



# Centerville City Parks Master Plan

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# Abstract

## Purpose of the Parks Master Plan

This Plan B Thesis is a comprehensive update to Centerville City's Parks Master Plan. The document seeks to provide stability and continuity to Centerville's open space infrastructure. Since the last update in 1993, the Parks Master Plan has been without regular updates to reflect the community's needs and values. As a result, the Plan has largely been ignored and Centerville has lacked a unified vision regarding parks planning. The objective of this thesis project is to help promote a unique recreational identity that assists the community in positively differentiating itself from other communities on the Wasatch Front.

The Inventory and Analysis sections outline existing site conditions for all Centerville Parks, document areas of concern and measure Centerville against National Park Standards. A large portion of analysis is the development and administration of a community survey. This survey ascertained the needs and wants of the residents to inform the Master Plan update. The recommendations that resulted from the community feedback correlated with input from the Parks Director, the Parks Committee and the City Council, resulting in a plan that provides Centerville City with direction for future recreation, allows them to move forward with a unified vision, helps form connections between the parks and trails throughout the city and embraces adjoining land and communities. This Parks Master Plan emphasizes Centerville's unique identity, healthy lifestyles, and helps them stand out among communities on the Wasatch Front.



# Executive Summary

## Purpose of the Parks Master Plan

This document is a planning resource that is intended to guide the development, operation and maintenance of Centerville City's park and open space. It looks at how the city's residents are served and what needs to be implemented to balance the system to better serve all residents. It is intended to be a living document that is used regularly by City Staff, Commissioners and Council as a tool for planning and decision making.

## Background Research

Research conducted includes history of parks, master plan precedents and park trends. A lot of useful information was found throughout this process. For example, waterplay is the fastest growing park amenity nationwide. This trend corresponds with responses from the residential survey as one of the higher priority items for Centerville residents. The scope of the project is also outlined within this section.

## Inventory and Analysis

Inventory and analysis are conducted on multiple scales, including analysis of population statistics, demographics and individual park surveys where issues, maintenance and amenities are looked at and weighed. The park system as a whole was looked at in Centerville, taking adjacent communities into consideration as how residents are currently being served.

Key Assets of Centerville include unique existing parks, as well as the proximity to The Great Salt Lake and The Wasatch Mountains. There are many trailheads leading up to The Bonneville Shoreline Trail, Deuel Creek Trail, Legacy Parkway Trail, Rockwood Trail, Ford Canyon Trail and many other trails throughout the foothills and into adjacent communities.

## Needs Assessment

A survey was issued to Centerville residents to understand the needs and wants of residents directly from them. The survey had an excellent response rate, and a well-rounded demographic pool of responders. The survey provides valuable information that, along with the analysis, helped shape many of the recommendations. Centerville City Council was immediately able to use some of the information gathered from the survey to move forward with a decision regarding the RAP Tax, and whether or not to pursue bonding.

# Executive Summary

## Recommendations

Recommendations are generated from survey responses, and from the inventory and analysis portion. Centerville has some great opportunities. Centerville acquired a parcel of land along a stream that is planned for park development but has lacked funding or prerogative. Results from the survey show that linear park land along streams or washes are important to residents. There is also vacant land zoned as low agricultural on the west side of town, against The Great Salt Lake. This needs to be examined for possible park space and opportunities as growth pressure increases. More trails and open space are a high priority and could be looked at for future implementation in this area.

This section also includes an action plan, with recommended items Centerville should consider looking at immediately, over a short-term period and long-term suggestions.

## Limitations

A Trails Master Plan is being developed by Centerville in collaboration with Bountiful and Farmington. Because of this, upcoming plan trails were not a focus in this Parks Master Plan. This plan, along with proximity to each park and existing and future open space, must be kept in mind with the development of the Trails Master Plan, and connections are encouraged.

Updates should also be planned regularly to keep this plan up-to-date with the current need of residents and recreation trends, so that this plan continues to be a useful tool in the hands of the planners and City of Centerville.

## Conclusion

Through the development of this Parks Master Plan, the City Parks Department can come together and join their vision to help Centerville's parks flourish and grow. This can encourage Centerville parks to continue to be resources all residents have access to, and that they can use and enjoy daily. As Centerville reaches together toward their goals the parks system can become a hallmark in the identity of The City of Centerville

# Background Research

## Developing an Identity in Recreation: Opportunities in Centerville's Parks Master Plan

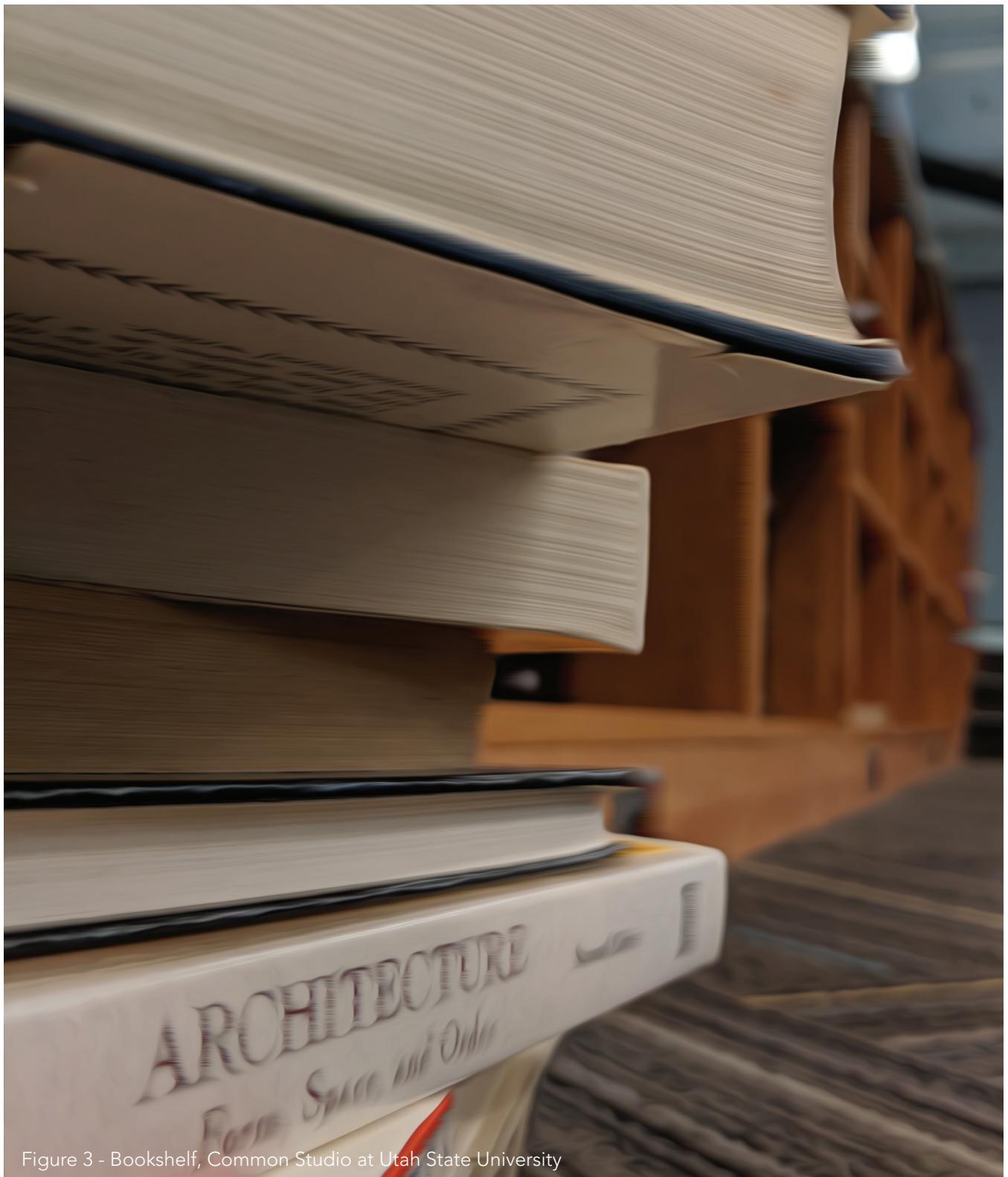


Figure 3 - Bookshelf, Common Studio at Utah State University

# Background Research

## Introduction

A parks master plan is intended to outline the current assets held by the city and provide direction for new park and recreation opportunities.

Parks bring nature into the urban environment. They are essential in cities, to give natural spaces for residents to get outside and breath. One may think that with all the open space that surrounds communities in Utah, the mountains, wetlands and other open spaces not too far away, that city parks may be unnecessary. The collective amount of open space doesn't remove the need for immediate access of a park close to people's homes.



Figure 4 - Overlooking Centerville from Freedom Hills Park

There are of course, many studies showing the value of open space, parks, gardens, and the connection they have to physical and mental health (Bertram & Rehdanz, 2015; de Vries, Verheij, Groenewegen, & Spreeuwenberg, 2003). In this way, parks promote health of residents. But they do more than that. They provide an oasis to recharge—aesthetic points within the city of beauty and greenspace. Often, parks help define the identity of a city. The types of parks outline the needs and priorities of residents. For example, Centerville Community Park communicates the passion residents have for sports. On a summer weekend the entire park is cordoned off with football teams filling every available space of open field and is surrounded by spectators gathered around to watch the games.

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## Centerville's Identity

Identity of a city can come from many places, but open space certainly shapes a large part of the culture. In Utah, the Wasatch Front at least, the mountains inform that cultural identity. Aesthetically they loom over us. They act as a major wayfinding device, helping us identify direction and navigate among destinations. As a social asset, mountains contribute to everyday quality of life, from hiking to skiing to rock climbing, all seasons offering new and varied opportunities to explore and find ourselves more in nature. The variety of experience is expansive. Deserts of sand and sagebrush rangeland quickly transitions into dense forests containing waterfalls and streams as one moves to higher elevations.



Some cities are firmly tied to adjacent open spaces. Perhaps the city's existence itself relies on it. Rockville, or Springdale near Zion National Park, for example. It is unlikely these cities would survive if not for Zion National Park, if they even would have existed at all. Moab holds a similar story with Arches and Canyonlands at its doorstep. St Anthony in Idaho relies heavily on the nearby sand dunes for its tourism.

Centerville is along the Wasatch front, and has a striking mountain range to the east. There are 72 communities in the 4 counties surrounding Centerville along the Wasatch Front. Over 75% of Utah's population lives in these 4 counties (US Census Report, n.d.). Considering this, it's understandably hard to see where one city ends and another begins without a map that shows the municipality borders. Looking out across the sea of houses that ripple out across the valley floor, the importance of developing an identity becomes apparent.



# Background Research



Figure 7 - Shoshone Falls, Idaho

Many cities have taken advantage of natural assets to inform an identity. St Anthony is built along Henry's Fork and has beautiful waterfalls at the entrance to town and a riverfront trail, which contribute to its quaint small town character. Boise Idaho has the greenway running through town along the Snake River. Boise began acquiring land and working on building the greenway in the 60's, and it stands today as a testament of the foresight of the city. Twin Falls, Idaho is named for the Shoshone Falls within its bounds, and they are a sight worth stopping for. In Utah, there are many towns that have themes. The city of Bluff is known for its rocky outcroppings, cliffs and bluffs. Moab for its slick rock bike and jeep trails. Logan for Utah State University and its historic downtown.

As a smaller city, Centerville doesn't have one well-known identity distinct from those adjacent to its boundaries. Residents love Centerville for its small-town feel, intimate community, recreation amenities and proximity to Salt Lake City. Like other cities on the

Wasatch Front, the mountains are a huge asset. The Bonneville Shoreline Trail runs along the foothills and connects the communities to each other, as well as the mountains. Centerville is also right next to the Great Salt Lake, adjacent to Farmington bay, a wetland preserve that provides space for migratory birds and other wildlife. The parks currently within Centerville are very unique, some have a stream running through them, like Smoot and Freedom Hills. Island View is an amazing, terraced park that is different than any other park along the Wasatch Front. The elevation changes and streams are great assets that must not be ignored.

There are many reasons people are drawn to Centerville. Many enjoy its location and amenities. As the city website states:

Although Centerville City is conveniently located in the middle of one of the nation's fastest growing regions, Centerville has retained a small-town atmosphere and similar quality of life. Centerville enjoys a moderate cost of living, a four-season climate, is home to the Davis Center for the Performing Arts and is located in the middle of the fabulous recreational and cultural opportunities available along the Wasatch Front. Eight major ski resorts are within a 45-minute drive of Centerville. The cultural treasures of downtown Salt Lake City, such as Ballet West, the Utah Symphony, Temple Square, and sporting events at the Energy Solutions Arena are fifteen minutes away. Centerville has excellent primary and secondary schools. Over 300 acres of parks and open space are available for individual, family and group activities ("About Centerville City," n.d.).

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Interaction with Centerville residents reveals their love for their city. The attachment and nostalgia that residents feel for their city creates a bond that can motivate people to action in behalf of their community (Manzo & Perkins, 2006). As they are involved in improvements, and even the day to day operations of the municipality, they will continue to become deeply ingrained in the community, because participation strengthens attachment and builds value. It is possible that this nostalgia or connection that people develop with a place could also hinder change because of the wish to maintain things as they are. Understandably this could be a roadblock to progression. Developing a shared identity can overcome this tendency and can actually be a motivator for people to act for the community to preserve the places they love and value. A community that has such a bond can thrive rather than struggle, creating a sense of ownership and pride (Manzo & Perkins, 2006).

## History of Parks

The first urban public parks in the United States were actually cemeteries. Even though they were designed for burial, the living used them for passive recreation. Mount Auburn Cemetery in Massachusetts was beautifully designed, full of unique flowers and plants. People came to eat, to mingle and to walk (Greenfield, 2011; Kendall, 2018; Rotundo, 2012; Williams, 2014). Using these spaces for passive recreation created a spark that grew into public desire for urban green spaces, which we know today as parks across the nation.



Figure 8 - St Paul's Churchyard, New York



Figure 9 - Central Park, New York

Central Park was the first urban landscaped park in the US, and grew out of a vision of providing greenspace in the midst of urban tumult. Its implementation was visionary and has shaped New York as it is known today ("Olmsted-Designed Parks : NYC Parks," n.d.; Waxman, 2019). From this beginning grew Boston's Emerald Necklace, a network of parks that make up the heart of the city ("Boston's Emerald Necklace - FrederickLawOlmsted.com," n.d.).

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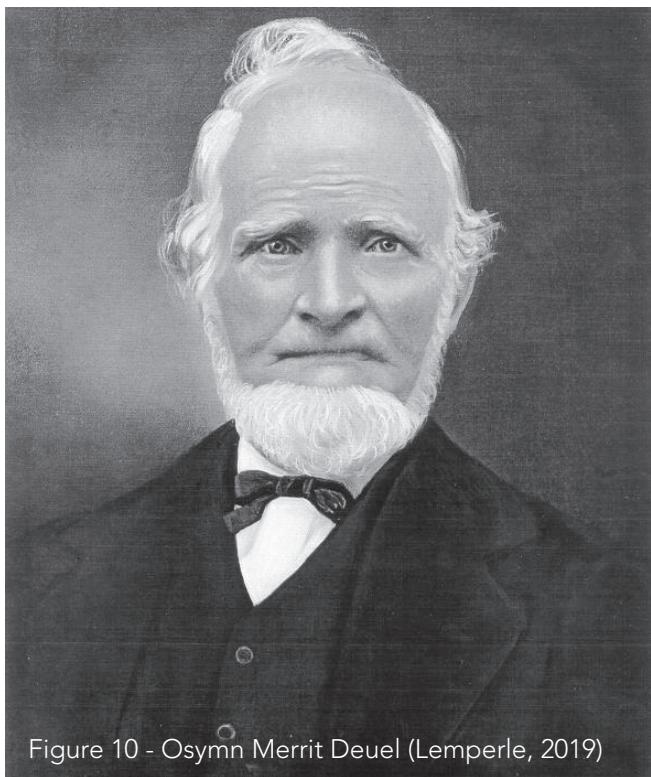


Figure 10 - Osymn Merrit Deuel (Lemperle, 2019)

Parks are still being re-imagined, and finding their way into areas once thought derelict, to lift and rejuvenate them. Consider the Highline, again in New York. An abandoned rail line now teams with life, constantly full of visitors experiencing New York from a different perspective ("thehighline.org," 2019). Today's parks are integral to urban living and using them is just a part of everyday life.

Centerville City - Centerville was settled in 1847 by Thomas Grover, followed by the Deuel brothers, Osymn and William. The Deuel settlement, also known as City In-Between, was renamed Centerville in 1950 being centrally situated between the Farmington and Bountiful communities (Lemperle, 2019).

With the Wasatch mountains bordering on the east, and the Great Salt Lake to the west, Centerville is geographically constrained, and its growth will be mostly through increased density. There are many recreation opportunities nearby, including Wasatch Mountain trailheads at Deuel Creek, Parrish Canyon, and Freedom Hills. The Farmington Bay Waterfowl Management Area lies directly to the west of municipal boundary.

## Park Use Today

Environmental cues are a large influencing factor in park activity. Whether this is related to physical park improvements, advertisements or signs for the park, classes, leagues, and so forth. Improvements themselves are also shown to increase park use and activity (Cohen et al., 2013). Though the initial increase with new facilities or amenities may not be fully sustained, the overall use is seen to increase when improvements are implemented. Even simple improvements such as signage can make a significant difference. In 2011-2012 a study determined that an immediate high increase in usage was found after signage was implemented along a trail in southern Nevada. This high increase declined after the initial opening, but leveled off at a higher usage than previous to the improvements (Clark, Bungum, Shan, Meacham, & Coker, 2014).

Park programming refers to organized activities, classes or leagues that can also draw users to the park. It can include informal activities such as gatherings for sports or events between family and friends. A higher number of organized activities correlate directly with a higher number of users found at a park (Cohen et al., 2010). This is not usually affected by the housing

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density surrounding a park. To best draw users, activities should be developed that draw adults and entire families, not just children. As more people are involved in activities and participate in programmed activities, this will in turn increase support for public parks (Cohen et al., 2010).



Figure 11 - Pickleball Courts at Bridger Park in Logan Utah

This point was extremely evident during one of the site visits to Centerville in 2018. There were football leagues playing at Centerville Community Park, and the park had been fenced off and admission was being charged for entry. The park was packed with people. During other visits there were a few users either on the playground, the trail, or the fields, but this event found the park near capacity. There were multiple teams playing on most of the fields, with spectators packed in, the playground was full of kids that had probably gotten tired of watching their siblings play, and parking was extended out along the street, with a continuous stream of people coming and going.

In addition to organized activities, cafés or shops nearby have been seen to increase park use and visitation by a high margin. This creates an opportunity to visit the area, and the proximity of the park is inviting and can also work to increase visitation to the café, restaurant, or nearby shop (Zannon, Curtis, Lockstone-Binney, & Hall, 2018). Porter-Walton Park is located next to Centerville's public library and is sure to get many visitors because of this proximity. Centerville's pocket park at the south end of town is located within a private community, is not visible from the street, and has no signage. This results in little to no usage, a fact that the parks department would like to rectify.

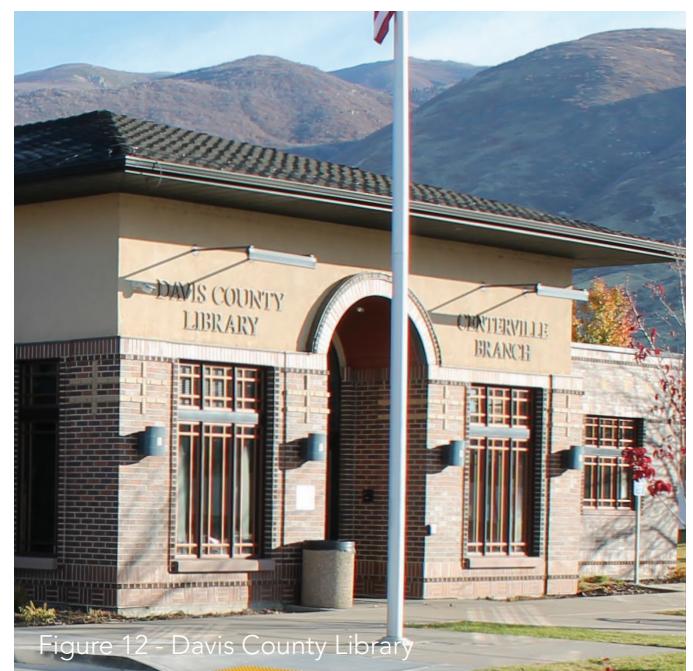


Figure 12 - Davis County Library

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Pedestrian infrastructure improvements can also increase park use, both walking for transport and trails within the park system. It is challenging to distinguish which pedestrians are commuting, and which are walking for leisure. Unexpectedly, school commuting was not found to increase with infrastructure improvements (Fitzhugh, Bassett, & Evans, 2010; Panter, Heinen, Mackett, & Ogilvie, 2016). In Logan, Utah, similar results were found after the Denzil-Stewart Nature Park improvements. Active transport to schools were hoped to increase with access through the park but was not found to have increased significantly. Perhaps this trend is due to habit, with active commuters continuing to use routes already established, and others continuing their current commute patterns.

A challenge of public parks is making them accessible and inviting to all age groups. Conditions can support or limit activity and use. Some usage can be assumed, adults and seniors spend more time on paths, walking, jogging, strolling, while children and teens spend similar time on the playground equipment, paths, grass, etc. (Cohen et al., 2016).



Figure 13 - Stairs at Island View

## Trends

Economic development depends on not only quality parks but also quality greenspace throughout the city (Dolesh, 2018). Trends tend to change as years progress. For example, Centerville has tennis courts on many of their old master plans, but tennis is less in demand today, making way for pickleball courts. Whatever the amenities, parks are seeing an increase in use overall by a substantial number (Recreation Management, 2019).



Figure 14 - Carving at Community Park

More improvements are being made to existing parks than new construction. The most common planned additions to existing parks in order of popularity for 2018 were:

1. Waterplay features (#1 in 2017 also)
2. Dog parks
3. Fitness trails and outdoor fitness equipment
4. Walking and hiking trails
5. Synthetic sports turf fields (not on the list in 2017)
6. Playgrounds
7. Disc golf courses
8. Shelters or pavilions
9. Restroom structures
10. Bike trails (not on the top ten list in 2017) (WIFI Services and fitness centers left the 2017 list).

# Background Research

Many of these features are explored as possible amenities throughout this document. Dog parks are one of the fastest growing park types (Dolesh, 2018), and is not found in Centerville. Waterplay is also missing, though there are adjacent cities that have splash pads. As discussed in the park use section, programming is an essential element of park use, and trends in this area set a helpful framework for exploration. Programming can be anything from holiday events to sports teams and are activities that are held at park locations.



Figure 15 - Central Park Splash Pad, Smithfield Utah

The most popular programming trends for 2018 were as follows:

1. Environmental education programs (#1 in 2017)
2. Fitness programs (up from #3)
3. Teen programming (down from #2)
4. Educational programs (up from #5)
5. Mind/body like yoga (down from #4)
6. Day and summer camps (up from #8)
7. Special needs programs (not on the top ten list in 2017)
8. Adult sport teams (not on the top ten list in 2017)
9. Individual sport activities (not on the top ten list in 2017)
10. Sport specific training (not on the top ten list in 2017)

Centerville shares some programming with adjacent communities like Farmington and Bountiful, and this is kept in mind throughout the document.

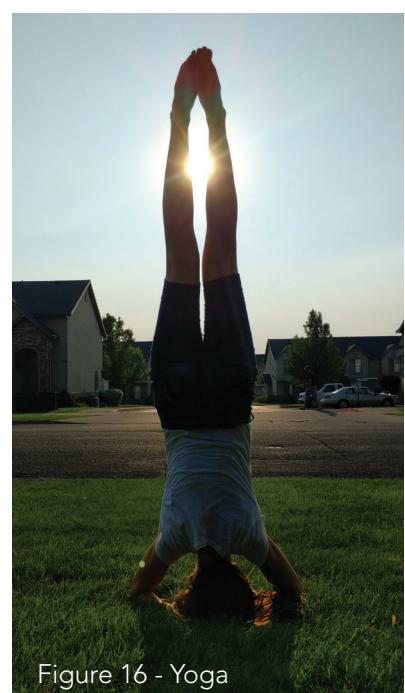


Figure 16 - Yoga

# Background Research

## Precedents

There are many excellent precedents of effective park master plans. This plan was predicated on the example of many plans that were reviewed. Sections that met the spirit of Centerville's update were used to inspire actions for this review. North Salt Lake, Payson City and Washington City are all cities in Utah that are similar in size to Centerville and have fairly recent parks master plans. Lehi, Draper and Logan, Utah, and the City of Rio Vista, CA plans were also looked at for inspiration. Lehi and Draper in particular have very successful park systems that residents are very happy with (City of Draper Parks, Recreation and Trails Master Plan, 2008; Logan Utah Comprehensive Parks, Trails, Recreation, and Open Space Plan, 2015; "Parks and Recreation Masterplan," 2015; "Parks Master Plan," 2013; Payson City Parks, Trails, and Open Space, 2007; The City of North Salt Lake Parks, Trails and Recreation Master Plan and Study, 2005; Walker et al., 2015).

One inspiring aspect of Logan's Parks Master Plan was the vision that they portray in the beginning of their plan. They outline over-arching goals that they hope to work toward, and a plan to achieve the vision. North Salt Lake's plan had a good layout and was about the size that would work for Centerville's plan. It was referred to often and helped establish a layout. Washington City's plan had an effective inventory section that was helpful. Payson also had a very simple, clear and easy to follow layout on their parks plan.



Figure 17 - Sunset over the Oquirrh Mountain Range

# Background Research

## Methodology

Methods used throughout this plan follow design guidelines learned in the Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning program at Utah State University. Many of these follow the methods outlined by Toth (Toth, 1974). The methodology for this project is outlined below:

- Perform background research that explores:
  - History
  - Identity
  - Park use
  - Trends
  - Precedents
  - Purpose and scope
- Inventory existing conditions:
  - Explore context and character of Centerville
  - Review population demographic data
  - Photograph existing conditions on site
  - Map parks with drone
  - Classification of parks
  - List existing projects currently underway
- Analyze existing conditions:
  - Areas of concern, in need of repair or attention
  - Measure against national standards and adjacent or similar communities
  - Adjacent context analysis
- Build needs assessment
  - Survey preparation
  - Survey administration through Centerville
  - Process and synthesize data collected
- Provide recommendations
  - Individual Park Recommendations
  - Future growth recommendations
- Create action plan that includes immediate, short and long term goals, and plan for updating this document

# Background Research

## Purpose and Scope

Centerville reached out to Utah State University in 2018 to conduct analysis of the existing Parks Master Plan and review the possibility of completing an update. Paul Stead undertook this as his thesis project for his master's degree in landscape architecture. An updated Parks Master Plan will provide a unified vision for the residents and leaders of Centerville to come together around, creating stability and continuity to the future of Centerville's open space infrastructure.

