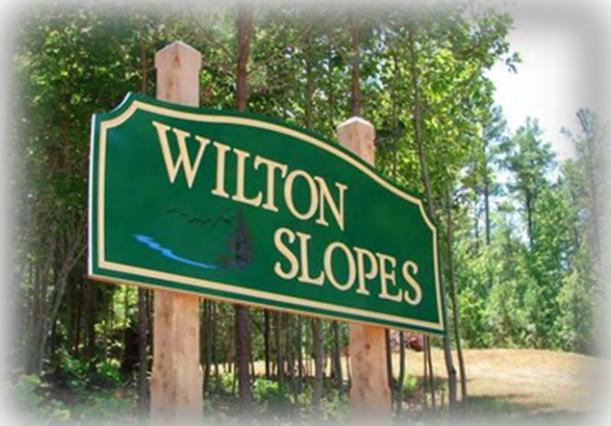




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PARKS AND RECREATION
COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN



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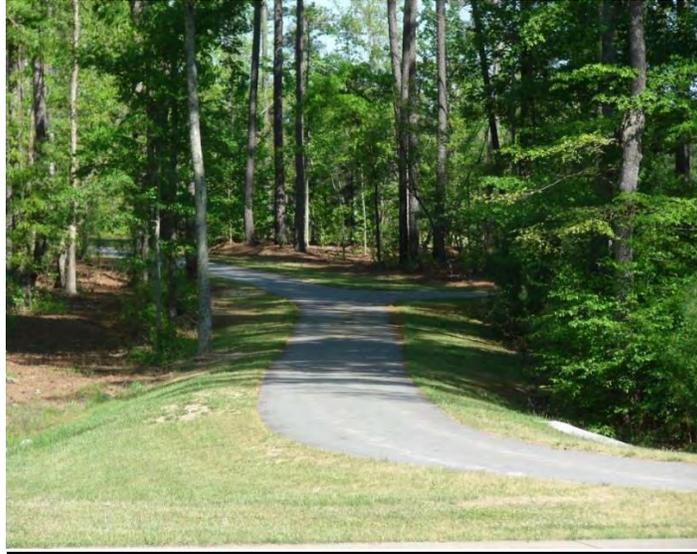
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INTRODUCTION

Granville County has experienced many changes within its various communities during the past few decades. The County's Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan has been updated constantly during that time, but another update is necessary to keep pace with the changing demographics and influx of new citizens who are seeking recreational opportunities. The first Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan that was approved by Granville County government was in 1998, followed by a master plan update that was approved in 2004. There was another update to the plan in November 2008 and again in April 2016. The 2017 update includes the future plans for the Phase III expansion of the Granville Athletic Park.

Over the last few years Granville County has strived to provide its citizens with a wide variety of recreational opportunities, with one of our towns, Creedmoor, receiving recognition as a "Playful City USA" every year since 2006. Oxford has added several sidewalks throughout the city and the town of Butner has continued the expansion of its Greenway to Creedmoor and the CMAQ Trail. In response to the tremendous growth of the county and input from the public through the use of surveys and public hearings, there is a continued need for additional recreational amenities so that our county can provide the same quality of recreational activities as neighboring counties such as Vance, Person, Wake, and Durham counties.

The Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan Update will serve as a guide for elected officials, city and county parks and recreation staff, and citizen leaders to ensure that the recreational needs of the community are met and that the amenities provided will also serve as viable resources to those outside of our county as well. As more and more Americans seek to improve their health, exercise will increasingly become a way of life for many individuals. We feel that access to affordable and safe recreational activities is not a luxury but a necessity for the citizens of our great county.

DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

Population Growth

A critical component of this update is the consideration of the ever-changing demographics and population of Granville County. Granville County is primarily rural, with a population of approximately 59,000 people according to the 2010 United States Census. Below are some additional statistics from the Census and the NC State Data Center.

Table 1: Population Growth and Estimates from 2000 to 2030

Population Growth and Estimates by County and 10-Year Spans							
	2000	2010	2020	2030	Growth 2000-2010	Growth 2010-2020 Projected	Growth 2020-2030 Projected
NC	8,046,813	9,535,483	11,062,090	12,491,837	18.5%	16.0%	12.9%
Granville	48,498	59,916	69,359	78,167	23.5%	15.8%	12.7%

In Granville County there are five municipalities and several townships. According to the 2010 Census, the cities and towns within the county that have the largest populations are Oxford (8515), Butner (7615), Creedmoor (4138), Stem (465), and Stovall (419). Almost forty percent of the county’s population resides in these five areas. These population statistics support the need to not only increase recreational activities throughout the county, but particularly in the central portion of the county, so all areas of the county can be within equal distance of major parks, trails, and greenways.

Household Income

Granville County has a median household income of \$49,852 and approximately 15 percent live below the poverty level according to US Census Quick Facts Data (v. 2015). The table below shows household income and poverty level comparisons between the county and the state. The data below also shows that Granville County has a higher median household income and a lower percentage of people living in poverty for all age groups than the state average.

Table 2: Income Information

Income	Granville County	N.C.
Median household income, 2009- 2013	\$49,852	\$46,334
People of all ages in poverty, 2009-2013	15.3%	17.9%

Ethnicity and Race

Granville County’s racial and ethnic composition ratios, taken from the 2010 US Census, are below. In comparing the ratios between the county and the state there are noticeable similarities, although Granville County has a slightly larger black population than the state.

Table 3: Ethnicity & Race by Percentage

Ethnicity & Race	Granville County	N.C.
White	64%	68.5%
Black	33%	21.5%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.8%	1.3%
Asian	0.6%	2.2%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.1%	0.1%
Persons reporting two or more races	1.5%	2.2%
Hispanic or Latino Origin	7.8%	8.4%
White, not Hispanic	57.6	65.3%

Population by Age

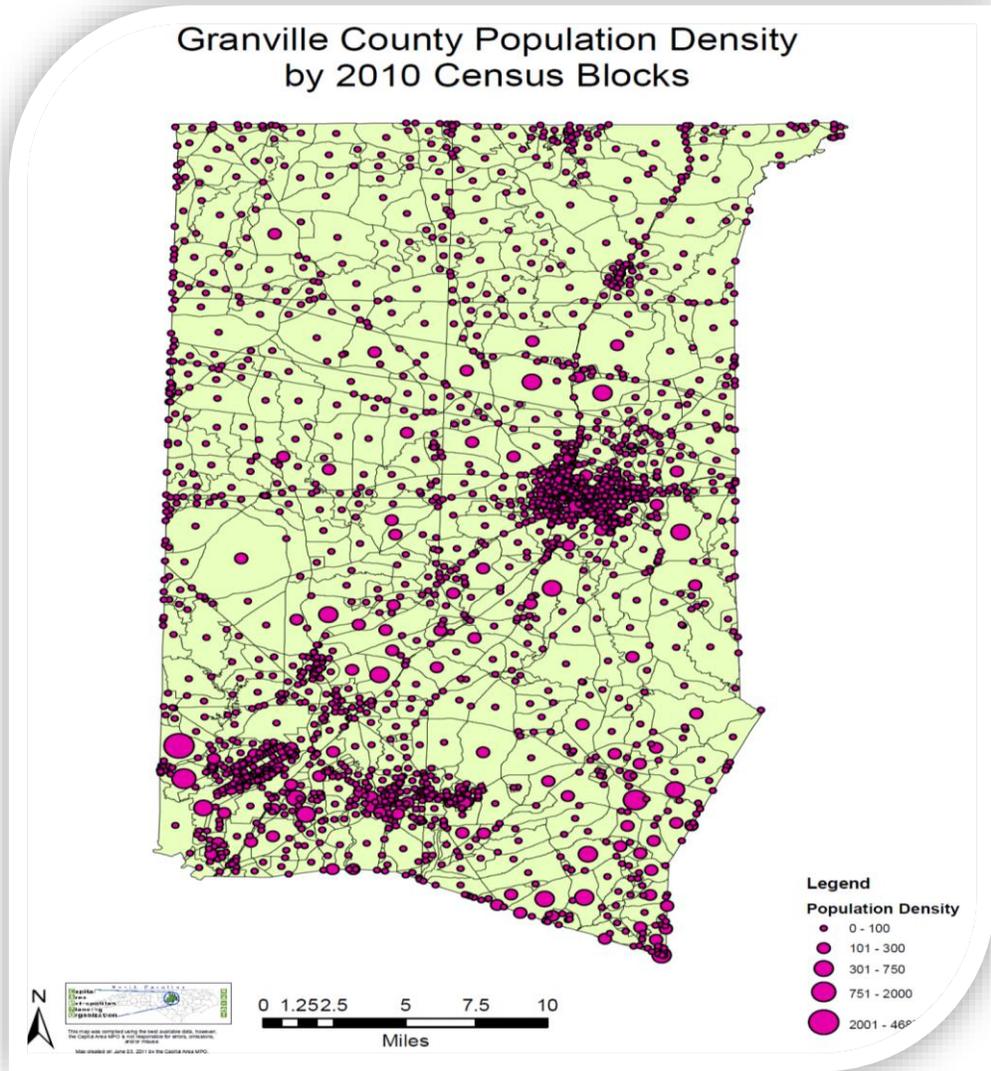
Table 4 shows that the population of residents in Granville County has greatly changed over the last ten years for most age groups. The population for age cohorts 15-19, 45-54, and over 55 have shown the largest increase. The increase in these age cohorts reflects a need for our county parks and recreation activities to be as diverse as possible to keep up with demand in serving the needs of the community. As the population of these three age groups increases in the future, their impact on the availability of community facilities will be great as well.

Table 4: Population Growth by Age from 2000-2010

Age	2000	2010	% Change
Under 5 years	2997	3386	14% inc.
5-9	3378	3668	9.2% inc.
10-14	3351	3785	8.9% inc.

15-19	2968	4186	41% inc.
20-24	3034	3428	8.9% inc.
25-34	7536	7185	4.7% dec.
35-44	8621	9459	9.5% inc.
45-54	6647	9779	50% inc.
55-59	2483	3984	60% inc.
60-64	1938	3615	86% inc.
Over 65	5545	7441	34% inc.

Population based on Locality



The map to the left, which was developed by Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) using 2010 US Census Data, shows that the majority of the population is in the Central and Southern portions of the county.

The following is the population of each township in Granville County based on age groups, according to the 2010 US Census.

Table 5

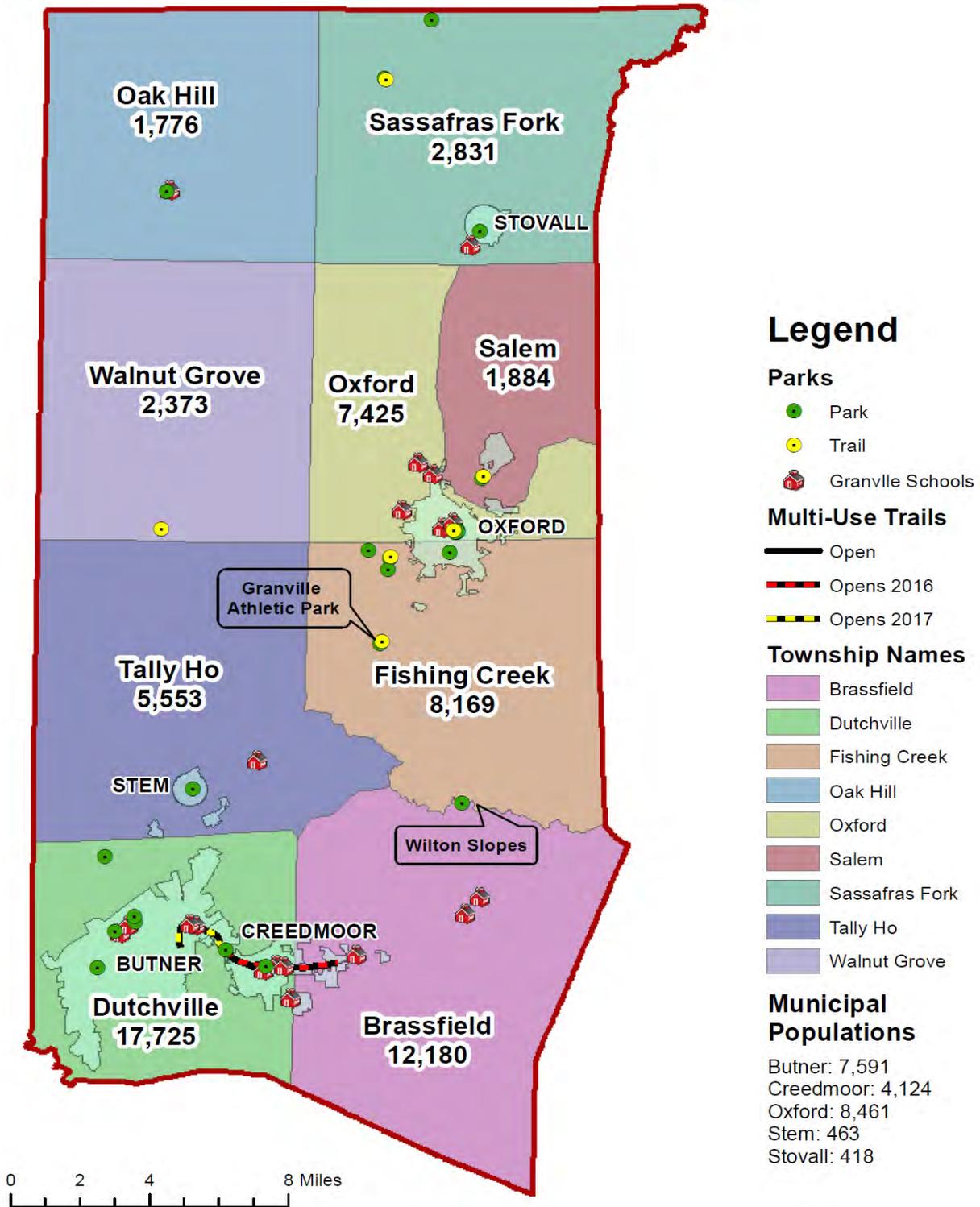
**GRANVILLE
COUNTY**

**TOWNSHIP POPULATIONS PER 2010
CENSUS**

		Number	Percentage	% compared to entire County
Brassfield	Total population	12,180	100	20.33%
	Under 5 years	842	6.9	
	5 to 9 years	960	7.9	
	10 to 14 years	977	8	
Dutchville	Total population	17,725	100	29.58%
	Under 5 years	772	4.4	
	5 to 9 years	825	4.7	
	10 to 14 years	811	4.6	
Fishing Creek	Total population	8,169	100	13.63%
	Under 5 years	583	7.1	
	5 to 9 years	531	6.5	
	10 to 14 years	523	6.4	
Oak Hill	Total population	1,776	100	2.96%
	Under 5 years	71	4	
	5 to 9 years	105	5.9	
	10 to 14 years	107	6	
Oxford	Total population	7,425	100	12.39%
	Under 5 years	413	5.6	
	5 to 9 years	428	5.8	

TOWNSHIP POPULATIONS PER 2010 CENSUS(Cont.)		Number	Percentage	% compared to entire County
	10 to 14 years	464	6.2	
Salem	Total population	1,884	100	3.14%
	Under 5 years	95	5	
	5 to 9 years	135	7.2	
	10 to 14 years	131	7	
Sassafras Fork	Total population	2,831	100	4.72%
	Under 5 years	144	5.1	
	5 to 9 years	188	6.6	
	10 to 14 years	220	7.8	
Tally Ho	Total population	5,553	100	9.27%
	Under 5 years	330	5.9	
	5 to 9 years	350	6.3	
	10 to 14 years	394	7.1	
Walnut Grove	Total population	2,373	100	3.96%
	Under 5 years	136	5.7	
	5 to 9 years	146	6.2	
	10 to 14 years	158	6.7	
		59,916		100.00%

The map below shows the municipalities and townships that are in Granville County and the parks and recreational amenities that are located in each area.



INVENTORY ANALYSIS

There are various recreational opportunities available throughout Granville County, yet only two facilities are owned and operated by Granville County. The other facilities are owned by municipalities, schools, and private community organizations. Some of these locations can be found in the North Carolina Lakes District Plan, which is an economic development tool initiated by the Kerr-Tar Regional Transportation Planning Organization (KTRPO) to highlight various recreational opportunities across the five-county Kerr-Tar Region. The website shows maps and directions for various biking routes, as well as the Kerr-Tar Blueways Plan which shows lakes, rivers, and a map of regional boat launches. The website can be found at <http://www.nclakesdistrict.com>.

COUNTY FACILITIES

Granville County's Parks & Grounds Department is responsible for maintaining two parks: Granville Athletic Park at Jonesland Environmental Preserve and Wilton Slopes. This department also handles the scheduling of facilities at these two parks. It should be noted that the County does not conduct its own recreational programming. Granville County is fortunate to have various groups in the area that specialize in coordinating recreational activities.

Granville Athletic Park at Jonesland Environmental Preserve



Location:	4615 Belltown Road, Oxford, NC
Size:	70 acres
Classification:	Sports Complex
Amenities:	Baseball/Softball Fields Soccer Fields Multi-Purpose Fields Sports Pavilion Wetlands Preserve
	Water Park/Splash Pad Amphitheater Covered Picnic Shelter Playground Walking Trails (3 miles approx.) Meeting Room
	200 paved parking spaces

Additional Information

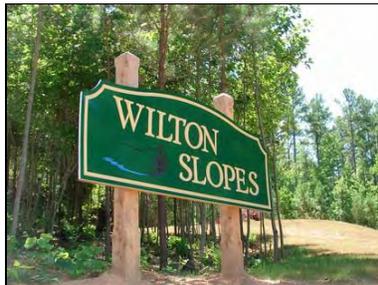
Granville County built this state-of-the-art park in two phases with the assistance of state grant funding and local sponsorships. Members of the public vehemently opposed a hazardous waste incinerator that was to be located at the site, so the County approved plans to build a park instead. The site contains several wooded acres with a variety of trees in accordance with its status as the Jonesland Environmental Preserve. There are also three walking bridges situated along the scenic streams.

Citizens have expressed appreciation of the park's excellent condition. Facilities are often scheduled during weekday evenings and weekends to accommodate soccer tournaments and local baseball/softball leagues. The park's trail system is another highly utilized feature of the park. The picnic shelter and water park/splash pad are popular amenities during warm weather. As can be seen by parks and recreation survey results, the GAP, is utilized more than any other park in the county, and also contains the most amenities as well. Hundreds of people enjoy the GAP on a weekly basis and utilize all that it has to offer.

Future Amenities

In 2016 the Granville County Board of Commissioners approved a Phase III expansion of the Granville Athletic Park. Based on 2015 Granville County administered recreation survey responses, Phase III will include tennis courts, a walking trail, a playground, volleyball courts, horseshoe pits, a picnic shelter, open play space, restrooms, and parking. The Granville Athletic Park Site Specific Master Plan can be found in Appendix F.

Wilton Slopes



Location:	3190 Highway 96 in Wilton, NC
Size:	15 acres
Classification:	Nature Park
Amenities:	Nature Trail Picnic Shelter Canoe/Kayak Launch

Additional Information

Wilton Slopes is strategically located along Tar River's regional paddle trail. The park consists of nature trails, a picnic shelter, and a small canoe/kayak/small boat launch. The land was donated to Granville County by the Tar River Land Conservancy in an effort to promote recreational tourism while preserving natural areas. Endangered species of plants are located on this property. Expansion possibilities are limited due to the lot size, steep slopes, and the need to preserve its natural state.

MUNICIPAL FACILITIES

As noted earlier, there are five municipalities within Granville County. Butner, Creedmoor, and Oxford are the three largest municipalities and have their own Parks & Recreation Departments. Stem and Stovall have over 400 people in each town, so recreational matters are handled by town council members and community volunteers. Each municipality has a place for recreation, spanning from large lake areas to small playgrounds

TOWN OF BUTNER

Butner provides a wide variety of facilities for citizens. Several of these facilities were inherited when Butner incorporated several years ago. Within the past few years, the Town has also developed a new multi-purpose facility now known as Butner Athletic Park. The Butner Parks & Recreation staff provided the information for the following inventory:

Butner Athletic Park (BAP)

Park Type: Sports Complex

Location: 1105 West B Street in Butner

Size: 34.8 acres

Facilities: Baseball, softball and soccer fields, meeting room, concessions room, restrooms, playgrounds, and picnic areas

The main purpose of the Butner Athletic Park is to provide facilities for all ages to play t-ball, baseball and softball, have a safe place to walk, bicycle and run, and a facility to play soccer or football. The park has three ball fields close together in a cloverleaf pattern with a centrally located building for concessions, restrooms, and a meeting room. Two of the ball fields are high school baseball regulation size with moveable mounds and temporary fencing so they may be used by all ages. The third field is a high school regulation softball size field with moveable pitch plates which may also be used for little league teams. Adjacent to the ball fields and building is a soccer field with enough room to accommodate multiple age groups. The walking trail goes around the perimeter of the site with handicap-accessible paths between the ball fields and building. This design provides opportunities to host tournaments as well as accommodate families with children of different ages and special events.

Lake Holt Recreation Area

Park Type: Natural Resource Area

Location: 1200 Lake Holt Road in Butner

Size: 10.7 acres

Facilities: Picnic shelter, fishing pier, boat docks, building with restrooms, snack bar, and tackle shop

Lake Holt was impounded in 1965 to supply water to the State of North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and other local governments. The lake is approximately 385 acres in size and has been stocked with a variety of game fish for the general public to enjoy. A new dock and fishing pier were installed in May 2015. A lakeside 800 square foot building is used as a tackle shop, snack bar and restrooms.

Adjacent to the tackle shop is a brand new two lane boat ramp. There is nearby parking and 10 enclosed boat slips which may be rented during the fishing season. In addition, there are 13 picnic tables and one picnic shelter with 8 picnic tables available to the public. In addition to the lake itself, the town owns approximately 10 acres adjacent to the lake on which these facilities are located.

Lake Holt opens each spring in March and closes around the end of November. The lake is used by the general public for fishing and relaxation. The picnic tables and shelter are used for relaxation and small gatherings. Due to its primary use as a water reservoir, there is no swimming permitted at the lake.

D Street Ball Field

Park Type: Sports Field

Location: 106 East D Street

Size: 3.4 acres

Facilities: Baseball field, concessions and restrooms

The D Street Ball Field was built in 1942 to serve as a recreational facility for Camp Butner. The ball field is approximately four acres in size. Since that time, the field has been used by many different agencies, schools and churches. The ball field was constructed to play high school baseball and includes dugouts for home and away teams, concessions and restrooms.

Gazebo Park

Park Type: Town Park

Location: 416 Central Avenue in Butner

Size: 2.4 acres

Facilities: Gazebo, park benches, playground and swings, open grass lawns, open non-regulation size basketball court

Gazebo Park is a neighborhood park used for passive recreation which includes a gazebo, park benches, a playground with a slide, swings, an outdoor non-regulation size basketball court, and open grass lawns. The park is used by all age groups and by parents who pick their children up from the adjoining elementary school. This park is also popular for non-profit fundraisers, yard sales and private events such as birthday parties and weddings. Yard sales are allowed every Saturday when there is not a special event at the park and anyone may purchase a \$20.00 space to sell items. The park is approximately 2.4 acres in size and has a paved horseshoe shaped drive providing access to Central Avenue. This park is also used to access a greenway that joins the Butner-Stem Elementary and Middle Schools.

Soldiers Memorial Sports Arena (SMSA)

Park Type: Special Use Facility

Location: 416 24th Street in Butner

Size: Approximately 26,000 square foot building on a 32 acre site

Facilities: Basketball courts, volleyball courts, restrooms, and meeting rooms

The SMSA was built in 1942 as part of the Camp Butner recreational facilities. This arena consists of three full basketball/volleyball courts, two scoreboards, restrooms, and several adjoining meeting rooms. This building has many of its original features that make it very unique and historical in nature. It has a unique structural design which sets it apart from other gymnasiums. The complex roof truss system is designed to prevent collapse if it were to be hit by a bomb dropped from a plane. It is said that this is one of the two original military gymnasium buildings of this design left standing in the United States.

Currently, the South Granville Athletic Association (SGAA) handles programming for the youth basketball, volleyball and wrestling teams in the area. The SMSA is also used by many seniors in the area as a safe indoor place to walk. There is a wide variety of uses to be balanced such as seniors coming to walk, youth athletics, weekend basketball tournaments, community events like the Town's Veterans Day Ceremony, and private events such as birthday parties, weddings and awards ceremonies.

Town of Butner Game Lands

Park Type: Natural Resource Area

Location: End of West D Street in Butner

Size: 750 acres

Facilities: Natural and Wooded

During the Town's incorporation, the Town acquired a 750 acre tract of land that is entirely wooded. This tract of land has been participating in the NC Wildlife Game Lands program for archery hunting for the past 10+ years. This tract is part of the 10,000 acre Falls Lake Game Lands, the largest in North Carolina. This tract of land has been very popular for archery hunters who do not have to compete with firearms hunters. They get to hunt in a more natural and undisturbed environment. The Town may consider other recreational opportunities that could be compatible with archery hunting such as equestrian and walking trails.

Butner Cedar Glade

Park Type: Natural Resource Area

Location: 1801 B West Street in Butner

Size: 6 acres

Facilities: Nature Park (Permit required for access)

Butner Cedar Glade is a Plant Conservation Preserve which is available for pre-scheduled guided tours. In 2012, ownership and stewardship of the site was transferred to the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (NCDA&CS) Plant Conservation Program. This six acre property is unique due to the rocks that underlay the site and the many rare plants that grow there. More information can be found at the NCDA&CS website at

<http://www.ncagr.gov/plantindustry/plant/plantconserve/preserves.htm> along with information to request a field trip to the site.

East Lyon Station Greenway

Park Type: Multi-Use Trail

Location: East Lyon Station Road in Butner

Length: 1.02 miles

Facilities: Multi-Use Trail

This trail runs along East Lyon Station Road from the Food Lion Shopping Center to Telecom Drive in Butner. The first 0.6 mile phase has been built and the second phase is being designed. A multi-use path leading from the end of Pond Drive at the Granville Oaks Apartment complex connects to the first phase of this greenway. The second phase will connect even more businesses on East Lyon Station Road and nearby areas to the Food Lion Shopping Center and businesses located on NC Hwy 56. The length of both phases will be approximately 1.02 miles and if the length of the Pond Drive greenway (0.41 miles) is added, the total multi-use path length is 1.43 miles.

Butner-Stem School Greenway and Sidewalk

Park Type: Sidewalk and Multi-Use Trail

Location: D Street; between Butner-Stem Elementary and Middle Schools

Length: 1.3 miles

Facilities: Paved and sidewalk trails and rest benches

The greenway trail was completed in 2007. It connects both schools, the middle school baseball/softball field and to the sidewalk. The sidewalk was completed in 2013 and provides a safe place to walk for students attending Butner-Stem Elementary and Middle Schools as well as members of the community. The sidewalk was installed along D Street from Central Avenue to 24th Street and along 24th Street to connect with the Soldiers Memorial Sports Arena.

Central Avenue Sidewalk

Park Type: Sidewalk Trail

Location: Central Avenue in Butner

Length: 0.85 mile

Facilities: Sidewalk

This sidewalk was a two-phase project. The first phase was completed in 2011 from G Street to the State Employees Credit Union. The second phase was completed in 2015, continuing from the credit union down to B Street.

CITY OF CREEDMOOR

The City of Creedmoor is located in southern Granville County approximately 25 miles north of Downtown Raleigh. The population is estimated to be approximately 4,300 residents; growing significantly from the 2000 Census to the 2010 Census at a monumental 84.8% growth rate. This rate is roughly ten times higher than the county's growth rate of 8.1% during the same period. Historically, the city was a community-based farming community. Today, Creedmoor is

a growing community and a location of choice for residents and businesses due to its rural setting, proximity to Raleigh and Research Triangle Park, and deep sense of community.

In 2007, Creedmoor received national recognition when they were designated as a “*Playful City USA*” community. They were the first City in North Carolina to receive the designation, and have continued to be designated each year since. The “*Playful City*” guidelines offer a model which communities can follow to promote recreation. In 2012, this focus increased exponentially when City Commissioners approved the formation of an official Parks and Recreation Department. Their first assignment was to complete a long range plan for recreation throughout the City.

The Creedmoor Parks & Recreation Department provided the following information for its inventory:

Creedmoor Gymnasium and Activity Center

Park Type: Special Use Park

Location: 108 Wilton Avenue (Hwy 56), Creedmoor

Size: 8,500 sq ft. (maximum 100 persons)

Facilities: Gymnasium & Activity Center, Bathrooms

The gymnasium originally belonged to Creedmoor High School before it burned down in 1971. The numerous programs now offered include Open Gym Basketball, *First Fridays in Creedmoor* (alternating family, game, & movie nights on the first Friday of every month), senior center activities, and various community/civic group activities such as family reunions and birthday parties. It contains tables, chairs, basketballs, basketball poles, scoreboard, and bleachers. There is one main parking area, an overflow parking area, and sidewalk access from the neighboring residential, institutional, and business districts.

