

Comprehensive  
Five Year Park Master  
Plan

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### *Parks and Recreation Board Mission Statement*

To enhance the quality of life for our community by providing leisure time opportunities and protection of our environment through our programs, services, facilities, personnel and collaborative efforts.

### Park Board

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## *❖ Department Goals*

In agreement with the City's previously adopted Comprehensive Plan, the following general goals were established by the Park Board:

1. Develop, maintain and enhance the recreational facilities and park lands throughout the City of Shelbyville.
2. Offer a range of parks, recreational lands, natural areas and public facilities.
3. Develop and sustain recreational programs for all age groups.
4. Interconnect the public parks, natural areas and facilities with sidewalk and paths.
5. Protect park lands and recreational areas from undesirables, conflicting and potentially dangerous land uses and developments.
6. Strive to meet the community's goals for maintenance of the parks and recreational amenities.

The goal of this Comprehensive Five-Year Park System Master Plan is to provide a roadmap for the future of the Department.

## *❖ Department Organizational Structure*

### **History**

The Shelbyville Parks and Recreation Board was permanently established in 1914. What is now called Morrison Park was deeded to the City in 1914. Morrison Park was named in honor of Laura Ray Morrison for her tireless efforts in making the first park usable and for her civic dedication. Since that time, many parks have been given to the Parks Department.

In the late 1920's, Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy donated 10 acres to the City for its second City Park. After a number of civic organizations worked at maintaining Kennedy Park, responsibility for the park was given to the Parks and Recreation Department in 1935. The third major park in Shelbyville was started in 1955 at what is now called Sunset Park.

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Porter Pool is another example of community support. Built in 1929, the pool was a result of a donation by Mr. and Mrs. Enos Porter and a fund drive by the American Legion. Porter Pool was dedicated and opened in 1930. Responsibilities of supervision and maintenance for the pool transferred hands in 1955 from the American Legion to the Parks and Recreation Department.

The Department provides recreational services within the City's corporate limits and allows those who do live on the perimeter of the corporate limits to participate in their programs. The County does have a park department, but at this time it has only one facility, which is the new park facility located on Lee Boulevard on the southeast side of Shelbyville. It is jointly owned and operated by the City and County.

Currently, the City's park system consists of 14 facilities that are maintained and programmed by the Shelbyville Parks and Recreation Department. These facilities comprise over 109 acres of property that serve the needs of the community.

## *❖ Organization*

### **Park Board**

This four-member board is appointed by the Mayor. The term is on a four-year rotating basis with one new appointment each year. The most basic and necessary function of a City Park Board is to outline proposed goals and objectives which will provide the framework and direction within which the board will direct its future land acquisition, development and recreational programming.

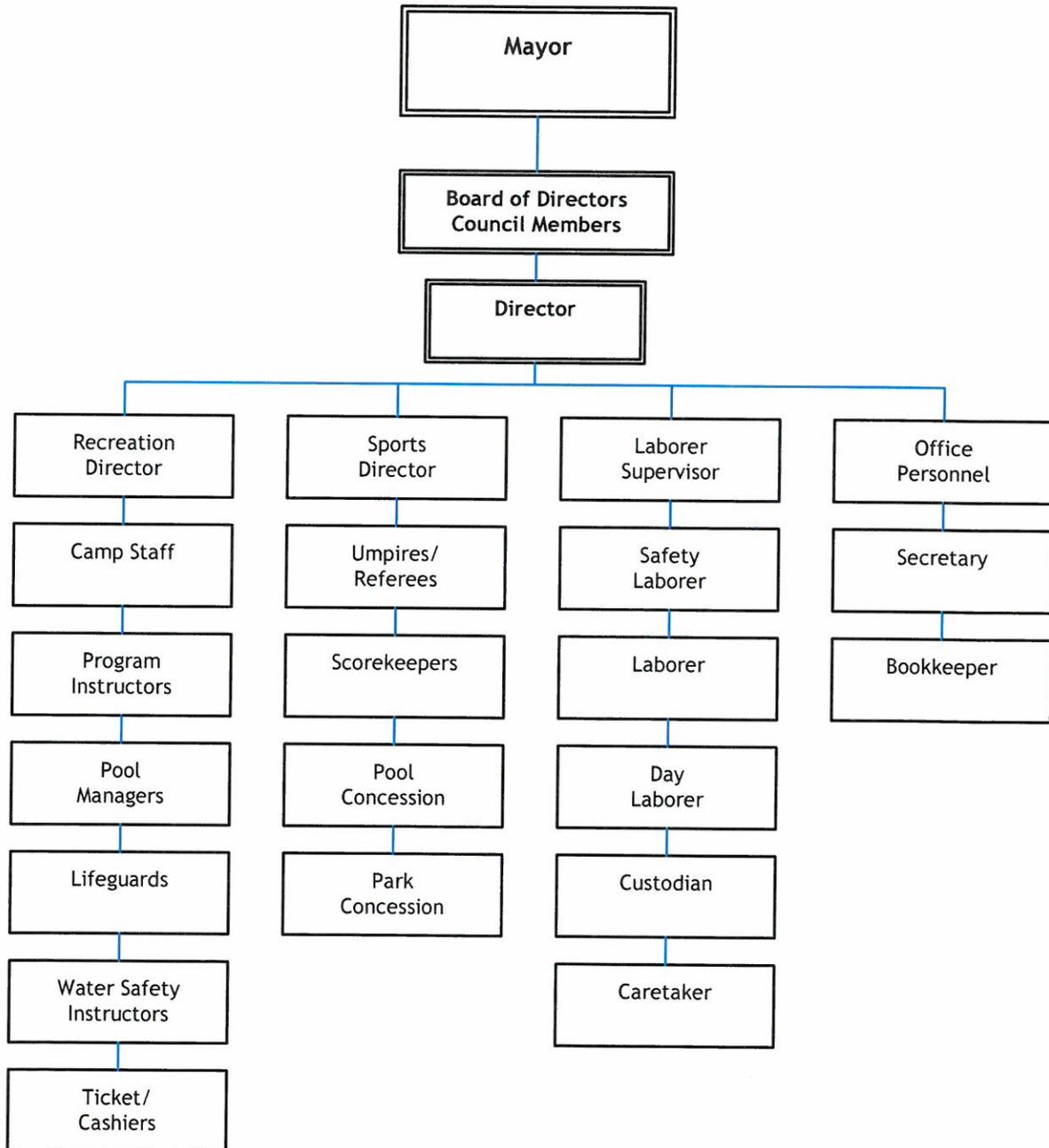
### **Parks and Recreation Department**

The Parks and Recreation Department is comprised of eight full time and 80 part-time and seasonal employees. The months of May and August are the most active. This rush is predominantly due to the purchasing of swimming passes. During the summer, a temporary/part-time person is hired to administer the extra workload. (An organizational chart is on the following page.)

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## ❖ *Progress Evaluation*

The department continues to provide new park facilities and recreation opportunities within the community. One of the major accomplishments of the last five years is the completion of two phases of construction at Blue River Memorial Park. Utilizing grants and a park bond, this park is a welcome addition to the community is heavily utilized by many citizens and visitors.

The list below indicates many of the major Park Department improvements over the last five years.

### Administrative/General Park System

- Created two new endowment funds with Blue River Foundation: Re-Crete Recreation and Access to Recreation
- Sale of Riverside and Wiley Park
- Coca-Cola contract negotiations
- Policy updates to various administrative policies such as Concession inventory, food & beverage, Code of Conduct discipline, pool discounts, athletic field rental agreements
- Received a bio-swale grant
- Received an Outstanding Park Development Award from Indiana Park and Recreation Association for Blue River Memorial Park
- Focused speaking engagements to share and build awareness about parks and recreation throughout the community
- Install new software system
- Amended Ordinance 130.05 and 130.06 Discharge of Weapons
- Discussions with Art Council on indoor/outdoor facility
- Created more programs and special events such as Flic-n-Float, summer cross country, Music for Little Mozarts, Shelby County girls basketball league, geo-caching, etc
- Received Craftsman's "Mow across America" Grants
- Hosted national and regional softball tournaments at Blue River Memorial
- Sister city visit
- Applied for several grants to implement energy saving measures at facilities.
- Made visual changes in parks and Civic Center
- Purchase of two Ford Ranger trucks

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### Blue River Memorial

- Hosted national and regional softball tournaments at Blue River Memorial Park
- Completed phase 2 construction which added splash pad, Veterans' Memorial Plaza, play area, corporate shelter, cross-country course, landscape, shade structures, concession and restroom building, and parking.
- Repaired grinder pump and repaired irrigation system after lightening strikes
- Added picnic tables, sunflowers
- Added drains to soccer field
- Drainage at ball fields
- Added sign and flower beds at soccer

### Carl McNeely Civic Center

- Northwest upper exterior windows
- Tables and chairs for banquet room
- Banquet room: replaced floor and painted
- Replaced west side windows
- Air/heat for Blue room
- Maintenance: front doors, water heater, roof, locks
- Painted board administrative offices and youth activity room
- Refurbished entrance floors
- Painted two wall murals

### Clearwick

- Tree replacement and maintenance
- Concrete surface cleaner
- Playground mulch
- Security locks
- Grass volleyball courts
- Split rail fence
- Recycle bin trial

### Kennedy

- Installed new Kid Connection play area
- Tennis court repair
- Kennedy walk bridge
- Changing room
- Tree maintenance
- Added shade structures

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- Flower beds by Troop 763
- Security locks
- Painted bridge
- Added accessible flower garden
- Picnic tables
- Installed shade structures

### Meridian Park Family Aquatic Center

- Painted interior/exterior of building and water slides
- Added fence to concession area
- Portable winch
- New signage
- Light pole repair from lightening strike
- Maintenance: sidewalk repair, main pool pump/motor, fence, and trees
- Installed new drain covers to meet federal mandates

### Morrison

- Paved parking
- Security locks
- Two new slides
- Tennis court repairs
- Tree maintenance
- Concrete surface cleaner
- Refurbished inside of shop

### Sunset

- Rain garden
- Refurbished playground fall zone
- Tree maintenance
- Security locks
- River Clean up
- Concrete surface cleaner

### Sunrise

- Playground equipment purchase
- Painted all buildings
- Tree maintenance
- Concrete surface cleaner
- Water leak repair leak in concession building

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## Porter Center

- Tree maintenance
- Added window blinds

## Tindall

- New playground with border
- New playground safety surface
- New bench
- New landscape plant material

