

**Ephrata, Washington:  
Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Survey**

**Methodology and Results**

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# Methodology

## **Overview:**

The Social Science Research Unit (SSRU) was contacted by the City of Ephrata, Washington to conduct a survey about parks, recreation, and open space in Ephrata. The survey was designed to assess resident's opinions and concerns about recreation programs and facilities in the city, as well as to determine how citizens prioritize recreation funding.

The frame used for sampling was derived from two sources. The City of Ephrata provided a list of names and addresses from the property tax roles, and the Public Utility District (PUD) provided a list of addresses with working utility connections. The two lists were merged, duplicate listings were removed. The resulting frame contained 2,847 addresses. A random sample of 1,700 households was drawn using the SurveySelect procedure in SAS<sup>1</sup>.

Mail surveys and accompanying explanatory letter (Appendix A and B) were sent out April 25, 2007. One week later (May 2, 2007), a postcard was sent to remind households to complete the survey. On May 25, 2007, a second letter (Appendix C) was sent with another copy of the survey. Follow-up phone calls were made from June 18<sup>th</sup> to June 21<sup>st</sup> to a sample of 200 non-responding households for whom phone numbers could be obtained using directory listings. Each household in the sample was called twice, and messages were left on answering machines if available.

A total 694 respondents completed the mailed portion of the survey. An additional ten (10) duplicates were discovered, twenty-eight (28) surveys were returned as non-deliverable, and nineteen (19) households declined to participate in the study. The mail survey also found 165 households to be ineligible because they were vacant (no eligible respondent) or the respondent had moved out of the City of Ephrata. The remaining 784 households were not contacted. The final adjusted response rate<sup>2</sup> for the survey is 45.5%. The overall margin of error for the study is 3.2% (although the margin of error for individual items in the survey may differ slightly due to different item response rates).

Data were analyzed using SPSS<sup>3</sup> and SAS. Frequencies, percents, and 95% confidence intervals are presented for estimates of qualitative variables; frequencies, means, and medians are presented for quantitative variables.

Chi-square analyses (cross-tabulations) are used in this report to assess if a relationship exists between two categorical variables. For example, one may want to assess if a relationship exists between the section of town an individual lives in and their opinion on recreation priorities. If no relationship between the two variables exists (the null hypothesis), one would expect residents from all areas of town to have the same preferences. If a relationship between the two variables does exist (the alternative hypothesis), then residents of the different areas would have different opinions about which recreation programs/facilities should be prioritized. The Pearson Chi-square statistic

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<sup>1</sup> SAS, Version 9.1. 2006. SAS Institute, Inc. Cary, N.C.

<sup>2</sup> The American Association for Public Opinion Research (AAPOR). 2006. Standards Definitions: Final Disposition of Case Codes and Outcome Rates for Surveys, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition. Lenexa, KS: AAPOR. Available at: [http://www.aapor.org/pdfs/standarddefs\\_4.pdf](http://www.aapor.org/pdfs/standarddefs_4.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> SPSS, Version 14.0. 2005. SPSS, Inc.

measures the degree of difference between the frequencies that one would expect under the null hypothesis (no association) versus the frequencies that were actually observed. A probability score ( $p$ -value) is then used to assess the probability that those observed frequencies could occur by chance if the null hypothesis (no association) was true. Very small probabilities ( $p < 0.05$ ) mean that it is unlikely that the frequencies observed would have occurred by chance, and so it is more likely that a real relationship exists between the two variables. In this example, a  $p$ -value  $< 0.05$  would indicate that preference varies by location.

### **Discussion of Response Rate:**

As discussed above, the sampling frame (from which the random sample of households to be included in the study was drawn) was composed of mailing lists from two sources: property tax roles and public utility roles. The reason for using the two lists was to compose the most thoroughly representative frame available, that is a frame consisting of all households in the city, including those in apartment buildings, those without land-line telephones, etc. The 2000 U.S. Census reported 2,788 housing units in the City of Ephrata, with 2,561 of those units as occupied and the remainder as unoccupied, where our frame contained 2,847 households<sup>4</sup>. Thus, we expect that the frame used for this study both a) reflects housing growth in the City of Ephrata from 2000-2007, and b) contains some unoccupied households. The list from the PUD, while it contained only active accounts, probably included some apartments and houses which were vacant, but for which accounts were still being maintained to avoid disconnect/reconnect fees or to allow a landlord, real estate agent, or property manager to show the property to potential buyers or renters. If we assume that the proportion of occupied to total households has remained roughly constant, then we would expect about 92% of our frame and sample to be occupied households, and 8% would be unoccupied. Applying that fraction to the sample of 1,700 households, we would expect approximately 136 households to be vacant, very close to the 165 vacant or otherwise ineligible households we found during the course of the survey.

When the two lists were merged to construct the frame, approximately 60% of the frame was composed of households found on the property tax roles (thus had names and addresses), while 40% of the frame was composed of households found only on the PUD list (had only addresses). By the very nature of the frame construction, the addresses found only on the PUD list would be composed primarily of renters (i.e. non property owners). In 2000, the proportion of renters to owners in Ephrata was 30.9% to 69.1%<sup>5</sup>.

Examination of the response rates from the two lists showed that the response rate was not random with respect to which list the address originated. Several possible reasons exist for this discrepancy. First, personalization of survey mailings has been shown to positively affect response rate<sup>6</sup>. Secondly, the renters may be more likely to be in the younger, more mobile demographic. We found some evidence of this “mobility” from our telephone follow-up calls: many respondents had disconnected phone numbers, which could indicate a recent move. Thirdly, renters may have lower household income and/or education, and some research suggests individuals from those

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<sup>4</sup> U.S. Census Bureau. 2000. Decennial Census. Available at: <http://factfinder.census.gov/>

<sup>5</sup> Ibid.

<sup>6</sup> Dillman, Don A. 2000. Mail and Internet Surveys: The Tailored Design Method. John Wiley and Sons, Inc. New York.

demographics have higher survey refusal rates and survey nonresponse rates<sup>7</sup>. Lastly, 6.2% of the population of Ephrata speaks English "less than very well"<sup>8</sup>. Assuming a random sample of households, we would expect approximately 105 households in the sample to speak English "less than very well." Those households may have had trouble reading and completing the survey. It could be that if those are new immigrants, they might be more likely to be renting than owning, again contributing to the non-response of the PUD list.

**Comparison to Census Data:**

In order to determine sample representativeness, we compared the age distribution of adults (over 18) for the respondents in the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space survey to percent of adults over 18 in the 2000 Census data (keeping in mind that the 2000 Census data is seven years old and age structure may have changed somewhat since then). We found the age distribution of the sample to be very similar to the 2000 Census data, with the exception that the youngest age demographics tended to be underrepresented, and the middle-aged demographics tend to be over-represented (Table 1). Under-representation of the youngest demographics in surveys are not uncommon. In this study, this result is also consistent with the response rate differences between the two sample lists used; that is, younger people (those in their twenties) are more likely to be renters, rather than homeowners, and it appears home owners responded at higher rates than non-homeowners.

**Table 1: Comparison of Sample to 2000 Census Data**

<i>Age Category</i>	<i>Census</i>	<i>Sample</i>	<i>95% Confidence Limits</i>
<i>20 – 24 years old</i>	7.6 %	1.3 %	0.5% - 2.2%
<i>25 – 34 years old</i>	17.3 %	11.5 %	9.1% - 14.0%
<i>35 – 44 years old</i>	22.1 %	18.1 %	15.2% - 21.1%
<i>45 – 54 years old</i>	19.0 %	21.3 %	18.2% - 24.4%
<i>55 – 59 years old</i>	5.5 %	9.3 %	7.1% - 11.5%
<i>60 – 64 years old</i>	4.9 %	9.4 %	7.2% - 11.7%
<i>65 – 74 years old</i>	10.5 %	13.2 %	10.6% - 15.8%
<i>75 – 84 years old</i>	9.7 %	12.0 %	9.5% - 14.5%
<i>Over 85 years old</i>	3.4 %	3.7 %	2.3% - 5.2%

<sup>7</sup> Abraham, K.G., A. Maitland, and S.M. Bianchi. 2006. Nonresponse in the American Time-Use Survey: Who is missing from the data and how much does it matter? *Public Opinion Quarterly*. 70(5): 676-703.

<sup>8</sup> U.S. Census Bureau. 2000. Decennial Census. Available at: <http://factfinder.census.gov/>

## Frequencies from Qualitative Questions

Questions 1 – 3

Question	Response	N	Percent	95% Confidence Intervals
Q1: Importance of parks or open space	Very unimportant	113	16.5%	13.7% - 19.3%
	Unimportant	12	1.7%	0.8% - 2.7%
	Neutral/ Not Sure	26	3.8%	2.3% - 5.2%
	Important	213	31.0%	27.6% - 34.5%
	Very important	322	46.9%	43.2% - 50.7%
Q2: Importance of recreation programs	Very unimportant	99	14.5%	11.8% - 17.1%
	Unimportant	27	3.9%	2.4% - 5.4%
	Neutral/ Not Sure	65	9.5%	7.2% - 11.7%
	Important	268	39.2%	35.5% - 42.8%
	Very important	225	32.9%	29.4% - 36.4%
Q3: Importance of access to park or open space	Very unimportant	89	13.0%	10.5% - 15.6%
	Unimportant	30	4.4%	2.9% - 5.9%
	Neutral/ Not Sure	68	10.0%	7.7% - 12.2%
	Important	271	39.7%	36.1% - 43.4%
	Very important	224	32.8%	29.3% - 36.4%

Questions 4 and 5

Question	Response	N	Percent	95% Confidence Interval
Q4A: Use of Splash Zone	None	325	48.3%	44.5% - 52.1%
	1-5 Times	155	23.0%	19.8% - 26.2%
	6-10 Times	64	9.5%	7.3% - 11.7%
	11-15 Times	37	5.5%	3.8% - 7.2%
	16-25 Times	29	4.3%	2.8% - 5.8%
	26 + Times	63	9.4%	7.1% - 11.6%
Q4B: Use of Ephrata Sports Complex	None	380	59.3%	55.5% - 63.1%
	1-5 Times	115	17.9%	15.0% - 20.9%
	6-10 Times	47	7.3%	5.3% - 9.4%
	11-15 Times	25	3.9%	2.4% - 5.4%
	16-25 Times	30	4.7%	3.0% - 6.3%
	26 + Times	44	6.9%	4.9% - 8.8%
Q4c: Use of Skate Park	None	545	81.8%	78.9% - 84.8%
	1-5 Times	66	9.9%	7.6% - 12.2%
	6-10 Times	26	3.9%	2.4% - 5.4%
	11-15 Times	7	1.1%	0.3% - 1.8%
	16-25 Times	6	0.9%	0.2% - 1.6%
	26 + Times	16	2.4%	1.2% - 3.6%
Q4d: Use of Lion's Park	None	215	32.7%	29.1% - 36.3%
	1-5 Times	258	39.3%	35.5% - 43.0%
	6-10 Times	88	13.4%	10.8% - 16.0%
	11-15 Times	38	5.8%	4.0% - 7.6%
	16-25 Times	27	4.1%	2.6% - 5.6%
	26 + Times	31	4.7%	3.1% - 6.3%
Q4e: Use of B. Mordhorst Gun Range	None	524	79.3%	76.2% - 82.4%
	1-5 Times	70	10.6%	8.2% - 12.9%
	6-10 Times	22	3.3%	2.0% - 4.7%
	11-15 Times	14	2.1%	1.0% - 3.2%
	16-25 Times	9	1.4%	0.5% - 2.2%
	26 + Times	22	3.3%	2.0% - 4.7%
Q4f: Use of Oasis Park/ Golf Course	None	336	50.8%	47.0% - 54.7%
	1-5 Times	252	38.1%	34.4% - 41.8%
	6-10 Times	45	6.8%	4.9% - 8.7%
	11-15 Times	14	2.1%	1.0% - 3.2%
	16-25 Times	7	1.1%	0.3% - 1.8%
	26 + Times	7	1.1%	0.3% - 1.8%

Question	Response	N	Percent	95% Confidence Interval
Q4g: Lee Park	None	531	80.7%	77.7% - 83.7%
	1-5 Times	83	12.6%	10.1% - 15.2%
	6-10 Times	17	2.6%	1.4% - 3.8%
	11-15 Times	11	1.7%	0.7% - 2.7%
	16-25 Times	6	0.9%	0.2% - 1.6%
	26 + Times	10	1.5%	0.6% - 2.5%
Q4h: Parkway (Bambino) Field	None	458	70.0%	66.5% - 73.6%
	1-5 Times	102	15.6%	12.8% - 18.4%
	6-10 Times	28	4.3%	2.7% - 5.8%
	11-15 Times	14	2.1%	1.0% - 3.3%
	16-25 Times	18	2.8%	1.5% - 4.0%
	26 + Times	34	5.2%	3.5% - 6.9%
Q4i: Sun Basin Plaza (Rock Park)	None	299	44.6%	40.9% - 48.4%
	1-5 Times	261	39.0%	35.3% - 42.7%
	6-10 Times	59	8.8%	6.7% - 11.0%
	11-15 Times	26	3.9%	2.4% - 5.3%
	16-25 Times	12	1.8%	0.8% - 2.8%
	26 + Times	13	1.9%	0.9% - 3.0%
Q4j: Ephrata Recreation Center	None	244	37.1%	33.4% - 40.8%
	1-5 Times	304	46.3%	42.4% - 50.1%
	6-10 Times	58	8.8%	6.7% - 11.0%
	11-15 Times	14	2.1%	1.0% - 3.2%
	16-25 Times	10	1.5%	0.6% - 2.4%
	26 + Times	27	4.1%	2.6% - 5.6%
Q4k: Division Street Trail	None	387	58.3%	54.5% - 62.0%
	1-5 Times	98	14.8%	12.1% - 17.5%
	6-10 Times	44	6.6%	4.7% - 8.5%
	11-15 Times	40	6.0%	4.2% - 7.8%
	16-25 Times	27	4.1%	2.6% - 5.6%
	26 + Times	68	10.2%	7.9% - 12.6%
Q4l: National Washington Way Trail	None	387	58.8%	55.0% - 62.6%
	1-5 Times	116	17.6%	14.7% - 20.5%
	6-10 Times	45	6.8%	4.9% - 8.8%
	11-15 Times	37	5.6%	3.9% - 7.4%
	16-25 Times	23	3.5%	2.1% - 4.9%
	26 + Times	50	7.6%	5.6% - 9.6%

