Mitchell.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Scott Somers, City Manager; Bill Gardiner, Assistant City Manager; Janeen S. Miller, City Clerk; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney; Terry Schum, Director of Planning; Miriam Bader, Senior Planner; Adam Rosenbaum, Student Liaison.

Mayor Wojahn opened the Virtual Worksession at 7:30 p.m.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:
Mr. Somers announced that Campus Drive under the CSX tracks has reopened; provided an update on the City's COVID assistance programs; said yard signs will be deployed to publicize our assistance programs; and announced the October 10 and 24 Public Works clean up events. He responded to questions about mosquito control since the County isn't spraying; information is in the weekly bulletin.

AMENDMENTS TO/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:
A motion was made by Councilmember Kennedy and seconded by Councilmember Rigg to add a Special Session to tonight's agenda on the DACA Amicus Brief (20-G-143). The motion passed 8-0. A motion was made by Councilmember Mitchell and seconded by Councilmember Day to adopt the agenda as amended. The motion passed 8-0.

#1: Discussion of and possible Special Session to approve the recommendations of the BOES for the District 2 Special Election – Jack Robson, Chief, Board of Election Supervisors:

Ms. Miller and Mr. Robson reviewed the staff report and the proposed election date of November 10. That date was determined because it is 28 days after the County's voter registration closes for the Presidential Election, which is a requirement of the City Charter. The Mayor and Council expressed interest in holding the election on a weekend and discussed possible alternatives. A new date of Sunday, November 8 was suggested. The BOES indicated they could make that date work, and that the City's voter registration closing date would be adjusted accordingly.

A motion was made by Councilmember Rigg and seconded by Councilmember Mitchell to enter into Special Session to approve a plan for the District 2 Special Election. The motion passed 8-0 and Council entered the Special Session at 8:05 p.m.

20-G-142 Approval of the Special Election to be held on Sunday, November 8, from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. at the College Park Community Center: *See Special Session minutes*

ADD Agenda Item:
20-G-143 Amicus Brief to support DACA: *See Special Session minutes*

[Motion to suspend the rules and take item #5 next. Kabir/Mitchell, pass 8-0.]

#5. Charter Resolution Of The Mayor And Council Of The City Of College Park, Amending Article III, "Mayor And Council", § C3-1, "Membership; Election; Term Of Office", To Delete The Requirement That Elected Officials Shall Be Registered To Vote For One Year Prior To Their Election And To Add A Requirement That Elected Officials Shall Be Domiciled In The City For At Least One Year Prior To Their Election – Suellen Ferguson:

Ms. Ferguson said this amendment changes the requirement from being registered to vote in the City for a year prior to the election to living in the City for a year prior to election. She added that this is not an unusual change. You still need to be a registered voter but have to show that you have lived in the City for a year prior to the election.

Councilmember Mackie asked what the criteria would be with this change. The requirement that a candidate be registered to vote will remain. Ms. Ferguson will make a clarifying amendment to retain wording in the Charter Resolution "a current registered voter."

Mr. Robson said when the Board discussed this they agreed that the broader language in the Charter was better than trying to account for every possible way the candidate could prove residency for one year. He discussed various methods the BOES could accept: a lease, a utility bill or an affidavit, for example. If the candidate can't prove their residency, the Board wouldn't qualify them, but the Board's goal is to qualify candidates, not prevent people from running for office.

Introduce next week: Kennedy

#2. Presentation on the Final Report of the Senior and Community Recreation Needs Assessment GreenPlay – Tom Diehl:
Mr. Diehl reviewed the PPT. There are short, medium (3-5 years) and long term (6-10 years) recommendations.

Comments from Council:

- Should these recommendations be considered in the context of the Strategic Plan discussion? Mr. Somers said Council should discuss the recommendations, make

amendments as desired, then bring it back for approval to make it clear that this is the Council's direction. Mr. Diehl added this is meant to be a standalone document, but parts can be incorporated into a Strategic Plan.

- Members of the Seniors Committee are interested in parts of this report. Is there an opportunity to include them?
- Some of these recommendations are "shovel ready" and could be considered separately.

Return Future Worksession.

#3: Discussion about participation in the AARP Livable Communities Program - Kiaisha Barber, Bonnie McClellan, Robert Thurston:
Ms. Barber said the Seniors Committee researched what it would take for the City to become an AARP livable community. She reviewed the staff report and the steps: An application from the Mayor and Council, a commitment letter signed by the Mayor supporting the basic tenets of an AARP Age Friendly community, plus a Resolution that outlines City support for age friendly initiatives.

Council acknowledged this is a huge project and asked if they have reached out to other cities to see what tangible results they have seen.

Ms. McClellan agreed it is a huge project but with item #2 and the Strategic Plan, a lot of the initial work is being addressed.

Council suggested the Seniors Committee come up with a priority list – i.e., the low-hanging fruit.

Next step is to develop a Workgroup; Resolution to enable them to proceed with the program and create a workgroup. To agenda next week on consent. Resolution should not be prescriptive about who is on the workgroup.

#4: Review of the Tree and Landscape Board's Urban Forest Protection proposal – Robert Marsili, Brenda Alexander, Rashawna Alfred, John Lea-Cox, Todd Reitzel, Christine O'Brien:

Ms. Alexander reviewed the staff report and that changes that have been made since last presentation. Ms. Alfred said they wanted to minimize the burden to residents.

Council comments:
- Reference to the mostly negative public comment we have received.
- Requested a comparison chart of what neighboring municipalities are doing.
- Statement that an incentive approach is easier to sell rather than a punitive approach.
- Request to phase this in or do some public education.
- Concern that there might not be room on someone's lot for three replacement trees.
- Could the replacement tree be planted on a neighbor's property?

- Is there a basis for the 20% pruning designation?
- What if the homeowner wants to put an addition on their house but have to remove a healthy tree – is that a $500 fee in that case?
- Can a person ask for permission to take down a tree that is healthy?
- Appeal process if their application is denied
- What are the criteria for the TLB to consider?
- How much of the loss of the tree canopy is coming from residential v. other areas?
- Example of how much a homeowner would have to pay to remove a tree
- How quickly is a decision made? Residents don't want this to hold them up.
- Push the Tree Canopy Enhancement Program – perhaps increase program funding.
- If the City denied the removal of a tree, and it later damaged personal property, would the City have liability?

[Motion to extend Kabir/Rigg 8-0 10:30 p.m.]

Discussion of how to proceed: Community forum to get feedback similar to previous listening session on the fence ordinance. Are we striking the right balance between the carrot and the stick? Did we get the tree diameters right, the payment into the TCEP right, the interaction with the tree expert right? Review the grounds for allowing a tree removal. Consider phasing this in by starting with incentives rather than penalties. Explore an option to allow replanting on neighboring properties. Focus on incentives and making sure the TCEP is doing what it should be doing.

Ms. Alexander stated that the only way to combat loss of tree canopy is to replant. It takes 20 years from replanting for a tree to reach canopy height. Replanting has to be continuous. The City doesn't have the acreage necessary to perform mitigation. Once the mitigation happens on a property it has to remain as is, which is why the TLB focused on residential property.

#6 - Future Agenda items:

- Kabir – Commemorative bench program. Sponsoring family takes care of the cost of the benches/trees. Kabir/Mitchell. 8-0
- Dennis – Rising concern about permit parking for guests/visitors at the Metropolitan development. Tabled from previous W/S. Request to bring it back in the near future. Request for D. 2 councilmembers to consult first.

#7 – Comments:

- Mayor – Kudos to Staff for work on response to COVID issues re students return to campus

Adjourn: Motion by Councilmember Rigg/second by Councilmember Mackie, passed 8-0. Meeting adjourned at 11:07 p.m.

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Janeen S. Miller **Date**
City Clerk **Approved**

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the College Park City Council
Tuesday, September 8, 2020
7:30 p.m. – 11:33 p.m.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, this was a virtual meeting

PRESENT: Mayor Wojahn; Councilmembers Kabir, Kennedy, Brennan, Dennis, Day, Rigg, Mackie and Mitchell.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Scott Somers, City Manager; Bill Gardiner, Assistant City Manager; Janeen S. Miller, City Clerk; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney; Terry Schum, Director of Planning; Robert Marsili, Director of Public Works; Bob Ryan, Director of Public Services; Jim Miller, Parking Enforcement Manager; Brenda Alexander, Assistant Director of Public Works; Adam Rosenbaum, Student Liaison; Julia Nikhinson, Deputy Student Liaison.

Mayor Wojahn opened the virtual Regular meeting at 7:30 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Councilmember Kabir announced the North College Park Community Association virtual meeting on Thursday and the virtual Community Police meeting next Monday.

Councilmember Rigg said the Calvert Hills and Old Town civic associations held a conversation last week about possible reestablishment of a basketball court at the Calvert Road school site and of safety measures on the Trolley Trail in that neighborhood. He announced County Council Member Dannielle Glaros' newest initiative re Census2020.

Mayor Wojahn added that Council Members Glaros and Dernoga have a meal distribution program for seniors and people with disabilities.

Councilmember Dennis announced the Coffee Club meeting schedule: the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. He said the Lakeland Civic Association will meet on Thursday at 7 p.m.

Councilmember Mitchell said the D1 and D4 Councilmembers are hosting a virtual Town Hall on September 17 with Public Services staff. She asked if we are doing anything for 9/11.

Councilmember Mackie has received her form to request absentee ballot for the Presidential Election in the mail.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Somers announced the District 2 Special Election on Sunday, November 8, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m., at the College Park Community Center; gave an update on

the City's COVID 19 Assistance programs; and announced the October Clean Ups at DPW yard. Councilmember Kennedy requested a list of businesses that applied for/received business assistance grants. Councilmember Kabir asked for an update about road work on Edgewood Road.

AMENDMENTS TO AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Motion by Councilmember Rigg/second by Councilmember Mitchell to approve the agenda without amendment. Motion passed 8-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS:
Carlo Colella, non-resident, UMD Vice President of Administration and Finance: He expressed the University's appreciation for the City's strong partnership with the University during this public health crisis.

Mary King, resident: Expressed concern about the Scope of Work and the price tag of the Hollywood Dog Park; it is more than the price of houses in the area. We already have a Seniors Committee and senior staff; why do we need to be an AARP Livable Community? Re: Parking on Cherokee Lane – the developer has not provided the required parking. It is his responsibility; Council should not approve an interim measure.

Lisa Miller, non-resident: She has been trying to assist the people who are collecting Census data in the community; they are expressing frustration in reaching the people they need to reach to get the answers. She is concerned the City will be undercounted. Mayor Wojahn suggested she send her questions by email to our Complete Count Committee and City staff who are working on the Census.

Santosh Chelliah, resident: He expressed support for the Route 1 Communities Care grant request; they appreciate the funding. Mayor Wojahn thanked him and the committee of volunteers who have pulled this together.

Thomas Tanner, Branchville Volunteer Fire Department [by text to the Mayor]: Raised awareness about the tightness of the corners in the back of the development for ladder trucks.

CONSENT AGENDA: A motion was made by Councilmember Mitchell and seconded by Councilmember Rigg to adopt the Consent Agenda, which consisted of the following:

20-G-144 **Cancellation of prior award to WCG1, and reaward of contract for Hollywood Dog Park in substantially the form attached, to Greenbridge Construction, Inc. of Woodbine, MD in the amount of $342,373.**

20-G-145 **Approve grant request by Route One Communities Care in the amount of $10,000 for food service delivery.**

20-R-21 **Resolution in support of City participation in the AARP Livable Communities Program and authorization to develop plans for a Workgroup.**

20-G-146 Approval of a Letter to Maryland Department of Transportation, Maryland Transit Administration (MDOT MTA) opposing proposed cuts to MARC service.

20-G-149 Consider cancellation of National Night Out.

20-G-148 Consider changes to parking regulations on Cherokee Street around the Lennar/Metropolitan Development.

The motion passed 8-0.

ACTION ITEMS

20-G-127 Approval of a recommendation to the Prince George's County Planning Board of support, with conditions, for the Detailed Site Plan 19042 for Branchville Gardens multi-family apartment building, and approval of a Declaration of Covenants.

Ms. Schum described the project. The applicant is Cruz Development Corporation and the attorney is Dan Lynch. This was previously heard by Council at the July 7 Worksession, then was continued at the Planning Board to September 24. It is coming back tonight for final action. There are two revised exhibits: the turning radius for BVFD and the relocated proposed sidewalk.

Ms. Bader reviewed the PowerPoint and the revised conditions in the staff report.

Dan Lynch for the applicant: one reason for the continuance was to ensure there was sufficient room for fire trucks to exit/enter the Branchville Volunteer Fire Department. The new exhibit shows an area 14 feet deep and 120 feet wide for the turning area. The engineers have looked at the sidewalk and believe they can provide that pedestrian connection. There were no other changes to DSP: 81 units. They agree with the staff recommendations and proposed conditions.

Councilmember Brennan asked how this plan for the turning radius compares to the design from the 1980s. Mr. Lynch said he understands it was more than the 14' provided today because it went beyond their property line. The exhibit shows the trucks can turn adequately and they are providing more pavement than what's there today. Ms. Schum reviewed the old site plan and said the radius is not exactly the same but appears to be workable. A portion of the turn-around is on private property (Open Space-zoned property) and a portion on City property. The proposed sidewalk is now mostly on private property and would need to be under a public access easement, which the applicant has agreed to. Councilmember Brennan asked if the applicant reached out to the BDCA about the prior agreement. Mr. Lynch said he exchanged emails with them and with staff. He said the BDCA requested a resident manager on site, which was contained in the original agreement. That is not something that is done in the current residential rental market and they don't plan to comply. They will have a facilities manager and janitorial staff on-site 5 days/week. The BDCA requested an additional traffic study but the applicant is

not required to provide it at this phase. The BDCA requested permitted parking; the applicant is providing gated parking in the garage and permit parking on the surface lot.

A motion was made by Councilmember Brennan and seconded by Councilmember Dennis that the City Council recommend approval of Detailed Site Plan 19042 with conditions, in accordance with the staff recommendation and the Declaration of Covenants, in substantially the form attached.

Councilmember Brennan acknowledged this has been a lengthy process with a lot of twists and turns. The project is in line with current plans. He has tried to represent both sides of the arguments; the final decision is the County's. This project included a lawsuit; we need to get beyond the heat that generated and find a positive way forward. He is moved by the Cruz family's commitment to affordable housing.

Tom Tanner, Trustee, Branchville Volunteer Fire Company: Happy they added the sidewalk area; thinks the project is too large and the parking is inadequate; thinks there will be future parking problems on Branchville Road and 49th Avenue. They will raise their concerns with the County. A facility that is supposed to be for families has a dearth of amenities for families.

Karen Keating, resident, Co-President, BDCA: The BDCA Board of Directors is on record as not supporting or protesting this development.

Councilmember Rigg said affordable housing is difficult to do even with state and federal support. We need residential property to accommodate our elder population that will encourage aging in our City.

Councilmember Kabir thanked the Cruz family for their commitment to this project. Our surveys show the need for affordable housing. We will be watchful if future challenges arise.

Councilmember Mitchell thanked the D. 2 Councilmembers for working with the community on this. We do need affordable housing; she hopes the developer and community will work together.

Councilmember Dennis echoes what has been said. We're at the point that we can see a viable development and he looks forward to continued collaboration among all the parties if future issues arise.

Mayor Wojahn applauded the collaboration and engagement he saw on this project. He acknowledged the desperate need for affordable housing.

The motion passed 8-0.

20-G-128 Approval of a recommendation to the Prince George's County Planning Board of support, with conditions, of the Detailed Site Plan for the Marriott Residence Inn

Ms. Schum said this property is across the street from the College Park Metro Station. The DSP was presented at the July 7 Worksession, but the application was then continued to September 24 to allow the applicant to file a companion application for a departure from parking and loading standards.

Ms. Bader reviewed the site plan and the minor revised recommendations. The development is 5 stories, 161 hotel rooms, and 5K feet of ground floor retail facing Campus Drive. She stated the Applicant agrees with the conditions.

For the applicant, Arthur Horne, Attorney, and David Bickel, Civil Engineer: Mr. Horne stated they requested a departure for 2 loading spaces instead of 3.

Councilmember Rigg asked about parking. Mr. Horne said they are hopeful the 8 spots on Lehigh, that are not supported by the City, would be helpful for additional parking. There are also surrounding properties where a relationship for parking might be established.

Ms. Schum said because this project is in a transit district, there is a TDDP (Transit District Development Plan). There are no minimum requirements for parking. The applicant is providing a total of 72 spaces and the maximum number allowed in this district is 70 spaces.

A motion was made by Councilmember Day and seconded by Councilmember Rigg that the City Council recommend approval of Detailed Site Plan 18047 and Departure from Parking and Loading Standards DPLS-485, with conditions in accordance with the staff recommendation dated September 4, 2020.

Councilmember Day said this project will bring some life to the area near the Metro and he looks forward to future development here.

Comments from the audience:
Mary King, resident: She asked for a clarification as to the number of parking spaces.
Ms. Schum said staff is supporting 72 spaces, which is 2 more than the 70 provided. The applicant is requesting 8 additional parking spaces on Lehigh that staff does not support.

Councilmember Mitchell expressed support for the Marriott brand coming to College Park.

The motion passed 8-0

20-G-147 Consider recommendation to continue live camera monitoring MOU with UMD until June, 2021

Mr. Ryan said this item stems from a request by the University of Maryland, that he and the City Manager support, to sustain live monitoring of the security cameras. He reviewed the past history: historically, these cameras were live monitored, but Council voted to end live monitoring this fiscal year. The UMD has not turned it off yet. They are concerned about large

groups of people gathering and feel they would be able to respond quickly if they see that type of gathering. Staff recommends funding live monitoring; funds are in the budget.

Councilmember Kabir acknowledged the unique situation we are in because of the pandemic. This is a big budget item. Do we need 24/7 monitoring? What if the UMD closes campus to in-person classes? This is a partnership with the UMD; can they share the cost or enhance their police presence? He would like to delay the decision so that he can get these answers.

Mr. Ryan responded that our protocol is to notify UMD Police if we need their assistance. He can't speculate about what we would do if the campus closed. These cameras are in the areas where we observe large groups of pedestrians. Mr. Somers added the UMD has been a great partner is actively engaged in enforcement. If the UMD closes that doesn't necessarily mean the students would go home. Many students are in off campus housing and would likely stay in the City.

Councilmember Mitchell requested clarification – this request is to fund monitoring for the current 18 cameras at their current locations? Ryan: Yes. Councilmember Mitchell said there are also large student populations in areas of District 4 and she hopes we can take a City-wide view.

Councilmember Mackie asked how this will deter the large groups? What happens when large groups are observed? Mr. Ryan said when certain activity is seen on the cameras in the Security Operation Center, police are dispatched to intervene. If a complaint comes in to our hotline, we notify UMD police so they can train the camera on the location.

A motion was made by Councilmember Rigg and seconded by Councilmember Day to approve continued live monitoring of security cameras as described, and to authorize the City Manager to sign an MOU with UMD to continue live monitoring through FY21 upon the approval of the City Attorney.

Councilmember Rigg supports live monitoring. It can be difficult to prove its impact on crime, but in a high-density commercial district, this is an additional tool to keep our residents safe in this extraordinary time.

Comments from the audience:
Carlo Colella, non-resident, UMD Vice President of Administration and Finance: The University urges approval of this recommendation. It is important during the pandemic to see in real time where large crowds are gathering. The same is done on-campus in areas such as McKeldin Mall where people tend to gather. This allows us to react in real time.

Councilmember Kabir asked, in the spirit of our partnership and because these are UMD students that we are talking about, a suggestion has been made to share the cost. Mr. Colella said the proposed rate is the discounted internal rate; the UMD absorbs a large amount of the overhead.

Mary King, resident: She is stunned that the UMD has the temerity to ask the City to use these cameras for live monitoring and expect the citizens of College Park to pay for it – over $100K. These cameras were established to assist with crime-fighting, not to spy on citizens 24/7. There are other ways the University can address the search for large gatherings. If the UMD wants to use these cameras for public health services for their students, they should pay 100% of the cost.

Stephanie Stullich, resident: There are still large gatherings, albeit not as large as before, that can have a public health impact on the community. Many people in the groups are without masks and without social distancing. She thinks the live monitoring is an important step to protect everyone in the community.

Stuart Adams, resident: Supports the motion. The cameras are already there and the monitoring can be useful to help the community address COVID concerns. Having a significant outbreak that would cause business to close would cost more.

Stephen Robie, resident: Supports the motion. The consequences of these large gatherings will be delayed because of the incubation period of up to two weeks, during which time there could be continued spread. He wishes the UMD would pay more for the investment, but he thinks it is money well spent.
Councilmember Day supports the motion. It gives us the tools we need to address issues immediately. The analytics are getting better day-by-day to address this exact scenario on campuses across the country.

Councilmember Brennan said when the Council voted to stop live monitoring a few months ago it wasn't yet illegal or known to be unsafe to be in these large groups. When we looked at this last time, there was no data that indicated any true value to the City. $150K is a significant amount of money to us. The ACLU looks at live monitoring as largely ineffective and an intrusion on people's private lives. He supports this in the current context, but when the pandemic is gone, he urges Council to look at the data for the results.

Councilmember Kennedy agrees with Councilmember Brennan.

Councilmember Mackie thanked the University for their emails to students about safety precautions. If students were following that advice, we wouldn't be having this issue now.

Councilmember Mitchell said this is about the current pandemic health and safety issue. After the pandemic she would like to see a discussion about City-wide monitoring.

Councilmember Kabir said the FY'21 budget is for $153K but we are in the 3rd month of FY'21 and there will be a sunset in spring, so the live monitoring they are proposing is only for 7 months? Mr. Ryan said the UMD has not shut off live monitoring, so we would pay for a full fiscal year. Councilmember Kabir asked why we would pay for 12 months when we the MOU is for 7 months? Mr. Somers said the recommendation is to continue live monitoring through the end of the Fiscal Year, June 30, 2021. The entire fiscal year is $153K, but we would pay on a monthly basis going forward depending on the vote tonight, so we would not pay for the full fiscal year.

The motion passed 8-0.

Councilmember Mitchell asked for talking points to show our residents what UMD is bringing to the table. Mr. Somers said we can try to put something together to illustrate the partnership.

20-O-12 Consideration of an Emergency Ordinance Amending Chapter 110-2, Penalties, to increase the fines for violations of Chapter 141-1, Nuisances, and Chapter 144-5, Mandatory Disclosures

Mr. Ryan said this has been discussed in the past and is coming back now because of pandemic. It involves two fines in the City Code. One is the code requirement that property owners provide the names of their tenants when the City has a reasonable cause to request those names. Currently, the fine is $75. The second is use of our nuisance ordinance to cite for violations of state, county and health department orders regarding the pandemic. The current fine for that section of the nuisance ordinance is $50. Neither fine provides any incentive to comply and we are not getting the cooperation we need in almost half of the cases. He discussed some specific cases of non-compliance where there were violations in regard to the number of people allowed in a space. Our purpose is to identify university students and refer them to the UMD Office of Student Conduct. The City's application for the Rental Occupancy Permit includes a statement that says, "I agree to disclose within 24 hours of the City's request for any legal public purpose the identity of any occupants of the property known to me."
Council asked about the proposed change in the fine, the potential revocation of the occupancy permit, the letter from the PGPOA and their attorney, and why landlords would say no to our request for tenant names.

Mr. Rosenbaum clarified that the fine is $1,000/day and asked whether the City had continued to levy the fine on a daily basis in the past. Mr. Ryan said the City's goal is compliance, not to pile on fines. He asked if there is any conceivable way that as a result of this ordinance students could be put out on the street. Mr. Somers said the City has the ability to revoke a permit but not to evict tenants. He asked for examples of what could be considered a nuisance. Mr. Ryan said that is the section of the code they site for violations of the County, state or health department laws about large gatherings. Mr. Rosenbaum is uneasy about how broadly this is written. Ms. Ferguson gave examples of how this section might be used. She added that no one's aim is to go to court and issue fines. Mr. Rosenbaum asked if there is anything that prevents a landlord from passing a fine on to renters. Ms. Ferguson said the City doesn't give landlord-tenant advice. He asked how the decision was made to handle as an Emergency Ordinance. Mayor Wojahn said because there is an ongoing pandemic and every weekend there are landlords who are not willing to comply with basic requirements to protect the health and safety of College Park residents, and every day that ticks by, more people are put at risk. Mr. Ryan added that we have advised major stakeholders that this is being considered tonight so they have a chance to speak.

Councilmember Day asked if there is any plan to sunset the increased fine after the pandemic? Ms. Ferguson said the law hasn't been drafted so that it would sunset. He asked how we are determining whether a house is overcrowded – by square footage or by zoning? The square

footage determines capacity limits during the pandemic; zoning determines occupancy limits. Are we including all rental properties, not just single family? Yes, all rentals.

A Motion Was Made By Councilmember Rigg And Seconded By Councilmember Brennan To Amend Section 110-2, "Penalties," To Reflect The Higher Amounts Shown In The Council Packet For The Period Of Time In Which A Declared Emergency Is In Effect In The City Of College Park Related To The COVID Pandemic.

Councilmember Rigg said this is a time that we need to step up in an extraordinary way. It is incumbent upon us as policy makers to provide our staff with the tools they need for proper contact tracing. He can't understand why our landlord community would not want to work with us on this.

[10:30 p.m. - Motion to extend meeting to 11:00 - Rigg/Mitchell 8-0]

Comments from the audience:
Carlo Colella, UMD VP for Administration and Finance: In this public health context, the University fully supports the proposed changes regarding providing tenant names. It is important to our partnership; we are looking for compliance. The current tactics have not been sufficient. Early contract tracing is critical to mitigating the spread of this virus. He is pleased to hear that there is no intention to evict tenants.

Del. Joseline Peña Melnyk, District 21, speaking on behalf of the entire 21st Delegation: They are in strong support of this emergency ordinance. Our community must work together to safeguard public health; the landlords must cooperate. She cited pandemic statistics.

Sen. Jim Rosapepe, District 21: To have landlords intentionally disobey the law and put their own tenants and neighbors in danger is morally obtuse and abominable. What kind of message does it send if half of the landlords are refusing to obey the law? What message would it send to the University if the City didn't step up to the plate to make this law work? The University is willing to hold students accountable for good behavior, and they are asking the City do its part.

County Council Member Dannielle Glaros: She is in support of this motion. We are faced with extraordinary times; this is about the health and safety of our community. The fine was quite low to begin with; a sunset clause could be considered after the pandemic. It took a lot of partnership to get students back to campus and we need to take smart actions to do everything possible where the risk is the greatest to protect the health and safety of our residents. This is the right choice for College Park, the County, and our students.

Vernon Cunningham, prior resident, property owner: Upset to hear his morals questioned. They provide safe healthy housing to college students. The census doesn't ask for names of residents. US Constitution and 4th amendment speak to right of privacy. Tenants are grown adults. He can't control their behavior. He can't sign away the rights of the tenants.

[The Mayor corrected the record and said the Census does indeed ask for the names of residents.]

Lisa Miller, non-resident, president, PGPOA: Wants the safety for all of College Park. She owns the property on Baltimore Avenue that Mr. Ryan referenced. The notice doesn't explain the violation which is why you're not getting the information. The law doesn't say it will sunset after the pandemic. Tenants have the right to live in a house and not be disturbed if there is no violation. The landlord can't control the tenants' action. Their lease says she will not divulge their names. You are asking her to break the lease with the tenants. Step back from this and work together. If you just want to slap fines on them she will take you to court.

Mary King, resident: Why should anyone respect an ordinance if you don't respect it enough to enforce it and have appropriate sanctions.

Richard Biffl, non-resident, property owner: No problem with the ordinance. There is a chronic problem of overcrowding that hasn't been enforced, which is the more serious problem. He doesn't agree with the County's interpretation of the 200 sq. foot rule.

John Hawvermale, non-resident, property owner: Don't cast a wide net about how landlords feel about their tenants. As to providing names, the compromise was that when there was a municipal infraction, they would provide the names. The way the ordinance is written, it says they should provide tenants' names for any reason. He gave an example of how he recently cooperated with Code Enforcement on an MI.

Stephanie Stullich, resident: Refusing to provide tenants' name could prevent contact tracing. Homeowners' names are a matter of public record so why shouldn't the tenants' names be? The 4th amendment does not talk about a persons' identity being kept a secret. There is no point in having an ineffective ordinance; we have ordinance for a reason and something needs to be done to make sure it is followed.

Stuart Adams, resident: During this time we must take extraordinary measures to support actions to keep UMD open, keep businesses open and further public safety.

[11:00 p.m. - Motion to suspend the rules to extend the meeting - Kennedy/Day 8-0]

Mr. Rosenbaum is confused about the purpose of this ordinance: is it to help with contact tracing efforts or to help enforce occupancy requirements? He thinks there should be a sunset period that coincides with the end of the emergency.

Councilmember Rigg said he made the motion that would sunset the fines at the end of the emergency.

Councilmember Day agrees with the sunset.

Councilmember Kabir asked how we will define when the emergency is over. Councilmember Rigg said the motion specifically relates to a local emergency declaration. He asked if the Code should be further amended to address citations specific to the pandemic to make it more clear. The citation could say we need this information for contact tracing or for reasons related to the pandemic. Ms. Ferguson said this ordinance amends Chapter 110-2, not Chapter 141. Mayor

Wojahn clarified that we don't want to say that the only reason we ask for tenants' names is because of the pandemic. Ms. Ferguson clarified that the City emergency would be terminated by City resolution.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kabir to amend the Code to have a two-tier fine structure so that the higher fine is related specifically to a COVID-19 situation.

Councilmember Mitchell asked for clarification. Mayor Wojahn gave examples about overcrowding, parties, large gatherings, and asked whether they would be considered related to the current emergency and would qualify as the lower tier v. higher tier fine. Councilmember Kabir said it could be for any reason.

Councilmember Kabir's motion failed for lack of a second.

Councilmember Mitchell wants to make sure the fine would only be implemented if there is a violation. Mr. Somers said there is no change to Chapter 144. The City is only proposing to increase the fine.

Councilmember Mackie disclosed she has spoken to someone from PGPOA. We are here to pass something tough but is going to be good. We need to talk with our landlords, but this is a good start to protect our people.

The motion carried 8-0.

20-O-10 Introduction of Ordinance 20-O-10, FY '21 Budget Amendment (#1)

Mr. Fields said the items in this budget amendment are mostly COVID related and include revenue reductions, the associated reductions in expenditures, and a $13K increase for the Special Election. He reviewed the spreadsheet and line items. He stated that a Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 22 at 7:30 p.m. and that this ordinance will require 6 affirmative votes to pass.

Councilmember Kabir asked about the impact it will have to reduce funding to the pavement management plan and the vehicle replacement program and whether another amendment will be needed.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kennedy and seconded by Councilmember Kabir to introduce 20-O-10, an Ordinance to amend the Fiscal Year '21 operating and capital budget of the City of College Park (Amendment #1), and to schedule a public hearing.

Mayor Wojahn repeated the Public Hearing information.

20-CR-02 Charter Resolution Of The Mayor And Council Of The City Of College Park, Amending Article III, "Mayor And Council", § C3-1, "Membership;

Election; Term Of Office", To Delete The Requirement That Elected Officials Shall Be Registered To Vote For One Year Prior To Their Election And To Add A Requirement That Elected Officials Shall Be Domiciled In The City For At Least One Year Prior To Their Election

A motion was made by Councilmember Kennedy and seconded by Councilmember Kabir to introduce 20-CR-02, to amend Article III, "Mayor and Council", §C3-1, "Membership; Election; Term of Office", to delete the requirement that a candidate for City elected office be a registered voter for at least one year prior to election and to substitute the requirement that a candidate shall have been domiciled in the City for at least one year prior to the election, to clarify that a candidate for Council member must be a resident of their respective district at the time of qualification, to authorize the Supervisors of Elections to verify the requirements of age, citizenship and domicile to be a candidate, and to make conforming changes.

Councilmember Kennedy said the Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 13.

General Comments:
K. Suarez – Asked about the Zone 4A parking permits on Cherokee Street. The Owners are in need of a long-term solution for the lack of parking that was part of Lennar's purchase of this property. We cannot park on the street in front of the homes that we own.

Mayor Wojahn explained the Council action taken during the Consent Agenda.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Councilmember Rigg and seconded by Councilmember Kabir to adjourn the Regular meeting. The Mayor announced there would not be a Closed Session tonight. With a vote of 8-0, the meeting was adjourned at 11:33 p.m.

The Mayor reminded everyone about the Strategic Planning Session on Saturday at 8:00 a.m. at The Hotel.

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Janeen S. Miller Date
City Clerk Approved

SPECIAL WORKSESSION MINUTES
College Park City Council
Saturday, September 12, 2020
8:30 A.M. – 12:55 P.M.

Due to the COVID-19 space requirements, this meeting was held at The Hotel at the University of Maryland, 7777 Baltimore Avenue, College Park, MD.

PRESENT: Mayor Wojahn; Councilmembers Kabir, Kennedy, Day, Dennis, Rigg, Mackie and Mitchell.

ABSENT: Councilmember Brennan.

ALSO PRESENT: Scott Somers, City Manager; Bill Gardiner, Assistant City Manager.

Mayor Wojahn opened the Special Worksession at 8:30 a.m., stating the purpose of the meeting is to review the City's mission and vision. He turned it over to City Manager Somers, who introduced the City's consultants on the strategic plan, Jeff Parks and Jessica Brown.

Mr. Parks said that it was very important to hold this meeting in person so we all fully understand what is being communicated. The meeting goal is the discuss the current mission and vision; review the data from the focus group sessions and surveys; and then see if we can come up with a new mission and vision for the City. Mr. Parks reviewed the ground rules for the discussion and then gave an overview of the purpose and process of strategic planning. A powerpoint was used to facilitate the discussion and is included as part of the minutes. Visions and strategic plans create a picture of organizational success and shows everyone how their work contributes to achieving it. A good vision helps engage the workforce and answers, "Where are we going?" A strategic plan answers where we are, how we get to the vision, and who is responsible for getting us there. It helps maximize performance.

Great visions and missions are inspiring, clear, unique, focused, achievable, and easy to communication.

Mr. Parks and Dr. Brown led Council in a visioning exercise. The Council reviewed sample missions from various cities and counties around the country, including some college towns. Council identified similarities and words or phrases they liked. The Council also read and discussed the City's current mission and the Prince George's County mission.

The Council's next activity was to review and discuss the City's current mission to see if people feel it meets the criteria for a great mission. Council also reviewed a summary of survey and focus group responses on the City's strengths. Council members were asked to write down a story about what a resident would say if we were doing our best work. These stories were shared in pairs and then discussed as a group. Themes were identified from the discussion and used to craft possible missions. After an engaged discussion, several draft missions were developed and

compared to our list of criteria. Council will finalize the mission during the meeting on September 15th or September 22nd.

After a short break the facilitators started a discussion with Council on organizational visions. Great visions are future-orientated, appropriate for the area/organization, clear, and inspiring. The Council reviewed the current City vision against the ideal criteria, and reviewed visions from local organizations. Council then reviewed a summary of the visions as presented by participants in the focus groups and surveys.

Council members participated in a visioning activity to imagine the City in 2030 and what has been accomplished. Using examples from the discussion, Jessica drafted and edited a possible vision for the City. After discussion, a second possible vision was offered by Jeff. The language was "tested" against the criteria for a great vision. Council was not able to finalize the language prior to the end of the session.

Jeff and Jessica gave a summary of when Council would finalize the mission and vision, and the purpose of the next two scheduled sessions. The presentation and the meeting ended at 12:55 pm.

