

Farmersville Parks Master Plan Update Open House #1

Draft Recap Document

May 30th, 2024

Introduction

The first Farmersville Parks Master Plan Update Open House was held on May 30th, 2024, from 6:00p.m.–7:30p.m at Farmersville Council Chambers. Over 30 residents participated in the open house. Participants reviewed the parks existing conditions and were encouraged to leave feedback at several stations regarding the community's vision for the future park's masterplan. Specific topics residents provided feedback on include, park programs, park furniture, park priorities, vision to the existing parks and Chaparral Trail, etc. An overview of the exhibits and the high-level takeaways are summarized in the following pages.

We thank you all for the engagement and feedback received to date. Please contact the consultant team below with any questions or to share your future park and trails vision.

A second open house will be held in late July.

Thank You!

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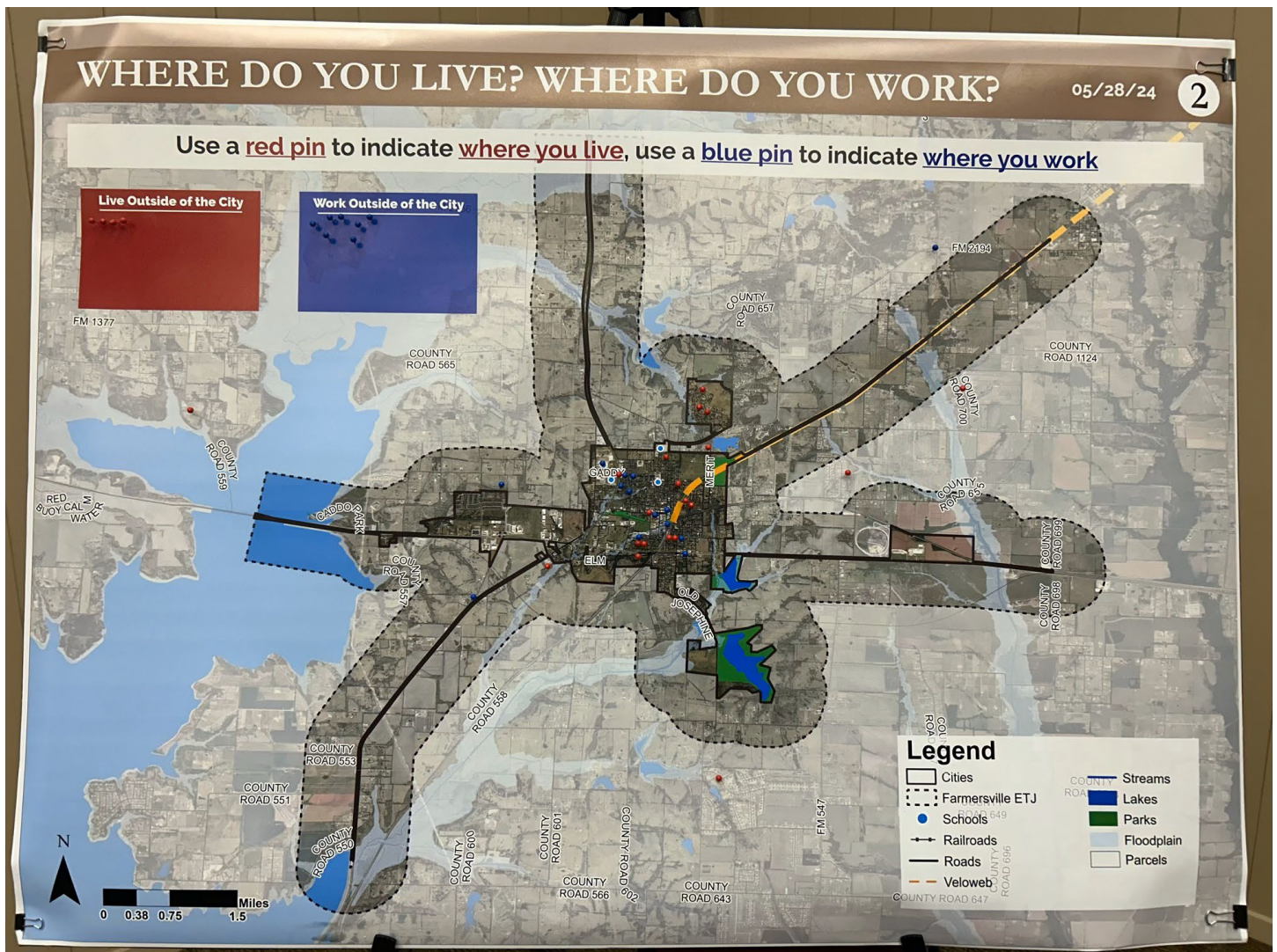


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Station 1: About You!

For the first exercise, Open House participants were shown an overall project boundary map of the parks/city and were asked to place a [red pin](#) locating where they lived and a [blue pin](#) locating where they worked. The responses are summarized below.