Question	Response	N	Percent	95% Confidence Limits
Q4n: Beezley Hill Trails	None	452	67.5%	63.9% - 71.0%
	1-5 Times	114	17.0%	14.2% - 19.9%
	6-10 Times	31	4.6%	3.0% - 6.2%
	11-15 Times	22	3.3%	1.9% - 4.6%
	16-25 Times	16	2.4%	1.2% - 3.5%
	26 + Times	35	5.2%	3.5% - 6.9%
Q4o: Airport Trails	None	305	45.5%	41.6% - 49.2%
	1-5 Times	138	20.5%	17.5% - 23.6%
	6-10 Times	47	7.0%	5.1% - 8.9%
	11-15 Times	37	5.5%	3.8% - 7.2%
	16-25 Times	40	6.0%	4.2% - 7.7%
	26 + Times	105	15.6%	12.9% - 18.4%
<b>Question 5</b>				
Q5a: Grant Gym	None	569	86.1%	83.4% - 88.7%
	1-5 Times	60	9.1%	6.9% - 11.3%
	6-10 Times	13	2.0%	0.9% - 3.0%
	11-15 Times	7	1.1%	0.3% - 1.8%
	16-25 Times	3	0.5%	0.0% - 1.0%
	26 + Times	9	1.4%	0.5% - 2.2%
Q5b: Grant Playfield	None	530	79.9%	76.9% - 83.0%
	1-5 Times	63	9.5%	7.3% - 11.7%
	6-10 Times	29	4.4%	2.8% - 5.9%
	11-15 Times	10	1.5%	0.6% - 2.4%
	16-25 Times	11	1.7%	0.7% - 2.6%
	26 + Times	20	3.0%	1.7% - 4.3%
Q5c: Columbia Ridge Gym	None	561	84.2%	81.5% - 87.0%
	1-5 Times	54	8.1%	6.0% - 10.2%
	6-10 Times	21	3.2%	1.8% - 4.4%
	11-15 Times	7	1.1%	0.3% - 1.8%
	16-25 Times	8	1.2%	0.4% - 2.0%
	26 + Times	15	2.3%	1.1% - 3.4%
Q5d: Columbia Ridge Playfield	None	485	72.6%	69.2% - 76.0%
	1-5 Times	80	12.0%	9.5% - 14.4%
	6-10 Times	42	6.3%	4.4% - 8.1%
	11-15 Times	18	2.7%	1.5% - 3.9%
	16-25 Times	13	1.9%	0.9% - 3.0%
	26 + Times	30	4.5%	2.9% - 6.1%
Q5e: High School Gyms	None	477	71.6%	68.2% - 75.1%
	1-5 Times	103	15.5%	12.7% - 18.2%
	6-10 Times	31	4.7%	3.1% - 6.3%
	11-15 Times	16	2.4%	1.2% - 3.6%
	16-25 Times	10	1.5%	0.6% - 2.4%
	26 + Times	29	4.4%	2.8% - 5.9%

Question	Response	N	Percent	95% Confidence Intervals
Q5f: High School Playfields	None	469	70.6%	67.2% - 74.1%
	1-5 Times	99	14.9%	12.2% - 17.6%
	6-10 Times	30	4.5%	2.9% - 6.1%
	11-15 Times	26	3.9%	2.4% - 5.4%
	16-25 Times	10	1.5%	0.6% - 2.4%
	26 + Times	30	4.5%	2.9% - 6.1%
Q5g: Beezley Gym	None	566	85.0%	82.3% - 87.7%
	1-5 Times	50	7.5%	5.5% - 9.5%
	6-10 Times	16	2.4%	1.2% - 3.6%
	11-15 Times	10	1.5%	0.6% - 2.4%
	16-25 Times	8	1.2%	0.4% - 2.0%
	26 + Times	16	2.4%	1.2% - 3.6%
Q5h: Beezley Playfields	None	624	93.5%	92.2% - 95.8%
	1-5 Times	20	3.0%	1.7% - 4.3%
	6-10 Times	6	0.9%	0.2% - 1.6%
	11-15 Times	3	0.5%	0.0% - 1.0%
	16-25 Times	1	0.2%	0.0% - 0.4%
	26 + Times	10	1.5%	0.6% - 2.4%
Q5i: Parkway Cafeteria	None	614	92.1%	90.0% - 94.1%
	1-5 Times	37	5.5%	3.8% - 7.3%
	6-10 Times	8	1.2%	0.4% - 2.0%
	11-15 Times	1	0.1%	0.0% - 0.4%
	16-25 Times	1	0.1%	0.0% - 0.4%
	26 + Times	6	0.9%	0.2% - 1.6%
Q5j: Middle School Classrooms	None	634	95.3%	93.7% - 96.9%
	1-5 Times	20	3.0%	1.7% - 4.3%
	6-10 Times	3	0.5%	0.0% - 1.0%
	11-15 Times	1	0.2%	0.0% - 0.4%
	16-25 Times	1	0.2%	0.0% - 0.4%
	26 + Times	6	0.9%	0.2% - 1.6%
Q5k: Middle School Cafeteria	None	630	94.6%	92.9% - 96.3%
	1-5 Times	25	3.8%	2.3% - 5.2%
	6-10 Times	4	0.6%	0.0% - 1.2%
	11-15 Times	1	0.2%	0.0% - 0.4%
	16-25 Times	1	0.2%	0.0% - 0.4%
	26 + Times	5	0.8%	0.1% - 1.4%
Q5L: Middle School Gym	None	588	88.4%	86.0% - 90.9%
	1-5 Times	42	6.3%	4.5% - 8.2%
	6-10 Times	11	1.7%	0.7% - 2.6%
	11-15 Times	5	0.8%	0.1% - 1.4%
	16-25 Times	7	1.1%	0.3% - 1.8%
	26 + Times	12	1.8%	0.8% - 2.8%

Questions 6 and 7

Question	Response	N	Percent	95% Confidence Intervals
Q6: Reasonable walking distance to park	Less than five minutes	197	29.3%	25.8% - 32.7%
	Five to ten minutes	236	35.1%	31.5% - 38.7%
	Ten to fifteen minutes	130	19.3%	16.3% - 22.3%
	Fifteen and twenty minutes	69	10.3%	7.8% - 12.6%
	More than twenty minutes	41	6.1%	4.3% - 7.9%
<b>Question 7</b>				
Q7a: Open green space/grass	Very Unimportant	20	2.9%	1.7% - 4.2%
	Unimportant	18	2.7%	1.4% - 3.9%
	Neutral/ Not Sure	65	9.6%	7.4% - 11.8%
	Important	319	47.0%	43.2% - 50.7%
	Very important	257	37.8%	34.2% - 41.5%
Q7b: Picnic tables	Very Unimportant	21	3.1%	1.8% - 4.4%
	Unimportant	28	4.1%	2.6% - 5.6%
	Neutral/ Not Sure	108	15.9%	13.2% - 18.7%
	Important	339	50.0%	46.2% - 53.8%
	Very important	182	26.8%	23.5% - 30.2%
Q7c: Picnic shelter	Very Unimportant	21	3.1%	1.8% - 4.4%
	Unimportant	48	7.1%	5.2% - 9.1%
	Neutral/ Not Sure	166	24.6%	21.3% - 27.8%
	Important	296	43.9%	40.1% - 47.6%
	Very important	144	21.3%	18.2% - 24.4%
Q7d: Basketball courts	Very Unimportant	53	7.9%	5.9% - 9.9%
	Unimportant	83	12.4%	9.9% - 14.9%
	Neutral/ Not Sure	242	36.2%	32.5% - 39.8%
	Important	217	32.4%	28.9% - 36.0%
	Very important	74	11.1%	8.7% - 13.4%
Q7e: Playground equipment	Very Unimportant	30	4.4%	2.9% - 6.0%
	Unimportant	41	6.0%	4.2% - 7.8%
	Neutral/ Not Sure	106	15.6%	12.8% - 18.7%
	Important	279	41.0%	37.3% - 44.7%
	Very important	225	33.0%	29.5% - 36.6%
Q7f: Trees	Very Unimportant	18	2.7%	1.4% - 3.9%
	Unimportant	15	2.2%	1.1% - 3.3%
	Neutral/ Not Sure	50	7.4%	5.4% - 9.4%
	Important	259	38.3%	34.6% - 41.9%
	Very important	335	49.5%	45.7% - 53.3%
Q7g: Attractive landscaping	Very Unimportant	21	3.1%	1.8% - 4.4%
	Unimportant	39	5.8%	4.0% - 7.5%
	Neutral/ Not Sure	152	22.4%	19.3% - 25.6%
	Important	282	41.6%	37.9% - 45.3%
	Very important	184	27.1%	23.8% - 30.5%

Question	Response	N	Percent	95% Confidence Intervals
Q7h: Permanent bathrooms	Very Unimportant	18	2.7%	1.4% - 3.9%
	Unimportant	18	2.7%	1.4% - 3.9%
	Neutral/ Not Sure	73	10.8%	8.4% - 13.1%
	Important	223	32.9%	29.4% - 36.5%
	Very important	345	51.0%	47.2% - 54.7%
Q7i: Portable bathrooms	Very Unimportant	100	15.1%	12.3% - 17.8%
	Unimportant	90	13.6%	10.9% - 16.2%
	Neutral/ Not Sure	233	35.1%	31.5% - 38.7%
	Important	176	26.5%	23.1% - 29.9%
	Very important	65	9.8%	7.5% - 12.1%
Q7j: Drinking fountains	Very Unimportant	33	4.9%	3.3% - 6.5%
	Unimportant	39	5.8%	4.0% - 7.5%
	Neutral/ Not Sure	141	20.9%	17.8% - 24.0%
	Important	279	41.3%	37.6% - 45.1%
	Very important	183	27.1%	23.7% - 30.5%
Q7k: Water faucets	Very Unimportant	27	4.0%	2.5% - 5.5%
	Unimportant	52	7.7%	5.7% - 9.7%
	Neutral/ Not Sure	209	30.8%	27.3% - 34.3%
	Important	269	39.7%	36.0% - 43.4%
	Very important	121	17.8%	15.0% - 20.7%
Q7l: Bike rack	Very Unimportant	47	7.0%	5.1% - 8.9%
	Unimportant	91	13.6%	11.0% - 16.2%
	Neutral/ Not Sure	256	38.2%	34.5% - 41.8%
	Important	209	31.1%	27.6% - 34.7%
	Very important	68	10.1%	7.8% - 12.4%
Q7m: Nature paths/trails	Very Unimportant	27	4.0%	2.5% - 5.5%
	Unimportant	46	6.8%	4.9% - 8.7%
	Neutral/ Not Sure	177	26.2%	22.9% - 29.5%
	Important	258	38.2%	34.5% - 41.8%
	Very important	168	24.9%	21.6% - 28.1%
Q7n: Exercise paths/trails	Very Unimportant	29	4.3%	2.8% - 5.5%
	Unimportant	46	6.8%	4.9% - 8.7%
	Neutral/ Not Sure	168	24.8%	21.5% - 28.0%
	Important	266	39.2%	35.5% - 42.9%
	Very important	169	24.9%	21.7% - 28.2%
Q7o: Trash cans	Very Unimportant	17	2.5%	1.3% - 3.7%
	Unimportant	10	1.5%	0.6% - 2.4%
	Neutral/ Not Sure	36	5.3%	3.6% - 7.0%
	Important	196	28.7%	25.3% - 32.1%
	Very important	424	62.1%	58.4% - 65.7%

Questions 8 – 10

Question	Response	N	Percent	95% Confidence Interval
Q8: Use of city trails or paths	Never	175	25.7%	22.3% - 28.9%
	A few times during the year	199	29.2%	25.8% - 32.6%
	At least once a month	69	10.1%	7.8% - 12.4%
	At least once a week	125	18.3%	15.4% - 21.2%
	Daily, weather permitting	81	11.9%	9.4% - 14.3%
	Daily, rain or shine	33	4.8%	3.2% - 6.5%
<b>Question 9</b>				
Q9a: Quality of grass/turf	Very Dissatisfied	6	0.9%	0.2% - 1.6%
	Dissatisfied	19	2.9%	1.6% - 4.1%
	Neutral/ Not Sure	183	27.6%	24.2% - 31.0%
	Satisfied	355	53.5%	49.7% - 57.4%
	Very Satisfied	100	15.1%	12.4% - 17.8%
Q9b: Quantity of grass/turf	Very Dissatisfied	4	0.6%	0.0% - 1.2%
	Dissatisfied	19	2.9%	1.6% - 4.2%
	Neutral/ Not Sure	173	26.2%	22.8% - 29.5%
	Satisfied	358	54.2%	50.4% - 58.0%
	Very Satisfied	107	16.2%	13.4% - 19.0%
Q9c: Playground equipment	Very Dissatisfied	12	1.8%	0.8% - 2.8%
	Dissatisfied	53	7.9%	5.9% - 10.0%
	Neutral/ Not Sure	265	39.7%	36.0% - 43.4%
	Satisfied	273	40.9%	37.1% - 44.6%
	Very Satisfied	65	9.7%	7.5% - 12.0%
Q9d: Playground safety	Very Dissatisfied	7	1.1%	0.3% - 1.8%
	Dissatisfied	40	6.0%	4.2% - 7.8%
	Neutral/ Not Sure	279	41.9%	38.1% - 45.6%
	Satisfied	269	40.4%	36.7% - 44.1%
	Very Satisfied	71	10.7%	8.3% - 13.0%
Q9e: Quality of sports fields	Very Dissatisfied	12	1.8%	0.8% - 2.8%
	Dissatisfied	22	3.3%	1.9% - 4.7%
	Neutral/ Not Sure	255	38.4%	34.7% - 42.1%
	Satisfied	281	42.3%	38.6% - 46.1%
	Very Satisfied	94	14.2%	11.5% - 16.8%
Q9f: Number of sports fields	Very Dissatisfied	6	0.9%	0.2% - 1.6%
	Dissatisfied	31	4.7%	3.1% - 6.3%
	Neutral/ Not Sure	265	40.2%	36.5% - 44.0%
	Satisfied	257	39.0%	35.3% - 42.7%
	Very Satisfied	100	15.2%	12.4% - 17.9%