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Bill Gardiner	Date
Assistant City Manager	Approved

20-G-159

Updates to the City Seal

CITY OF COLLEGE PARK, MARYLAND
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA ITEM 20-G-159

Prepared By: Bill Gardiner
Assistant City Manager

Meeting Date: October 3, 2020

Presented By: Scott Somers
City Manager

Consent Agenda: Yes

Originating Department: Mayor and Council

Action Requested: Approval of updates to the City Seal

Strategic Plan Goal: Effective Leadership

Background/Justification:
The new City Hall will have an eight-foot diameter image of the City Seal. The current electronic format of the City Seal does not permit enlargement without significant deterioration in quality. The City Hall architect, Design Collective, is recommending that the City Seal be updated with cleaner lines. During project discussions on this issue, it was noted that the chapel on the City Seal has a cross, but the non-denominational chapel at the University of Maryland (which resembles the chapel on the Seal) does not. The City Council on numerous occasions has stated its commitment to be a City that is welcoming and open to people of all faiths and backgrounds. A cross on the chapel in the City Seal could be perceived as the City supporting some religions over other religions.

The City Seal was adopted by the Council in 1962. According to former Mayor Charles R. Davis, Sr. in Part II of "The City of College Park" each section of the Seal represents an important aspect of the City of College Park: religion, education, the historic airport, and industry. Further information from Anne S. K. Turkos, University Archivist Emerita, and historic photos (https://hdl.handle.net/1903.1/8376; https://hdl.handle.net/1903.1/6544; https://hdl.handle.net/1903.1/2553; https://hdl.handle.net/1903.1/6564) suggests that the chapel has had a decorative flourish and a warning beacon at the top of the steeple, but not a cross.

During the October 6, 2020 Worksession, the City Manager presented this information to Council with the request that Council authorize the clean-up of the imperfections in the current City Seal and the removal of the cross at the top of the chapel. These changes would create a higher quality seal the City could use in a wider range of applications. It would also more accurately reflect the intent of noting the importance of religion in the City without using a symbol from one religion, and therefore support the City's commitment to be a welcoming community for people of all faiths and backgrounds. Councilmembers had no objection to the changes and supported putting the item on the consent agenda.

Fiscal Impact:
The costs of the changes to the seal will be covered in the City Hall project budget and the Communications budget.

Council Options:
1. Approve the changes to the City Seal as noted above.
2. Request additional information from staff regarding the proposed changes.
3. Take no action.

Staff Recommendation:
#1

Recommended Motion: *I move that the Mayor and Council authorize updates to the City Seal so that the line and color imperfections are corrected, and the chapel image is a more inclusive symbol for all religions.*
Attachments: The current City Seal

CITY OF COLLEGE PARK
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20-G-161

Letter re DEIS for the Managed Lanes Study

CITY OF COLLEGE PARK, MARYLAND
REGULAR COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA ITEM 20-G-161

Prepared By: Terry Schum
Planning Director

Meeting Date: October 13, 2020

Presented By: Terry Schum

Consent Agenda: Yes

Originating Department:	Planning and Community Development
Action Requested:	Approval of letter with City comments on Draft Environmental Impact Statement for I-495 and I-270 Managed Lanes Study
Strategic Plan Goal:	Goal #3: High Quality Development and Reinvestment

Background/Justification:
On July 10, 2020, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) released the Notice of Availability of the DEIS and announced a 90-day review period including several public hearings. This comment period has been extended 30 days to November 9, 2020. The DEIS is part of a 5-step process that began with looking at 1) a range of preliminary alternatives to address the Purpose and Need for the Managed Lanes Study; 2) analysis to screen and narrow alternatives; and 3) further analysis to arrive at alternatives retained for detailed study (ARDS). The DEIS is the fourth step and further evaluates the ARDS, which are called Build Alternatives. The fifth step is a final environmental impact study (FEIS) that documents a preferred build alternative after consideration of public and agency comments, and commitments and mitigation measures during final design and construction.

Attached is a draft letter with recommended comments on the DEIS based on the City Council Worksession on this item on September 15, 2020.

Fiscal Impact:
The estimated cost of the project to the State of Maryland is approximately $8 to 10 billion. The State lacks the bonding capacity to take out loans even with tolls to pay back the loans. A Public-Private Partnership (P3) Program will be utilized where a developer is selected to design, build, finance, operate, and maintain the managed lanes. Toll rates will be set by another process but will be dynamically adjusted to real-time variations in traffic conditions. Potential toll rates per mile used in the DEIS for planning purpose range from $0.68/mile to $0.77/mile.

Council Options:
1. Approve letter with City comments on the DEIS as recommended by staff.
2. Approve letter with revised comments.
3. Do not submit comments on the DEIS.

Staff Recommendation:
#1

Recommended Motion:
I move that a letter with City comments as recommended by staff be approved regarding the I-495 and I-270 Managed Lanes DEIS.

Attachment:
1. Draft letter on DEIS

October 13, 2020

Ms. Lisa B. Choplin, DBIA
I-495 & I-270 P3 Program Director
I-495 & I-270 P3 Office
707 North Calvert Street
Mail Stop P-601
Baltimore, MD 21202

Re: Draft DEIS and Draft Section 4(f) Document
I-495 and I-270 Managed Lanes Study

Dear Ms. Chopin:

The College Park City Council thanks you for the additional time granted for the submission of comments on this extensive document. The Council has focused its attention on the College Park area and the impacts to our community. The City Council has previously written to the Governor to oppose the Managed Lanes project and the P3 program. After reviewing the information provided in the DEIS, the City Council remains opposed to the project and strongly recommends the No Build Alternative as the responsible course of action.

The City has identified significant concerns and areas requiring additional information that should be addressed in the FEIS. These are described below:

Direct Access Interchanges

US 1 and I-495: It is not clear how this intersection will be rebuilt including adjustments to the ramps and reconstruction of the US 1 bridge. Any bridge reconstruction should include bike lanes and crosswalks at ramp intersections to eliminate the barriers for pedestrians and bicyclists created by I-495.

Greenbelt Metro and I-495: It is assumed that a full interchange at this location is in place, however, this interchange was proposed to be constructed in conjunction with private sector development of WMATA property which has been canceled. The cost of building this interchange needs to be included in the project budget. More information is also needed about the realignment of the entrance to the Greenbelt Metro Station.

Noise Barriers

All noise barriers are proposed for replacement and some will be increased in length and height. It is requested that a noise barrier be extended along the northern property line of 4700 Edgewood Road and that the maximum height be used to buffer all single-family homes in College Park. The use of roadside vegetative barriers in these areas is highly encouraged to improve air quality and reduce concentrations of downwind pollutants.

Property Acquisition

Partial acquisition of 34 properties in College Park is proposed including two City-owned properties. For private property, acquiring even a small strip of land could result in the property becoming nonconforming under the Prince George's County Zoning Ordinance. These specific impacts need to be identified for each property.

Polish Club of College Park: This 5.6-acre property contains woodlands, wetlands and wildlife and adjoins the Hollywood neighborhood, Hollywood Park and a K-8 school and preschool. Please clarify if a full or partial acquisition is contemplated. The proposed use of this site for construction staging and materials storage would result in unacceptable impacts to this neighborhood in terms of vehicle exhaust, noise, loss of tree canopy and construction traffic. Should this property be used in this manner for the short term, it is requested that a long-term reuse plan be developed to provide an amenity for the community.

10020 51st Avenue: The limit of disturbance, as shown, would eliminate driveway access to this property.

Sunnyside Outlots/Odessa Park: Approximately half of this property, proposed to be developed by the City as a park and playground, would be used for a storm water management facility. This will reduce the design footprint of the park and place proposed improvements closer to existing residences reducing its attractiveness and utility. Odessa Park should be added to the parks inventory and evaluated. More detail on the

Park Impacts

Hollywood Park: While the impacts are listed as de minimis, there is concern about how the realignment of the Greenbelt Metro Station access road might impact the viewshed and noise in the park and larger neighborhood.

Cherry Hill Road Park: The natural areas of this park will be significantly impacted by the substantial loss of trees, which will further degrade the green infrastructure surrounding the City. Additional information is needed so that we can understand the full extent of impacts to parkland and how to make the park systems whole through mitigation.

Streams and Waterways

The College Park area has three streams that will be impacted by the project: Indian Creek, Little Paint Branch and Paint Branch. As many neighborhoods in the City lie within the 100-year floodplain, the increases in impervious surface from the project and changes to groundwater and hydrology, elevate the risk for increased flooding. Additional floodplain modeling for this watershed must be done now to understand the full impacts and offer mitigation strategies. It cannot wait until later in the design phase. We are also concerned that local water quality will be degraded and endanger aquatic biota in the streams that cannot tolerate warmwater conditions.

Green Infrastructure and Forest Mitigation

College Park is already experiencing a decrease in tree canopy based on development activity, which will be exacerbated by this project. The green infrastructure corridor along the Beltway offers ecologically

important undeveloped land which will be disrupted by the project. Study area impacts are reported in the DEIS but are not broken down to the local level. Please provide this information in the FEIS.

While the City is poised to lose green infrastructure, it is unlikely to be the beneficiary of forest mitigation. Under Maryland Reforestation Law, a minimum of five contiguous acres of public land is needed for replanting within the same watershed. Please reconsider this standard in College Park and other communities in the Developed Tier where this standard cannot be met. City staff will work with M-NCPPC and your team to identify alternative sites to help restore the tree canopy in the College Park area.

Traffic Congestion

The stated purpose and need for the project is to provide congestion relief and accommodate future long-term traffic growth. The traffic modeling and analysis in the DEIS is insufficient to conclude that the project will meet this need for several reasons. The analysis needs to be updated using the most recent traffic data from the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG), and to consider the impacts of increased capacity on land use. It is unrealistic to assume that there will be no effect, therefore, the number of new trips generated is underestimated. Consideration also needs to be given to the effects of the pandemic on traffic growth patterns as many people may permanently transition to telework. The likely increase in the use of Autonomous Vehicles in the future is not addressed and should be.

The City is concerned that induced traffic demand on arterial and collector roads leading to the Beltway such as Baltimore Avenue, Rhode Island Avenue and MD 193 is underestimated. These roads are already highly congested and specific details for them need to be provided in the FEIS including an analysis of traffic, noise, and air quality impacts.

It is unfortunate that no public transit options were included as alternatives retained for detailed study in the DEIS. This should be revisited along with transportation systems management (TSM) and transportation demand management (TDM) as serious strategies with less environmental and financial costs.

Environmental Justice

The DEIS claims that all Build Alternatives under consideration will benefit minority and low-income populations (Environmental Justice (EJ) communities) but does not adequately explain this conclusion. College Park census blocks in the study area meet the definition of an EJ community yet measures to mitigate any potential disproportionate effect on them is missing. The report does not give sufficient attention to the fact that the expected high toll prices may be too much of a cost burden to the EJ community. Equitable access to the managed lanes has not been demonstrated and recommendations such as toll subsidies should be included.

Outreach and input from the EJ community is also missing and must be addressed prior to any second phase of construction. Only one stakeholder meeting in June 2019 is reported but the feedback from the meeting has not been included. Better public participation and involvement is needed.

For the reasons stated, the City Council finds that the DEIS falls short of meeting the purpose and need for the project, and that the environmental and other costs far outweigh the benefits of the project.

Sincerely,

Patrick L. Wojahn
Mayor

Cc: Maryland District 21 Delegation

20-G-163

Letter to PGCPS re Sustainability

CITY OF COLLEGE PARK, MARYLAND
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA ITEM 20-G-163

Prepared By: Janet McCaslin
Sustainability Coordinator and
Staff Liaison for the Committee for a Better Environment

Meeting Date: 10/13/2020

Presented By: Scott Somers
City Manager

Consent Agenda: Yes

Originating Department:	Department of Public Works for the CBE
Action Requested:	Request by the CBE that Council consider sending a letter to the Prince George's County Board of Education encouraging them to support purchasing renewable energy.
Strategic Plan Goal:	Goal 2: Environmental Sustainability

Background/Justification:
The Committee for a Better Environment is writing to encourage the City Council to send a letter to the Prince George's County Board of Education encouraging the Board to support a shift of public schools in the County to 100% renewable energy by 2030, and move to clean energy powered HVAC, clean transportation, zero food waste, and zero landfill waste by 2040. These goals were stablished by Climate Parents of Prince George's County, a volunteer group, which presented the goals to the Committee for a Better Environment and requested that the City offer its support for them.

The County's public schools are an important part of the local infrastructure and provide an ideal focus for a shift to clean energy and other climate-friendly practices. The shift will not only reduce climate emissions, it will also continue to cleaner air and a healthier environment for students, and can serve as a way to educate students about the climate crisis and solutions. And it can help to create greater equity between schools and benefit all students, teachers and staff in the school system.

The Committee for a Better Environment has provided a draft letter to the Board of Education for Council's review. The letter is in line with the requests of Climate Parents if Prince George's County.

Fiscal Impact:
N/A

Council Options:
#1: Approve the letter as drafted and send
#2: Amend the letter and send
#3: Do not approve or send the letter

Staff Recommendations:
#1

Recommended Motion:
I move that the City Council send the attached letter to the Prince George's County Board of Education encouraging the Board to support a shift of public schools in the County to 100% renewable energy by 2030.

Attachments:
Draft letter to PG School Board

Board of Education of Prince George's County Public Schools
14201 School Ln
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

Dear Members of the Board of Education,

The City of College Park is writing to support Climate Parents of Prince George's County's call to the Board of Education of Prince George's County Public Schools to shift public schools to 100% clean energy.

We believe that transitioning to 100% clean energy is a key goal that will enable our community to help do our part to respond to the climate emergency, and will make improvements in our schools that will help improve indoor air quality in classrooms, reduce pollution from buses and create STEM learning opportunities for our students. We envision all of these improvements to be implemented in a way that expands equity throughout our school district.

We call upon the Board of Education of Prince George's County Public Schools to commit to the goals of achieving:
- 100% Clean Energy in its electricity sector by 2030;
- 100% Clean Energy in all energy sectors, including heating, ventilation, air conditioning (HVAC), and cooking, by 2040;
- 100% Clean Transportation, by 2040;
- 100% Zero Food Waste by 2030; and
- 100% Zero Landfill Waste by 2040;

We also call upon the Board of Education of Prince George's County Public Schools to create plans to adapt to the current climate realities so that its assets can be maintained in a fashion to allow for a safe learning environment for the students and staff.

Finally, we call upon the Board of Education of Prince George's County Public Schools to initiate a Focus Workgroup that will develop a School Climate Change Action Plan that shall lay out how to achieve these goals equitably and while enhancing educational opportunities at all grade levels.

Thank you for your attention to this letter. We would be happy to discuss it with the Board at your convenience.

Sincerely,

20-G-164

GreenPlay Recreation Needs Assessment Report

CITY OF COLLEGE PARK, MARYLAND
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM 20-G-164

Prepared By: Kiaisha Barber

Meeting Date: October 13, 2020

Presented By: Kiaisha Barber, Director Youth, Family & Senior Services

Proposed Consent Agenda: No

Originating Department:	Youth, Family, and Senior Services
Issue Before Council:	Acceptance of Final Report on the Senior and Community Recreation Needs Assessment
Strategic Plan Goal:	#6 Excellent Services

Background/Justification:
The Community and Senior Recreation Needs Assessment focuses on the community's needs and desires related to recreation and senior recreation programs, facilities and transportation. The GreenPlay team conducted a full Community and Senior Recreation Needs Assessment with public and stakeholder engagement to inform future planning for the City of College Park for Community Recreation and for Senior Recreation for the Youth, Family and Senior Services Departments as well as the City as a whole. To complete this project, GreenPlay, along with RRC Associates, engaged the public, select stakeholders, and staff to identify desired programming, facilities, service needs, along with transportation aspects. The final report is the last deliverable from GreenPlay and Associates on this project.

Mayor and Council have provided feedback on the draft final report and the edits to the draft final report are reflected in the attached document. The fully formatted final report with edits will be provided to Council not later than Monday, October 12, 2020.

Fiscal Impact:
Dependent upon Council decision to move forward with any recommendations from the Final Report.

Council Options:
1. Accept the Final Report
2. Accept the Final Report with conditions
3. Don't accept the report and provide direction to staff on how to proceed

Staff Recommendation:
1

Recommended Motion:
I move to accept the Final Report as provided by GreenPlay and Associates on the City of College Park Senior and Community Recreation Needs Assessment.

Attachments:
1. Draft Final Report provided by GreenPlay: Senior and Community Recreation Needs Assessment
2. Document containing edits to Draft Final Report

CITY OF COLLEGE PARK, MARYLAND COMMUNITY AND SENIOR
RECREATION NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Edits being made (**Final Report will be formatted for punctuation and spacing)

Removing draft watermark
Removing DRAFT from cover
Changing date on cover to from August to October 2020

Page 2
Adding Objective 1.6 Develop improved communications focused towards parents, to include promotion, and social media presence to raise awareness of programs, services, and facilities

Adding Objective 2.4: Focus on Youth Recreation Programming and Services

Page 14 clarifying the educational attainment refers to those 25 years and older

Page 15 clarifying that the employment population refers to the full time employed population over 16 years old

Page 21 changed trial to trail (twice)

Page 26 changed trial to trail

Page 59 inserted
The consultant team determined that the facilities and parks provided by the City of College Park are not heavily used - sources included focus groups, stakeholder meetings, survey, consultant observations from multiple visits to College Park for this project and the Duvall Field project, staff interviews and conversations with other service providers, including M-NCPPC, University of Maryland and private providers. The consultant team determined that the regular recreation participation of College Park residents does not strain capacity for available City of College Park facilities. The majority of recreation participation from College Park residents (60+ percent of survey respondents) does occur in neighboring communities and with other service providers, and there is not a need for College Park to provide these services because the demand for these services are being met. University of Maryland recreational offerings are primarily for students, faculty, staff and alumni. While College Park residents can participate in many University of Maryland recreational offerings, they cannot participate in all, such as intramural recreation leagues, and facility availability is limited with priority going to students, faculty, and staff.

While a typical outcome of a survey and public engagement might show a community's desire for a new community center, there is a difference between desire and actual need. Members of the community through focus groups, stakeholder meetings and the survey (50 percent of survey respondents placed a community center as their fourth priority), expressed a desire for a community center and a recreation center. The assessment did not show a need for the City of College Park to solely build a large community recreation center, and instead showed that the City could benefit from providing meeting/multi-purpose space that could occur in a small community center, or by renting store front spaces in strip malls as indicated in the recommendations. The assessment further indicated that College Parks facilities are not being used to full capacity which could be due to insufficient communication, and promotion of programs and services. A combination of lack of promotion of current facilities, programs and services, lack of dedicated staff to customize programs and services, and current

design of indoor facilities, all contribute to resident's reluctance to use current City facilities for recreation. A proposed new center should be funded by the M-NCPPC and the County, as City residents currently pay taxes for the provision of recreation services.

Page 62 inserted

- Timeframe to complete is designated as:
- Short-term (up to 3 years)
- Mid-term (4-6 years)
- Ongoing (occurs on a continuous basis)

Page 64
add Objective 1.6 Develop improved communications focused towards parents, to include promotion, and social media presence to raise awareness of programs, services, and facilities.

Residents, especially parents, indicated they are not aware of what programs, services, parks or facilities are offered for youth. These individuals may seek out recreation opportunities if they are more easily accessible to find.

Actions Capital Cost Estimate Operational Budget Impact Timeframe to Complete same as 1.3 N/A Staff Time/Cost of promotional
materials Short-Term/ Ongoing
1.6.a

Increasing communications, promotion, and social media presence to raise awareness of programs, services, and facilities. N/A Staff time/Cost of promotional materials Short-Term/ Ongoing

1.6.b

Develop new youth focused communications, promotion, and social media presence directed towards parents to raise awareness of programs, services, and facilities. N/A Staff time/Cost of promotional materials Short-Term/ Ongoing

1.6.c

Preferred communication methods need to be diverse and include working with the schools, social media posts, emails, website updates, updates in the Weekly Bulletin. N/A Staff time/Cost of promotional materials Short-Term/ Ongoing

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Objective 2.4: Focus on Youth Recreation Programming and Services
As identified by focus groups, conversations with the parents, and survey respondents, youth are interested and willing to participate in programs and services.

2.4.a

Need to improve youth recreation program offering. Adjust types of programs and services, based on feedback from parents and youth, and current trends and demands. Work with M-NCPPC, the County and community service providers including places of worship and other organizations, to increase youth programs. N/A Staff Time Short-Term/ Ongoing

2.4.b

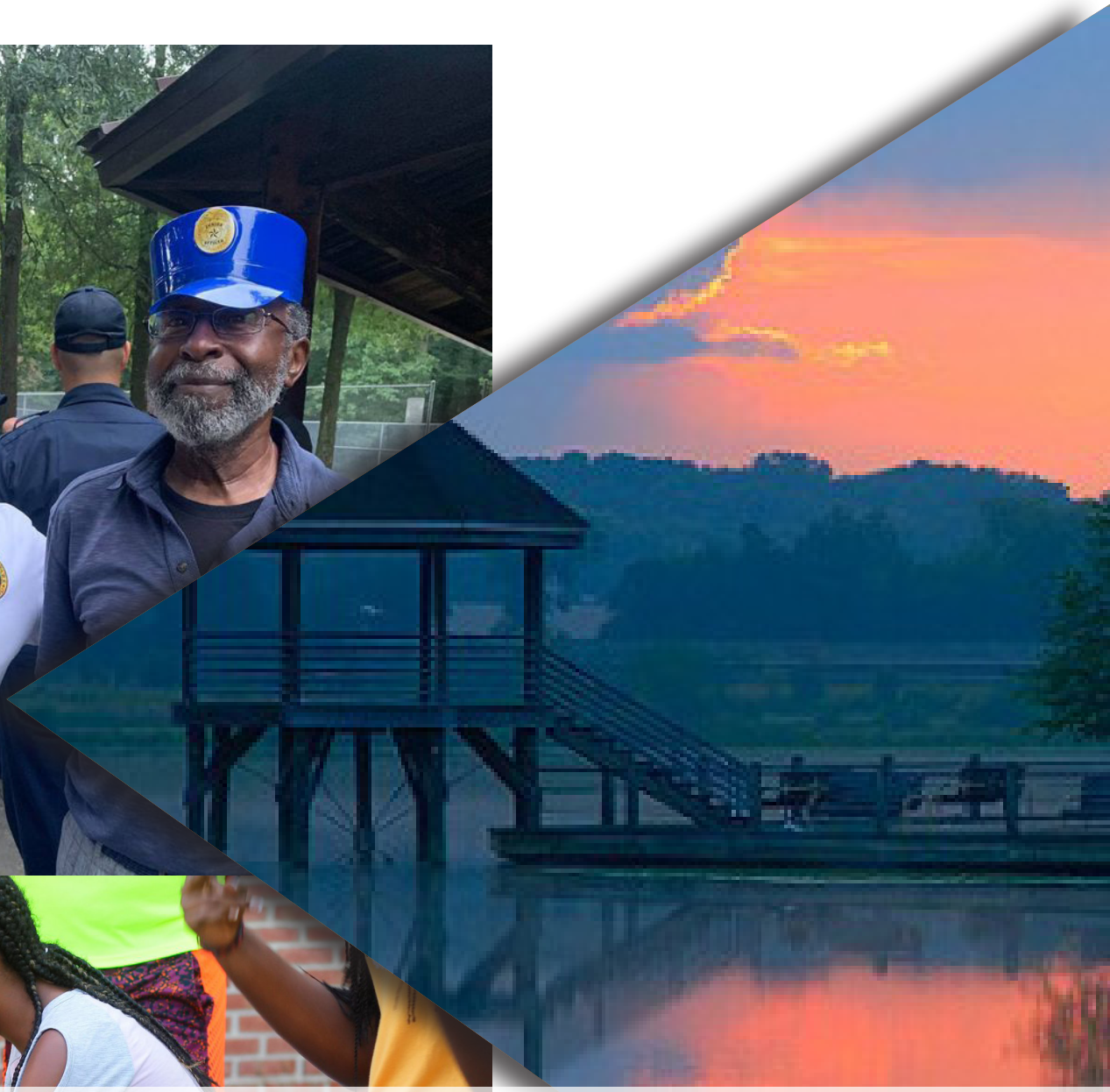
Improve parent focused communications, promotion, and social media presence to raise awareness of youth programs and services may lead to higher participation N/A Staff Time Short-Term/ Ongoing

2.4.c

Work with community service providers to identify available services. Consider financial assistance programs such as reduced priced fees or vouchers for programs and services for those demonstrating financial need. N/A Staff Time Short-Term/ Ongoing

Page 69 (reword)
Objective 3.5: Increase access to a multi-generational community center.
A multi-use indoor facility/community center/senior center to be built in College Park was highly requested by survey residents (3.8 on a 5.0 scale). Work with M-NCPPC and the County to address this need, as a stand-alone facility solely operated by the City may not be financially feasible nor necessary since residents of College Park already pay taxes to M-NCPPC for such facilities.

3.5.a
Work with M-NCPPC and the County to address this need, as a stand-alone facility solely operated by the City may not be financially feasible nor necessary since residents of College Park already pay taxes to M-NCPPC for such facilities.



CITY OF COLLEGE PARK, MARYLAND COMMUNITY AND SENIOR RECREATION NEEDS ASSESSMENT

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August 2020

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

The Community and Senior Recreation Needs Assessment focuses on the community's needs and desires related to recreation and senior recreation programs, facilities and transportation. Our team conducted a full Community and Senior Recreation Needs Assessment with public and stakeholder engagement which will inform future planning for the City of College Park for Community Recreation and for Senior Recreation for the Youth, Family and Senior Services Departments as well as the City as a whole.

Project Vision

The College Park Community and Senior Recreation Needs Assessment Project will inform future planning for Community and Senior Recreation in the City of College Park through a comprehensive engagement process with the public and stakeholders.

To complete this project, GreenPlay, along with RRC Associates, engaged the public, select stakeholders, and staff to identify desired programming, facilities, service needs, along with transportation aspects.

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METHODOLOGY OF THIS PLANNING PROCESS

The project consisted of the following tasks:

- Strategic kick-off meeting
- Review of relevant information and documents (full listing can be found in The Assessment Context section of the report)
- Facilities tour
- Stakeholder meetings, staff meetings, focus groups, community meetings, and project team meetings
- Public forum
- Needs assessment survey
- Findings Presentation for the project team
- Vision Session with the project team
- Draft report
- City Council presentation
- Final report

RECOMMENDATIONS

An analysis of input received in stakeholder meetings, staff interviews, facility and site tours, market analysis, as well as demographic and trends research identified residents' were considered in the development of the solutions to meet senior and community recreation needs for the City of College Park residents. The following Goals and Objectives have been developed:

GOAL #1: CONTINUE TO IMPROVE AND ENHANCE ORGANIZATIONAL EFFICIENCIES

Objective 1.1: Plan for the growth of the City.

Objective 1.2: Improve and enhance partnerships with M-NCPPC, County, community services providers including churches and other organizations to increase program and service delivery for residents.

Objective 1.3: Improve and enhance senior focused communications, promotion, and social media presence in targeting senior residences to raise awareness of programs, services, and facilities.

Objective 1.4: Maximize the potential of Joint Use Agreements with community organizations.

Objective 1.5: Improve maintenance standards and plans.

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GOAL #2: CONTINUE TO IMPROVE PROGRAMS AND SERVICE DELIVERY

Objective 2.1: Work with M-NCPPC, the County and community service providers including churches and other organizations, to increase programs and services available to City of College Park residents.

Objective 2.2: Add and enhance special events.

Objective 2.3: Focus on Senior Recreation Programming and Services

GOAL #3: CONTINUE TO IMPROVE AND ENHANCE FACILITIES AND AMENITIES

Objective 3.1: Consider renting or acquiring vacant store front space to use for meeting spaces and programming spaces.

Objective 3.2: Identify and explore additional land acquisition and preservation opportunities.

Objective 3.3: Improve existing trails and add new trails and pathways to increase connectivity.

Objective 3.4: Address aging infrastructure by updating and adding new amenities to parks and facilities.

Objective 3.5: Increase access to a multi-generational community center.

GOAL #4: IMPROVE TRANSPORTATION FOR SENIORS AND OTHERS WHO LACK TRANSPORTATION

Objective 4.1: Expand and Improve senior focused communications, promotion, and social media presence targeting senior residences to raise awareness of available transportation options.

Objective 4.2: Consider alternative options for those who cannot reliably get to parks and recreation facilities (possibly vouchers for Uber, Lyft, or taxis).

Objective 4.3: Develop a Trail and Pathway Master Plan.

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Complete details including the action plan are included in *Section XI. Recommendations*

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I. THE ASSESSMENT CONTEXT

A. PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

The Community and Senior Recreation Needs Assessment focuses on the communities needs and desires related to recreation and senior recreation programs, facilities, and transportation. Our team conducted a full Community and Senior Recreation Needs Assessment with public and stakeholder engagement which will inform future planning for the City of College Park for Community Recreation and for Senior Recreation for the Youth, Family, and Senior Services Department as well as the City as a whole.

Project Vision

The College Park Community and Senior Recreation Needs Assessment will inform future planning for Community and Senior Recreation in the City of College Park through a comprehensive engagement process with the public and stakeholders.

To complete this project, GreenPlay, along with RRC Associates, engaged the public, select stakeholders, and staff to identify desired programming, facilities, service needs, along with transportation.

The purpose of this study was to determine the needs and desires of the College Park community and specifically seniors, and to develop goals, objectives, and recommendations including an implementable action plan to include priorities for recreation programs, facilities, transportation, and services.

The following Critical Success Factors and Performance Measures were developed to guide this study:

Critical Success Factors	Performance Measures
1. Facilitate Community Engagement within the City of College Park related to the needs and desires for community and senior recreation needs related to programs, facilities, transportation, amenities, and services to assure residents, user groups, associations, and other stakeholders are provided an opportunity to participate in the process.	1. Engage the community by conducting a minimum of four (4) senior focused groups/stakeholder interviews and a minimum of four (4) community focused groups/stakeholder interviews, two (2) community meetings. Additionally, a demographic and trends study will be conducted to guide the analysis of potential programming.
2. Identify potential solutions based upon community feedback and previous planning documents. This project will provide a vision for recreation programs, facilities, transportation, and services and establish strategic direction for the City.	2. Develop goals, objectives, and recommendations including an implementable action plan to include priorities for recreation programs, facilities, transportation, and services.

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B. ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

This project has been guided by the GreenPlay team, including RRC Associates and the City of College Park project team, staff, stakeholders, and community members provided input to the GreenPlay consulting team throughout the planning process. The project consisted of the following tasks:

Strategic Kick-Off Meeting

- Series of calls between the GreenPlay Project Manager and the College Park Project Manager, culminating in an on-site meeting with the entire project team to discuss the scope of the project and expectations.

Review of Information Gathered

GreenPlay collected and reviewed all documents provided by the City of College Park staff along with other relevant information to help determine the comprehensive and inclusive needs in the community that could inform the recommendations for the study. The following is a partial listing of information reviewed:

- College Park 2017 Community Survey Report
- Review of the City Website
- Review of other City Planning documents including Municipal Property Maps
- Review Prince's George County 2040 Vision and Framework document
- Review other Maryland – National Capital Park and Planning Commission documents

Onsite Project Team Meeting and Facility Tour

- Meeting with City of College Park project team
    - Facility tours
- Stakeholder Interviews with 7 participants
- 7 Focus Groups with over 125 participants
    - 4 senior meetings scheduled in different locations throughout the City
    - 3 community meetings scheduled in different locations throughout the City
        - Conducted small group sessions
        - Users/community members
        - Seniors
        - Staff
        - Members of Recreation Board
        - Maryland – National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC)
        - College Park Seniors Committee
        - City Council members
        - Public Forum

Market Assessment

- Demographic Study
- Trends Study
- Transportation analysis

Needs Assessment Survey

- Statistical valid - invitation only
- On-line open link – available to all members of the community

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Findings and Visioning Session - (due to COVID – 19 this was conducted with the project team)

- Findings Presentation for the project team
- Visioning Session with the project team

Draft Report and Presentation

- City Council presentation
- A Draft Report for review, edits, and comments to be included in the Final Report

Final Report

- Final Report

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II. DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE OF COLLEGE PARK

By analyzing population data, trends emerge that can inform decision making and resource allocation strategies for the provision of parks, recreation, and open space management. This demographic profile was compiled in September 2019 from a combination of sources including the ESRI Business Analyst, American Community Survey, and U.S. Census. The following topics will be covered in detail in this report:

- Population
- Age and Gender Distribution
- Ethnic/Racial Diversity
- Household Income
- Educational Attainment
- Health Ranking

Figure 1: College Park Population Boundary Map

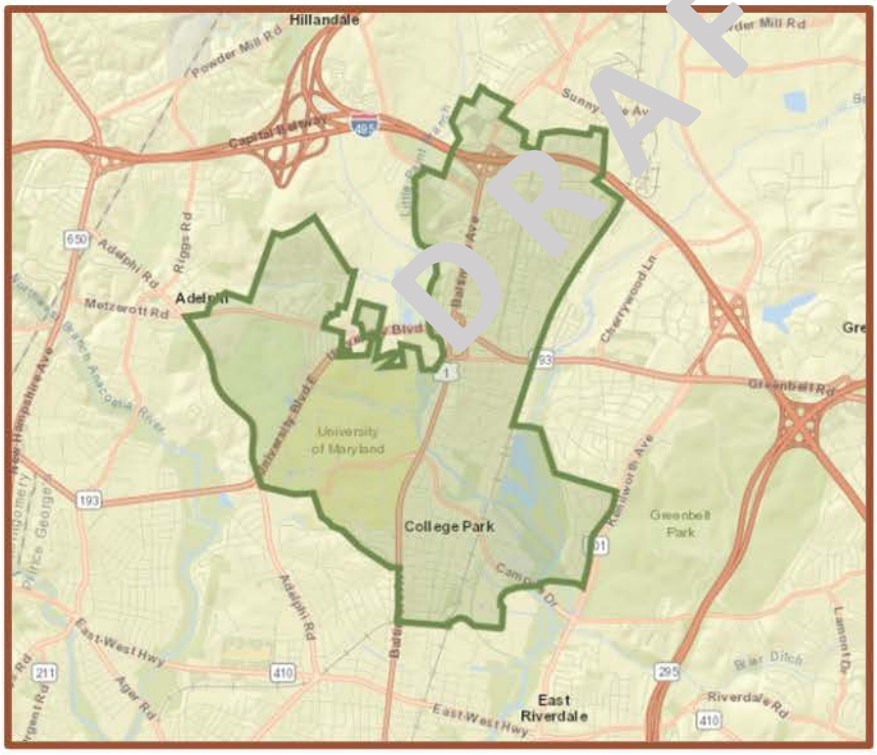

Figure 2: City of College Park Demographic Overview

POPULATION

Growth rates can be a strong comparative indicator of an area's potential for economic development. From 2000 to 2010, the annual compound growth rate in College Park was 1.92 percent. The City was projected to slow to 0.48 percent between 2010 and 2019. The City of College Park is growing at a slower rate than Prince George's County (0.64%) and the State of Maryland (0.63%). ***Figure 3*** below shows a visual representation of the population growth rate between 2010 and 2019. The population is projected to reach over 34,000 people in 2035 if growth rates continue as expected, as seen in ***Figure 4***.