Battle C. Roberts Ball Field

Park Type: Special Use Park

Location: 108 Wilton Avenue (Hwy 56), Creedmoor

Size: 4.1 acres

Facilities: Ball Fields

The ball fields are primarily utilized by local teams and leagues for baseball, softball, and football practice. Other uses include summer day camps and community/civic group activities such as family reunions and birthday parties. There are 2 small ball fields with fencing, dug-outs, a concession stand, restrooms, and bleachers. There is one main parking area, an overflow parking area, and sidewalk access from the neighboring residential, institutional, and business districts.

Lake Rogers Park

Park Type: Community Park

Location: 1711 Lake Road (Hwy 56), Creedmoor

Size: 5 acres

Facilities: Concession stand, restrooms, picnic shelters, picnic tables, boat launch, fishing pier, boat dock, pedal boat and canoe rentals, small boat rentals, playground, swing-set, and grassy open space.

Lake Rogers is a 175-acre lake owned by the City of Creedmoor that was once its main water supply. Today the lake is used solely for recreational activities that include fishing and boating options. Sitting adjacent to the lake is Lake Rogers Park which affords residents and visitors open space for general leisure activities. There are four (4) covered picnic shelters with outdoors grills, and two large play spaces featuring a play-set and swings. The park stays busy throughout the week with quick and easy access from Highway 56 and exit 191 off I-85.

“Harris Park” at Pecan Hill

Park Type: Neighborhood/Mini Park

Location: 415 Watson Street (Pecan Hill Neighborhood), Creedmoor

Size: .41 acres

Facilities: Shelter rentals, horseshoe rentals, playground, and grassy open space

Harris Park provides residents of this older, established community a safe place for their children to gather and play. Harris Park boasts a covered picnic shelter, a play-set for 5-12 year olds, swing set, a horseshoe pit, and both covered and uncovered seating. The park is conveniently located in the heart of the Pecan Hill Community and is in close proximity to the Christian Faith Center, a community church and licensed private school in Creedmoor.

“The Gauntlet”

Park Type: Fitness & Walking Trail

Location: 2186 Brassfield Road, Creedmoor

Size: 1.1 miles (on 78.6 Acres)

Facilities: Natural trail and fitness stations

Officially opened in April 2016, *The Gauntlet* is a 1.1 mile natural walking trail outfitted with eleven fitness stations designed for hikers to challenge themselves with a workout along the way. The trail is ideally suited for the 76.8-acre site, acquired by the City of Creedmoor in 2011 with funds provided by the Clean Water Management Trust Fund (CWMTF) and the Upper Neuse Clean Water Initiative as part of an overall, basin-wide effort to conserve land in close proximity to Falls Lake for wildlife corridor protection and natural water quality improvement.

Cross City Trail (Phase 1)

Park Type: Sidewalk

Location: NC-56 from Downtown Creedmoor extending eastward to the Creedmoor Commons Shopping Center (Food Lion)

Length: 1.5 miles

Facilities: 5' Concrete Sidewalk

A grant award from the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program was utilized along with matching funds from the City to fund this sidewalk that connects the downtown district with the recreational, institutional, residential, and business districts on the eastern side of the city. It is the first phase of a 5-phase project in Creedmoor and was completed in 2013.

CITY OF OXFORD

The City of Oxford has several recreational facilities along with an established recreation program offering a variety of activities. The information for the following inventory has been provided by Oxford’s Parks & Recreation Department.

Granville Street Park

Park Type: Neighborhood Park

Location: Granville Street and Mimosa Street in Oxford

Size: 6.5 Acres

Facilities: Tennis Court, Play Court, Sand Volleyball Court, Small Play Ground, Block One Room Building, 4 Picnic Tables, 2 Acres Open Space.

Granville Street Park is a small neighborhood park that offers a variety of activities. This park is closely nestled in a lower middle class/lower income neighborhood. Poor design, disrepair, and inappropriate activities prompted re-design and renovation in 2015. The playground area was expanded, landscaping and shade trees included, an outdoor court converted to a play area, and a one room block building was renovated for use for youth groups. The park was made ADA compliant at that time. The plan is to begin after-school activities in the Youth Center in 2016.

Rucker Park

Park Type: Community Park

Location: Old 75 (Providence Rd.) in Oxford

Size: 14 Acres

Facilities: Pool and Bathhouse, Basketball Courts, One Softball Field, Shelter, Small Nature Trail

Rucker Park is a 14 acre park located outside of the City limits approximately 3 miles from the center of town. It has one lap lane and open swim area pool with bathhouse, two full paved basketball courts, one softball field, and a shelter. Renovation of this park occurred many years ago with the use of LWCF monies. Basketball courts have been resurfaced but the site remains unattractive. The softball field was renovated in 2014-15 to restore adult softball programs that had declined along with the field's condition. The shelter was replaced in 2014 and picnic tables are scheduled to be added in 2015-16. This park, though well maintained, is somewhat unattractive because of its age and also because the City's old water treatment plant is located on the site with its grounds poorly maintained and the building having been vandalized over time.

Hix Recreation Complex

Park Type: Neighborhood Park

Location: Spring Street and Williamsboro Street in Oxford

Size: 11 Acres

Facilities: Gymnasium, Multi-Use Field/Baseball/Softball, Playground, Tennis Courts, Skate Park, Outdoor Basketball, Shelter

Oxford Recreation Complex, better known as "Hix", was at one time owned by the school system and is located in the center of town with City Hall that was previously the high school. Renovation of the fields for public recreational purposes was completed in the 80's. Further improvements have been made within the past 7 years with some work having been done to the gymnasium and fields to improve quality and appearance. A play ground with a shelter was constructed, one batting cage, two tennis courts rebuilt and re-lighted, a small skate park and one full basketball court constructed. This facility is heavily used in that it is the main park for organized recreation programming and its location. This property is extremely congested with limited parking which

creates inconveniences and safety concerns. The gymnasium is small and old, with only one playing surface and minimal seating. The gymnasium is receiving new insulation, LED lighting, and a solid synthetic flex flooring system in 2015-16. Plumbing and heating/air problems continue to need addressing. A bathhouse with restrooms was recently added to the playground area.

Lake Devin Park

Park Type: Natural Resource Area/Community Park

Location: Lake Devin Road in Oxford

Size: 8 Acres

Facilities: Shelter, Cabin, Boat Ramp, Rest Room, Cabin Office, Nature Trails

The Lake Devin Park site is approximately an 8 acre site located on Lake Devin. Lake Devin was previously the City's source of drinking water and is a 198 acre body of water maintained as pristine, protected by City ordinances and under extensive management by the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission. The park site was built in the early 90's allowing access for fishing by non-gas operated boats. A picnic shelter and small bathhouse were included in the project. Approximately 2.5 miles of nature trails with educational signage surround the lake. Over the past 5 years additional access to the public for fishing and education has been encouraged by the construction of two fishing piers with handicapped accessibility, ordinance changes to allow bank fishing, and the addition of a cabin for educational programming. Trails have been damaged over the years by storms and though some clearing has been done, trails are not well maintained nor well used. A relatively primitive boat ramp allows access only to boats that draw 8" or less of water. Ample space for parking exists but poor layout and erosion limits full access.

Red Barn

Park Type: Natural Resource Area/Special Use Park

Location: Golf Course Road on Lake Devin in Oxford

Size: 9 Acres

Facilities: Barn and Block Kitchen Rest Room w/Decks

The Red Barn is located on Lake Devin. It was previously an actual barn for livestock and was renovated in the early 90's for public use. The barn is adjoined to a block building with rest rooms and a kitchen area by a large deck overlooking Lake Devin. Minimal parking and opened space make this park an extremely popular location for small gatherings, retreats, training, and educational programming. The facility was renovated in 2014 and the facility is used regularly for family reunions, parties and weddings. It has a capacity of 80 people in the barn and features a non-commercial prep and service kitchen area for use during events. It is also the location of the second fishing pier on the Lake

Oxford Park Athletic Complex

Park Type: Sport Complex

Location: Horner Siding Road in Oxford

Size: 23.5 Acres

Facilities: 4 Little League/Fast Pitch Fields, 2 Full Size Football/Soccer Fields, Field Amenities (Bleachers, Benches Etc.), 1 Covered Tot Lot, 1/2 Mile Stone Trail, 240 Parking Spaces, 1 Two Story Concession/Restroom Building with Observation/Meeting Space, 1 Small Concession/Restroom Building, 1 Storage Building/Press Box, 1 Maintenance Building, 2

Batting Cages w/Soft Toss Nets, 3 Acres Open Space, 8 Benches Along Trails, 6 Picnic Tables w/ Umbrellas, 200 Shade Trees, Storm Water Retention Area with Natural Habitat Exhibition.

Oxford Park Athletic Complex, including the “Diamonds at Oxford Park”, was completed in Spring of 2009. Located a mere 1.3 miles from the City Hall area, this complex is out of the City traffic, yet easily accessible. It is situated in a rural setting surrounded predominantly by farmland yet located next to a high-density suburban neighborhood. This facility was built to exemplary specifications in order to recruit and host athletic events and tournaments for an economical boost while also meeting the local needs for recreational youth athletic programs. The facility is heavily used from early March through mid- November with thousands of visitors each year.

TOWN OF STEM

Residents of the Town of Stem are located only 7 miles from Granville Athletic Park. Yet, young children do not have to travel far to visit the charming park described below.

Jack Day Kiddie Park

Park Type: Small Park

Location: Next to the Volunteer Fire Department in Stem

Size: Less than ¼ acre

Facilities: Playground set, toddler playground set, small picnic area, swing set

This park was created for children in Stem. Named after a former mayor, it is the result of a community effort to bring recreation to a small town. The park is in good condition.

TOWN OF STOVALL

The Town of Stovall is a small town with a strong desire for recreation. As a result, citizens now have a relatively new park located within close proximity to the Town Hall, Library, and Stovall Elementary School.

Stovall Community Park

Park Type: Small Park

Location: Highway 15 in Stovall

Size: 2 acres

Facilities: Playground, picnic shelter, swing set, walking trail

This park was constructed in 2011 to meet strong demand for recreation in the municipality of Stovall. The Town conducted various fundraisers for the park, including festivals and a black-tie dinner. The Town also received a grant from the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund. This park is a fine example of how concerned citizens can make a difference in their community.

SCHOOL FACILITIES

The Granville County School System provides recreational opportunities for students both during and after school hours. The public is allowed to use specific school facilities during non-school hours, as long as these areas are not being used for student activities.

Type: School Playgrounds and Various Athletic Fields
 Location: Throughout Granville County
 Size: Varies

School	Recreational Facilities	Open to Public	Additional Notes
Butner-Stem Elementary	Two playgrounds, swing sets, near greenway	Yes >>>>	After school hours ONLY
Butner-Stem Middle	Two ballfields, football field, near greenway	No	Available for rental, need to contact the bookkeeper. The greenway is closed during school hours and after dark.
CG Credle Elementary	Playground	No	Gates are locked to these areas to secure the campus throughout the school day and after hours
Creedmoor Elementary	Playground, ballfield	Yes	
GC Hawley Middle	Two volleyball courts, basketball court, frisbee golf	No	
Granville Central High	Football field, open field for soccer and softball	No	
JF Webb High	Four tennis courts, baseball field, softball field, soccer field, football field, track	Track ONLY	Track ONLY, after school hours ONLY
Joe Toler-Oak Hill Elementary	Basketball court, ballfield, playground	Yes	
Mary Potter Middle	Two playgrounds, ballfield	Yes	After school hours ONLY
Mt. Energy Elementary	Three playgrounds, ballfield	Yes	
Northern Granville Middle	Two ballfields, soccer field	No	
South Granville High	Two tennis courts, baseball field, football field, soccer field, track	No	
Stovall-Shaw Elementary	Trail, playground, ballfield, soccer field	Yes	
Tar River Elementary	Playground, ballfield, track/trail, basketball court, soccer field	Yes	
West Oxford Elementary	Playground, ballfield	No	
Wilton Elementary	Playground, ballfield, volleyball grass court	No	

OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

There are various facilities throughout the County that are not maintained by the County or the municipalities. The facilities listed below are maintained by private entities except for the Grassy Creek/Kerr Lake Recreational Area, which is owned and operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Bayfield Farms

Park Type: not classified as a typical park, but an outdoor recreational facility

Location: NC Hwy 96, Oxford

Length: 45 acres

Facilities: Horseback riding, Horse training, riding lessons

Nestled on approximately 45 acres, Bayfield Farms is located in a beautiful, rustic area, just north of downtown Oxford. Riding lessons are available for all ages and concentrates on teaching excellent riding skills in a safe environment. Bayfield Farm competes on a local, state and national level with a youth riding team and is also the host of an award winning 4-H club, the Granville County 4-H Horseflies.

Berea Community Trail

Park Type: Trail

Location: Highway 158 in the Berea Community

Length: 1/5th of a mile

Facilities: Paved trail; open space in middle of trail

This trail sits on land belonging to the Berea Community's Volunteer Fire Department. Volunteers applied for local grant funding to pay for the trail. It is in very good condition and is used extensively by walkers, joggers, and bicyclists. The open space area provides a place for overflow parking, open festivals, and other recreational events (i.e. inflatables).

Grassy Creek Community Center

Park Type: Community Center

Location: Grassy Creek Road in the Grassy Creek Community

Size: Approximately 5 acres

Facilities: Community center building, open field, small playground, trail

This community center is located in northern Granville County which is rural and sparsely populated. It is in good condition. The property and building also sits adjacent to Grassy Creek. Furthermore, this Grassy Creek section has been identified as a paddle trail through the Four Rivers Resource Conservation. The center is used for community gatherings, wedding events, and other parties. Many people within the community use the walking trail which measures 1/5th of a mile. There is plenty of open space between the trail segments that has been used for baseball/softball practice.

Grassy Creek/Kerr Lake Recreational Area

Park Type: Lake

Location: Harry Davis Road in Bullock

Size: 10 acre site; 50,000 acre impoundment

Facilities: Boat ramps, swimming area, beach, restrooms, picnic shelter and tables, floating dock, camping

The Grassy Creek Recreational Area is one of the many sites on Kerr/Buggs Island Lake owned and operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The site offers two boating ramps, a beach, swimming, picnicking and fishing. The park relies on the honor system to pay for the required user fees for the aforementioned activities. The park provides an access point for users who wish to utilize the 50,000 acre impoundment that encompasses both Virginia and North Carolina.

Jordan Tract

Park Type: Conservation Tract
Location: Brogden Road in Stem
Size: 214 acres
Facilities: Natural areas

The Tar River Land Conservancy purchased this tract of land in September 2013 with contributions from Granville County and the City of Creedmoor along with funding from the Conservation Trust for North Carolina, the City of Raleigh, and the United States Endowment for Forestry and Communities. The land includes frontage on Ledge Creek and Holman Creek, which feed into Lake Rogers before flowing into Falls Lake, which is the main source of water for residents in Wake County.

The picturesque property includes oak, beech, and poplar trees. The Tar River Land Conservancy intends to utilize volunteers to build trails and complete other projects before opening the land to the public. Meanwhile, guided hiking tours will be announced in the future.

Toler Community Reach Out Club

Park Type: Small Park
Location: Highway 96 in the Oak Hill Township
Size: 6.31 acres
Facilities: Picnic tables, shelter, overgrown paths, open space

This open space belongs to the Toler Community Reach Out Club. There is community interest in improving the location, such as providing a paved walking trail, but currently there is a lack of funding to pursue any major changes.



COMMUNITY NEEDS AND RECREATION STANDARDS

The recreation needs of Granville County were developed through a departmental review of current inventory, input from the public through the use of formal surveys and public hearings, input from the County's Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, and a study of generally accepted standards for parks and recreational facilities around the country. A community needs assessment is important in determining the goals and objectives of a parks and recreation program and can also provide great insight regarding the allocation of resources.

Community needs for park facilities in Granville County were determined through the use of the following:

- Formal survey analysis
- Input from the community through participation in public meetings and advisory board meetings
- Study of generally accepted recreation, parks, and open space standards
- Comparison of recreation facility inventory with neighboring counties

The Recreation Advisory Committee advocates for the imminent pursuit of additional Granville County owned facilities in the Northern and Southern ends of the County.

Community Input **Comprehensive Plan Survey**

For several years, public surveys have been a valuable tool in the creation of a comprehensive parks and recreation master plan for Granville County. The survey software program, SuveyGismo was utilized in conducting the Fall 2015 survey and the county received an overwhelming amount of participation, with over 900 citizens responding. The survey was made available in paper format and online and was advertised in two local newspapers, on the county website, tourism development board's Facebook page, and through the disbursement of flyers all of the county. Paper versions of the survey were distributed to the local libraries in Oxford, Stovall, and Creedmoor, to the town halls and recreation departments in Oxford, Creedmoor, Butner, and Stovall, and to various community organizations. The following

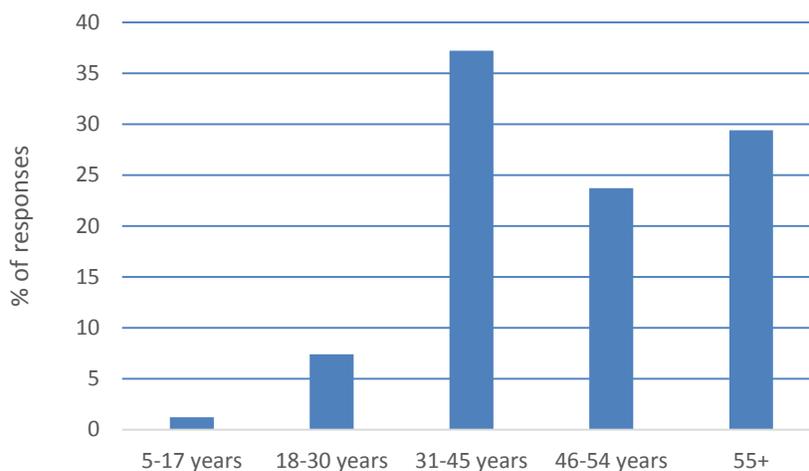
information provides highlights of the major findings of the survey concerning participants' demographics, facility offerings, and future development. A copy of the survey questions can be found in Appendix A.

Survey Highlights

- Approximately 71% of survey respondents were female
- Almost 40% of survey respondents live outside of the city limits
- Recreation amenities such as **walking trails, picnic shelters, baseball/softball fields, swimming pools, and tennis courts** were in the top five of amenities that respondents felt strongly about being built in the county
- 71.5% of survey respondents exercise at least 3 days or more a week, which shows that many in our community are very active

The following graphs give an overview of the survey results as well and show information pertaining to the ages of survey respondents, distribution of respondents within the county, most desired facilities in the county, and current recreation activities that most respondents participate in.

Figure 1: Age Groups of Responders



In comparing the percentage of survey responses to the percentage of the population by age in the county in Figure 1 above, there is a similar distribution for most age groups. While the response rate was lower for teens and young adults below the age of 30, the response rate was overwhelming for those in the 31-45 age group and the 55 and over age group as well.

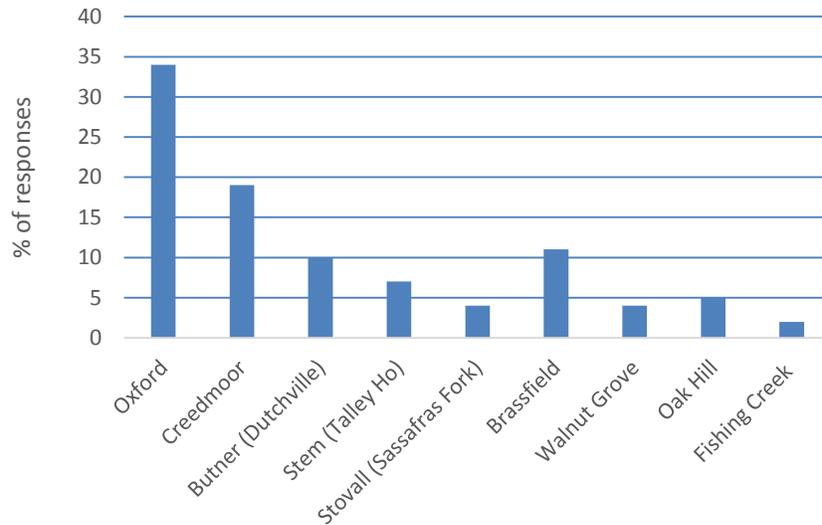
Individuals who are 55 and over were the second largest survey response group, comprising 29% of the total survey responders. The survey shows baby boomers and retired individuals are seeking additional recreation opportunities.

The response rates of the survey shows the great level of interest in recreation from those with children in the household. The percentage of respondents with children in the household was quite significant:

- 126 respondents have one or more children in the house between the ages of 0-4
- 206 respondents have one or more children in the house between the ages of 5-9
- 255 respondents have one or more children in the house between the ages of 10-14
- 204 respondents have one or more children in the house between the ages of 15-19

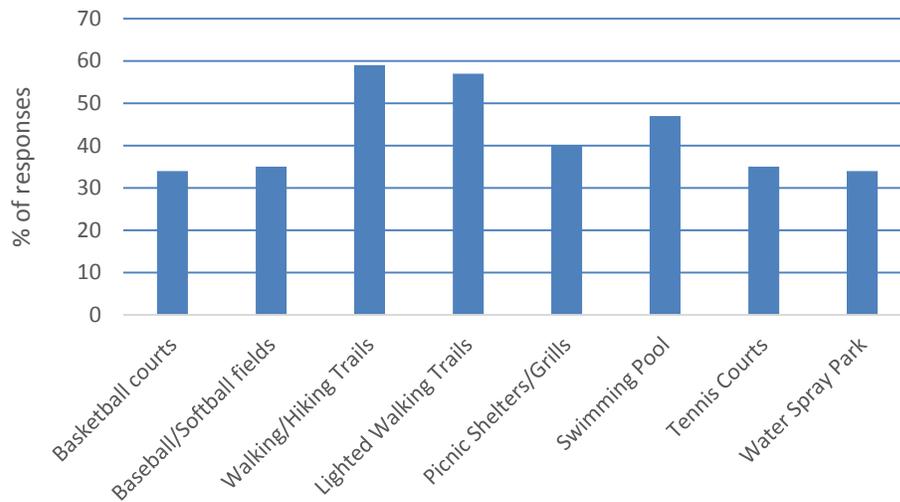
Figure 2 shows the percentage of survey responses from the municipalities and townships in Granville County. Due to it being the largest municipality in the county, Oxford had the largest response rate, followed by Creedmoor and the township of Brassfield.

Figure 2: Location of Survey Responders



Understanding the needs of the public regarding the recreation amenities that they would like to see built in the county is an important aspect of the comprehensive master plan and plays a central role in future parks and recreation planning. The figure below shows the offerings of recreation facility types or amenities that survey responders strongly agreed should be built in Granville County.

Figure 3: Amenities that Responders Strongly Agree Should be Built in County



In Appendix B there is a copy of the survey results from SurveyGismo, which goes into great detail about the various opinions of citizens throughout the county as it pertains to parks and recreation facilities. Many citizens expressed their enthusiasm regarding the recreation amenities that the county provides at the GAP, but they were also very vocal about their desire to see additional recreation facilities that meet the needs of a growing population.

Public Meetings

The County held public meetings for recreational input in 2008, 2011, April 2016, and April 2017. Initially, meetings were held in each township. Attendance was low, ranging from 2-10 attendees per location. The attendance was expected to be higher due to newspaper advertisements, a website notice, and flyers posted in various locations throughout each township and municipality.

As expected, citizens at the township meetings in 2008 indicated an interest in seeing more recreational opportunities. Most of the citizens were not representing a specific organization except the meeting in Butner, where at least one citizen explicitly represented South Granville Athletic Association. Suggestions included playgrounds, picnic shelters, walking trails, and facilities for basketball and soccer. The idea of community mini-parks was mentioned in some townships, including more rural areas like Berea. The minutes from these meetings can be found in the 2008 Master Plan update in Appendix C.

Another public interest meeting was conducted in September 2011 at Granville Athletic Park to discuss the park's strengths as well as any changes/improvements that citizens would like to see. The citizens were pleased to have a park of high caliber in the County, citing strengths such as cleanliness and the centralized location. The results of this meeting are in Appendix E.

An example of how parks and recreation have changed since 2008 can be found in the Oak Hill Township, which along with Stovall, are in the northern portion of the county. During the public interest meeting, citizens expressed dismay about the asbestos at the playground at Joe Toler Oak Hill Elementary School. Fortunately, a new playground was installed a few years later. This was good news for the 35% of survey respondents from Oak Hill Township who further expressed a need for playgrounds during the 2008 survey.

The public meetings held in March and April 2016 took place in Stovall and the Oak Hill area. As with previous public meetings, flyers advertising the meetings were distributed throughout the northern portion of the county, included on the county website, and was advertised in the local newspaper. Attendance at the Stovall and Oak Hill public meetings, while rather low, provided the opportunity for meaningful conversation regarding what recreation amenities citizens would like to see in the county. The citizens who attended both meetings expressed their appreciation for the recreation amenities that the county provides at the GAP and were excited to hear about the proposed Phase III expansion of the park, but also expressed a desire to see additional recreation facilities in the northern portion of the county. The results of these meetings can be found in Appendix D.

The public meeting held on April 4, 2017 at Thornton Library in Oxford was specifically about the Phase III expansion project at the Granville Athletic Park (the GAP). The meeting was advertised in the Oxford Ledger, the Butner-Creedmoor news, the county website, the county Facebook account, the Town of Butner website, and with paper flyers. The meeting was held from 5-7 pm with floating attendance totaling twenty-five community members during that time. The majority of attendees expressed support of the Phase III project. Minutes and other documents from that meeting can be found in Appendix E.

Recreation Advisory Committee

The Granville County Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee is comprised of representatives from each Commissioner district. The Committee meets 10 months a year. The mission is to advance recreation opportunities in Granville County. The Committee:

- Serves in an advisory capacity and make recommendations to the County Commissioners
- The Committee is responsible for carrying out the mission, goals, and objectives of the Recreation Advisory Committee and recommendation of the needed services and the preservation of natural resources within the geographical area of Granville County
- The Committee is promote the advancement of parks and recreation through collective involvement at the local, state and national levels as appropriate and,
 - Promotes public awareness and support of park and recreation services and environmental and natural resource management as these impact parks and recreation
 - Develops, promotes and advocates for the public policy for parks and recreation
 - Creates or enhances opportunities for citizen, professional, and volunteer development
 - Promotes the development and dissemination of the recreational opportunities in Granville County

- Represents park and recreation development in all areas of Granville County
- Advocates for the allocation of county resources to advance the Committee's mission and goals
- Develops the public's awareness of the importance of parks and recreation programs to the enrichment of Granville County's citizens and natural resources

A copy of the advisory committee's bylaws is located in Appendix G.

Recreation Standards

Previous recreation master plans did not provide specifics regarding size standards for new development. Information from the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) has been provided below as a baseline for future development needs. The data in the two tables below has been compared with the current population of Granville County, which is just under 60,000, in order to assist us in recreation planning and determining new size standards.

The following table indicates facility type, the population served by one facility, and the number of facilities needed per 1000 thousand residents.

Table 6: Population served by Facilities

FACILITY CATEGORY	FACILITY TYPE	TOTAL POPULATION SERVED BY 1 FACILITY	# OF FACILITIES NEEDED PER 1000 RESIDENTS
Sports Fields	Soccer/Multi-Use	1050	.95
	Baseball/Softball Fields	1640	.61
Courts	Tennis	1030	.97
	Basketball	1100	.91
	Volleyball	7540	.13
Outdoor Recreation	Small Skatepark (7000sq ft)	6410	.16
	Full-size Skatepark (17,000+sq ft)	15560	.06
	Paved Trail	960	1.04
	Nature Trail	430	2.33
Leisure	Playgrounds	6270	.16
Other Recreational Facilities	Pool	8250	.12
	Outdoor Event Venue (per acre)	2380	.42

SOURCE: SMALL COMMUNITY PARKS & RECREATION STANDARDS

The following is a table from the National Recreation and Park Association's 2014 National Database Report, which shows median jurisdiction population for each facility type that is typically offered by parks and recreation departments across the country.

Figure 17

Facility Types, Fiscal Year 2013

	Departments Offering	Median Jurisdiction Population Per Facility
Playground	96.1%	3,840
Diamond fields (e.g., baseball/softball)	92.0%	3,403
Rectangular fields (e.g., football/soccer)	89.1%	4,242
Tennis court (outdoor)	85.3%	4,283
Basketball court (outdoor)	84.6%	6,644
Recreation/community center	74.3%	24,645
Swimming pool (outdoor)	59.7%	30,376
Community gardens	47.1%	32,529
Dog park	47.1%	50,852
Golf course (9 holes)	34.7%	29,631
Swimming pool (indoor)	32.8%	61,322
Tennis court (indoor)	9.8%	22,852

As can be seen in the table above, most parks and recreation departments offer recreational amenities such as diamond fields (for baseball and softball), playgrounds, basketball courts, and outdoor tennis courts. Granville County Parks and Recreation offers many of the amenities listed in the table below, but as the county's population increases, park facilities will have to meet the growing demand. In comparing the current inventory of recreation facilities in Granville County mentioned in previous sections of this plan, mainly the GAP, with the two tables above, it has been determined that the county will need additional park acreage to meet public demand. The expansion of the GAP, with the Phase III project, is a step in the right direction, but additional park space needs to be obtained in other areas of the county as well, such as in Creedmoor, Butner, Oak Hill, and Stovall.