Summary:

- Live in the city-15
- Live outside the city- 9
- Work in the city- 13
- Work outside the city- 8

Station 2: One word activity

Station 2 asked the participants to describe both the parks and trails today and their vision for the parks and trails in Farmersville using one word.

ONE WORD ACTIVITY

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WHAT **ONE WORD** WOULD YOU USE TO
DESCRIBE THE PARKS AND TRAILS IN
FARMERSVILLE **TODAY**?

Underutilized
Need work
Underfunded
Lacking
Old-fashioned
EMBARRASSING
UNTouched
Dangerous
Dated
Small
Inadequate
All of the Above ↑ Ditto!
Amazing

Potential
Underwhelming
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WHAT **ONE WORD** WOULD YOU USE TO
DESCRIBE **YOUR VISION** FOR THE PARKS AND
TRAILS IN FARMERSVILLE IN **THE FUTURE**?

Welcoming, updated
Functional
Appealing
Growth-minded
FAMILY ORIENTED
PROFITABLE
Fun
Nature preserving/beautiful
Fresh
Active
Beautiful
Historic
Destination
Excellent

Inviting Fully Utilized
versatile



Comments: What one word would you use to describe the parks and trails in Farmersville today?

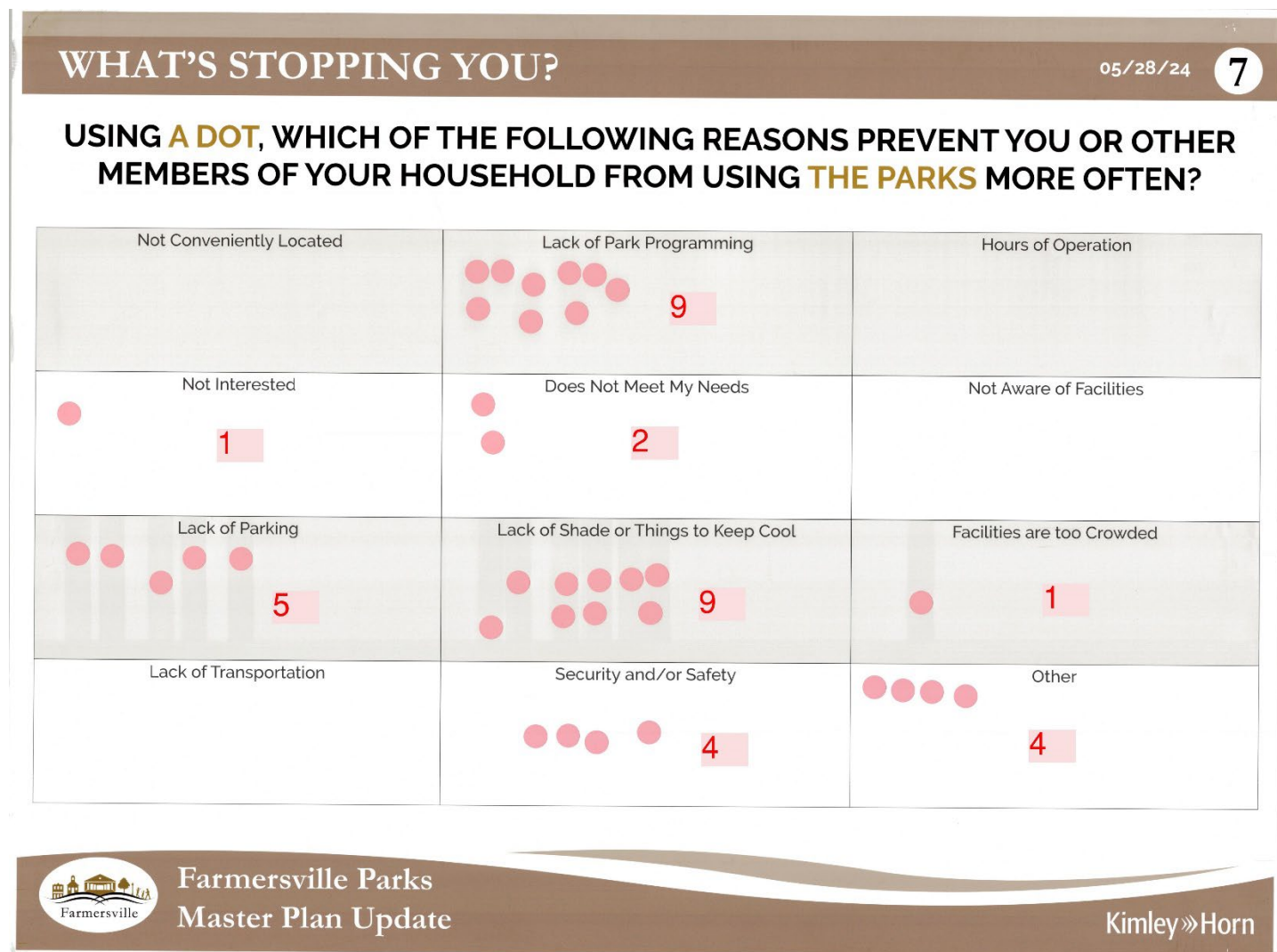
1. Under Utilized
2. Need Work
3. Under Funded
4. Lacking
5. Old Fashioned
6. Embarrassing
7. Untouched
8. Dangerous
9. Dated
10. Small
11. Inadequate
12. All of the above - Ditto
13. Amazing
14. Potential
15. Underwhelming
16. Adequate

Comments: What one word would you use to describe your vision for the parks and trails in Farmersville in the future?

