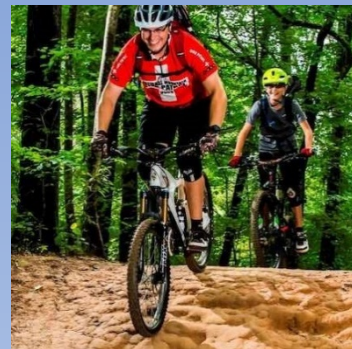




Cherokee County

Recreation, Parks, Green Space & Trails Master Plan



Cherokee
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Appendices
2019 - 2028

Appendix A – Notes from Community Input

Public Input

Discussion Group Topics:

1. What are the five most critical issues facing the Cherokee Recreation and Parks Agency?

Group 1:

- Population Growth
- Funding
- Changing Demographics
- Active vs Passive - Feeling Left Out
- Operating the Expansion
- Property vs Development
- Staffing Levels
- Future Capital Funds
- Upgrading Programs and Facilities
- Underserving Certain Populations

Group 2:

- Aging Populating
- Lack of Large Multipurpose Facility
- Expanding Population
- Huge Indoor Athletics Spaces
- Funding
- Interconnected Trails
- Land acquisition
- Equestrian Trails
- New Cultures

2. Identify the strengths and weaknesses of the Cherokee Recreation and Parks Agency programs and facilities.

Group 1:

- Strengths
 - Staff
 - USACE Lands
 - Upgraded Older Parks
 - Co-op with Other Agencies
 - Aquatic Center
 - Reputation
 - Eager Constituency
 - State of the County
 - Some Existing Facilities
 - Expanding Populations
- Weaknesses
 - Lack of Staff
 - Number of programs
 - Aging Facilities
 - Staff quality
 - Limited Facilities
 - Need for innovative partnerships
 - Silent Majority
 - Need for new parks, facilities

- Sustainability
- Bond
- USACE Lands
- Volunteer Base
- Marketing
- Community events
- Lack of Multipurpose Fields
- Diversified Facilities

Group 2:

- Strengths and Weakness
 - Programs (TR, Seniors, outdoor)
 - Maintain facility
 - Staff quantity
 - Northern facilities
 - Indoor Facilities
 - Connectivity
 - Lack of passive facilities
 - Land value
 - Park maintenance, curb appeal
 - Accessibility to low income families

3. What impact do you think continued population growth in the county will have on access to and the delivery of recreation services in the county?

Group 1:

- How do we keep up?
- Development incentives
- How is it diverse?
- Reactive vs Proactive
- Accessible facilities in all areas
- Will growth pay for itself?

Group 2:

- Continued Population Growth
- Transportation
- Strained Resources
- Community Park Spacing
- Land
- After School Program

4. If money and politics were not issues, what programs would you include in the ideal park system for Cherokee Recreation and Parks Agency? What facilities would you include?

Group 1:

- Programs
 - Gardening
 - Archery, Gun Range*
 - Outdoor Education, Recreation
 - Adventure Play
 - Special Populations
 - After School Expansion
 - Mobile Recreation*
 - Special Events

*These suggestions pertain to facilities not programs.

- Facilities
 - Community Garden
 - Turf Fields
 - Passive Parks
 - Adventure Play Facilities
 - Special Population Facility
 - Splash Pads
 - Senior Center, Active

- Large Facilities, Indoor and Outdoor
- Mobile Recreation*

*These suggestions pertain to facilities not programs.

Group 2:

- Programs and Facilities
 - Multi-sport, Multi-Court Recreation Center in all Four Corners
 - Outdoor Pool, Aquatic Center, Indoor Water Park,
 - Multi-Use Stadium
 - All-Purpose Trails
 - Adventure, Obstacle Course
 - Nature Center
 - Sporting Clays
 - Overhaul Parks Division
 - Greenway along Etowah
 - Equestrian Center
 - Beach Volleyball
 - TR and Outdoor Programming

5. Prioritize the lists of ideal programs and facilities identified in question four.

Top Four Programs

1. Parks Division Overhaul
2. Adventure/Outdoor
3. Therapeutics
4. Outdoor Programs

Top Four Facilities

1. Nature Center
2. Large Indoor Facility
3. Trails
4. Outdoor Fields Turf

6. How should the Cherokee County Parks and Recreation Agency fund the recommendations that will be identified in this master plan?

- Parks Bonds
- SPLOST
- Scholarships, Corporate
- Excise Taxes
- Dedicated Millage for Parks Donations
- User Fees, Tournament Fees
- T-Bonds, GDOT Grants
- Grants
- Education



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Athletics

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Appendix B – Survey Results

A community survey was conducted by posting a web link on the county websites and using social media. Additionally, the link to the survey was emailed to user groups. One thousand eight hundred eighty (1,880) participants responded to the survey. For a population the size of Cherokee County (235,900), this amount gives researchers a confidence interval of 2.25 at a 95% confidence level. This interval and level is optimal and provides a 2.25+/- range when analyzing results; meaning, for example, if 60% of the respondents said they support a particular issue, we can be reasonably sure that if we asked the majority of the population, 57.75% to 62.25% would agree.

The survey questions assess the different types of programs that citizens are currently participating in and ones in which they show an interest. The survey results help the planning team to assess the priority for future facility development and types of improvements. They also provide insight into the community's desires for public recreation. Below is a copy of the survey questions as presented. Following each question as it was posed is a summary and analysis of the answers.

Cherokee Parks & Recreation Survey

Welcome to the Cherokee Parks & Recreation Survey

Dear Resident:

Welcome to the Cherokee Recreation & Parks Agency (CRPA) survey. In an effort to improve services and guide the future development of programs and facilities, CRPA is conducting a strategic parks and recreation master plan. A major component of this process is extensive public input, which includes this community survey.

Your participation in this survey is crucial in determining the future direction and goals of our community's parks and recreation. Even if you do not currently participate in any park programs or utilize the park system in any way, your survey answers will still be important. Thank you for your time and valuable input.

Sincerely,

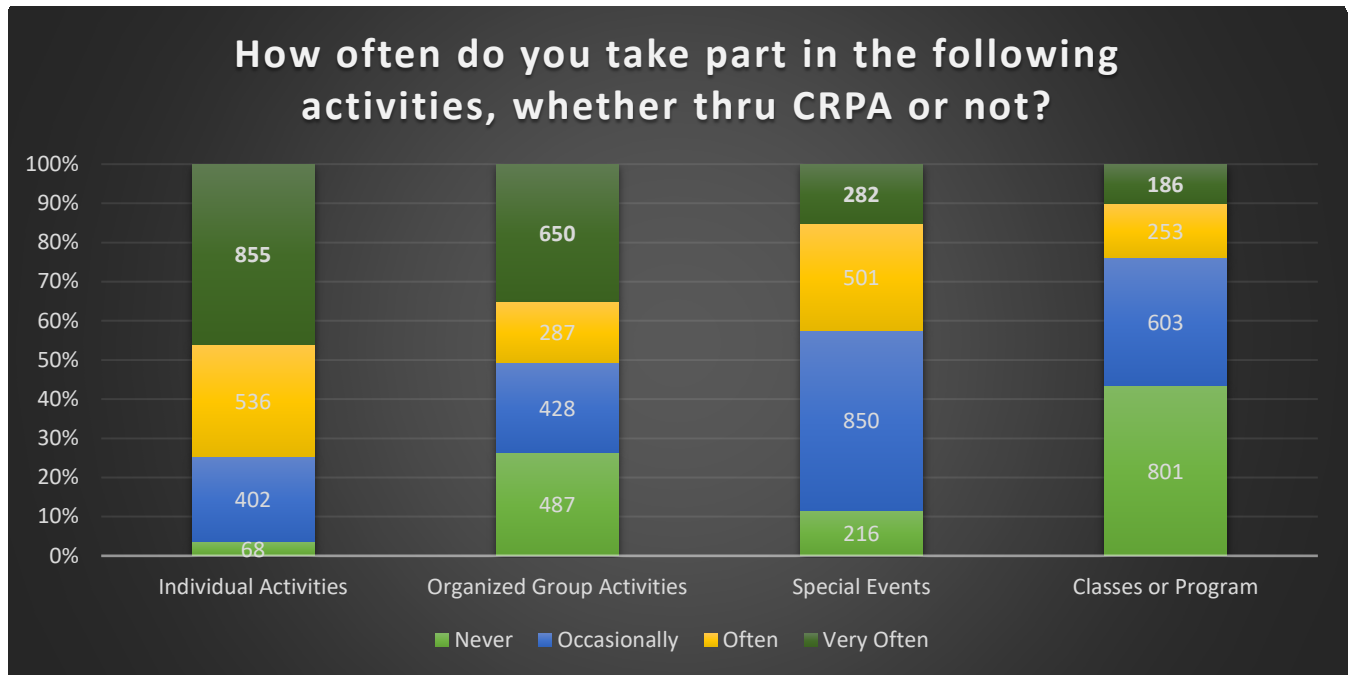
Cherokee Recreation & Parks Agency (CRPA)

1. Using the list below, indicate how often you take part in the following activities, whether through Cherokee Recreation & Parks Agency or not.

Answered: 1,873

Skipped: 7

	Very Often	Often	Occasionally	Never
Individual Activity - walking, bicycling, picnicking, fishing, bird watching, horseback riding, paddling and/or visiting a playground	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Organized Group Activity - soccer, baseball, football, tennis, volleyball, track and field, softball, cheerleading and/or swim league	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Special Events - Food Truck Fridays, Touch-a-Truck, Independence Day Fireworks, Eggs-traordinary Extravaganza, music or movies in the park, festivals, 5K races, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Classes or Programs - Summer Camps, Art Camp, Gymnastics, Special Populations, Swimming, Parents Night Out, Senior Trips	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



2. Do you think the following facilities, programs and activities provided in Cherokee are currently meeting the needs of the community? Please check appropriate response.

Answered: 1,867

Skipped: 13

	Not Enough (A)	Almost Enough (B)	A+B	A+B %	Enough	Too Many	Total Votes
Facilities							
Trails/Greenways	1071	474	1545	85%	264	11	1820
Parks/Park Land	738	662	1400	78%	394	8	1802
Bicycle Trails	760	496	1256	73%	444	29	1729
Camping Facilities	692	475	1167	70%	480	23	1670
Athletic Facilities	582	509	1091	62%	625	51	1767
Access to Gymnasium	604	483	1087	66%	532	31	1650
Equestrian Trails	550	403	953	59%	637	34	1624
Indoor Equestrian Space	589	282	871	56%	649	45	1565
Boating Access Ramps	278	455	733	45%	872	33	1638
Either Facility or Program/Activity							
Disc Golf	452	384	836	53%	664	77	1577
Aquatic Programs/Facilities	343	469	812	48%	856	31	1699
Programs / Activities							
Nature Programs	640	488	1128	69%	502	16	1646
Programs for Individuals with Special Needs	600	500	1100	70%	456	23	1579
Outdoor Programs	507	587	1094	67%	517	25	1636
Adventure Programs/Activities	512	547	1059	64%	588	17	1664
Recreation Programs/Activities	391	623	1014	58%	711	21	1746
Community-wide Special Events	408	582	990	59%	676	22	1688
Fitness Programs/Activities	423	562	985	57%	700	30	1715
Adult Sports Leagues	486	446	932	57%	659	47	1638
Athletic Programs/Activities	364	561	925	53%	762	48	1735
Arts Programs and Activities	403	519	922	55%	705	44	1671
Senior/Active Adult Programs	390	506	896	55%	722	22	1640

3. For each of the facilities listed below, please indicate how often you and or members of your household have visited in the past year.

Answered: 1,719

Skipped: 161

Park or Facility	1-5 visits	6-11 visits	12 or more visits	Avg. Total Visits	No visits this year	Not aware of this park	Total Votes
Hobgood Park	540	246	305	7371	481	78	1650
Blankets Creek Bike Trails	355	115	263	5199	605	308	1646
Cherokee County Aquatic Center	477	145	210	5184	743	79	1654
J.J. Biello Park - Valley Playground	354	163	133	4044	773	212	1635
Recreation Center	294	140	122	3536	694	383	1633
J.J. Biello Park - Riverside Athletic Complex	222	117	141	3353	919	230	1629
Sequoyah Park	260	102	142	3351	590	534	1628
Badger Creek Park	185	35	170	2893	478	755	1623
Kenney Askew Park	248	79	100	2616	653	537	1617
J.J. Biello Park - Twin Creeks Softball Complex	191	56	114	2417	1058	208	1627
Field's Landing Park	232	64	58	1936	603	652	1609
Garland Mt. Horse I Hike Trails	138	55	82	1866	548	813	1636
J.J. Biello Park -Tennis Center	181	55	68	1827	1076	225	1605
Barnett Park	276	60	39	1806	663	587	1625
Hickory Trails Park	211	46	35	1444	599	703	1594
Weatherby Park	144	43	52	1422	579	802	1620
Dwight Terry Park	148	31	45	1248	578	810	1612
Waleska Park	157	32	32	1127	697	701	1619
Cherokee Mills Park	156	28	29	1054	876	529	1618
Buffington Park & Gym	144	20	29	950	650	763	1606
Cline Park	136	27	19	866	575	853	1610
Union Hill Community Center	112	18	19	717	695	770	1614
Riverchase Park	82	23	16	634	600	885	1606
Lewis Park	64	18	19	573	584	923	1608

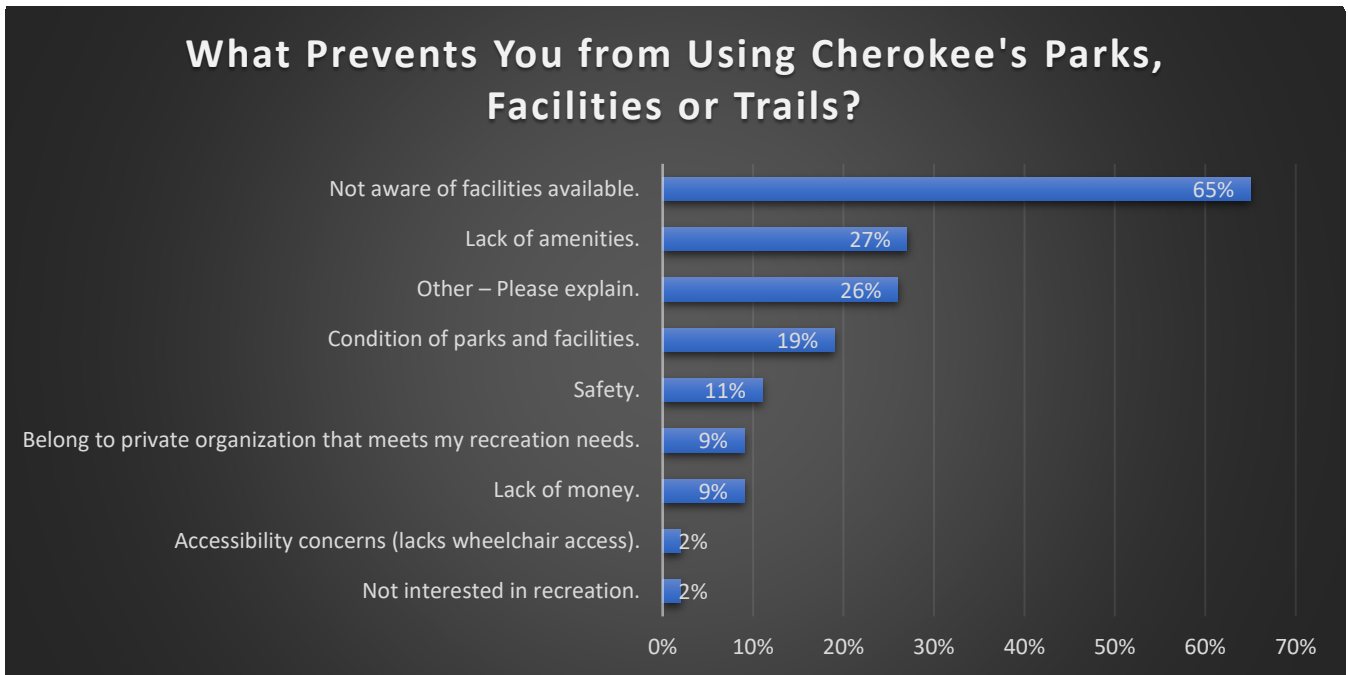
Note: Average Total Visits = (1-5 Visits x 3 + 6-11 Visits x 8.5 + 12 visits x 12)

4. Please indicate if any of the following prevents you and/or members of your household from using Cherokee's parks, facilities or trails. Please check all that apply.

- 1) Not interested in recreation
- 2) Lack of money
- 3) Not aware of facilities available
- 4) Accessibility concerns (lacks wheelchair access)
- 5) Belong to private organization that meets my recreation needs
- 6) Lack of amenities
- 7) Safety
- 8) Condition of parks and facilities
- 9) Other - please explain

Answered: 1,369

Skipped: 511



5. Please place a check next to the Youth and Adult Sports that you OR members of your family have and/or would like to participate in. (Note: blank answers will be counted as no participation and/or no interest).

Answered: 1,363

Skipped: 517

Program or Activity	Have Participated In	Would Like to Participate In	Total Votes	Growth Potential
Youth Sports				
Youth Sports: Archery	31	396	427	93%
Youth Sports: Disc Golf League	29	203	232	88%
Youth Sports: BMX	36	210	246	85%
Youth Sports: Skating/Skateboarding	53	191	244	78%
Youth Sports: Volleyball Leagues	57	187	244	77%
Youth Sports: Tennis Programs	116	242	358	68%
Youth Sports: Inline Hockey	55	113	168	67%
Youth Sports: Flag Football	124	217	341	64%
Youth Sports: Track Team	134	231	365	63%
Youth Sports: Sports Camp	198	251	449	56%
Youth Sports: Lacrosse League	170	210	380	55%
Youth Sports: Swim Team	208	252	460	55%
Youth Sports: Adaptive Sports for Special Needs	88	106	194	55%
Youth Sports: Cheerleading	182	134	316	42%
Youth Sports: Travel Team(s)	177	115	292	39%
Youth Sports: Tackle Football	182	110	292	38%
Youth Sports: Softball-Fast Pitch	158	87	245	36%
Youth Sports: Soccer League	428	215	643	33%
Youth Sports: Basketball League	447	183	630	29%
Youth Sports: Baseball League	424	150	574	26%
Adult Sports				
Adult Sports: Kickball Leagues	25	226	251	90%
Adult Sports: Volleyball Leagues	24	183	207	88%
Adult Sports: Ultimate Frisbee	24	164	188	87%
Adult Sport: Pickleball	17	114	131	87%
Adult Sports: Adaptive Sports for Special Needs	21	81	102	79%
Adult Sports: Disc Golf Leagues	51	196	247	79%
Adult Sports: Flag Football Leagues	42	136	178	76%
Adult Sports: Swim Team	41	126	167	75%
Adult Sports: Soccer Leagues	56	164	220	75%
Adult Sports: Basketball Leagues	61	149	210	71%
Adult Sports: Baseball Leagues	51	120	171	70%
Adult Sports: Tennis Leagues	91	193	284	68%
Adult Sports: Softball Leagues	116	195	311	63%

Note: Growth potential = Would Like to Participate In divided by Total Votes

6. Please place a check next to the Senior Programs (55+) that you OR members of your family have and/or would like to participate in. (Note: blank answers will be counted as no participation and/or no interest).

Answered: 528

Skipped: 1,352

Program or Activity	Have Participated In	Would Like to Participate In	Total Votes	Growth Potential
Senior Programs: Walking Club	15	241	256	94%
Senior Programs: Hiking Club	11	231	242	95%
Senior Programs: Gardening	12	229	241	95%
Senior Programs: Aerobics Classes	32	225	257	88%
Senior Programs: Nature Programs	6	215	221	97%
Senior Programs: Cooking Classes	11	209	220	95%
Senior Programs: Health/Fitness Classes (Silver Sneakers)	25	201	226	89%
Senior Programs: Swimming (Water Aerobics)	26	188	214	88%
Senior Programs: Photography Classes	10	186	196	95%
Senior Programs: Computer Classes	10	178	188	95%
Senior Programs: Dance Classes (Line Dancing)	10	168	178	94%
Senior Programs: Bingo	13	158	171	92%
Senior Programs: Senior Trips	20	153	173	88%
Senior Programs: Bowling	12	152	164	93%
Senior Programs: Archery Classes/Team	6	142	148	96%
Senior Programs: Card Games (Bridge, Pinochle, etc)	10	128	138	93%
Senior Programs: Pottery/Ceramic Classes	5	120	125	96%
Senior Programs: Fishing Classes	9	120	129	93%
Senior Programs: Game Day & Brunch	8	117	125	94%
Senior Programs: iPhone/mobile phone Classes	5	99	104	95%
Senior Programs: Golf Tournaments	12	95	107	89%
Senior Programs: Quilting or Tatting	5	88	93	95%
Senior Programs: Running Club	7	80	87	92%
Senior Programs: Shuffle Board Leagues	3	64	67	96%

Note: Growth potential = Would Like to Participate In divided by Total Votes

7. Please place a check next to the Special Events, Classes and Adventure Activities that you OR members of your family have and/or would like to participate in. (Note: blank answers will be counted as no participation and/or no interest.)

