



Park Board Agenda
Monday, October 28, 2024, 7:00 p.m.
Kirkwood Park Maintenance Building
614 West Adams



CITIZEN COMMENTS *(See instructions on the previous page for offering a comment. The public comment portion of the meeting is an opportunity to hear comments from citizens. It is not a question and answer session and the Park Board will not respond to comments or answer questions during the comment period. The Chairperson may refer any matter to staff or hold discussion during the "Other Matters" section of the meeting).*

I. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2024 MEETING MINUTES

II. SUNSHINE LAW REVIEW – City Clerk

III. COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS/REPORTS

- a. No Reports

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Strategic Plan Update

V. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Master Plan Survey Results
- b. Rescind Previous Vote on the Approval of a Dog Park In Kirkwood Parks System
- c. Revisit Dog Park in Kirkwood Parks System
- d. MDC/Emmenegger Cooperative Agreement
- e. McEntee Memorial Park Playground Equipment
- f. Greentree Festival – Proposed Attraction

VI. SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS, HEAD RANGER AND VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR REPORTS

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

VIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting – November 18, 2024

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Chair: Ellen Edman

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**Park Board
Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 23, 2024 7:00 p.m.
Kirkwood Community Center Room 202**



IN ATTENDANCE: The meeting was called order at 7:02 p.m. with President Ellen Edman, Steve Ostrowski, Nate Wurtz, Jordan Wienke, Alan Hopefl, Christopher Molitor, Kevin Miller (absent), Lauren Nieman, Becky Jones (absent) and Staff Liaison Kyle Henke and Pete Laufersweiler in attendance.

I. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Margarita Meyer, 643 McKinley, talked about the benefits of dog parks. She believed a dog park would be an asset to the community.
Chad Kavanaugh, 18 Garden Ln., would like the city to conduct a study about the possibility of building a dog park.
Dave Klaus, 409 Peeke Ave., came to discuss the possibility of a dog park in Kirkwood Park.
Francine Davis, 135 E. Sarah, is a member of Sunset Hills dog park and loves it, but feels the 4 mile distance to reach it is too difficult and inconvenient to get to.

II. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 19, 2024 MEETING MINUTES

A motion made by Lauren Nieman to approve the August 19, 2024 meeting minutes, seconded by Nate Wurtz. Motion approved unanimously.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Committee Assignments – Ellen handed out the list of the current committee assignments.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. McEntee Playground Equipment
A motion by Nate Wurtz to approve moving forward with the equipment from Next Generation Recreation by Playworld. Seconded by Jordan Wienke. Motion approved unanimously.
- b. Meacham Park Fence
A motion by Jordan Wienke to remove the damaged fence a Meacham Park Memorial Park and not replace it at this time. Seconded by Nate Wurtz. Motion approved unanimously.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Other Matters

A motion by Alan Hopefl to move forward with planning a dog park in the Kirkwood Park system. Seconded by Nate Wurtz.

Discussion by The Board covered the following topics:

Kirkwood Park and other Kirkwood parks do not have free space available for a dog park, as determined in previous assessments. In 2006, The Board and the Kirkwood



Dog Park Association, a well-organized group at the time, visited potential sites, but none were found suitable. A suggestion was made during citizen comments to use the sledding hill in Kirkwood Park as a potential site, this site was designated as open space during the last master plan.

No funding has been allocated for a dog park in the budget for the next four years, with significant upcoming expenditures planned. In 2006, The KDPA had committed to raising funds for the dog park, but long-term financial viability remains a concern.

Issues include determining who will manage the park, enforce dog behavior and immunization standards, and handle daily cleanup. Staff are already overwhelmed with maintaining 14 parks, the special business district and the Performing Arts Center. Volunteers, who are scarce, are not interested in cleaning up a dog park.

The Board expressed concerns about the burden on staff and liability issues if volunteers manage the park. Discussions covered the cost of management, additional insurance, and potential conflicts between dog owners. One board member mentioned that funding would be challenging while still supporting the current park strategic goals.

The lack of space, funding, and staff resources, similar to the situation in 2005/06, remains a challenge for establishing a dog park. Concerns about long-term management, liability, and impact on park resources are being taken under consideration with this vote.

Motion failed unanimously.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS REPORT

- a. Pete Laufersweiler discussed the Superintendent of Parks report

VII. DIRECTORS REPORT

- a. Master Plan – The survey results just came back, next step is stakeholder interviews
- b. Community Center Renovations – Phase 1 is wrapping up and Phase 2 will begin in October.
- c. Mitchell Park Update – DG2 is working on design and is moving forward.

VIII. BOARD COMMENTS

Alan Hopefl reminded everyone about the upcoming Board and Commission dinner.

The next meeting is October 28th.

IX. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

From the desk of:
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Memo

To: Kirkwood Park Board
From: Kyle Henke
Date: October 23, 2024
Re: October 28, 2024 Agenda Memo

Committee Reports

No Reports

Unfinished Business

Strategic Planning Update – This represents the monthly opportunity to provide updates on any actions taken regarding the strategic plan.

New Business

Master Plan Survey Results – The Parks and Recreation Master Plan included a statistically valid survey of Kirkwood Residents. Four hundred surveys were required to be returned. A total of 499 surveys were returned. The document is large and could not be included in the packet but will be posted online. Alternatively, included in the packet is the summary that was provided to the Master Plan working committee.

Rescind Previous Vote on the Approval of a Dog Park In Kirkwood Parks System – During the Park Board meeting on Sept. 23, 2024, Under “Other Matters” a board members made a motion to Approve a Dog Park located somewhere in the Kirkwood Park System. A subsequent discussion and vote took place. However, it was later determined that this was a procedural error and the topic should have been placed on the following months agenda. The Park Board President will lay out suggested actions to remedy the error.

Revisit Dog Park In Kirkwood Parks System – In recent months, the Park Board has received numerous public comments in support of establishing a dog park within Kirkwood Parks system. If the Park Board follows the recommended actions from the prior agenda item, this topic will be addressed as a new agenda item.

MDC/Emmenegger Cooperative Agreement – Missouri Department of Conservation Cooperative Agreement related to Powder Valley, Emmenegger Park and Possum Woods is Included in the packet. The initial one year term expired in September of 2021 and has since been renewed each subsequent year. This agreement, should it be approved by the Park Board will be good through September 30, 2025.

McEntee Memorial Park Playground Equipment – The broken equipment at McEntee needs to be replaced with new items. Public input and Park Board approval of selected items has occurred. In order to accomplish the project the Board must take two steps. The first step and suggested motion is to appropriate funds from the Park Fund, Fund Balance in the amount of \$19,000 into the Capital Improvement account, 201.

The proposed project amount of \$17,177 for the Cozy Cocoon and the Moon Rock Climber can be purchased through the Sourcewell Cooperative purchasing process that has been reviewed and approved by Kirkwood's Procurement Department. The second suggested action is to enter into a contract with Next Generation Recreation LLC for a not to exceed amount of \$19,000 for the purchase and install of playground equipment and surfacing at McEntee Memorial Park, which includes a \$1,823 contingency for any unforeseen conditions.

