

Parks and Recreation Master Plan Findings Presentation Open Public Forum

The best ways to participate:

- Polls
- Chat
- Live Q&A



We will begin in a few minutes.

Tulsa Parks & Recreation Master Plan Findings Update









May 2021

- Master Plan Process
- Public Input
- Survey Findings
- Healthy Communities
- Inventory & Level of Service
- Financial/Operational Analysis
- Next Steps
- Q & A

AGENDA



Strategic Kick-Off

- Critical Success Factors
- · Key focus areas
- Meeting schedule
- Identification of Key Stakeholders
- Gathering of All Relevant Documents
- Briefing with Decision Makers





4 Stages of Public Engagement

Information Gathering

Needs Assessment



- · Staff
- Stakeholders
- Public Meetings
 Focus groups
- Interviews
- Interview
- Surveys
- · Online engagement
- Inventory
 - All Assets
 - · All Program Locations
 - · Other Providers

· Level of Service Analysis

- GIS component-based mapping
- Quality, Quantity, Functionality
- Community Profile
 - Historical & Planning Context
 - Demographics
- Trends

Findings & Visioning

- Presentation/Feedback Sessions
 - Staff
 - Stakeholders
 - Decision Makers
- . What We Have Discovered
- Key Issues Matrix
- Key Ideas and Themes for Improvement
- Analysis
 - Programming
 - Operations
 - Maintenance
 - Marketing & Communications
 - · Financial Resources



Draft Recommendations

- Summary Findings
- Strategies
 - Long-Term Vision
- Short-Term Action
- Implications
 - Financial
 - Operational
 - Maintenance
- Recommendations
- Action Plan
- Tasks
- Timing
- Costs
- Review & Revisions



Final Plan

- Review
 - Staff
- Public
- · Decision Maker
- · Distribute/Post



Implementation

- Action Plan
- Annual Review



Typically our Strategic/Master Plans include a 5-year focus on operations, 10-year focus on capital, and 20 year strategic vision. Other elements and tools are added as needed for a community-specific plan.

PUBLIC INPUT & SURVEY

Information Gathering Process

November/December 2020

- Park Inventory Tour
- Public Input Meetings
 - 7 Meetings
 - 56 Attendees
- Staff Engagement Meetings
 - 4 Meetings
 - 49 Attendees
- Executive Team Meetings
- Open Public Meeting via Zoom Webinar
 - 36 Attendees

All input received during the process was used develop the Community Survey

Methodology

Primary methods:

1 = Statistically Valid (Invitation Survey)

Mailed postcard and survey with an option to complete online through password protected website

2 = Open Link Survey
Online survey available to all residents of the City of Tulsa

7,606 Postcards & 4,000 Surveys Delivered

- 1st mailing: 4,000 residents received a postcard, followed by a mailed survey
- 2nd mailing: 3,606 residents received a postcard



990 - Invitation Surveys Completed +/- 3.1%

Margin of Error



693 - Open Link Surveys Completed

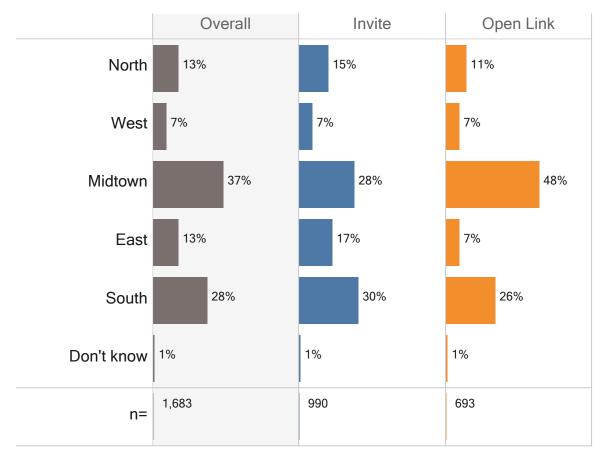


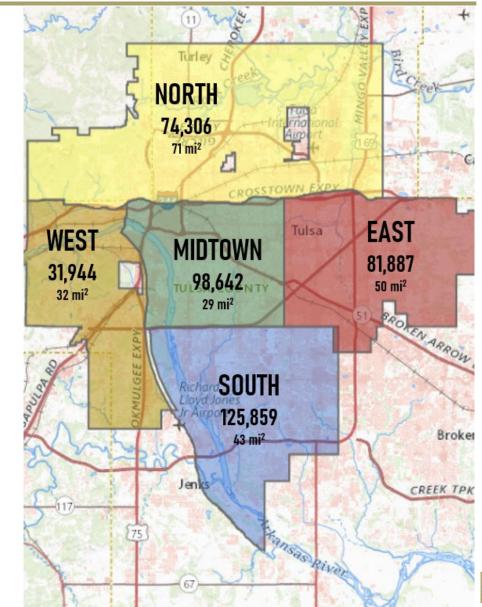


Demographics

Household subarea location.

Q: What area of Tulsa do you live in?





Tulsa Population Subareas:

- North 15%
- West 7%
- Midtown 28%
- East 17%
- South 30%
- Don't know 1%

Demographic Profile(Invite Sample)

26.3 Average number of years living in Tulsa



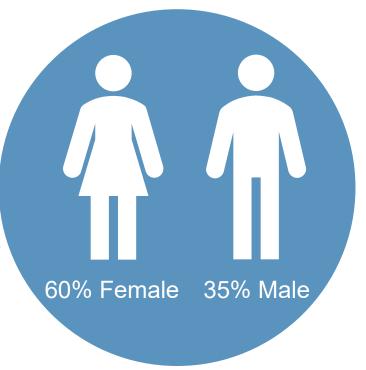
70% of respondents own their residence; 27% rent



11% of respondents have a need for ADA accessible facilities and amenities



60% of respondents own a dog





PARK USERS

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic:

- At least half of the residents in Tulsa used neighborhood parks a few times a month or more.
- Walking, hiking and/or biking trails are the most used amenities at parks and recreation facilities.
- Open Link respondents, although similar to the invite sample, are somewhat more frequent users of most facilities.



COMMUNICATION

- Over half of respondents (54%) indicated that communication effectiveness is "not at all effective" with an average score of 2.4 (on a scale of 1 to 5).
- There is significant room for improvement to better leverage communication efforts and information dissemination about parks and recreation facilities and services to further create awareness in Tulsa.





IMPORTANCE FACILITIES

On a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being very important:

- Resident households rated trails and pathways (4.5), neighborhood parks (4.5), amenities at City parks (4.4), and playgrounds (4.0) as the most important facilities or amenities to their household.
- These are the same across all subareas; however, playgrounds and aquatic facilities rate higher in the North area than elsewhere in Tulsa.



NEEDS MET FACILITIES

In terms of facilities meeting the needs of the community:

- Respondents feel that golf courses and playgrounds are meeting the needs the best.
- Fitness/weight rooms and equestrian trails/facilities rated lowest at 2.9, followed by aquatic facilities at 3.0.
- All current facilities rated generally "average" with scores between 2.9 and 3.5.





INCREASE USE

- Better conditions/maintenance of parks or facilities and better lighting in parks are the top 2 items that if addressed would increase use at parks and recreation facilities in Tulsa.
- East and South sides of Tulsa put the most emphasis on more lighting in parks.
- North and West had an emphasis on WiFi Connectivity.



FUTURE PROGRAMS AT NEARBY PARKS

- More than 65% of respondents would probably or definitely participate in their favorite programs at a nearby park as opposed to going to a community or recreation center.
- Only 5% of respondents indicate that they probably or definitely would not.
- Nearly half of respondents in the West side of Tulsa indicate that they would "definitely" participate in programs at their nearby park.





FUTURE NEEDS

- Respondents feel maintenance of existing facilities (4.3), additional trails and connections (4.2), and acquiring land for new parks in underserved areas (4.1) are the most important items to focus on for facilities and amenities in the future.
- For programs and services, youth educational programs tops the list (3.9), followed by more youth fitness/sports/healthy lifestyle programs (3.8), and providing resources to connect with community services (3.8).



2nd TIER FUTURE NEEDS

Second tier priorities for future needs include:

- More/new recreation amenities in parks
- Developing a regional community center designed to serve teenagers
- Developing new community centers with fitness equipment/gym/programming in underserved areas
- Developing outdoor event space at Mohawk Park or other locations
- All above scoring between 3.8 and 3.9).





COMMUNITY/RECREATION CENTER PREFERENCES

Respondents slightly favor:

- Greater number of smaller neighborhood Community Centers with fewer amenities, as opposed to a fewer number but larger multi-purpose regional recreation centers with more amenities.
- The North area of Tulsa is the only area with the majority of respondents (54%) who would prefer fewer but larger regional recreation centers.
- Midtown shows the strongest support for more but smaller community centers.