1. Welcoming, Updated
2. Functional
3. Appealing
4. Growth-Minded
5. Family Oriented
6. Profitable
7. Fun
8. Nature Preserving/ Beautiful
9. Fresh
10. Active
11. Beautiful
12. Historic
13. Destination
14. Excellent
15. Inviting
16. Versatile
17. Fully Utilized

Station 3: What's Stopping You

The focus of this station was for participants to place a dot on the topic that prevents them from using the parks in Farmersville.

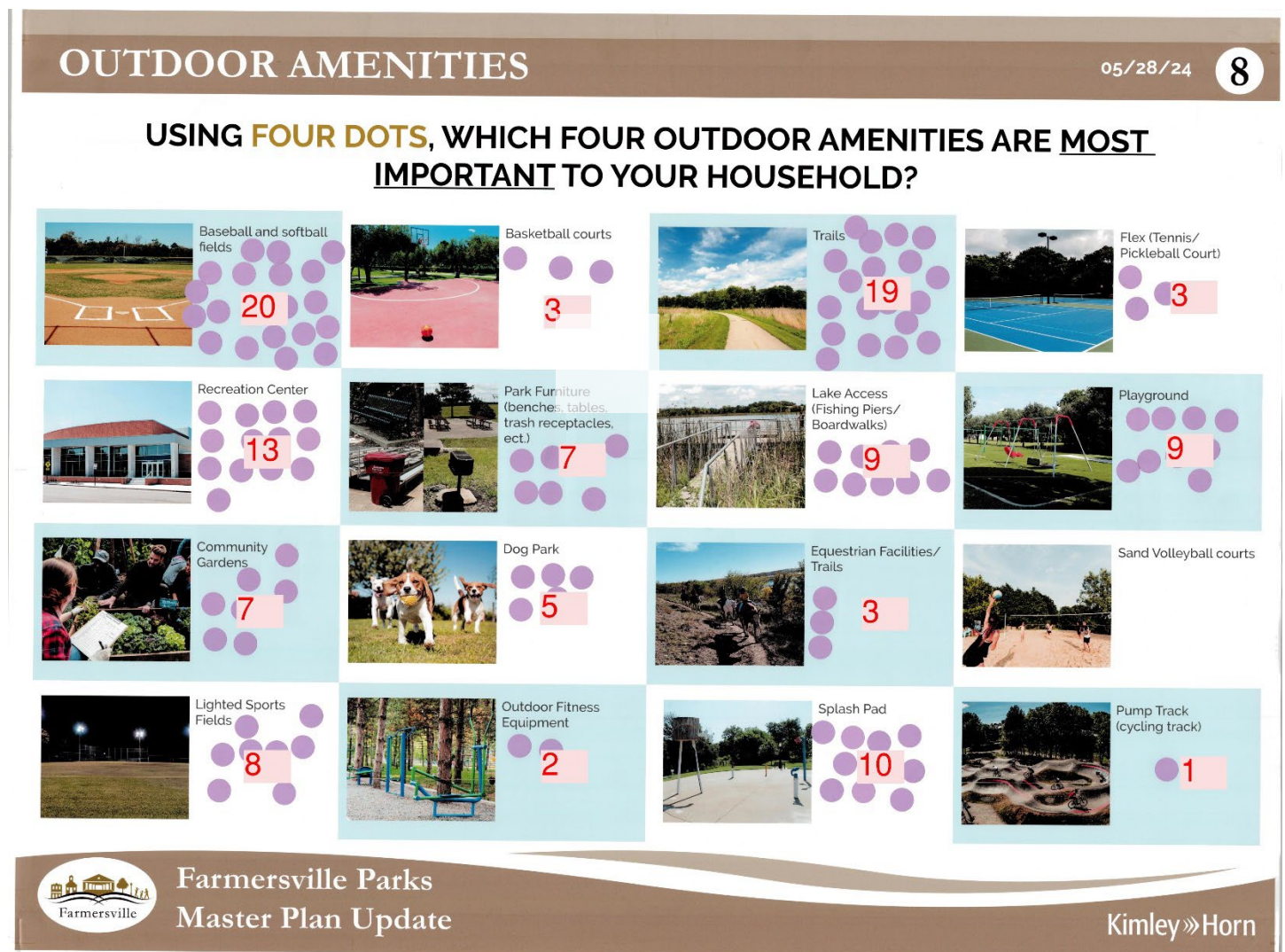


Top 3 Results:

1. (Tie) Lack of Park Programming– 9
2. (Tie) Lack of Shade or Things to Keep Cool– 9
3. Lack of Parking– 5

Station 4: Outdoor Amenities

This station asked participants to determine using dots what four amenities they value most in parks.



