



Longview Parks and Recreation Community Assessment Survey

Welcome to the P&R Comprehensive Plan Survey!

The purpose of the Comprehensive Plan is to develop and establish a community supported road map for the provision of high quality parks, trails, recreation facilities, and open spaces throughout the City of Longview. The comprehensive plan identifies current and future park and recreation needs within the service area and sets forth goals, objectives, standards, and guidelines to improve parks, trails, recreation facilities, and open spaces.

We need your help in identifying the needs of the community to enable the department to work towards reaching those goals and being able to provide the community with happier, healthier, active, and more playful place to live!



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Questions about you and your household

1. Do you live, work, or go to school in the City of Longview? (Please select all that apply)

- ☐ I live in Longview
- ☐ I work or go to school in Longview
- ☐ Neither

2. Please choose the section/neighborhood in which you live:

3. How long have you lived in Longview?

4. Counting yourself, how many people live in your household?

5. In your house hold how many people fall into the follow categories?

Number of each age group

Under 5 years	
5 - 9 years old	
10 - 14 years old	
15 - 19 years old	
20 - 24 years old	
25 - 40 years old	
41 - 60 years old	
Over 60 years	

6. What is your total annual household income?



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Parks

This page is to help determine the your general attitude towards the City of Longview's park system as well as identifying the needs of the community.

7. Which THREE City of Longview Parks do you visit most often?

	Most Visited	Second Most Visited	Third Most Visited
1			
2			
3			

8. Please choose the TOP 3 park amenities in the surrounding area that you and/or your family use?

Choices			

9. Approximately how often do you and/or your family visit City of Longview parks each year?

10. What is the primary reasons you use the City of Longview Parks?

- ☐ Enjoying being outdoors
- ☐ Run or bike for exercise
- ☐ Play unorganized sports
- ☐ Play organized sports
- ☐ Attend special events/concerts/movies
- ☐ To walk trails and paths
- ☐ To play on playgrounds
- ☐ I seldom use City of Longview Parks

Other (please specify)

11. If you seldom use or never use City of Longview Parks, what are your reasons?

- ☐ Does not apply
- ☐ Don't know whats available
- ☐ Not interested/no time
- ☐ Lack of facilities
- ☐ Too far away/not conveniently located
- ☐ Don't know where they are
- ☐ Feel unsafe
- ☐ Poorly maintained
- ☐ Too crowded
- ☐ Don't have transportation

Other (please specify)

12. Overall, how would you rate the physical condition of the City of Longview Parks you have visited?

13. How would you rate the importance of natural open space to the community?

14. Listed below are potential improvements that could be made to the city of Longview Parks. Please choose your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd priorities you would most like to see implemented?

	1st Priority	2nd Priority	3rd Priority
Choices			

15. The following are a number of possible actions the City of Longview could take to improve and expand park and recreation facilities. For each action, please indicate your level of support.

	Don't Know	Not Supportive	Somewhat Supportive	Very Supportive
Acquire and develop river shoreline property	☐	☐	☐	☐
Acquire properties for developing new parks/open space	☐	☐	☐	☐
Develop a band style shelter at Martin's Dock for concerts/community events	☐	☐	☐	☐
Develop a community center with multiple recreation amenities	☐	☐	☐	☐
Develop an indoor aquatic facility with features such as water slides, zero-depth/walk in entry, lap lanes, spray features	☐	☐	☐	☐
Develop additional off leash dog areas	☐	☐	☐	☐
Develop an outdoor aquatic facility with features such as water slides, zero-depth/walk in entry, lap lanes, spray features	☐	☐	☐	☐
Develop multipurpose bike/walking trails	☐	☐	☐	☐
Develop neighborhood community buildings or gyms	☐	☐	☐	☐
Upgrade existing neighborhood parks	☐	☐	☐	☐
Develop a multi-generational sports complex with synthetic turf fields	☐	☐	☐	☐
Upgrade existing playgrounds and picnic shelters	☐	☐	☐	☐
Develop an RV and Camping Park	☐	☐	☐	☐
Upgrade or install park restrooms	☐	☐	☐	☐

16. Please rate your level of support for each of the follow park improvements that members of your household would be willing to support with their tax dollars?

	Very willing to support	Somewhat supportive	Not willing to support
Acquire and develop river shoreline property	☐	☐	☐
Acquire properties for developing new parks/open space	☐	☐	☐
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17. If funding were available, through grants or partnerships (potential partial funding by matching grants using tax payer dollars), which of the follow facilities do you see as the highest priority for the City of Longview to pursue?

	1st Priority	2nd Priority
Priority		

18. Please utilize the comment section below to add any comments, thoughts, ideas, and/or concerns, that you think are applicable to City of Longview Parks. (Hint: There are no wrong answers.)



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Recreation Information

Please provide how your family currently recreates and answer how we can best meet the needs of your family.