Parks are an integral part of the community. Park location and amenities can influence community design, enhance the quality of life for residents, and contribute positively to a community's aesthetics.



Figure 18 - Centerville Community Park Playground

# Population and Characteristics

## Population Growth

Centerville is almost built out. Its current population is estimated to be 17,657 (Manson, Schroeder, Riper, & Ruggles, 2018), up from 1535 in 2010 (US Census Report, n.d.). For much new growth to occur, density will need to increase. There are still areas zoned as agricultural land, but care should be taken to plan out growth within these areas so it is succinct and fits within community goals and objectives.

Chart 1 - Growth Projections

Year	Source	Population	Difference	Growth
2005	Census	14707	93	0.63%
2006	Census	14945	238	1.59%
2007	Census	15162	217	1.43%
2008	Census	15271	109	0.71%
2009	Census	15310	39	0.25%
2010	Census	15,335	25	0.16%
2011	Census Estimate	15,553	218	1.40%
2012	Census Estimate	16,167	614	3.80%
2013	Census Estimate	16,557	390	2.36%
2014	Census Estimate	16,749	192	1.15%
2015	Census Estimate	16,828	79	0.47%
2016	Census Estimate	17,247	419	2.43%
2017	Census Estimate	17,657	410	2.32%

## Household Characteristics

Household demographics impact demand for parks and recreation. The average Centerville household size is 3.08, just under the Utah average household size of 3.14, but higher than the US average of 2.63. Eighty percent of households in Centerville have two or more family members living there, emphasizing the importance of families in Centerville (US Census Report, n.d.). Additional demographic information can be found starting on page 44.



Figure 19 - Family Sketch

# Centerville Parks

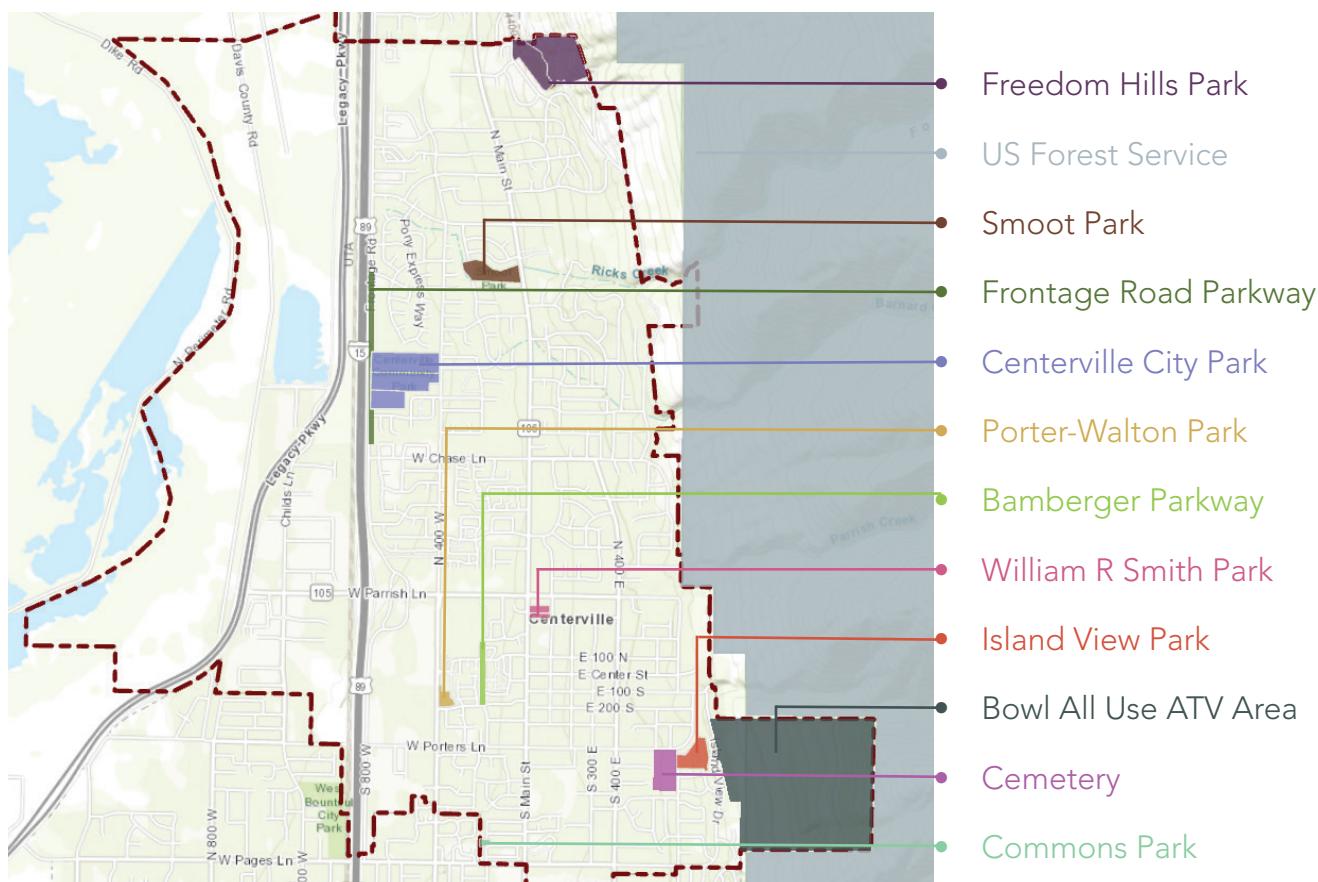
## Existing Parks

Centerville has seven existing parks, plus three special use areas and other open space areas. The parks are classified below in order to better understand their uses, purpose and acreage.

## Chart 2 - Existing Parks and Open Space

Classification	Name/Location	Acres	Total
Community Park	Centerville City Park	30.03	30.03
Neighborhood Parks	Freedom Hills Park	9.28	
	Island View Park	6.68	
	Porter-Walton Park	2.93	
	Smoot Park	8.35	
	William R Smith Park	2.33	29.57
Mini Park	Commons Pocket Park	0.68	0.68
Special Use Parks	Cemetery	8.7	
	Frontage Road Parkway	11	
	Bamberger Parkway	6	25.7
Open Space	Bowl All Use ATV Area	Not Included	
	US Forest Service	Not Included	n/a
<b>Total</b>			<b>85.98</b>

Figure 20 - Park and Open Space Locations



# Centerville Parks

## Current and future Projects

Below are the park projects that are currently envisioned. Island View has funding and is in the final planning stages.

- Community Park has some elements that are being implemented currently, and some that are yet to begin.
- Parrish Creek is planned for a small parcel that Centerville has acquired. It hasn't been a priority yet, but the parks department hopes to implement it soon.
- The Brownfield site is in the conceptual stage and is a great opportunity to get a park on the southwest side of town.

### Chart 3 - Envisioned Projects

Park	Improvements envisioned	Status
Island View Park	Complete renovation.	Currently underway
	Playground equipment removed, multi-tier play structure to replace.	Planned
	Raquetball/handball removed, replaced with additional tennis.	Planned
	Add basketball court. New benches, restrooms, pavillion, etc.	Planned
Community Park	Pavillion and restrooms at expansion on southwest side	Currently underway
	Pathway around expansion and connected to existing	Currently underway
	Foot's all court added at Northwest section of park.	Planned
Parrish Creek Parkway	Conceptual stage. Need funding.	Planned
Brownfield site	Additional city park	Future

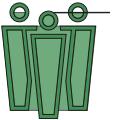
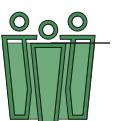
# How Centerville Compares

## Comparison

Overall Centerville compares very well to similar cities in Utah, and is pretty close to the national residents per park average, which is 2,114 residents per park. However, most communities in Utah have a much lower acres per resident count than the national average of 10.1 acres per 1,000 residents.

These consistently lower numbers in Utah may be due to the proximity of a rich selection of BLM and National Park Land in Utah.

Figure 19 - Park Comparison

City Statistics	Residents per park	ParkAcres/1,000 Res
<b>Centerville City</b> Pop: 17,657 7 Parks 86 Acres	 2,522	 4.9
<b>North Salt Lake</b> Pop: 19,193 7 Parks 148.5 Acres	 2,742	 7.7
<b>Farmington</b> Pop: 24,066 11 Parks 88.1 Acres	 2,188	 4.1
<b>Washington City</b> Pop: 26,405 12 Parks 86 Acres	 2,200	 3.3

# Inventory and Analysis

## Introduction

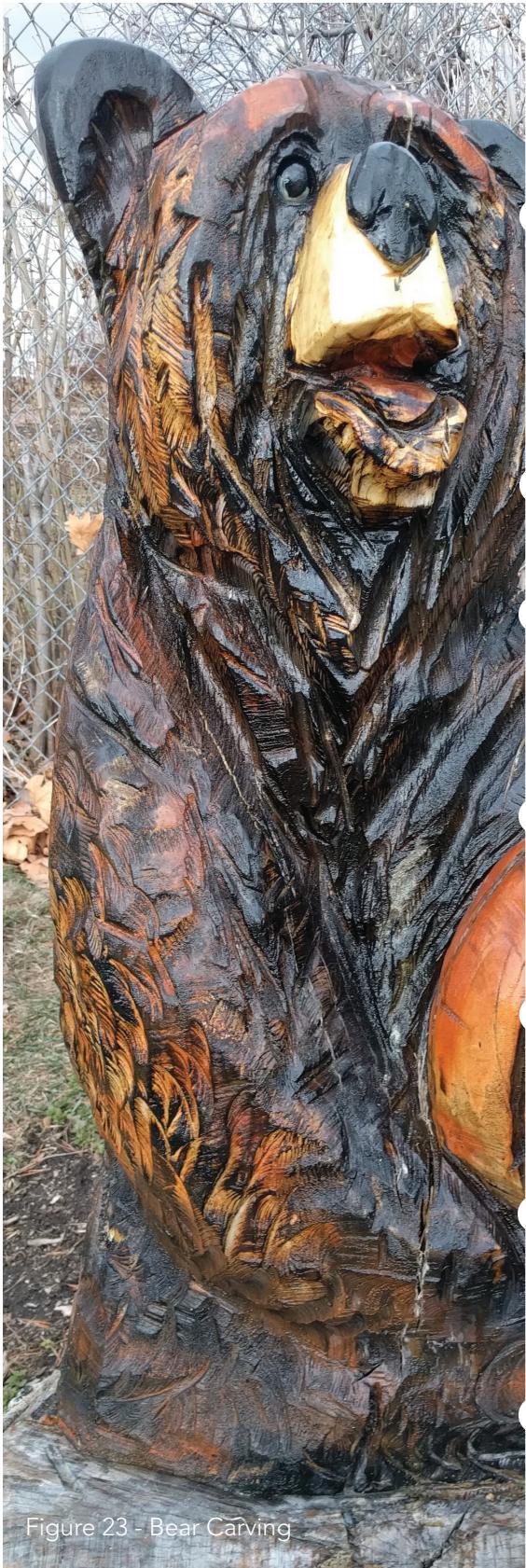
The following section includes a snapshot of each Centerville park. Each park was visited and analyzed. A drone was used to capture topography and give a high-quality base map of each site. The parks director was consulted regarding known issues, and on-site observations were made.



Figure 22 - Mapping Sites with Drone Technology

# Inventory and Analysis

## Centerville Community Park - Summary



- 1 Sports draw many residents year-round. Baseball, football, soccer and other sports keep this park busy, and draw more users than many other parks in Centerville.
- 2 The playground equipment is in good condition overall. The sand and digging equipment installed recently is very popular and getting the most use of any equipment other than the swings on site during my visit. This equipment is geared more toward smaller children.
- 3 There are a few issues with wear that need to be repaired on the nylon areas of the playground.
- 4 BBQ stations allow easy access to grilling, while being away from the tables. The pavilion is large enough to allow for quite a large group to gather for picnics and other gatherings.
- 5 There is a marked walking path around the park, giving users an idea of distance. This route will be extended to include the path around the park expansion.
- 6 This lending library near the pavilion was set up through an eagle project. It's another draw for the park. This library could use a fresh coat of paint or stain on the door.
- 7 Recently Centerville has consolidated trash to dumpsters instead of in bins around the park. This has kept the park cleaner, and drastically reduced the time and resources spent on park cleanup.
- 8 Volleyball court is in good condition. It makes a good sandbox for kids when not in use for volleyball. You'll find this in use most days throughout the week.

Figure 23 - Bear Carving



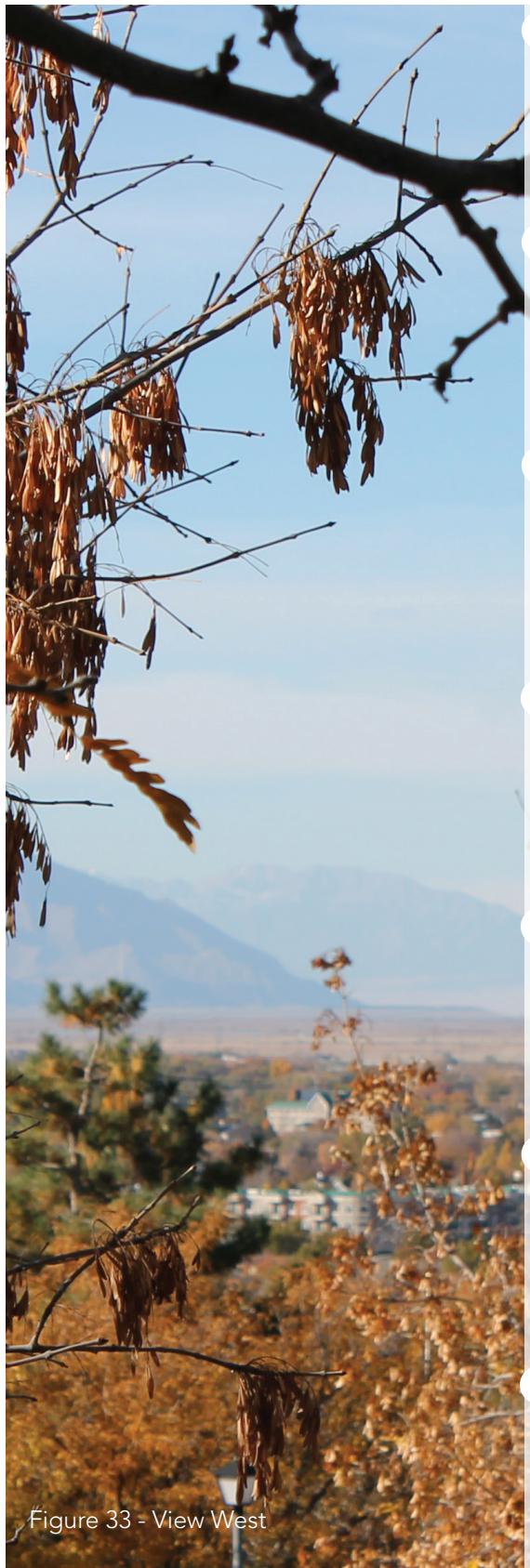
## Inventory and Analysis

## Centerville Community Park - Site Map



# Inventory and Analysis

## Island View Park - Summary



1 Island view park is built on the toothills, and is unique, with three terraces. It is slated for renovation, so observations may not be relevant with the current changes planned.

2 Playground equipment needs to be updated. There are many areas of disrepair. As stated above, this is slated for renovation. There is a multi-level playground designed to replace the existing structures.

3 The top terrace is mainly dedicated to sports fields. There is a ball field, soccer goals and there are plans for a new basketball court in the redesign on the north side.



4 Perhaps due to the maturity and terraced design of this park, there are many areas that feel intimate and are very comfortable to enjoy in this park. It is beloved by many residents.



5 ADA compliance is a challenge. There is a path from the first and second terrace, but not from the second and third. The driveway is steep and there is additional road access to the third (top) terrace from the south.



6 An ad hoc path runs up along the hill that borders the park. There is some concern of unwanted activity in this area, putting in official paths would help make this area more public and discourage this type of activity.



7 There are some amazing views from the top of the park. You can see out across the valley through the trees. It creates a good prospect and refuge feel for users as they look down from the park to the valley or lower terraces.



Figure 33 - View West

# Inventory and Analysis

## Island View Park - Site Map



# Inventory and Analysis

## Smoot Park - Summary and Site Map

Smoot Park is centrally located and has a rich historical background. It is located on the Smoot dairy site. The family donated 10 acres for the park to Centerville City in 1974. The park includes sport fields, tennis courts, a creek from east to west, as well as a playground, swings and a volleyball court. Smoot park feels intimate, with its mature trees and narrow shape. Even with its proximity to Main Street, it feels to visitors that they are off the beaten path.

1 Surfacing is worn and needs to be resurfaced in a few areas. This represents regular maintenance. Mainly an aesthetic issue but lower layers can wear quicker if left worn.



2 Ricks Creek runs through the entire park, becoming quite shallow after running under the street and out through a grate on the west side. This is an opportunity for more amenities.



3 Wood border around swings and volleyball area needs to be replaced or repaired. Consideration could be taken to replace with a more durable material.



4 Swings are older but appear in good condition. Doubles as a sand play area, and its proximity to the playground allows parents to easily keep an eye on their children.



5 Some faded or missing signs in the park. The sign to the right should say 'Smoot Family Park'. Overall the park is in good condition and well cared for.



6 Ricks creek presents an opportunity to for waterplay. Children already love to play in it but has a fairly steep bank and can get deep in sections.



7 The playground is newer, in good condition. Surrounding trees provide shade over the play area. This is a huge benefit to this play area, and factors into the use of this play area.

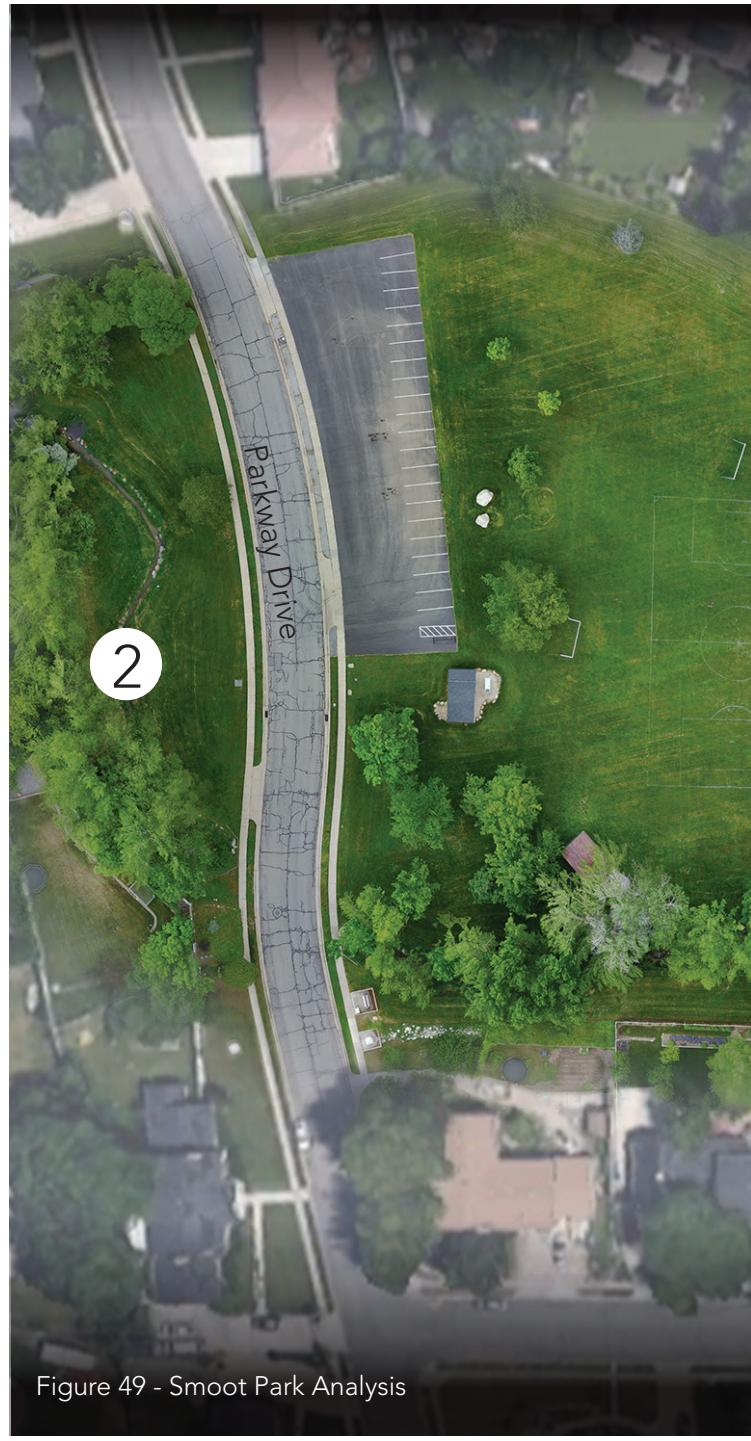
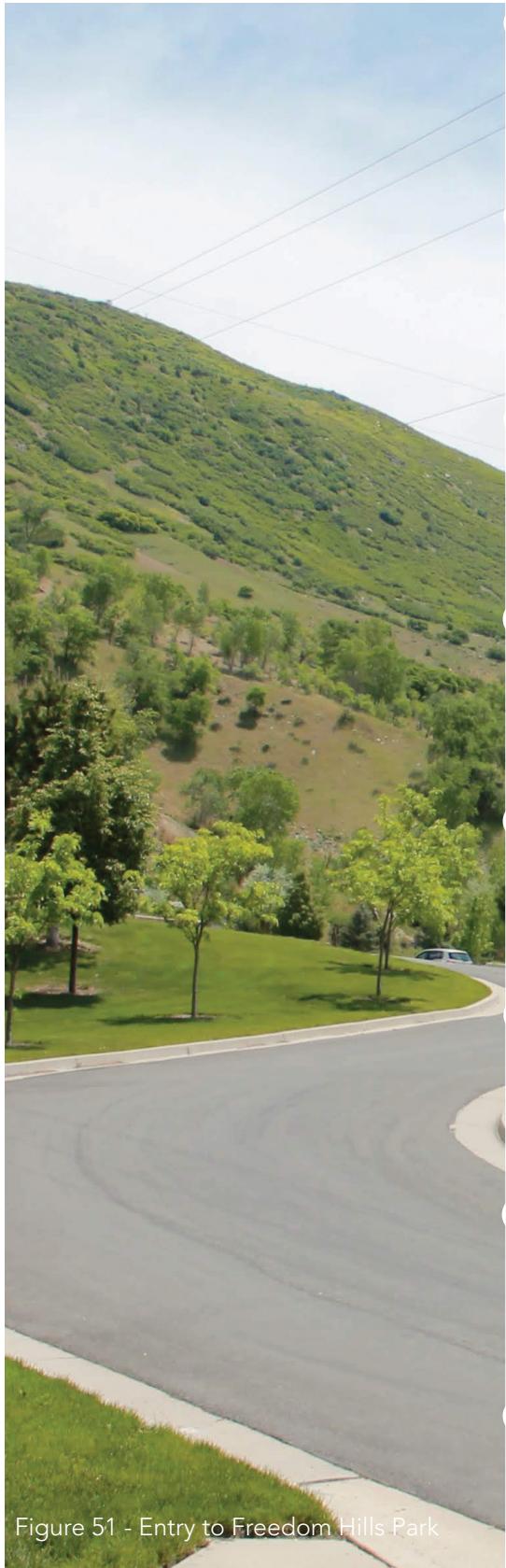


Figure 49 - Smoot Park Analysis



# Inventory and Analysis

## Freedom Hills Park - Summary



1 At the entrance to Freedom Hills Park stands a memorial to the soldiers who have fought for our freedom. It is a powerful monument and ties into the historical theme of many of Centerville's parks.

2 A nine-hole disc golf course is laid out on the south half of the park. This is a challenging course, and the changing elevation makes this a course many are drawn to.

3 Trailhead for the Freedom Hills Trail gains about 300 feet in elevation, climbing up to meet the Bonneville Shoreline Trail. Side trails give opportunities for further climbing up into the mountains.

4 Paved paths give walkers many options within the park, climbing up in the foothill and have some decent climbs. The vegetation along the path is beautiful, and also allows access to the disc course.

5 In addition to the trails mentioned above, there is also an equestrian trail that runs on the lower elevation foothills, hearkening back to a time that horses were more prevalent in the community.

6 Areas found at some of the higher points in this park give a great view across the Salt Lake Valley. These emphasize the relationship between the Wasatch Mountain Range and Centerville City.

7 Freedom hills is designed with natural swales meandering throughout the park, making the transition from the foothills to the urban neighborhoods seem more natural.

8 The playground is close to the parking lot, positioned close to the pavilion and parking lot. Playground is newer and in good condition. The rubber surfacing has only minor wear, mostly in good condition.