Answered: 1,529

Skipped: 351

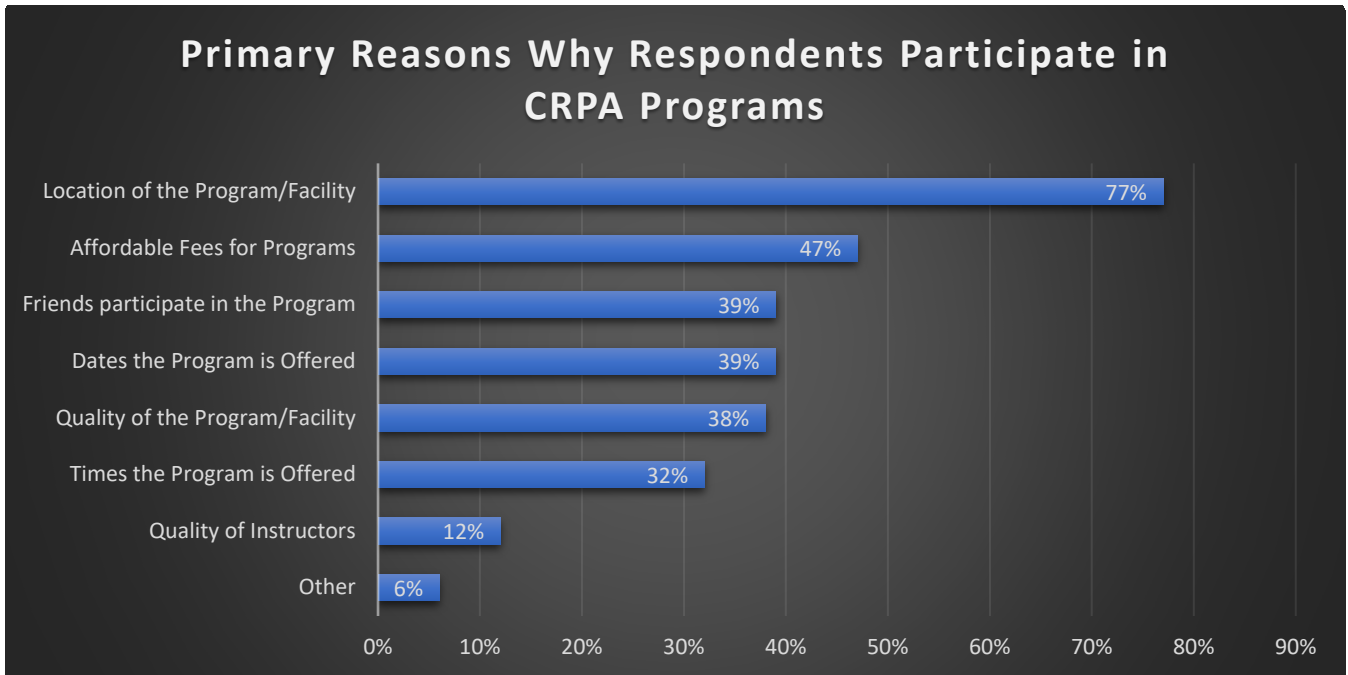
Program or Activity	Have Participated In	Would Like to Participate In	Total Votes	Growth Potential
Canoeing/Kayaking	192	640	832	77%
Food Truck Fridays	200	629	829	76%
Adventure Trips	86	628	714	88%
Zip Lining Programs	51	522	573	91%
Challenge/Ropes Course	60	492	552	89%
Cooking Classes	30	473	503	94%
5K Races/Triathlons	547	461	1008	46%
Art Classes	95	451	546	83%
Horseback Riding	152	444	596	74%
Nature Programs	54	396	450	88%
Rappelling/Rock Climbing Programs	47	368	415	89%
Yoga and/or Tai Chi	86	368	454	81%
Paddleboarding	50	356	406	88%
Aerobics/Group Exercise	135	353	488	72%
Gardening Programs	34	348	382	91%
Pottery/Ceramic Classes	24	346	370	94%
Aquatics Fitness Classes	128	344	472	73%
Dance Classes (Line Dancing, etc.)	57	314	371	85%
Zumba	73	294	367	80%
Biking (BMX and/or Mountain Biking)	228	293	521	56%
Camping Classes	29	283	312	91%
Geocaching Programs	61	282	343	82%
Fishing Classes	22	266	288	92%
Cherokee County Art Camps	40	259	299	87%
Father/Daughter Dinner Dance	42	250	292	86%
After school programs	191	248	439	56%
Summer Youth Camp	134	246	380	65%
Community Theater	65	231	296	78%
Holiday Programs	123	228	351	65%
Bird Watching	37	226	263	86%
Computer Classes	25	212	237	89%
Disc Golf	50	209	259	81%
Swimming Lessons	189	197	386	51%
Trail Riding Competitions	61	194	255	76%
Fitness On Demand Programs	19	189	208	91%
Mountain Biking Competitions	103	185	288	64%
Fishing Rodeo	16	175	191	92%
Bicycle Safety	69	164	233	70%
Touch-a-Truck	237	153	390	39%
Art Show and Awards Ceremony	63	149	212	70%
Eggs-traordinary Extravaganza	148	146	294	50%
Cell Phone/Smart Phone Classes	8	129	137	94%
Bocce/Shuffleboard	17	119	136	88%
Special Needs Programs	22	98	120	82%
Kindermusik	33	86	119	72%

8. From the following list, please check the THREE primary reasons why your household has participated in Cherokee Recreation and Parks Agency programs.

- 1) Quality of Instructors
- 2) Location of the Program/Facility
- 3) Quality of the Program/Facility
- 4) Dates the Program is Offered
- 5) Times the Program is Offered
- 6) Friends Participate in the Program
- 7) Affordable Fees for Programs

Answered: 1,233

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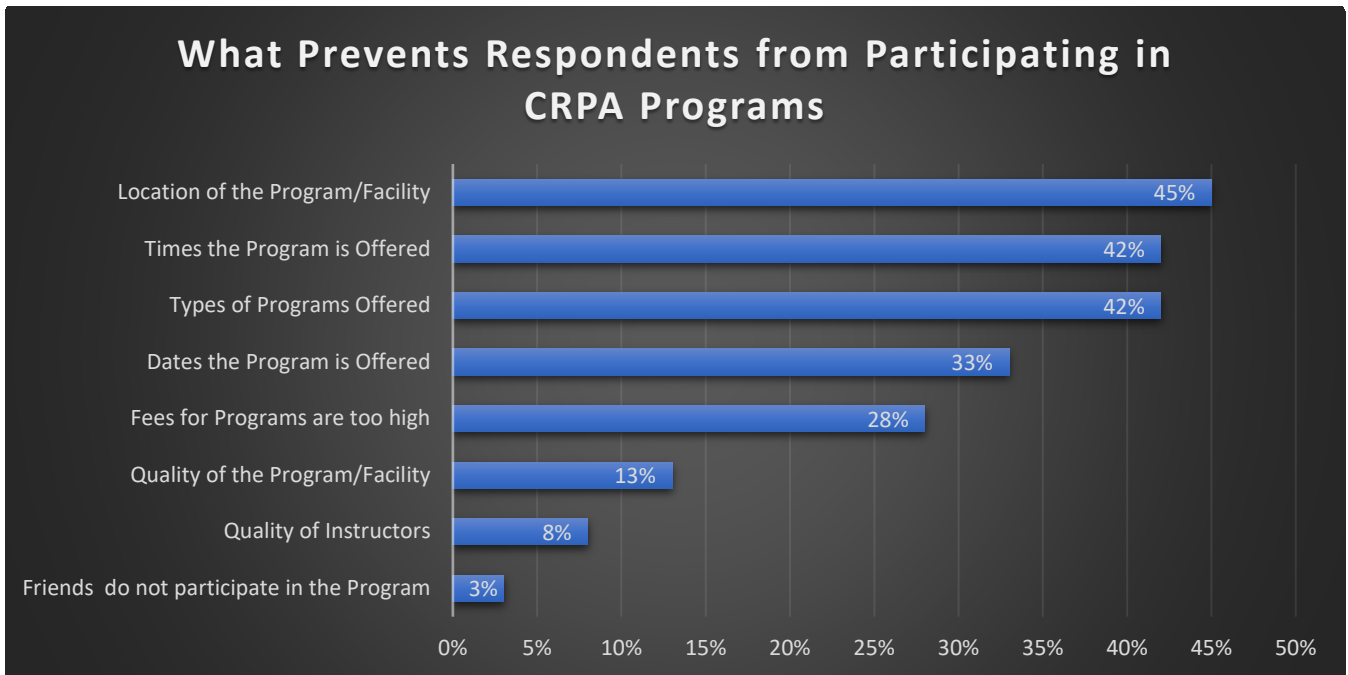


9. If you do not participate in CRPA programs, what prevents you from participating? Please check all that apply.

- 1) Types of Programs Offered
- 2) Location of the Program/Facility
- 3) Quality of the Program/Facility
- 4) Dates the Program is Offered
- 5) Times the Program is Offered
- 6) Friends Participate in the Program
- 7) Fees for Programs are Too High

Answered: 729

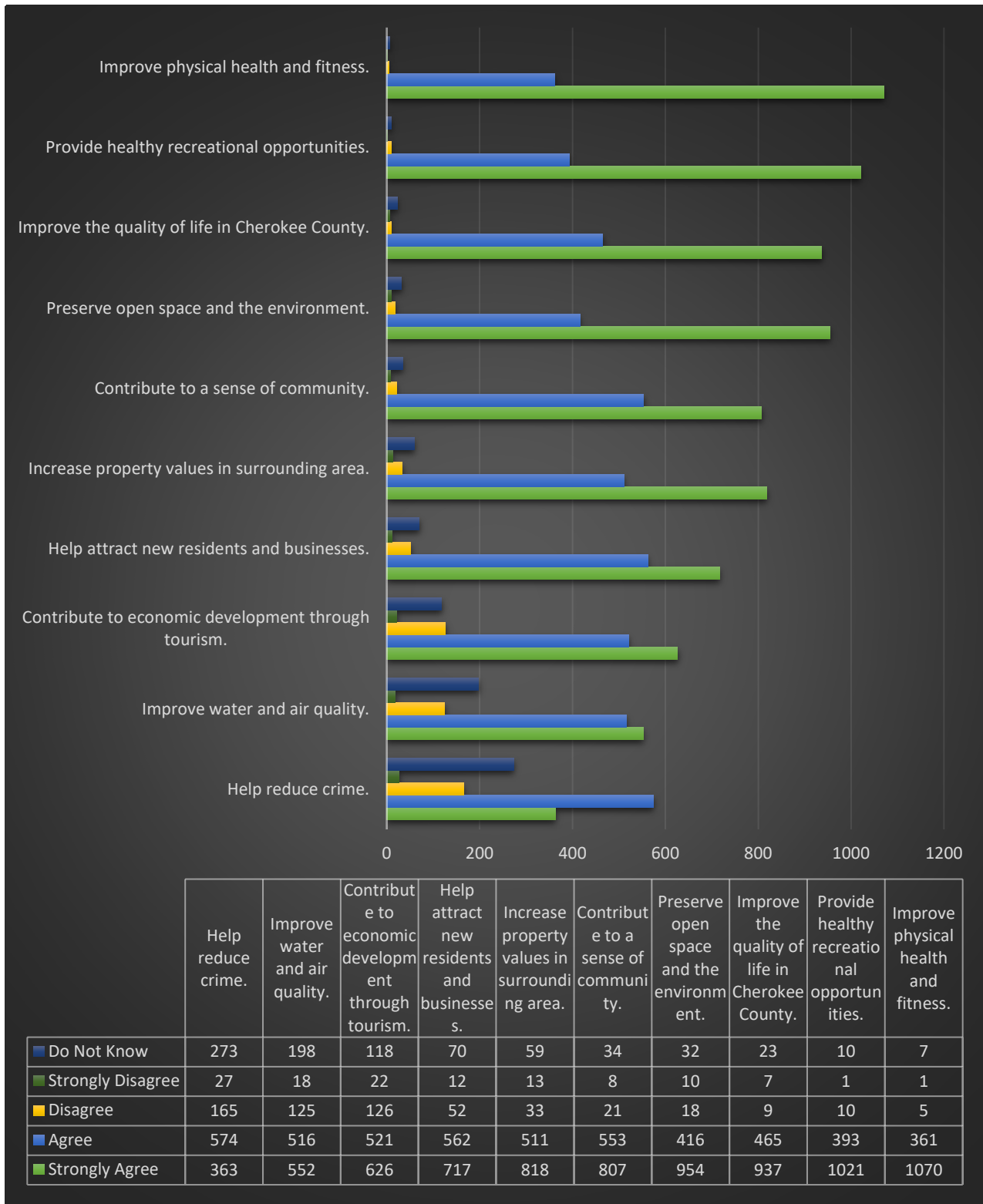
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10. The following are some of the benefits that you and your household may receive from recreation, parks, green space and trails. For each potential benefit, please indicate your level of agreement with the benefits described.

Answered: 1,452

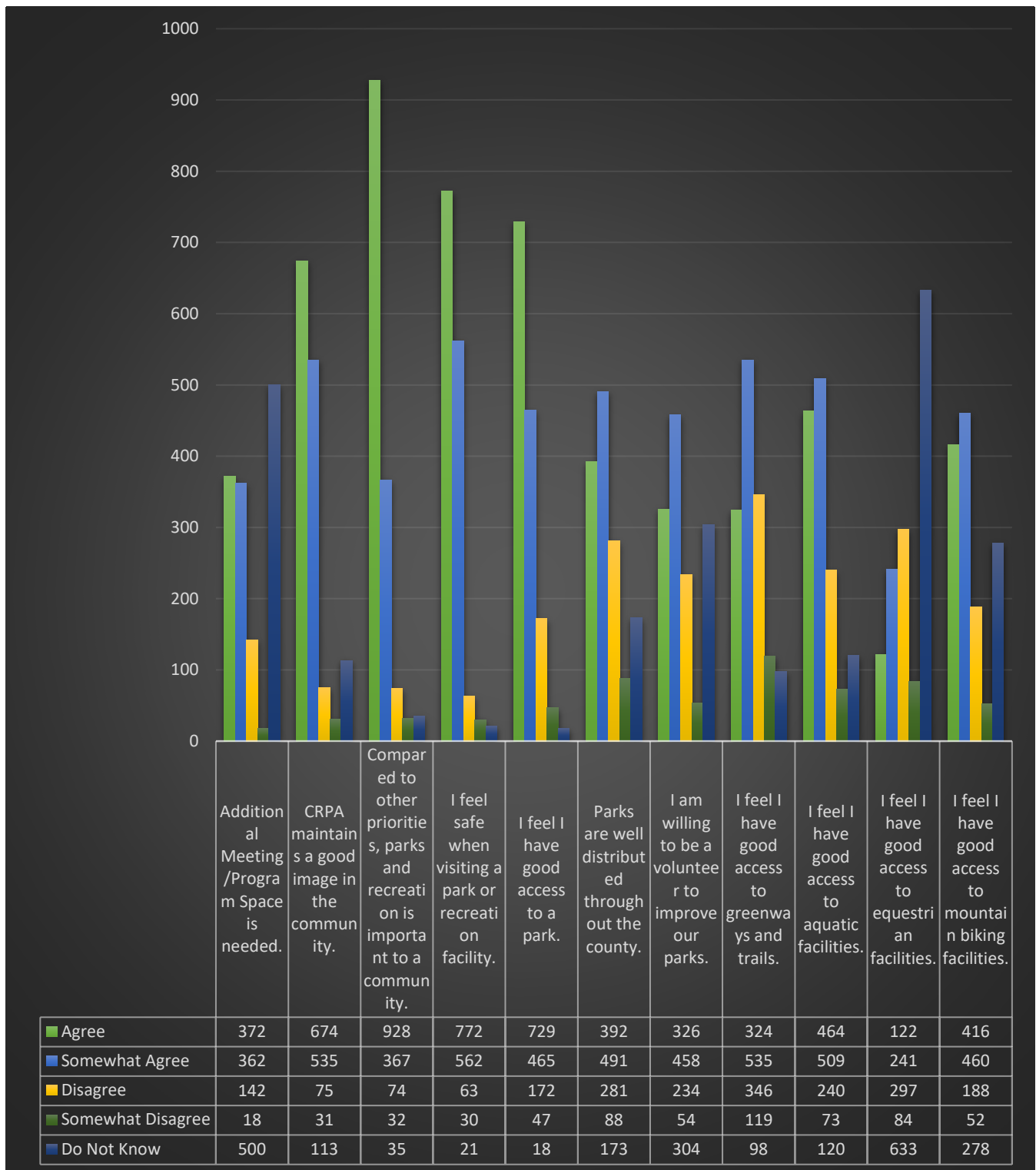
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11. Please indicate if you agree, disagree or do not know about the following statements.

Answered: 1,462

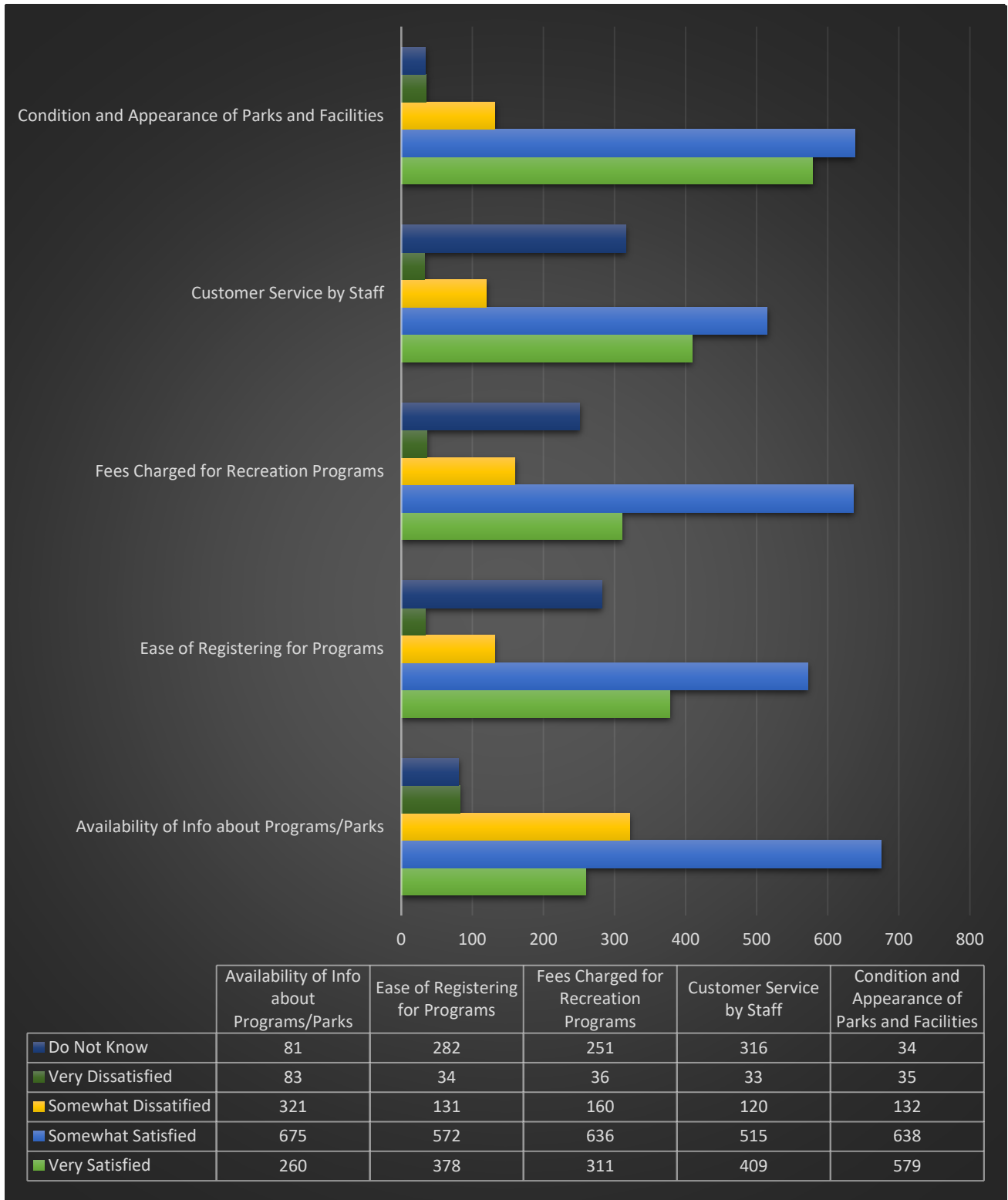
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12. Please rate your satisfaction with the following parks and recreation services provided by Cherokee Recreation & Parks Agency.

Answered: 1,432

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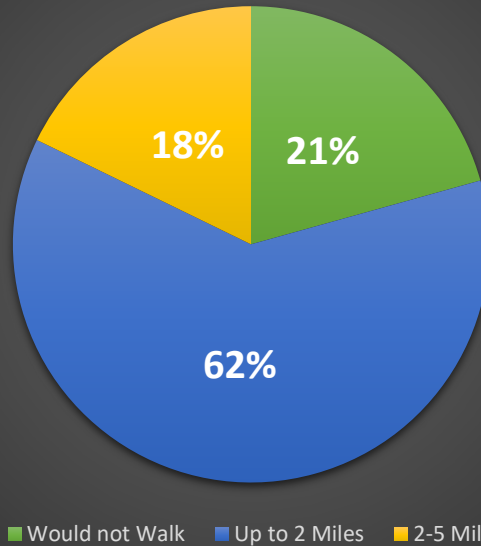
13. "How far would you be willing to walk, drive or ride a bicycle to parks and recreation facilities if safe multi-use trails, sidewalks or bicycle lanes were provided throughout the County? Check ONE choice per drop down menu.

