

SW Cherokee County Parks and Trails Plan Survey

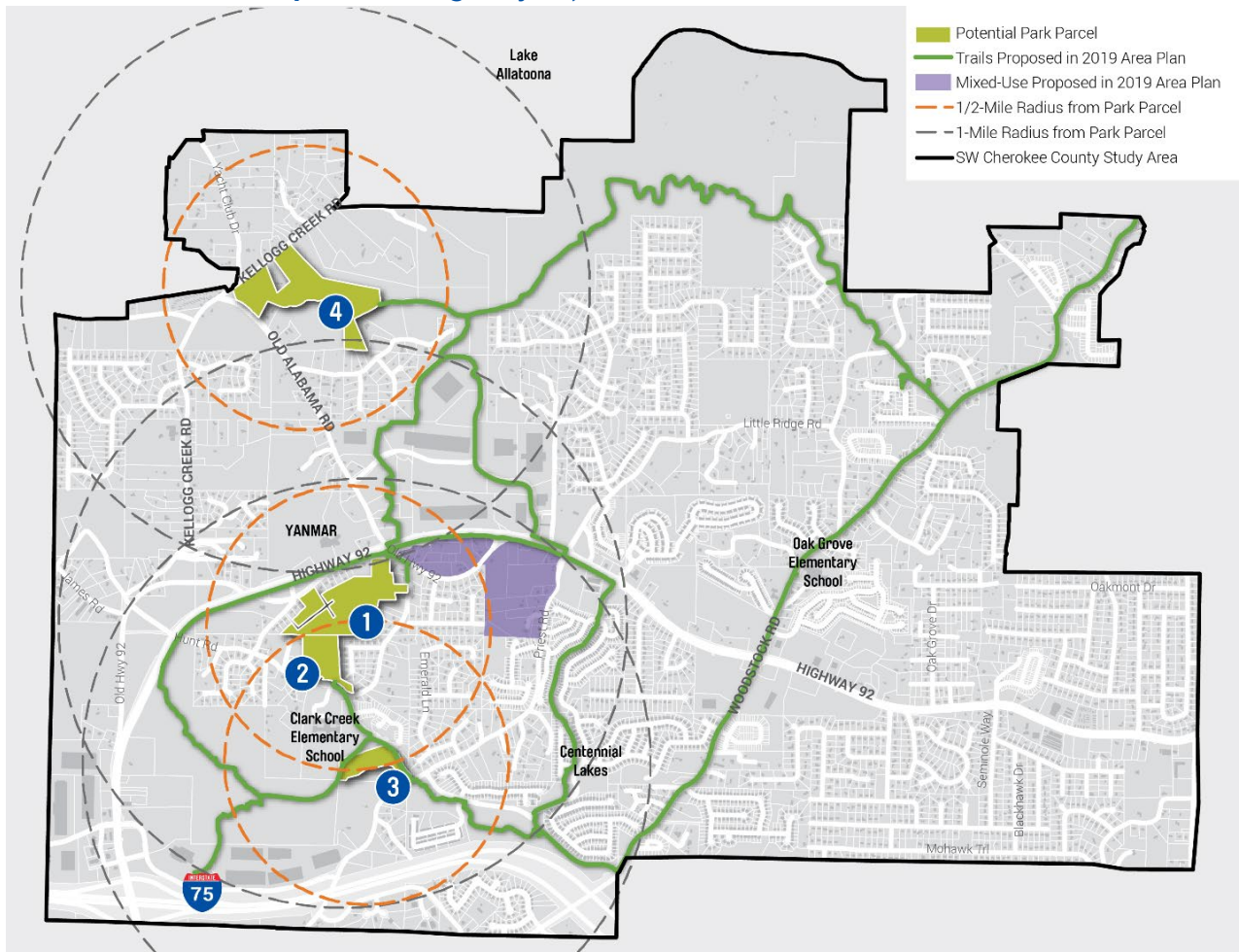
Thank you for taking our survey!

As a result of the 2019 SW Cherokee County Area Plan, the County is creating conceptual designs for 4 parcels proposed for new parks and studying routes for a series of multiuse trails in SW Cherokee County (see the map below). **How do you recreate and use County parks and trails today? What would you like to do in your future parks?** We want to hear from you!

Cherokee County hired TSW, an Atlanta-based planning, architecture, and landscape architecture firm, to work on a conceptual master plan for these parks and connecting trails. We are committed to working closely with stakeholders to ensure that all aspects of the master plan are grounded in your needs and desires. There will be many opportunities for input in the next few months, so please stay tuned!