Figure 51 - Entry to Freedom Hills Park

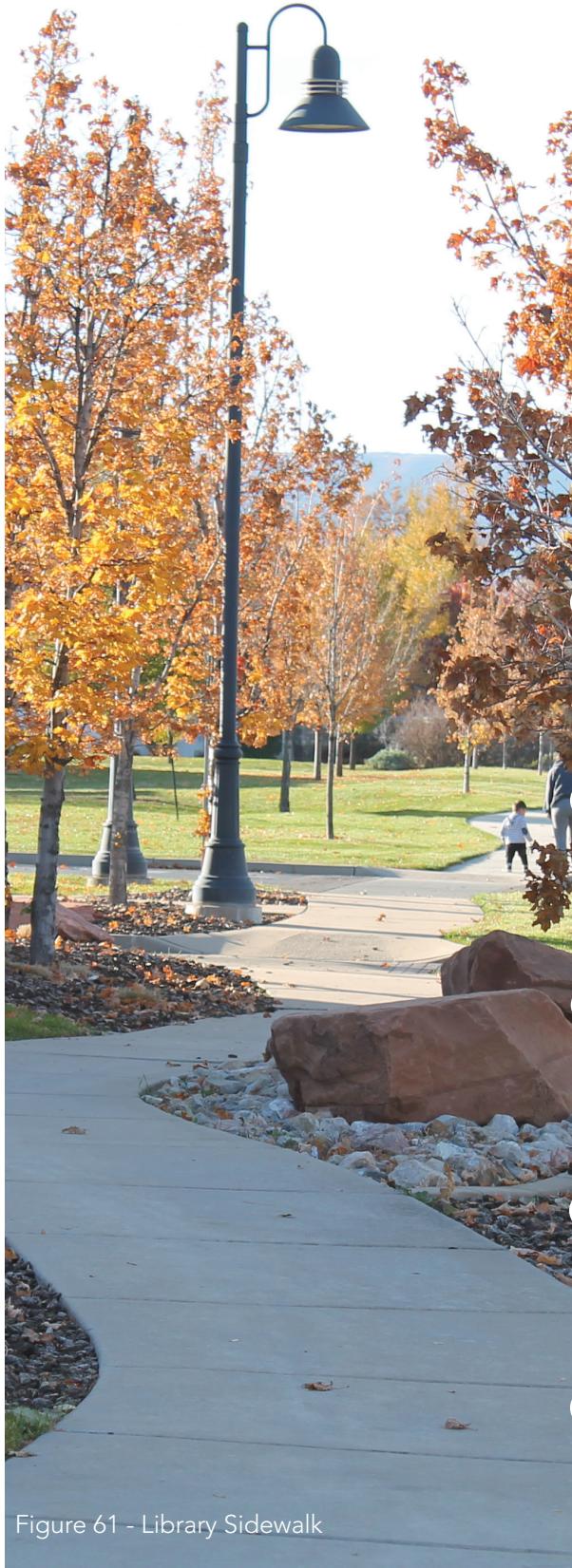
# Inventory and Analysis

## Freedom Hills Park - Site Map



# Inventory and Analysis

## Porter-Walton Park - Summary



1 Porter-Walton Park connects to Bamberger Trail, which runs from Parrish Lane (400 North) to Porter Lane (400 South).



2 Porter-Walton Park's playground is small but in great condition; it is meant for younger children. As at Smoot Park, some of the surfacing needs some maintenance.



3 No Smoking and Dogs on a Leash signs near the parking lot are faded from sun exposure. They need to be replaced.



4 BBQ grills were put in as an Eagle Scout Project. They are on the south side of the pavilion, with the bathrooms. They are somewhat distanced from the picnic tables.



5 The park's proximity to the Davis County Library encourages use to and from the library. It shares parking with the park and is a good resource for library visitors.



6 The field at Porter-Walton Park is geared more toward informal sport gatherings, with trees planted in the field.



7 Basketball courts are a recent installment and are in excellent condition. The court holds six hoops and has non-slip surfacing.



8 A swing set is slated to be constructed just to the east of the playground. This improvement is awaiting funds to be completed.

Figure 61 - Library Sidewalk

# Inventory and Analysis

## Porter-Walton Park - Site Map



# Inventory and Analysis

## William R Smith Park - Summary and Site Map

William R. Smith Park, previously known as Founders Park, is located downtown next to City Hall. The Smith Family donated the land to Centerville City for a park, thus the name. The park is well used. Christmas lights are put up in trees during the holidays, and mature trees give users an understanding of this park's age.

1 William R. Smith Park displays a monument to Centerville pioneers. Plaques are mounted on the front and back of the memorial, outlining the history and heritage of the early saints in the area. This is a great landmark for residents.



2 The small scale of the park allows for many amenities throughout the park. Seating is dispersed underneath trees around edges, encouraging exploration by creating intimate spaces around the park.



3 Playground is in good condition, with two climbing walls, slides and monkey-bars. The surfacing is in good condition, and the play structure is shaded by nearby mature trees, creating a comfortable atmosphere year-round.



4 The pavilion at William R. Smith Park is large and provides space for fairly sizable gatherings. The pavilion's architecture feels historic, and with the large trees it fits the mature feel of the park.



5 A bus stop is installed at the northwest corner of the park. It is a sheltered stop and is positioned well for use. This stop serves the intercity bus 470, running every 30 minutes from Salt Lake City to Ogden.



Figure 76 - Smith Park Analysis

# Inventory and Analysis



# Inventory and Analysis

## Commons Pocket Park - Summary

Commons Pocket Park is located at the south end of Centerville, in a development called Centerville's the Commons. They donated this land to the city for a public park, but it is not well known, partially because it is not easily visible from the road and is lacking signage. This is a great opportunity for a specialized park, such as a dog park. It would be easily fenced in and with proper signage and advertising, easily accessed by residents.



Figure 78 - Water Detention Area

1 With only one small path leading from Centerville Commons Way to 150 East, this park feels like more of a detention basin than a park. Lack of any benches or amenities accentuate this feel and create a space that isn't unwelcoming, but not inviting.



2 Lack of signage makes this area vague, creating ambiguity of whether it is a public space or a private park for the community. The park blends into the adjoining residents' lawns. With no visible boundaries, this adds further to the confusion of public vs private space.



3 This would make a perfect space for a dog park. Fencing is already in place on the North and West sides of the park, making it very affordable to finish fencing off the rest of the park. If a dog park is something Centerville residents desire this is a good location. If not, installation of a playground, benches and signage would let people know this is a public space and encourage use.

4 Signage is needed on 1600 North and Main Street to help people find the park.

# Inventory and Analysis

## Commons Pocket Park - Site Map



# Existing Amenities

	Playground	Swings	Basketball	Sports fields	Tennis courts	Paths	Trails	Disc golf
Community Park								
Freedom Hills Park								
Island View Park								
Porter-Walton Park								
Smoot Park								
William R. Smith Park								
Commons Pocket Park								
Cemetery								
Frontage Rd Parkway								
Bamberger Parkway								

Pavilion	Restrooms	BBQ Grill	Pet cleanup	Volleyball	Libraries	View Area	Water	Monuments	Mature Trees	Bus stop	Benches	Fountain	
													
													
													
													
													
													
													
													
													

Figure 80 - Existing Amenities



Figure 83 - Pioneer Monument at Smith Park

# Gap Analysis

## Proximity

Proximity analysis of Centerville Parks began with buffering each park based on its classification, assuming that most users live in fairly close proximity to the park they frequent most. This assumption is supported by the responses to the survey, in which respondents were asked why they use Centerville parks. 'Walking' and 'close to home' were the highest responses overall.

Community parks see the largest amount of use, so they were given a half mile buffer, about a 15 minute walk, acknowledging that the use extends much farther for events such as the football tournaments throughout the summer.

Neighborhood parks were set with a quarter mile buffer, about a 7 minute walk. This is the typical U.S. standard for walkability (Sturm and Cohen, 2014).

The pocket park was given an eighth mile buffer, seeing it has little amenities and the least amount of use. This could extend if it becomes more of a specialty type park.



Figure 84 - Traveling to a Park

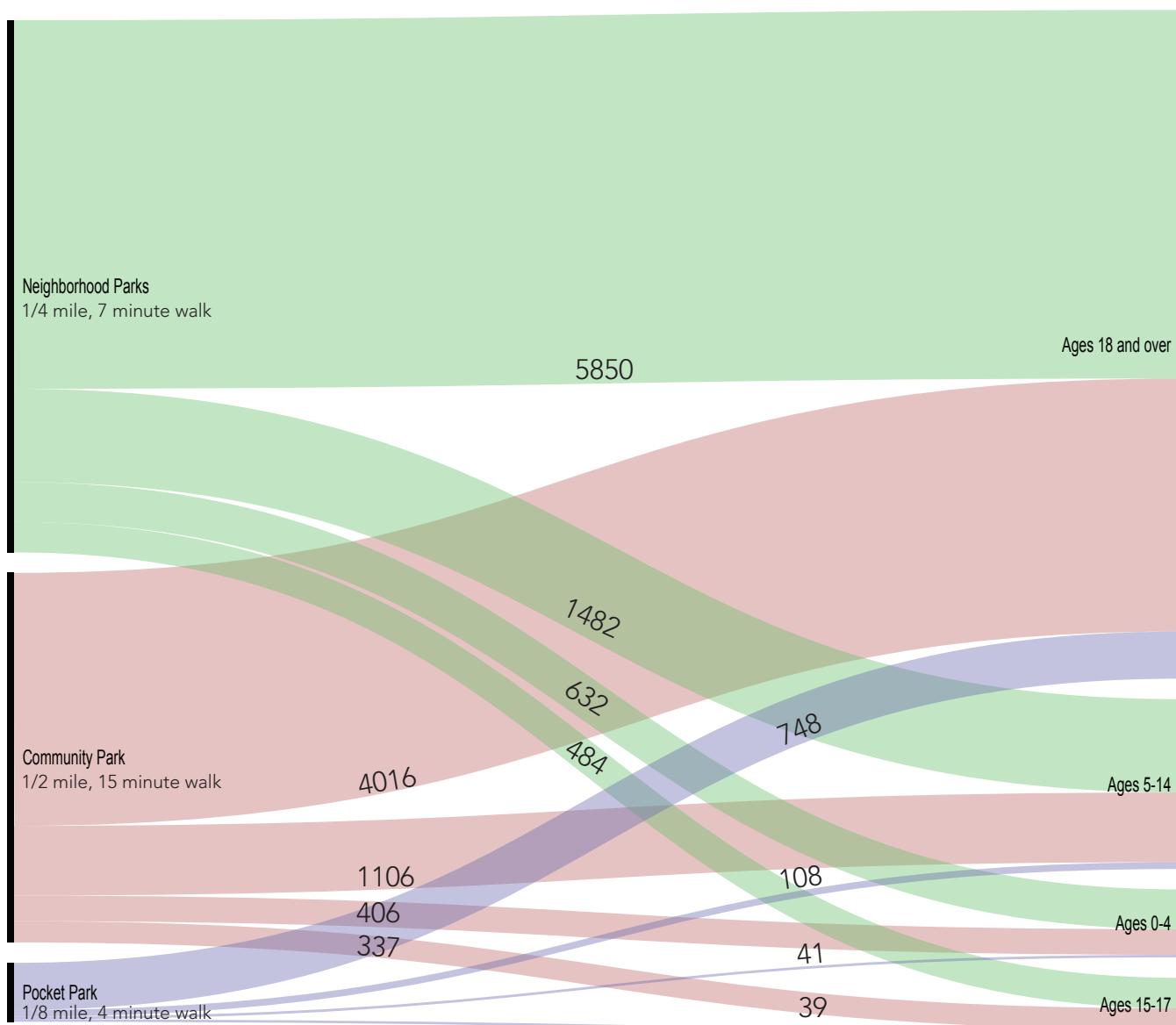
# Gap Analysis

## Proximity to Parks

U.S. census data (Manson et al., 2018) was used to give an approximation of the percentage of users served within each park buffer area.

Users were broken out into three age categories: children 4 and under, ages 5-12, ages 15-17, and adults 18 and above. The graph below shows what age groups live within each buffer area.

Table 4 - Number of Residents Within Each Park Buffer Area



# Gap Analysis

# Parks Buffer Map

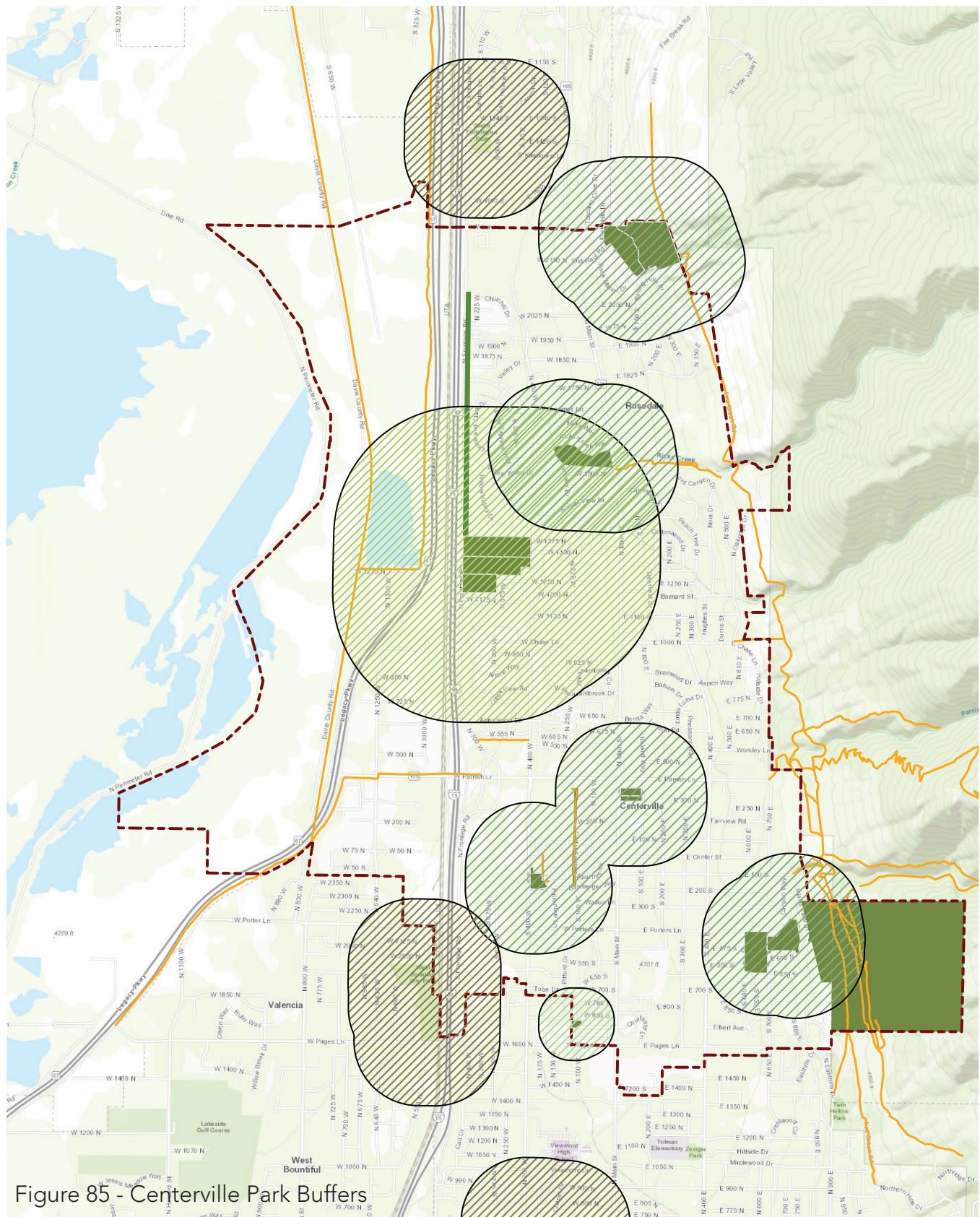


Figure 85 - Centerville Park Buffers

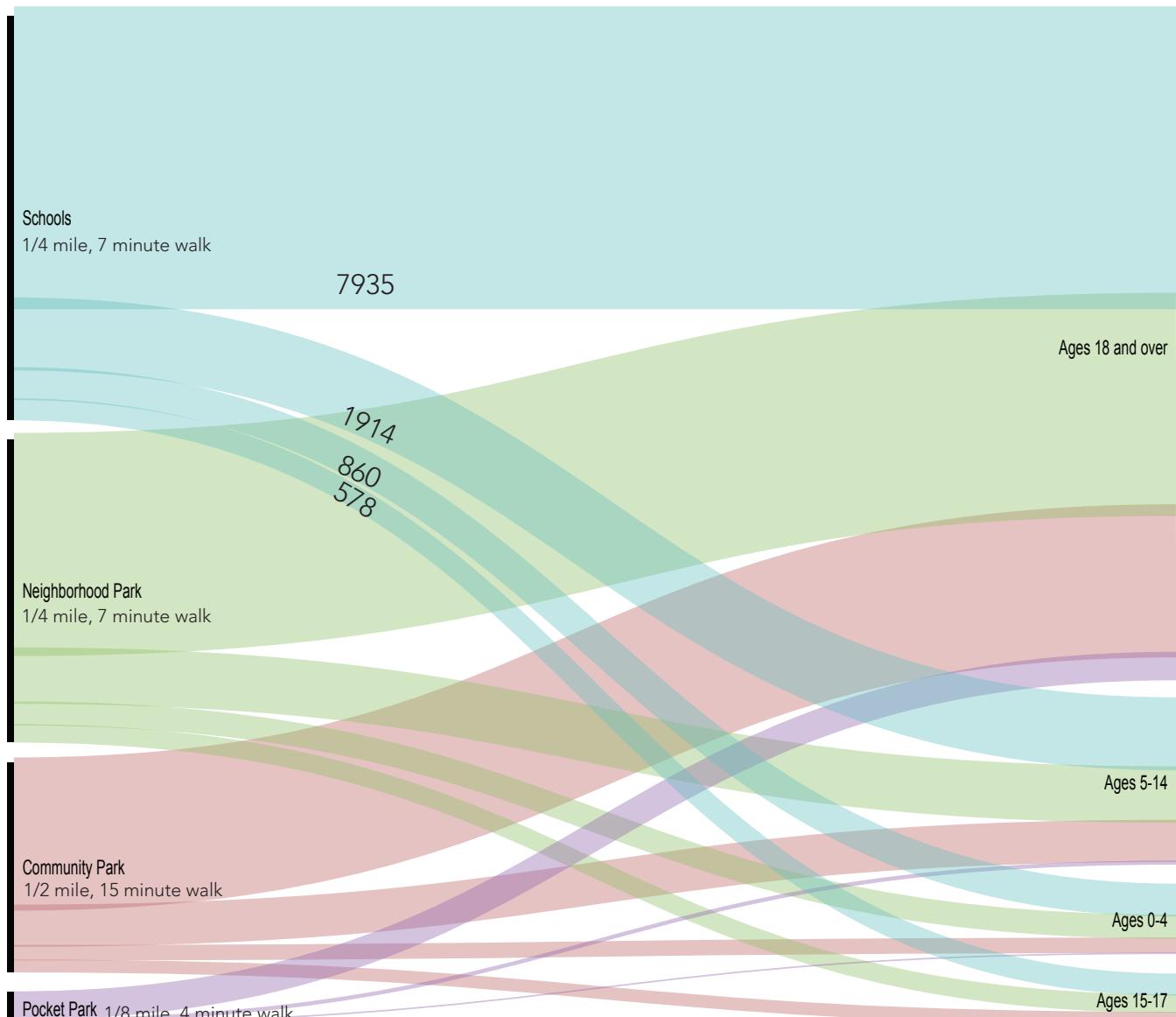
# Gap Analysis

## Proximity to Schools

Public schools have playgrounds and open space that can be utilized by residents as park space as well, though the times for use are limited by the schools schedules.

Centerville schools are listed with a 1/4-mile walkable buffer and residents living within these boundaries are listed in the graph below.

Table 5 - Number of Residents Within Each School Buffer Area



# Gap Analysis

## Schools Buffer Map

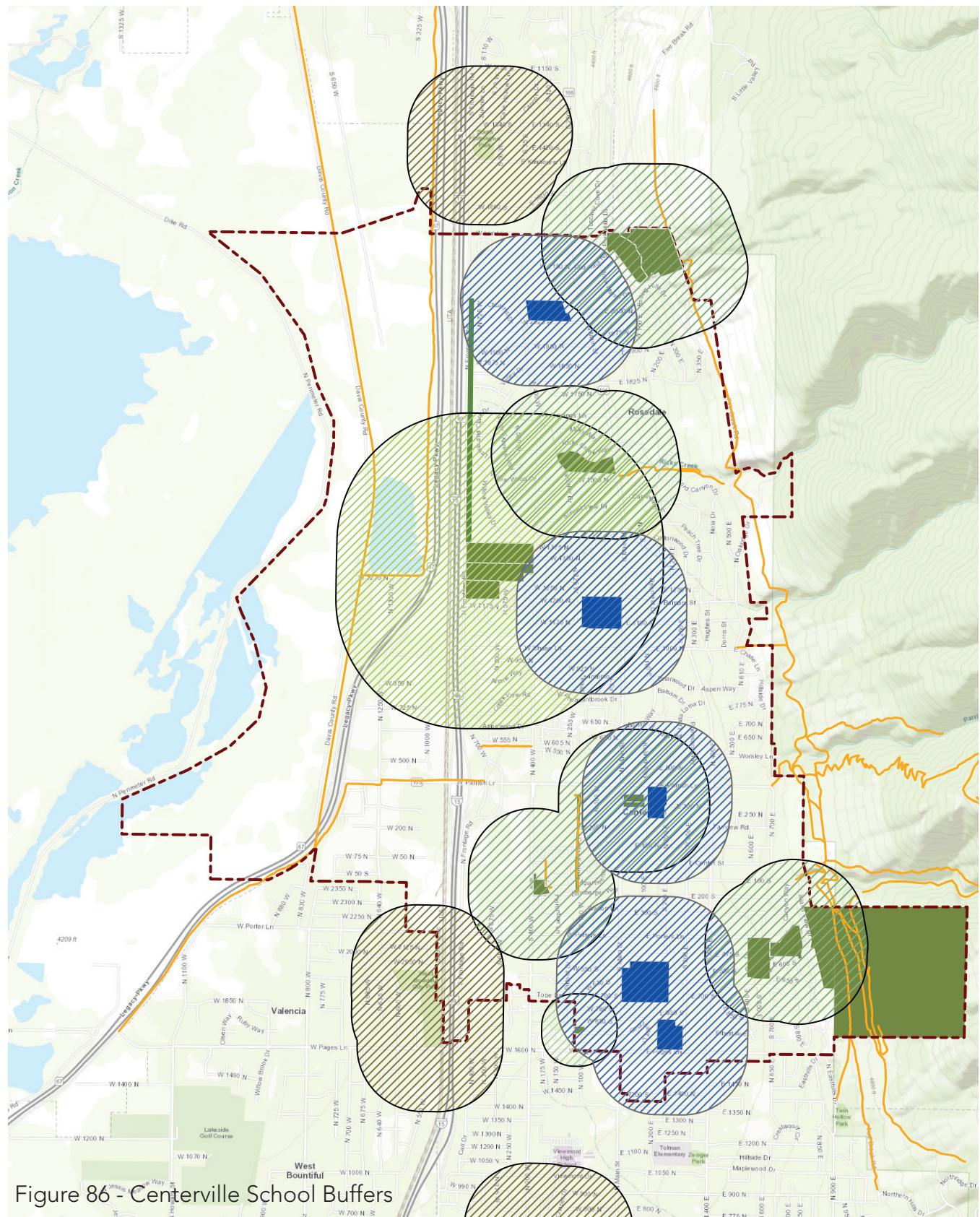
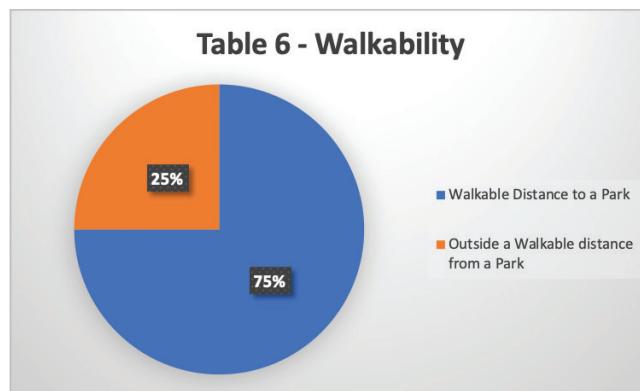


Figure 86 – Centerville School Buffers

# Gap Analysis

## Gaps

75 percent of residents live inside a walkable distance to a park based on the buffers used, and data from the U.S. Census Bureau. This still leaves 25 percent of residents outside a walkable distance to any city park.



The following page shows a map of gaps in Centerville's Park System:

Area of concern 1a is undeveloped agricultural land, so need is currently low. This could change if development occurs after the West Davis Parkway is implemented (see future growth analysis starting on page 74). The south area of concern, 1b, is mostly commercial, but implementing a park or pocket parks in this area could cause economic growth by encouraging shoppers to stay longer. It would help beautify and define a city center and benefit Centerville as a whole.

Areas of concern 2a and 2b are in park buffer zones, so users could use park space when available, but parks in these areas would be helpful to give users more accessible spaces to recreate.

Area of concern 3a is outside of school and park buffers but is close to open space and trails in the foothills. This is a great asset, but should not be solely relied upon. Not all people may be able or want to use the foothills as recreation, and a park in this area would be beneficial to users living in this and adjacent areas.

Specific areas that could be considered for implementation of park space are explored in the recommendations section, page 76.

# Gap Analysis

## Gaps

- Area of Concern 1 (Agricultural areas)
- Area of Concern 2 (Residential)
- Area of Concern 3 (Trail lands, etc.)

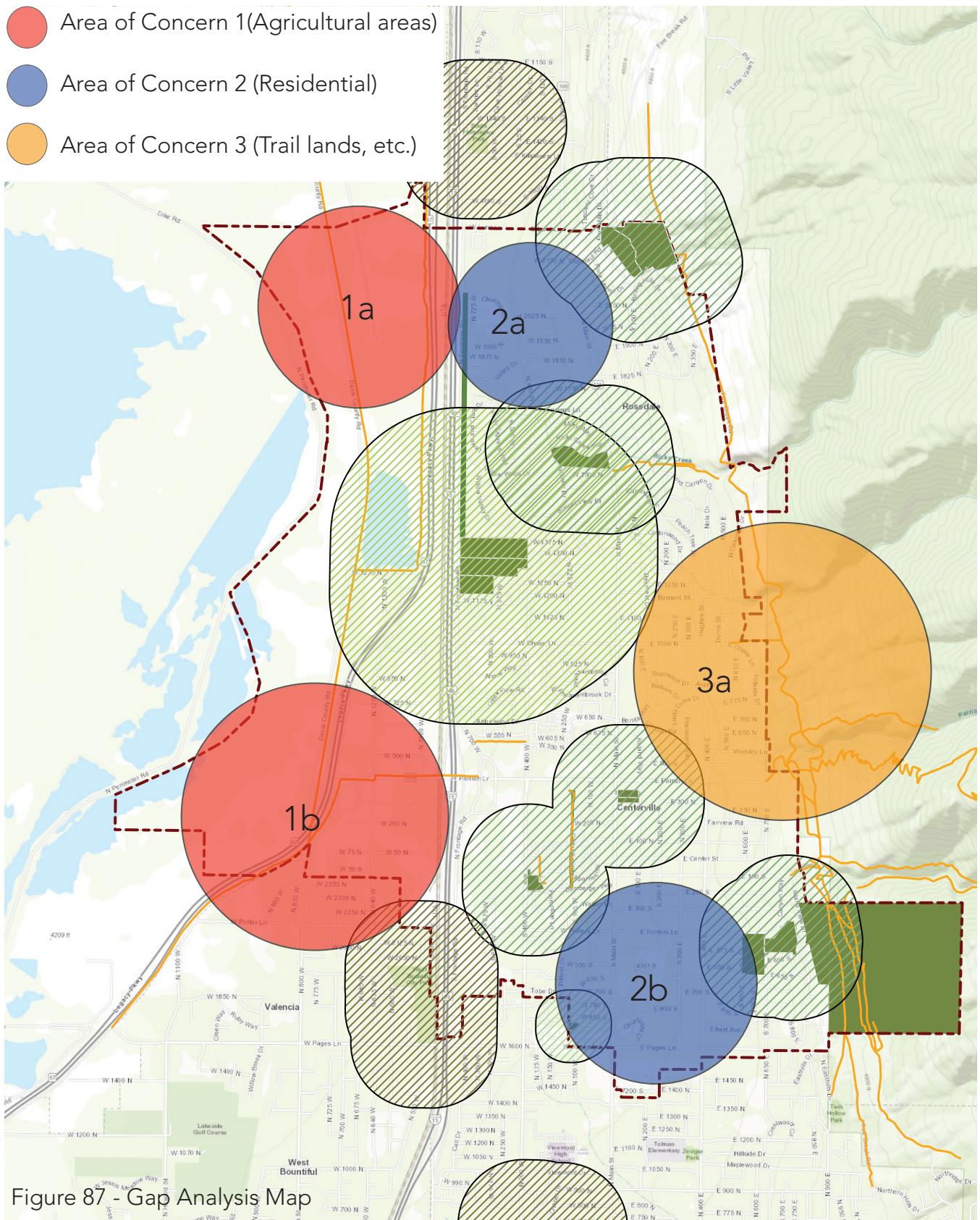


Figure 87 - Gap Analysis Map



Figure 88 - Centerville City Hall ([centervilleut.net](http://centervilleut.net))

# Survey Results

## Outline

Centerville City sent out a survey to its residents in the city newsletter. Notifications were also sent out through email and social media to the residents that are connected.