- 1) Walk
- 2) Drive
- 3) Ride a Bike

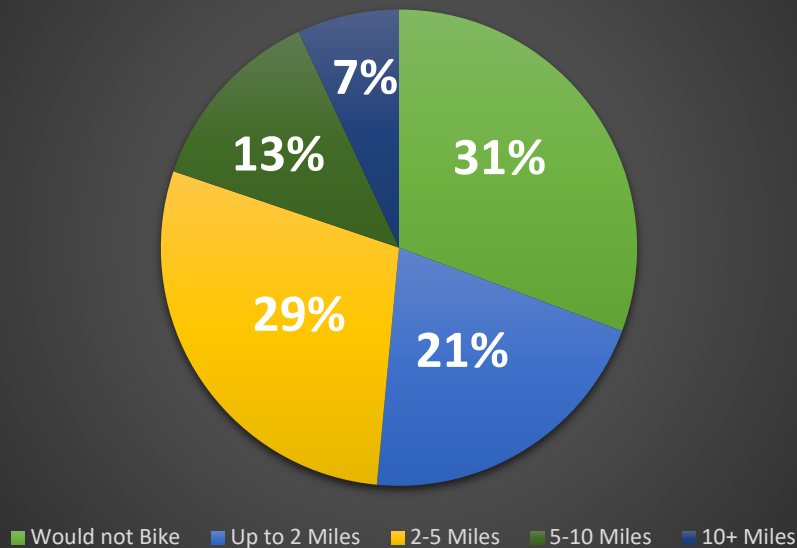
Answered: 1,387

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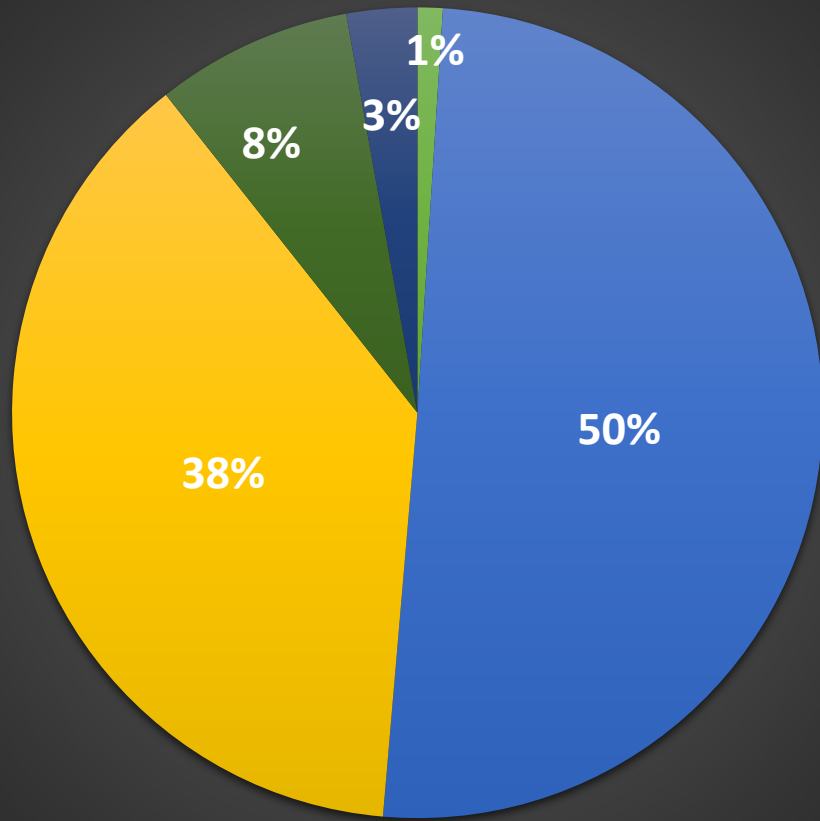
Willingness to Walk to a Park



Willingness to Bike to a Park



Distance Willing to Drive to a Park



■ Would Not Drive ■ Under 15 Minutes ■ 15-30 Minutes ■ 30-45 Minutes ■ 45+ Minutes

14. Do you travel outside of Cherokee to use parks and recreation facilities?

- 1) Yes
- 2) No

Answered: 1,466

Skipped: 414

Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	1013 – 69.1%
No	453 – 30.9%
Total	1,466

15. Do you use recreation facilities offered by other providers?

- 1) City Recreation Department
- 2) YMCA
- 3) Georgia Department of Natural Resource Lands
- 4) Private Clubs or providers
- 5) US Army Corps of Engineers facilities

Answered: 1,263

Skipped: 617

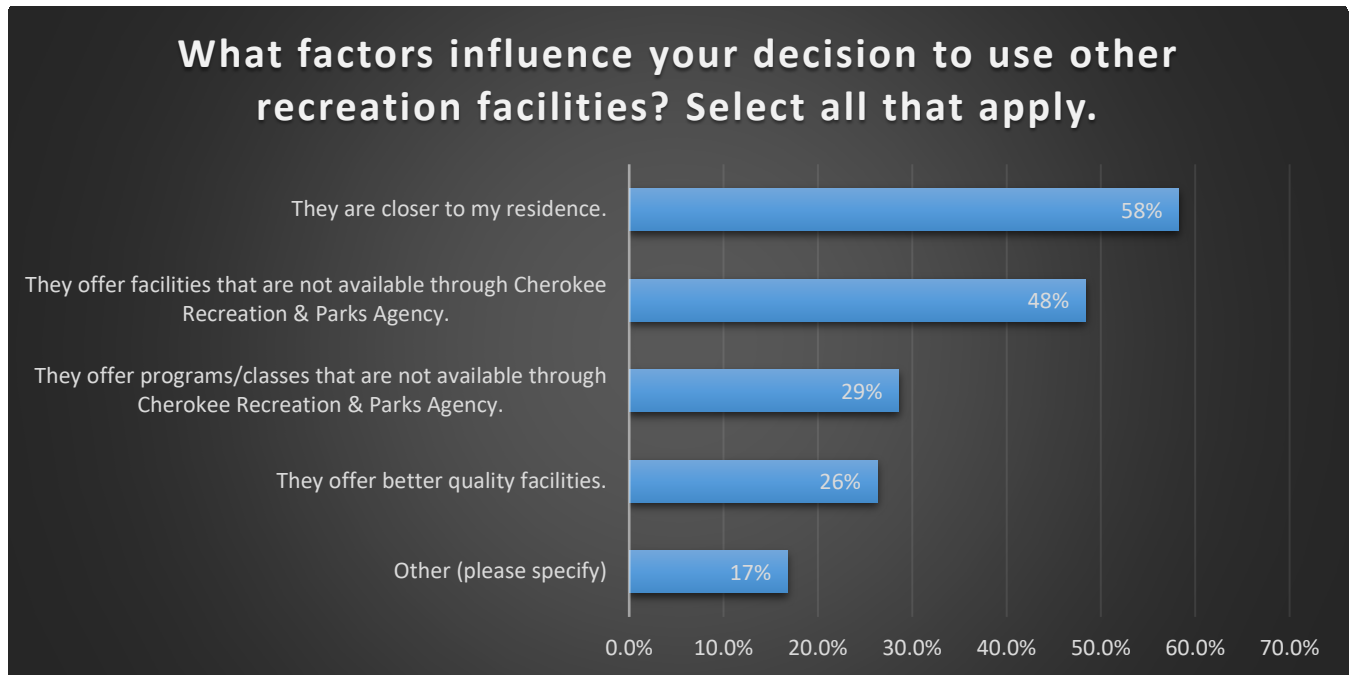


16. If you answered yes above, please check the factors that influence your decision to use these other facilities.

- 1) They are closer to my residence
- 2) They offer facilities that are not available through Cherokee Recreation & Parks Agency?
- 3) They offer programs/classes that are not available through Cherokee Recreation & Parks Agency?
- 4) They offer better quality facilities
- 5) Other (please specify)

Answered: 1,229

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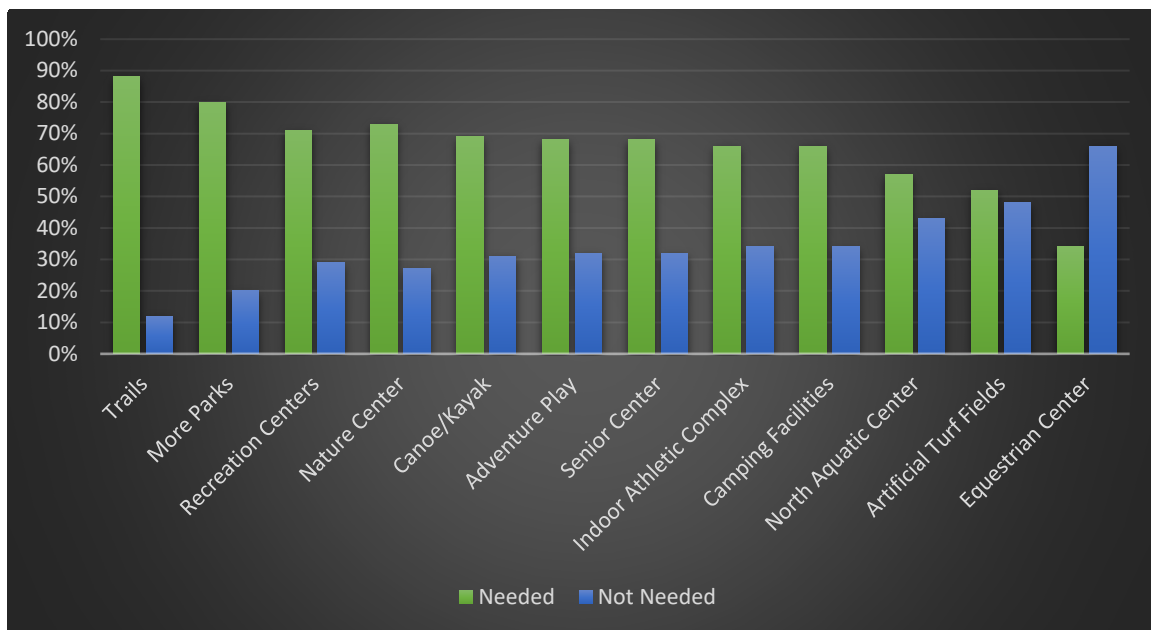


17. Listed below are some projects that CPRA may consider adding if funding is available. Please indicate what you feel is the level of need for each item.

Answered: 1,434

Skipped: 446

Answer Choices	Much Needed	Somewhat Needed	Probably Not Needed	Definitely Not Needed	Do Not Know	Total Responses
Provide more paved trails and improved sidewalks that link neighborhood, schools and parks together.	863	369	106	25	31	1394
Develop more parks throughout Cherokee County.	551	546	184	34	57	1372
Develop recreation centers throughout the county.	358	608	235	47	87	1362
Develop a nature center.	456	541	262	51	59	1369
Expand canoeing/kayaking facilities.	432	505	231	52	139	1359
Develop adventure play facilities.	407	523	271	45	117	1363
Develop a center for active seniors.	359	553	195	49	187	1343
Develop a large indoor athletic complex to host indoor sporting events and community activities.	406	508	273	82	108	1377
Provide camping and other support facilities for equestrian and mountain biking facilities.	455	459	257	68	144	1383
Develop an aquatic center in the north with an indoor water park and traditional outdoor pool.	385	388	305	132	156	1366
Develop more multi-purpose fields with artificial turf.	362	351	369	124	155	1361
Develop an INDOOR equestrian center with supporting facilities including stall barns.	212	244	407	217	278	1358



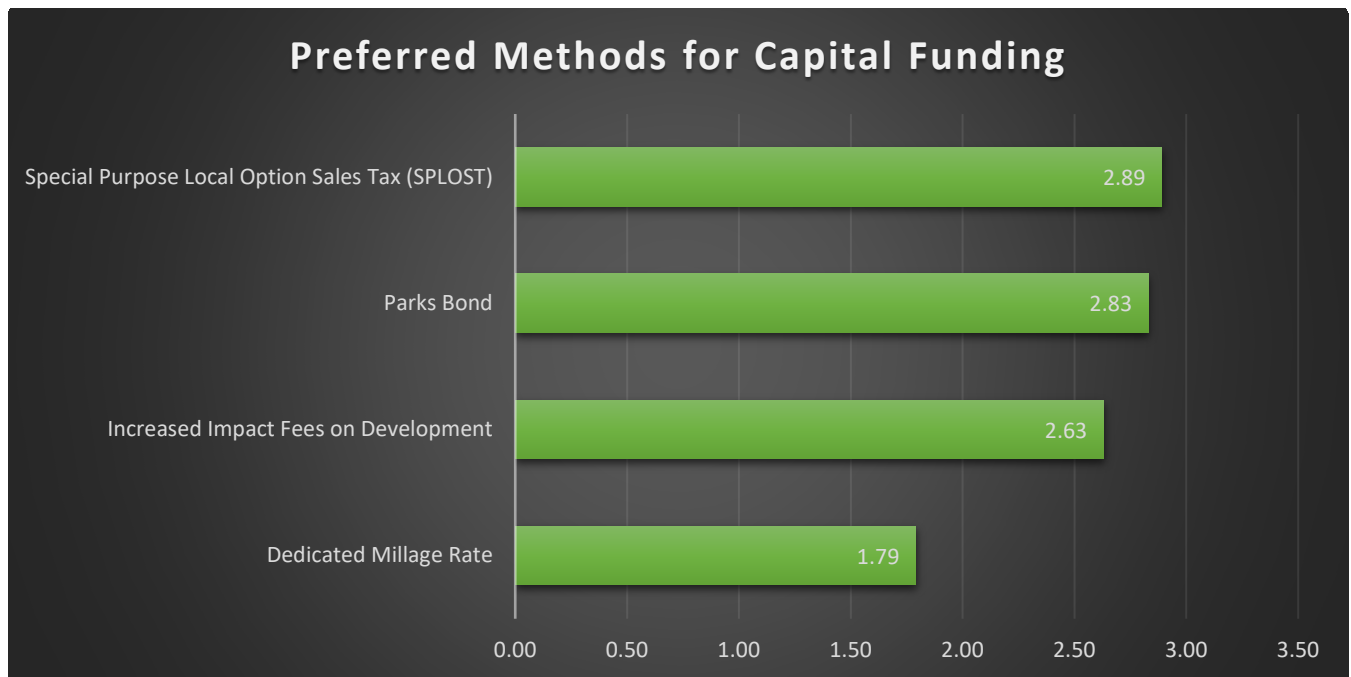
18. (CAPITAL FUNDING) In order to invest in more parks and recreation facilities, the County may require additional funding. Please rank your preferred methods for additional capital funding for recreation and parks 1 through 4 (with 1 being the highest).

- 1) Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST)
- 2) Parks Bond
- 3) Increase Impact Fees on Development
- 4) Dedicated Millage Rate

Answered: 1,251

Skipped: 629

Funding Method	1	2	3	4	Total	Score
Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST)	476	245	208	198	1127	2.89
Parks Bond	307	430	273	110	1120	2.83
Impact Fees on Development	325	269	330	209	1133	2.63
Dedicated Millage Rate	88	179	276	598	1141	1.79



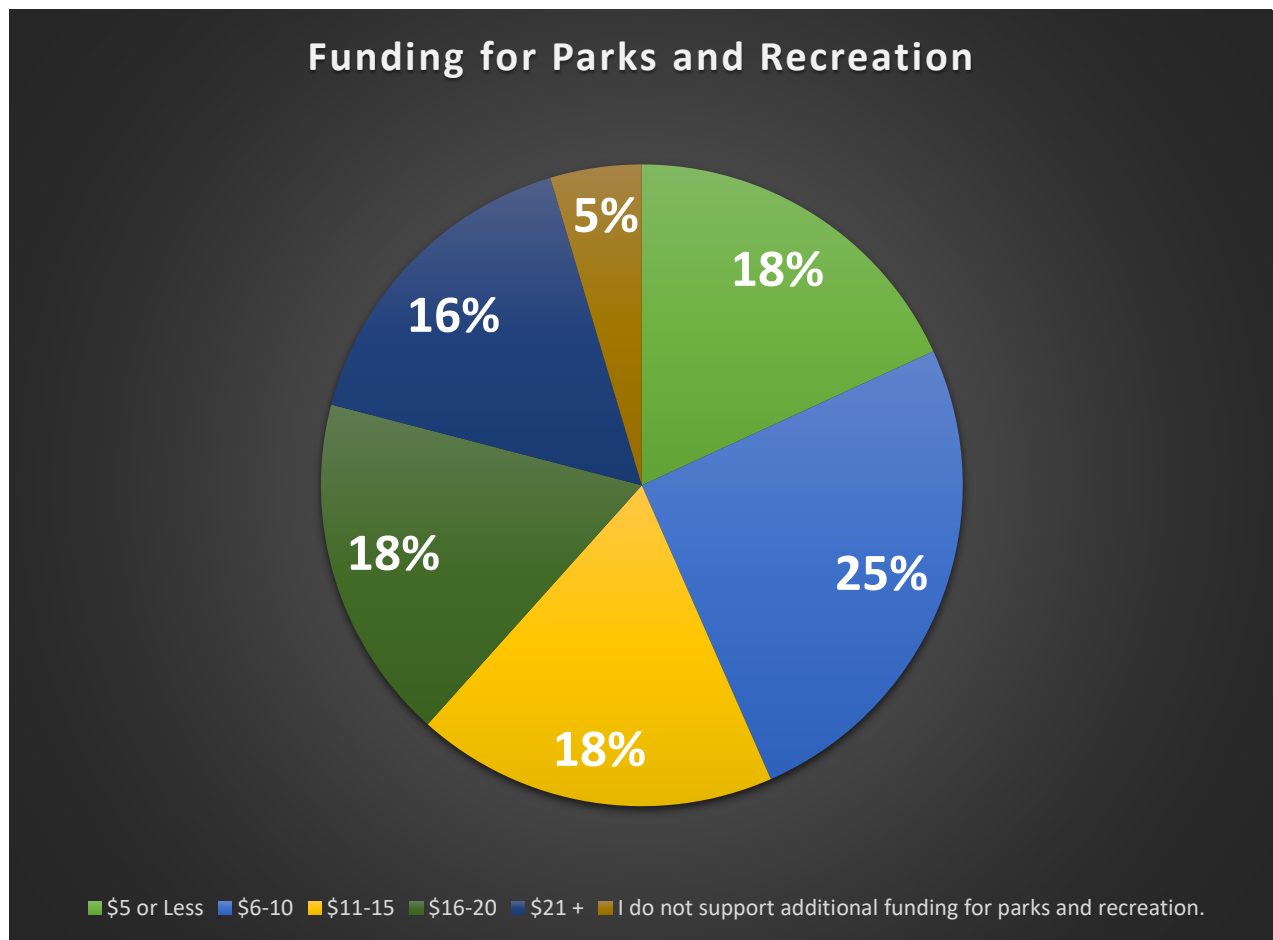
19. (OPERATIONAL FUNDING) The average household currently pays \$7.08 per year through property taxes to support park maintenance and recreation programming. Please indicate the amount below of additional funding you would support to improve park maintenance and expand recreation programs. (Check ONE)

- 1) \$5 or less
- 2) \$6 - \$10
- 3) \$11 - \$15
- 4) \$16 - \$20
- 5) \$21 +
- 6) I do not support additional funding for parks and recreation.

Answered: 1,389

Skipped: 491

Answer Choices	Responses	Percentages
\$5 or Less	252	18.1%
\$6-10	351	25.3%
\$11-15	253	18.2%
\$16-20	242	17.4%
\$21 +	227	16.3%
I do not support additional funding for parks and recreation.	64	4.6%
Total	1389	



20. Please indicate which of the following ways you currently and prefer to get information about events and programs?

Answered: 1,371

Skipped: 509

Method	Currently	Prefer	%Current	%Preferred
Email (e-newsletter)	312	539	22.8%	39.3%
Facebook, Twitter or other social media	374	530	27.3%	38.7%
The Cherokee Recreation & Parks Website	713	474	52.0%	34.6%
Community Magazines (Town Laker, Sixes Living, etc.)	413	317	30.1%	23.1%
Newspapers (Cherokee Tribune, Cherokee Ledger)	465	306	33.9%	22.3%
Play Cherokee - CRPA Quarterly Guide	345	302	25.2%	22.0%
Schools (flyers, e-newsletter, play guide, etc.)	214	298	15.6%	21.7%
Direct Mail Pieces	126	268	9.2%	19.5%
Banner Signs in Parks	256	231	18.7%	16.8%
Flyers	165	181	12.0%	13.2%
Text Messages	68	179	5.0%	13.1%
Word of Mouth	414	171	30.2%	12.5%
Local Television Channels	61	140	4.4%	10.2%
Local Radio Station Announcements	44	102	3.2%	7.4%

21. How often would you like to receive a Cherokee Recreation & Parks Agency (CRPA) newsletter via email to inform you and your family about upcoming programs and special events?