Figure 3: Population Projected Annual Growth Rates (2010 – 2019)

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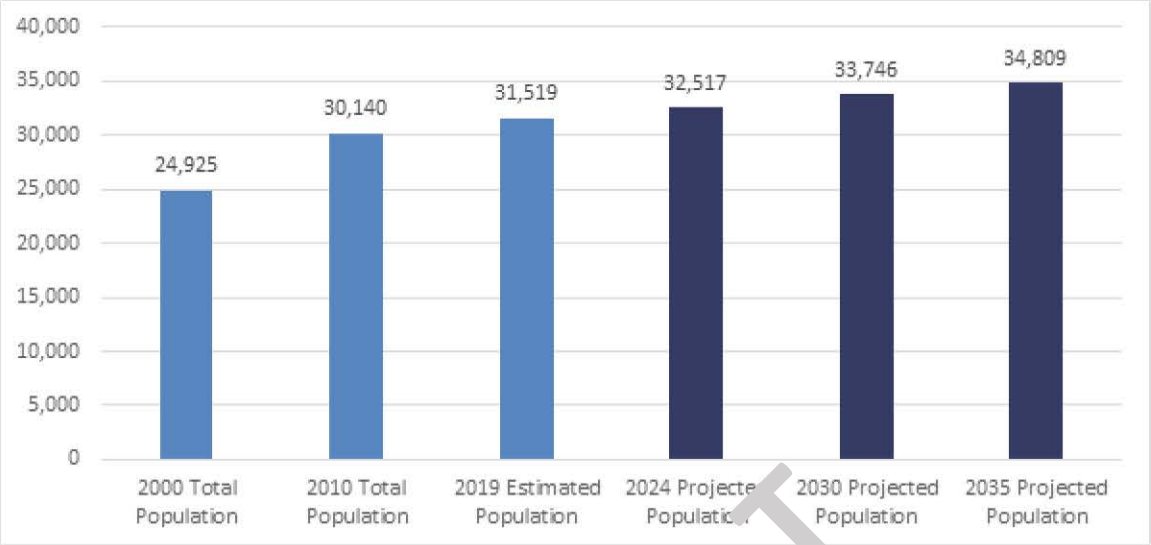
Figure 4: Projected Population Trends from 2000 to 2035



Source: Esri Business Analyst; Population Projections based on U.S. Census projected 2019 – 2024 growth rate of 0.63%.

AGE & GENDER DISTRIBUTION

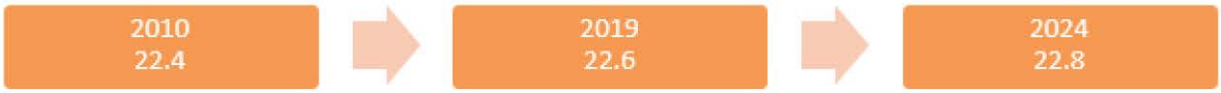
City of College Park has more males (53%) than females (47%). Gender distribution in Maryland and the United States is more evenly balanced.

Table 1: City of College Park Gender Distribution Compared to State and National Averages

	City of College Park	Maryland	USA
2019 Female Population (%)	47.00%	51.53%	50.75%
2019 Male Population (%)	53.00%	48.47%	49.25%

The median age in the City of College Park in 2019 was 24.5 years old, significantly younger the State of Maryland (36.6) and the United States (39.2). The median age in College Park is expected to increase slightly to 22.8 years old in 2024.

Figure 5: Median Age of City of College Park between 2010 and 2024



Looking at the population age breakdown by five-year increments in the Figure below, there are a few key conclusions.

- The City of College Park has a very high concentration of those between 15 and 24 years old (may be a reflection of the impact of the University of Maryland). This age range made up 62.24 percent of the population in 2010; in 2019, it is estimated that this group decreased in size but still made up 58.8 percent of the population.
- All other age groups, except 25 to 39-year olds (5.4%) made up less than five percent of the population.

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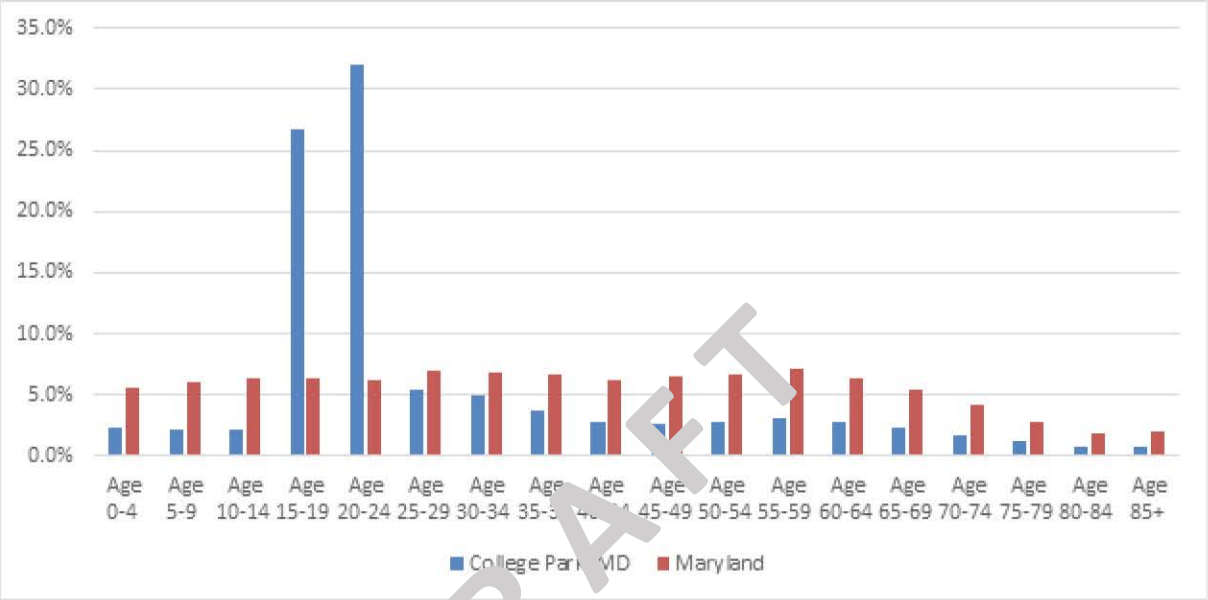
- The age distribution is expected to stay relatively the same from 2019 to 2024 for all other age groups besides 15 to 24-year olds. The major changes that are expected are only within 2 percentage points.

Figure 6: 2019 Age Distribution in City of College Park



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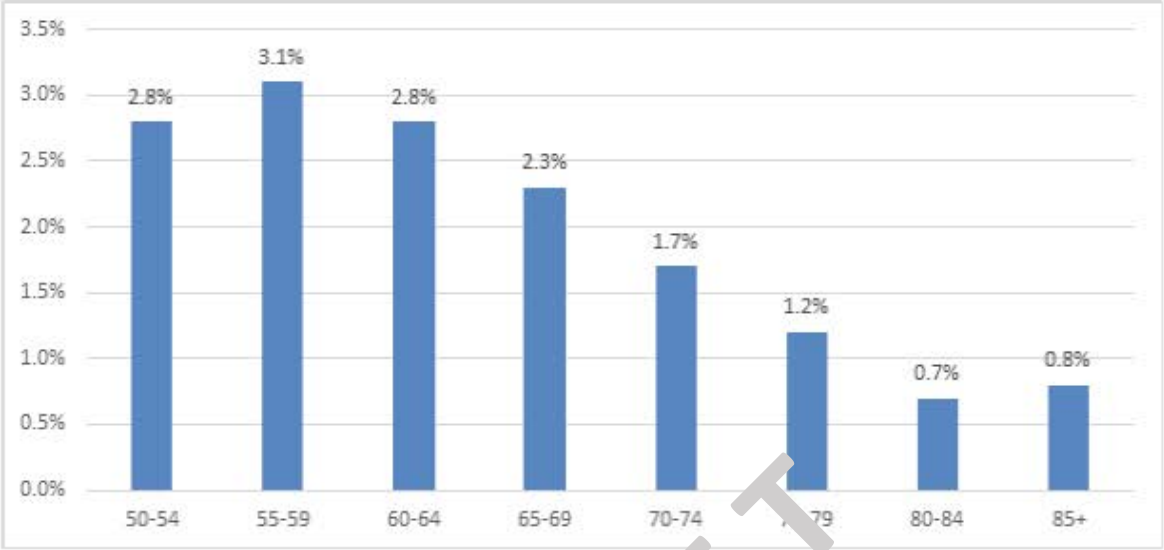
Residents 50 and older made up about 15.3 percent of the total population in 2019 (may be a reflection of the impact of the University of Maryland), up about two percentage points since 2010. Those that are 50 plus are predicted to increase to 15.9 percent of the population in 2024.

Table 2: Percentage of 50+ Residents in College Park

	2010	2019	2024
Total Population	30,140	31,519	32,517
Population 50 +	3,913 (12.9%)	4,829 (15.3%)	5,166 (15.9%)

Of those over 50, 55 to 59-year olds make up the largest percentage of the population at 3.1 percent. Those 70 and older only make up 4.4 percent of the total population.

Figure 7: Age Distribution of Residents 50+ in College Park



RACE/ETHNIC CHARACTER

In the United States, communities are generally becoming more diverse. Before comparing this data, it is important to note how the U.S. Census classifies and counts individuals who identify as Hispanic. The Census notes that Hispanic origin can be viewed as the heritage, nationality, lineage, or country of birth of the person or the person's parents or ancestors before arrival in the United States. In the U.S. Census, people who identify as Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish are included in all of the race categories. ***Figure 8*** reflects the approximate racial/ethnic population distribution.

- The City of College Park is significantly less diverse than the Prince George's County. The minority population in the City of College Park is 50.88 percent, with 14.5 percent each identifying as Asian and African American. Prince George's County is made up of 62.3 percent African Americans.
- Those that identify as Hispanic make up 18.8 percent of the total population in the City. This is higher than all other neighboring geographies, as well as the United States (18.6%).

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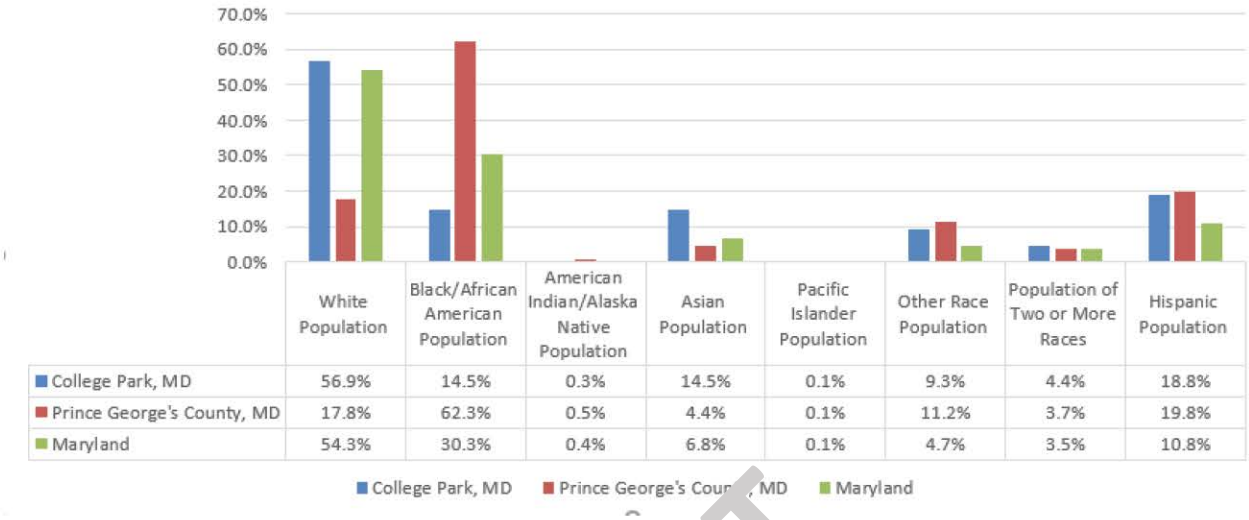
Figure 8: 2019 Racial/Ethnic Diversity of City of College Park



	White Population	Black/African American Population	American Indian/Alaska Native Population	Asian Population	Pacific Islander Population	Other Race Population	Population of Two or More Races	Hispanic Population
College Park, MD	56.9%	14.5%	0.3%	14.5%	0.1%	9.3%	4.4%	18.8%
Prince George's County, MD	17.8%	62.3%	0.5%	4.4%	0.1%	11.2%	3.7%	19.8%
Maryland	54.3%	30.3%	0.4%	6.8%	0.1%	4.7%	3.5%	10.8%

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

The chart below shows the percentage of residents (18+) that obtained various levels of education. The City of College Park ranked higher than the United States in higher education. Approximately 24.60 percent of City residents had earned a graduate/professional degree, compared to 12.5 percent of United States citizens. However, The City of College Park had a higher percentage of those without a high school education, at 8.51 percent, compared to the United States average of 4.9 percent.

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Table 3: 2019 City of College Park Educational Attainment

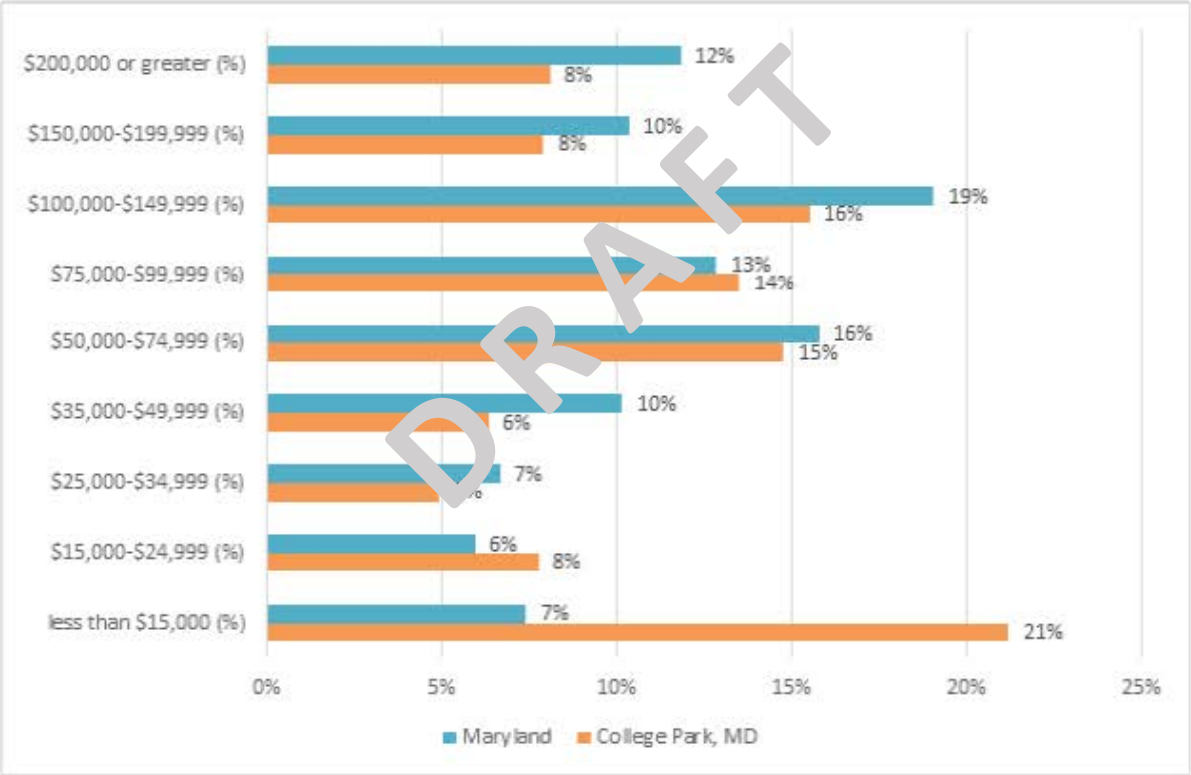
Level of Education	City of College Park	Prince George's County	Maryland	USA
Less than 9th Grade	8.51%	7.00%	3.89%	4.90%
9-12th Grade/No Diploma	7.60%	6.71%	6.13%	6.74%
High School Diploma	13.57%	22.07%	21.02%	23.13%
GED/Alternative Credential	1.99%	2.82%	3.08%	3.90%
Some College/No Degree	16.09%	22.14%	18.84%	20.23%
Associate's Degree	5.02%	6.39%	7.01%	8.58%
Bachelor's Degree	22.62%	18.81%	21.53%	19.98%
Graduate/Professional Degree	24.60%	14.07%	18.49%	12.54%

HOUSEHOLD DATA

- The median household income in College Park in 2019 is $64,510 (the median household income may be affected by the high number of students attending the University of Maryland). This was lower than Prince George's County ($81,800), the State of Maryland ($81,440) and the United States ($60,548). Approximately 21 percent of residents make less than $15,000 year. Residents that are 55 and older have a higher household income of $71,412 compared to the overall household income ($64,510).

- Approximately 35 percent of all households in College Park are owned by those 55 and older.
- The median home value in the City of College Park is $288,072, compared to Maryland ($325,388) and the United States ($234,154).
- The average household size is 2.85 in the City of College Park, compared to 2.63 in Maryland, and 2.59 in the United States.
- Approximately 8.6 percent of households in the City of College Park receive food stamps, compared to the rate in the County of 10.65 percent, and the State of Maryland at approximately 10.87 percent.
- Approximately 15.85 percent of residents live with some sort of hearing difficulty, vision difficulty, cognitive difficulty, ambulatory difficulty, self-care difficulty, and/or independent living difficulty. This is lower than the national average (25%).

Figure 9: Median Household Income Distribution in City of College Park

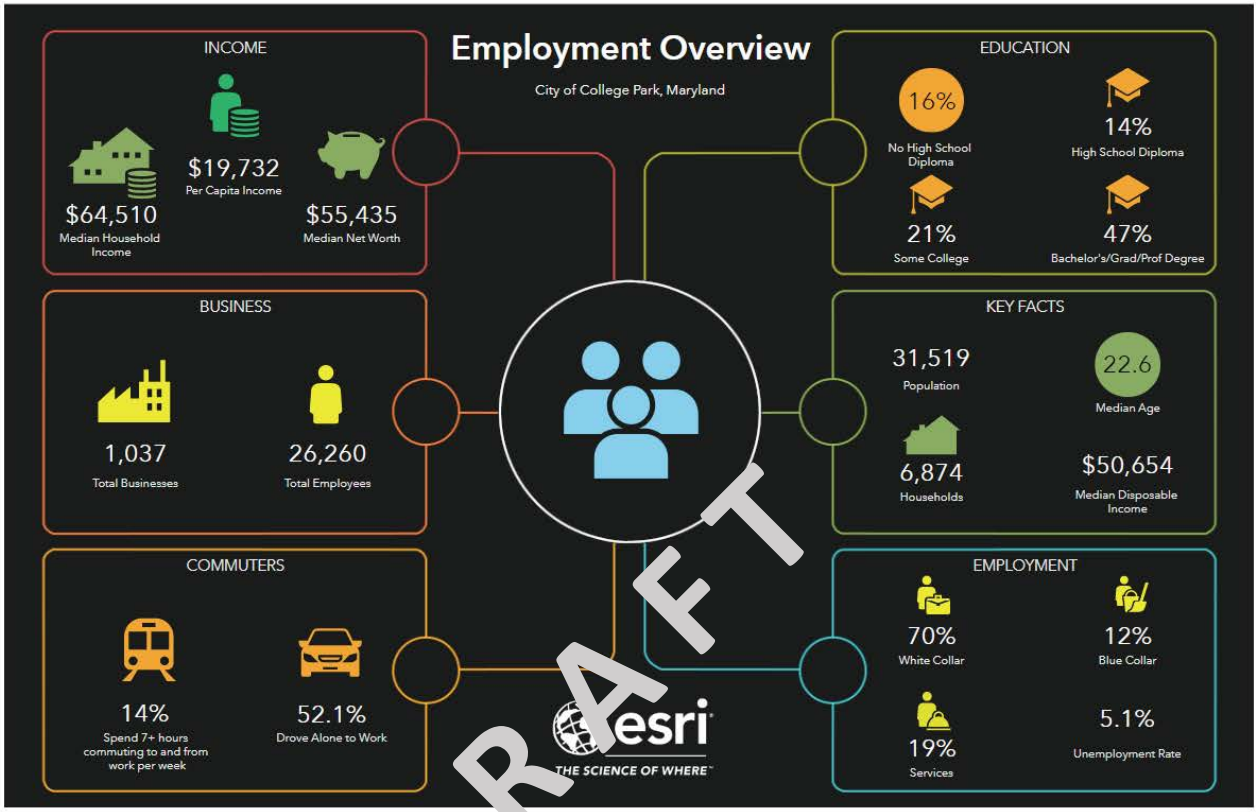


Source: Esri Business Analyst

EMPLOYMENT

- Roughly 70 percent of the population is employed in white collar positions, which typically performs managerial, technical, administrative, and/or professional capacities. Approximately 12 percent were employed by blue collar positions, such as construction, maintenance, etc. About 19 percent of residents were employed by the service industry.
- Approximately 5.1 percent of the population was unemployed in 2019, compared to the rate of Maryland (4.4%) and the United States (4.6%).
- In terms of commuting, about 14 percent of workers spend seven or more hours commuting back and forth to work each week, and 52.1 percent of commuters drive alone in a car to work.

Figure 10: Employment Overview in City of College Park, Maryland



Source: Esri Business Analyst

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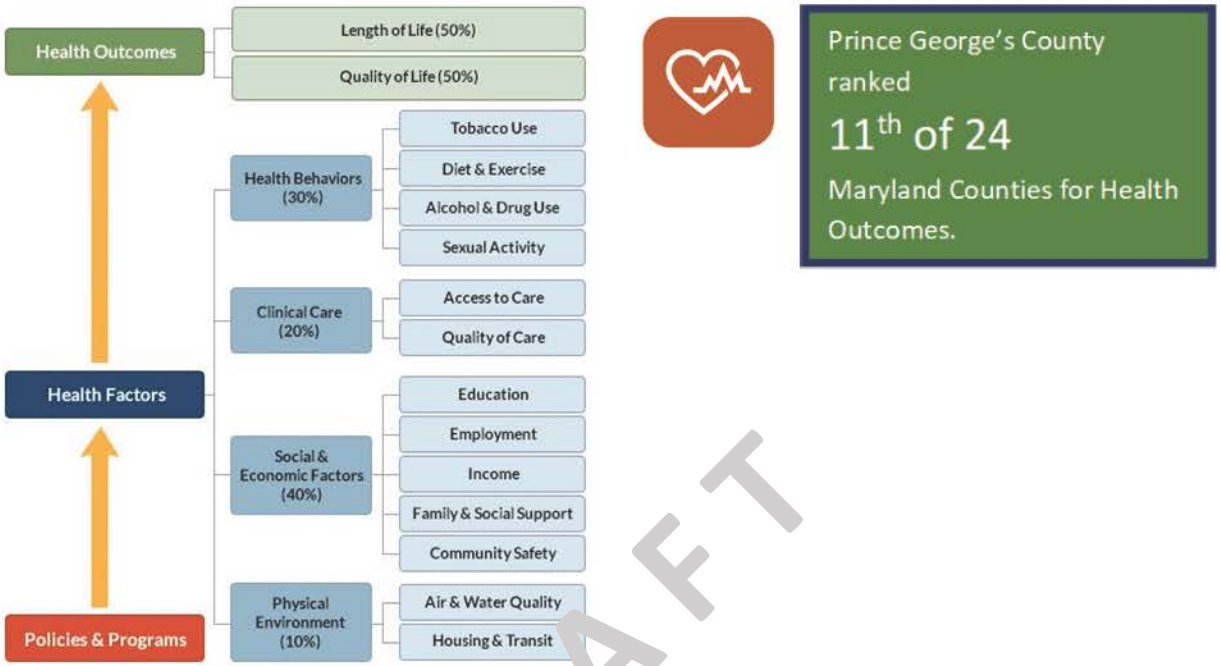
HEALTH RANKINGS

Understanding the status of the community's health can help inform policies related to recreation and fitness. Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's County Health Rankings and Roadmaps provide annual insight on the general health of national, state, and county populations. The 2019 Rankings model shown in ***Figure 11*** highlights the topic areas reviewed by the Foundation.

Figure 11: County Health Ranking Model



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The health ranking for College Park gauged the public health of the population based on "how long people live and how healthy people feel while alive," coupled with ranking factors including healthy behaviors, clinical care, social and economic, and physical environment factors.[1]

State Health Ranking

In 2018, the United Health Foundation's *America's Health Rankings Annual Report* ranked Maryland as the 19th healthiest state nationally. The health rankings consider and weigh social and environmental factors that tend to directly impact the overall health of state populations**.** The state moved down three position in the ranking since 2017.

1 University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute & Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, County Health Rankings 2019, http://www.Countyhealthrankings.org

Summary of Senior Health Changes
of Maryland include:

- In the past year, poverty increased 12% from 7.3% to 8.2% of adults ages 65+
- In the past two years, low-care nursing home residents decreased 14% from 7.4% to 6.4% of residents
- In the past four years, falls increased 22% from 23.4% to 28.6% of adults ages 65+
- In the past four years, suicide increased 16% from 11.8 to 13.7 deaths per 100,000 adults ages 65+
- In the past five years, smoking decreased 22% from 9.2% to 7.2% of adults ages 65+

STRENGTHS
of Mayland Health include:

- **Low prevalence of smoking**
- **Low prevalence of frequent physical distress**
- **Low percentage of children in poverty**

CHALLENGES
of Mayland Health include:

- **High violent crime rate**
- **High infant mortality rate**
- **High incidence of chlamydia**

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III. PARKS AND RECREATION INFLUENCING TRENDS RELATED TO COLLEGE PARK

The changing pace of today's world requires analyzing recreation trends from both a local and national level. Understanding the participation levels of town residents using data from the U.S. Census Bureau, combined with research of relevant national recreation trends, provides critical insights that help to plan for the future of parks and recreation. These new shifts of participation in outdoor recreation, sports, and cultural programs are an important component of understanding and serving your community.

PART I: RECREATION BEHAVIOR AND EXPENDITURES OF COLLEGE PARK HOUSEHOLDS

- Local Recreational Expenditures
- Outdoor Recreation Behavior
- Fitness and Health Behavior
- Generational Changes

PART 2: PARKS AND RECREATION TRENDS RELEVANT TO COLLEGE PARK

- Active Transportation
- ADA Compliance
- Community Gardens
- Dog Parks
- Generational Fitness Trends
- National Healthy Lifestyle Trends
- Older Adults and Senior Programming
- Outdoor Fitness Trails
- Preventative Health
- Therapeutic Recreation
- Walk with a Doc

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PART I: RECREATION BEHAVIOR AND EXPENDITURES OF COLLEGE PARK HOUSEHOLDS

LOCAL RECREATIONAL EXPENDITURES

Data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics provides insights about consumer expenditures per household in 2019. The following information was sourced from ESRI Business Analyst, which provides a database of programs and services where College Park residents spend their money. The table below shows the average dollars spent on various recreational products/services. Money spent on fees and admissions related to entertainment and recreation generated the highest revenues of $5 million in College Park.

Table 4: Recreational Expenditures in City of College Park, Maryland

Expenditure	Average	Total
Entertainment/Recreation - Fees & Admissions	$736.37	$5,061,785
Membership Fees for Social/Recreation/Civic Clubs	$249.77	$1,716,917
Entertainment/Recreation -Sports/Rec/Exercise Equipment	$195.88	$1,346,486
Fees for Recreational Lessons	$144.08	$990,382
Entertainment/Recreation - Toys/Games/Crafts/Hobbies	$120.54	$828,583
Camp Fees	$76.76	$527,614
Hunting & Fishing Equipment	$65.13	$447,693
Pet Services	$63.58	$437,077
Bicycles	$30.74	$211,314
Rental of Boats/Trailers/Campers/RVs	$22.71	$156,123
Camping Equipment	$18.74	$128,825
Winter Sports Equipment	$7.15	$49,163
Water Sports Equipment	$7.06	$48,503

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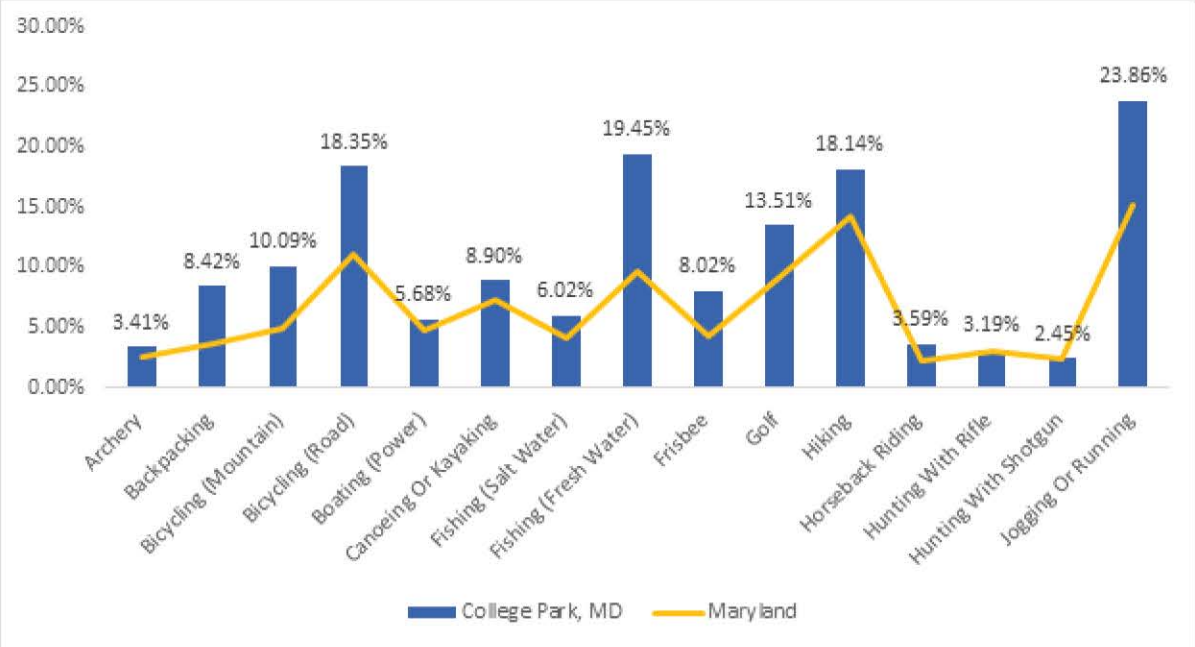
OUTDOOR RECREATION BEHAVIOR

In ***Figure 12***, data from ESRI Business Analyst shows popular outdoor recreation activity participation by households in College Park. Participation was also pulled from the State of Maryland for comparison. The most popular activities in the City of College Park included:

- Jogging or Running (23.9%)
- Fresh Water Fishing (19.5%)
- Road Biking (18.4%)
- Hiking (18.1%)

Figure 12: **Outdoor Recreation Behavior of College Park compared to the State of Maryland**



The previous graphic shows that jogging or running was the highest rated activity for College Park households for recreation and suggests the need for a focus on trial and path connectivity.

FITNESS AND HEALTH BEHAVIOR

The figure below shows household participation in various fitness activities. One interesting data point is the walking for exercise activity. Typically, data around the country shows that walking for exercise is the most popular form of exercise. This was true for the state of Maryland, but not for College Park. Swimming is the most popular sport in College Park, with 22 percent household participation. The figure below shows household participation in various fitness activities. Participation was highest for the following activities:

- Swimming (21.09%)
- Walking for Exercise (20.12%)
- Weight Lifting (11.69%)

Figure 13: Fitness and Wellness Participation of College Park compared to the State of Maryland

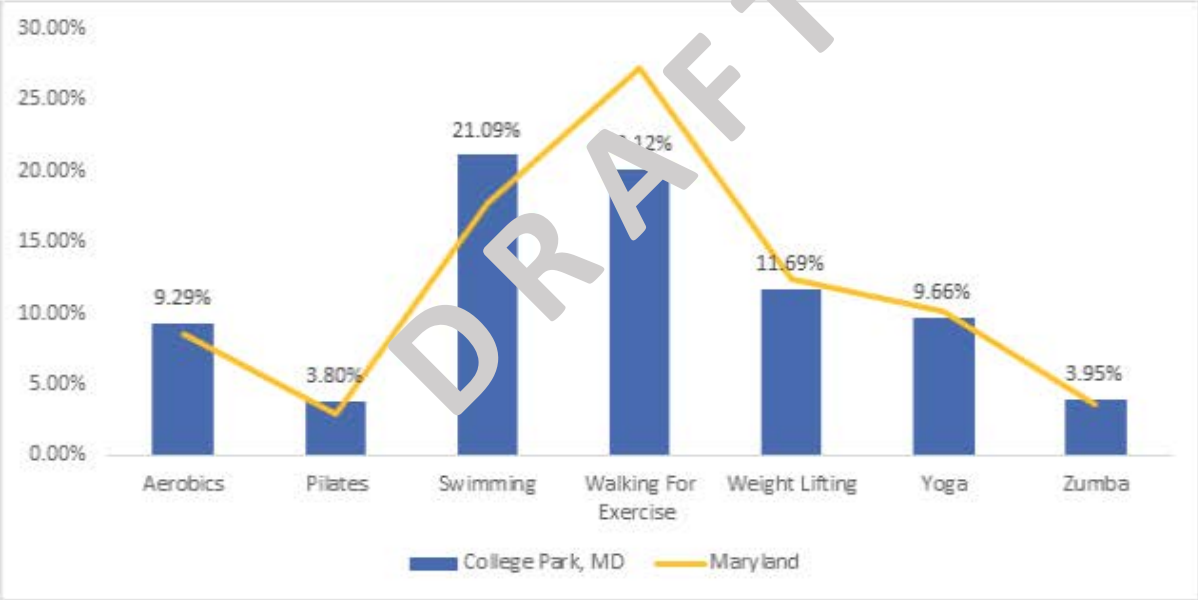


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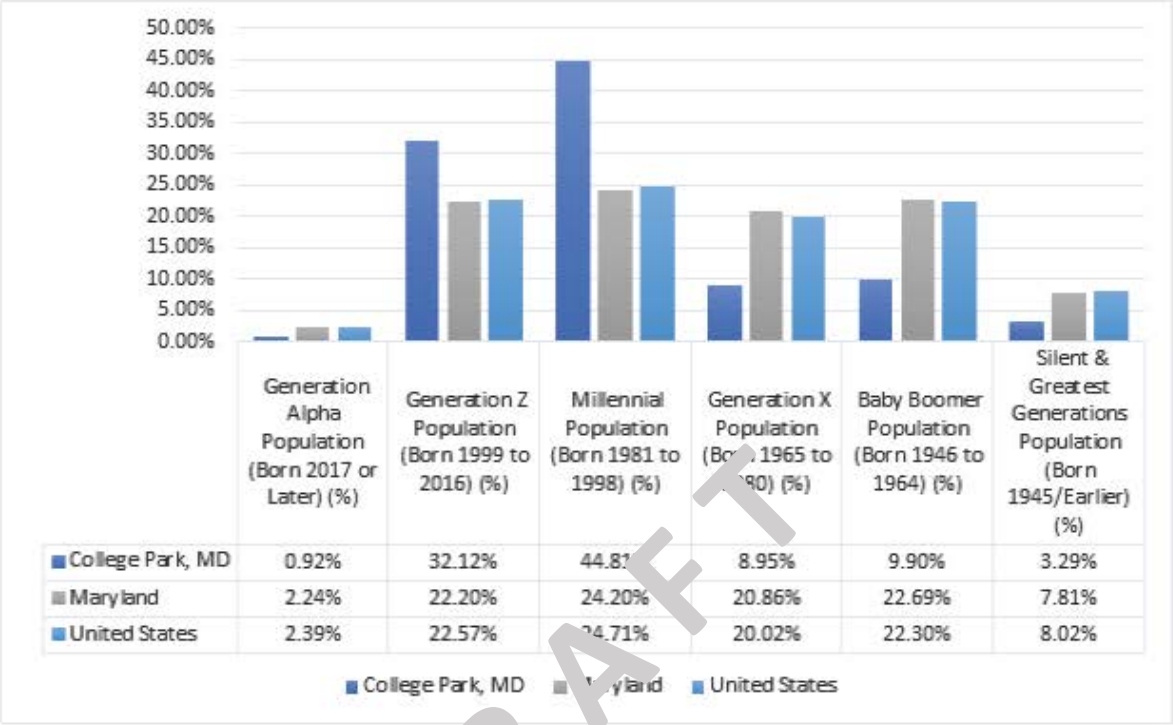
Figure 13 above shows that walking for exercise was the second highest rated activity for College Park households for fitness and suggests the need for a focus on trial and path connectivity.