Greentree Festival – Proposed Attraction – The Greentree Committee asked the Director of Parks and Recreation to look into an option to add a Carnival ride component to the Greentree Festival. After further discussion with the City Attorney and the CAO regarding this topic, it is suggested the Park Board is the next step in the process to recommend this change to city council. Additional information is being gathered this week and will be reported at the meeting if it becomes available.

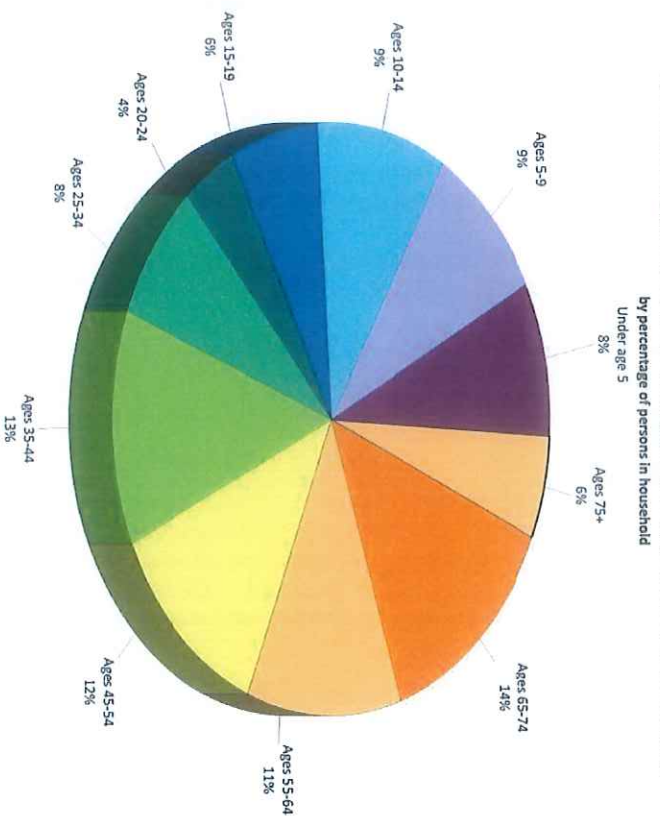
Maintenance Report – Pete's report is included. As well as a Report from Ron Hall, Head Park Ranger.

Director's Report – My report will include information on the following:

- Park Master Plan Update
- Community Center Update
- Mitchell Park Update – Pete was representative from the city in attendance at the last meeting. I will have him provide the update.

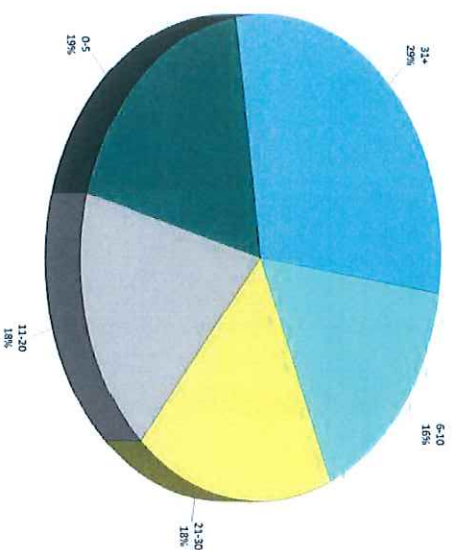
Community Survey Results – General Information

Q1. Including yourself, how many people in your household are...



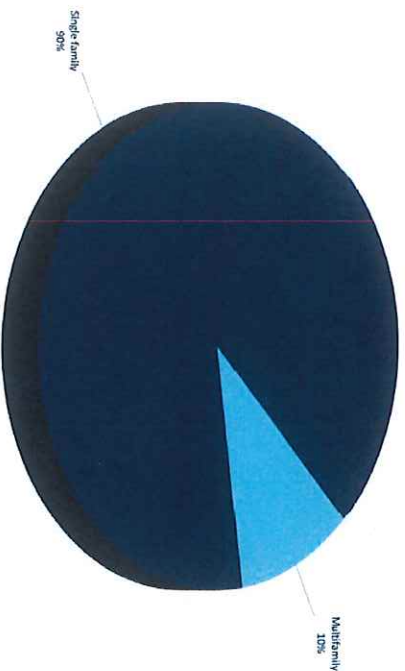
Q21. How many years have you lived in Kirkwood?

by percentage of respondents (excluding "not provided")



Q23. Which of the following best describes your current housing?

by percentage of respondents (excluding "not provided")



Community Survey Results – Parks/Facilities:

Use

Facilities Visited Most Often:

- Kirkwood Park: 90%
- Aquatic Center: 46%
- Kirkwood Community Center: 39%



Barriers

Preventing People from Visiting:

- Lack of Amenities: 42%
- Not Aware of Location: 32%
- Use Other Parks/Facilities in Other Cities/County: 21%



Community Survey Results – Programs/Events:

59% Have Participated in a Program/Event in Last Year

Program Ratings:

- Excellent: 27%
- Good: 58%
- Fair: 13%
- Poor: 1%



Why?

Reasons for Not Participating:

- Old & Outdated Facilities: 31%
- Don't know what is offered: 29%
- Too busy/not interested: 21%

Community Survey Results – Outside Organization/Communication:

Organizations Used for Recreation Activities:

- City of Kirkwood: 42%
- Private Clubs: 38%
- Neighboring Cities: 34%



Ways Residents Learn about Parks, Facilities, Programs and Events:

- Activity Brochure: 60%
- Word of Mouth: 57%
- City Website: 52%

Methods of Communication People Would Prefer:

- Activity Brochure: 49%
- Emails: 40%
- Social Media: 40%

Community Survey Results – Benefits, Importance and Support:

Level of Agreement Regarding Benefits of Parks:

- Contributes to higher quality of life in Kirkwood: 90%
- Preserves Open Space & Protects Environment: 87%
- Makes Kirkwood a More Desirable Place to Live: 87%

Level of Support:

- Improve Outdoor Aquatic Center: 79%
- Update Playgrounds: 78%
- Improve Underutilized Parks: 32%

Importance for City of Provide High Quality Parks, Rec Facilities, and Programs:

- Very Important: 91%
- Somewhat Important: 8%
- Not Important: 1%

Community Survey Results – Facility Needs and Importance:

Facilities with the Highest Percentage of Households with an Unmet Need:

- Walking Paths in Parks
- Large Community Parks
- Shade & Trees



Facility Importance:

- Community Center
- Multi-use Hiking, Biking Walking Trails
- Swimming Pools
- Large Community Parks

Community Survey Results - Facilities:

Priority Investment Rating (PIR)

The PIR equally weighs the importance placed on facilities/amenities and how many households have unmet needs for facilities/amenities programs.



