

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 |

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|--------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| <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 |

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|-------------|----|----|
| 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% |