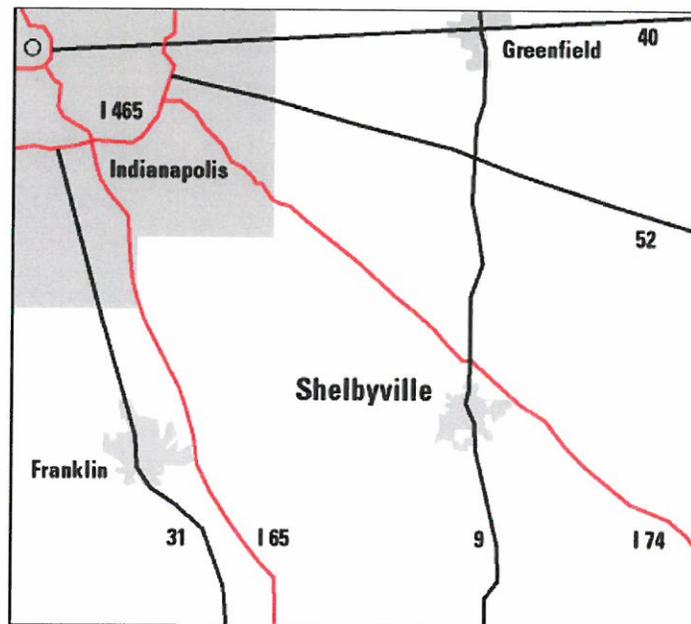
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## ❖ Community Profile

Shelbyville, the county seat of Shelby County, is located on the forks of Little Blue and Big Blue Rivers near the center of the county. Shelby County is located in south central Indiana, 26 miles southeast of the state capital of Indianapolis. By highway, Shelbyville is 217 miles from Chicago; 83 miles from Cincinnati; 273 miles from Detroit; and 268 miles from St. Louis. Three state highways (9, 44 and 244), one US highway 52 and Interstate 74, plus several good county roads, converge in/near Shelbyville. Interstate I-65 and I-70 are also within easy access. The Shelbyville Municipal Airport for private and small business aircraft serves Shelby County. The Indianapolis International Airport is 40 minutes away on the southeast side of Indianapolis, and it is 23 miles to Mt. Comfort Airport on the east side of Indianapolis. There are also several small airstrips in the county for private aircraft.

CSX Transportation provides main line rail service through the county, and the nearest navigable waterway is the Ohio River.



Location Map

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## ❖ *History and Culture*

Shelby County was organized in 1821 and was named after General Isaac Shelby, who defeated the British at the Battle of King's Mountain in the Revolutionary War. He was also instrumental in the War of 1812, defeating the British at the Battle of the Thames in 1813.

A donation of 70 acres of land - 40 acres by John Hendricks, 20 by James Davison and 10 acres by John Walker aided the selection of present day Shelbyville.

Shelbyville and Shelby County were part of a huge territory, known as the "New Purchase." In 1820, the "New Purchase" was formally opened for settlement and purchasers claimed most of the rich farmland that now comprises Shelby County. In December of 1821, the Indiana State Legislature at Corydon authorized the organization of Shelby County and the establishment of a county "capital." The name Shelby was assigned to the new county in honor of Isaac Shelby. The State considered four sites for the county seat, finally deciding on the present location in the center of the county. A donation of 70 acres of land - 40 acres by John Hendricks, 20 by James Davison and 10 acres by John Walker aided the selection of present day Shelbyville. The city was platted in 1822 and incorporated as a city in 1860.

The county was first divided into four civil townships, but since has been made into its present thirteen townships - Addison, Brandywine, Hanover, Hendricks, Jackson, Liberty, Marion, Noble, Shelby, Sugar Creek, Union, Van Buren and Washington. Shelbyville is in Addison, the central township. Shelbyville was incorporated January 21, 1850, by a special act of the Legislature.

In 1973, the incorporated city limits of Shelbyville contained an area of 6.00 square miles. Today, Shelbyville city limits cover an area of 9 square miles. Shelby County is 24 miles long, 17 miles wide and has an area of 407 square miles.

Adjacent counties include Rush county to the northeast, Decatur to the southeast, Bartholomew to the south, Johnson to the west/southwest, Marion to the northeast and Hancock to the north.

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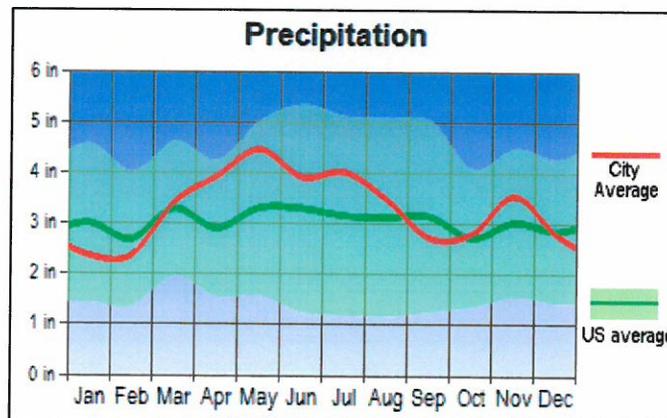
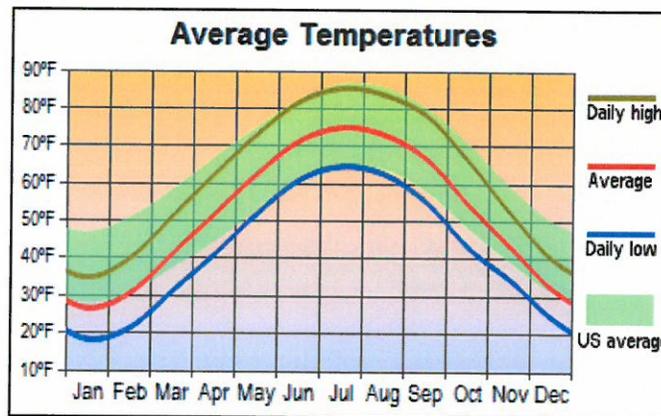
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## ❖ Features

### Geographic Features and Land Use

The terrain in Shelby County and the City of Shelbyville is relatively flat with a few gently rolling hills. This flat terrain is ideal for the development of recreational fields and natural passive green space.

Central Indiana's climate and temperature are relatively mild with generally no extreme temperatures in this Midwest region. Average temperatures range from 30 degrees Fahrenheit during the winter to 75.5 degrees Fahrenheit in the summer. Annual rain amounts average 39.94 inches; snow averages 27.5 inches. Shelbyville's average temperature is 54 degrees; annual average precipitation is 40.14 inches.



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For many years, the chief industry of Shelbyville was the manufacture of high-grade furniture, using the fine hardwoods that grew in abundance in the surrounding area. As the forests gave way to farmland, the furniture business - while still important - has ceased to dominate the local manufacturing field. Today, Shelbyville is a community of successful diversified industries. A farm-trade center, it manufactures glass, metal and plastic products, transportation equipment, machinery and furniture. Outside the Shelbyville city limits, the county remains a rich corn and livestock area.

## ❖ *Socio and Economic Considerations*

### *Population and Demographics*

The population of Shelby County has experienced growth as a result of the outward migration of Marion County and the City of Indianapolis. Close proximity to Interstates 70, 74, 65 and 465 around Indianapolis, along with US 52 and SR 9, 44 and 244 provide ease of commute to and from the communities of Shelby County and beyond.

According to the 2010 US Census, the population of Shelbyville represented 43.2% of Shelby County's population. From 1990 to 2010, Shelby County experienced a 10.2% population increase.

County population projections show minimal growth over the next several years as indicated in this chart below from the Indiana Business Research Center.

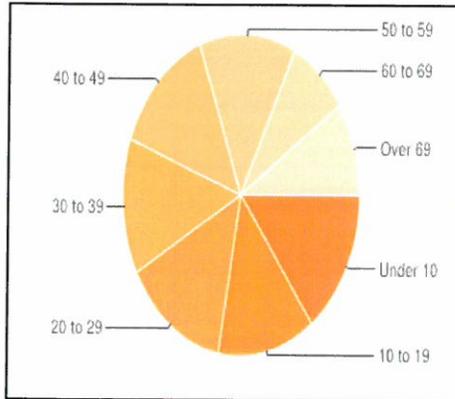
	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030
Population Projections	44,436	44,879	45,183	45,367	45,326
Change Since 2010		443	747	931	890
Pct. Change Since 2010		1.00%	1.70%	2.10%	2.00%

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## City of Shelbyville - 2010 Census Age Breakdown

Total population 19,191 (Male 48.7%, Female 51.3%)

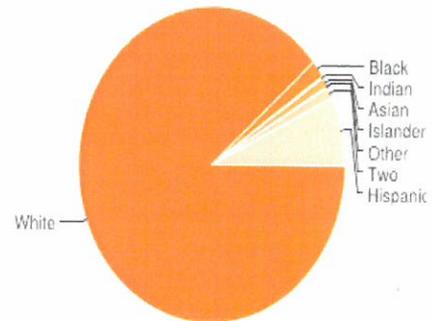


Ages 0-4	1,447
Ages 5-9	1,371
Ages 10-14	1,294
Ages 15-19	1,214
Ages 20-24	1,359
Ages 25-34	2,638
Ages 35-44	2,581
Ages 45-54	1,714
Ages 55-59	1,161
Ages 60-64	897
Ages 65-74	1,219
Ages 75-plus	1,269

The City household breakdown according to the 2010 US Census was 7,682 households, with 4,848 families residing in the city. There were 8,658 housing units with 4,308 owner occupied and 3,374 rentals. Family owner occupied homes were 4,848, and median home value from 2007-2011 was \$97,800.

2010 Census figures by race:

- 88.7% White
- 7.1% Hispanic or Latino,
- 1.9% African American (Black)
- 1.0% Asian
- 0.2% American Indian
- 0.2% Islander
- 0.9% Other races.



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Of the 7,307 households, there were 30.2% which had children under the age of 18 living with them; 42.6% were married couples living together; 13.6% had a single female occupant with no husband present, and 36.9% were non-families. Individuals made up 30.7% of all households and 12.1% had someone living alone who was 65 years of age or older. The average household size was 2.43, and the average family size was 3.