Based on the average household size and population there are approximately 5733 households. Of the surveys sent out, 831 responses were received, resulting in a response rate of 14.5%.

In building the survey, many precedents were consulted to get started. Centerville had a survey sent out 2007, with a few park related questions (see Appendix page 95). These were included if applicable to see the change if any or trends that Centerville was experiencing. Of note are questions 17-24. Interestingly, trails were and continue to be rated as the highest valued amenity in Centerville. While some amenities appear to have an comparatively lower interest from the 2007 survey such as tennis, other things such as playgrounds, open areas and additional cemetery land are still high on the list.

Lehi sent out a community survey in 2013 that was very succinct and helpful in the creation of this survey for Centerville. Also, Draper's entire parks master plan was built around feedback they received from their community. While more intensive than the survey for Centerville, this also provided additional clarity and ideas on what the best approach to take would be. After developing survey questions, these were taken to the Centerville Parks Director, followed by the Parks Committee, for revision. Their feedback helped personalize the survey for Centerville and understand questions to draw out what is most important to the community.

Processing the data gathered was a huge undertaking. 834 responses were received, with about ¾ of those in paper form. Centerville's youth council must be recognized for the work they did in processing around 300 survey responses. Students in the Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning department at Utah State University processed another 300. This help was invaluable in getting the responses to a usable format to be able to analyze and understand what the residents needs and wants are.

The responses received guide the recommendations in this plan and where the city should focus its efforts. This is important information for the city council to have as they strive to understand what decisions to make on behalf of residents.



Figure 89 - Piles of Paper Surveys (illustrative)

# Survey Results

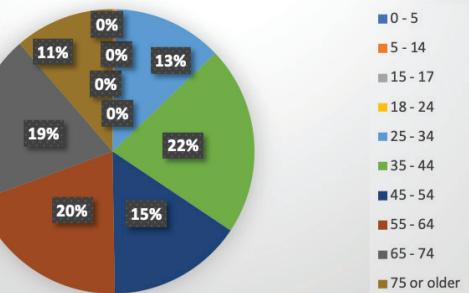
## Age Demographics

Survey respondents were predominantly female, between 35-44, homeowners, had children at home, with an income above \$100,000.

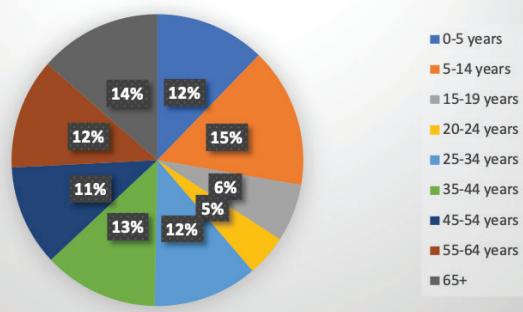
Only 2 children under 18 filled out the survey, one 9-year-old and one 13-year-old. There were also only a couple respondents over 75 years.

The respondent demographics fairly closely follow the demographics of Centerville, with the exception of children.

**Table 7 Survey Respondents**

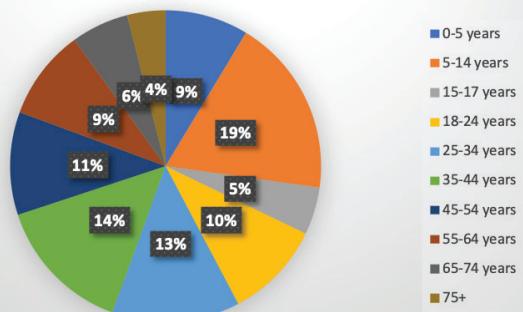


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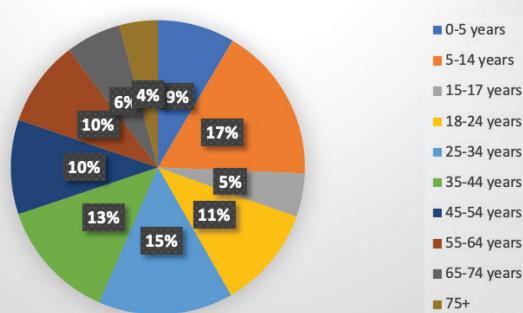
Demographics of Davis County for comparison.

**Table 9 Davis County**



Demographics of Utah for comparison.

**Table 10 State of Utah**



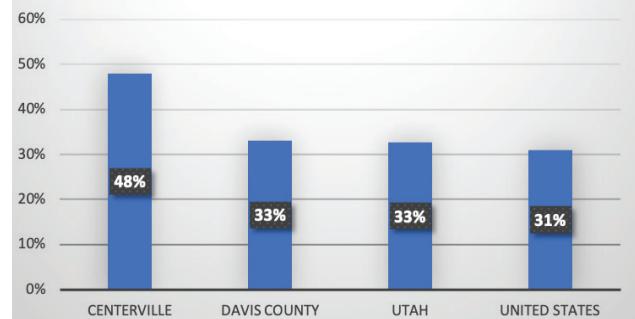
# Survey Results

## Income, Education & Housing

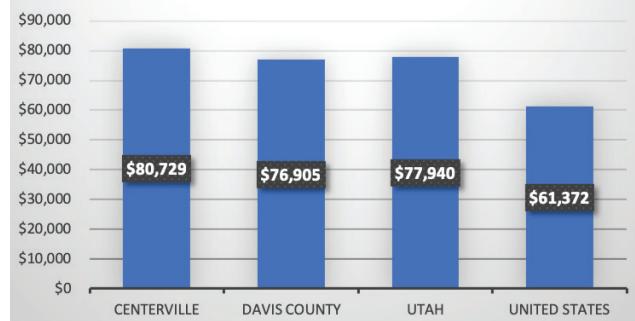
Centerville residents have higher overall income than those in Davis County, Utah, and the US. This matches the education percentages, a higher percentage of Centerville residents have secondary degrees or higher than Davis County and Utah, with the US quite a bit behind percentage wise.

Centerville has a lower median home price than both Davis County and Utah, but higher than the United States. The median rent is close to the national average, but substantially more residents own their homes in Centerville than rent ("Real Estate Overview for Centerville, UT - Trulia," n.d.). These numbers are very similar to the survey respondent demographics.

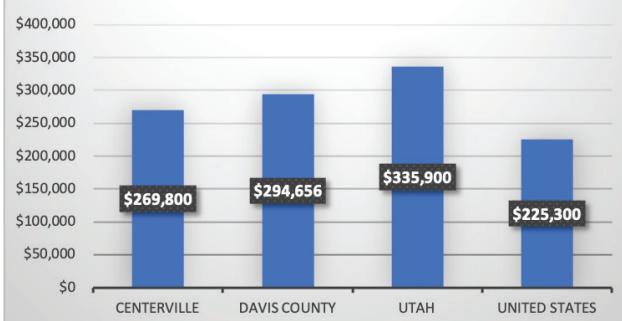
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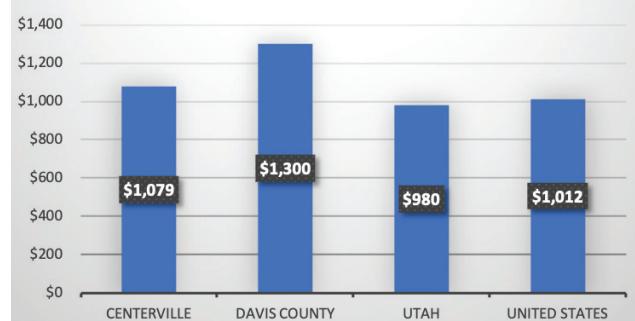
**Table 12 Median income**



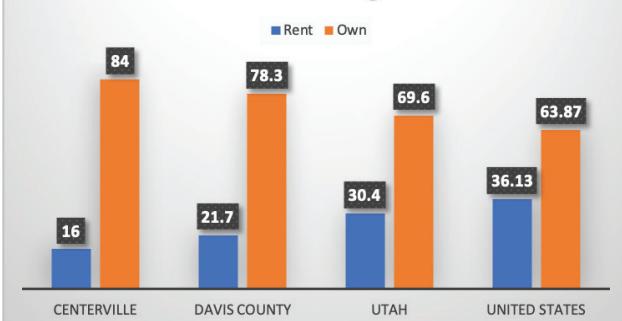
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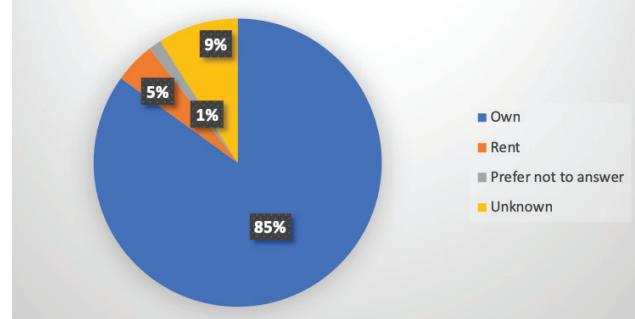
**Table 14 Median Rent**



**Table 15 Housing Status**



**Table 16 Respondent Housing Status**



# Survey Results

## Demographic Areas

Respondents were fairly evenly distributed throughout Centerville. The majority of respondents were on the north end of town. There were about 10 percent of respondents that did not answer this question.

## Park Use in Centerville

Centerville Community Park is used the most often by most respondents. It ranked first, followed by Smoot Park, Island View, Freedom Hills, Smith Park, then Porter Walton. Unsurprisingly, very few respondents were aware of the pocket park.

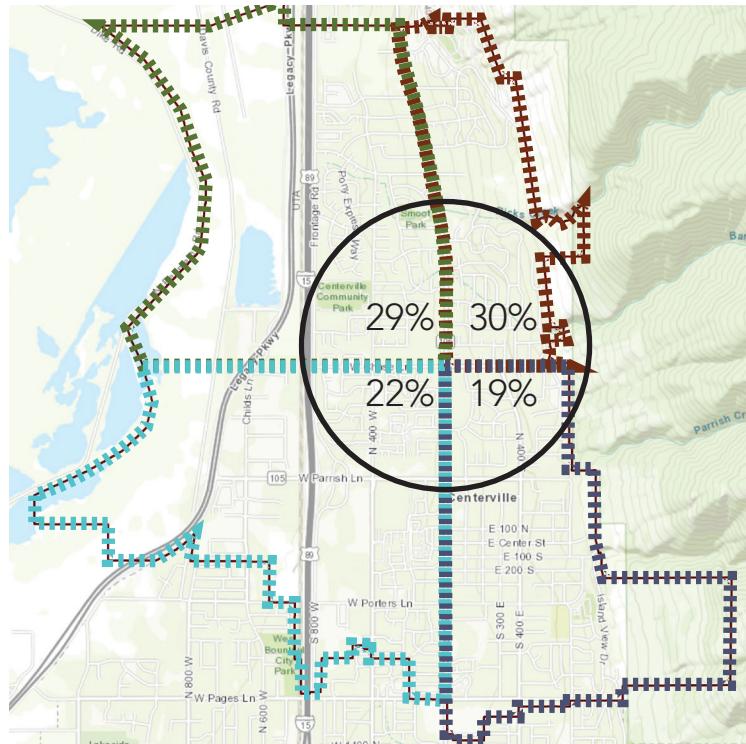
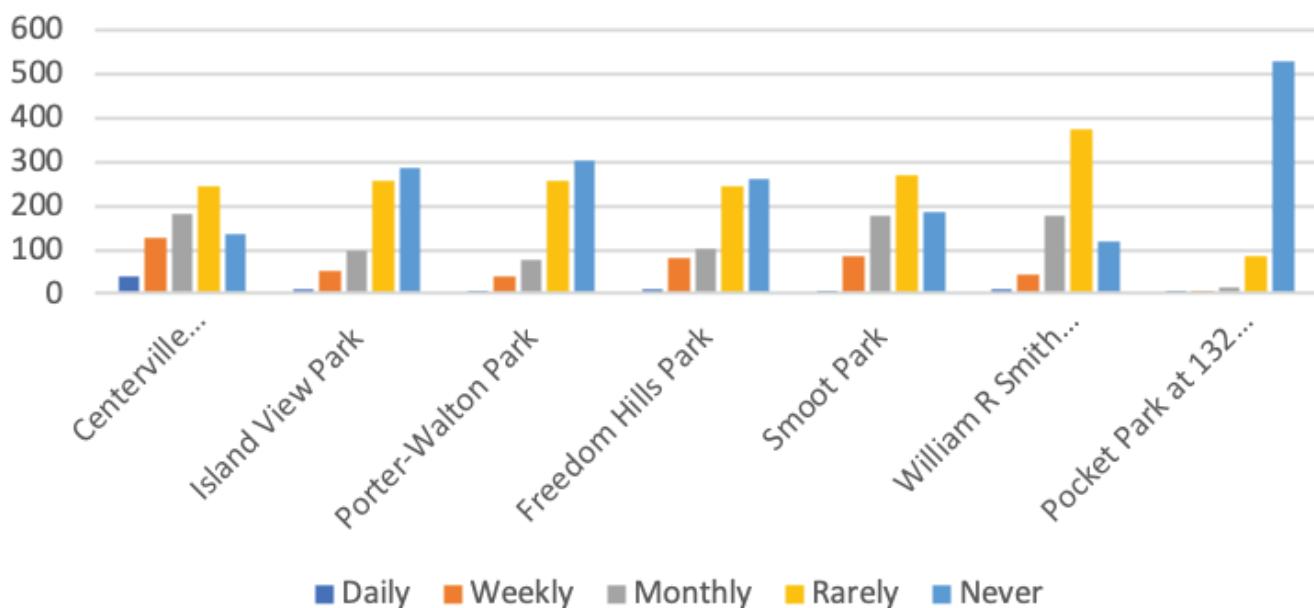


Figure 90 - Demographic Areas

Table 17 - Which Centerville Parks do you Visit, and How Often?



# Survey Results

## Parks Outside of Centerville

65% of survey respondents responded that they do use parks outside of Centerville.

Reasons listed for visiting parks outside of Centerville include facilities like playgrounds, splash pads, dog friendly or pickleball courts that aren't found in Centerville parks. Many listed the proximity of family and friends as well.

Most respondents (54%) cited Bountiful parks as those they visit most, followed by much lower mentions of West Bountiful, Farmington, Salt Lake City, Kaysville, North Salt Lake, Layton, Fruit Heights, and Woods Cross.

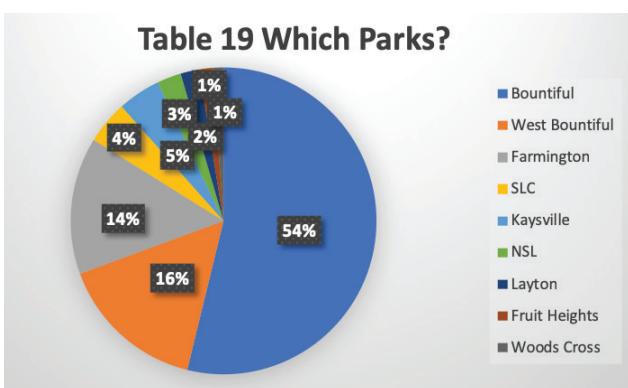
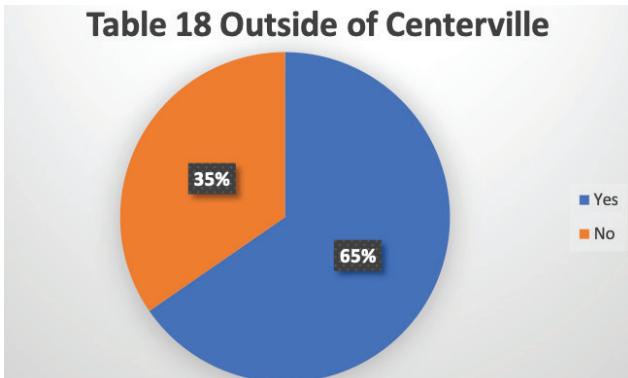
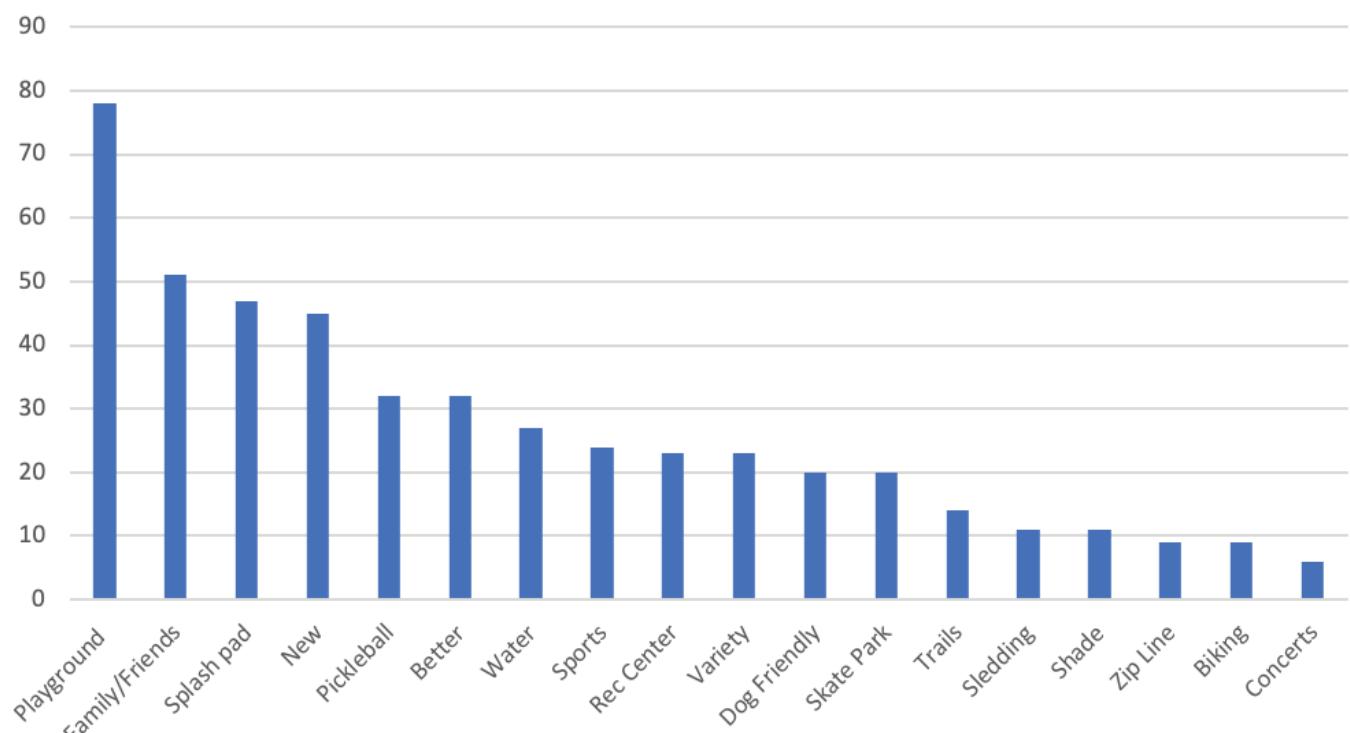


Table 20 - Why Parks Outside of Centerville?

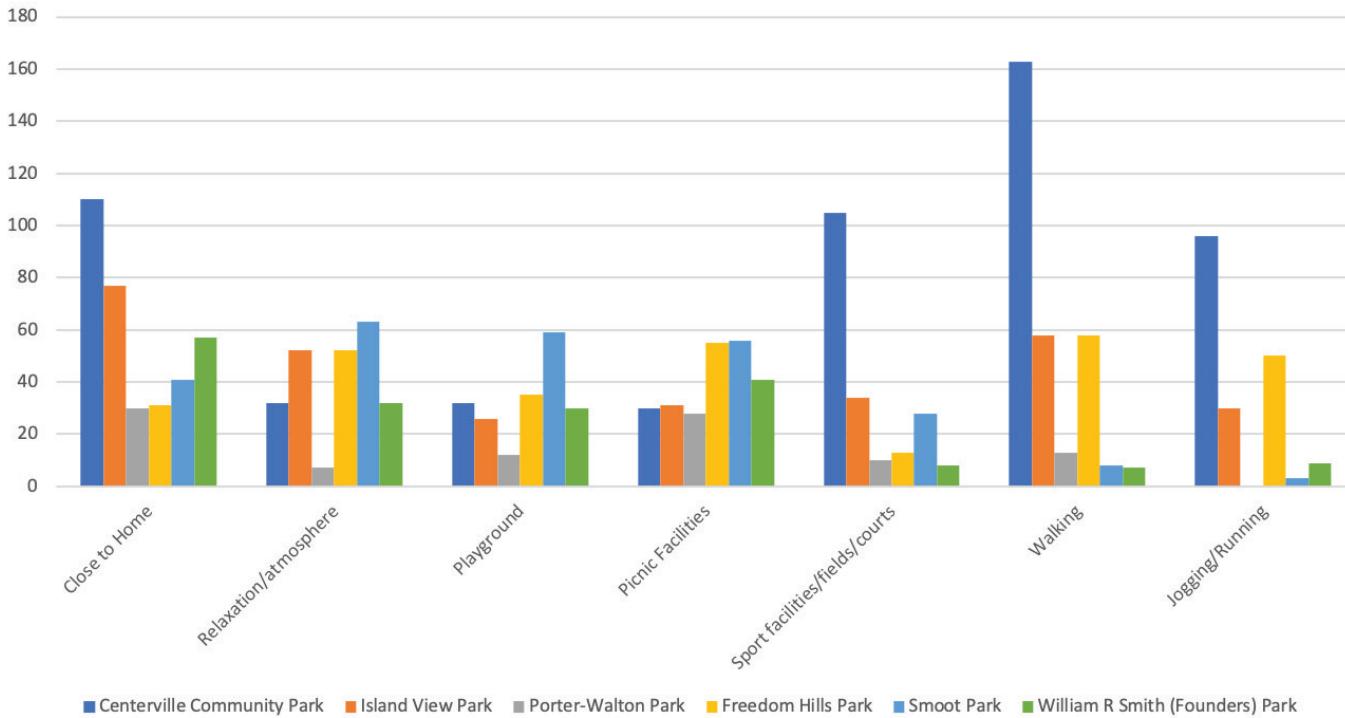


# Survey Results

## Centerville Parks

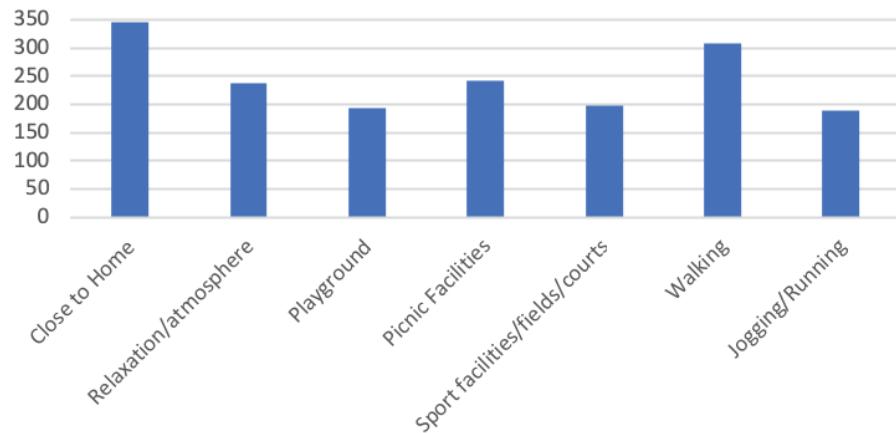
Respondents were given multiple choice for why they used Centerville parks.

Table 21 - Why do you use Centerville Parks?



For Community Park, running and walking are the top reasons, followed by sport facilities. Island View's highest reasons are sports fields followed by walking, relaxation and atmosphere. Porter Walton's was a toss-up between picnic facilities and the playground. Freedom Hills are running, walking, relaxation and atmosphere, then picnic facilities. For Smoot, Relaxation and atmosphere, followed closely by playgrounds. Smith park's highest reasons are picnic facilities followed by playgrounds.

Table 22 - Why do you use Centerville Parks Totals



If the reasons are looked at altogether, walking is the highest reason given overall, followed by close to home. Even though this didn't show up in any one park's highest reason, it was second overall.

# Survey Results

## Travel

Overall, walking is the preferred way to get to the parks, twice as many respondents walk to parks as drive.

Quite a few people also bike, but only about a third as respondents that walk.

