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LOGANSPORT PARKS and RECREATION MASTER PLAN

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INTRODUCTION

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PURPOSE

The purpose behind any planning document is to provide a framework in which to complete important tasks. Having a plan allows decision makers to more easily determine where they are, where they want to go, how they will get there, and how they will know when they've arrived. A specific emphasis of this update is to provide more statistically valid data based on the City's population and demographics to inform facility and programming improvements. In addition, more robust data within the Park Agency Profile and Community Profile chapters demonstrates the need for additional funding, staff, and resources to meet the community's needs and operate to adequate levels as compared to similar communities

The parks master plan was finalized and adopted by the Logansport Park Board on Insert Date.

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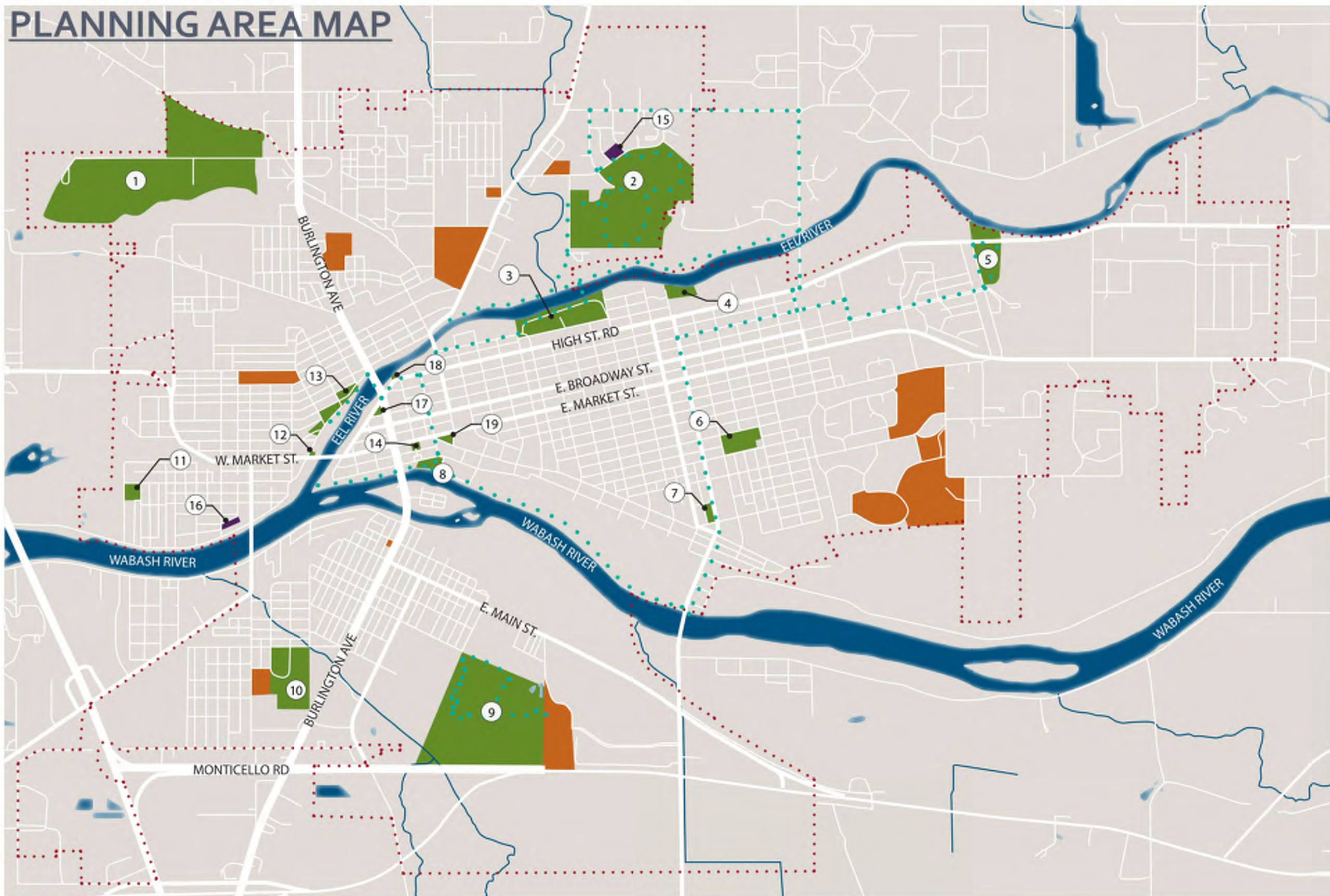
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PLANNING AREA MAP



PARKS

1. Dykeman Park / Golf Course
2. Huston Park
3. Riverside Park
4. Dunwoody Park
5. Spencer Park
6. Muehlhausen Park
7. Bishop Park
8. Little Turtle Waterway
9. Flory Nature Preserve
10. Fairview Park
11. Melbourne Park
12. Memorial Park
13. Patriot Park
14. Heritage Park
15. Penman Building (Office)
16. Maintenance Building
17. Jean Cole Park
18. Stonewall Park
19. Burkhart Park

LEGEND

- Logansport City Limits
- School Buildings
- Parks
- Parks Buildings
- Trails



PLANNING AREA The planning area for this study is the area within the Corporate Limits of the City of Logansport.

While it is a known fact that people outside of city limits use the parks and city facilities, the Park Department is operated through the revenues from the tax base. Studies and planning outside of the corporate limits should be done only through collaborations and fiscal sharing with other entities.

MASTER PLAN GOALS

The time taken to listen to the community via working sessions, public participation, and other means of collaboration has resulted in The Logansport Park Department staff and the Park Board agreeing on the following goals for the 5-Year Parks and Recreation Plan:

- 1 Improve general maintenance and upkeep of all Parks Department managed properties.
- 2 Provide new amenities and / or facilities as documented through the completed surveys.
- 3 Enhance Riverside Park to be a regional destination and to accommodate different programs.
- 4 Promote and educate the public about park programs, people, and issues.
- 5 Enhance program activities for children ages 10-14, families, and senior citizens.
- 6 Repurpose unused pieces of park land to private development or better park uses.
- 7 Improve connectivity and programming at Dykeman Park Municipal Golf Course so that it may also be a regional destination for Cass County.



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PARK AGENCY PROFILE

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PARK DEPARTMENT LOCATION

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Kara Yax

Dykeman Park Golf Course Superintendent
Dean Vietti

Maintenance Superintendent
Kevin Price

PARK DEPARTMENT DIVISIONS

Descriptions of Park Department Divisions have been included for those unfamiliar with the varied functions and position responsibilities of each Park Department Divisions and Staff.

Administrative

Parks Administrator:

- The Parks Administrator is primarily accountable to the Logansport Parks & Recreation Board. The principal purpose of the job is to be responsible for planning, organizing, directing, and controlling all activities of the Parks and Recreation Department, including the planning, design, acquisition, construction, and maintenance of city parks, recreational facilities, including golf course and swimming pool. The Parks Administrator also develops and implements policies, procedures, and practices to accomplish objectives as determined by the Parks Board that maintain programs for the public.
- The Parks Administrator's level of authority is such that they implement policies and programs with activities reviewed for adequacy of professional judgment, compliance with policies, and achievement of results consistent with objectives. The Parks Administrator operates with only nominal direction and appreciable latitude for independent action and decisions commensurate with demonstrated ability, following broad policy guidelines, department objectives, and applicable laws, rules, and ordinances. Error in judgment could have substantial impact on public acceptance of programs and efficient operation of other City departments, and could

result in legal and fiscal liability for the City.

- The Parks Administrator's primary work environment is performed in an office setting and in community meeting rooms. Some responsibilities require driving a vehicle to various parks and program locations in order to visit / inspect both indoor and outdoor sites.

Administrative Assistant

- The Administrative Assistant is accountable to the Parks Administrator. The principal purpose of the job is to perform responsible and complex secretarial and administrative assistance duties. This position oversees and administers day-to-day activities and functions of the Parks Department Office.
- The Administrative Assistant position requires someone who works cooperatively and effectively with the public and other employees in a very busy and sometimes stressful office environment. The Administrative Assistant is required to maintain extensive filing systems, maintain budgetary and payroll accounts for the department, assist with department budget preparation and control, prepare requisitions and purchase orders, and order office supplies as needed.

Maintenance Superintendent

- The Maintenance Superintendent is accountable to the Parks Administrator. The principle purpose

of the job is to supervise the duties of the Parks Maintenance Staff by planning, organizing, directing, and implementing a comprehensive parks maintenance program that includes preventive maintenance, repair, construction, supply/inventory control, maintenance management system, administration, and short and long range planning.

Golf Superintendent

- Under the direction of the Parks Administrator, the Golf Superintendent's primary purpose is to plan, organize, coordinate, and supervise the maintenance and operations of the City golf course facilities and grounds; plan and implement capital improvement projects; and train, supervise, and evaluate the performance of assigned staff.



Parks Maintenance

Under the direction of the Maintenance Superintendent, the Parks Maintenance Staff performs all maintenance directly related to the daily routine care, preventive maintenance, and the extraordinary care of the department's twenty (20) parks and associated facilities, grounds, and structures. Extraordinary skills required of the parks maintenance staff include engine repair, carpentry, painting, plumbing, electrical, roofing, masonry, tree and lawn care, and large and small equipment operations. In addition, Parks Maintenance Staff are required to perform custodial duties within each of the parks, their buildings, vehicles, and equipment. Parks Maintenance Staff are also responsible for providing support to the recreational activities and the large community events. They spend many hours in preparation for events such as Two Rivers Music Festival and Family Arts Festival. In addition to "polishing" the parks and facilities for these special events, the Parks Maintenance Staff move picnic tables, set up temporary shelters, and provide stand-by technical support during the events. As an event winds down, the Parks Maintenance staff dismantles the event facilities and returns the park to its original condition.

The Logansport Parks Maintenance Staff has constructed three of the four playgrounds newly installed in the last five years. In addition, the staff inspects/audits the playgrounds for safety concerns, recommends upgrades, and documents these concerns.

Golf Course

Under the direction of the Golf Superintendent, Golf Maintenance Staff performs all maintenance directly related to the daily routine care, preventive maintenance and the extraordinary care of the Dykeman Park Municipal Golf Course and its associated facilities, grounds, and structures. Extraordinary skills required of the Golf Maintenance Staff include engine repair, turf management, irrigation equipment management, tree care, and large and small equipment operations. In addition, Golf Maintenance Staff are required to perform custodial duties at the golf course, its buildings, vehicles and equipment.

As of 2006, loss of revenue has brought about the need for the Golf Course Branch to oversee these operations. Under the direction of the

Golf Superintendent, the clubhouse staff will be responsible for maintaining the tee times, collect fees, operate clubhouse concessions, providing clean golf cars to customers, and selling merchandise. Skills required of those that work at the clubhouse include computer operations, custodial skills, money management, and a positive presentation for the public.

Recreation Branch

Under the direction of the Parks Administrator, the Program Activities Director is responsible for organizing and implementing the program activities and special events of the Logansport Parks & Recreation Department. The Program Activities Director is supported by the Parks Administrator, the Administrative Assistant, seasonal and part-time program staff, and maintenance personnel as necessary to stage programs and special events. Skills necessary for the Program Activities Director to perform their duties include verbal and written communications, supervising staff and organizing programs, and working with people in a positive atmosphere.

MISSION STATEMENT

Logansport Parks & Recreation is committed to improving the quality of life for Loganland residents by preserving land, facilities, the environment and our natural heritage and by creating significant opportunities for recreation, conservation, relaxation, and education for now and future generations.



THE PARK LAW

The Logansport Park Board, by Ordinance No. 97-42, operates under the Third Class City Park Law. The State statute (36-10-3) establishes the executive department of public parks in First Class Cities/Towns and provides that the Board of Parks and Recreation shall have exclusive government, management, and control of all parks and recreation areas within the City/Town, subject only to the laws of the State. A copy of Ordinance No. 97-42, passed and dated Dec. 29, 1997, can be found in the Appendix of this document.

LOGANSPORT PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

The Logansport Park Board was established by Ordinance #79-79-14 in April of 1979. The Park Board is made up of five (5) members, four (4) of whom are appointed by the Mayor and one (1) who is appointed by the School Board from its membership. The members each serve 4-year staggered terms. The Park Board hired a Park Administrator and prepared its first Master Plan in 1981.

Name, Position	Term Expires
Dave Smith, President	January 2026
Jason Crittendon, Vice President	May 2024
Ammon Tuitavuki, Secretary	January 2025
Mike McCord, Member, LCSC Rep.	Annual
Sam Tocco, Member	January 2024

The Park Board meets the second Wednesday of the month at 5:30pm in the City Council Chambers on the 3rd floor of City Hall. At this time, the Board makes policy and operational decisions, approves requests for use of park facilities, receives updates on departmental activity and approves the annual budget. The meetings are open to the public.

RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SCHOOL CORPORATION

Currently, the Logansport Park and Recreation Board utilizes the law allowing a school board appointed member to serve on the Park and Recreation Board. The Parks and Recreation Department also has an informal cooperative agreement with the Logansport Community School System for sharing each entity's facilities throughout the year. This is done verbally with mutual benefit from this shared generosity. This partnership between the two entities needs to be continually nurtured to maximize mutual benefits in the areas of programming and facilities.



LOGANSPORT PARKS & RECREATION FOUNDATION, INC.

A non-profit Park Foundation for Logansport Parks & Recreation was incorporated in February 2008. A seven-member Board of Directors manages the Foundation to assist the Park Department in land acquisition, park program enhancements, greenway connections and stewardship of natural and cultural resources.

ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE

The Logansport Parks & Recreation Department is currently organized as follows:



CITY'S BENCHMARK COMPARISON

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) compiles data from municipalities and parks and recreation agencies across the country annually. NRPA's Park Metrics provides insights into "average" statistics in terms of park land provided per 1,000 residents, trail miles, full-time equivalents (FTEs), budget allocation, and much, much more. This comparison provides a baseline understanding of Logansport Parks & Recreation ("Logansport") in terms of how it relates to agencies of similar scope. All metric standards represent the median statistic based on the NRPA's park and recreation agency performance benchmarking tool. It should also be noted that this process is self-selected, meaning park and recreation agencies choose to participate and upload their own information.

For each benchmark category, the median metric is presented based on agency characteristic. For the purposes of this benchmark, metrics for all cities, service population below 20,000 people, maintain 10-19 parks, and maintain less than 250 acres are listed to provide additional lenses to view benchmark metrics.

An important distinction is made for this benchmark analysis. The Dykeman Park Municipal Golf Course is not included in the benchmark analysis. The golf course is not included because it is a special use facility that caters to a specific audience. Although a public asset, the financials, acreage, and full-time equivalent (FTE) calculations associated with the golf course would skew the benchmark results. Additionally, the golf course is operated out of a non-reverting fund whereas this benchmark analysis focuses on the base department functions.

PARK LAND AND TRAILS

In terms of park land and trails, Logansport aligns with benchmark ranges. The number of residents served is very similar to the benchmark range. The number of acres available per 1,000 residents is also similar to the benchmark range. As noted above, the acreage represented in the benchmark does not include the Dykeman Park Municipal Golf Course's 167 acres. In terms of trail mileage available to residents, Logansport aligns with the benchmark range's average.

Metric	Logansport	All Cities	<20,000 Population Served	10-19 Parks Maintained	<250 Acres Maintained
Residents per Park	1,511	2,000	1,200	2,200	2,000
Acres of Park Land per 1,000 Residents	11.3	11.2	12.9	10.9	5.1
Miles of Trail*	6.7	15	3	10	3

**Trail miles are a combination of paved and unpaved.*

OUTDOOR FACILITIES

In terms of outdoor facilities tracked and measured by NRPA, Logansport offers youth baseball and softball fields, multi-purpose rectangular fields that can be used for both soccer and football, basketball courts, playgrounds a swimming pool, and a dog park. In terms of a level of service (LOS), Logansport tends to have a high level of service compared to agencies that offer the same amenity. Additionally, Logansport provides amenities not tracked by NRPA such as pickleball courts, shelters, and a splash pad. These are amenities that all help add to the Logansport level of service, even if a national benchmark comparison cannot be made. When examining outdoor amenities offered by agencies of similar size and scope, seemingly "missing" outdoor amenities within the Logansport infrastructure portfolio include community gardens, multi-use courts, and dedicated soccer fields. These features may warrant inclusion in the Logansport park system, but further public engagement and analysis is required.

The percentages in the chart below represent the percentage of agencies that offer this type of outdoor facility/amenity based on the benchmark characteristic. The numbers in the chart represent the LOS metric (i.e., 1 facility/amenity for every X number of people).

Metric	Logansport	All Cities	<20,000 Population Served	10-19 Parks Maintained	<250 Acres Maintained
Baseball Diamond (Adult)	-	58%	45%	48%	45%
	-	20,000	8,000	15,800	11,400
Baseball Diamond (Youth)	3	83%	78%	82%	77%
	6,000	7,000	3,100	5,800	4,600
Basketball Courts	10	90%	86%	91%	85%
	1,800	7,000	3,800	8,200	5,300
Community Gardens	-	55%	40%	41%	37%
	-	29,000	8,800	20,000	14,700
Cricket Fields	-	15%	1%	8%	3%
	-	103,000	-	66,000	55,800
Dog Parks	1	75%	44%	61%	46%
	18,000	43,000	11,100	28,900	18,300
Field Hockey Fields	-	4%	2%	5%	4%
	-	38,600	-	15,000	20,400
Football Fields	-	40%	26%	34%	24%
	-	30,000	8,000	18,000	12,300
Lacrosse Fields	-	11%	4%	10%	5%
	-	36,300	7,100	13,700	14,800
Multi-Purpose Fields (Natural)	4	70%	60%	70%	66%
	4,500	9,500	4,400	9,000	7,000
Multi-Purpose Fields (Synthetic)	-	21%	3%	15%	11%
	-	46,000	13,000	24,600	30,500
Multiuse Courts	-	49%	46%	46%	47%
	-	16,500	5,400	14,200	10,300
Outdoor Ice Rink	-	18%	21%	15%	14%
	-	16,900	8,000	12,200	8,000
Outdoor Pickleball Courts	2	-	-	-	-
	9,000	-	-	-	-
Outdoor Swimming Pool	1	-	-	-	-
	18,000	-	-	-	-
Outdoor Tennis Courts	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Overlay Fields	-	9%	6%	8%	8%
	-	21,400	8,700	10,700	10,600
Playgrounds	11	95%	96%	99%	96%
	1,600	3,400	2,000	3,700	3,100
Shelters	14	-	-	-	-
	1,300	-	-	-	-
Soccer Fields (Adult)	-	48%	35%	44%	39%
	-	14,000	8,000	10,600	11,400
Soccer Fields (Youth)	-	55%	52%	53%	45%
	-	7,400	3,500	7,100	4,000
Softball Diamond (Adult)	1*	73%	51%	62%	55%
	18,000	13,300	5,700	11,200	9,300
Softball Diamond (Youth)	2	67%	62%	60%	59%
	9,000	11,700	5,300	8,000	7,600
Sprayground/Splashpad	1	-	-	-	-
	18,000	-	-	-	-

*Operated by Cass County Men's Softball

INDOOR FACILITIES

Indoor recreation facilities provide guaranteed access and program space regardless of weather conditions. Currently, Logansport does not have any dedicated indoor recreation spaces like the ones tracked by NRPA benchmarks. Logansport does, however, have the McHale Complex at Riverside Park, Penman Building, and areas at the golf course that can be reserved for private use.

In terms of typical indoor facilities offered by organizations in similar size and scope as Logansport, community centers and recreation centers are most common, albeit a low number is required for Logansport based on LOS benchmarks.

Metric	Logansport	All Cities	<20,000 Population Served	10-19 Parks Maintained	<250 Acres Maintained
Aquatics Centers	-	30%	15%	30%	24%
	-	57,300	11,400	39,700	23,600
Arenas	-	6%	4%	4%	4%
	-	68,200	6,100	16,700	12,900
Community Centers	-	64%	51%	55%	57%
	-	28,200	8,500	22,400	14,000
Indoor Ice Rinks	-	13%	6%	6%	8%
	-	56,100	8,000	12,000	11,000
Nature Centers	-	29%	10%	18%	9%
	-	102,000	11,800	33,600	22,200
Performance Amphitheaters	-	43%	16%	30%	21%
	-	64,800	9,300	33,600	26,000
Recreation Centers (including gyms)	-	71%	49%	54%	58%
	-	34,000	9,100	22,900	15,300
Senior Centers	-	50%	25%	37%	30%
	-	68,200	13,000	31,800	24,000
Stadiums	-	18%	11%	12%	13%
	-	78,300	9,100	31,000	24,500
Teen Centers	-	18%	8%	13%	14%
	-	74,600	14,400	23,300	25,300

GENERAL PROGRAMMING

Logansport has a small programmatic portfolio and has just recently begun enhancing offerings. In terms of potential programming to add, health and wellness education, performing arts, racket sports, and team sports are offered by a large percentage of agencies of similar size and scope.