Answered: 1,400

Skipped: 480

Answer Choices	Responses	Percentage
Monthly	899	64.2%
Every Other Month	138	9.9%
Quarterly	235	16.8%
Not Interested	128	9.1%
Total	1400	

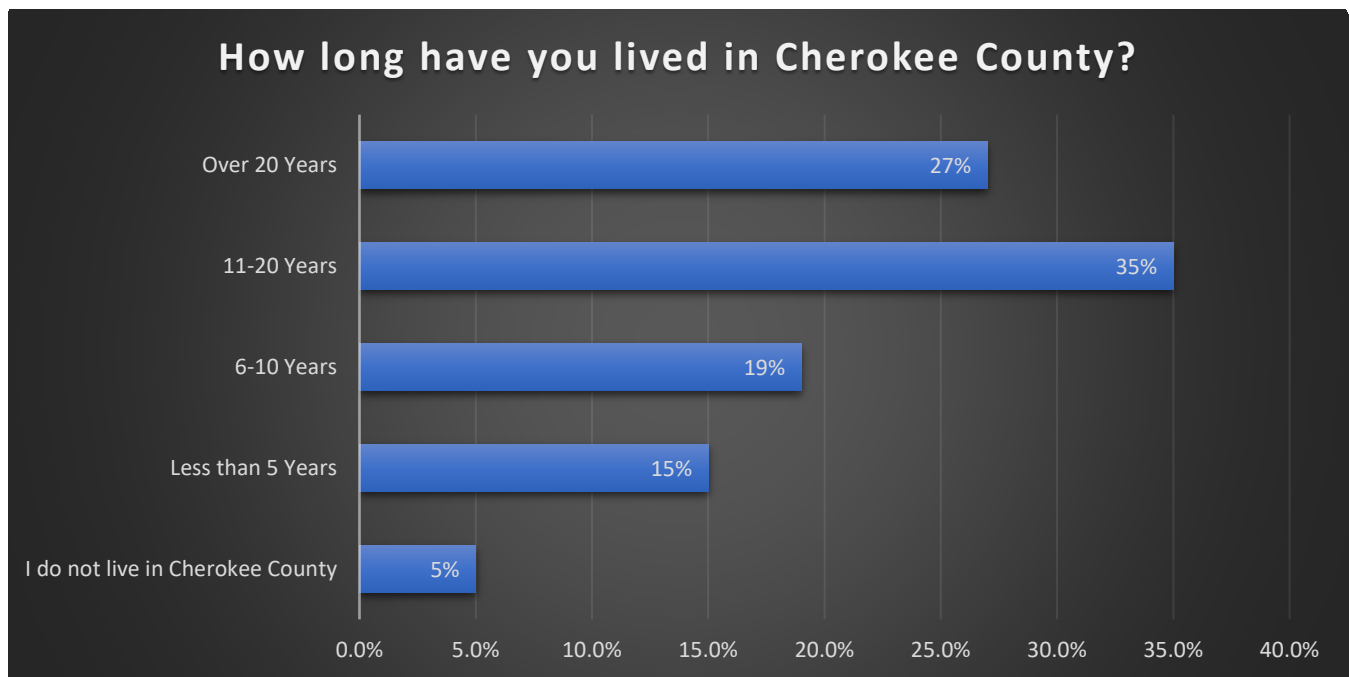
22. How long have you lived in Cherokee County?

- 1) 0-5 Years
- 2) 6-10 Years
- 3) 11-20 Years
- 4) Over 20 Years
- 5) I do not live in Cherokee County

Answered: 1,423

Skipped: 457

Answer Choices	Responses	Percentage
Less than 5 Years	217	15.2%
6-10 Years	265	18.6%
11-20 Years	497	34.9%
Over 20 Years	379	26.6%
I do not live in Cherokee County	65	4.6%
Total	1423	

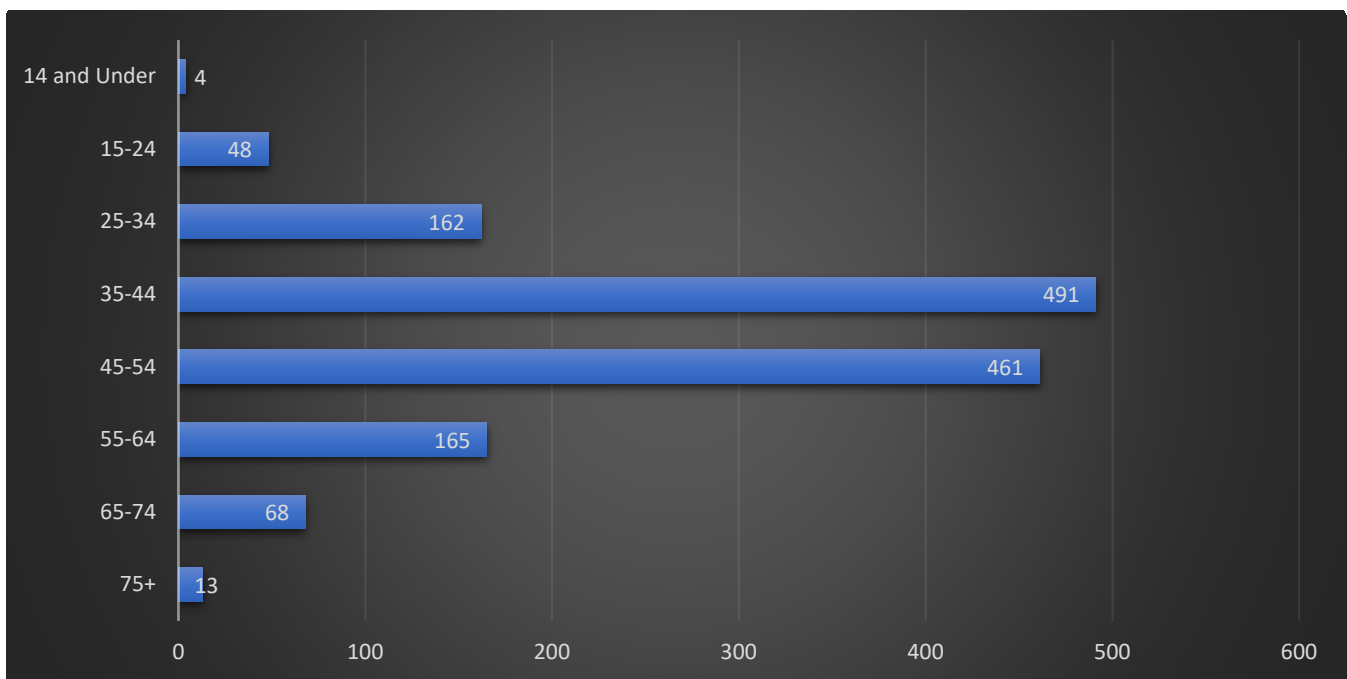


23. Please indicate your age.

Answered: 1,412

Skipped: 468

Answer Choices	Responses	Percentage
14 and Under	4	0.3%
15 – 24	48	3.4%
25 – 34	162	11.5%
35 – 44	491	34.8%
45 – 54	461	32.6%
55 – 64	165	11.7%
65 – 74	68	4.8%
75+	13	0.9%
Total	1412	

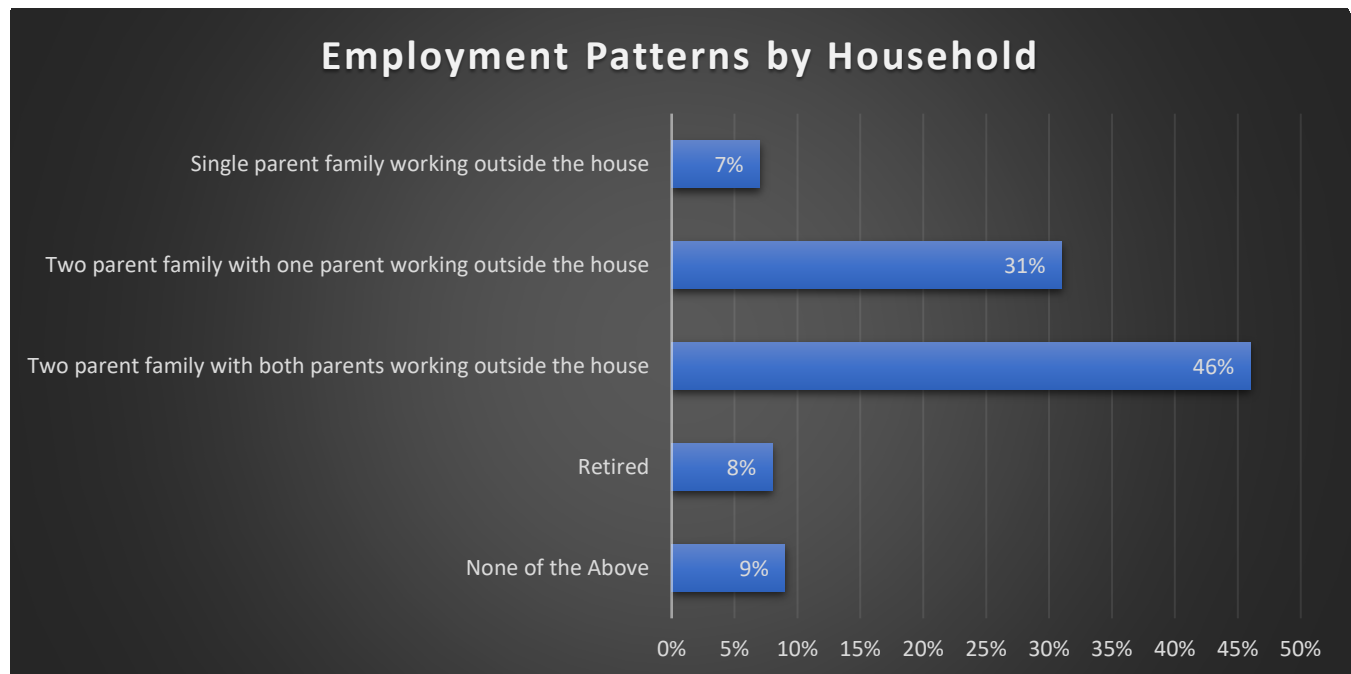


24. Which of the following best describes your family's employment pattern?

Answered: 1,408

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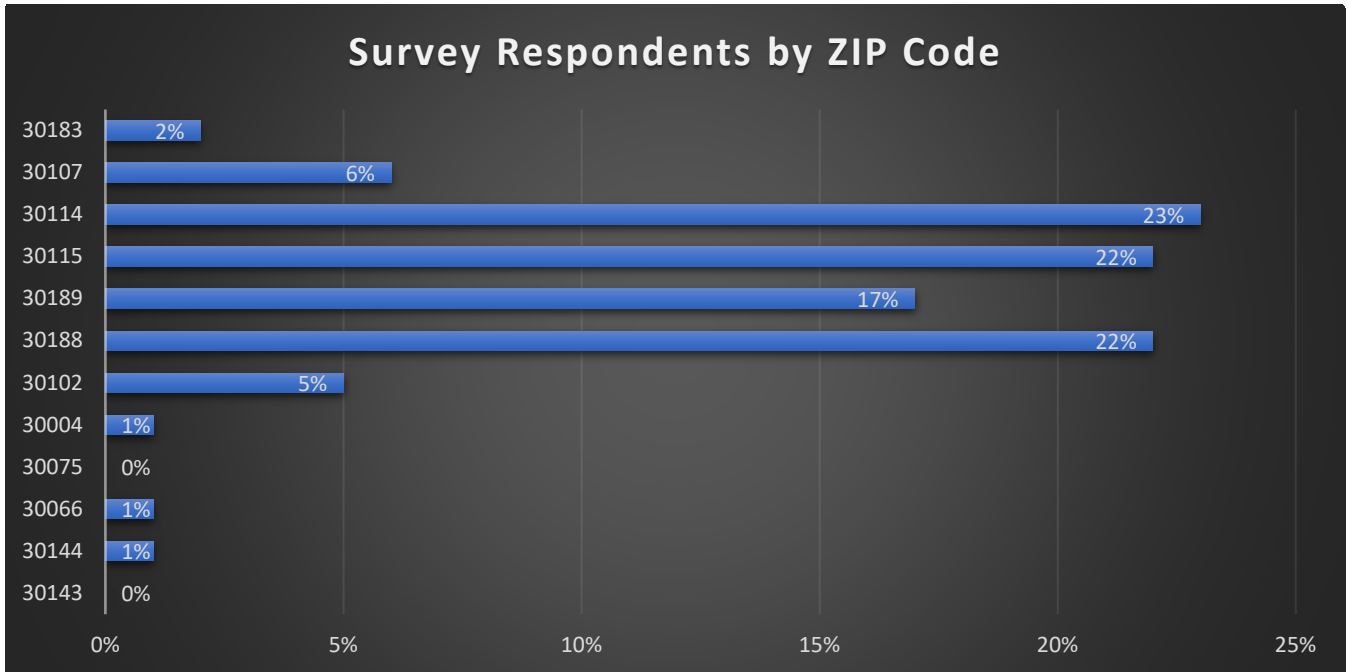
Answer Choices	Responses	Percentage
Single Parent Family Working Outside the House	101	7.2%
Two Parent Family with One Parent Working Outside the House	430	30.5%
Two Parent Family with Both Parents Working Outside the House	647	46.0%
Retired	108	7.7%
None of the Above	122	8.7%
Total	1408	



25. In what ZIP code is your home located? (Enter 5-digit ZIP code; for example, 00544 or 94305)

Answered: 1,396

Skipped: 484



26. Please indicate your gender.

Answered: 1,383

Skipped: 497

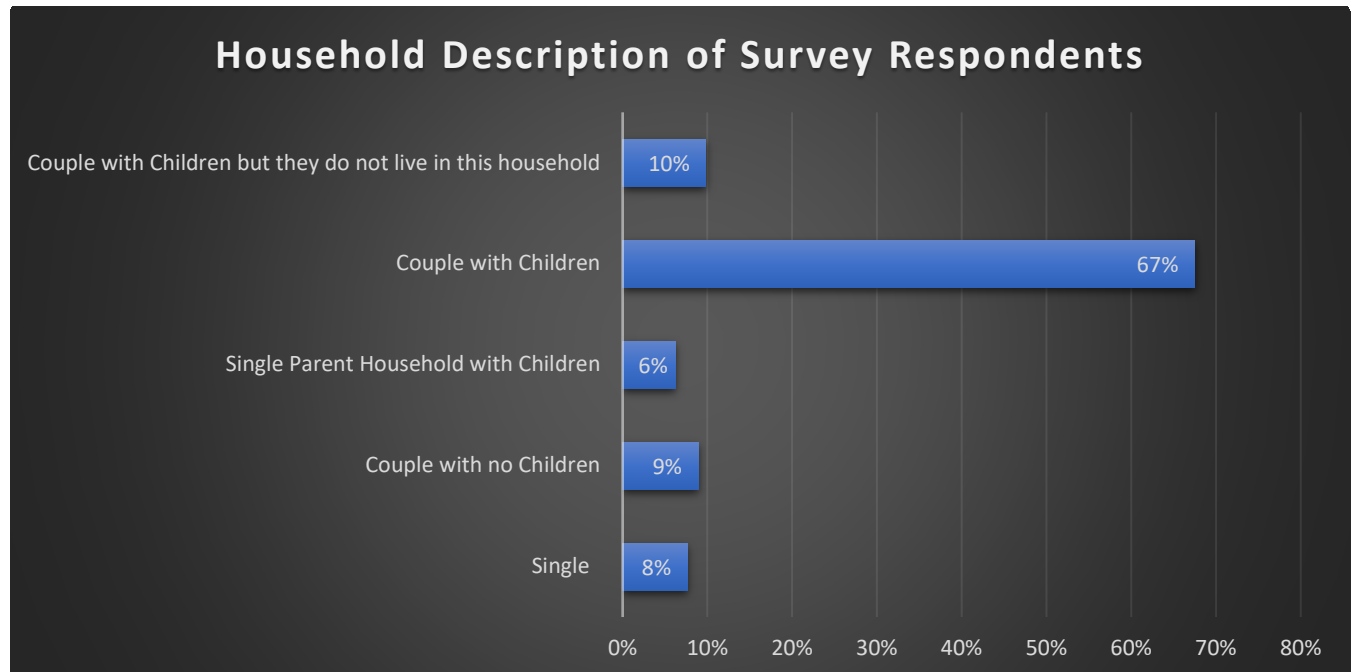
Answer Choices	Responses	Percentage
Male	473	34.2%
Female	910	65.8%
Total	1383	

27. Which of the following best describes your household?

Answered: 1,405

Skipped: 475

Answer Choices	Responses	Percentage
Single	107	7.6%
Couple with no children	125	8.9%
Single Parent Household with Children	87	6.2%
Couple with Children	948	67.5%
Couple with Children but they do not live in the Household	138	9.8%
Total	1405	

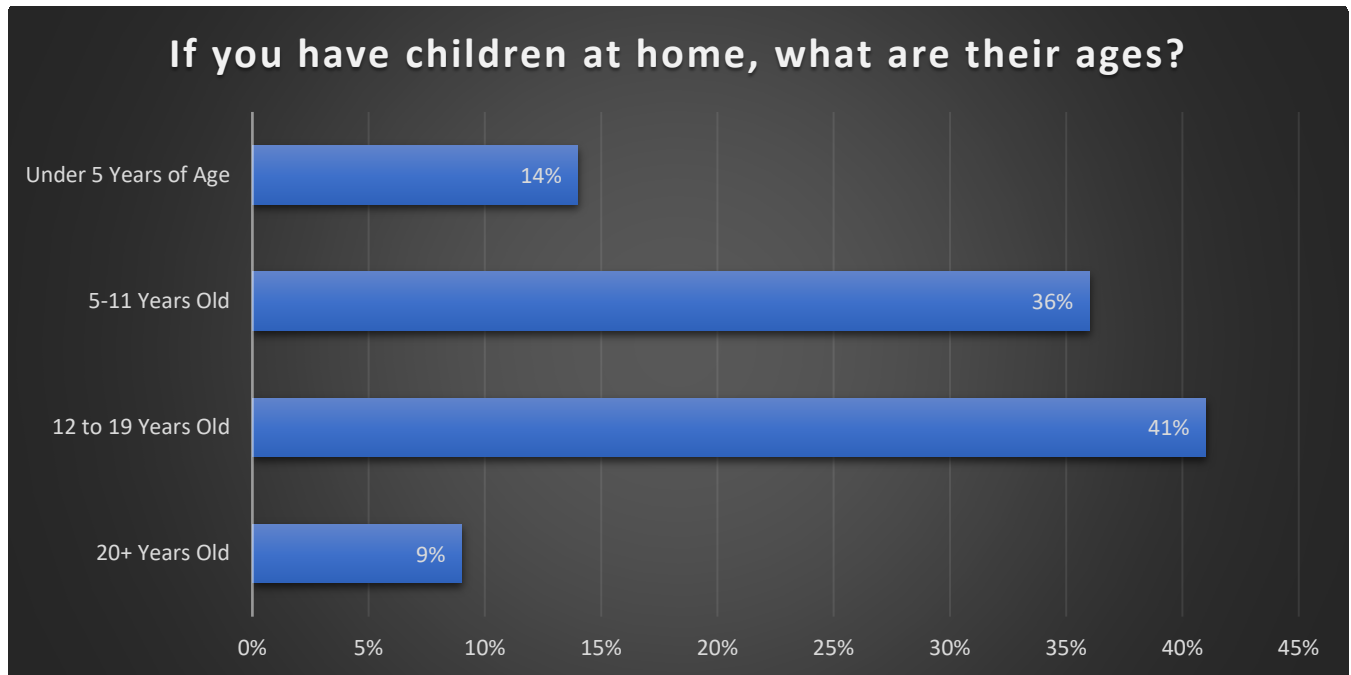


28. If you have children at home, how many children do you have in each of the following age groups?

Answered: 1,032

Skipped: 848

Answer Choices					
Under 5 Years of Age					
One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Total
136	56	8	1	1	202
5 to 11 Years of Age					
One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Total
314	192	33	1	2	542
12 to 19 Years of Age					
One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Total
316	230	49	12	3	610
20 + Years of Age					
One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Total
92	44	4	0	2	142



29. Please check your housing status.

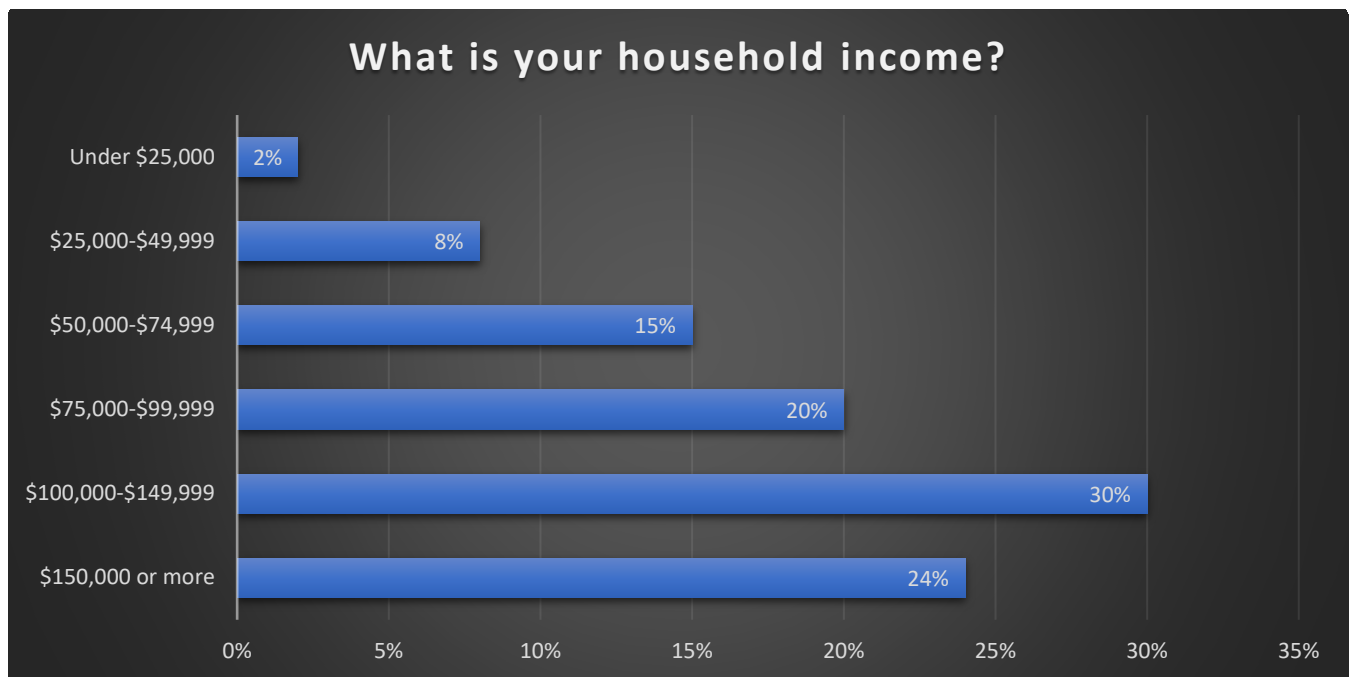
Answered: 1,387 Skipped: 493

Answer Choices	Responses	Percentage
Homeowner	1291	93.1%
Renter	96	6.9%
Total	1387	

30. What is your household income?

Answered: 1,254 Skipped: 626

Answer Choices	Responses	Percentage
Under \$25,000	29	2.3%
\$25,000 - \$49,999	101	8.1%
\$50,000 - \$74,999	193	15.4%
\$75,000 - \$99,999	247	19.7%
\$100,000 - \$149,999	380	30.3%
\$150,000 or more	304	24.2%
Total	1254	



31. Which of the following best describes your race? Check all that apply.

Answered: 1,341

Skipped: 539

Answer Choices	Responses	Percentage
African American/Black	25	1.9%
American Indian and Alaska Native	3	0.2%
Asian/Pacific Islander	11	0.8%
Hispanic, Latino or Spanish	33	2.5%
White/Caucasian	1246	92.9%
Other	23	1.7%
Total	1341	

32. If you would like to receive email updates from the Cherokee Recreation & Parks Agency (CRPA) in the future, please feel free to provide your email address.