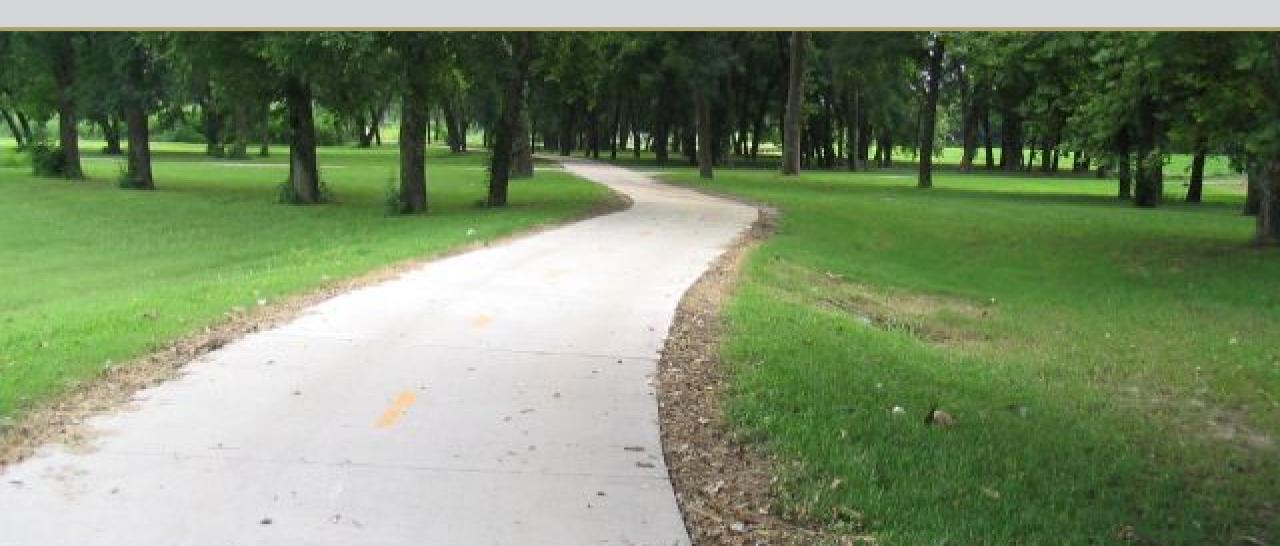
•••• FUNDING SOURCES

More than half of respondents indicate that they would probably or definitely support the following funding sources:

- Offering naming/sponsorship opportunities in parks (75% support)
- An additional quarter-cent sales tax dedicated to parks and trails maintenance (62% support)
- Development fees on new homes or businesses to fund parks in growing areas (58%)
- Pay \$30 more a year in property taxes on average \$150,000 home to fund parks maintenance (54%)
- Increased user fees was only option that did not received support, showing that an increase in user fees would somewhat limit participation for 36% of invite respondents and significantly limit participation for another 18%.



Current Conditions



Average Rating of Importance by Area

The top three important facilities and amenities are the same across all subareas; however, playgrounds and aquatic facilities rate higher in the North area than elsewhere in Tulsa.

Q: How important are the following facilities and amenities are to your household?





5 - Very important

Average Rating of Needs Met by Area

The East side of town rated trails and pathways the lowest for meeting the needs of the community, with this being the most important amenity to residents of this area. Importance rated at 4.4, whereas needs met rated at 3.0.

Q: How do you think they are currently meeting the needs of the community?

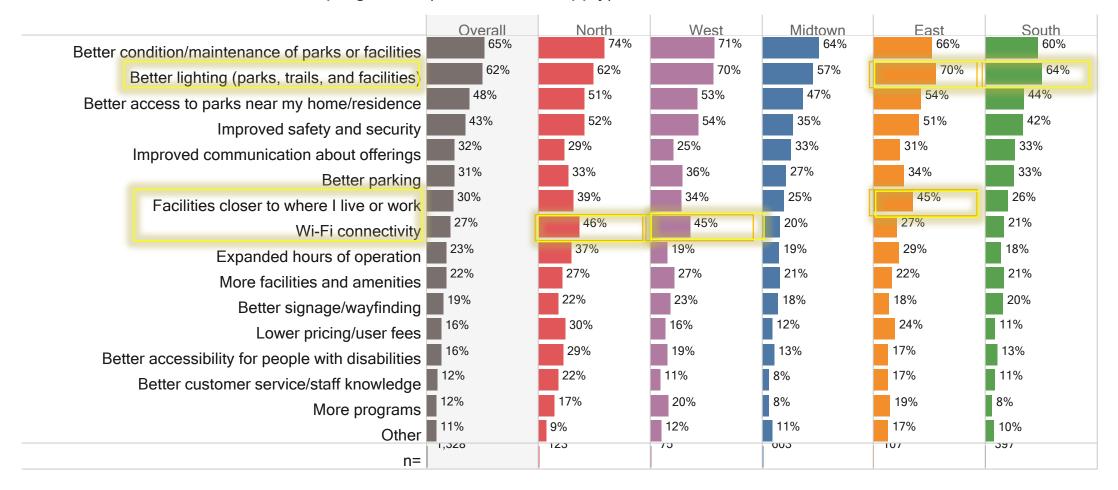
	Ov	Overall North		West		Midtown		East		South		
Golf courses	n=846	3.5	n=86	3.4	n=47	3.3	n=373	3.6	n=66	3.2	n=259	3.7
Playgrounds	n=1,128	3.4	n=110	3.2	n=62	3.6	n=514	3.4	n=92	3.2	n=331	3.6
Athletic fields (baseball, soccer, etc.)	n=915	3.4	n=102	3.5	n=52	3.3	n=395	3.3	n=81	3.5	n=270	3.4
Trails and pathways	n=1,227	3.4	n=112	3.3	n=67	3.4	n=560	3.4	n=97	3.0	n=371	3.6
Athletic courts (basketball, tennis, etc.)	n=1,018	3.4	n=110	3.4	n=57	3.4	n=448	3.3	n=82	3.5	n=303	3.4
Community gathering/event spaces	n=1,037	3.3	n=108	3.3	n=60	3.0	n=470	3.4	n=79	3.3	n=303	3.4
Neighborhood parks	n=1,227	3.3	n=115	3.1	n=67	3.4	n=569	3.4	n=92	3.0	n=363	3.5
Amenities at City parks	n=1,205	3.2	n=114	3.2	n=68	3.4	n=550	3.2	n=96	3.1	n=358	3.3
Bike/skate parks	n=901	3.2	n=101	3.3	n=54	3.2	n=402	3.1	n=79	3.2	n=249	3.3
Community centers	n=927	3.2	n=103	3.3	n=58	3.1	n=410	3.1	n=78	3.2	n=261	3.2
Dog parks	n=974	3.1	n=91	2.9	n=53	3.3	n=446	2.8	n=74	2.9	n=293	3.4
Aquatic facilities (pools, splash pads, etc.)	n=1,023	3.0	n=107	3.1	n=63	3.1	n=460	2.9	n=86	2.9	n=291	3.0
Fitness/weight rooms	n=653	2.8	n=85	3.2	n=42	3.0	n=283	2.5	n=63	3.1	n=166	2.8
Equestrian trails and facilities	n=544	2.8	n=69	3.0	n=33	2.8	n=249	2.6	n=48	3.0	n=132	2.7

5 - Completely 4 3 2 1 - Not at all



Increase Usage by Area

Q: What are the most important areas that, if addressed by the City of Tulsa, would increase your use of parks and recreation facilities, services, and programs? (Check all that apply)



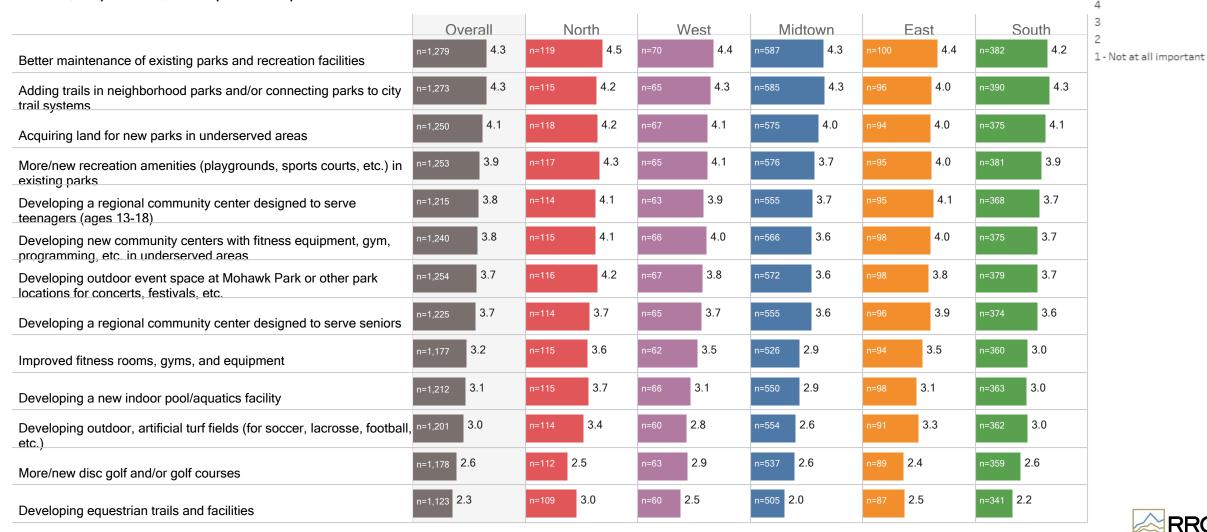




Future Facilities / Amenities / Programs

Average Rating Future Needs by Area: Facilities

Q: Over the next 5 to 10 years, what are the most important needs for parks and recreation facilities and amenities to be added, expanded, or improved upon in Tulsa?

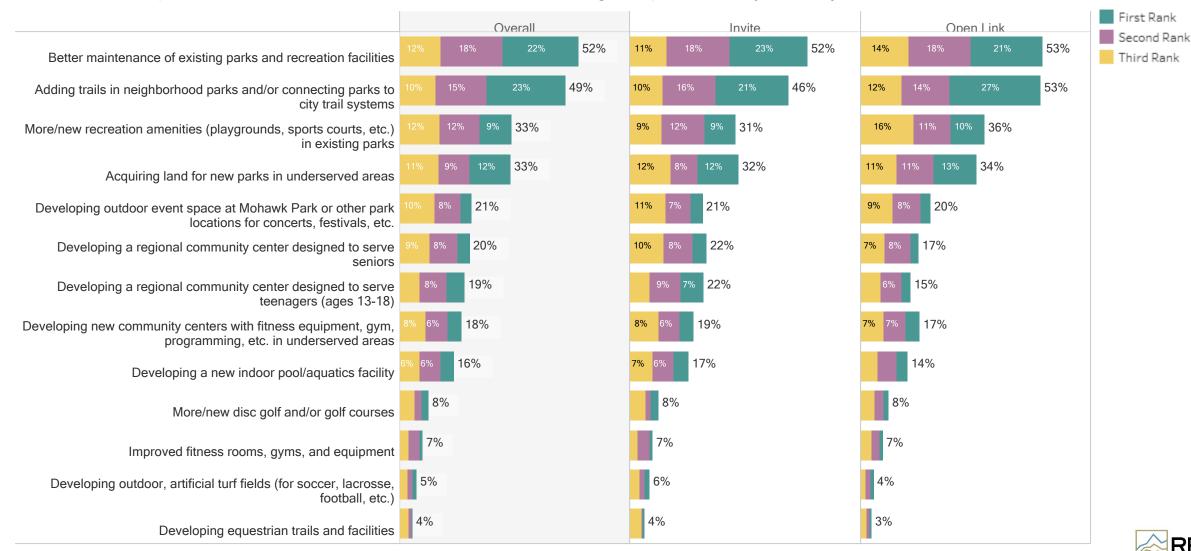




5 - Very important

Top 3 Future Needs: Facilities

Q: Which three parks and recreation facilities/amenities are the highest priorities to you and your household?