The percentages in the chart below represent the percentage of agencies that offer this type of recreation programming based on the benchmark characteristic.

Metric	Logansport	All Cities	<20,000 Population Served	10-19 Parks Maintained	<250 Acres Maintained
Aquatics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	78%	55%	65%	61%
Cultural Crafts	<input type="checkbox"/>	64%	40%	57%	53%
eSports/eGaming	<input type="checkbox"/>	14%	7%	8%	7%
Fitness Enhancement Classes	<input type="checkbox"/>	87%	67%	80%	79%
Golf	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	51%	22%	39%	28%
Health and Wellness Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	83%	67%	79%	76%
Individual Sports	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	79%	64%	75%	72%
Martial Arts	<input type="checkbox"/>	63%	39%	52%	57%
Natural and Cultural History	<input type="checkbox"/>	61%	37%	56%	43%
Performing Arts	<input type="checkbox"/>	68%	40%	62%	51%
Racquet Sports	<input type="checkbox"/>	76%	60%	66%	65%
Running/Cycling Races	<input type="checkbox"/>	49%	41%	43%	39%
Safety Training	<input type="checkbox"/>	72%	62%	67%	69%
Social Recreation Events	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	90%	83%	86%	88%
Team Sports	<input type="checkbox"/>	92%	85%	88%	89%
Themed Special Events	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	92%	83%	89%	87%
Trips and Tours	<input type="checkbox"/>	63%	43%	55%	54%
Visual Arts	<input type="checkbox"/>	65%	43%	56%	52%

TARGETED PROGRAMS

When examining targeted recreation programs, senior programs, summer camps, and after school programs are most offered by similar-sized agencies; however, the prevalence of offering targeted programs in general is low among agencies of similar size and scope across the country. If Logansport were to add a focus area, summer camps would appear popular across the country.

Metric	Logansport	All Cities	<20,000 Population Served	10-19 Parks Maintained	<250 Acres Maintained
After School Programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	58%	47%	43%	50%
Before School Programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	14%	16%	15%	17%
Full Daycare	<input type="checkbox"/>	6%	4%	4%	6%
Preschool	<input type="checkbox"/>	30%	25%	32%	32%
Programs for People with Disabilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	65%	36%	58%	45%
Specific Senior Programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	83%	65%	79%	72%
Specific Teen Programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	69%	46%	64%	56%
STEM Programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	57%	40%	52%	47%
Summer Camp	<input type="checkbox"/>	82%	61%	81%	74%

STAFFING

The national median for the number of full-time equivalents (FTE) for all cities is 54. This means that the median city agency has approximately 112,000 staff hours available across full-time, part-time, and seasonal employees. However, when examining benchmark communities, Logansport's 13 FTE are more in alignment with agencies that serve a similar population size and maintain a similar number of park acres, but this figure is much lower based on the number of park sites within the system. Based on community population, Logansport's FTE is lower than benchmark metrics.

Metric	Logansport	All Cities	<20,000 Population Served	10-19 Parks Maintained	<250 Acres Maintained
Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)	13	54	12	31	19
FTEs per 10,000 Residents	7	10.1	11.3	8.9	10.6

BUDGET METRICS

Logansport's 2023 budget is approximately \$1,100,000, a figure like agencies that serve a similar population, but lower than systems that manage a similar sized system. Comparatively speaking, Logansport has a low operating expenditure per capita, per acre, and per FTE figure. Logansport generates a low revenue per capita amount compared to benchmarks which translates into a lower cost recovery percentage. Fees generated through programs and rentals go into the Parks Non-Reverting Operating Funds, which helps provide ongoing programs and pays for general facility maintenance.

Metric	Logansport	All Cities	<20,000 Population Served	10-19 Parks Maintained	<250 Acres Maintained
Annual Operating Expenditures	\$1.1M	\$5.9M	\$1.2M	\$3.3M	\$2M
Operating Expenditures per Capita	\$57	\$104	\$117	\$89	\$102
Operating Expenditures per Acre	\$5,000	\$8,500	\$8,200	\$6,800	\$15,800
Operating Expenditures per FTE	\$80,000	\$103,000	\$102,000	\$106,400	\$93,000
Revenues per Capita	\$2.50	\$22	\$35	\$24	\$27
Revenue as a Percentage of Operating Expenditures (Cost Recovery)	4%	19%	25%	23%	25%

DISTRIBUTION OF OPERATING EXPENDITURES

When examining the distribution of operating expenditures, Logansport aligns well with benchmark metrics with the exception of capital expenses. Most agencies have a separate capital improvement plan (CIP) that is funded outside of the normal operating budget. The CIP is also usually associated with a different funding source(s). Currently, Logansport carries a capital outlay budget line within its operating budget which is the reason why the Capital Expense (Not in CIP) metric below is much higher than benchmark metrics.

Metric	Logansport	All Cities	<20,000 Population Served	10-19 Parks Maintained	<250 Acres Maintained
Personal Services	52%	56%	50%	55%	52%
Operating Expenses	25%	37%	42%	38%	40%
Capital Expense (Not In CIP)	23%	5%	6%	5%	6%
Other	-	2%	2%	2%	2%

SOURCES OF OPERATING EXPENDITURES

In terms of sources for operating expenditures, Logansport is realistically funded almost entirely from the general fund. A non-reverting fund is used to leverage earned/generated revenue through program fees and charges, but the overall budget percentage attributed to this earned income is low.

Metric	Logansport	All Cities	<20,000 Population Served	10-19 Parks Maintained	<250 Acres Maintained
General Fund Tax Support	96%	67%	62%	62%	65%
Earned/Generated Income	4%	20%	24%	22%	22%
Dedicated Levies	-	6%	7%	8%	7%
Other Dedicated Taxes	-	3%	1%	2%	2%
Grants	-	2%	3%	2%	2%
Sponsorships	-	1%	1%	1%	1%
Other	-	1%	2%	3%	1%

CAPITAL BUDGET

Capital spending varies greatly from park agency to park agency. The national median statistic for capital improvement spending is approximately \$9.9 million over a five-year period for all cities, but that figure decreases dramatically based on agencies of similar size and scope to Logansport. Based on capital expense actuals from 2018-2022, Logansport spent approximately \$700,000 on park capital improvement projects, an amount well below the median for agencies of similar size and scope.

Metric	Logansport	All Cities	<20,000 Population Served	10-19 Parks Maintained	<250 Acres Maintained
Five-Year Capital Budget Spending	\$700K	\$9.9M	\$1M	\$5M	\$2M

DISCUSSION AND IMPLICATIONS

Operating Support

Logansport is operating a park system that is relatively underfunded compared to industry benchmarks. More operational investment is warranted based on expenditures per acre, per capita, and per FTE. Additionally, there is a low cost recovery percentage based on existing program fees and charges. More programmatic opportunities to generate earned income is necessary. Diversifying funding sources will also be important for Logansport as most of the department's funding is from the general fund. A popular trend in the parks and recreation industry includes identifying other dedicated funding sources beyond the general fund such as dedicated levies, tourism dollars, food and beverage taxes, and the like.

Capital Support

As shown by the LOS metrics, Logansport offers many outdoor amenities, trail miles, and park acres that align well with industry benchmarks; however, five-year capital spending trends appear to be underfunded based on agencies similar in size and scope. With a relatively large infrastructure portfolio, it will be imperative for Logansport to identify additional capital monies for system reinvestment as infrastructure ages. Additionally, considerations for park land consolidation/repurposing should be discussed to reduce both the operational and capital support burden on the system.

Programming Opportunities

Comparatively speaking, Logansport does not offer a program portfolio commensurate with industry benchmarks. As mentioned earlier, recreation programming is a relatively new function within the department and it will be important to continue growing this focus by identifying core program areas most salient to the Logansport population. Additionally, developing indoor recreation space will become more important as the system grows. Dedicated indoor space will allow for program expansions and the implementation of new programmatic opportunities.



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FACILITIES INVENTORY

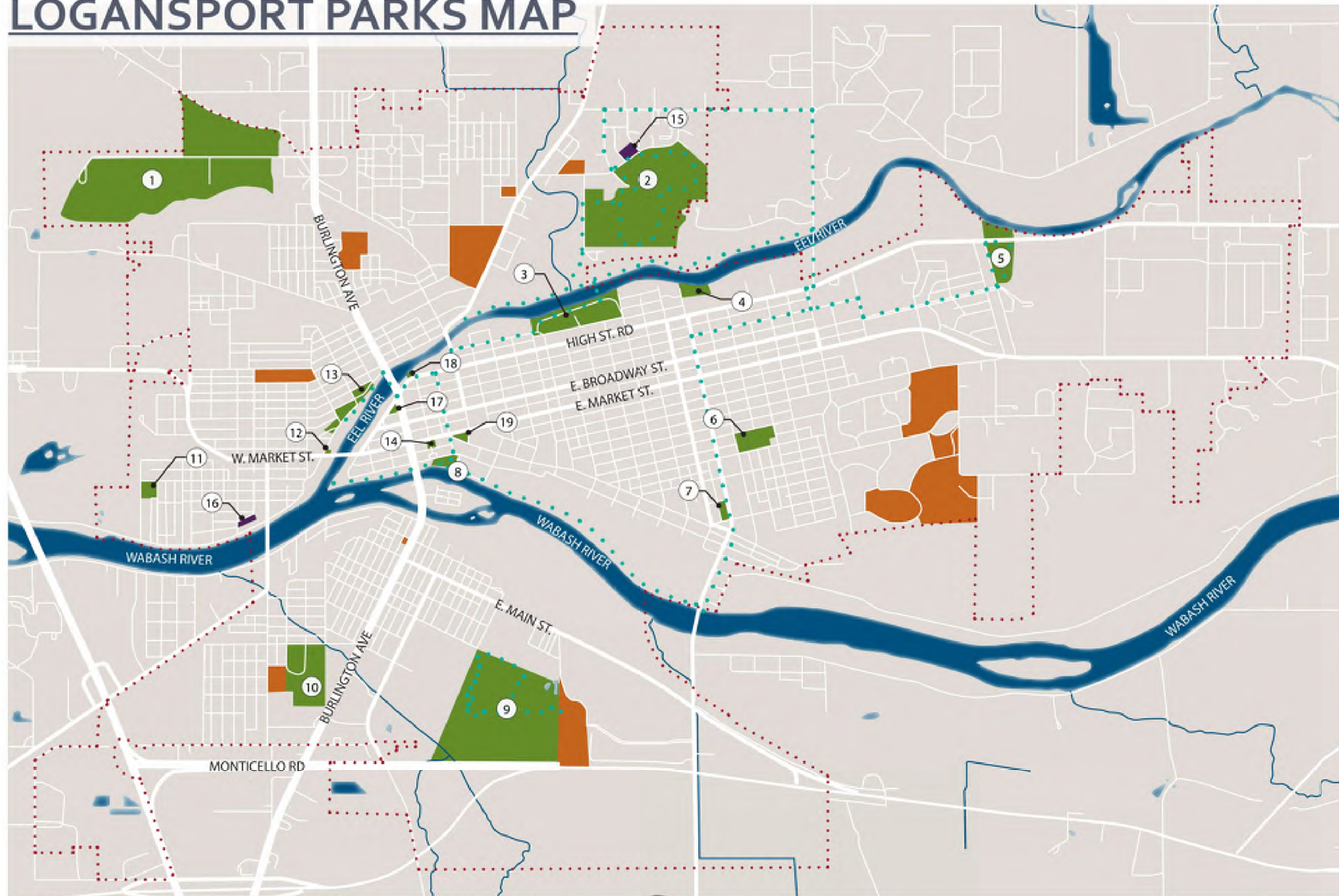
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FACILITIES INVENTORY

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT PROPERTY LIST:

- BISHOP PARK
- JEAN COLE PARK
- DUNWOODY PARK
- DYKEMAN PARK / GOLF COURSE
- STONEWALL PARK
- FAIRVIEW PARK
- FLORY NATURE PRESERVE
- HERITAGE PARK
- HUSTON PARK
- LITTLE TURTLE WATERWAY
- MELBOURNE PARK
- MEMORIAL PARK
- PENMAN BUILDING (OFFICE)
- MAINTENANCE BUILDING
- MUEHLHAUSEN PARK
- PATRIOT PARK
- RIVERSIDE PARK
- SPENCER PARK
- BURKHART PARK

LOGANSPORT PARKS MAP



PARKS

1. Dykeman Park / Golf Course
2. Huston Park
3. Riverside Park
4. Dunwoody Park
5. Spencer Park
6. Muehlhausen Park
7. Bishop Park
8. Little Turtle Waterway
9. Flory Nature Preserve
10. Fairview Park
11. Melbourne Park
12. Memorial Park
13. Patriot Park
14. Heritage Park
15. Penman Building (Office)
16. Maintenance Building
17. Jean Cole Park
18. Stonewall Park
19. Burkhart Park

LEGEND

- Logansport City Limits
- School Buildings
- Parks
- Parks Buildings
- Trails



LOGANSPORT PARKS AND RECREATION - FACILITIES MAP
5 YEAR PARKS MASTER PLAN



BISHOP PARK

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46947

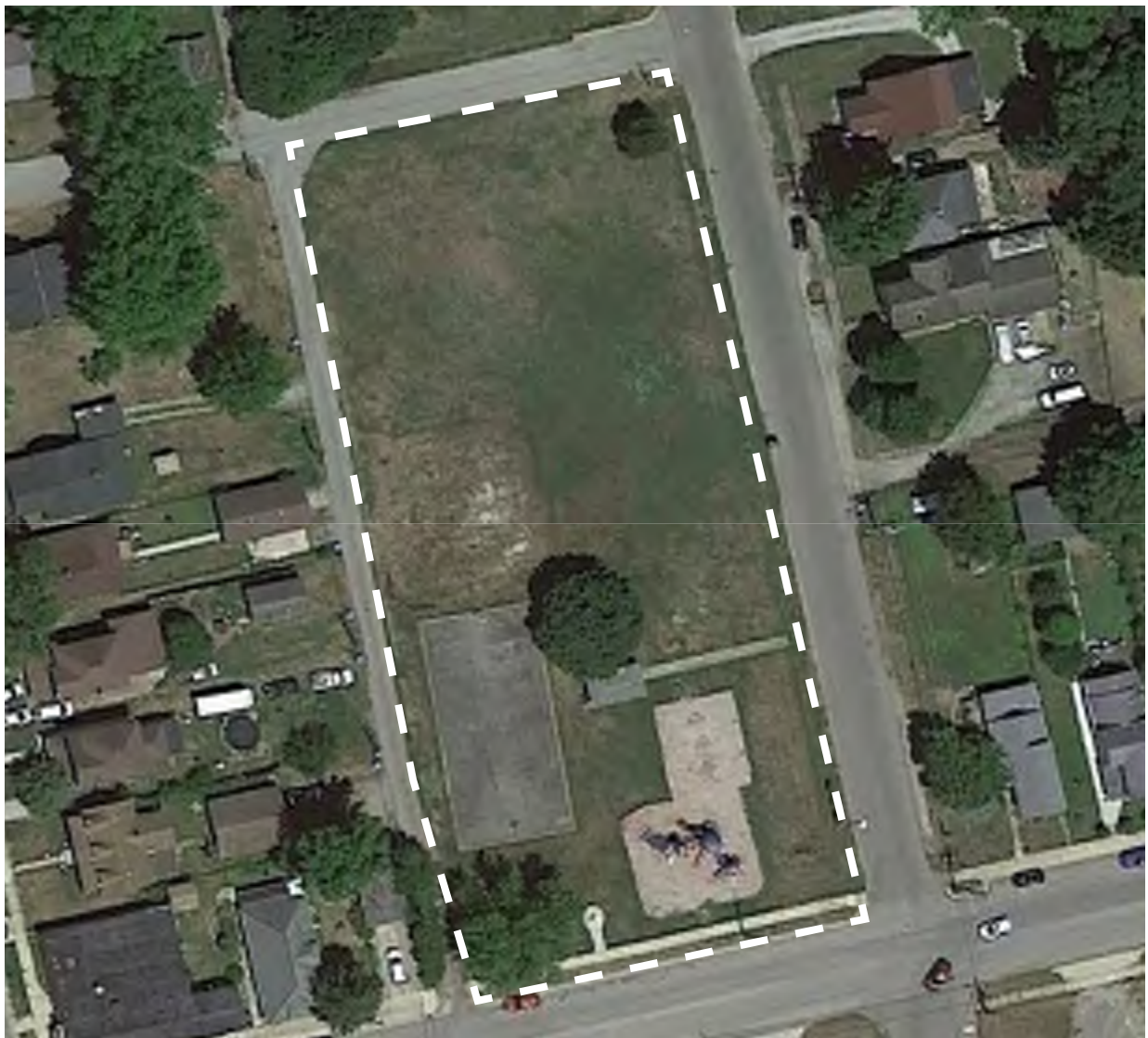
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PARK FEATURES:

- CHAIN LINK FENCING ON THE EAST AND SOUTH SIDES OF SITE
- SMALL PAVILION STRUCTURE
- 3 TOTAL PICNIC TABLES
- 2 TOTAL TRASH CANS
- LARGE, OPEN FIELD WITH 1 FOOTBALL GOAL POST ON THE SOUTH SIDE
- 2 SWING SEATS
- 2 INFANT BUCKET SWING SEATS
- 1 BASKETBALL COURT
- 1 LARGE COMPOSITE STRUCTURE (GAME TIME)
- MULCH PLAY SURFACE WITH PLASTIC TRIM
- SIDE STREET PARKING ONLY

ADA ACCESSIBILITY NOTES:

- NO ADA ACCESSIBLE PARKING PROVIDED
- 1 ADA ACCESSIBLE WATER FOUNTAIN



BISHOP PARK



JEAN COLE PARK

ADDRESS: 178 E. BROADWAY ST, LOGANSPORT, IN

46947

SIZE: 1/4 ACRE

PARK FEATURES:

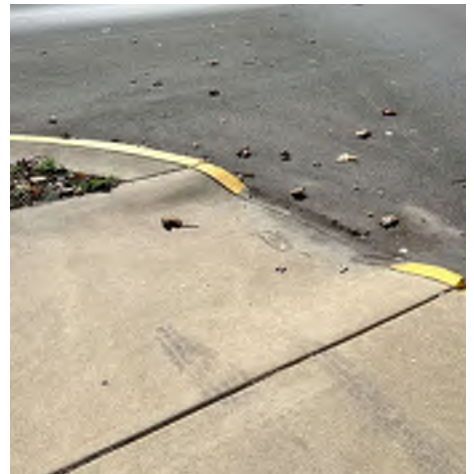
- ITALIAN MARBLE FOUNTAIN
- LANDSCAPED SURROUNDING
- PAVER WALKWAY AND STEP

ADA ACCESSIBILITY NOTES:

- NO INTERIOR ACCESSIBILITY DUE TO CURB AT ENTRANCE
- SIDEWALKS WITH ADA RAMPS SURROUND SITE



JEAN COLE PARK



DUNWOODY PARK

ADDRESS: 16-18TH ST, LOGANSPOUT, IN 46947

SIZE: 3 ACRES

PARK FEATURES:

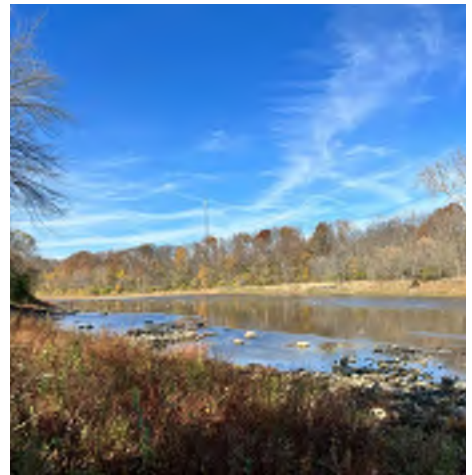
- 1 PICNIC TABLE
- 1 TRASH CAN
- OPEN LAWN SPACE
- RIVER ACCESS VIA BOAT LAUNCH

ADA ACCESSIBILITY:

- NO PAVED PARKING OR PATHWAYS



DUNWOODY PARK



DYKEMAN PARK / GOLF COURSE

ADDRESS: 190 EBERTS RD, LOGANSPOUT, IN 46947

SIZE: 170 ACRES

PARK FEATURES:

- ENTRY PILLARS AND SIGNAGE
- INDOOR/OUTDOOR PICNIC SHELTER
 - RENTABLE ROOMS
 - PICNIC TABLES
 - 2 TRASH CANS
 - WORKING ELECTRICITY
 - 2 FIRE PLACES
 - 1 GRILL
- 1 PAVILION
- AGED PLAYGROUND
 - DINOSAUR CLIMBER
 - SLIDE AND LADDER
 - 2 SWING SEATS
 - SURROUNDED BY RECYCLED LUMBAR TRIMMING
- 1 OVERGROWN SANDBOX
- PARK IS ACCESSIBLE BY TRAIL FROM NEIGHBORING HOUSES
- 1 DOG WASTE STATION
- 2 TOTAL RESTROOMS
- 1 DRINKING FOUNTAIN
- 1 NATIVE AMERICAN MONUMENT PLAQUE