PARK CLASSIFICATIONS

The following park descriptions are based on 1995 National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) publication "Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines" and only serve as recommendation, not strictly guidelines, regarding the various aspects of park system.

Regional Parks

Regional parks are typically large in size, and contain a wide array of natural features, land formations, and diverse forms of vegetation and wildlife that are normally found in that region. Some of examples of regional parks are environmental centers, nature trails, camp sites, and observation decks. These types of parks also include areas of non-designated, open space in which individuals can partake in activities such as picnicking, flying kites, and throwing Frisbees. Many regional parks also include portions of the park that are reserve for passive recreation, due to the existence of rivers, creeks, and beaches, while the remainder of the park is used for active recreation. Regional Parks typically serve the entire county and the acreage per population ratio is 10 acres for every 10,000 persons. The size of recreational parks can vary, ranging from 200 acres to as much as 1,000 acres. Regional parks are used owned and operated by federal, state, and/or county agencies.

District Parks and Sports Complexes

District Parks and Sports Complexes are similar to regional parks in terms of the amenities they provide, but are usually created to host tournament level competitions. Opportunities for passive recreation can exist on these sites, but they are usually separated from the areas in which tournament competitions are held. Most of the land on these sites are developed for athletic fields, and therefore are relatively flat to accommodate specific recreational needs. District Parks and Sports Complexes typically serve the entire community, with every 2 acres serving 1,000 persons, and range from 40-80 acres. Examples of sports complexes are recreation centers, tennis centers, amphitheaters, and running tracks. District parks and sports complexes are usually the responsibility of county and municipal agencies.

Community Parks

Community Parks are definitely one of the most diverse park types, in terms of amenities, types of recreational activities offered, and natural features. Community parks provide recreation needs for several neighborhoods, or large sections of the community. These parks provide traditional types of recreation, but also provide opportunities for non-traditional types as well. At least fifty percent of community parks should be used for passive recreation, with these areas being used as buffer zones between active facilities, such as baseball fields, volleyball courts, and tennis courts. Community parks can be pretty diverse in terms of their vegetation and topography, with one or more natural water features being desirable, such as a lake, river, or creek. One of the most important aspects of Community parks is that they are easily accessible to members of the community, serving the recreation needs of nearby communities. Community parks are typically 30-50 acres, with every 3 acres serving 1000 persons. Types of facilities normally located at Community parks include basketball courts, multipurpose fields, swimming pools, and playgrounds.

Neighborhood Parks

Usually small in size, Neighborhood parks contain some of the same amenities as larger parks, but are located within walking distance of the area that they serve. The typical size of these parks are between 5-10 acres, and they tend to serve around 1,000 persons for every 1.5 acres. Neighborhood parks are the most basic park type and facilities normally located at these parks include playgrounds, picnic shelters, volleyball, and trails/walkways. Fifty percent of the site for a Neighborhood park should be undisturbed, in order to serve as a buffer between the park and nearby land users. Neighborhood parks are normally developed by municipalities.

School Parks

School parks typically involve some type of joint use agreement between the school system and a public parks and recreation department and is developed as a means of maximizing resources through shared use. A parks and recreation agency will form a partnership with a school

system in the development of a site on school property and will provide financial assistance as well in the construction of a facility. These facilities can be indoor or outdoor spaces, such as gymnasiums, ballfields, and playgrounds. Elementary and middle schools typically have neighborhood-type parks, while high schools parks are typically utilized as a community park or sports complex. Regarding schools parks and the existence of a joint agreement, it is of great importance that issues such as defined roles, responsibilities, and use of the facility are mutually agreed upon. School parks can vary in size and type and the service area depends on the school, population, and park type.

Mini Parks

Mini parks are the smallest park type and are usually within walking distance of nearby neighborhoods. They offer limited recreational facilities, and little buffer is provided between the park and nearby properties. These parks are usually under an acre, serve around 1000 persons per quarter of an acre, and include facilities such as a playground, basketball court, and picnic tables. Mini Parks are typically developed by municipalities.

Greenway Trails

Greenway trails are a unique recreation type and are not typically considered a park. They provide an alternative mode of transportation versus a vehicle, while also providing a link to schools, neighborhoods, and commercial areas. Greenway trails are often used as a resource of outdoor recreation and provide an opportunity for individuals to enjoy their natural environment. Greenways form corridors that vary considerably in length and width, with 50' width being considered the minimum.

Comparison of Recreation Facilities in Granville County to Neighboring Counties

In comparing the park facilities located in nearby counties to those in the Granville County, it can be seen that Granville County, while providing many recreational opportunities, also falls slightly behind other counties in the number of recreational facilities that are offered. The tables located below include a listing of park and recreation facilities and how they relate to the populations of Granville, Vance, Person, Franklin, and Warren counties. This information was collected by the Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments in December 2013 and is included in the Henderson-Vance County Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan as well. A review of the tables shows that as it relates to the 2010 population per square mile, Granville County is on par with neighboring counties regarding some of the recreational facilities that are offered, particularly amenities such as baseball/softball fields, multi-purpose fields, and natural trails. Regarding tennis facilities, Granville County has far fewer tennis courts than nearby counties. This data, in conjunction, with the survey data discussed previously, shows a great need for the construction of additional tennis courts in Granville County.

Granville County

Population Growth and Density

Population			Population Growth		Population Density	State Ranking	
2000 Actual	2010 Estimate	2020 Estimate	2010-2020		2010 pop. / square mile	2010 Population	2010 Density
			Number	Percent			
48,498	57,728	65,943	8,215	14.23	108	46	49

Public Recreational Acreage and Facility Inventory

Type of Park Acreage or Outdoor Recreational Facility	Total Number	County Residents per Unit in 2010		
		County	State Median	State Rank
State & Federal Park Acres		N/A	7	91
Local park Acres	154	375	276	69
Baseball Fields	9	6,414	7,764	44
Softball Fields	2	28,864	10,870	77
Football Fields	2	28,864	54,349	29
Soccer Fields	4	14,432	13,587	57
Multi-Purpose Fields	3	19,243	27,174	43
Basketball Courts	4	14,432	9,058	77
Tennis Courts	2	28,864	5,435	96
Volleyball Courts	2	28,864	36,232	39
Picnic Shelters	5	11,546	5,435	86
Playgrounds	5	11,546	6,794	82
Swimming Pools	2	28,864	54,349	31
Trails Miles (all types)	8	7,401	3,045	60

Franklin County

Population Growth and Density

Population			Population Growth		Population Density	State Ranking	
2000 Actual	2010 Estimate	2020 Estimate	2010-2020		2010 pop. / square mile	2010 Population	2010 Density
			Number	Percent			
47,260	59,794	73,103	13,309	22.26	121	42	44

Public Recreational Acreage and Facility Inventory

Type of Park Acreage or Outdoor Recreational Facility	Total Number	County Residents per Unit in 2010		
		County	State Median	State Rank
State & Federal Park Acres	1,263	47	7	64
Local park Acres	122	490	276	76
Baseball Fields	7	8,542	7,764	53
Softball Fields	7	N/A	10,870	87
Football Fields	1	59,794	54,349	50
Soccer Fields	2	59,794	13,587	80
Multi-Purpose Fields	2	59,794	27,174	63
Basketball Courts	1	59,794	9,058	95
Tennis Courts	13	4,600	5,435	41
Volleyball Courts		N/A	36,232	72
Picnic Shelters	4	14,949	5,435	93
Playgrounds	3	19,931	6,794	95
Swimming Pools		N/A	54,349	66
Trails Miles (all types)	5	12,999	3,045	82

Person County

Population Growth and Density

Population			Population Growth		Population Density	State Ranking	
2000 Actual	2010 Estimate	2020 Estimate	2010-2020		2010 pop. / square mile	2010 Population	2010 Density
			Number	Percent			
35,623	38,357	41,191	2,834	07.39	95	63	56

Public Recreational Acreage and Facility Inventory

Type of Park Acreage or Outdoor Recreational Facility	Total Number	County Residents per Unit in 2010		
		County	State Median	State Rank
State & Federal Park Acres		N/A	7	91
Local park Acres	185	207	276	39
Baseball Fields	6	6,393	7,764	43
Softball Fields	8	4,795	10,870	11
Football Fields	3	12,786	54,349	10
Soccer Fields	1	38,357	13,587	77
Multi-Purpose Fields	1	38,357	27,174	61
Basketball Courts	1	38,357	9,058	93
Tennis Courts	8	4,795	5,435	45
Volleyball Courts	3	12,786	36,232	17
Picnic Shelters	13	2,951	5,435	16
Playgrounds	11	3,487	6,794	14
Swimming Pools		N/A	54,349	66
Trails Miles (all types)	6	6,393	3,045	55

Vance County

Population Growth and Density

Population			Population Growth		Population Density	State Ranking	
2000 Actual	2010 Estimate	2020 Estimate	2010-2020		2010 pop. / square mile	2010 Population	2010 Density
			Number	Percent			
42,954	45,419	45,692	273	0.6	162	59	32

Public Recreational Acreage and Facility Inventory

Type of Park Acreage or Outdoor Recreational Facility	Total Number	County Residents per Unit in 2010		
		County	State Median	State Rank
State & Federal Park Acres	3,071	14	7	52
Local park Acres	229	206	276	38
Baseball Fields	12	N/A	7,764	92
Softball Fields	12	N/A	10,870	87
Football Fields	1	43,706	54,349	40
Soccer Fields	3	14,569	13,587	58
Multi-Purpose Fields	12	3,642	27,174	6
Basketball Courts	8	14,569	9,058	78
Tennis Courts	10	4,371	5,435	38
Volleyball Courts	3	43,706	36,232	51
Picnic Shelters	3	14,569	5,435	92
Playgrounds	6	8,741	6,794	66
Swimming Pools	1	43,706	54,349	39
Trails Miles (all types)	6	7,284	3,045	59

Warren County

Population Growth and Density

Population			Population Growth		Population Density	State Ranking	
2000 Actual	2010 Estimate	2020 Estimate	2010-2020		2010 pop. / square mile	2010 Population	2010 Density
			Number	Percent			
19,972	19,832	19,751	- 81	-00.41	45	82	86

Public Recreational Acreage and Facility Inventory

Type of Park Acreage or Outdoor Recreational Facility	Total Number	County Residents per Unit in 2010		
		County	State Median	State Rank
State & Federal Park Acres	369	54	7	66
Local park Acres	31	640	276	80
Baseball Fields	4	4,958	7,764	31
Softball Fields	2	N/A	10,870	87
Football Fields	1	19,832	54,349	22
Soccer Fields	1	N/A	13,587	85
Multi-Purpose Fields	1	N/A	27,174	71
Basketball Courts	2	9,916	9,058	58
Tennis Courts	3	6,611	5,435	68
Volleyball Courts		N/A	36,232	72
Picnic Shelters	12	1,653	5,435	2
Playgrounds	4	9,916	6,794	74
Swimming Pools	1	19,832	54,349	19
Trails Miles (all types)	2	9,015	3,045	69

FACILITY RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COUNTY FACILITIES

Granville Athletic Park Expansion Project

Granville County relies on the Parks & Grounds Department to keep the parks in excellent condition so citizens can have a safe and clean place for recreation. At the same time, it must be emphasized that the County provides the facilities while other entities provide the programming at the facilities. Over the years, via surveys and public meetings, citizens have expressed their desire for the county to operate recreation programs, which have mainly been operated by the municipalities, such as Oxford, Butner, and Creedmoor, and community groups such as the South Granville Athletic Association. Currently, the county has been discussing the option of operating recreation programs and is diligently working with citizens and local recreation groups at it pertains to the planning process.

A few years ago, the County purchased an 11-acre tract across the road from Granville Athletic Park (GAP) and is proposing the third, and final, expansion of the park. The expansion project, which has been called the ***Granville Athletic Park- Phase III Expansion***, will provide additional recreation space for citizens and many of the amenities that people have been requesting for years in previous recreation surveys. It is apparent through the review of the public surveys conducted over the last 15 years, particularly the most recent one done in the of Fall 2015, that citizens desire a wider variety of recreational opportunities than what the county has been able to provide. In order to meet these demands, the county has proposed the addition of new playground equipment, particular those which are handicap accessible, tennis courts, sand volleyball courts, and picnic shelters. These recreation amenities ranked in the top ten of recreation facilities that citizens would like to see in the county in many of the recreation surveys done over the years. Support for an expansion of the park has also been addressed in the Granville Athletic Park Site Specific Master Plan, updated in 2017, which is located in Appendix F.

In addition to the proposed expansion at the GAP, the county is also desiring to address the shortfall in recreation amenities in the northern portion of the county. Currently, county-owned parks are only located in the central portion of the County, in Wilton and Oxford. After the proposed expansion project at the GAP is completed, the county plans to focus its efforts on securing funding to create recreation amenities in other parts of the county, such as Oak Hill and Stovall in the North, and Butner and Creedmoor in the south.

The survey clearly indicates a desire for more recreation opportunities and facilities on the part of citizens in the historically underserved northwest and southeast corners of the county. Both corners of the county lack municipal representation and facilities. In the northwest corner of the county in particular, 15 to 25 miles separate residents from any municipal or county parks and recreation facility or program. For the elderly in this area, this distance is the difference

between participation and isolation. In addition, it is the concern of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee that the lack of facilities and support for programming in the northwest corner of the county will only contribute to the depopulation of the area. In the northwest and southeast corners of the county, survey takers mention the need for passive recreation specifically.

Granville Greenways Initiative

Several years ago, the County developed its first Greenway Master Plan. Funds were secured by the Granville County Tourism Development Authority to develop the Granville Greenways website (www.granvillegreenways.org), letterhead, and various promotional materials. Thanks to numerous partnerships among various County and municipal representatives, the Granville Greenways initiative continues to seek opportunities to install walking paths throughout the County.

MUNICIPAL FACILITIES

There is tremendous enthusiasm for municipal recreational facilities. As a result, the municipalities are working hard toward creating facilities desired by citizens.

CITY OF CREEDMOOR

The City of Creedmoor intends to maintain its “Playful City USA” status, and through a variety of projects and programs, will continue to create ample recreational opportunities for residents and visitors in southern Granville County and Creedmoor. During the master planning process, the Parks & Recreation Survey yielded very fruitful insight into the wants and needs of the residents of Creedmoor and southern Granville County. The results of the master plan proposed the following recommendations:

The Lake Rogers Park Expansion Project includes the short-term goals of landscaping enhancements and improvements to the boat dock and lake access. More long-term and currently unfunded goals are the expansion of public open space, construction of an amphitheater, provision of environmental education opportunities, and construction of a lake loop trail.

The phases are as follows:

- Phase I* – Replaced pedal boats.
- Phase IIA* – Replaced floating dock with aluminum dock with separate slips for boats.
- Phase IIB* – Addition of winches and other mechanical parts to allow boats to be pulled out of the water at each slip for better upkeep.
- Phase III** – Add boardwalk sections to northwest side of the lake and along lakefront.
- Phase IV** – Picnic/overlook areas/internal greenways on west side of the lake.
- Phase V** – Amphitheatre on the west side of the lake.
- Phase VI** – Add internal walkways to existing Lake Rogers Park area, along with additional play features, i.e. a splash pad, etc.

*Completed or nearly completed at time of publication.

**Identified in the Creedmoor Parks & Recreation Plan as potential future projects.

The Fontaine Property Project is a potential school/community park. Segments of the property have already been either purchased or donated, and the land is now dedicated for conservation.

The Lagoon Project is yet another potential park being studied. Preliminary analysis indicates the site is not suitable for active recreation.

Additional projects under consideration are a **Multi-Use Community Center** located near downtown and additional **Neighborhood Parks**.

The City of Creedmoor is continuing to increase the grid connectivity of its walking paths. The following trails/greenways are in the planning/design phase and slated to be completed by 2018:

Cross City Trail Phase 2

Location: NC-56 East from Food Lion Shopping Center to Paddington Subdivision

Type: Multi-use greenway 8' concrete or 10' asphalt, boardwalk, and bridge

Anticipated Length: 1.2 miles

Cross City Trail Phase 3

Location: Lake Road (NC-56 West) from Downtown (CVS) to Lake Rogers Park

Type: 5' concrete sidewalk

Anticipated Length: 1.2 miles

Cross City Trail Phase 4 (US-15 Sidewalk)

Location: US-15 from Hillsboro Street to Lake Road

Type: 5' concrete sidewalk

Anticipated Length: .7 miles

Cross City Trail Phase 5 (Creedmoor/Butner Greenway – Joint Project)

Location: NC-56 from Lake Rogers to Pond Drive in Butner

Type: Multi-use greenway 10' asphalt, boardwalk, and bridge

Anticipated Length: 1.3 miles

CITY OF OXFORD

Anyone who has visited the City of Oxford has noticed the vast number of sidewalks. The City is committed to maintaining the current sidewalks while find opportunities to create even more safe places for residents to walk. Within the past few years, the City has completed both a Comprehensive Bicycle Plan and the Oxford Pedestrian Plan, which was included as an amendment to the Greenway Master Plan.

TOWN OF BUTNER

The Town of Butner currently owns nearly 50 acres of land that are designated for public parks and recreation, with several recreational facilities located throughout the area. Currently, the

Town is working on Phase II of the East Lyon Station Greenway, with a continuation of the multi-use trail along East Lyon Station Road from Telecom Drive, and continuing south for another ½ mile.

TOWN OF STEM

As noted earlier, the Town of Stem is a small jurisdiction, but the citizens keep their eyes open for recreational opportunities. A Pedestrian Plan for Stem has been completed thanks to funding efforts by the Kerr-Tar Regional Planning Organization.

TOWN OF STOVALL

The Town of Stovall is desiring to expand their local park, seeking to purchase additional acreage adjacent to the property in which to develop for a baseball field and a continuation of their walking trail. The Stovall Pedestrian Plan has also been completed thanks to assistance from the Kerr-Tar Regional Planning Organization.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Granville County Parks and Recreation is always looking for new funding opportunities to supplement the operating budget that is provided through county general funds. Below are some of the options that the county has and plans to utilize in the future to help finance parks and recreation activities.

Sources of Capital Funding

- General Fund Allocations
- Special Use Tax
- Revenue Bonds
- Federal and State Grant Assistance
- Nonprofit and Private Organizations

Alternative Funding Sources

- Tourism/Visitor Tax
- Foundations/Gifts
- Recreation User Fees
- Interlocal Agreements
- Naming/Licensing Rights
- “Friends of the Park”
- Advertising

Granville County Parks and Recreation Program Funding

Since Granville County does not provide recreation programming, the Recreation Advisory Committee oversees the distribution of funds provided by the general fund to assist municipalities with their programming efforts. The allocation formula used in the distribution of funds varies from year to year, but municipalities tend to receive at least 50% of the funding. The priority of the funding program is to broaden the geographic and programming scope of recreation in the county and to make recreation more accessible to Granville County residents. The Recreation Advisory Committee meets once a month.

Appendix A- 2015 Granville County Parks and Recreation Survey



THE COUNTY OF
Granville
NORTH CAROLINA

**Parks and Recreation Survey (Due October 30th, 2015 at any
County Library, Town Hall, or Senior Center)**

1) Sex:

- Male
- Female
- Choose not to respond

2) Age:

- 5-17
- 18-30
- 31-45
- 46-54
- 55+
- Choose not to respond

3) Ethnicity:

- African-American
- Caucasian/White
- Hispanic/Latino
- Other
- Choose not to respond

4) Please indicate the number of individuals residing in your household in the following age groups:

- _____Ages 0-4
- _____Ages 5-9
- _____Ages 10-14
- _____Ages 15-19
- _____Ages 20-24
- _____Ages 25-34
- _____Ages 35-44

- _____Ages 45-54
- _____Ages 55-64
- _____Ages 65+

5) How often do you visit parks/recreational facilities in Granville County?

- On average, at least several times a week
- Once or twice a week
- A few times a month
- A few times a year
- Never

6) If you answered "never" to the question above, please help us understand more by responding to the question below (please select all that apply):

- There are no programs that interest me
- Recreation facilities are too far away
- Programs are too expensive
- Programs are not available when I'm free
- Other: _____

7) What area best describes where you live in the County?

- Berea
- Butner
- Creedmoor
- Grassy Creek
- Grissom
- Stem
- Stovall
- Oak Hill
- Oxford
- Wilton

8) Do you live inside or outside the corporate limits of a town or city in Granville County? If yes, which one?

- Butner
- Creedmoor

- Oxford
- Stem
- Stovall
- I live outside a town/city in Granville County

9) Approximately, what is the travel distance (in miles) to the closest public park or public recreation facility from your home?

- Less than 1 mile
- 1 - 5 miles
- 5 - 10 miles
- More than 10 miles
- I have to leave the County to use a Park / Recreation facility; if so, please use the space below to tell us the place you go (i.e. Clarksville, Person County, Wake Forest, Vance County, etc.)
- Other: _____

10) What is the name of the closest park/recreation facility to where you live?

11) For each of the following recreation facility types or amenities, please indicate how strongly you agree that they should be built in Granville County: Note: If you are unfamiliar with a particular facility type or amenity, please indicate "Unfamiliar"

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Unfamiliar
Bocce Ball Courts	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Basketball Courts	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Baseball/Softball Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Community Vegetable Gardens	<input type="checkbox"/>					

Equestrian Trails	()	()	()	()	()	()
Fishing Pond/Fishing Pier	()	()	()	()	()	()
Walking/Hiking Trails	()	()	()	()	()	()
Lighted Walking Trails	()	()	()	()	()	()
Mountain Biking Trails	()	()	()	()	()	()
On-Road Bike Lanes	()	()	()	()	()	()
Picnic Shelters/Tables/Grills	()	()	()	()	()	()
Paddling Access Points to Waterways	()	()	()	()	()	()
Skate Park/Rollerblading Facility	()	()	()	()	()	()
Shuffleboard Courts	()	()	()	()	()	()
Soccer Fields	()	()	()	()	()	()
Swimming Pool	()	()	()	()	()	()
Tennis Courts	()	()	()	()	()	()
Water Spray Park	()	()	()	()	()	()
Volleyball Courts	()	()	()	()	()	()

12) Is there a type of recreation and/or facility not listed above that you would like to see in the County?

13) What recreational activities do you and/or members of your household participate in for recreation or exercise? (Please check all that apply).

- Archery
- Arts & Crafts
- All-Terrain Vehicle Driving
- Backpacking
- Badminton
- Baseball
- Basketball (Indoor)
- Basketball (Outdoor)
- Bicycling (BMX or Off-Road)
- Bicycling (On-Road)
- Bird Watching
- Boating
- Canoeing, Kayaking
- Camping (Developed Site)
- Camping (Primitive)
- Collecting (Flowers, Insects, Rocks)
- Cricket
- CrossFit Training
- Dog Parks
- Driving for Pleasure
- Fishing
- Football (Playing)
- Frisbee, Disc Golf
- Gardening
- Geocaching
- Golf (18-hole, 9-hole, or driving range)
- Golf (Miniature)

- () Hiking, Trails
- () Horseback Riding
- () Hunting, Bow
- () Hunting, Gun
- () Ice Skating
- () Jogging, Running for Exercise
- () Lacrosse
- () Motorized Trail Biking, Dirt Biking
- () Nature Photography
- () Nature Viewing/Wildlife Observation
- () Open Space Park (Visiting)
- () Outdoors Fair Festivals
- () Picnicking
- () Playground Activities
- () Radio, Remote Control Models
- () Rock Climbing
- () Rollerblading, Inline Skating
- () Roller Skating
- () Rugby
- () Playground activities
- () Sailing
- () Shooting (Skeet)
- () Shooting (Target Firing Range)
- () Shuffleboard
- () Skateboarding
- () Soccer
- () Softball
- () Spectator Activities
- () Splash Pool, Sprayground
- () Surfing (All Types)
- () Swimming
- () Tennis
- () Triathlon

- Tubing
- Viewing Scenery
- Visiting Historical Sites
- Visiting Lake
- Volleyball
- Walking (Pleasure and/or Exercise)
- Water Parks
- Water Skiing, Jet Skiing
- Windsurfing, Kitesurfing

14) Please list activities you participate in that are not listed above:

15) Do you use any school or private facilities for recreation? If so, which ones?

16) How often do you exercise a week?

- None
- 1 day
- 2 days
- 3 days
- 4 days
- 5 days
- 6 days
- 7 days

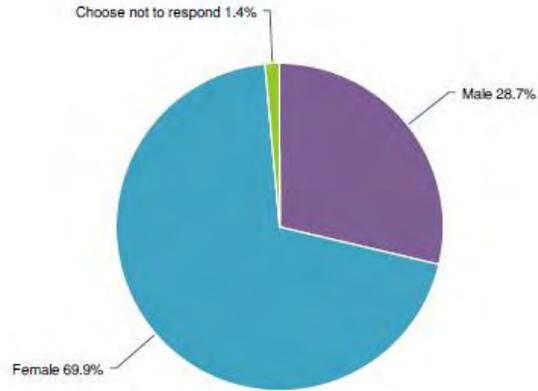
17) Any other information that you wish to share regarding Granville County recreational activities?

Thank You for Assisting Us in Improving Parks and Recreation Activities in Granville County!

