

Town of Rockville, Indiana

Recreation and Leisure Needs Assessment for Teens

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PARKS and RECREATION
 BE BOUNDLESS...
 INCREASE COMMUNICATION SKILLS...
 INCREASE PHYSICAL FITNESS...
 INCREASE ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS...
 HELP REDUCE FOOD WASTE...
 PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT...
 THE BENEFITS ARE ENDLESS...



Introduction/Methods

- Design: 9/05 – 12/05
- 122 Surveyed at High School: 2/06
- Report: 7/06
- Instrument
 - Rec Participation
 - Town Park
 - Overall Satisfaction
 - Future facilities

Rockville, Indiana Recreation and Leisure Needs Assessment for Teens

You have been selected through a scientific, random sample of teens that live in Rockville to participate in a teen recreation and leisure needs assessment. Your responses will be kept confidential. This assessment is sponsored by the Town and Park Board of Rockville. Our goal is to improve the recreation and leisure services offered in our community to teen-aged citizens. To achieve this goal, your feedback is critical. Please, answer every question. Thank you for taking the time to complete this teen needs assessment.

I listed below ten general activities. Please indicate the appropriate response as to whether or not you participate in the listed activity for recreation, high school competition, or both.

Do you participate in	Recreationally	High School Competitive Sports
Baseball/Softball	Yes or No	Yes or No
Basketball	Yes or No	Yes or No
Chess	Yes or No	Yes or No
Swimming	Yes or No	Yes or No
Bike Riding	Yes or No	Yes or No
Canoeing	Yes or No	Yes or No
Fishing	Yes or No	Yes or No
Golf	Yes or No	Yes or No
Disc Golf	Yes or No	Yes or No
Ice Skating	Yes or No	Yes or No
Figure Skating	Yes or No	Yes or No
Art	Yes or No	Yes or No
Football	Yes or No	Yes or No
Baseball	Yes or No	Yes or No
Other	Yes or No	Yes or No
Other	Yes or No	Yes or No



Results: Demographics

Demographic Characteristics	Frequency (N=)	Percent
Age		
12	5	4.1
13	38	31.1
14	29	23.8
15	21	17.2
16	14	11.5
17	10	8.2
18	1	.8
Non-response	4	3.3
Total	122	100
Gender		
Males	63	51.6
Females	55	45.1
Non-Response	4	3.3
Total	122	100



Results: Hours Spent Per Week Recreating

Hours Per Week Participating in Recreation Activities	Mean	SD	Median
Teens	8.84	10.84	6
Males	11.03	13.50	6
Females	6.26	5.56	5



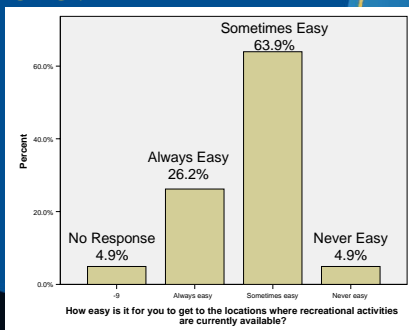
Results: Visit and Use of Town Park

Visit and Use Town Park	Frequency (N=)	Percent
Yes	93	76.2
No	28	23.0
Non-Response	1	.8
Total	122	100

Results: What do Teens do for fun in Rockville?

- Sports (competitively or recreationally)
- Watch Movies at Ritz or at home
- Nothing to do!
- Hang out
- Walk around town
- Vandalize property for fun
 - Steal election signs
 - Pop tires
 - Make bombs
 - Corn cars
 - Teepee houses

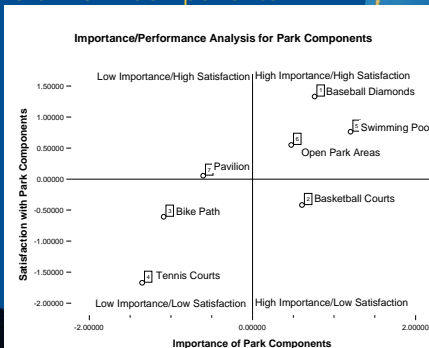
Results: How easy is it to get to recreation activity locations?