Average Rating Future Needs by Area: Programs and Services

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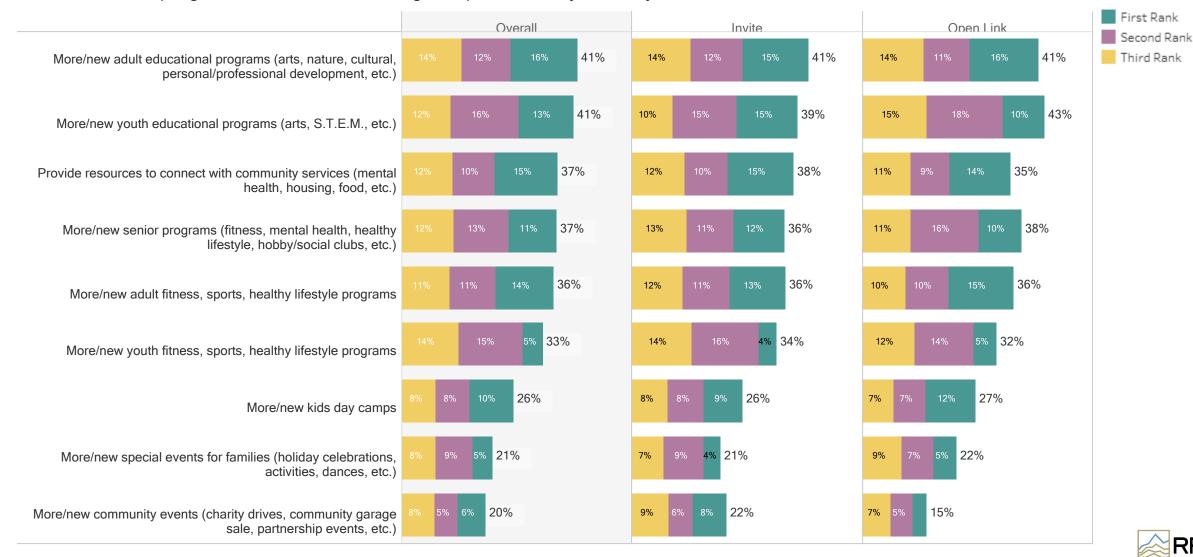




5 - Very important

Top 3 Future Needs: Programs and Services

Q: Which three programs/services are the highest priorities to you and your household?

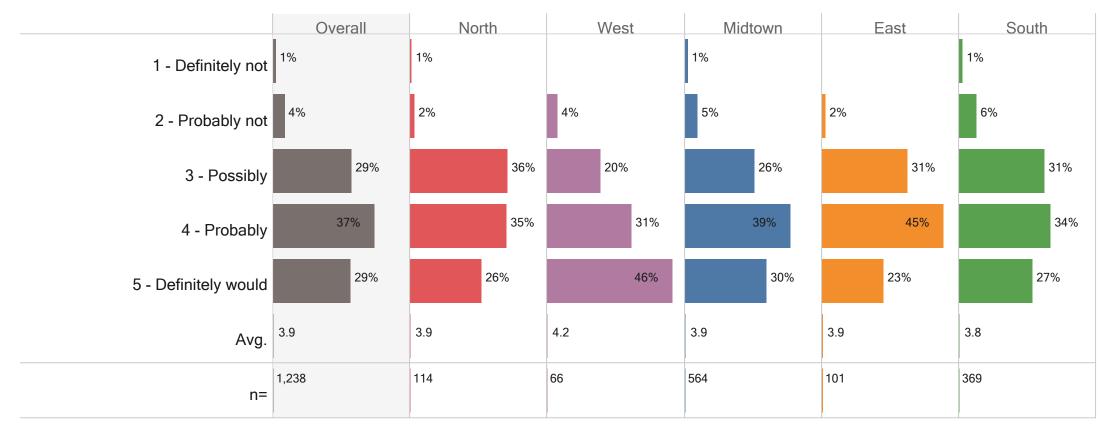




Future Programs at Nearby Parks by Subarea

Respondents who live in the West area of Tulsa are the most likely to participate in programs at their nearby park, with nearly half of respondents indicating that they definitely would participate.

Q: How likely would you be to participate in your favorite program(s) in a nearby park, as opposed to going to a community/recreation center for the program or class?





Community/Recreation Center Preferences

Respondents who live in the North area of Tulsa are the only area where the majority of respondents would prefer fewer but larger regional recreation centers. Midtown shows the strongest support for more but smaller community centers.

Q: In looking ahead to providing additional community or recreation centers, would you prefer fewer but larger new multi-purpose regional Recreation Centers (that incorporate gyms, pools, and other amenities), or more (a greater number of) smaller neighborhood Community Centers with fewer amenities? (SELECT ONLY ONE)

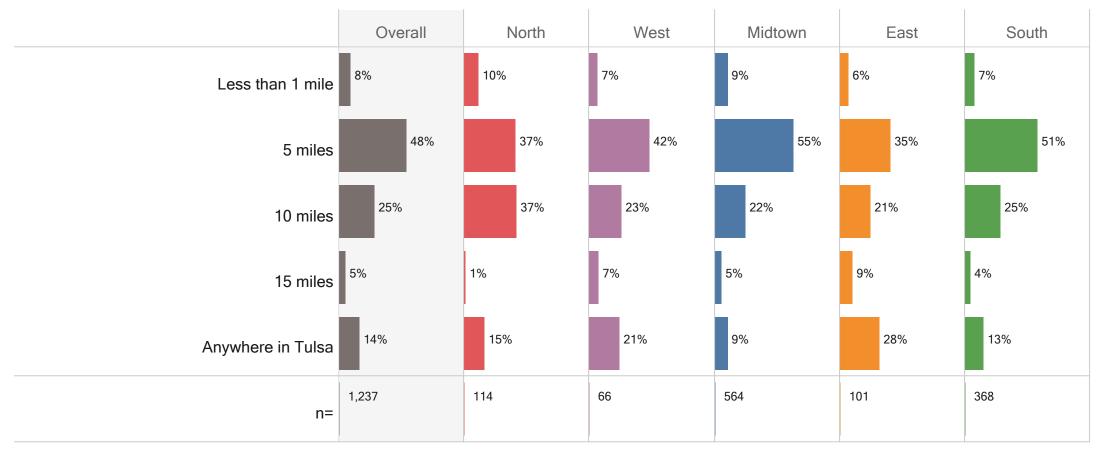




Willingness to Drive

Respondents living in Midtown are the least willing to drive further distances to get to a large recreation center, and those living on the West side of Tulsa are the most likely to drive anywhere in Tulsa.

Q: How far are you willing to drive from your home (one direction), to get to a large regional recreation center?





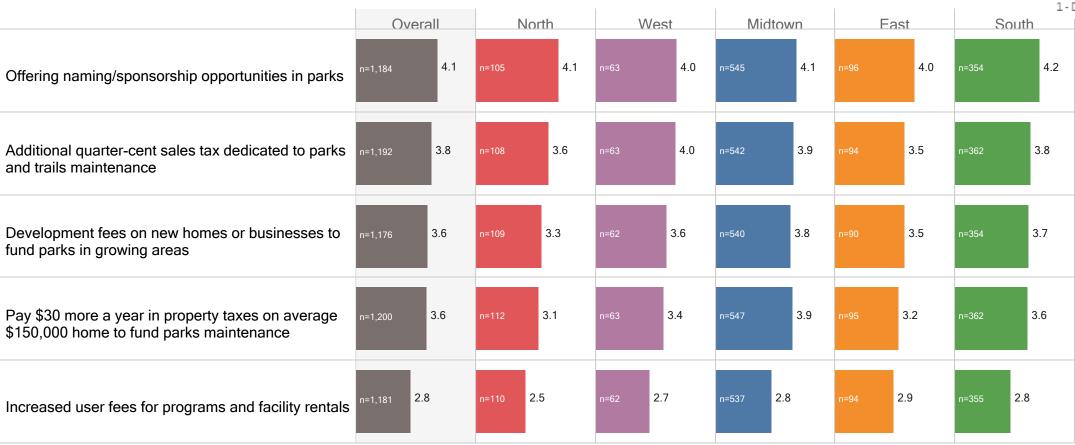


Financial Choices / Fees

Average Rating of Funding Support by Area

Q: Please indicate how strongly you support each of the following potential funding sources.

- 5 Definitely support
- 4 Probably support
- 3 Neutral
- 2 Probably not support
- 1 Definitely not support

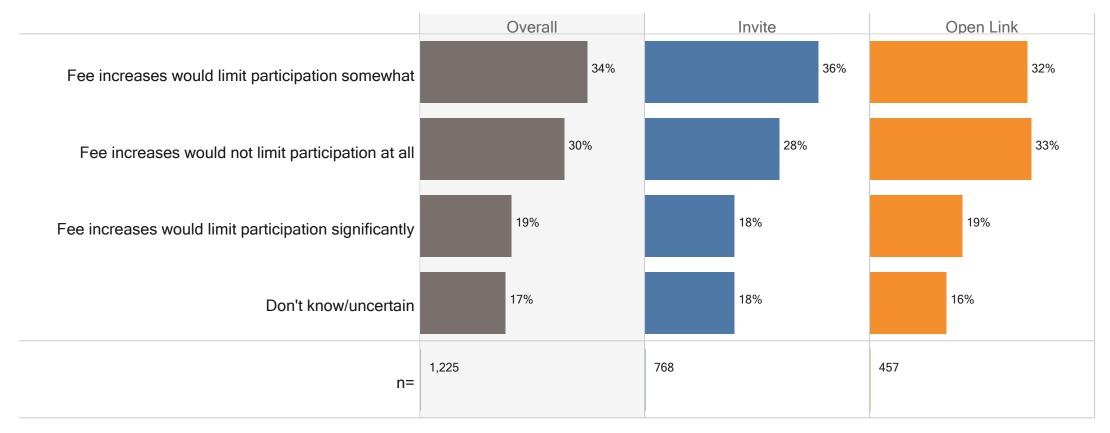




Increased User Fee Impacts

An increase in user fees would somewhat limit participation for 36% of invite respondents and significantly limit participation for another 18%.