GENERATIONAL CHANGES

Activity Participation varies based on age, but it also varies based on generational preferences. In 2018, almost 70 percent of College Park residents belonged to the Millennial and Generation Z populations. Maryland and the United States had similar percentages of all generations, with no major differences. Baby Boomers and those in Generation X were much more common state and nationwide.

Figure 14: **Generational Breakdown in College Park from 2018/2023**



	Generation Alpha Population (Born 2017 or Later) (%)	Generation Z Population (Born 1999 to 2016) (%)	Millennial Population (Born 1981 to 1998) (%)	Generation X Population (Born 1965 to 1980) (%)	Baby Boomer Population (Born 1946 to 1964) (%)	Silent & Greatest Generations Population (Born 1945/Earlier) (%)
College Park, MD	0.92%	32.12%	44.81%	8.95%	9.90%	3.29%
Maryland	2.24%	22.20%	24.20%	20.86%	22.69%	7.81%
United States	2.39%	22.57%	24.71%	20.02%	22.30%	8.02%

Figure 14 above shows that almost 70 percent of College Park residents belonged to the Millennial and Generation Z populations and suggests the need for a focus on programming for these age groups (4 – 39 year olds).

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PART 2: PARKS AND RECREATION TRENDS RELEVANT TO COLLEGE PARK – ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION – BICYCLING AND WALKING

In many surveys and studies on participation in recreational activities, walking, running, jogging, and cycling are nearly universally rated as the most popular activities among youth and adults. Walking, jogging, and running are often the recreational activity with the highest level of participation and cycling often ranks as the second or third most popular activity.

These activities are attractive as they require little equipment, or financial investment, to get started, and are open to participation to nearly all segments of the population. For these reasons, participation in them is often promoted as a means of spurring physical activity and increasing public health.

NATIONAL HEALTHY LIFESTYLE TRENDS

The population of the United States is becoming more diverse. As demographics are experiencing an age and ethnic shift, so too are landscapes, daily lifestyles, and habits changing. The number of adults over the age of 65 has increased, and lifestyle changes have encouraged less physical activity; collectively these trends have created profound implications for the way local governments conduct business.

Below are examples of trends and government responses. Local governments are increasingly accepting the role of providing preventative health care through park and recreation services. The following facts are from an International City/County Management local government survey:[2]

- Eighty-nine percent (89%) of respondents believe that parks and recreation departments should take the lead in developing communities conducive to active living.
- Eighty-four percent (84%) had already implemented recreation programs that encourage active living in their community.
- The highest priority selected for the greatest impact on community health and physical inactivity was a cohesive system of parks and trails and accessible neighborhood parks.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) COMPLIANCE

On July 26, 1990, the federal government officially recognized the needs of people with disabilities through the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). This civil right law expanded rights for activities and services offered by both state and local governmental entities (Title II) and non-profit/for-profit entities (Title III). Parks and Recreation agencies are expected to comply by the legal mandate; which means eliminating physical barriers to provide access to facilities, and providing reasonable accommodations in regard to recreational programs through inclusive policies and procedures.

It is a requirement that agencies develop an ADA Transition Plan, which details how physical and structural barriers will be removed to facilitate access to programs and services. The Transition Plan also acts as a planning tool for budgeting and accountability.[3]

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COMMUNITY GARDENS

Communities around the country are building community gardens for a number of far-reaching environmental and social impacts. According to Greenleaf Communities, which supports scientific research in environmental and human health, community gardens offer benefits including: [4]

Environmental	Social
• Reducing waste through composting • Improving water infiltration • Increasing biodiversity of animals and plants • Improve air and soil quality	• Increase intake of vegetables and fruits • Promotes relaxation and improves mental health • Increases physical activity • Reduces risk of obesity and obesity-related diseases

2 "Active Living Approached by Local Government: Survey," International City/County Management Association, http://bookstore.icma.org/freedocs/Active%20Living%20and%20Social%20Equity.pdf, 2004.
3 Mark Trieglaff and Larry Labiak, National Recreation and Park Association: "Recreation and the Americans with Disabilities Act," Accessed August 2019: https://www.nrpa.org/parks-recreation-magazine/2016/august/recreation-and-the-americans-with-disabilities-act/
4 Katie DeMuro, "The Many Benefits of Community Gardens" *Greenleaf Communities*, https://greenleafcommunities.org/the-many-benefits-of-community-gardens, accessed January 2019

Some studies show that community gardens can improve the well-being of the entire community by bringing residents together and creating social ties.

DOG PARKS

Dog parks continue to see high popularity and have remained among the top planned addition to parks and recreational facilities over the past three years. They help build a sense of community and can draw potential new community members and tourists traveling with pets.[5]

OLDER ADULTS AND SENIOR PROGRAMMING

Many older adults and seniors are choosing to maintain active lifestyles and recognize the health benefits of regular physical activities. With the large number of adults in these age cohorts, many communities have found a need to offer more programming, activities, and facilities that support the active lifestyle this generation desires.

As Baby Boomers enter retirement, they will be looking for opportunities in fitness, sports, outdoors, arts and cultural events, and other activities that suit their lifestyles. With their varied life experiences, values, and expectations, Baby Boomers are predicted to redefine the meaning of recreation and leisure programming for mature adults. Boomers are second only to Generation Y and Millennials in participation in fitness and outdoor sports.[6]

Boomers will look to park and recreation professionals to provide opportunities to enjoy many life-long hobbies and sports. When programming for this age group, a customized experience to cater to the need for self-fulfillment, healthy pleasure, nostalgic youthfulness, and individual escapes will be important. Recreation trends will shift from games and activities that boomers associate with senior citizens. Ziegler suggests that activities such as bingo, bridge, and shuffleboard will likely be avoided because Boomers relate these activities with old age.

Public parks and recreation agencies are increasingly expected to be significant providers of such services and facilities. The American Academy of Sports Medicine issues a yearly survey of the top 20 fitness trends.[7] Programs including Silver Sneakers, a freestyle low-impact cardio class, and water aerobics are becoming increasingly popular as Americans are realizing the many benefits of staying active throughout life. According to the National Sporting Goods Association, popular senior programming trends include hiking, birding, and swimming.

OUTDOOR FITNESS TRAILS

A popular trend in urban parks with trail use for health, wellness, and fitness activities is to install outdoor fitness equipment along the trails. These kinds of exercise stations have been modernized to withstand weather and heavy use. These can be spaced out or a more popular option is to cluster the fitness apparatus just off the trail with a peaceful and pleasing view of nature or playgrounds.

5 Joe Bush, "Tour-Legged-Friendly Parks, *Recreation Management*, February 2, 2016.
6 Physical Activity Council, 2012 Participation Report, 2012.
7 American College of Sports Medicine, "Survey Predicts Top 20 Fitness Trends for 2015," http://www.acsm.org/about-acsm/media-room/news-releases/2014/10/24/survey-predicts-top-20-fitness-trends-for-2015, accessed January 2015.

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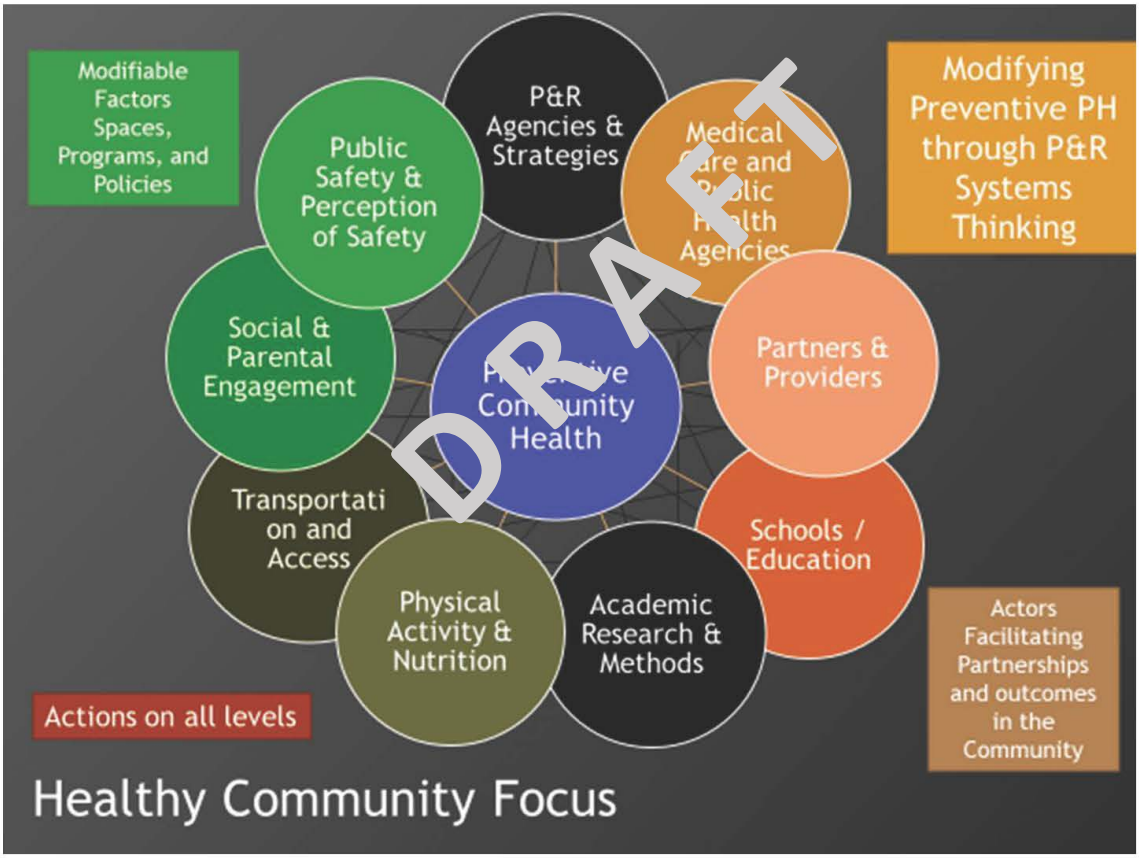
PREVENTATIVE HEALTH

Research has shown conclusively that parks and recreation agencies have a beneficial effect on modifiable health factors by helping to address:

- Increase physical activity
- Enhance social and parental engagement
- Improve nutrition
- Better transportation and access to facilities and spaces
- Perceptions of personal and community safety
- Reductions of smoking, alcohol, and drug use

These factors can be addressed through collaborations with a variety of community partners or "actors," such as schools, public health, medical, other governmental agencies, private and non-profit sectors.[8]



(Penbrooke, 2017)

8 Penbrooke, T.L. (2017). Local parks and recreation agencies use of systems thinking to address preventive public health factors. (Doctoral Dissertation). North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC. Retrieved from: http://www.gpred.org/resources/ under PhD Dissertations.

THERAPEUTIC RECREATION

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) established that persons with disabilities have the right to the same access to parks and recreation facilities and programming as those without disabilities. In 2004, The National Council on Disability (NCD) issued a comprehensive report, "Livable Communities for Adults with Disabilities."[9] This report identified six elements for improving the quality of life for all citizens, including children, youth, and adults with disabilities. The six elements are:

1. Provide affordable, appropriate, accessible housing
2. Ensure accessible, affordable, reliable, safe transportation
3. Adjust the physical environment for inclusiveness and accessibility
4. Provide work, volunteer, and education opportunities
5. Ensure access to key health and support services
6. Encourage participation in civic, cultural, social, and recreational activities

Therapeutic Services bring two forms of services for persons with disabilities into play, specific programing and inclusion services. Individuals with disabilities need not only functional skills but to have physical and social environments in the community that are receptive to them and accommodating individual needs. Inclusion allows individuals to determine their own interests and follow them.

Many park and recreation departments around the country are offering specific programming for people with disabilities, but not as many offer inclusion services. In "Play for All–Therapeutic Recreation Embraces All Abilities," an article in *Recreation Management* Magazine,[10] Dana Carman described resources for communities looking to expand their therapeutic recreation services.

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WALK WITH A DOC

Also popping up in parks around the country are "Walk with a Doc" programs. These programs encourage people to join others in a public park to learn about an important health topic, get a health assessment, e.g. blood pressure and to take a healthy walk along a scenic trail, led by a physician, cardiologist or pediatrician. This is a great way to make the important connection between people, parks, and physical and mental health. Key takeaways from the trends study:

- Jogging or running was the highest rated activity for College Park households for recreation and suggests the need for a focus on trial and path connectivity
- Almost 70 percent of College Park residents belonged to the Millennial and Generation Z populations and suggests the need for a focus on programming for 4-year-olds to 39-year-olds
- Local governments are increasingly accepting the role of providing preventative health care through park and recreation services.
- Eliminating physical barriers to provide access to facilities and providing reasonable accommodations in regard to recreational programs through inclusive policies and procedures is the law.
- Community gardens offer many benefits.
- Dog parks help build a sense of community and can draw potential new community members.
- Many older adults and seniors recognize the health benefits of regular physical activities and are looking for more programming, activities, and facilities that support their active lifestyle.
- Research has shown conclusively that parks and recreation have a beneficial effect on modifiable health factors.

9 National Council on Disability, Livable Communities for Adults with Disabilities, December 2004, http://www.ncd.gov/publications/2004/12022004.

10 *Recreation Management,* February 2007, http://recmanagement.com/200710fe03.php, accessed on February 25, 2015.

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These key takeaways will be addressed in ***Section XI: Recommendations***.

The full trends report is included as an appendix.

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IV. CITY OF COLLEGE PARK, MD OVERVIEW

The City's population is 33,000 and parks and recreation needs are served by both the City of College Park and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC). The City maintains nine playgrounds in the City limits while M-NCPPC owns and operates 15 facilities in the greater area including a community center, skating rink, golf complex and dog park. The City has a Council-appointed Recreation Board with a staff liaison from the Department of Public Services, but no full-time staff dedicated to parks and recreation. City facilities are maintained by the Department of Public Works.

City of College Park Mission Statement
"The City of College Park provides open and effective governance and excellent services that enhance the quality of life in our community."

Knowing the history of the City helped guide the development of the process and the final recommendations for the Community and Senior Recreation Needs Assessment Report.

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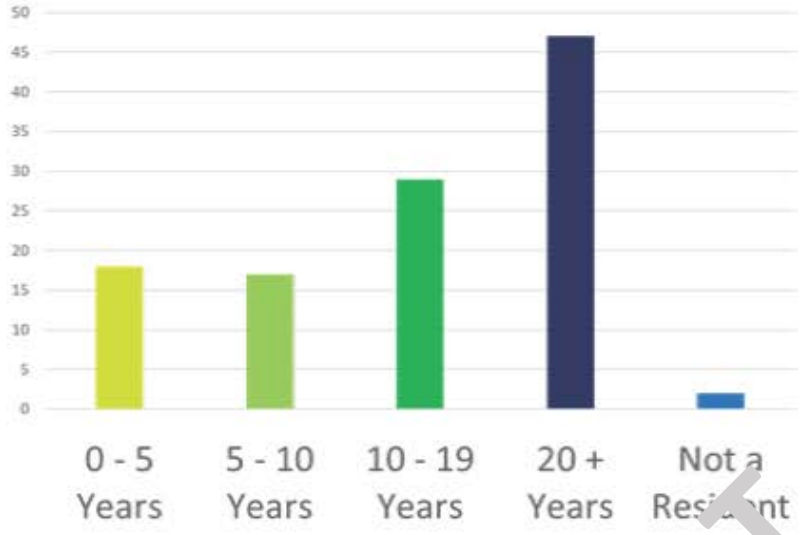
V. INFORMATION GATHERED DURING PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Focus groups, stakeholder interviews, and a public forum were conducted during August 26th and 28th, 2019. These meetings were held throughout the City. The goal of these sessions was to gather information that would guide the provision of recreational facilities, amenities, programs and services. Participants included:

- Users/community members
- Seniors
- Staff
- Members of Rec Board
- MCPPC
- Association Board Members
- City Council

A summary of responses follows. Responses are not prioritized. It should be noted that some participants chose not to respond to some of the questions during the sessions.

Figure 15: Years Participants have been a resident of College Park



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Strengths of College Park as they relate to recreational programs, facilities, and services

- Affordability
- After school programs and other programs
- Athletic Fields
- College Park Community Center
- Connecting and Socializing
- Great Senior Staff
- Lake Artemesia
- Monthly Senior Newsletter
- Number of City Parks
- Programs through county as well as senior homes
- Recent Improvements to Playgrounds
- Senior Trips
- Various Special Events throughout the Year
- Walking and Biking Paths

Recreational weaknesses that need to be addressed through the Community and Senior Recreation Needs Assessment project

<u>Overall</u>

- Additional assistance for seniors needed on a 1-on-1 Basis
- Awareness and communication need significant improvements
- More service opportunities like “Neighbors Helping Neighbors”
- Need Partnerships w/ nearby agencies
- Neighborhoods are strong but still seem segmented
- Recreation Board Needs Assistance
- Consider adding childcare services during programs

<u>Programs</u>

- Communication of Programs is lacking
- Lack of programs for young children
- Lack of sports and programs for post-college grads and for active adults
- Times and dates inconvenient

Facilities

College Park Community Center has potential for greater collaboration, programming

- Lack of facilities
- Need additional investment in maintenance of grounds
- No central location for programs
- No off-leash area for dogs
- Not enough space for classes and meetings
- Programs fill up quickly at College Park CC
- Trails are underutilized

Additional recreational activities desired

Lifelong Learning

- Art Classes
- Clean Up Days
- Computer Classes
- Crochet, Knitting
- Dancing Classes
- Historical Programs
- Intergenerational Programs
- Mentoring Programs
- Trash to Treasure Craft

Health/Fitness

- Access to Health Services
- Active Adult Programs
- Bike Rides
- Kid Open Gym
- Personal Training
- Pickleball Classes
- Senior Counseling Services
- Service Dogs
- Social Sports (Golf, Tennis, Bocci, Pickleball, Ultimate Frisbee)
- Socializing space for card games, bingo
- Swimming
- Therapeutic Recreation
- Wellness Checks
- Yoga/Cardio Space

Entertainment

- Build on Youth EXTREME Program
- Community Wide Yard Sales
- Concerts in the Park
- Free Movie Nights
- Interest Clubs
- Programs for young kids, pre-teens, teens, etc.
- Senior Trips (Increase Capacity, Extend Trips)
- Summer Programs
- Winter Market

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New recreational amenities desired

Amenities/Facilities

- ADA Access
- Cardio/Aerobic Space
- Community Gardens
- Community/Senior Center in North College Park
- Computer Lab
- Dog Parks
- Fitness Gym/Equipment
- Gymnasium
- Improved Park Amenities (bathrooms, water fountains, trash/recycling)
- Indoor Pool
- Makerspace
- Meeting Space
- Outdoor Basketball Courts
- Permanent Gallery Space
- Recreation Room
- Senior Playground
- Storm Shelter
- Teaching Kitchen
- Volleyball Court

Equipment

- Computer
- Bike Racks
- Horseshoe Pit
- Fitness Equipment
- Outdoor Fitness Equipment
- Ping Pong Table/Fusbol

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Transportation assistance desired related to recreation

Current Strengths

- Good Bus System
- Need to Build on Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Desires

- Additional Year-Round Trips
- Emergency Equipment/Oxygen on Buses
- Greater communication about service
- Lack of safe access for cycling and walking
- Limited Service and Capacity
- Longer Distance Travel
- More Frequent Service on Weekends
- Need access across 193 on Rhode Island for biking and walking
- Need transportation to other Community Centers
- Not Always Available During Program Times
- Possible Partnership with Uber/Lyft

Underserved Populations of the Community

- Homebound Seniors
- People with Disabilities
- Active Adults
- Hispanic Population
- Teens and Tweens
- Young Children
- Young Adults
- West College Park
- North College Park

Financial Considerations

- Continue Financial Agreement with City to Share Costs
- County and State Funding
- Development Impact Fees
- Grants
- Increase in User Fees
- Partnerships
- Private Donors
- Tax Incentives
- Concern around additional tax increase/what specific benefits to the community

Key Issues and Values the City of College Park needs to consider

- Access
- Affordability
- Aging Population and Younger Families
- Awareness and Communication
- Balance of Active Adults and Elderly Senior Programs
- Beltway Widening – Displacement
- Capture diversity of the community
- Making Seniors a Priority
- Safety
- Transient Populations
- Transportation

Potential Partners

- Boys and Girls Club
- College Parks Arts Exchange
- Exploration on Aging
- Fitness Facilities, such as Posh Cycling
- Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC)
- Mom's Organic Market
- Local Businesses, such as Proteus Bicycles
- School District
- State of Maryland
- Technology Firms
- University of Maryland
- Various Associations

Other Suggestions

- Research more about the recreation center and operations model of Greenbelt, MD
- Council members should consider additional listening opportunities to the public
- Program promotion/marketing needs to start earlier to provide ample opportunity for participation
- Need additional visitor parking in senior homes
- Some community members suggested repurposing older facilities that are not being used as a senior center
- Look to nearby Community Centers that may offer similar amenities

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Top Priorities for recreation for City of College Park based on initial public input sessions

- Affordability
- Communication
- Focus on Health and Wellness
- Focus on Recreation
- Greater Coordination Between Neighborhoods
- Livable Place to Retire
- Maintain and Improve What We Already Have
- Successful and Strategic Partnerships
- Safe, Comfortable, and Welcoming
- Senior Center/Space
- Variety and Unique Programs

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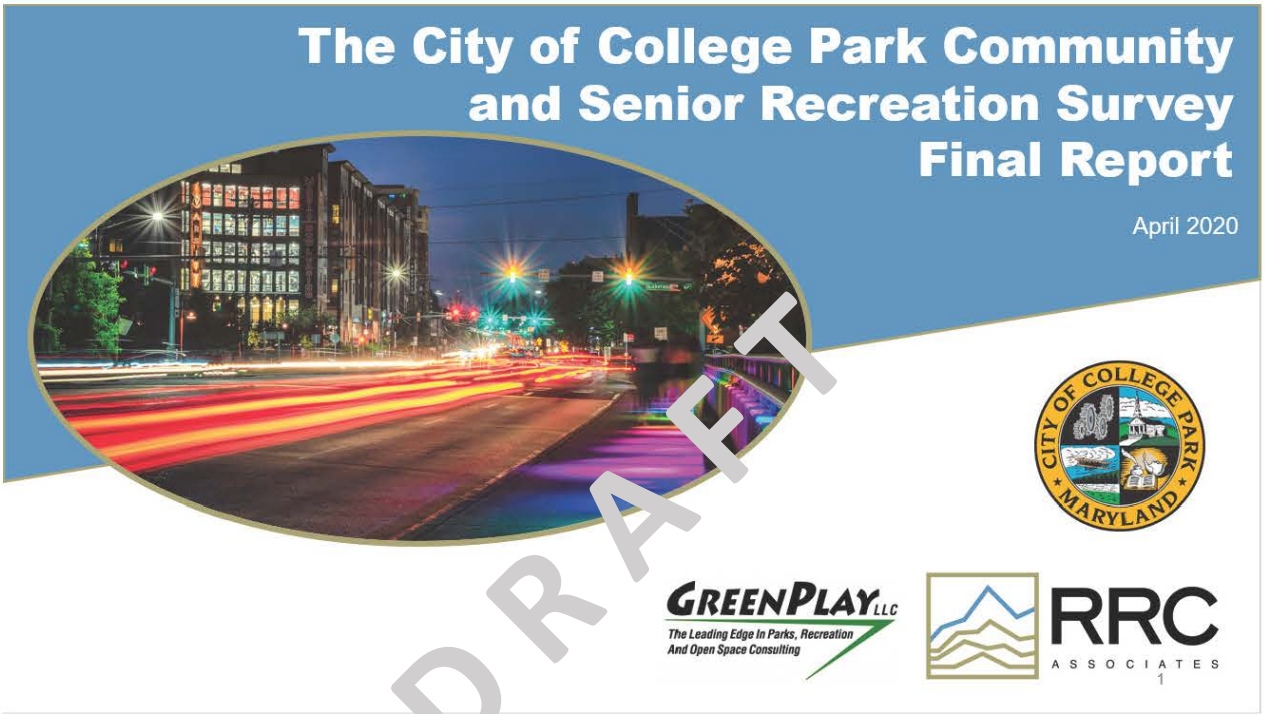
VI. COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY



The purpose of this survey was to gather community feedback on The City of College Park's facilities, trails, amenities, programs, future planning, communication, and more. Furthermore, there was a need to assess senior program offerings specifically. This survey research effort and subsequent analysis were designed to assist The City of College Park in developing a plan to reflect the community's desires, needs, and priorities for the future. The goal was to ensure all residents had a chance to voice their opinion in this process.

Methodology

Primary methods:

1 = Statistically Valid (Invitation Survey)
Mailed survey with an option to complete online

2 = Open Link Survey
Online survey available to all residents

497
Completed Invite Surveys

40
Completed Open Link Surveys

3,500 Mailings Sent to City of College Park Residents

The Invite Survey represents the randomly sampled results of The City of College Park residents. A sample size of 497 completed invite surveys leads to a margin of error of +/- 4.4%. Further, senior residents were oversampled as there was an entire part of the survey that only assessed senior programs. Sample sizes are displayed with each graph. Graphs that have approximate sample sizes fluctuate slightly if multiple questions are displayed. In these cases, sample size ranges are presented. Because of the lower sample size for the Open Link survey, results should be interpreted with caution.

The underlying data from the invitation survey were weighted by race of respondent to adjust for the known demographics of The City of College Park residents across different demographic cohorts in the sample. Using U.S. Census Data, the race distribution in the sample were adjusted to more closely match the population profile of The City of College Park residents.

The following figures show the top survey findings related to programs and facilities satisfaction and participation, awareness, communication, trail and pathway connectivity, and transportation for seniors and the community.

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Figure 16: Top Survey Findings

Top Findings

Current offerings are generally perceived as meeting needs

All facilities that were rated as above-average importance are also rated as meeting the needs of the community well. However, there is some disconnect between different organizations and what each offers.

Increasing awareness may lead to higher participation

Seniors, especially, are not as likely to be aware of what is offered. These individuals may seek out recreation opportunities if they are more easily accessible to find.

Satisfaction is moderate among respondents

Parks, programs, and senior recreation options are more positive than negative, but there does appear to be areas of desired improvements.

Preferred communication methods are diverse

From social media to emails to the Weekly Bulletin, respondents seek a diversity of online and traditional promotional materials. This is even more important as different ages prefer different communication methods.

Top Findings

Most parks and programs receive use by a small segment of people

Special events are used most often by respondents, but even then, only 35% participated in the past 12 months. Overall there may be ways to increase use at a variety of facilities.

Trail and pathway connectivity ranks high in future priorities

Along with open space / natural areas, trail connectivity was chosen as the number one priority to improve/expand in the near future for The City of College Park.

Further partnering with other recreation providers may be useful for residents

Residents do use The City of College Park facilities and programs, but there are a number of other organizations and facilities they use too. Matching up how to best serve residents may be best done through partnering with these other organizations to improve offerings.

Seniors are interested and willing to participate in trips and programs

Many seniors who responded to the survey had not yet participated in programs or trips, but they expressed a desire to try both out in the future. Shifting program times and/or reaching out to a wider range of residents may be useful.

Figure 17: Survey Demographic Profile

Demographic Profile

50% of respondents are working full time while 36% are retired.

17% of respondents' households earn under $100k per year.

10% require ADA-accessible facilities and services in The City of College Park.

33% of respondents' households have children at home.

29% have lived in the City of College Park less than 10 years.

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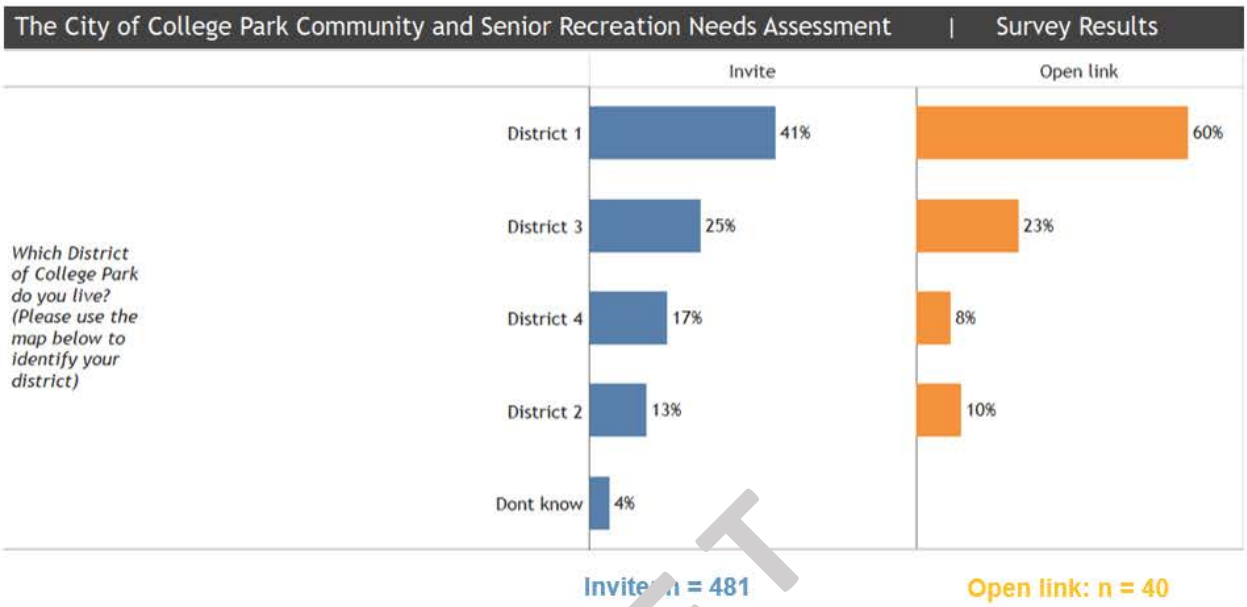
Figure 17 above shows that age is distributed across the range with most respondents 55 and older (62%). Because of the nature of this study, respondents' age leans older. Invite respondents are more likely to be female (50%), a common finding in survey research. Most invite respondents are couples with children at home (26%) followed by singles without children (23%). In total, approximately 33% of invite households have children at home.

Respondents were provided a District map and asked which of the four districts their residence is located. The largest share of respondents live in District 1 (41%), with 25% in District 3, 17% in District 4, and 13% in District 2. A small percentage (4%) were not sure which District they lived in. Open link results are similar but leans more towards District 1 residency. ***Figure 18*** shows the District location of survey respondents.

Figure 18: District Location of Survey Respondents



Usage over the past 12 months of The City of College Park parks/playgrounds or services is varied among invite respondents. The most frequently used amenity are special events where 39% of respondents have attended in the past 12 months. Duvall Field and playground saw 35% usage with Hollywood playground seeing 32% usage among invite respondents. Overall, most facilities are only regularly used by a small segment of respondents.

When asked about their satisfaction of multiple aspects, parks (3.9 average) is rated the highest, followed by playgrounds (3.8), and senior programs/trips (3.3). There are not a large volume of respondents who are "dissatisfied" with parks and playgrounds, but there are 29% of invite respondents who rated senior programs/trips as a 1 or 2 out of 5. ***Figure 19*** shows the satisfaction rate for College Park's programs, facilities, and parks.

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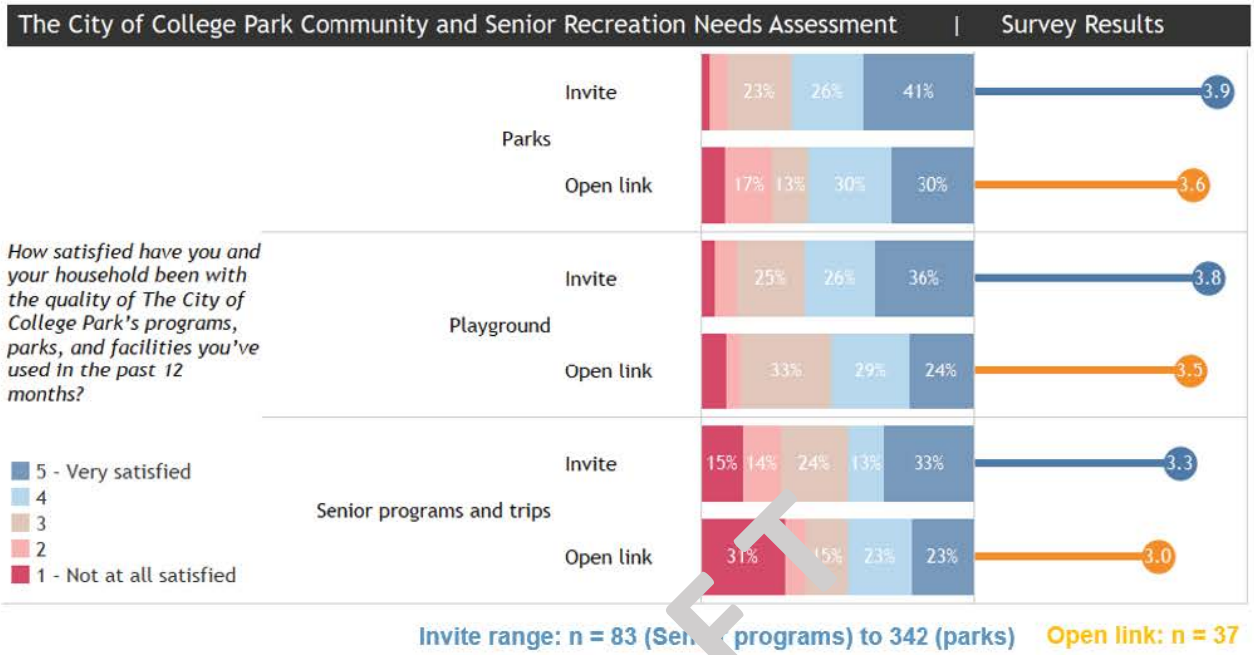
Figure 19: Satisfaction Rate for College Park's Programs, Facilities, and Parks



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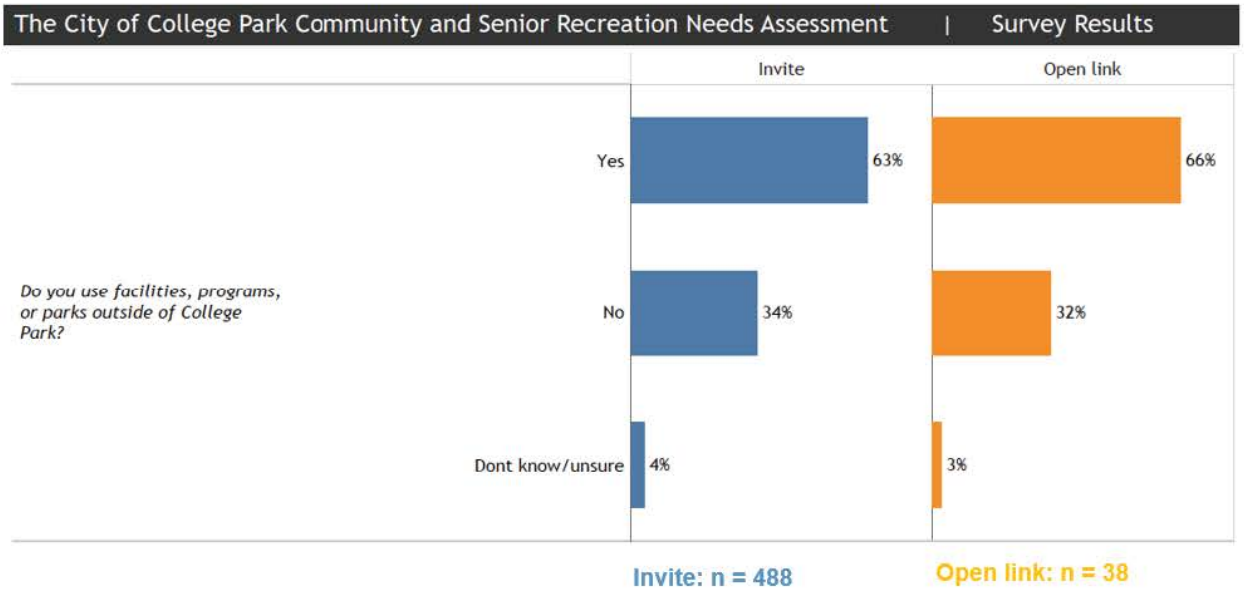
Almost 2/3rd (63%) of respondents use facilities, programs, or parks outside of College Park. This is similar in the open link sample as well. This may signal that there are specific needs that are filled outside of what is operated by The City of College Park that residents rely on too. ***Figure 20*** below shows the rate for College Park residents using programs, facilities, and parks of other service providers.