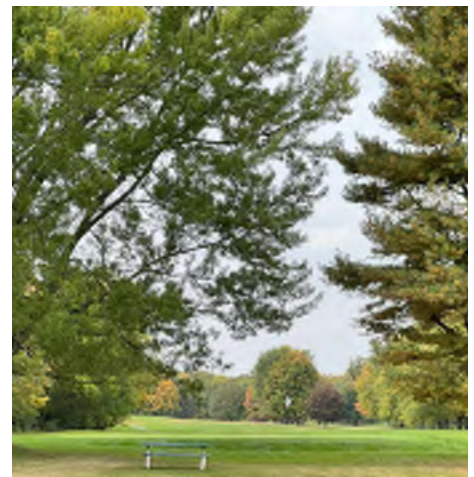
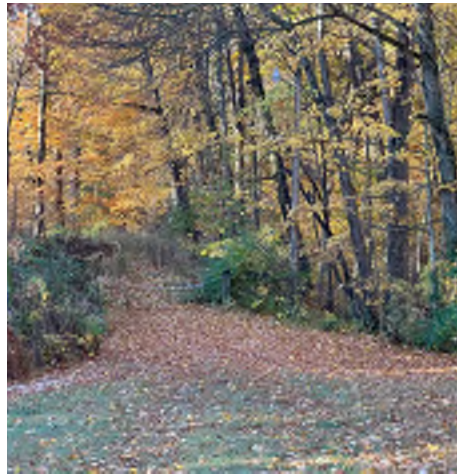
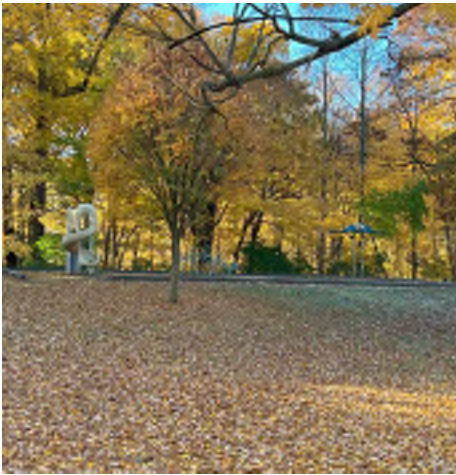
- GOLF COURSE; ESTABLISHED IN 1926
 - USED FOR SLEDDING IN WINTER
- FENCING IN FRONT OF GOLF MAINTENANCE BUILDINGS
- 3 CART BARNs
- 1 PRO-SHOP FOR GOLF COURSE WITH FLAGPOLE
- PAVED TRAIL LOOP
- POWER LINES RUN THROUGH WOODS

ADA ACCESSIBILITY NOTES:

- RESTROOMS ARE ADA COMPLIANT; NO ADA PATH TO GET TO RESTROOMS
- DRINKING FOUNTAIN NOT ACCESSIBLE



DYKEMAN PARK / GOLF COURSE



STONEWALL PARK

ADDRESS: 402 HIGH STREET ROAD, LOGANSPOUT
INDIANA 46947
SIZE: ~1 ACRE

PARK FEATURES:

- ART FEATURE WITH UPLIGHTING
- SEATING / RESTING AREAS WITH BENCHES AND SEAT WALL
- CONNECTED PARKING LOT
- WAYFINDING AND INFORMATIONAL SIGNAGE FOR EEL RIVER RUN TRAIL

ADA ACCESSIBILITY NOTES:

- CURB FACING PARKING LOT; STREET SIDEWALK AND RAMP ON OPPOSITE SIDE



STONEWALL PARK



FAIRVIEW PARK

ADDRESS: 801 KLOENNE ST, LOGANSPORT,
IN 46947
SIZE: 20 ACRES

PARK FEATURES:

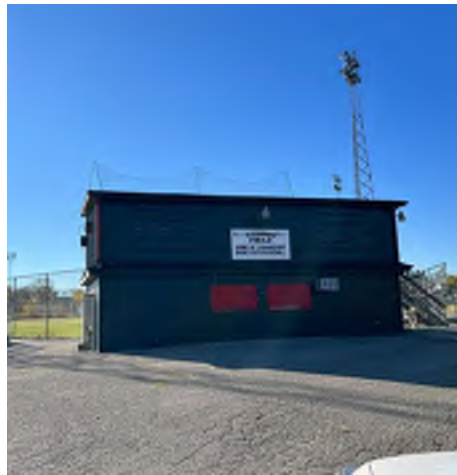
- LARGE SHELTER WITH PICNIC TABLES
 - USED FOR CONCERTS
- 3 BASEBALL FIELDS
 - BATTING CAGES
 - RESTROOMS NEAR FIELDS
 - POWER STATIONS NEAR FIELDS
- 1 BASKETBALL COURT
- FUTURE SHELTER BEHIND BASKETBALL COURT
- PLAYGROUND – NOT FINISHED
 - MUSICAL EQUIPMENT
 - 1 NET CLIMBER
 - 4 SWING BAYS (8 SWINGS)
 - 1 SPINNER
 - 1 COMPOSITE STRUCTURE
 - 1 PLAY SIGN
- DOG WASTE STATIONS
- OPEN GREENSPACE TO THE NORTH
- ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO THE WEST

ADA ACCESSIBILITY NOTES:

- PARKING IS NOT ADA ACCESSIBLE
- COMPOSITE PLAY STRUCTURE MEETS ADA CRITERIA



FAIRVIEW PARK



FLORY NATURE PRESERVE

ADDRESS: : 547 CLAY ST., LOGANSPOUT, IN 46947

SIZE: 33 ACRES

PARK FEATURES:

- EAST OF THE GIRL SCOUT'S CAMP WILDWOOD
- OVERGROWN DRIVE; NOT MAINTAINED
- NO PARKING AVAILABLE; IVY TECH PARKING LOT OFF LIMITS
- TRAIL HEAD LOCATED AT IVY TECH PARKING LOT
- CANNOT ACCESS BY FOOT; BLOCKED OFF

ADA ACCESSIBILITY NOTES:

- NO PAVED TRAILS
- LACK OF PARKING AND ADA PARKING STALLS



FLORY NATURE PRESERVE



HERITAGE PARK

ADDRESS: 415 E. MARKET ST.

SIZE: 5 ACRES

PARK FEATURES:

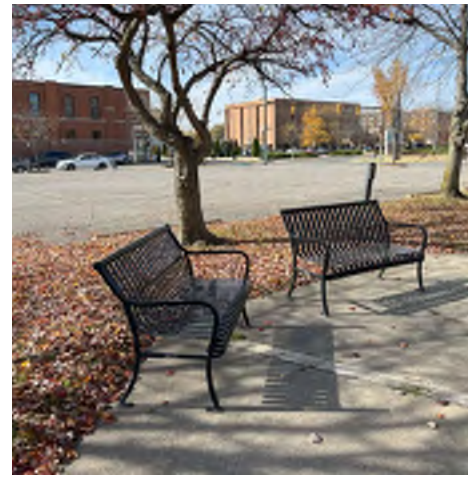
- 1 HONORARY FOUNTAIN
- 1 HONORARY MONUMENT
- 3 MURALS ADJACENT TO PARK
- 4 BENCHES
- 1 TRASH CAN

ADA ACCESSIBILITY NOTES:

- ACCESSIBLE PATHWAY THROUGH PARK



HERITAGE PARK



HUSTON PARK

ADDRESS: 1721 Smith St, Logansport, IN 46947

SIZE: 80 ACRES

PARK FEATURES:

- 1 PLAYGROUND AREA WITH FLAG POLE
 - 2 COMPOSITE STRUCTURES
 - TWO BAY SWING FRAME WITH 1 SWING SEAT AND 1 INFANT BUCKET SWING SEAT
 - 3 BENCHES WITHIN PLAYGROUND
 - 2 ROCK CLIMBERS
 - 1 SPINNER / MERRY-GO-ROUND WITH HANDLE (GAMETIME)
- 1 LITTLE LIBRARY BOX
- 1 PAVILION WITH PICNIC BENCHES
- 1 RESTROOM BUILDING WITH VENDING MACHINES
- 1.7 MILE TRAIL WITH MARKERS
 - CONNECTS TO HOSPITAL TRAILS

- WAY FINDING SIGNAGE
- MEMORIAL SIGNAGE
- INFORMATIONAL SIGNAGE
- CEMETERY IN THE PARK

ADA ACCESSIBILITY NOTES:

- SPINNER SEATS ARE ADA COMPLIANT
- PAVED PATHWAY TO PAVILION IS ADA ACCESSIBLE
- PAVED PATHWAY TO RESTROOM IS ADA ACCESSIBLE
- PARKING LOT HAS RAMP TO SIDEWALK



HUSTON PARK



LITTLE TURTLE WATERWAY

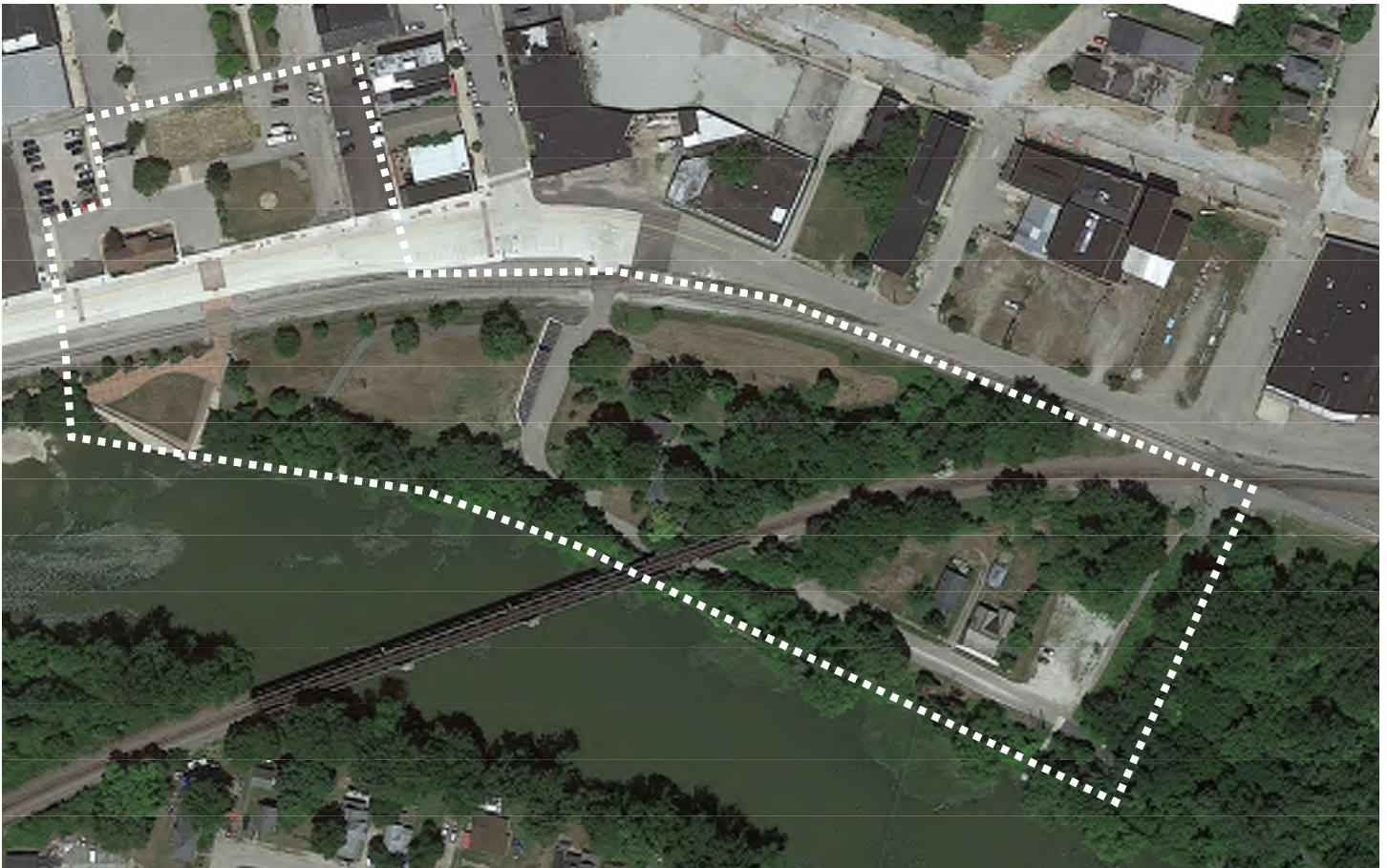
ADDRESS: 4TH ST & E. MELBOURNE AVE,
LOGANSPOUT, IN 46947
SIZE: 5 ACRES

PARK FEATURES:

- 2 MILE TRAIL ALONG RIVERBANK THAT CONNECTS TO FRANCE PARK
- OVERLOOK OVER THE RIVER
 - OVERLOOK INCLUDES MONUMENTAL FEATURES AND ARTFUL STRUCTURES
- PATHWAY ACCESS TO THE RIVER
- 1 WATER FOUNTAIN
- 1 STONE BENCH
- FUNCTIONS AS AN OUTDOOR MUSEUM

ADA ACCESSIBILITY NOTES:

- RIVER ONLY ACCESSIBLE WITH ROUTE INCLUDING STAIRS



LITTLE TURTLE WATERWAY



MELBOURNE PARK

ADDRESS: 1317 W. MELBOURNE AVE,
LOGANSPOUT, IN 46947
SIZE: 5 ACRES

PARK FEATURES:

- 1 BASKETBALL COURT WITH 2 PICNIC TABLES
- 1 SOFTBALL FIELD
 - 2 NEW DUGOUTS
 - CONCESSIONS BUILDING
- 1 PLAYGROUND
 - NEW COMPOSITE STRUCTURE (LITTLE TIKES)
 - TWO BAY SWING SET WITH 2 SWING SEATS AND 2 INFANT BUCKET SWING SEATS
 - MULCH PLAY SURFACING
 - PLASTIC TRIM AROUND SWINGS
 - 3 TOTAL WOODEN BENCHES

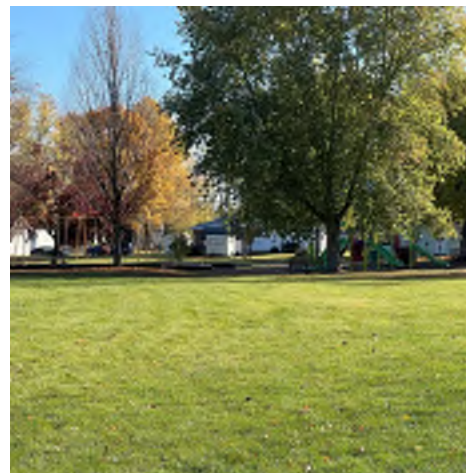
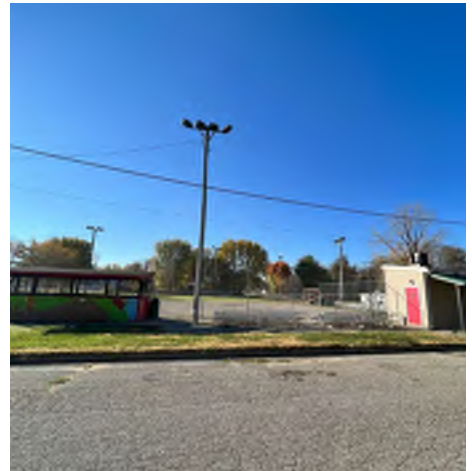
- 1 TRASHCAN
- 1 PLAYGROUND SIGN
- INFORMAL GRAVEL PARKING

ADA ACCESSIBILITY NOTES:

- GRAVEL PARKING NOT ADA ACCESSIBLE
- SMALL SIDEWALK TERMINATES AT MULCH SURFACING; NO ADA PATH



MELBOURNE PARK



MEMORIAL PARK

ADDRESS: 200 W. MARKET, LOGANSPORT, IN

46947

SIZE: 1 ACRE

PARK FEATURES:

- 1 FLAG POLE
- 1 MONUMENT
- 1 STREETLAMP
- BOXWOODS AND A GINKGO TREE
- LOTS OF PET WASTE
- NEXT TO VEHICULAR BRIDGE
- WALL WITH RAIL NEAR RIVERSIDE THAT FALLS OFF; GRAVEL AT WATER

ADA ACCESSIBILITY NOTES:

- NO PATHWAYS INTO THE PARK



MEMORIAL PARK



MAINTENANCE BUILDING



ADDRESS: 720 WABASH AVENUE, LOGANSPORT, IN
46947
SIZE:

PARK FEATURES:

- FENCED BUILDING
- WORKING ON BETTER SECURITY
- SMALL PARKING LOT
- NEXT TO OLD SCHOOL (CHURCH)
- CITY BUILT PLAY AND CHURCH MAINTAINS
- BIG DUMPSTER OUTBACK
- WOODSHOP
- TRAILERS
- BOBCATS
- PARKING LOT SHARED, ALLOWED TO STORE TRAILERS
- RIVER VIEWS

MUEHLHAUSEN PARK

ADDRESS: 721 21ST ST, LOGANSPOUT, IN 46947

SIZE: 5 ACRES

PARK FEATURES:

- UNUSED SOFTBALL FIELD
- 1 OUTDOOR POOL
 - BATHROOMS IN BUILDING
 - POOL IS NOT OLYMPIC SIZED
- WATER TOWER
- 1 SPLASH PAD
 - 1 BENCH NEAR PAD
 - 1 PICNIC TABLE NEAR PAD
- 2 BASKETBALL COURTS WITH BLEACHERS
 - POWER LINES RUN THROUGH COURTS
 - 1 TRASHCAN
- 4 SCATTERED PICNIC TABLES
- 1 DUMPSTER
- 1 COMPOSITE STRUCTURE WITH MULCH PLAY SURFACING AND WOODEN TRIM
- CORN HOLE
- VOLLEYBALL COURT WITH NO NET
- LARGE RENTABLE SHELTER
 - GRILL INCLUDED
 - PICNIC TABLES
 - 2 TRASH CANS

- ANGLED PARKING
- 1 DOG WASTE STATION
 - NEAR SIDEWALK AND STEPS INTO PARK
- STAIRS INTO PARK AT NORTHWEST CORNER

ADA ACCESSIBILITY NOTES:

- AREA RESERVED FOR ADA PARKING ONLY
- POOL AND SPLASH PAD AREA ADA ACCESSIBLE WITH PIP SURFACING
- NO ADA ACCESS WHERE STAIRS ARE PRESENT
- WALKWAY TO SHELTER IS ADA ACCESSIBLE
- LITTLE TO NO ACCESSIBILITY TO OTHER AMENITIES
- OVERGROWN AND UNEVEN PATH TO PLAY SPACE



MUEHLHAUSEN PARK



PATRIOT PARK

ADDRESS: 133 W. WHEATLAND AVE, LOGANSPORT, IN 46947

SIZE: 5 ACRES

PARK FEATURES:

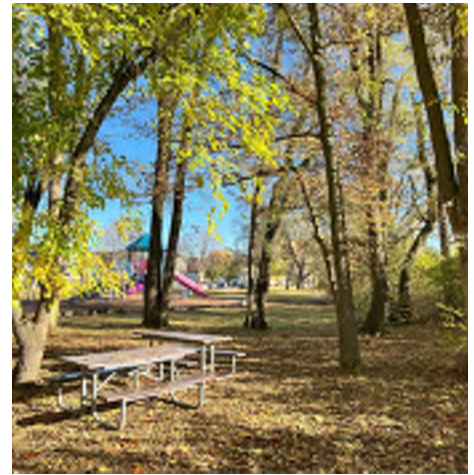
- FENCING ALONG EEL RIVER
- STONE ENTRY SIGN
- 2 BASKETBALL COURTS WITH FENCING
- 1 PLAYGROUND
 - 1 TWO BAY SWING SET WITH 2 SWING SEATS AND 2 INFANT BUCKET SWING SEATS
 - MULCH PLAY SURFACING WITH WOOD TRIM
 - PLAY SIGN
 - 1 COMPOSITE STRUCTURE
 - DOUBLE SLIDE
 - 2 TUBE SLIDES
 - 1 CLIMBER
 - 1 ROCK WALL
 - 2 TALK TUBES
 - 1 HANGING SPINNER
 - STAIR PLATFORM
- 1 BENCH
- 2 TOTAL PICNIC TABLES
- 1 WATER FOUNTAIN
- 1 TRASH CAN
- 1 DOG WASTE STATION

ADA ACCESSIBILITY NOTES:

- COMPOSITE STRUCTURE NOT ADA ACCESS



PATRIOT PARK



RIVERSIDE PARK

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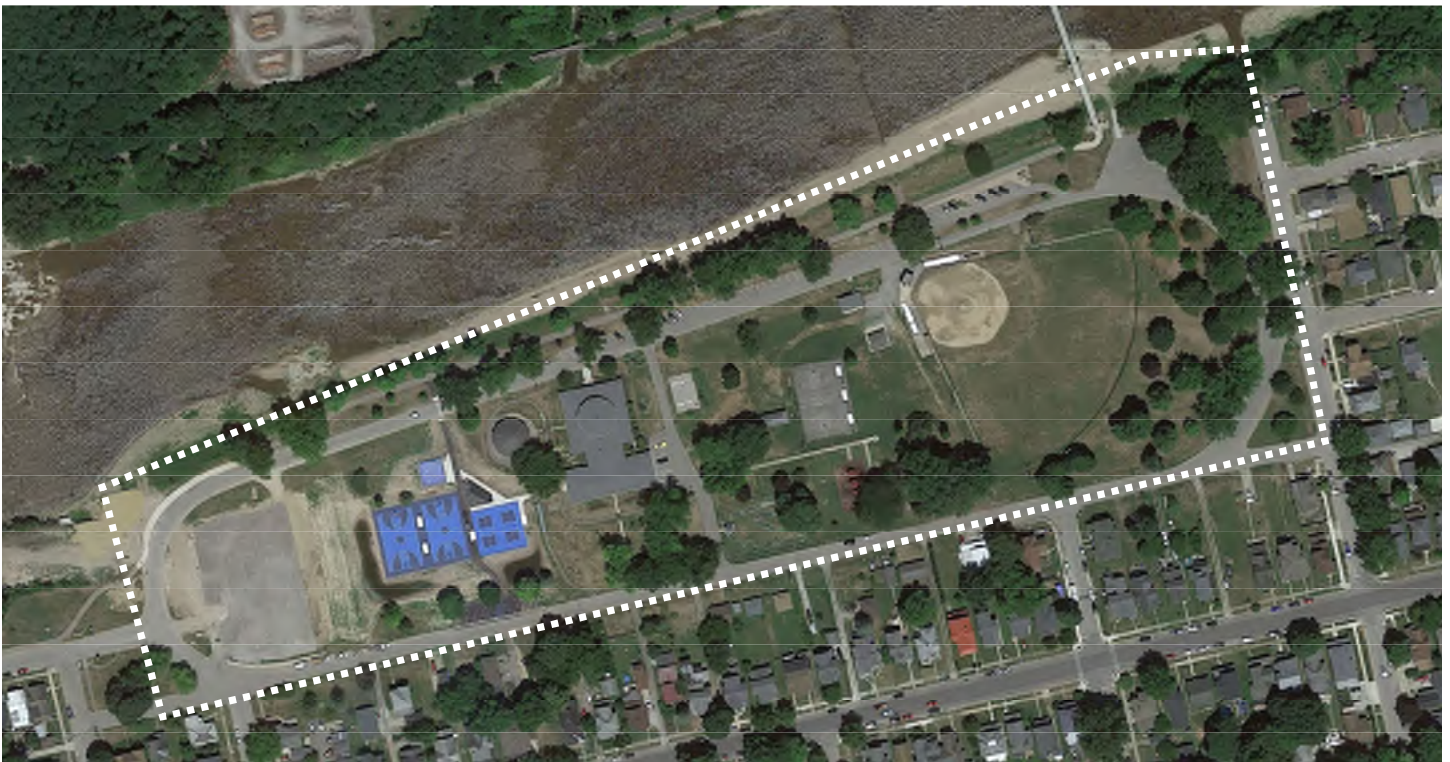
SIZE: 13 ACRES

PARK FEATURES:

- CAROUSEL BUILDING
- CONCESSION BUILDING
- RESTROOM
- TRASH CANS
- GRILLS AND PICNIC TABLES
- 108 CAPACITY SEATED METAL PAVILION
- PLAYGROUND
 - 2 SWING SETS WITH 4 BELT SEATS AND 4 INFANT BUCKET SEATS
 - 1 COMPOSITE STRUCTURE
- CORN HOLE
- SMALL PUTT PUTT AREA
- 2 BASKETBALL COURTS WITH FENCING AND BLEACHERS
- 1 FITNESS COURT
- 2 PICKLEBALL COURTS
- 1 BASEBALL DIAMOND
- TRAIN TRACKS
- DRINKING FOUNTAIN

ADA ACCESSIBILITY NOTES:

- DRINKING FOUNTAIN IS ADA ACCESSIBLE



RIVERSIDE PARK



SPENCER PARK

ADDRESS: 3319 E HIGH ST RD, LOGANSPORT, IN

46947

SIZE: 18 ACRES

PARK FEATURES:

- PILLARS AT ENTRY
- PLAYGROUND; SHIP THEMED
 - LARGE NET CLIMBER (2021)
 - MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS
- SHELTERS WITH PICNIC TABLES AND GRILLS
- CONCESSION STAND
 - INCLUDES RESTROOMS
- SHUFFLE BOARD
- TENNIS COURT
- TRAILS
- RESTROOMS
- DRINKING FOUNTAIN
- 1 SHELTER AT EXIT; USED ONLY FOR CHRISTMAS
- DOG WASTE STATIONS THROUGHOUT PARK

ADA ACCESSIBILITY NOTES:

- DRINKING FOUNTAIN IS ADA ACCESSIBLE



SPENCER PARK



BURKHART PARK

.ADDRESS: 503 E MARKET ST., LOGANSPORT, IN 46947

SIZE: 1 ACRES

PARK FEATURES:

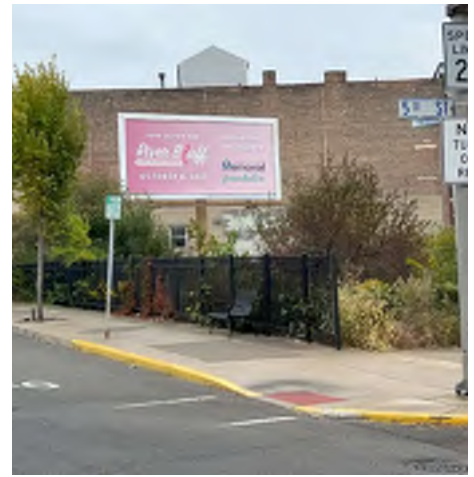
- SMALL PARK SIGNAGE
- CRUMBLING WALL AT NORTH AND EAST SIDES
- LARGE ADVERTISEMENT SIGN
- FENCING ALONG PARK AT MARKET STREET

ADA ACCESSIBILITY NOTES:

- NO PATHS THROUGH PARK



BURKHART PARK



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COMMUNITY PROFILE

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COMMUNITY PROFILE

HISTORY OF THE CITY OF LOGANSPORT

History

Logansport, Indiana is the county seat of Cass County and is in northern Indiana at the junction of the Wabash and Eel rivers. Logansport's name is derived from a combination of the Shawnee warrior James Logan (better known as "Captain Logan") who served as a scout for US forces during the War of 1812 and the transportation history associated with the Wabash and Erie Canal (contributing to the "port" in the name).

Logansport has a diverse transportation history that involves boats, trains, and automobiles. As mentioned above, the Wabash and Erie Canal reached the city in 1837. The canal linked the Great Lakes to the Ohio River via an artificial waterway. This provided traders with access all the way to the Gulf of Mexico. It was the longest canal ever built in North America at over 460 miles long. Many train routes ran through Logansport and it was the site of the 1935 Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and Ladies Auxiliary conventions. Logansport still has two active railroads, a switch yard, and a small, refurbished depot downtown to this day. In terms of the automobile industry, the Historic Michigan Road runs through Logansport (one of the earliest roads in Indiana and its first "super highway" that ran from Madison to Michigan City via Indianapolis). Additionally, Logansport was home to the pioneering brass era automobile company Rutenber, formerly of Chicago. It renamed itself the Western Motor Company when relocating to Logansport. The company was started after it invented the first four-cylinder automobile engine.

Social Renewal

In 2009, Logansport was designated a Preserve America Community by former First Lady Laura Bush. The Preserve America initiative is a direct result of Executive Order 13287, "Preserve America." Preserve America Community designations reflect communities that:

- Protect and celebrate their heritage.
- Use their historic assets for economic development and community revitalization.
- Encourage people to experience and appreciate local historic resources through education and heritage tourism program.

Of note, there is no funding that comes along with this designation; however, Logansport has Logan's Landing (a nonprofit that focuses on development of the downtown area), the City of Logansport Economic Development Organization (a nonprofit that focuses on development outside of the downtown area), and the Logansport-Cass County Chamber of Commerce (forum for local business leadership) all working toward both preservation and revitalization projects and initiatives. As a result, Logansport has been intentional with its focus on community revitalization over the years.

LOCATION OF LOGANSPORT

Logansport lies in the Wabash River valley amid gently rolling hills, farmlands, and woodland. The city is located at the junction of the Eel River and Wabash River, which affords many recreational opportunities. Logansport is the county seat of Cass County.

Distances from Logansport, Indiana

City/Location.....	Miles
Indianapolis, IN.....	70
Cincinnati, OH.....	185
Chicago, IL.....	130
Detroit, MI.....	245



TRANSPORTATION LINKS

Highways

Four major highways directly serve Logansport:

- US 24/ Hoosier Heartland Corridor (HHC)
- US 35
- SR 29
- SR 25

The Hoosier Heartland Corridor provides a continuous four-lane divided highway from Interstate 65, north of Lafayette, to Interstate 75 near Toledo, OH. The Hoosier Heartland Corridor offers convenient access to US 31, which is only 15 miles to the east and Interstate 69 further east. Interstate 65 is around 40 miles to the west, also easily accessible via the Hoosier Heartland Corridor or SR 25.

Public Transportation

Logansport recently introduced a public transportation loop within the city. The bus route has been made permanent after a trial phase in 2015. The trial phase resulted in an additional bus, extended hours, and additional locations. Discussions for this route began after the complete street policy was adopted in 2014.

Rail

Logansport has an extremely rich history in rail travel and still has an active switchyard and rail car repair yard. There are currently several active lines and a few abandoned lines running through Logansport. The strong rail history of the area also means that there are plenty of existing rail spurs throughout the community as well.

Active Rail Lines

- *A&R Line*: Between Logansport and France Park.
- *Logansport and Eel River Shortline*: Runs from the northwest side of the city, wrapping around to the west side. This line is only about 1 mile in length, and is a switching and terminal railroad. The line interchanges with Norfolk Southern, Toledo Peoria & Western, and US Rail Corporation.
- *Winamac Southern*: Runs from the southwest across the Wabash River, along the south end of downtown and continuing southeast back across the Wabash River, along the south end of downtown and continuing southeast back

across the Wabash River. This is another short line railroad, which connects to Kokomo and Bringhurst. This line hauls primarily outbound grain and inbound agricultural supplies. The line connects with the Toledo, Peoria, and Western railroad at Logansport and with the Central Railroad of Indianapolis at Kokomo. It is operated under lease by the US Rail Corporation.

- *Norfolk Southern*: Runs diagonal from the southwest along the north side of the Wabash River. This line provides Class I rail service on the Detroit-St. Louis mainline. This line has the most potential for providing rail opportunities for future industrial operations.

Abandoned Rail Corridors

- *Conrail Railroad*: Heads north from the north side of town and comes from the east, ending north of downtown, just west of 6th Street. The City and Conrail should consider long-term strategies for the rights of this corridor for trail-way connectivity.

Air

The closest municipal airport to Logansport is the Logansport/Cass County Airport, adjacent to the industrial park on the south side of the city. The airport's location and size make it usable for private planes, but is not a feasible option for any significant air service to Logansport.

The closest large airports include the Fort Wayne International Airport, which is a bit under a two hour drive away.



TRANSPORTATION OPPORTUNITIES

Accessibility

Logansport is very accessible from other parts of the state and region due to the presence of US 35, US 24 (HHC), and local air and rail facilities as well as the proximity of US 31.

Existing Roadway Network

The existing local roadway network, including the radial network of state and federal highways, provides for efficient travel through and around the City. As growth occurs, the Hoosier Heartland Corridor will enhance future mobility. The existing network will be further enhanced by the requirement for frontage roads along the HHC and other major highway routes where considerable growth is forecast.

Local Air Facilities

The air facilities in and near Logansport offer potential for assisting local economic development efforts by providing accommodations for many types and sizes of aircraft.

Rail Corridors

The remaining active railroads offer additional opportunities for the movement of goods into and out of Logansport. Rail corridors that have been or will be abandoned offer other opportunities for utilities corridors, alternative transportation and recreation, for example.

TRANSPORTATION CONSTRAINTS

Abandoned Railroads

As railroad corridors are abandoned, Logansport loses this option for shipping goods into and out of the community. The rail industry's uncertain future limits opportunities for associated development.

Major Highways

While major highways enhance a community's accessibility to and from other places, locally they present a barrier, making it potentially difficult to cross from one side to another. Monitored crossover points in combination with frontage roads provide safe, efficient, and convenient movement of people and goods within the community. One instance in which a local road has a constraining impact on the local community is Old Kokomo Pike (CR 50 E). This road is located in the path of the intended runway extension at Logansport Municipal Airport.

Rivers

The Wabash and Eel Rivers, while certainly community assets, present impediments to north-south vehicular traffic. While there are a number of existing crossing points, the cost of providing additional crossing points as the community grows will continue to rise. As Logansport continues to grow, the benefit of having additional crossing points may outweigh the costs of construction.



MAJOR INDUSTRIES

According to the Indiana Department of Workforce Development, the following is the list of Major Employers in Logansport:

1. Tyson Fresh Meats
2. Logansport State Hospital
3. Memorial Hospital Outpatient
4. Logansport Memorial Hospital
5. Kauffman Engineering, Inc.
6. Small Parts, Inc
7. Walmart Supercenter
8. Matthew-Warren Inc.
9. Peak Community Svc Inc.
10. Dilling Group Inc.

EDUCATION

The Logansport School Corporation is the elementary and secondary public school system for the City and fringe. Private/parochial-schooling alternatives are also available locally. In total, these primary school districts serve a student population of greater than 4,000.

Vocational training and higher education opportunities are available through a number of colleges and universities within a 75-mile radius.



MAN MADE RESOURCES

Infrastructure

Infrastructure may be defined as the facilities and services needed to sustain industrial, residential, commercial, and all other land use activities. It includes water treatment and distribution systems, sewer collection and treatment systems, utilities such as natural gas and telecommunication facilities, streets and roads, and public facilities such as firehouses, parks, and schools. Community development occurs most efficiently when located where supporting infrastructure is available or can be provided in a reasonable and fiscally responsible manner.

There are some areas within Logansport's planning jurisdiction that are not served by public water or sewer systems; therefore, residents and some businesses must rely on individual water wells and/or sanitary septic systems.

Water

Logansport Municipal Utilities (LMU) provides potable water from sources that include the Eel River and subsurface wells. Total pumping and treatment capacity is approximately 15 million gallons-per-day (gpd). Total peak demand is approximately 7.3 million gpd. The average daily usage is approximately 5.8 million gpd.

Some of the individual domestic water supplies for the greater Logansport population consist of individual wells. Given the high water table in this general area, the supply is readily available at relatively moderate depths.

Sanitary Sewer

The City of Logansport is provided with sanitary sewer treatment through an 18-million gpd (design capacity) treatment plant located on the Wabash River. The plant is operated by Logansport Municipal Utilities (LMU). Treatment demand averages from 6.5 million gpd to 8.5 million gpd. These services are generally available within the corporate limit of Logansport. Many of the developed areas in the planning fringe may need to remain outside of the corporate limit until the feasibility of and funding for sewer extension can be determined.

Especially within the fringe where much of the sanitary sewer needs are met by in-ground septic

treatments, concern is expressed about the standards for development in areas not served by sanitary sewers. It is possible that requiring larger lot sizes for septic would be a good approach for handling the imminent failure of in-ground septic systems. Engineered mound systems are another viable alternative for individual sanitary sewage treatment.

Storm Water Management

The City has established a Storm Water Management Board. This Board instituted a citywide storm water fee to effect maintenance and improvements. The Board also has bonding authority. Currently the storm water system consists of separate systems in some areas and outdated combination sanitary and storm water systems in others.

Summary of Man-made Features

In summary, the presence or unavailability of infrastructure influences potential growth areas. The following points are relevant for making planning decisions for Logansport:

- Potable water is plentiful; sources include wells and the Eel River.
- Excess sewer capacity exists; however, service is limited outside of the corporate limit.
- Electricity is provided by a local utility.
- The City is wired (telephone, fiber optics) for technology.

Infrastructure Opportunities

Municipal (Public) water supply and sanitary sewage treatment: Communities that feature public, treated water supply and sanitary sewage collection and treatment systems have greater opportunities for a broader array of development options and intensity levels. Where such services exist, higher residential densities and greater nonresidential development options can be supported without major new infrastructure investment.

The City is currently in the process of completing their Complete Sidewalk network and Complete Streets program. This network of sidewalks helps to connect the regional trail system.

Infrastructure Constraints

Utilities (ultimately): Growth and economic development in Logansport and Cass County cannot



exceed the ability of local utility providers to provide such services. The greatest concern of most plans for growth and development centers on the provision of public utilities, generally the provision of water and sanitary sewer services. The need for expanding the local utility capacity and networks must be continuously monitored in order to be able to accommodate forecasted growth. Fifty percent of power is received from Cinergy/PSI.

The City is currently in the process of complying with the EPA mandate for CSO systems.

Recreational Influence

The city also sponsors the yearly Iron Horse Festival in the downtown area. Heritage Preservation Park serves as the focal point for the festival. The festival attracts many visitors to the community and provides recreational activities for city residents during its operation in mid-July. This festival uses part of the Little Turtle Waterway Plaza and Park adjacent to the river. There are also other man-made structures and sites that have tourist and recreational potential. These include the Carousel, operated by the Cass County Carousel Board and currently housed at the McHale Community Complex, the Iron Horse Museum, which is downtown, and the Logansport and Eel River Railroad. This railroad has sold its steam engine but may possibly purchase another in the future.



NATURAL FEATURES

Natural features largely determine the potential of an area for park development. Within the Logansport area, there still remain areas of steeper slopes, floodplain, and shallow bedrock, which, due to their uniqueness, could be used for park or open space.

Physiography

Logansport is nearly centrally located in Cass County, which is generally a flat plain. Low relief and a few abrupt changes characterize the physiography of the area. South of Logansport, the land form is relatively flat and includes several creeks and numerous small drainage ways. From Logansport to the north, the land form has considerably more topographic relief and is dissected by the Eel and Wabash Rivers, numerous creeks and drainage ways, and a large area of glacial deposits. The greatest relief is along the Wabash River Valley to the west of Logansport.

Soils

In Logansport, there are five distinct soils map units (or associations), each with its own unique natural landscape. Each map unit typically consists of one or more major soils, for which it is named, and some minor soils. The soils in the various map units vary widely in their potential for supporting major land uses. The general characteristics of the five individual soils map units in the greater Logansport area are presented here.

The first three of these soils map units are nearly level to strongly sloping soils (zero to 18 percent slopes) that are very poorly to well drained. They have glacial till as the underlying material and are generally well suited to farming. They are also generally suited to residential and urban development in sloping areas but are poorly suited in nearly level and depressional areas. The Cyclone - Fincastle soils can be found primarily south of the Wabash River. The Russell - Miami soils are found generally along the Wabash River and its tributaries. The Riddles - Rensselaer - Crosier soils can be found generally in the north-central part of the greater Logansport area.

The next map unit includes nearly level to moderately sloping soils that are very poorly to well drained. These soils have sand and gravelly sand as the underlying material, and are generally well suited to farming. These soils are generally suited to residential and urban development in sloping

areas but are poorly suited to residential and urban development in nearly level and depressional areas. Rush - Kosciusko soils are generally found in the river valleys.

The last soils map unit includes nearly level to moderately sloping soils that are well and very poorly drained. It is made up mostly of soils that have limestone as the underlying material. These soils are generally suited to farming but generally poorly suited to residential and urban development. New Glarus - Millsdale soils are found along river channels.

Topography

To a great extent, Logansport's topography has given the city its shape. The Eel and Wabash Rivers flow through the city and divide it into three areas.

The topography of Logansport is gently rolling with areas of steep slopes along the north side of both the Eel and Wabash Rivers and the northwest section of the city. Dykeman Park includes some of the steep slope areas.

Elevation ranges from 600 to 650 feet above sea level south of the Eel River to 700 feet above sea level north of the Eel River.

Floodplain

Understanding the floodplain and its role in the environment is a very important aspect of community development. Floodplain, as identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), is generally limited to the major waterways in the Logansport area and can specifically be found along the Eel River and its tributaries and along the Wabash River and its tributaries. Floodplain lands should not be considered for intensive land use development and are typically more suited for agricultural, natural open space, and passive recreational uses that do not utilize permanent structures.

FEMA administers an insurance program that targets already developed floodplain land in order to provide insurance coverage to existing development. Communities that participate in the program must establish and enforce regulations for floodplain development that limit potential loss in the event of a flood. A participating community may have an insurance program revoked if floodplain regulations are not enforced and development of the floodplain proceeds.