The median income for a household in the city was \$39,314. The per capita income for the city in 2011 was \$24,003. In the city, people below the poverty line were 15.2% from 2007-2011

## *Snapshot - 2010*

### *City of Shelbyville demographics*

- Median age 34.2
- 2010 population - 19,191
- Median income - \$39,314 (County - \$50,611)
- Percentage of population below poverty line - 12.4%
- Average mean travel time to work - 20.5 minutes

## *Education*

The residents of Shelby County support four school corporations:

- Shelby Eastern Schools
- Northwestern Consolidated Schools of Shelby County
- Southwestern Consolidated School District of Shelby County
- Shelbyville Central Schools

Schools within Shelbyville Central Schools:

- Coulston Elementary
- Southwestern Elementary
- Thomas A. Hendricks Elementary
- William F. Loper Elementary
- Shelbyville Middle School
- Shelbyville Sr. High School
- Southwestern High School
- Apostolic Church School (private high school)
- St. Joseph School (private middle school)

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Higher education opportunities are available through Indiana Tech, Ivy Tech, Indiana Wesleyan University, College Cooperative Southeast (CCS), Shelby County Life Long Learning and St. Paul Christian University. Many outstanding colleges and universities are also available within 45 miles: Anderson University, University of Indianapolis, Butler University, and IUPUI to name a few.

The 2010 Census reflects that of Shelby County residents 25 years or older, 85.98% are high school graduates or higher, 15.2% have a bachelor's degree or higher.

## ***Economic Base***

The county has a total resident labor force of 23,099 which is 29th in Indiana. The 2010 annual unemployment rate was 10% for Shelby County; but as of September 2012 the rate had dropped to 6.9%. This was lower than the State's unemployment rate for the same time of 7.5%.

Some of the larger employers in the Shelbyville corporate community include:

- Major Hospital
- Knauf Insulation, PK USA, Inc.,
- Ryobi Die Casting USA,
- Atlas Cold Storage (Kroger Co.)
- PK USA Inc.
- Pilkington North America Inc.
- David R. Webb Company
- Meridian Automotive Systems,
- O'Neal Steel Inc.
- PMC LLC
- Standard Register Co
- Shares Inc.
- Shelby Materials
- Williams Industries Inc.
- Freudenberg - NOK
- Klosterman Baking Co
- Ten Cate ENBI Inc
- Heritage House Convalescent

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A breakdown of Shelby County industries by employment provided by the Indy Partnership Employer Database is as follows.

Shelby County continues to offer a lower cost of living than many of the larger nearby metropolitan communities.

## Breakdown of Employment by Industry in 2010

- Health Care/Social Services 14.34
- Retail Trade 12.39
- Manufacturing 11.6
- Accommodation and Food Service 10.24
- Administration Services 8.07
- Transportation and Warehousing 6.2
- Finance/Insurance 5.63
- Construction 5.3
- Local Government 12.9
- Wholesale Trade 5.29

\*Includes private employment only Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics

Shelby County continues to offer a lower cost of living than many of the larger nearby metropolitan communities. Other significant pluses for Shelbyville include job opportunities, unique and affordable residential areas, and a regional health care hub.

Agriculture is still an important part of the economy in much of Shelby County, but more and more of the county's acreage is accommodating urban sprawl - residential and commercial. This follows a national land-use trend.

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Shelby County Business Community ([www.iredp.com](http://www.iredp.com))  
Shelby County Chamber of Commerce ([www.shelbychamber.net](http://www.shelbychamber.net))  
Shelby County Development Corporation ([www.shelbydevelopment.com](http://www.shelbydevelopment.com))  
City of Shelbyville ([www.cityofshelbyvillein.com](http://www.cityofshelbyvillein.com))  
Indianapolis Star ([www.indystar.com](http://www.indystar.com) - *Up Close: Shelbyville*)  
Blue River Foundation ([www.blueriverfoundation.com](http://www.blueriverfoundation.com))

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**Misc. Web Resources:**

[www.in.gov](http://www.in.gov)

[www.rootsweb.com](http://www.rootsweb.com)

[www.hometownlocator.com](http://www.hometownlocator.com)

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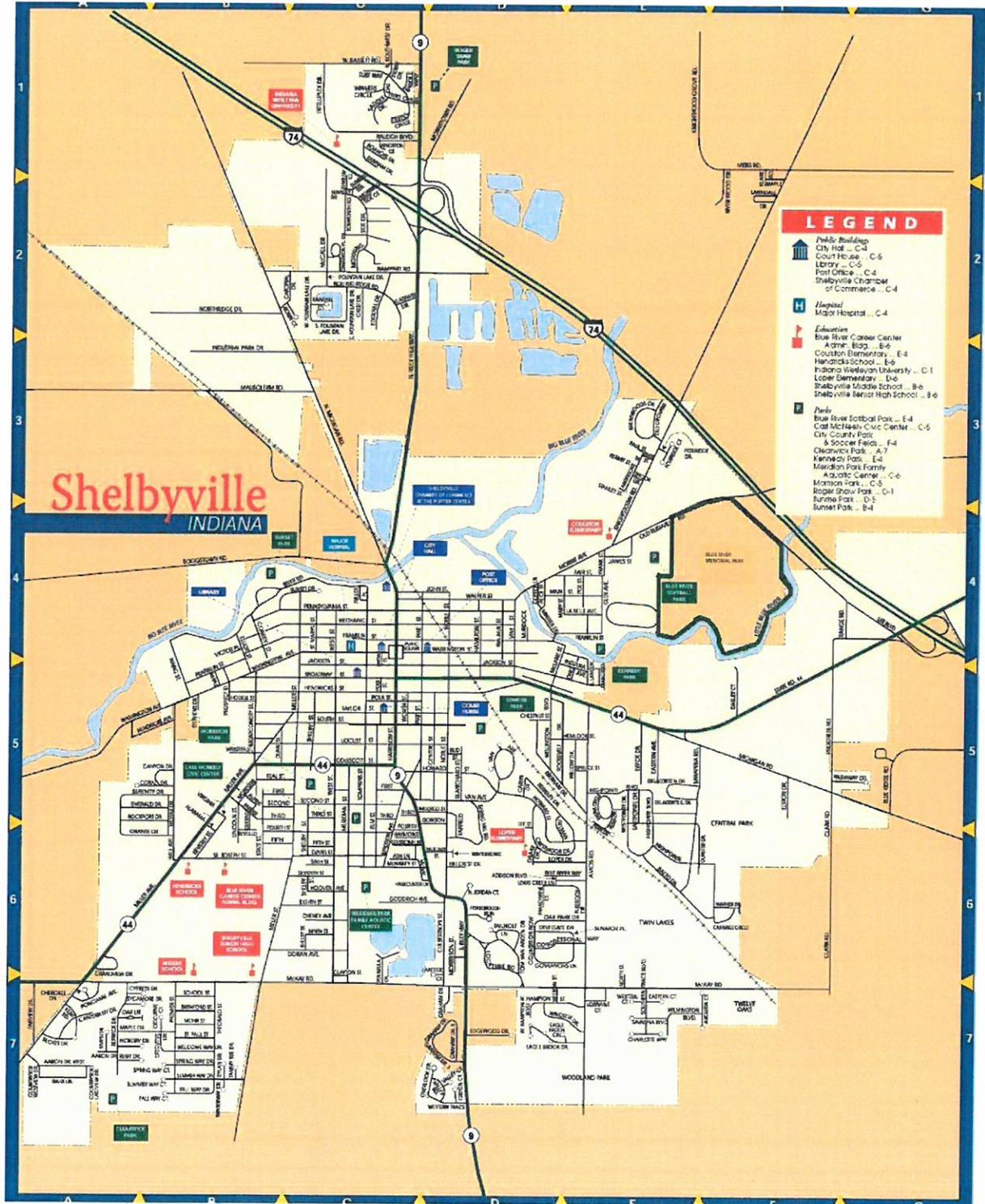
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## Parks and Recreation Facility Map



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## *❖ Existing Park Facilities*

### **Clearwick Park - 2600 Berwick Drive (8 acres)**

- Shelter
- 2 major playground structures and affiliated equipment
- Picnic tables
- Sand volleyball courts (2)
- Grills
- Open green space

### **Kennedy Park - 200 Minister Drive (10 acres)**

- Shelter
- Softball diamond (1)
- Walking bridge over Blue River
- Picnic tables
- Playground equipment
- Basketball court (1)
- Grills
- Shuffleboard courts
- Tennis courts (2)
- Restrooms
- Fishing

### **Sunrise Park - 501 E. South Street (10 acres)**

- Shelter
- Playground equipment
- Softball diamonds (youth) (3)
- Picnic tables
- Basketball court (1)
- Shuffleboard courts
- Grills
- Horseshoe pits
- Concession building/restrooms

### **Sunset Park - 410 River Road (16 acres)**

- Shelters
- Playground equipment
- Picnic tables
- 1/2 mile paved walking trail to Blue River
- Shuffleboard courts
- Grills

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- Horseshoe pits
- Fishing access and boat ramp

### **Morrison Park - 801 West Street (12 acres)**

\*Boys and Girls Clubs are located adjacent to this park facility

- Shelter
- Tennis courts (2)
- Playground equipment
- Horseshoe pits
- Shuffleboard courts
- Grills

### **Blue River Memorial Park (City-County Park) - 925 Lee Boulevard (186 acres)**

- Shelter/picnic area
- Playground equipment
- Concession buildings/restrooms
- 1.8 mile walking trail
- Softball fields (4) lighted
- Fishing pier
- Maintenance building
- Soccer fields (10)
- Splash pad
- Veterans Memorial
- Playground
- 4 Softball diamonds - lighted
- Scoring tower/concession building
- Restrooms

### **Pioneer Park - 701 Hale Road (4 acres)**

- Garden plots for rent

### **Roger Shaw - 1651 E. 600 N (20.5 acres)**

- 6 miles of mountain bike and hiking trails
- Access to Blue River
- Small parking area with fire pit
- Primitive camping
- Fishing along bank

### **Tindall Park - 151 W. Washington (.3 acres)**

- Playground equipment
- Small parking area

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## **Meridian Park Family Aquatic Center - 101 McKinley Street (6 acres)**

- Volleyball courts (1)
- Restrooms and Concession building
- Swimming pool/diving well
- Water slides

## **Porter Center - 501 N. Harrison (6 acres)**

- Home to Shelby County Chamber of Commerce, Mainstreet, and Tourism Board.
- Non-for-Profits a free meeting place
- Visitation center with artwork illustrating historical pieces of Shelby County.
- National Historical Landmarks Registry

## **Carl McNeely Civic Center - 945 S. Tompkins Street (2.25 acres)**

- Gymnasium
- Activity rooms
- Conference meeting room
- Sporting tournaments
- Preschool, tumbling classes
- Family events
- Park Department office

## **City Cemetery - 150 West Pennsylvania Street (8 acres)**

- Green space
- Historical - dates back to Civil War

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In addition, Shelbyville and Shelby County's recreational needs are met through a variety of additional groups and facilities. For instance, water aerobics and lap swimming are held at Shelbyville Middle School in the winter months; summer youth tennis camp is held at Shelbyville High School.