Top 3 Results:

1. Baseball and Softball Fields– 20
2. Trails– 19
3. Recreation Center– 13

Station 5: What's Stopping You

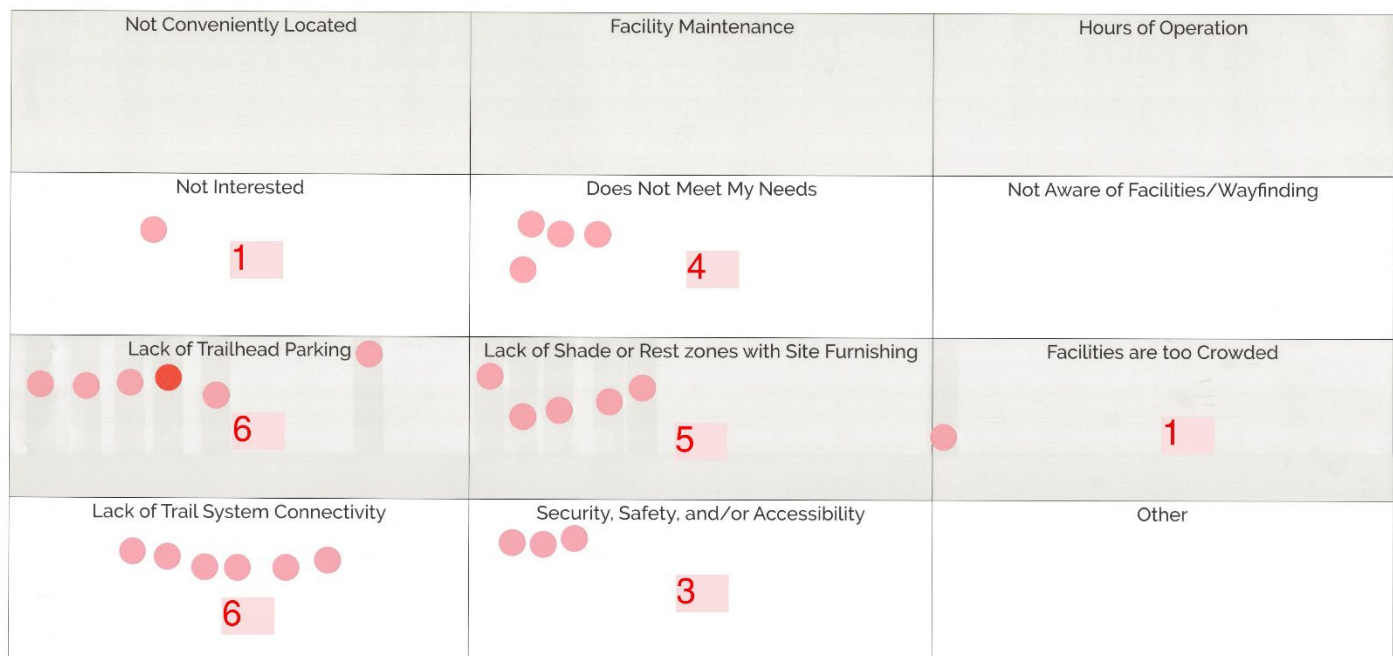
The focus of this station was for participants to place a dot on the topic that prevents them from using the trails in Farmersville.

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USING A DOT, WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING REASONS PREVENT YOU OR OTHER MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD FROM USING THE TRAILS MORE OFTEN?