Question	Response	N	Percent	95% Confidence Intervals
Q9g: Bathrooms	Very Dissatisfied	58	8.7%	6.6% - 10.8%
	Dissatisfied	188	28.2%	24.8% - 31.6%
	Neutral/ Not Sure	244	36.6%	32.9% - 40.2%
	Satisfied	138	20.7%	17.6% - 23.8%
	Very Satisfied	39	5.8%	4.1% - 7.6%
Q9h: Trash cans	Very Dissatisfied	27	4.0%	2.5% - 5.5%
	Dissatisfied	105	15.7%	13.0% - 18.5%
	Neutral/ Not Sure	269	40.3%	36.6% - 44.1%
	Satisfied	212	31.8%	28.2% - 35.3%
	Very Satisfied	54	8.1%	6.0% - 10.2%
<b>Question 10</b>				
Q10a: Trail leading downtown	Very Unimportant	54	8.0%	5.9% - 10.1%
	Unimportant	151	22.4%	19.2% - 25.5%
	Neutral/ Not Sure	239	35.4%	31.8% - 39.0%
	Important	153	22.7%	19.5% - 25.8%
	Very important	78	11.6%	9.1% - 14.0%
Q10b: Sidewalk from home to main trails	Very Unimportant	57	8.5%	6.4% - 10.7%
	Unimportant	123	18.4%	15.5% - 21.4%
	Neutral/ Not Sure	216	32.3%	28.8% - 35.9%
	Important	198	29.6%	26.2% - 33.1%
	Very important	74	11.1%	8.7% - 13.5%
Q10c: Sidewalk from home to downtown	Very Unimportant	44	6.5%	4.6% - 8.4%
	Unimportant	85	12.6%	10.1% - 15.1%
	Neutral/ Not Sure	146	21.6%	18.5% - 24.7%
	Important	251	37.1%	33.5% - 40.8%
	Very important	150	22.2%	19.0% - 25.3%
Q10d: Trail from park to park	Very Unimportant	60	9.0%	6.8% - 11.2%
	Unimportant	134	20.1%	17.0% - 23.1%
	Neutral/ Not Sure	298	44.6%	40.8% - 48.4%
	Important	126	18.9%	15.9% - 21.8%
	Very important	50	7.5%	5.5% - 9.5%
Q10e: Unpaved nature trails	Very Unimportant	56	8.4%	6.3% - 10.5%
	Unimportant	105	15.7%	12.9% - 18.4%
	Neutral/ Not Sure	268	40.0%	36.3% - 43.7%
	Important	175	26.1%	22.8% - 29.5%
	Very important	66	9.9%	7.6% - 12.1%
Q10f: Trail offset from street	Very Unimportant	44	6.5%	4.7% - 8.4%
	Unimportant	81	12.1%	9.6% - 14.5%
	Neutral/ Not Sure	225	33.5%	29.9% - 37.1%
	Important	219	32.6%	29.0% - 36.1%
	Very important	103	15.3%	12.6% - 18.1%

Question	Response	N	Percent	95% Confidence Interval
Q10g: Trail to walk dogs	Very Unimportant	93	13.8%	11.2% - 16.5%
	Unimportant	87	12.9%	10.4% - 15.5%
	Neutral/ Not Sure	166	24.7%	21.4% - 28.0%
	Important	164	24.4%	21.1% - 27.7%
	Very important	162	24.1%	20.9% - 27.3%
Q10h: Bikeable trails	Very Unimportant	48	7.1%	5.2% - 9.1%
	Unimportant	58	8.6%	6.5% - 10.8%
	Neutral/ Not Sure	178	26.5%	23.1% - 29.8%
	Important	245	36.5%	32.8% - 40.1%
	Very important	143	21.3%	18.2% - 24.4%
Q10i: ADA Accessible trails	Very Unimportant	64	9.6%	7.4% - 11.9%
	Unimportant	62	9.3%	7.1% - 11.6%
	Neutral/ Not Sure	269	40.5%	36.8% - 44.3%
	Important	183	27.6%	24.2% - 31.0%
	Very important	86	13.0%	10.4% - 15.5%

Questions 11, 14, and 15

Question	Response	N	Percent	95% Confidence Intervals
Q11: Recreation outside Ephrata	YES	274	40.7%	36.9% - 44.4%
	NO	400	59.3%	55.6% - 63.1%
<b>Questions 14 and 15</b>				
Q14a: Community Center	Very Unimportant	25	3.7%	2.3% - 5.2%
	Unimportant	59	8.8%	6.7% - 11.0%
	Neutral/ Not Sure	158	23.6%	20.4% - 26.8%
	Important	301	44.9%	41.1% - 48.7%
	Very important	127	19.0%	16.0% - 21.9%
Q14b: Preserving Beezley Hill	Very Unimportant	22	3.3%	1.9% - 4.6%
	Unimportant	37	5.5%	3.8% - 7.2%
	Neutral/ Not Sure	168	24.9%	21.7% - 28.2%
	Important	248	36.8%	33.1% - 40.4%
	Very important	199	29.5%	26.1% - 33.0%
Q14c: Indoor recreation and gym space	Very Unimportant	24	3.6%	2.2% - 5.0%
	Unimportant	54	8.0%	5.9% - 10.1%
	Neutral/ Not Sure	187	27.7%	24.3% - 31.1%
	Important	282	41.8%	38.0% - 45.5%
	Very important	128	19.0%	16.0% - 21.9%
Q14d: Upgrades to existing parks	Very Unimportant	11	1.6%	0.7% - 2.6%
	Unimportant	32	4.7%	3.1% - 6.3%
	Neutral/ Not Sure	132	19.6%	16.6% - 22.6%
	Important	302	44.7%	41.0% - 48.5%
	Very important	198	29.3%	25.9% - 32.8%
Q14e: Building new parks	Very Unimportant	62	9.2%	7.0% - 11.4%
	Unimportant	121	18.0%	15.1% - 20.9%
	Neutral/ Not Sure	277	41.3%	37.5% - 45.0%
	Important	142	21.2%	18.1% - 24.3%
	Very important	69	10.3%	8.0% - 12.6%
Q14f: Performing arts center	Very Unimportant	71	10.5%	8.2% - 12.9%
	Unimportant	124	18.4%	15.5% - 21.3%
	Neutral/ Not Sure	253	37.5%	33.9% - 41.2%
	Important	139	20.6%	17.6% - 23.7%
	Very important	87	12.9%	10.4% - 15.4%

Question	Response	N	Percent	95% Confidence Intervals
Q14g: Maintenance for existing parks	Very Unimportant	5	0.7%	0.1% - 1.4%
	Unimportant	15	2.2%	1.1% - 3.3%
	Neutral/ Not Sure	78	11.5%	9.1% - 13.9%
	Important	339	49.9%	46.2% - 53.7%
	Very important	242	35.6%	32.0% - 39.3%
Q14h: Building more trails	Very Unimportant	52	7.7%	5.7% - 9.7%
	Unimportant	88	13.0%	10.5% - 15.6%
	Neutral/ Not Sure	242	35.9%	32.2% - 39.5%
	Important	202	29.9%	26.5% - 33.4%
	Very important	91	13.5%	10.9% - 16.1%
Q14i: Location for after-school activities	Very Unimportant	30	4.4%	2.9% - 6.0%
	Unimportant	41	6.1%	4.3% - 7.9%
	Neutral/ Not Sure	157	23.3%	20.1% - 26.5%
	Important	259	38.4%	34.7% - 42.0%
	Very important	188	27.9%	24.5% - 31.2%
Q14j: Indoor running/walking track	Very Unimportant	61	9.0%	6.8% - 11.1%
	Unimportant	96	14.1%	11.5% - 16.7%
	Neutral/ Not Sure	194	28.5%	25.1% - 31.9%
	Important	200	29.4%	26.0% - 32.8%
	Very important	129	19.0%	16.0% - 21.9%
Q14k: Equestrian facility	Very Unimportant	169	25.2%	21.9% - 28.5%
	Unimportant	151	22.5%	19.4% - 25.7%
	Neutral/ Not Sure	249	37.2%	33.5% - 40.8%
	Important	70	10.4%	8.1% - 12.8%
	Very important	31	4.6%	3.0% - 6.2%
Q14l: Indoor soccer facility	Very Unimportant	161	23.9%	20.7% - 27.2%
	Unimportant	141	21.0%	17.9% - 24.0%
	Neutral/ Not Sure	239	35.5%	31.9% - 39.1%
	Important	96	14.3%	11.6% - 16.9%
	Very important	35	5.2%	3.5% - 6.9%
Q15: Which option is MOST important	Community center	65	10.3%	7.9% - 12.7%
	Beezley Hill preservation	67	10.6%	8.2% - 13.0%
	Indoor recreation/gym space	38	6.0%	4.2% - 7.9%
	Upgrades to parks	102	16.1%	13.3% - 19.0%
	Build new parks	18	2.8%	1.5% - 4.1%
	Performing arts center	35	5.5%	3.8% - 7.3%
	Maintenance for parks	112	17.7%	14.7% - 20.7%
	Build new trails	30	4.7%	3.1% - 6.4%
	Place for after-school activities	68	10.8%	8.3% - 13.2%
	Indoor walking/running track	75	11.9%	9.3% - 14.4%
	Equestrian facility	9	1.4%	0.5% - 2.4%
	Indoor soccer facility	13	2.1%	0.9% - 3.2%

Questions 16 and 17

Question	Response	N	Percent	95% Confidence Intervals
Q16: How much willingness to pay for facility of highest priority	\$20 Levy/ household	197	30.7%	27.1% - 34.3%
	Utility tax	29	4.5%	2.9% - 6.1%
	\$0.10 per \$1,000 property	82	12.8%	10.2% - 15.4%
	\$0.50 per \$1,000 property	31	4.8%	3.2% - 6.5%
	\$1.00 per \$1,000 property	24	3.7%	2.3% - 5.2%
	Private donation	157	24.5%	21.1% - 27.8%
	None	122	19.0%	16.0% - 22.0%
<b>Question 17</b>				
Q17a: Tourism development	Strongly disagree	39	5.9%	4.1% - 7.7%
	Disagree	84	12.7%	10.1% - 15.2%
	Neutral/Not sure	231	34.8%	31.2% - 38.4%
	Agree	214	32.2%	28.7% - 35.8%
	Strongly agree	96	14.5%	11.8% - 17.1%
Q17b: Programs for pre- school aged children	Strongly disagree	27	4.0%	2.5% - 5.5%
	Disagree	113	16.9%	14.1% - 19.8%
	Neutral/Not sure	307	46.0%	42.2% - 49.7%
	Agree	152	22.8%	19.6% - 25.9%
	Strongly agree	69	10.3%	8.0% - 12.6%
Q17c: Programs for grade-school aged children	Strongly disagree	24	3.6%	2.2% - 5.0%
	Disagree	74	11.1%	8.7% - 13.5%
	Neutral/Not sure	265	39.7%	36.0% - 43.4%
	Agree	218	32.6%	29.1% - 36.2%
	Strongly agree	87	13.0%	10.5% - 15.6%
Q17d: Programs for middle school children	Strongly disagree	20	3.0%	1.7% - 4.3%
	Disagree	49	7.4%	5.4% - 9.4%
	Neutral/Not sure	220	33.1%	29.5% - 36.7%
	Agree	245	36.8%	33.2% - 40.5%
	Strongly agree	131	19.7%	16.7% - 22.7%
Q17e: Programs for teenagers	Strongly disagree	18	2.7%	1.5% - 3.9%
	Disagree	58	8.7%	6.5% - 10.8%
	Neutral/Not sure	223	33.4%	29.8% - 37.0%
	Agree	229	34.3%	30.7% - 37.9%
	Strongly agree	140	21.0%	17.9% - 24.1%
Q17f: Programs for adults	Strongly disagree	23	3.4%	2.1% - 4.8%
	Disagree	55	8.2%	6.2% - 10.3%
	Neutral/Not sure	267	40.0%	36.3% - 43.8%
	Agree	201	30.1%	26.6% - 33.6%
	Strongly agree	121	18.1%	15.2% - 21.1%

Question	Response	N	Percent	95% Confidence Interval
Q17g: Cultural and arts programs	Strongly disagree	25	3.7%	2.3% - 5.2%
	Disagree	59	8.8%	6.7% - 11.0%
	Neutral/Not sure	289	43.3%	39.5% - 47.0%
	Agree	197	29.5%	26.0% - 33.0%
	Strongly agree	98	14.7%	12.0% - 17.4%
Q17h: Activity or sports programs	Strongly disagree	39	5.8%	4.0% - 7.6%
	Disagree	101	15.1%	12.4% - 17.8%
	Neutral/Not sure	299	44.7%	40.9% - 48.5%
	Agree	165	24.7%	21.4% - 27.9%
	Strongly agree	65	9.7%	7.5% - 12.0%

Quantitative Results (Question 13)

Question	N	Mean	Median	Standard Error
Q13: Distance traveled	264	77.9 miles	45.0 miles	8.6

## Question 12 Tabulations

### **Moses Lake Area Attractions**

- Moses Lake (4)
- Moses Lake amphitheater (1)
- Moses Lake Aquatic Center (10)
- Moses Lake batting cages (1)
- Moses Lake boat ramp (1)
- Moses Lake bowling (2)
- Moses Lake concerts in the park, golfing, dams (1)
- Moses Lake fish hatchery (1)
- Moses Lake High School Pool (3)
- Moses Lake Ice Rink (4)
- Moses Lake off-road vehicle parks, bird watching, BBCC theater (1)
- Moses Lake Parks & Rec. building (1)
- Moses Lake parks (12)
- Moses Lake skate park (2)
- Moses Lake sports complexes (3)
- Moses Lake trails (1)

### **Wenatchee Area Attractions**

- Wenatchee- saddle work (1)
- Wenatchee (1)
- Wenatchee hydro park (2)
- Wenatchee Ice Rink (1)
- Wenatchee mall (1)
- Wenatchee parks (6)
- Wenatchee swimming beaches (1)
- Wenatchee walking/biking trails (20)

**Other Attractions**

Alora Lake (1)  
Banks Lake (5)  
Billy Clapp Lake (5)  
Blue Lake (7)  
Ensign Ranch (1)  
Fort Stevens (1)  
Grand Coulee Dam (2)  
Lake Lenore Caves/fish hatchery (2)  
Larsen- Lauzia Fields (1)  
Longbeach Wa.- Cape Disappointment (1)  
Park Lake (1)  
Razor Reef (Idaho) (1)  
Roosevelt Lake (3)  
Seattle (2)  
Silverwood (8)  
Soap Lake (7)  
Spokane (6)  
State and Federal Parks/Forests (12)  
Steamboat Rock & Dry Falls (1)  
Stratford Park (1)  
Summer Falls (1)  
Sun Lakes (16)  
Winter hot tubs- Lake Chelan (1)

**Other Activities (Location not specified)**

Aquatic center/pool/swim/water park in another town(24)  
Arboretum (1)  
Archery range (1)  
ATV/sand dunes (6)  
Batting cages (7)  
BB courts (2)  
Beaches (3)  
Bicycle trails in another town or location (15)  
BMX bike track (2)  
Boating (10)  
Bowling (1)  
Boys' and Girls' Clubs (1)  
Campground (19)  
Casino (1)  
Biathlon/ triathlon (1)  
Equestrian facilities (2)  
Fishing (10)  
Fossil beds (1)  
Go-cart racing (1)