Table 23 - Travel

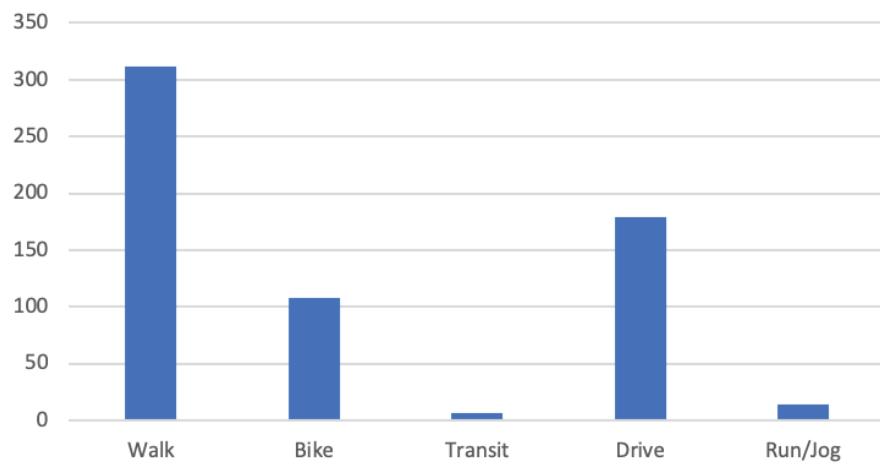
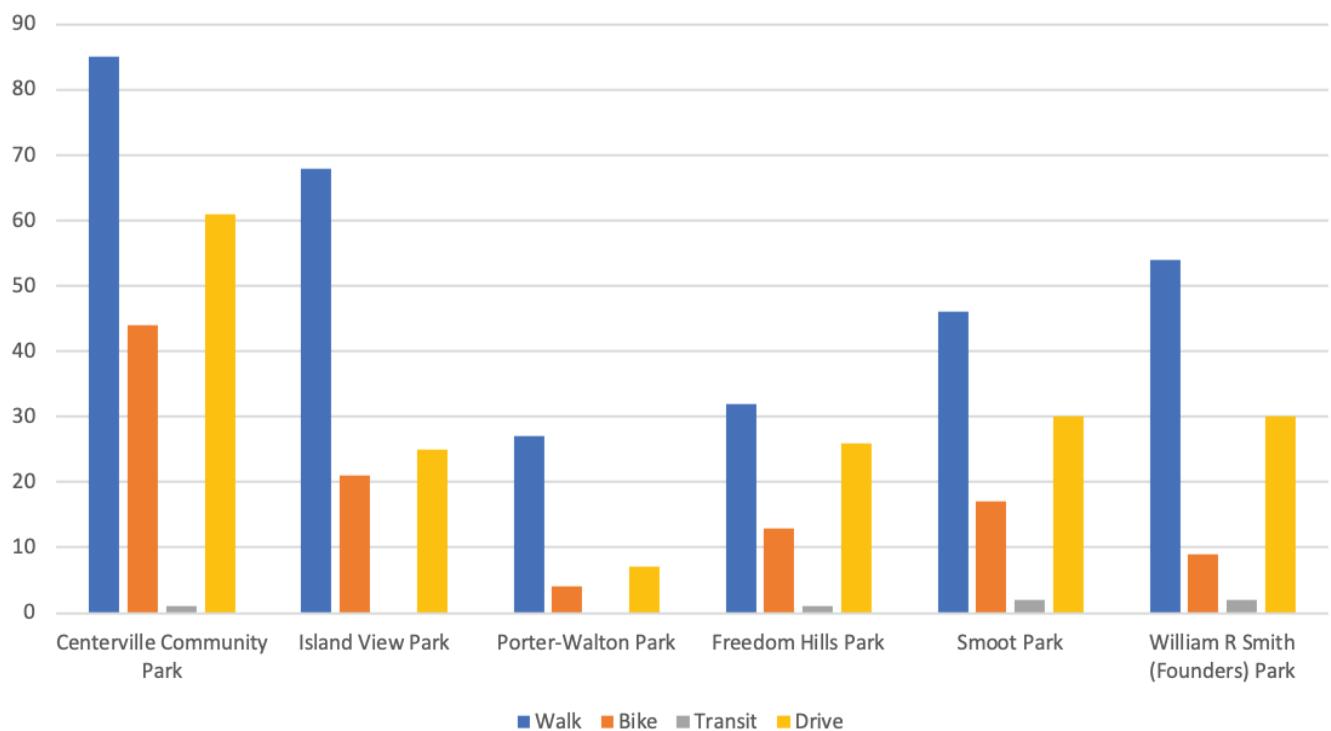


Table 24 - When Visiting Centerville Parks, how do you Travel There?



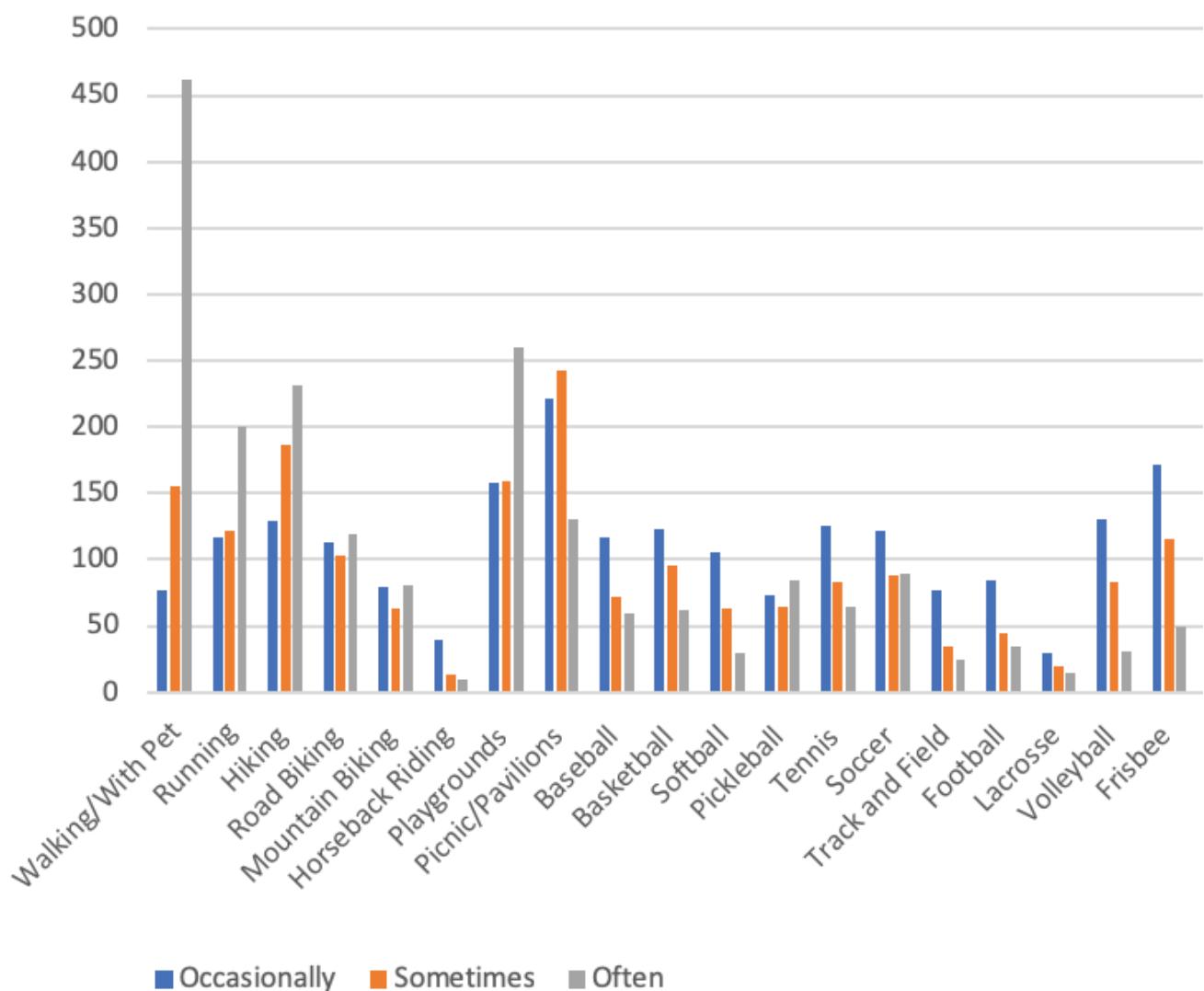
# Survey Results

## Activities

There is a wide variety of activities that respondents participate in. The top three, are walking or walking a pet, playgrounds, then hiking.

This analysis helps illuminate what amenities are important to residents. It illuminates what they currently participate in, whether or not this activity is available in Centerville.

Table 25 - What Activities do you or your Family Participate in?

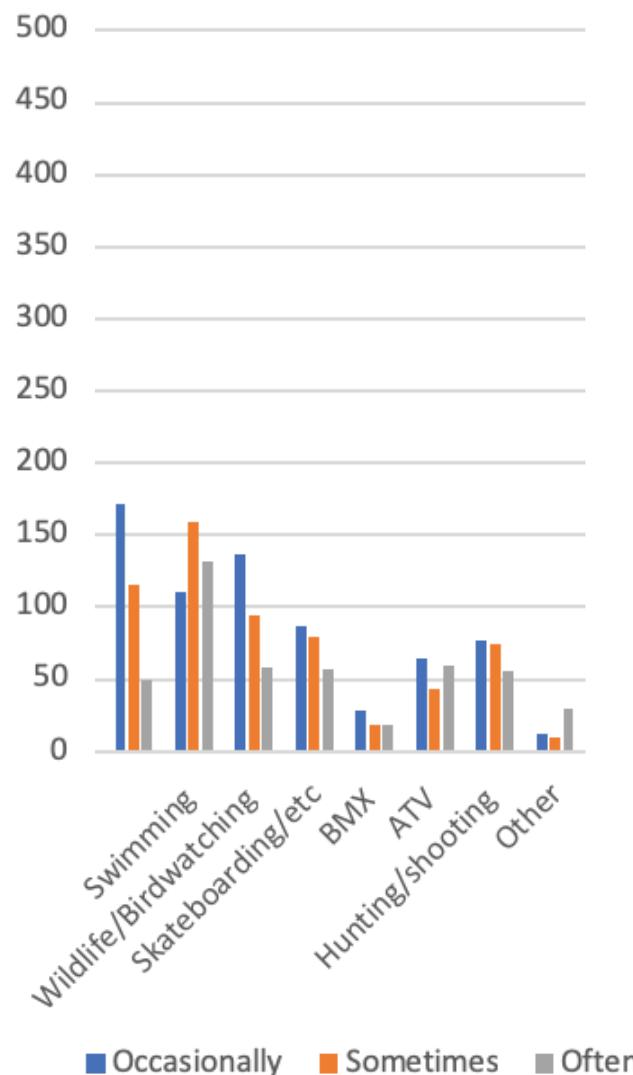


# Survey Results

## Activities

The 2008 Centerville survey had a similar question. Walking and running were the highest rated, followed by playgrounds. These results are very similar to earlier results. Biking was rated quite low in the 2008 survey but was much higher in these results. A water play area has also risen in popularity as more and more residents are interested in seeing one in Centerville.

Table 25 - (Continued)



# Survey Results

## Activity Needs

A question regarding participatory activities was asked to see what residents were interested in. Respondents are highly interested in more activities for children; the highest pick. People are also interested in outdoor markets, with sporting events and educational opportunities coming in close at third. The 'other' chart shows what residents wrote in as important.

Table 26 What does Centerville need More of?

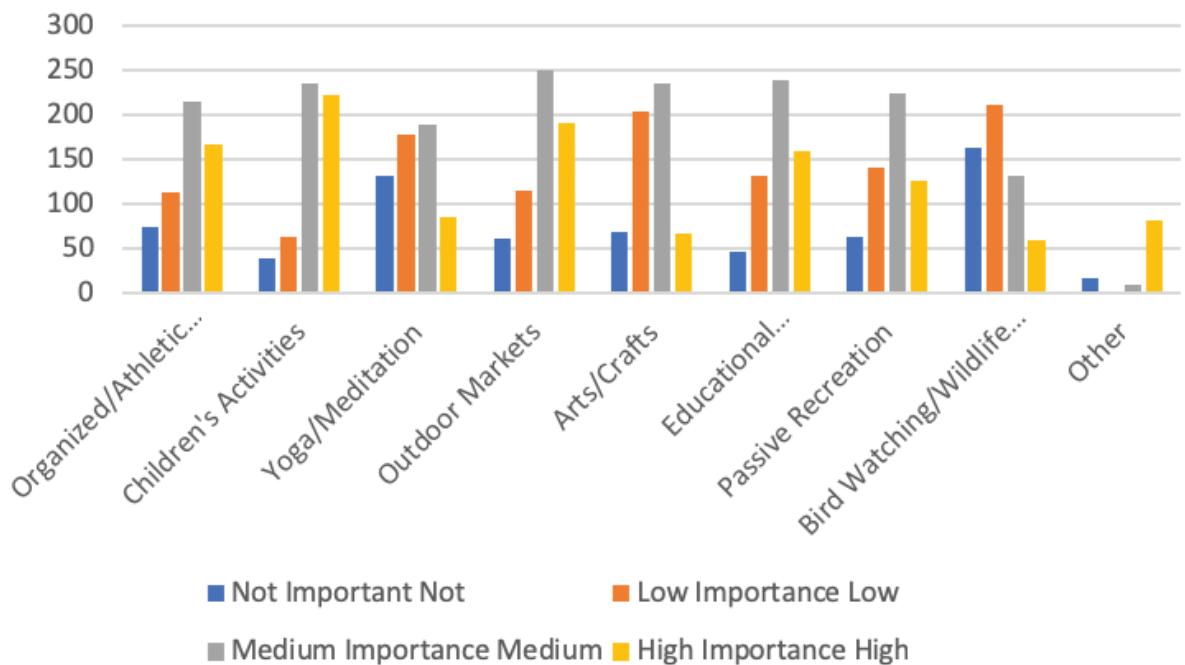
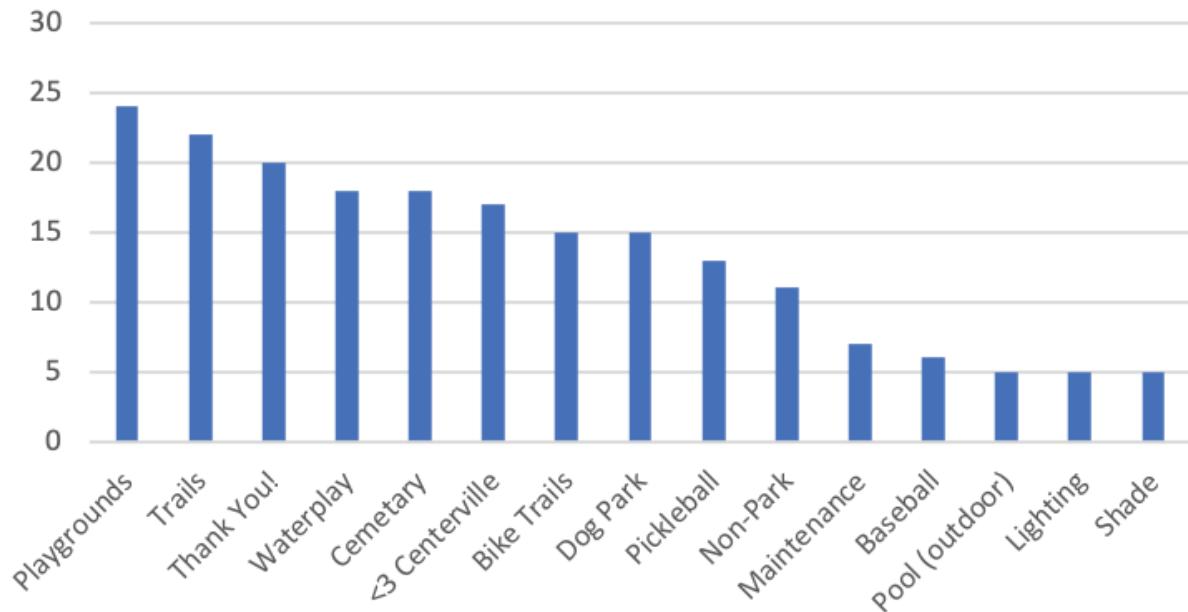


Table 27 - Other Needs

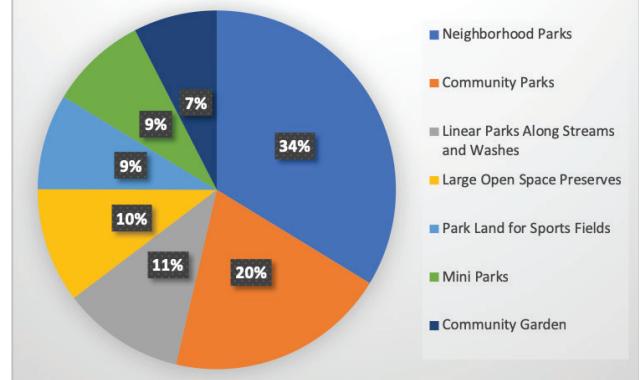


# Survey Results

## Park Land

The results for the question of what park land is most valuable to residents was answered mostly as expected, with neighborhood parks most important. One result that was unexpected was 'Linear Parks Along Streams and Washes'. This is a type of park that the parks department can pursue knowing it is important to residents, along with 'Large Open Space Preserves'. Centerville has some unique land and opportunities to fulfill this desire. The Parrish Creek Parkway would meet these criteria and be a good addition to the Bamberger and Frontage Parkway.

**Table 28 What type of park land do you value most for Centerville?**



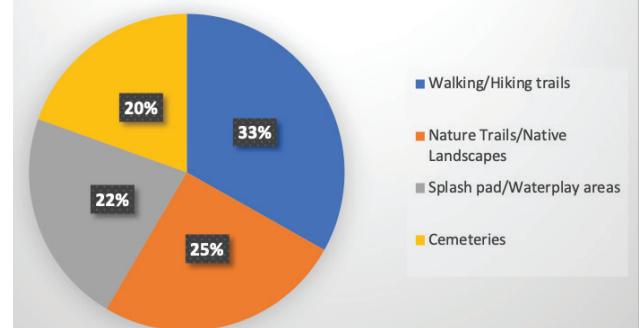
## Additional Facilities

Respondents picked high priority items, then chose their three most important items. This gives us a clear idea of what is most important to them.

If the top three answers are aggregated, they show the highest priority by far is walking and hiking trails. This is in line with the previous responses regarding park use. Second are nature trails and native landscapes, closely related to the first.

Waterplay comes next, with a few respondents mentioning Ricks Creek at Smoot Park. This is followed closely by cemetery land. These answers are far above the others in importance and illustrate what Centerville can focus on.

**Table 29 Total Highest Priority**



**Chart 30 - First Priority**

Parks	Responses
Cemeteries	75
Walking/Hiking trails	73
Splash pad/Waterplay areas	64
Nature Trails/Native Landscape	62

If the first priority is looked at, cemeteries just come in first, followed by walking/hiking trails, nature trails and landscapes, splash pad or waterplay, pickleball courts and a dog park or area.

# Survey Results

## Park specific improvements

Chart 31 - Highest Priority

	Community Park	Island View Park	Porter-Walton Park	Freedom Hills Park	Smoot Park	Smith Park
Improved Playground Equipment	160	145	55	37	76	53
Improved Sports Field/Courts	49	67	10	23	25	9
Maintenance/Cleanliness	72	80	36	36	51	40
Additional Trees/Vegetation	87	34	63	59	31	24
Enhanced Lighting/Safety	70	81	26	35	39	28
Additional Picnic facilities/ Pavilion	51	53	18	25	29	23
Better ADA/Access	23	32	12	14	20	17
Additional Restrooms	48	58	13	18	23	24
Additional Parking	51	38	13	12	35	38
Additional Trails	25	39	18	31	31	22
Additional Shade	103	33	59	64	28	19
No Improvements needed	37	29	29	27	33	31
Other _____	25	16	9	10	12	9

These are the items that should receive the most immediate focus.

- Community Park received the most attention, with the playground being voted the highest need of improvement. Additional shade at the community park is also high priority.
- Island View's playground equipment is second highest priority, but it already has a revision in the works.
- Porter-Walton's highest need is additional trees and vegetation, followed closely by more shade – which would come as a result. Playground equipment follows shortly.
- Freedom Hills top answers are also closely related, additional shade and more trees and vegetation.
- Smoot and Smith Park both have playgrounds as their top priority.

Chart 32 - Medium Priority

	Community Park	Island View Park	Porter-Walton Park	Freedom Hills Park	Smoot Park	Smith Park
Improved Playground Equipment	35	16	31	33	46	38
Improved Sports Field/Courts	32	24	20	20	34	14
Maintenance/Cleanliness	33	23	27	23	22	21
Additional Trees/Vegetation	26	31	24	26	29	22
Enhanced Lighting/Safety	32	24	24	22	25	24
Additional Picnic facilities/ Pavilion	34	23	22	29	24	28
Better ADA/Access	27	28	25	18	18	18
Additional Restrooms	33	22	28	25	23	23
Additional Parking	28	29	21	17	24	21
Additional Trails	28	21	25	19	18	19
Additional Shade	20	27	21	20	25	21
No Improvements needed	5	7	6	4	6	5
Other _____	0	2	0	1	1	0

Playgrounds come in first at medium priority in all parks, with the exception of Island View which respondents feel could use additional trees and vegetation.

# Survey Results

## Park specific improvements

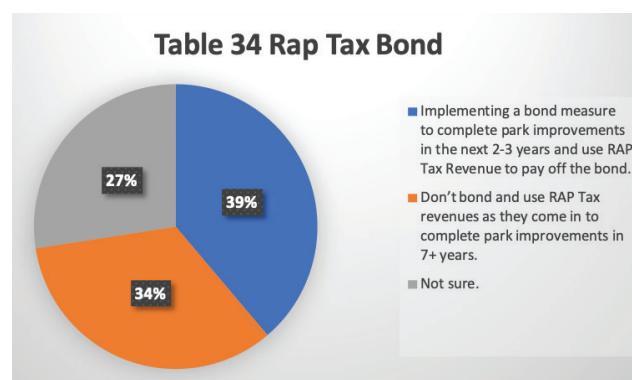
Chart 33 - Not a Priority

	Community Park	Island View Park	Porter-Walton Park	Freedom Hills Park	Smoot Park	Smith Park	Other
Improved Playground Equipment	28	28	41	44	34	38	
Improved Sports Field/Courts	75	43	64	59	58	78	
Maintenance/Cleanliness	42	24	40	41	40	46	
Additional Trees/Vegetation	48	57	32	32	65	57	
Enhanced Lighting/Safety	41	25	47	35	40	46	
Additional Picnic facilities/ Pavilion	64	49	58	54	56	58	
Better ADA/Access	74	52	60	63	67	67	
Additional Restrooms	51	42	58	56	59	58	
Additional Parking	71	50	63	66	53	52	
Additional Trails	75	47	53	50	53	61	
Additional Shade	50	46	36	33	54	61	
No Improvements needed	23	25	20	20	22	25	
Other	2	3	3	4	3	4	

Sports fields and ADA access were the highest ranked in this category, meaning that these issues are not important to most respondents. This does not mean that these items are not important, only that residents don't have issues with the current status.

## RAP Tax

The parks department and city council were interested to see respondents' views on bonding to implement improvements. The majority of respondents were in favor of bonding, but not by a large margin.

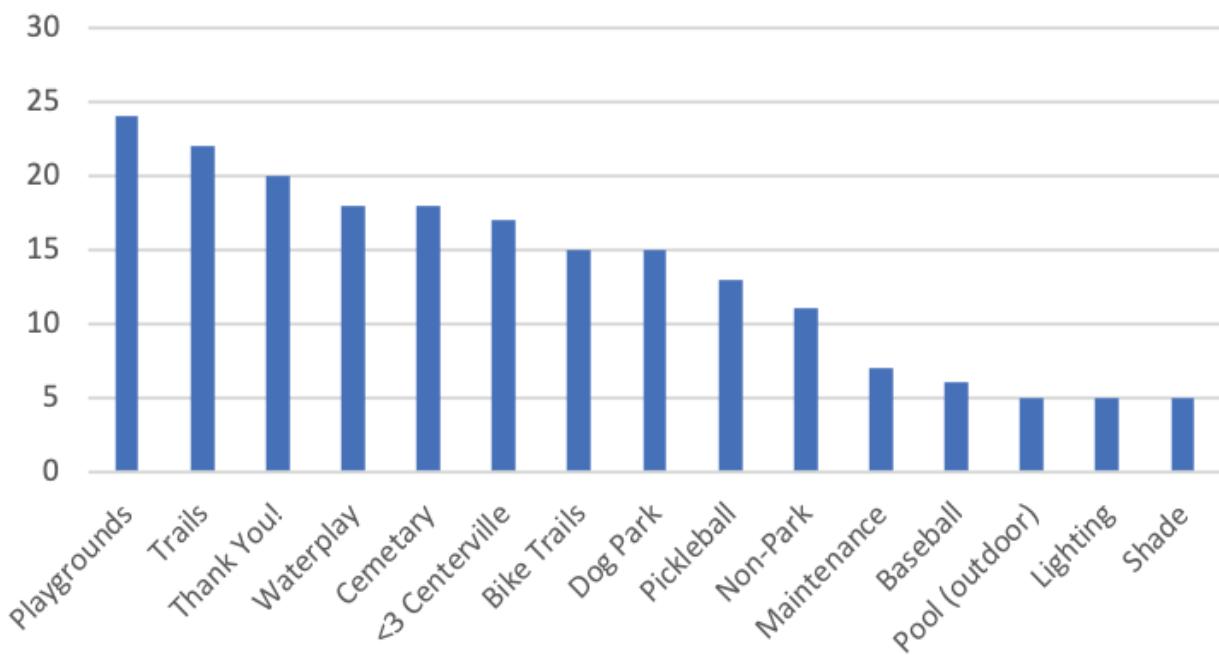


# Survey Results

## Respondent Comments

Respondents had an opportunity to comment at the end of the survey. Some of the comments are repetitions from early responses but it is worth noting what people took the time to say or reiterate. Only subjects that include more mentions will be looked at here, starting with the highest and ending at the least amount of comments. The parks mentioned the most in comments were Centerville Community Park and Island View Park, although five of the comments about Island View were suggesting using all or part of the park as an expansion for the cemetery.

Table 35 - Aggregated Comments



Playgrounds were mentioned in 24 comments, with many respondents noting the playgrounds at Centerville Community Park and Island View Park as most needing updated equipment. Island View Park is already slated for renovation, but with all the traffic at Centerville Community Park, this may be worth considering for future updates. Shade was mentioned a few times as lacking at the parks in Centerville, with suggestions for some kind of canopy to allow use in the heat of the summer.