<u>Facilities/Amenities</u>	<u>PIR</u>
▪ Community Center:	200
▪ Swimming Pools	155
▪ Multi-use Hiking, Biking, Walking Trails	155
▪ Walking Paths in Parks	119
▪ Large Community Parks	119

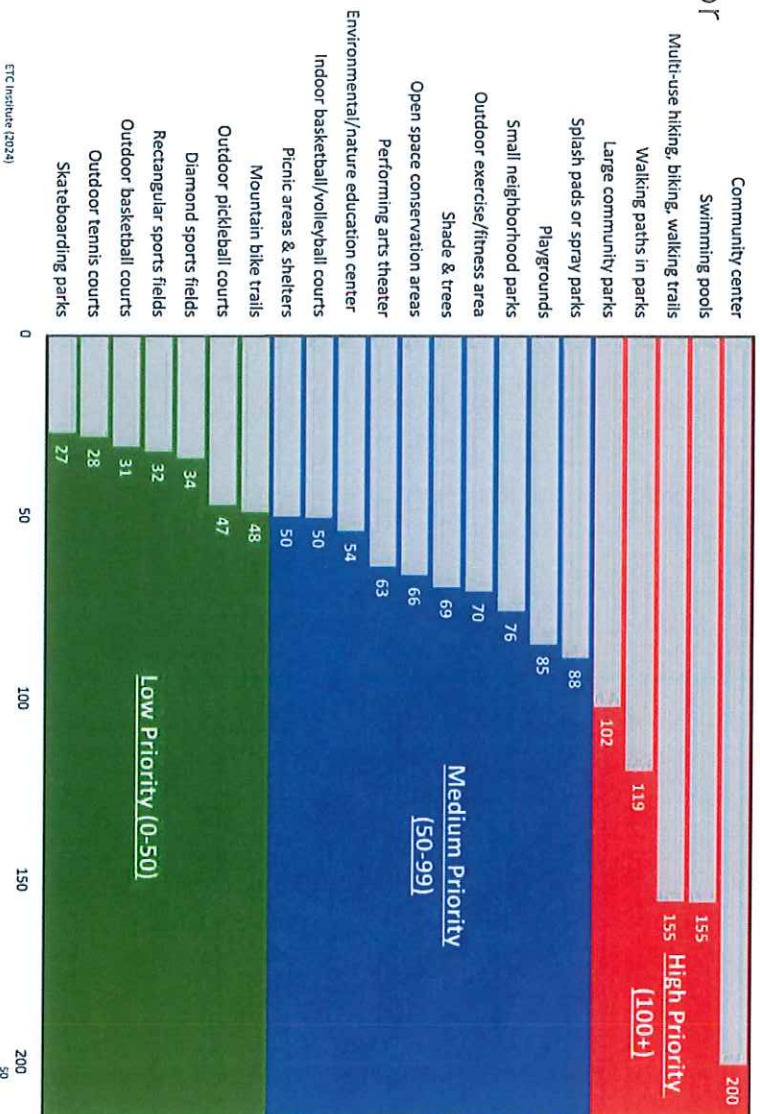
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Top Priorities for Investment for Facilities/Amenities Based on Priority Investment Rating



ETC Insider (2024)

Community Survey Results – Program Needs and Importance:

Programs with the Highest Percentage of Households with an Unmet Need:

- Adult Fitness & Wellness
- Exercise Classes
- Performing Arts Events



Program Importance:

- Adult Fitness & Wellness
- Performing Arts Events
- Exercise Classes
- Pickleball/Tennis Lessons & Leagues

Community Survey Results - Programs:

Priority Investment Rating (PIR)

The PIR equally weighs the importance placed on programs and how many households have unmet needs for programs.



<u>Facilities/Amenities</u>	<u>PIR</u>
▪ Adult Fitness & Wellness:	200
▪ Exercise Classes	141

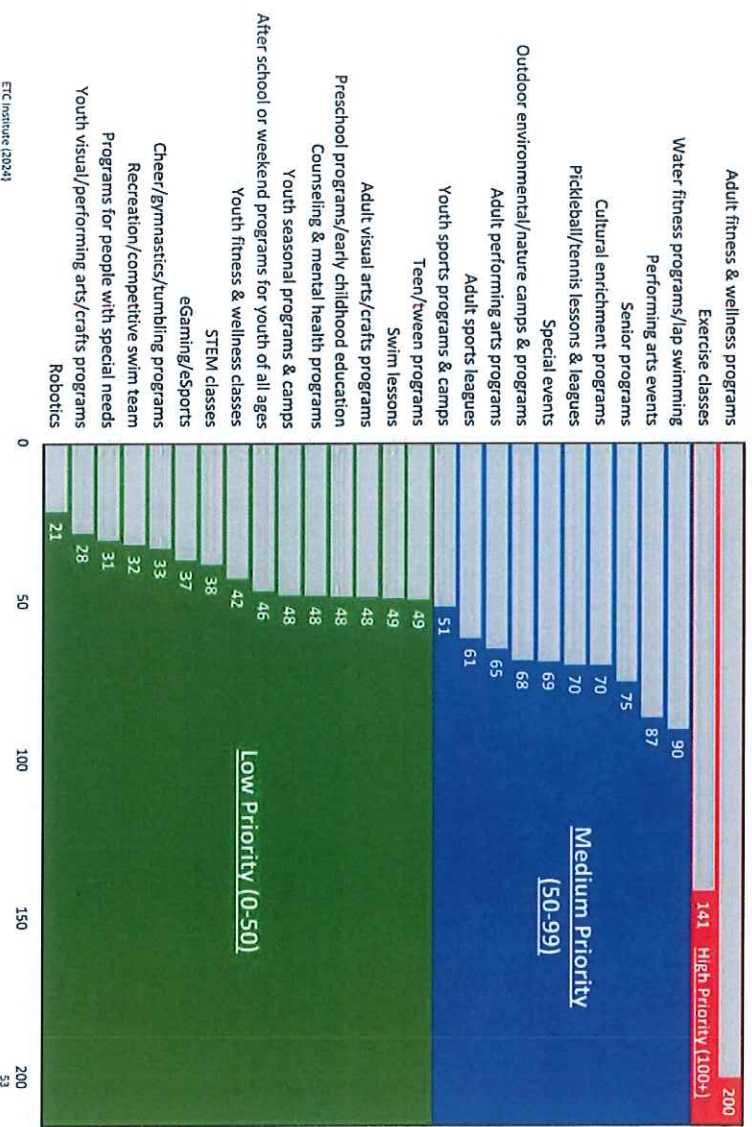
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Top Priorities for Investment for Programs/Activities Based on Priority Investment Rating



Community Survey Results – Investment Priorities:

Overall Priorities for Facilities by Major Category:

- Kirkwood Community Center (I-S=0.36)
- Aquatic Center (I-S=0.16)
- Ice Arena (I-S=0.08)