Q: Which of the following best describes the potential impact, if any, that fee increases would have on your current level of participation?

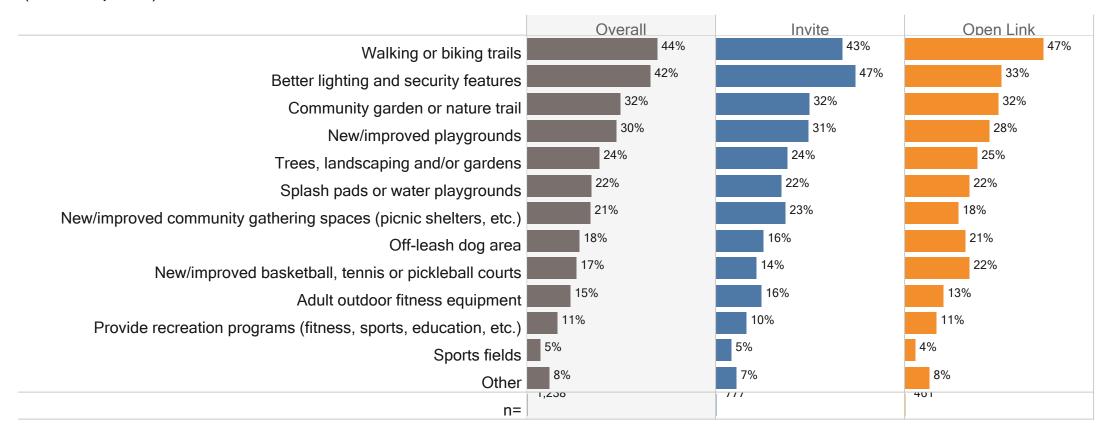




Neighborhood Park Improvements

Better lighting and security features is the top improvement Invite respondents would like to see in their neighborhood parks, followed by walking or biking trails and community garden or nature trail. The top three improvements for Open Link respondents are the same but with walking or biking trails taking the top priority.

Q: If there was money to make improvements in your neighborhood park, what would be your top three priorities? (Check up to 3)

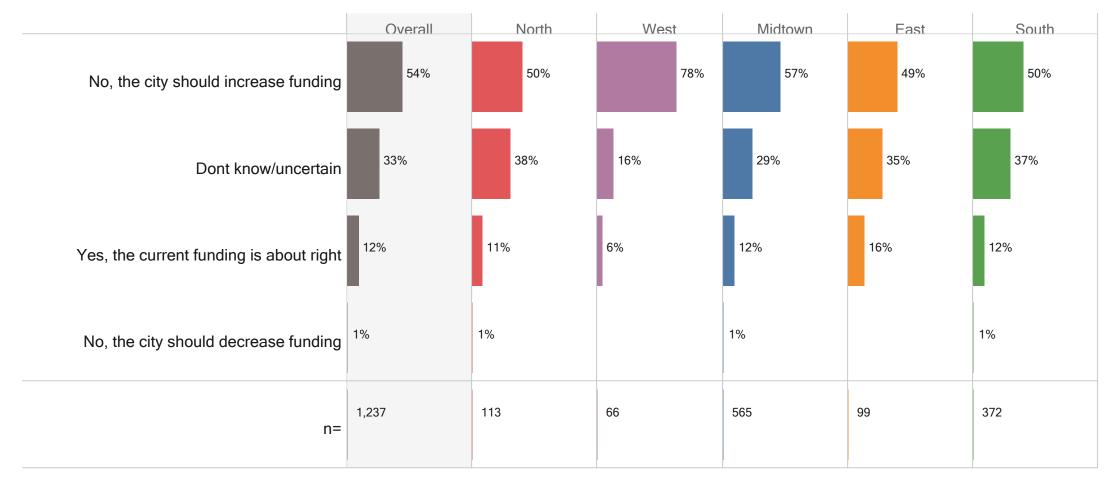




City of Tulsa Funding in Parks & Recreation by Area

Nearly 80% of the West area of Tulsa thinks that the city should increase funding for city parks and recreation programs.

Q: Overall, do you think the City of Tulsa is currently investing the right amount of funding in city parks and recreation programs?





Healthy Community Aspects – Tulsa Parks and Recreation as Preventive Public Health Providers



Healthy Community Aspects

Tulsa Parks and Recreation
As a Solution for Preventive Health

How does Tulsa Parks Fare?

Provide **Americans** Factors

Nationwide – We provide access to parks and recreation facilities for over 80% of Americans

Facilitate opportunities to participate in active recreation (75% within two miles on average in U.S.)

Provide crucial health and wellness opportunities and preventive factors for all populations in communities across the country

Lead Affordable programming can lead to a more active and healthier America

Modifiable
Factors
Spaces,
Programs, and
Policies



Community Health Modifying
Preventive PH
through P&R
Systems Thinking

Actors
Facilitating
Partnerships
and outcomes in
the Community

Actions on all levels (T.L. Penbrooke, 2017, with M.B. Edwards, J.N. Bocarro, K.A. Henderson, & J.A. Hipp) Physical Activity & Nutrition

Transportation

and Access

Academic Research & Methods Schools /

Education

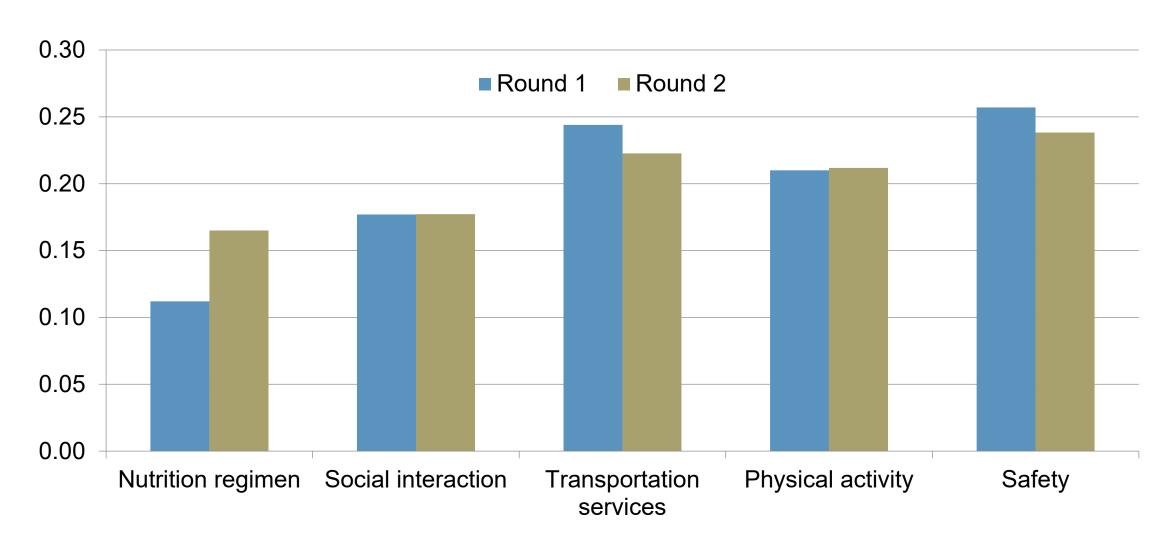
Healthy Communities Research Group

Priority of Health Factors for P&R in Tulsa Multi-Attribute Utilities Technique (MAUT)

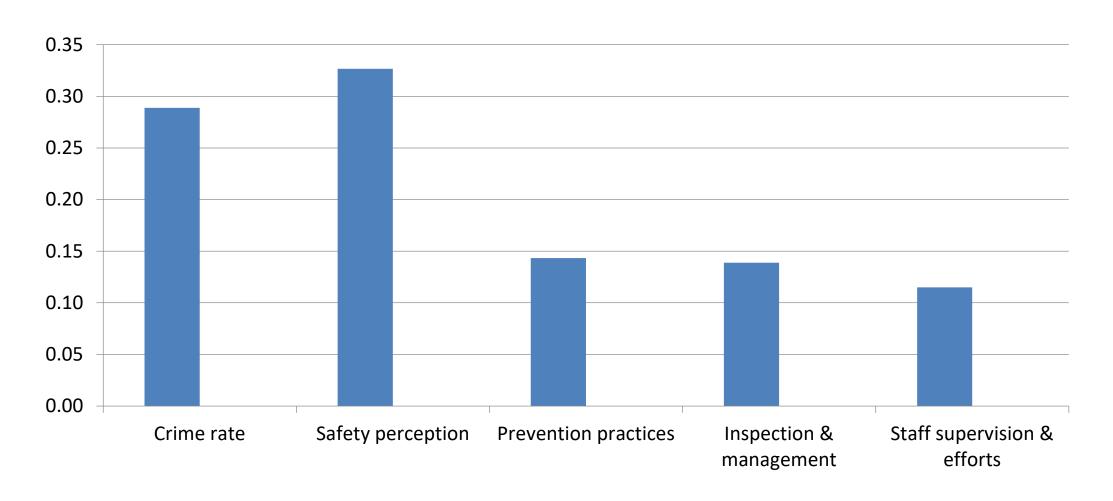
12 Key Stakeholders – Knowledgeable about Health in Tulsa 2 rounds of ranking

- 1. Safety & Perception of Safety
- 2. Transportation and Access to Amenities and Nature
- 3. Physical Activity
- 4. Social Interaction and Engagement
- 5. Nutrition
- 6. Additional Factors