Hiking and walking trails were mentioned in 24 comments, with many people hoping to keep expanding the network of trails in the foothills and in the city.

20 comments were people wanting to say thank you, for the opportunity to be heard and for the efforts toward park improvements. Almost as many people expressed their love for Centerville and their community.

# Survey Results

## Respondent Comments

Respondents had an opportunity to comment at the end of the survey to reiterate their preferences, or to mention something they felt was not addressed in the survey. The following 5 subjects were the most often expressed in the comments, and only varied by a few responses. They are listed in order from the most amount of comments to the least:

1. Splash pads, or waterplay areas, were a large focus with the majority of comments. A few people noted the opportunity for a natural water feature at Smoot Park.
2. Cemetery Space - The need for more cemetery space also had many mentions, with pleas to expand the cemetery to give more people the opportunity to have plots in Centerville.
3. Bike Trails, including mountain bike and dedicated trails were high in importance mentioned. A few people cited preferences for dedicated trails instead of bike lanes. These preferences ranged from trails in the foothills to trails in the city.
4. Dog Parks, just as many comments mentioned dog parks. Many respondents would like to see a dedicated off leash dog park, or a fenced off portion of an existing park. There were a few that suggested just implementing on leash and off leash days at existing parks or expanding dog friendly spaces. There were a few respondents with concerns about people not following the leash rules at existing parks. Perhaps implementation of a park or space to let dogs off leash would help by giving a space for owners to give their dogs time to run.
5. Pickleball Courts were only slightly lower, with respondents hoping to see some courts constructed at one or more parks.

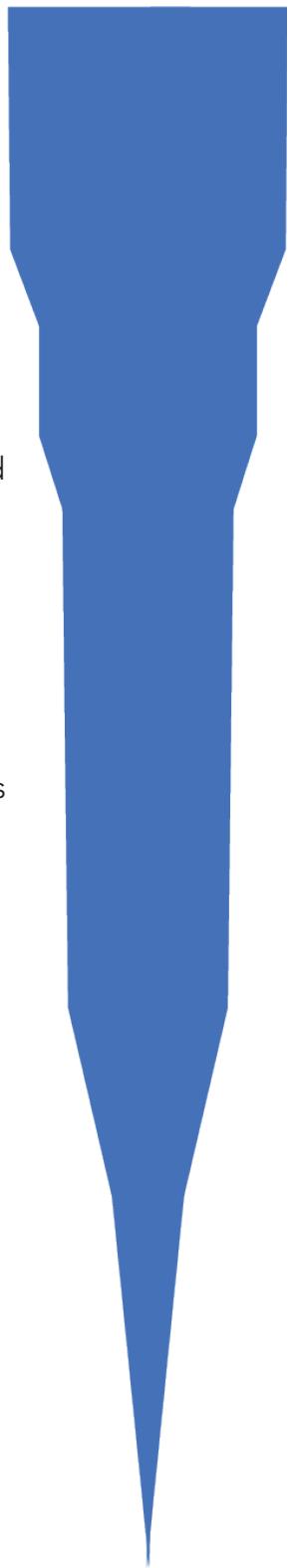
These other subjects had only a few mentions and are listed in order from most to least mentioned:

- Park Maintenance
- Baseball or Batting Cages
- Outdoor Pool for Centerville
- Need for more Lighting
- More Shade
- More Open Space
- Wooded areas, or Parks Along Streams
- Additional Restrooms or Year-Round Use
- The lamentation of the name change of Founders Park

There were also a few other non-park suggestions.

Most Comments

Least



# Recommendations

## Introduction

Recommendations stem from inventory and analysis observations, from interviews with the parks department, chair, and parks director, as well as respondent feedback from the survey. These recommendations include important elements for consideration and should be reviewed at regular intervals to update with changing trends and needs.



Figure 91 - Centerville Parks Department Meeting

# Action Plan Recommendations

## Long Term, 10-20 years

Broader goals and plans that align with Centerville's values. It is expected that plan will need to be created, or refined, adjustments will be needed as updates are made to the master plan.

Table 38 - Long Term Action Plan

Area	Action
Agricultural lands	Passive boardwalk or nature trails west of I-15 in the in the wetlands and agriculture zoned areas
	Additional parks in place of above-mentioned boardwalk
Brownfield site	Explore brownfield site at southwest edge of town as future park
Centerville Community Park	Off leash dog area at Centerville Community Park, and/or at neighborhood parks
Parkways	Emphasize existing and expand trail connections to parks and existing trails, i.e. Bamberger Parkway, Frontage Road Parkway, etc.
All Parks	Consider additional mid-block access points to City parks (see Freedom Hills as example)
William R Smith Park	Acquisition of residential lots for Smith Park expansion (see Smith Park recommendations)

## Short Term, 5 years

Programs, policies and developments that could be implemented soon. These may be lower priority, require additional funding, or are waiting on other projects before action can be taken.

Table 39 - Short Term Action Plan

Area	Action
Centerville Community	Pickleball Courts
	Main Playground Update
Island View Park	Island View Renovation phase 2 (see master plan for details)
Smoot Park	Pickleball Courts
	Waterplay area utilizing Ricks Creek
Freedom Hills Park	Look for pumptrack area
Porter-Walton Park	Pavilion at southeast area of park
	Implementation of reading area from original plan
William R Smith Park	Implement plaza and landscaping behind museum
	Pickleball courts
Commons Pocket Park	Fencing, signage, benches and gates to turn pocket park into dog park
Cemetery	Purchase land identified for cemetery expansion
Other	Parrish Creek Parkway Park implementation

# Action Plan Recommendations

## Immediate, 1-2 years

Programs, policies and developments that could be implemented soon. These may be lower priority, require additional funding, or are waiting on other projects before action can be taken.

Table 40 - Immediate Action Plan

Area	Action
Centerville Community Park	Expansion completion, including open field for soccer and lacrosse, and walking paths
	Futsal park
	Pavilion by futsal court
	Small west playground and restrooms
Island View Park	Island View renovation, phase 1 (see master plan for details)
	Recommended to include entire playground in phase 1 if financially feasible
Smoot Park	Swing and volleyball border repair
Freedom Hills Park	Pickleball courts
Porter-Walton Park	Swings east of playground
William R Smith Park	Appropriation of land for park expansion
Commons Pocket Park	Finalize plans for pocket park, either creation of a dog park, addition of playground, or re-acquisition by Centerville Commons
Cemetery	Identify land for cemetery expansion

## Recommended Updates

This Parks Master Plan should be updated regularly, ideally every 5 years. Updates should include evaluations and refinement based on the vision of Centerville City.

# Future Growth

Current zoning map of Centerville shows mostly low-density residential development.

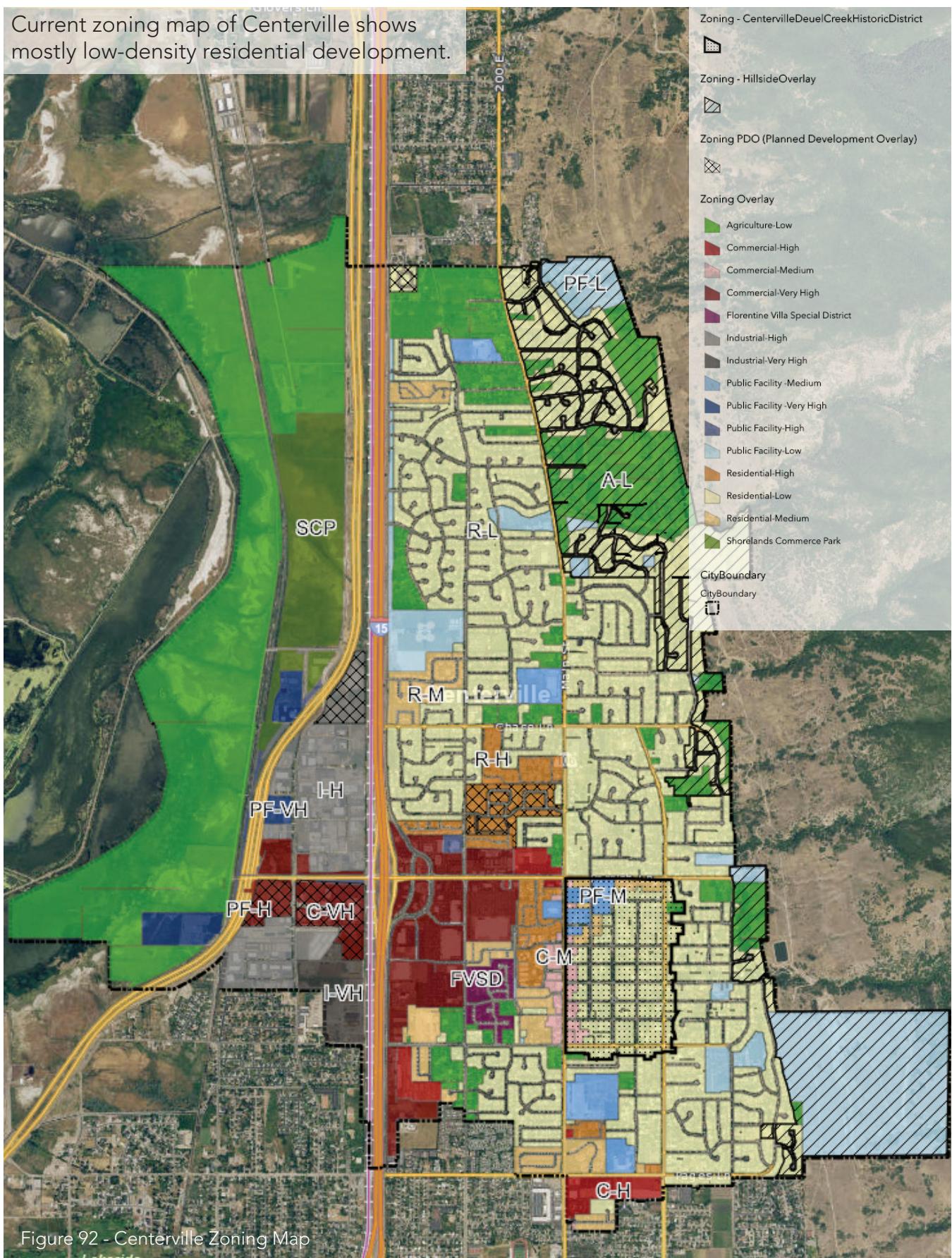
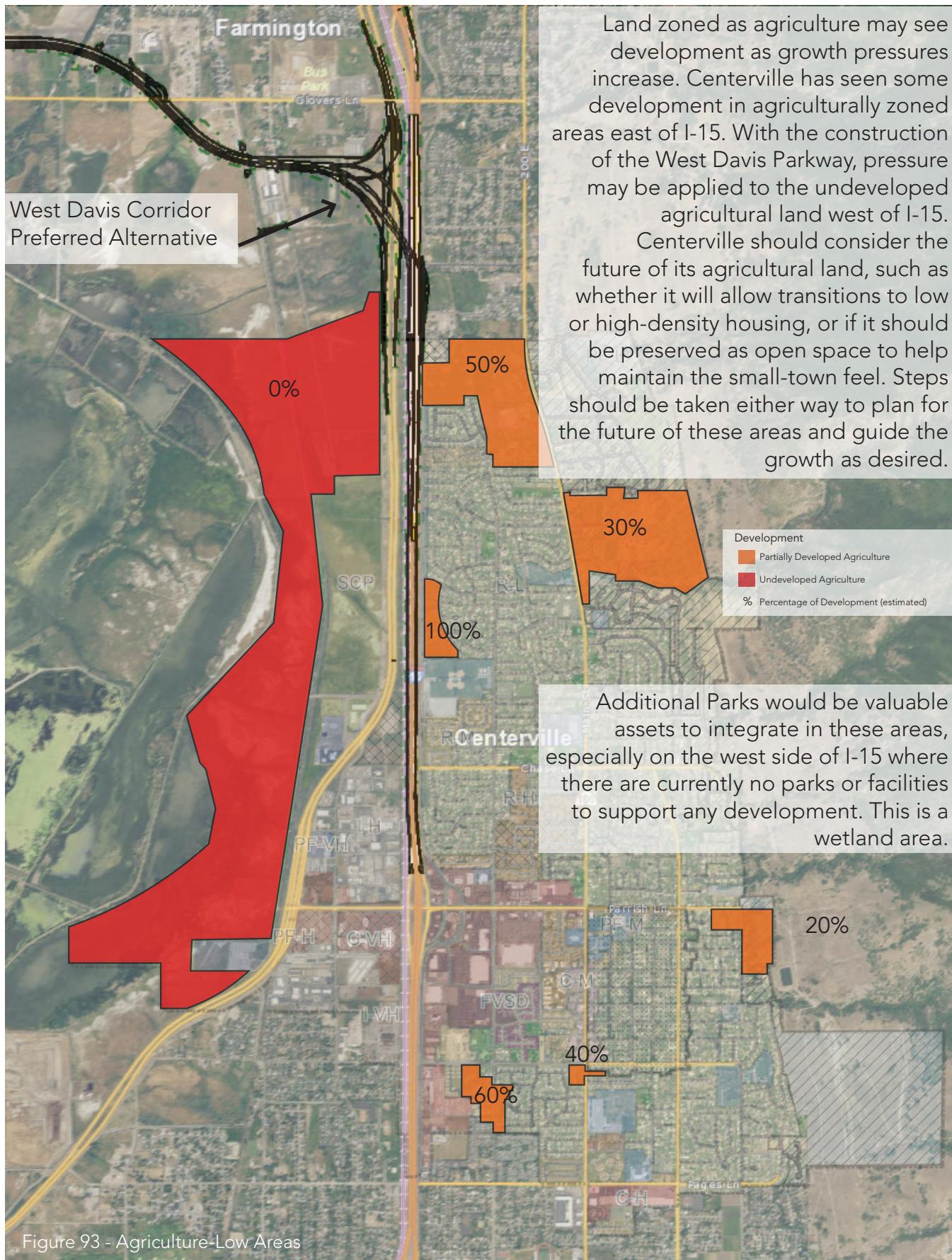
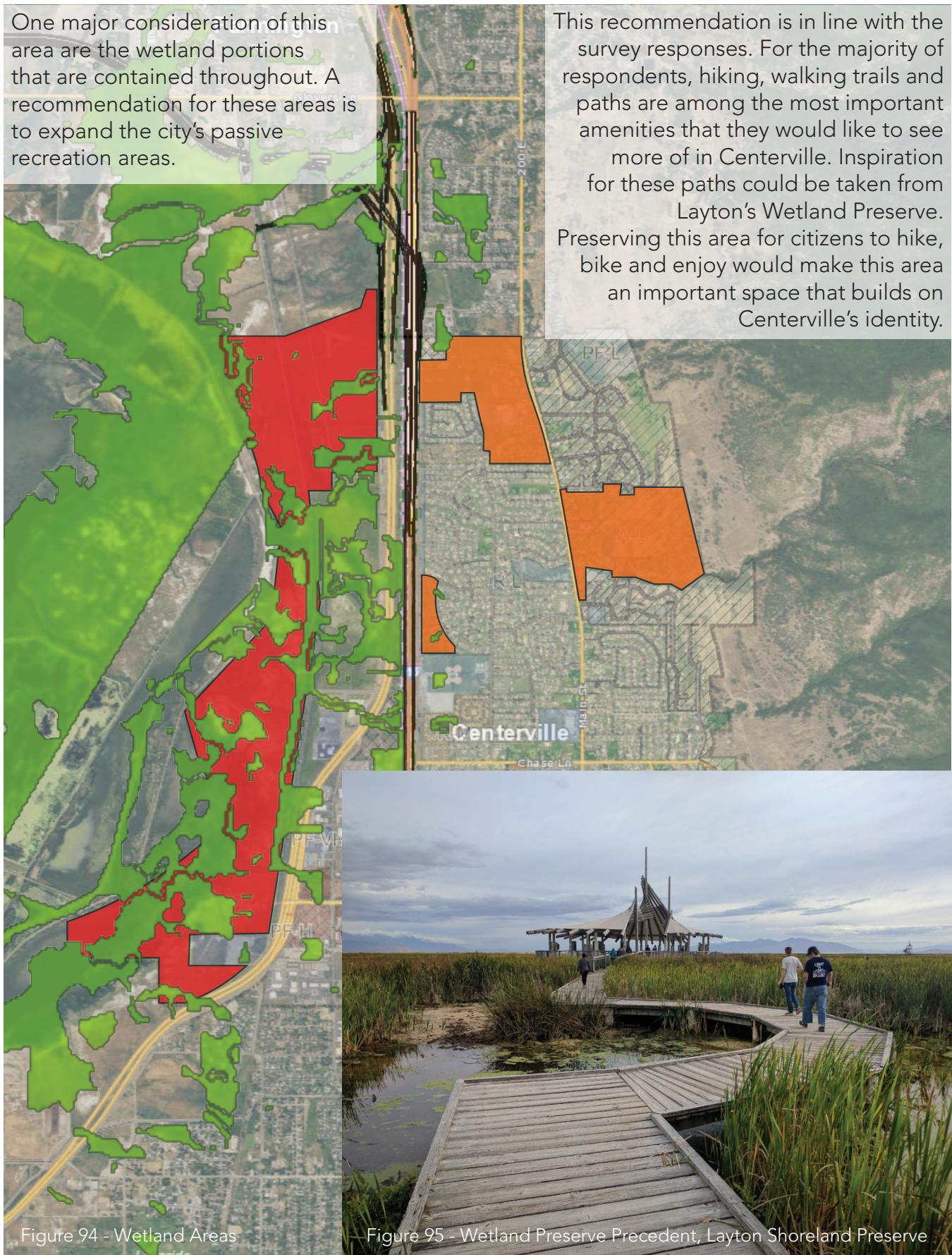


Figure 92 - Centerville Zoning Map

# Future Growth



# Growth Recommendations



# Growth Recommendations

## Filling the Gaps

Centerville may erroneously seem completely built out. However, vacant areas and undeveloped parcels provide opportunities for future development—and future park, green space, and trail development as well. Conditions should be placed on new development in order to strengthen parks.

Recommendations for conditions include:

- Pedestrian connections in between lots (see Freedom Hills Recommendations page 66).
- Connections to other parks and schools
- Current recreation amenities
- Space for recreation programming
- Connections to the Bonneville Shoreline Trail, or other urban or parkway trails

The map to the right has some examples of locations that could be looked at for future parks. These areas are explored below:

1. This is an example of a location that would work for a large open space park or preserve. It is adjacent to Farmington Bay, and currently undeveloped. It may also work as a location for a neighborhood park, if development is allowed to occur following the construction of the West Davis Parkway.
2. Area 2 would fill the gap at the north end of Centerville. There is a school just southeast of this area that could connect, and a connection could also be made with the Frontage Parkway that runs to Centerville Community Park.
3. There are quite a few undeveloped lots in this area that would be great locations for a park. They could strengthen the connection with the Bonneville Shoreline Trail, and could provide connections to Freedom Hills Park, and Smoot Park via the Ford Canyon Trail.
4. This is another area that would work well for a large open space preserve, with a great connection to Farmington Bay. A large portion of this area is wetland and should be considered for ecological preservation. Acquisition of land may be a lengthy process, but with a vision and a plan, funding and opportunity can be found to make this a reality.
5. This area is close to the Rockwood Trail Head, and would fill a need for residents who want access to park space. Parks near trails heads are valuable because they provide for a wider user base, and promote use of both trails and parks by proximity.
6. A park in the commercial district would not only fill a gap in park coverage, it would provide space for shoppers to relax, and for professionals to take their lunches. Greenspace in urban environments is shown to help people relax, and promotes health and wellbeing (Bertram 2015). These spaces are most valuable in close proximity to users so they are easily accessed. Even a small park space would be a valuable asset to the commercial district.

## Growth Recommendations

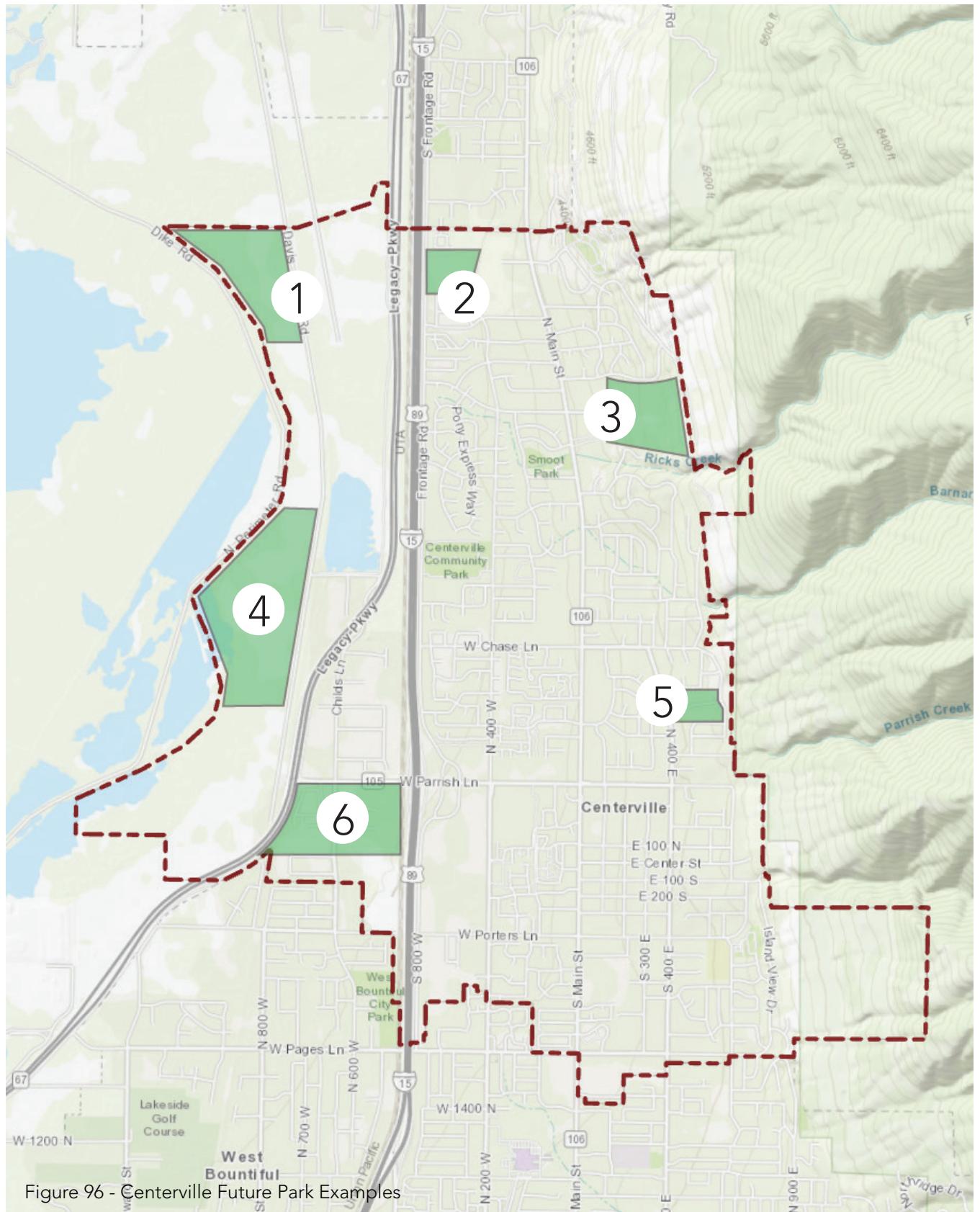


Figure 96 - Centerville Future Park Examples

# Parrish Creek Park

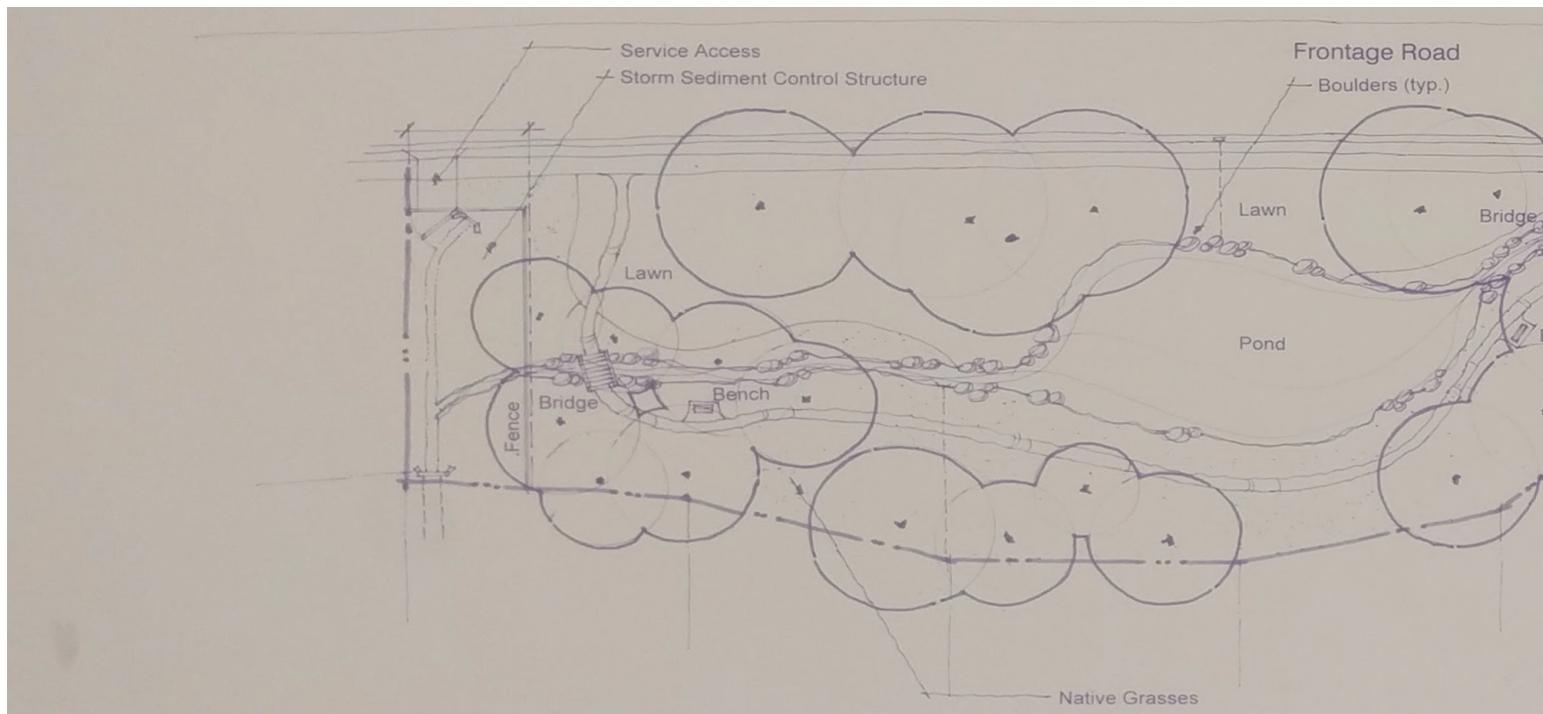
## Park along stream

Centerville City acquired a lot at the corner of Chase Lane and Frontage rd. in 2005, and a conceptual plan was drawn up for a linear park along Parrish Creek (see below).