2024 Importance-Satisfaction Rating		Kirkwood, Missouri		Parks and Recreation Facilities	
Category of Service	Most Important %	Most Important Rank	Satisfaction %	Satisfaction Rank	Importance-Satisfaction Rating
Very High Priority (I-S>2.0)	54%	1	33%	19	0.36
Kirkwood Community Center	40%	2	59%	12	0.16
High Priority (I-S .10-.20)					
Aquatic Center	16%	4	51%	16	0.08
Ice Arena	14%	5	53%	15	0.07
Medium Priority (I-S<.10)	26%	3	86%	1	0.04
McIntire Memorial Park	10%	7	70%	7	0.03
Kirkwood Park	11%	6	83%	3	0.02
Lions Amphitheater	6%	9	68%	8	0.02
Emmeberger Nature Park	3%	13	53%	14	0.01
Greentree Park	3%	13	85%	2	0.01
Walker Park	7%	8	85%	2	0.01
Mitchell Park	2%	17	37%	18	0.01
Meramec Highlands Quarry at Dee Koesterling Park	2%	17	37%	18	0.01
Historic Quiette Cemetery	3%	12	63%	11	0.01
Freeman's Park	2%	14	50%	17	0.01
Racquet Center	3%	10	72%	6	0.01
Ella & Charles E. Manfort Jr. Memorial Park	2%	16	58%	13	0.01
Meacham Memorial Park	2%	15	67%	9	0.01
Fillmore Park	3%	11	79%	5	0.01
Avery Park	1%	19	66%	10	0.00
Performing Arts Center	1%	18	82%	4	0.00

Note: The I-S Rating is calculated by multiplying the "Most Important" % by (1-Satisfaction %)

Most Important %:

The "Most Important" percentage represents the sum of the first, second, and third most important responses for each item. Respondents were asked to identify the items they thought should be the City's top priorities.

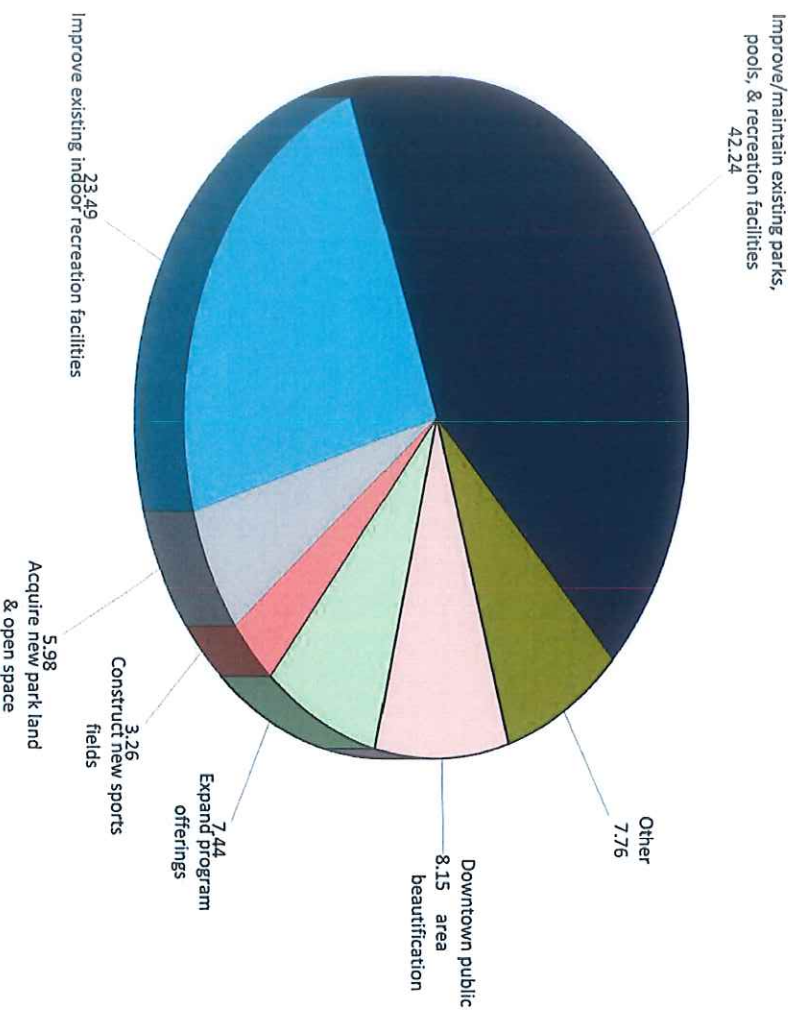
Satisfaction %:

The "Satisfaction" percentage represents the sum of the ratings "5" and "4" excluding "don't know". Respondents ranked their level of satisfaction with each of the items on a scale of 5 to 1 with "5" being Very Satisfied and "1" being Very Dissatisfied.

Community Survey Results – Funding:

Q16. If you had \$100, how would you allocate the funds among the parks and recreation categories listed below?