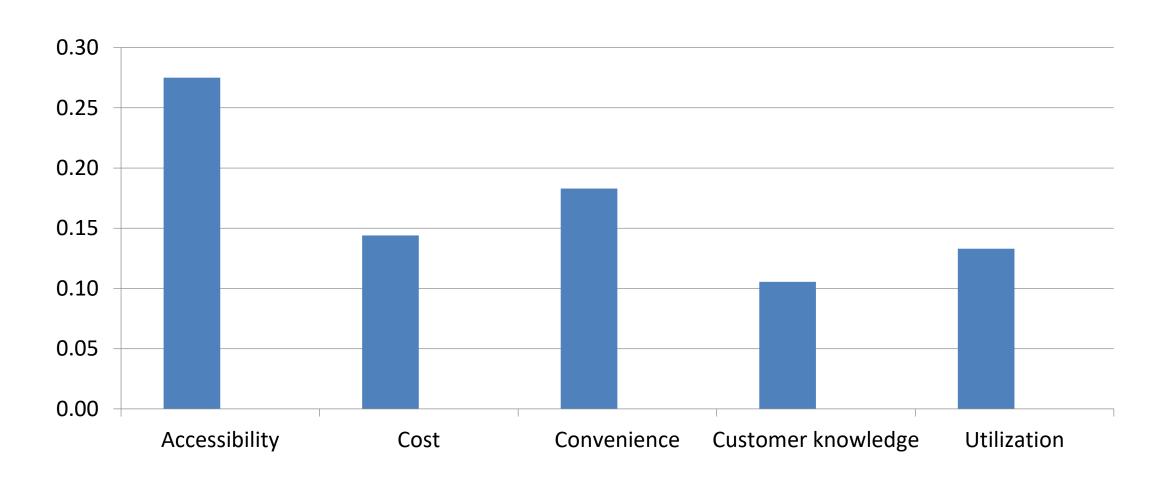
MAUT Results – Primary Factors



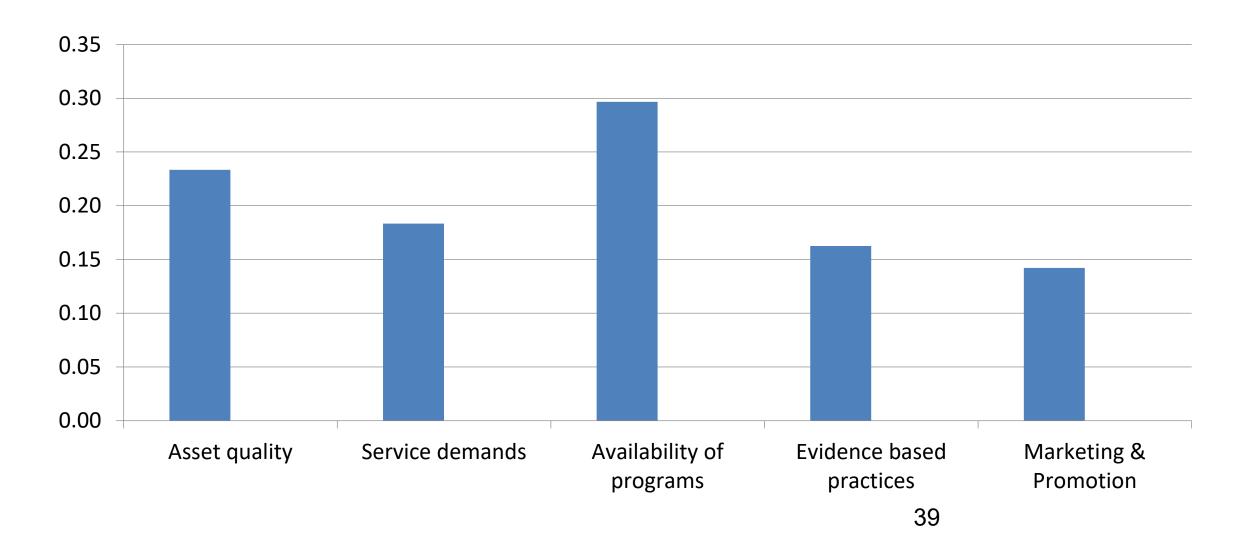
Safety and Perception of Safety



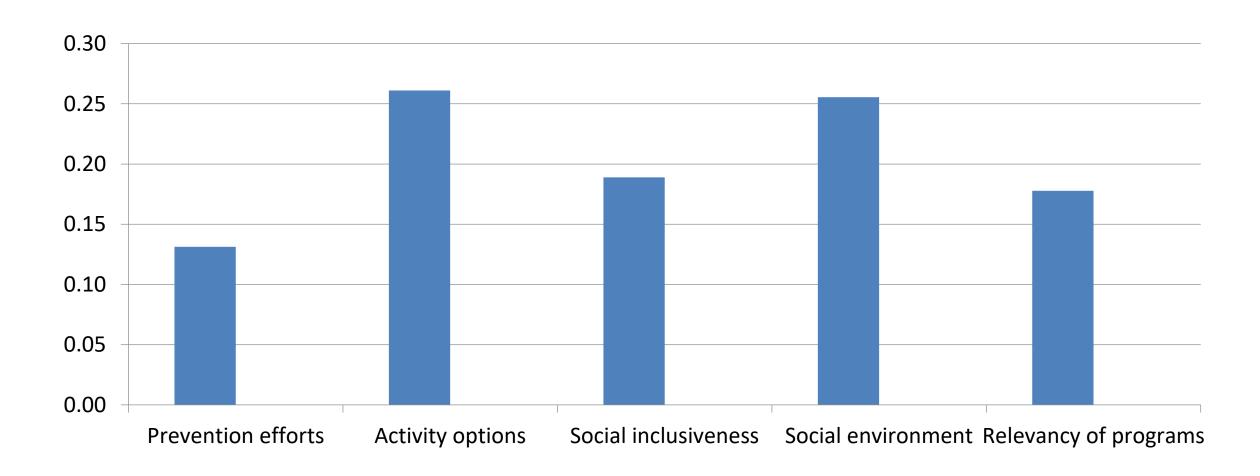
Transportation and Access



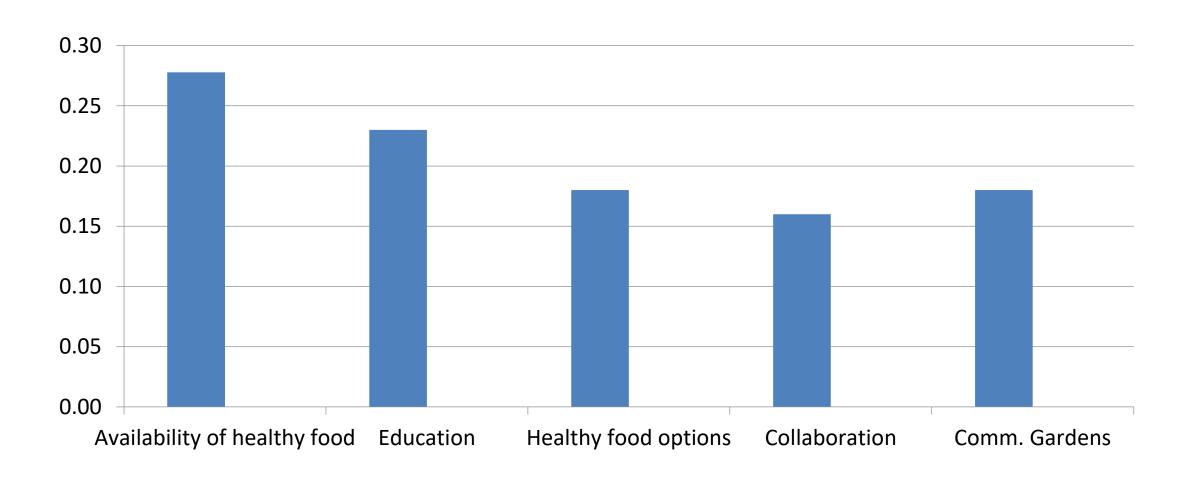
Physical Activity



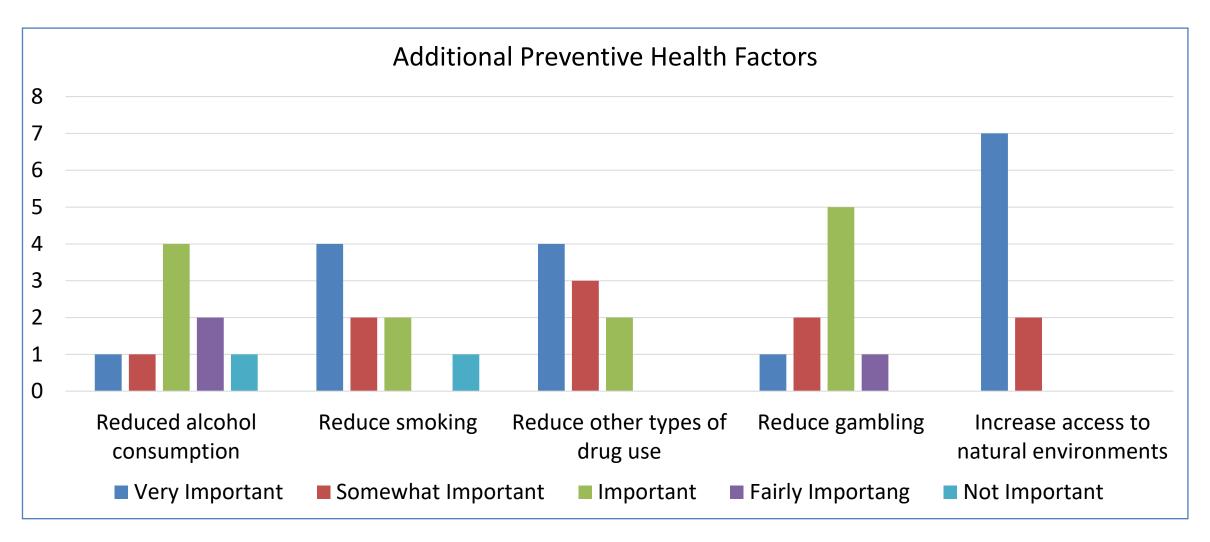
Social Engagement



Nutrition



Additional Health Factors

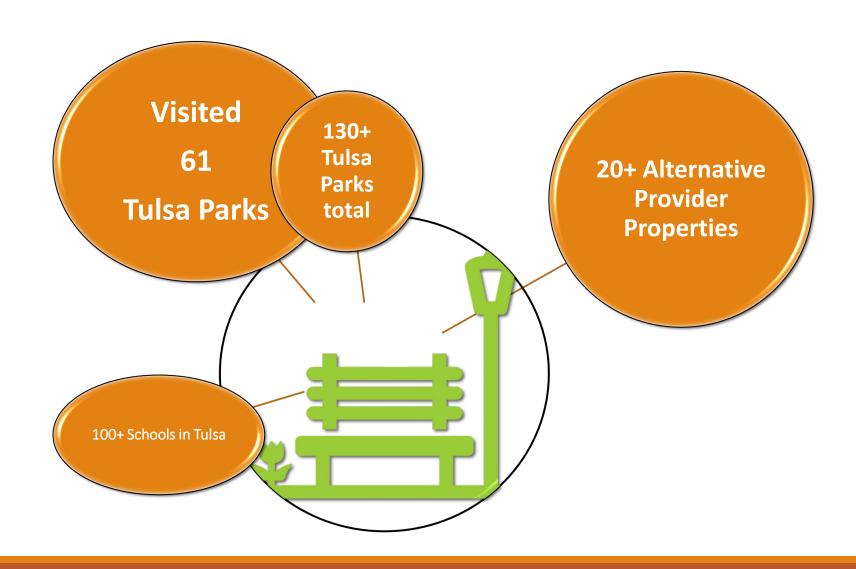


Parks & Recreation System Map





GRASP® Data Summary



Park Agency	Amusement Ride	Aquatics, Complex	Aquatics, Leisure Pool	Aquatics, Spray Pad	Basketball Court	Basketball, Practice	Batting Cage	Bike Course	Climbing, General	Concessions	Diamond Field	Diamond Field, Complex	Diamond Field, Practice	Disc Golf	Dog Park	Educational Experience	Equestrian Facility	Event Space	Fitness Course	Game Court	Garden, Community	Garden, Display	Golf	Golf, Practice	Historic Feature	Horseshoe Court	Loop Walk	Natural Area
Tulsa Parks			5	32	28	38				8	65	8	67	8	3	7	1	3	7	1	2	10	2	2	2		47	34
Alternative Providers	1	2	2	4	6	1	2	1	1	8	22	3	2	4		1	1	3	2	7	2	5	2	3		2	9	4
Park Agency	Open Turf	Passive Node	Pickleball Court	Picnic Ground	Playground, Destination	Playground, Local	Public Art	Rectangular Field, Complex	Rectangular Field, Large	Rectangular Field, Multiple	Rectangular Field, Overlay	Rectangular Field, Small	Shelter, Large	Shelter, Small	Skate Park	Target Range	Tennis Court	Tennis, Complex	Tennis, Practice Wall	Trail Access Point	Trail, Multi-use	Trail, Primitive	Trailhead	Volleyball Court	Water Access, Developed	Water Access, General	Water Feature	Water, Open
Tulsa Parks	114	29	4	5	7	85	20	5	45	4	4	57	49	49	2	1	92	3	2	3	4	1	2	15	13	8	9	21
Alternative Providers	11	4	6	3	13	14	3	2	24			2	18	11	2		32	1		2	6		5	3	4	4		10

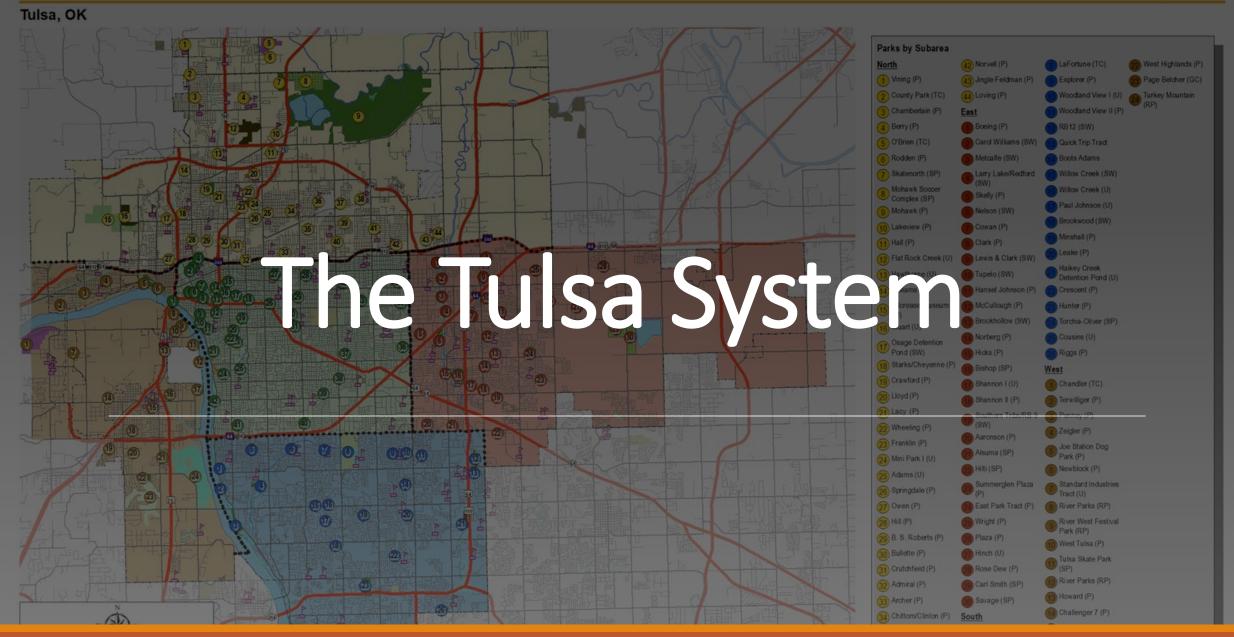
Inventory Summary

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Tulsa Parks	Score/Rank	Tulsa Parks			Score/Rank	Tulsa Parks	Score/Rank
Mohawk	205.2	BC Franklin	50.4	Creek Stickball Park	26.4	Hall	11
Mohawk Soccer Complex	171.6	Newblock	44.4	Nelson	26.4	Skelly	11