Golf course (19)  
Hiking/walking trails (22)  
Hockey rink (1)  
Horseshoe pits (1)  
Hunting (1)  
Ice skating rink (5)  
Lacrosse (1)  
Lake (5)  
Laser tag (2)  
Long range rifle club 500 yds. (1)  
Mall (1)  
Miniature golf (1)  
Motorcycling (2)  
Mountains (1)  
Music in park (1)  
Ocean (1)  
Parks (15)  
Quincy athletic club (1)  
Rappelling (1)  
Resort (1)  
Rest areas/visitor center (2)  
Restaurants (1)  
Rock climbing (3)  
Roller skating rink (6)  
Ropes courses (1)  
RV park (2)  
Skate parks (4)  
Skating rink (5)  
Skiing (6)  
Sledding (1)  
Snow mobiling (1)  
Soccer (1)  
Softball fields w/lights (1)  
Tennis (4)  
Theatre (1)  
Wall climbing (2)  
Zoo (2)

Demographics (Questions 18 – 21)

Question	Response	N	Percent	95% Confidence Interval
Q18: Number of children (0 – 12) in household	None	470	69.9%	66.6% - 73.5%
	One	83	12.4%	9.9% - 14.9%
	Two	85	12.6%	10.1% - 15.2%
	Three	18	2.7%	1.3% - 3.7%
	Four	12	1.8%	0.8% - 2.8%
	Five	2	0.3%	0.0% - 0.7%
	Six	2	0.3%	0.0% - 0.7%
Q18: Number of teenagers (13 – 17) in household	None	539	80.6%	77.5% - 83.5%
	One	89	13.3%	10.8% - 15.9%
	Two	30	4.5%	2.9% - 6.1%
	Three	9	1.3%	0.5% - 2.2%
	Four	2	0.3%	0.0% - 0.7%
Q18: Number of adults in household	One	141	21.3%	18.1% - 24.4%
	Two	446	67.2%	63.7% - 70.9%
	Three	55	8.3%	6.2% - 10.4%
	Four	20	3.0%	1.7% - 4.3%
	Six	1	0.2%	0.0% - 0.4%
Q18: Household Demographics	No children in household	393	59.7%	56.0% - 63.5%
	Children in household	141	21.4%	18.3% - 24.6%
	Teens in household	71	10.8%	8.4% - 13.2%
	Both kids and teens in house	53	8.1%	6.0% - 10.1%
Q19: Age	18 – 29 Years	47	7.0%	5.1% - 9.0%
	30 – 39 Years	97	14.5%	11.8% - 17.2%
	40 – 49 Years	138	20.7%	17.6% - 23.7%
	50 – 59 Years	130	19.5%	16.5% - 22.5%
	60 – 69 Years	112	16.8%	13.9% - 19.6%
	Over 70 Years	144	21.6%	18.4% - 24.7%
Q20: Sex	Male	293	42.6%	38.9% - 46.3%
	Female	395	57.4%	53.7% - 61.1%
Q21: Section of town	NE	184	27.0%	23.7% - 30.4%
	SE	230	33.8%	30.2% - 37.3%
	NW	150	22.0%	18.9% - 25.1%
	SW	117	17.2%	14.3% - 20.0%

## Quantitative Demographics

Question	N	Mean	Median	Standard Error
Age	668	54.6 years	53.5 years	0.66
Household Size	658	2.7 persons	2.0 persons	0.06

## Cross Tabulations of Key Variables

### Ages of persons in household by Q1, the importance of safe and clean parks

	Very Unimportant	Unimportant	Neutral/ Not Sure	Important	Very Important
No children	15.9%	1.8%	5.2%	37.8%	39.3%
Young children	19.4%	0.7%	0.0%	18.7%	61.2%
Teenagers	8.5%	4.2%	2.8%	32.4%	52.1%
Adults, Children, Teens	11.3%	1.9%	1.9%	17.0%	67.9%

Chi-square statistic = 47.2, d.f. = 12,  $p < 0.0001$  (significant relationship between household demographics and opinion)

### Ages of persons in household by Q2, the importance of recreation programs

	Very Unimportant	Unimportant	Neutral/ Not Sure	Important	Very Important
No children	13.1%	5.2%	14.1%	43.9%	23.8%
Young children	16.4%	0.7%	5.7%	30.7%	46.4%
Teenagers	10.1%	4.4%	2.9%	46.4%	36.2%
Adults, Children, Teens	13.2%	0.0%	1.9%	24.5%	60.4%

Chi-square statistic = 63.3, d.f. = 12,  $p < 0.0001$  (significant relationship between household demographics and opinion)

### Ages of persons in household by Q15, the most important improvements to recreation facilities (limited to top six improvements)

	Community Center	Beezley Hill Preservation	Upgrades to Parks	Maintenance for Parks	Place for after-school activities	Indoor Track
No children	14.1%	15.5%	15.6%	26.7%	11.2%	17.3%
Young children	11.2%	11.2%	34.6%	15.9%	17.8%	9.4%
Teenagers	17.4%	17.4%	10.9%	17.4%	21.7%	15.2%
Adults, Children, Teens	11.4%	2.9%	37.1%	17.1%	8.6%	22.9%

Chi-square statistic = 41.4, d.f. = 15,  $p = 0.0003$  (significant relationship between household demographics and preference)

### Ages of persons in household by Q16, funding options for recreation improvements

	\$20 Levy	Utility Tax	\$0.10/ \$1,000	\$0.50/ \$1,000	\$1.00/ \$1,000	Private Donation	None of the Above
No children	25.1%	2.8%	14.2%	3.3%	2.5%	27.9%	24.2%
Young children	45.8%	8.4%	6.1%	6.9%	3.1%	21.4%	8.4%
Teenagers	33.3%	4.6%	15.2%	6.1%	7.6%	18.2%	15.2%
Adults, Children, Teens	34.0%	8.0%	18.0%	12.0%	2.0%	22.0%	4.0%

Chi-square statistic = 63.7, d.f. = 18,  $p < 0.0001$  (significant relationship between household demographics and preference)

Section of town by Q15, the most important improvements to recreation facilities (limited to top six improvements)

	Community Center	Beezley Hill Preservation	Upgrades to Parks	Maintenance for Parks	Place for after-school activities	Indoor Track
Northeast	14.4%	17.6%	15.2%	18.4%	14.4%	20.0%
Southeast	13.9%	9.9%	23.2%	25.2%	12.6%	15.2%
Northwest	11.3%	10.4%	25.2%	25.2%	16.5%	11.3%
Southwest	14.6%	16.9%	19.1%	22.5%	12.4%	14.6%

Chi-square statistic = 14.3, d.f. = 15,  $p = 0.5034$  (no significant relationship between location and preference)

Section of town by Q6, perceived reasonable walking distance to park

	Less than 5 minutes	5 – 10 minutes	10 – 15 minutes	15 – 20 minutes	More than 20 minutes
Northeast	25.7%	38.3%	20.0%	10.9%	5.1%
Southeast	28.4%	32.4%	18.9%	12.2%	8.1%
Northwest	34.3%	34.9%	15.8%	8.2%	6.9%
Southwest	33.0%	35.7%	20.9%	7.8%	2.6%

Chi-square statistic = 10.9, d.f. = 12,  $p = 0.5394$  (no significant relationship between location and opinion)

Section of town by Q8, the use of City trails or paths

	Never	A few times per year	At least once a month	At least once a week	Daily, weather permitting	Daily, rain or shine
Northeast	19.3%	24.3%	10.5%	22.1%	15.5%	8.3%
Southeast	26.8%	24.6%	9.4%	17.0%	16.5%	5.8%
Northwest	24.7%	33.6%	14.4%	20.6%	5.5%	1.4%
Southwest	33.0%	39.1%	10.0%	12.2%	7.0%	1.7%

Chi-square statistic = 45.6, d.f. = 15,  $p < 0.0001$  (significant relationship between location and use)

Section of town by Q10B, the importance of a sidewalk from their home to the main trails

	Very Unimportant	Unimportant	Neutral/ Not Sure	Important	Very Important
Northeast	7.3%	12.4%	31.1%	37.5%	11.3%
Southeast	5.9%	16.0%	36.1%	28.8%	13.2%
Northwest	12.5%	25.7%	27.8%	25.0%	9.0%
Southwest	8.9%	25.0%	31.3%	26.8%	8.0%

Chi-square statistic = 25.3, d.f. = 12,  $p = 0.0136$  (significant relationship between location and opinion)

Section of town by Q10C, the importance of a sidewalk from their home to downtown

	Very Unimportant	Unimportant	Neutral/ Not Sure	Important	Very Important
Northeast	5.1%	7.9%	15.7%	45.5%	25.8%
Southeast	5.0%	13.1%	24.8%	37.8%	19.4%
Northwest	9.5%	14.3%	23.1%	34.0%	25.7%
Southwest	7.1%	17.7%	19.5%	30.1%	25.7%

Chi-square statistic = 21.9, d.f. = 12,  $p = 0.0382$  (significant relationship between location and opinion)

Sex by Q1, the importance of safe and clean parks

	Very Unimportant	Unimportant	Neutral/ Not Sure	Important	Very Important
Females	15.5%	0.8%	2.6%	26.8%	54.4%
Males	17.2%	3.1%	5.5%	35.9%	38.3%

Chi-square statistic = 22.7 d.f. = 4,  $p < 0.0001$  (significant relationship between sex of respondent and opinion)

Sex by Q2, the importance of recreation programs

	Very Unimportant	Unimportant	Neutral/ Not Sure	Important	Very Important
Females	15.0%	2.1%	8.0%	34.9%	40.1%
Males	13.5%	6.2%	11.8%	44.3%	24.2%

Chi-square statistic = 26.4 d.f. = 4,  $p < 0.0001$  (significant relationship between sex of respondent and opinion)

Sex by Q15, the most important improvements to recreation facilities (limited to top six improvements)

	Community Center	Beezley Hill Preservation	Upgrades to Parks	Maintenance for Parks	Place for after-school activities	Indoor Track
Females	16.0%	10.1%	20.0%	20.0%	16.4%	17.8%
Males	9.6%	18.2%	22.2%	27.8%	10.6%	11.6%

Chi-square statistic = 18.5, d.f. = 5,  $p = 0.0024$  (significant relationship between sex of respondent and preference)

Age of respondent by Q15, the most important improvements to recreation facilities (limited to top six improvements)

	Community Center	Beezley Hill Preservation	Upgrades to Parks	Maintenance for Parks	Place for after-school activities	Indoor Track
18 – 29 years	14.7%	5.9%	29.4%	14.7%	14.7%	20.6%
30 – 39 years	16.7%	11.1%	30.6%	8.3%	19.4%	13.9%
40 – 49 years	7.5%	14.0%	21.5%	22.6%	18.3%	16.1%
50 – 59 years	11.8%	14.0%	20.4%	25.8%	10.8%	17.2%
60 – 69 years	18.6%	15.1%	16.3%	26.7%	7.0%	16.3%
Over 70 years	11.8%	14.0%	16.1%	33.3%	12.9%	11.8%

Chi-square statistic = 34.5, d.f. = 25,  $p = 0.0983$  (no significant relationship between age and preference)

Ages of respondent by Q16, funding options for recreation improvements

	\$20 Levy	Utility Tax	\$0.10/ \$1,000	\$0.50/ \$1,000	\$1.00/ \$1,000	Private Donation	None of the Above
18 – 29 years	36.2%	2.1%	4.3%	4.3%	2.1%	40.4%	10.6%
30 – 39 years	45.7%	6.5%	9.8%	4.4%	2.2%	25.0%	6.5%
40 – 49 years	35.4%	8.7%	13.4%	8.7%	6.3%	15.8%	11.8%
50 – 59 years	28.7%	1.7%	16.5%	5.2%	6.1%	20.9%	20.9%
60 – 69 years	26.4%	4.7%	13.2%	6.6%	2.8%	26.4%	19.8%
Over 70 years	19.8%	1.6%	16.7%	0.0%	2.4%	28.6%	31.0%

Chi-square statistic = 80.0, d.f. = 30,  $p < 0.0001$  (significant relationship between age of respondent and preference)

Age of respondent by Q8, the use of City trails or paths

	Never	A few times per year	At least once a month	At least once a week	Daily, weather permitting	Daily, rain or shine
18 – 29 years	17.0%	25.5%	19.2%	27.7%	8.5%	2.1%
30 – 39 years	11.6%	28.4%	17.9%	22.1%	16.8%	3.2%
40 – 49 years	13.9%	33.6%	8.8%	23.4%	16.1%	4.4%
50 – 59 years	27.2%	27.2%	8.0%	20.8%	10.4%	6.4%
60 – 69 years	31.5%	22.5%	9.0%	18.0%	12.6%	6.3%
Over 70 years	43.2%	31.7%	6.5%	6.5%	7.9%	4.3%

Chi-square statistic = 74.5, d.f. = 25,  $p < 0.0001$  (significant relationship between age and use)

## Other Comments and Responses

### Activities/ Facilities for Kids/Teens

We definitely need more things for teenagers & young adults to do safely- sports, music, & plays in the parks perhaps.

Ephrata needs a place for our youth to hang out together- not just the skate park or the 76-station or Rock Park. They need something to do!!

Ephrata needs something for youth to do indoors besides general sports. Not everyone likes to do sports i.e.: youth theatre or bowling alley. [We need] something to keep kids busy. Idle minds get into trouble.

[I] would like to see more Christian oriented programs for our young people.

We need sports supported in middle school.

Utilize school facilities & property. Ephrata doesn't support programs: Little League, soccer, basketball. These are independent programs, softball money built sports complex and softball fields.

There is a definite need for after-school & week-end activities for middle & high school children with quality security.

More children who want to play sports should know about and how to get scholarships; maybe in newspaper, flyer or verbal school announcement.

Ephrata needs more activities for teens to participate in.

Hear a lot of parents wanting more activities/programs for Middle School/ High School kids.

I would like to see the addition of non-competitive and skills based youth sports programs. There is too much emphasis put on 'select' teams and the exclusion of youth participants that really need the physical activity.

We do feel it's important to have nice parks and also things for youngsters to use.

When visiting, my grandchildren have used the Splash Zone also others, like the small park off 1st Ave N.W., but I don't know which one it is. The youth can always use more facilities.

As a retired person some of the questions didn't pertain to me, but having grandchildren I do think we need to focus on our youth and have programs & activities for after school.

I strongly believed that Ephrata needs to develop a program for middle school aged youth. Because this is transitional age and these kids need to be involved in some activities to keep them away from drugs, alcohol, and other bad conduct, and also keeping them off from staying home sitting & watching TV or playing Playstation. We need to make these kids active & healthy both mentally & physically. Thanks

Our children need good parks.

I truly support the opportunity to provide extra activities for our school age students within our community.

But things for the kids are important. I was born and raised here and I was bored and mischievous; give them something to do and they'll stay out of trouble

Need more bike paths for young children.