- Shelbyville Central Schools
  - Coulston Elementary School
  - Southwestern Elementary School

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- Thomas A. Hendricks Elementary School
- William F. Loper Elementary School
- Shelbyville Middle School
- Shelbyville Senior High School
- Southwestern High School
- Apostolic Church School (Private High School)
- St. Joseph School (Private Primary/Middle School)
- Shelby County Parks and Facilities
  - Broad Ripple Camp
  - Camp Joy
  - Camp Newheart
  - Walnut Grove Camp
  - Willow Park
- Miscellaneous Public Facilities/Group
  - Girls Inc. - incorporates sports as an integral part of girls' lives.
  - Morristown Boys and Girls Club
  - Self Shelbyville Boys Club
- Area golf courses
  - Elks Blue River

## *❖ Existing Programs*

The Shelbyville Parks and Recreation Department offers a variety of recreation programs designed to meet the community needs. Program offerings range from seminars and workshops to instructional classes, from aquatics fitness to passive fitness activities, from special events to activity programs, and from sports leagues to tournaments.

### Youth Activities

- Preschool
- Adventure Camps
- Camp Fun Sites
- Junior Camp Counselor
- Teddy Bear Tumblers and Explorers
- Spring Break Camp
- Self-Defense
- Cheer & Hip Hop

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- Parent/Youth/Tot Swim Lessons
- Reading Adventures in the Park
- Varsity Tennis
- Youth Tennis
- Youth Tennis Camp
- Youth Volleyball Camp
- Team Tennis
- Hook a Kid on Golf
- Youth Basketball Clinic
- SCG Fast Pitch Softball
- Lifeguard/Water Park Training
- Skyhawks Soccer Camp
- Skyhawks Baseball Camp
- Skyhawks Basketball Camp
- Skyhawks Volleyball Camp
- Skyhawks Golf Camp
- Kids in the Kitchen
- In the Park

### **Adult Activities**

- Water Aerobics
- Lap/Open Swim
- Scrapbooking Class
- Adult Cooking Class
- Fitness Room
- Zumba
- Pilates
- Men's Softball
- Co-ed Softball
- Shelby County Girls Fast Pitch Softball
- Women's Softball
- Men's 43 and over Softball
- Men's 35 and over Softball
- Church Softball League
- Men's Basketball
- Blue River Softball Tournament
- Women's Volleyball
- Co-ed Volleyball

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## **Special Events/Other Activities**

- Mother/Son Night and Daddy/Daughter Night
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Kiddie Carnival
- Halloween Fun Festival
- Fitness Walking
- Open Gym
- Birthday Parties
- Bears of Blue River Tennis Open
- Gingerbread House Class
- Santa Letters
- Punt, Pass & Kick
- BBR Kiddie Fun Run
- BBR 5K-10K Run/Walk
- Luminaries
- SEFA
- Turkey Shoot
- Hunter's Education
- Family Dinner and Movie
- Parents Day Out
- Spectacular Snowman Contest
- Doggie Day at the Pool
- Community Day at the Pool
- Community Garage Sale
- Movies in Park
- Breakfast with Santa
- Scarecrow Building Contest
- Winter Holiday Desserts
- Chocolate Oblivion
- Holiday Appetizers
- Movie and a Meal
- Family Movie Night
- Lifeguard/Water Park Training

The recreation needs of Shelbyville and the surrounding communities are facilitated in a variety of ways through schools, churches, businesses and the Shelbyville Central School Corporation. The Park Board has a long-term relationship with organizations such as these, and they play a critical role in providing additional green space and recreational venues for the Shelbyville and Shelby County residents.

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The Department continues to foster relationships with a wide variety of businesses and organizations to provide and create programs and events. The list below includes many of the community partners and collaborators of the Department.

- Eagle Scouts
- Girls Scouts
- Action Club
- Shelby County Girls Softball
- Shelby County Drug Free Coalition
- Shelby County D.A.R.E.
- Shelbyville/Shelby County Animal Shelter
- Indiana Department of Natural Resources
- Chamber of Commerce
- Shelby County Tourism
- Shelby County Solid Waste
- Shelby Count Reads
- Shelby County Soil & Water Conservation
- Shelbyville-Shelby County Public Library
- Shelbyville Central Schools
- Mainstreet
- Shelbyville Senior Services
- City of Shelbyville
- Blue River Soccer Association
- Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA)
- Bears of Blue River Festival committee
- Major Hospital
- Wal-Mart
- Triton High School Students Against Destructive Decisions
- Waldron Girls Basketball
- Blue River Community Foundation
- Honda USA
- Supply Equipment & Food Alliance (SEFA)
- Shelby Shifters
- Duran Chiropractic
- Shelby County Kiwanis
- Shelby County Optimists
- Rotary Club
- Applebee's Restaurants
- Denny's Restaurants
- Community Aspirations
- Mother of Preschool Students (MOP)

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- Poor Boys Car Club
- WSVX Radio

## ❖ *Americans with Disabilities Act*

Accessibility and the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements must be taken into consideration for every program and facility. The Department continually strives to achieve accessibility stands in all of its program services, facility renovations and developments. Existing facilities are in compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

The department strives to meet the ever changing needs of their constituents and whenever possible incorporate new activities that allow those who may suffer from some form of disability to be involved.

The department continues to upgrade facilities such as the restroom and concession building at Blue River Park to allow for easier and more accessible use by their patrons. The park has been designed to incorporate easy access to park facilities through accessible paths, site furniture and interpretive signage. As listed earlier in this section, the department offers a variety of programs that allow those with physical disabilities to participate. Special considerations are incorporated into the programs to allow for everyone to participate. For example, summer camps utilize additional staff so that special needs campers will have one on one attention to assist them in their activities if needed. Programs are designed to incorporate various ability levels of the campers. The department desires to be flexible in their programming and allow all skill levels and abilities to participate. In addition new play areas are being equipped and renovated throughout the park system to include more durable surface and updated play equipment.

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## *❖ Parks and Recreation Budget*

The park and recreation budget is primarily funded through property tax revenues and user fees imposed and collected for various programs.

### *2008 – 2012 Budget Comparisons*

	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>
Department Budget	\$1,060,395	\$1,169,781	\$1,164,932	\$1,152,061	\$1,099,889
Aquatic Budget	\$222,134	\$217,704	\$229,624	\$215,786	\$197,041
Total Budget	\$1,282,529	\$1,305,019.34	\$1,192,656	\$1,367,847	\$1,192,652.05

## ❖ *Trends in Park and Recreation*

Citizens are becoming more health conscious as they age, and they are paying more attention to their overall health and fitness.

Current trends throughout the United States are focusing on activities that can incorporate all members of the family such as walking trails and water aquatic facilities, and there is still major growth in fitness and wellness programs. These have been increasing over the last ten years and continue to do so today. Citizens are becoming more health conscious as they age, and they are paying more attention to their overall health and fitness. This is evidenced by the fact that more people are walking, swimming and exercising today than ever before. This is also evidenced by the fact that schools, businesses and hospitals are instituting wellness programs for all ages to encourage life-long fitness.

Other specialty recreational activities that are more focused on one age group include skateboard facilities which allow for in-line skaters, skateboards and trick bikes. Recreational activities such as exercise walking, hiking, basketball, golf, and soccer are among the top 20 other activities recently identified by the National Sporting Goods Association (NSGA) and the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA).

### **2011 NSGA Sports Participation Study (%)**

1. Exercise Walking (97.1)
2. Exercising with Equipment (55.5)
3. Swimming (46.0)
4. Camping - vacation/overnight (42.8)
5. Aerobic Exercising (42.0)
6. Bicycle Riding (39.1)
7. Hiking (39.1)
8. Running/Jogging (38.7)
9. Bowling (34.9)
10. Workout at Club (34.5)
11. Weightlifting (29.1)
12. Fishing (28.0)
13. Basketball (26.1)
14. Yoga (21.6)

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15. Golf (20.9)
16. Billiards/Pool (20.0)
17. Target Shooting (19.6)
18. Boating/Motor Power (16.7)
19. Hunting w/Firearms (16.4)
20. Soccer (13.9)

In addition, the State of Indiana recently updated the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) for 2011-2015. As part of this plan, IDNR provides a questionnaire to recreation users.

The top responses of Indiana residents regarding their outdoor activities closely parallel the nation and are as follows:

1. Walking/Hiking/Jogging
2. Camping
3. Picnicking
4. Fishing
5. Swimming
6. Boating/Water Skiing/personal watercraft
7. Golf
8. Bicycling
9. Hunting
10. Horseback riding

For the last 15 years walking/ hiking/jogging has been the top favorite activity of Hoosiers.

## *❖ The Effects of Recreation on Wellness*

Recreational opportunities and facilities have a profound effect on the health and wellness of a community. Ideally, through careful planning of green space, parks, facilities, and programs, a community creates an environment that offers multiple opportunities and choices for healthy lifestyles - opportunities which easily incorporate physical activity into the daily lives of its citizens.

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60 percent of the U.S. population is inactive or underactive.

Recent statistics released by the Surgeon General indicate that 60 percent of the U.S. population is inactive or underactive; conditions which have fueled the growing epidemic of obesity, diabetes and related disorders. A growing body of evidence points to the critical role that community design plays in fostering, or inhibiting, an active lifestyle. A few of the elements that have been identified as creating healthy, 'walkable communities' include:

- Safe and accessible sidewalks, crosswalks and bike paths.
- Transportation alternatives with pedestrian access to buses and transit systems.
- Safe, attractive and convenient parks and recreation facilities.
- Shopping and services that can be accessed without automobiles.

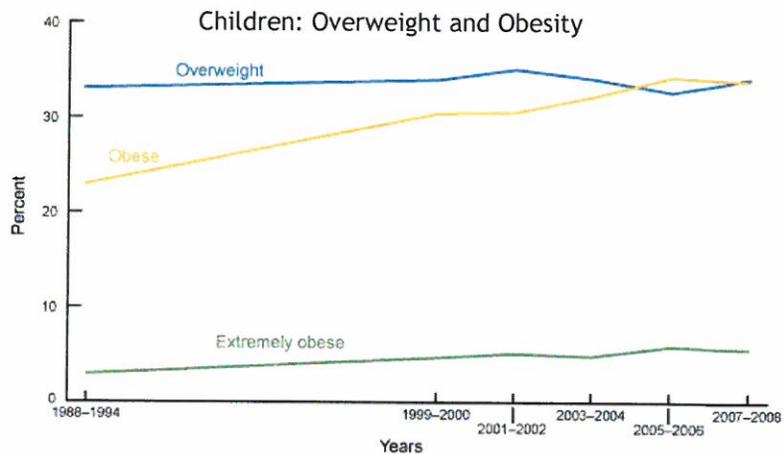
Availability and accessibility of attractive bike paths, walking paths, exercise facilities and swimming pools and the overall aesthetics of an environment play a role in citizens determining the type and amount of physical activity in which they will engage.