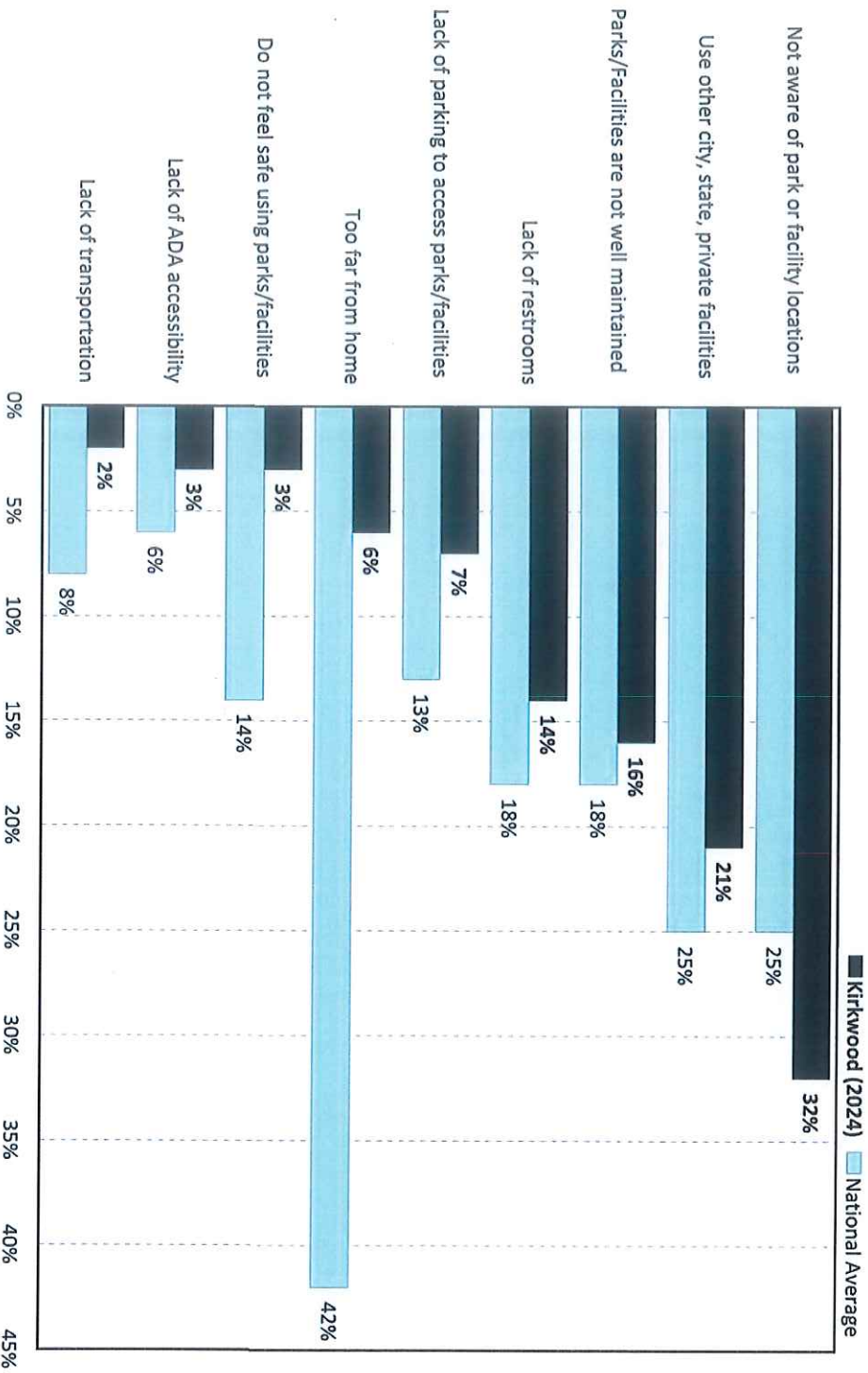
by percentage of respondents



Benchmarking:

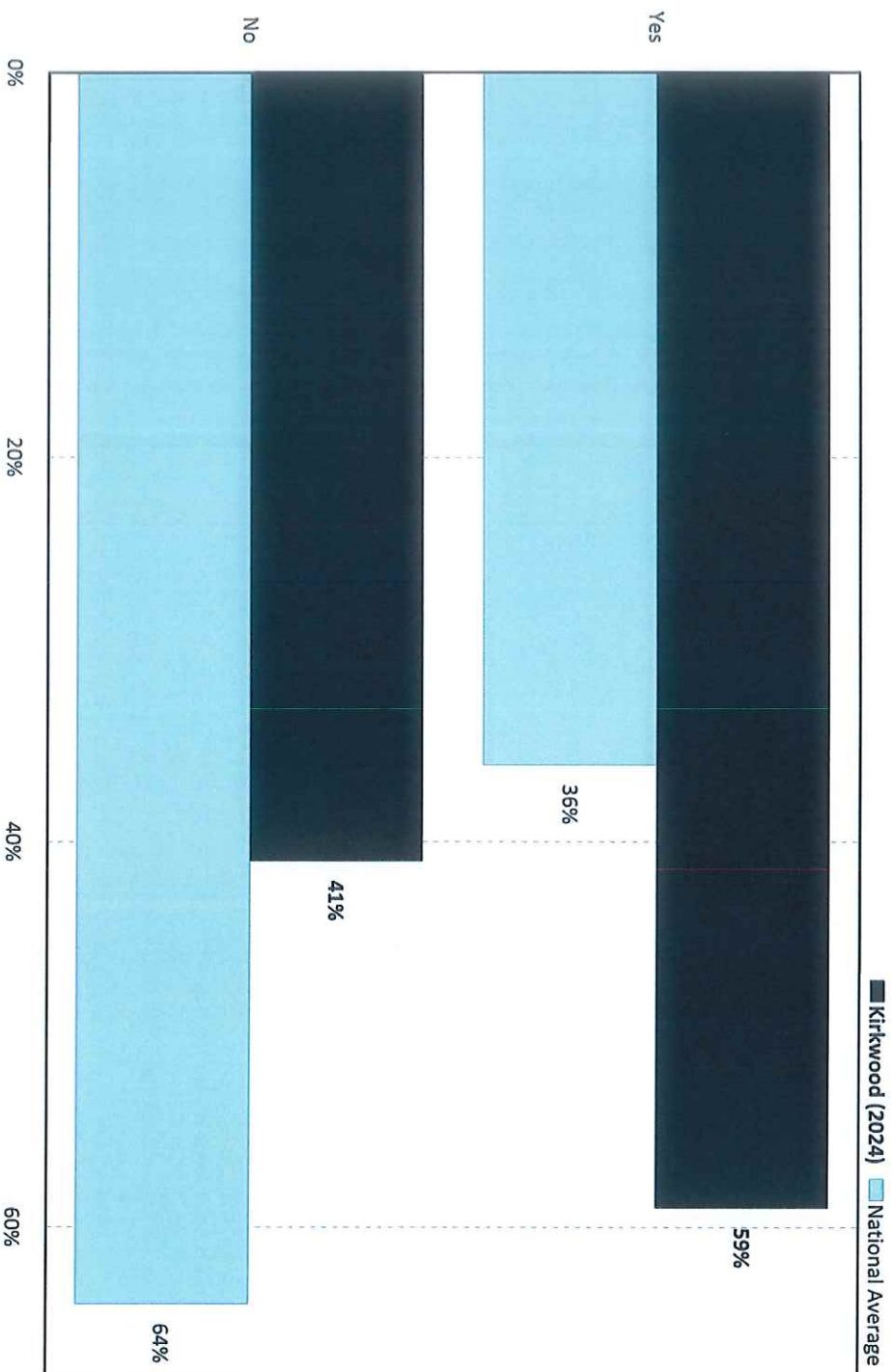
Please check all of the reasons that prevent you from visiting parks and recreation facilities and amenities or what prevents you from visiting them more often.

by % of respondents (multiple selections could be made)



Benchmarking:

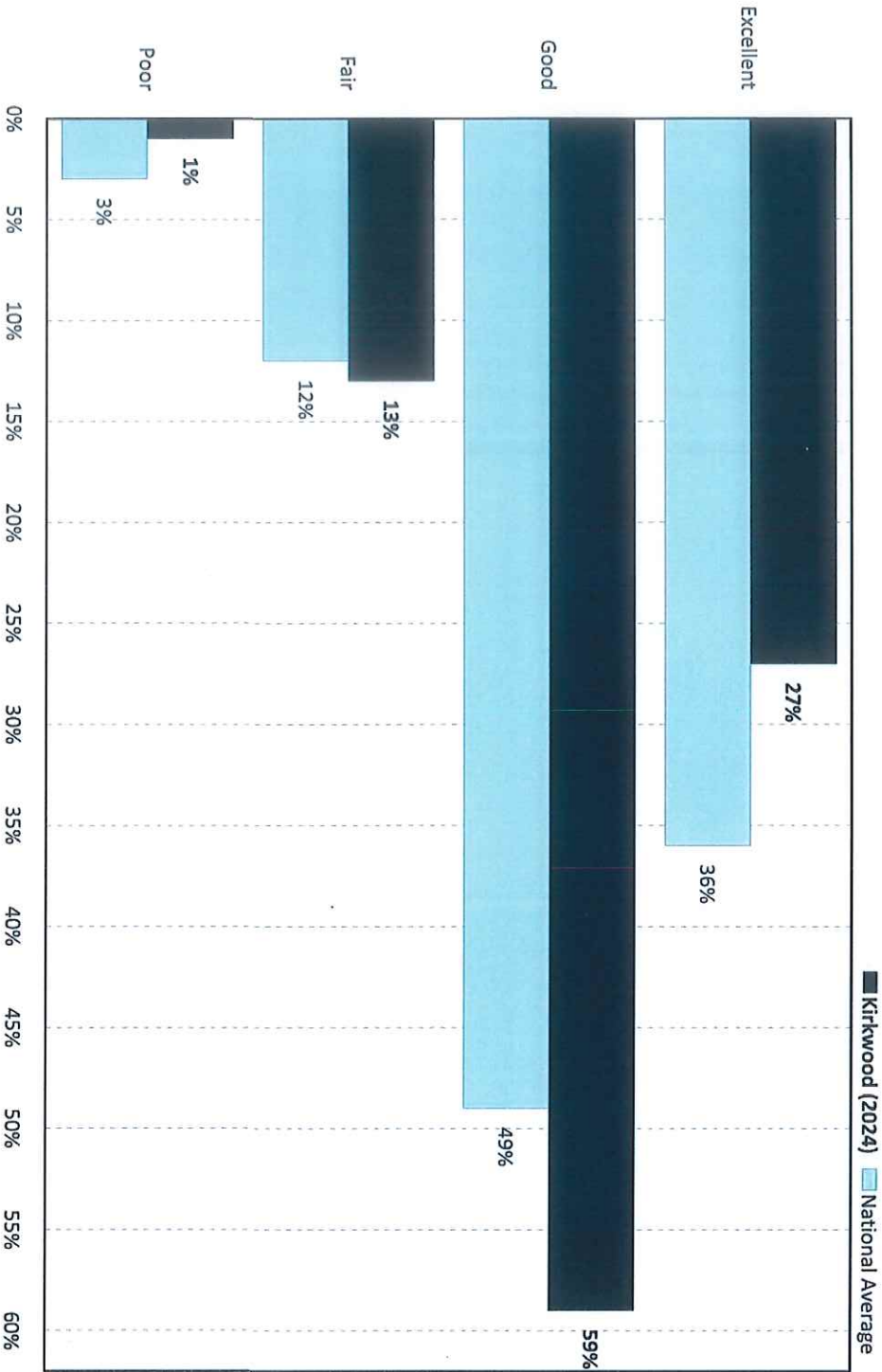
Have you/your household participated in any recreation programs offered in your community during the past year?
by % of respondents (excluding "not provided")



Benchmarking:

Please rate the overall condition of all the recreation programs you/your households have visited over the past year.

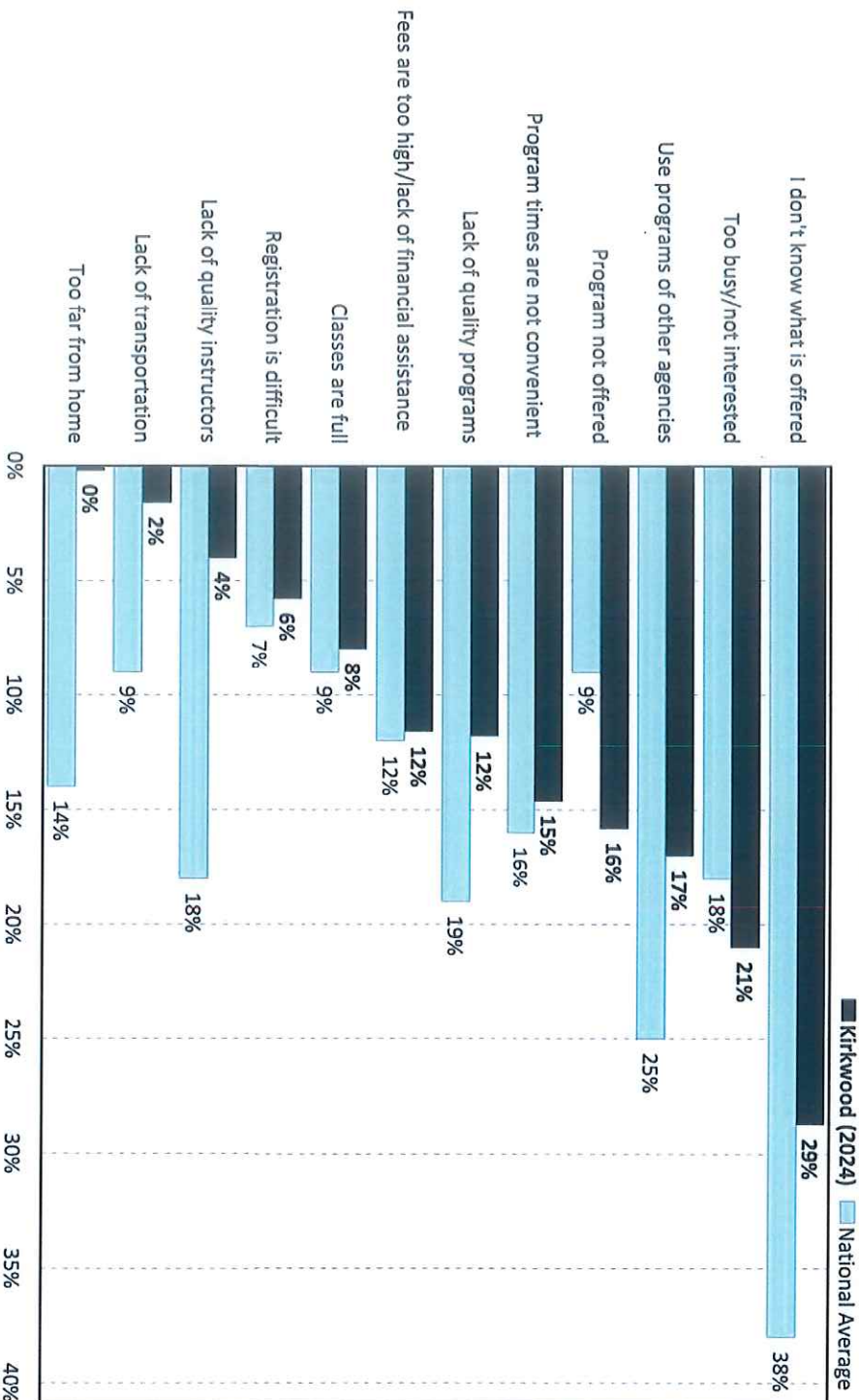
by % of respondents (excluding "not provided")



Benchmarking:

If your household has not participated in any recreation programs in your community during the past year, please check all of the reasons that prevent you from participating.