**Appendix B- 2015 Granville County Parks and Recreation Survey
Results**

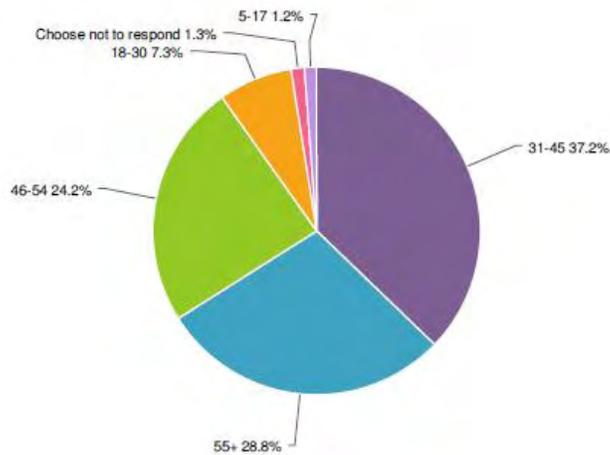
New Summary Report - 15 December 2015

1. Sex



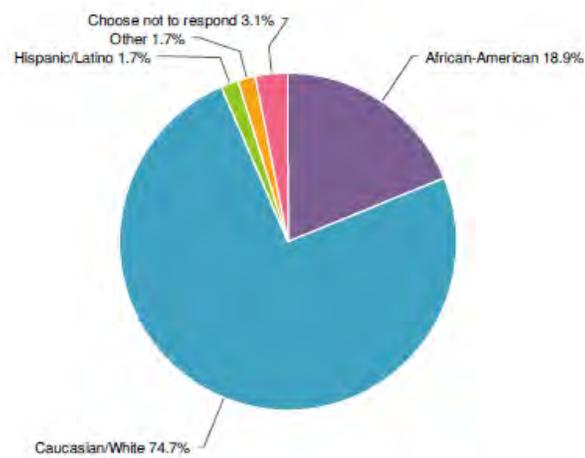
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Male	28.7%	240
Female	69.9%	585
Choose not to respond	1.4%	12
Total		837

2. Age:



Value	Percent	Count	Statistics
31-45	37.2%	311	Average 40.4
55+	28.8%	241	StdDev 12.5
46-54	24.2%	202	Max 55.0
18-30	7.3%	61	
Choose not to respond	1.3%	11	
5-17	1.2%	10	
Total		836	

3. Ethnicity:



Value	Percent	Count
African-American	18.9%	157
Caucasian/White	74.7%	622
Hispanic/Latino	1.7%	14
Other	1.7%	14
Choose not to respond	3.1%	26
Total		833

4. Please indicate the number of individuals residing in your household in the following age groups::Ages 0-4

Count	Response
42	0
1	00

Count	Response
95	1
29	2
1	3
1	4

4. Please indicate the number of individuals residing in your household in the following age groups::Ages 5-9

Count	Response
35	0
161	1
42	2
2	3
1	5

4. Please indicate the number of individuals residing in your household in the following age groups::Ages 10-14

Count	Response
35	0
195	1
59	2
1	3

4. Please indicate the number of individuals residing in your household in the following age groups::Ages 15-19

Count	Response
35	0
158	1
39	2
6	3
1	4

4. Please indicate the number of individuals residing in your household in the following age groups::Ages 20-24

Count	Response
38	0
86	1

Count	Response
13	2
4	3

4. Please indicate the number of individuals residing in your household in the following age groups::Ages 25-34

Count	Response
30	0
89	1
55	2
1	26
2	3

4. Please indicate the number of individuals residing in your household in the following age groups::Ages 35-44

Count	Response
24	0
149	1
111	2

4. Please indicate the number of individuals residing in your household in the following age groups::Ages 45-54

Count	Response
27	0
152	1
122	2
2	4
1	5

4. Please indicate the number of individuals residing in your household in the following age groups::Ages 55-64

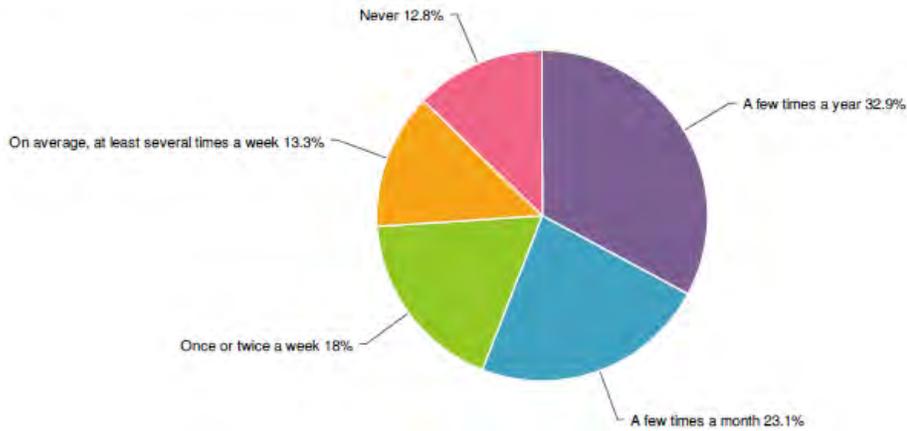
Count	Response
30	0
106	1
80	2
1	20
1	3

Count	Response
1	55
1	58 to 60

4. Please indicate the number of individuals residing in your household in the following age groups::Ages 65+

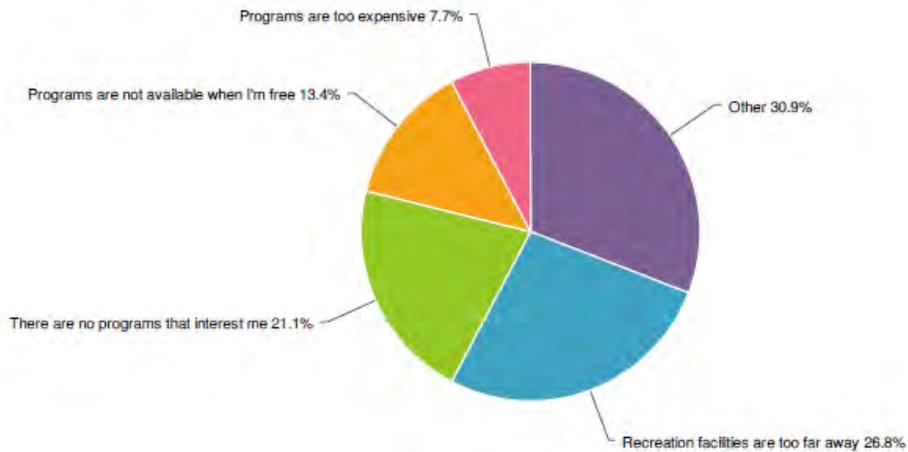
Count	Response
30	0
84	1
42	2
1	2
1	3
2	4
1	yes

5. How often do you visit parks/recreational facilities in Granville County?



Value	Percent	Count
A few times a year	32.9%	275
A few times a month	23.1%	193
Once or twice a week	18.0%	151
On average, at least several times a week	13.3%	111
Never	12.8%	107
Total		837

6. If you answered "never" to the question above, please help us understand more by letting us know more... (please select all that apply):



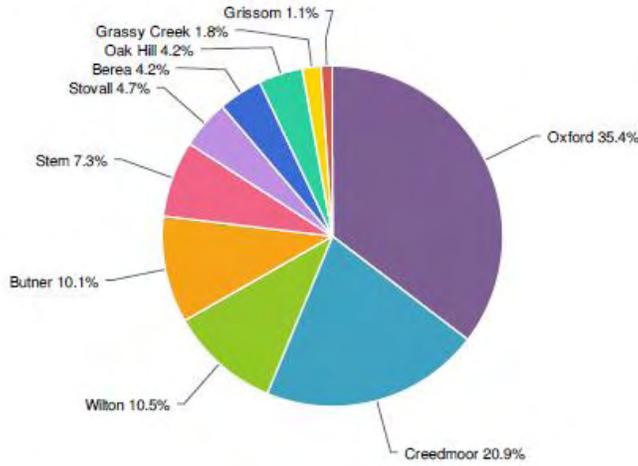
Value	Percent	Count
Other	30.9%	76
Recreation facilities are too far away	26.8%	66
There are no programs that interest me	21.1%	52
Programs are not available when I'm free	13.4%	33
Programs are too expensive	7.7%	19
Total		246

Responses "Other"	Count
Left Blank	789
Dangerous individuals hang out there at some locations in city	1
Do know what is available	1
I didn't answer never	1
I do not have the time	1
I do not live close to a park, my child is very young	1
I don't know about programs	1
I'm very busy!	1
Lack of time	1
My youngest daughter is special needs and in a wheelchair. No activities/equipment for her.	1
N/A	2
Need more	1

Responses "Other"	Count
Need more tennis courts as they are always full.	1
Never have the free time	1
Never hear much about recreation facilities in Granville County	1
Never receive anything in the mail about Granville County Programs	1
Never seen any information	1
No forest trails	1
No free time	1
No interest, last of time	1
No time	1
No transportation	1
Not much offered	1
Not sure of location	1
Not sure what's available	1
Parks don't feel safe	1
Raleigh/Durham	1
SGAA reputation keeps us going back to Raleigh and Durham for youth sports	1
To see family members that are in sports.	1
Too Far from Creedmoor and not open late.	1
We have never looked into available programs.	1
We live on wooded acerage and prefer to exercise on our property	1
We need an aquatics and fitness facility. We already have enough ball fields.	1
What Programs?	1
am not sure if they are available in my area	1
basket ball courts are limited	1
because the programs at Granville County are not ran properly	1
child is not interested	1
children's games	1
didn't know they exist, or where they are	1
don't hear about programs	1
don't know about facilities	1
inadequate programs that interest me	1

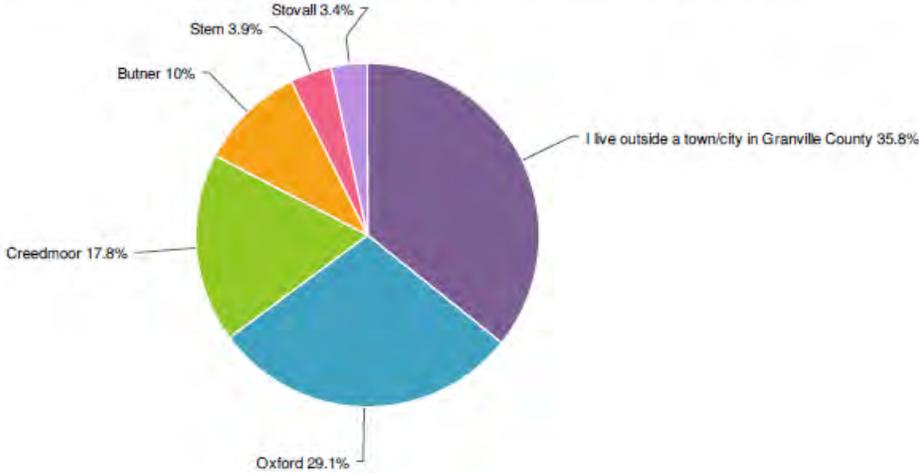
Responses "Other"	Count
just moved here, nothing of interest	1
lack of information	1
no need	1
no pets are allowed, i would love to walk my puppy on the trail	1
no time	1
pools are needed	1
time	1

7. What area best describes where you live in the County?



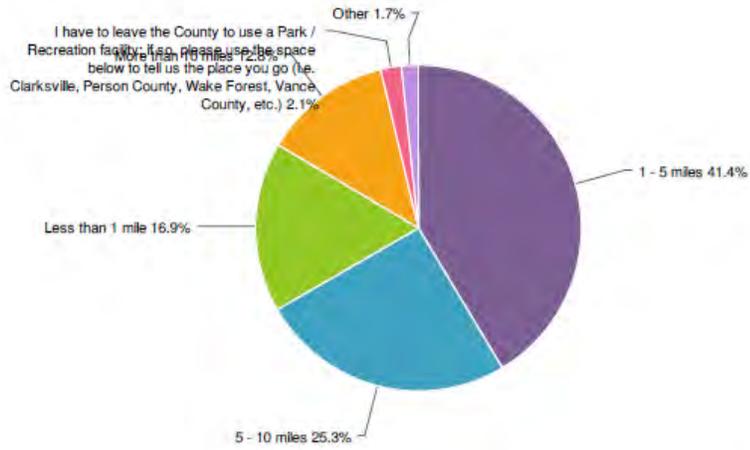
Value	Percent	Count
Oxford	35.4%	297
Creedmoor	20.9%	175
Wilton	10.5%	88
Butner	10.1%	85
Stem	7.3%	61
Stovall	4.7%	39
Berea	4.2%	35
Oak Hill	4.2%	35
Grassy Creek	1.8%	15
Grissom	1.1%	9
Total		839

8. Do you live inside or outside the corporate limits of a town or city in Granville County? If yes, which one?



Value	Percent	Count
I live outside a town/city in Granville County	35.8%	293
Oxford	29.1%	238
Creedmoor	17.8%	146
Butner	10.0%	82
Stem	3.9%	32
Stovall	3.4%	28
Total		819

9. Approximately, what is the travel distance (in miles) to the closest public park or public recreation facility from your home?



Value	Percent	Count	Statistics	
1 - 5 miles	41.4%	344	Sum	1,394.0
5 - 10 miles	25.3%	210	Average	2.5
Less than 1 mile	16.9%	140	StdDev	1.9
More than 10 miles	12.8%	106	Max	5.0
I have to leave the County to use a Park / Recreation facility; if so, please use the space below to tell us the place you go (i.e. Clarksville, Person County, Wake Forest, Vance County, etc.)	2.1%	17		
Other	1.7%	14		
	Total	831		

10. What is the name of the closest park/recreation facility to where you live?

Count	Response
1	Lake Butner
1	"the sidewalk" in Creedmoor Lake Rogers the old gym
1	??
1	Antioch
22	BAP
1	BAP
3	BAP
1	BAP and GAP
1	BAP and GAP about the same distance
1	BAP, SMSA, Lake Holt
1	BC Roberts Field
1	BC Roberts Field Lake Rogers
1	BaP
1	Ball park on B st
1	Bap
3	Bap
1	Battle Ball field/ Creedmoor Gym
1	Battle Roberts Field
1	Battle Roberts/Creedmoor Gym
1	Beaver Dam
1	Bell town athletic park
1	Belltown Road, Oxford
1	Blue jay point park
1	Buggs Island/Kerr Lake
1	Burner park

Count	Response
2	Butner
1	Butner Athleti Parkc
23	Butner Athletic Park
1	Butner Athletic Park
2	Butner Athletic Park
1	Butner Athletic Park Walking trail on E Lyon Station Rd
1	Butner Athletic Park :)
1	Butner Athletic Park.
1	Butner Athletic park
1	Butner AthleticPark
1	Butner Ball Field
2	Butner Lake
4	Butner Park
1	Butner Park GAP
1	Butner Park
1	Butner Park B Street
1	Butner Pavillion (not sure if counts, as it is city)
2	Butner Sports Arena
3	Butner Sports Complex
1	Butner athlete park
3	Butner athletic park
1	Butner gazzibo
1	Butner park
1	Central ave butner
1	City Hall (D.N. Hix)
1	City Tennis courts on Spring Street ands the park
1	City hall park
1	Clarksville
1	Comer Field
1	Creedmoor
1	Creedmoor City Gym

Count	Response
1	Creedmoor Gym
1	Creedmoor Gym and the baseball fields
1	Creedmoor Gym and Battle Roberts
1	Creedmoor Lake
1	Creedmoor Lake Park
1	Creedmoor Park, Rogers Lake
1	Creedmoor baseball park
1	Creedmoor park, lake rogers
1	Creedmoor-Granville Greenway
1	D N HIX
1	D N Hix
1	D and hix
1	D. H. Hix
3	D. N. Hix
1	D. N. Hix Jonesland
1	D.Hix School Park
1	D.N. Hicks
3	D.N. Hix
1	D.N.HIX
1	D.N.Hix
1	D.N.Hix
1	D.n Hix gym
1	DN HIX
1	DN HIX, GAP
2	DN Hicks
1	DN Hicks
5	DN Hix
1	DN Hix Spring Street
1	DN Hix facility
1	DN hix
1	Den Hix

Count	Response
1	Den hix
1	Diamonds at oxford park
1	Din Hix
1	Dk but it's by a water treatment facility
1	Do not know
1	Do not know the name.
1	Does the Stovall Park count?
2	Don't know
1	Don't know it's on Granville street
1	Don't know!
1	Don't know.
1	E. Lyon Station Road Greenway
1	E.Carroll Joyner Park in Wake Forest
1	Eno
1	Equal
1	Equal from each
3	Falls Lake
1	Falls Lake
1	Falls Lake Recreation Area walking trails
80	GAP
1	GAP
1	GAP Hix Field
1	GAP Oxford Park
1	GAP and BAP are both far away nothing available in the southeastern part of the county .
1	GAP and Hix
1	GAP and I go to DN Hix gym to watch basketball games
1	GAP or there may be something in Butner
15	Gap
1	Gap or Wake Forest
1	Gap/bap bout the same distance
1	Gazebo

Count	Response
7	Gazebo Park
1	Gazebo Park in Butner, NC and next closet is Lake Holt.
1	Golden Pond
1	Golden Pond
2	Golden Pond Community Center
1	Golden Pond HOA best park in Creedmoor
1	Golden Pond Park
25	Granville Athletic Park
2	Granville Athletic Park (GAP)
1	Granville Athletic Park and Butner Athletic Park
1	Granville Athletic Park at Joneland
1	Granville Athletic Park
1	Granville athletic park.
1	Granville athletic park.
1	Gym and fields at Hix School complex
1	Gym in Creedmoor
1	HICKS FIELD
2	HIX
1	HIX PARK
1	HIX FIELD
1	HIX Fields and GAP
1	Hix
1	Hix Tennis Courts
2	Harris Park
1	Harris Park at Pecan Hill
1	Hick Field Park
8	Hicks
1	Hicks
3	Hicks Field
1	Hicks Gym
1	Hicks Gym GAP

Count	Response
1	Hicks Recreation
1	Hicks School
1	Hicks and GAP
2	Hicks field
1	His
22	Hix
1	Hix Oxford Park
1	Hix Senior Center
6	Hix
1	Hix Complex
1	Hix tennis courts on Spring Street, Oxford
1	Hix Complex
4	Hix Field
1	Hix Field
1	Hix Field (City Hall) in Oxford
1	Hix Field and the GAP
1	Hix Field and the Recreation Complex and Tennis Courts
2	Hix Gym
1	Hix Gym and Field
1	Hix Gym and field
2	Hix Park
1	Hix Recreation Center
2	Hix Recreation Complex
1	Hix area, them gap
3	Hix field
1	Hix field
1	Hix gym/field
1	Hix park
1	Hix park area AND Stovall park
1	Hix, Oxford Park and GAP
1	I am not sure whether Butner or Oxford Park is closer.

Count	Response
1	I do not know
1	I do not know.
1	I do not receive any public information on Granville County Park Recreation facilities.
3	I don't know
1	I don't know it's some small shit park in pecan hill.
1	I have know idea
1	I'm not sure of the name
1	Jack Day Kiddie Park
1	Jack Day Kiddie Park Stem, NC Oxford NC Park
1	Jack Day Kiddie Park?
1	Jack Day Park, Stem
1	Jack Day Park? Stem
1	Jones Land
1	Jones Park
1	Jones land
1	Jonesland
1	Jonesland/GAP
1	Joyner Park
1	Joyner Park - Wake Forest
1	LAKE ROGERS
1	Lake Butner
3	Lake Devin
1	Lake Devin, the Red Barn
1	Lake Devin/Red Barn
1	Lake Holt or GAP
2	Lake Rodgers
1	Lake Rodgers
1	Lake Roger's Park
25	Lake Rogers
2	Lake Rogers
5	Lake Rogers

Count	Response
1	unknown
3	wilton slopes
1	ymca park in clarksville va
1	Creedmoor Lake to the South and GAP to the North; both about 10 miles away but use these to walk my dog
1	stovall has a small park but the big park is the other side on oxford toward the berea area I believed
1	GAP is the only place we can go to ride a bike and walk a dog, It is a wonderful facility but not easily accessed (no safe walkways/bike ways leading from the city to the county park). It is isolated, and we have seen suspicious vehicles parked in the back and hear hunters shooting nearby.
1	Sad that people in Creedmoor have to travel to Butner or Oxford to use safe and appropriate facilities.
1	The one with the lake and playground and the ugly building by the dam on the way to Bojangles by I85, not the one where the fireworks are held.

11. For each of the following recreation facility types or amenities, please indicate how strongly you agree that they should be built in Granville County: Note: If you are unfamiliar with a particular facility type or amenity, please indicate "Unfamiliar"

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Unfamiliar	Responses
Bocce Ball Courts	67 8.8%	53 7.0%	205 27.0%	93 12.2%	42 5.5%	300 39.5%	760
Basketball Courts	47 5.9%	39 4.9%	156 19.7%	261 33.0%	273 34.5%	15 1.9%	791
Baseball/Softball Fields	46 5.8%	54 6.8%	161 20.3%	243 30.7%	277 35.0%	11 1.4%	792
Community Vegetable Gardens	38 4.9%	36 4.6%	220 28.3%	256 32.9%	199 25.6%	28 3.6%	777
Equestrian Trails	40 5.2%	66 8.5%	287 37.0%	210 27.1%	108 13.9%	65 8.4%	776
Fishing Pond/Fishing Pier	36 4.6%	34 4.4%	169 21.7%	296 37.9%	231 29.6%	14 1.8%	780
Walking/Hiking Trails	24 3.0%	6 0.7%	47 5.8%	240 29.7%	477 59.0%	14 1.7%	808
Lighted Walking Trails	32 4.0%	21 2.6%	68 8.5%	210 26.3%	454 56.9%	13 1.6%	798
Mountain Biking Trails	43 5.5%	39 5.0%	237 30.4%	254 32.6%	184 23.6%	23 2.9%	780
On-Road Bike Lanes	67 8.6%	79 10.2%	180 23.1%	219 28.1%	208 26.7%	25 3.2%	778
Picnic Shelters/Tables/Grills	27 3.4%	14 1.8%	112 14.1%	315 39.6%	313 39.4%	14 1.8%	795

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Unfamiliar	Responses
Paddling Access Points to Waterways	30 3.9%	24 3.1%	249 32.2%	249 32.2%	178 23.0%	43 5.6%	773
Skate Park/Rollerblading Facility	53 6.8%	83 10.6%	274 34.9%	218 27.8%	133 17.0%	23 2.9%	784
Shuffleboard Courts	61 7.9%	74 9.6%	359 46.6%	147 19.1%	59 7.7%	70 9.1%	770
Soccer Fields	35 4.5%	40 5.1%	177 22.7%	279 35.7%	230 29.4%	20 2.6%	781
Swimming Pool	39 4.9%	33 4.1%	117 14.7%	208 26.1%	376 47.1%	25 3.1%	798
Tennis Courts	29 3.7%	20 2.5%	163 20.7%	282 35.8%	270 34.3%	23 2.9%	787
Water Spray Park	37 4.7%	50 6.4%	177 22.7%	233 29.9%	253 32.5%	29 3.7%	779
Volleyball Courts	33 4.2%	18 2.3%	195 24.7%	289 36.5%	234 29.6%	22 2.8%	791

12. Is there a type of recreation and/or facility not listed above that you would like to see in the County.

Count	Response
1	skating ring
1	3d archery course, skeet shooting,rifle range
1	?
1	A dog park in Southern Granville County.
1	A high quality (top-notch) gym
1	A place for outdoor music and gatherings.
1	A place to ride four wheelers
1	A swimming pool on my end of the county.
1	Adult Softball Fields in the Creedmoor Area.
1	Adult softball
1	Ampitheater for outdoor concerts and/or theater performances
1	An adventure park with low ropes and or high ropes
1	An indoor swimming pool
1	An outdoor track
1	Another Pool

Count	Response
1	Aquatic facility - indoor
2	Archery range
1	Basketball
1	Basketball facility that have multiple courts
4	Bowling
1	Bowling Dog Park Roller Skating
1	Bowling alley Movie theater
1	Bowling alley
1	Bowling, Dog Park, Movie Theatre
1	Boxing and gyms
1	Camping
1	Children's bike course
1	Children's playgrounds Golf course
1	Community Center indoor program space
1	Community gym, senior citizen facility
1	Cornhole frisbee golf
1	County park or recreation center with bowling, arcade games, movie theater, etc.
1	Covered shelters
1	Croquet
1	Dance classes
1	Dirt running and hiking trails
1	Dirt track bike or motorcycle
1	Disc Golf
1	Disc Golf
2	Disc Golf course
3	Disc golf
1	Disc golf course please!!!!
2	Dog Park
1	Dog Park!!!
1	Dog Parks!
3	Dog park

Count	Response
1	Dog park! small dog park and large dog park.
1	Dog park, exercise staging walkway
2	Dog parks
1	Dog walk/play area
1	Exercise stations along a walking trail
1	Field for football
1	Floor hockey, broom ball, pickle ball, multi-use racquetball court/squash court.
1	Football
1	Football field
2	Football fields
1	Frisbee Golf
1	Frisbee Golf Course
1	Frisbee Golf and restroom facilities at each park.
1	Frisbee golf course and dog park
1	Gardens or arboretum
1	Golf
1	Golf (not a private club but public); Disc golf
1	Golf Course
1	Golf driving range.
1	Grass running trails
1	Greenways to connect the different parks and recreation areas
1	Gun Range
2	Gun range
1	Hiking Trails
1	Horse shoes, movie theater here in this county, bowling Alley,
1	I think a greeway would be very beneficial to our area.
1	I think our facilities are great already!
1	I would like to re-emphasize the need for an indoor community pool in Granville county.
2	Ice rink
1	Indoor Activities
1	Indoor Swimming

Count	Response
1	Indoor Swimming Pool
1	Indoor Tennis Courts
1	Indoor aquatic center
1	Indoor aquatic center with fitness center.
1	Indoor batting cages
1	Indoor pool for water aerobics
1	Indoor pool/gym/multipurpose like Aycock
1	Indoor recreation facility, including basketball, swimming pool and conference rooms
1	Indoor swim club. Currently using Aycock
1	Indoor swimming pool.
1	Interactive playground with tree houses, slides, educational programs, etc.
1	Kayak rentals Canoe rentals
1	Kayaking Drop-Zones
1	Lacrosse for younger children so they'll be competitive by the time they reach high school
1	Modern Children's Play Equipment
1	More access to water park or swimming pools at reasonable prices.
1	More parks with cool play equipment.
1	More playgrounds for kids
1	Movie theater
1	Movie theater Bingo Parlor
1	Multipurpose fields. Frisbee golf
1	Muti Recreation Facility
1	N
3	N/A
4	NO
1	NONE
1	Need dog park
1	New County Park in Southern end of County
32	No
1	No
1	No Dog parks

Count	Response
1	No you covered a lot
1	None
1	None at the moment
1	None at this time
1	Not really
1	Playground equipment for children
1	Playgrounds for young children
1	Please consider adding in the wilton area
1	Pool for disabled and elderly
1	Public Golf Course
1	Public campground
1	Public golf course
1	Public golf course, arts & craft center, gym & community center
1	Racketball
1	Raquetball
1	Recreational program for the elderly or physically handicapped.
1	Roller hockey rink
1	Running Facilities 400M Cycle that Track and Field and Walking open Late
1	Running track
1	SOMETHING LIKE RALEIGHWOOD
1	Sand volleyball
1	Shooting Range
1	Shooting range
1	Shooting ranges for shotguns, pistols, rifles, and archery.
1	Skating
1	Sky Diving
1	Something for the handicapped children or childrens with disabilities.
1	Something like a YMCA
1	Stewardship Parklands
1	Swimming Pool
1	Swings Air Hockey Theatre

Count	Response
1	TRACK FIELD, FOOTBALL FIELD
1	Tennis court
1	There needs to be more fall/winter access to volleyball courts.
1	Toddler/baby swings
1	Track
1	Unlocked bathrooms at Spring St. park!
1	Unpaved shaded walking trails.
1	Walking Groups
1	Water park a better gym then hix
3	YMCA
1	YMCA or YWCA where inside facilities and activities are avaiable
1	Ymca
1	Ymca or family fitness center to promote health of residents and family time
1	You gave us a pretty good list
1	a dog park, a fenced area where dogs can run and play
1	all listed.
1	archery, horse back riding
1	better football feilds practice
1	bowling
1	bowling movie theater
1	dog park
1	dog park in Butner!
1	equipment and activities for special needs children that do and do not have to use wheelchairs.
1	football
1	frisbee golf
1	frisbee golf, fitness/challenge course
1	gym that offers fitness activities such as weights, zumba, spin classes, etc..
1	gymnastics and dance
1	handball
1	indoor facility for afterschool programs to help keep the kids engaged and out of mischief
1	indoor swimming

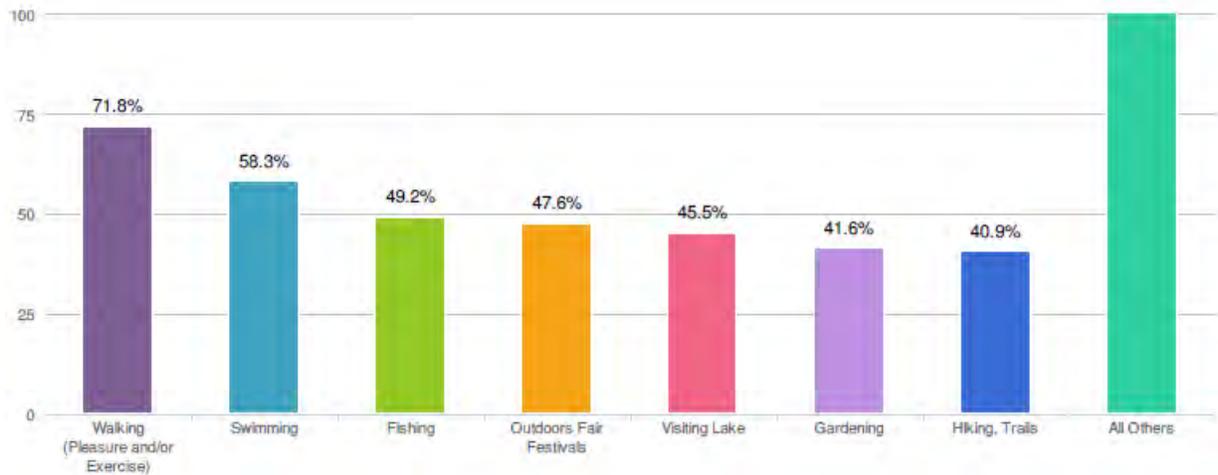
Count	Response
1	indoor tennis, indoor swimming pool
1	lawn bowling
1	merry-go-rounds
1	miniature golf driving range
1	miniature golf and driving range
1	more soccer fields, water park, public pools would be awesome!
1	movie theater
1	nature preserve, natural playground, environmental and historic interpretive walks, playgrounds
16	no
5	none
1	none at this time
1	nope
1	outdoor workout facilities
1	pet friendly areas on the walkways
1	ping pong
1	pool, pool, pool, pool, now, now ,now, now
1	public paddle boat rental
1	roller skating or ice skating
1	shooting sports
1	shooting/archery ranges
2	swings
1	swings & play area for small children
1	track & field rock climbing
1	ymca
1	I would rather have on very nice anything than a lot of poorly groomed everything. Done well I believe if we do things better than average we will get a better than average impact to our community.
1	more activities for young children such as camps and a larger play ground with more swings and etc.
1	One that is available for the kids in Granville County and not rented out to everyone else. Park areas with swings, climbing areas, etc for 10 and under
1	we need a community center with indoor recreation in the southern part of the county. Creedmoor and Butner have a bigger population than the northern part of the county - yet the County keeps adding on to the GAP!!!... They never want to build anything in the southern part of the county!