Studies show that extra weight contributes to heart disease, diabetes, possibly some forms of cancer and other diseases. Those who are 30 or more pounds overweight cost the country about \$73 billion in weight-related medical bills in 2008, and taxpayers paid for about one-half of that cost. In Indiana in 2003, the cost was \$1.64 billion for health care costs related to obesity. A recent Duke University study released in October 2010 stated that annual costs for each obese worker is approximately \$16,000 per worker annually.

A recent Annual Report by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) utilizing the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) confirms that inactivity increases with age and is more common among women than men, and among those with lower income and less education than among those with higher income or education. Physical activity also declines dramatically with age during adolescence.

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NOTES: Age-adjusted by the direct method to the year 2000 U.S. Census Bureau estimates, using the age groups 20-39, 40-59, and 60 years and over. Pregnant females were excluded. Overweight is defined as a body mass index (BMI) of 25 or greater but less than 30; obesity is a BMI greater than or equal to 30; extreme obesity is a BMI greater than or equal to 40. SOURCE: CDC/NCHS, National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey III 1988-1994, 1999-2000, 2001-2002, 2003-2004, 2005-2006, and 2007-2008

### Wellness Resources:

- CDC - National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, *Overweight and Obesity*
- National Institute of Diabetes, Digestive and Kidney Disease - Information service 2006 survey
- Indiana Business, August 2006 - Our State of Health
- Inside Indiana Business Report, May 29, 2008 - Surgeon General in Indiana for Obesity Prevention.
- The Indianapolis Star - June 11, 2006, *Obese, middle-aged and healthy? Fat chance, study says*
- The Indianapolis Star- December 6, 2011, *Indiana's ranking unchanged in annual health survey*
- United Health Foundation, December 2011 - *America's Health Ratings A Call to Action for Individuals and Their Communities*
- United States Department of Health and Human Services - Surgeon General's Call to Action to Prevent and Decrease Overweight and Obesity
- Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine published October 8, 2010 referenced by WTHR 13, Indianapolis, IN - health cost report

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## Needs Analysis

### Park Classifications and Land Requirements

The Master Plan preparation process includes reviewing recreation standards developed by organizations including the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), and the master plans for communities of similar size. In addition, specific characteristics such as local natural resources, economic conditions, land use availability, cultural preferences, and community needs contribute to the formation of a community's recreation standards.

The recommended standards for park classifications and land area requirements are described below and itemized in Table 1. The park classifications conform to one of three general categories: places for active recreation, resource-oriented areas and specialized facilities. Space requirements, typical facilities and programs, and unique environmental features further define the park types.

### Regional Park

A regional park serves several communities or a multi-county region within a one-hour driving distance. Approximately 10 acres per 1,000 population is served, and the park is generally 1,000 acres or more. A regional park is an area of natural ornamental quality that provides diverse and unique natural resources for nature-oriented outdoor recreation such as nature viewing and study, wildlife habitat conservation, hiking, camping, canoeing, and fishing. Usually 80% of the land is reserved for conservation and natural resource management, with less than 20% of the site developed for active recreation. Active recreation areas consist of play areas and open fields for informal use and can include specialized activities like golf, boating, hiking, lodging, and a conference center. It is common for these types of parks to become specialized in their offerings to the public. Many regional parks can be considered a 'destination park.'

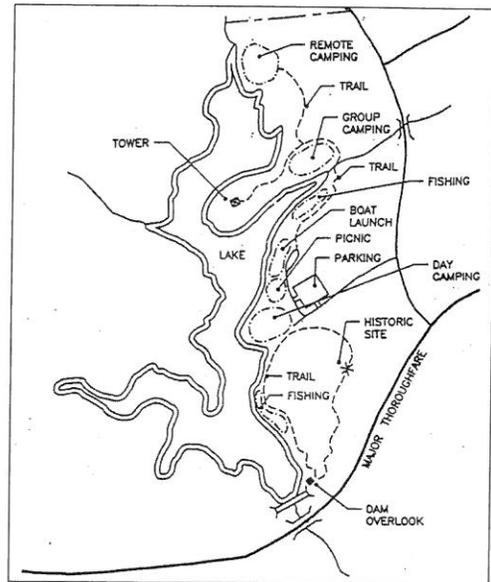


Exhibit A - Regional Park

Exhibit A illustrates a typical regional park. Brown County State Park, Brookville Lake, Mounds State Recreation Area and Johnson County Park are examples of regional parks that serve the Shelbyville planning area.

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### District Park

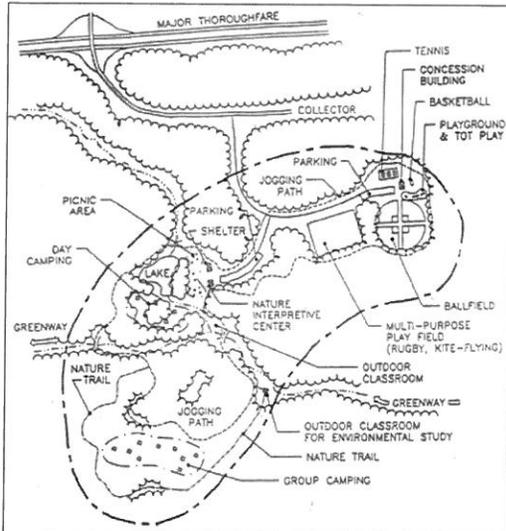


Exhibit B - District Park

A district park provides more diverse recreational opportunities than the regional park, yet on a smaller scale. Similar to a regional park, a district park emphasizes passive recreational opportunities, but it also includes active recreational facilities. A district park is easily accessible by the population it serves and maintains a 5-mile service radius. The park contains a minimum of 5 acres per 1,000 population and is usually 200-400 acres in size. District parks normally include an indoor recreation building, or an interpretive center that reflects the character of the park. Active recreational facilities located in a district park include active play areas, ball fields, hard surface courts, golfing, swimming, boating, multi-purpose play fields, picnic facilities, and various types of trails. Many district parks are specialized in their offerings to the public and draw participants from throughout the community. *Exhibit B* illustrates a typical district park. Blue River Memorial Park is a district park within this planning area.

### Community Park

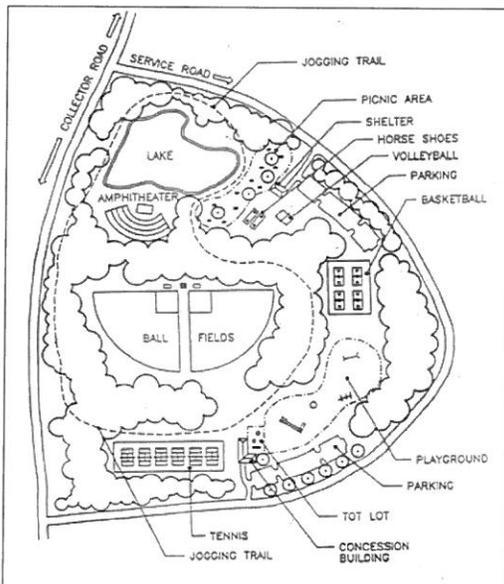


Exhibit C - Community Park

Community parks are easily accessible to a single or several neighborhoods depending on local needs and the population distribution at the time it was developed. When possible, the park may be developed adjacent to a middle or elementary school. A community park provides recreational opportunities for the entire family and contains areas suited for intense recreational purposes such as a recreation center building, athletic fields, swimming, tennis, and walking/jogging trails. The park may also have a recreation center and/or have areas of natural quality for outdoor recreation such as viewing, sitting, and picnicking. Community parks have an average service area of 2 miles and require a minimum of 3 acres per 1,000 population served and should be between 16 and 75 acres (typically 40 acres). The size is variable due to the type of facilities located within the park. *Exhibit C* illustrates a typical community park. Roger Shaw is an example of a community park.

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## Neighborhood Park

A neighborhood park is designed to serve a population of up to 5,000, but in many instances may serve more. The park requires 3 acres per 1,000 population served and should be between 5-15 acres; however, many times they are smaller. Neighborhood parks are typically characterized by family oriented recreational activities such as court games, crafts, playground apparatus, picnicking, and space for quiet/passive activities.

The service radius for a neighborhood park is one-half mile and is easily accessible to the neighborhood population through safe walking and bicycle access. Parking may or may not be required. Where feasible, the activity use areas are divided equally between quiet/passive activities and active play areas.

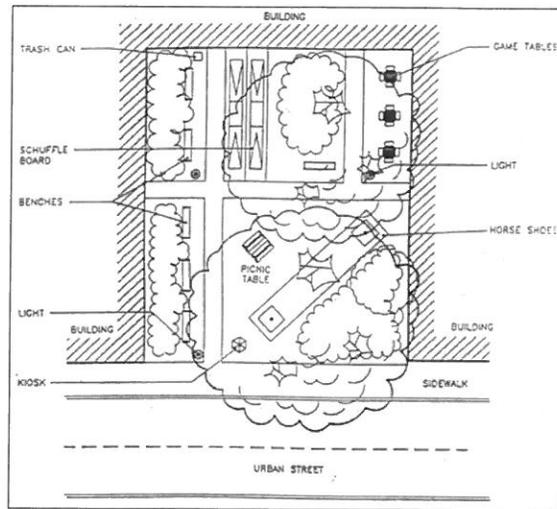


Exhibit D - Neighborhood Park

This type of park may be developed as a school/park or neighborhood center facility. *Exhibit D* illustrates a typical neighborhood park. Municipal governments normally provide neighborhood parks. Clearwick, Kennedy, Morrison, Meridian, Porter and Sunrise Parks are examples of neighborhood parks within this planning area.