Linear parks along streams and washes are third highest on the list of the type of park land that residents value most. Many respondents said they would like to see more parks like this in Centerville.

In light of this feedback, priority should be given to implementing this plan. This also gives use to space that is currently sitting vacant and underutilized. It extends the existing Frontage Road Parkway, and gives users more green space along The Frontage Road. This provides a barrier to traffic noise, fast moving cars while encouraging walkability.

Linear parks are also a valuable way to use and protect spaces that run along waterways.



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Conceptual Plan

**Parrish Creek Parkway**

Centerville City Parks and Recreation

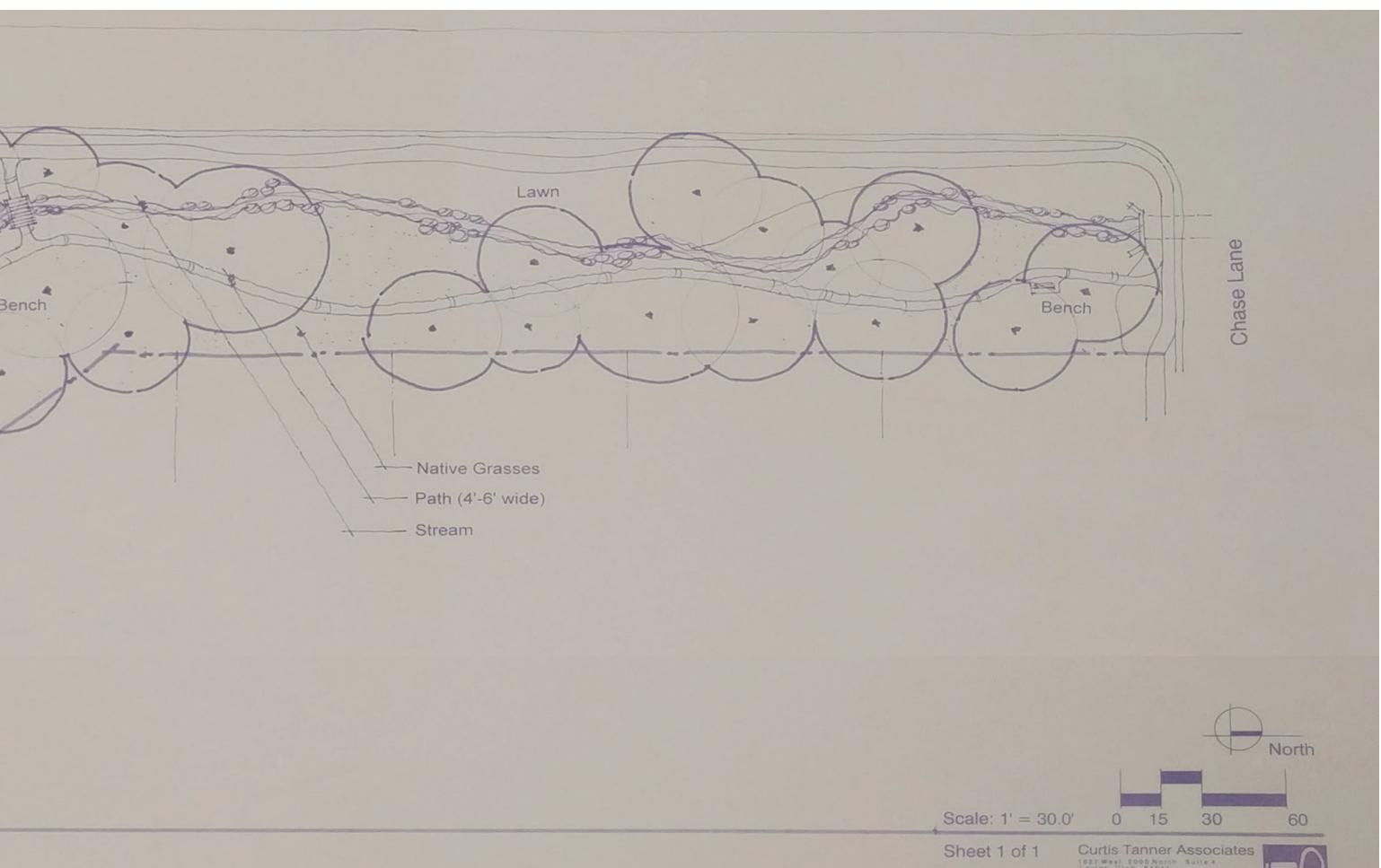
Figure 97 - Parrish Creek Parkway Conceptual Plan

# Parrish Creek Park

## Park along stream



Figure 98 - Creek Parkway Example, Logan, Utah



# Recommendations

## Centerville Community Park

The plan for Centerville Community Park has been followed fairly well. There have been updates and changes as the years progressed that follow the needs and changing climate of users. Pickleball is one sport that has had growing interest recently, with more young people engaging in the sport, and the need for courts is growing. Dog friendly options are also in high demand and growing.



Figure 99 - Centerville Community Park Master Development Plan

1. The baseball field at the southwest expansion will instead be an open field for soccer and lacrosse.
2. The north retention pond has been graded up and will contain a futsal court.
3. A small pavilion is planned near the futsal court with picnic tables.
4. Gym stations around the walking trail have been considered, but there is not sufficient resident interest to make this a priority.
5. The south natural wetland area remains, but additional uses are being considered, such as an off-leash dog area. It would have to be fenced, and the Core of Engineers will need to sign off on this idea before moving forward.
6. Tennis courts at the northeast corner of the park will be replaced by pickleball courts instead. There are already new tennis courts down the street at Smoot Park, and more interest in pickleball than tennis in the current climate.

# Recommendations

## Centerville Community Park



7. There is existing lighting infrastructure and may be space for pickleball courts just east of the west parking lot.
8. There was a lot of interest in updating existing playground equipment. This needs to be a priority.
9. There are plans for a smaller playground for younger children and a restroom near the new pavilion at the southwest area of the park.

### Legend

- Wetland Area
- Play Fields
- Playgrounds
- Pickleball Courts
- Pavilions

# Recommendations

## Island View Park

This concept master plan was created in 2017 by MGB+A and will be implemented once funding is acquired. There will be two phases and will provide much needed updates to Island View Park. It addresses accessibility and safety and makes the park more navigable for strollers and those with ADA needs. It retains the terraced design and elements that residents love about Island View, while improving it and making it a park that will draw new users.



Figure 101 - Island View Master Plan



Figure 102 - Island View Phasing Plan

1. Playground - This is a much-needed update, as the existing playground is very dated and in places, hazardous. The new playground will be a multi-tiered playground. The top of the playground is slated to be updated in phase 2, but it may be worth doing the whole playground in phase 1 so that it has continuity and replaces the old equipment.
2. The addition, amenities like the relocated pavilion will be great for this space which is currently underutilized.
3. Deliberate paths along the hill will replace ad-hoc paths and make this more accessible and user friendly.
4. Removing extra parking and giving the hill a more gradual slope allows for a more accessible path, increases safety, and gives more green space. On street parking in addition to the other lots will still provide plenty of parking.
5. The addition of pickleball lines on these tennis courts will give a wider range of users and is recommended.

### PLAN ELEMENTS

- (A) PAVILION RESTROOM
- (B) PAVILION
- (C) RELOCATED PAVILION
- (D) EXISTING RESTROOM
- (E) BASKETBALL (84' x 50')
- (F) TENNIS COURTS
- (G) OPEN LAWN
- (H) 3 TIERED PLAY FEATURE WITH IN-GRADE SLIDES
- (I) OPEN LAWN. UPPER LEVEL FACILITATES SOCCER PLAY UP 220'X125'
- (J) PARKING LOT 20-24 STALLS
- (K) 6' WALKING PATH
- (L) 3' SOFT TRAIL

# Recommendations

## Island View Park



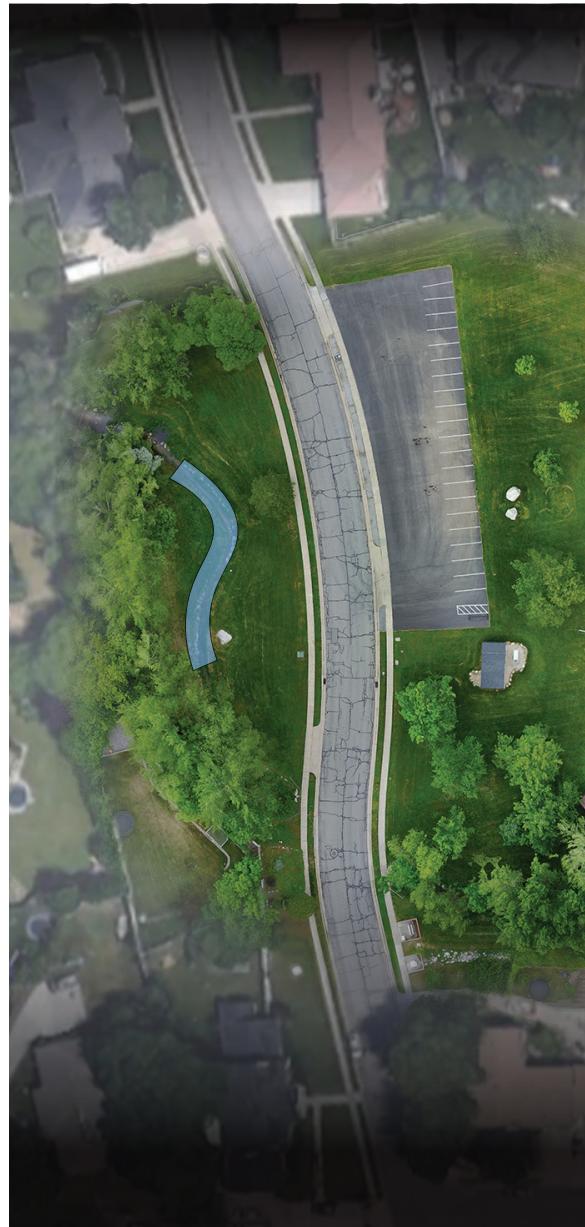
# Recommendations

## Smoot Park

Smoot Park is an established park with great shade that needs only a little attention. It is loved by residents and has a lot of access points. The playground here is fairly new and is well shaded by the adjacent trees. The potential for Smoot Park lies in the creek that runs through it. Coming from Rick's Canyon, Rick's Creek winds its way through the length of the park, providing ambiance through sound, aesthetics, play opportunity, and the life of a waterway. The steep banks and seasonal swift running and high-water cause safety concerns. A water play area could be developed providing a relatively low maintenance natural water feature that would be one of the highlights of Centerville.



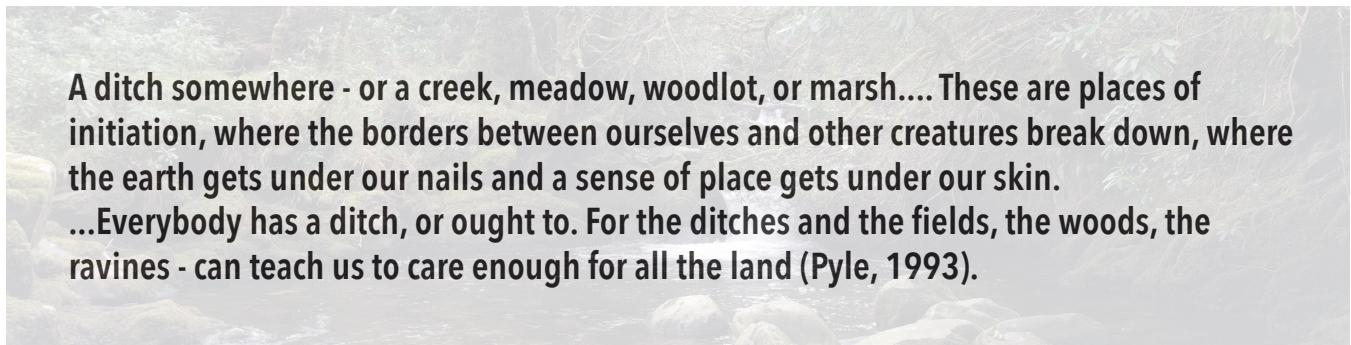
Figure 104 - Waterplay



1. Water play area option A - Ricks Creek that runs through Smoot Park provides the perfect opportunity for a natural water play area. It is already used by many, and some small changes could give it a wider range of users and provide a safer environment. This area is close to the playground. The banks are fairly steep in this location. With these considerations, it makes sense to use this location for the water play area.
2. Water play area option B - This area is already very shallow and could be retained as a natural play area. It could also be a second option for an official water play area if funds are more limited.
3. The addition of a pickleball layout to the tennis courts would be an easy update and welcome for residents who have to travel to adjacent communities to access courts.
4. The border of the swing and volleyball areas are in disrepair and need to be updated or repaired. This is a low cost-fix and could be done easily.

# Recommendations

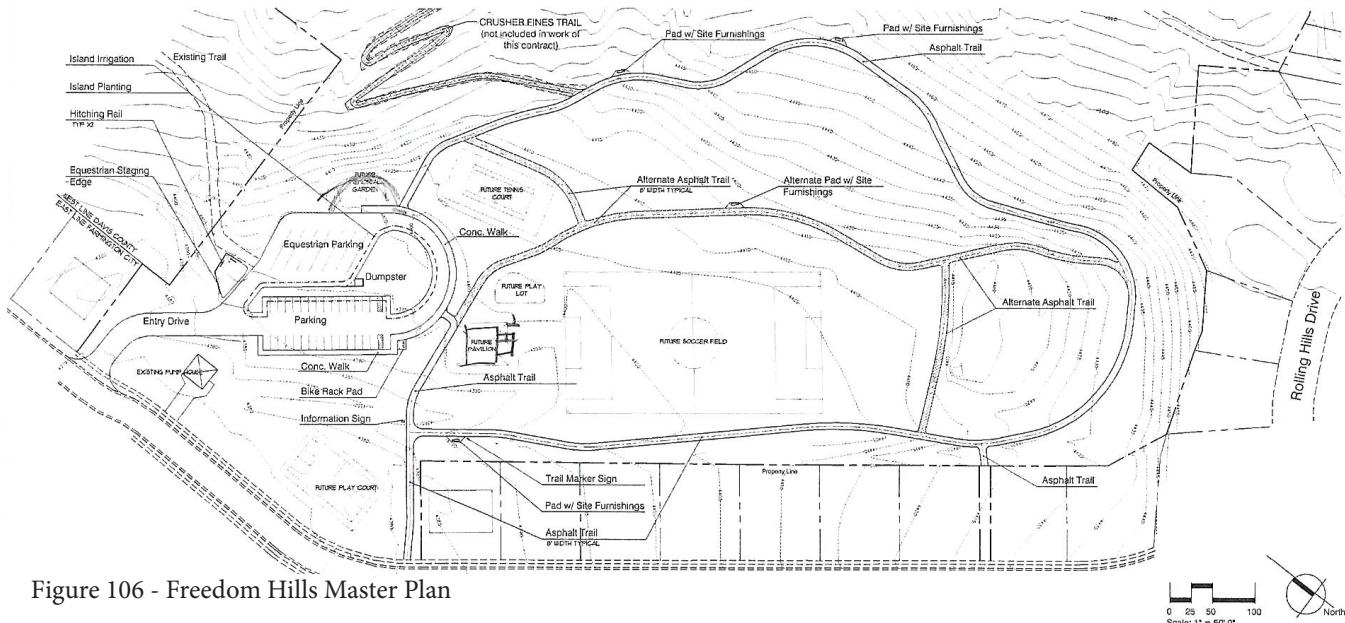
## Smoot Park



## Recommendations

# Freedom Hills Park

Curtis Tanner Associates prepared the plan for Freedom Hills Park over 10 years ago. The plan has been followed faithfully, with the addition of disc golf - an adjustment that has been very popular. There are a few sport related fields on the Master Plan that have not been implemented. The trailheads to hike in the foothills are also popular, and there are some great views over the valley from the park, especially as you hike up onto the hills.



1. Future tennis courts have not been implemented yet. Interest leaned far heavier toward pickleball in the survey results, so adjusting this court to be a pickleball court instead makes sense. Pickleball courts could be installed in area 2 as well.
2. This space is the most visible area of the park, with a natural swale in the background. Consideration should be taken with what users first impressions should be when first viewing the park. With the historical theme of the park, leaving this space as more of a passive area may make more sense.
3. This access point is a great feature of the park and should be a model for other parks in Centerville.
4. One feature residents would like to see is a pump track for cycling. Perhaps there is room to include a pump track on this site.
5. Additional vegetation was another need mentioned from the survey. However, being a fairly new park, many trees are still young and vegetation cover will increase.



# Recommendations

## Freedom Hills Park



# Recommendations

## Porter-Walton Park

Porter-Walton's Master Plan was done by Curtis Tanner Associates and has been followed pretty faithfully. The outdoor reading area (see below) has not been implemented, as well as some of the pavilions on the east side, the bosque of trees, and the perennial planter south of the pavilion. This should be evaluated to see if implementation of these features is in line with resident desires.



Figure 109 - Porter-Walton Master Plan

1. Swings are planned to expand the playground just east of the existing equipment.
2. Implementing the pavilion on the east side would give a focal point and an anchor at the east side of the park, and also allow a base for activities on the open lawn area.
3. An outdoor gym was considered here, but a lack of interest from residents and funding has halted the idea.
4. Implementation of the original reading area would tie this to the adjacent library and be a great addition to the park.
5. Emphasis on trail connections would be valuable.

# Recommendations

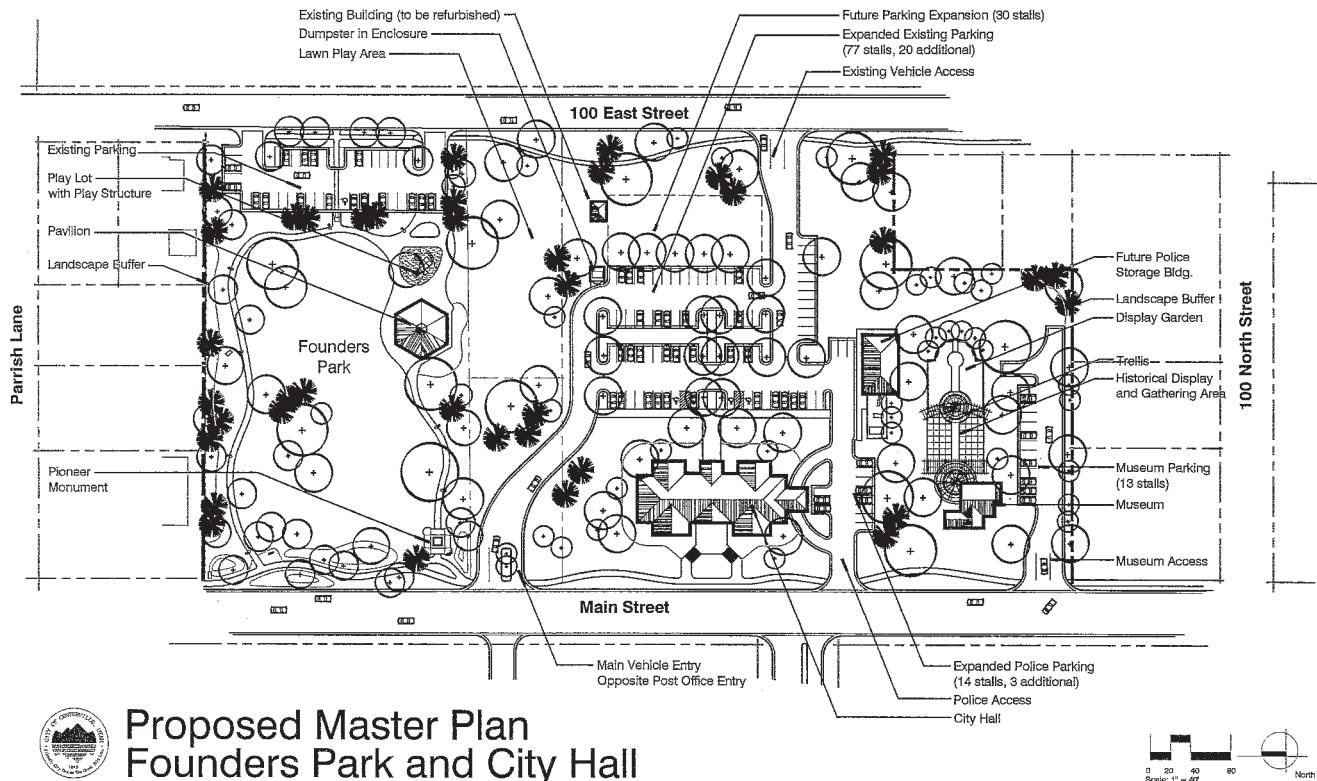
## Porter-Walton Park



# Recommendations

## William R. Smith Park

Curtis Tanner and Associates prepared the plan for Smith Park (formerly Founders Park). Once Centerville can acquire the lot between the park and City Hall, the expansion can be implemented. The museum is the existing Thomas William Whitaker Pioneer Home and Museum. Connecting Smith Park to the Museum will strengthen the historical significance of the park and help emphasize the city's history. Surrounding City Hall, this park becomes a powerful landmark in Centerville City.



### Proposed Master Plan Founders Park and City Hall

Figure 111 - William R. Smith Park Master Plan

1. Playground - the playground is fairly new and in good condition. Survey respondents desired an expansion of the playground. The expansion of the park would be a good opportunity to consider a playground improvement or expansion.
2. The plaza behind the museum will be an excellent gathering space for community events, and other passive recreation.
3. Additional parking seems unnecessary, perhaps another use could be found for this space. It would be ideal for pickleball or another small active use area.
4. Acquisition of these lots could provide additional park space in the future. Perhaps purchase can be part of the long term plan.
5. There are many things the city could showcase in this display garden; urban agriculture - promoting self reliance, low water use landscape - promoting conservation, etc.

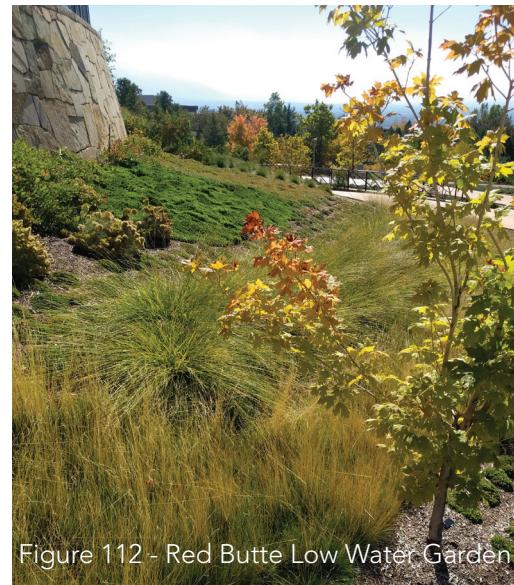
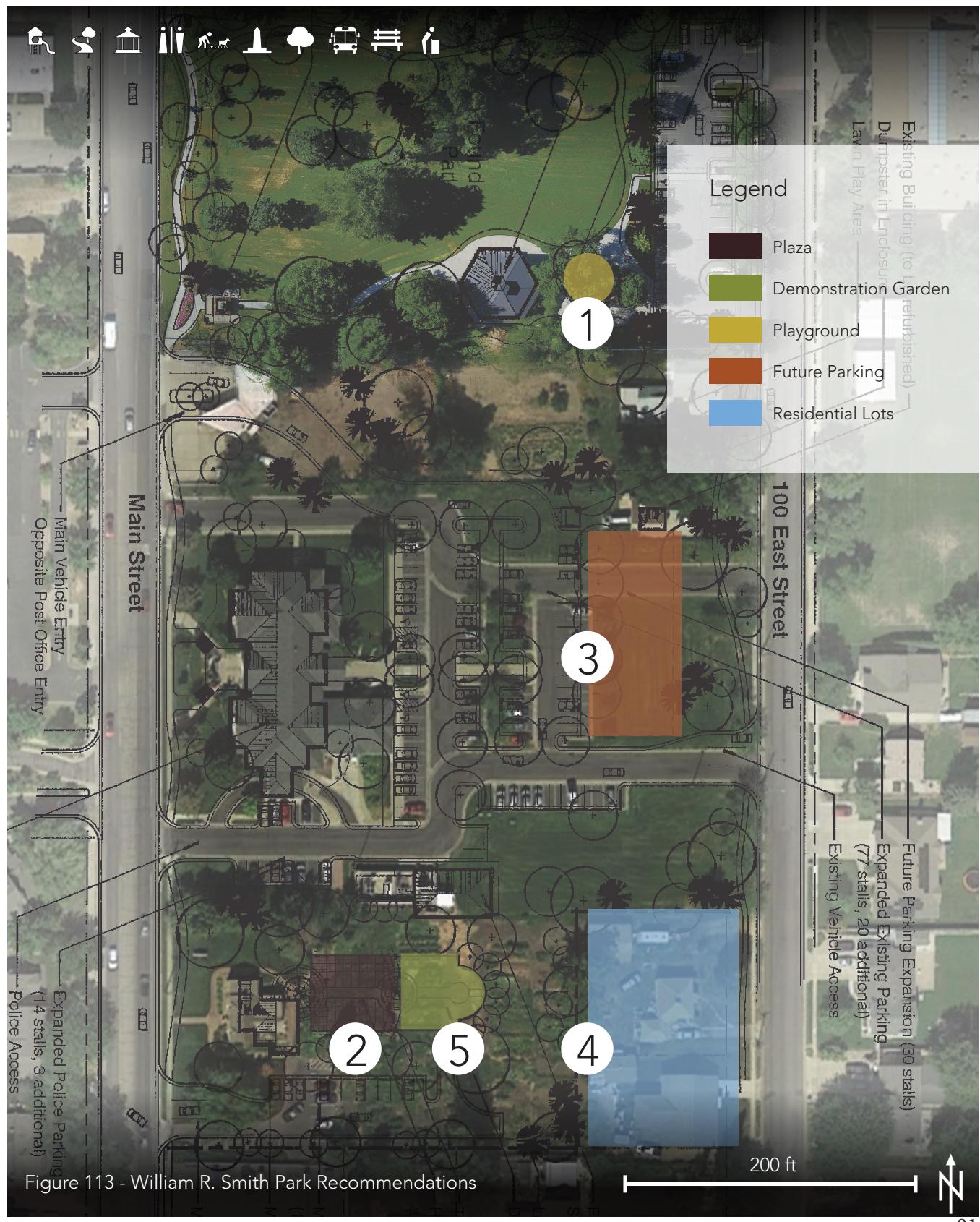


Figure 112 - Red Butte Low Water Garden

# Recommendations

## William R. Smith Park



# Recommendations

## Commons Pocket Park

The Commons Pocket Park is underutilized. Its location makes sense for a specialty park. There were enough respondents in the survey vying for a dog park to guide this recommendation. There is adequate parking surrounding the park, and it is already about half fenced. One main concern would be dog waste mixing with the detention basin. The land may need to be adjusted to avoid any issues, but there should be plenty of space for a small dog park.