Answered: 628

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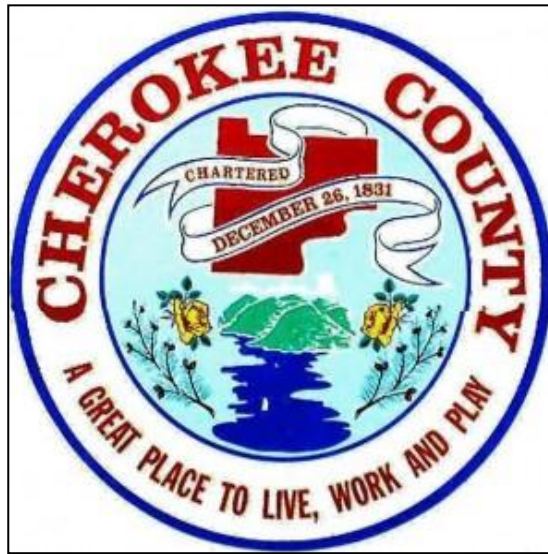
33. Please provide any additional comments.

Answered: 393

Skipped: 1,487

Appendix C – Trails Addendum from Cherokee County Comprehensive Transportation Plan

APPENDIX G:
TRAILS ADDENDUM



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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Context

The purpose of this trails plan is to identify feasible connections between popular destinations and promote regional connectivity between existing and proposed trail segments. This appendix provides an overview of the methodology used to assess the County's current needs for trails and also discusses how input from the CTP public meetings and the Trails Stakeholder Committee was used to assist in the identification of the trail needs. This trail planning effort is meant to identify long-range needs for non-motorized connections within the County. This plan will serve as the basis for a more detailed study of trails that will be undertaken by the Cherokee County Recreation and Parks Agency (CRPA) as part of its upcoming *Comprehensive Recreation, Parks, Green Space and Trails Master Plan*. The CRPA effort will solicit further public input regarding trails, develop a prioritized list of projects, and estimate the capital cost associated with each of the highest priority trail segments.

1.2 Purpose

The development of a future trails network is intended to provide exclusive transportation facilities for non-motorized users, thereby enhancing safety and promoting physical activity. Unlike bicycle-pedestrian projects, which tend to focus on providing short to medium range connections between different neighborhoods or municipalities, trail projects are meant to provide connectivity between popular recreational and leisure destinations located throughout the County. While bicycle-pedestrian projects are oriented towards serving non-recreational trips (i.e., work commute, running errands, etc.), trails projects are focused primarily on connecting recreational and leisure destinations to each other and can also be used to serve non-recreational trips by tying together different bicycle-pedestrian routes.

Although bicycle-pedestrian projects afford travelers an opportunity to engage in physical activity, these projects, typically place non-motorized users within the same facility as vehicular traffic or directly adjacent to it. By not separating the modes, a variety of potential safety conflicts between motorists and non-motorists are introduced. Through the development of exclusive trails facilities that are neither shared with nor adjacent to vehicular traffic, safety for non-drivers will increase which, in turn, will only serve to further promote physical activity within the County.

2 EXISTING CONDITIONS

Cherokee County is currently home to over 75 miles of trails. Expansive networks of recreational trails currently exist at Garland Mountain Park in the northwestern corner of the County, along Noonday Creek and around Woodstock, along Little River at Old Rope Mill Park and Blankets Creek near Woodstock and Holly Springs, and along the Etowah River connecting Boling Park and other government-owned land west of Canton. These large networks all provide users with an opportunity to recreate near some of the County's most beautiful natural features.



In addition to these large interconnected networks, smaller stand-alone trail segments are present at Lewis Park near Bells Ferry Road and Allatoona Lake, Hickory Trails Park south of Hickory Road, and along Noonday Creek and Main Street. Aside from the significant trails at Garland Mountain Park and along the Etowah River, all existing trail segments are located in the southern half of the County and are concentrated along the western portion of Little River or within the City of Woodstock.

3 NEEDS ASSESSMENT

3.1 What Should be Connected?

Parks, recreation facilities, and other County-controlled greenspace currently occupy over six square miles (approximately 4200 acres) in Cherokee County, which accounts for around 1.5 percent of its total land area. It should be noted that these figures do not account for a variety of other greenspace areas, such as municipally-owned parks, Federal Wildlife Management Areas, and property held by the US Army Corps of Engineers. The CRPA operates 22 parks within the County that span a total of 2235 acres, including 34 miles of trails. Public parks and recreation facilities should serve as the primary drivers behind developing the future trail network. Aside from publicly-owned recreational amenities, the trail network should also provide new connections between other types of popular destinations and existing facilities which are listed below.

- Activity centers (i.e., downtown districts)
- Cultural sites (e.g., County offices, mills, cemeteries, etc.)
- Natural features not contained within public parks (e.g., Pine Log Mountain)
- Natural features not currently served by existing trails (e.g., the northern portion of Allatoona Lake, eastern portion of Little River, etc.)
- Nature-oriented facilities (e.g., Gibbs Botanical Gardens)
- Areas that could potentially be used as parks (i.e., estates with open easements)
- Institutions of higher learning (e.g., Reinhardt University, Chattahoochee Technical College, etc.)

3.2 Initial Screening of Needs

To identify potential destinations and facilities that should be connected through a future trail network, this study initially used Geographic Information Systems (GIS) software to plot the locations of the site and facility types discussed in the previous section. A map of the existing and proposed trails, as well as the locations of all potential destinations as discussed in the section above, is provided in Figure 1 on page 8. The existing or proposed trails data was collected from the plans and data sources below.

- *Cherokee County Greenspace Plan* (2001)
- *City of Woodstock's Greenprints Plan* (2008)
- *GDOT's Georgia Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan* (1998)



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- Cherokee County GIS Department
- Cobb County DOT - Planning Division
- City of Roswell DOT

3.3 Input from CTP Public Meetings

To supplement the initial desktop screening, local input regarding a future trail network was solicited during the two CTP public meetings held in June 2015. The trails input received during the CTP public meetings is depicted as blue (public support) and red (public opposition) buffered areas within Figure 2 on page 9. A transcript of comments is available in **APPENDIX E: PUBLIC AND STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT**. Citizen input from the public meetings identified the following major connections and concerns that should be addressed by a future trail network.

- Support shown for developing a dense network of connections in the southern half of the County to serve the following destinations: Bells Ferry, Woodstock, Holly Springs, Fields Landing Park, Kenny Askew Park, Badger Creek Park, J.J. Biello Park, Blankets Creek Park, Old Rope Mill Park, and Hobgood Park
- Support shown for segments connecting into Cobb County from the southwestern portion of the County/west Woodstock and also along Noonday Creek
- Support shown for segments connecting into the City of Roswell from the southeastern portion of the County via multiple routes
- Support shown for a segment connecting into a planned trail near Pickens County via the central tributary of Conns Creek
- Support shown for segments surrounding the Little River Mill and Gresham Mill areas
- Opposition voiced against a segment surrounding the Brick Mill Falls area
- Support shown for a segment adjacent to SR 20 that would connect two planned trails and would serve both Cherokee Veterans Park and the Vaughn's Mill area
- Support shown for a segment adjacent to the eastern portion of a Little River tributary that would connect a planned trail to SR 20

3.4 Input from Trails Stakeholder Committee

To augment the public input, a Trails Stakeholder Committee was created to solicit further input regarding additional connections that could serve to bridge the gap between existing and planned trails in the County and the recommendations put forth at the CTP public meetings. The committee consisted of parks and recreation staff from Cherokee County, the City of Woodstock, the City of Holly Springs, and the City of Canton, as well as interested citizens. The committee met on August 31, 2015 at the County Administrative Offices.

Prior to the committee meeting, an updated map of destinations and trail facilities was produced. This stakeholder map incorporated all of the public input discussed above and also overlaid the locations of other areas, such as Federal Wildlife Management Areas, US Army Corps of Engineers properties, and other government-owned land, that could potentially be leveraged for trail use.



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Major improvements identified by the Trail Stakeholder Committee are listed below. The committee's recommendations are depicted as numbered red lines in Figure 2 on page 9.

1. Develop a segment adjacent to Old Hwy 5/Holly Springs Parkway that connects suggested segments surrounding J.J. Biello Park with the suggested segment running from Blankets Creek Park, around Holly Springs to Old Rope Mill Park
2. Develop a segment adjacent to Hickory Road that connects a suggested segment along Holly Springs Parkway with the proposed Mill Creek Trail
3. Develop a segment adjacent to Bells Ferry Road that connects Butterworth Road near SR 20, the planned trail on the south side of Allatoona Lake near Cherokee Mills Park, and the Cobb County line
4. Develop a segment adjacent to SR 20 that connects a planned trail on the east side of the Etowah River to the suggested segment along Butterworth Road/Bells Ferry Road
5. Develop a segment adjacent to Towne Lake Parkway/Eagle Drive that connects the suggested trail near Bells Ferry Road and Hobgood Park to the suggested trail extending south along Noonday Creek to the Cobb County line
6. Develop segments to connect the suggested Noonday Creek segment with historic Downtown Woodstock at the intersection of SR 92 at Main Street
7. Develop a segment adjacent to Ridge Road/Sixes Road/Old Hwy 5 that connects the suggested segment along Bells Ferry Road near Ridge Road to the planned trails surrounding J.J. Biello Park
8. Develop segments to connect planned trails south of Fincher Road with other planned trails near the V.A. Cemetery, other government-owned land west of Canton, the existing Etowah River Trail System, and the northwestern portion of the City of Canton
9. Develop a segment that connects Garland Mountain Park and County-owned land with a planned trail segment adjacent to SR 140 on the eastern edge of Bartow County
10. Develop a short network on the southern side of the Hickory Log Reservoir on the grounds of the First Baptist Church
11. Develop a segment adjacent to Vaughn Road that connects the suggested segments along Hickory Road near the Hickory Flat area with Sequoyah Park and a planned trail segment along Mill Creek
12. Develop a segment adjacent to Rope Mill Road that connects the existing trail along Woodstock Parkway with a planned trail that would pass Woodstock Elementary School en route to historic downtown Woodstock at SR 92 and Main Street
13. Develop a segment adjacent to Woodstock Road that connects the suggested segments near along Bells Ferry Road near Woodstock Road with the western portion of SR 92
14. Provide mile markers every quarter-mile to assist first responders in locating persons along the trails in the event of an emergency or injury.



4 PROJECT PRIORITIZATION

4.1 Goals

In considering which trails projects to advance and when, the County should utilize two different sets of goals over the short- and long-term. Initial improvements should focus on developing connectivity to trail systems within neighboring counties; tying together popular destinations which are not currently served by the existing trail network; and building short segments that serve to form a comprehensive network of connections between existing trail networks. Leveraging other counties' existing trail networks is likely to yield a substantial gain from a relatively modest level of investment. Connecting recreational areas and sites not currently served by trails should promote additional use of the County's trail system by increasing the number of potential accessible destinations. Additionally, developing short extensions to connect existing trail networks serves as another low-cost approach because most of the capital investment has already been made in the corridor.

Once the trail network's coverage has been sufficiently expanded to serve the majority of the popular destinations, then the County should transition to emphasizing the development of long-distance, capital-intensive trails (e.g., a continuous path around Allatoona Lake or complete coverage along the Etowah River) that serve as links within a larger regional or multi-state trail system like the Goldbelt Trail. Aside from constructing extensive trails around significant natural features, the County should also focus on enhancing accessibility to destinations already served by a future trail network by developing more robust connectivity between trail segments.

4.2 Objectives

The list below contains objectives that can be used to assess the degree to which a given trails project meets either of these goals.

- Constructs an extension of an existing trail
- Serves a popular destination that is not currently accessible by trail
- Provides an interface into an adjacent county's trail system
- Develops a connection to an existing trail or bicycle-pedestrian route
- Anticipates a connection to a proposed trail or bicycle-pedestrian route

4.3 Short-Term Recommendations

In the near-term the County should focus on rapidly expanding the coverage of its trail network by developing segments that support inter-county trail connectivity; realize new connections between the County's recreational destinations which are not served by the existing trail network; and providing short extensions to form a larger network of existing trails. The list below provides recommendations for short-term projects that will help address these goals in a cost-effective manner while forming a network of trails between Old Rope Mill, J.J. Biello Park, historic downtown Woodstock, Noonday Creek, and Cobb County.



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- Noonday Creek Trails Connector - Connect into Cobb County trails via new extension of existing trail along Noonday Creek southward from SR 92
- Bethany Creek Connector - Connect southern half of the Old Rope Mill trails (Trestle Rock Trail) with existing trails along Ridgewalk Parkway and Woodstock Parkway via new extension southward from Old Rope Mill along Bethany Creek
- J.J. Biello - Ridgewalk Parkway Connector - Connect unserved J.J. Biello Park with existing trail along Ridgewalk Parkway via a new trail adjacent to Main Street running from the Recreation Center to the Brooke Boulevard entrance of J.J. Biello Park
- Woodstock Parkway - Elementary - Historic Downtown Connector - Connect existing trail near Woodstock Parkway and I-575 with existing trails near historic downtown Woodstock via a new extension of Woodstock Parkway trail southward to Rope Mill Road, passing Woodstock Elementary School and terminating at the Main Street intersection in Historic Downtown Woodstock

Other major connections that should initially be considered are listed below.

- Connect into Fulton County trails via GDOT State Bicycle Route 70 (Wylie Bridge Road & Cox Road), SR 140 and Little River trails
- Connect into Pickens County via a tributary of Conns Creek
- Connect into Bartow County via an extension of Garland Mountain Park trails
- Connect proposed pedestrian-bicycle routes along Bells Ferry Road and Woodstock Road with the existing Red Top Mountain Trail System in Bartow County
- Connect the unserved V.A. Cemetery with other government-owned land west of Canton, the Old Foundry area, and the existing Etowah River Trail System which extends eastward to Boling Park
- Connect the Southwest Cherokee area with SR 92 and the proposed pedestrian-bicycle route along Woodstock Road

A map of the short-term recommended segments is provided in Figure 3 on page 10. Within the figure, the connections depicted in green represent segments for which a single connecting path between major destinations was identified. The segments displayed in purple reflect connections for which at least one alternative, adjacent connection was also identified. It is recommended that the CRPA further study the segments outlined in purple within its upcoming *Comprehensive Recreation, Parks, Green Space and Trails Master Plan*.

4.4 Classifying Connections

In developing a final map of recommended non-motorized connections for the County's future trail network, identified segments that were located in close proximity to, or which generally followed the alignment of, an existing roadway were classified as bicycle-pedestrian routes. Connections between destinations that did not neatly follow an existing roadway alignment or which traversed through undeveloped areas were classified as trail routes. A classification map defining each recommended connection as either a trail or a bicycle-pedestrian route is provided in Figure 4 on page 11.



5 THE TRAIL(S) AHEAD

A map depicting the potential universe of proposed trails and bicycle-pedestrian routes is provided in Figure 5 on page 12. The goals and objectives identified in the previous section and the potential routes identified in Figure 5 will be used as a launching point for a more robust and dynamic trails planning process that will be undertaken by the CRPA in 2016. Funding for future trails projects identified within the upcoming CRPA study would be provided via allocations from the Pedestrian, Bicycle & Trails improvement category of this CTP update which accounts for 15 percent of the available local transportation funding through 2040 (\$83 M). As mentioned previously, the exact priority, alignment and cost of a given trails project will be identified as part of the CRPA's master planning effort.



Figure 1 Existing and Planned Trails and Potential Destinations in Cherokee County

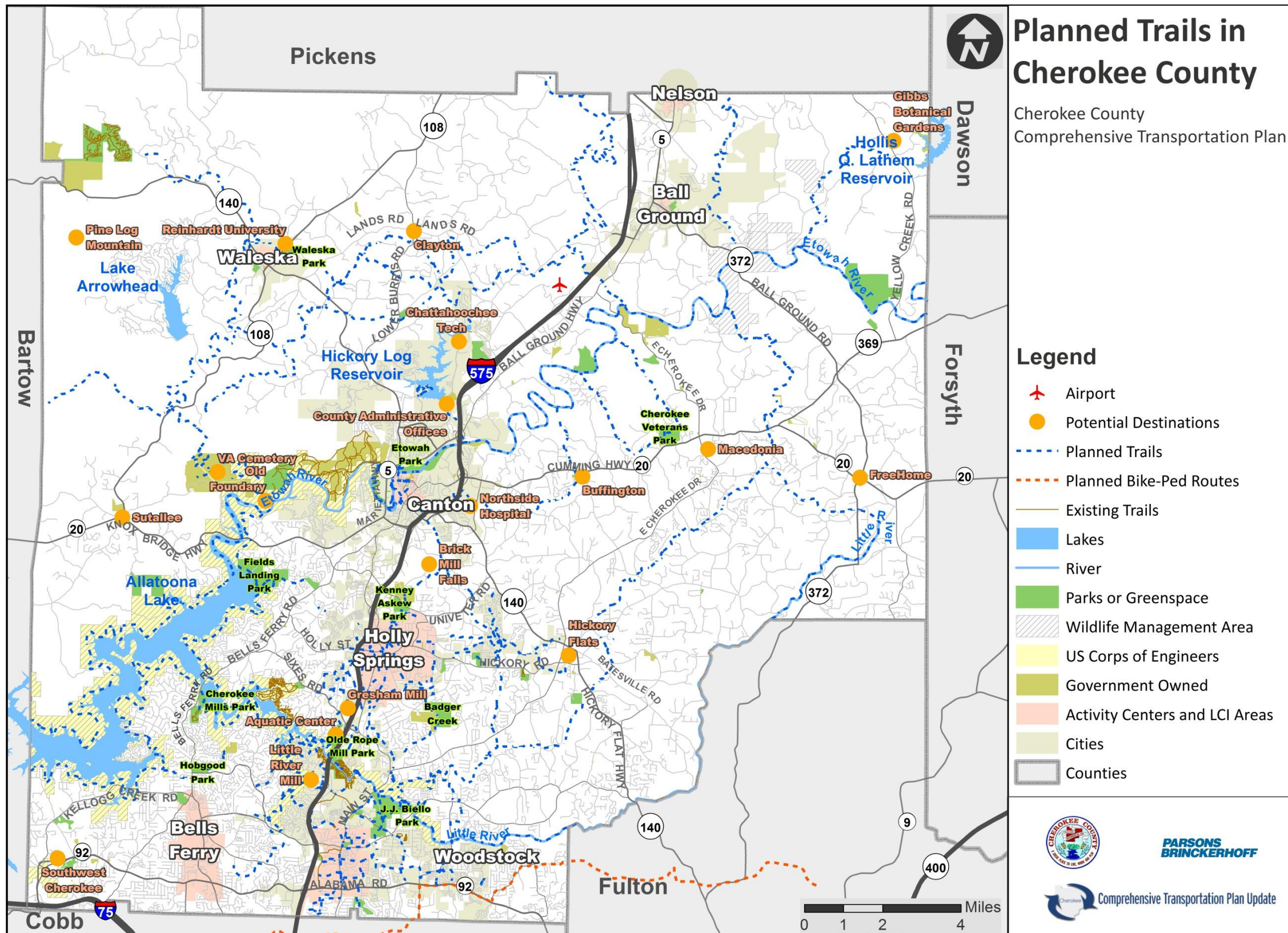




Figure 2 Summary of Public Input from CTP Public Meetings and Trails Stakeholder Committee

