

Draft Results from Community Engagement

Neighborhood Action Planning Sessions (NAPS)

The City of Flint held three community meetings in each of the 9 City of Flint wards during February and March, 2010. As part of the dialogue, handouts that included questions pertaining to parks were distributed. People were asked three parks-related questions:

1. Which City of Flint Parks do you use and why?
2. Which City of Flint Parks don't you use and why?
3. Which City of Flint Parks have the most potential for youth and families to be active?

Park Name	Use	Don't Use	Potential
<i>Amos</i>	N/A	2	N/A
<i>Atherton</i>	N/A	N/A	1
<i>Atwood</i>	1	N/A	1
<i>Basset</i>	N/A	1	4
<i>Bertson</i>	2	N/A	1
<i>Bonner</i>	1	N/A	3
<i>Brennan</i>	4	N/A	3
<i>Broome</i>	11	1	11
<i>Burroughs</i>	2	6	3
<i>Clara Hilborn</i>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<i>Cook</i>	3	1	2
<i>Dayton</i>	N/A	1	N/A
<i>Dewey</i>	1	N/A	1
<i>Dort</i>	N/A	N/A	1
<i>Durant</i>	N/A	N/A	1
<i>East St.</i>	1	N/A	N/A
<i>El dorado</i>	2	1	1
<i>Fleming</i>	N/A	N/A	1
<i>Flint Park Lake</i>	N/A	1	1
<i>Flint River Trail</i>	4	N/A	3
<i>Freeman</i>	5	1	6
<i>Hamilton</i>	2	N/A	N/A
<i>Happy Hollow</i>	2	N/A	N/A
<i>Hasselbring</i>	2	1	1
<i>Iroquois</i>	N/A	2	3
<i>Kearsley</i>	35	1	31
<i>Kellar</i>	3	N/A	N/A
<i>Longway</i>	3	1	2
<i>Manhall</i>	2	2	N/A
<i>Martin</i>	N/A	1	1
<i>Max Brandon</i>	23	6	31
<i>McCollum</i>	2	N/A	N/A
<i>McFarlan</i>	2	N/A	N/A
<i>McKinley</i>	N/A	N/A	7

<i>Memorial</i>	4	1	6
<i>Mobley</i>	N/A	1	N/A
<i>Mott</i>	39	1	27
<i>Pierce</i>	5	1	9
<i>Riverbank</i>	14	1	8
<i>Sarginson</i>	7	N/A	5
<i>Sarvis</i>	1	N/A	1
<i>Thread Lake</i>	2	3	5
<i>Whaley</i>	3	N/A	2
<i>Woodlawn</i>	N/A	1	N/A
<i>Any/All</i>	1	77	19
<i>Don't know</i>	N/A	N/A	16
<i>None</i>	31	1	4

Table 1: The frequency of City of Flint Parks mentioned as being used, not used, or having potential for youth and families to be active during the NAPS. (NOTE: parks listed are only in the City of Flint. Also, if a park was not mentioned, it is not listed in this chart.)

For the reasons why people did or did not use parks, comments were collapsed into categories for “use” and “didn’t use” and frequency of comments were noted.

Use	# Comments	Examples
Amenities	15	(e.g., playgrounds, ball fields, tracks/bike or walking paths)
Activities	15	(e.g., walking, sports)
Convenient	37	(e.g., close to home, easy to get to)
Gatherings	11	(e.g., picnics, family/church events)
Beautiful	10	(aka attractive, peaceful)
Safety	7	(i.e., it is safe)
Maintenance	7	(i.e., it is maintained)
Programs	6	(e.g., concerts, arts programs)

Table 2: In each “use” category, the frequency of comments about why people used City of Flint parks.

Don't Use	# Comments	Examples
Safety	53	
Maintenance	25	(e.g., cleanliness and equipment upkeep)
Don't Know		
Location	4	
Lack of Amenities	7	(e.g., equipment, playgrounds, sports fields)
Lack of Programs	3	
Don't Have Time	1	
Lack of Access	4	(e.g., don't live close, no transportation to get there)
Nothing to Do	2	

Table 3: In each “don’t use” category, the frequency of comments about why people did not use City of Flint parks.

Survey Results

A survey to better understand adults' attitudes and behaviors related to City of Flint parks was launched on March 19, 2010 and closed on April 23, 2010. Surveys were available at multiple locations throughout Flint as well as online. (Please see distribution plan for survey distribution sites.)

Return Rate

Number of Surveys Distributed = 3000

Number of Surveys Completed = 733; 24.4%

Number of Surveys Completed by Flint Residents = 512; 69.8%

Number of Surveys Completed by non-Flint Residents = 219; 29.9%

The results included below reflect only the surveys completed by Flint residents. This is only the first step in analyzing the survey results, additional analysis will be conducted.

Q2: Do you use City of Flint parks?

	N	%
YES	341	64%
NO	164	30.80%

Q3: Why do you use the City of Flint parks?