1. Existing fenced area. This will need to be examined to make sure it is secure for a boundary.
2. Complete the fence.
3. Install a double gate, this prevents escapes, and provides an area to remove and replace a leash.
4. Addition of benches for owners while their dogs run.
5. Keep walkway outside of park to allow through access between 150 West and Centerville Commons Way.



# Conclusion

## Final Thoughts

Centerville is in a prime location along the Wasatch Front. As seen throughout this document, Centerville has some amazing parks with substantial character. The community, city council and staff are passionate about their city, and as they unify their vision, they can accomplish great things.

There have been some large ideas presented in this document that may take some time to gain traction and bring them into fruition. All that is needed for these changes to occur is excitement and vision. Funding can be found, but the passion is the driving force.

There are countless innovative ideas that many municipalities are adopting regarding their parks. For example, new play equipment and water interaction. These are great steps, however fundamentally residents want and need space. They need trails, places to inspire them, places to be. This need is echoed in the survey responses and isn't much different from years past. It should stand as a basic tenet moving forward, keeping in mind that as ways are created for people to interact with the outdoors it instills within them a love and bond with the outdoors, forging a lasting connection.

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## Centerville Survey | Online



### Centerville City Parks Survey

Q1. Which Centerville parks do you visit, and how often?

<u>Parks</u>	Never	Rarely	Monthly	Weekly	Daily
Centerville Community	<input type="radio"/>				
Island View	<input type="radio"/>				
Porter-Walton	<input type="radio"/>				
Freedom Hills	<input type="radio"/>				
Smoot	<input type="radio"/>				
William R Smith (Founders)	<input type="radio"/>				
Pocket Park	<input type="radio"/>				
Other _____	<input type="radio"/>				

Q2. If you answered never to all above parks, please explain:

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Q3 Do you use any parks outside of Centerville and why?

Yes (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
 No

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Q4. Why do you use Centerville's parks? (select all that apply)

	Community Park	Island View	Porter-Walton	Freedom Hills	Smoot	William R. Smith
Close to home	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Relaxation/atmosphere	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Playground	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Picnic facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Sport facilities/fields/courts	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Walking	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Jogging/running	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/>					

Q5. When you visit Centerville parks, how do you travel there? (select all that apply)

	Community Park	Island View	Porter- Walton	Freedom Hills	Smoot	William R. Smith
Walk	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Bike	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Transit (UTA)	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Drive	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/>					

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## Centerville Survey | Online

Q6. What activities do you or your family actively participate in? (select all that apply)

	Never	Occasionally	Sometimes	Often
Walking /walking a pet	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Jogging/running	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hiking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Road Biking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mountain biking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Horseback riding	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Playgrounds	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Picnic/pavilions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Baseball	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Basketball	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Softball	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pickleball	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tennis	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Soccer	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Track and Field	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Football	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lacrosse	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Volleyball	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Frisbee	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Swimming	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wildlife/birdwatching	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Skateboarding/Scooters/Rollerblading	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
BMX	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
ATV	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hunting/shooting	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other _____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q7. Which of the following does Centerville need more of? (Please indicate whether you feel that each item should NOT be a priority, should be given a LOW priority, MEDIUM priority or HIGH priority)

	Not	Low	Medium	High
Organized athletic/Sporting events	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Children's activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Yoga/meditation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Outdoor markets	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Arts/Crafts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Educational opportunities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Passive recreation opportunities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bird watching/Wildlife observation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other _____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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## Centerville Survey | Online

Q8. What type of park land do you value most for Centerville? (arrange in order of importance, from 8 being low priority, and 1 being your highest priority)

- Neighborhood park (Island View, Porter-Walton, Freedom Hills, Smoot, William R Smith/Founders Park)
- Community park, multi-use (Centerville Community Park)
- Large open-space preserves
- Linear parks along streams/washes
- Park land for sports fields
- Mini parks (Pocket parks/specialty parks/dog parks/etc)
- Community garden
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Q9. What additional facilities does Centerville need? (Please indicate whether you feel that each item should NOT be a priority, should be given a LOW priority, MEDIUM priority or HIGH priority)

	Not	Low	Medium	High
1. Nature Trails/Native Landscapes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2. Fishing pond	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3. Golf/Driving range	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4. Skateboard park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
5. Zipline	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
6. Benches	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
7. Picnic shelters/Pavilions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
8. Drinking fountains	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
9. Outdoor gym/fitness equipment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
10. Additional Parks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
11. Recreation Center	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
12. Dog park/areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
13. Pool	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
14. Splash pad/Waterplay areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
15. Basketball courts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
16. Baseball fields	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
17. Pickleball court	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
18. Tennis courts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
19. Football /Soccer fields	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
20. Volleyball courts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
21. Walking/Hiking trails	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
22. Cemeteries	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
23. Other _____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Q10. From your answers above (Q10), which high priority items are MOST important to you? (arrange in order of importance, highest priority at the top)

- Most Important
- Second Most Important
- Third Most Important

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## Centerville Survey | Online

Q11. Please select what specific park improvements are needed at each Centerville park. (Please indicate by entering a value, 1-4; whether you feel that each improvement should (4) NOT be a priority, (3) should be given a LOW priority, (2) MEDIUM priority, or (1) HIGH priority)

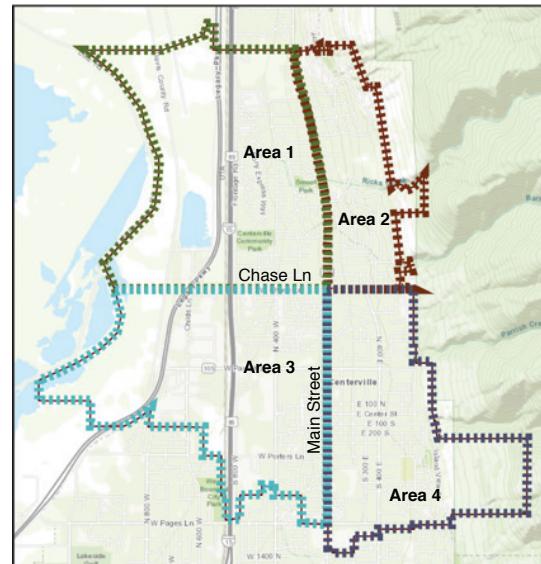
	Centerville Park	Island View	Porter-Walton	Freedom Hills	Smoot	William Smith
Improved Playground Equipment						
Improved Sports Field/Courts						
Maintenance/Cleanliness						
Additional Trees/Vegetation						
Enhanced Lighting/Safety						
Additional Picnic facilities/						
Pavilions						
Better ADA/Access						
Additional Restrooms						
Additional Parking						
Additional Trails						
Additional Shade						
No Improvements needed						
Other _____						

Q12. Centerville recently passed a RAP tax to help pay for park improvements. Would you support:

- Implementing a bond measure to complete park improvements in the next 2-3 years and use RAP Tax Revenue to pay off the bond.
- Don't bond and use RAP Tax revenues as they come in to complete park improvements in 7+ years.
- Not sure

Q13. Which area do you currently reside?

- Area 1
- Area 2
- Area 3
- Area 4



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## Centerville Survey | Online

### Q14. Reason for living in Centerville? (select all that apply)

- Proximity to Salt Lake/Convenience for commuting
- Quiet Community/Safe environment
- Small Town Atmosphere/Quality of life
- Recreation amenities
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

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### Q15. What is your age?

- Under 18 (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- 18 - 24
- 25 - 34
- 35 - 44
- 45 - 54
- 55 - 64
- 65 - 74
- 75 or older

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### Q16. Do you have children living at home under 18 years of age? (select all that apply)

- None
- 0-5 years
- 6-12 years
- 13-18 years

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### Q17. What is your gender?

- Male
- Female
- Prefer not to answer

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### Q18. Do you own or rent your primary home?

- Rent
- Own
- Prefer not to answer

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### Q19. What is your income?

- \$0 - \$35,000
- \$36,000 - \$75,000
- \$76,000 - \$100,000
- \$100,000+
- Prefer not to answer

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### Q20. Additional comments?

- Yes: \_\_\_\_\_
- None

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## Centerville Survey | Mailer



### Centerville City Parks Survey

Q5. When you visit Centerville parks, how do you travel there? (select all that apply)

Centerville Community Island View Porter-Hills Freedom Smoot William R. Smith

Walk

Bike

Transit (UTA)

Drive

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Q1. Which Centerville parks do you visit, and how often?

Parks	Never	Rarely	Monthly	Weekly	Daily
Centerville Community	<input type="radio"/>				
Island View	<input type="radio"/>				
Porter-Wallton	<input type="radio"/>				
Freedom Hills	<input type="radio"/>				
Smoot	<input type="radio"/>				
William R. Smith (Founders)	<input type="radio"/>				
Pocket Park	<input type="radio"/>				
Other _____	<input type="radio"/>				

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Q6. What activities do you or your family actively participate in? (select all that apply)

Never

Occasionally

Sometimes

Often

Walking /walking a pet

Jogging/running

Hiking

Road Biking

Mountain biking

Horseback riding

Playgrounds

Picnic/pavilions

Baseball

Basketball

Softball

Pickleball

Tennis

Soccer

Football

Lacrosse

Volleyball

Frisbee

Swimming

Wildlife/birdwatching

Skateboarding/Scooters/Rollerblading

BMX

ATV

Hunting/shooting

Q2. If you answered never to all above parks, please explain:

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Q3 Do you use any parks outside of Centerville and why?

○ Yes (please specify)

\_\_\_\_\_

○ No

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Q4. Why do you use Centerville's parks? (select all that apply)

Centerville Community	Island View	Porter-Hills	Freedom	Smoot	William R. Smith
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Close to home	<input type="radio"/>				
Relaxation/atmosphere	<input type="radio"/>				
Playground	<input type="radio"/>				
Picnic facilities	<input type="radio"/>				
Sport facilities/fields/courts	<input type="radio"/>				
Walking	<input type="radio"/>				
Jogging/running	<input type="radio"/>				
Other _____	<input type="radio"/>				

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## Centerville Survey | Mailer



CENTERVILLE CITY CORPORATION  
250 North Main Street  
Centerville, Utah 84014

PRESORTED  
STANDARD  
U.S. POSTAGE PAID  
CENTERVILLE, UT  
PERMIT NO. 18

### POSTAL CUSTOMER CENTERVILLE, UTAH 84014

Q16. What is your age? \_\_\_\_\_

Under 18 (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

18 - 24

25 - 34

35 - 44

45 - 54

55 - 64

65 - 74

75 or older

Q17. Do you have children living at home under 18 years of age? (select all that apply)

None

0-5 years

6-12 years

13-18 years

Q18. What is your gender?

Male

Female

Prefer not to answer

Q19. Do you own or rent your primary home?

Rent

Own

Prefer not to answer

Q20. What is your income?

\$0 - \$35,000

\$36,000 - \$75,000

\$76,000 - \$100,000

\$100,000+

Prefer not to answer

Q21. Additional comments?

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_

None

# Appendix

## 2007 Centerville Survey



#12

CENTERVILLE CITY  
RESIDENT SURVEY  
JANUARY, 2008

### SURVEY OVERVIEW

In December of 2007, the City of Centerville, Utah contracted with SDS Research to input data from a mailed customer survey, analyze the data, and create a summary report of findings. A total of 663 Centerville residents returned a completed survey, and all responses received by SDS are included in these results.

#### *Report Format*

Following this introduction is a summary of the survey findings, including mean score results for all general areas included in the survey – Overall Centerville Characteristics, Planning and Community Development, Parks, Recreation & Trails, Police, Courts & Public Works, Recycling, and Transportation.

Following the summary is a question-by-question listing of results, including a pie chart and frequency table for each question. The pie chart includes percentages of responses for each possible answer for each question, and whole percentages are represented as whole numbers. For example, 5.0% is shown as 5. In addition, due to a small number of responses, some categories within questions do not have a label in the pie chart. All percentage and count numbers can be found in each frequency table.

The frequency tables are arranged in four columns, and a description of each column follows:

**Frequency** is the number of times that response was selected by the survey participants. **Percent** tracks the total number of respondents, regardless of whether they answered the question. **Valid Percent** is a percentage calculated on the number who actually answered the particular question, and is the column to which close attention should be paid. Each bar graph is a representation of the valid percent number. **Cumulative Percent** is a running percentage, which is useful when determining the Positive Index (highest choices, i.e. *Excellent* and *Good* combined). If a respondent chose not to answer the question, did not have a response, or did not complete the survey, that response appears in the **Missing** row located near the bottom of the table. Any Missing row marked **System**, marked with a number indicates the number of respondents who did not answer that particular question.

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## 2007 Centerville Survey



CENTERVILLE CITY  
RESIDENT SURVEY  
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### ***Summary of Findings***

The most common reasons cited for living in Centerville are (Question 1) are *Safe Environment* (11%), *Small Town Atmosphere* (11%), *Quiet Community* (10%), *Convenient Location* (9%), and *Proximity to Salt Lake City* (9%).

More than 40% of respondents have lived in Centerville for Over 20 Years, while 20% have lived in Centerville 0-5 years. The mean average age of respondents is 53 years, with 68% of respondents between 37 and 69 years old.

The following tables show the mean scores by question, for all questions in the survey that include more than one variable. Mean scores are listed from highest to lowest, meaning that the first variable listed was the highest (most positively) rated variable of those in the table, while the last variable listed was the lowest rated. The "N" column indicates the number of respondents that answered each question. If a respondent did not answer a question, or selected "No Opinion", their response is not calculated in the total.

### **Q2. To what degree, if at all, are the following problems in Centerville?**

1 = Not a problem | 2 = Minor Problem | 3 = Moderate Problem | 4 = Major Problem | 5 = No Opinion

	N	Mean
2h. Traffic congestion	622	3.05
2g. Too much growth	607	2.97
2f. Taxes	601	2.58
2b. Drugs	541	2.25
2e. Run-down buildings, weed lots, or junk vehicles	601	2.11
2a. Crime	568	2.10
2l. Unsupervised youth	549	1.82
2c. Graffiti	551	1.52
2d. Homelessness	529	1.29

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Q3. In the last 12 months, how many times has someone in your household participated in the following?

1 = Never | 2 = Once or twice | 3 = 3 - 10 times | 4 = More than 10 times

	N	Mean
3d. Read the Centerville City Newsletter	654	3.31
3g. Visited a Centerville City park	652	2.93
3e. Used the Centerville branch of the library	650	2.89
3f. Used the South Davis Recreation Center	650	2.25
3h. Used City trails	641	2.08
3a. Attended a play at Rodgers Memorial Theater	651	2.03
3b. Browsed the City Website (www.centervilleut.net)	648	1.80
3c. Participated in a Centerville City recreation program	648	1.58

Q4. Please rate your perception or experience with the following City Officials or local services:

1 = Poor | 2 = Fair | 3 = Good | 4 = Excellent | 5 = No Opinion

	N	Mean
4a. Ambulance/Paramedics/Emergency Medical	343	3.50
4j. South Davis Metro Fire District service	331	3.40
4e. City Newsletter	600	3.36
4k. South Davis Recreation Center	436	3.29
4c. City Hall personnel	475	3.19
4h. Mayor	411	3.10
4d. City Manager	358	3.01
4f. City Website	323	2.90
4g. Justice/Court	179	2.89
4b. City Council	430	2.76
4i. Mosquito abatement	491	2.76

Q5. Please rate each of the following for Centerville as a whole:

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1 = Poor | 2 = Fair | 3 = Good | 4 = Excellent | 5 = No Opinion

	N	Mean
5n: Place to raise children	624	3.60
5m: Place to live	644	3.50
5a: Access to affordable food	638	3.36
5h: Educational opportunities and quality of schools	553	3.33
5d: Centerville's overall reputation or image	634	3.31
5o: Place to retire	603	3.25
5r: Sense of community	614	3.12
5c: Accessibility of local officials and employees	493	3.09
5g: Ease of walking within Centerville	612	3.08
5s: Shopping opportunities	636	3.05
5k: Overall appearance	639	3.04
5q: Recreational opportunities	588	2.89
5l: Opportunities to attend cultural events	576	2.79
5i: Overall quality of new development within Centerville	613	2.75
5f: Ease of car travel within Centerville	640	2.74
5t: Value in relation to taxes paid	603	2.71
5b: Access to affordable quality housing	601	2.67
5p: Place to work	420	2.66
5e: Ease of bicycle travel within Centerville	451	2.40
5l: Job opportunities	410	2.23

Q6. Below is a list of services which are or may be funded by taxes or fees. Please check all, if any, of the following for which you would be willing to pay more taxes if you knew that the money would be spent only for that purpose.

1 = No | 2 = Yes

	N	Mean
6c: Hillside preservation	658	1.37
6r: Light rail and/or Bus Rapid Transit	658	1.35
6i: Improve flood control (storm drain and subsurface water)	658	1.30
6t: Open space acquisition	658	1.26
6m: Improve streets	658	1.24
6l: Improve street lighting	658	1.23
6w: Sitting areas and/or plazas	658	1.21
6q: Increase law enforcement	658	1.20
6d: Housing subsidy for the elderly	658	1.19
6x: Wetlands preservation	658	1.19
6n: Improve water system	658	1.18
6v: Sidewalk beautification	658	1.18
6k: Improve snow removal	658	1.17
6s: More convenient bus service	658	1.16
6u: Restoration of historical buildings	658	1.14
6p: Increase fire protection	658	1.13
6o: Increase emergency medical service	658	1.13
6a: City celebration on other holidays in addition to July 4th	655	1.10
6e: Housing subsidy for young families	658	1.09
6f: Improve Christmas street decorations	658	1.08
6b: Fund an economic development program	658	1.08
6j: Improve July 4th celebration	658	1.06
6h: Improve City Website	658	1.05
6g: Improve City Newsletter	658	1.03

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Q8. Please rate the following Community Development Department services using the following scale:

1 = Poor | 2 = Fair | 3 = Good | 4 = Excellent | 5 = No Opinion

	N	Mean
8b. Business licensing including home businesses	185	2.65
8c. Economic development	349	2.47
8a. Building permits and inspections	261	2.35
8d. Ordinance and code enforcement	327	2.31
8e. Planning and Zoning Commission	365	2.15
8f. Property planning and zoning	378	2.10

Q9. With the coming of the Legacy Parkway interchange at Parrish Lane, property west of the freeway will likely be developed in the near future. What types of development would you prefer to see west of I-15?

1 = Do Not Want | 2 = OK if space | 3 = Desired | 4 = Most Desired | 5 = No Opinion

	N	Mean
9d. Parks and Open Space	563	3.05
9c. Offices (professional, medical, general)	562	2.66
9e. Retail and Commercial (sales, banking, restaurants, etc.)	577	2.49
9b. Industrial (manufacturers, laboratories, etc.)	561	2.08
9g. Warehousing	536	1.91
9a. Hotels / Motels	555	1.89
9f. Travel center (fuel, lodging, etc.)	549	1.87

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Q14. Some residential properties in the city are becoming less desirable for use as homes because they are close to increasingly busy commercial areas and intersections. Please rate the following possible solutions.

1 = Poor | 2 = Fair | 3 = Good | 4 = Excellent | 5 = No Opinion

	N	Mean
14c. Continue with such properties as single-family homes	527	2.78
14d. Create new special zone allowing restrictive commercial uses	515	2.50
14a. Allow properties greater opportunities for owner-occupied businesses	520	2.44
14e. Expand existing light commercial zone into these areas	511	1.95
14b. Allow properties to convert to some form of higher density housing	534	1.63

Q15. Utah State law requires all cities to analyze the availability of housing for low/moderate income persons. Please rate the following options the City could consider to increase the availability of such housing:

1 = Poor | 2 = Fair | 3 = Good | 4 = Excellent | 5 = No Opinion

	N	Mean
15c. Allow Mother-in-Law / basement apartments (currently disallowed)	608	2.86
15d. Twin homes, duplexes or triplexes	601	2.41
15a. Higher density housing allowed in targeted areas in the city	587	2.03
15b. Increase number of apartment complexes	589	1.49
15e. Use tax dollars to fund a city housing authority to subsidize rents	563	1.37

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Q17. Please rate these categories using the following scale:

1 = Poor | 2 = Fair | 3 = Good | 4 = Excellent | 5 = No Opinion

	N	Mean
17b. Care of cemetery/grounds	529	3.42
17a. Accessibility of parks	633	3.41
17d. Care of public buildings and grounds	627	3.38
17c. Care of park grounds	633	3.29
17e. Recreation programs	513	3.14
17f. Satisfaction with existing trails and pathways in Centerville	549	2.99

Q18. Please rate your household's use of the following park amenities.

1 = Never Use | 2 = Minimal Use | 3 = Secondary Use | 4 = Primary Use

	N	Mean
18l. Walking or running paths	658	2.90
18f. Grass / Open areas	658	2.76
18h. Playground	658	2.63
18g. Pavillions	658	2.50
18i. Soccer fields	658	2.05
18d. Bicycling paths	658	2.05
18b. Baseball fields	658	1.80
18j. Tennis courts	658	1.80
18c. Basketball / Sport Court	658	1.68
18e. Football fields	658	1.68
18k. Volleyball courts	658	1.61
18a. Barbeque grills	658	1.42

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### Q19. Please rate the following potential improvements/additions:

1 = Not Important | 2 = Somewhat Important | 3 = Important | 4 = Very Important | 5 = No Opinion

	N	Mean
19a. Additional cemetery land	514	2.77
19o. Widening Frontage Road for bike lanes	587	2.76
19l. Replacing old play structures	561	2.64
19k. Parking lot lights at Community Park	564	2.42
19b. Additional parking at Community Park	549	2.19
19c. Additional picnic pavilions	566	2.02
19j. Outdoor basketball courts	545	1.91
19d. Additional soccer / football fields	511	1.89
19n. Water playground	572	1.88
19f. Ball field lights	511	1.88
19e. Additional tennis courts	513	1.78
19g. Fishing pond	539	1.77
19i. Golf driving range	552	1.72
19m. Skateboard park	557	1.68
19h. Frisbee golf course	527	1.56

### Q24. Please rate your household's trail usage.

1 = Never Use | 2 = Occasional Use | 3 = Regular Use

	N	Mean
24h. Walking / Walking a Pet	658	2.32
24b. Hiking	658	1.91
24f. Running	658	1.66
24e. Road Biking	658	1.51
24d. Mountain Biking	658	1.40
24a. ATV / Off-Road Vehicle Use	658	1.33
24g. Scooters / Skateboards	658	1.27
24c. Horseback Riding	658	1.09

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**Q26. Please rate the following questions using the following scale:**

**1 = Poor | 2 = Fair | 3 = Good | 4 = Excellent | 5 = No Opinion**

	N	Mean
26c. Safety during the day	589	3.35
26b. Police at community and school/educational functions	461	3.31
26d. Safety during the night	588	3.23
26a. General police services	578	3.22
26e. Traffic and speed enforcement	586	3.04

**Q27. Please rate any experiences with the Centerville Court System:**

**1 = Poor | 2 = Fair | 3 = Good | 4 = Excellent | 5 = No Experience**

	N	Mean
27a. Fair and respectful treatment by the Judge	139	3.01
27d. Timely and courteous service at the Justice Court window	138	2.97
27c. Telephone response and questions answered satisfactorily	111	2.86
27b. How would you rate your overall court experience?	132	2.75

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Q28. Please rate these services using the following scale:

1 = Poor | 2 = Fair | 3 = Good | 4 = Excellent | 5 = No Opinion

	N	Mean
28c. Sewer services	608	3.41
28j. Trash collection	623	3.39
28b. Irrigation/water service	581	3.34
28a. Drinking water quality and service	632	3.15
28e. Snow removal	625	3.01
28f. Storm/drainage and flood control	573	2.97
28i. Subsurface water control and management	459	2.90
28d. Sidewalk maintenance and repair	610	2.71
28g. Street lighting	628	2.70
28h. Street maintenance and repair	630	2.67

Q31. Centerville is currently considering offering curbside recycling services. The cost of the service depends on the number of residents that participate and whether the service is a voluntary service, or a non-voluntary, city-wide service. Please rate your support for the following service options:

1 = Definitely Not | 2 = Likely Not | 3 = Likely | 4 = Definitely | 5 = No Opinion

	N	Mean
31a. Non-Voluntary Recycling Program -- Monthly service fee of \$3 or less	578	2.74
31c. Voluntary Recycling Program -- Monthly service fee of \$5 or less	569	2.63
31b. Non-Voluntary Recycling Program -- Monthly service fee of \$5 or less	557	2.33
31d. Voluntary Recycling Program -- Monthly service fee of \$8 or less	549	2.02

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Q35. How often does your household use the following modes of transportation?

1 = Never | 2 = Occasionally | 3 = Regularly

	N	Mean
35c: Motorized vehicle (car, truck, motorcycle, etc.)	658	2.93
35a: Walk	658	2.50
35b: Bicycle or other self-powered	658	1.76
35d: Motorized vehicle - Non-Family Carpool	658	1.57
35e: Public transportation (bus, rail, etc.)	658	1.50

Q38. Please rate the following transportation issues specific to Centerville that are of most concern to you:

1 = Not Important | 2 = Somewhat Important | 3 = Important | 4 = Very Important | 5 = No Opinion

	N	Mean
38f: Local traffic congestion	610	3.36
38e: Adequate pedestrian or school crossings	600	3.32
38d: Efficient traffic signalization	587	3.18
38c: Dangerous intersections (indicate where in open section at end)	472	2.82
38g: Mass transit	594	2.74
38h: Traffic calming devices	461	2.47
38a: Bus stops - benches	560	2.17
38b: Bus stops - covered shelters	563	2.13

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