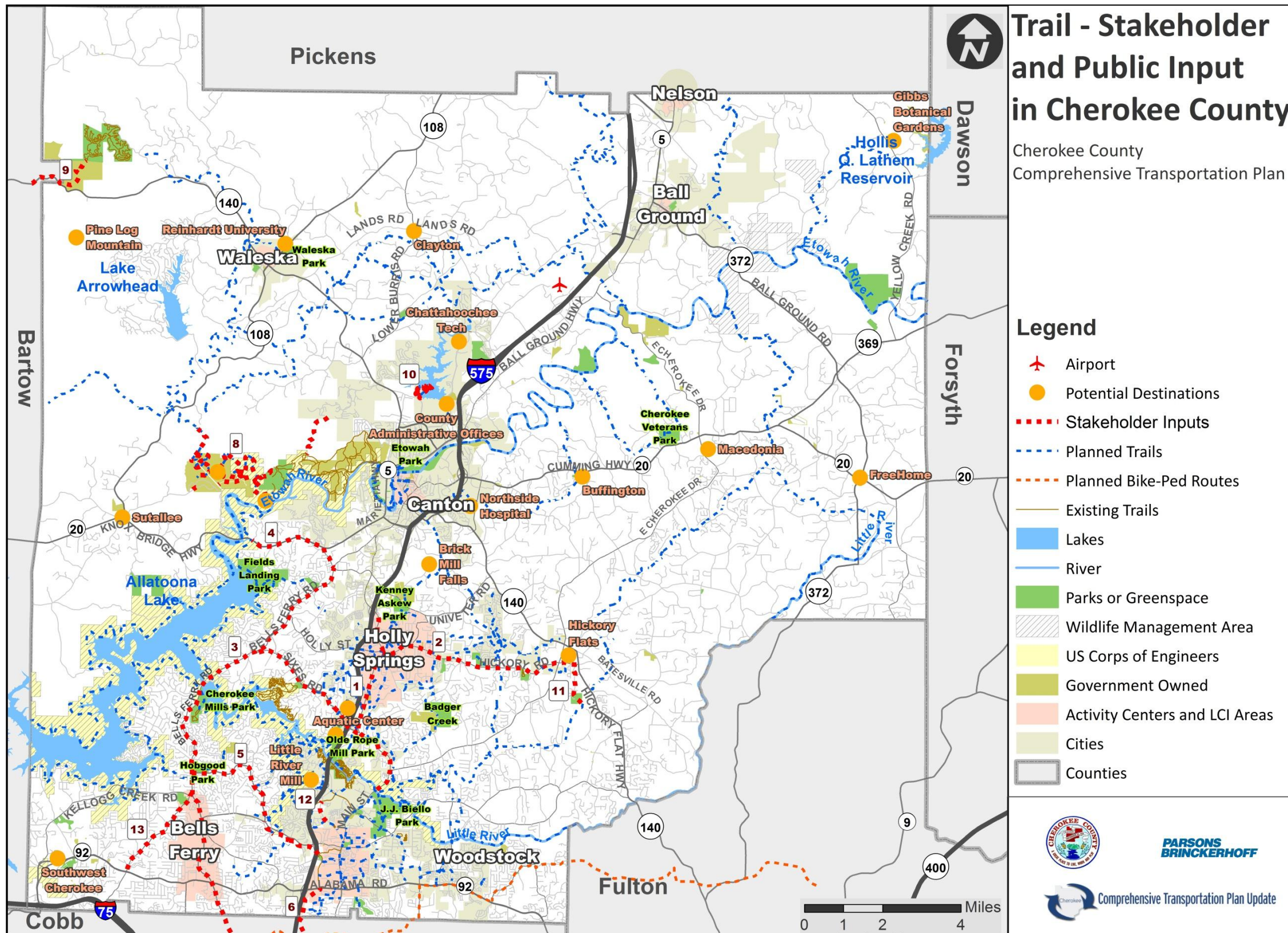




Figure 3 Recommended Trails and Connections for Further Study

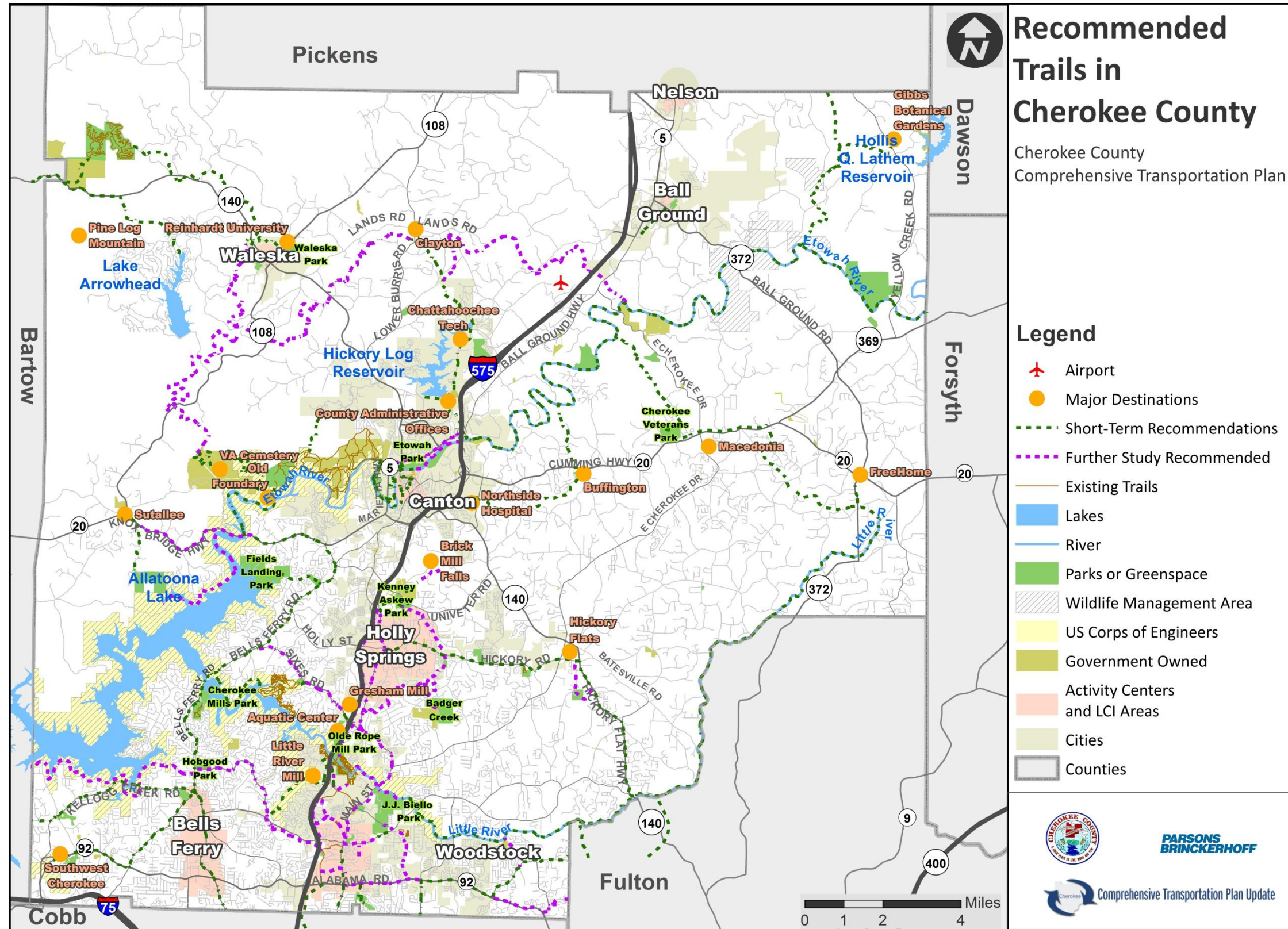




Figure 4 Classification of Recommended Trails and Bicycle-Pedestrian Routes

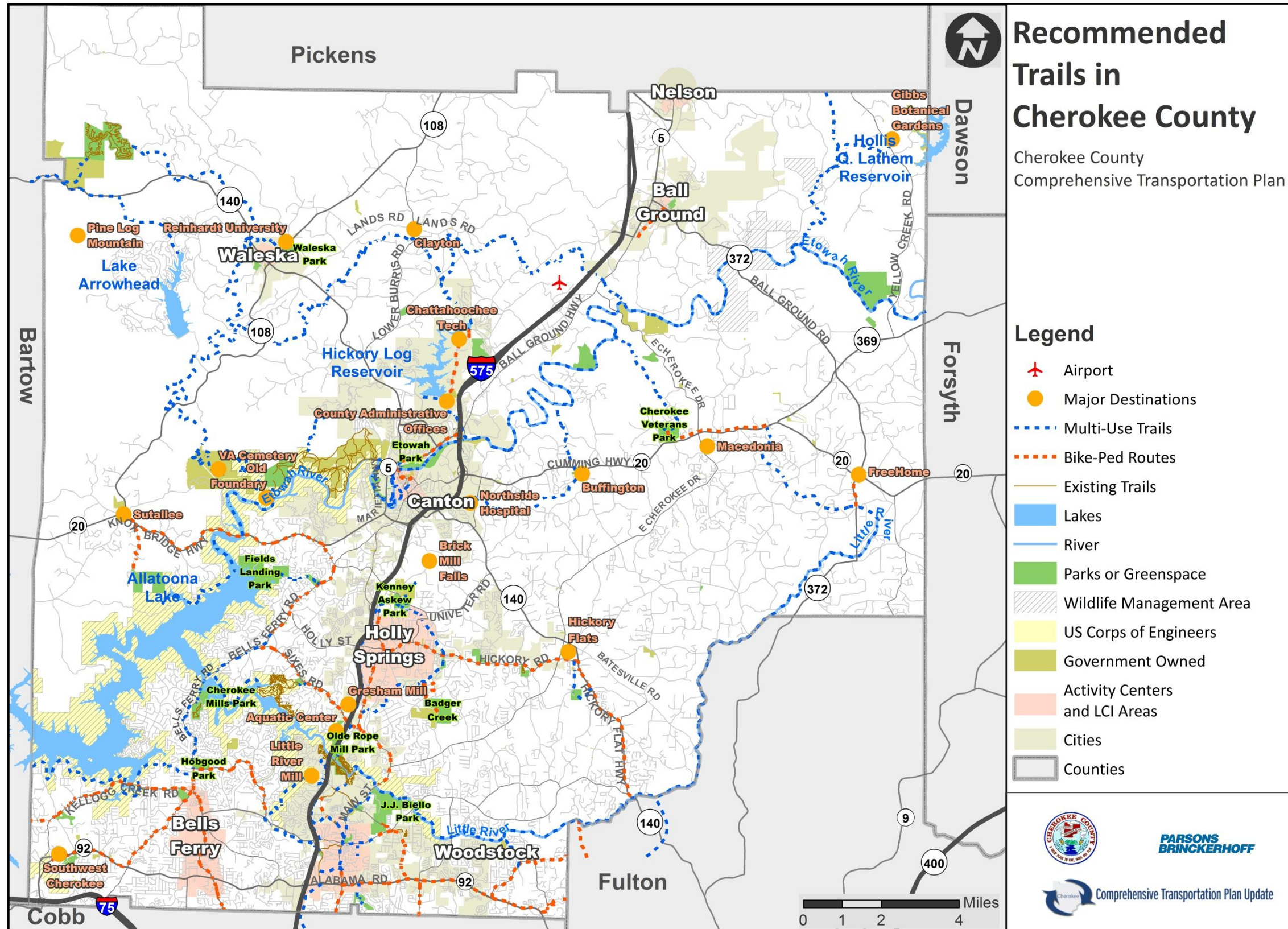
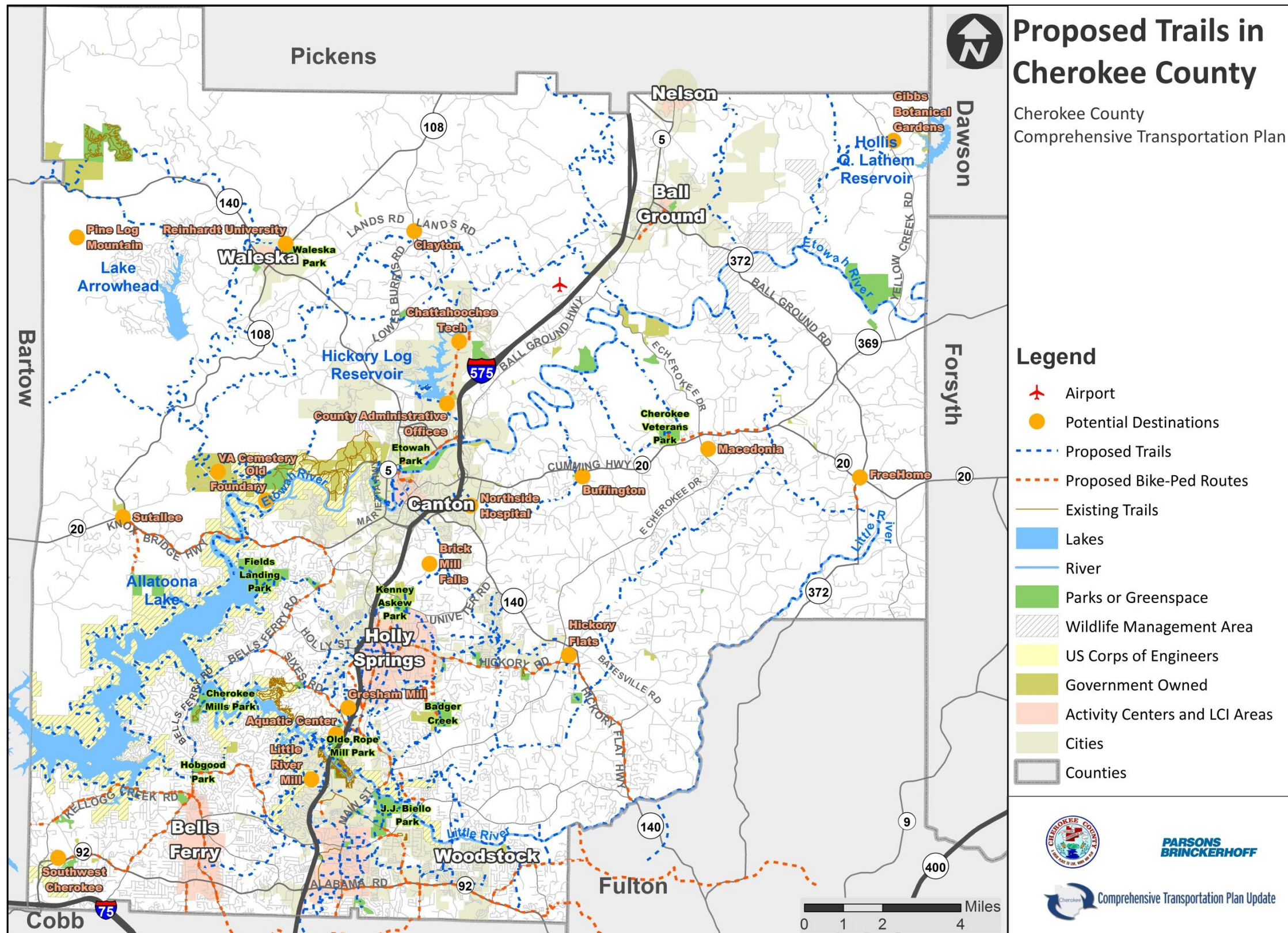




Figure 5 Proposed Trails and Bicycle-Pedestrian Routes



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Executive Summary

In November 2008, Cherokee County voters were asked if the County should issue general obligation bonds up to \$90 million for the purpose of improving and expanding recreation and parks opportunities within the County. Voters overwhelmingly approved the measure and, in 2009, the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners began issuing those bonds for the purpose of fulfilling the commitment to the citizens of Cherokee County.

This report provides an overview of the Capital Improvement Program and the individual projects that were primarily funded by the issuance of these bonds. As described in the ballot question, funds were used for the purchase of additional parkland, the construction of new parks and recreation facilities, renovations and improvements to existing parks and facilities, and the purchase of vehicles and equipment.

In order to maximize the available resources, additional funds were combined with the Park Bond funds in some projects. Sources of those funds include SPLOST, Impact Fees, municipal contributions, private donations, and the county's Tree Fund. The total of all funding sources is more than \$98 million in improvements and new parks. Where applicable, these additional funds are identified within each individual project described in this report. The amounts shown under each project are approximate and rounded to the nearest thousand dollars.

Each city within Cherokee County also received an allocation from the Park Bond to enhance recreation opportunities within its jurisdiction. These projects were managed through design and construction by the County but are owned and operated by each city. They are also described in this report.

Program Inception

Recognizing the need to address growing service gaps in recreation and parks, community leaders gathered in February 2008 at a "Recreation Summit" to discuss those needs and develop a plan. Using the 2005 Countywide Recreation and Parks Master Plan as a guide, the group discussed growing needs of the county and potential projects to meet those needs. In addition to an initial project list, it was determined that a county-wide program funded through general obligation bonds would be proposed to the voters in a ballot referendum.

Ballot Question

In the November 2008 general election, Cherokee County voters were asked the following question.

Shall there be issued up to \$90,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of Cherokee County general obligation bonds for the purpose of financing the purchase, construction and improvements of parks, recreational land, facilities and equipment, including green space?

Voters overwhelmingly supported the initiative with 62% voting in favor of the measure.

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Financial Summary

The Park Bond refers to a series of general obligation (G.O.) bonds that have been authorized and issued by Cherokee County for the expressed purpose of meeting the obligations stated in the 2008 ballot question. Table 1 shows the dates and amounts of each series of G.O. bonds that were issued. Note that in 2016 the County refunded

the 2009 series by issuing the 2016 series. This did not increase the amount available for projects but it did generate a significant savings for the County and the citizens.

Table 1 - Park Bond Issuances

Series	Date Issued	Amount (Millions)	Callable	Date
5Bond-Series 2009 ¹	2/26/2009	\$45.0	Yes	4/1/2019
6Bond-Series 2010	8/25/2010	\$10.767	Yes	4/1/2020
7Bond-Series 2012	1/26/2012	\$11.410	Yes	2/28/2019
8Bond-Series 2015	7/26/2014	\$22.823	Yes	4/1/2024
9Bond-Series 2016 ¹	4/1/2016	\$28.45	No	4/1/2029

¹ The Series 2009 bond was refunded in 2016 and replaced with the Series 2016.

The debt service on these bonds is repaid through property tax revenue generated by a dedicated millage rate levied county-wide. That millage rate is set by the Board of Commissioners each year at the same time that the County’s M&O and Fire District rates are set.

In 2008, prior to the ballot referendum, it was estimated that the property tax impact to a \$200,000 home would be \$62 per year. Table 2 shows the Park Bond millage rate assessed since 2009 and the impact to a \$200,000 home, as well as the impact to the *average* home in Cherokee County each year. The **actual** impact to a \$200,000 home has averaged \$54.07 per year since 2009, about 12% less than originally estimated.

Table 2 - Park Bond Millage Rates

Year	Park Bond Millage Rate	Cherokee County Average Home Fair Market Value	Property Tax on an Average Home	Property Tax on a \$200k Home
2009	0.580	\$205,908	\$47.77	\$46.40
2010	0.628	\$189,348	\$47.56	\$50.24
2011	0.641	\$169,300	\$43.41	\$51.28
2012	0.780	\$163,642	\$51.06	\$62.40
2013	0.776	\$167,574	\$52.01	\$62.08
2014	0.744	\$182,000	\$54.16	\$59.52
2015	0.744	\$212,300	\$63.18	\$59.52
2016	0.609	\$229,300	\$55.86	\$48.72
2017	0.581	\$248,100	\$57.66	\$46.48
Average	0.676	\$199,386	\$52.52	\$54.07

Construct New Parks & Recreation Facilities

Five (5) new county parks and recreation facilities using Park Bond funds. For each project, land was acquired, the project was designed, and the park or facility was constructed. These include:

- *Badger Creek Park,*
- *the Cherokee County Aquatic Center,*
- *the Richard “Hunkey” Mauldin Sports Complex,*
- *Patriots Park,* and
- *Cherokee Veterans Park.*

These facilities have greatly reduced existing gaps in recreation & parks service levels. They have added the following amenities to the county’s parks and recreation inventory:

- Over 430 Acres of Parkland,
- 6 Full Sized Natural Grass Athletic Fields,
- 10 Small Sized Natural Grass Athletic Fields,
- 1 Artificial Turf Athletic Field,
- A Full Service Aquatic Center including:
 - An Indoor 50 Meter Competition Pool,
 - An Indoor 25 Yard Recreation Pool,
 - An Outdoor Leisure Pool,
- 2 Tennis Courts,
- 2 Pickleball Courts,
- A Skate Park,
- 2 Playgrounds,
- 7 Natural Grass Baseball/Softball Diamonds,
- 1 Artificial Turf Adaptive Use Baseball/Softball Diamond,
- 2 Fenced Off-Leash Dog Areas,
- 2 ½ Miles of Paved Walking Paths, and
- 6 Batting Cages.

Renovate and Expand Existing Parks & Recreation Facilities

Eleven (11) existing county parks and recreation facilities were renovated or expanded using Park Bond funds. These include *Barnett Park*, the *Blanket’s Creek Bike Trails*, *Dwight Terry Park*, *Hobgood Park*, *J.J. Biello Park*, *Kenney Askev Park*, the *Recreation Center*, *Sequoyah Park*, the *Union Hill Community Center*, *Waleska Park* and *Weatherby Park*.

More than \$10 Million of Park Bond funds along with SPLOST and Impact Fee funds were used to renovate and expand these facilities. The description for each project provides greater details, but these projects greatly improved existing parks by:

- Acquiring ±8 acres for park expansion,
- Renovating Trails,
- Repaving and expanding parking,
- Adding restrooms,
- Adding pavilions,
- Improving storm water systems,
- Updating ADA accessibility,
- Replacing playgrounds,
- Upgrading athletic field lighting,
- Renovating buildings including the historic Union Hill Community Center,
- Resurfacing outdoor courts,
- Adding foul ball netting,
- Improving athletic fields, and
- Converting one existing natural grass field athletic field to artificial turf.