The activities offered by the recreation program should have options for working parents. All the classes for kids are during the day when parents work.

More activities (indoor for winter) for children ages 8-16- ward off juvenile delinquency and other problems. Our youth should be a priority. Thank you.

If there were more activities for teens I think there would be more for the teens to do and less vandalism. It would be nice to have a youth center, some place for kids to go on Friday nights. [They need] places to dance, play games, and mingle; a safe place for teens to go.

Ephrata is missing something vital; a boys & girls club. Why does our community not have one? This is a program that can work with the city and not cost the city.

It would be nice to have after-school programs for kids who have parents working and come home after 4pm. Have the program at least 3 hours after school. Ephrata needs more daycares or preschools, so that we moms don't have to be on waiting lists.

NW part of Ephrata needs a recreational park with a kid's playground so kids stay off the street.

I do not use most of the facilities in Ephrata due to time constraints. However, I feel very strongly we have to do more to combat the growing gang presence in Ephrata. That means more programs & support for our children and young adults.

We really need more things to keep kids active & off the streets after school. Ephrata has a much higher drug problem with our youth than many want to believe & we need to start promoting more things for our youth to want to do besides roaming the streets. Parks are not the answer, but some more programs for our young would be great. Like a place where our young could go to perform. There bands play music & have dances- like adults go the taverns! I think if we provided an experience similar to that, but without the alcohol/drugs & if we were able to monitor it, I really believe it wouldn't be such a hype to grow up & turn 21 & go to a tavern. If you were able to have a safe place to hang out & be a kid. We definitely do need more for our young- Ephrata has done more to help in the last 7 years. But they still need to get rid of the drug trafficking that takes place across the Ephrata High School. The police know about it & have for years. But they don't do anything about it. It's coming from a house right down the street. Parks are great- but we need to start booking our drug dealers. There are even photos of a cop buying from some kids for his own use.

On another note, we need to provide plenty of activities for our youth. For health & to keep them active in a positive way-- Rock Park Coffee was a great outlet, then it was taken away. I grew up in Ephrata. As a youth here, there was never a lot to offer our youth. I've seen a lot of people in their youth turn to drugs, sex, and trouble simply out of boredom. I could not wait to leave. My child comments often on how there is never anything fun for kids, even young adults (to do that's positive). I think an activity center for our youth would be an idea to consider. A center where they could go and play games, have computer access, paint balling, etc. A place that offers positive activities for when they're not busy at home or school. We could even involve them in a fund raiser for such a center. This facility could offer eats & drinks & a place for birthday parties for younger kids. Maybe a section for the older kids to lounge, have computer access, a stage for local

### **Activities/Facilities for Adults**

More sports programs for adults would be great.

We need upgraded parks for the kids but we also need more activates for adults. Too many spend too much time at bars & not being creative or active in sports or groups or clubs or something.

There should also be more variety of adult classes offered.

More recreation programs for adults- such as Tai Chi. Don't feel comfortable using schools.

### **Activities/Facilities for Seniors**

I feel Ephrata needs a more modern & up-to-date retirement village, condo or apartments; a place that's safe, attractive & has no upkeep. We are way lacking in that area. Even a mobile home park 55 & over would be nice.

A lot of retired people live here. Need indoor walking & only place we can walk now is Wal-Mart.

[There] should be more activities for Senior Citizens- besides playing cards; more arts & crafts to attend, more plays and active clubs of interest.

We'd also like to see some planned activities for retired people such as biking and tennis. Thank you.

An indoor site with shuffleboard courts so seniors could get some exercise in winter months. Competitions could be held.

Free exercise facilities or walks for seniors to enjoy, such as swimming, walks, weights.

Also, activities of interest to older & retired citizens [are needed].

## **Bathrooms**

We need the bathrooms open at the soccer field during practice times & game day- fall and spring. Not having them open creates a health hazard.

As a parent of small children, we really need accessible restroom facilities at all parks. The restrooms at Lion's Park are often locked. Port-a-Potties would be fine, but we need some restroom facility where kids play.

Bathrooms & tables are a real must. As it is now it is hard to have a family picnic in the park.

Also, have a bathroom at Lion's Park if it is always locked?

We use most of these facilities with our grandchildren. I, myself, use Beezley & trails to walk my dogs. At my age restrooms are a must at any place, including Beezley and day walking trails! I would love to see more of these even if they are only portables. Thank you.

All parks should have bathrooms & drinking fountains. I like parks on the coast that have large wading pools for all children. Bellingham has a great park for families.

Airport trails need bathrooms of some kind. Lots of adults walk every day over there at least 3-5 miles. [This is] very important to older people.

Bathrooms at the sports complexes & parks need to be open all year long.

Bathrooms at the soccer field are rarely open, use motel taxes. Research shows better parks equals higher real estate values, this increased value means more taxes for the city to build and maintain good parks. Thank you.

We need more bathrooms in our parks and for public use.

I understand vandalism is always an issue w/bathrooms- but for small children they are necessary more than they are currently available.

To me the thing that I saw missing the most from a list of things needed would be a need for restroom facilities at the parks. Especially at the Ephrata sports complex. Every other soccer complex that we've been to have a nice restroom that males & females could both use either individually with each sex having their own restroom facility or a restroom that could be used by either males or females that locked for privacy. The Ephrata sports complex has a male & female restroom but most every time we've been there for soccer games or for practice they're locked & only select coaches had a key & it was usually only the male side that was unlocked if any & filthy. There is also 1 Port-a-potty over by the skateboard park. At some of the soccer games/tournaments there were literally hundreds of people present with the above mentioned conditions if the need to go to the bathroom arrived. This is not adequate & should be addressed. Thanks.

### **Beezley Hill**

Beezley Hill needs to remain the way it has in the past rather than cluttering up the trails with more lit up objects such as the recent Autism Ribbon eyesore. I'm all for awareness of different 'health' issues- but stop 'decorating' our hill with ugly lighthouses. It isn't effective toward the cause.

Preserve Beezley Hill for natural, open, space.

I think Beezley could still be preserved and still have multiple trails both for walking and bike riding. Our family makes trips to Oregon just for that reason.

Beezley Hill's bench would be a perfect area for an 18-hole golf course winding between (sic) a very expensive housing development with expensive custom homes. The property tax revenue from these homes would help to pay for future parks dept. needs. Beezley's Hills bench is perfect view property plus it would add open green to Beezley Hill.

Our family is very concerned about preserving our existing park areas. Do not allow development on Beezley! You don't have to bike it, hike it, or run it to appreciate how important it is to our town! No more development near the trails at the airport. Preserve what remains of the old base.

Please keep Beezley Hill open space and as open space. Please consider how you develop the trails on the hill. The kiosk area is done very nicely, but the signage is an eyesore to the natural environment. Acknowledgements and thank yous can be done less obtrusively and still be tasteful. I totally support autism awareness, but putting a shiny sign in the middle of a natural environment is not aesthetic. If we want to keep Beezley Hill as an open space then do so and also keep it natural. Pavement is not natural and an ADA trail can be developed that is not paved.

It would be great to have a two seat chairlift (gondola) up to the top of Beezley Hill. Riders could choose to ride it down or walk down.

## Complaints

None of the city council seems to have noticed that the existing parks are basically NOT used except for the few organized group sports. Kids are few and far between outside of homes, the parks are all but deserted, and the bike and pedestrian trails unused. In spite of taking the time to fill this out and add comments, nothing will be done about any of this. Another expensive study to waste taxpayer money while the elected officials appear to be doing something while they actually jog in place. No imagination there.

If the city of Ephrata paid over \$5.00 to have this survey taken they should all be fired.

The baseball fields are very poor for the Rookie League field.

What difference does it make what I think? If the people of Ephrata vote a measure down the wise people that sit on the council tap us anyway and put it in. I use that word 'wise' loosely.

Bike path down Alder and down Division is very lame- it blocks parking on that side of the street and no one ever uses it. "No dogs in park" is also another stupid law put into place without the input of Ephrata citizens- No surprise.

I live \_\_\_\_\_. I have 4 small children and I have never seen a speed-limit sign around the park. People drive very fast down the road, and it really concerns me that kids that are playing at the park or walking to and from the park could be in danger. I have never seen any city police patrolling the area or even just parked there to catch speeders. I would be willing to bet that tickets would go way up if the police hung around Patrick Park a couple of days a week. I also have a problem with seeing people walking their dogs in the park and never see them get caught and fined like the signs say. Speed limits and posted signs need to be enforced.

After the citizens of the city of Ephrata soundly rejected the Aquatic Park Levy, the bull-headed city council went ahead and built it against the citizen's wishes- and now we have to pay for it anyhow. What a load of crap! Now what?

Ephrata schools & sports already prevent families from time at home around the dinner table together.

I do not believe in spending a lot of money on consulting. It could be better spent on parks etc.

The skate park the city put together is an absolute joke. The kids have to travel to a neighboring town to use their skate park. These kids are the ones in the 14-19 yr old category that have nothing to do in this town but get into trouble. These kids need a place to skate that is out in the open where people can watch some of this local skate talent not tucked away in some back lot.

Parents need to spend more time with children. Not always wanting someone else to entertain them. When we were young we never heard the phrase "I'm bored." Our parents kept us busy. What do we have for tourists? A quick stop at Wal-Mart.

I was very disappointed at the removal of all trees on the west side of Oasis Park. I agree some needed to be taken, but not all of them. We are starting to look & act like the west side.

I am not sure that the present group that is making decisions for the city has the desires of the citizens on their agenda.

Why do we use Idaho U. & pay them for local survey?

We need a curfew for school-age children and young adults. There are people out walking/prowling all night long. Also need speed control on: 8th SW, C St. SW, 7th SW, and Basin SW about 5th St. to past Safeway. Too many speeding teenagers at noon & after school, reckless driving. School buses need to slow down also. Speed control (20 MPH) at Headstart building all the way to Parkway. Our kids are in danger. Dog/control cat/control, too many running loose. City needs to make homeowners & renters clean up their property and fine people who continue to scatter trash on their property and others' property. We need to get the skate boarders out of the neighborhoods and off private driveways and stop them from waving between cars on main streets. Traffic tickets would pay for everything listed on here with the fine money! Everything I listed is doable & would not cost much extra. If the city takes the leadership citizens will help.

Ephrata needs to learn how to disperse money evenly not just to the higher leagues. I am tired of paying for other kids to get stuff that is not available for others. Baseball majors get everything while T-ball and lower division goes old broke or [has to use] too heavy of bats. I will move out of this town if it does not change.

Pool is expensive & redundant when considering Moses Lake facility. Okay- but no more \$ to expand.

Cost is a big part of this decision on whether we participate. If the price of activities to participate is unreasonable for a conservative (one income) family's budget then most of my answers would be very unimportant. The cost for youth soccer went up and we had fewer games. Didn't set well with parents of the players. Also in previous years, there were weeks with no activities offered, then for a couple of weeks, more than one activity was offered with over-lapping times; therefore only one activity could be participated in. Good scheduling? Once again cost is the main consideration we will not go in debt to have our family participate in community activities but will choose to stay home and play board games!!!! Higher taxes then unreasonable fee to participate equals nonparticipation. Shelter, food, clothing, education and transportation come before recreation!!! Money problems are the number 1 problem that causes the break-up of families. I will not jeopardize my family to pay high fees to participate in community activities. Charging high taxes to build the facilities then charging to use them- for my family- would mean we would not be using them! So it would be a waste of time and money to construct the facilities. I also do not think I can get something for nothing. I am willing to pay a reasonable amount to participate if it will benefit my family. Don't go into this project with the idea that the people in Ephrata have "open, bottomless purses."

Schools offer a number of programs for middle school and high school students- grade school kids should be with parents who are caring for them- not sent to activities supported by city for babysitting!! Need parenting classes. Also city admin/staff are stewards of tax monies & should be utilized wisely!! Better infrastructure will promote better business!! Not recreation programs! Too much is money spent on recreation programs!

## General Suggestions

### **Announcements:**

When you don't subscribe to local paper there needs additional advertising so public can see what's coming up.

Need better announcements (communication) with residents on sports sign-ups/ starting etc.

Send out (yearly) a mailer showing locating of: parks, trails, facilities, rec. centers.

I like to walk a lot but I sure don't know where these walking trails are at.

It would be nice if there were some kind of markers to show where & how to get there. It would also benefit the tourists that are here. Thank you.

### **Businesses:**

Ephrata needs more than Wal-Mart. We need restaurants with 'American' food- like a buffet style 'priced right' and an ice cream parlor, a donut shop (fresh) - a Payless Shoes, a skating rink, a nice old fashioned Newberry's- gas to go down.

It would be very nice to have a bowling alley & even a roller rink in our town. Even older folks not able to use the above enjoy watching these clean sports.

There is nothing to do here. We need shopping and restaurants.

I'd like to see a nice department store open here such as J.C. Penny or Macy's; or even a Costco! One has to drive clear to Wenatchee or Spokane to find any decent clothes or household goods. Wal-Mart is the only place t shop and they have very poor quality merchandise! I know this doesn't have much to do with parks, but it certainly would have a lot to do with recreation, especially for seniors! Oh yes, and we need a Kentucky Fried Chicken and a bowling alley. An ice arena would be wonderful! I used to figure skate but there is nowhere here to ice skate!

Ephrata needs restaurants of higher quality.

[Ephrata needs] a hospital that delivers & care for babies & small children.

Ephrata needs someone to enforce property clean-up [in] backyards and around businesses! One business needs to remove their ugly mural on one side of their building. Go back to the 2 hour parking limit. Stop big rigs from parking in front on businesses. (As a business owner this is an ongoing problem.)

There are only a couple of things that would be of importance to me. Private clubs returned to smoking allowed facilities. All other businesses decision as to smoking/non-smoking left to the business owners.

Tourism could be better utilized by Ephrata and the town loses revenue when stores are not open. There are not a lot of choices for stores and restaurants.

I believe that anything that could promote growth in Ephrata is a positive thing. I was born in Ephrata & I generally have to leave for most things- shopping etc.

### **Miscellaneous:**

In future mailings for multiple choice questions-- please use negative correlation so as not to confuse. Example: A) Not very important B) Unimportant C) Neutral/Not Sure D) Important E) Very Important 'Very unimportant' is easy to read wrong.

Ephrata needs to develop tourism for the over 2-million people that travel their way to somewhere else. While on the City Council we did a Feasibility Study for a municipal golf course which came in very favorably for the Port Dist. We have terrific weather for 8 or 9 months out of the year. The sail plane pilots came from all over to enjoy our weather and wind. All of these things could come together if it were marketed correctly. People have investigated and applied for National and International sail plowing competitions in which we've been seriously considered. Think of the amenities that would follow- restaurants, hotels, condos, shops, etc. to support such a venture. If Ephrata was known for something (since we don't have a mountain or a lake) it could be outdoor recreational activities with great weather, sail plane festivities, golfing, hiking, and shopping & great eateries. One can dream.