## Mini Park

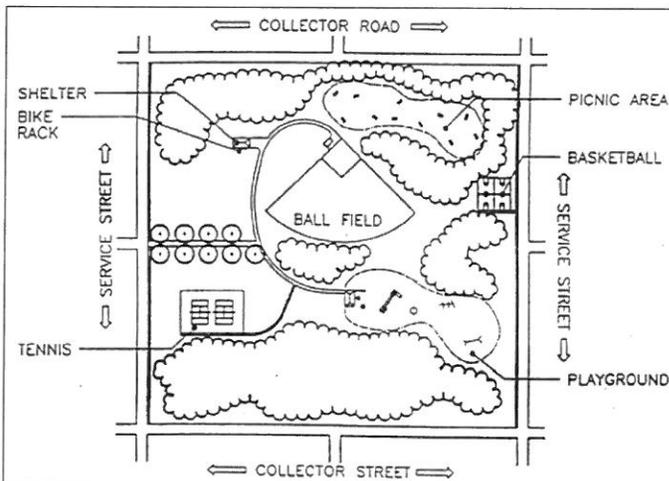


Exhibit E - Mini Park

Mini parks are characterized by their relatively small size (approximately 1-4 acres) and specialized facilities to serve a specific segment of the population (tot lots or senior citizens). This park is typically located in close proximity to more densely populated neighborhoods such as an apartment complex, townhouse development or elderly housing. The service area for a mini park is one-quarter mile or less. Mini parks are normally provided by municipal government, or private developers as a part of a residential development or business park.

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## Greenway/Linear Park

A greenway park is an area developed for one or more varying modes of recreational travel such as hiking and biking. The greenway park will often be developed to connect recreational facilities as well as schools and residential neighborhoods.

The acreage and service area of a greenway park is variable and subject to existing natural and man-made features, the existence of public right-of-way, and the public demand for this type of park. In some cases, a greenway park is developed within a large land area designated for protection and management of the natural environment, with the recreational use as a secondary objective. *Exhibit F* illustrates a typical greenway park. All levels of government provide these parks.

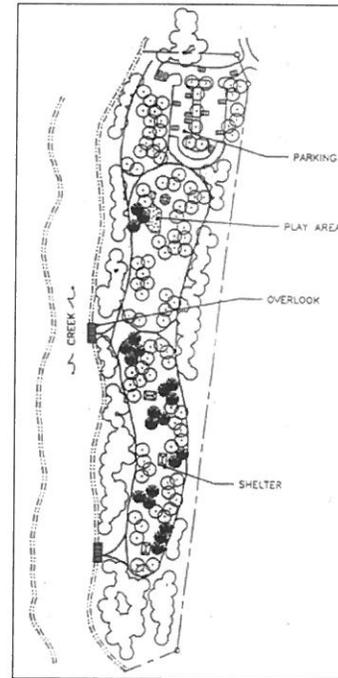


Exhibit F—Greenway/Linear Park

## Special Sites or Facilities

The unique or special areas are park types that exist to enhance or utilize a special man-made or natural feature. They can include beaches, aquatic facilities, museums, golf facilities, parkways, historical sites, sites of archeological significance, arboretums, conservation easements, flood plains, river access, etc. Minimum standards relating to acreage or population have not been established by the park and recreation industry for this category. A size that is sufficient to protect and interpret the resource, while providing optimum use, is considered desirable for special sites that are natural in character. Other specialized facilities require space sufficient to accommodate the program planned for the site. All levels of government provide special use parks. The Civic Center and Pioneer Park are examples of special use site and facilities.

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The minimum park land requirement (in acres) for the total population of the Shelbyville planning area is provided in Table 1. The acreage requirement is based upon the population ratio method (acres of park land per 1,000 population) established for each park classification.

<b>Table 1</b> <b>Shelbyville, Indiana</b> <b>National Standards for Park and Land Area Requirements</b>				
<b>Park Type Standard</b>	<b>Acres/1000 Population</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Population Served</b>	<b>Service Area</b>
<b>Regional Park</b> National Recommended	10 10	1000 1000	Several Communities 50,000-100,000	1 hr. drive 50 mi. radius
<b>District Park</b> National Recommended	5-10 5	200 76-200	Several Communities 10,000-50,000	15-20 minute drive 5 mi. radius
<b>Community Park</b> National Recommended	5-8 3	25+ 25+	Several Neighborhoods 5,000-15,000	1-2 mile radius 2 mile radius
<b>Neighborhood Park</b> National Recommended	1-2 2	15+ 5-15	5,000 5,000	¼-½ mile ½ mile
<b>Mini Park/Tot Lots</b> National Recommended	.25-.50 .25	1 1	Adjacent Neigh. Adjacent Neigh.	¼ mile ¼ mile
<b>Greenway/Linear Park &amp; Special Use</b> National Recommended	Varies Varies	Varies Varies	Varies Varies	Varies Varies

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The types of parks that will be needed by the end of the planning period (2010) are based upon the acreage standards provided in Table 2. They include regional parks, district parks, community parks, neighborhood parks, linear park/special use, and open space areas. The Department continues to actively seek new park land within the planning area.

<b>TABLE 2</b> <b>Shelbyville Planning Area</b> <b>Total Park Sites and Acreage Requirements</b>			
<b>PARK AREA</b>	<b>PLANNING AREA</b> <b>Year/Population and National Standard Requirements (NSR)</b>		
	<b>(City owned)</b> <b>Existing Properties in</b> <b>2013</b>	<i>Required per NSR</i> <b>2013</b> <b>(19,191)<sup>1</sup></b>	<i>Required per NSR</i> <b>2017</b> <b>(19,970)<sup>2</sup></b>
<b>Regional Parks*</b> +1000 acre park (10 Ac/1000)	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	N/A <sup>1</sup> N/A
<b>District Parks*</b> 76-400 acre park (5 Ac/1000)	186 acres <sup>3</sup> 1 site	96 acres 1 site	99.9 acres 1 site
<b>Community Parks</b> +15-75 acre park (3 Ac/1000)	36.5 acres <sup>4</sup> 2 sites	57.3 acres 1 site	59.7 acres 2 sites
<b>Neighborhood Parks</b> 5-15 acre park (2 Ac/1000)	40 acres <sup>5</sup> 4 sites	38.2 acres 4 sites	39.94 Acres 4 Sites
<b>Mini Parks</b> 1-4 acre park (.25 Ac/1000)	N/A <sup>6</sup> N/A	N/A N/A	N/A N/A
<b>Greenways &amp; Special Use Parks</b> Not applicable (not applicable)	26.55 acres <sup>7</sup> sites	N/A N/A	N/A N/A
<p><sup>1</sup> and <sup>2</sup> Population estimates were developed from the US Census Bureau 2010 and assume a 1% increase annually. In 2011, Indiana Business Research Center indicated a slight decrease in population. Thus, for this report it was estimated that the City had rebounded to 2010 numbers.</p> <p><sup>3</sup> District Park: Blue River Memorial Park – 186 acres (joint ownership by City and County)</p> <p><sup>4</sup> Community Parks: Roger Shaw – 20.5 acres, Sunset – 16 acres</p> <p><sup>5</sup> Neighborhood Parks: Clearwick – 8 acres, Kennedy – 10 acres, Morrison – 12 acres, Sunrise – 10 acres</p> <p><sup>6</sup> Mini Parks: The Park Board has determined due to development and maintenance costs not to provide mini parks but to focus on larger parcels to provide more recreation and programs for the overall investment.</p> <p><sup>7</sup> Special Use Parks: Civic Center – 2.25 acres, Meridian Park Family Aquatic Center – 6 acres, Pioneer – 4 acres, Porter Center – 6 acres, City Cemetery – 8 acres, Tindall – 0.3 acres</p>			

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## ❖ *Public Input - Summary*

Many formats for gathering public input were used to understand the community's opinions concerning the Department. These formats included questionnaires, emails to park user lists, public meetings, stakeholder and park board meetings. All public meetings were advertised in the local papers, and at park locations and events. The dates below indicate public meetings in which input was given.

- May 2, 2012 - Stakeholder Meetings
- May 9, 2012 - Park Board meeting
- May 23, 2012 - Park Board meeting
- June 5, 2012 - Public Open House Public Meeting
- June 13, 2012 - Park Board meeting - public input discussed
- June 27, 2012 - Park Board Meeting - questionnaires discussed
- August 8, 2012 - Park Board meeting - public input discussed
- September 11, 2012 - Park Board meeting
- December 19, 2012 - Park Board meeting - master plan update and review of draft
- January 9, 2012 - Park Board Meeting
- February XX, 2012 - Park Board Meeting - presentation
- February XX, 2012 - Park Board Meeting - adopted master plan

The community continues to support the progress that the department has made and continues to make. Input during the planning process has been positive and many people have express satisfaction with the progress of the department. The community also seems to be in concurrence on many opportunities to improve the department as listed below.

- funding needs
- provide more trails
- provide a new arts venue
- programs for teens and after school programs for all youth
- multi-generational activities, programs and facilities
- more park land
- build a dog park
- find funding for parks and programs

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Meeting minutes of input meetings may be found at the end of this section.

### Questionnaire

The staff also distributed questionnaires at the park office and at the aquatic facilities from May through September to gather more general public input. A 100 people returned their questionnaires. Not every participant answered each question. Below is a summary of the various responses from the questionnaires.

1. 52 women, 48 men filled out questionnaire  
48 respondents had children under age 18
2. Majority of respondents have lived in the city for over 20 years.
3. 96 respondents lived in Shelbyville, 4 lived in the county
4. Respondents were all Caucasian/White
5. For each of the activities listed, when was the last time you or the members of your household participated in that activity in the Shelbyville area?

Answer Options	0	1-2	3-5	6-11	12+	Response Count
Attending a fitness program or class	36	13	6	6	16	77
Attending a recreation program or class	38	14	11	7	7	77
Attending special events, concerts, movies, etc	20	22	18	14	10	84
Bicycling	34	10	11	4	14	73
Fishing	46	6	8	8	6	74
Observing nature	20	9	19	12	25	85
Picnicking	26	25	17	8	6	82
Playing organized sports in youth league (baseball, softball, etc)	36	7	6	6	21	76
Playing organized sports in adult league	50	4	5	5	10	74
Preschool programs	48	9	2	3	11	73
Running or jogging	41	13	5	3	10	72
Using children's playground/play area	20	15	14	11	24	84
Shelter Rental	43	23	3	2	2	73
Swimming	31	8	15	11	15	80
Walking for fitness or pleasure	20	5	15	11	31	82

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Column B: How satisfied are you with this activity? 1 - not at all, 5 - very satisfied								
Answer Options	1	2	3	4	5	Haven't used	Response Count	
Attending a fitness program or class	0	3	6	12	19	10	50	
Attending a recreation program or class	0	0	6	11	21	8	46	
Attending special events, concerts, movies, etc	0	0	5	20	35	3	63	
Bicycling	1	2	7	10	20	8	48	
Fishing	0	1	5	9	12	10	37	
Observing nature	0	2	7	20	33	3	65	
Picnicking	0	2	7	16	31	6	62	
Playing organized sports in youth league (baseball, softball, etc)	0	0	4	14	23	9	50	
Playing organized sports in adult league	1	0	4	10	12	10	37	
Preschool programs	0	0	1	4	22	12	39	
Running or jogging	0	3	6	8	13	7	37	
Using children's playground/play area	0	0	8	18	34	4	64	
Shelter Rental	0	1	6	13	15	9	44	
Swimming	0	0	5	15	28	5	53	
Walking for fitness or pleasure	0	1	7	17	33	4	62	
							<b>Question Totals</b>	
							<i>answered question</i>	<b>100</b>
							<i>skipped question</i>	<b>0</b>

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6. For each park/facility listed below in Column A, indicate how many times during the past 12 months you or the members of your household have visited that park/facility. Then indicate in Column B how satisfied you are with that park/facility.