This could be devastating on a personal and community-wide level. In Logansport, floodplain regulations are included in zoning and subdivision regulations.

Park land adjacent to rivers and waterways plays a significant role in holding flood waters. The flood capacity within these public lands greatly reduces the potential damage on the build environment of public/private structures and property.

Drainage

Logansport and Cass County are drained by the Wabash and Eel Rivers and their tributaries. The Wabash River enters the central part of Cass County from the east and flows to the west through Logansport. Beyond Georgetown, it turns sharply to the southwest and leaves the County. Its primary tributaries include the Eel River. The Eel River also enters the County from the east and flows generally to the southwest, converging with the Wabash River in downtown Logansport.

Cass County's topography is relatively flat, except near the rivers and major streams where defined drainage patterns have evolved. In some areas, the relatively flat horizon, coupled with a relatively high water table, produces drainage problems significant enough to have warranted the construction of an elaborate system of ditches and field tiles to collect excess water and convey it to the natural streams and rivers. This has enabled local farmers and other landowners to productively use land that otherwise might have been unusable due to excessive moisture. Through the City's drainage board, Logansport has jurisdiction over the legal drainage issues within its corporate limit. Cass County has established a system of legal drains over which it has some jurisdiction for the overall safety of County residents. In Cass County, the Board of County Commissioners also holds the responsibility for being the County Drainage Board. As such, it must over-see the construction, reconstruction, and maintenance of the legal drains. In Logansport and Cass County, natural and man made drainage ways function as a unified system to allow excess surface water to drain in an orderly manner. Some drainage ways meander back and forth between the two jurisdictions, which can present unique maintenance problems.

Cooperation between the City and the County is imperative to ensure that the legal drain system and other waterways remain free from obstruction and sedimentation. Methods of improving communication and cooperation between the Storm Water Management Board and the County Drainage Board should be investigated. This will maintain the design flow capacity of the drainage system and stem the destruction of property from flooding.

NATURAL FEATURES OPPORTUNITIES

Soils

The soils in the Logansport area are generally free of characteristics that would stand in the way of growth and development.

Topography

v topography is widely level to gently rolling. However, there are steeper areas rising out of the bottomlands along the rivers and streams. In combination, these features provide a very attractive backdrop to local development.

Floodplain

Floodplain can be identified along the rivers and their many tributaries. When left undeveloped, they can provide green ways to link many areas of the City and the County. Some opportunities may exist, or develop over time, for light recreational development that does not include permanent structures.

Drainage

Cass County, generally, has a relatively high water table. There are methods available to drain excessively wet land for development or it can be left alone to provide habitat for native flora and fauna.

NATURAL FEATURES CONSTRAINTS

Soils

Certain soils can present problems for development in some areas of the City. Muck soils will not support development without some level of mitigation usually involving removing the muck soil and replacing it with better soil. In some areas of the Logansport area, soil depth to bedrock may be shallow. This can make utility line extension costs rise dramatically and increase septic installation expenses.

Topography

Steep slopes in the Logansport area are generally limited to the areas that rise out of the river and stream bottomlands. Excessive slopes present development limitations.

Floodplain

Floodplain along the rivers and their tributaries presents limitations for development that involves permanent structures. These areas may frequently become inundated, presenting danger to life and property. Due to the flow over dams and levees there has not been significant impact on the parks within these bodies of water.

Summary of Natural Features

In summary, the natural environment plays a role in determining the development carrying capacity of the land. The floodplain in particular includes areas to be avoided for most kinds of development. Locally, the following natural environment factors relate to the pattern of future development:

Unstable soils exist, but they are typically out of the path of growth.

Topography is generally conducive to a wide variety of development patterns; extreme topography is limited.

The floodplain will have limited impacts to land development; the areas of flooding concern are fairly narrow and well defined.

Wetlands will have limited impacts to land development in the immediate Logansport area.

Drainage

Even for those areas that can be drained, sometimes the drainage structures exact limitations upon the use of the land.

Climate

The kinds of recreational activities that are available in a city are directly affected by climate. Logansport is cold in the winter but quite hot in the summer. In the winter the average temperature is 29 degrees F, and the average daily minimum temperature is 21 degrees. In summer the average temperature is 73 degrees F, and the average daily maximum is temperature is 85 degrees.

Average annual precipitation is 37 inches. Sixty-two percent of this amount usually falls between April and September. Average seasonal snowfall is 21 inches.

The average relative humidity is about 65 percent. The percentage of possible sunshine is 70 in the summer and 45 in the winter. The prevailing wind is from the southwest.

With the wide seasonal extremes of temperatures that occur in the Logansport area, both winter and summer sports activities are possible for local residents.

Vegetation

The Emerald Ash Borer has gone through Logansport, as it has in most of the state. The impact of this has caused the Park Department to remove 45 trees, with over 45 trees scheduled for removal in 2018.

Community Profile text has been provided by Logansport Parks and Recreation.

COMPLIANCE WITH STATE AND FEDERAL REGULATIONS

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

The Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) was signed into law on July 26, 1990, by President George H. W. Bush. This law is an attempt to achieve inclusion in society for individuals with disabilities. It does this by codifying requirements that create the conditions to permit individuals with disabilities of all kinds equal access to all parts of society. The ADA differs from the individual state discrimination laws in that it has a more sweeping range and applies retroactively to existing facilities.

The City of Logansport, Indiana Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan 2013 can be found in the Appendix of this document. The ADA Coordinator designated by the City of Logansport is Mr. Jacob Pomasl, Deputy Mayor.

The ADA Grievance Procedures, as referenced in the ADA Transition Plan, can be found in the Appendix of this document. Grievances may be directed to:

Jacob Pomasl, Deputy Mayor
deputymayor@cityoflogansport.org
(574)-753-2551

The Logansport Park & Recreation Department complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), which prohibits discrimination in the provision of services, programs or facilities to individuals with disabilities

Logansport Parks & Recreation Accessibility

The City of Logansport strives to provide park and recreation facilities and programs that are accessible to people with disabilities. Every effort is made by the Logansport Parks and Recreation Department to provide accessible facilities as plans are made for the improvement and expansion of park facilities. These efforts include, but are not limited to, provision of accessible play equipment, shelters, picnic tables, and restroom facilities for all new park improvements.

The Logansport Parks and Recreation Department plans on adapting and improving access to all of its facilities as the needs and requirements of the population evolve. Annual assessments are conducted for accessibility of facilities. Older facilities are brought into compliance on an annual basis based on replacement schedules and priority

Proposed Accessibility

Currently, Logansport's old play structures do not meet current Consumer Product Safety Commission guidelines, National Playground Safety Institute guidelines, or the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines for Play Areas. The Park Department is working to update these playgrounds with age-appropriate play equipment that has safe and accessible surfacing underneath. Accessible routes to the parking lots and to other amenities in the parks, accessible drinking fountains and restrooms, along with accessible parking areas with signage, are among the items that are also being addressed by the Park Department.

Various ADA issues have been included in the Facilities Inventory and Action Plan.

DEMOGRAPHICS

All demographic data was obtained from Esri in February 2023. Esri specializes in delivering the world's most powerful mapping and spatial analytics software available.

Population

Logansport's population peaked at the 1920 Census (21,626) and has been experiencing a decline (for the most part) ever since; however, the population only declined by .4% between the 2010 and 2020 US Census years, marking the smallest population decline between two Census years in its history. Projecting ahead, it is estimated Logansport's population will continue to decrease slightly (2.2%) by 2027.

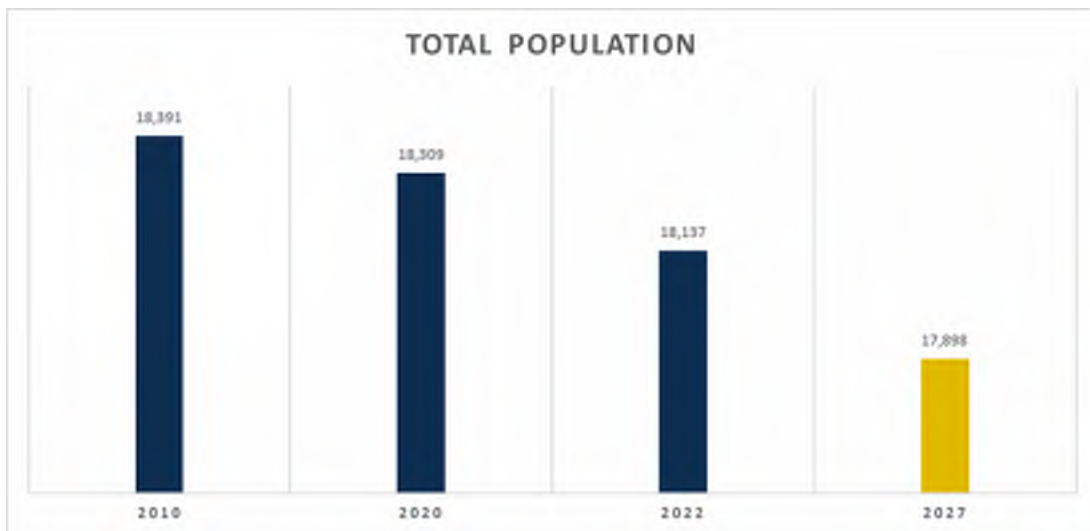


Figure 1: Logansport Population

Age Segmentation

Logansport's median age is 36.8, an increase of 2.4 years since the 2010 Census. This trend is supported by the fact that almost half (49%) of Logansport's population is over 35 years old, and that trend is projected to continue over the next five years as the majority of the population (52%) is expected to be over 35 years old. Family programming and opportunities will continue to be an important service to provide given the large age segment of 35 to 59 year olds and the projected stable youth (under 19 years old) population.

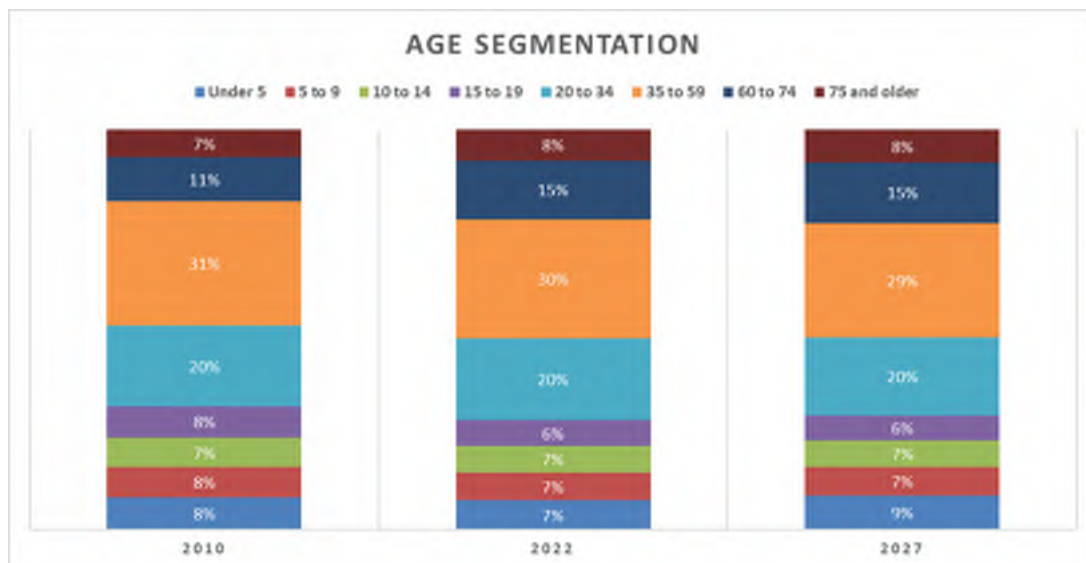


Figure 2: Age Segmentation Breakdown (2010-2027)

Race and Ethnicity

Logansport is diversifying and is much more diverse than the state average (84.2% White). Additionally, diversification trends are supported by an increasing Hispanic ethnicity population. It should be noted that ethnicity is recorded separately from race as people who identify their origin as Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish may be of any race. Tyson Foods, the world's second-largest processor and marketer of chicken, beef, and pork has a Logansport facility and employs a diverse workforce, adding to the social fabric of the city. Population trends support the notion the parks department should work closely with local industries when planning recreational services, experiences, programs, and more.

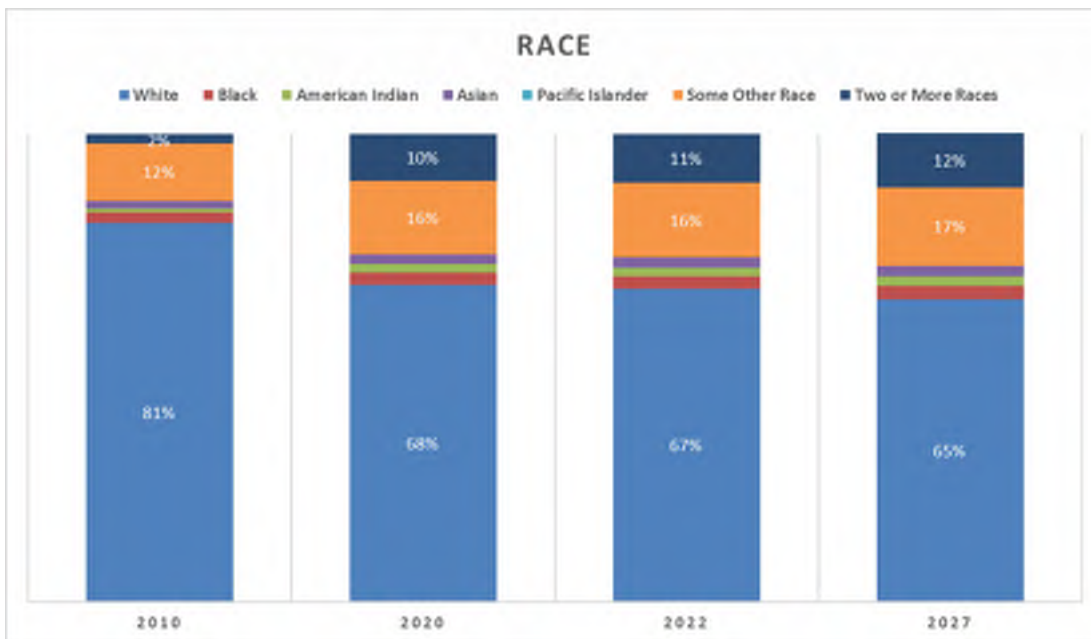


Figure 3: Race Statistics (2010-2027)

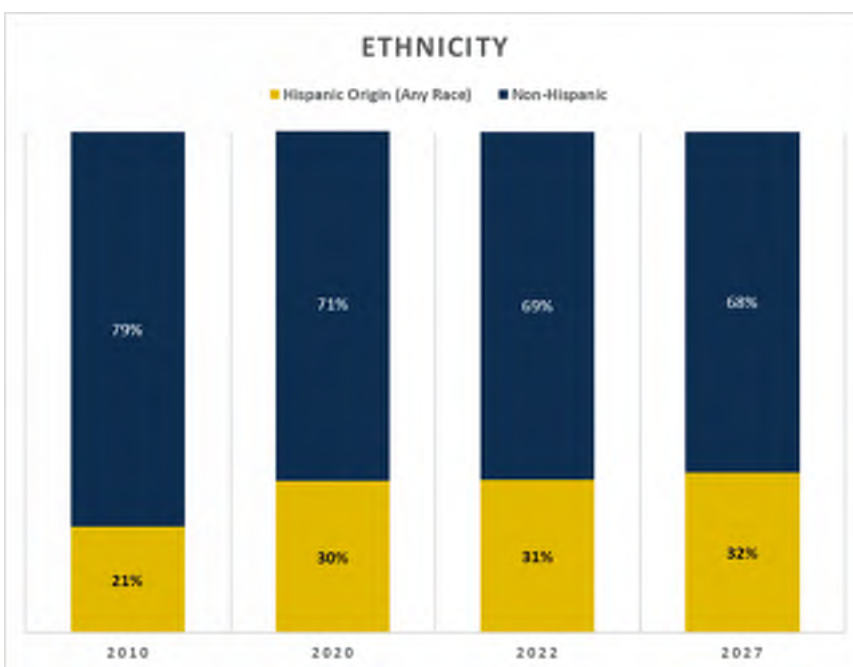


Figure 4: Ethnicity Statistics (2010-2027)

Household Characteristics

Interestingly, as Logansport’s population has declined in recent years, the number of total households has actually increased. However, the average household size has decreased and is projected to continue decreasing. This means there are fewer people living in households, but there is still demand for newer housing to accommodate those living on their own. This can also be indicative of families moving to the area with fewer children, the Logansport population aging and kids moving away, or other familial trends. These trends have a direct impact on parks department marketing (for one thing) because there are more households to communicate with and less concentrations of people to assist with word-of-mouth marketing.

Household Statistics				
Characteristic	2010	2020	2022	2027
Total Households	6,851	6,994	6,953	6,889
Avg. Household Size	2.60	2.56	2.55	2.54

Figure 5: Household Statistics (2010-2027)

Household Income

Logansport’s median household income is \$45,869, a figure well-below the median household income for the entire state of Indiana (\$58,235); however, the city’s median household income is projected to increase by nearly 16% over the next five years. The largest household income category in the city is the \$50,000-\$74,999 range. Even though household income is projected to increase, the relative comparison to the state average indicates caution should remain when assessing future spending power and willingness to pay for recreation services.

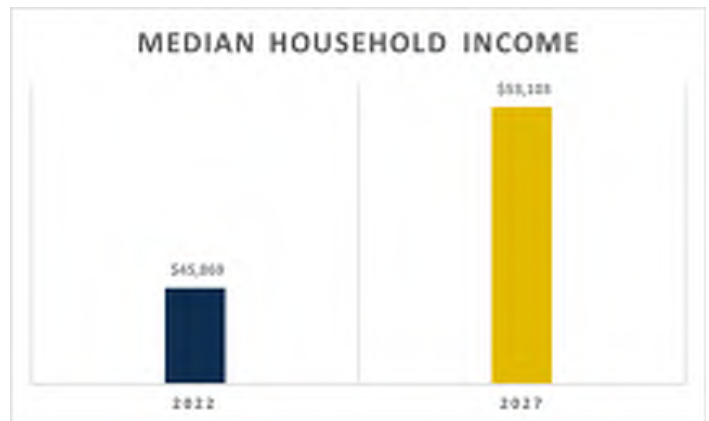


Figure 7: Household Income by Category (2020-2027)

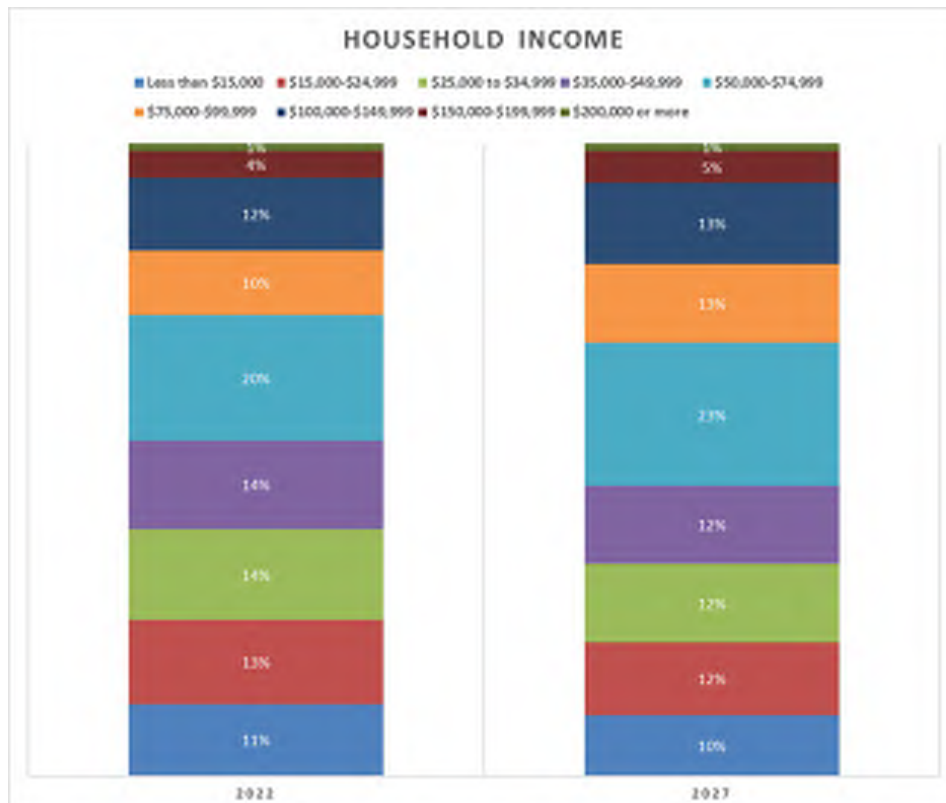


Figure 7: Household Income by Category (2020-2027)

Poverty

A grassroots movement including United Ways, corporations, nonprofits, and foundations from 23 states (and the District of Columbia) produces research that focuses on how to improve life across the country for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed (ALICE) populations. ALICE represents the growing number of individuals and families who are working but are unable to afford the basic necessities of housing, childcare, food, transportation, health care, and technology.