Helmerich	170.4	Boeing	43.2	Philpott	26.4	Terwilliger	11
Hicks	164.4	Starks Cheyenne	43.2	Florence	24	Wright	11
Torchia Oliver	149.6	Veterans	40.8	Johnson H B	24	Lakeview	9.9
Savage Park	129.6	Challenger 7	38.4	Plaza	24	Creek Turnpike Trail	8.8
Hilti	123.6	Minshall	38.4	Williams	24	RB12	8.8
Carl Smith	117.6	Springdale	38.4	Holiday Hills	22	Redbud Valley Nature Preserve	8.8
Heller	111.6	Turner	38.4	McCullough	22	Wheeling	8.8
Kendall Whittier	111 .6	Vining	38.4	Boots Adams	21.6	River Skate Park	7.7
Hunter	106.6	Lloyd	37.4	Dawson	21.6	Rodden	7.7
Summerglen Plaza	96.8	Highland	36	Pratt	21.6	Flat Rock Creek	6.6
Maxwell	93.6	Riggs	36	Shannon II	19.8	Gary	6.6
Patrick	88.8	Stuart	36	Howard	19.2	Gunboat North	6.6
McClure	86.4	Admiral	33.6	Jingle Feldman	19.2	QuikTrip	6.6
Whiteside	86.4	Crawford	33.6	Terrace	19.2	Woodland View I	6.6
Graham	85.2	Crescent	33.6	Benton	17.6	Woodland View II	6.6
Manion	85.2	Darlington	33.6	Brookwood	17.6	Skate North	5.5
Guthrie Green	82.8	Gilcrease Museum	33.6	Chapman Green	17.6	Adams	4.4
Zeigler	79.2	Hill	33.6	Creek Council Oak	17.6	Cousins	4.4
Tracy	76.8	Loving	33.6	Haikey Creek	17.6	Gunboat South	4.4
Owen	72	Schlegel	33.6	Lubell	17.6	Hawthorne	4.4
Lacy	67.2	Swan Lake	33	Maple	17.6	Hinch	4.4
Woodward	63.8	Archer	31.2	Page Belcher Golf Course	17.6	Lumpkin	4.4
Benedict	60	Crutchfield	31.2	Route 66 Plaza	17.6	Midland Valley Trail	4.4
Braden	60	Fred Johnson	31.2	Seguoyah	15.6	Mini Park I	4.4
Norberg	60	John Hope Franklin	31.2	Chittom Clinton	15.4	Mini Park II	4.4
West Highlands	60	Langenheim	31.2	Mitchell	15.4	North 56th St Tract	4.4
Alsuma	59.4	Aaronson	30.8	Penney	14.4	Paul Johnson	4.4
Henthorne	57.6	Leake	30	Cathedral Square	13.2	Shannon I	4.4
Reed	57.6	Bullette	28.8	East Park Tract	13.2	Standard Industries Tract	4.4
Berry	55.2	Cowan	28.8	Forest Orchard	13.2	Upper Haikey Creek	4.4
Centennial Central	55.2	Lantz	28.8	Plaza of the Americas	13.2	West Tulsa	4.4
Zink	55.2	Rose Dew	28.8	Norvell	12.1	Willow Creek	4.4
Clark	52.8	Chamberlain	28.6	Ute	12.1		
Bales	50.6	Carbondale	26.4	Explorer	11		
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GRASP® Scores/Ranking