Figure 20: Rate for College Park Residents Using Other Service Providers



Respondents perceive the communication of The City of College Park is somewhat mixed with most respondents rating the effectiveness as 3 out of 5. Approximately 38 percent rate the effectiveness either a 1 or 2 out of 5, and 27 percen rate it as a 4 or 5 out of 5. There appears to be a wide range of opinions on communication that could be further addressed in the City. Awareness is a common theme in other question results too. ***Figure 21*** below shows the effectiveness of College park's communication related to programs, facilities, and parks. ***Figure 22*** shows the top communication methods identified by survey respondents.

Figure 21: Effectiveness of College Park's Communication Related to Programs, Facilities, and Parks

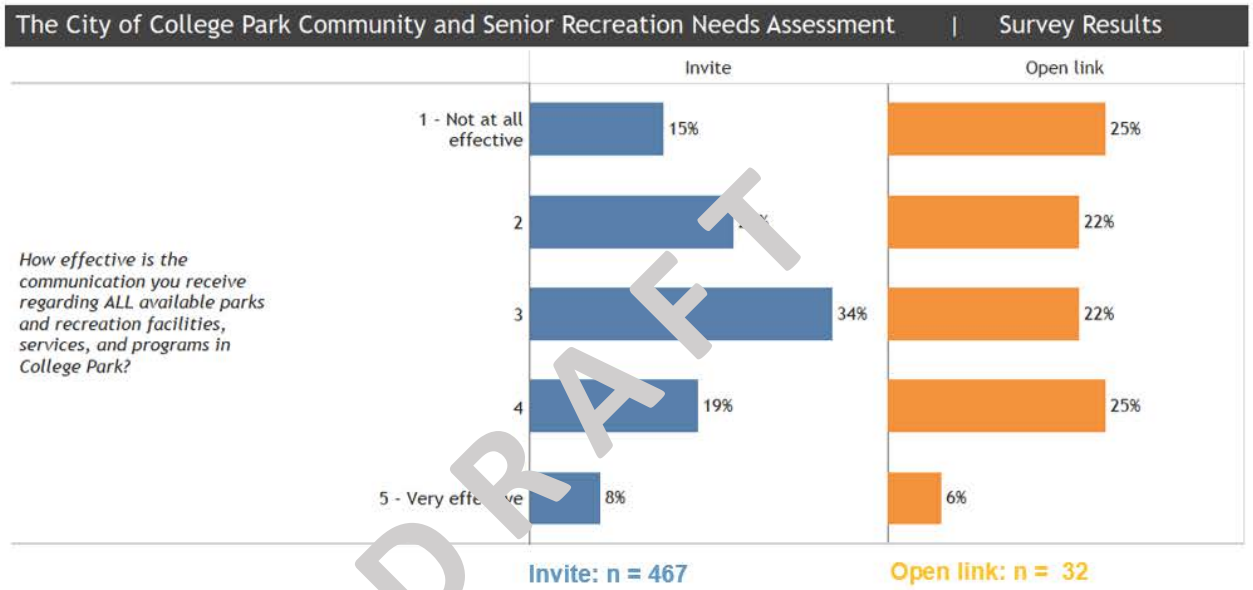


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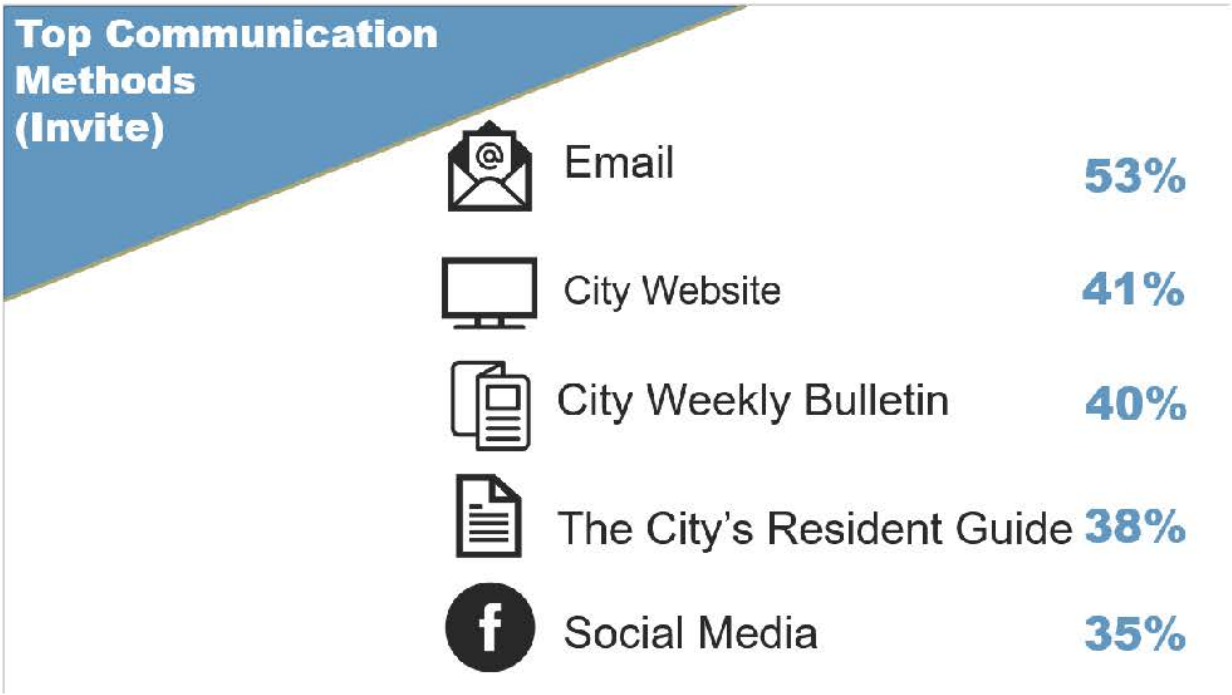
Figure 22: Top Communication Methods Identified by Survey Respondents



The City of College Park's invite respondents prefer emails from the City (53%), followed by the City website (41%), City Weekly Bulletin (40%), the City Resident's Guide (38%), and social media (35%) as the best options for receiving information about parks and recreation. There are a variety of other options preferred in addition to these top options such as word of mouth, at the site location, and local media. These all bring to light the need to diversify communication materials.

Respondents see a variety of improvements and additions as important for the future. In fact, little variation exists within the data and many priorities are rated between 3.6-3.9 out of 5.0. That said, trail and pathway connectivity (4.1), open space/natural areas (3.9), fitness/wellness programming (3.9), and a multi-use indoor facility/community center/senior center (3.8) top the list. Open link results trended similar.

Towards the middle-to-bottom of the list are senior programming (3.6) and an aquatic facility (3.5). Respondents see the least important priorities for the future to be additional athletic fields (2.2) and additional athletic courts (2.9).

When asked to choose their top three priorities from the future needs, respondents selected trail and pathway connectivity (39%), open space/natural areas (37%), and fitness/wellness programming (35%) as the most important to focus on right now. A multi-use indoor facility (26%) and senior programming (20%) also rated quite high on the list of priorities. ***Figure 23*** below shows the top three priorities related to programs, facilities, and parks.

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Figure 23: Top 3 Priorities Related to Programs, Facilities, and Parks

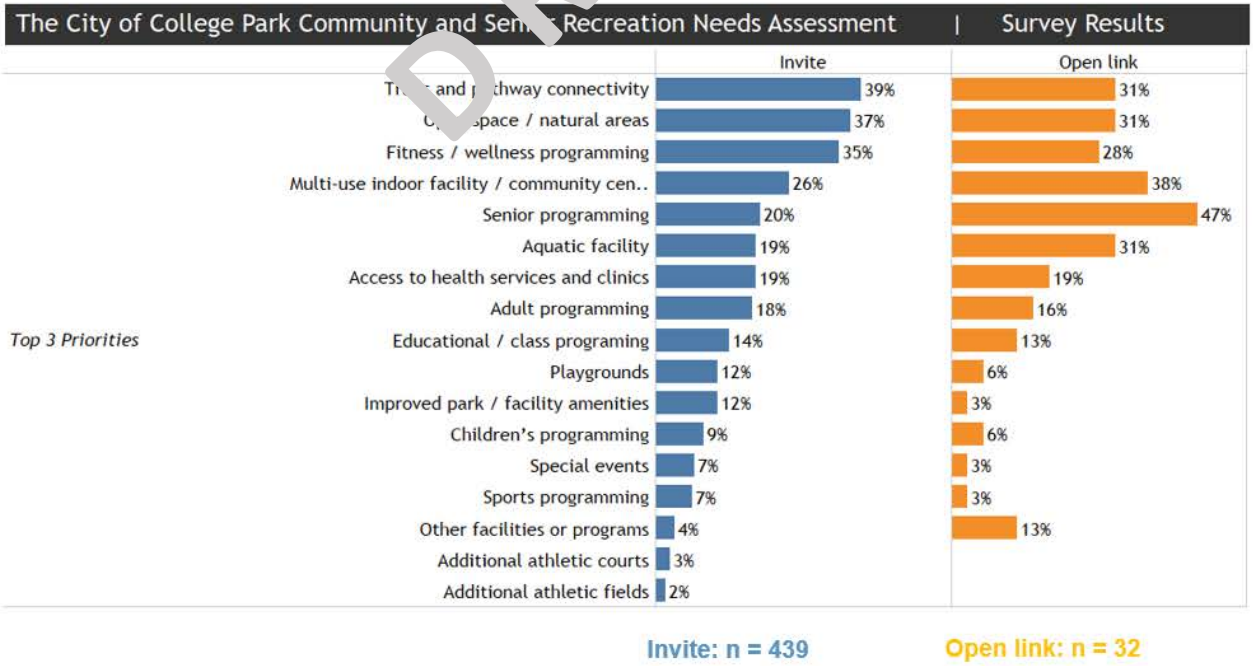
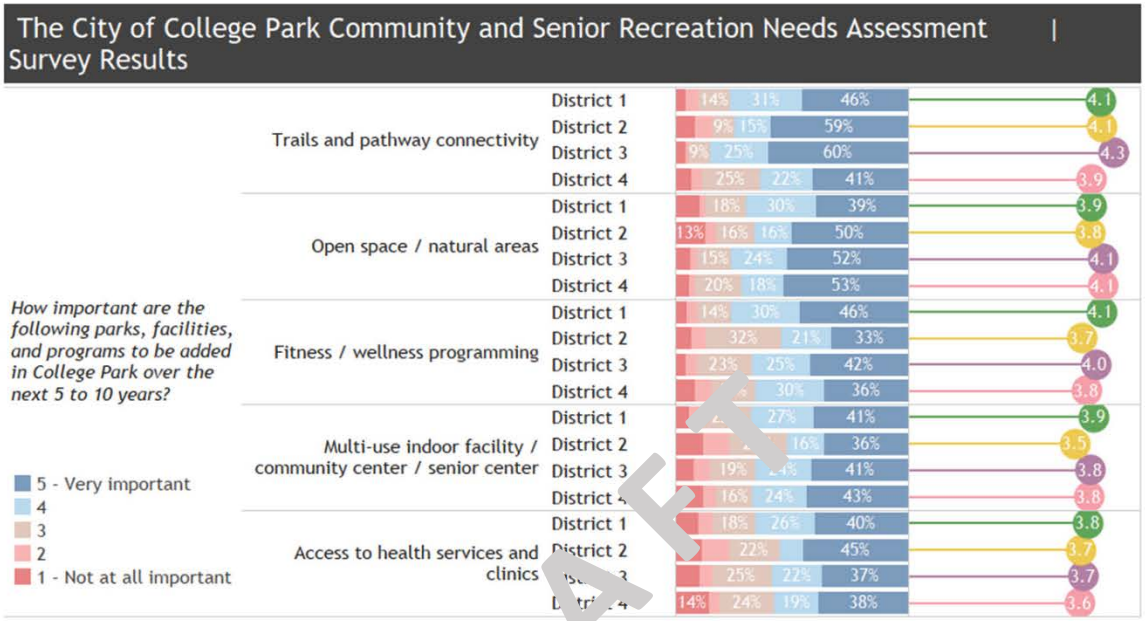


Figure 24 below shows the top three needs related to programs, facilities, and parks by District.

Figure 24: Top 5 Priorities Related to Programs, Facilities, and Parks by District



Additional Comments

Respondents were asked to provide any thoughts or suggestions they had through an open-ended comment at the end of the survey. Below is a word cloud and comment examples found through open-ended comments in College Park. Comments ranged from those who are excited about new upgrades, requests for more support for seniors, and raising awareness of what is already offered. A full listing of comments are provided in the appendix document.

Increase and expand our seniors programs, locations and transportation. Increase and expand open space, parks, especially for our youth .

Have an indoor aquatic center.

We're excited about the upcoming renovations to Duvall Field!

Better coordination with responsible parties of parks within the City that are not controlled by the City, such as Lakeland Park. I'm sure there are others that residents rely on that are not receiving the same attention.

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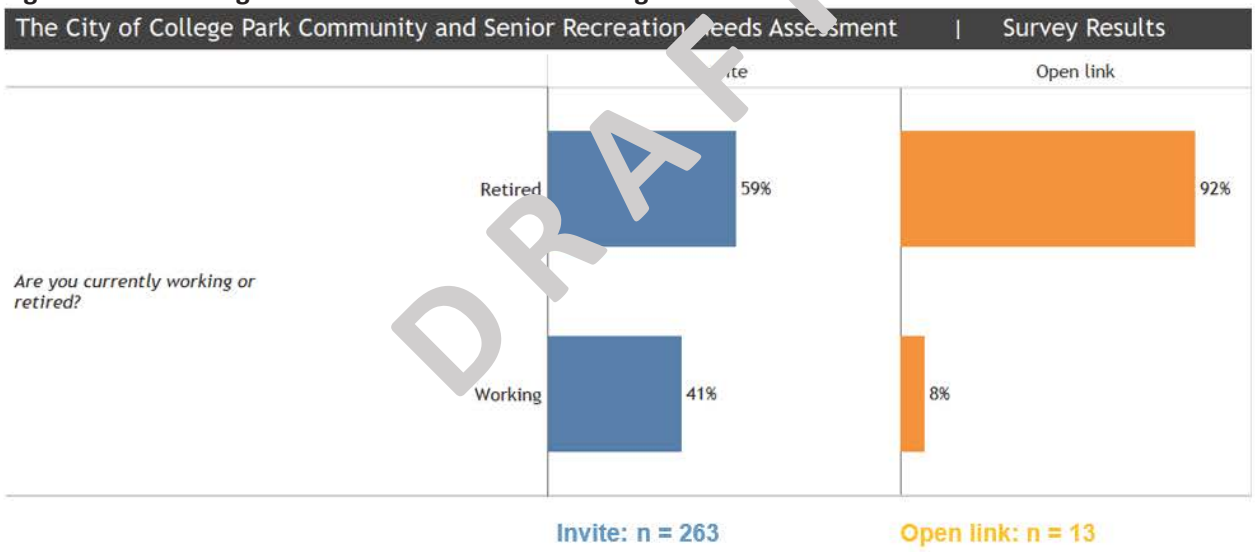
SENIOR RECREATION

At the end of the survey, respondents who were aged 62 (the age the City used to identify seniors) and older were asked to answer an additional page of questions. A secondary goal of the survey process was to assess senior trips and offerings provided by the City of College Park. Thus, questions were developed that would best position the City to improve and/or expand what is offered to seniors. Questions were designed to gauge are unique needs to address in order to increase participation in senior programs and trips. The following section discusses results of these additional questions.

Over half (59%) of seniors in the sample are retired with 41 percent that are still working right now. This question further identifies the need to consider potentially different time periods to offer programming in The City of College Park as some seniors may not be able to attend due to work conflicts. Open link respondents albeit a low response rate are much more likely to be retired (92%). ***Figure 25*** below shows percentage of seniors retired and working.

Figure 25: Percentage of Seniors Retired and Working



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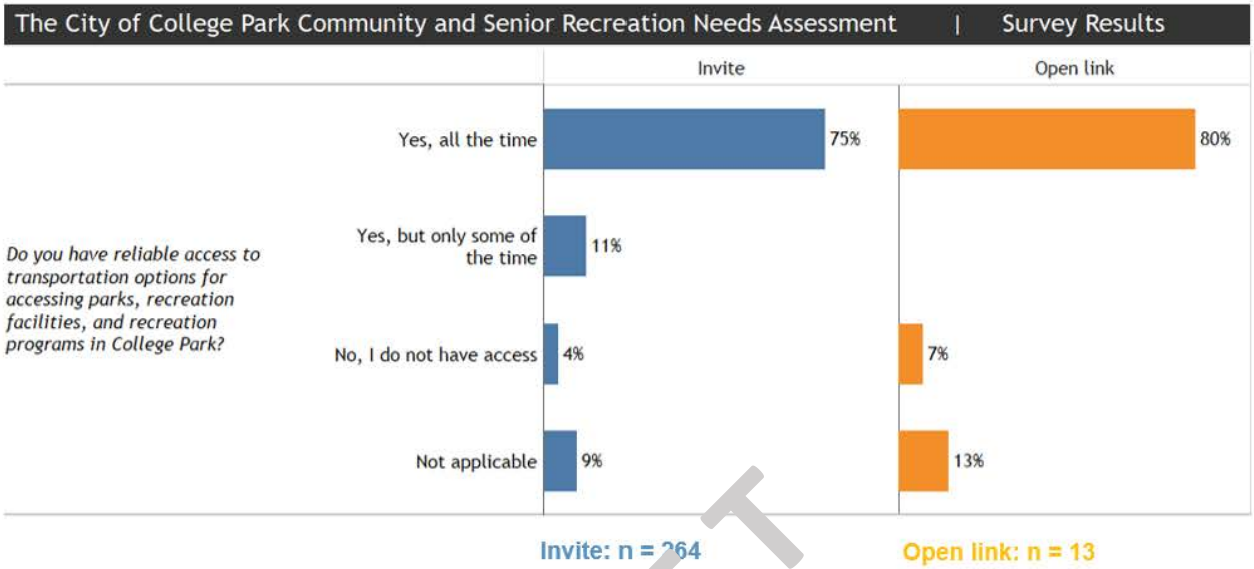
Approximately 75 percent of invite respondent seniors have access to reliable transportation all the time. However, 11 percent have access only some of the time and four percent don't have reliable access. Thus, it may be a smaller portion of the community, but it is still important to consider alternative options for those who cannot reliably get to parks and recreation facilities. ***Figure 26*** shows percentage of seniors with reliable transportation.

Figure 26: Percentage of Seniors with Reliable Transportation



There is a decent share of respondents who would use services for seniors more frequently (26%) if there were more transportation options provided in The City of College Park. While 36 percent would likely not participate more, there are an additional 37 percent that are unsure at this time. Therefore, the percentage of those who would participate more may actually increase if alternative options are provided. Further, there may be those that suddenly need transportation depending on the situation. ***Figure 27*** below shows percentage of seniors who may use services more if reliable transportation was available.

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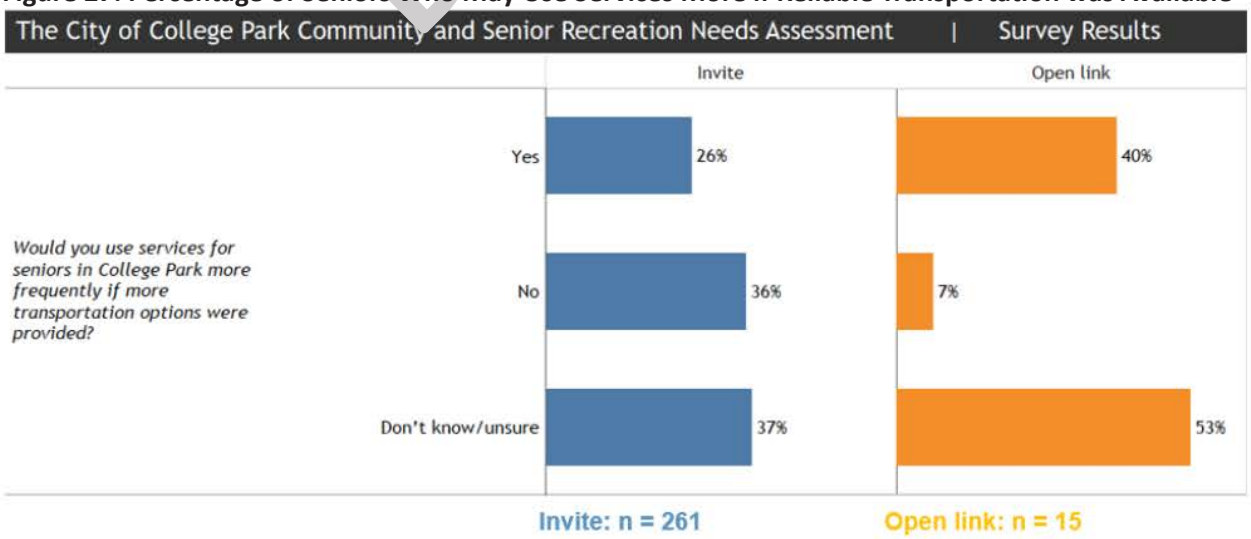
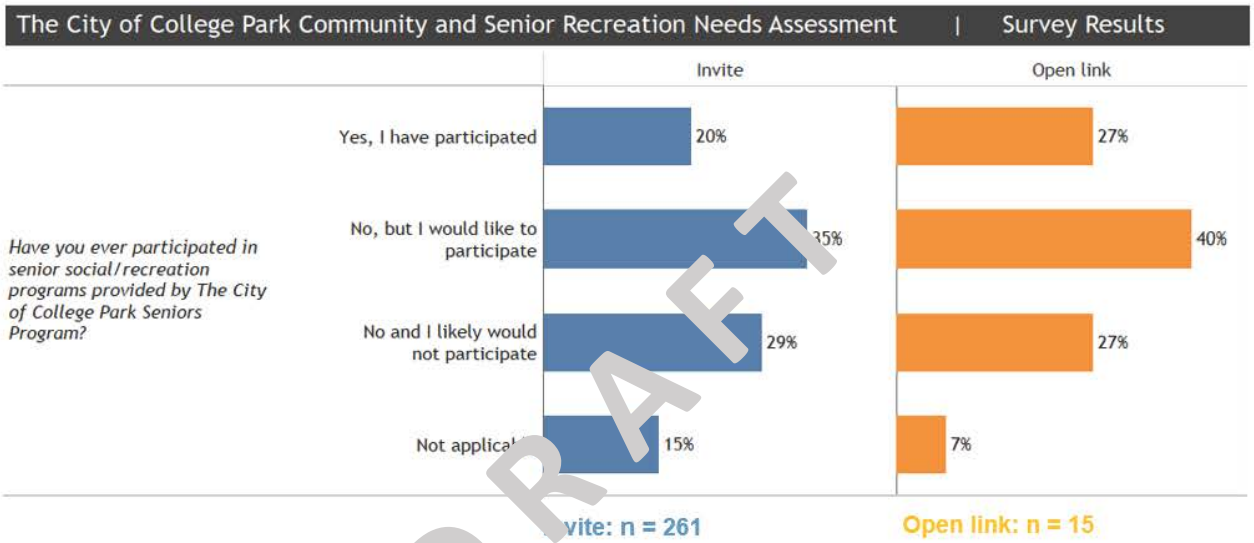
Figure 27: Percentage of Seniors Who May Use Services More if Reliable Transportation was Available



When asked if they had participated in senior social/recreational programs provided, 20 percent of invite respondents had participated, but another 35% would like to participate yet haven't yet. Nearly 30 percent would not likely participate, and 15 percent said it's not applicable right now. But, there is an optimistic group that would like to participate in the future. These individuals may just need the right information to get started. Comments discussed the need to seek out information because they were unsure what was offered yet. ***Figure 28*** below shows participation by seniors in senior social/recreational programs provided College Park.

Figure 28: Participation by Seniors in Senior Social/Recreational Programs Provided College Park



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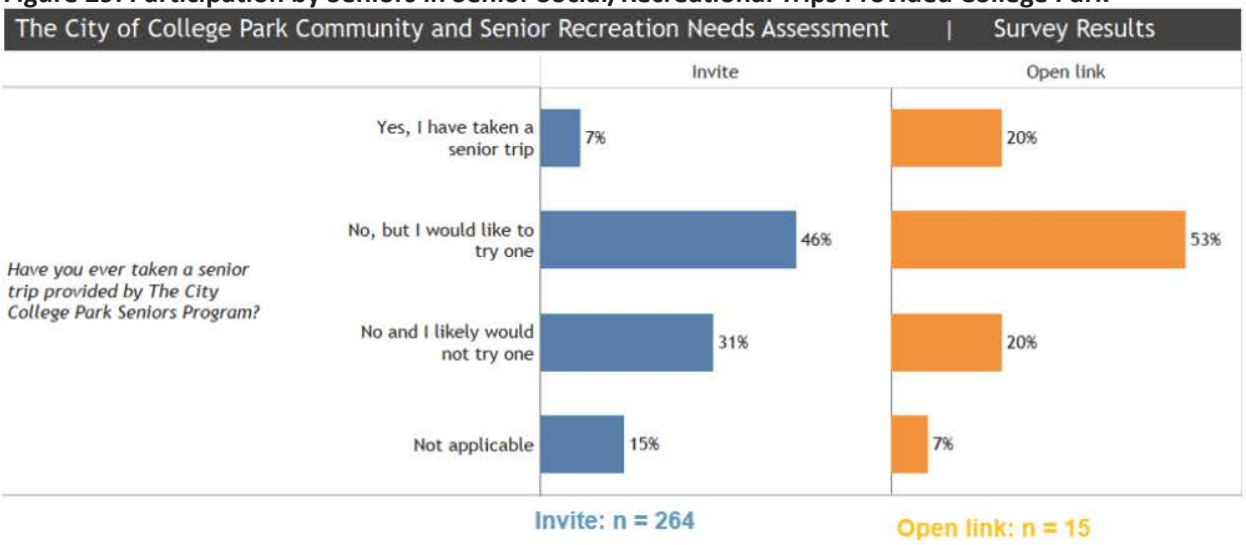
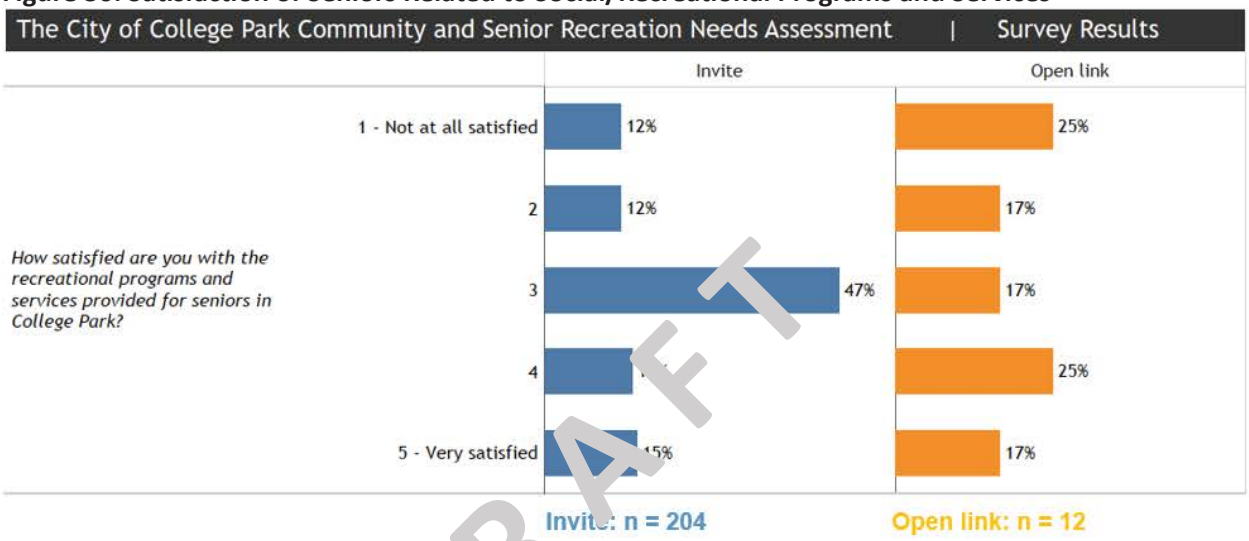
Similar to programs, a smaller number of invite respondents have taken a senior trip (7%), but almost 50 percent of the sample would like to try one (46%). An additional 31 percent are not likely to try, but again, the majority are interested in participated or already have in the past. Results further reinforce the need to distribute information to these groups as they may want to participate and are unaware of what is offered. ***Figure 29*** below shows participation by seniors in senior social/recreational trips provided College Park.

Figure 29: Participation by Seniors in Senior Social/Recreational Trips Provided College Park



Most respondents are neutral in their satisfaction of senior programs and services. In total, 47 percent of invite respondents rated their satisfaction a 3 out of 5 for senior programs and services in the City of College Park. This may be due to fewer using what is offered currently and not forming an opinion yet. Nearly equal shares are satisfied (29% rated 4 or 5) compared to 24% who are not satisfied (rated 1 or 2). ***Figure 30*** below shows satisfaction of seniors related to social/recreational programs and services provided College Park.

Figure 30: Satisfaction of Seniors Related to Social/Recreational Programs and Services



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Senior Programming

Respondents were asked to expand on their response to the previous question and some select quotes are presented. A comprehensive listing of comments from this question is included in the appendix.

> Although I am working and cannot take advantage of the current activities, I am aware they are not sufficient for active seniors. Nor are they in a location which is available to them most of the day.

> It would be nice if there is an indoor pool.

> I have not received information about senior programs in the area.

> I am not sure at this juncture just what the programs are! Both my wife and I will be retiring within the next year and will most likely become familiar with, and take advantage of such programs.

Finally, respondents rated how important priorities for senior recreation are for The City of College Park. Similar to the community-wide survey, more/improved open spaces and natural areas (3.9) topped the list with an increased focus on health and wellness (3.9) tied. More/improved indoor facilities (3.8) and additional active adults programs (3.8) followed.

VII. CURRENT PROGRAMS, AND FACILITIES

The City of College Park does not have a traditional Parks and Recreation Department that provides, programs, facilities, services, and parks for residents and visitors. Four City Departments work together to provide these services.

- The Youth, Family and Senior Services Department provides community outreach as well as family counseling for youth and families to enhance family functioning.
- The Department of Planning, Community & Economic Development prepares local park plans, as needed, and the coordinates planning efforts with other agencies including the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC)
- The Department of Public Services provides administrative support to the Recreation Board.
- The Department of Public Works is responsible for building maintenance, recreational facilities maintenance, turf, tree, and landscape maintenance.

The Youth, Family and Senior Services Department coordinates senior programs and trips, utilizes space from a local church from senior recreation and offers senior trips to local points of interest, and refers seniors to other volunteer/ nonprofit organizations for assistance as appropriate. The Boys and Girls Club provides programs at Duvall Field & Playground and other parks and facilities. Public Services coordinates request for facility and park reservations. The City hosts events for the community such as festivals, concerts, movie nights, and other special events.

City residents support the M-NCPPC through their taxes and in turn, rely on this agency to provide programs, facilities, services, and parks.

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VIII. SENIOR AND COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION

Community members expressed that transportation resulted in minimal barriers to participation and access to City parks, recreation facilities and services. In terms of transportation, a majority of survey respondents currently use their own car to get to facilities; however, some respondents expressed an interest in using alternative means of transportation – walking, biking, and using public transportation. Special concern for access to facilities by youth and older adults was expressed.

Three maps were developed to show the parks, recreation facilities and services available to residents along with available transportation options.

Map #1 of College Park, MD Parks, Playgrounds, and Facilities shows what is available within city limits. The map shows indoor facilities run by College Park, in addition to nearby trails, water ways, and major roads. There is distribution of city parks on the east side of town between Old Town and Hollywood with sparse trail systems connecting the north and south ends of the City. There are few City managed parks West of Baltimore Avenue, although the University likely also provides accessible parks and green space. City Park indoor facilities all fall east of Baltimore Ave. and north of the Paint Branch Stream, leaving Old Town and West of Baltimore Ave. without an indoor space.