If you have other questions about this project, please email Sarah McColley with TSW at smccolley@tsw-design.com.

Context Map for Parks & Recommendations from the SW Cherokee Area Plan (Multi-use Trails and Mixed-Use Development on Highway 92)



GENERAL QUESTIONS PARKS & RECREATION IN SW CHEROKEE COUNTY

1. How often do you visit parks in Cherokee County?

- 5+ times per month
- 3-4 times per month
- 1-2 times per month
- Occasionally (less than once a month)
- Never (please specify why not)

2. When do you visit parks in Cherokee County?

- Mornings
- Lunch breaks
- Afternoons
- Evenings
- Weekends
- Weekdays
- Never

3. How long is your average visit to a park?

- 15 minutes or less
- 30 minutes
- 1 hour
- 2 hours
- 3+ hours
- Day-long outings
- I never use parks

4. Do you visit parks outside of Cherokee County?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

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

- Nearby City Recreation department parks
- Churches
- Schools
- YMCA
- Georgia Department of Natural Resource Lands
- Army Corps of Engineers Land around Lake Allatoona
- Private clubs, leagues, or providers
- No

6. If safe trails, bike lanes, and sidewalks were provided, how far would you be willing to walk to a park?

- 0 – ½ mile (up to 10 minutes)
- Up to 1 mile (up to 20 minutes)
- Up to 2 miles (up to 40 minutes)
- 2-5 miles (up to 1 hour 40 minutes)
- I would not walk to a park

7. If safe trails, bike lanes, and sidewalks were provided, how far would you be willing to bike to a park?

- 0 – ½ mile (up to 3 minutes)
- Up to 1 mile (up to 6 minutes)
- Up to 2 miles (up to 12 minutes)
- 2-5 miles (up to 30 minutes)

- 5+ miles
- I would not bike to a park

8. How far would you be willing to drive to a park?

- 0 – ½ mile
- 2-5 miles
- Up to 1 mile
- 5+ miles
- Up to 2 miles
- I would not drive to a park

9. If these parks were added to SW Cherokee County, would you be able to use your preferred mode of transportation to get there?

- Yes
- No
- Not Sure (it depends on the location of the parks and connecting trails)

10. The 2019 SW Cherokee County Area Plan recommended mixed-use development on Highway 92. Do you support this idea?

- Yes
- No
- Not Sure

11. If the mixed-use development on Highway 92 is implemented in the future, is it important to connect Parcels 1,2, and 3 to it via trails and / or sidewalks (see the map on the first page)?

- Yes
- No
- Not Sure

12. Please provide any comments you have regarding the mixed-use development proposed on Highway 92.

13. What types of recreation opportunities would you like to see in SW Cherokee County (check all that apply)?

- Walking / running / jogging
- Playgrounds for children of all ages
- Hiking
- Splash pad
- Picnics
- Recreation or community center
- Family outings
- Skateboarding
- Nature / bird watching
- BMX bike courses / trails
- Dog parks
- Trails and paths connecting different destinations
- Unorganized sports
- Nature trails and paths in the parks
- Quiet spaces for reading

- Athletic fields and courts
- I don't visit parks (please explain why)
- None of the above (please explain why)
- Other_____

14. What types of programs would you like to see in SW Cherokee County (check all that apply)?

- Education and history
- Fitness / aerobic Classes
- Dance classes
- Arts / Crafts Classes
- Adaptive sports for special needs
- Organized sports (leagues) for children
- Organized sports (leagues) for adults
- Soccer leagues
- Volleyball leagues
- Kickball leagues
- Tennis leagues
- Pickleball
- Shuffleboard
- Hiking clubs
- Running clubs
- Fishing
- Senior Programming
- Community-sponsored events
- Other (please specify): _____

15. Which of the items listed below are needed most in ANY new park? Rank the items in order of: 1 being most needed, 8 being least needed:

- Picnic Tables
- Drinking Fountains
- Public restrooms
- Pavilions
- Bike Parking
- Car parking
- Benches
- Landscaping

16. Where do you spend the most free time in a typical month (choose as many as needed)?

- School grounds
- Downtown Canton
- Downtown Woodstock
- Acworth
- Lake Allatoona
- Red Top Mountain State Park
- Nearby Shopping Centers
- Church / Worship Center
- Parks in Cherokee County (please specify)
- Other (please specify)

17. The County-wide Recreation and Parks Master Plan recommends a multi-generational community center in SW Cherokee County. Do you agree that this is a necessary facility to consider in this planning process?