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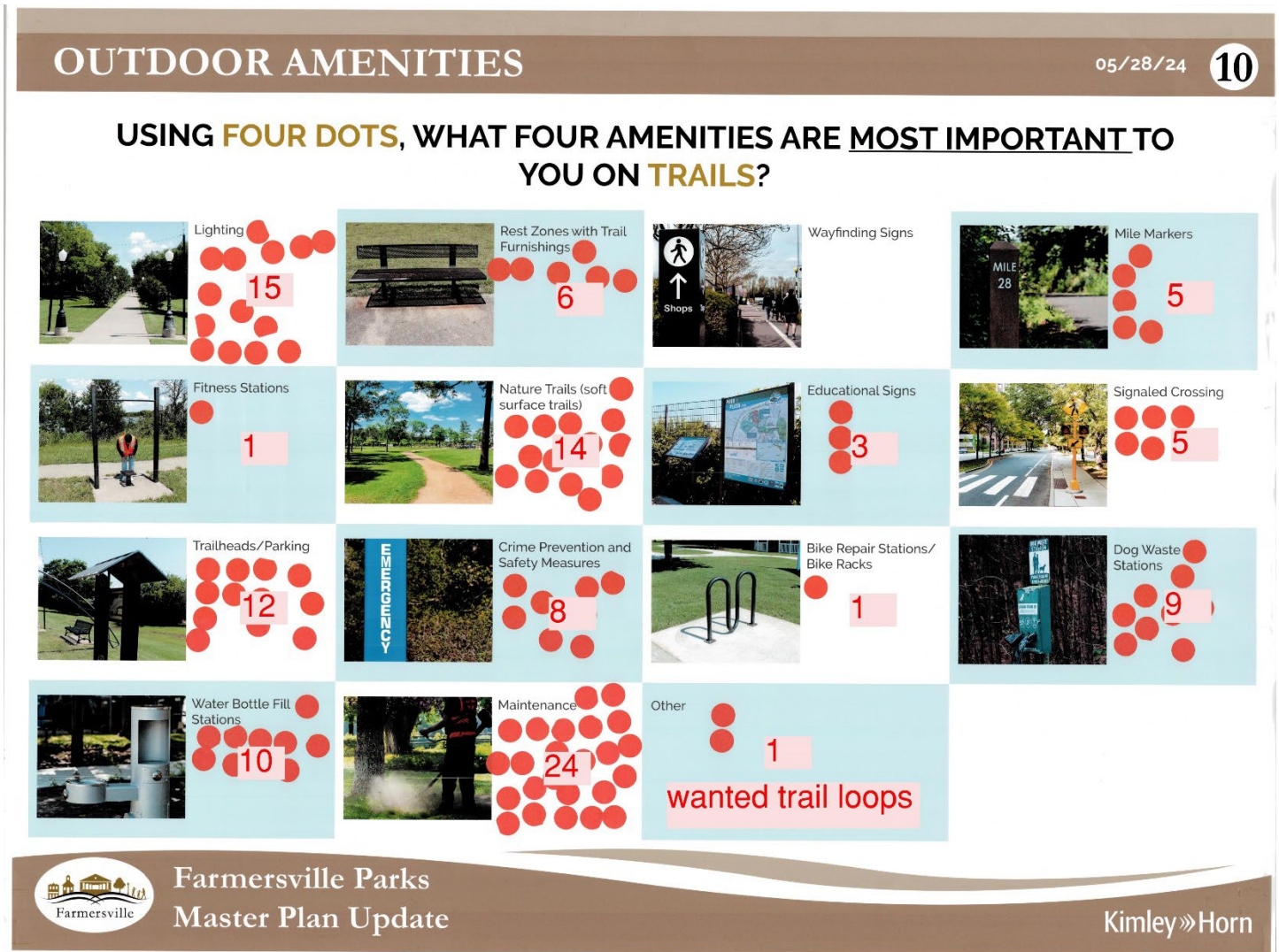
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Top 3 Results:

1. (Tie) Lack of Trailhead Parking- 6
2. (Tie) Lack of Trail System Connectivity- 6
3. Lack of Shade or Rest Zones with Site Furnishings- 5

Station 6: Outdoor Amenities

The focus of this station was to collect input on what four amenities the attendees valued most on the trails.



Top 3 Results:

1. Maintenance - 24
2. Lighting- 15
3. Nature Trails (Soft Surfaced Trails)- 14

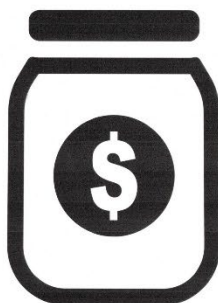
Station 7: Improvement Priorities

This station had participants vote for their top improvement priorities by casting coins into jars representing the 10 priorities. Each participant was given 5 coins to vote with.

PRIORITY JAR ACTIVITY

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All types of parks and trail projects are extremely valuable to Farmersville.

However, because funding is limited, the City is seeking to understand which projects you want prioritized for implementation. Please rank the following improvement project types based on how you think the City should prioritize projects for implementation:

You can place your coins all in one jar or spread out across different jars - however you would like to do it!

HOW TO SELECT YOUR PRIORITIES



STEP 1: GRAB A PACK OF COINS



STEP 2: REVIEW THE 10 PRIORITY TOPIC AREAS



STEP 3: VOTE ON HOW YOU THINK THE CITY SHOULD ALIGN PRIORITIZE PROJECTS!

Priority Topics

Priority 1: Trails - New trail connections, lighting, trailheads, bike paths, wayfinding

Priority 2: Land Acquisitions - Acquiring new parkland for future open space and parks.

Priority 3: Indoor Amenities - Multigenerational center, senior center, gym, recreation facility

Priority 4: Parks - Building new parks

Priority 5: Programs and Outdoor Amenities - Sports courts, outdoor gyms, yoga in the park, birdwatching walks

Priority 6: Special Facilities - Constructing specialized outdoor facilities such as skate parks, frisbee golf courses, BMX courses, community gardens, etc.

Priority 7: Water Features - Building splash pads, water playgrounds, fountains, and pools.