Watering is important; but a night time system should be put into place so you don't have to deal with sprinklers during the daytime hours.

I wish some recreational activities were less expensive to participate in!

I would like to see more indoor activities available during the winter.

Parks & Recreation needs to sponsor more state & regional sports tournaments (youth and adult): softball, soccer, volleyball, basketball, bike races, 5k and 10k runs, etc. Money from outside the community will give additional money to businesses.

Garbage cans along paths will encourage me to pick up after my dog.

Gun range needs to be longer. Open space is being used up leaving shooters no place to shoot safely.

We need a bigger variety of activities. I know that tourism brings income to the town, but part of the beauty of Ephrata is the "small town" feel. Our town isn't designed for mass numbers of people. Basin can only hold so many cars. I would love to see year-round swim lessons @ B.W. Inn. There just isn't enough time in the summer to fully train young swimmers.

Q4 Lists ERC, which is not a park or open space, but perhaps cultural or recreation. But nowhere in this survey is importance of library listed as to frequency of use or taxpayer funds support. In focus elsewhere let us not be guilty of failure to staff and maintain that facility.

I support variety usage- meaning that walkers, runners, cyclists- pedal and motor- as well as dogs and horses need to be considered so that people can enjoy in their favorite way and still get necessary recreation & exercise.

### **Various Parks/Facilities:**

We need more parks with good parking areas close to facilities. Don't need paths/trails at every park necessarily. A variety of parks is essential to an area. Why would you not have attractive landscaping at a park? If it looks ugly will people still use it? A long-range plan needs to be developed. Can't make it all at once. Also can't tax people too much. First maintain parks we have & than add.

We appreciate park space for family and group picnics! tables and shelter

Would like to see upgrades in children's toy equipment and basketball courts.

Picnic tables, trash cans, benches or a few bleachers, trail from Hill Top Drive. Money ideas- have High School shop build picnic tables, city only buys supplies & make a \$ donation. Use inmates more to clean, build, maintain, landscape etc. [This] saves money in [the] budget. Have a community build day. Make items & donate to parks. Adopt a bench or picnic table, tree, etc.

It would occasionally be nice to have water fountains along the city trails.

No trash cans at baseball fields are crazy (Rookie League). Storage sheds & buildings are outdated.

Playground equipment at Bambino/parkway is a must for the siblings of baseball players.

Since the city of Ephrata is growing to the south, we'd like to see a separate trail that parallels Dodson Road going south for walking/running/bikes. We would also like to see a black-topped walking/running/bike path that goes along the canal - the space is already there, it just needs paving. Toilet facilities availability for children year-round at the soccer complex - a port-a-potty would be just fine. The soccer season starts in February.

Columbia Ridge is school district but should be treated like a park- as it was when I was a child.

I moved here in October of last year (2006). This is a beautiful town; haven't got to explore much yet but feel that the west canal dike should be developed into a hiking trail. It could be perhaps made so bicycles could be used up there too. Thanks.

Schools should be available for evenings & weekend activities.

I think Ephrata is in dire need of a new, updated Recreation Center.

I would like to see a park that includes tennis courts, barbeque/picnic areas, trails, etc. Kiwanis Park in Othello is a beautiful park that offers a variety of recreational activities.

Gym space is vital to area basketball teams!

We just moved here to Ephrata, from the west side. It seems that Ephrata is a very family friendly town I also feel that our parks are about a C+ grade, maybe a B-.

An indoor tennis facility could also be used year-around.

The "Big Toys" that are located in Moses Lake are great muscle developers for young children~ under age 13. My children enjoy playing on them. I wish Lions Park had a large Big Toy. We do visit Grant & Columbia Ridge when school is not in session; however, mornings are best for my 2 year-old to play & school is in session & we can't go into the school yard. I appreciate the city's willingness to allow the ERC to be used during the winters for preschool-aged children to come & play with a parent's supervision. We'd enjoy a few more trails to provide safe walking around town.

Add some benches at the parks.

We need park space for the NE/SE section of town. The only places available are Columbia Ridge & St. Rose schools which are not available to preschool aged children during school days & school hours. The trail at the port needs maintenance. Fix that first before thinking about putting more pavement down.

I think small corner parks are great in cities, maybe make some in available lots. I like best recreational areas that invite imagination, not necessarily 'landscaped'- that's not important. Important: trees, water faucets, [and] trails.

### *Airport Trails*

Plant more trees on the trails by the airport. It gets too hot to use them w/o shady spots to rest.

The airport trail needs some TLC! The paved part could use some gravel clean-up. Also it would be nice if Katana would repair the broken part of the trail and plant some shade trees. Shade trees along the donated resting benches, even one tree per bench, would be nice. Another trail offset from the street would be nice. Last, it needs some serious clean-up of mainly: broken glass and other trash, dog poop on the trail is unacceptable- dog owners should pick it up or at least move it away from the trail into the dirt. There is also a tree that looks like humans destroyed it on purpose. Also should the airport trail be used by dirt bikes or ATV's? Maybe we have a better spot for those vehicles.

Since Katana has moved to the Ephrata Port, some of the blacktop trails have been damaged. Also, a few concrete benches that citizens/businesses donated to be put around the trails have been damaged. If Katana hasn't been approached to repair these items, they need to be approached as the damage occurred during their construction phase. Thank you.

Will the breaks in the paved area (on walking path) around the Katana factory be fixed? I walk that area usually after dark and worry about tripping or hurting myself.

From my house in [this section of town] I walk out to the airport pushing my son in a stroller almost daily. This is a great path and very safe comfortable walk. The only complaint I have is that during the winter the path is not cleared of the snow. I have had 2 back surgeries and I am unable to walk in the winter due to fear of slipping and injuring myself. If the path was cleared I could walk safely all year long! Thank you.

### *Dog Park*

We need a place for dogs to run free and get exercise.

Other than the base (airport) area there are no areas to exercise dogs.

A need for pet-friendly parks is a must (sic).

[We need a] dog friendly park

We need a "dog park" here in Ephrata!! Would like a park that has a little pond with a fountain/running water... really, really need at least one park where we can take our dog!!

### *Equestrian*

Definitely need more places for horses to be boarded & ridden.

Ephrata lost a lot when the Saddle Club was bulldozed. We need another really bad.

If you are into nature trails, what about equestrian trails too? We have tons of bike and walking trails. Now we need this equestrian aspect.

### *Lion's Park*

The playground equipment at Lion's Park needs to be updated, and some benches for parents/adults to sit on while the children are playing would be nice.

Ephrata needs some activities going on at Lion's Park- swap meets, crafts, music, and food. More picnic tables & nice clean 'open' bathrooms. A place to take a family where \$ is not beyond a families means.

People who live by Lion's Park say it isn't a positive place for children- at all times there are cigarette butts all over the ground and litter. Rough people hanging around. There have to be posted rules.

It would be nice to have maintained horseshoe pits in Ephrata. The pits at Lion's Park have deteriorated to the point of being unusable.

### *Motorized Recreation*

We have lots of open land around Ephrata, use this land for motorized travel. ATV's, dirt bikes, charge a day-use fee (small) to maintain these trails. Other states have done this and it has brought well needed dollars to their communities. Even go as far as putting in campgrounds along these trails. If done right, you can gain access to BLM land & other public land. Build this and they will come!!!

I would like to see an ATV/dirt bike track in the area, it would bring a lot of people from around the state.

### *Performing Arts Center*

Need performing arts center- could be in conjunction with the high school, as they need one too.

Also, a performing arts center would be awesome & would draw people to visit our community.

### *Splash Zone*

Should make Splash Zone bigger or add more toys.

Also Splash Zone: It would be nice if a smaller separate pool with warmer water could be added for smaller children. More shade umbrellas would be great too. The locker rooms/bathroom/shower area needs to be kept cleaner.

Something I wish were different is the level of regulations and rules at Splash Zone. It has become so restrictive in the name of safety that it is no longer completely enjoyable. I'd also like to see a swimming pool added to that location. The area that is deep enough to swim in is too small. And please turn off the water structure- so noisy- at least sometimes.

Straight speed slides at the Splash Zone would be fun. By using the existing hillside this would give a different water activity.

### *YMCA*

[Ephrata] needs a YMCA.

I don't think that Ephrata by itself is large enough, but it would seem that with the community support of Ephrata, Quincy & Soap Lake that we might possibly create a joint venture with YMCA for a recreational center with a sports complex for all ages, i.e. YMCA in Yakima & Tacoma.

### **Maintain Existing Facilities**

I think we need to maintain and improve the facilities we have. I don't think we need anymore. We are lucky that Ephrata School District lets the city use their facilities for free.

I'm in a walker now, but when I was mobile, used to walk a lot & enjoyed all the parks. Even then maintenance was needed.

Take care of what you have now. Stop building trails that nobody every uses. How many bikes do you ever see in the bike paths? None! What a waste of money.

We need to keep programs and places we have going and improve upon them, not add more. We are all ready strapped for money and will have 2 in college next year. Don't want to spend \$ on things our kids have outgrown.

I don't use parks very much but when I do I would like them to be clean and usable. Getting a pass to the pool would be nice, we used it a lot last summer for our children. Thanks

I would like to add that the maintenance for the existing parks would be a good job for some of the children from age 14 to 17 years of age- for the whole summer- maybe 3 days per week. I'd be happy to run this position if we came up. Thank you.

Let's maintain what we have. If future facilities are needed, let's make it for year round use.

Utilize inmates from jails to perform clean-up, upkeep & maintenance improvements to our parks & trails. As often as possible IAW current staffing would supply for supervision.

Raising taxes for new stuff is not important, maintaining and improving what we have is!

Ephrata has some wonderful parks and play fields w/ wonderful equipment. Hopefully we can continue to have them maintained.

Because of age and health, I am not able to participate in the activities available to me. However, I am desirous of having facilities available for citizens of Ephrata properly maintained and beautiful.

**Does not Apply- New Here, Don't know about Facilities, Elderly**

I didn't know about most of the parks & trails around & I have lived in Ephrata for almost 7 years.

I have only lived here for a few months so I didn't know a lot of what Ephrata already has & what they need.

We are an elderly couple who have recently moved to Ephrata. Having just had open heart surgery we are not familiar with the local parks and facilities available. But we do like well kept parks and lots of facilities for the children and parents of Ephrata. Sorry we could not have been more helpful in your survey.

I am fairly new to Ephrata and really am not sure what all is available.

We have recently moved to the area-- many options, therefore, that are important to us. We may not have freely taken advantage of yet.

None of the preceding questions apply to me at 85 years of age.

My survey probably does not look very good as I am 80 years old. I have had a stroke so many of my answers are how I felt about 3 years ago. About the trails, I used to walk a lot & bike quite a bit and lots of people use them so they are important to me.

Sorry I couldn't have answered the questions better. We are both 80 and in not too active shape. Thus we don't get to use the parks and recreation facilities.

We have only lived here 5 years. We are both retired. Because of health reasons we cannot walk much.

Most of this survey doesn't apply to me.

I am home bound and on a fixed income.

Since we are retired and living on a fixed income, our net take-home has become less and less over the past several years.

Since we are in our 80's most of the options don't apply to us. I am still active, but my husband sometimes uses a walker. We do our occasional picnic at Oasis or Lion's parks, and I recently walked with a granddaughter to Lion's and used the swings

We have young kids & I don't know what the schools have or what they need. My wife may know more but she doesn't have time.

I feel due to our age that we do not reflect the percentage of Ephrata residents. We really don't use the parks, trails, etc. that the young & middle aged families would do & would appreciate the upkeep & use of the parks, trails & programs for their children.

My answers would have been totally different if I still had children at home.

We are Senior Citizens who have occasional visits from grandchildren living in another county. We are not yet familiar with names and locations of some parks; only residents for 2 years. Many items marked important are for sake of others, as well as for us.

This is about my beliefs, not my activities. Disabled.

### **Parks/Trails Are Important**

Thank you for allowing us to participate in this survey. Parks and trails are important to adults as well as children. Children for sure need a place to go and play. Sometimes they do not have that place at home, they also can learn how to play and interact with other children and adults. Our grandchildren loved going to the parks to play- lots of space & green grass. We know this takes money but it's a very worthwhile endeavor.

These questions are a little complex. However, I do support improving and maintaining parks and trails.

As you can see, we seldom- if ever- make use of Ephrata's recreational facilities but for the overall good of the community as a whole feel they should be supported and are willing to pay my share whether I use them or not.

Although we have not used local facilities Q4-Q5 it is because our kids have grown and moved. We feel it is very important to support these facilities for families with young children. We feel you need to not only maintain what we have but add and update for growth.

Q4& Q5 hard for me to answer at this time because of no children, however I am expecting in August & parks will become a major part of our lives!

Trails are very important. It's a great way to get exercise at little or no cost. The Ephrata trails in this community are great. the group has done a great job, we need to support them.

We have been residents of Ephrata since 1939. [We] raised four children here. My husband is now in the nursing home. In the past we used the parks and the pool for our family. As taxpayers for over sixty years, we feel that our town needs all the facilities for our young and old.

It is important to have parks and places to take kids. We have raised kids for 52 yrs. Our 3 and 2 grandchildren. We are in our 70's and don't go to parks etc. We spent many yrs. doing so.

You can see by my age I do not use many of these things often, but do like to see them for those who do. And for the beauty of our town.

I am 86 yrs of age and have lived in Ephrata for 52 yrs- raised 3 kids here and don't know of a better place to raise a family. Over the years our family used the park facilities lot- ball games, picnics, family reunions. Used Grant Gym a lot for pickle-ball and all of the tennis courts- still use the H.S. courts. Helped build the Bambino Fields and coached a team there, so all in all the parks & recreation facilities have been very important to me & my family.

This does not give a true picture of my feelings because my kids are grown. There was a time when we went to Lion's Park every month or more all summer. We did wrestling & little league baseball. We did a few art programs & a little tennis. I hope they're all still there for my grandkids. Every mother with little ones needs somewhere near where she can walk them to when they're bouncing off the walls.

