

# SPOKANE PARKS & NATURAL LANDS MASTER PLAN OUTREACH SUMMARY



The Master Plan will identify and address gaps in our park system, and guide Parks & Recreation's focus, direction, and spending over the next ten years. So we asked the community: **What should parks do next?**

Here's how many people participated:  
**110** FOCUS GROUPS • **22** PLAN AMBASSADORS • **3,626** SURVEY •  
**257** POP-UP EVENTS • **50** VIRTUAL WORKSHOP • **1,301** MAP ACTIVITY



## What did we hear?

Statistically Valid Survey Results

Residents value **conservation, preservation, and protection** of natural lands **over recreational** use of these resources.

During the summer and fall of 2021, Spokane residents had 26 opportunities to participate in the Master Planning process through surveys, workshops, pop-up events, and focus groups. The information below was collected from a statistically valid survey and mirrors themes found through other engagement methods.

### LAND



felt a lack of functioning restrooms, trash bins, lighting, signs, or similar was an issue

76% of residents were satisfied with the level of maintenance of developed parks and natural lands, many still preferred to see an increase in the frequency of regular park maintenance.

70% support or strongly support changing portions of parks to meadows or natural spaces to be more sustainable and use less resources.

Spokane parks are most used for simple pursuits, like **enjoying nature, walking, and spending time with family.**

#### Top Tier Community Desires:

RESTROOMS • PLAYGROUNDS  
SOFT TRAILS • TRAILHEADS



#### Second Tier Community Desires:

OFF-LEASH DOG PARKS • FISHING AREAS • SKATE PARKS  
DISC GOLF COURSES • INDOOR POOL



**71%** of residents believe we should improve neighborhood access to a park by building **new parks** on land the City already owns, and **66%** believe we should **focus on renovating/enhancing existing parks and natural lands.**

### WATER



of respondents said it is **essential to conserve** ponds, lakes, and wetlands

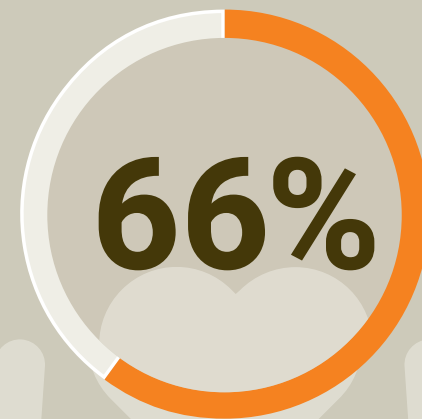


of respondents **have used outdoor aquatic facilities** (including pools and splash pads)



of respondents want the City to **prioritize developing an indoor pool in the next few years**

### PEOPLE AND LEGACY



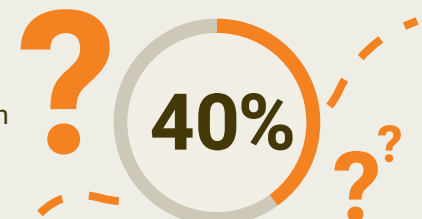
believe the City needs to do more to make parks and programs welcoming and accessible



believe an important purpose of Parks & Recreation facilities is to **enhance the community's economic vitality**, making Spokane attractive to work, live, and do business and provide places for people to maintain/improve their health.

40% of residents noted that a **lack of familiarity** with the City's parks and recreation offerings **kept them from using them or using them more often.**

About **6 in 10** residents felt the City should **seek additional funding** to create and maintain its existing offerings



About **half** considered it essential or very important to **acquire new property** for parks and natural areas

## How can I still give feedback?



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