Priority 8: Maintenance and Preservation of Existing Parks and Trails - maintaining existing park assets to ensure their longevity and continued enjoyment

Priority 9: Access and Inclusivity - All inclusive playgrounds, ADA accessible parks and trails

Priority 10: Preservation of Open Space - Acquire and conserve land to maintain countryside



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Ranked Results:

1. Maintenance and Preservation of Existing Trails- 36
2. Indoor Amenities- 21
3. Programs and Outdoor Amenities- 20
4. (Tie) Land Acquisitions- 15
5. (Tie) Trails- 15
6. (Tie) Parks- 14
7. (Tie) Preservation of Open Space- 14
8. (Tie) Special Facilities- 5
9. (Tie) Water Features- 5
10. Access and Inclusivity- 3



Station 8: Existing Parks- City Park

This station had participants provide feedback on City Park. Participants rated the quality of the facility and provided their overall vision of what the park should look like.

EXISTING PARKS

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CITY PARK



PARK INFO

Acreage: 1.33 Ac.



WHAT IS YOUR VISION FOR CITY PARK?

Art work ✓
CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA
Area For Program's (Music, Entertainment)
Area for all residents & visitors to use based upon events/needs; not just for one age group
Amphitheater in City Park
Preserve history while including updated play areas
hists or
Safe + updated Playground/Park
Clean Behaviors, events to bring community together
Place to go fishing (think lounge lake in McKinney)
Partition
Community Center
Activities Center
all will connect with downtown park or at the Sports complex
New playground with zipline

USING A DOT, RATE THE FOLLOWING FACILITIES IN CITY PARK

	EXCELLENT	GOOD	NEEDS SOME IMPROVEMENT	NEEDS MUCH IMPROVEMENT	DON'T KNOW/DON'T USE
PHYSICAL CONDITION/ MAINTENANCE		5	6	9	
SAFETY/ SECURITY	2	3	12	2	
SHADE/ SHADED AREAS	4	6	8	1	
EASY TO ACCESS	4	3	5	4	
SPACE TO PLAY	1	4	1	7	1
OVERALL EXPERIENCE	1	5	6	5	



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Comments:

1. Art Work
2. Childrens Play Park
3. Area for Programs (Music, Entertainment)
4. Area for all residents/ visitors to use based upon events/needs; not just for age group
5. Amphitheatre in city park
6. Preserve history while including updated play areas
7. History
8. Safe + Updated playground/park
9. Clean bathrooms, events to bring community together
10. Place to go fishing (think Towne Lake in McKinney)
11. Pavilion
12. Community Center
13. Aquatics Center
 - All will connect with the downtown park or at the Spain Complex
14. New playground with zipline

Station 8: Existing Parks- Rambler Park

This station had participants provide feedback on Rambler Park. Participants rated the quality of the facility and provided their overall vision of what the park should look like.

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RAMBLER PARK



PARK INFO

Acreage 9.78 Ac.



WHAT IS YOUR VISION FOR RAMBLER PARK?

More inter-activity
 EXPAND AREA for more equipment
 Sign or plaque to remember/commemorate the Rambler the park's namesakes
 Continue to add/expand as Farmersville grows, meet the demands of the people
 Larger splash area w/ more shade and water features
 Connect future trails and have a lot of natural areas to preserve the country feel as well as history of the area.
 Christmas Lights
 Improve splash pad add facilities
 Bathrooms & seating for events & bring community together
 Art work
 Bathroom
 Bigger splash pad & pool

USING A DOT, RATE THE FOLLOWING FACILITIES IN RAMBLER PARK

	EXCELLENT	GOOD	NEEDS SOME IMPROVEMENT	NEEDS MUCH IMPROVEMENT	DON'T KNOW/ DON'T USE
PHYSICAL CONDITION/ MAINTENANCE	1	10	3		1
SAFETY/ SECURITY		5	10	1	
SHADE/ SHADED AREAS		7	6	4	
EASY TO ACCESS	9	5	2	1	
SPACE TO PLAY	5	3	4	1	
OVERALL EXPERIENCE	2	9	4	2	



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Comments:

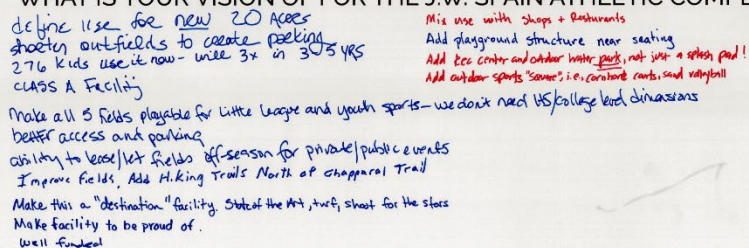
1. More Inter-Activity
2. Expand area for more equipment
3. Sign or plaque to remember/commemorate the Ramblers, the parks namesake's
4. Continue to add/expand as Farmersville grows, meet the demands of the people
5. Larger splash area with more shade and water features
6. Connect future trails and have a lot of natural areas to preserve the country fill as well as history of the area
7. Christmas lights
8. Improve splash pad add facilities
9. Bathrooms and seating to do events and bring community together
10. Artwork
11. Bathroom
12. Bigger splash pad + pool

This station had participants provide feedback on J.W. Spain Athletic Complex. Participants rated the quality of the facility and provided their overall vision of what the park should look like.