I have 13 sons, grandsons, and great-grandsons (no daughters). We always love to hunt & fish and camping, off-road quads, snow sledding, & pulling sleds in the snow. Sleigh riding- Leavenworth. Past "Sagebrush Flats"- sledding. No other families were even out there. The kids will never forget what fun we had! "Splash Zone" is the "best place in the whole world" (they love to swim). It should be enclosed for all-year use. Costs too much to rent at the motel w/pool. They love the sand dunes at Moses Lake to go 4-wheeling. (We laughed so hard). The city sold off the pretty Xmas lights- need a theme as Leavenworth. Riding the train through- it's so pretty w/Beezley Hill lighted decorations. Oasis Park is great for RV-ing. They go horseback riding, bull riding, rodeo-ing--have a ranch by Orting, WA. Want to come to Ephrata area and buy acreage, its sunny lots of days compared to Seattle. We had most fun out hunting elk, the women as well. The alley by my apartment is very dusty- should be topped. I moved here in 1981 & love it a lot. We lived in Texas and the boys wanted to move back to "God's country". Grew up with all the good food grown here and our good climate. We sure are blessed! Electricity cheaper too. Should be free really. The dam must be paid for by now & excess is sold. We'll get "people pollution" maybe! We actually planned to move to Soap Lakes, it's wonderful. Soap Lake looks bad so we bought a new house in Ephrata. I went alone to swim- everyone was too busy.....

### **Patrick Park**

You did not include Patrick Park!!

Did you forget Patrick Park? Maintenance, playground equipment, and bathrooms [are needed]. Great place to start a trail to go up on Beezley Hill.

I noticed that you did not list Patrick Park in any of your questions. It seems to be one of the best kept parks in my opinion. If it is called anything else it would be nice to know.

Added park not included in the survey (you forgot Patrick Park).

With the growth west of the west canal, more focus should be given to Patrick Park, including bathrooms.

### **Pool- Year-Around/Indoor**

I would love to see our pool something we could use year around- a bubble over it during the winter. We could offer classes to elderly, youth, etc. all year, also lap swim. We are in need of a trail system that encompasses the whole town. We have a good start, but need to forge forward & get it all connected so it surrounds the whole town.

Year round pool would be nice

What would serve the most people on a year around basis is an indoor swimming pool which could be constructed at little cost. The extant buildings of the old pool would provide dressing rooms and an even-depth pool of, say, three feet would allow aerobic exercise or lap swims, etc. [It would be] useful for the high school.

There needs to be an indoor Recreation Center built. There is very little to do in the winter, when it is so cold. The following would help: indoor pool, indoor weight & exercise room, and classes such as yoga, meditation, and nutritional. I moved here 1 1/2 years ago and feel I make a big mistake. There needs to be an infusion of physical, body, mind, and soul here in this area. There is nothing but Christian Fundamentalists, farmers, and cowboys!

An indoor swimming facility would be wonderful to have.

After voting down twice, an outdoor swim facility which operates 3 months of the year and does not support itself, I have grave reservations as to whether the foregoing survey will count for anything! However, I have said and will say again that this town needs an indoor recreation facility such as a pool and walking/running track.

Ephrata needs an indoor Olympic size pool w/Recreation Center and food plaza, and an addition, over a short period of time, of arcade or pool tables, air hockey, tabletop shuffle board, foosball, etc, to the indoor pool facility. It should include rooms to rent for birthday parties and classes such as CPR, karate, dancing, etc. I've often considered a loan or investing privately for this type of facility over the past 3-5 years myself. Good luck to your endeavor!

I think that an indoor pool that allows for continuation of swimming programs in the winter is another consideration in regard to Ephrata's recreation needs. Ellensburg has a great community pool which we've utilized in the past. Gas prices make it expensive to go that far to swim in the winter.

Need to cover the swimming pool so it can be used 12 months of the year!! Maybe offer classes for adult exercise/ aerobics.

Worst possible mistake Ephrata made was to put in an outside pool with our \$. We voted against. We truly could have and still need an indoor pool to use year around.

This town needs (sorely) an indoor year-round swimming facility, accessible to seniors- with lap swimming lanes. The Splash Zone is ridiculous. It was voted down twice by the voters but built anyway by the 'good ole boys'. It is open only 2 1/2 months/yr. - does not support itself and serves a very small percent of the town's population!

Ephrata needs to cover the pool. I have older clients that could really utilize it for therapy. I have had 3 back surgeries. I feel if you are not in the click in Ephrata things just don't get heard which really saddens me.

I would really like to see an indoor swimming facility in Ephrata. Several of us, men & women, drive to either Moses Lake or Quincy to swim 3X per week. It doesn't need to be an Olympic size pool, nor does it need to be deeper than 3-5 feet. It would be nice if it had showers & changing rooms. Extras could include sauna and hot tubs, but not absolutely necessary.

Work in cooperation with Soap Lake to convert old swimming pool to winter playground based on Soap Lake: heated water, mud baths, exercise swimming, and generalized atmosphere for chasing the wintertime "blues" for all age groups. This would enhance tourism during the lull of the winter months. The Old Orchard Motel in Wenatchee has a blow-up cover for winter time. [A certain person] made this type of suggestion in prior years. I think Soap Lake water is a new notion. Good teamwork with Soap Lake (get a federal or state grant) would help to overcome old animosities and help build a positive relationship. Have a sun and beach experience in Soap Lake during the summer and have a "Soap Lake" experience in Ephrata during the middle of winter during the snow season. Have part of the pool for young people and the more gentle people have another part of the pool would help diminish the discouraged feelings about Splash Down.

We really need an indoor pool.

If the swimming pool was covered it would get use year-around and also benefit adults for exercise.

Ephrata made a gross error with the Splash Zone. It is a great activity center. However, an indoor pool would have been much better. This would allow for year around swimming for families, exercise classes for elders & the disabled and a possible year-round swim team. Moses Lake & Quincy have indoor, summer swimming activity centers. If we had put in an indoor pool, we'd not only have Ephrata patronizing the facility, but also the surrounding communities.

[I] would like an indoor pool for fall/winter.

Considering the long winter, Ephrata could benefit from a simple indoor swimming pool for lap swimming, swimming lessons, and a swim team year-round.

[We] would love to see an indoor pool/water park. [This] would be great for people of all ages, including the elderly.

Love Splash Zone and wish we had an indoor pool for winter use for no resistance exercise.

### **Praises and Thank Yous!**

Appreciate excellent street and sidewalk cleaning work.

I am not in any way critical of Ephrata recreational programs. I think they do a great job with the programs that are offered!! But there can always be room for improvement.

Thank you for pursuing recreation in this area.

We appreciate the quality of care given to the Ephrata Sports Complex and Lee Park compared to past years.

We have only lived in Ephrata for 5 years but are impressed with the amount of facilities available. Our grandchildren enjoy visiting here in the summer during their school break because of the water park and bike trails. We are pleased with the variety of trails for hiking and biking. Ephrata has far more facilities than a number of communities where we have lived in the past.

I feel this is a good survey and good opinions from residents should be the results (sic). Thanks.

[I am] pretty happy with the local facilities overall. [The] city is really moving in [a] good direction.

[I] was really pleased when "Splash Down" went in, [but] felt it could have been a "larger" facility. Good luck on your survey.

I love that there are parks accessible to everyone regardless of where you live in Ephrata. My daughter really enjoys the ballet and gymnastics classes offered.

I've lived here 61 years and it had been good to me. I'm an Ephrata and Soap Lake booster and in constant prayer.

We find the schools are great for working with our girl scouts. Very receptive. Summer brings great programs like music sage & sun days, farmers market. And the Recreation Department had some fun programs in winter too.

I moved to Ephrata one year ago, and like it just the way it is. That's the reason I chose to move here.

I believe Ephrata has good and well maintained parks and playground equipment- Thanks.

I think Ephrata has excellent activates for both children and adults. Ephrata has nice, well-maintained parks.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment. Mordhorst Gun Range is an awesome facility. Trail system next to the airport is second-to-none, excellent. Great natural setting. Overall, Ephrata has excellent recreational facilities. The city does an awesome job & mirrors the interest of its population.

In general, I feel Ephrata does a fine job with its Parks & Rec. program. I work out-of-town and have a schedule that doesn't allow me a great deal of time to use the available facilities. When I am home I just want to stay in my yard, so I may not be an ideal respondent to this survey. Keep up the good work! It's part of what makes this a great community.

### **Sidewalks**

This has nothing to do with parks and recreation, but it would be nice if this town had sidewalks in its residential areas. If it did, people could walk to the recreation sites without having to either walk across people's yard or walk in the street- which in Ephrata is very hazardous!

The street I live on has only partial sidewalks and has a lot of children that walk to school. We need more sidewalks so our kids don't have to walk in the street. This end of town, also, has no bike trail. I think it would be good to put the sidewalks mentioned above in and add a bike trail.

The sidewalks in town are unsafe- the downtown core has decent sidewalks but the sidewalks where I live are dirt or are nonexistent. It would be nice for all of the wheelchairs and motorized scooters to be able to go from one end of town to the other without having to go into the street. There are several places where it is impossible to avoid entering the main street to go around either gravel sidewalk or nonexistent sidewalk. There are quite a few people here in town that use wheelchairs and motorized scooters.

Over \$100,000.00 was spent by the recreation department in 2006. At the same time our streets, curbs, & sidewalks are in a state of total disrepair & deterioration.

We have plenty of great programs and stuff for kids to do. But the sidewalks are poor and kids play in the streets and that is difficult with so many cars parked in the streets & hard to see them. The \$ should be spent on fixing sidewalks & potholes & paving streets that were left half done like E NE! It's hard to walk and ride bikes etc in the gravel.

I believe that we need sidewalks on at least one side of every street.

Trails are wonderful and a great need for the safety of bikers (younger children), but we need sidewalks in this town & any new housing & new developments should be required to put them in. Most of our children are bussed to school because of the lack of sidewalks (safe routes) and yet most additional housing built in Ephrata has not included sidewalks even in recent years.

Elderly need paved sidewalks.

### **Street Repair**

Should use money to fix streets and water mains.

I would suggest more money and planning on repairing and maintaining our street system. [This] would be a much more beneficial purpose than recreation.

I think we need to spend our tax dollars on street improvement not on more parks, bike and walking trails etc.

There are a lot more important things- such as street repair that need to be done before recreational facilities, etc. We believe the city should be concentrating on industry then trails or recreational facilities. If this loan goes thru how much is it going to cost the public? We think the city should act more responsibly for its residences/taxpayers.

Let us fix the holes in our streets first!

### **Taxes**

I'm so tired of taxes. Everything we do anymore is taxed to death. The American voted for \$30 license tabs and the government can add on more fees and taxes. Why bother having us vote when the government does whatever they want. Bottom line- I favor zero increase in taxes.

Both my wife and I are over 70 years of age. We don't need any more taxes.

No tax/levy should be forced on people like me who do not use these facilities!

I enjoy parks very much and would support them financially if the city/state services cut back on the wasteful programs and administration of government. As it is, I pay way too much in taxes and support a large and increasing population of illegal Mexicans and welfare recipients. Break the symbiotic relationship between them and government and there will be plenty of money for very beautiful parks (as well as better schools, lower crime, and a general improvement in our quality of life).

Parents need to be with their kids at parks for safety & people need to pick up after themselves. Ephrata does not need all these extras for the community. People should be able to do their own recreation! City needs to take care of what they have. Our taxes are too high!

I don't wish to be part of this! I believe taxes will be increased anyway.

Use tax money wisely.

### Question 1

- Slightly important
- Parks are valuable assets for community gatherings. As our Hispanic community grows, the assets will be utilized more! Other cultures are more social.
- After hours are just as important
- More important when had kids

### Question 2

- I don't need or want a city 'program'.
- Slightly important
- Valuable for dependants. Not personally active in programs after birth of first dependent. Look forward to participation upon retirement.

### Question 3

- Define reasonable
- With escalation in home values, high density rentals are only option for many families. Therefore, green spaces, etc. are priceless. Demand common areas!
- With bathrooms

### Question 4

- Grandview Home, Patrick Road
- I just moved here so I didn't know most of these existed.
- This one is very important to me! I think Ephrata needs a year-round pool!
- Grandview/Patrick Park 26+
- Patrick Park 11-15
- None: I'm a dumb old bachelor- no kids.
- New in town
- Where?
- **E:** Would like to, how?
- **G:** Patrick?
- **J-O:** Didn't know these trails existed!
- **K-O:** don't know
- **O:** kids love it

### Question 5

- Added “M.” to the answer choices: St. Rose 1-5
- Didn't know they were available
- Tennis courts
- Walk our dog
- None
- No mention of Patrick Park. Patrick Park is closest to our home.
- Don't have any kids in school or living with me.
- Did not know we could use any of these facilities.
- New in town

### Question 6

- None
- Don't know
- I live about 10 min to only Oasis Park.
- I do not walk, I am elderly and my kids pick me up and take me places.
- To get to something. Trails or walkway
- Columbia Ridge Playfield

### Question 7

- **F:** please don't top them
- **G:** clean
- **H:** clean
- **H:** concerned about vandalism
- **H:** clean
- **H & I:** one of these
- **H & I:** one or the other
- **H & I:** either is fine
- **I:** spend \$ on permanent bathrooms; porta potties not sanitary
- **I:** when needed
- **I:** if they don't have H [permanent bathrooms]
- **I:** no way
- **I:** I hate those
- **K:** need for picnics
- **M:** depends
- **O:** kids need to be taught not to litter

### Question 8

- Didn't know there were any!
- I use Beezley Hill, but it's not a maintained trail.
- Our dog uses the trails.
- New in town
- Waste of money
- **D:** in the past

### Question 9

- Depends on which park. Hard to answer
- I only know Lion's Park & Bambino Field & it's been a few years since I used them much.
- Not familiar with facilities
- Have no idea
- Not familiar with the parks
- Did not use
- Have no idea
- New in town
- **C:** nothing updated
- **D:** find trash
- **D-H:** N/A
- **E:** the city does nothing at the sports fields
- **G:** it's never open at soccer fields
- **G:** always dirty
- **G:** need one at every park
- **G&H:** not aware
- **H:** Part of safety issue- why I am dissatisfied.
- **H:** need more
- **H:** they appear to get filled from outside a lot- but are still needed in the park
- **H:** more

### Question 10

- N/A, we are not residents in town (9 miles out).
- All unknown
- People had hard time answering
- **A:** crossed out "trail" in the question and wrote in "sidewalk"
- **A:** for bikes
- **F:** walking
- **G:** don't have dog
- **I:** not necessary for me, I think accessibility important 3-4
- **I:** What is this? If it's for handicap it's a 5

### Question 13

- One way
- One way
- 15-30 min
- Round trip
- One way
- Roundtrip
- Ellensburg has 2 [indoor swimming pools]
- One way
- lots
- 1 1/2 hours
- Wilson Creek
- Each way
- Moses Lake

### Question 14

- Depends on growth
- N/A
- Indoor pool
- What about baseball?
- Skate park improvements
- Swimming “5”
- An indoor swimming pool
- **A:** ERC!
- **A:** portions
- **B:** walkers/hikers
- **C:** swimming pool
- **D:** as needed
- **E:** northeast growth area
- **E:** NE, SE, section of town
- **E:** we are growing
- **E:** growth
- **F:** future
- **H:** depends where
- **K:** seem to be quite a few local places when we had

### Question 15

- I don't have children @ home.
- None
- **F & I:** tie
- N/A
- No opinion
- None
- Skate park
- Place for elderly in winter (handicapped).