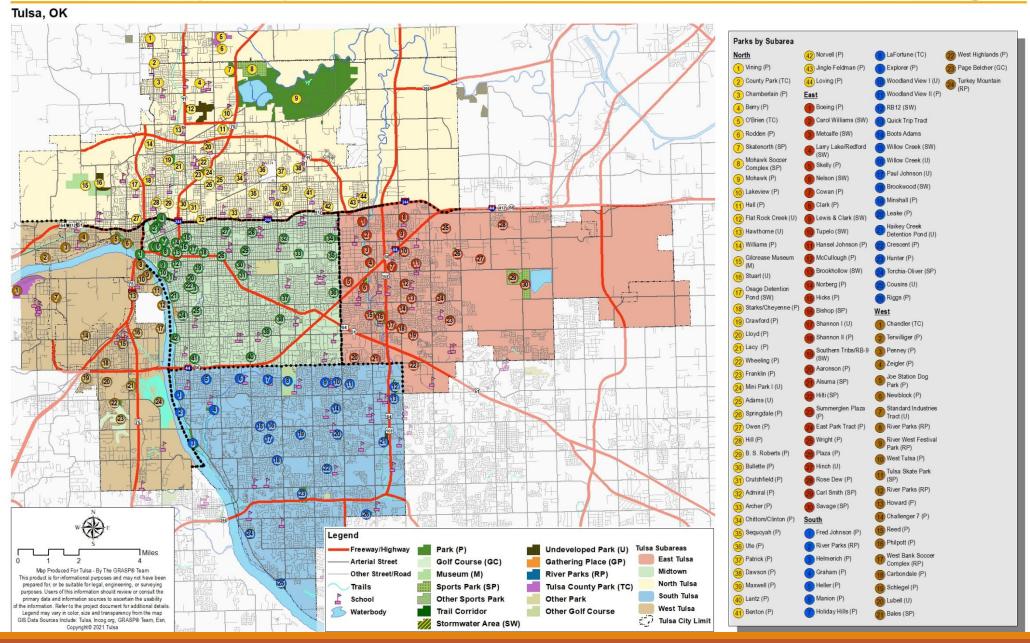
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Top 10% of all park scores

Comparisons
(National Dataset)

GRASP® Benchmarking

(With Comparable Population 290,000 to 405,000)

Total Locations

Aurora, CO - 155 Henderson, NV – 65

Park per 1,000 People

Aurora, CO - 0.4

Henderson, NV – 0.2

Components/1k Pop

Aurora, CO - 2 Henderson, NV - 3

Average Score Per Location

Aurora, CO – 32.2 Henderson, NV – 80.6

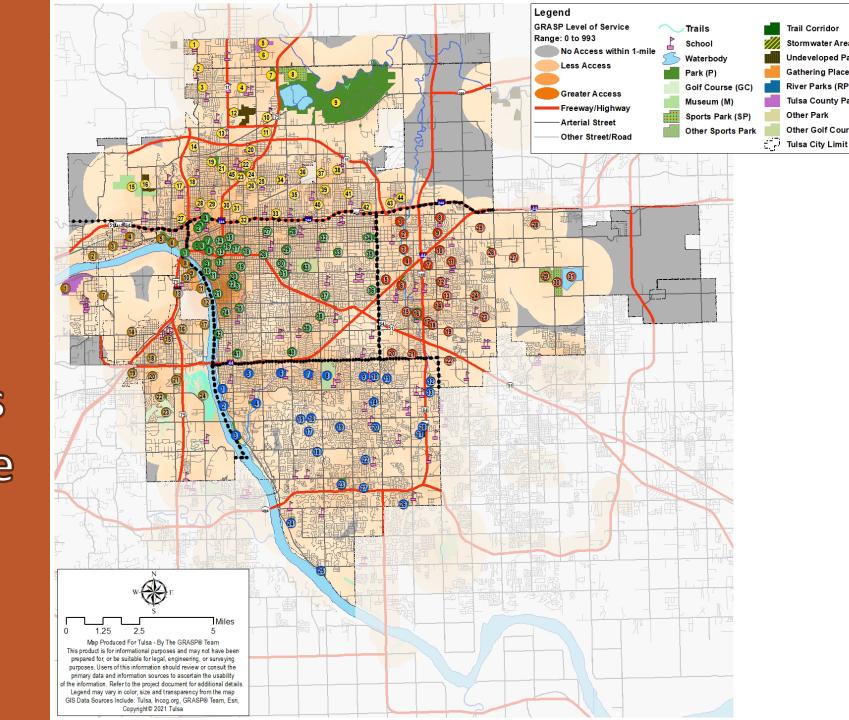
Components Per Location

Aurora, CO – 6 Henderson, NV – 13

Tulsa trends towards the top in total locations, parks and components per capita and lower in components and average score per park

GRASP® Neighborhood Access

99% of residents live within 1-mile of an outdoor recreation opportunity



Trail Corridor

Stormwater Area (SW)

Undeveloped Park (U)

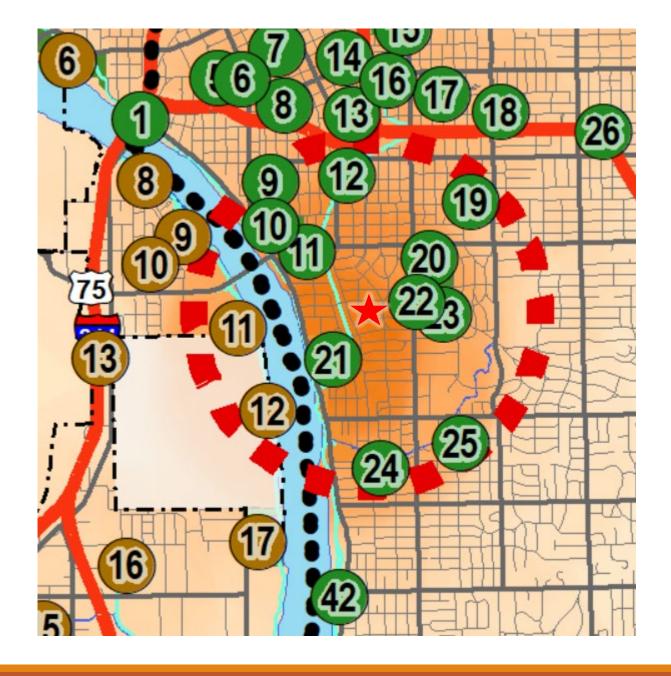
Gathering Place (GP)

Tulsa County Park (TC)

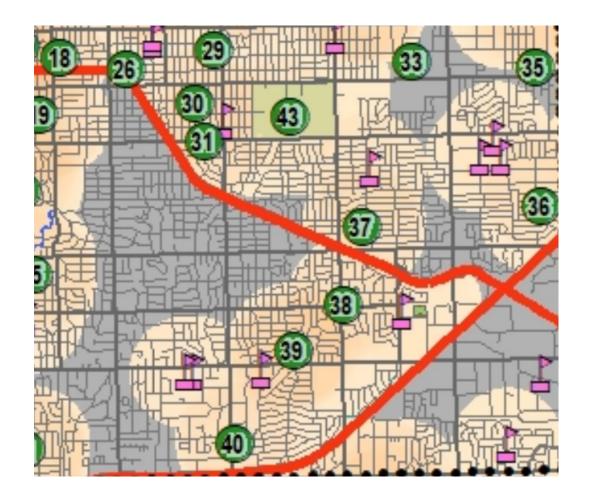
River Parks (RP)

Other Golf Course

Other Park



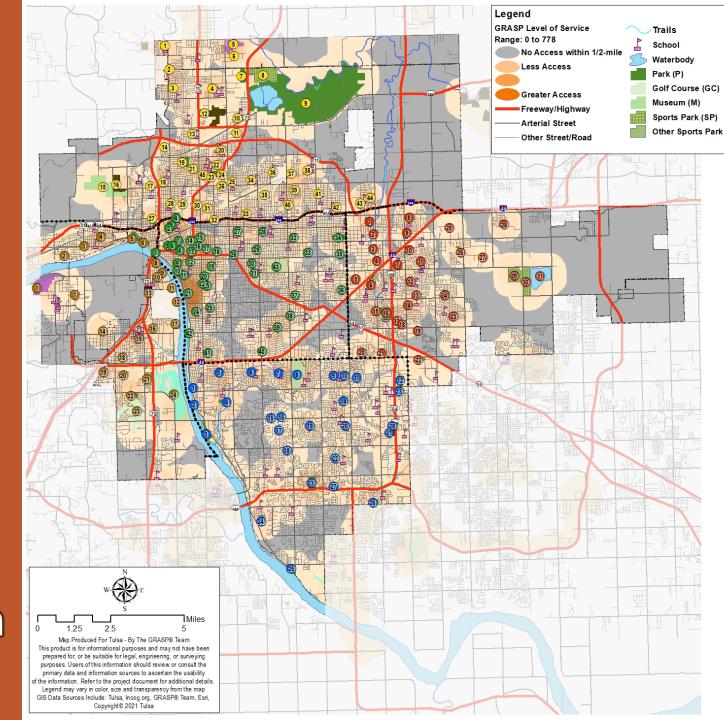
GRASP® Neighborhood High Value



Walking barriers

GRASP® Walkable Access

87% of residents
live within 10minute walk of an
outdoor recreation
opportunity



Trail Corridor

Stormwater Area (SW)

Undeveloped Park (U)

Gathering Place (GP) River Parks (RP)

Tulsa County Park (TC)

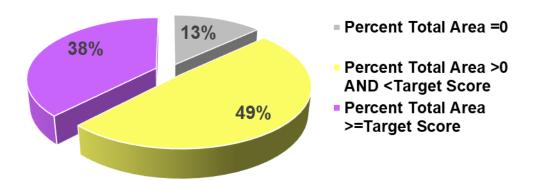
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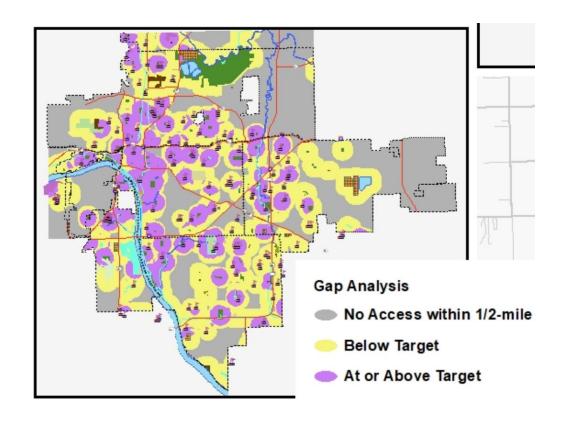
Tulsa City Limit