Each ALICE Report uses standardized measurements to quantify the cost of a basic household budget in each county in each state, and to show how many households are struggling to afford it.

ALICE households earn more than the federal poverty level, but less than the basic cost of living for the county (the ALICE Threshold). For Cass County, 12% of households are in poverty, but 40% are considered ALICE households. Logansport is situated in mostly Eel Township, with minor parts in Clay, Noble, and Washington Townships. This means the largest ALICE population is concentrated in the park department's planning boundaries.

Figure 8 shows Cass County's ALICE households by township, with the top-five percentages in red on the left and Eel Township highlighted on the map to the right for reference. These statistics reinforce the need for more assets, amenities, and opportunities within the urban center of the city and the department should be a leading partner in providing recreational services and forming partnerships that enhance access to amenities, quality of life features, and needed services.

Township	Percent of Households Below ALICE
Adams	27%
Bethlehem	32%
Boone	33%
Clay	26%
Clinton	43%
Deer Creek	13%
Eel	52%
Harrison	29%
Jackson	32%
Jefferson	29%
Miami	34%
Noble	35%
Tipton	31%
Washington	37%



Figure 8: Cass County ALICE Population by Township (left) and Overall Township Map (right)

Educational Attainment

Logansport's largest educational attainment category for the population 25 years and older is a high school degree, followed by those with some college, but no degree. Approximately 18% of the population does not have a high school diploma or equivalent, a statistic much higher than the state average of nearly 10%.

Educational Attainment (25+ Years Old)	
Level	2022
Less than 9th Grade	9%
9th - 12th Grade, No Diploma	9%
High School Graduate	34%
GED/Alternative Credential	8%
Some College, No Degree	19%
Associate Degree	10%
Bachelor's Degree	9%
Graduate/Professional Degree	3%

Figure 9: Educational Attainment Statistics (2022)

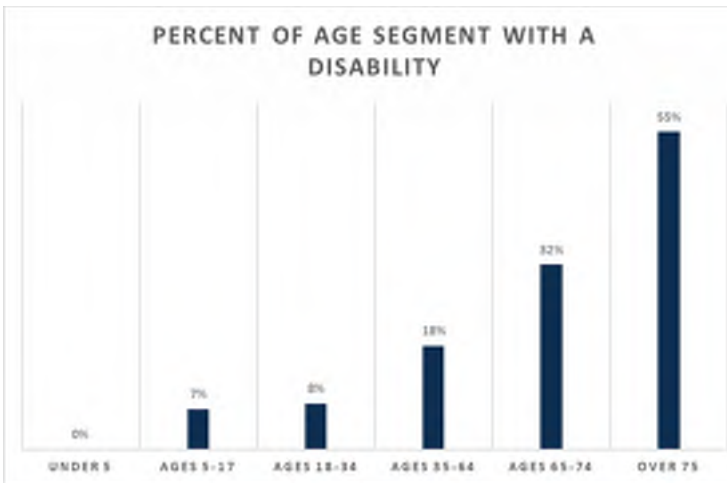


Figure 10: Disability Statistics (2022)

Disability Status

Approximately 16% of the civilian noninstitutionalized population reports having a disability, a statistic slightly higher than the state average of 14%. Over half (55%) of all those older than 75 residing in Logansport report having a disability. The percentage decreases for the 65-74 year old population with 32% reporting having a disability. These numbers reflect a high disability status for the Logansport population as it ages, a fact that necessitates an increased focus on facility accessibility and providing recreation facilities and amenities with all abilities in mind.

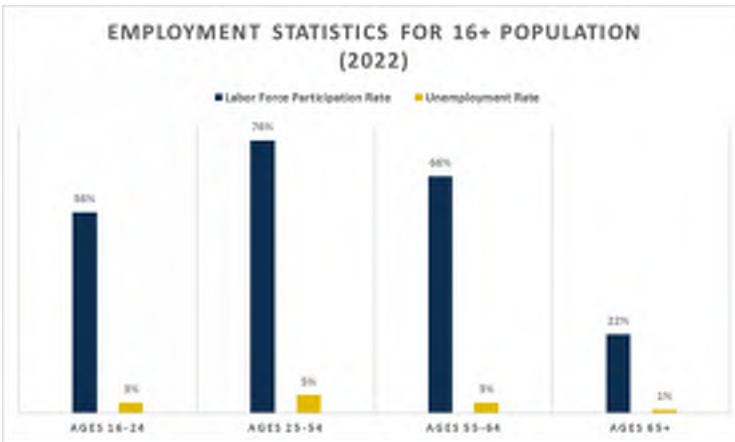


Figure 11: Employment Statistics (2022)

Employment

Logansport's overall unemployment rate is 2.7%, slightly below the state average of 3%. Logansport's largest employed age segment (25-54) is also the largest unemployed age segment overall. These statistics support the idea of continual investment in employee recruitment, training, and retention to keep workforce unemployment levels below the state average.

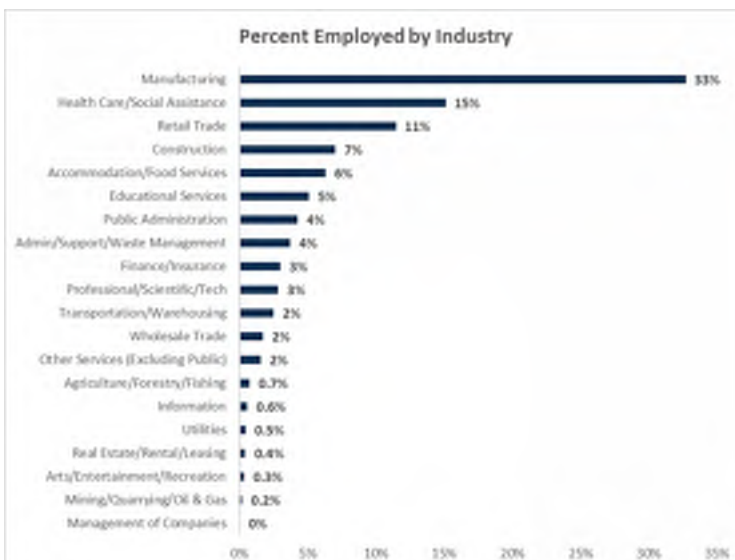


Figure 12: Industry Composition (2022)

Industry and Occupation

Logansport's top five leading industries combine to represent 73% of all industries within the city, with the manufacturing industry employing 1/3 of the entire population.

MARKET POTENTIAL INDEX

Esri's Market Potential data measures the likely demand for a product or service in an area. A Market Potential Index (MPI) compares the demand for a specific product or service in an area with the national demand for that product or service. A value of more than 100 represents higher demand, and a value of less than 100 represents lower demand. For example, a service with a score of 125 translates into being 25% higher than the national average.

MPI scores were pulled for three categories:

1. Exercise/Personal Health Activities
2. Sport Activities
3. Outdoor Activities

Exercise/Personal Health Activities

All recorded activities score below the national average. However, the activities with the highest scores include walking for exercise, swimming, and yoga. When examining the expected population participation though, approximately half (51%) of the Logansport population is expected to participate in those three activities (walking for exercise – 28.2%, swimming – 14.1%, and yoga – 9%).



Figure 13: Exercise/Personal Health Activities MPI Scores for Logansport

Sport Activities

Most sport activities score below the national average with the exception of volleyball. Although not necessarily synonymous with experienced parks and recreation program trends, these statistics indicate sports programming in general may not be a robust core program area to pursue for the parks department.

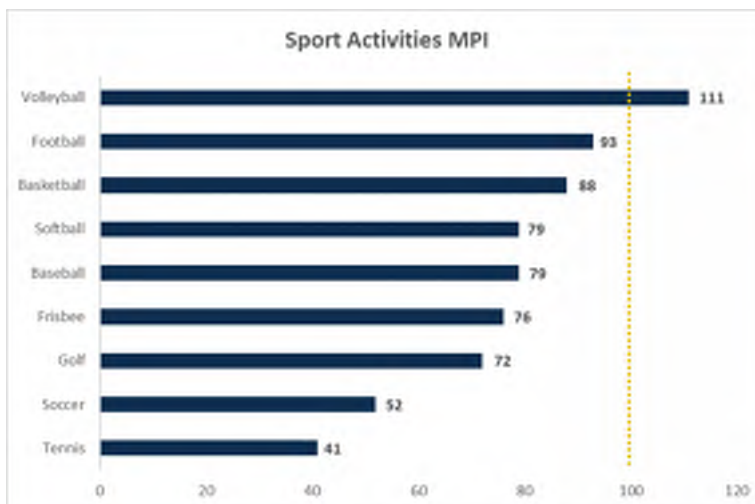


Figure 14: Sport Activities MPI Scores for Logansport

Outdoor Activities

Three outdoor activities score above national averages including freshwater fishing, canoeing/kayaking, and power boating. These statistics reinforce the idea of potentially increasing and leveraging water access and riverside parks in and around Logansport.

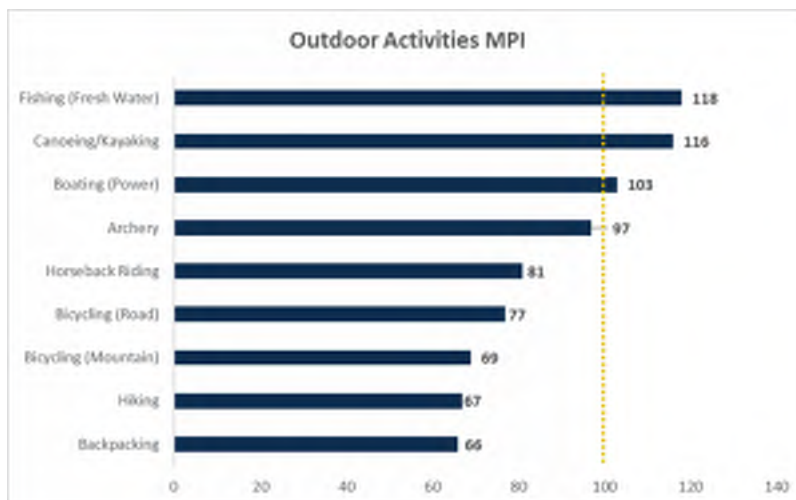


Figure 15: Outdoor Activities MPI Scores for Logansport

SPENDING POTENTIAL INDEX (SPI)

Esri’s U.S. Consumer Spending data is based on the latest Consumer Expenditure Surveys (CEX) from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The Spending Potential Index (SPI) compares the average amount spent locally for a project to the average amount spent nationally. Like the MPI score, an index of 100 reflects the national average.

SPI scores were pulled for two categories:

1. Entertainment/Recreation Fees and Admissions
2. Sports, Recreation, and Exercise Equipment

Entertainment/Recreation Fees and Admissions

Logansport residents exhibit below average SPI index scores for all spending categories within Entertainment/Recreation Fees and Admissions and Sports, Recreation, and Exercise Equipment topics. These trends may have major implications for the parks department as both spending power and willingness to pay/spend may be influential factors on department fees for services and programs. This also translates to marketing efforts because residents’ willingness to spend on recreational activities may be low, but there is still spending occurring meaning the parks department needs to compete to be the leading destination for those dollars.

Entertainment/Recreation Fees and Admissions	
Activity	SPI
Tickets to Theatre/Operas/Concerts	59
Admission to Sporting Events, excl.Trips	59
Fees for Participant Sports, excl.Trips	56
Membership Fees for Social/Recreation/Health Clubs	56
Tickets to Parks or Museums	55
Fees for Recreational Lessons	50

Figure 16: Entertainment/Recreation Fees and Admissions SPI Scores for Logansport

Sports, Recreation, and Exercise Equipment	
Activity	SPI
Hunting and Fishing Equipment	79
Water Sports Equipment	67
Bicycles	60
Other Sports Equipment	57
Exercise Equipment and Gear, Game Tables	55
Rental/Repair of Sports/Recreation/Exercise Equipment	49
Camping Equipment	44
Winter Sports Equipment	37

Figure 17: Sports, Recreation, and Exercise Equipment SPI Scores for Logansport

DEMOGRAPHIC IMPLICATIONS

System Investment and Accessibility

Given the fact Logansport encompasses the township with the largest percentage of ALICE households (Eel Township with 52% ALICE households), there is a need to expand park access, focus on ADA and infrastructure improvements, and develop additional programs and services to reach the surrounding population. This has direct implications for redeveloping park sites and creating a simultaneous strategy to revamp existing park amenities and features. Identifying ways to continually inject both operational and capital dollars into the system will be paramount over the next five years.

Service Pricing

In general, SPI scores and household income statistics indicate a lower tolerance (and expectation) to spend on recreation goods and services. This is an important trend for Logansport because recreation pricing must align with community realities. It will be beneficial to develop a pricing tier based on cost recovery targets associated with the degree of public vs individual good related to a particular program, event, or service. Any pricing philosophy will need to be associated with a community educational component so residents understand the transparency behind pricing. Additionally, identifying funding sources in addition to program fees will be critical for system enhancements and development.

Accessibility

Like many communities, there is a strong need for ADA accessibility compliance in new and existing infrastructure. Typically, new infrastructure improvements adhere to ADA guidelines better with today's requirements and practices in place. ADA compliance issues typically relate to older infrastructure and bringing things "up to standard." With over half of the 75+ population and nearly a third (32%) of the 65-74 population reporting having some sort of disability, and not to mention all other age groups reporting having a disability to some degree, improving the existing system will remain a large community need. Projects that remove barriers to access related to ambulatory accessibility, auditory accessibility, cognitive accessibility, and visual accessibility (among others) will continue to improve the service provision provided to the Logansport community.

River/Water Access

As highlighted by the MPI scores, there may not be a large interest in sports-related activities within Logansport, although those services should and will be offered to some degree. However, the parks department should focus on creating and leveraging water access in riverfront and nearby parks and trails/pathways. As a city with its namesake paying homage to the surrounding rivers, enhancing water access will provide additional recreational opportunities while also providing new ways to promote the Preserve America Community designation it received in 2009. Water access and recreational opportunities can be a win-win for the parks department and the city's overall economic development strategies.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

PARK AND RECREATION ISSUES

The Logansport Parks Department recognizes their mission of service provision to the community. The best way to provide service to the community is to ask what their needs, opinions, and preferences are, and apply that information to future planning.

For this Master Plan update, several methods of public input were used: Parks and Facilities Inventory & Analysis, a Parks and Recreation Staff / Park Board Kickoff Session, a Statistically Valid Survey, Public Open Houses, Online Community Survey, Stakeholder Input Sessions, and regular Parks and Recreation Staff / Park Board input. Summaries can be found below with more complete information and proof of advertisement in the Appendix of this document.

PARKS AND FACILITIES INVENTORY & ANALYSIS

The Parks Department and Planning Team conducted site visits for inventory and analysis:

- October 2022 - full documentation of all facilities via site visits with notes and photography.
- Supplemental site visits as needed from October 2022 - March 2024

PARKS AND RECREATION STAFF / PARK BOARD KICKOFF

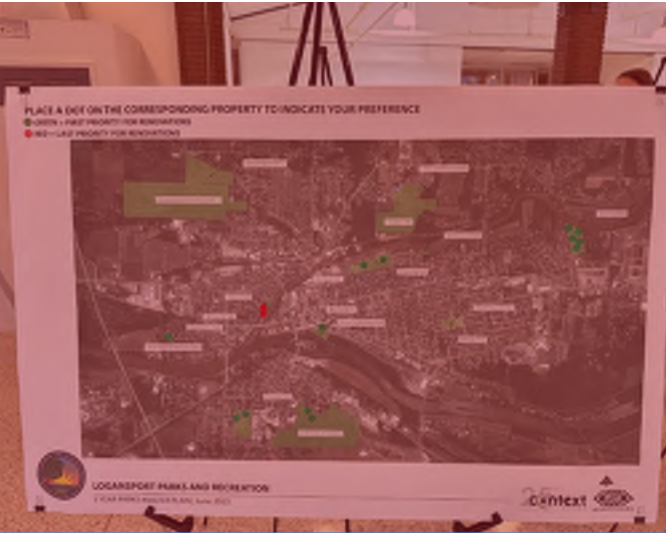
The Planning Team led a half-day of input meetings that included the following:

- Review of Inventory Maps for all facilities.
- Input Session topics specifically catered to the Staff and Park Board.
- Discussion of the overall planning process, timelines, and goals of each step.

STATISTICALLY VALID SURVEY

The Parks Department and Planning team worked together to craft, send, and document a statistically valid survey through a third-party consultant: ETC Institute. The survey accomplished the following:

- Survey was the baseline public input method and provided a starting point for a slightly modified version that became the Online Public Survey.
- A goal of 300 completed surveys - 303 received.
- Overall results were documented in a full report and made available online.
- Various data was documented to assist with additional input and use during the following public input such as open houses, online survey, etc.



PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

The Parks Department and Planning team worked together to facilitate a public open house at Riverside Park's McHale Complex during the evening of June 13, following 3 Stakeholder sessions held that same day. The event included:

- Refreshments and handouts.
- Presentation boards outlining the Statistically Valid Survey results.
- Interactive Facility and Programming boards.
- Spanish-speaking interpreter.
- Interactive activities related to Parks for children.



STAKEHOLDER INPUT SESSIONS

The Parks Department and Planning team worked together to facilitate a sessions with 3 Stakeholder groups that included a variety of voices from throughout the community. Discussion included:

- Presentation boards outlining the Statistically Valid Survey results.
- Various discussion and input based on targeted topics resulting from the Statistically Valid Survey.

ONLINE COMMUNITY SURVEY

Based on an alternated version of the Statistically Valid Survey, the Planning Team executed and documented the results of an online survey that was available to the public through the end of August, 2023. The Parks Department helped promote the survey through community outreach, their website, and their social media platforms.



PARKS AND RECREATION STAFF / PARK BOARD

The Planning Team has been providing updates and review of "next steps" wit the Staff and Board throughout the process.

FUTURE INPUT AND REVIEW SHALL INCLUDE

After the initial DNR Submittal on 11/15/2023, the following steps are anticipated:

- All required steps within IN DNR's requirements
- Youth Survey (with assistance from the School Corp.)
- Additional Parks and Recreation Staff / Park Board Input
- Public Open House
- City Council Update and Approval

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PLAN OF ACTION

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PLAN OF ACTION

PURPOSE

The following pages form the recommended 5-year Action Plan for Logansport Parks & Recreation.

GOAL 1: MAINTENANCE

Improve general maintenance and upkeep of all Parks Department managed properties.

STRATEGIES

1-3 YEARS

- Establish a staffing standard i.e., number of Full Time Employees per number of acres maintained.
- Increase maintenance staff to 8 Full-Time Employees.
- Provide in-house and outside educational opportunities.
- Provide regular volunteer opportunities.
- Establish a cleaning program and schedule for all park restrooms
- Improve public access to Eel and Wabash Rivers.
- Provide more trash cans throughout entire park system.
- Ensure annual funding by completing the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) document required by the Planning Department, and followed up by the Common Council of the City of Logansport.
- Include fencing around all new playgrounds.

3-5 YEARS

- Construct a new, larger maintenance facility at Huston Park to replace the Wabash Avenue facility.
- Repair and replace asphalt surfaces including courts, parking lots, driveways, and roads.
- Repair and replace lighting in all parks

GOAL 2: AMENITIES

Provide new amenities and / or facilities as documented through the completed surveys.

STRATEGIES

1-3 YEARS

- Soccer Fields at Huston Park
- Stage / Outdoor Amphitheater
- Improved Public Access to the Eel and Wabash Rivers
- Dog Park
- Picnic Shelters
- Ice Skating Rink
- Farmer's Market and Programming
- Disc Golf at Flory Preserve

3-5 YEARS

- Indoor Park with a walking track, basketball courts, skate park, game room, concession stand, indoor playground, party room, and social areas.
- Complex of Pickleball Courts (4-6 courts)
- Social Spaces; Eel River Overlook at Dunwoody and Spencer Park
- Fitness Equipment Along Trails

GREATER THAN 5 YEARS

- Indoor Aquatics
- Outdoor Adventure Park
- Community Gardens

GOAL 3: RIVERSIDE PARK

Enhance Riverside Park to be a regional destination and to accommodate the following events:

STRATEGIES

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

- The Squeal on the Eel
- July 4th Independence Day Celebration
- Cass County Carousel Events and Programs
- Concerts and River Events

1-3 YEARS

- Stage
- Shelters
- River Nodes
- Parking / Dentzel Circle
- Removal of Dentzel Drive

3-5 YEARS

- Playground and Shelter
- Train
- Miniature Golf Expansion

GOAL 4: EDUCATION

Promote and Educate the Public About Park Programs, People, and Issues.