Count	Response
1	Some form of recreation site for Seniors only. Keeping in mind that they use wheelchairs, walkers and canes.
1	Greenways for running. I am a distance runner and currently run on local roads which can be quite hazardous especially in the rain and winter conditions. I would love to see the greenway system completed in our county.
1	A recreation building to host various activities, art class, painting, educational workshops, etc. Also an area to host Sundaes (Ice Cream) in the park - Music and ice cream sundaes. Archery!
1	Places for little kids (1-4 yrs old) to play or things that they can do - swings, sandbox, water tables, lower toys, bubble blowing areas or wind activated toys. Lighted walking trails for everyone. Shelters/Patio or lounge areas for adults - maybe fire pits - that would be really nice! More water fountains in areas.
1	Regular evening classes for dance, aerobics, zumba, yoga,etc at a public gym (not one you have to be a member of)
1	12 court tennis center with plans for 4 indoor tennis complex for year round tennis and rental income to area cities like Raleigh/Durham
1	Indoor swimming to offer water aerobics especially for the growing senior population. To far and expensive I. Gas to travel to Henderson. Would've something local. Lap swimming for exercise is great for all ages. Really wish we could get something in Granville co
1	I would urge granville county to set up a recreation parks like the ones in Miami. I really think people would enjoy them.
1	Tennis courts are listed. What we need is a tennis center with 12 courts that all 3 high schools can use and could be the site of USTA sanctioned tennis tournaments. I am under the impression that this is in the plans at the GAP.
1	We desperately need a dog park. Logistically, this has got to be one of the cheaper facilities to add. Fence in a semi-wooded area, add stands for dog waste bags, a couple trash cans, (maybe?) a water fountain so the dogs have drinks, and mow the grass 3ish times a month. Currently, we have to drive to Wake Forest, as that is our closest option. Durham county charges \$20 registration fee per year per dog to help maintain the facility. I would agree to that stipulation. Also, frisbee golf would be a great addition. Another reasonably cheap option, and would inspire lots of outdoor and family time. the closest "course" is Durham. Even 9 "holes" would be a huge start.
1	More recreation in Northern Granville County. We have the park but the further north there is no recreation.
1	Paved or concrete multi-use paths(like a side walk), as they have in Wake County. Encourage bike riding, but keep the bikes off of the streets for everyone's safety.
1	Would like to see an expansion of playground equipment for those children 12 and under. Reference the equipment at Duke Park in Durham NC.
1	No, but all parks and recreation facilities should be made to close at dark due to people loitering there after dark. It becomes an unsafe place to everyone. There should be no ball games or other functions allowed to continue after dark.
1	Walking and biking trails would likely be the top and most practical, it's a most common and necessary exercise that can be enjoyed!
1	More locations of general playground equipment for 2-12 year old age range with swings, slides, climbing options.
1	Park and Rec Building to allow activities indoors, like Robotics, arts and crafts, STEM programs, Senior Programs ect
1	Beach Volleyball is a growing sport for the girls of this county but all of them have to go to Raleigh in order to practice. 3 or 4 local courts would be an amazing asset to the community.
1	Playgrounds. More equipment and more swings. Equipment for older kids and adults even. Archery Hugh ropes course Zip lines

Count Response

1	ultimate frisbee camping facility at Lake Devin etc. indoor swimming facility motocross/bmx track sand volleyball courts another indoor facility with climbing wall, indoor track, yoga & group exercise facility
1	DOG PARKS!!, Open gym for adults, yoga/pilates space, sprung floor for dance classes, art studio for community classes in sculpture, drawing, and paint
1	A pool for 55+ persons for exercise, Walking trails through woods and fields much like in Wake County, Pickleball courts, learning center for cooking classes, author readings, woodworking, pottery, etc.
1	I'd love to see a public pool around Creedmoor. In the summer I only have the lake to take my kids to and I don't have any place to take them for swim lessons.
1	I would like yo see more recreational facilities with indoor options so that the facilities could be utilized year round.
1	I know this may seem trivial. And I am not sure if there was a liability issue as to why they aren't in any of the parks now. But my child doesn't like to go to parks with no swings. I wish swings could be put in at Butner Athletic Park and Granville Athletic Park because she really likes them and I know others do.
1	Would be nice to have the city promote bike riding with bike lanes, bike rakes, and more education on the safety of bike riding.....maybe a bike race Also a dog park would be awesome
1	Dog park!! There is not an off-leash dog play area in the county, and Durham requires a license and fee- there are many of us who would love to be able to take our dogs for off-leash fun!
1	Community center and updated rec facilities in SOUTHERN and South Eastern GRANVILLE COUNTY! Everything the county funds is in Oxford at the GAP.
1	Decent football fields and practice areas. This is one sport completely ignored in the southern part of the county.
1	Love to see a movie theater, bowling alley, billiards room and gym with an indoor pool....in a perfect world. Oh and Horse rentals, mini golf and boat rentals.
1	No but we need tennis courts!!!! I joined a club outside of Granville County to play because the 2 public courts for Granville County are always full.
1	I believe that the band shell/stage at GAP park could and should be used for presenting outdoor dramas, perhaps in conjunction with the drama dept at VGCC. I travel to other parts of the state to see the outdoor dramas such as at Snow Camp, NC, Boone, Cherokee, Valdese, Halifax etc. It seems the beautiful bandshell at GAP could also be used for outdoor concerts.
1	We need excersize programs for children to allow those not interested in organized sports to have a chance to become physically fit. There are no private ghms that allow younger than 16 to go exercise. I believe we need quality programs for children after school that allow them to be active. I think this is much more important than equestrian trails that only benefit those fortunate enough to own horses. The county already had a public pool. It just needs upgrading.
1	•Animal Park •Outdoor theater/amphitheater

13. What recreational activities do you and/or members of your household participate in for recreation or exercise? (Please check all that apply).



Value	Percent	Count
Walking (Pleasure and/or Exercise)	71.8%	590
Swimming	58.3%	479
Fishing	49.2%	404
Outdoors Fair Festivals	47.6%	391
Visiting Lake	45.5%	374
Gardening	41.6%	342
Hiking, Trails	40.9%	336
Picnicking	40.4%	332
Playground Activities	40.0%	329
Arts & Crafts	39.4%	324
Visiting Historical Sites	36.9%	303
Jogging, Running for Exercise	33.8%	278
Water Parks	33.2%	273
Camping (Developed Site)	30.8%	253
Playground activities	28.7%	236
Nature Viewing/Wildlife Observation	28.0%	230
Viewing Scenery	27.3%	224
Basketball (Indoor)	26.6%	219
Driving for Pleasure	26.5%	218
Total		822

Value	Percent		Count
Bicycling (On-Road)	26.4%		217
Basketball (Outdoor)	25.7%		211
Boating	25.3%		208
Open Space Park (Visiting)	25.2%		207
Splash Pool, Sprayground	25.2%		207
Tennis	24.9%		205
Canoeing, Kayaking	24.6%		202
Soccer	23.7%		195
Hunting, Gun	23.7%		195
Dog Parks	23.4%		192
Softball	23.1%		190
Baseball	23.0%		189
Golf (Miniature)	21.9%		180
Nature Photography	20.6%		169
Shooting (Target Firing Range)	20.4%		168
Volleyball	18.6%		153
Spectator Activities	18.4%		151
Golf (18-hole, 9-hole, or driving range)	18.4%		151
Bird Watching	17.9%		147
Collecting (Flowers, Insects, Rocks)	16.6%		136
Hunting, Bow	15.6%		128
Archery	15.2%		125
Camping (Primitive)	15.1%		124
Football (Playing)	14.7%		121
Frisbee, Disc Golf	14.6%		120
Horseback Riding	14.6%		120
Shooting (Skeet)	14.5%		119
All-Terrain Vehicle Driving	13.9%		114
Tubing	13.6%		112
Roller Skating	13.4%		110
		Total	822

Value	Percent	Count
Water Skiing, Jet Skiing	13.1%	108
Bicycling (BMX or Off-Road)	12.5%	103
Backpacking	12.4%	102
Ice Skating	11.7%	96
CrossFit Training	10.3%	85
Badminton	10.1%	83
Skateboarding	7.9%	65
Rock Climbing	7.4%	61
Radio, Remote Control Models	7.2%	59
Geocaching	6.0%	49
Rollerblading, Inline Skating	5.5%	45
Motorized Trail Biking, Dirt Biking	5.2%	43
Sailing	4.4%	36
Lacrosse	3.8%	31
Triathlon	3.2%	26
Surfing (All Types)	3.0%	25
Shuffleboard	2.9%	24
Windsurfing, Kitesurfing	1.8%	15
Rugby	0.5%	4
Cricket	0.2%	2
Total		822

14. Please list activities you participate in that are not listed above:

Count	Response
1	5k, 10k, half marathon, full marathon racing
1	Aerobic exercise Yoga
2	Aerobics
1	Barn Quilt Trail sightseeing
1	Beach Volleyball
1	Biking trails Extremely Fun! :-)
1	Bocce

Count	Response
1	Bocce ball Dog walking, activities
2	Bowling
1	Bowling
1	Bowling alley
1	Boxing
1	Cheerleading Walking in Park
1	Church activities
1	Climbing
1	Corn hole and horse shoes
1	Dance
1	Dancing, stargazing, yoga, pilates
1	Disc Golf
1	Dog obedience training; dance; martial arts; sign-language; Summer camps
1	Dog walking
1	Horse Trail Riding, frequent Three Bears Park. It would be wonderful to have one in our county.
1	Horseshoes Bowling
1	KITE FLYING
1	Karate
1	Karate, gymnastics, ballet, tap, jazz, clogging
1	Martial arts
1	Motorcycling -on road
1	Movies, concerts, fine dining, theater, dancing
3	N/A
1	NONE
1	Na
12	None
1	None
1	None...
1	P90X, Ten Minute Trainer
1	Paddle boarding
1	Painting, writing

Count	Response
1	Pickle ball
1	Playing bingo, dominos
1	Please provide opportunities to teach skills to prepare healthy foods and community kitchens.
1	Racquetball
1	Racquetball, Skydiving
1	Reading
1	Reading Cooking
1	Reading Cooking Sewing
1	Rock hunting
1	Rowing
1	Running
1	Shopping and eating.
1	Snow Skiing
1	Stem activities at Museum of Life and Science indoors and then out door play with tree houses.
1	Swimming lessonswater aerobics
1	Swimming, skiing, yoga, pilates
1	Teen Time
1	Teen time
1	Trr
1	Ultimate Frisbee
1	WORK
1	Walking trails.
1	We travel all over to visit unique housing whether old or new
1	Weight lifting
1	Yoga Water Aerobics
1	Yoga pilates in henderson Studio mainstreet
1	You listed "playground activities" above twice lol
1	Zumba
1	Zumba, pilates, aerobic exercise.
1	aerobics class
1	cornhole frisbee golf

Count	Response
1	dance
1	dancing
1	dog walking
1	fitness/challenge course
1	movies, cook outs, board games/card games, concerts
1	n/a
1	no
5	none
1	nothing
1	paddle boarding
1	sOFTBALL
1	weight training
1	yoga, tai-chi
1	zip lining and hot air ballon
1	train enthusiast - the railway between Oxford and Clarksville should be reopened for tourism purposes with a sightseeing and dinner train.
1	Cultural activities that include live music, art fairs, art shows, visiting museums, the symphony, day trips to botanical gardens, movies book club group, yoga and meditation.

15. Do you use any school or private facilities for recreation? If so, which ones?

Count	Response
1	A relative's pool, yoga classes at studios, concert venues.
1	All Granville county schools
1	Any school
1	Aycock Recreation Center in Henderson, NC
1	BAP, FLA softball field
1	Baseball practices at Hawley/fla
1	Basketball
1	Berea gym
1	Berea track to walk; Webb track
1	Body Works Gym
1	Bodyworx, J.F Webb Tennis Courts

Count	Response
1	Both, but mostly school.
1	Bull City Little League
1	Butner Athletic Park
1	Butner Sports Arena
1	Butner Sports Complex
1	Butner Stem Elementary Butner Stem Middle
1	Butner Stem Middle
1	Butner Stem Middle School
1	Butner stem elementary
1	Butner-Stem Elem/Middle walking trail- really nice!
1	Butner-Stem Elementary School Playground
1	Butner-Stem Middle
1	Cedar Creek Middle School Wake Forest High School
1	Central Children's Home
1	Central Children's Home Gym
1	Christian Faith Center
1	Christian Faith Center Thompson Building
1	Creedmoor Activity Center
1	Creedmoor Fire Department, Thompson Memorial Building, Creedmoor Gym
1	Creedmoor Gymnasium
1	D. N. Hix
1	D.N. Hix
1	DN Hicks
1	DN Hicks
1	Dabney Elementary Crossroads Christian School
1	Dr. Thompson Memorial Building
1	Drive to Durham to swim
1	Duke
1	Expo Center
1	FBC Academy; Christian Faith Center
1	Falls Lake

Count	Response
3	Falls Lake Academy
1	Falls Lake Academy South Granville HS
1	Falls lake academy school programs
1	Falls lake academy, the Diamonds at Oxford Park, tar river elementary school
1	Forest Hills Pool
1	Former school - D.N. Hix for walking
1	GRANVILLE CENTRAL HS
1	GRISSOM PARK CURRIN PARK
1	Gap Teamcare
1	Golden Pond, Creedmoor
1	Golden Pond, Sir Walter
1	Greenways BSMS
1	Grissom Ball Park Ball Four Park
1	Gym
1	Gym down town. Studio main street For yoga /Pilaties
1	Have used JF Webb tennis courts but they are in poor condition
1	Hawley Middle School
1	Hawley and Falls lake academy
1	Hawley baseball, basketball and disc golf
1	Hawley middle. Bap gap Oxford park
1	Henderson YMCA
1	I use walking tracks
1	J F Webb tennis courts because the two city courts are always full
1	J F Webb track for walking
1	J. F. Webb tennis courts
1	J.F. Webb
1	J.F. Webb - walking/jogging
1	J.F. Webb/walking D.N. Hix/walking
1	JF Webb HS
1	JF Webb tennis courts, Forest Hills pool
1	Joe-Toler Oak Hill Elementary

Count	Response
1	Joyner park in Youngsville (but this is a public facility). Also use the YMCA in Wake Forest.
1	Just at Home
1	Just our home
1	Kinderton Country Club for golf
1	Kinderton Golf Course
1	Lake Devin
1	Life style fitness
1	MDC gymnasium CFC school Butnr Stem School other facilities in other counties
1	Main Street Fitness J.F. Webb Stovall-Shaw
1	Main Street Fitness
3	Main Street Gym
1	Mary Potter
1	Mary Potter Basketball Court
1	Mary Potter Gym and J.F. Webb Gym
1	Mary Potter, Kerr Lake sites, J.F. Webb
1	Masonic Home
1	Mount Energy Hawley Middle School
1	Mt Energy Elem field Golden Pond subdivision park
1	Mt. Energy Elementary Soccer Field
1	Mt. Energy and Butner Middle for soccer.
1	Mt. Energy playground
1	MtbEnergy
1	My home: Hunting, target shooting, canoeing, trail walking, swimming.
3	N/A
4	NGMS
4	NO
1	Neighborhood swimming pool farms
1	Never
57	No
1	No
1	No, not available near me.

Count	Response
2	No.
1	No.
1	None
1	Nope
1	Northern Granv Middle School Aycock Rec Ctr-swim club
1	Our house
1	Out of town tennis courts SGHS tennis courts when they were available
1	Outdoor track at SGHS
1	Oxford Park Pool
1	Oxford Park Swim School gymnasiums
1	Oxford Park pool
1	Oxford Swim Club
1	Oxford Swim Club Falls Lake Soccer
1	Parka in waKe forest and youngsville
1	Playground, basketball, baseball, tennis, football, walking, remote control cars
1	Playground, swimming, gardening
1	Pleasant Grove Baptist Church Gym
1	Pool which required membership
1	Private
1	Raleigh parks and rec
1	Revlon Gym at work
1	Rougmont Golf Club
1	Rucker Park, Oxford Park, GAP
1	SG, Butner-Stem Middle
1	SGAA gym
1	SGHS
1	SGHS Track (shhhh)
1	SGHS tennis court
1	School Facilities from time to time, Creedmoor Elementary
1	School of Creative Studies
1	Senior Center

Count	Response
1	Sir Walter, Mt Energy, YMCA
1	Snap Fitness. Aquatics and fitness centers.
1	Sometimes I walk in the Hix gym
1	Sometimes walking at GCHS
1	South Granville
1	South Granville High School
1	South Granville Country Club for pool
1	South Granville Country club
1	South Granville Gym
1	South Granville HS Raleigh Racquet Club YMCA
1	South Granville High School
1	South Granville High School Hawley Middle School
1	South Granville Senior Center
1	South Granville country club for swimming and golf
1	South granville
1	Stovall
1	Stovall Shaw walking track Clarksville YMCA
1	Stovall shaw track /playground
1	Stovall walking track
1	Stovall, Mary potter, webb, oxford park, gap
1	Stovall-Shaw elementary
1	Swimming
1	Tar River Mt. Energy
1	Tar River Elem
1	Tar River Elem School, Henderson YMCA
3	Tar River Elementary
1	Tar River Elementary has a nice playground and walking track.
1	Tar River Elementary on occasion
1	Tar River; batting cage in Wake County
1	Tar river
1	Tar river play ground, wakr forest factory

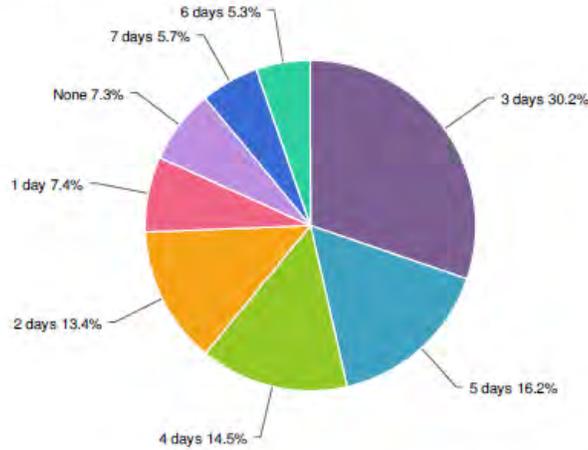
Count	Response
1	Team Care
1	Team Care
1	Team Care Gym,
1	Teamcare
1	Tennis Courts at JF Webb
1	The Factory
1	The Masonic Home for Children
1	The one in Butner
1	Toler Oak Hill
1	Toler-Oak Hill School Orange St. Community Center
1	Track
1	Track at south Granville
1	Use to take son the Mary Potter basketball court because it was less busy and more kid friendly
1	WILTON, HAWLEY
1	Walking trail sometimes.
1	Walking.mt.energy bap
2	Webb
1	Webb - Dominators travel volleyball practice
1	Webb Ball Field
1	Webb HS for tennis
1	Webb High School
1	Webb High School tennis courts
1	Webb High School, track for walking.
1	Webb Tennis courts
1	Webb Track for exercising walking
1	Webb high school tennis courts
1	Webb softball field,northern Granville ball field
1	Webb tennis and track
3	Webb tennis courts
1	Webb tennis. and track West oxford walking laps
1	Webb's tennis courts. WE NEED MORE TENNIS COURTS!!!!

Count	Response
1	Webb, Evans Ballpark
1	Wedding receptions...
1	West Oxford
1	Wilton
1	Wilton Elem Tar River Elem
1	Wilton Elementary Tar River Elementary
1	Wilton School Mount Energy School Creedmoor Lake Holt Lake
1	Wilton, tar river elementary
1	Would like to use C G Credle's walking track, but it is locked after school.
1	Would use school fields if they were made available for recreational baseball or softball
1	YES
3	YMCA
1	YMCA Henderson, NC
1	YMCA Henderson, senior center
1	YMCA pool
1	YMCA, Aycock Recreation Center, Henderson
1	Yes
1	Yes
1	Yes - Mt. Energy
1	Yes Lake Rogers
1	Yes YMCA in Wake County which is shameful that we have to go out of county
1	Yes, Granville Central HS
1	Yes, Hawley Middle School, Carolina Barbecue and Chicken
1	Yes, JF Webb's track.
1	Yes, apartment complex
1	Yes, walking and playing basketball.
1	Yes. GAP and park on Spring St in Oxford
1	Yes. In Cary.
1	Ymca
1	You are not suppose to without permission
1	Zumba - armory or wherever it is

Count	Response
1	hicks field
1	member of Wilson/Brodie gyms on Duke University's campus
1	n/a
48	no
3	none
1	not allowed
2	private
1	private - SGAA
1	sgaa, triangle heat
1	softball and volleyball
1	stoval shaw,webb
1	tar river elem
1	tennis courts at Webb HS
1	tennis courts, j.f. webb
1	use farmland in neighborhood and public parks
1	walking tracks
1	webb
1	yes - Henderson YMCA
1	yes South Granville High School
1	yes, hawley ms,butner athletic park, creedmoor parks, oxford park
1	yes-South Granville Country Club & Kinderton Country Club for golf
1	south granville high school tennis courts (fair condition) and web high school tennis courts (fair codition)if available and not locked
1	Masonic home for children, ballet arts dance studio, tri athletics gymnastics, west Oxford elementary , our house
1	Hoop City, Monkey Joe's, Will's Skating, Chuck-E-Cheese, Children's Museum, other facilities in Raleigh
1	City tennis courts on Spring Street in Oxford. JF Webb High School tennis courts. A large number of people use these courts because the courts on Spring street in Oxford cannot accommodate all the people who want to play tennis!
1	Yes. The baseball fields at Webb, Oxford Park, and Rucker Park. The pool at Oxford Park. The horse trails in Clarksville VA
1	We use the tennis courts at JF Webb High School. There are only 2 other public tennis courts in Oxford (on Spring St.) and those courts are filled 95% of the time.
1	Mt energy playground. Sad only swings and slides there. Why not update school yards and make available to all residents too?

Count	Response
1	Wake Forest dog park @ 1100 N. White St Woodcroft dog park (Durham) Frisbee golf course near Jordan High School in Durham Oxford public swimming pool Four Oaks (Durham) swimming pool Granville County Country Club (golf and pool) Hiking trails around Falls Lake Durham Tobacco Road bike and walking trail
1	My daughter can use CG Credle playground at school, but it's not accessible on weekends or holidays. A local businessman just recently purchased and donated a swing for her to use at school.
1	Use JF Webb tennis courts to teach tennis lesson to kids, teenagers, and adults. We do not have adequate tennis facilities to be able to expand our programs
1	Park on Central Ave. Butner (they have swings) Park on Lake Rd. Creedmoor (they have swings) Millbrook Rd Park Raleigh (they have swings)
1	Would be nice if school sites were more accessible to the public. Our taxpayer dollars dis pay for their construction, we should get to use them.
1	DID use the track at Credle school, but that's been closed to public for years!!!!!!!!!! Occasionally use the track at Webb

16. How often do you exercise a week?



Value	Percent	Count	Statistics
3 days	30.2%	250	Sum 2,776.0
5 days	16.2%	134	Average 3.6
4 days	14.5%	120	StdDev 1.6
2 days	13.4%	111	Max 7.0
1 day	7.4%	61	
None	7.3%	60	
7 days	5.7%	47	
6 days	5.3%	44	
Total		827	

17. Any other information you wish to share regarding Granville County Recreational Activities?

Count	Response
1	A YMCA would be a great addition to Granville County---Geographically centered
1	A skate park would be a horrible idea- see durham- skateboarders constantly in the roads
1	Adults would like to have activities to do
1	Appreciate facilities that allow for tournaments to be held within the County.
1	Arts and crafts for the children during the summer, spring break, and Christmas break.
1	Ball fields, soccer, etc. badly needed in Wilton area. Population here supports such a need.
1	Be nice to have a nice park and well maintained facility's
1	Continue Senior Recreation Activities.
1	Could you please add mile markers to the walking trail at the Butner Athletic Park? Thanks.
1	DOG PARK! Dog park! DOG PARK!
1	Disappointed in the lack of public golf facilities in the county.
1	Engage youth in more activities
1	Existing tennis courts need resurfacing badly. Need more courts.
1	GAP and Butner AP are very nice.
1	GRANVILLE COUNTY HAS ENOUGH PARKS FOR EVERYONE. WE NEED TO SAVE DURING HARD TIMES
1	Granville County does not take care of the facilities it already has
1	Hire a new board that oversees the recreational department
1	I love the GAP! Its dog friendly, clean, lovely and I feel safe there.
1	I love working with seniors. I would love to see some form of recreations for them.
1	I think that there should be more gyms with reasonable pricing and family plans.
1	I truly need activity that the kids and family can enjoy whether they together or separate
1	I wish there were more free classes.
1	I would like to see a yoga class
1	I would love to see connected greenways for biking/hiking
1	It would be nice if the Stovall Park had restrooms.
1	Keep building walking trail around Creedmoor from Schools to Major Residential Areas
1	Love GAP! Just wish there was a dog park there.
1	Make sure you inclde southern Granville County
3	N/A
1	N/a

Count	Response
1	NEED A PLACE IN TOWN THAT IS LIGHTED TO WALK.
2	NONE
1	Need a community center offering indoor activities and programs.
1	Need a gym with multiple courts and aircondition.
1	Need activities for young, adult, and seniors.
1	Need adequate, clean equipment for all sports equally.
1	Need more activities for families and children.
1	Need more activities for kids to keep them out of trouble, and keep trouble OUT
1	Need more family activities in Southern Granville
1	Need more fields to practice on
1	Need more recreational areas for whole family-
1	Need more sidewalks!
1	Need tennis courts desperately !!!!!
1	Need to Advertise and get the word out more
1	Needed: dog park, volleyball courts/nets
18	No
2	None
1	Not really
1	Opportunities for unstructured youth excersize.
1	Places to walk dogs...:)
1	Please build a walking trail in our area its not safe to walk along the roads
1	Please build tennis courts
1	Please consider building an indoor pool and recreation facility.
1	Please consider more tennis courts. Granville county desperately needs more courts.
1	Please do better. I would love to stay near home rather than travel to raleigh.
1	Please expand the Greenways!
1	Please explore recreational activities that might be revenue generating.
1	Please have plenty of security available.
1	Price is high for athletic activities. Oxford athletics is 1/2 the price with better fields.
1	Prices are too expensive for single moms with low income.
1	Really need an indoor pool for year round swimming and dog park.

Count	Response
1	CAN YOU SPONSOR MOREWORK SHOPS FOR GRANVILLE PE TEACHERS AND HELP US GET MORE PE EQUIPMENT FOR THE COMMUNITY. THANKS, COACH ROBERTS WILTON ELEMENTARY
1	Please be more strict with park hours! There should be NO reason why the parks should have people in them after dark. There is too much writing on the "Rules" board at the entrance to the athletic park on Belltown Rd. The number one rule that everyone, including functions and special events, should abide by are the opening and closing times of the park. The park should open at sunrise and close at dusk. It becomes a place of hanging out and trash begins to gather in the parking lots, trails, and fields. Vehicles that are left unattended after dark should be towed at the owners expense.
1	I am newer to the area (been here less than 5 years) and it is difficult to find the public Granville Recreational Activities. Would be nice if there was a website that listed each place along with the things it offers.
1	Have we considered a private business participating? 2) what is is the liability exposure for the county for many of these activities? 3) swimming pools are great but sanitation could be a problem. 4) perhaps, activities should be limited to those not exposing the county to liability.
1	I have concern that the closest waking track at CG Credle which is closest to my home is locked after school and cannot be assessed.
1	COUNTY DOES NOT NEED TO KEEP SPENDING MONEY ON RECREATION. IT SHOULD BE LEFT UP TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR. THERE IS ENOUGH PRESENTLY AVAILABLE.
1	No need for more baseball/softball fields. Multipurpose fields/parks needed. County must continue to financially support local youth athletic organizations (NGAA, Oxford & SGAA, etc). County should not be underwriting recreation in incorporated areas of the county (Butner, Creedmoor, Oxford, etc). These groups have the financial resources to support themselves.
1	We need a 12 court tennis center with a 2 story building in the middle to accommodate the needs of the tennis programs. Would like to see next to tennis center a 4 indoor tennis courts
1	The lack of dog parks has led to some people walking their dogs on the sidewalks of main street and not cleaning up after their bathroom trips which is embarrassing to the citizens that care
1	It seems like the City of Creedmoor is putting more focus on PArks and Recreation but from what I hear - they can't get the County and Butner to partner with them on anything. I heard that the County's Recreation Committee has changed the rules for funding to only benefit non-profit organizations. ! Really! How many parks to you see that was installed 10 years ago by a church that is still up and well kept? The County needs to build a GAP in the southern part of the county and share the wealth.
1	The lack of investment and facilities in the Southern Granville area are disappointing. More specifically, the lack of facilities in the Creedmoor area seem almost targeted retribution. Given the amount of property taxes paid vs. the level of service received - we will be leaving Granville county in 2015.
1	As the community grows, we should have available more activities focused for family, Also geared towards children to have a safe place to go and spend quality fun time with their friends. I love the skatepark idea and water park/ sprinkle park.
1	Thanks for improving activities and new summer camp schedule looks great. I appreciate sending early and to all the schools for students to take home.
1	Creedmoor parks need vast improvement. Bunter has done a great job developing their parks and recreational activities.
1	Creedmoor needs to add additional recreations facilities. Butner and Oxford have enough, please focus on Creedmoor. Thank you
1	I love the pool idea in the Parks and Rec Master Plan. I also would like to see the sidewalk project moving along quicker. As I said before, I really want to see a dog park and a frisbee golf course. I do think our tax money should be going towards increased recreation development. Please develop these things soon!
1	The county should consider purchasing land for walking trails, developing botanical classes, looking into the OLI-Osher Learning in Retirement classes and finding a place to build a pool for year round use for families and older adults.