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WHAT IS YOUR VISION OF FOR THE J.W. SPAIN ATHLETIC COMPLEX?



Acreage 20 Ac.



USING A DOT, RATE THE FOLLOWING FACILITIES AT THE J.W. SPAIN ATHLETIC COMPLEX

	EXCELLENT	GOOD	NEEDS SOME IMPROVEMENT	NEEDS MUCH IMPROVEMENT	DON'T KNOW/ DON'T USE
PHYSICAL CONDITION/ MAINTENANCE					
SAFETY/ SECURITY					
SHADE/ SHADED AREAS					
EASY TO ACCESS					
SPACE TO PLAY					
OVERALL EXPERIENCE					

Comments:

1. Define use for new 20 acres
2. Shorten outfields to create parking
3. 276 kids use it now – will triple in 3-5 years
4. Class A facility
5. Make all 5 fields playable for little league and youth sports- we don't need HS/College level dimensions
6. Better access and parking
7. Ability to lease/ rent fields off season for private/public events
8. Improve fields, add hiking trails north of Chaparral Trail
9. Make this a "destination" facility, state of the art, turf, shoot for the stars
10. Make facility to be proud of
11. Well funded
12. Mix use with shops and restarunts
13. Add playground structure near seating
14. Add rec center and outdoor water park, not just a splash pad
15. Add outdoor sports "square" i.e. cornhole, courts, sand volleyball

Station 9: Existing Parks- Southlake Park

This station had participants provide feedback on Southlake Park. Participants rated the quality of the facility and provided their overall vision of what the park should look like.

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SOUTHLAKE PARK



PARK INFO





















Acreage: 124 Ac.



WHAT IS YOUR VISION FOR SOUTHLAKE PARK?

- Easier access to fish from along the banks
- updated covered playground and trail system
- Greater parking at initial field and at boat ramp
- Parking closer to facilities + better bathroom
- ✓ - Additional Hiking/Biking Trails
- ✓ - More Docks to fish off of. Boat Ramp Improvements
- Rec. Center/ Interpretive Center for Native Prairie
- Access from 380 to stop traffic jams/neighborhood interruption during events
- Phase 1 for 2004
- MAKE TRIP TO CHANGE THEIR PLANS. WORK WITH TEXAS PRairie PARTNERS TO TURN THE HILLTOP PRAIRIE, ALONG WITH PARK ACRES, INTO THE MOST SOUGHT AFTER NATURE RETREAT IN NORTH TEXAS
- MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL AROUND LAKE
- updated playground area
- take care of the prairie native
- ✓ - Additional trails around the lake that allow for access + also preserve natural areas around the lake.

USING A DOT, RATE THE FOLLOWING FACILITIES IN SOUTHLAKE PARK

	EXCELLENT	GOOD	NEEDS SOME IMPROVEMENT	NEEDS MUCH IMPROVEMENT	DON'T KNOW/ DON'T USE
PHYSICAL CONDITION/ MAINTENANCE					
SAFETY/ SECURITY					
SHADE/ SHADED AREAS					
EASY TO ACCESS					
SPACE TO PLAY					
OVERALL EXPERIENCE					

Comments:

1. Easier access to fish from along the banks
2. Greater parking at initial field and at boat ramp
3. Additional hiking/biking trails
4. More docks to fish off of
5. Boat ramp improvements
6. Rec center, Interpretive center for native prairie
7. Access from 380 to stop traffic jams/ neighborhood interruption during events
8. Manage fish/grass
9. Make TXDOT change their plans, work with Texas prairie partners to turn the hilltop prairie, along with park access into the most sought after nature retreat in North Texas, mountain bike trail around the lake.
10. Updated playground areas
11. Take care of the native prairie
12. Additional trails around the lake that allow for a preserve of natural areas around the lake
13. Updated covered playground + add trail system
14. Parking closer to facilities + better bathroom

This station had participants provide feedback on Northlake Park. Participants rated the quality of the facility and provided their overall vision of what the park should look like.

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Acreage: 41.93 Ac.

- ✓ Access vision -
- Signage off 300
- Boat launch
- ✓ Recreational trail (non-motorized) connecting both North Lake & South Lake
- ✓ better parking
- Access for Fishing / Boating
- Trails
- Access
- Connect trails + preserve nature
- ✓ access for Kayaks
- Improve access + add nature trails

	EXCELLENT	GOOD	NEEDS SOME IMPROVEMENT	NEEDS MUCH IMPROVEMENT	DON'T KNOW/ DON'T USE
PHYSICAL CONDITION/ MAINTENANCE					
SAFETY/ SECURITY					
SHADE/ SHADED AREAS					
EASY TO ACCESS					
SPACE TO PLAY					
OVERALL EXPERIENCE					

Comments:

1. Access
2. Vision
3. Recreational trail (non motorized), connecting both north and south lake
4. Better parking
5. Access for boating and fishing
6. Trails
7. Access
8. Connect trails and preserve nature
9. Access for kayaks
10. Improve access and add nature trails
11. Signage off 380
12. Boat launch
13. Improve access, trails, fishing

Station 9: Existing Parks- Chaparral Trail

This station had participants provide feedback on Chaparral Trail. Participants rated the quality of the facility and provided their overall vision of what the trail should look like.