- Yes
- No
- Not Sure
- Other (please specify): _____

18. Which location would be most appropriate for a Community or Recreation Center? Rank the locations in order of 1 to 4 (1 being the best location, 4 being the worst location):

- Parcel 1
- Parcel 2
- Parcel 3
- Parcel 4

19. Which location would be most appropriate for an ACTIVE park (an active park usually has sports facilities or other places for active recreation)? Rank the locations in order of 1 to 4 (1 being the best location, 4 being the worst location):

- Parcel 1
- Parcel 2
- Parcel 3
- Parcel 4

20. Which location would be most appropriate for a PASSIVE park (a passive park usually has natural areas, seating, and other areas to enjoy the outdoors)? Rank the locations in order of 1 to 4 (1 being the best location, 4 being the worst location):

- Parcel 1
- Parcel 2
- Parcel 3
- Parcel 4

21. Which location would be most appropriate for an active AND passive park? Rank the locations in order of 1 to 4 (1 being the best location, 4 being the worst location):

- Parcel 1
- Parcel 2
- Parcel 3
- Parcel 4

22. Although construction and maintenance costs are very high, do you see the potential for an aquatic facility in SW Cherokee County in a long-term phase?

- Yes
- No
- Not Sure
- Other (please specify): _____

23. CAPITAL FUNDING: To invest in more parks and recreation facilities, the County may require additional funding. Please rank your preferred methods for additional capital funding (1 being the most preferred).

- Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST)
- Parks Bond
- Increase impact fees on developments
- Dedicated millage rate

24. OPERATIONAL FUNDING: The average household pays \$8.62 per year through property taxes to support park maintenance and recreational programming. Please indicate the amount below of additional funding per year you would support to improve park maintenance and expand recreation programs:

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

25. Where do you live (see map on page 1)?

- Along Highway 92
- Within 1/2-mile of Parcels 1 and 2
- Within 1-mile of Parcels 1 and 2
- Within 1/2-mile of Parcel 3
- Within 1-mile of Parcel 3
- Within 1/2-mile of Parcel 4
- Within 1 mile of Parcel 4
- In SW Cherokee County, but not within a mile of any of the new parks
- In Cherokee County, but not in SW Cherokee County
- Not in Cherokee County

26. How long have you lived in Cherokee County?

- 0-5 years
- 6-10 years
- 11-20 years
- Over 20 years
- I do not live in Cherokee County

27. Please indicate your gender:

- Female
- Male
- Other
- Prefer not to answer

28. What age group do you fall into?

- 19 years old or less
- 20 to 29 years old
- 30 to 39 years old
- 40 to 49 years old
- 50 to 59 years old
- 60 to 69 years old
- 70 to 79 years old
- 80 years old or more

29. Which of the following best describes your household?

- Single adult
- Couple with no children
- Single parent household with children
- Couple with children
- Couple with children, but they do not live in the household
- Roommates
- Multi-generational household
- Caregiver for a relative
- Other (please specify)_____

30. Please choose your housing status:

- Homeowner
- Renter

31. What is your household income?

- Under \$25,000
- \$25,000 - \$49,999
- \$50,000 - \$74,999
- \$75,000 - \$99,999
- \$100,000 - \$149,999
- \$150,000 or more

32. Which of the following best describes your race or ethnicity?

- African-American / Black
- American Indian and Alaska Native
- Asian / Pacific Islander
- Hispanic / Latino
- White / Caucasian
- Two or More Races
- Other

PARCELS 1 & 2 QUESTIONS

33. On a scale of 1 (not important) to 5 (very important), how important is it to preserve the wooded areas in this location (circle the number)?

1 2 3 4 5

34. Please rank the ACTIVE park features you would like to see in Parcels 1 and 2. A score of 1 is highest priority; a score of 18 is lowest priority.

- Splash Pad
- Trails for biking and walking
- Playgrounds for children of all ages
- Dog park
- Athletic fields (football, soccer, lacrosse)
- Baseball / softball diamonds
- Basketball court, outdoor
- Volleyball court, sand
- Disc golf course
- Skateboarding area
- BMX course / trails
- Tennis courts
- Event pavilions
- Large amphitheater for large events
- Small performance amphitheater
- Challenge or obstacle courses
- Camping opportunities
- Other (please specify)_____

35. Please rank the PASSIVE park features you would like to see in Parcels 1 and 2. A score of 1 is highest priority; a score of 12 is lowest priority.