Tulsa Parks	TYPE	GIS Acres	Diamond Field, Practice	Loop Walk	Open Turf	Playground, Local	Public Art	Shelter, Large	Total Components	GRASP® Score/Rank
Howard	City of Tulsa Parks-Park	7			1	1	1		3	19.2
Jingle Feldman	City of Tulsa Parks-Park	5	1		1			1	3	19.2
Terrace	City of Tulsa Parks-Park	19		1	1	1			3	19.2

Walkable Target

% of Population with Walkable Access to Outdoor Recreation

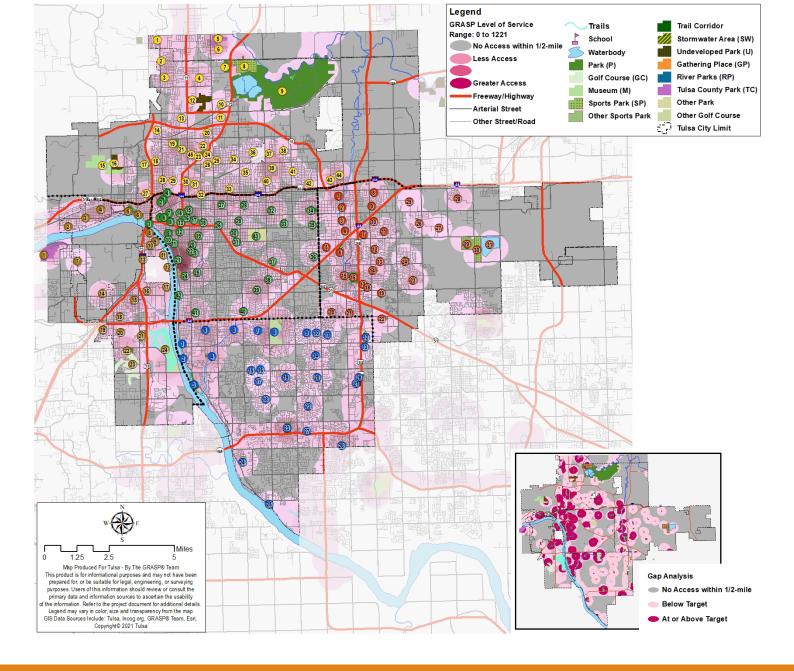




GRASP® Walkability



Active Energy Expenditure or "AEE Value"





Walkable Access Target Score

Target score of 3 components with EE of 2 and access to a trail

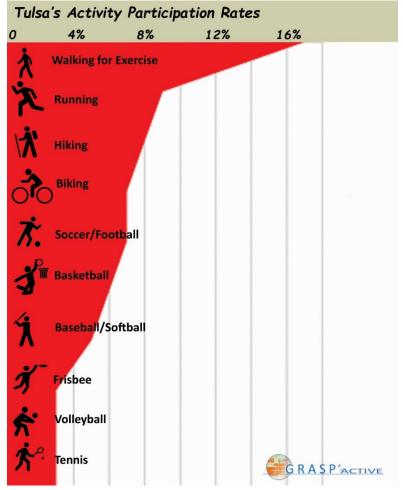


Tulsa Baseline Participation Rates

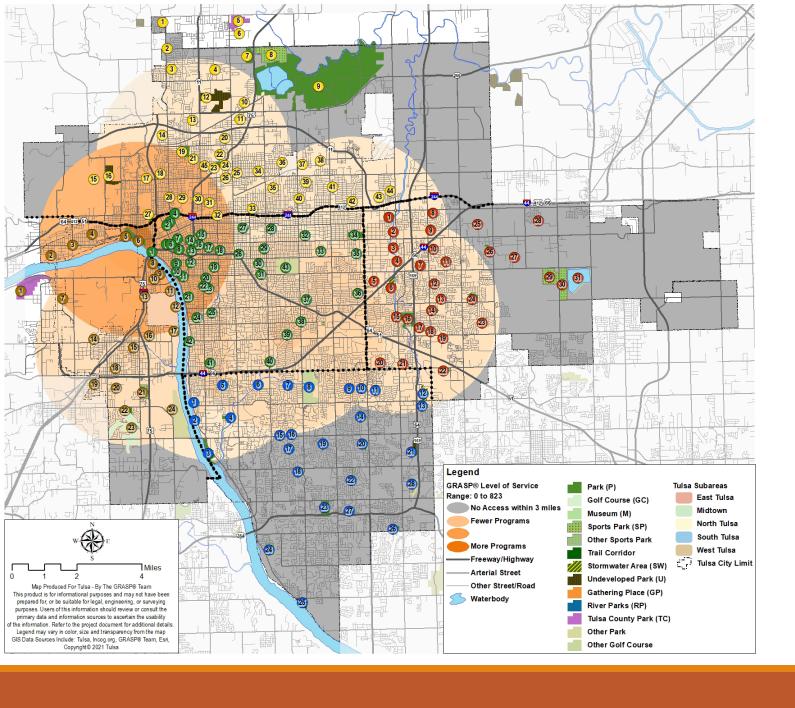
Midtown & South 10/10

West 3/10

North & East 0/10



Activity
Participation
Summary by
Subarea





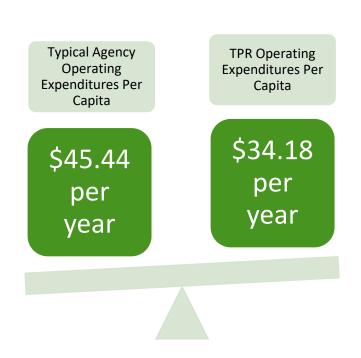
Access to Program Locations

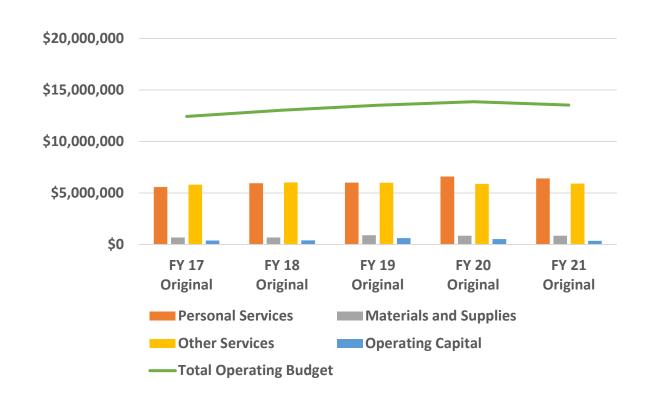
Overall Service Summary By Subarea

	North	East	South	West	Midtown		
Total Population	74306	81887	125859	31944	98642		
Population Density	1.6	2.5	4.6	1.6	5.3		
Park Acres / Population	59	12	7	41	6		
People / Park	2	3	4	2	3		
Total GRASP® Scores	1309	565	731	570	1435		
GRASP® Index (GRASP® Score / Population)	18	7	6	18	15		
Neighborhood LOS/Population	65	31	20	63	37		
Walkability LOS / Population	36	18	12	36	19		
Neighborhood GRASP® Active / Population	52	22	17	55	23		
Walkabiility GRASP® Active / Population	65	33	23	70	36		
Programs (Affordances) Access / Population	83	24	14	146	32		
Activity Participation Rates (Above City Average)	0	0	10	3	10		

Financial/Operations Analysis

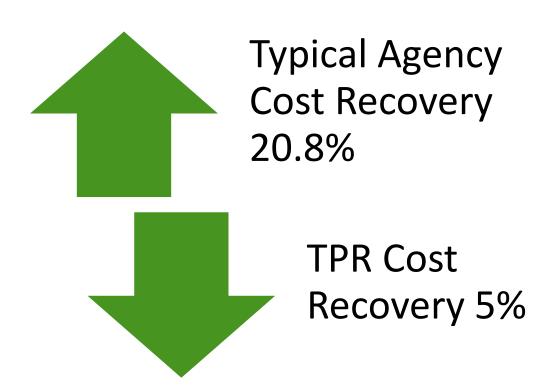
Financial Analysis





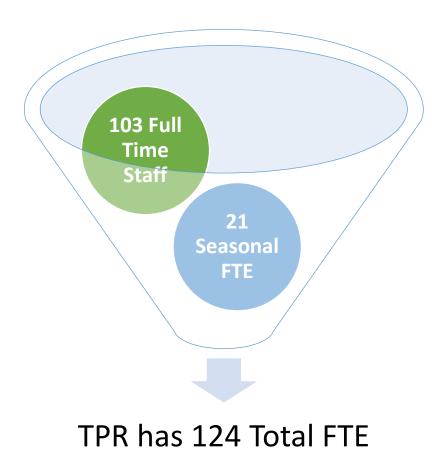
To meet the typical Operating Expenditure TPR would need to increase its per capita spending by approximately \$11 dollars. This increase would necessitate a budget increase of \$4.5 million

Financial Analysis



The Community Needs
Assessment Survey results show
that there is little tolerance for
fee increases. An increase in user
fees would somewhat limit
participation for 36% of invite
respondents and significantly
limit participation for another
18%.

Organizational Analysis



NRPA suggests that a typical agency with a similar population to Tulsa would need 210 FTE



- May 4, 2021
 - Park Board Update
- May 5, 2021
 - Staff Findings Presentation
 - City Council Update
- May 6, 2021
 - Open Public Meeting/Findings
- May 7, 2021
 - Staff Key Issues/Visioning

This Week

- Draft Plan Presentation
 - July 2021

- Final Plan Presentation/Deliverables
 - August/September 2021

Next Steps

Remaining Project Schedule



Thank you for your time!