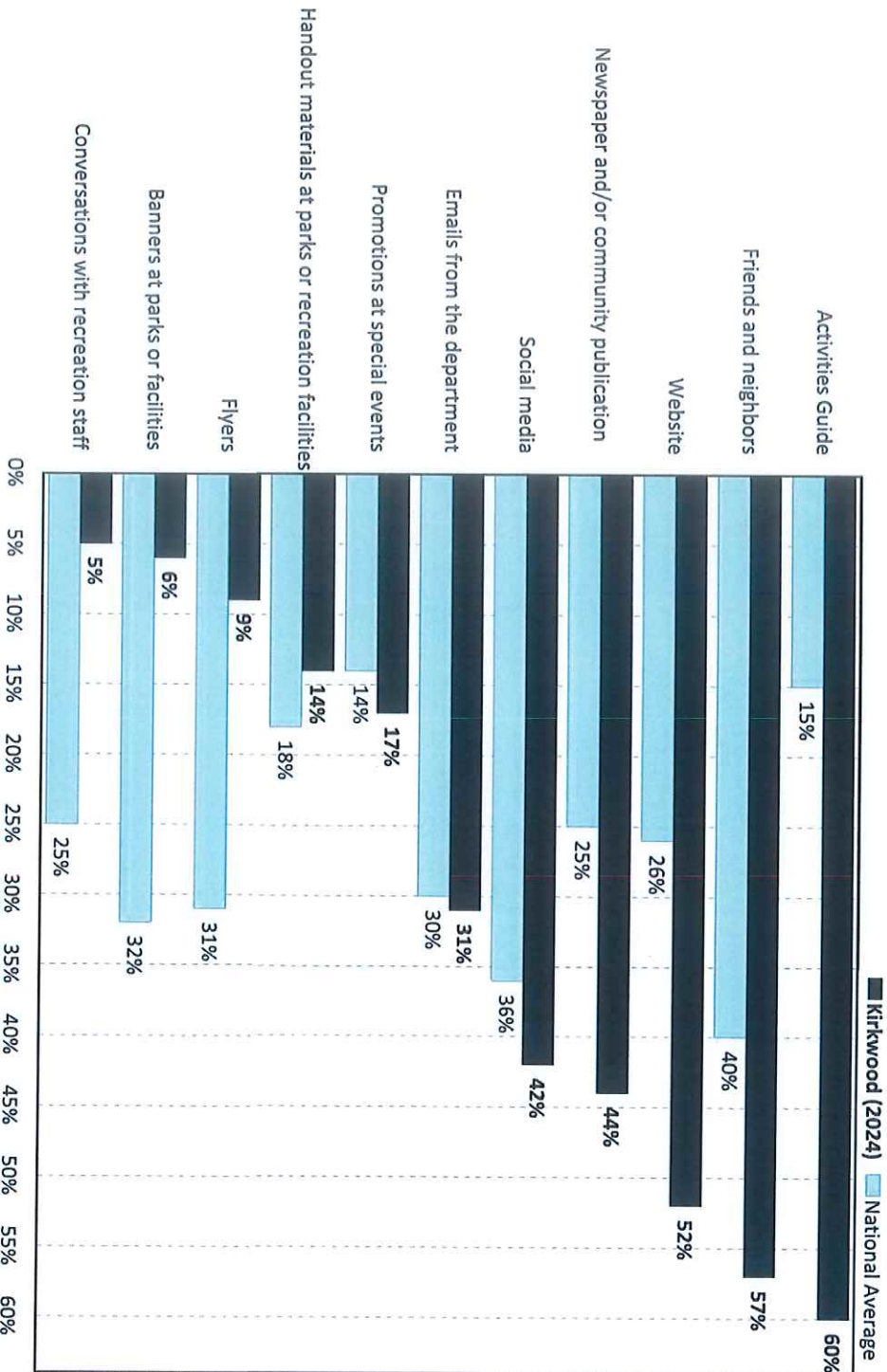
by % of respondents (multiple selections could be made)



Benchmarking:

Please check all the ways you currently use to learn about parks and recreation programs, activities, and events in your community.

by % of respondents



**COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT #7210
BY AND BETWEEN
MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION
AND
CITY OF KIRKWOOD, MISSOURI**

1. **PURPOSE OF GRANT OR AGREEMENT:** The Missouri Department of Conservation (Department) and the City of Kirkwood (City) have found their relationship to be mutually beneficial and by continuing their relationship it will allow both parties to further their mission.

2. **OUTCOMES:**
To preserve and protect the area known as Emmenegger Nature Park owned by the City of Kirkwood (City), Missouri. The Area provides access to the Missouri Department of Conservation's Possum Woods Conservation Area.

3. **DEPARTMENT DELIVERABLES:**
 - When possible, the Department will implement applicable sections of the 2014 Emmenegger/Possum Woods Area Plan on Possum Woods CA and provide technical advice as requested by the City regarding Emmenegger Nature Park.
 - The Department will provide a logo for the park entrance sign.
 - The Department will coordinate programs and public events free of charge at Emmenegger with prior approval from the City and assist City with coordination of events in which both parties have an interest.
 - The Department will open the gate at 8 a.m. daily at Emmenegger Nature Park that allows access to Possum Woods CA, except for Sundays and state holidays.
 - The Department will provide a law enforcement presence to enforce the laws in the *Wildlife Code of Missouri*.

4. **CITY DELIVERABLES:**
 - The City will grant access and use of Emmenegger Nature Park to the Department free of charge.
 - When possible, the City will provide labor, equipment, and expense to carry out applicable sections of the 2014 Emmenegger/Possum Woods Area Plan.
 - The City is responsible for construction and maintenance of roads and infrastructure within Emmenegger Nature Park.
 - The City will assist law enforcement to Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center after hours and on holidays as needed.
 - The City will open and close the gate at Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center on Sundays and all state holidays. The gate should be opened by 8:00 a.m. and closed after 6:00 p.m. from the first Sunday in November until the second Sunday in March. During daylight savings time the gate should be opened by 8:00 a.m. and then closed after 8:00 p.m.

5. **PARTIES AND CONTACTS:**

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6. **AGREEMENT PERIOD:**

The initial Agreement period is October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025. The Agreement may be renewed for three (3) one-year periods or portion thereof contingent upon mutual agreement and available funding.

7. **FUNDING AMOUNT AND SOURCES:**

There is no funding for this agreement.

8. **OWNERSHIP:**

The City shall retain ownership of the property known as Emmenegger Nature Park.

9. **MONITORING REQUIREMENTS:**

This agreement shall be monitored by both parties.

10. **TERMINATION:**

Each party retains the right to terminate this agreement at any time, without penalty or recourse, by giving written notice at least sixty (60) days prior to the effective date of the termination.