Count	Response
1	Please consider allowing dogs into the Butner Athletic Park. It's the closest park where I can walk my pet. And I don't like coming to the park and having to leave my dog at home.
1	I am concerned that we maintain greenways and open space for future generations. Also, southern Granville County needs more spaces and facilities in future planning.
1	The southern area of the county could offer better facilities that are enjoyed by all ages. Our communities have to travel to Durham or Raleigh for facilities like pools or skating. The facilities at our old schools are not the best in the county and I feel the Creedmoor area has grown in population and can support more and better alternatives for indoor or outdoor activities.
1	Loved the Easter festivities and movie... Providing more family oriented activities would be great
1	Nothing much offered in Southern Granville County. Would like to see the Holt Lake area developed for families and tourists.
1	I wish there was a deeper pool with a slide and diving board. My kids took swimming lessons at Rucker's park but swimming lessons were better at the Aycock Center because of learning how to dive in 10 feet water, etc.
1	Yes, I would like to see the Granville County School Board not charge to use their facilities. There are limited spaces for practices and games of all sports and when you want to use a school it's all about the money.
1	If possible we would prefer swimming facilities that are open on a year-round basis. Also that the cost of facilities not be higher for residents that do not reside in a particular town (e.g. Butner residents should not be charged extra for use of facilities in Creedmoor) - facilities should charge the same rate for county residents.
1	The Stovall community is active with Oxford Parks and Rec (students) but it's a very long drive to a field, even for practice. Stovall-Shaw School could benefit as a school if its field could be upgraded (leveled, marked, etc) and then it could be shared with the Parks dept.
1	There are not enough facilities for all of the participants in recreation, particularly gymnasiums. While the D.N Hix Gym is supposed to be a community gym, our club could never get in to use it because of poor scheduling of the facility.
1	We need something for youth and families. Being out at end of hwy 56 would be nice to have something out here since no sidewalks for big neighborhoods full of kids out this way. No safe way to get anywhere without a car. Most/both parents work so something walkable would be best!
1	yes. again - please fund facilities in the southern part of the county - the Creedmoor and Southeastern areas. And stop focusing on only sports! there are thousands of people in the county - of all ages that don't participate in sports. Wake up and join the rest of the world!
1	Need more places for all to go to have a good time. Definitely not enough provided in Granville County.
1	PLEASE ADD A 6-8 TENNIS COURTS IN THE COUNTY I HAVE SEEN THIS SPORT TAKE OFF IN THE COUNTY ONLY TO BE SADLY LIMITED BY SO FEW COURTS.
1	Easy access is the key. Creedmoor built a sidewalk connecting part of the community and people use it. Please connect this to Lake Rodgers and add an additional family friendly (not just sports) facility near the people in Southern Granville. Check out Sertoma Park or Lake Lynn in Raleigh as family friendly gathering areas for recreation. The new Butner Park is nice, but but rules about dogs keep some families away.
1	build a multi-use facility in southern Granville County with 6 softball/baseball fields, 2-4 soccer/football fields, tennis courts, skating park, pool, with walking trails around, all at the same location
1	Tennis courts at Webb are in awful shape and the ones at Hix aren't much better. Courts are always being used by people of all ages and races.
1	I would love to see family activities going on - and that security is there so that it is monitored and people respect others while it is happening.

Count	Response
1	I think the country & cities need to partner up to develop a master plan for facilities and pool their resources to build and/or renovate these facilities.
1	I strongly believe that green spaces are a vital part of creating a livable and connected community. I hope Granville County will continue to work toward a greener community!
1	A tennis complex in the Oxford area is greatly needed. There are many individuals who play everyday of the week. Even when playing doubles, there is still not enough courts to accommodate everyone. Tennis is a great sport that should be supported by parks and rec.
1	There needs to be more opportunities for the families especially children. We shouldn't have to spend our money in neighboring counties for recreational activities.
1	I would like to see more activities and more often. Also I'd like to see events advertised more in advance in more ways.
1	I would like to see Granville county spend 1/2 the money on soccer fields as we do on baseball fields. The soccer fields at the GAP are in horrible condition, especially when compared to the baseball fields.
1	Will support an indoor/outdoor recreation facility with a swimming pool in the Butner/Creedmoor area.
1	The GAP is an outstanding park. It would be nice if a dog park were added as part of the facilities at the GAP.
1	We need an indoor swimming facility. This would be fabulous for the senior citizen population as well as everyone else.
1	I would love to see a YMCA in the southern end of Granville Co. They offer outstanding after school and summer activities for families. We are members at the one in Wakefield. Sure would be nice to have one closer.
1	need less baseball stuff and more family oriented outside activities like water parks, pools, parks that have play area
1	Would love to participate in a community garden and soup kitchen or other outreach program (which isn't necessarily associated to a religious facility)
1	Facilities need to be updated so that the presentation will make people want to go there and play sports.
1	WOULD LOVE FOR THERE TO BE SOMEWHERE TO RIDE BIKES SAFELY WOULD BE GREAT IF SOMEWHERE AT THE GAP FOR THIS
1	- Soccer fields at the GAP need a lot of attention. Grading or ?? needs to occur so that muddy conditions are not the norm. Extra rainy seasons are a problem, but improvements to the fields would help. Not enough fields and sharing GAP fields with football and baseball is dangerous to the kids. - GAP basketball hoops are not available at all times. They seem to be put down for some but not all. - There are not enough tennis courts and work needs to be done on the existing ones. - The outdoor basketball courts by City Hall need monitoring. I can not let my older children walk the block around the park because of the inappropriate language being used. Many people have mentioned they won't walk that leg of the park block alone.
1	Would like to see a good website with all the information listed centrally for Granville county with the amenities each has to offer!
1	The goals by the gazebo need fixing. I wish there were more goals (lower) for smaller children outside of the gym.
1	Because of the increase in crime rates in certain areas...parents are quite concerned about signing up for some of the activities that are offered. I think safety is one of the concerns that face many of our citizens in the community.
1	My kids used to go to the Oxford park to skateboard almost daily, but so many issues with drugs and weapons were occurring that they quit going. It sometimes doesn't feel safe to walk around the city of Oxford. Skateboarders would be warned by police about not skating on the sidewalk, while a drug deal went down in plain view.
1	Yes, make sure Granville County includes southern Granville county. The majority of the population is in southern Granville but the majority of the activities are in Oxford. No one in southern Granville is interested in facilities in Oxford.

Count	Response
1	This is a county survey, but the basketball court at D.N. Hix is a blight on Oxford's downtown, with the most recent shooting there being Tuesday. It needs to either be monitored much better or closed.
1	Information about Granville county Recreational Activities are not getting out to the citizens. No open communication
1	Please incorporate an indoor aquatic center. I would be willing to recertify in lifeguarding and CPO and work for the county
1	I have been a lifelong resident of southern Granville County. The SGAA is for the kids, yet they are charged for everything by the town's which all the children live in. Our tax money pay for these facilities, yet we are charged to use them. Next year our football teams might not have anywhere to practice, but we are the PLAYFUL CITY right. I coach a local AAU basketball team, everyone of our players live in Granville County and we paid over seven thousand dollars this year to use a gym owned by the town. I have coached baseball, basketball, and football in this area. The baseball field in Creedmoor has looked the same without any improvements in over twenty years. There are no real outdoor basketball courts for kids.
1	I am impressed with how well Hix Rec Center is maintained. I think it is well-lit and I like that it offers many different types of activities. One thing I would recommend: More tennis courts. I tried playing tennis yesterday and after an hour, the courts at Hix were still being used. I went to Webb and saw others playing tennis, but was told I could not play because I did not have a key to lock up. I understand this, but it was disappointing to not be able to play at all.
1	We need to ENSURE there are ample Recycle Containers for people to put their recyclables in when finished Not Just Landfill Trash containers
1	I see the need for a tennis facility as the number one recreational need. Interest in tennis has grown tremendously and there are not enough courts to handle the growth.
1	Access to the fields for the children appears to be a serious issue when it comes to the SGAA getting practice or play time. It shouldn't have to take moving a boulder for the Commissioners to get permission to use the local facilities.
1	The Oxford Rotary club is interested in starting a community garden this spring. Please contact a Rotary club member if interested in a joint project.
1	One concern...at the BAP, the playground area for kids by concession stand needs some type of netting over it as foul balls are constantly falling around the kids playing there. Some child is going to get hurt bad by a foul ball one day.
1	Field use should be updated for availability somewhere accessible (internet) to help us plan where we can exercise without interfering with pre-planned activities at the fields (especially Oxford Park)
1	We really need more tennis courts! My daughter tries to play on the weekend and the courts at Hix are almost always being used. It would be nice o have more.
1	It would be really nice to have swings at the GAP as well as other playground equipment for my grand kids when I go to walk. I have to take them down to Hix to play on the playground so they can use the swings.
1	We would benefit extremely from an aquatics and fitness center. If we combined this there would be places for fitness classes and exercising. It would also target ALL ages. Swim lessons for children, water aerobics for arthritic patients, etc. This would be an amazing thing for Granville County to have. It would keep residents in the county instead of out of the county for those types of facilities. We could also have a swim team for our area schools to compete against our surrounding counties.
1	We have lived in the County 21 years and have seen all emphasis on youth programs. If we do not have more family amenities, it will be hard to keep our best people in the County.
1	Please add more tennis courts!!!! I travel outside Granville County to play because there are not enough courts to play or hold competitions or tournaments without using the high school courts. They are in horrible condition.
1	Anything built in Creedmoor would be extremely welcomed as there is nothing in the immediate close by.

Appendix C - 2008 Public Meeting Minutes

Granville County Public Meeting

RE: Parks & Recreation

June 2, 2008

Oak Hill

Attendees:

County Staff

2 Citizens

Introduction

Citizens given an overview of the purpose of the meeting.

Public Concerns

The concern that the Oak Hill area does not have any recreation facilities and activities was of primary concern. One citizen commented that there isn't even a walking trail in the area. When they were informed about the proposed park in Butner, they acknowledged that the area was growing, but they feel ignored in their part of the county.

A primary concern is the lack of recreation opportunities for children in the Oak Hill area. One citizen noted that having activities and facilities in other parts of the county far away from the Oak Hill area is problematic, as many older individuals in Oak Hill are guardians to younger and adolescent children. As such, it is more difficult for a grandparent to take a child to a facility 20 miles away.

It is of further concern that even the local school has minimal opportunities for students. One specific "recreation" opportunity was the high school dance team. The high school does have a softball field, volleyball court, and a park. Unfortunately, the park equipment is not safe due to asbestos.

Citizens revealed that the Oak Hill community is dissatisfied with a lack of recreation opportunities however they have become "complacent". Citizens noted that having a strong representative from the area to voice concern might be helpful in the future.

Citizens feel that if projects were started, the community would be willing to assist the county in a variety of ways. They also suggested that citizens in the area would be more willing to assist by donating time and land than money. There was also the hope that the multi-purpose room in the EMS Station would have activities for seniors in the area.

Citizen Recommendations

Also noted were some ideas about potential facilities such as a playground with proper equipment, a safe place to bike, and a bowling alley. There was much discussion about having well-lit walking trails rather than walking on the side of the road. The citizens learned the latest details about the county's latest greenway plans. Again, they expressed dismay about feeling ignored in their less-populated part of the county. Also, citizens would desire more natural surfaces and asphalt that "gives." Trails heavily littered with rocks could be harmful, dangerous, and painful to those with disabilities, arthritis, and others who have mobility challenges.

Granville County Public Meeting

RE: Parks & Recreation

June 3, 2008

Oxford

Attendees:

County Staff Members

2 Citizens

Introduction

A brief explanation as to why these meetings are being held. The basic question of what is needed in the area was posed as the starting point for dialogue.

Public Concerns

Regarding the planning process, a suggestion was made about doing focus groups with the community to further identify needs and wants regarding recreation facilities and activities.

One citizen emphasized the importance of parks in the area and the need for more facilities in the Oxford area and Fishing Creek township. It was suggested that it might be more beneficial for the community, to consider multiple smaller parks as opposed to one large recreation facility that is to serve multiple constituencies.

Water parks, swimming pools and water-based facilities and activities would be advantageous as many lower income individuals in the county do not have access to water-based activities (i.e. personal swimming pool). Therefore, it would be beneficial for children to have access to these activities through the county.

Programs were also brought up, specifically the planning of new recreation programs and the proposed park in Butner. One citizen planned to attend the public meeting in the Butner-Creedmoor area in order to ask Butner's Town Manager specific questions about the proposed park. There were also questions regarding if the county was looking into the possibility of expanding recreation programs.

A citizen mentioned the importance of the youth soccer program and the current lack of funding. In comments, there was an emphasis about the many benefits of the soccer program to children such as: promoting health and well being and bringing opportunities for sports participation to children of all cultural backgrounds in the county. There was also the suggestion of adult soccer league programs being created. Concern was also expressed about certain programs (specifically mentioned was the Oxford Youth Soccer Association) which pay fees to use facilities but citizens not affiliated with the program are at the facilities. There was a question regarding how monitoring systems could be put in place so those who “pay to play” are able to do so.

A question was posited regarding the viability of getting a YMCA in the county, specifically the southern end of the county.

Public Concerns - Financial

There was concern expressed about user fees. It was mentioned that user fees might be a source of concern for citizens in the community.

Citizen Recommendations

Also, there was a recommendation for future facilities in addition to soccer. One facility specifically mentioned was basketball courts. The important of walking/running/biking trails was mentioned as well. Many individuals’ schedules do not accommodate the offered programs, but having a trail facilitates all people at all times to exercise and participate in recreation.

Granville County Public Meeting

RE: Parks & Recreation

June 4, 2008

Butner

Attendees:

County Staff Members

Tommy Marrow – Town Manager of Butner

5 Citizens

Introduction

Explanation of the purpose of these public meetings and of how this project got underway. Citizens wanted facilities in the northern end of the county that want/need was assessed and the County spoke with PARTF to pursue a grant. The County was then informed of the need for a new Master Plan. Thus far, public meetings have provided good comments. Tommy Marrow also addressed the audience and mentioned his appreciation in being able to participate in this process.

Public Concerns

Tommy Marrow presented the conceptual plan for the park that Butner is planning to construct in conjunction with their pursuit of a PARTF grant. He described Butner's current facilities (one ball field behind D Street and another one on 24th Street). There are also three basketball courts and one outdoor basketball court. Then, he described the specifics of this plan, which has been "in the works" for a while. There is a minimum of 20 acres of open space, along with two entrances on B Street. The property is located near the Sunrock Quarry. There are plans for one multi-purpose field and two baseball fields built to high school specifications. Plans also include a field used for softball and little league baseball. There is a possibility of including a walkway that can be connected to the County's greenway system, as well as a playground and concession area. The parking would consist of 125 regular parking spaces and 15 handicap spaces. At this point, a coaches building and meeting room is not planned due to the expense. Mr. Marrow said it would be similar to other standard parks across the state.

There was general support for this plan. One citizen commented that it is a good layout. This citizen continued to say that this is something that is truly needed because they are currently using a church's ball field, and it is difficult to schedule based on the church's schedule. Another expressed concern that the plan did not include a sports complex and instead focused on outdoor facilities. Another citizen felt that there should also be, incorporated into the plan, facilities that provide activities that are not sports-related. Tommy Marrow addressed this concern by saying that Butner's plan was to let the private sector provide facilities and activities that were not athletic-intensive. It was also emphasized that Butner is considering a walking trail to address the need for non-competitive athletic activities and also a picnic shelter is being strongly considered as well. Multiple citizens reiterated the concerns of needing facilities that were not directly sports related.

Another citizen noted that many people play sports outside of the county. Yet, this side of the county is growing by leaps and bounds. He predicted that "if you build it, they will come".

One citizen suggested a steering committee to assist in the development of recreation facilities and activities; a committee comprised of representatives from a variety of neighborhoods.

There was a brief discussion of utilizing school facilities and the problems that have been encountered in renting out those facilities, as the decision for those facilities to be utilized by those outside of the school lies with the principal. This has been a source of problems for citizens, groups, and the local government.

A city-wide recreation authority was also mentioned as a possibility. There was also concern expressed regarding the South Granville Athletic Association (a private, non-profit organization) managing the facilities in Butner. Several citizens were concerned with how this management system would impact public use of the facilities. Tommy Marrow addressed this issue by first saying that the specific management structure has not been decided. It was also mentioned that historically there has been a good relationship between SGAA and the area addressing vital sports programming needs.

A citizen also suggested the idea of a county-wide recreation authority to ensure fair and equitable use of the facilities throughout the county and to also provide vital programming.

The suggestion of bringing back adult leagues in sports programming was also mentioned. Tommy Marrow addressed this by saying that it might be more prudent to invest in younger kids, as older children (and adults) usually have other means of entertainment.

The suggestion of hosting soccer tournaments and having the facilities for that was mentioned as well. It was further elaborated that something along these lines can really stimulate the economy in the area, as people will travel from many different areas for their children to participate.

Concerns regarding the availability of activities and facilities for senior citizens were noted by several citizens.

Another concern was that Creedmoor is severely lacking in activities for young people to participate in. One suggestion was a community center in Creedmoor for young people.

Citizen Recommendations

The need for a multi-purpose facility/sports complex in the area was emphasized on several occasions throughout the meeting. Specifically mentioned were indoor facilities in addition to increased outdoor facilities. Citizens recommended the county look at other multi-purpose facilities in Raleigh, Hillsborough, and also in Greensboro. Jason Falls also mentioned Rocky Mount possessing an excellent multi-purpose facility.

A YMCA was mentioned, but this suggestion was countered by the fact it takes big company sponsorship and at this point, despite the growth in the area, it's unlikely a large company will make such an investment.

Several citizens emphasized the need for a senior center complex in the area, as well as facilities that support non-athletic activities for a variety of constituencies (seniors, kids, older children, adults, etc).

Granville County Public Meeting

RE: Parks & Recreation

June 5, 2008

Berea

Attendees:

County Staff Members

10 Citizens

Introduction

County staff addressed the purpose of the public meetings and addressed the issue of needing public input to move forward in pursuing a PARTF grant and developing a new Master Plan for the County.

Public Concerns

There is a desire for facilities and activities in the Walnut Grove township. It is too far (15 minutes away) to travel for many citizens to go to GAP to participate in recreation activities. Also the concern for traveling that distance is increasing gas prices. It becomes costly for citizens to participate and utilize facilities. There is a strong desire for activities that promote fitness and a healthy lifestyle.

There was a desire for planned programs in the area as well. As it was pointed out by Jason Falls, such programs are often not county administered. Often, private leagues/organizations fill that need. Concern was voiced regarding all citizens having access to these private leagues.

Citizens asked about the possibility of the county doing smaller parks throughout the county as opposed to one large facility. Questions about the process to get the PARTF grant, requirements for the grant, Butner's plans, and Granville County's history with PARTF funding were also answered by county staff. Also, questions regarding the Master Plan and steps citizens can take to advocate for adoption of the plan by the Board of Commissioners were also answered.

Public felt strongly about the idea of county-wide recreation. There was a great deal of positive feedback regarding this approach, some citizens citing examples of successful communities who had implemented such a plan.

Citizen Recommendations

There was a lot of interest in having water parks. Citizens mentioned other areas that provided water parks for a user fee (\$4-\$5).

Another citizen mentioned a need for a swimming pool.

There was also interest in ball fields and walking trails (specifically mentioned were walkways along roads). Playgrounds and picnic shelters were also priorities among citizens.

One citizen recommended dividing the county into quadrants and then place 3-5 smaller parks throughout the county.

There was a continued emphasis throughout the meeting on the lack of facilities and activities, especially for youth, and the need to provide them with activities and facilities to be active.

Also recommended by a citizen was acquiring land around railroad tracks. This suggestion was addressed by a county staff member, who noted the general unwillingness of railroad companies to relinquish this land.

Granville County Public Meeting**RE: Parks & Recreation****June 10, 2008****Stovall**

Attendees:

County Staff Members

9 Citizens

Introduction

County staff explains that the public meeting is being held to update the master plan, and the County needs input regarding the needs and wants of people from other portions of the County. Also mentioned potential plans for parks in the area. An explanation of previous park plans and also PARTF grants at Granville Athletic Park.

Common themes mentioned throughout public meetings such as: concept of “pods” of parks (Similar to those in Person County) and recreation for senior citizens.

County staff also reiterated “Now is your time” for citizens to come forward with concerns, suggestions, and recommendations as a new plan is formulated.

County staff provided throughout the meeting further elaboration regarding the PARTF grant and the process. Also mentioned were potential park and recreation plans in Stovall in 2010 and citizens were encouraged to maintain a dialogue with Commissioners regarding their need for facilities.

County staff also elaborated on Butner’s plan to pursue a PARTF grant and discussed their favorable chances of receiving funding due to the strength of their plan. Also, Butner will be a first-time applicant, which provides additional points in the application process. The audience was reminded that Stovall can also be a first-time applicant for a future park project.

Also, it was noted that the Master Plan will be presented to the County Commissioners for approval. There will be a public comments period for citizens to provide feedback on the plan.

County staff also noted at certain points the highlights of GAP Phase II and also the idea of a county-wide recreation program.

Public Concerns

Citizens recognized that their area is not growing as rapidly as the southern area of the county, but that does not mean they should not have some recreation facilities or activities. Citizens were concerned

about the number of kids who were not “outside”. It was suggested this is because children who do participate in recreation activities “head south” because they are lacking recreation in their own area.

It was also mentioned that many male children play basketball at the school but that the facilities that are available in the area must be utilized by both younger children and teens. The problem is many parents don’t want younger children around teens due to things like foul language.

Walking trails seemed to be a frequent recommendation. As such, it was noted that the county has a Greenway Master Plan and that a greenway is in Butner. It is important for citizens to keep emphasizing the need for a greenway and perhaps something will happen in their area after the substantial need has been demonstrated.

Citizens expressed concern about having talked to the county manager about getting help with recreation facilities/activities, but they were told by the county manager that there was not enough money. It was repeatedly mentioned that activities and facilities were needed and that this area “Needs help!”.

Citizens feel that increased recreation opportunities will be beneficial for the town, bringing in people from other areas and eliminating the need for citizens to travel to Oxford or further south in the county to participate in activities.

Citizen Recommendations

Citizens noted that there are many senior citizens in the area. As such, having walking trails might be beneficial. Also noted was a need for a family-oriented park and need for a ball-field/multi-purpose ball field. One citizen cited as an example: Huck Sansbury Park in Person County. This facility is frequently used and has facilities for parents and kids.

The idea of “pods” of parks was fervently supported by all citizens present at the meeting, as they felt this was a convenient solution to higher transportation costs as well as facilitating every individual’s ability to participate in recreation opportunities. It was further suggested by one citizen to begin with establishing “pods” of parks and then move into a county-wide recreation program. This way, not all programs are concentrated in one or two specific locations.

Walking trails were of interest to citizens, but the suggestion was made to construct trails going through wooded areas, as opposed to just a plain, circular trail for people to walk on.

Also of interest seemed to be aerobics/fitness classes for all citizens, as well as playgrounds and play areas for younger children.

One citizen also mentioned the county providing a place for activities/events like pony rides or bake sales; a place that could support quarterly events in the community such as a fair or “spring clean-up”.

One citizen also proposed the idea of churches in the area applying for funding as well. This suggestion was followed up by Jason saying that churches have applied in the past for grants through the county's recreation mini-grant program. Other citizens emphasized the importance of churches in the community and uniting the churches with these types of initiatives in recreation as churches are "powerful voices in the community."

Granville County Public Meeting

RE: Parks & Recreation

June 12, 2008

Wilton

Attendees:

County Staff Members

1 Citizen

Introduction

County staff introduced the reason for why public meetings are being held: mentioned updating the Master Plan so that the county can submit an application for PARTF grant. Also mentioned were a few consistent themes throughout the meetings such as citizens' desire for pods/satellite parks throughout the county, facilities/activities for senior citizens, and facilities/activities for kids.

County staff also mentioned citizens' appreciation for GAP but that it was too far for many citizens to travel to. Greenways/trails were also identified as desires in the county, as was county-wide recreation, and water areas.

Butner's project was also mentioned, as well as their plan for applying for PARTF funding.

Public Concerns

Citizen inquired as to how often you can apply for a PARTF grant and county staff explained that the county could apply once a year.

Citizen also inquired what came out of the Stovall meeting. County staff said that people were very concerned about rising fuel costs. Stovall citizens also mentioned that with smaller parks, it is nicer because everyone knows everyone.

Citizen also inquired about citizen reaction to the survey, specifically the question of a tax increase to fund recreation activities/facilities. Jason said not much had been said, but that survey results would be telling with regard to citizen support of a tax increase.

Citizen Recommendations

Citizen recommended that user fee schedules would be good to have. Also, suggested school facilities should be utilized in a more productive fashion. Citizen also said that some citizens had expressed a need for facilities but don't want to drive to GAP.

It should be noted that another citizen, who could not attend the meeting, contacted a county staff member. This citizen said, "We have to drive to Wake Forest (in Wake County) for recreation services that this County should offer."

Appendix D- Minutes from 2016 Parks and Recreation Public Meetings in Stovall and Oak Hill Community

Granville County Parks and Recreation Public Meeting

Meeting Minutes

3/31/2016

Stovall Library, Stovall, NC

5-7pm

Present:

County Staff: Banita Onyirimba

Advisory Board Members: Michael McFadden, Betty Lou Davis

4 Citizens

Introduction

Michael McFadden discussed the purpose of the meeting and that it was being held so that citizens could learn more about parks and recreation in their county, express their concerns and recommendations, and to hear about the county applying for the PARTF application. Banita Onyirimba mentioned that the county is currently applying for the PARTF grant for the 3rd phase of recreational amenities at the GAP, which includes tennis courts, picnic shelters, and additional playground equipment, including some which are handicap-accessible. She mentioned that this will be the final phase of new amenities at the GAP and that the county hopes to focus on adding amenities to the northern and southern portions of the county. Mr. McFadden stated that the advisory board is well aware that more focus needs to be placed on these areas of the county in terms of parks and recreation and programming as well and that they hope to address these issues in the next six months. He also stressed that the meeting was not solely about the Granville Athletic Park or the PARTF Grant, but also about what the citizens in Stovall would like to see in their county regarding parks and recreation.

Public Concerns

One of the citizens in the attendance, who is on the Stovall Town Council and also on the town's parks and recreation board, stated that the town is very proud of the Stovall Park, which was also funded with county and PARTF funds, but that they would like to expand the park and purchase the adjacent property next to the park, which is about one acre. He stated that they are currently trying to purchase the land but need financial assistance in doing so. Ms. Onyirimba told him that the Granville County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board distribute a designated portion of county funds to municipalities, non-profits, and other community groups, but that funds have already been distributed to municipalities for the year. The remainder of the recreation funding is for non-municipalities and Ms. Onyirimba mentioned that a community group could apply for funding for various recreation programs. This citizen also stated that Stovall would love to have an indoor recreation facility as well, to include basketball courts and rooms for different activities, such as the arts and senior recreation.

Another citizen, who also happens to work for the town of Stovall, agreed that Stovall Park needs to be expanded and that it is utilized frequently on a daily basis. She stated that there needs to be additional amenities that cater to adults, not just children, and that the track located at the park is a great step in this direction. She stated that the county needs to expend its recreation funding in more underserved areas, particularly, in the northern portion of county, which doesn't have the population and steady stream of revenue that Oxford and the southern portion of the county has. She also stated that she felt that the proposed project at the GAP, Phase III, including the tennis courts, was a good idea.

Citizen Recommendations

Citizens repeatedly commented on the need for more recreation amenities for adults, stating that most of the recreation in the county caters to children between the ages of 5-15. One of the citizens mentioned the desire of the local senior center in Stovall to utilize the Stovall Park for walking and that expanding the park would be beneficial due to increased use. The meeting closed with Ms. Onyirimba asking citizens to participate in a group exercise, called image preference ranking, in which they were asked to choose their top three choices out of a poster of several recreation categories. They were asked to choose which facility they would like to see most in the county, particularly those which are currently not in the county. The recreational facilities in which the citizens were to choose from were outdoor gathering spaces, playgrounds for all ages, court type recreation, and trails and paths. The top three choices of citizens were outdoor gathering spaces, playground equipment for older children/adults, and playground equipment for young children, including those who are handicapped. Mr. McFadden and Ms. Onyirimba emphasized the desire of the county to assist Stovall in any way possible regarding recreational opportunities and that the county has also given much consideration to providing recreation programs as well.