- Multi-purpose lawn
- Picnic tables and seating (benches, low walls)
- Overlooks for bird watching and viewing wildlife
- Fountains (high maintenance costs)
- Pavilions
- Trail connections to other parts of the community
- Nature trails and paths

- More trees and landscaping
- Community garden for edible plants
- Garden for educational purposes
- Outdoor classrooms
- Other (please specify)_____

36. Do you see opportunities to combine Parcels 1 and 2 into a larger, community serving park?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure
- Other_____

37. Around Parcel 1, would you support additional adjacent property acquisition for more parks and recreation opportunities?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure
- Other_____

PARCEL 3 QUESTIONS

38. On a scale of 1 (not important) to 5 (very important), how important is it to preserve the wooded areas in this location (circle the number)?

1 2 3 4 5

39. Please rank the ACTIVE park features you would like to see in Parcels 1 and 2. A score of 1 is highest priority; a score of 18 is lowest priority.

- Splash Pad
- Trails for biking and walking
- Playgrounds for children of all ages
- Dog park
- Athletic fields (football, soccer, lacrosse)
- Baseball / softball diamonds
- Basketball court, outdoor
- Volleyball court, sand
- Disc golf course
- Skateboarding area
- BMX course / trails
- Tennis courts
- Event pavilions
- Large amphitheater for large events
- Small performance amphitheater
- Challenge or obstacle courses
- Camping opportunities
- Other (please specify)_____

40. Please rank the **PASSIVE** park features you would like to see in Parcels 1 and 2. A score of 1 is highest priority; a score of 12 is lowest priority.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-purpose lawn | <input type="checkbox"/> Trail connections to other parts of the community |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Picnic tables and seating (benches, low walls) | <input type="checkbox"/> Nature trails and paths |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Overlooks for bird watching and viewing wildlife | <input type="checkbox"/> More trees and landscaping |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fountains (high maintenance costs) | <input type="checkbox"/> Community garden for edible plants |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pavilions | <input type="checkbox"/> Garden for educational purposes |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor classrooms |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)_____ |

41. How could Clark Creek Elementary School utilize and be a partner with the park on Parcel 3?

PARCEL 4 QUESTIONS

42. On a scale of 1 (not important) to 5 (very important), how important is it to preserve the wooded areas in this location (circle the number)?

1 2 3 4 5

43. Please rank the **ACTIVE** park features you would like to see in Parcels 1 and 2. A score of 1 is highest priority; a score of 18 is lowest priority.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Splash Pad | <input type="checkbox"/> Skateboarding area |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trails for biking and walking | <input type="checkbox"/> BMX course / trails |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Playgrounds for children of all ages | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis courts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dog park | <input type="checkbox"/> Event pavilions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Athletic fields (football, soccer, lacrosse) | <input type="checkbox"/> Large amphitheater for large events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baseball / softball diamonds | <input type="checkbox"/> Small performance amphitheater |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball court, outdoor | <input type="checkbox"/> Challenge or obstacle courses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball court, sand | <input type="checkbox"/> Camping opportunities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disc golf course | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)_____ |

44. Please rank the **PASSIVE** park features you would like to see in **Parcels 1 and 2**. A score of 1 is highest priority; a score of 12 is lowest priority.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-purpose lawn | <input type="checkbox"/> Trail connections to other parts of the community |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Picnic tables and seating (benches, low walls) | <input type="checkbox"/> Nature trails and paths |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Overlooks for bird watching and viewing wildlife | <input type="checkbox"/> More trees and landscaping |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fountains (high maintenance costs) | <input type="checkbox"/> Community garden for edible plants |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pavilions | <input type="checkbox"/> Garden for educational purposes |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor classrooms |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)_____ |

45. Around Parcel 4, would you support additional adjacent property acquisition for more parks and recreation opportunities?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> Not sure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Other_____ |

TRAILS & CONNECTIVITY QUESTIONS

46. The SW Cherokee County Small Area Plan public process identified locations for trail connections (shown on the map on page 1). Do you agree with these routes?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Sure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____ |

47. Do you feel safe using on-street bike lanes, if they are separated from cars with a buffer?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Sure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____ |

48. If provided, would you use trails or bike lanes to make some of your trips instead of your car?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Sure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____ |

49. Would you use mountain biking trails in SW Cherokee County?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not Sure | |

50. Would you use hiking trails in SW Cherokee County?

Yes

Not Sure

No

Other (please specify): _____

51. Where else would you like to see walking and biking trails? (open response / draw on the map on page 1)

52. Where else would you like to see separated bike lanes? (open response / draw on the map on page 1)

53. Where would you like to see mountain biking trails? (open response / draw on the map on page 1)

54. Where would you like to see hiking trails? (open response / draw on the map on page 1)