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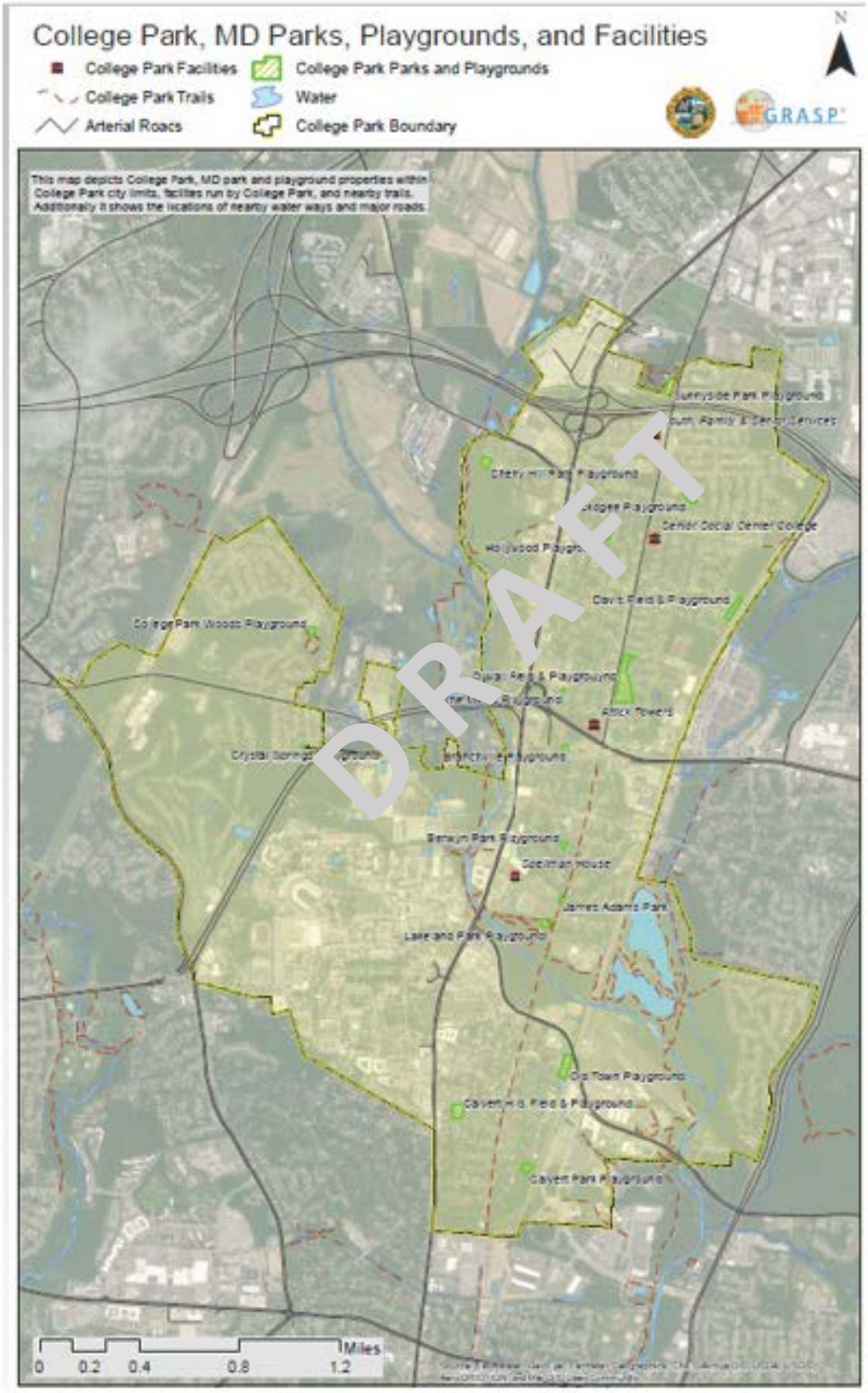
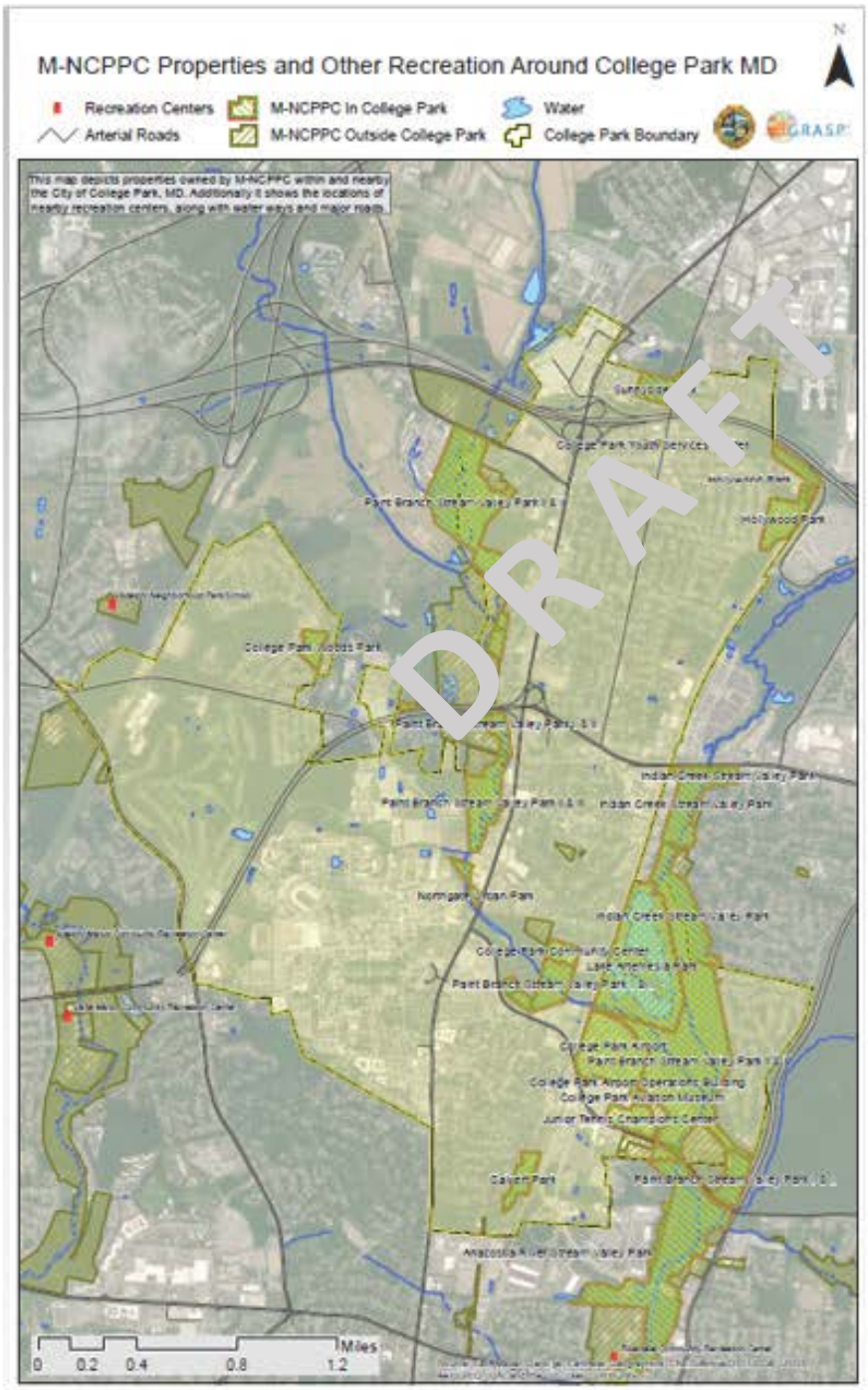
Figure 31: Map of College Park, MD Parks, Playgrounds, and Facilities



Map #2 of M-NCPPC Properties and Other Recreation Around College Park depicts properties owned by M-NCPPC within and nearby the City of College Park, MD, nearby recreation centers, along with water ways and major roads. This map shows that there are many opportunities for recreation programs, services, and facilities.

Figure 32: M-NCPPC Properties and Other Recreation Around College Park MD



Map #3 of Parks, Playgrounds & Transportation in College Park shows that the City of College Park has good coverage for parks, playgrounds, and transportation, but does lack indoor recreation facilities. This map of transportation services including buses, metro, bike shares, park and rides, and railroads near College Park. Also shown are all M-NCPPC and College Park parks and playgrounds, College Park facilities, nearby recreation centers, as well as local trails, nearby water ways and major roads. There appears to be good coverage of bus routes along N-S thoroughfares. Bike shares are at the University and surrounding area. Access to the Metro station is limited to two stops. While there are many parks and four indoor facilities, there are no City indoor recreation centers within College Park.

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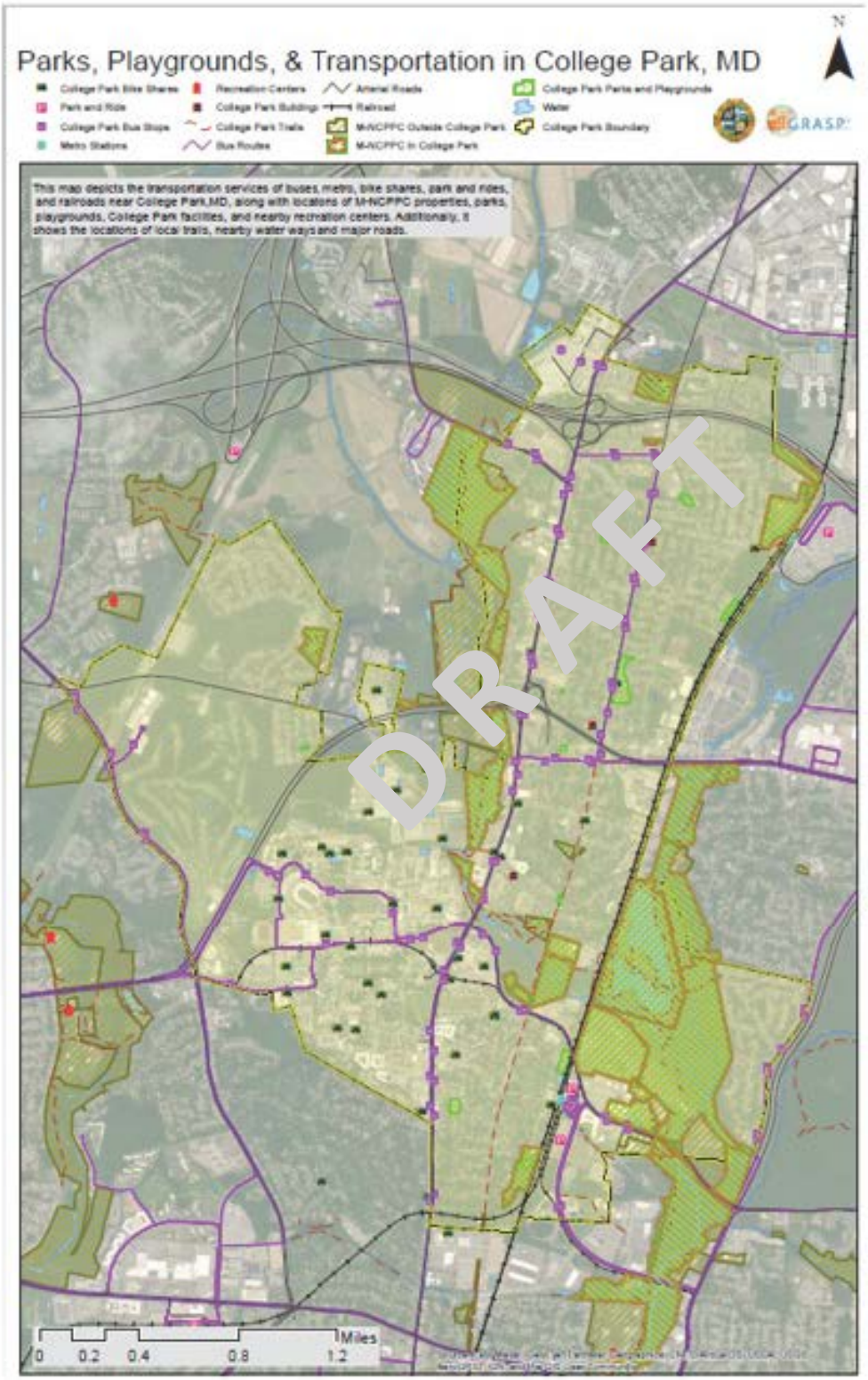
Figure 32: Map #3 Parks, Playgrounds & Transportation in College Park MD



While there are many parks and four indoor recreation facilities owned and operated by others, there are no City owned and operated indoor recreation centers within the City of College Park.

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IX. ALTERNATIVE PROVIDERS

There are a variety of alternative providers of related services in and around College Park. The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) is a bi-county agency, empowered to acquire, develop, maintain and administer a regional system of parks in a defined metropolitan district within the Montgomery and Prince George's counties, Maryland. The City of College Park is part of the Metropolitan District and residents pay tax to M-NCPPC. M-NCPPC administers a park system that currently contains over 59,000 acres. It is composed of stream-valley parks, large regional parks, neighborhood parks, and park-school recreational areas. Its staff consists of over 1,975 career employees—planners, park and recreation administrators, park police, and administrative staff. In addition, it employs approximately 4,880 seasonal workers, primarily for its numerous park and recreation programs. The operating and administrative functions of M-NCPPC are financed primarily by property taxes levied by the two counties. M-NCPPC has the authority to sell general obligation bonds to fund approved park acquisition and development projects. M-NCPPC's board consists of ten members, five appointed by Montgomery County and five by Prince George's County. Responsibility for public recreation in Prince George's County and the County Recreation Department was transferred to M-NCPPC in July 1970 as a result of legislative action. This legislation provided that taxes to support recreation be imposed countywide and that the County Council may require M-NCPPC to institute new recreation programs.

It is important to note that the Department of Parks and Recreation in Prince George's County is one of the largest, most highly sophisticated, and most award-winning agencies in the nation. The Department has a large amount of resources dedicated to planning, analysis, marketing, communications, and administration. Recognized for their outstanding efforts in program design and development by organizations such as the National Recreation and Park Association Council on Accreditation for Parks and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) and the Maryland Recreation and Parks Association, the Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation has established itself as one of the leading agencies in recreation service provision in the United States.

In September 2008, the Department of Parks and Recreation in Prince George's County embarked on The Parks & Recreation: 2010 and Beyond planning effort, a community needs assessment, visioning, and strategic planning project. The purpose of the project was to proactively plan for Prince George's County's present and future recreation programs, parks, trails, and open space needs. A result of this planning effort was the development of The 2040 Vision and Framework document that provides a vision to guide the development of the parks and recreation system into the future, looking to when the county is anticipated to be largely built-out in 30 years. Included in the 2040 Vision and Framework document is a recommendation for the M-NCPPC to add facilities in the College Park Northwest area.

M-NCPPC is beginning a feasibility study to determine how best to add 10,000 sq. ft. of indoor recreational space to the North College Park area. They are conducting preliminary site selection analysis in advance of preparing a Scope of Work/Task Order for a feasibility study to determine how to achieve this goal. Additionally, the MNCPPC is in the process doing a feasibility study for the next Multigenerational Center in Prince George's County.

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In addition to the M-NCPPC, City of College Park residents have at their disposal a multitude of recreation service providers. These alternative providers include agencies and organizations representing the public, non-profit, and private sectors They offer a breadth of recreation services including but not limited to youth sports, health and wellness activities, older adult services, aquatics activities and facilities, golf, natural resource provision, arts and culture, and community/recreation centers.

The analysis of alternative service providers available to the City of College Park residents indicates that coordination with these alternative service providers and improved communication related to what is offered by alternative service providers should be a focus for the City to address community and senior recreation needs for residents.

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X. FINDINGS

An analysis of input received in stakeholder meetings including the Senior Committee, staff interviews, facility and site tours, market analysis, demographic and trends research, and the needs assessment survey identified the City residents' many key issues and values, and a list of priorities related to community and senior recreation.

A Key Issues Matrix was developed to identify key issues, the source and priority rating and to develop initial recommendations. ***Figure 33*** below shows a snapshot of a section of the Key Issues Matrix.

Figure 33: College Park Key Issues Matrix

College Park MD Community and Senior Recreation Needs Assessment	Qualitative Data			Quantitative Data			Consultant's Analysis and Professional Expertise
CITY OF COLLEGE PARK Key Issue - Rating Scale a - priority b - opportunity to improve c - minor or future issue blank means the issue didn't come up or wasn't addressed	Staff Input	Public Input	Leadership Interviews	Community Survey	Other City Documents	Team	GREENPLAY LLC The Leading Edge in Parks, Recreation, And Open Space Consulting Preliminary Recommendations
Organizational							
Population anticipated to increase by about 3,300 by 2035	b	b	b			b	Partnerships with M-NCPPC, County, community services providers including churches and other organizations, and university should be considered to address projected population increases.
College Park has large numbers of 15 - 19 and 20 - 24 year olds possibly because of U of MD	b	b	b	b	b	b	Direct University students to University programs, services and facilities
College Park has large numbers of 20 - 24 and 25 - 29 year olds	b		b	a		a	Work with M-NCPPC, the County and community service providers including churches and other organizations, to increase programs for 20 - 24 and 25 - 29 year olds
Residents are not aware of available programs, services and facilities	a	a		a		a	Increasing communications, promotion and social media presence to raise awareness of programs, services and facilities may lead to higher participation.
Seniors, especially, are not as likely to be aware of what is offered. These individuals may seek out recreation opportunities if they are more easily accessible to find.	a	a	a	a		a	Develop senior focused communications, promotion, and social media presence in senior living facilities to raise awareness of programs, services, and facilities may lead to higher participation.
Survey respondents seek a diversity of different communication methods depending on age.		a	a	a		a	Preferred communication methods need to be diverse and include social media posts, emails, website updates, updates in the Weekly Bulletin.
Residents are requesting additional programs, services and facilities		a	a	a	a	a	Matching up how to best serve residents may be best done through partnering with these other organizations to improve offerings.
50% of survey respondents are working full time while 36% are retired		b	b	b	b	b	Program offerings should include daytime, evening and weekend options
33% of respondents' households have children at home.	b	b	b	b	b	b	Programming offerings should include specific programs for adults with children and family specific programs. Child care options should be also considered.
Over half (59%) of seniors irespondng to the survey are retired with 41% that are still working right now.	a	a	a	a		a	Senior program offerings should include daytime, evening and weekend option.
11% of seniors responding to the survey have access to reliable transportation only some of the time and 4% don't have reliable access.	b	b	b	b		b	Consider alternative options for those who cannot reliably get to parks and recreation facilities (possibly vouchers for Uber, Lyft or taxis).
The majority of survey respondents use a private vehicle as their primary mode of transportation.	b	c	b	c		c	Consider developing a ride share online board to assist those with out transportation.

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The entire Key Issues Matrix is included as ***Appendix B.***

The following recurring key issues and values and top priorities were identified:

Recurring Key Issues and Values

- Affordability
- Awareness
- Aging Population
- Young Families
- Communication
- Safe Access
- Unifying Relationships
- College Park's lack of available land

Top Priorities

- Affordability of Programs
- Partnerships with M-NCPPC
- Focus on Health and Wellness
- Greater Communication
- Senior Center Space/Socializing Hub
- Strong Partnerships with County and University
- Variety and Uniqueness of Programs

The following solutions to address these key issues and values, and top priorities related to community and senior recreation were developed and will be detailed in the recommendations section that follows.

Solutions to Meet Senior and Community Recreation Needs

- Partnerships with M-NCPPC
- Focus on Health and Wellness
- Variety and Uniqueness of Programs
- Greater Communication
- Senior Center Space/Socializing Hub/Meeting Spaces
- Strong Partnerships with County and University

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XI. RECOMMENDATIONS

A. KEY CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Key challenges and opportunities were identified using several tools including review of existing plans and documents, focus groups, stakeholder meetings including the Senior Committee, a community survey, program analysis, transportation analysis, and level of service analysis. The information gathered from these sources was evaluated, and the recommendations were developed that address the key issues and values, and top priorities:

RECURRING KEY ISSUES & VALUES	TOP PRIORITIES
• Affordability • Awareness • Aging Population • Young Families • Communication • Safe Access • Unifying Relationships • College Park's lack of available land	• Affordability of Programs • Partnerships with M-NCPPC • Focus on Health and Wellness • Greater Communication • Senior Center Space/Socializing Hub • Strong Partnerships with County and University • Variety and Uniqueness of Programs

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B. SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS & ACTION PLAN TABLE

The action plan identifies specific objectives for the solutions to meet senior and community recreation needs:

SOLUTIONS TO MEET SENIOR AND COMMUNITY RECREATION NEEDS
• Partnerships with M-NCPPC • Focus on Health and Wellness • Variety and Uniqueness of Programs • Greater Communication • Senior Center Space/Socializing Hub/ Meeting Spaces • Strong Partnerships with County and University

C. ACTION PLAN

CONTEXT

Residents and community leaders are increasingly recognizing that parks and recreation facilities, programs, and services are becoming more and more essential in planning efforts for long term investments in economic sustainability and planning the vitality of desirable communities. The City of College Park is committed to providing quality living experiences for their residents and the following recommendations will assist the City in moving forward.

MOVING FORWARD-RECOMMENDATIONS

After analyzing the findings from the Community and Senior Recreation Needs Assessment study, including the Key Issues Matrix, a summary of all research, the qualitative and quantitative data captured, and input assembled for this study, a variety of recommendations have emerged to provide guidance to assist the City in ensuring that high quality programs, parks, facilities and services are available for residents. This section describes ways to enhance the level of service and the quality of life with improvements through efficiencies, enhanced communication, partnering with alternative service providers for program and service delivery, facilities, and amenities.

Goals, Objectives, and Action Items for the recommendations are drawn from the public input, findings feedback, and other information gathered with a primary focus on high quality programs, parks, facilities, and services.

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GOALS

Goal 1: Continue to Improve and Enhance Organizational Efficiencies			
Objective 1.1: ***Plan for the continued growth of the City*** ***As noted in the demographics and trends, growth will continue slow growth through 2035, which in turn places increased demand for programs, parks, facilities, and services. College Park has large numbers of 15 - 19 and 20 - 24 year olds, largely because of University of Maryland.***			
Actions	**Capital Cost Estimate**	**Operational Budget Impact**	**Timeframe to Complete**
1.1.a Partnerships with M-NCPPC, County, community services providers including churches and other organizations, and university should be considered to address projected population increases.	N/A	Staff time	Short-Term/ Ongoing
1.1.b Direct University students to university programs, services, and facilities. Work with University leaders to seek assistance regarding promotion of available services for U of M students, faculty, and alumni.	N/A	Staff time	Short-Term/ Ongoing
1.1.c Develop a staffing plan for future growth to include staffing resources needed to address recreational services provided by the City	N/A	Staff time/ cost of future positions	Short-Term/ Ongoing

Objective 1.2: ***Improve and enhance partnerships with M-NCPPC, County, community services providers including churches and other organizations to increase program and service delivery for residents.*** ***City of College Park residents' taxes include a portion that is provided to the M-NCPPC to provide programs, services, and facilities.***			
Actions	**Capital Cost Estimate**	**Operational Budget Impact**	**Timeframe to Complete**
1.2a Continue to submit annual requests for programs, services, and facilities to the M-NCPPC each October on behalf of the City of College Park Residents.	N/A	Staff Time	Ongoing

Objective 1.3: ***Improve and enhance senior focused communications, promotion, and social media presence in targeting senior residences to raise awareness of programs, services, and facilities.*** ***Residents, especially seniors, indicated they are not aware of what programs, services, parks or facilities are offered. These individuals may seek out recreation opportunities if they are more easily accessible to find.***			
Actions	**Capital Cost Estimate**	**Operational Budget Impact**	**Timeframe to Complete**
1.3.a Increasing communications, promotion, and social media presence to raise awareness of programs, services, and facilities.	N/A	Staff time/Cost of promotional materials	Short-Term/ Ongoing
1.3.b Develop new senior focused communications, promotion, and social media presence in senior living facilities to raise awareness of programs, services, and facilities.	N/A	Staff time/Cost of promotional materials	Short-Term/ Ongoing
1.3.c Preferred communication methods need to be diverse and include social media posts, emails, website updates, updates in the Weekly Bulletin.	N/A	Staff time/Cost of promotional materials	Short-Term/ Ongoing

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Objective 1.4: ***Maximize the potential of Joint Use Agreements with community organizations.*** ***The City should look to maximize potential usage of facilities as a key component of any joint operating agreement. Work with schools, County, community services providers including churches and other organizations, and university to access existing facilities and to provide programs and services.***			
Actions	**Capital Cost Estimate**	**Operational Budget Impact**	**Timeframe to Complete**
1.4.a Look for partnerships with new community services providers including churches and other organizations to increase programs and services offered.	N/A	Staff time	Short-Term/ Ongoing
1.4.b Strengthen existing partnership with M-NCPPC, County, community services providers including churches, other organizations, and the university.	N/A	Staff time	Short-Term
Objective 1.5: ***Improve maintenance standards and plans.*** ***The City of College Park's Department of Public Works does an excellent job maintaining facilities and parks. To continue with the high level of service, regular review and updating of the existing maintenance plan should be a priority for the department. This should ensure the provision of high-quality facilities, well-maintained parks and grounds, and sustainable maintenance practices.***			
Actions	**Capital Cost Estimate**	**Operational Budget Impact**	**Timeframe to Complete**
1.5.a Continue with the existing maintenance plan in that includes weekly, monthly, and seasonal preparations and regular maintenance. Review annually and adjust accordingly.	$0	Staff time may increase with the addition of new or expanded tasks	Ongoing
1.5.b Regular inspections based on the adopted schedule should continue to monitor the condition of existing parks, facilities, trails, and pathways.	$0	Staff time	Ongoing

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Goal 2: Continue to Improve Programs & Service Delivery			
Objective 2.1: ***Work with M-NCPPC, the County and community service providers including churches and other organizations, to increase programs and services available to City of College Park residents.*** ***The City does not have a traditional Parks and Recreation Department nor facilities and staff to provide recreation programs and facilities for residents. City residents pay taxes that support the M-NCPPC. The M-NCPPC provides recreation services including but not limited to youth sports, health and wellness activities, older adult services, aquatics activities and facilities, golf, natural resource provision, arts and culture, and community/recreation centers.***			
Actions	**Capital Cost Estimate**	**Operational Budget Impact**	**Timeframe to Complete**
2.1.a Request through the M-NCPPC additional Lifelong Learning programs for seniors. Possible programs include the following: • Art Classes • Computer Classes • Crochet, Knitting • Dancing Classes • Historical Programs • Intergenerational Programs • Mentoring Programs • Trash to Treasure Craft	N/A	Staff time/cost of promotional materials	Short-Term/ Ongoing
2.1.b Request through the M-NCPPC additional Health/ Fitness programs and services for all age groups. Possible programs include the following: • Access to Health Services • Active Adult Programs • Bike Rides • Kid Open Gym • Personal Training • Pickleball Classes • Senior Counseling Services • Service Dogs • Social Sports (Golf, Tennis, Bocci, Pickleball, Ultimate Frisbee) • Socializing space for card games, bingo • Swimming • Therapeutic Recreation • Wellness Checks • Yoga/Cardio	N/A	Staff time/cost of promotional materials	Short-Term/ Ongoing

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Objective 2.2: ***Add and enhance special events.*** ***As identified by focus groups and survey respondents, expanding opportunities, and enhancing special event programming was identified as a priority. The City should work with other service providers to explore new special events, possibly themed by the community or season of the year. The City should continue to look for opportunities to expand community events and activities based on community demand and trends.***			
Actions	**Capital Cost Estimate**	**Operational Budget Impact**	**Timeframe to Complete**
2.2.a Work with the County and community service providers including churches and other organizations, to add community and special events for all age groups. Possible events include the following: • Community Wide Yard Sales • Concerts in the Park • Free Movie Nights • Interest Clubs • Special events themed for young kids, pre-teens, teens, etc. • Senior Trips (Increase Capacity, Extend Trips) • Summer Programs • Winter Market	N/A	Staff Time/Cost of Promotional Materials	Short-Term/ Ongoing
2.2.b Considering trends and demand, look for opportunities to expand and build a sense of community through special event programming. (seasonal, celebrations, monthly concerts, food, and beverage festivals)	N/A	Staff Time	Ongoing

Objective 2.3: ***Focus on Senior Recreation Programming and Services*** ***As identified by focus groups, conversations with the Senior Committee, and survey respondents, seniors are interested and willing to participate in trips and programs.***			
Actions	**Capital Cost Estimate**	**Operational Budget Impact**	**Timeframe to Complete**
2.3.a Need to improve senior recreation program offering. Adjust times and types of programs, services, and trips based on current trends and demands. Work with M-NCPPC, the County and community service providers including churches and other organizations, to increase senior programs.	N/A	Staff Time	Short-Term/ Ongoing

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2.3.b Improve senior focused communications, promotion, and social media presence in senior living facilities to raise awareness of programs, services and facilities may lead to higher participation	N/A	Staff Time	Short-Term/ Ongoing
2.3.c Work with community service providers to identify available services. Consider financial assistance programs such as reduced priced fees or vouchers for programs and services for those demonstrating financial need.	N/A	Staff Time	Short-Term/ Ongoing

Goal 3: Continue to Improve and Enhance Facilities and Amenities

Objective 3.1: ***Consider renting or acquiring vacant store front space to use for meeting spaces and programming spaces.***

The City does not have enough space to meet the requests of residents for classes and meetings.

Actions	Capital Cost Estimate	Operational Budget Impact	Timeframe to Complete
3.1.a Consider providing space in existing City facilities for community meetings as available.	N/A	Additional Staff Time/Cost For Supervision and Setup, Cleaning	Short-Term/ Ongoing
3.1.b Consider renting or acquiring vacant store front space within this area to use for meeting spaces and programming spaces.	Cost of renting space and any desired renovations	Additional Staff Time	Short-Term/ Ongoing

Objective 3.2: ***Identify and explore additional land acquisition and preservation opportunities.***

The City does not have an inventory of available land for future park development. With the City being almost fully developed, land preservation will be important for future greenspace opportunities whether they are for preservation or development. Open space/natural areas to be added and maintained in College Park was highly requested by survey residents (37% of respondents).

Actions	Capital Cost Estimate	Operational Budget Impact	Timeframe to Complete
3.2.a The City should look to acquire any available non developed land to be added and maintained as open space/natural areas.	Cost of acquiring land	Additional Staff Time	Short-Term/ Ongoing

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3.2.b Identify and explore opportunities to acquire additional land as it becomes available.	Cost of acquiring land	Additional Staff Time	Short-Term/ Ongoing
Objective 3.3: ***Improve existing trails and add new trails and pathway to increase connectivity.*** ***Trails, fitness, wellness, and connectivity were identified through the needs assessment process as being important to residents. With current trends and demand, the City should look for opportunities to partner with the County and the M-NCPPC to improve existing and add new trails and pathway to increase connectivity.***			
Actions	**Capital Cost Estimate**	**Operational Budget Impact**	**Timeframe to Complete**
3.3.a Work with the County and the M-NCPPC to develop and expand trails and safe pathways to connect communities, neighborhoods, and parks.	Varies based on partnership agreements, construction and material costs	TBD	Ongoing
Objective 3.4: ***Address aging infrastructure by updating and adding new amenities to parks and facilities.*** ***The City should continue to monitor the condition of existing parks, trails and pathways, and facilities, as these facilities have been identified by residents as being of high importance. It is important to ensure continuous upkeep and long-term maintenance. Regular inspections of all facilities, parks, trails, and open spaces should continue. Maintenance projects and annual maintenance needs should continue to be funded on a regular schedule to address the aging infrastructure. Priorities for future maintenance projects for these areas should be developed and reviewed bi-annually. Capital improvement plans, costs, and phasing recommendations and implementation plans should be developed. Appropriate funding should be provided to address the capital improvement plans.***			
Actions	**Capital Cost Estimate**	**Operational Budget Impact**	**Timeframe to Complete**
3.4.a Look for opportunities to replace existing equipment with parks, add shade shelters, and new amenities within existing parks and spaces.	Varies based on equipment and amenities	TBD	Ongoing

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Objective 3.5: ***Increase access to a multi-generational community center.*** ***A multi-use indoor facility/community center/senior center to be built in College Park was highly requested by survey residents (3.8 on a 5.0 scale). Work with M-NCPPC and the County to address this need as a stand-alone facility operated solely by the City may not be financially feasible nor necessary.***			
Actions	**Capital Cost Estimate**	**Operational Budget Impact**	**Timeframe to Complete**
3.5.a Work with M-NCPPC and the County to address the need for a multi-use indoor facility/ community center/senior center within the City of College Park. A stand-alone facility operated solely by the City may not be financially feasible nor necessary.	N/A	Staff Time	Short-Term/ Ongoing
3.5.b The City should continue to participate in the Prince George's County Planning Board of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) public forums each fall to provide comments on the Commission's budget for planning, parks, and recreation in Prince George's County.	N/A	Staff Time	Short-Term/ Ongoing

Goal 4: Improve Transportation for Seniors and Others Who Lack Transportation			
Objective 4.1: ***Expand and enhance senior focused communications, promotion, and social media presence targeting senior residences to raise awareness of available transportation options.*** ***As identified by focus groups, conversations with the Senior Committee, and survey respondents, there is a lack of information about available transportation options for seniors and the general community.***			
Actions	**Capital Cost Estimate**	**Operational Budget Impact**	**Timeframe to Complete**
4.1.a Expand and enhance senior focused communications, promotion, and social media presence targeting senior residences to raise awareness of available transportation options.	N/A	Staff Time	Short-Term/ Ongoing

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Objective 4.2: ***Consider alternative options for those who cannot reliably get to parks and recreation facilities (possibly vouchers for Uber, Lyft, or taxis).*** ***As identified by focus groups, conversations with the Senior Committee, and survey respondents, there is a lack of available transportation options for seniors and the general community, especially in the evening and on weekends.***			
Actions	**Capital Cost Estimate**	**Operational Budget Impact**	**Timeframe to Complete**
4.2a Consider alternative options for those who cannot reliably get to parks and recreation facilities (possibly vouchers for Uber, Lyft or taxis).	N/A	Staff Time/Cost of Vouchers	Ongoing
Objective 4.3: ***Develop a Trail and Pathway Master Plan.*** ***Resident, especially seniors, indicated a lack of safe access for cycling and walking through out College Park.***			
Actions	**Capital Cost Estimate**	**Operational Budget Impact**	**Timeframe to Complete**
4.3.a Develop a Trail and Pathway Master Plan	$25,000 - $35,000 for consultant	Staff Time	Mid-Term
4.3.b Work with M-NCPPC and the County to improve access for cycling and walking through out College Park.	$25,000 - $35,000 for consultant	Staff Time	Mid-Term
4.3.c The City should continue to participate in the Prince George's County Planning Board of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) public forums each fall to provide comments on the Commission's budget for planning, parks, and recreation in Prince George's County.	N/A	Staff Time	Short-Term/ Ongoing

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APPENDIX A: COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

The purpose of this survey was to gather community feedback on The City of College Park's facilities, trails, amenities, programs, future planning, communication, and more. Furthermore, there was a need to assess senior program offerings specifically. This survey research effort and subsequent analysis were designed to assist The City of College Park in developing a plan to reflect the community's desires, needs, and priorities for the future. The goal was to ensure all residents had a chance to voice their opinion in this process.

Methodology

Primary methods:

1 = Statistically Valid (Invitation Survey)
Mailed survey with an option to complete online

2 = Open Link Survey
Online survey available to all residents

497
Completed Invite Surveys

40
Completed Open Link Surveys

3,500 Mailings Sent to City of College Park Residents

The Invite Survey represents the randomly sampled results of The City of College Park residents. A sample size of 497 completed invite surveys leads to a margin of error of +/- 4.4%. Further, senior residents were oversampled as there was an entire part of the survey that only assessed senior programs. Sample sizes are displayed with each graph. Graphs that have approximate sample sizes fluctuate slightly if multiple questions are displayed. In these cases, sample size ranges are presented. Because of the lower sample size for the Open Link survey, results should be interpreted with caution.

The underlying data from the invitation survey were weighted by race of respondent to adjust for the known demographics of The City of College Park residents across different demographic cohorts in the sample. Using U.S. Census Data, the race distribution in the sample were adjusted to more closely match the population profile of The City of College Park residents.

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Top Findings

Current offerings are generally perceived as meeting needs

All facilities that were rated as above-average importance are also rated as meeting the needs of the community well. However, there is some disconnect between different organizations and what each offers.

Increasing awareness may lead to higher participation

Seniors, especially, are not as likely to be aware of what is offered. These individuals may seek out recreation opportunities if they are more easily accessible to find.

Satisfaction is moderate among respondents

Parks, programs, and senior recreation options are more positive than negative, but there does appear to be areas of desired improvements.

Preferred communication methods are diverse

From social media to emails to the Weekly Bulletin, respondents seek a diversity of online and traditional promotional materials. This is even more important as different ages prefer different communication methods.

Top Findings

Most parks and programs receive use by a small segment of people

Special events are used most often by respondents, but even then, only 35% participated in the past 12 months. Overall there may be ways to increase use at a variety of facilities.

Trail and pathway connectivity ranks high in future priorities

Along with open space / natural areas, trail connectivity was chosen as the number one priority to improve/expand in the near future for The City of College Park.

Further partnering with other recreation providers may be useful for residents

Residents do use The City of College Park facilities and programs, but there are a number of other organizations and facilities they use too. Matching up how to best serve residents may be best done through partnering with these other organizations to improve offerings.

Seniors are interested and willing to participate in trips and programs

Many seniors who responded to the survey had not yet participated in programs or trips, but they expressed a desire to try both out in the future. Shifting program times and/or reaching out to a wider range of residents may be useful.