Granville County Parks and Recreation Public Meeting

Meeting Minutes

4/7/2016

Oak Hill EMS, Oak Hill Township, NC

5-7pm

Present:

County Staff: Banita Onyirimba

Advisory Board Members: Jimmy Williams

4 Citizens

Introduction

Banita Onyirimba discussed the purpose of the meeting and that it was being held so that citizens could learn more about parks and recreation in their county, express their concerns and recommendations, and to hear about the county applying for the PARTF application. She mentioned that the county is currently applying for the PARTF grant for the 3rd phase of recreational amenities at the GAP, which includes tennis courts, picnic shelters, and additional playground equipment, including some which are handicap-accessible. She also stated that this will be the final phase of new amenities at the GAP and that the county hopes to focus on adding amenities to the northern and southern portions of the county.

Public Concerns

Ms. Onyirimba performed a strength and weaknesses exercise with the attendees in which she had them to list both aspects of parks and recreation in the county. Citizens felt that the strengths of parks and recreation, particularly at the GAP, were the numerous recreation amenities available, particularly for children. They also mentioned how much they enjoy the walking trails and the fact that they are always readily available.

Regarding the weaknesses of parks and recreation facilities in the county, citizens felt that there needed to be additional amenities in the northern part of the county, particularly Oak Hill. Citizens desire more recreation facilities for seniors and children as well, and they felt that an indoor recreation facility would be a great asset as well for the community. They mentioned that the proposed project at the GAP, including picnic shelters, tennis courts, volleyball courts, and playground equipment was great because they felt that picnic shelters and playground equipment was somewhat limited at the GAP.

Citizen Recommendations

As with the public meeting in Stovall, citizens repeatedly commented on the need for more recreational amenities for adults, stating that the current focus is primarily on young children. The meeting closed with Ms. Onyirimba asking citizens to participate in a group exercise called image preference ranking, in which they were asked to choose their top three choices out of a poster of several recreation categories. They were asked to choose which facility they would like to see most in the county, particularly those which are currently not in the county. The recreational facilities in which the citizens were to choose from were outdoor gathering spaces, playgrounds for all ages, court type recreation, and trails and

paths. The top three choices of citizens were outdoor gathering spaces, playground equipment for older children/adults, and walking trails. Ms. Onyirimba thanked everyone for their participation and emphasized the desire of the county to provide quality recreation facilities to the entire county.

Appendix E- Minutes from 2017 Parks and Recreation Public Meeting on the GAP Phase III in Oxford

Granville County Parks and Recreation Public Meeting

Meeting Minutes

4/4/2017

Thornton Library, Oxford, NC

5-7pm

Present:

Commissioner: Sue Hinman

County Staff: Charla Duncan

Advisory Board Members: Betty Lou Davis

24 Citizens

This public input meeting was held to update county residents on the Phase III expansion project at the Granville Athletic Park, as well as to notify residents of the plan to pursue the 2017 PARTF grant. The meeting was floating, allowing residents to look at conceptual site plans, budget outlines, funding goals, county recreation survey results, and county demographics and recreation maps. Citizens were provided comment cards as well. The following comments were submitted:

- Fitness “stations” would be great; court layout great; so appreciative of all the hard work and what the “GAP” will be
- Concern about volleyball near horseshoes stakes; don’t recommend fence around volleyball
- So excited to have tennis courts!!! Thank you!
- Noticed that the plan includes 2 courts with lights. Can planning include any pre-wiring necessary to light the other courts as a cost saving long-term?
- Please consider using some of the water conservation methods for the parking lot that have been implemented at the new NCMA lot in Raleigh-planted swales for stormwater run off, plenty of trees in the lot to absorb run off etc- Thanks!
- Like the plans! Hope we can afford it. We do really need tennis courts to meet the demand of this area.
- I am so excited about the support we are getting from the county. OCTA has been trying for several years to grow tennis interest and finally, it’s working
- Fundraising events to help with costs; mini picnic areas for family evening events; swimming pools; tennis courts; bike lanes on trails; community survey to prioritize what citizens would like to see and be done

Other questions/comments raised that were not submitted via comment cards included:

- Can there be lights on all the tennis courts? How will this affect the nearby residential property?
- Will there be fencing around the park or around the nearby residential property?
- Will there be fencing around the tennis courts?

- Several questions about funding and fundraising opportunities
- Some discussion about pickleball
- One resident asked why not cut the project at \$500,000 and just build the tennis courts
- Questions about the timeline of construction
- A suggestion to put a gate on Jonesland Road like there is at the main entrance to the park off Belltown Road
- A request to paint a bicycle lane on the paved trails

Appendix F- 2011 Granville Athletic Park Site Specific Master Plan

Granville Athletic Park Site Specific Master Plan

Updated April 2017

Overview

Granville County has updated the Granville Athletic Park Site Specific Master Plan due to numerous changes since the park's creation in 1998. The park has become a state-of-the-art facility offering several recreational opportunities. This Site Specific Master Plan will ensure that the park continues to meet the needs of citizens while staying true to its original heritage as the Jonesland Environmental Preserve.

Site Analysis

General Characteristics

The site, which is located at 4615 Belltown Road approximately one mile from the I-85/Highway 15 intersection, is a gently rolling property with a variety of vegetative types. The site consists of both open and woodland areas. Trails meander throughout woodland areas and around various ball fields.

Natural Features

Slopes, Landform

The site is formed by a ridgeline that runs north/south from Belltown Road. This ridge, which is at elevation 490, provides a broad open area of relatively flat terrain over much of the site. Approximately 75% of the site consists of slopes of less than 5%. These gentle slopes can easily be developed with roads, infrastructure and active recreation facilities.

This large open ridgeline is drained by a draw that runs through the site to the south, where it empties into a drainage pipe under Belltown Road. The elevations along this draw are 470-460; thus there is +/- 25' of elevation change on the site. Slopes along this draw, which steepen to 5 – 10%, are suitable for most recreation activities, although development of athletic fields have required somewhat more grading.

Vegetation

The site offers a wide variety of vegetative types, which in turn provide a variety of settings for both active and passive recreation. Much of the flat ridgeline runs through 9-10 acres that were previously open farm fields. These fields provide valuable habitat for both plants and wildlife, and offer opportunities for environmental education programs.

Wooded areas of the site generally fall into three categories. There are several areas of mature pine/hardwood mix. These areas are generally found on the upland slopes and provide a heavy canopy of pines with an under-story growth of mixed (oak, hickory) hardwoods. Along the lowlands, the tree cover changes to more mature hardwoods of wetland varieties. A third woodland community of young pine (16' – 20' height) is found on the knoll at the rear of the property. These pines have established themselves over the past 10 – 15 years, and are the least valuable (from a recreational standpoint) of all vegetative types.

Soils

Soils are a defining element of this site. Facility layout is dictated by the location of soils along with finding areas within these soils which provide the best carrying capacity. The site is generally comprised of Vance Helena soils with a vein of Chewacla/Wehadkee soils following the creek which runs through the center of the site. The Helena sandy loams and Vance sandy loams are suitable for most recreation activity. The Chewacla/Wehadkee soils, which are associated with wet lowland areas, are limited in their capacity for recreation use due to wetness and flooding. Evidence of jurisdictional wetlands in this area limits uses to trails/boardwalks and interpretive activities.

The soils found on the site have limitations with regard to their ability to support infrastructure. Helena sandy loams, which are moderately well-drained soils with high shrink swell potential, are typically not well-suited for urban uses due to wetness and shrink swell characteristics. Careful placement of building sites and septic facilities can allow some development of these soils. The Vance sandy loams are well-drained soils with moderate shrink swell potential. As with the Helena sandy loams, careful placement of buildings, septic facilities and parking areas is required in areas of this soil type.

Historic Features

Granville County has preserved two structures that existed on a farm prior to the park's construction. There is an old tobacco barn located near the entrance which is used for storage. The site also contains a fenced family cemetery that is partially surrounded by woodlands. Granville County is proud to preserve such reminders of the County's strong agricultural heritage.

Man-made Features

Access

The site is located on Belltown Road, approximately one mile from Highway 15 and I-85. The site is readily accessible from central and southern Granville County. The site's close proximity to I-85 allows easy access from neighboring counties and Virginia, offering opportunities for drawing non-county residents to visit the park. There are two entrances to the park from Belltown Road.

Zoning

The site is currently zoned AR 40 (Agricultural/Residential). Both outdoor and indoor recreation uses are permitted in this zoning classification. Park and recreation facilities developed within this zone are subject to limited review by the Land Use Administrator. As stated in Granville County's Land Development Ordinance, outdoor recreation uses do not interfere with neighborhood character, and uses which generate traffic volume must be on roadways adequate to carry the additional traffic.

Surrounding Land Use

Surrounding land use is primarily rural/agricultural. The majority of the land immediately surrounding the park site is currently being farmed or wooded. Even with this rural surrounding land use, there are several residences within close proximity. Only one residence borders the site, but it is buffered by numerous trees.

Utilities

Currently no domestic water or public sanitary sewer serves the site. The closest domestic water is available from an 8" water main along the east side of I-85. Likewise, the closest access to public sanitary sewer is a sanitary sewer pump station located just east of I-85. The location of these utilities would require extension of water and sewer lines for 3,000-4,000 linear feet.

Purpose of Granville Athletic Park

The site of the park was originally planned to be a hazard waste incinerator for the State until public opposition led to the creation of Jonesland Environmental Preserve. Upon further consideration, the name Granville Athletic Park was chosen to reflect the active forms of recreation that were destined to take place at the site. During the planning phases, emphasis was placed on designing a park with a variety of activities on existing open areas while minimizing clearing of trees. Since that time, the park has proven to be an asset to the citizens by providing a variety of facilities for both passive and active forms of recreation.

The park has remained true to its original heritage as a nature preserve by its environmentally friendly maintenance program, which includes minimal clear-cutting and organically maintained ball fields in Phase I. Kiosks are interspersed throughout the park to describe the numerous natural species. The park has also been used as a research subject for graduate students who are learning about organic park maintenance practices. The County welcomes such opportunities to promote environmental education.

Facilities & Amenities- Phase I and II

Phase I and II of the Granville Athletic Park consists of the following facilities and amenities:

- 2 ½ Soccer Fields
- 2 Baseball/Softball Fields (regulation-size)
- 2 Multi-Purpose Fields (lighted)
- Practice Field
- Pavilion
- Amphitheater
- Splash Pad
- Picnic Shelter
- Walking Trails
- Meeting Room
- Restrooms
- Maintenance Shed

The public utilizes most of the aforementioned facilities throughout the year except for the Splash Pad which is open during the summer. Various athletic leagues utilize the soccer fields and multi-purpose fields on a regular basis. The Sports Pavilion has been used for basketball games and events such as local arts and jazz festivals. The Amphitheater is used by Granville Little Theater, and children are often found playing there when it is not formally scheduled.

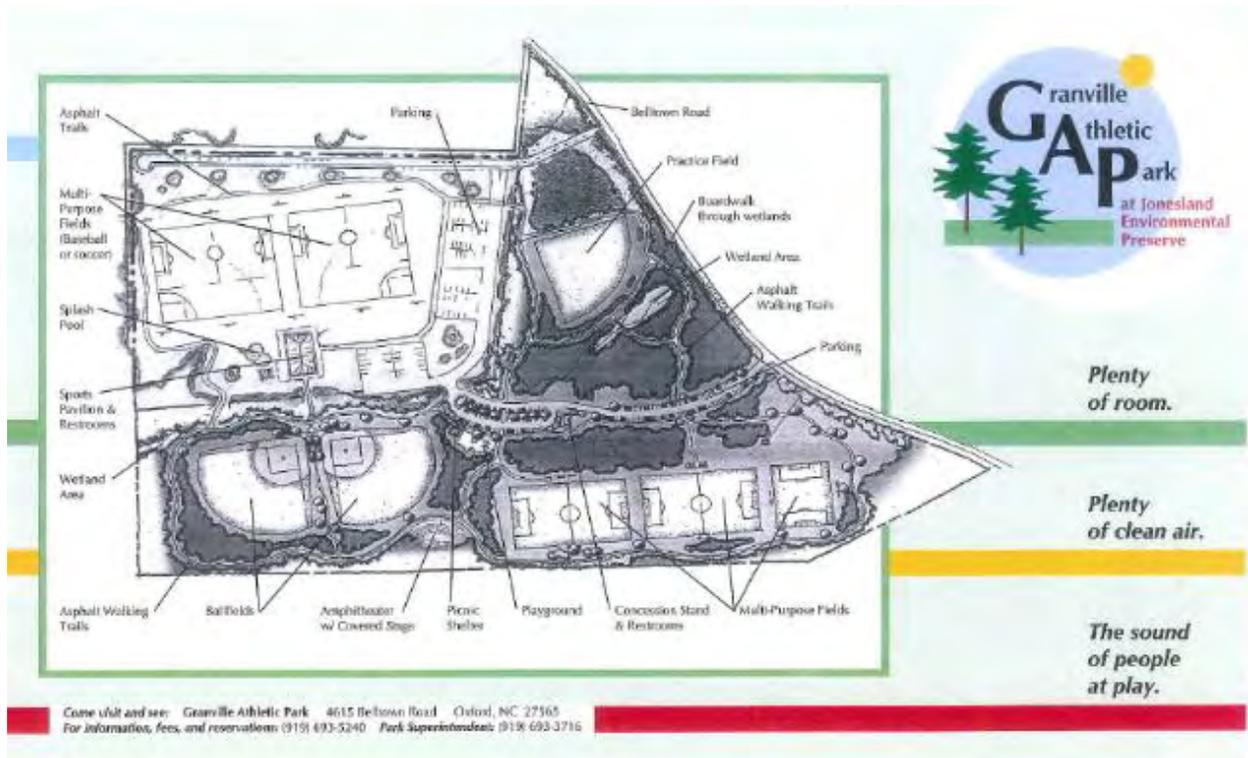


Figure 1 Phase I and II of the GAP.

Facilities & Amenities-

Future Phase III

In 2013, Granville County acquired 12.44 acres of land adjacent to Phases I and II of the existing Granville Athletic Park across Jonestown Road. In 2016, Granville County approved of an expansion to the Granville Athletic Park to include the 12.44 acres of acquired land.

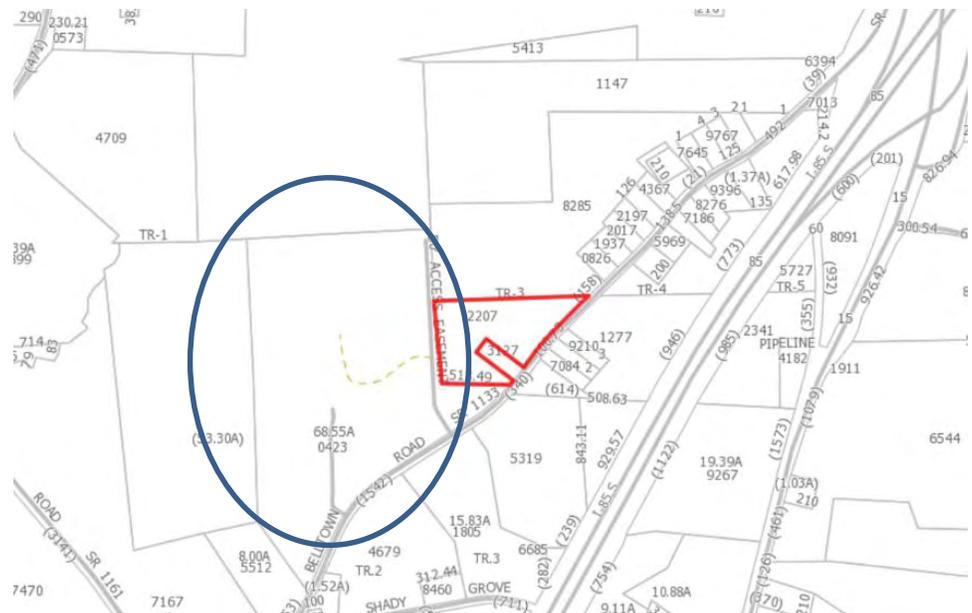


Figure 2 Phase I and II circled in blue; Phase III outline in red.

Project Costs of the Phase III Expansion (as of April 2017)

Project Elements (Include specific units - sizes, numbers, lengths, etc. - for each item.)	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Item Cost
Building and/or Renovating Costs			
Open Activity Space	Lump Sum	\$3,500	\$3,500
Picnic Shelter/Rest Room	Lump Sum	\$148,000	\$148,000
Playground equipment with engineered wood fiber (accessible surfacing, accessible swings, inclusive play equipment); installation	Lump Sum	\$30,000	\$30,000
Volley Ball Courts (2)	Lump Sum	\$7,000	\$7,000
Sports Lighting	Lump Sum	\$35,000	\$35,000
Horseshoe Pits (3)	Lump Sum	\$2,200	\$2,200
¼ Mile Paved Fitness Trail	1,320 LF	\$25/LF	\$33,000
Tennis Courts (4-6)	Lump Sum	\$463,000	\$463,000
Site Amenities (trash cans, signs, benches, picnic tables)	Lump Sum	\$8,000	\$8,000
Parking Lot (49 spaces)	Lump Sum	\$48,300	\$48,300
Site Preparation (clearing, grading, and erosion control)	4 acres	\$3,000	\$12,000
Utilities (water, sewer, and electric)	Lump Sum	\$10,000	\$10,000
Cost to Build or Renovate			\$800,000
Contingency for the Cost of Building / Renovating			
Contingency (not to exceed 5% of the cost to build or renovate)	5%	\$40,000	\$40,000
Planning and Incidental Land Acquisition Costs			
Construction management, site planning, preliminary design, survey and appraisals, or the cost of preparing the application (not to exceed 20% of the cost of the project)	20%	\$160,000	\$160,000
Total Project Cost			\$1,000,000

Input from the Public: 2015-2017

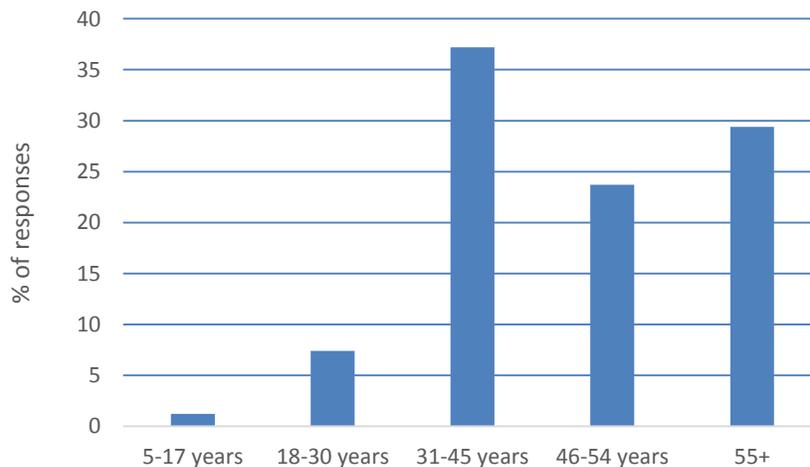
For several years, public surveys have been a valuable tool in the creation of a comprehensive parks and recreation master plan for Granville County. The survey software program, SurveyGismo was utilized in conducting the 2015 Comprehensive Recreation Survey and the county received an overwhelming amount of participation, with close to 900 citizens responding. The survey was made available in paper format and online and was advertised in two local newspapers, on the county website, tourism development board’s Facebook page, and through the disbursement of flyers all of the county. Paper versions of the survey were distributed to the local libraries in Oxford, Stovall, and Creedmoor, to the town halls and recreation departments in Oxford, Creedmoor, Butner, and Stovall, and to various community organizations. The following information provides highlights of the major findings of the survey concerning participants’ demographics, facility offerings, and future development. A copy of the survey questions can be found in the Granville County Comprehensive Recreation Master Plan.

Survey Highlights

- Approximately 71% of survey respondents were female
- Almost 40% of survey respondents live outside of the city limits
- Recreation amenities such as **walking trails, picnic shelters, baseball/softball fields, swimming pools, and tennis courts** were in the top five of amenities that respondents felt strongly about being built in the county
- 71.5% of survey respondents exercise at least 3 days or more a week, which shows that many in our community are very active

The following graphs give an overview of the survey results as well and show information pertaining to the ages of survey respondents, distribution of respondents within the county, most desired facilities in the county, and current recreation activities that most respondents participate in.

Figure 1: Age Groups of Responders



In comparing the percentage of survey responses to the percentage of the population by age in the county in Figure 1 above, there is a similar distribution for most age groups. While the response rate was lower for teens and young adults below the age of 30, the response rate was overwhelming for those in the 31-45 age group and the 55 and over age group as well.

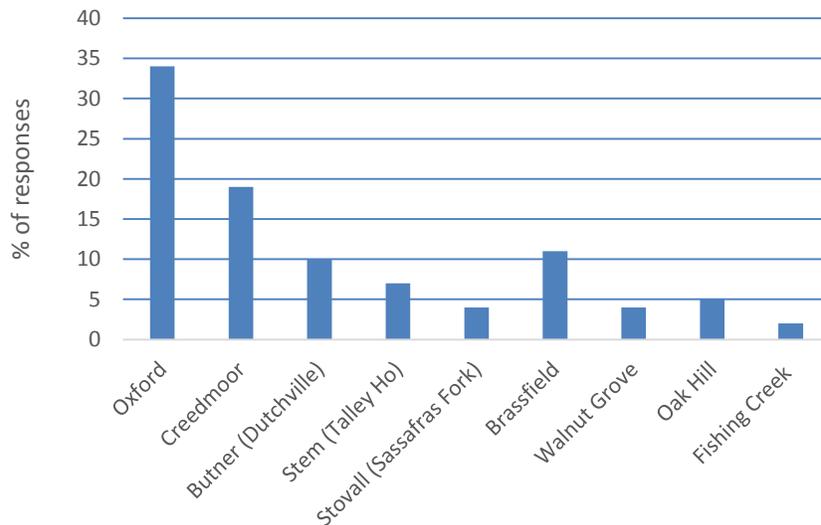
Individuals who are 55 and over were the second largest survey response group, comprising 29% of the total survey responders. The survey shows baby boomers and retired individuals are seeking additional recreation opportunities.

The response rates of the survey shows the great level of interest in recreation from those with children in the household. The percentage of respondents with children in the household was quite significant:

- 126 respondents have one or more children in the house between the ages of 0-4
- 206 respondents have one or more children in the house between the ages of 5-9
- 255 respondents have one or more children in the house between the ages of 10-14
- 204 respondents have one or more children in the house between the ages of 15-19

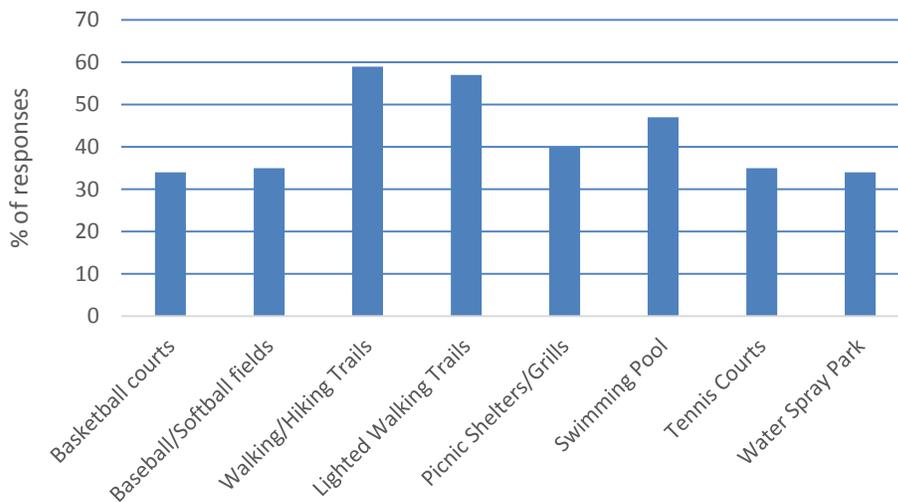
Figure 2 shows the percentage of survey responses from the municipalities and townships in Granville County. Due to it being the largest municipality in the county, Oxford had the largest response rate, followed by Creedmoor and the township of Brassfield.

Figure 2: Location of Survey Responders



Understanding the needs of the public regarding the recreation amenities that they would like to see built in the county is an important aspect of the comprehensive master plan and plays a central role in future parks and recreation planning. The figure below shows the offerings of recreation facility types or amenities that survey responders strongly agreed should be built in Granville County.

Figure 3: Amenities that Responders Strongly Agree Should be Built in County



In the Granville County Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan there is a copy of the survey results from SurveyGismo, which goes into great detail about the various opinions of citizens throughout the county as it pertains to parks and recreation facilities. Many citizens expressed their enthusiasm regarding the recreation amenities that the county provides at the GAP, but they were also very vocal about their desire to see additional recreation facilities that meet the needs of a growing population.

Public Meetings

The County held public meetings for recreational input in 2008, 2011, April 2016, and most recently in April 2017. Initially, meetings were held in each township. Attendance was low, ranging from 2-10 attendees per location. The attendance was expected to be higher due to newspaper advertisements, a website notice, and flyers posted in various locations throughout each township and municipality.

As expected, citizens at the township meetings in 2008 indicated an interest in seeing more recreational opportunities. Most of the citizens were not representing a specific organization except the meeting in Butner, where at least one citizen explicitly represented South Granville Athletic Association. Suggestions included playgrounds, picnic shelters, walking trails, and facilities for basketball and soccer. The idea of community mini-parks was mentioned in some townships, including more rural areas like Berea. The minutes from these meetings can be found in the 2008 Master Plan update in Appendix C.

Another public interest meeting was conducted in September 2011 at Granville Athletic Park to discuss the park's strengths as well as any changes/improvements that citizens would like to see. The citizens were pleased to have a park of high caliber in the County, citing strengths such as cleanliness and the centralized location. The results of this meeting are in the Granville County Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan.

An example of how parks and recreation have changed since 2008 can be found in the Oak Hill Township, which along with Stovall, are in the northern portion of the county. During the public interest meeting, citizens expressed dismay about the asbestos at the playground at Joe Toler Oak Hill Elementary School. Fortunately, a new playground was installed a few years later. This was good news for the 35% of survey respondents from Oak Hill Township who further expressed a need for playgrounds during the 2008 survey.

The public meetings held in March and April 2016 took place in Stovall and the Oak Hill area. As with previous public meetings, flyers advertising the meetings were distributed throughout the northern portion of the county, included on the county website, and was advertised in the local newspaper. Attendance at the Stovall and Oak Hill public meetings, while rather low, provided the opportunity for meaningful conversation regarding what recreation amenities citizens would like to see in the county. The citizens who attended both meetings expressed their appreciation for the recreation amenities that the county provides at the GAP and were excited to hear about the proposed Phase III expansion of the park, but also expressed a desire to see additional recreation facilities in the northern portion of the county. Minutes from the 2016 public input meetings can be found in the Granville County Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan.

The public meeting in April 2017 was held in Oxford at the Thornton Library and specifically addressed the Phase III expansion of the Granville Athletic Park. Of the twenty-five members of the public that attended the floating meeting, a majority were in favor of the Phase III expansion. Minutes and other documentation from that meeting can be found in the Granville County Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan.

In addition to the public meetings, county staff met with multiple civic groups to discuss the Phase III project. In April 2016, staff met with and received support for the project from the Oxford Rotary Club. County staff met again with the Oxford Rotary in November of 2016 to update members on the Phase III project, and to speak specifically on inclusive recreation at the Granville Athletic Park. County staff also met multiple times with the Oxford Community Tennis Association in 2016 and 2017. Staff presented on Phase III to the South Granville Athletic Association, the Granville County Veterans Affairs Committee, the Granville County United Way, and the Granville County Chamber of Commerce in 2016-2017 as well.

Input from the Public: 2011

Despite the numerous facilities available, the County continuously strives to improve the park based on feedback from citizens. Information from the public has been derived from public meetings, surveys, and comments from meetings with the Recreation Advisory Committee.

Public Meetings

(Minutes from the 2011 public meetings can be found in the Granville County Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan.)

Granville County staff conducted a public interest meeting in September 2011 to discuss recreational needs specifically located at Granville Athletic Park. Seven people of varying demographics attended this meeting. County staff asked the attendees to list strengths of the park as well as any changes or improvements they would like to see.