Acquire Additional Parkland

In addition to the 430+ acres acquired and developed as part of the five new county parks, Park Bond funds also acquired an additional 1,320+ acres for future county parks and green space. The complete list of additional property purchased is shown in Table 3 on page 26.

The *National Recreation & Parks Association (NRPA) 2016 Field Report* describes a national average of 9.5 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents. With more than 2,440 acres of parkland open and available, Cherokee County is well positioned to meet the current needs of our citizens.

The additional parkland can be developed over time to further expand recreation opportunities and keep up with the demand for more parks as Cherokee County grows. *Note: These figures do not include additional property whether donated or previously purchased available for future parks. Table 4 on page 26 details these additional properties.*

City Projects

Each city within Cherokee County received an allocation of Park Bond funds to expand recreation within their jurisdiction. The projects were coordinated by Cherokee County Capital Projects staff but the parks are owned and operated by each city. This report provides a description of the projects completed within each city.

The cities of Ball Ground and Nelson opted to renovate and improve their existing parks. The City of Canton purchased and constructed a new park, *Etowah River Park*. Holly Springs purchased property on Hickory Road and constructed a new park; *J.B. Owens Park*. Woodstock constructed multi-purpose trails within the city as part of the Greenprints Master Plan. The City of Waleska opted to purchase 15 acres for a future park.

City projects created the following new recreation amenities:

- About 108 Acres of Additional Parkland,
- 3 Natural Grass Athletic Fields,
- 1 Natural Grass Baseball/Softball Diamond,
- 3 Playgrounds,
- 3 Pavilions,
- Improved ADA Accessibility,
- Renovations to Existing Buildings,
- 2 Outdoor Amphitheaters,
- A Canoe Launch,
- New Restrooms,
- Added Parking,
- Athletic Field Improvements,
- 5 Miles of Paved Walking Paths/Trails, and
- ½ Mile of Soft Surface Walking Trails.

Summary

The Park Bond represents the single largest investment by Cherokee County in our parks system. By adding additional amenities such as athletic fields, opening the doors to new facilities like the aquatic center, and improving our existing parks, the Capital Improvement Program has greatly increased and expanded the recreation opportunities available to our citizens. In many cases, the program has closed the gap between existing service levels and the needs of the community.

Following is a more detailed description of each project completed through the program. Projects are organized by the jurisdiction, either county or city; and by type, either new construction or renovation/expansion.

Badger Creek Park

		Project Data	
Jurisdiction:	Cherokee County	Project Funds:	
Project Type:	New Construction	Park Bond:	\$3,948,000
Status:	Complete	SPLOST:	\$1,400,000
Completion Date:	June 2012	Impact Fees:	-
Acres Added:	151.0	Other:	\$175,000
Commission District:	3	Total:	\$5,523,000
Park Address:	464 Blalock Road Canton GA 30188		
Funding Source(s):	Park Bond, SPLOST, Cherokee Impact Contribution, County Tree Fund		
<i>All amounts are approximate and rounded.</i>			

Opened in June 2012, Badger Creek Park added four full-sized and 10 small sized athletic fields to the Cherokee County park system totaling more than 16 acres of additional field space. These fields are home to a local soccer club, the Cherokee Impact, and their recreation, select and middle school programs. This project more than doubled the amount of rectangular athletic fields in Cherokee County parks.

Project Scope

- Project Design: Ross Consulting
- Four (4) Full Size Athletic Fields
- Ten (10) Small-sized Athletic Fields
- Concession/Restroom Building
- Two (2) Additional Restroom Buildings
- Parking for more than 800



Cherokee County Aquatic Center

Jurisdiction:	Cherokee County	Project Data	
Project Type:	New Construction	Project Funds:	
Status:	Complete	Park Bond:	\$17,199,000
Completion Date:	May 2013	SPLOST:	\$2,100,000
Acres Added:	38.0	Impact Fees:	-
Commission District:	3	Other:	-
Park Address:	1200 Wellstar Way, Holly Springs GA 20114	Total:	\$19,299,000
Funding Source(s):	Park Bond, SPLOST		

All amounts are approximate and rounded.

The Cherokee County Aquatic Center (CCAC) is a full service aquatic facility serving Cherokee County families, the immediate surrounding community and Cherokee County as a whole. Opened in May 2013, the center added a new dimension of recreation opportunities; providing a full range of aquatic programming including competitive and recreational swimming opportunities, learn-to-swim programs, aqua therapy, aquatic exercise classes and more.

The indoor competition pool can be configured in 25 yard, 25 meter and 50 meter distances for hosting competitive swim team practices and meets. The smaller indoor pool is warmer and shallower for aquatic programs. The outdoor pool is a great place for some water-borne adventures in the summer sun!



Project Scope

- Acquired ± 38 Acres off Sixes Road (Exit 11) in Central Cherokee County
- Project Design: Cooper Carry, Water Technologies (WTI)
- Indoor 50M Competition Pool with Raised Spectator Seating for 700+
- Indoor 25Y Recreation Pool (Instruction, Exercise & Therapy)
- 2 Indoor Poolside Classrooms & Party Rooms
- Indoor & Outdoor Locker Rooms and Family Restrooms
- Spacious Lobby & Seating Area Overlooking Indoor Pools
- Concession Stand
- 18,000 Square Foot Outdoor Leisure Pool & Pool Deck with:
 - 2 Water Slides
 - Lazy River
 - Zero Depth Entry Beach Area
 - Aquatic Playground
 - Open Swim Area
 - 2 Pavilions



Cherokee Veterans Park

Jurisdiction:	Cherokee County	Project Data	
Project Type:	New Construction	Project Funds:	
Status:	Complete	Park Bond:	\$16,037,000
Completion Date:	September 2017	SPLOST:	-
Acres Added:	149.3	Impact Fees:	\$961,000
Commission District:	1	Other:	\$65,000
Park Address:	7345 Cumming Highway Canton GA 30115	Total:	\$17,063,000
Funding Source(s):	Park Bond, Impact Fees, County Tree Fund		

All amounts are approximate and rounded.



Located on 149 acres in northeast Cherokee County, Cherokee Veterans is one of the largest active parks in the county's park system. Phase one construction includes all the amenities listed below along with all the associated parking and infrastructure.

Future possible additions to the park include a baseball/softball complex, additional tennis and pickleball courts, a large community pavilion and a recreation center. Future additions will depend on the availability of capital funding. In addition to the amenities listed under the project scope, the county has set aside about 3 acres for a monument to honor military veterans and their service.

Project Scope

- Acquired ± 149 Acres in Northeast Cherokee County
- Project Design: Lose & Associates
- Phase I Construction:
 - 2 Natural Grass Athletic Fields (Football, Lacrosse, Soccer)
 - 1 Artificial Turf Athletic Field with Grandstands (Football, Lacrosse, Soccer)
 - 2 Tennis Courts
 - 2 Pickleball Courts
 - Skate Park
 - Playground
 - 1 2/3 Miles of Paved ADA Accessible Trails
 - Concessions/Restroom Buildings & Parking
 - Maintenance Facility
- Future Phases allow for:
 - 4 Baseball/Softball Diamonds & Parking
 - 2 Additional Tennis & Pickleball Courts
 - Large Community Pavilion & Expanded Playground
 - Future Recreation Center
 - *Future Phases dependent on additional funding.*



Patriots Park

Jurisdiction:	Cherokee County	Project Data	
Project Type:	New Construction	Project Funds:	
Status:	Complete	Park Bond:	\$7,311,000
Completion Date:	April 2017	SPLOST:	-
Acres Added:	32.8	Impact Fees:	-
Commission District:	4	Other:	\$250,000
Park Address:	1485 Kellogg Creek Road Woodstock GA 30189	Total:	\$7,561,000
Funding Source(s):	Park Bond, Developer Donation		

All amounts are approximate and rounded.

Patriots Park is located on 32.8 acres on Kellogg Creek Road in southwest Cherokee County. It includes 2 natural grass baseball/softball diamonds, 2 fenced off-leash dog areas, a fully accessible and inclusive playground, a paved walking path throughout the park, a concession/restroom building and an artificial turf adaptive use baseball/softball diamond.

Dubbed *Freedom Field* by CRPA staff, the adaptive use field is designed for the inclusive use of athletes of all abilities. It is the first of its kind in the county and is the new home of the Cherokee County Miracle League program.

Project Scope

- Acquired ± 33 Acres on Kellogg Creek Road
- Project Design: Smith Planning Group
- 2 Natural Grass Baseball/Softball Diamonds
- 1 Artificial Turf Baseball/Softball Diamond
- Concession/Restroom Building
- 2 Fenced Off Leash Dog Areas
- Event Lawn
- Playground
- ± 0.8 Miles Paved Walking Path
- Pavilion



Richard “Hunkey” Mauldin Sports Complex

		Project Data	
Jurisdiction:	Cherokee County	Project Funds:	
Project Type:	New Construction	Park Bond:	\$5,977,000
Status:	Complete	SPLOST:	-
Completion Date:	September 2015	Impact Fees:	-
Acres Added:	51.1	Other:	-
Commission District:	3	Total:	\$5,977,000
Park Address:	1260 Univeter Road Canton GA 30115		
Funding Source(s):	Park Bond		

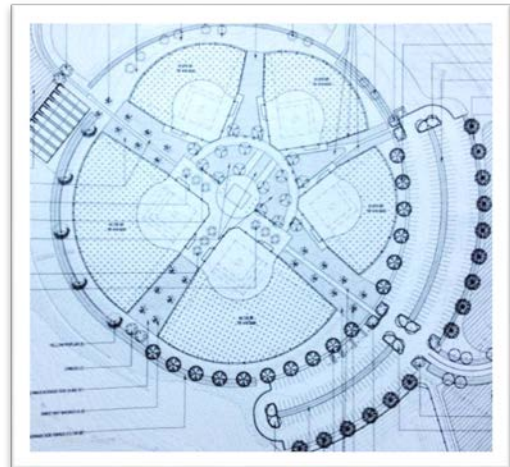
All amounts are approximate and rounded.

Originally conceived as part of Canton’s Etowah River Park, it was later determined that a better location for the new home of Canton Baseball would be the 51 acres purchased by the County adjacent to Kenney Askew Park. This move allowed the baseball fields to be bigger and all the fields to be lighted.

The complex was named for Richard “Hunkey” Mauldin. Each field within the complex is also dedicated to individuals who made significant contributions to Canton Baseball through the years.

Project Scope

- Acquired ± 51 Acres
- Project Design: HDR, Inc.
- Two (2) 250’ Baseball/Softball Diamonds
- Three (3) 175’ Baseball Softball Diamonds
- 6 Batting Cages
- Concession/Restroom Building
- Parking for 300



Barnett Park

		Project Data	
Jurisdiction:	Cherokee County	Project Funds:	
Project Type:	Expansion/Renovation	Park Bond:	\$770,000
Status:	Complete	SPLOST:	-
Completion Date:	May 2014	Impact Fees:	-
Acres Added:	NA	Other:	-
Commission District:	3	Total:	\$770,000
Park Address:	10795 Bells Ferry Road Canton GA 30114		
Funding Source(s):	Park Bond		

All amounts are approximate and rounded.

Barnett Park, located in the western portion of Cherokee County, received several renovations including a new concrete walking trail that connects the front of the park to the playground and continues on to the fields 2 and 3 in the back of the park. The fields were renovated where needed and the bridge over Downing Creek was upgraded. Other improvements included ADA access throughout the park and renovations to existing buildings.

Project Scope

- Relocated Paved Trail Away from Downing Creek; Restoring Natural Buffers
- Replaced Asphalt Trail with Concrete
- Replaced Pedestrian Bridge over Downing Creek
- Created ADA Access to Fields & Spectator Areas
- Added New Restrooms Convenient to Fields 2 & 3
- Renovated Existing Concession / Restroom Building
- Athletic Field Improvements
- Resurface Parking Lot



Blankets Creek Bike Trails

		Project Data	
Jurisdiction:	Cherokee County	Project Funds:	
Project Type:	Expansion/Renovation	Park Bond:	\$1,187,000
Status:	Complete	SPLOST:	-
Completion Date:	August 2013	Impact Fees:	-
Acres Added:	5.5	Other:	-
Commission District:	3	Total:	\$1,187,000
Park Address:	2125 Sixes Road Canton GA 30114		
Funding Source(s):	Park Bond		

All amounts are approximate and rounded.

Initially opened in 2000, the Blankets Creek Bike Trails are among the most popular mountain bike trails in the United States. They represent a partnership between Cherokee County, the US Army Corps of Engineers (Allatoona Lake) and SORBA Woodstock. There are over 15 miles of volunteer-maintained trails for beginners to advanced riders.

This project greatly enhanced the riders' experience by improving access from Sixes Road, increasing parking and adding amenities to the trailhead such as permanent restrooms and pavilions.

Project Scope

- Acquired ± 6 Additional Acres for Expansion
- Project Design: Ross Consulting
- Added 60 Parking Spaces
- Added New Restrooms
- Added 2 Pavilions
- Added ½ Acre Event Lawn Area
- Added Storage Facility for Park Maintenance
- Realigned Park Entrance on Sixes Road for Better Access



Dwight Terry Park

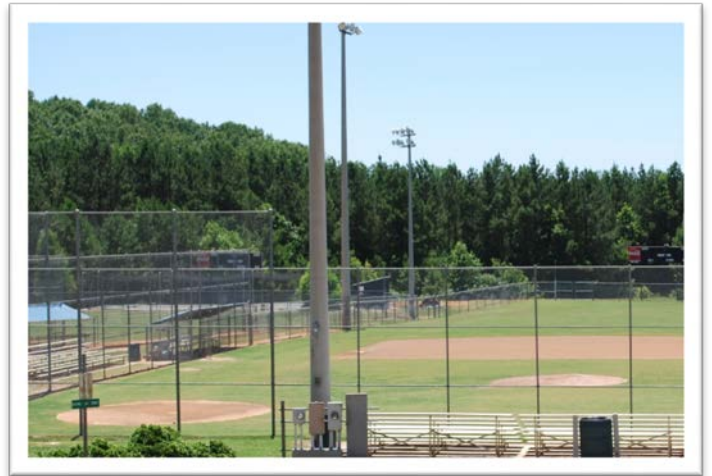
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Jurisdiction:	Cherokee County	Project Funds:	
Project Type:	Expansion/Renovation	Park Bond:	\$551,000
Status:	Complete	SPLOST:	-
Completion Date:	May 2014	Impact Fees:	-
Acres Added:	NA	Other:	-
Commission District:	1	Total:	\$551,000
Park Address:	13395 East Cherokee Drive Ball Ground GA 30107		
Funding Source(s):	Park Bond		

All amounts are approximate and rounded.

Dwight Terry Park, located in the Macedonia community of northeastern Cherokee County, received renovations to the fields, playground and concession/restroom building. ADA and storm water improvements were also critical to stay on top of the use by citizens of the community.

Project Scope

- Renovated Existing Concession / Restroom Building
- Created ADA Access to Fields & Spectator Areas
- Athletic Field Improvements
- Added Safety Netting Over Playground
- Added Foul Ball Netting between Fields
- Storm Water Improvements



Hobgood Park

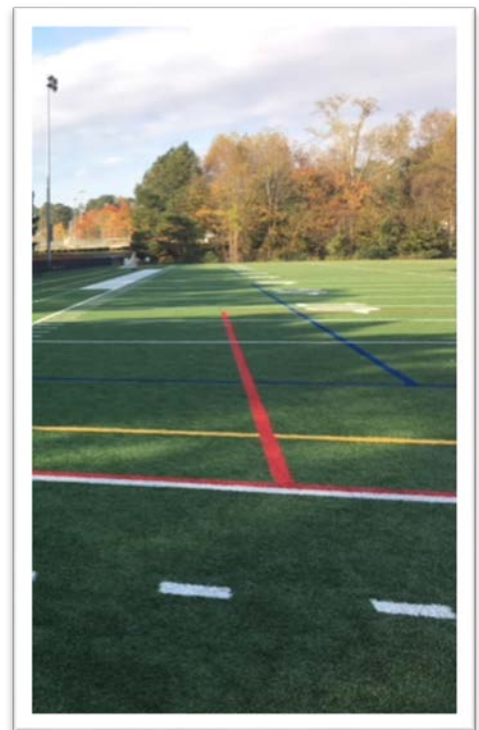
Jurisdiction:	Cherokee County	Project Data	
Project Type:	Expansion/Renovation	Project Funds:	
Status:	Complete	Park Bond:	\$3,605,000
Completion Dates:	See Below	SPLOST:	\$1,141,000
Acres Added:	NA	Impact Fees:	-
Commission District:	3	Other:	-
Park Address:	6688 Bells Ferry Road Woodstock GA 30189		
Funding Source(s):	Park Bond, SPLOST		
		Total:	\$4,746,000

All amounts are approximate and rounded.

Hobgood Park, one of the most visited parks in Cherokee County, received several phases of improvements in order to safely keep as much of the park open for use during construction. One of our biggest renovations due to the size and nature of the work, Hobgood Park will continue to serve as “The Only Place to Play” for many years to come.

Project Scope(s)

- Phase I, Softball Complex:
 - New Concession Building
 - New Restroom Building
 - Expanded and Renovated Concrete Common Area
 - Electrical Improvements
 - Field Improvements
 - Parking Lot Improvements
 - Cost: Park Bond - \$1,950,000
 - Completed: August 2012
- Phase II, Youth Baseball Complex, Etc.:
 - Renovated Concession Restroom Building
 - New Overhead Netting
 - Renovated Common Area
 - Added Gravel Parking Area
 - Electrical Improvements
 - Batting Cage Improvements
 - Cost: SPLOST - \$1,141,000; Park Bond - \$450,000
 - Completed: April 2014
- Phase III, Athletic Field:
 - Converted Natural Grass Athletic Field to Artificial Turf
 - Upgraded Athletic Field Lighting
 - Added 70 Parking Spaces @ Athletic Field
 - Costs: Park Bond - \$1,205,000
 - Completed: April 2016



J.J. Biello Park

		Project Data	
Jurisdiction:	Cherokee County	Project Funds:	
Project Type:	Expansion/Renovation	Park Bond:	\$662,000
Status:	Complete	SPLOST:	-
Completion Date:	December 2014	Impact Fees:	\$627,000
Acres Added:	NA	Other:	-
Commission Districts:	4 & 2	Total:	\$1,289,000
Park Address:	West - 155 Brooke Boulevard Woodstock GA 30188 East - 610 Druw Cameron Drive Woodstock 30188		
Funding Source(s):	Park Bond, Impact Fees		
<i>All amounts are approximate and rounded.</i>			

JJ Biello Park received renovations to several parts of the park including Twin Creeks Softball Complex, Riverside Athletic Complex and Cherokee Tennis Center. Originally opened in 2006, these improvements will extend the useful life of the park and improve users’ experiences with each visit.

Renovations included parking improvements, ADA improvements, drainage/storm water improvements and electrical upgrades. The 10 courts at the Cherokee Tennis Center were also resurfaced and new spectator areas were added.

Project Scope

- J.J. Biello Park – East
 - Pave Existing Gravel Parking Lot
 - Add New Gravel Parking Lot
 - Add Pedestrian Bridge to Fields
 - Add Electrical Station for Scoreboards on Fields 3 & 4
- J.J. Biello Park – West
 - Resurface Ten (10) Tennis Courts
 - Improve ADA Access to Tennis Courts & Spectator Areas
 - Add Paved Central Plaza Area
 - Storm Water Improvements Throughout the Park
 - Renovate Batting Cages
 - Add Curb & Gutter to Softball Parking Lot



Kenney Askew Park

Jurisdiction: Cherokee County
Project Type: Expansion/Renovation
Status: Complete
Completion Date: December 2015
Acres Added: 1.86
Commission District: 3
Park Address: 1080 Univeter Road
Funding Source(s): Park Bond

Project Data

Project Funds:	
Park Bond:	\$199,000
SPLOST:	-
Impact Fees:	-
Other:	-
Total:	\$199,000

All amounts are approximate and rounded.

Kenney Askew Park was in dire need of a parking lot renovation. Drainage was improved and the parking lot was resurfaced. A small tract of land connected to both Kenney Askew and Mauldin Park was also purchased for future development if needed.

Project Scope

- Added ± 2 Acres
- Resurface Parking Lot



Recreation Center

Jurisdiction:	Cherokee County	Project Data	
Project Type:	Expansion/Renovation	Project Funds:	
Status:	Complete	Park Bond:	\$686,000
Completion Date:	December 2014	SPLOST:	-
Acres Added:	NA	Impact Fees:	-
Commission District:	4	Other:	-
Park Address:	7545 Main Street Woodstock GA 30188	Total:	\$686,000
Funding Source(s):	Park Bond		

All amounts are approximate and rounded.

The Cherokee County Recreation Center received several improvements to both the exterior and interior of the building. An updated playground and new restroom was installed and the hockey rink was renovated for the first time in 15 years.

Inside the building, the public restrooms were renovated and a new family restroom was added. Other small renovations included front desk accommodations, sports flooring and fencing improvements.