Column A Answer Options	0	1-2	3-5	6-11	12+	Response Count
Blue River Memorial Park	21	14	19	3	26	83
Carl McNeely Civic Center (Park Offices)	16	17	14	10	26	83
Clearwick Park	41	17	4	4	9	75
Kennedy Park	11	23	20	12	15	81
Meridian Park Family Aquatic Center	27	15	16	9	17	84
Morrison Park	24	18	17	7	16	82
Pioneer Park	57	7	0	1	3	68
Roger Shaw Park	62	3	3	3	1	72
Sunrise Park	26	21	11	8	12	78
Sunset Park	21	22	14	11	14	82
Tindall Park	59	1	4	1	6	71

COLUMN B: How satisfied are you with this park/facility? 1 not at all, 5 very satisfied							
Answer Options	1	2	3	4	5	x	Response Count
Blue River Memorial Park	0	0	7	14	40	2	63
Carl McNeely Civic Center (Park Offices)	0	0	5	23	32	4	64
Clearwick Park	0	2	6	8	12	8	36
Kennedy Park	1	1	6	23	34	2	67
Meridian Park Family Aquatic Center	0	1	3	13	34	1	52
Morrison Park	1	1	10	19	23	3	57
Pioneer Park	0	0	5	3	2	14	24
Roger Shaw Park	0	2	5	2	1	13	23
Sunrise Park	0	2	7	15	20	3	47
Sunset Park	0	1	6	23	25	2	57
Tindall Park	0	0	1	6	3	13	23

		Question Totals
<i>answered question</i>		92
<i>skipped question</i>		8

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7. What other programs or facilities do you believe we should add for the future or anything else you would like to tell us?

Responses:

- Completed walking trails
- Indoor facility: soccer, volley ball, bike paths, fishing, outdoor basketball
- Bike trails
- Trail connecting Sunset to Babe Ruth ball park
- Our kids love swings, none at Kennedy. Sunset swings closer to playground
- Shelter rentals was for civic sales
- Curling
- More animal programs, dog walks, etc.
- Outdoor basketball court, cooking class, hiking trails
- More shade at parks is needed
- Indoor facility for winter
- Give the staff a big raise
- Bike path at Roger Shaw needs work (last summer)
- Thank you for opportunity to offer suggestions...add yoga and yoga prenatal classes
- Move preschool to a location which would have an outside playground and additional classroom.
- Add a parent's day out for kids too young for preschool
- Bike trail connecting Kennedy, Blue River, Sunset Parks. dog park
- More fishing access to Big Blue and Little Blue;
- More hiking trails along Blue River, and Roger Shaw
- Water volleyball
- Interpretive dancing
- Roller Skating rink, dog park

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- Bicycling and trails
- Tennis
- Indoor facility that is free
- Skate park
- Wiffle ball league
- Community Arts Center
- Art Venue: especially theatre and music both indoor & outdoor facility
- Biking, jogging, walking trails
- Allow long distance cyclists to camp overnight in city park

8. You may use this space for any other comments or suggestions you would like to share with the Shelbyville Parks & Recreation Department.

### Responses:

- curling
- Teach fishing to children
- Should have refs and score/time boards for adult kickball
- skating programs, programs for lower income families
- A lot of our summer is spent camping out of the local area at Camp Atterbury.
- More evening swim hours and lessons, I work and can't bring my toddler to lessons during the day.
- Evening sports activities, baseball hard to day working parents.
- We love to set up at the garage sales. It is easier than having one at home. Plus weather does not interfere.
- Special needs programs.
- Looking forward to new splash pad at Blue River.
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- More fitness classes: Tried Zumba class and it just wasn't for me.
- A day care in New Palestine brings the kids to the pool here because it is so nice. The Parks Department does a very good job. My daughter has enjoyed taking her 20-month old to play on the new equipment.
- I love the garage sales!
- We moved to Shelby County 7 yrs ago and enjoy all the parks programs and facilities.
- Preschool is awesome. I would like 4-5's class to be longer: 3-4hours 3x/week.
- Men's league all year round.
- Canoe use
- Canoe rental, band shelter
- Skate park, great job!
- Add more skyhawk and sports camps for other kids.
- Encourage healthy eating/snack habits at preschool. Eliminate sugary snacks and drinks save treats for special occasions. Do not serve kool-aid daily. Place visible no smoking signs at all park playgrounds.
- Bathrooms aren't always open.
- Lots of good things happening. Keep up the good work!
- Please put picture of wonderful concession staff in magazine/pamphlet
- Put concession workers in advertising
- Need to get rid of graffiti. Soccer field grass needs to be taken care of better.
- Use irrigation/water system (not before a game.)

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## **Stakeholder Input Meetings May 2, 2012 4:00 and 6:00**

The Department invited stakeholders representing any groups who the Department had partnered with in the past including Sports groups, Civic Groups, Arts Council/Theatre, Soccer, Girls Softball, City Council, Park Board, business partners, Seniors, Trail advocates, etc. The two meetings were attended by a total of 52 people.

The group was given an overview of the master plan process than asked to participate in brain storming session answering the following questions. The notes below incorporate both meetings.

### 1. What are the Department's strengths to build on for the future?

- Diversity of programs
- Multiple programs at park facility - example: Blue River
- Variety of facilities
- Pool playgrounds walking
- Natural resources and river
- Walking but need more
- Staff easy to work with
- Proactive
- Staff is amazing
- Staff is professional
- Staff is versatile team players, pitch in attitude
- Maintenance and upkeep has come long way in 20 years great
- Willingness to start new programs when needed preschool
- Variety of programs for children and adults
- Pool
- Teens
- Soccer field park/restrooms

### 2. Key issues facing the department?

- Funding
- Need more trees
- Bicycling
- Community playhouse arts venue finance it
- Outside stage storage and bandshell
- Sunrise: lighting softball
- Softball sound system
- Outside basketball courts
- Blue River - security/ police presence
- Awareness/signage and benches

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- Marketing of parks
- Winter activities
- Collaboration with art groups
- Arts building
  - o Players
  - o Programs
  - o Summer program for youth
  - o Arts, paint, sidewalk chalk
  - o Music
  - o Arts in park

### 3. Overall desired changes for the Department over the next 10 years?

- Indoor practice sports complex: baseball, soccer, softball, fitness track
- Art venue
- Trails
- Pool upgrades
- Natural areas
- Nature center
- Outdoor classroom
- More staff as programs and facilities grow
- Multi-generational activities
- After-school programs
- Make sure to build in to new facility programs for preschool: indoor practice areas
- Bicycle route through Shelbyville
- Camping for long distance riders
- Dog park
- Parks within walking distance
- Sidewalk to all park locations
- Canoeing
- Staff: art programming
- Seniors
  - o Meeting space
  - o Exercise
  - o Programs that need places to meet to have programs
  - o Team with arts and players
  - o Game nights
  - o Benches along trails
- TOPS Soccer Field new program like indoor for mental and physical 6 yr old
  - o More ground for fields and parking
  - o U10-20 statewide depending on age
  - o 5-6 High school size fields. Collaborate with schools to use their fields
  - o Shelter

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- Blue River adults came up through the league playing in Blue River Soccer as kids
- Ultimate Frisbee Day like community day
- Baby Boomer still very active
- Arts, memorials, historical
- Funding
- Gardens flower beds
- Beautification
- Active/passive activities
- Serenity area
- Normal activity: kite flying
- Mountain biking trails
- Nature areas
- Trails
- More trees
- Staff: grow and add with expansion of programs
- Ice skating rink

### **Public Open House/Input Meeting #1 4:00 - 6:00 pm on June 5, 2012**

Cornerstone and park staff were available to answer questions throughout the two hour open house. A presentation explaining the master plan process and details of the master plan were shown in a slide show that ran repeatedly during the open house. The open house was well attended by 39 people who offered written thoughts (documented below) and completed the park questionnaire. The group was very engaged with staff talking about the opportunities for the future for the department.

1. What are the Department's strengths to build on for the future?
  - Diversity of programs
  - Multiple programs at park facility - example: Blue River
  - Variety of facilities
  - Pool
  - Playgrounds
  - Walking
  - Natural resources and river
  - Programs
  - Proactive
  - Friendly staff
  - Staff willing to listen to suggestions
  - Variety of programs for children and adults
  - Open space
  - Teens
  - Soccer fields

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- Easy to work with
- Willing to partner and work with other groups

### 2. Key issues facing the department?

- Funding
- Sponsorships
- Need more trees
- Bicycling
- More trails
- Community playhouse arts venue - how to finance it
- Bandshell
- Senior programming
- Collaboration with art groups
- Arts building
  - o Players
  - o Programs
  - o Summer program for youth
  - o Arts, paint, sidewalk chalk
  - o Music
  - o Arts in park

### 3. Overall desired changes for the Department over the next 10 years?

- Art venue for programs for all ages, Arts in Park, youth and seniors, Theatre (12 people commented)
- Trails
- Pool upgrades
- Dog Park (5 people agreed)
- Natural areas
- Nature center at Blue River
- Multi-generational activities
- After-school programs
- General upkeep of facilities due to limited funding
- trail connectivity
- teen programs
- Add more shade near playgrounds
- Parks within walking distance
- Sidewalk to all park locations
- Art programming
- Seniors
  - o Arts
  - o Cards
  - o Meeting space
  - o Exercise
  - o Providing space for programs that need places to meet
  - o Benches along trails
- More nature areas

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- More trees - create shade, replacement of dying trees
  - Protect our natural areas
  - More places to fish
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4. Any other ideas you want to share
- Thanks for giving us a chance to provide input
  - Thanks for all the updates on the various playgrounds. Excited about all the work at Blue River.
  - Keep up the great work!
- Appreciate all your efforts and things you do for our community!