### Question 16

- Undecided
- Whatever it takes
- We pay enough; a lot of money is wasted.
- Address current budget
- Any of them
- None
- We would want to see what you propose and willing to provide some support for a fixed time period.
- Don't know
- Better use of existing funds
- We'd look at donating or a property tax of \$.10/\$1000 valuation of home or a levy of \$20.00/household.
- Increase sales tax
  
- Did not want to answer
- A cost per household to use or per class etc.
- I don't know.
- I would also support some special levies.
- **A:** one time
- **A:** one time?
- **A:** 1X
- **A, B, & F:** any of these
- **A, D, & F:** These also include short time users who also need facilities but do not own.
- **A & F:** either/or
- **F:** one time
- **G:** crossed out "would" and wrote in "could"
- **G:** No more taxes!!! More businesses to town to help costs.

### Question 17

- Girls softball
- Added an "I" and wrote in "Ephrata needs a mall!
- How about lacrosse & racquetball?
- All schools & communities need better fitness programs. Our adults, students & children are not fit. We are becoming a nation of unfit, obese people.
- Love Ephrata like it is!!!
- We have great tourist programs.
- **B:** wrote in the number "6"
- **C,D, and E:** kids don't use
- **H:** non-competitive
- **H:** Team sports are over-emphasized. Encourage individual life sports: tennis, golf, swimming, etc.

### Question 18

- Nursing home
- Have kids and grandkids however.

### Question 19

- Old

### Question 21

- Don't know
- West of town (have P.O. Box in town)
- We used to live in the SW Quadrant, but we are off Dodson, close to town.
- Out of town
- Ghetto! Not!
- Unincorporated, live out of town

## Final Survey Instrument

Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey. Your responses will be utilized for planning for future projects, maintenance spending, budgeting purposes, and future senior, adult, and youth recreation program development. Your responses will be kept completely anonymous. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Recreation Director at 754-4601., ext 501.

In service,  
Chris Jacobson, Mayor

Q1 Please tell us how important or unimportant having safe and clean parks in Ephrata is to you. Please circle an answer.

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ Very unimportant
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ Unimportant
- C. \_\_\_\_\_ Neutral/ Not sure
- D. \_\_\_\_\_ Important
- E. \_\_\_\_\_ Very important

Q2. Please tell us how important or unimportant having quality recreation programs in Ephrata is to you. Please circle an answer.

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ Very unimportant
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ Unimportant
- C. \_\_\_\_\_ Neutral/ Not sure
- D. \_\_\_\_\_ Important
- E. \_\_\_\_\_ Very important

Q3. How important or unimportant is it that every household have reasonable access to a Park/Open Green Space? Circle your answer.

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ Very unimportant
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ Unimportant
- C. \_\_\_\_\_ Neutral/ Not sure
- D. \_\_\_\_\_ Important
- E. \_\_\_\_\_ Very important

Q4. Approximately how many times during the past year have you or a member of your household used each of the following City parks or facilities? Please circle your answers.

Facility		Number of Times Used in the Past Year				
		1-5	6-10	11-15	16-25	26 or more
A. Splash Zone	None					
B. Ephrata Sports Complex	None					
C. Skate Park	None					
D. Lion's Park	None					
E. Mordhorst Shooting Range	None					
F. Oasis Park/Golf Course	None					
G. Lee Park	None					
H. Parkway (Bambino) Fields	None					
I. Sun Basin Plaza (Rock Park)	None					
J. Ephrata Recreation Center (ERC)	None					
K. Division Street Trail	None					
L. Nat Washington Way Trail	None					
N. Beezley Hill Trails	None					
O. Airport Trails	None					

Q5. Approximately how many times during the past year have you or a member of your household used each the following Ephrata School District facilities? Do not include attending regular, school-related functions. Please circle your answers.

School Facility		Number of Times Used in the Past Year				
		1-5	6-10	11-15	16-25	26 or more
A. Grant Gym	None					
B. Grant Playfield	None					
C. Columbia Ridge Gym	None					
D. Columbia Ridge Playfield	None					
E. High School Gyms	None					
F. High School Playfields	None					
G. Beezley Gym	None					
H. Beezley Playfield	None					
I. Parkway Cafeteria	None					
J. Middle School Classroom	None					
K. Middle School Cafeteria	None					
L. Middle School Gym	None					

Q6. Please tell us which of the following categories **BEST** describes a reasonable walking distance for your family in order to reach a park. Please circle one answer.

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ Less than five minutes
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ Between five and ten minutes
- C. \_\_\_\_\_ Between ten and fifteen minutes
- D. \_\_\_\_\_ Between fifteen and twenty minutes
- E. \_\_\_\_\_ More than twenty minutes

Q7 Please indicate the importance or unimportance of each of the following park structures or equipment. Please circle your answers.

	<b>Very Unimportant</b>	<b>Unimportant</b>	<b>Neutral/ Not Sure</b>	<b>Important</b>	<b>Very Important</b>
A. Open Grass	1	2	3	4	5
B. Picnic tables	1	2	3	4	5
C. Picnic shelter	1	2	3	4	5
D. Basketball courts	1	2	3	4	5
E. Playground equipment	1	2	3	4	5
F. Trees	1	2	3	4	5
G. Attractive landscaping	1	2	3	4	5
H. Permanent bathrooms	1	2	3	4	5
I. Portable restrooms/ Port-a-potties	1	2	3	4	5
J. Drinking Fountains	1	2	3	4	5
K. Water Faucets	1	2	3	4	5
L. Bike Racks	1	2	3	4	5
M. Nature Paths/Trails	1	2	3	4	5
N. Exercise Paths/Trails	1	2	3	4	5
O. Trash cans	1	2	3	4	5

Q8 Approximately how many times in the past year has someone in your household used any of the City's trails or paths? Circle your answer.

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ Never
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ A few times during the year
- C. \_\_\_\_\_ At least once a month,
- D. \_\_\_\_\_ At least once a week
- E. \_\_\_\_\_ Daily, weather permitting
- F. \_\_\_\_\_ Daily, rain or shine

Q9 Please indicate your level of satisfied with each item in the City Parks (not including school district facilities), on a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 meaning very dissatisfied and 5 indicating you are very satisfied. Please circle your answers.

	<b>Very Dissatisfied</b>	<b>Dissatisfied</b>	<b>Neutral/ Not Sure</b>	<b>Satisfied</b>	<b>Very Satisfied</b>
A. Quality of grass or turf	1	2	3	4	5
B. Quantity of grass or turf	1	2	3	4	5
C. Playground equipment	1	2	3	4	5
D. Playground safety	1	2	3	4	5
E. Quality of sports fields	1	2	3	4	5
F. Number of sports fields	1	2	3	4	5
G. Bathrooms	1	2	3	4	5
H. Trash cans	1	2	3	4	5

Q10 Please tell us how important or unimportant each of the following types of trails or paths are to you, again circling your answers.

	Very Unimportant	Unimportant	Neutral/ Not Sure	Important	Very Important
A. A trail that leads me downtown.	1	2	3	4	5
B. A sidewalk from my home to main trails.	1	2	3	4	5
C. A sidewalk from my home to downtown.	1	2	3	4	5
D. A trail that leads me from park to park.	1	2	3	4	5
E. An unpaved nature trail.	1	2	3	4	5
F. A trail that is away from city streets.	1	2	3	4	5
G. A trail where I can walk my dog.	1	2	3	4	5
H. Bikeable trails.	1	2	3	4	5
I. An ADA-accessible trail.	1	2	3	4	5

Q11. In the past year, have you or someone in your household driven out of town to use recreation facilities not available in Ephrata? Circle your answer.

A. \_\_\_\_\_ YES → Go to Q12

B. \_\_\_\_\_ NO → Go to Q14

Q12. What facilities did you use? \_\_\_\_\_

Q13. How far did you travel to get to those facilities? \_\_\_\_\_ (number of miles)

Q14 Please tell us how important or unimportant each of the following possible improvements to recreation facilities in Ephrata are to you. Please circle your answers.

	Very Important	Important	Neutral/ Not Sure	Unimportant	Very Unimportant
A. A community center offering various activities and classes.	1	2	3	4	5
B. Preserve portions of Beezley Hill as an open space recreation area.	1	2	3	4	5
C. Indoor recreation or gym space	1	2	3	4	5
D. Upgrades to existing parks (e.g. new bathrooms, playground equipment).	1	2	3	4	5
E. Build more parks and trails	1	2	3	4	5
F. New performing arts center	1	2	3	4	5
G. Maintenance for existing parks	1	2	3	4	5
H. Build more trails.	1	2	3	4	5
I. A place for after school activities	1	2	3	4	5
J. Indoor walk/running track.	1	2	3	4	5
K Equestrian facility.	1	2	3	4	5
L. Indoor soccer facility.	1	2	3	4	5

Q15. Of all the options listed in Q14 from the previous page, which is the most important to you? Please circle one.

A      B      C      D      E      F

G      H      I      J      K      L

Q16. How much would you be willing to pay for the facility that is most important to you? Circle one answer.

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ Special levy of \$20 per household
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ Utility tax at X% of residential utility bills
- C. \_\_\_\_\_ Property tax levy of \$0.10 per \$1,000 valuation of home
- D. \_\_\_\_\_ Property tax levy at \$0.50 per \$1,000 valuation of home
- E. \_\_\_\_\_ Property tax levy at \$1.00 per \$1,000 valuation of home
- F. \_\_\_\_\_ I would be willing to make a private donation, but do not support an increase in taxes?
- G. \_\_\_\_\_ I would not support any of these options

Q17 Listed below are some possible goals for recreation programs in Ephrata. Please indicate how you feel about each goal: Strongly disagree, Disagree, Doesn't matter, Agree, should be done within 5-10 years, Strongly agree, should be done within 5 years. Please circle your answer.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral/ Not Sure	Agree	Strongly Agree
A. Ephrata needs to develop more tourism.	1	2	3	4	5
B. Ephrata needs more programs for pre-school aged children.	1	2	3	4	5
C. Ephrata needs more programs for grade school aged children.	1	2	3	4	5
D. Ephrata needs more programs for Middle School aged youth.	1	2	3	4	5
E. Ephrata needs more programs for High School teens.	1	2	3	4	5
F. Ephrata needs more programs for adults.	1	2	3	4	5
G. Ephrata needs more cultural and arts programs.	1	2	3	4	5
H. Ephrata needs more active/sports programs.	1	2	3	4	5

The following questions are asked for statistical purposes only. Your answers will remain completely anonymous.

Q18. Including yourself, how many people in each of the following age categories live in your household?  
Please write in your answers.

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ Number of children (age 0 – 12)
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ Number of teenagers (age 13-17)
- C. \_\_\_\_\_ Number of adults (18+)

Q19. What year were you born? \_\_\_\_\_

Q20. What is your sex?

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ Male
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ Female

Q21. What part of town do you live in? Please circle your answer.

- A. NE
- B. SE
- C. NW
- D. SW

Thank you for completing this survey? If you would like to include additional comments relating to parks, recreation and open space in your community, please feel free to write additional comments on the back page of this booklet. The results of this survey will be utilized for future decisions in land use, growth and budgeting use this space for comments about recreation facilities, parks and trails in Ephrata.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Recreation Director at 509-754-4601. ext. 151.

## First Letter

April 3, 2007

Mr. Sample  
100 Main Street  
Ephrata, WA 98823

Dear Mr. Sample:

The University of Idaho's Social Science Research Unit is conducting a study on the opinions of Ephrata residents regarding parks and recreation facilities. This survey is being funded by the City of Ephrata and has been approved by the Human Assurances Committee at the University of Idaho. Results from the survey will be by the City of Ephrata when applying for recreation grants from the State of Washington.

You have been randomly selected from among Ephrata residents to participate in this study. In order that the results will truly represent the attitudes and beliefs of residents of Ephrata, it is important that each questionnaire in the sample be completed and returned. The questionnaire has an identification number *for mailing purposes only*. The information you provide will be completely confidential. Neither your name nor any identifying information will be used with the data.

Please return the survey in the postage paid, self-addressed envelope provided. As an incentive, each respondent returning a completed survey will be entered in to a lottery drawing for a **free Family Summer Splashzone season pass**, a \$110.00 value.

Once the study is complete, the final report will be available on the City of Ephrata's website ([www.ephrata.org](http://www.ephrata.org)). Copies of the report will also be available at City Hall.

If you have any questions about the survey, you may call the Social Science Research Unit toll-free at 1-877-542-3019. In addition, you may contact Ray Towry, Recreation Director, at the City of Ephrata at 509-754-4601, extension 1-150 or via E-mail at [rtowry@ephrata.org](mailto:rtowry@ephrata.org).

Thank you for your assistance!

Sincerely,

J.D. Wulfhorst, Director  
Social Science Research Unit

## **Reminder Postcard**

### **Ephrata Recreation Survey**

Last week a questionnaire seeking information about parks and recreation facilities in the City of Ephrata was mailed to you. If you have already completed the questionnaire and returned it to us, please accept our sincere thanks. If not, please do so today. It is extremely important that your responses be included in this study. We will use the information we gather to prioritize state funding requests for improvements to our parks and recreation facilities.

If by chance you did not receive the questionnaire, please call the Social Science Research Unit, toll-free, at (1-877-542-3019) and another survey will be sent to you.

Sincerely,

J.D. Wulfhorst  
Director, University of Idaho Social Science Research Unit

## Second Letter

April 10, 2007

Mr. Sample  
100 Main Street  
Ephrata, WA 98823

Dear Mr. Sample:

About three weeks ago The University of Idaho's Social Science Research Unit sent you a survey regarding recreation facilities in Ephrata. The results from the survey will help the Ephrata Department of Recreation learn what recreation priorities are most important to Ephrata residents when applying for state recreation grants.

Your household has been randomly selected to participate in this survey. The questionnaire has an identification number for mailing purposes only. The information you provide will be completely confidential. Neither your name nor any identifying information will be used in connection with the data. As an incentive, each respondent returning a completed survey will be entered into a lottery drawing for a free **Family Summer Splashzone season pass**, a value of \$110.00.

In order for the results to truly represent the opinions of Ephrata residents it is important that each questionnaire be completed and returned. We would be happy to answer any questions you might have about the project. Please feel free to call the Social Science Research Unit toll-free at 1-877-542-3019. In addition, you may contact the recreation director for the City of Ephrata, Ray Towry, at 509-754-4601, extension 1-150 or via E-mail at [rtowry@ephrata.org](mailto:rtowry@ephrata.org).

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

J.D. Wulfhorst, Director