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Demographic Profile

50% of respondents are working full time while 36% are retired.

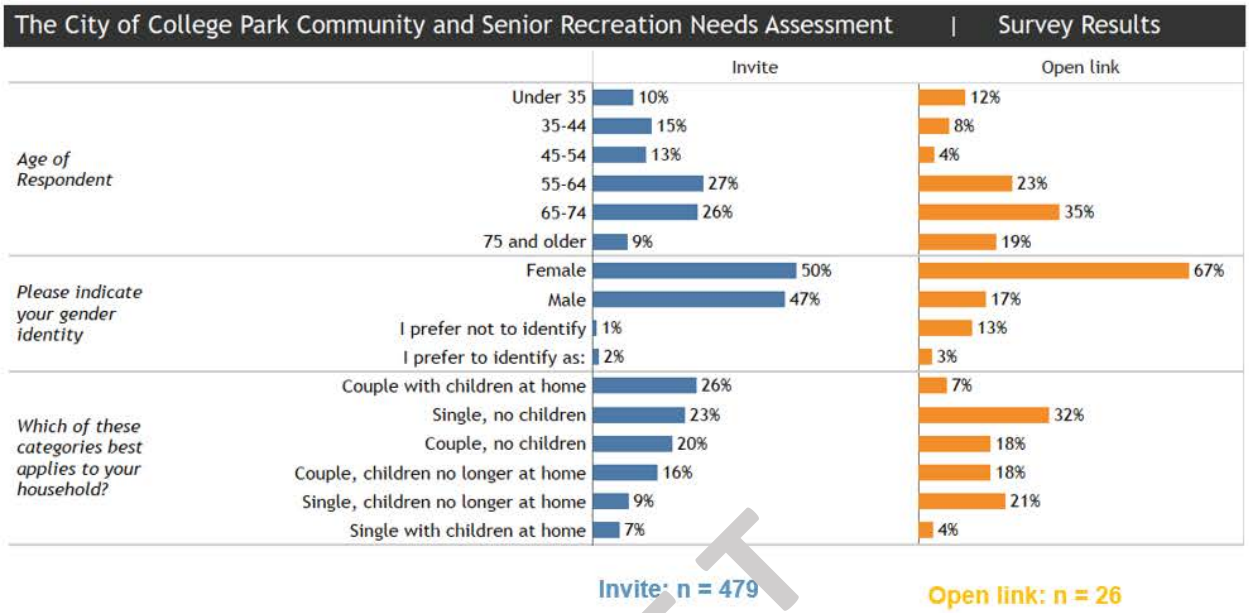
33% of respondents' households have children at home.

47% of respondents' households earn under $100k per year.

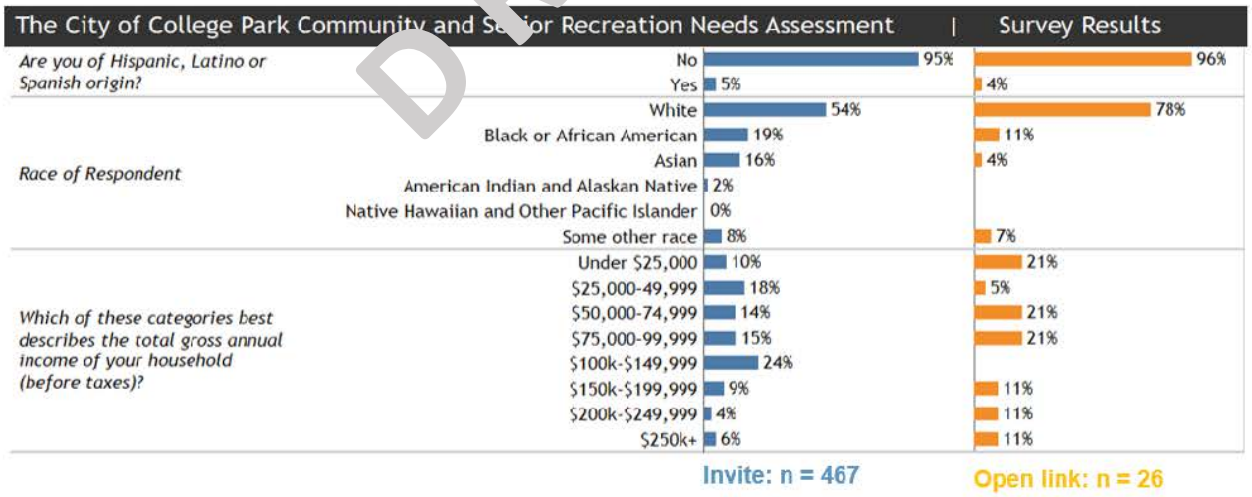
10% require ADA-accessible facilities and services in The City of College Park.

29% have lived in the City of College Park less than 10 years.

Age is distributed across the range with most respondents 55 and older (62%). Because of the nature of this study, respondents' age leans older. Invite respondents are more likely to be female (50%), a common finding in survey research. Most invite respondents are couples with children at home (26%) followed by singles without children (23%). In total, approximately 33 percent of invite households have children at home.



Approximately five percent of invite respondents identify as Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish Origin, compared to 4% of open link respondents. Furthermore, 54% of invite respondents identify as White with 19% identifying as Black or African American, 16% Asian, 2% American Indian and Alaskan Native, and 8% some other race. Further, most invite respondents (57%) earn under $100k. Open link respondents are more likely to identify as White (78%).



Of invite respondents, 87 percent own their home, with 12 percent renting and one percent with some other housing agreement. Approximately 50 percent of invite respondents are working full-time currently with 36 percent retired. About six percent are working part-time with three percent identifying as a homemaker/caregiver, three percent are not currently working, and one percent are students. Open link respondents are slightly more likely to own their home compared to invite respondents.

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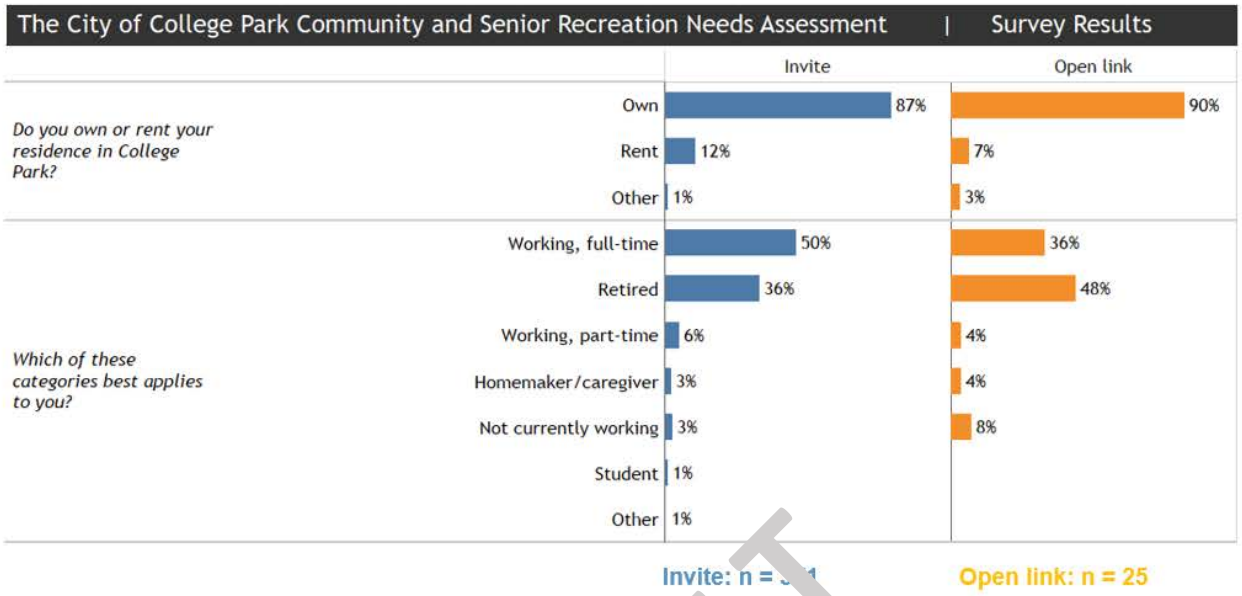
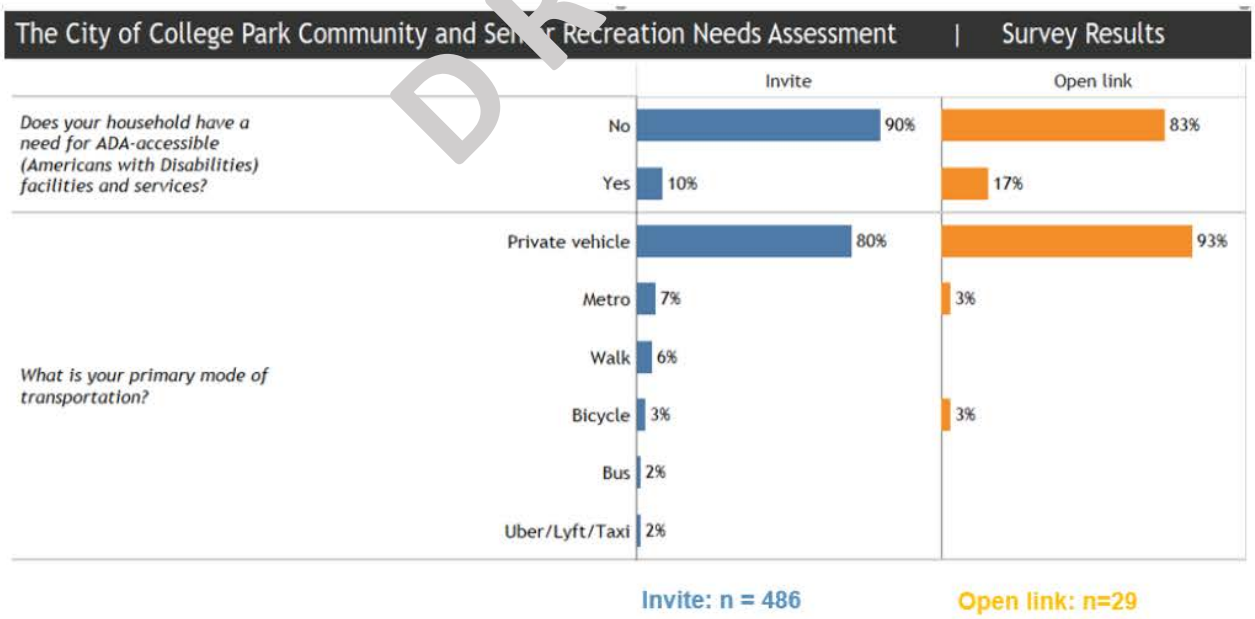


Approximately 10 percent of invite respondents require ADA-accessible services and facilities in the City of College Park. Of open link respondents, 17 percent require ADA accessibility. Respondents were also asked what their primary mode of transportation was in the City of College Park. In total, 80 percent of invite respondents use a private vehicle, seven percent use the metro, six percent walk, three percent bicycle, two percent use the bus, and two percent use ride-sharing services such as Uber/Lyft or a taxi.



Respondents were provided a District map and asked which of the four districts their residence is located. The largest share of respondents live in District 1 (41%), with 25 percent in District 3, 17 percent in District 4, and 13 percent in District 2. A small percentage (4%) were not sure which District they lived in. Open link results are similar but leans more toward District 1 residency.

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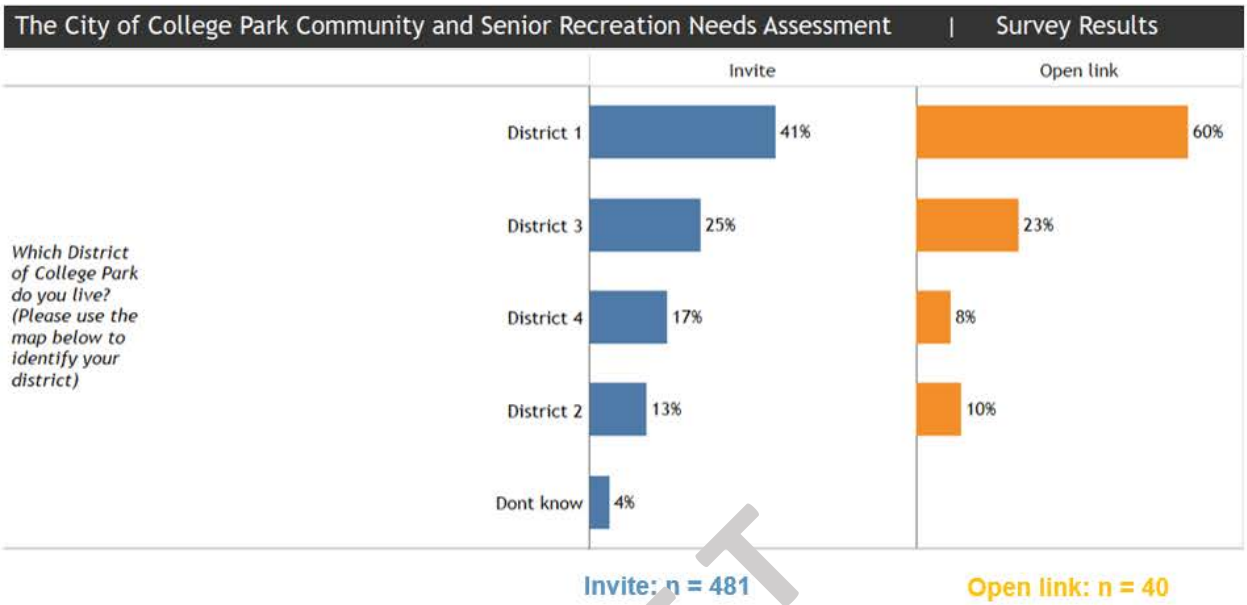

Usage over the past 12 months of The City of College Park parks/playgrounds or services is varied among invite respondents. The most frequently used amenity are special events where 39 percent of respondents have attended in the past 12 months. Duvall Field and playground saw 35 percent usage with Hollywood playground seeing 32 percent usage among invite respondents. Overall, most facilities are only regularly used by a small segment of respondents.

Lake Artemisia Natural Area is used by the largest share of respondents (78%) despite being managed by another organization. All other facilities are not used frequently by most respondents, similar to those offered by The City of College Park.

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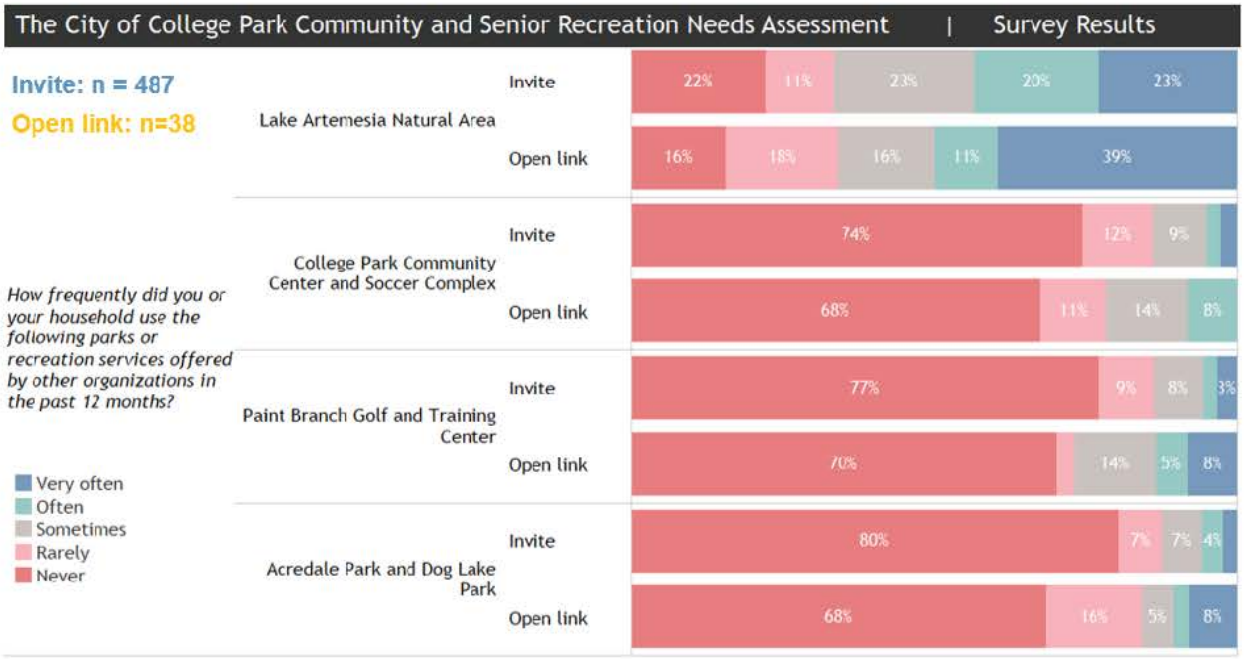
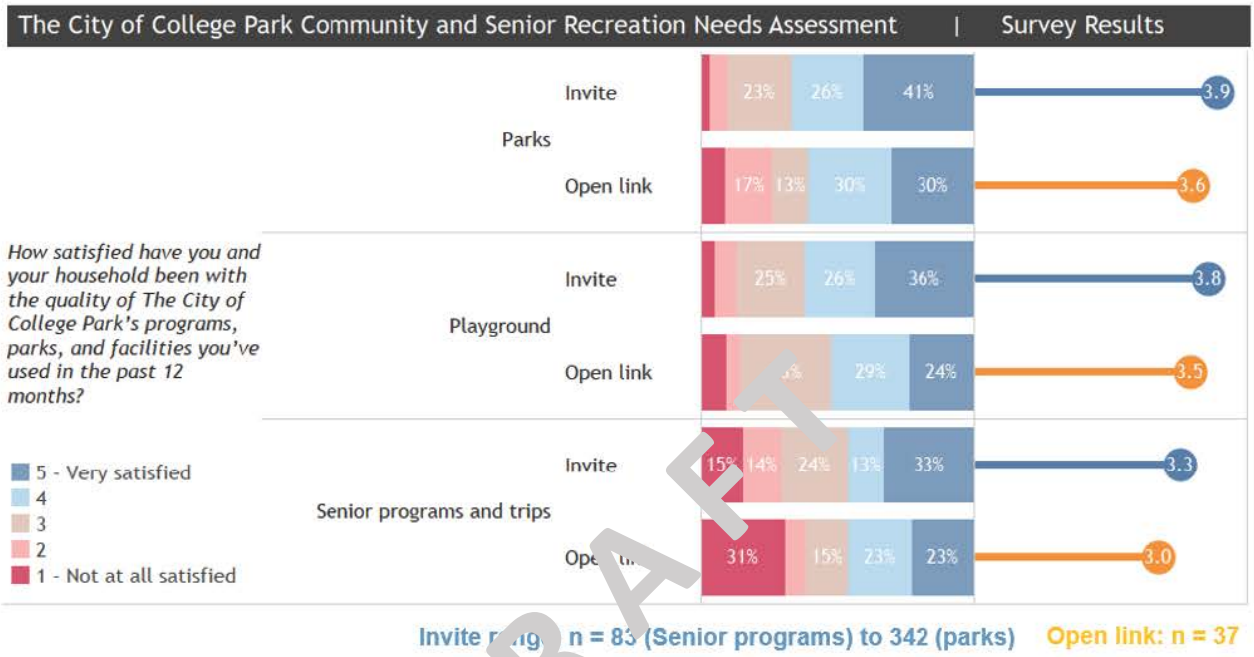


When asked about their satisfaction of multiple aspects, parks (3.9 average) is rated the highest, followed by playgrounds (3.8), and senior programs/trips (3.3). There are not a large volume of respondents who are "dissatisfied" with parks and playgrounds, but there are 29 percent of invite respondents who rated senior programs/trips as a 1 or 2 out of 5.



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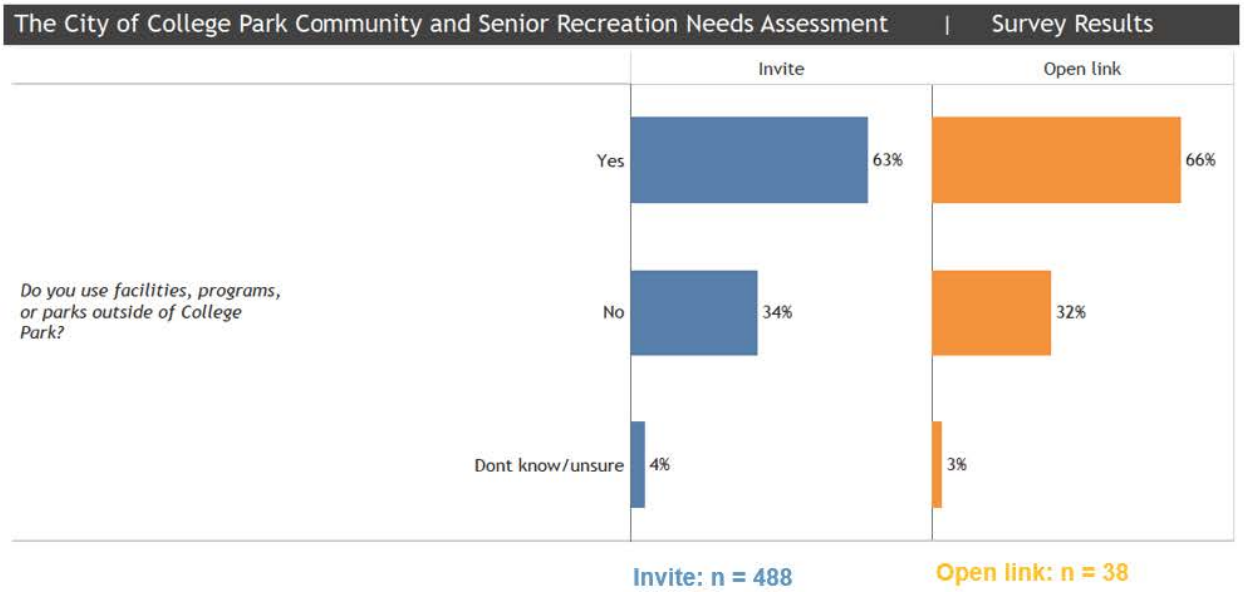
Almost 2/3rd (63%) of respondents use facilities, programs, or parks outside of College Park. This is similar in the open link sample as well. This may signal that there are specific needs that are filled outside of what is operated by The City of College Park that residents rely on too.



Respondents were asked to provide comments on what would improve offerings in College Park. Respondents highlighted "more programs," "trail connections," "more senior activities," and more to improve services in College Park.

Respondents were asked how important a variety of facilities and services are to their household. The top of the list is highlighted by special events (2.8), Duvall Field and playground (2.4), senior social activities (2.3), Hollywood playground (2.3), and senior programs and trips (2.3). Open link respondents found all facilities and services more important, a common finding.

The least important facilities and services are The Mews playground (1.6), Crystal Springs playground (1.6), James Adams Park (1.6), and the Branchville playground (1.6). Households with children at home are more likely to have a need for playgrounds in the community.

Respondents were then asked to rate how well these facilities and services are meeting the needs of the community. Duvall field and playground (3.9) and the Hollywood playground (3.9) both were perceived as meeting the needs of the community well. Special events (3.7), Calvert Hills playground and athletic field (3.7), and Davis Field playground (3.7) followed in how well they are meeting the needs of the community.

The Mews playground and Branchville playground (3.4) both are perceived as meeting the needs of the community the least; however, these playgrounds are also perceived as not very important to respondents.

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Importance / Performance Matrix

High importance/ Low needs met

These are key areas for potential improvements. Improving these facilities/programs would likely positively affect the degree to which community needs are met overall.

High importance/ High needs met

These amenities are important to most respondents and should be maintained in the future but are less of a priority for improvements as needs are currently being adequately met.

These "niche" facilities/programs have a small but passionate following, so measuring participation when planning for future improvements may prove to be valuable.

Low importance/ Low needs met

Current levels of support appear to be adequate. Future discussions evaluating whether the resources supporting these facilities/programs outweigh the benefits may be constructive.

Low importance/ High needs met

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Importance / Performance Matrix

(Invite Only)

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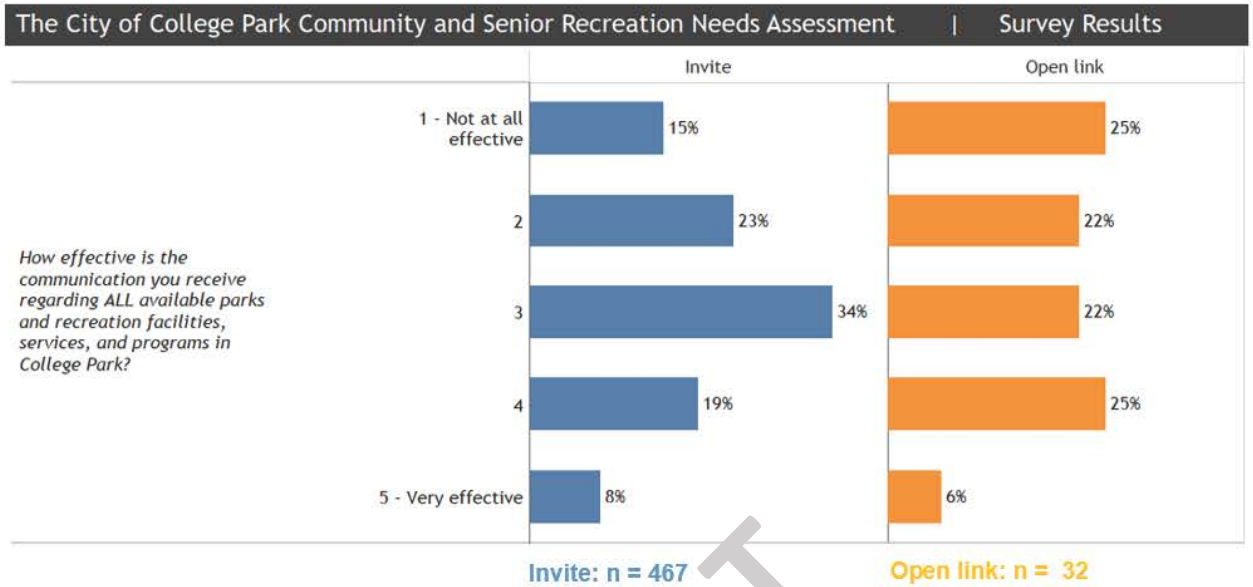
Respondents perceive the communication of The City of College Park is somewhat mixed with most respondents rating the effectiveness as 3 out of 5. Approximately 38 percent rate the effectiveness either a 1 or 2 out of 5 and 27 percent rate it as a 4 or 5 out of 5. There appears to be a wide range of opinions on communication that could be further addressed in the City. Awareness is a common theme in other question results too.



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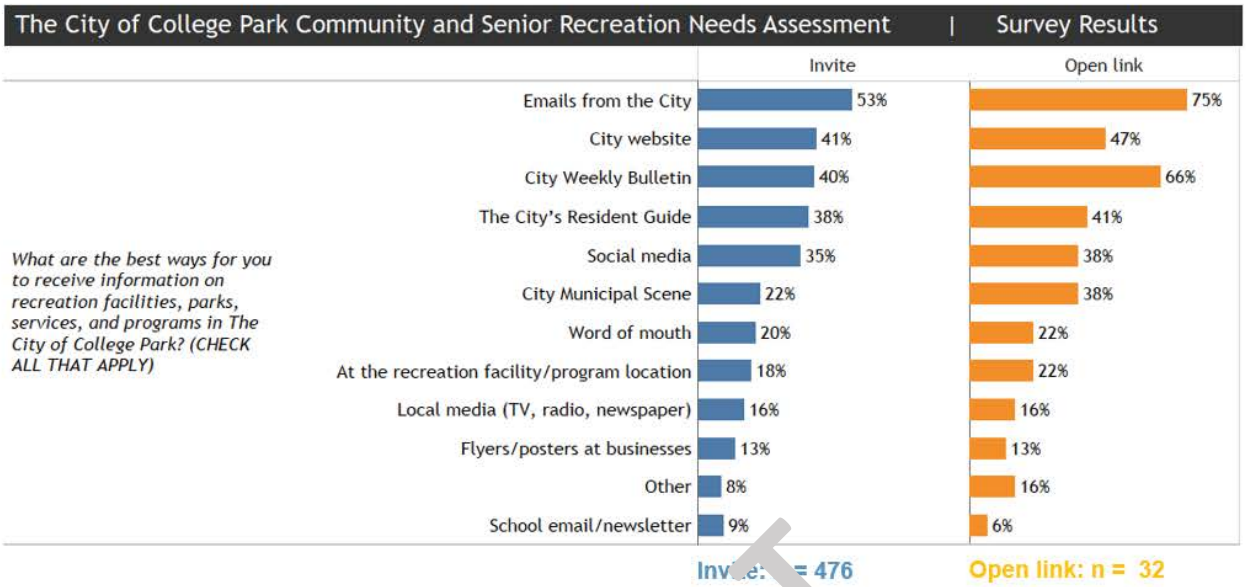
The City of College Park's invite respondents prefer emails from the City (53%), followed by the City website (41%), City Weekly Bulletin (40%), the City Resident's Guide (38%), and social media (35%) as the best options for receiving information about parks and recreation. There are a variety of other options preferred in addition to these top options such as word of mouth, at the site location, and local media. These all bring to light the need to diversify communication materials.



Respondents see a variety of improvements and additions as important for the future. In fact, little variation exists within the data and many priorities are rated between 3.6-3.9 out of 5.0. That said, trail and pathway connectivity (4.1), open space/natural areas (3.9), fitness/wellness programming (3.9), and a multi-use indoor facility/community center/senior center (3.8) top the list. Open link results trended similar.

Towards the middle-to-bottom of the list are senior programming (3.6) and an aquatic facility (3.5). Respondents see the least important priorities for the future to be additional athletic fields (2.2) and additional athletic courts (2.9).

When asked to choose their top three priorities from the future needs, respondents selected trail and pathway connectivity (39%), open space/natural areas (37%), and fitness/wellness programming (35%) as the most important to focus on right now. A multi-use indoor facility (26%) and senior programming (20%) also rated quite high on the list of priorities.

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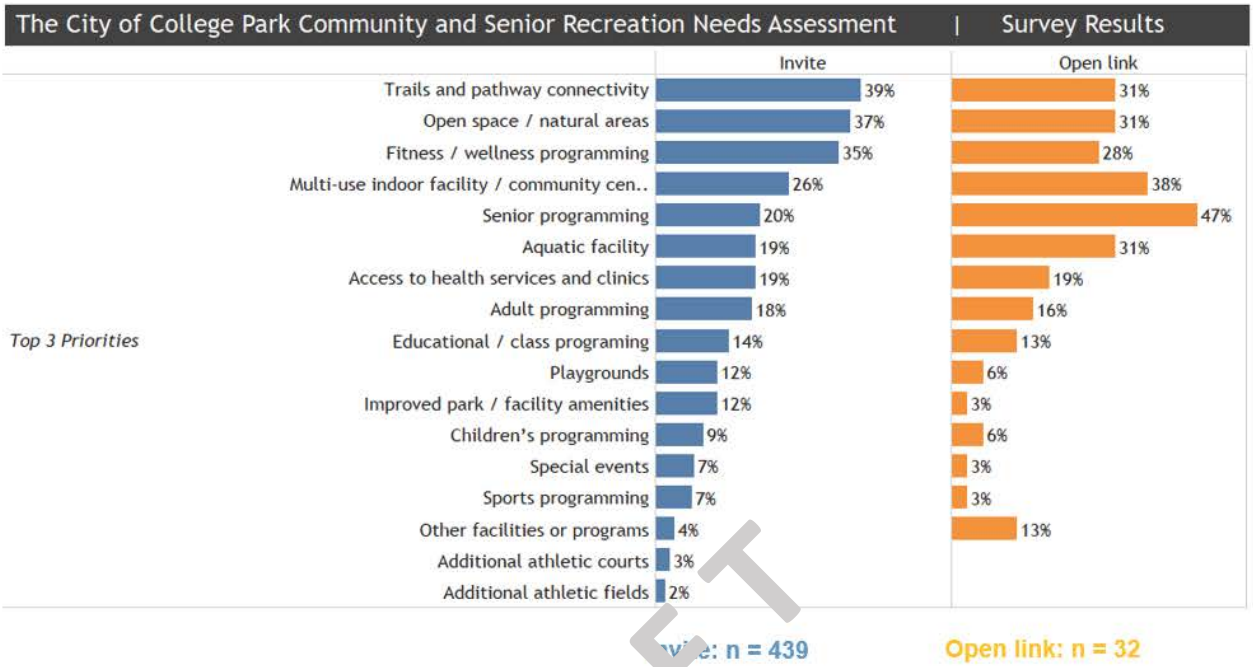

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Additional Comments

Respondents were asked to provide any thoughts or suggestions they had through an open-ended comment at the end of the survey. Below is a word cloud and comment examples found through open-ended comments in College Park. Comments ranged from those who are excited about new upgrades, requests for more support for seniors, and raising awareness of what is already offered. A full listing of comments are provided in the appendix document.

> Increase and expand our seniors programs, locations and transportation. Increase and expand open space, parks, especially for our youth.

> Have an indoor aquatic center.

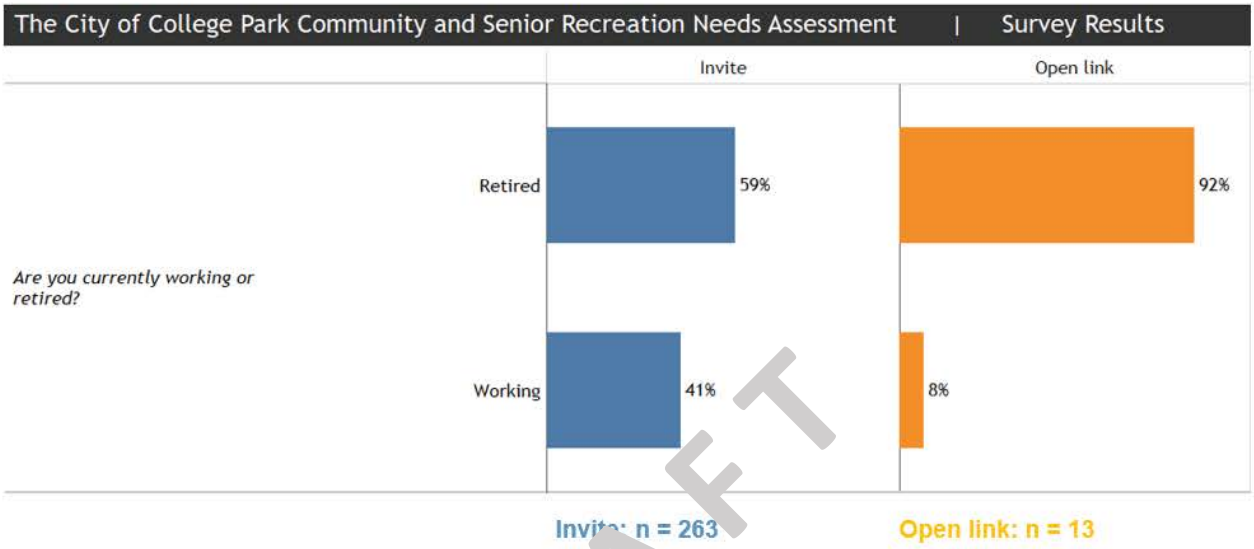
> We're excited about the upcoming renovations to Duvall Field!

> Better coordination with responsible parties of parks within the City that are not controlled by the City, such as Lakeland Park. I'm sure there are others that residents rely on that are not receiving the same attention.