STRATEGIES

1-3 YEARS

- Parks Security and Safety
- Programs That are Available
- Park Processes and Rules
- Deferred Maintenance

BUDGET FOR

- Printed Programs
- Calendar
- Banners
- Online Ads
- Social Media
- Signs

GOAL 5: PROGRAMS

Enhance Program Activities for Children Ages 10-14, Families, and Senior Citizens.

STRATEGIES

1-3 YEARS

- Complete a Youth Survey Regarding Their Program Needs
- Partner and Collaborate with LCSC, YMCA, Youth Service Alliance, Special Olympics, and Senior Center
- Family Fitness Night on Tuesdays throughout the entire year.
- Preschool Activities
- Continue Community Special Events
- Adult Fitness and Wellness through a Walking Club and use of the NFC Court at Riverside Park
- Provide programming for families at the Farmer's Market
- Program with the Cass County Carousel; Provide year-round consistent hours to the community
- After school drop in center for ages 10-14

3-5 YEARS

- Sports Programming

PROGRAMMING FOR:

- Dykeman Shelter
- Burkhart Park
- Fairview
- Bishop Park

GOAL 6: REPURPOSE

Repurpose Unused Pieces of Park Land to Private Development or Better Park Uses.

STRATEGIES

1-3 YEARS

- Establish Riverfront Specifications to Continue Availability or Greenspace.
- Patriot Park
- Burkhart Park - perhaps create a 'Giant Games' park, mural on the wall, passive, large game pieces or boards, concrete tables and benches, a place for food trucks, colorful shade sails, and a small "bubbler"

3-5 YEARS

- Dunwoody Park
- Melbourne Park

GOAL 7: CONNECTION

Improve Connectivity and Programming at Dykeman Park Municipal Golf Course that may also be a regional destination for Cass County

STRATEGIES

1-3 YEARS

- Improve the overall functionality of the golf course by installing new cart paths
- Purchase new carts on a regular basis
- Design and Construct a new clubhouse & pavilion for the Dykeman Park Municipal Golf Course
 - Establish fundraising Goal
 - Establish persons to serve on fundraising committee
 - Work with city to develop financial strategy and construction method
 - Create a design for the clubhouse, the pavilion, parking, and other amenities
 - Construct and Open the new facilities for the 100th anniversary

3-5 YEARS

- Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Dykeman Park Municipal Golf Course in 2026 - potential of "legacy" golf tournament

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RESOLUTIONS & APPROVALS

BOARD RESOLUTION ADOPTING MASTER PLAN

PARK BOARD ACCEPTANCE LETTER

DNR APPROVAL LETTER

ADA/ABA ACCESSIBILITY SIGN-OFF SHEET

FUNDING RESOURCES

Many are the demands on local government to fund the variety of programs provided to the public sector. Following, is a brief description of the principal resources available to the Parks and Recreation Board for implementing programs for recreational purposes.

NRC — Non-Reverting Capital Funds

Non-Reverting Capital Fund Accounts are created for the purpose of acquiring land or making specific capital improvements. All proceeds from the sale of Parks and Recreation Department property and equipment plus special user fees as established by the Parks and Recreation Board shall be deposited into this capital fund.

NRO — Non-Reverting Operations

Non-Reverting Operating funds are created for park purposes from which expenditures may be made by appropriation by the Parks and Recreation Board. All receipts from program participation, event admissions, concessions, rentals, sales of merchandise and food, user fees from golf operations and revenue generated by park operations throughout the park system and rental fees from enclosed facilities shall be deposited into said special non-reverting operating fund.

CP — Civil City Personnel

Each year a significant portion of the Civil City budget is devoted to personnel expenses. These expenses include base salaries, overtime pay, longevity pay based on number of years employed, medical and life insurance benefit coverage, and PERF (Public Employee Retirement Fund) contributions.

CO — Civil City Operations

In addition to the annual appropriation for personnel expenses, the Park Department receives each year from Civil City funds a budget amount for operations for the upcoming year. This money is used to cover maintenance costs associated with park upkeep, departmental office operating expenses, and costs associated with promoting and running the recreation program and special events.

COIT — County Option Income Taxes

Adopted by county councils, city councils and towns, this income tax raises funds for new spending for all local units except schools.

CEDIT — County Economic Development Income Taxes

Revenue raised by CEDIT must be used for economic development projects or public capital projects.

CBDG — Community Block Development Grant

The Community Development Block Grant program is a flexible program that provides communities with resources to address a wide range of unique community development needs. The CBDG program provides annual grants on a formula basis to 1209 general units of local government and States.

CBF — Cumulative Building Fund

A Cumulative Building Fund may be established by the Board to provide money for building, remodeling, and repair of park and recreation facilities; or for the purchase of land for park and recreation purposes.

SA — City Special Appropriation

The City may also, from time to time, appropriate money toward Park Department projects and improvements from other town revenue sources. These sources might include money from the



Town's Community Development Block Grant budget (CDBG). Also, funds needed to match grant requests are sometimes appropriated from a City matching funds line item.

GD — Gifts and Donations

Donations of money, land, and time are important resources to the Park Department. Many recreation activities and special events would not occur if such donations were not received from individuals, service clubs, and businesses. Also, land donations to the park system have been received since early in the history of the Park Department and, where advantageous, these land donations should be encouraged and received by the Park Board.

GOB — General Obligation Bonds

General obligation bonds, which are retired by tax money, provide a funding source for implementation of large scale projects or improvements. The Park Board can not exceed a set percentage (2%) of the assessed valuation of the taxing district. Public hearings must be held and approval is required by the City Council.

RIF — Recreation Impact Fees

A Recreational Impact Fee Ordinance allows for the new housing developments to assist in the funding of facilities (based on identified recreational standards) to serve that particular population growth. This funding source is not to be used for current facility deficiencies.

HIF — Highway Impact Fees

Similar to the Recreation Impact Fee funding source, the City's Highway Impact Fees can be used for trail development within road right-of-ways.

LWCF — Land and Water Conservation Funds

Administered by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Outdoor Recreation, these funds are used most predominantly for park development of outdoor recreation facilities. These grant funds can be utilized to finance up to 50% of the cost of eligible projects and are awarded annually. To qualify for LWCF funds, a city/town must have a park and recreation board established in accordance with state statutes and have an approved Park and Recreation Master Plan.

MAP-21 — Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century

Funding surface transportation programs at over \$105 billion for fiscal years 2013 and 2014, MPA-21 is the first long-term highway authorization enacted since 2005. Under MAP-21,

the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) will receive about \$780 million for projects such as bike/pedestrian facilities; safe routes for non-drivers; conversion of abandoned railroad corridors for trails; community improvement; and environmental mitigation activities, as well as others.

IHT — Indiana Heritage Trust

The Indiana Heritage Trust was created to fund the purchase of natural areas for public use. Funded by the sale of environmental license plates and donations, the money is used for land acquisition. A Project Committee reviews the proposed projects submitted to the Heritage Trust Committee, which in turn recommends approval by the Governor. The Trust Committee members are appointed by the governor and legislative leaders. A portion of the Heritage Trust funds is available to the Division of Outdoor Recreation for the purchase of land that meets established criteria. Projects could include greenways and land for trails.

RTP —Recreational Trails Program

The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) is an assistance program of the Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Federal transportation funds benefit recreation by making funds available to the States to develop and maintain recreational trails and trail-related facilities for both non-motorized and motorized recreational trail uses. The RTP funds come from the Federal Highway Trust Fund, and represent a portion of the motor fuel excise tax collected from non-highway recreational fuel use: fuel used for off-highway recreation by snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles, off-highway motorcycles, and off-highway light trucks.

HPF — Historic Preservation Fund Program

Each year, the U.S. Congress appropriates approximately \$37 million to the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) The HPF provides matching grants to encourage private and non-federal investment in historic preservation efforts nationwide, and assists State, local governments, and Indian tribes with expanding and accelerating their historic preservation activities nationwide. HPF grants serve as a catalyst and "seed money" for preserving and protecting our nation's irreplaceable heritage for this and future generations.

Hoosier Riverwatch Water Monitoring Equipment Grants

Equipment grants are available for volunteer groups interested in monitoring the water quality of local rivers and streams. The grants, administered by the DNR's Hoosier Riverwatch, will help as many as 60 groups establish education and river stewardship programs throughout the state. Non-profit groups, public agencies, environmental clubs and schools are among those eligible for grants. Since 1996, approximately 155 volunteer groups have received equipment and have started monitoring local waterways. This year, 10 grants are reserved for elementary schools to encourage participation in stewardship among young people.

LARE — Lake and River Enhancement

The goal of the Division of Fish and Wildlife's Lake and River Enhancement Section is to protect and enhance aquatic habitat for fish and wildlife, to insure the continued viability of Indiana's publicly accessible lakes and streams for multiple uses, including recreational opportunities. This is accomplished through measures that reduce non-point sediment and nutrient pollution of surface waters to a level that meets or surpasses state water quality standards. To accomplish this goal, the LARE Program provides technical and financial assistance for qualifying projects.

UFC — Urban Forest Conservation Grants

The Urban Forest Conservation (UFC) Grants are intended to help communities develop long term programs to manage their urban forests.

Grantees may conduct any project that helps to improve and protect trees and other associated natural resources in urban areas. Community projects that target program development, planning and education are emphasized. Projects funded in the past include activities such as conducting tree inventories, developing tree maintenance and planting plans, writing tree ordinances, conducting programs to train municipal employees and the public, purchase or development of publications, books and videos, hiring consultants or city foresters, etc. Certified Tree Cities may spend up to 20% of the grant funds on demonstration tree planting projects. Local municipalities, not-for-profit organizations and state agencies are eligible to apply for \$2,000 to \$20,000.

OG — Other Grants

Other grant sources, besides the traditional recreation related ones sponsored by the state and federal government, exist for park improvement projects. Also, there are urban forestry grants available and grants from the Indiana Arts Commission that can be related to park and recreation projects. Private companies are also often sponsors of foundations and grant programs that may be related to an aspect of park and recreation such as tree planting, aid to handicapped persons, or programs for disadvantaged youth. Companies also sometimes sponsor volunteer programs to the community with their employee or executive resources.

Funding Sources

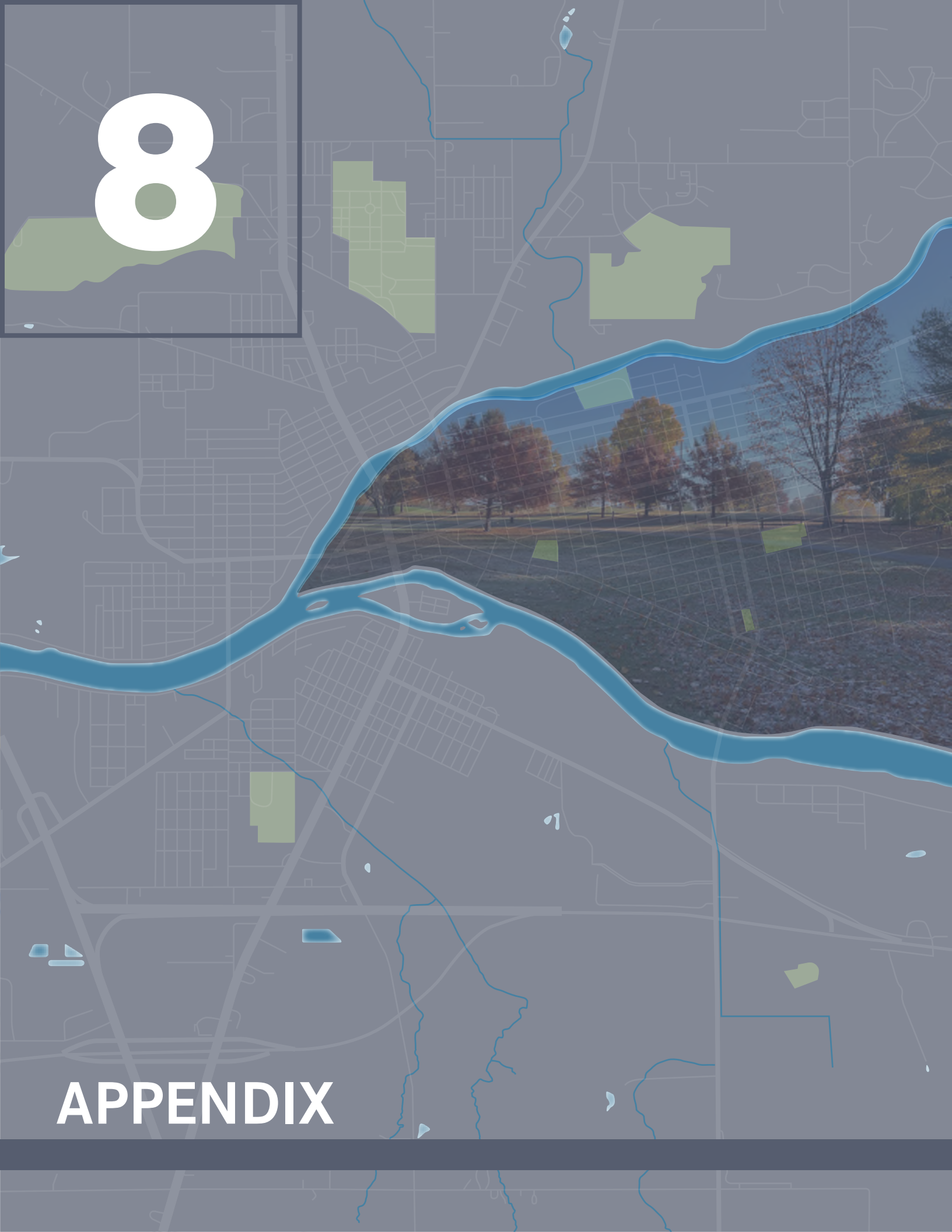
Indiana Department of Transportation
Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Outdoor Recreation
Indiana Committee for the Humanities
Indiana Arts Commission
Indiana Department of Aging and Community Services
Indiana Federal Property Program
Indiana Department of Commerce
Indiana State Board of Health
U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
U.S. Armed Services
U.S. Department of Education
President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports
Green Thumb, Inc.
The Nature Conservancy
Acres, Inc.
The Trust for Public Land
National Association for the Exchange of Industrial Resources
Fish America Foundation
Capital Fund Drive Campaign
Memorial Giving
Deferred Giving
Public-Private Partnerships
Private Philanthropy
Park Foundations and "Friends" Groups

The aforementioned funding sources are not intended as an exhaustive list of available sources. In carrying out its responsibilities, the Park and Recreation Board will continue to research various federal grant-in-aid programs and private sector resources that could be utilized in the development of park and recreation projects.

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REFERENCES / SOURCES USED IN THIS STUDY

1. Logansport Parks & Recreation Master Plan Update 2018-2022

<http://www.cityoflogansport.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Parks-and-Recreation-Master-Plan-2018-2022.pdf>

2. Statistically Valid Survey report
3. Online Public Survey results
4. Youth Survey - Anticipated to be Complete by January 2024.

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APPENDIX

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT TRANSITION PLAN 2013

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RESOLUTION 2013 - 49

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOGANSPORT, ADOPTING THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA)

WHEREAS, the Federal Government enacted the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) to prevent discrimination of the physically and mentally disabled relating to employment and access to public facilities; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with Title II of the ADA the City of Logansport shall name an ADA Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with Title II of the ADA the City of Logansport shall adopt a grievance procedure for resolving complaints alleging violation of the Title II of the ADA; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with Title II of the ADA the City of Logansport shall post the ADA coordinator's name, office address, and telephone number along with the ADA Notice and ADA Grievance Procedure on its website; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Logansport, Indiana hereby adopts Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act"

DULY PASSED, ORDAINED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of Dec, 2013, by the Common Council of the City of Logansport, Cass County, Indiana, by a vote of 7 in favor and 0 opposed.

Common Council of the City of
Logansport, IN

By Joseph @ Buck
Joe Buck, President

ATTEST:

Carol Sue Hayworth
Carol Sue Hayworth, Clerk-Treasurer

Submitted to, approved by, and signed by me, the Mayor of the City of Logansport,
Indiana this 16th day of Dec., 2013.

Ted Franklin
Ted Franklin, Mayor

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APPENDIX

AMENDED ORDINANCE 91--14

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOGANSPORT, INDIANA, AMENDING ORDINANCE 91-14 AND RE-ESTABLISHING THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION AND ITS GOVERNING BOARD

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Logansport, Indiana, has established the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Board of Parks and Recreation in ordinance 91-14, in accordance with state statute, I.C. 36-10-3; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council does now desire to amend ordinance 91-14, changing the residency requirements for the Logansport School Corporation Board of Trustees appointment to the Board of Parks and Recreation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Logansport, Indiana:

Creation of Department and Board

SECTION ONE: Under the provisions of the acts of 1981 (I.C. 1981, 36-10-3 et. al.) there is hereby established a Department of Parks and Recreation composed of the Board of Parks and Recreation, administrator, superintendent, and other such personnel as the board may determine necessary.

Appointment and Qualifications of Board Members

SECTION TWO: The Board of Parks and Recreation shall be composed of four (4) members appointed by the mayor and one (1) member of the Logansport School Corporation Board of Trustees appointed by the school board. No more than two (2) members appointed by the mayor shall be of the same political party. All members shall be appointed on the basis of their interest in and knowledge of parks and recreation.

Further, the Board of Parks and Recreation members appointed by the mayor must be residents of the City of Logansport corporate limits. The Logansport School Board of Trustees appointment must be one of the trustees living within the Logansport School Corporation limits. In addition, any employee of the parks, golf course, swimming pool or park board will not be eligible for Board of Parks and Recreation appointment until one year lapses after termination of that employment.

Length of Terms, Method of Appointment

SECTION THREE: The school board member shall be appointed annually from the Logansport School Corporation Board of Trustees. The four mayoral appointees shall serve staggered four (4) year terms, with one appointee being appointed each year and the Democrat and Republican appointments alternating each year. All mayoral appointments are for a period of four (4) years. In the case of a resignation or vacancy, the mayor shall appoint a new board member to serve out the unexpired time remaining on the four (4) year term. All terms shall expire on the first day of January, but the appointee shall continue to serve until his successor is appointed.

Board Organization

SECTION FOUR: At its first regular meeting in each year the Board of Parks and Recreation shall elect a president and vice-president. The vice-president shall have authority to act as the president of the Board during the absence or disability of the president. The Board may select a secretary either from within or without its own membership.

Board Powers

SECTION FIVE: The Board of Parks and Recreation shall have the general power to perform all acts necessary to acquire and develop sites and facilities and to conduct such programs as are generally understood to be park and recreation functions. In addition to all other powers necessary to achieve the general objectives of the Board, The Board shall have, for park and recreation purposes, all the powers and duties as outlined in Indiana State Statute (I.C. 36-10-3-10 and I.C. 36-10-3-11).

Specifically, the Board shall prepare and submit an annual budget in the same manner as other departments of city government, as prescribed by the Indiana State Board of Accounts.

Compensation

SECTION SIX: Members of the Board of Parks and Recreation may receive a salary not to exceed \$300 per year.

Gifts, Donations, & Subsidies

SECTION SEVEN: The Board of Parks and Recreation may accept on behalf of the City of Logansport and the Department of Parks and Recreation, gifts, donations and subsidies for park and recreation purposes.

Advisory Council and Special Committees

SECTION EIGHT: The Board of Parks and Recreation may create an advisory council and special committees composed of citizens interested in park and recreation programs.

Repeal

SECTION NINE: All other ordinances, or parts thereof, in conflict with the provisions and intent of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Passage

SECTION TEN: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Common Council and approval by the mayor.

Passed by the Common Council of the City of Logansport, Indiana, this 3rd day of December, 1997.

William A. Vernon
William A. Vernon, Mayor
City of Logansport

Presented by me to the mayor of the City of Logansport, Indiana, this 3rd day of December, 1997.

Sharon Dunkle
Sharon Dunkle
Clerk-Treasurer

This ordinance approved and signed by me this 3rd day of December, 1997, at the hour of 6:00 P.M.

William A. Vernon
William A. Vernon, Mayor
City of Logansport

ATTEST:

Sharon Dunkle
Sharon Dunkle
Clerk-Treasurer

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STAKEHOLDER INPUT SESSION RESULTS

As a fundamental component of the planning process, the team conducted a series of stakeholder interviews and a town leadership survey to develop a thorough understanding of the parks system in Logansport through the lens of the constituents served.

Questions asked of participants pertain to perceived strengths, potential opportunities, and top priorities for the Department.

The feedback received from community stakeholders is critical to the discovery phase of the process and many of the themes that emerge in these meetings help influence later recommendations of the Plan.

The information in this appendix supports Chapter 5.