19. Approximately how often do you and/or your family members take part in City of Longview Recreation activities each year?

20. What are the primary reasons that you take part in City of Longview Recreation Programs?

- ☐ For exercise
- ☐ Participate in family activities
- ☐ Play unorganized (drop in) sports
- ☐ Play organized sports
- ☐ Attend special events/concerts/movies
- ☐ To learn something new
- ☐ To create new memories
- ☐ To get healthy
- ☐ I seldom use City of Longview Recreation Programs

Other (please specify)

21. If you seldom use or never use City of Longview Recreation Programs, what is the reason?

- ☐ Does not apply
- ☐ Don't know what's available
- ☐ Not interested/no time
- ☐ Lack of facilities
- ☐ Too far away/not conveniently located
- ☐ Too Crowded
- ☐ Don't have transportation
- ☐ Fees are too high
- ☐ Program of interest not offered
- ☐ Program times are not convenient
- ☐ Registering for programs is difficult

22. Listed are various programs and activities available either within the City of Longview or in nearby communities. As a household, how many times do you participate in the following:

	10+ times a year	5 - 10 times	1 - 5 times	Never
Adult classes (art,cooking,dancing,etc)	☐	☐	☐	☐
Adult fitness/aerobics/weight training	☐	☐	☐	☐
Adult Organized sports (softball,basketball,etc)	☐	☐	☐	☐
Attend Community Special Events	☐	☐	☐	☐
Attend live theater/concert performances	☐	☐	☐	☐
Bicycle	☐	☐	☐	☐
Boating	☐	☐	☐	☐
Disc Golf	☐	☐	☐	☐
Fishing	☐	☐	☐	☐
Golfing	☐	☐	☐	☐
Gymnastics/tumbling	☐	☐	☐	☐
Recreational Swimming	☐	☐	☐	☐
Running or walking	☐	☐	☐	☐
Hiking	☐	☐	☐	☐
Senior citizen programs	☐	☐	☐	☐
Skateboarding	☐	☐	☐	☐
Snow skiing/boarding	☐	☐	☐	☐
Teen programs, drop-in center activities	☐	☐	☐	☐
Tennis	☐	☐	☐	☐
Drop in gym- basketball/volleyball	☐	☐	☐	☐
Visiting natural areas/wildlife observing	☐	☐	☐	☐
Youth before & after school programs at schools	☐	☐	☐	☐
Youth organized sports	☐	☐	☐	☐
Youth unorganized sports	☐	☐	☐	☐
Youth Classes (dance, art, science, etc)	☐	☐	☐	☐

23. Please rate your satisfaction with the following recreation services:

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Don't know
Conditions of Indoor Facilities	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Ease of registering for programs	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Fees that are charged for recreation programs	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Helpfulness of staff	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Marketing, publicity, promotion of programs	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Quality of Instructors	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Overall Satisfaction	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

24. Please check all the ways that you learn about City of Longview Parks and Recreation activities?

- ☐ Cable Television
- ☐ Flyers
- ☐ Newspaper
- ☐ Parks & Recreation Website
- ☐ Parks & Recreation Quarterly Brochure
- ☐ Radio
- ☐ Visited/Called the Parks and Recreation Office
- ☐ Word of Mouth
- ☐ School Flyer
- ☐ Email/Newsletter
- ☐ Facebook

Other (please specify)

25. Please utilize the comment section below to add any comments, thoughts, ideas, and/or concerns, that you think are applicable to City of Longview Recreation. (Hint: There are no wrong answers.)



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26. OTHER than City of Longview Parks and Recreation Facilities, please check all the facilities that members of your household use for park and recreation programs?

- ☐ Churches
- ☐ Homeowners Association/Apartment Complex
- ☐ Lower Columbia College
- ☐ Neighboring City Parks and Trails
- ☐ Longview Country Club/Three Rivers Golf Course
- ☐ State or National Parks
- ☐ Private Clubs (tennis/health/fitness)
- ☐ Private Schools
- ☐ Public Schools
- ☐ YMCA
- ☐ Youth & Family Link
- ☐ Youth Sports League Associations
- ☐ None: Do not use other facilities

27. Compared to other recreational opportunities, are our prices higher, lower, or about the same?

- ☐ Quite a bit higher
- ☐ Somewhat higher
- ☐ About the same
- ☐ Somewhat lower
- ☐ Quite a bit lower
- ☐ Don't know

28. How likely is it that you would recommend Longview Parks & Recreation to a friend or colleague?

Not at all likely

Extremely likely

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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29. How did you hear about this survey?

Other (please specify)

30. Please utilize the comment section below to add any comments, thoughts, ideas, and/or concerns, that you think were not discussed or highlighted within this survey that are applicable to City of Longview Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan. (Hint: There are no wrong answers.)