Results: Location of Recreation Participation

- Mostly in Rockville: 52.5%
- Go to Another Town: 43%
 - **Terre Haute**: shop, eat at restaurants, workout, movies, sports, library, skate, commercial recreation
 - **Indianapolis/Plainfield**: skating, shopping, drama
 - **Clinton**: mini-golf, pool tables, swimming, bowling
 - **Older teens are leaving Rockville for recreation**

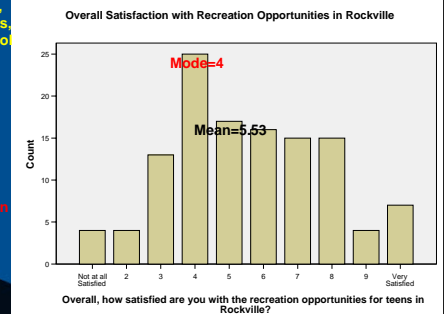
Results: Importance/Performance Analysis of Park Components



Results: Overall Satisfaction with Recreation Opportunities in Rockville

Basketball courts, baseball diamonds, and swimming pool raise overall satisfaction.

When age increases, overall satisfaction decreases.



Results: Participation if facilities existed

Potential Recreation Activities and Facilities	Mean	SD
Indoor Teen Center	3.72	1.11
High School Night at the Pool	3.80	1.32
Art	2.31	1.23
Drama	2.32	1.28
Sports Leagues	4.21	1.12
Skate Park	2.85	1.50

Results: Use of a Future Skate Park

Predicted Use of a Skate Park	Frequency (N=)	Percent
Would Definitely Not Use	29	23.8
Would Probably Not Use	21	17.2
Don't Know	20	16.4
Would Probably Use	15	12.3
Would Definitely Use	24	19.7
Non-response	13	10.7
Total	122	100

Results: Use of Future Programs and Facilities

- **Sports (Soccer, Recreational)**
- Skating
- Swimming
- Teen Center/Club/Workout Facility
- Commercial Activities (go-carts, mini-golf)
- Arts/Drama

Discussion & Implications

- Room for improvement exist.
- Older teens are unsatisfied and seeking improved recreation opportunities in other towns.
- Park Board needs to have a stronger presence as a stakeholder in improving the quality of life for teens.
- Strategies: 12-15 vs. 16-18

Recommendations

- Sports (Soccer, Recreational, Intramural)
- 76% use park, need to improve facilities
 - Basketball courts (convert tennis court)
 - Swimming pool (patch, replace, partner)
 - No skate park facility investment, but provide opportunities
 - Programming (metro-trips, park events, recreational sports)
- Create Teen Advisory Park Board

How do you do this?

- Continue relationship with InRRDP
 - Fall 2006: Master Plan for Parks and Recreation
 - Fall 2006: Attend Rural Park Board Training
 - Spring 2007: Leadership/Special Events
- Continue building local-capacity in Park Board
 - ASAP: Join Indiana Park and Recreation Association, attend Central District meeting
 - 1/2007: Attend IPRA conference
- Commit funding for summer programming

Master Plan for Parks and Recreation

- A document that provides an inclusive framework for orderly and consistent planning; acquisition; development, and administration of a park and recreation agency's programs, resources, and facilities.



Purposes of a Master Plan

- Provides detailed researched facts about the community and the role of P&R
- Establishes priorities and statements of directions based on documented facts, not programming fads/trends
- Provides agency direction for 5 to 10 years
- Determines short and long term goals

Purposes of a Master Plan

- Serves as a decision-making model for core values, mission, goals, and objectives
- Can be used for decision-making by other community groups (Lion's Club)
- Allows for consistency through leadership changes

Contents of the Master Plan

- Mission, Goals, Objectives, History
- Supply Analysis
- Population Analysis
- Demand Analysis
- Standards Analysis
- Agency Action Plan
- Expenditure Analysis
- Priority Criterion Ranking System

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