Project Scope(s)

- Exterior:
 - Added Exterior Restroom Building Near Playground & Pavilion
 - Renovate Existing Pavilion
 - Replace Playground
 - Add Fence Around Playground
 - Replace Dasher Boards @ Inline Hockey Rink
 - Resurface Inline Hockey Rink
- Interior:
 - Renovate Lobby
 - Renovate Restrooms
 - Add New Family Restroom
 - Renovate Front Desk Including ADA Accommodations
 - Add New Sports Flooring in Aerobics Room



Sequoyah Park

		Project Data	
Jurisdiction:	Cherokee County	Project Funds:	
Project Type:	Expansion/Renovation	Park Bond:	
Status:	Complete	Phase I	\$672,000
Completion Dates:	See below.	Phase II	\$197,000
Acres Added:	NA	Phase III	\$113,000
Commission District:	2	Total:	\$982,000
Park Address:	7000 Vaughn Road Canton GA 30115		
Funding Source(s):	Park Bond		

All amounts are approximate and rounded.

Located in Hickory Flat, Sequoyah Park is a very important active park providing baseball/softball diamonds, an athletic field, playground, walking trails and a disc golf course to our community. Renovations to this park were completed in three phases.

Project Scope

- Phase I:
 - Convert one (1) Athletic Field to two (2) Baseball / Softball Diamonds
 - Re-Grade and Re-Surface Gravel Walking Trails
 - Storm Water System Improvements Throughout the Park
 - Renovate Existing Concession / Restroom Building
 - Add Maintenance Storage Building
 - Completed: December 2011
- Phase II:
 - Install Athletic Field Lighting @ Fields 3 & 4
 - Completed: May 2014
- Phase III:
 - Install New Restrooms at Fields 3 & 4
 - Completed: July 2016



Union Hill Community Center

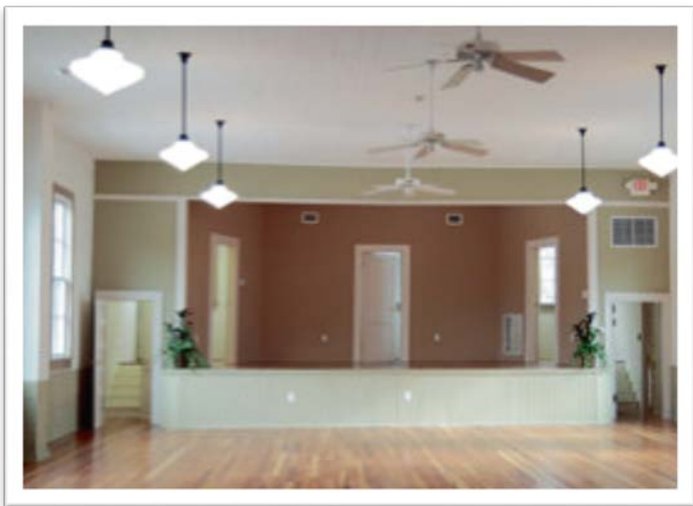
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Jurisdiction:	Cherokee County	Project Funds:	
Project Type:	Expansion/Renovation	Park Bond:	\$34,000
Status:	Complete	SPLOST:	\$335,000
Completion Date:	December 2011	Impact Fees:	-
Acres Added:	NA	Other:	-
Commission District:	2	Total:	<hr/> \$369,000
Park Address:	1780 A J Land Road Canton GA 30115		
Funding Source(s):	Park Bond, SPLOST		

All amounts are approximate and rounded.

Nestled in the quiet community of Union Hill, this historic building has been a school and a church. Renovated in 2011, it now serves as a community center. It's a popular facility for parties, weddings and other events.

Project Scope

- Restored Hardwood Floors
- Repaired Extensive Termite Damage.
- Repainted Interior & Exterior of the Building
- Renovated the Kitchen
- Addressed ADA Accessibility in the Park Lot and Building Entrance
- Renovated and Upgraded the Restrooms



Waleska Park

		Project Data	
Jurisdiction:	Cherokee County	Project Funds:	
Project Type:	Expansion/Renovation	Park Bond:	\$2,340,000
Status:	Complete	SPLOST:	-
Completion Date:	April 2014	Impact Fees:	-
Acres Added:	NA	Other:	-
Commission District:	1	Total:	\$2,340,000
Park Address:	150 Ball Field Road Waleska GA 30183		
Funding Source(s):	Park Bond		

All amounts are approximate and rounded.

Located near Reinhardt University, Waleska Park has a long tradition of hosting youth baseball and softball games for our community. The park was in dire need of improvements. The concession stand was outdated. The park lacked ADA accessibility. Athletic field lighting was substandard. Parking was limited.

Awarded as part of a single project to update and renovate parks in Waleska, Ball Ground and Nelson, this project brought much needed improvements to a storied park.

Project Scope

- Project Design: AMEC, Inc.
- Replace Concession Restroom Building
- Build New Central Concrete Plaza with ADA Access to Fields & Spectator Areas
- Athletic Field Improvements
- Replace Athletic Field Lighting
- Replace Batting Cages
- Repave Existing Asphalt Parking Lot
- Add New Gravel Parking Lot



Weatherby Park

		Project Data	
Jurisdiction:	Cherokee County	Project Funds:	
Project Type:	Expansion/Renovation	Park Bond:	\$41,000
Status:	Complete	SPLOST:	-
Completion Date:	May 2014	Impact Fees:	-
Acres Added:	NA	Other:	-
Commission District:	1	Total:	\$41,000
Park Address:	100 Worley Road Canton GA 30114		
Funding Source(s):	Park Bond		

All amounts are approximate and rounded.

Located in the Clayton community north of Canton, Weatherby Park offers residents opportunities for youth athletics on baseball/softball diamonds and an athletic field, walking/jogging and a playground.

As one of the newer parks in Cherokee County, the park did not need major renovations but did lack a picnic pavilion. Included as part of a project that renovated several other existing county parks, a large octagonal pavilion was added near the playground.

Project Scope

- Project Design: Lose & Associates
- Added 500 Ft.² Pavilion to the Park Near the Existing Playground



Ball Ground City Parks

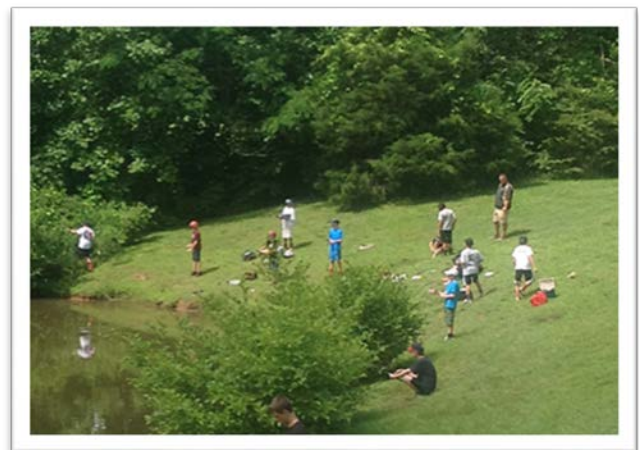
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Jurisdiction:	City of Ball Ground	Project Funds:	
Project Type:	Expansion/Renovation	Park Bond:	\$1,001,000
Status:	Complete	SPLOST:	-
Completion Date:	June 2014	Impact Fees:	-
Acres Added:	NA	Other:	-
Commission District:	1	Total:	<u>\$1,001,000</u>
Park Addresses:	Calvin Farmer Park – Groover Street Ball Ground GA 30107		
	City Park – Old Dawsonville Road Ball Ground GA 30107		
	Lions Field – Gilmer Ferry Road Ball Ground GA 30107		
Funding Source(s):	Park Bond		

All amounts are approximate and rounded.

Located in Ball Ground, three city parks were improved as part of the Park Bond. Calvin Farmer, City Park and Lions Field received extensive renovations as well as the addition of a small amphitheater and BB/SB diamond. The update to the parks were well-received by the community and the addition of the new amenities has made Ball Ground a very well-rounded recreation community.

Project Scope(s)

- City Park
 - Add Amphitheater
 - Add Restrooms to City Park
 - Renovated Spectator Area in City Park
 - Electrical Improvements
 - ADA Accessibility
 - Additional Parking
- Calvin Farmer Park
 - New accessible playground in Calvin Farmer Park
 - New Open Play Area
 - Tennis Court Repairs
 - New Baseball/Softball Field
 - Renovated Common Area
 - Irrigation Improvements
 - New Sod on Original BB/SB Field
- Lions Field
 - Concession Improvements
 - Drainage Improvements
 - New Sod
 - New Irrigation



City of Nelson Park

		Project Data	
Jurisdiction:	City of Nelson	Project Funds:	
Project Type:	Expansion/Renovation	Park Bond:	\$245,000
Status:	Complete	SPLOST:	-
Completion Date:	March 2014	Impact Fees:	-
Acres Added:	NA	Other:	-
Commission District:	1	Total:	<hr/> \$245,000
Park Address:	School Street Nelson GA 30151		
Funding Source(s):	Park Bond		

All amounts are approximate and rounded.

Located in the northeastern part of Cherokee County, City of Nelson Park received the addition of a playground and restroom building, along with parking and signage improvements.

Project Scope

- New Playground
- New Restrooms
- Parking Improvements
- New Signage



Etowah River Park

Jurisdiction: City of Canton
Project Type: New Construction
Status: Complete
Completion Date: November 2014
Acres Added: 59.0
Commission District: 1
Park Address: 600 Brown Industrial Parkway Canton GA 30114
Funding Source(s): Park Bond, City of Canton

Project Data

Project Funds:
Park Bond: \$3,742,000
SPLOST: -
Impact Fees: -
Other: \$709,000
Total: \$4,451,000

All amounts are approximate and rounded.

Etowah River Park, located in Canton, is a new city park that encompasses 59 acres on the banks of the Etowah River. The park includes an amphitheater, natural grass athletic fields, concession/restroom building and a boardwalk and pedestrian bridge with connection to walking trails at Heritage Park, as well as a canoe/kayak launch on the Etowah River.

Project Scope

- Amphitheater
- Concession Building with Restrooms
- Playground
- 3 Natural Grass Athletic Fields
- Bridge and Connection to Walking Trails
- Walking Track
- Festival Grounds



J.B. Owens Park

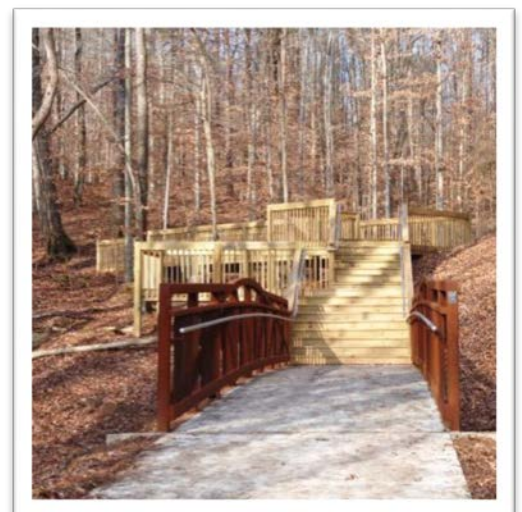
		Project Data	
Jurisdiction:	City of Holly Springs	Project Funds:	
Project Type:	New Construction	Park Bond:	\$1,888,000
Status:	Complete	SPLOST:	-
Completion Date:	September 2015	Impact Fees:	-
Acres Added:	34.0	Other:	-
Commission District:	2	Total:	\$1,888,000
Park Address:	2749 Hickory Road Canton GA 30115		
Funding Source(s):	Park Bond		

All amounts are approximate and rounded.

Located in Holly Springs, J.B. Owens Park is a passive park that features a playground, open play area, walking trails and parking area for up to 40 cars. The park is centrally located and is widely used by the citizens of that community.

Project Scope

- Restroom
- Playground
- Open Play Area
- Bridge & Trails
- Pavilion
- 40 Car Parking Lot



Woodstock Trails

Jurisdiction: City of Woodstock
Project Type: New Construction
Status: Complete
Completion Dates: See below.
Acres Added: NA
Commission District: 4
Park Address: NA
Funding Source(s): Park Bond

All amounts are approximate and rounded.

Project Data

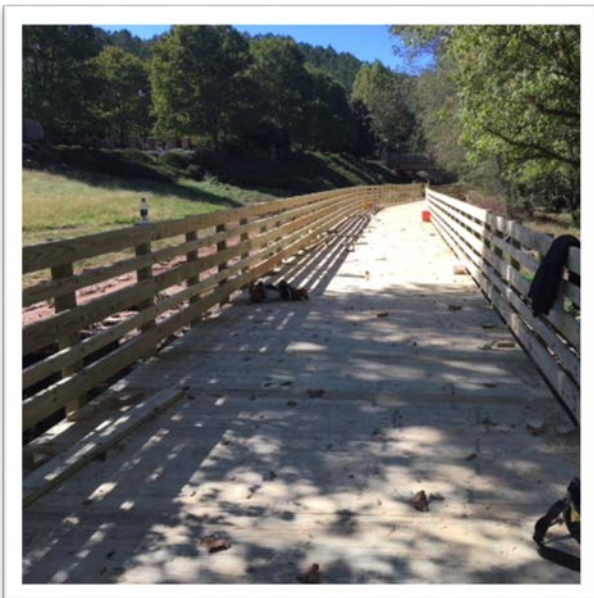
Project Funds:

Phase I	\$1,500,000
Phase II	\$450,000
Phase III	\$2,444,000
Total:	\$4,394,000

The Woodstock Trails project continues the development of +/- 60 miles of walking trails envisioned through the GreenPrints Alliance, a non-profit group of citizens in Woodstock. The first phase included a trail along Noonday Creek from Woofstock Park south to Highway 92 and the Downtown Spur connecting downtown Woodstock to the park. The second phase included the bridge and final connection to Woofstock Park. The third and final phase, Towne Lake Pass, connected the first two phases, crossed I-575 and continued on into Towne Lake, finishing at Towne Lake Hills South Drive.

Project Scope(s)

- Phase I – Noonday Creek & Downtown Spur
 - Completion Date: May 2014
- Phase II – Woofstock Bridge Connection
 - Completion Date: December 2014
- Phase III – Towne Lake Pass
 - Completion Date: January 2018



Additional Property Acquisition

In all, the Park Bond has created more than 1,846 acres of new and future parkland for Cherokee County citizens. To date, about 430 acres have been developed and opened as part of five new county parks and recreation facilities or added to existing parks. Another 93 acres have been developed in Canton and Holly Springs as part of both *Etowah River Park* and *J.B. Owens Park* respectively.

The remaining ±1,320 acres remain available for future park development. Table 3 shows the list of parcels purchased through the Park Bond program that have not yet been developed.

Table 3 - Additional Property Acquired Thru Park Bond

Property Name	Location	Jurisdiction	Purchase Price*	Acres
Dunn	SW Cherokee	County	\$1,557,000	39.0
Forestar	West Cherokee	County	\$952,000	186.4
John Ford	West Cherokee	County	\$606,000	62.1
Old Doss	Central Cherokee	Canton	\$462,000	45.1
Park Village	Central Cherokee	County	\$498,000	25.0
Thacker	NE Cherokee	County	\$2,827,000	141.0
Thompson	SW Cherokee	County	\$1,900,000	43.0
Willoughby-Sewell	SW Cherokee	County	\$3,340,000	226.6
Yellow Creek Road	NE Cherokee	County	\$1,481,000	538.4
City of Waleska	NW Cherokee	Waleska	\$223,000	15.0

Note: * All amounts are approximate and rounded.

Although not acquired using Park Bond funds, and therefore, not officially a part of the Park Bond Program, Cherokee County also owns additional property suitable for either park development or green space holdings. These properties are detailed in Table 4.

Table 4 - Other Cherokee County Properties for Parks & Green Space

Property Name	Location	Method of Acquisition	Acres	Notes
Hudgens	NW Cherokee	Donation	405.2	Adjacent to Garland Mtn. Trails
Priest Road	SW Cherokee	Purchase	10.9	
Rebecca Ray	NE Cherokee	Donation	15.0	Likely Future Passive Park
Rubes Creek	SE Cherokee	Donation	36.4	Green Space with Limited Access

Note: None of the properties listed in Table 4 were acquired with Park Bond funds.

Capital Equipment Purchases & Miscellaneous Small Projects

In addition to land acquisition, new construction and park renovations, the Park Bond provided funds for the purchase of capital equipment. These purchases helped to modernize the aging Recreation & Parks fleet of vehicles and equipment as well as providing new equipment to properly maintain the new parks. Other small projects such as fencing repairs, tennis and basketball court resurfacings were also included in the program.

Capital Improvement Program 2008-2018 Summary

Project (Park) Name	Jurisdiction	Type	Completion /	Park Bond	SPLOST	Impact Fees	Other	Total	New Acres Added	BOC Post
			Purchase Date							
Badger Creek Park	County	New Construction	Jun-12	\$3,948,000	\$1,400,000		\$175,000	\$5,523,000	151.5	3
Cherokee County Aquatic Center	County	New Construction	May-13	\$17,199,000	\$2,100,000			\$19,300,000	38.0	3
Cherokee Veterans Park	County	New Construction	Sep-17	\$16,037,000		\$961,000	\$65,000	\$17,063,000	149.3	1
Patriots Park	County	New Construction	Aug-17	\$7,311,000			\$250,000	\$7,561,000	32.8	4
Richard Hunkey Mauldin Sports Complex	County	New Construction	Sep-15	\$5,977,000				\$5,977,000	51.1	3
Barnett Park	County	Expansion/Reno	May-14	\$770,000				\$770,000	-	3
Blankets Creek Bike Trails	County	Expansion/Reno	Aug-13	\$1,187,000				\$1,187,000	5.5	3
Dwight Terry Park	County	Expansion/Reno	May-14	\$551,000				\$551,000	-	1
Hobgood Park Phase I: Softball Complex	County	Expansion/Reno	Aug-12	\$1,950,000				\$1,950,000	-	3
Hobgood Park Phase II: Youth Baseball Complex, Etc.	County	Expansion/Reno	Apr-14	\$450,000	\$1,141,000			\$1,591,000	-	3
Hobgood Park Phase III: Multipurpose Field	County	Expansion/Reno	Apr-16	\$1,205,000				\$1,205,000	-	3
JJ Biello Park East - Riverside Athletic Complex	County	Expansion/Reno	Dec-14	\$310,000		\$316,000		\$626,000	-	2
JJ Biello Park West - Tennis Center, Twin Creeks, Valley Playground	County	Expansion/Reno	Dec-14	\$352,000		\$311,000		\$663,000	-	4
Kenney Askew Park	County	Expansion/Reno	Dec-15	\$199,000				\$199,000	2.0	3
Miscellaneous Small Projects	County	Expansion/Reno	Varies	\$378,000				\$378,000	-	All
Recreation Center	County	Expansion/Reno	Dec-14	\$686,000				\$686,000	-	4
Sequoyah Park Phase I: New Baseball Diamonds, Etc.	County	Expansion/Reno	Dec-11	\$672,000				\$672,000	-	2
Sequoyah Park Phase II: Lighting Only	County	Expansion/Reno	May-14	\$197,000				\$197,000	-	2
Sequoyah Park Phase III: New Restroom Only	County	Expansion/Reno	Jul-16	\$113,000				\$113,000	-	2
Union Hill Community Center	County	Expansion/Reno	Dec-11	\$34,000	\$335,000			\$369,000	-	2
Waleska Park	County	Expansion/Reno	Apr-14	\$2,340,000				\$2,340,000	-	1
Weatherby Park	County	Expansion/Reno	May-14	\$41,000				\$41,000	-	1
City Park, Lions Field, Calvin Farmer Park	Ball Ground	Expansion/Reno	Jun-14	\$1,001,000				\$1,001,000	-	1
City of Nelson Park	Nelson	Expansion/Reno	Mar-14	\$245,000				\$245,000	-	1
Etowah River Park	Canton	New Construction	Nov-14	\$3,742,000			\$709,000	\$4451,000	59.0	1
JB Owens Park	Holly Springs	New Construction	Sep-15	\$1,888,000				\$1,888,000	34.0	2
Woodstock Trails Phase I: Noonday Creek & Downtown Spur	Woodstock	New Construction	May-14	\$1,500,000				\$1,500,000	-	4
Woodstock Trails Phase II: Woofstock Bridge Connection	Woodstock	New Construction	Dec-14	\$450,000				\$450,000	-	4
Woodstock Trails Phase III: Towne Lake Pass	Woodstock	New Construction	Jan-18	\$2,083,000	\$361,000			\$2,444,000	-	4
Dunn Property	County	Property Acquisition	Oct-09	\$1,557,000				\$1,557,000	39.0	4
Forestar Property	County	Property Acquisition	Aug-10	\$925,000				\$925,000	186.4	1
John Ford Property	County	Property Acquisition	Aug-10	\$606,000				\$606,000	62.1	1
Old Doss Property	County	Property Acquisition	Mar-09	\$462,000				\$462,000	45.1	1
Park Village Property	County	Property Acquisition	Dec-10	\$498,000				\$498,000	25.0	1
Property Acquisition from Reinhardt College	County	Property Acquisition	Dec-10	\$244,000				\$244,000	-	1
Thacker Property	County	Property Acquisition	Jun-09	\$2,827,000				\$2,827,000	141.0	1
Thompson Property	County	Property Acquisition	Dec-09	\$1,900,000				\$1,900,000	43.0	4
Willoughby-Sewell Property	County	Property Acquisition	Oct-10	\$3,340,000				\$3,340,000	226.6	3
Yellow Creek Road Property	County	Property Acquisition	Nov-10	\$1,481,000				\$1,481,000	538.4	1
City of Waleska Property	Waleska	Property Acquisition	Dec-10	\$223,000				\$223,000	15.0	1
Construction Administration	County	NA	Mar-18	\$2,275,000				\$2,275,000	NA	NA
Park Bond Equipment Purchases	County	Equipment Purchase	Mar-18	\$750,000				\$750,000	NA	All