### **Park Board Meeting - May 9, 2012**

At a regularly scheduled Park Board meeting, Deb Schmucker and Karen Martin provided an update to the Park Board from the Stakeholders' meetings that were held the previous week. Karen encouraged the Park Board to attend the upcoming public open house on June 5 and to invite friends to the open house.

### **Park Board Meeting - June 27, 2012**

At a regularly scheduled Park Board meeting, Deb Schmucker and Karen Martin provided an update to the Park Board of the public input from questionnaires and the meetings that had been held over the last few weeks. Input has been very positive. Trails, athletic fields, and Art venue continue to be requests that have been heard at the various meetings.

### **Park Board Meeting - August 9, 2012**

At a regularly scheduled Park Board meeting, Deb Schmucker and Karen Martin provided updates on the items related to the draft of the master plan including demographics, public input, park facilities, programs and park department partners. The questionnaire will be available for one more month for the public. To date there have been approximately 100 responses and about 10 additional written suggestions to the department.

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## **Park Board Meeting - December 19, 2012**

At a regularly scheduled Park Board meeting, Deb Schmucker and Karen reviewed the draft of the master plan which included all of the items which had been previously presented to the Board including: demographics, park facilities, trends in the industry, health and fitness, public input, and action plan. The draft will be submitted in January for preliminary review by Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

## **Park Board Meeting - XXXXXXXX, 2013**

## **Park Board Meeting - XXXXXXXX, 2013**

## ❖ Community Needs and Issues

After careful analysis of the issues identified by the Park Board, staff and general public, needs were categorized into different groups:

- Develop multi-use trails to connect the community
- Budget for new Special Events director position
- Establish self-sustaining maintenance practices
- Increase programming opportunities for teens and youth
- Budget for park maintenance staff
- Budget for park maintenance and upkeep
- Budget for equipment
- Fund continuing education opportunities for staff
- Write grants and budget for arts venue
- Develop partnership with Arts Council and groups to develop art programming.
- Continue to develop partnerships and foster relationships.
- Establish revenue generating facilities and programs
- Increase public awareness of park departments efforts beyond mowing
- Partner with other community service organizations (Boys' Club, YMCA) to offer new programs

### Narrative Summary

The department recognizes that the green space needs will continue to grow as the community grows and that a different approach and strategy is imperative to fund, maintain and develop facilities and programs.

The Department continues to strive to answer the public's desire to add more green space, trails, athletic fields and an Arts venue. During the planning process, the public was consistent in verbally requesting these areas specifically. Many challenges face the department in the next five years. City budgets continue to be minimal and they continue to focus on developing partnerships, corporate partners and applying for grants.

The Action Plan on the following pages is meant to be flexible in order to allow the Department and Board to be responsive to opportunities that may arise in the future for funding.

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### Action and Priority Plan

YEAR	SITE	ACTION	COST	SOURCE
2013	Admin	New bark park (location to be determined)	\$75,000	Budget
	Admin	Purchase 10 picnic tables	\$6,000	Budget
	Admin	Purchase fax machine	\$000	Budget
	Admin	Cross-country coordination	\$000	Budget
	Admin	Land donation - Keifer	N/A	Budget
	Admin	Greg farm - farmable land	N/A	Budget
	Admin	Write trail grants	N/A	Budget
	Admin	Urban forestry grant	N/A	Budget
	Admin	After school programming	\$8,000	Budget
	Admin	Add Maintenance Supervisor	\$28,000	Budget
	Admin	Purchase 15 Passenger van	\$28,000	Budget
	Admin	After school program personnel	\$6,240	Budget
	BRMP	Cross country course	\$26,000	Budget
	Civic	Seal brick	\$2,000	Budget
	Sunrise	Lights for ball fields	\$197,000	Budget/grant
	MPFAC	Reseal parking lot	\$7,300	Budget
	Kennedy	Tree replacement	\$3,000	Budget

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YEAR	SITE	ACTION	COST	SOURCE
2014	Admin	Computers	\$20,000	Budget
	Admin	software	\$18,000	Budget
	Admin	Printer lease	N/A	Budget
	Admin	Trail grants	N/A	Budget
	Admin	Land donation	N/A	Budget
	Admin	100 chairs and cart	\$1,000	Budget
	Admin	10 picnic tables	\$6,000	Budget
	Admin	12 serving tables	\$2,400	Budget
	Admin	Wireless camera web	TBD	Budget
	Admin	Add Special events staff coordinator	\$35,000	Budget
	Admin	Add two maintenance staff	\$54,000	Budget
	Admin	After school personnel	\$6,240	Budget
	Admin	Purchase water truck	\$23,000	Budget
	Admin	Kubota tractor	\$000000	Budget
	Admin	Trailer for hauling	\$10,000	Budget
	Kennedy	Basketball courts	\$5,000	Budget
	Kennedy	Tennis courts	\$10,000	Budget
	Kennedy	Bank stabilization	\$5,000	Budget
	MPFAC	New shelter and concrete pad	\$70,000	Budget
	BRMP	Cross country trail seeding	\$15,000	Budget
	TBD	Trail work	\$2,000,000	Budget/Grants

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YEAR	SITE	ACTION	COST	SOURCE
2015	Admin	Arts contract	TBD	Budget
	Admin	Purchase 10 picnic tables	\$6,000	Budget
	Admin	Create trail volunteer program	N/A	Budget
	Admin	Write trail grants	N/A	Budget
	Admin	Land donation/purchased land	\$20,000	Budget
	Admin	Greg farm - farmable land ✓	N/A	Budget
	Admin	Programs: trail and nature hikes	N/A	Budget
	Admin	Add one maintenance position	\$28,000	Budget
	Admin	Purchase 1 truck	\$28,000	Budget
	Admin	Purchase Kubota trail groomer	\$12,000	Budget
	BRMP	Bank Stabilization	\$150,000	Budget
	BRMP	Parking reseal	\$20,000	Budget
	Civic	Parking	\$10,000	Budget
	Civic	Replacement roof	\$15,000	Budget
	Civic	Window replacements	\$15,000	Budget
	Clearwick	Playground	\$100,000	Budget
	Clearwick	Parking reseal	\$5,000	Budget
	Clearwick	Basketball court	\$2,000	Budget
	Sunrise	Concession building	\$40,000	Budget
2016	Admin	Arts contract	\$0,000	Budget
	Admin	Purchase land sleeth	\$80,000	Budget
	Admin	Master plan for donated and purchased land	\$20,000	Budget
	Admin	Trail grants	\$000	Budget
	Admin	Grants miniature golf and race track	\$20,000	Budget
	Admin	Construction documents for basketball court	\$25,000	Budget
	Admin	Programs for art venues: musical, plays, theater	N/A	Budget
	Admin	Add one maintenance position arts area	\$30,000	Budget

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YEAR	SITE	ACTION	COST	SOURCE
2016 (con't.)	Admin	Purchase 8 benches, 10 tables, seats for arts	\$4,800	Budget
	Admin	Purchase 100 chairs	\$1,000	Budget
	TBD	Maintenance building with parking	\$300,000	Budget
	TBD	Arts Entertainment venue	\$2,000,000	Budget
	TBD	Arts Entertainment restrooms	\$2,000,000	Budget
	TBD	Arts Entertainment landscaping/site	\$2,000,000	Budget
	TBD	Trails	\$100,000	Budget
	Sunset	Parking lot reseal	\$11,000	Budget
2017	Admin	Purchase 10 tables	\$6,500	Budget
	Admin	Update Five year master plan	\$22,000	Budget
	Admin	Computers	\$25,000	Budget
	Admin	Software	\$15,000	Budget
	Admin	Babe Ruth baseball field lights	\$150,000	Grant/Budget
	Admin	Write trail grants	N/A	Budget
	Admin	Write grants solar heat and pool repair	N/A	Budget
	Admin	Purchase 15 Passenger Van	\$30,000	Budget
	Admin	Purchase 2 trucks	\$56,000	Budget
	Civic	Fitness Room Cardio equipment	\$1,000	Budget
	MPFAC	Roof replacement	\$00,000	Budget
	Porter	Roof replacement	\$20,000	Budget
	Kennedy	Poured in place surfacing for playground	\$40,000	Budget
	Sunset	Poured in place surfacing for playground	\$40,000	Budget

Abbreviations:

BRMP - Blue River Memorial Park  
 Civic - Carl McNeely Civic Center  
 MPFAC - Meridian Park Family Aquatic Center  
 TBD - To be determined

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## **Funding Opportunities**

A variety of funding opportunities are available through grants and not-for-profit organizations to assist in the development and planning of programs and facilities.

### **Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT)**

- Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) (formerly called TE - Transportation Enhancements) It is a federal grant administered by INDOT. Transportation systems: i.e. trails, sidewalks and street improvements are typical projects. Funds 80 percent of construction cost with 20 percent match by applicant.
- Safe Routes to School Fund (SRTS) Federal grant administered by INDOT. Non-infrastructure activities will be limited to a cost of \$75,000. Infrastructure projects will be limited to a cost of \$250,000. SRTS activities and projects must be programmed in the statewide transportation improvement program to receive federal funds. School must be within two mile radius of construction improvements project.

### **Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) -Division of Forestry**

- Arbor Day Grant: \$500 - \$1000 grant. Any activity that assists in promoting Arbor Day.
- Urban Forestry Grants: \$2000 - \$20,000, Community projects target program development, planning and education.

### **IDNR Division of Outdoor Recreation**

- Recreation Trails Program: funded as a part of TAP. Provides funds for motorized and non-motorized trails and trails related projects. Program provides 80/20 percent reimbursement/match assistance for eligible projects (\$10,000 to \$100,000 maximum available).
- Land and Water Conservation Fund is matching a 50 percent reimbursing federal assistance program. Program provides a minimum of \$10,000 to \$200,000 maximum available for one project per year. Maximum amount may be increased dependent on current budget at Federal level.

### **Golden Eagle Environmental Grants**

- Indianapolis Power and Light: Funds community based projects.

### **Lilly Endowment**

- Non-profit organization that funds a variety of community-focused projects throughout the state and nation.

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## **Other municipal funding sources:**

- Cumulative Capital Improvement Funds
- Non-reverting account funds
- Lease purchase
- General Obligation Bond
- Gifts
- Donations (land, cash, labor, materials and equipment)

## **Resources utilized for this report:**

U.S. Census 2010

Indiana Department of Workforce Development

Indiana University Business Research Center

Bureau of Economic Analysis, Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Census Bureau