EXISTING PARKS

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CHAPARRAL TRAIL



TRAIL PHOTOS



WHAT IS YOUR VISION FOR CHAPARRAL TRAIL?

- defined use of open spaces
 - maintainance - spotty - trees
 - improvements to trail
 - create destination trail
 - public restroom facilities
 - trash cleanup
 - lighting - night/dusk triggered along footpath tunnel
 - parking
 - emergency call boxes (intermittent) / security updates
 - water stations
 - Potential
 - Bridge Maintenance
 - Trail maintenance better than others
- make this the lower priority to family friendly parks and sporting facilities
 - Better Road crossings
 - intermittent "trail heads / access points"

USING A DOT, RATE THE FOLLOWING FACILITIES ON THE CHAPARRAL TRAIL

	EXCELLENT	GOOD	NEEDS SOME IMPROVEMENT	NEEDS MUCH IMPROVEMENT	DON'T KNOW/ DON'T USE
PHYSICAL CONDITION/ MAINTENANCE		●●●●●●●●●●	●●●●●●●●●●		●
SAFETY/ SECURITY		●●●●●●●●●●	●●●●●●●●●●	●	
SHADE/ SHADED AREAS	●●●●●●●●●●	●●●●●●●●●●	●●●●●●●●●●		
EASY TO ACCESS	●●●●●●●●●●	●●●●●●●●●●	●●●●●●●●●●		
OVERALL EXPERIENCE	●●	●●●●●●●●●●	●●●●●●●●●●		

Comments:

1. Define use of grants
2. Maintenance spotty – trash
3. Maintenance
4. Improvements to traffic
5. Create destination trail
6. Public restroom facilities
7. Trash cleanup
8. Lighting – height / dusk triggered along footpath level
9. Parking
10. Emergency call boxes (Intermittent)
11. Security updates
12. Water stations
13. Poisen Ivy
14. Bridge maintenance
15. Trail maintained better after Bland Highschool
16. Make this the lower priority to family, friendly, parks and sporting facilities
17. Better road crossings
18. Intermittent trail heads/access points

Station 10: Comments and Questions

This station had participants provide overall feedback on the parks and trails masterplan.

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

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HAVE ANY OTHER COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS? WRITE THEM HERE!

- ① Will priorities be established - how determined?
- ② New parks - w/in new subdivisions?
- ③ City budget to improve parks or create new ones
- ④ Should have overlaid roads map on #5 board
- ⑤ equestrian trail to where in Hunt county, why?
- ⑥ Can we also get riding arena back in operation?
- ⑦ Increase user expectation/rules with respect to trash/debris, electric bikes, runners, pedestrians
- ⑧ City should focus on acquiring additional land for parks.
- ⑨ Parks at Lakehaven
- ⑩ discussion of special events & their needs (electronic, parking, etc) ex: music in park.
- ⑪ "IF YOU BUILD IT, THEY WILL COME"
- ⑫ Hopetul for more kid friendly parks.
- ⑬ Invest in our kid friendly facilities
- ⑭ Bike Lanes on ALL new roads (separate bike lanes)
- ⑮ Would love to see natural spaces preserved, trails connected as well as history remembered along with safe places for kids to have access to nature.
- ⑯ Budget
- ⑰ Paddling trail on pot neck creek and Pilot Grove creek

18. make the Spain complex a "destination spot" for the community. Utilize the land and build a multipurpose rec center with an attached water park, outdoor activities areas for volleyball, cornhole, washers, and pickleball. Have a pavilion and more picnic areas, and improve the side fields for the pee wee football teams.

Please Reach out with any questions or concerns:

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THANKS FOR YOUR INPUT!



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Comments:

1. Will priorities be established – how determined?
2. New Parks – within new subdivisions?
3. City budget to improve parks or create new ones
4. Should have overlayed road maps on number 5 board
5. Equestrian trail to where in Hunt county? Why?
6. Can we also get riding arena back in operation
7. Increase user expectation/ rules with respect to trash, debris, electric bikes, runners, pedestrians
8. City should work on acquiring additional land for parks
9. Parks at Lak Haven
10. “If you build it, they will come”
11. Hopeful for more kid friendly parks
12. Invest in our kid friendly facilities
13. Bike lanes on all new roads (separate bike lanes)
14. Would love to see natural spaces preserved, trails connected as well, kids to have access to nature
15. Budget
16. Paddling trail on Pot Rack Creek and Pilot Grove Creek
17. Make the Spain complex a “destination spot” for the community. Utilize the land and build a multipurpose recreational center with an attached water park, outdoor amenities areas for volleyball, cornhole/washers, pickleball. Have a pavilion and more picnic areas, and improve the side fields for peewee football teams