	N	%
Close to Home	249	48.60%
Facilities	127	24.80%
Affordable	97	18.90%
Organized		
Activities	62	12.10%
Like Outside	245	47.90%
Meeting Place	153	29.90%

Q4: Why don't you use the City of Flint parks?

	N	%
Difficult to Get to	19	3.70%
Safety	162	31.60%
Not Accessible	11	2.10%
Nothing to Do	86	16.80%
Dislike Outside	12	2.30%
No Time	65	12.70%

Q5: How do you get to City of Flint parks?

	N	%
Walk	175	34.20%
Bike	20	3.90%
Bus	18	3.50%
Drive	180	35.20%
Don't Use Flint Parks	99	19.30%
No Answer	20	3.90%

Q6: Is there a safe route to get to parks in your neighborhood via walking or biking?

	N	%
YES	281	54.90%
NO	59	11.50%
Don't know	111	21.70%
No parks in neighborhood	38	7.40%
No answer	23	4.50%

Q7: Do you take your children to City of Flint parks?

	N	%
Take them	299	58.40%
Let them go alone	17	3.30%
Don't use Flint parks	120	23.40%

Q8: What is the condition of parks in your neighborhood?

	N	%
Poor	113	22.10%
Fair	180	35.20%
Good	106	20.70%
Excellent	26	5.10%
Don't Know	75	14.60%

Q9: What is your interest in participating in the following activities to improve your neighborhood park(s)?

	Leading an Organized Activity		Neighborhood Watch		Park Clean Up		Advisory Group		Advocate for Parks	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Very Interested	53	10.40%	101	19.70%	102	19.90%	54	10.50%	86	16.80%
Interested	101	19.70%	147	28.70%	172	33.60%	84	16.40%	131	25.60%
Not Interested	182	35.50%	132	25.80%	117	22.90%	192	37.50%	151	29.50%
Don't Know	70	13.70%	46	9%	44	8.60%	70	13.70%	61	11.90%

Q10: Which City of Flint Parks do you think have the most potential to be places for youth and families to be physically active?

Park Name	# times mentioned as having potential	# times people stated they used these parks
Amos	0	0
Atherton	1	1
Atwood	1	0
Basset	1	1
Bertson	3	0
Bonner	2	2
Brennan	2	3
Broome	6	9
Burroughs	7	13
Clara Hilborn	0	1
Cook	11	19
Dewey	2	4
Dort	0	3
Flint Park Lake	2	5
Flint River Trail	3	7
Freeman	1	2
Hasselbring	2	5
Iroquois	0	1
Kearsley	46	78
Kellar	0	0
Longway	1	0
Max Brandon	27	37
McFarlan	0	1
McKinley	3	8
Mott	23	38
Oak Park	0	1

Pierce	5	10
Ramona	0	3
Riverbank	7	20
Riverside	0	2
Rollingwood	0	1
Sarginson	1	1
Sarvis	1	1
Whaley	4	10
Woodlawn	3	9
Any/All	12	12
Don't know	24	2
None	2	0

Q11: How important are the following to create safe Flint city parks that you would want to use?

	Maintenance		Public Input		Safe Access Via Walk/Bike	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Not Important	6	1.27%	20	3.90%	14	0.40%
Somewhat Important	34	6.60%	70	13.70%	26	2.70%
Important	107	20.90%	160	31.30%	115	22.50%
Very Important	323	63.10%	206	40%	303	59.20%

	Community Policies		Safety Policies		Organized Activities	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Not Important	23	4.50%	17	3.30%	18	3.50%
Somewhat Important	67	13.10%	21	4.10%	48	9.40%
Important	152	29.70%	135	26.40%	148	28.90%
Very Important	218	42.60%	286	55.60%	248	48.40%

Q12: What activities in City of Flint parks would you like to participate in?

	N	%
Clubs	185	36.10%
Organized Sports	152	29.70%
Arts Programming	177	34.60%
Family-Fun Activities	263	51.40%
Community Events	115	22.50%
Nature Programming	133	26.00%
Gardening	127	24.80%
De-stressing	249	48.60%

Q13: How important do you think that creating and maintaining a vibrant parks system are as part of the economic revitalization in the City of Flint?

	N	%
Very Important	280	54.70%
Important	141	27.50%
Somewhat Important	36	7%
Not Important	9	1.80%

Q14: Zip Code (still in analysis)

Q15: Neighborhood you live in (still in analysis)

Q16: Sex

	N	%
Male	114	22.30%
Female	359	70.20%

Q17: Age (still in analysis)

Q18: Race/ethnicity

	N	%
African-American	267	52.10%
White	176	34.40%
Hispanic	12	2.30%
American Indian	8	1.60%
Asian	4	0.80%
Choose not to answer	4	0.80%

Q19: Income

	N	%
<\$29,000	261	51%
\$30,000 - \$45,000	47	9.20%
\$46,000 - \$60,000	32	6.30%
\$61,000 - \$75,000	17	3.30%
>\$75,000	23	4.50%
Choose not to answer	83	16.20%