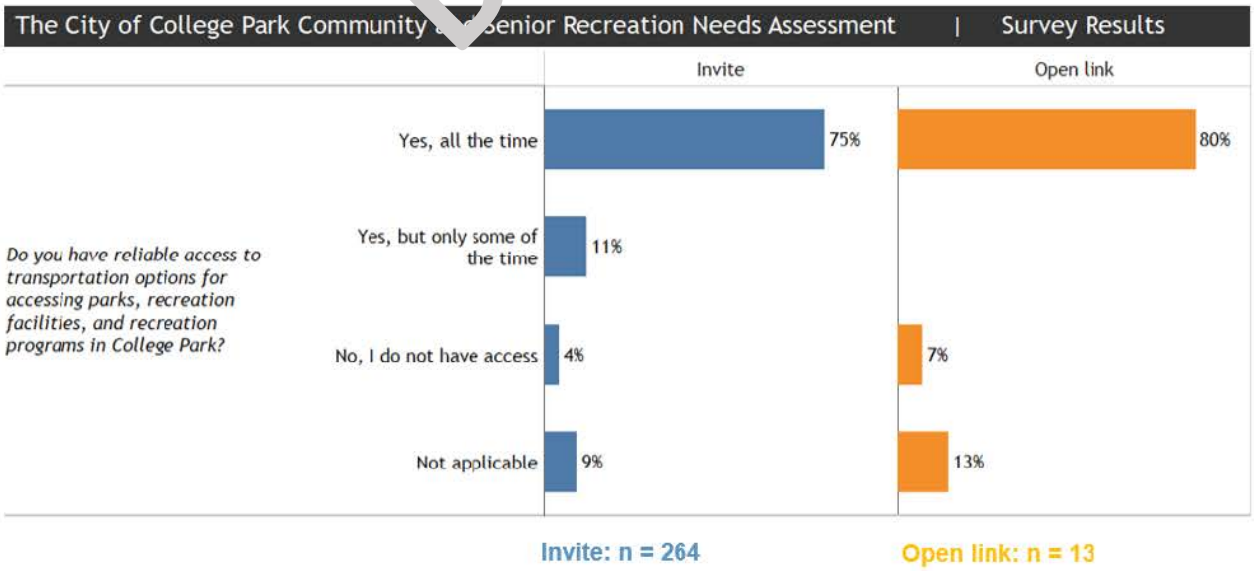
SENIOR RECREATION

At the end of the survey, respondents who were aged 62 and older were asked to answer an additional page of questions. A secondary goal of the survey process was to assess senior trips and offerings provided by the City of College Park. Thus, questions were developed that would best position the City to improve and/or expand what is offered to seniors. Question were designed to gauge are unique needs to address in order to increase participation in senior programs and trips. The following section discusses results of these additional questions.

Over half (59%) of seniors in the sample are retired with 41 percent that are still working right now. This question further identifies the need to consider potentially different time periods to offer programming in The City of College Park as some seniors may not be able to attend due to work conflicts. Open link respondents are much more likely to be retired (92%).



Approximately 75 percent of invite respondent seniors have access to reliable transportation all the time. However, 11 percent have access only some of the time and 4% don't have reliable access. Thus, it may be a smaller portion of the community, but it is still important to consider alternative options for those who cannot reliably get to parks and recreation facilities.



There is a decent share of respondents who would use services for seniors more frequently (26%) if there were more transportation options provided in The City of College Park. While 36 percent would likely not participate more, there are an additional 37% that are unsure at this time. Therefore, the percentage of those who would participate more may actually increase if alternative options are provided. Further, there may be those that suddenly need transportation depending on the situation.

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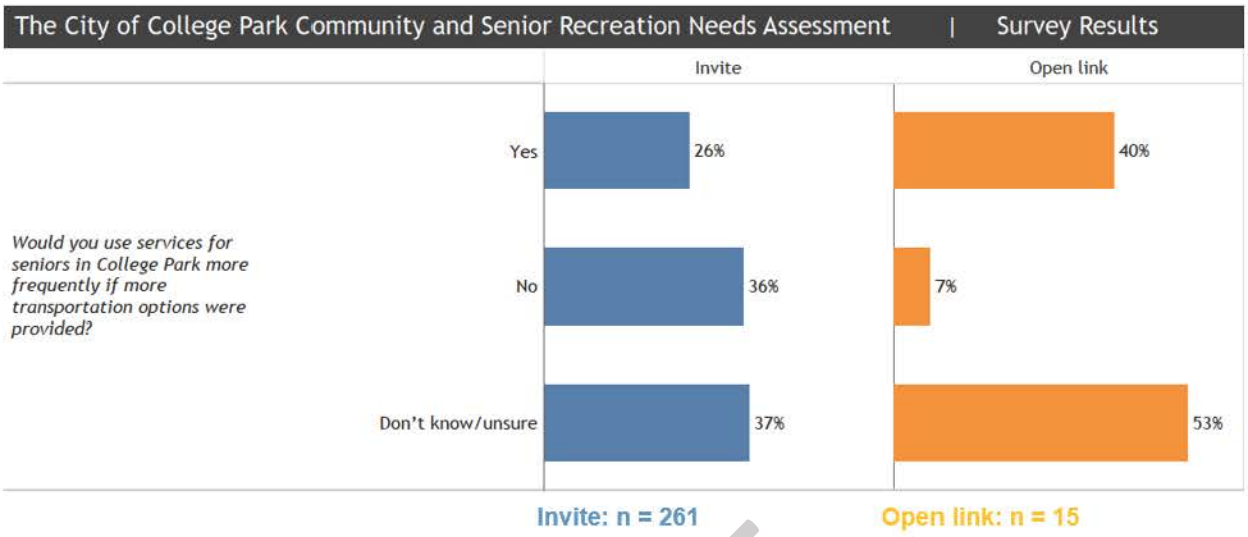

When asked if they had participated in senior social/recreational programs provided, 20 percent of invite respondents had participated, but another 35 percent would like to participate yet haven't yet. Nearly 30 percent would not likely participate and 15 percent said it's not applicable right now. But, there is an optimistic group that would like to participate in the future. These individuals may just need the right information to get started. Comments discussed the need to seek out information because they were unsure what was offered yet.

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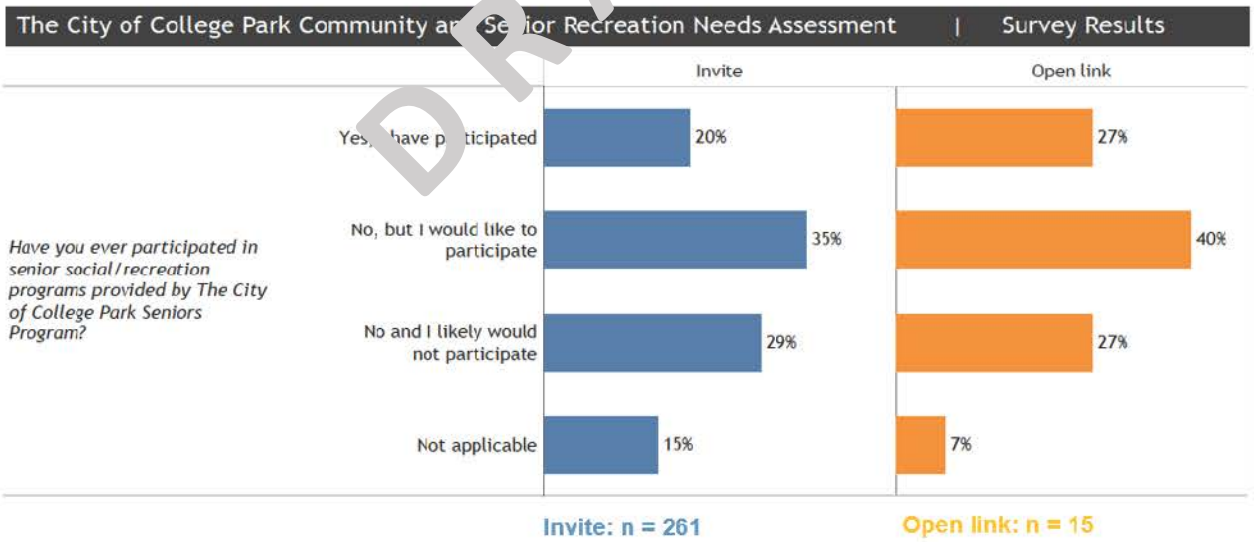
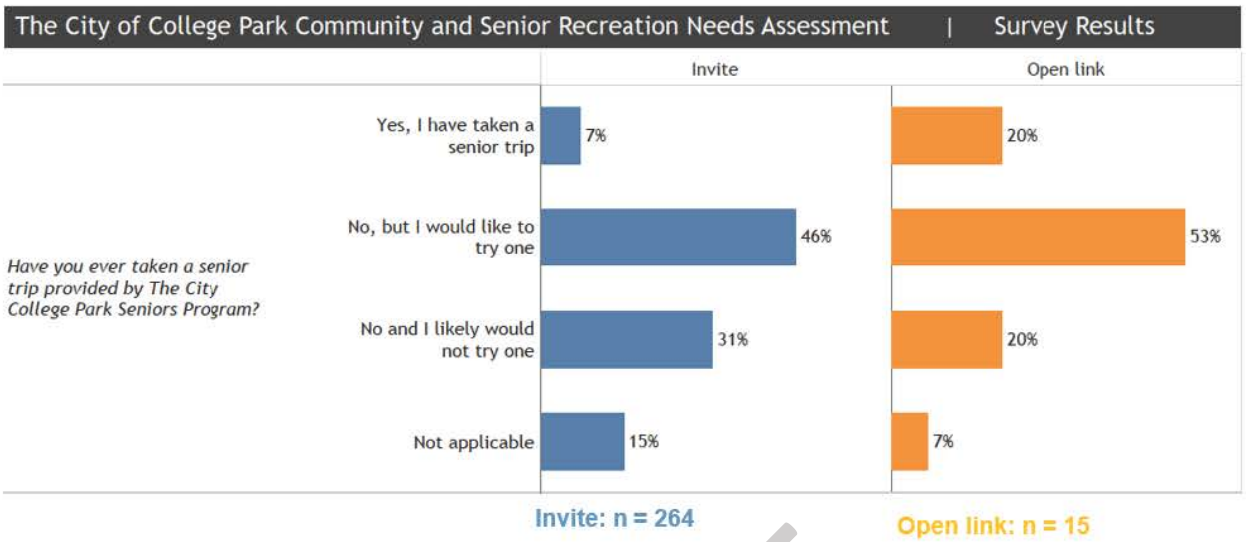


Similar to programs, a smaller number of invite respondents have taken a senior trip (7%), but almost 50 percent of the sample would like to try one (46%). An additional 31 percent are not likely to try, but again, the majority are interested in participated or already have in the past. Results further reinforce the need to distribute information to these groups as they may want to participate and are unaware of what is offered.



Most respondents are neutral in their satisfaction of senior programs and services. In total, 47 percent of invite respondents rated their satisfaction a 3 out of 5 for senior programs and services in The City of College Park. This may be due to fewer using what is offered currently and not forming an opinion yet. Nearly equal shares are satisfied (29% rated 4 or 5) compared to 24% who are not satisfied (rated 1 or 2).

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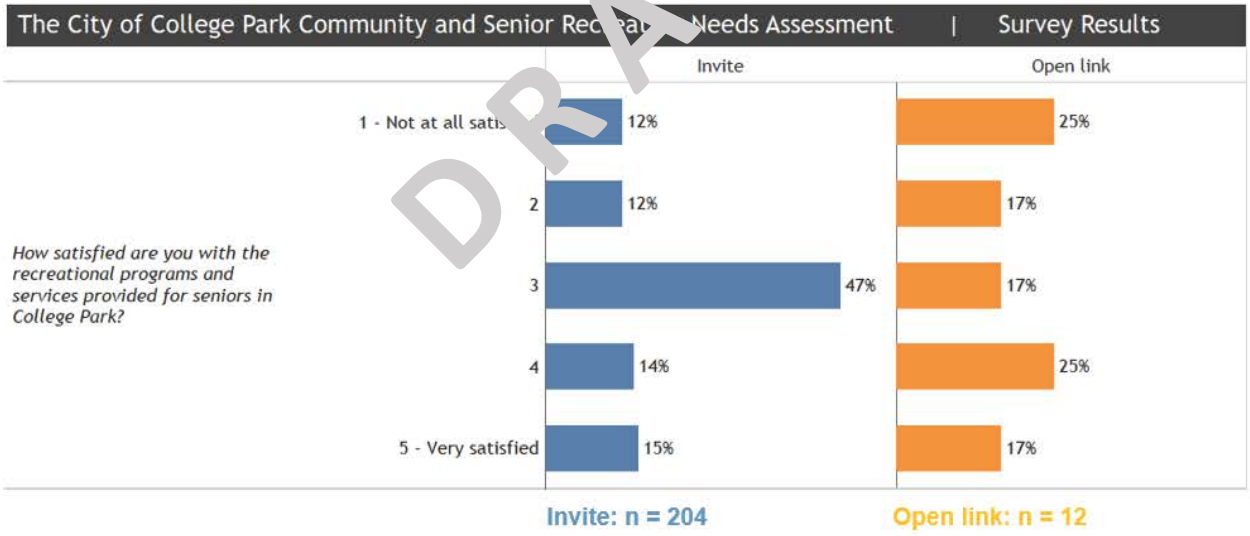

Senior Programming

Respondents were asked to expand on their response to the previous question and some select quotes are presented. A comprehensive listing of comments from this question is included in the appendix.

Although I am working and cannot take advantage of the current activities, I am aware they are not sufficient for active seniors. Nor are they in a location which is available to them most of the day.

It would be nice if there is an indoor pool.

I have not received information about senior programs in the area.

I am not sure at this juncture just what the programs are! Both my wife and I will be retiring within the next year and will most likely become familiar with, and take advantage of such programs.

Finally, respondents rated how important priorities for senior recreation are for The City of College Park. Similar to the community-wide survey, more/improved open spaces and natural areas (3.9) topped the list with an increased focus on health and wellness (3.9) tied. More/improved indoor facilities (3.8) and additional active adults programs (3.8) followed.

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APPENDIX B: KEY ISSUE MATRIX

College Park MD Community and Senior Recreation Needs Assessment	Qualitative Data			Quantitative Data			Consultant's Analysis and Professional Expertise
CITY OF COLLEGE PARK Key Issue - Rating Scale a - priority b - opportunity to improve c - minor or future issue **blank** means the issue didn't come up or wasn't addressed	Staff Input	Public Input	Leadership Interviews	Community Survey	Other City Documents	Consultant Team	GREENPLAY LLC The Leading Edge in Parks, Recreation, And Open Space Consulting Preliminary Recommendations
Organizational							
Population anticipated to increase by about 3,300 by 2035	b	b	b	b	b	b	Partnerships with M-NCPPC, County, community services providers including churches and other organizations, and university should be considered to address projected population increases.
College Park has large numbers of 15 - 19 and 20 - 24 year olds possibly because of U of MD	b	b	b	b	b	b	Direct University students to University programs, services and facilities
College Park has large numbers of 20 - 24 and 25 - 29 year olds	b	a	b	a		a	Work with M-NCPPC, the County and community service providers including churches and other organizations, to increase programs for 20 - 24 and 25 - 29 year olds
Residents are not aware of available programs, services and facilities	a	a	a	a		a	Increasing communications, promotion and social media presence to raise awareness of programs, services and facilities may lead to higher participation.
Seniors, especially, are not as likely to be aware of what is offered. These individuals may seek out recreation opportunities if they are more easily accessible to find.	a	a	a	a		a	Develop senior focused communications, promotion, and social media presence in senior living facilities to raise awareness of programs, services, and facilities may lead to higher participation.
Survey respondents seek a diversity of different communication method depend on age.	a	a	a	a		a	Preferred communication methods need to be diverse and include social media posts, emails, website updates, updates in the Weekly Bulletin.
Residents are requesting additional programs, services and facilities	a	a	a	a	a	a	Matching up how to best serve residents may be best done through partnering with these other organizations to improve offerings.
50% of survey respondents are working full time while 36% are retired	b	b	b	b	b	b	Program offerings should include daytime, evening and weekend options
33% of respondents' households have children at home.	b	b	b	b	b	b	Programming offerings should include specific programs for adults with children and family specific programs. Child care options should be also considered.
Over half (59%) of seniors responding to the survey are retired with 41% that are still working right now.	a	a	a	a		a	Senior program offerings should include daytime, evening and weekend option.
11% of seniors responding to the survey have access to reliable transportation only some of the time and 4% don't have reliable access.	b	b	b	b		b	Consider alternative options for those who cannot reliably get to parks and recreation facilities (possibly vouchers for Uber, Lyft or taxis).
The majority of survey respondents use a private vehicle as their primary mode of transportation.	b	c	b	c		c	Consider developing a ride share online board to assist those with out transportation.
Recreation Board Needs Assistance	b	b	b			b	Consider providing training from an outside consultant for the Recreation Board. Encourage the Recreation Board members to join NRPA and the Maryland NRPA State Association.
Lack of programs for young children	b	b	b	b		b	Programming offerings should include specific programs for young children.
Lack of sports and programs for post-college grads and for active adults	b	a	b	b		b	Work with M-NCPPC, the County and community service providers including churches and other organizations, to increase programs for 20 - 24 and 25 - 29 year olds.
Programs and Service Delivery							
Request for additional Lifelong Learning programs expressed by seniors.	a	a	a	a		a	Work with M-NCPPC, the County and community service providers including churches and other organizations, to increase programs. Market and promote these opportunities. Possible programs include the following: •Art Classes •Computer Classes •Crochet, Knitting •Dancing Classes •Historical Programs •Intergenerational Programs •Mentoring Programs •Trash to Treasure Craft

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	Staff Input	Public Input	Leadership Interviews	Community Survey	Other City Documents	Consultant Team	Preliminary Recommendations
Request for additional Health/Fitness programs and services expressed by all age groups.	b	b	b	b		b	Work with M-NCPPC, the County and community service providers including churches and other organizations, to increase programs and services. Market and promote these opportunities. Possible programs include the following: •Access to Health Services •Active Adult Programs •Bike Rides •Kid Open Gym •Personal Training •Pickleball Classes •Senior Counseling Services •Service Dogs •Social Sports (Golf, Tennis, Bocci, Pickleball, Ultimate Frisbee) •Socializing space for card games, bingo •Swimming •Therapeutic Recreation •Wellness Checks •Yoga/Cardio
Request for additional community and special events were expressed by all age groups.	b	b	b	b		b	Work with M-NCPPC, the County and community service providers including churches and other organizations, to increase community and special events. Market and promote these opportunities. Possible events include the following: •Community Wide Yard Sales •Concerts in the Park •Free Movie Nights •Interest Clubs •Special events themed for young kids, pre-teens, teens, etc. •Senior Trips (Increase Capacity, Extend Trips) •Summer Programs •Winter Market
Adults with children expressed a concern with lack of child care preventing participation in programs.	b	b	b	b		b	Consider adding childcare services during programs
College Park has large numbers of 20 - 24 and 25 - 29 year olds	b	a	b	a		a	Work with M-NCPPC, the County and community service providers including churches and other organizations, to increase programs for 20 - 24 and 25 - 29 year olds.
Swimming and walking for exercise are popular activities in College Park and participants requested more programs and opportunities.	b	b	b	b		b	Work with M-NCPPC, the County and community service providers to increase swimming opportunities. Increase trail connectivity and add walking paths were possible.
Fitness sports, outdoor sports and individual sports are the most popular in College Park	b	b	b	b		b	Work with M-NCPPC, the County and community service providers to increase Fitness sports, outdoor sports and individual sports. Consider adding special events such as small fun runs, tough mudders, tri-athlons, and other fitness related competitions.
Most programs receive use by a small segment of people	b	b	b	b		b	Increasing communications, promotion and social media presence to raise awareness of programs, services and facilities may lead to higher participation.
Further partnering with other recreation providers may be useful for residents	a	a	a	a	a	a	Matching up how to best serve residents may be best done through partnering with these other organizations to improve offerings.
Seniors are interested and willing to participate in trips and programs	a	a	a	a	a	a	Shifting program times and/or reaching out to a wider range of residents may result in greater participation.
29 percent of invite respondents who rated senior programs/trips as a 1 or 2 out of 5	a	a	a	a	a	a	Need to improve senior program offers. Adjust times and types of trips based on current trends and demands. Work with M-NCPPC, the County and community service providers including churches and other organizations, to increase senior programs.
Almost 2/3rd (63%) of respondents use facilities, programs, or parks outside of College Park.	b	b	b	b		b	This situation can actually be considered a positive since the City doesn't need to provide the facilities and programs. Consider improved promotion of what facilities, programs, or parks outside of College Park are available.
Request for more Senior programming, almost 50% of the survey respondents would like to try one and are unaware of what is offered.	a	a	a	a		a	Develop senior focused communications, promotion and social media presence in senior living facilities to raise awareness of programs, services and facilities may lead to higher participation
Additional assistance for seniors needed on a 1-on-1 Basis	b	b	b	b		b	Work with community service providers to identify available services. Consider financial assistance programs for those demonstrating financial need.
Facilities and Amenities							
Most parks receive use by a small segment of people	b	b	b	b		b	Increasing communications, promotion and social media presence to raise awareness of parks may lead to higher participation.
Further partnering with other recreation providers may be useful for residents	a	a	a	a	a	a	Matching up how to best serve residents may be best done through partnering with Work with M-NCPPC, the County and community service providers including churches and other organizations to improve offerings.

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Trail and pathway connectivity ranks high in future priorities	a	a	a	a	a	a	Develop a Trail and Pathway Master Plan
Lake Artemisia Natural Area is used by the largest share of respondents (78%) despite being managed by another organization	c	c	c			c	Increasing communications, promotion and social media presence to raise awareness of programs, services and facilities provided by others that are available to College Park residents may lead to higher participation.
Almost 2/3rd (63%) of respondents use facilities, programs, or parks outside of College Park	c	c	c	c		c	Increasing communications, promotion and social media presence to raise awareness of programs, services and facilities provided by others that are available to College Park residents may lead to higher participation.
A multi-use indoor facility/community center/senior center to be built in College Park was highly requested by survey residents (3.8 on a 5.0 scale).	b	b	b	b		b	Work with M-NCPPC and the County to address this need as a stand-alone facility operated solely by the City may not be financially feasible nor necessary.
An aquatic facility to be built in College Park was highly requested by survey residents (3.5 on a 5.0 scale).	b	b	b	b		b	Work with M-NCPPC and the County to address this need as a stand-alone facility operated solely by the City may not be financially feasible nor necessary.
Open space/natural areas to be added and maintained College Park was highly requested by survey residents (37% of respondents).	b	b	b	b		b	Work with M-NCPPC and the County to address this need as a stand-alone facility operated solely by the City may not be financially feasible nor necessary.
Open space/natural areas (37%)	b	b	b	b		b	The City should look to acquire any available non developed land to be added and maintained as open space/natural areas.
Old Town and West of Baltimore Ave. without an indoor space.	b	b	b	b		b	Consider renting or acquiring vacant store front space within this area to use for meeting spaces and programming spaces. Increasing communications, promotion and social media presence to raise awareness of programs, services and facilities provided by others that are available to College Park residents.
Lack of facilities	b	b	b	b		b	Consider renting or acquiring vacant store front space within this area to use for meeting spaces and programming spaces (computer lab, small fitness area, counseling/educational space, maker space). Increasing communications, promotion and social media presence to raise awareness of programs, services and facilities provided by others that are available to College Park residents.
Need additional investment in maintenance of grounds	b	b	b	b		b	Conduct a study to determine the magnitude of needs related to ongoing and deferred maintenance. Consider adding restrooms, water fountains and other amenities to parks. Add the results from the study into the City's Capital Improvement Plan.
No central location for programs	b	b	b	b		b	Consider making the new City Hall the location for information distribution regarding programs, facilities and services offered by both the City and the other service providers. Provide additional training and information for front line staff that would be receiving requests for information.
No off-leash area for dogs	b	b	b	b		b	The City should look to acquire any available non developed land to be added potential developed as a large dog park with off-leash areas.
Not enough space for classes and meetings	b	b	b	b		b	Consider providing space in existing City facilities for community meetings as available. Consider renting or acquiring vacant store front space within this area to use for meeting spaces and programming spaces. Increasing communications, promotion and social media presence to raise awareness of programs, services and facilities provided by others that are available to College Park residents.
Level of Service							
Underserved population includes: Active Adults, Homebound Seniors, people without transportation	a	a	a	a		a	Work with M-NCPPC, the County and community service providers including churches and other organizations, to increase programs for these populations.
Transportation							
Lack of information about available transportation options for seniors and the general community,	b	b	b	b		b	Develop senior focused communications, promotion and social media presence in senior living facilities to raise awareness of available transportation options.
Lack of safe access for cycling and walking through out College Park.	b	b	b	b		b	Develop a Trail and Pathway Master Plan
Need more frequent transportation service on weekends for seniors and others.	b	b	b	b		b	Consider alternative options for those who cannot reliably get to parks and recreation facilities (possibly vouchers for Uber, Lyft or taxis).
Need access across 193 on Rhode Island for biking and walking.	b	b	b	b		b	Consider adding a cross walk with lights that can stop on-coming traffic to allow bike and pedestrian crossing.
Need transportation to other Community Centers.	b	b	b	b		b	Develop focused communications, promotion and social media presence to raise awareness of available transportation options. Consider alternative options for those who cannot reliably get to parks and recreation facilities (possibly vouchers for Uber, Lyft or taxis).

20-CR-02

Adoption of Charter Resolution Amending Article III Mayor and Council

CITY OF COLLEGE PARK, MARYLAND
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM 20-CR-02

Prepared By: Suellen M. Ferguson
City Attorney

Meeting Date: October 13, 2020

Presented By: Suellen M. Ferguson
City Attorney

Consent Agenda: No

Originating Department: Administration

Action Requested: Public Hearing on, and possible adoption of, 20-CR-02, a Charter Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park, to amend Article III, "Mayor and Council", §C3-1, "Membership; election; term of office", to delete the requirement that elected officials shall be registered to vote for one year prior to their election and to substitute the requirement that a candidate shall have been domiciled in the City for at least one year prior to qualification, to clarify that a candidate for council member must be a resident of their respective district at the time of qualification as a candidate, to authorize the Supervisors of Elections to verify the requirements of age, citizenship and domicile to be a candidate, and to make conforming changes

Strategic Plan Goal: Goal 5: Effective Leadership

Background/Justification:
Currently, § C3-1 requires that a candidate for City elective office be a registered voter for at least one year prior to the election. This is different than many other jurisdictions in Maryland, which require that a person be domiciled, but not registered to vote, in the jurisdiction for a period of time before the election. This requirement is generally supported on the basis of ensuring that candidates have a connection to the community that they seek to represent. Requiring that a person be registered to vote for a period of time before the election does increase the barrier to being a candidate, because a person may have lived in the community for at least one year but only recently registered to vote. Removing this barrier should enlarge the pool of individuals who could become candidates. The requirement of registration itself is not deleted, only the "so registered for at least one year immediately preceding the date of election" provision. This amendment also clarifies that a candidate for Councilmember must be domiciled in their respective district in order to qualify to be a candidate. This amendment authorizes the Supervisors of Elections to make these determinations.

We have changed the title of the Resolution to more fully detail what this Charter Amendment accomplishes.

Fiscal Impact:
None

Council Options:
1. Hold the Public Hearing and then adopt the Charter resolution.
2. Hold the Public Hearing and then amend and adopt the Charter resolution.
3. Do nothing.

Staff Recommendation:
Option #1

Recommended Motion:
I move to adopt Charter Resolution 20-CR-02, a Charter Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park, to amend Article III, "Mayor and Council", §C3-1, "Membership; election; term of office", to delete the requirement that elected officials shall be registered to vote for one year prior to their election and

to substitute the requirement that a candidate shall have been domiciled in the City for at least one year prior to qualification, to clarify that a candidate for Council member must be a resident of their respective district at the time of qualification as a candidate, to authorize the Supervisors of Elections to verify the requirements of age, citizenship and domicile to be a candidate, and to make conforming changes.
Attachments: 1. Charter Resolution 20-CR-02

CHARTER RESOLUTION
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLLEGE PARK, TO AMEND ARTICLE III, "MAYOR AND COUNCIL", §C3-1, "MEMBERSHIP; ELECTION; TERM OF OFFICE", TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT ELECTED OFFICIALS SHALL BE REGISTERED TO VOTE FOR ONE YEAR PRIOR TO THEIR ELECTION AND TO SUBSTITUTE THE REQUIREMENT THAT A CANDIDATE SHALL HAVE BEEN DOMICILED IN THE CITY FOR AT LEAST ONE YEAR PRIOR TO QUALIFICATION, TO CLARIFY THAT A CANDIDATE FOR COUNCIL MEMBER MUST BE A RESIDENT OF THEIR RESPECTIVE DISTRICT AT THE TIME OF QUALIFICATION AS A CANDIDATE, TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISORS OF ELECTIONS TO VERIFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF AGE, CITIZENSHIP AND DOMICILE TO BE A CANDIDATE, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

A Charter Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park, adopted pursuant to the authority of Article XI-E of the Constitution of Maryland and §4-301 *et seq.*, Local Government Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended.

WHEREAS, §C3-1, "Membership; Election; Term of Office" currently requires that a candidate for City elective office, at the time of taking office, shall have attained the age of 18 years and must be a citizen of the United States, and a registered voter in the City for at least one year immediately preceding the date of election; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have determined that requiring domicile in the City for one year prior to the election, instead of requiring voter registration in the City for one year prior to the election, will expand the pool of possible candidates while still ensuring that individuals are knowledgeable about the College Park community; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have determined that it is in the public interest to delete the requirement that a candidate for City elected office be a registered voter for at least one year prior to election and to substitute the requirement that a

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Asterisks * * * : Indicate matter remaining unchanged in existing law but not set forth in Resolution.
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[~~Brackets~~] :Indicate matter deleted in amendment

candidate shall have been domiciled in the City for at least one year prior to the election; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council authorize the City's Supervisors of Elections to confirm age, citizenship and domicile.

Section 1. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park that Article III, "Mayor and Council", §C3-1, "Membership; election; term of office" be repealed, re-enacted and amended to read as follows:

§ C3-1 **Membership; election; term of office.**

All legislative powers of the City shall be vested in a Mayor and eight district Council members, two from each district of the City, to be known as the Mayor and Council. The Mayor and Council is the legislative body of the City. The Mayor shall be elected at large by the voters of the City and the Council members shall be elected by the voters within their respective districts. The candidate for Mayor with the highest number of votes shall be declared elected as Mayor. The two candidates for Council member for each Council district with the highest number of votes shall be declared elected as Council member. At the time of taking office, the Mayor and each member of the Council shall have attained the age of 18 years. TO QUALIFY, A CANDIDATE FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE [~~and must~~] SHALL:

1. Be a citizen of the United States;
2. BE a current registered voter–in the City; [~~ so registered for at least one year immediately preceding the date of election~~]
3. FOR COUNCIL MEMBER CANDIDATES, BE DOMICILED IN THEIR RESPECTIVE DISTRICT; AND
4. HAVE BEEN DOMICILED IN THE CITY FOR AT LEAST ONE YEAR IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE DATE OF QUALIFICATION.

THE CITY'S SUPERVISORS OF ELECTIONS SHALL DETERMINE WHETHER THESE REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN MET. The Mayor and Council members shall continuously [~~reside~~] BE DOMICILED in the City during their term of office. Each Council member must reside in their respective district and the Mayor and each Council member shall retain throughout their respective term of office all the qualifications necessary for election, and the failure to retain all of such qualifications shall ipso facto cause a forfeiture of office.

Section 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park that this Charter Resolution was introduced on the **8th** day of **September**, 2020 and was considered for adoption after a public hearing. It is adopted this _____ day of _____, 2020, after at least 21 days of prior public notice of the public hearing, and shall be and become effective upon the fiftieth (50th) day after its passage by the City unless petitioned to referendum in accordance with §4-304 of the Local Government Article, Annotated Code of Maryland within forty (40) days following its passage. A complete and exact copy of this Charter Resolution shall be posted in the City offices located at 4500 Knox Road, College Park, Maryland for forty (40) days following its passage by the Mayor and Council and a fair summary of the Charter Resolution shall be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City not less than four (4) times, at weekly intervals, also within the forty (40) day period following its adoption by the City.

Section 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, within ten (10) days after the Charter Resolution hereby enacted becomes effective, either as herein provided or following referendum, the City Manager for the City of College Park shall send separately, by mail, bearing a postmark from the United States Postal Service, to the Department of Legislative Services, one copy of the following information concerning the Charter Resolution: (i) the complete text of this Resolution; (ii) the date of referendum election, if any, held with respect thereto; (iii) the number of votes cast for and against this Resolution by the Council of the City of College Park or in the referendum; and (iv) the effective date of the Charter Resolution.

Section 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager of the City of College Park be, and hereby is, specifically enjoined and instructed to carry out the

provisions of Sections 2 and 3 as evidence of compliance herewith; and said City Manager shall cause to be affixed to the minutes of this meeting (i) an appropriate Certificate of Publication of the newspaper in which the fair summary of the Charter Resolution shall have been published; and (ii) shall further cause to be completed and executed the Municipal Charter or Annexation Resolution Registration Form.

Section 5: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision of this Resolution or the Charter adopted by this Resolution, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or any other application of this Resolution or of the Charter which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end, all the provisions of this Resolution and of the Charter are hereby declared to be severable.

INTRODUCED by the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park at a regular meeting on the **8th** day of **September** 2020.

ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park at a regular meeting on the _____ day of _____ 2020.

EFFECTIVE the _____ day of _____, 2020.

ATTEST:

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Janeen S. Miller, CMC, City Clerk

CITY OF COLLEGE PARK,

By _____
Patrick L. Wojahn, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

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Suellen M. Ferguson, City Attorney

20-O-11

Ordinance
Amending Chapter 102, Dogs And Other Animals

CITY OF COLLEGE PARK, MARYLAND
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM 20-O-11

Prepared By: R. W. Ryan, Public Services Director **Meeting Date:** 10/13/2020

Presented By: R.W. Ryan, Public Services Director **Consent Agenda:** No
Kathy Rodeffer, Co-Chair Animal Welfare Committee
Suzie Bellamy, Co-Chair Animal Welfare Committee

Originating Department: Public Services - Animal Control / Animal Welfare Committee

Action Requested: Introduction of Ordinance 20-O-11, amending Chapter 102, Dogs and Other Animals, and schedule a public hearing

Strategic Plan Goal: Goal #6: Excellent Services

Background/Justification:
Chapter 102 of the City Code, Dogs and Other Animals, was adopted in 1977 with amendments made in 1991, 2001, 2011, and 2012.

Over the past two years, the Animal Welfare Committee (AWC) and the Animal Control Officer (ACO) have reviewed this Chapter for recommended revisions that would make it be more current and more compatible with County animal management regulations, as adopted in Chapter 102.

The AWC has prepared the attached recommended revision to Chapter 102. The proposed revision includes the AWC recommendation to retitle the chapter as “Animal Welfare”. These revisions were discussed by Council with the AWC Co-Chairs at the work session on October 6, 2020.

The Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

Fiscal Impact:
None.

Council Options:
1. Introduce Ordinance 20-O-11, amending Chapter 102, Dogs and Other Animals, and schedule a public hearing.
2. Introduce Ordinance 20-O-11 with amendments, amending Chapter 102, Dogs and Other Animals, and schedule a public hearing.
3. Take no action to revise Chapter 102.

Staff Recommendation:
#1

Recommended Motion:
I move to introduce Ordinance 20-O-11, amending Chapter 102, Dogs and Other Animals in a form substantially as attached and as approved by the City Attorney, and schedule a public hearing.

Attachments:
1. Ordinance 20-O-11 (forthcoming)