11. **APPLICABLE LAWS AND REGULATIONS, HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNITY:**

Each Party shall comply with all local, state, and federal laws and regulations related to the performance of this agreement to the extent that the same may be applicable to the entity. Each Party agrees to assume all risks associated with the activities performed under this Agreement and agrees to hold harmless, defend, and indemnify each other, and their_ agents and employees, from any claim or suit arising from, or in connection with, this Agreement and the activities performed under this Agreement.

APPROVAL:

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION:

(Name)

(Title)

(Date)

APPROVED TO AS FORM:

/s/ Jennifer Frazier 8/14/24

CITY OF KIRKWOOD, MISSOURI:

(Name)

(Title)

(Date)



McEntee Park - cozy cocoon

City of Kirkwood

139 South Kirkwood Road
Kirkwood, MO 63122
United States

Pete Laufersweiler

lauferpj@kirkwoodmo.org

Reference: 20240730-153457357

Quote created: July 30, 2024

Quote expires: August 29, 2024

Quote created by: Ed McDowell

Recreation Design Specialist

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Comments from Ed McDowell

**** SEE PURCHASE TERMS & CONDITIONS ATTACHED ****

**All Equipment and Materials are shipped direct to client - Please see attached document named:
"How to Receive a Shipment"**

*******ALL Quotes are good for 30-Days only*******

Due to uncontrollable and ongoing changes directly effecting cost of goods, shipping, and material costs, If order is placed more than 30-Days past original date, a new quote must be requested and updated before placing order. If a new quote is not requested, we will update all quotes, and invoices prior to ordering.

Products & Services

Item & Description	Quantity	Unit Price	Total
<p>COZY COCOON PART # ZZXX04835 SURFACE MOUNT</p> <p>COLORS: POST: FOREST GREEN PLASTIC 1: RED PLASTIC 2: BEIGE</p>	1	\$4,145.00	\$4,145.00
<p>MOON ROCK CLIMBER PART # ZZXX0148 COLORS: GREEN/BEIGE</p>	1	\$4,772.00	\$4,772.00
<p>RecXpert Installation Includes the following: Removal/Disposal of existing spring mounted car Removal/Disposal of Spinner Base Assembly and Installation of Cozy Cocoon **Cozy Cocoon will be surface mounted to the existing spinner footer** Assembly and Installation of Moon Rock Climber</p>	1	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
<p>Poured in Place repair Poured in place will be repaired based on what is needed to install the moonrock and patch where the springs toys were previously.</p> <p>The existing spinner footer will be covered with new poured in place for fall protection. The new poured in place will be blended into the existing via key cut into the surfacing and sloped to the appropriate height.</p> <p>**NEW POURED IN PLACE WILL NOT MATCH THE EXISTING** ***COLOR: 50% BEIGE / 50% BLACK***</p>	1	\$3,900.00	\$3,900.00
<p>Freight Direct ship to the City of Kirkwood Customer is responsible for unloading and storage of equipment</p>	1	\$860.00	\$860.00

One-time subtotal \$17,177.00

Total \$17,177.00

Purchase terms

50% Deposit/Payment due prior to ordering materials, equipment, or replacement parts, and due prior to mobilization for project. The remaining **50%** will be due **NET 30 Days after invoiced and prior to delivery of equipment and installation.**

Any order cancelled more than **15 Business Days** after placement will result in a 30% restocking fee due immediately upon cancellation which will be deducted from all deposits, and remaining balance returned.

Next Generation Recreation **MUST be notified at least 15-days prior** to due date noted on invoice regarding any, and all delays in payment with good reason. Otherwise late fees of 18% will accrue at 45 days past due.

Signature

Signature

Date

Printed name

Questions? Contact me



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Parks Maintenance Monthly Report, October 2024

For the period of September 24th through October 28th

LAWNDRY DAY:

Fall is a great time of year to try and get grass growing again, and the maintenance staff has been busy trying to repair areas throughout the park. In the areas most impacted by the Greentree festival we aerated, slit seeded, and top-dressed with a compost sand mixture. In other areas we've been putting down soil to fill in ruts along curbs and on hill sides to help smooth out the grounds before adding seed and covering with straw. In total we put out 1000lbs of seed and spread 30 yards of compost. Now we just need some rain to help green everything up!

A BRIDGE TO SOMEWHERE:

Doug and Scott have been hard at work replacing the decking for the bridge at Emmenegger Nature Park! It was quite a process to remove the angle iron and old boards, then anchor the new boards into the steel support structure. In total it was about 5 days of work to demo the old boards and install the new ones.

OVERLOOKED BUT NOT FORGOTTEN:

Scott, Grayer, and Kyle started on replacing the flooring and some support columns for the Overlook structure at the Quarry Park. The process was very smooth and the new decking and rails are not only much safer, but also brighten up the area. Next the pergola style slats of wood that provide cover for the structure will be replaced.

THANKS FOR VOLUN-TREE-RING!:

On October 12th the Parks Horticulture staff in cooperation with the Rotary club planted 100 trees donated by Rotarians to celebrate the beginning of the term of a new club President (Mark Adams). We planted 50 trees in Kirkwood Park by Baseball diamond #6. That area was previously occupied by invasive plants. Those invasives were cleared out by volunteer groups and park staff over the year which allowed this fall planting to take place. 30 trees were dedicated to Firemen's park where construction and development reduced the number of Missouri staple species in the park. 20 trees were planted along the river bank of Emmenegger Park where they will be serving as a soil stabilizer to prevent future erosion issues the river might cause. Rotarians met in Kirkwood Park to watch a demonstration planting after which we split up in groups to work at one of the three sites. The event was very successful, all trees were planted within three hours, and the Rotary club provided a barbequed lunch afterwards.

-Sebastian Kaiser

THIS TITLE IS ABOLUTE RUBBISH:

The new trash truck has finally arrived, so we've officially retired 'Old Blue' our trash truck that has served the department since 1999. It gave us many years of service, but the staff is excited for a new updated modern truck! We spent an afternoon going over the new truck and our policies and procedures around using and maintaining our new investment.



Services	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
Park Enf. Contacts	19	14	31	52	64	68	62	56	48				414
Public Contacts	45	38	58	73	112	125	146	132	112				841
PD Assist	2	1	3	2	3	5	3	2	1				22
PD Dispatched Calls	1	0	2	3	5	4	3	2	3				23
Interpretive	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0
Reported Maint.	3	1	3	5	4	6	5	4	5				36
Injuries	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	2	0				6
Wildlife Related	0	0	1	1	2	2	1	4	2				13
Recovered Property	1	2	2	4	3	5	6	8	5				36
First Aid	0	0	0	2	2	3	2	2	0				0
Missing Persons	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	6				7
Training Hours	24	32	72	0	6	0	0	0	4				138

Summary of Activities

The spike (six) in missing persons in September, is a result of the Greentree Festival.

Nothing further to report.

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