The citizens at the public meeting listed the following strengths of the park:

- Clean, beautiful, well-maintained
- Enjoy trails, can make own jogging routes
- Enjoy baseball fields
- Variety of activities for all ages
- Safe
- Allows bicycle riding
- Family-oriented
- People like soccer
- Do not have to call a lot of numbers to reserve facilities (like before)
- I-85 access, Wal-Mart nearby
- More variety than other parks

Citizens at the public meeting were also asked for ideas to change or improve the park:

- Swimming pool
 - To draw attention to the eyes of taxpayers to generate revenue and publicity
 - Teach personal safety, diving, hydrodynamics, competition, lifetime fitness, and rescue techniques to avoid drowning; help people with therapy and disabilities.
- Small tennis court
- Jazz concerts
- Bike lanes
- Small picnic tables in secluded areas
- Lights on trails, maybe solar
- WiFi
 - The County Manager explained that Time Warner Cable does not provide service at this location, but as of January 2012, installation is in progress.
- Reserve facility with credit cards
 - The County Manager told attendees that this service is coming soon.
- Reunion website
 - Citizen noted that it is free to enroll on this website as a location for family reunions, and it would be good to offer hotel information.
- Potential changes after local high school stops using the fields next year
 - Examples include removing the permanent mounds, and converting one of the fields to a softball field.
- Comprehensive marketing and communications effort

- Obtain schedules of civic and community groups
- Partner with the Army and National Guard to hold sessions (including fitness)
- Monthly/Quarterly dances when weather permits
 - Obtain schedules of civic and community groups
- Various festivals
 - Such as the multi-cultural fairs that reach out to the community
- Recruit other industries to hold activities such as 5k races
- Review fees
- Smaller playground equipment
 - For example, provide equipment for ages 2-5 years
- Wheelchair access and activities for people with disabilities
 - Citizen expressed an appreciation for being sensitive to such needs and that anything should be done to give them opportunities
- Access to basketball hoops at Pavilion
 - Citizens expressed divergent views as to whether or not the hoops should stay down. County staff expressed that it is a rental facility, but arrangements can sometimes be made for younger children to play.

Survey

Granville County conducted a survey in 2008 to solicit citizens’ input about recreational needs. While questions were not specifically geared toward this park, the results were analyzed based on total County responses as well as township geographic distribution. Granville Athletic Park is located in the Fishing Creek Township in close proximity to the Oxford and Tally Ho Townships, which indicates that Granville Athletic Park is within relatively easy access to 35.29% of the population as indicated below:

	% of County Population
Fishing Creek Township	13.63%
Oxford Township	12.39%
Tally Ho Township	9.27%
Total	35.29%

The respondents in these townships overwhelmingly chose “Walking” as the #1 current recreational activity for their households. “Playgrounds” ranked in the Top 3 for current activity in these townships. Yet, “Walking” and “Playgrounds” ranked in the Top 5 for activities/facilities that respondents would like to see provided in these townships, indicating that there is still a high demand. Another commonality among the townships included “Fishing” in the Top 5 current activities, but only the Fishing Creek Township ranked “Fishing” in the Top 5 activities they would like to see provided, indicating that Tally Ho and Oxford Townships are content with their current offerings. “Swimming” also ranked in the Top 5 for both current and preferred activities.

Recreation Advisory Committee Ideas and Concerns

Granville County's Recreation Advisory Committee regularly asks for reports regarding the number of people utilizing the facilities, as well as the condition of facilities and equipment. While the park has proven to be a popular location, the Committee is dedicated to ensuring the park's success. During the Committee's September 2011 meeting, there was discussion about ensuring that the facility meets the latest ADA guidelines, as well as the possibility of adding more activities.

Recreational Infrastructure Needs:

Phase III

As of March 2017, the 12.44 acres intended for the Phase III expansion of the Granville Athletic Park is wooded and undeveloped. Much of the wooded area contains a variety of hardwood and conifer species trees through which the fitness trails will wind. Tree species consists predominately of maples, oaks, hickories, cedars, native hollies, pines typical of an uplands hardwood environment. Wildlife consists of small mammals such as rabbits, squirrels, opossums, raccoons, a variety of birds and occasionally deer. There is no known presence of rare or endangered plants or animal species within the project area.

Granville Athletic Park Expansion, Phase III
Belltown Rd (Parcel # 20510)
Oxford, NC 27565
Latitude/ Longitude: 36° 15' 52"N/ 78° 37' 10"W





Figure 5 Phase III site plan

A scoping request was submitted to the NC State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) regarding the redevelopment of the subject site for a recreation facility. According to the SHPO review, there are no known archaeological or historical sites of significance that may be affected by the proposed project. As of March 17, no ground disturbance or site clearing

permitting has been requested or granted in connection with the proposed park property; however, since we are close to an acre of disturbed land to construct the park an Erosion Control Permit will be submitted to NCDENR Division of Water Quality (DWQ). No utilities exist on the site. The natural and paved trails will be 1,320 feet with a width of 6 feet.

2011 Recreational Infrastructure Needs: Phase I and II (with 2017 updates)

The Granville County Parks & Grounds Department conducted the following assessment during September 2011. It should be noted that very few large-scale facilities can be added due to a lack of space and the need to preserve wooded areas. As a result, recommendations should be based upon whether current facilities are adequate. Most of the facilities should continue to be used for their intended purposes, although there is a potential exception noted below for the Phase I Baseball Fields. The recommendations are based on expert observations and general feedback from park attendees. 2017 updates on the recommendations from 2011 are in italics:

Phase I Soccer Fields: The fields are in fair shape. Some areas have been repaired that were low or bare and there are a lot of weeds due to the fact that it is an organic field. Recommendations: Increase Best Management Practices for organic fields and maintain the fields with an organic fertilizer, install lights for the field, and update score boards.

2017 Update: *The Phase I soccer fields are in good shape. There are 2 low lying areas on the back side of fields 2 and 3 (near the sidelines) that hold water after long periods of rain or a heavy down pour. The park staff works those 2 areas every year with sand and compost to help with the drainage. It is a rare event to miss a game because of standing water. The weeds are 99 percent gone due to good cultural practices through aeration (April through Sept), fertilization, and cutting the Bermuda grass low as possible with a new reel mower purchased in*

2013. There are no lights on the fields yet; the scoreboards are working, but need updating. The park has placed turf mats in goal mouths of 6 goals for the 3 fields (to keep holes from developing in field). This has been a very successful addition.

Recommendations for the future: Lights on fields, update scoreboards, and clean out a small wooded area that drops sweet gum balls on fields and allows little sunlight in fall and winter.

Phase I Baseball Fields: The fields are in good shape. Some areas have bare spots in the outfield but the infields are in great shape. **Recommendations:** Install a wind screen across the fence and a fence top cover around Field 1 & 2. Turn one field into a tournament style baseball field and one field into an adult softball field to accommodate high demand.

2017 Update: Windscreens and safety capping have been added to fields 1 and 2. Bermuda grass infields have been installed on both fields to make both available for high school use, tournament use, and showcase use as well. Irrigation has also been installed on both infields. Trees have been added to the outside of outfield fences on both fields. Giant cypress trees will grow to approximately 20' tall to give the space a "cozy" baseball field look. The trees have grown approximately 6 feet in one year. New foul poles were installed in 2016 on both fields. Park staff cut trees down in the left field (57 pine trees) to allow sunlight to get to areas in left field; this keeps winter kill from occurring every year. The staff planted ornamental trees to replace pine trees. There are no more bare spots in outfields and the Bermuda grass is thick every season. Park staff has over seeded with winter rye grass each year since 2014 to help protect the Bermuda grass. Park staff does a top dress each year with sand or compost. From 2011 to 2014, there were a total of 5 adult softball games played. The demand was not high, but high school and tournament/showcase baseball was in demand. Since 2014 there have been hundreds of practices and games played on the 2 baseball fields. There are now 2 high schools and 2 middle schools that play their games at the GAP in the spring of every season. Three different baseball organizations use both fields for tournaments/showcase each year until November. The park has added a batting cage and 2 bullpen mounds for warm ups and practices. A fifty foot flagpole was added to display the US flag between the 2 fields in 2015.

Recommendations for the future: Turn both backstops into fan friendly/safer use by taking both chain link backstops out and installing a brick backstop (2' high) with netting on top that goes 20' high. This brick backstop will add beauty to both fields as well. Also, for safety, install a cover for bleachers on the 1st base side of field 1 and 3rd base side of field 2 to keep fans protected from foul balls.

Phase II Multi-Purpose Fields: The fields are in good shape with a few weeds and a few low spots. The fields need some laser grading. The infields need to have a better infield mix on them and be laser graded. **Recommendations:** Redo the infields on 3 & 4, install scoreboards, install a 210 ft. permanent fence for baseball and softball on fields 3 & 4 and install a split-rail or chain-link fence along Jonesland Road to prevent vehicles from doing doughnuts on the fields.

2017 Update: *The multi-purpose fields are in great shape with no weeds due to good agricultural practices and a good fertilization program. Low spots no longer exist because of top dressing and moving dirt to the low spots. Infields have been redone to add Bermuda grass; an irrigation system has also been added to those infields. The demand for tournament style baseball is at an all-time high and these 2 fields accommodate that need. Each field had a 200' fence installed in 2012. In 2014 wind screen and safety capping was also added to the outfield fence. In 2014 two batting cages were installed to give players a warm-up area and more places to practice. In 2016 eighty-four Nelly Stevens Holly trees were installed behind the 2 fields to separate the 2 fields from the youth soccer fields. These trees will grow to be 20' high. After year one of planting they are about 4-5' high. In 2015 over 100 Crepe Myrtles were added along Jonesland Road to keep vehicles off the fields and add beauty to the park. In 2016 one 40' flagpole and two 35' flagpoles were installed to display the US, NC, and Granville County flags.*

Recommendations for the future: *Add a sand/clay mix to infield to give it a more consistent blend for the future (like on field 1 and 2). Add scoreboards to each field. Turn backstops into more fan friendly/safer use (as recommended for field 1 and 2).*

Practice Field: The practice field is in poor shape due to no grass and unused batting cages.

Recommendations: Start over by removing baseball back stops and turning the field into a well-maintained soccer field. A water source would need to be added to do this and either sprig or seed the field. This would also increase the cost of supplies and material needed to maintain the area.

2017 Update: *The practice field has been totally reconfigured since 2011. Dirt was added to make a smooth skinned infield for high school and middle school softball play. The field also accommodates local league play, as well as tournament play. The dirt was recycled from field 1 and 2 from installation of infield grass. A 225' fence was installed in 2016, as was a wind screen and safety capping. Leyland cypress trees were planted along the outfield fence that will grow to 25' high. Currently, the trees are about 4' high. All outfield grass is Bermuda and it is over seeded each year with winter rye grass. The grass is aerated and fertilized each year just as fields 1, 2, 3, and 4 are done. The park now calls this area field 5.*

Recommendations for the future: *Add a batting cage to accommodate practice use and warm-ups before games. Add lights to maximize the field's use. Add more dirt in to infield to keep up with fields 1, 2, 3, and 4. A high school and middle school softball team along with local league (North Granville Athletic Association) use the field daily during the spring. Baseball tournaments are played on field 5 on the weekends. Add dugout fencing to players' bench area as well.*

Amphitheater: Amphitheater is in great shape but needs a little attention on some loose boards.

Recommendations: There is a well nearby, so it would be nice to get it set up for a non-drinkable water source that would allow us to supply water at the theater for pressure washing and irrigations.

2017 Update: *The Bermuda grass in the seating area is maintained at the level all the Bermuda fields are (with the exception of half the fertilization rate). All seats and stage/structural area are in great shape. The original stone wall is in great shape. The steps (also made of stone) are starting to "peel" away and are very difficult to keep in place.*

Recommendations: Make the steps to the stage a brick structure or a more sturdy type of structure done by brick masons as to have no "peeling" or chipping away.

Pavilion: The Pavilion is in good shape with some wear and tear from rentals. Also, there are some stress fractures on the concrete surface that need some attention. **Recommendations:** Repair cracks in concrete area, remove carpet in rental room and install hard surface flooring, find a net or some solution to keep birds from nesting under the pavilion.

Splash Pad: The Splash Pad is in good shape and needs a little work on the grass. **Recommendations:** Plant a warm season turf grass that is better for the foot traffic, and convert the chemical system to a salt water system for fewer chemical issues.

2017 Update: *Grass issues are resolved; there are no bare spots. Park staff has had no trouble with chemical system being used. Chlorine costs about \$110/season.*

Recommendations: *Park staff would not recommend a salt water system.*

Playground: The Playground is in fair shape and needs some updating. **Recommendations:** Add a toddler section with playground equipment for 2 to 5 year olds, add swings, and install a better ADA approved playing surface.

Trails: The trails are in good shape with some areas suffering from root damage. **Recommendations:** Remove the roots beside the trails by trenching methods with a ditch witch, remove and replace damaged areas with asphalt, and seal coat all the trails.

2017 Update: *Root system has been installed and 90 percent of trails are very smooth. Seal coating occurs every year.*

Picnic Shelter: The Picnic Shelter is in very good shape and could use some new tables. **Recommendations:** Re-stain all the wood surfaces of the shelter every 3 years and add permanent metal picnic tables so the public cannot move or vandalize tables including at least one handicap accessible table. The old tables can be donated or moved to the Pavilion.

Non-Recreational Infrastructure Needs: Phase I and II

Parking: The parking lots are in very good shape, but additional parking would help with the overflow on weekends and weekday evenings from spring to late autumn. **Recommendations:** Seal coat the parking area on the Phase II side and restripe the lines. Install about fifty parking spaces in the grassy area next to the Practice Field.

Restrooms: The restrooms are in average shape although they need some electronic work and painting. **Recommendations:** Continue painting restrooms annually during slow periods. The restrooms in the Phase I area could use some updated lighting with motion sensors with on/off features.

Utilities: The power source and street lights are in good shape. The field lights are in good shape with some bulbs burned out. The water source is from a well system which requires extra money to test and clean. The irrigation is pumped from a pond which is not very efficient since the water is dirty and not good for irrigation control valves and heads. A preliminary engineering report in September 2009 investigated the possibility of utilizing reclaimed water from the City of Oxford's wastewater treatment plant to irrigate fields, but it is too cost-prohibitive to implement at this time. Recommendations: Adapt the field lights to run off remote so turn on/off can be done by phone or internet.

Trash Cans: The trash cans are in average shape. Recommendations: Replace some trash cans and purchase ten additional permanent trash cans for Phase II facilities, especially around the Multi-Purpose Fields.

Recycling: The recycling receptacles are in good condition, although more permanent ones could be used, especially around the soccer fields during large tournaments. Recommendations: Purchase permanent recycling receptacles for the Picnic Shelter, Pavilion/Splash Pad area, Phase I Soccer Fields, and the Multi-Purpose Fields.

2017 Update: *Additional trash cans and recycling bins have been purchased.*

Maintenance Shed/Office: The Maintenance Shed is in good shape, but it is too small. The office is also in good shape. Recommendations: Install a 25' x 35' closed-in shop with electricity and heat along with a pedestrian door as well as a roll-up door. Build another dry storage area so we can park equipment under it instead of leaving it out in the weather. This would require engineered building plans and a building permit.

2017 Update: *Shed has been constructed and houses all mowers, gators, and infield machines; the shed is in great shape.*

Future Capital Improvements

New Facilities & Renovations

There are still opportunities for expansion to meet public demand, many of which will come to fruition in the future Phase III expansion of the park. Based on public input and recommendations from the Recreation Advisory Committee, the Phase III expansion will include accessible playground renovations, a picnic shelter, walking trails, tennis courts, volleyball pits, horseshoe pits, and open play space. These new recreational facilities (and the non-recreational support facilities, i.e. restrooms and parking lot) are anticipated to cost at least \$1,000,000.

The following tables provide the justifications for constructing each facility:

Recreational Facility	Justification
Accessible Playground Renovations	Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) legislation requires compliance with new standards
	Playgrounds rank in Top 3 for currently used facilities, as well as one of the Top 5 facilities that citizens would like to see provided in nearby townships
	Public meeting indicated appreciation of "sensitivity for people with disabilities"
	A local facility brings people with disabilities to the park on a daily basis during weekdays

Recreational Facility	Justification
Picnic Shelter	Current picnic shelter is booked during most weekends between spring and autumn
	Picnicking is rated as one of the Top 5 activities for the entire County, as well as nearby townships (Fishing Creek and Tally Ho)
	Relatively low cost to build compared to other types of park facilities
	Potential source of additional revenue
	Public interest meeting at park indicated an interest in additional picnic locations

Recreational Facility	Justification
Tennis Courts	70 % of 2015 survey respondents want to see tennis courts in Granville County recreation facilities
	Granville County currently does not have any county owned and operated tennis courts
	Compared to neighboring counties and national data, Granville County is under-resourced in the sport of tennis
	Potential source of additional revenue with tournament rentals
	A community organization already exists revolving around tennis; the Oxford Community Tennis Association has committed to hosting more tournaments and clinics if courts are built

Recreational Facility	Justification
Walking Trail	Trails are the highest ranking desired recreational facility in the 2016 survey
	Walking trails have historically been in demand, with the 2008 survey also showing walking as a top recreational activity

Recreational Facility	Justification
Volleyball Courts/Pits	Volleyball ranks in the top 10 of desired recreational facilities in the 2015 survey
	Granville County currently does not have any county owned and operated volleyball courts
	Relatively low cost to build compared to other types of park facilities
	Potential source of additional revenue
	Sand volleyball courts can also double as badminton courts

Other Potential Recreational Renovations

County staff must continuously assess the need for facilities based on changes such as recreational preferences and programmatic adjustments. For example, there was discussion at the aforementioned September 2011 public interest meeting about athletes from Granville Central High School who have utilized the baseball fields for the past few years due to a lack of their own facilities. The school should begin using its own facilities in Year 2013, which means that rental fees for the park will diminish. This anticipated loss in revenue, along with numerous inquiries for adult softball, may result in a change of facility usage, such as converting a baseball field into an adult softball field. This type of conversion would include relocating fences, removing irrigation, sodding, and possibly lighting changes.

Public input has also shown a desire for a toddler playground. 2011 Census data indicates proportionally more children under age 5 in the Fishing Creek Township (7.1%) compared to other townships' distributions of 4.0% to 6.9%. Park staff have observed numerous children (including toddlers and kindergartners) at athletic events and birthday parties. Public interest meetings at park indicated that smaller playground equipment would be useful while not requiring much additional space.

Program Considerations

The Granville County Parks and Grounds Director oversees full-time and part-time staff dedicated to managing the Granville Athletic Park. The Parks and Grounds Director also works with tournament directors, schools, and organizations locally and across the state to schedule use of the fields and other amenities at the Granville Athletic Park. Additionally, Granville County has a Recreation Advisory Committee comprised of seven members (one from each district) to oversee recreational needs in Granville County. While the County does not provide programming in the traditional sense, the Granville County Recreation Advisory Committee has overseen approximately 1.3 million dollars in Granville County funds distributed to municipalities and organizations 2009-2017. These entities provide recreational programming and facilities throughout the County, and many cannot grow or sustain themselves without this funding. Some of these organizations rely on the Granville Athletic Park as their recreation site.

Athletic Programming

Programming at Granville Athletic Park is dependent upon entities that specialize in particular sports. All entities go through scheduling with the Parks and Grounds Director. The Oxford Soccer Club schedules

numerous games and tournaments. North Granville Athletic Association and South Granville Athletic Association schedule numerous baseball and softball games at the ball fields. Local schools utilize the facilities for baseball, softball, soccer, and lacrosse. These entities are responsible for the vast majority of athletic programming at the park. With the tennis facilities in Phase III, the Oxford Community Tennis Association will take a key role in organizing local and tournament games.

Other Recreational Activities

The County has responded to the interest in water-related activities by building the Splash Pad. The County is responsible for the scheduling and daily operation of the Splash Pad during the summer. Some Commissioners have expressed an interest in expanding the Splash Pad in the future. While interest has been expressed for swimming pools, this option is deemed to be too cost-prohibitive, especially when considering that swimming pools are only available for a finite period during the year.

The picnic shelter is a popular location for gatherings such as family reunions and birthday parties. Depending upon cost factors, it may be possible to construct future picnic shelters if the demand remains strong. The Pavilion is an alternative location for these types of activities, but the cost is higher due to the expanded space. As a result, it is not booked as often as the smaller picnic shelter. Various events are also held at the Amphitheater. So far, demand has not exceeded capacity for these venues.

Volunteerism

In an effort to increase volunteerism in Granville County, volunteer projects are encouraged at the Granville Athletic Park. In 2016-2017 a partnership was formed between the County and the Granville County United Way to implement a three-year community focus of inclusive recreation at the GAP. The United Way will use its network of volunteers from funded agencies and corporate partners to take on a diverse array of volunteer projects to diversify recreation opportunities at the GAP.

Environmental Education

Granville Athletic Park is an ideal place for environmental education activities. The County's Cooperative Extension, along with the Forestry Service, began conducting free workshops for young children during 4-H summer camp in 2012. The Parks & Grounds Department will also share information about the environmentally-friendly practices at the park. Youth group leaders will be contacted to encourage attendance of youths from minority groups and youths from economically-disadvantaged backgrounds. Lessons learned from the initial program will be used to improve future education programs.

Marketing

The public interest meetings in 2011 and prior indicated a strong need to market Granville Athletic Park. In 2017, this marketing need remains. Due to the County's role as a facility provider, marketing and programming issues are dependent upon other entities. Public input has indicated an interest in concerts and festivals. The Pavilion has hosted events such as jazz concerts and art festivals while Granville Little Theater has held numerous plays at the Amphitheater. The advertising for such activities is reliant upon the event organizers.

The County can utilize cost-effective forms of advertising through websites and social media. There are websites that provide listings of potential locations for special events, such as the family reunion website mentioned by a citizen at the 2011 public interest meeting. There is no cost to request placement on the website list. Another free advertisement opportunity will occur when the accessible playground is renovated. There are several websites that specifically list “good” parks for children with disabilities, so Granville Athletic Park can be included on such lists. Granville updated its website in 2016 and began a Facebook page in 2016; these will be excellent marketing sources for the park.

A Director position was created for the Granville County Tourism Development Authority in 2012. In 2017, that position is still in existence and crucial to the success of the tourism industry in Granville County. The Granville Athletic Park will benefit from continuing efforts to market recreation as a tourism attraction, as well as a public service and community health facility.

Appendix F: Granville County Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee's Bylaws

Mission

Advance recreation opportunities in Granville County

Functions, Territory and Committee Policy

- Serve in an advisory capacity and make recommendations to the County Commissioners
- The Committee shall be responsible for carrying out the mission, goals, and objectives of the Recreation Advisory Committee and recommendation of the needed services and the preservation of natural resources within the geographical area of Granville County
- Annual goals, meeting schedule and locations will be established and reviewed at the last meeting of the fiscal year
- The Board shall promote the advancement of parks and recreation through collective involvement at the local, state and national levels as appropriate and,
 - Promote public awareness and support of park and recreation services and environmental and natural resource management as these impact parks and recreation
 - Develop, promote and advocate for the public policy for parks and recreation
 - Create or enhance opportunities for citizen, professional, and volunteer development
 - Promote the development and dissemination of the recreational opportunities in Granville County
 - Represent park and recreation development in all areas of Granville County
- Advocate for the allocation of county resources to advance the Committee's mission and goals
- Develop the public's awareness of the importance of parks and recreation programs to the enrichment of Granville County's citizens and natural resources
- Build partnerships to advance the mission

- Maintain sensitivity to the changing needs of the citizens

Article I Powers and Duties

Section 1

The Granville County Recreation Advisory Committee shall serve as an advisory committee to the Granville County Board of Commissioners with powers as set forth by these by-laws adopted by the advisory committee in consultation with the County Manager and the County Commissioners.

Section 2

The Committee shall suggest policies to the County Manager and the County Commissioners. The Committee will serve as liaison between the County Manager and the County Commissioners and the citizens of Granville County. It will also advise in matters affecting recreation policies, programs, finances, the acquisition and disposal of lands and properties related to the county recreation program, open spaces, environmental conservation, and land preservation.

Section 3

The Committee shall assume duties as follows:

- 1) Make recommendations to support supervised recreation provided by a third party/parties not-for-profit(s) for Granville County.
- 2) Make recommendations to set apart for use as parks, playgrounds, recreation centers, water areas, open spaces, or other recreation areas and structures, any lands or buildings owned by or leased to the county.
- 3) Suggest improvements of such lands and for the construction and equipping and staffing of such buildings and structures for use as parks, playgrounds, etc., within the funds allocated to the Committee for Recreation Facilities.
- 4) Provide recommendation and advise County Commissioners:
 - a) acquisition of lands and structures as they relate to recreational purposes
 - b) In the development and maintenance of parks, playgrounds, recreation centers, and all buildings and structures necessary or useful to the function of existing or future recreation endeavors.

Article II Appointment and Composition of the Board

The Board shall be appointed by the County Commissioners and shall consist of seven (7) members, one (1) to be selected for the electoral district of each County Commissioner. Vacancies

occurring for reasons other than the expiration of terms shall be filled as they occur for the remainder of the unexpired terms.

Article III Officers of the Board

Section 1 Nomination and Election of Officers

There shall be a Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary of the Granville County Recreation Advisory Committee.

Nomination of Officers

The nominations for the positions of Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary will be received from among the voting members present at the last meeting of the fiscal year.

Election of Officers

An annual election of the Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary shall be held by the Committee Members and shall occur at the last meeting of the fiscal year.

Section 2 Officer Term

Officers shall serve for one year from election with eligibility for re-election for one additional term. Terms will start at the time of election. In the event an officer's appointment to the Committee is terminated, a replacement to this office shall be elected by the Committee, from its membership, at the meeting following the termination.

Article IV Duties of the Officers

Section 1

Pursuant to NCGS §138A-15 (e): Ethics awareness and conflict reminder. At the beginning of each meeting, any member(s) with a conflict of interest will please identify the conflict and refrain from any participation in the particular matter involved.

Section 2

The Chair shall preside at all meetings and sign all documents relative to action taken by the Committee. The Chair shall appoint all sub-committees including a nominating committee composed of two Committee Members. A nominating committee shall be appointed at least thirty days prior to the last meeting of the fiscal year.

Section 3

When the Chair is absent, the Vice-Chair shall perform the duties of the Chair. When both the Chair and Vice-Chair are absent, the Secretary shall perform the duties of the Chair. In the absence of the Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary, those Committee Members who are present shall select a temporary chair.

Section 4

The Secretary may delegate all or part of the duties to another member or staff but shall be held responsible for the satisfactory accomplishment of the secretarial duties. The Secretary shall communicate to all Committee Members copies of official reports and the official minutes of all regular and special meetings, prior to the next scheduled meeting.

Article V Committees

Section 1

The Executive Committee shall consist of the Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary.

Section 2

The Committee Chairman is authorized to appoint such sub-committees as, in the opinion of the Committee, as needed.

Section 3

Membership of the sub-committees may consist of Committee Members and may consist of community representatives are appointed by the Committee. Each sub-committee will be chaired by a member of the Committee selected by a nomination and vote of the Committee.

Section 4

The Committee Chair shall serve as ex-officio member of all sub-committees and, as such, is notified of the sub-committee meetings.

Article VI Terms and Vacancies

Each member shall be appointed by the county commissioners for a three-year term and reappointed at the discretion of the county commissioners. Initial appointments shall be arranged so that approximately one-third of the terms will expire each year, except for the representatives for the governing body (county commissioners) of the unit who shall serve on the Committee concurring with his/her term of office on the governing body.

Article VII Meetings and Quorum

Official meetings of the committee shall be held on a monthly basis unless determined otherwise by the Committee. The Chair of the Committee or, in her/his absence, the Vice-Chair, may call a special meeting of the Committee at any time by giving each member a 24-hour

notice. Special meetings will be scheduled upon request by four or more Committee voting members. Special meetings may be held in person or by conference call organized by the Secretary. A quorum of the board shall be in attendance before action of an official nature can be taken. A quorum is comprised of active members of the Committee. Any member who has missed more than two consecutive meetings will not count toward quorum. A member's voting status is restored at the next meeting attended. A period of public comment will be made available at each meeting.

Article VIII Attendance of Members

A Committee Member who misses more than three (3) regular meetings in a fiscal year (July – June) loses her/his status as a member of the Committee until reappointed or replaced by the County Commissioners. Absence due to sickness, death, or other emergencies shall be regarded as approved absences and shall not affect the member's status on the Committee. In the event of a long illness, or other such cause for prolonged absence, the member may be respectfully replaced. The recommendation to replace a committee member shall come from a vote of the members present at a regular meeting.

Article IX Amendments

Operational policies, procedures, and such amendments may be incorporated into the By-Laws as developed and approved by the majority vote of the Committee. The proposed changes to the By-Laws may be made at any regular meeting of the Committee. The proposed changes shall be submitted to the Committee not less than thirty (30) days in advance of the meeting.

Article X Proxy

Proxy voting will not be allowed or recognized at any meeting.

Article XI Voting

Voting members shall consist of Appointed Committee Members present. In the event of a tie vote, the motion fails.

Article XII Parliamentary Procedures

Parliamentary procedures are adhered to as reflected in the latest edition of *Roberts Rules of Order* and shall prevail at official meetings of the Committee unless otherwise specified by the By-Laws.

Article XIII Diversity Statement

The Granville County Recreation Advisory Committee believes that the membership and leadership should respect the diverse population within Granville County. Every effort should be made to ensure representation of underrepresented groups.

Article XIV Non - Discrimination

The Committee shall not discriminate in any manner against any person or group by reason of race, age, gender, national origin, ability, and sexual orientation, religious or political affiliation.