Session 1 (9-10:30):

- Liquor from event center in the parks
 - Open container laws??
- Dog park, needs rules and regulations because some dogs haven't been around other dogs before.
 - Funding privately for the softball field repurpose
- Are Logansport parks safe?
 - Little turtle water way is scary
 - Safety, one way in and one way out, security problems or camera problems
 - Added signs for being watched
 - Delphi is not that far from them
 - Suicide, murder, at spencer at lttww
 - Police don't get a lot of calls, no one is there.
 - Riverside park drugs
 - Police don't patrol / show up around the parks, maybe park near the parks and not gas station.
 - Purchase old police cars and park near parks and schools.
 - Bike patrol but they don't understand community policing
- Is alcohol prohibited in the parks?
- Use social media to promote park features
- Is the safety perception due to the new demographic?
- HUGE VANDALISM PROBLEM, ESP. BATHROOMS
- A lot of poverty causes issues with the parks?
- Is the system too broad?
 - Concrete prevents vandalism??
- Free tagging walls for street art, controlled vandalism.
- Jan relies on the y for events and do we need to hire a retired police man
- Riverside needs lighting
- More activity means not a lot crime or vandalism
- Kara's programs needs more support.
- Foodtrucks?!
- Schools integrated into the parks systems
 - How do we go about this? We need to better connect and prioritize students in the parks.
 - Day camp?
 - Using the girlscouts camp
 - Berry patch connected to the highschool for outdoor education
- The city pool lifeguards act as a form of childcare.
- Spencer park pavilion
 - We need to take care of the children
 - Historic preservation is significant because there aren't pavilions like it anymore
 - People have memories there but have not been there since they were little
 - To renovate the whole pavilion will take too long and take too much money
 - Misinformation and ignorance on the actual conditions of the pavilion.
 - It will not just be gone, there are a bunch of opportunities to upgrade it all.

Session 2 (11-12:30):

- Partnerships that can bring a lot to help the community grow.
- Parks department's priority should
- FFA opportunities
- Recreational programs every day in the summers for kids, parents, families in the parks
- The students in the community love the identity of the community.
- SAFETY
 - Perception versus reality
 - Rumors and one or two incidents cause the whole community to not go to the parks
 - Schools police officers patrol the parks?
 - Logansport parks and schools are safe and a lot of people don't understand
- Park ranger?! Police presence or someone with authority to volunteer to patrol
- "if you see something, say something"
- Dog park
 - Funding campaign to pay for the park
- "where two rivers meet"
 - Use the rivers to our advantage.
 - Access to the rivers and homes on the rivers?
 - Transportation on the water, pollution.
- Riverside park – trackless train.
- Little turtle water way
 - No restrooms and no one downtown do not let you go.
- Total number of parks to maintain – too many parks
 - But what do we do without them?
- Riverside is the foundation park
 - Too many pocket parks?
 - All the money is spent on maintenance.
 - The venue and amphitheater serves a lot of different people and can maybe take away other areas.
- Schools plan far in advance, parks system needs to know if they should be involved with them.
 - September or October.
 - Migrant community out of Jasper Indiana could be integrated in the programs as well.
- Community calendars
- Drug free community grants
 - Use for program funding
 - Youth services alliance partnership and they will pay for youth activities
 - 10 year grant to keep kids away from drugs and alcohol
 - They can help with security and cameras in well lit areas.
- Transportation – work with transit
- Free walls and give them spaces to hangout.
- Reach out to children to see what THEY want.
 - Best way to get input from them; at riverside
 - Give them questions for when school starts in august.
 - Start surveying the 5th and 6th grade groups every year for their input.
- Dances?
 - Shaperones.
- Lu kokomo
 - Has programs within the city.
- Libraries
 - Summer reading programs
 - Who is in charge of the libraries.
- The y, a lot of kids are at the y
 - Kids get dropped off
- Volunteering
 - Most kids work multiple jobs
- Signage??
 - Are the rules posted at every park for the community rules
- Skating rink
 - Officer presence

Priorities Group (1-2:30):

- Riverside park
 - DNR needs to approve and rezone
 - Dr sweeten about fish habitat
 - Look at changing the floodplain
 - The roundabout taking away from store front areas.
 - Loves taking the road out of the park.
 - Carousel not being used.
- Safety
 - Does the survey have clarifying questions about safety
 - Add to the survey: safety questions
- Instagram being boosted
 - Reaching people who are going around the area
- Safety with department heads
 - Police on bikes
- Huston and Michigan avenue
 - Camps – shut down
- East of Ittww
 - Homeless people camping – death and drugs in the river
- The trains bring in travelers that will camp around woods
 - Can get scary at night
- Getting rid of parks??
 - In the 5 year plan
- Add Burkhart park
- Mayor is looking at patriot park.
- The maintenance team taking good care of the plant beds
- Flory cant be given away.
- “4 main parks”
- 5 year masterplan is having communication issues
 - Should be appropriating funding and the plans
- SOCIAL MEDIA!!!!!!!!!!
 - THE LOGANSPORT REIMAGINE PLANS GOT 7,000 RESPONSES.
- Spencer park shelter
 - It needs to be taken down
 - The amount of money that will need to go into it will be way too much, might as well build something new and save a few items from it.
 - People do not come around for the pavilion.
- Partnerships
 - Use franklin’s facilities
- Renting temporary facilities to prove the need
- Ice skating rink would be well appreciated.
- Looking at apartments and enhancing downtown.
- Name park typologies.
 - Identifying what the parks are used for to determine what the park needs.
- E sports for free wifi
- Futsal??
 - The survey is 18 + and the kids in the school systems love futsal even though its low on the survey
- Block party to see if people are interested.

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STATISTICALLY VALID SURVEY RESULTS - PUBLIC INPUT BOARDS

CITY OF LOGANSPOUR, INDIANA PARKS AND RECREATION NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY REPORT

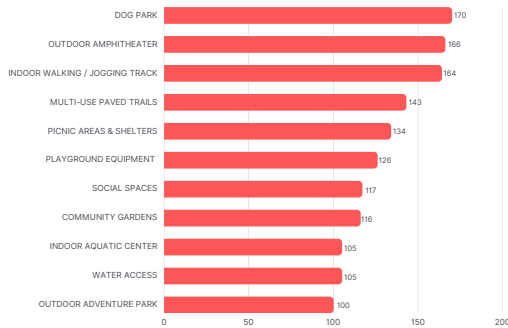
ETC Institute administered a Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment Survey for the City of Logansport during the months of winter 2023. The survey will help the City of Logansport Parks and Recreation Department determine park and recreation priorities for the community.

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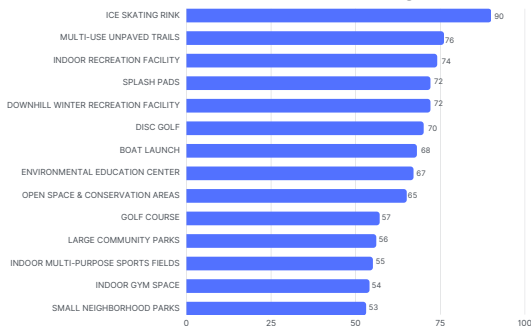
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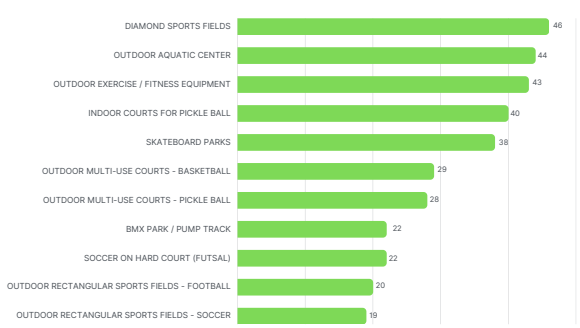
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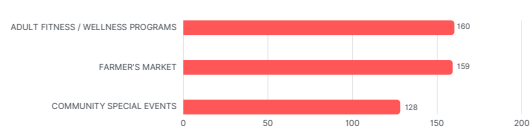
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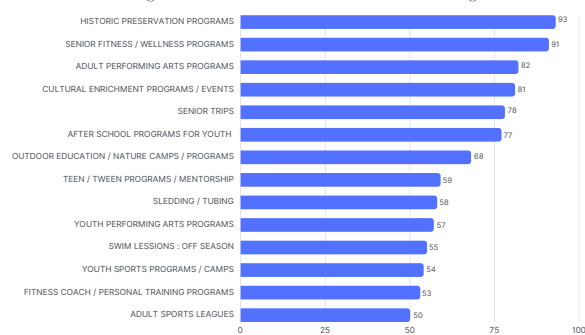
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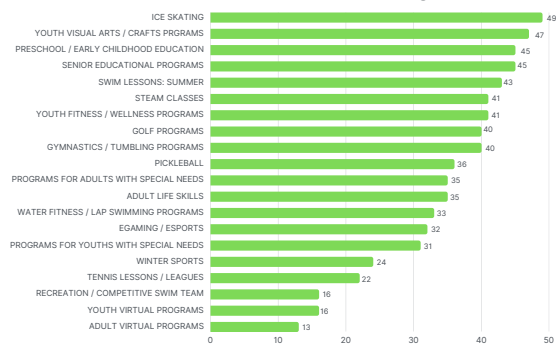
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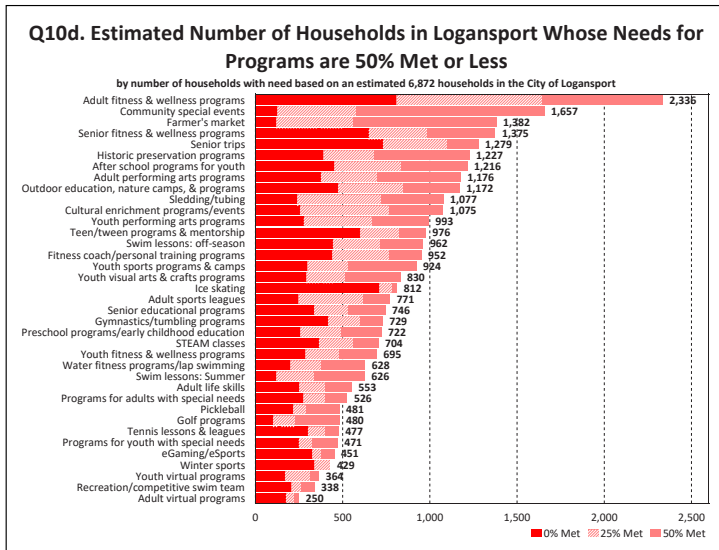
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Program Needs: Respondents were asked to identify if their household had a need for 37 programs and to rate how well their needs for each were currently being met. Based on this analysis, ETC Institute was able to estimate the number of households in the community that had the greatest “unmet” need for various recreation programs.

The three programs with the highest percentage of households that have an unmet need:

1. Adult fitness and wellness programs – 2,336 households
2. Community special events – 1,657 households
3. Farmer’s market – 1,382 households

The estimated number of households that have unmet needs for each of the 37 parks and recreation programs assessed is shown in the chart below.



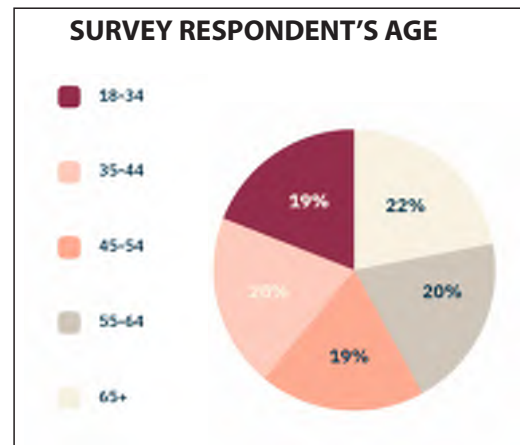
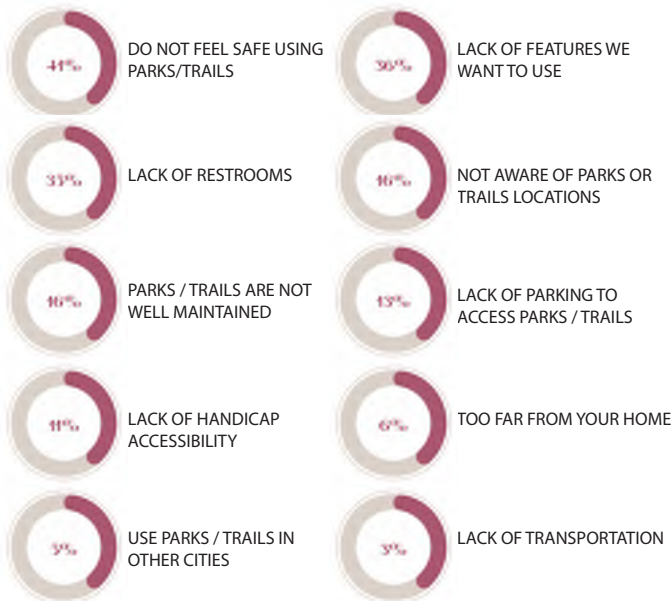
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PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT RESULTS

Public engagement feedback was conducted through an event at McHale building on June 13, 2023. This Appendix supports Chapter 5 information.



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Logansport Parks User Survey Results Now Available

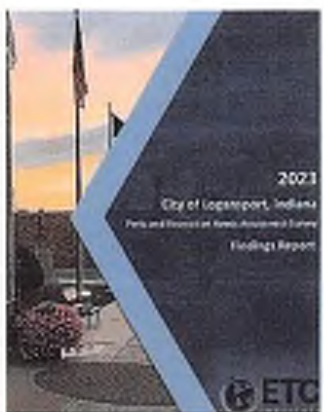
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By JANET FAWLEY *Park Administrator*



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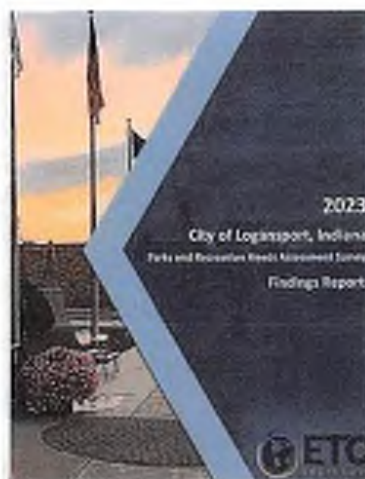


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The parks website, www.logansportparks.com has a "tab" dedicated to finding all the information currently available about the Five-Year Master Plan. It will be updated regularly.

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Random Households to Receive Parks Survey

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This survey will give random members of the community their first opportunity to provide feedback on the current and future direction of the parks and the programs that are offered to the citizens of Logansport. Once the survey results are complete, further public engagement opportunities will be available throughout the coming months.

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Parks department seeks advice on program expansion

Random surveys sent to residents

KIRSTEN ADAIR
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The Logansport Parks and Recreation Department is looking to make some changes, and they're depending on

Logansport residents to point them in the right direction.

"We feel like we need to expand programming, but I don't want to expand programming in a direction that the community isn't interested in," said Logansport Parks Administrator Jan Fawley.

Fawley said she also wants people to share their comments, criticisms, and ideas concerning the city's parks. To start

that process, the Parks and Recreation Department is mailing surveys to randomly chosen Logansport residents.

"We're trying to get park users and park non-users to let us know what the parks department is doing right and what we need to do a better job of," she said. "We want to know what new things are out there that the community would like to have be a part of our parks, and maybe

there are things we don't need in our parks. We'd like to know that too. This is a really good opportunity for people to have a chance to say what they want to see in our parks system."

The first round of surveys must be randomly distributed to community members to ensure they are statistically accurate.



Janet Fawley

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SURVEY

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The department hired ETC Institute, an organization that conducts surveys for government entities, to help carry out the first step of what Fawley describes as a larger master plan. After the first round of surveys, there will be multiple discussion and focus groups and possibly another survey that is open to all community members.

"For people who don't get a survey, we will make sure that they'll have an opportunity once we have completed the statistically valid part because we want everybody to participate who wants to participate," Fawley said. "Getting input from those people will happen, just not right this very moment in this round."

Residents who do receive the survey will find a letter

Both the envelope and the explanatory letter will show the department's logo, and a paper survey will be included along with a stamped, self-addressed envelope that people can use to mail the survey back. People also have the option to complete the survey online.

Fawley said it should take about 15 to 20 minutes to complete the survey. She acknowledged that some people might ignore it because they think the survey is too long, but she urged people to set aside time to fill it out and mail it back to the parks department or complete it online.

"It's really important for us to have that information from the community," she said. "It's going to be a great stepping off point for more discussion and more surveys for everybody later on."

Fawley said she has an

get from residents, but she does not want to share her thoughts on that because she worries that it might influence people's responses.

"I have my ideas, but if I tell you, it's going to plant that seed in people's heads and (the survey's) not going to be a valid thing," she said. "This is not my opinion. This is for other people's ideas and opinions. Maybe they've been to

other communities or bigger cities and they've seen things in those parks that they really liked and think we should bring here. That would be really awesome to know."

Anyone with additional questions about the Park and Recreation Department surveys can reach out to Fawley by emailing parksadministrator@cityoflogansport.org or calling 574-753-6666.

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May 11, 2023, Logansport IN: The Logansport Parks & Recreation Department would like to notify the public that the results of the recent survey are now posted to the "Master Plan" page at logansportparks.com. Those that are interested will find an executive summary, charts and graphs, priority investment ratings, and national benchmarks. These facts and figures are based upon a goal of 300 households randomly chosen that provided their opinions about the Logansport Parks and Recreation services, programs and facilities. The survey results can be found at this link: [Logansport IN Parks Survey Report 04-27-2023](#)

The next step will be to start meeting with stakeholder focus groups during the month of June. An open house will also be held for all that are interested in seeing these results, and what the options are for parks and programs in the future. More information will be available as we get closer to the selected dates.

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Wednesday, May 31, 2023

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Logansport IN, Friday, June 09, 2023: The Logansport Parks & Recreation Department is inviting the public to participate in an Open House to participate in the 5-Year Master Planning process. The Open House will be held on Tuesday, June 13th from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Riverside Park's McHale Complex. The public is invited to attend at the most convenient time for them. No specific "meeting" is being held; rather, this is an opportunity to explore ideas and share issues that should be considered.

Through interactive input stations at the Open House, the community will have an opportunity to share ideas, concerns, and general feedback on the current and future direction of the parks, and the programs that are offered to the citizens of Logansport. In addition, the public will be able to view the results of the statistically valid survey that was completed in early May. Families are especially encouraged to attend – light refreshments and a "Kids Station" will be available.

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Logansport Parks & Recreation is committed to improving the quality of life for Logansport residents by preserving land, facilities, the environment and our cultural heritage and by creating significant opportunities for recreation, conservation, relaxation, and education for now and future generations.

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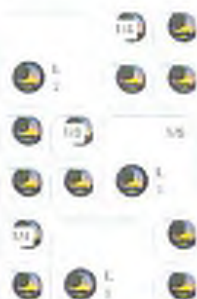
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Local residents had the opportunity to voice their opinions on future Logansport Parks & Recreation projects during an open house at Riverside Park's McHale Complex.

Parks & Rec seeks public input on projects

JOSH FLYNN
STAFF REPORTER

The Logansport Parks & Recreation Department shared their 5-Year Master Plan to the community for input Tuesday night at Riverside Park's McHale Complex.

Those who attended had a chance to view placards that showcased existing park amenities, showed options for new amenities and gave the Logansport community a chance to have their voices heard.

Attendees were able to vote on what parks they would like the city to focus on and what amenities they would like to see built. They could also share their concerns and wishes on post-it notes.

The options on hand were pulled from a survey the department did and which 303 people replied to, said Janet Fawley.

"It really makes it easier on us to make decisions if we know there is a group of people who really need or want a facility or a program," she said.

Amenities that the survey takers wanted were a dog park, an outdoor amphitheater, an

jogging, community gardens and multi-use paved trails. The three programs that people were most interested in focused on adult fitness and wellness, the farmers market and more community events.

Some of the amenities those who took the survey were not interested in included new sports amenities such as baseball diamonds, basketball courts, fitness and wellness equipment or an aquatic center. They also were disinterested in programs that focused on the arts, fitness and wellness and sports activities such as ice skating, gymnastics or golf and programs for those with special needs.

And while community gardens were popular in the initial survey, those in attendance Tuesday night were marking the idea as a low priority.

Fawley said they had just received a \$35,000 grant to build a dog park in Muehlhausen Park but the funds need to be matched by the community. A fundraising campaign will launch Wednesday, June 13, and the Parks & Rec department have 60 days to raise \$35,000. Those interested

the Logansport Parks & Recreation Facebook page.

Potential plans for Riverside Park included the amphitheater, but Fawley said that particular park was more of a decade long project that will start to move when the Vibrant Event Center opens in 2024.

"We really want to make Riverside Park a destination place," she said. "Especially with the carousel there. And with the new event center, we want to make Riverside as beautiful as possible."

One of the goals of the open house was to see how many residents wanted to focus on restoring and preserving amenities the parks already had or if there was large demand for new modern facilities.

Fawley said after the event is completed, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources will want to see how much public input was put into the five year plan.

Those who did not attend the session Tuesday evening may still share their thoughts via the Parks and recreation Facebook page, a phone call (574-753-6969) or letter, a visit to the department office (1701 Dividend Dr.) or attend-

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The following comments were gathered on an v public input survey that went public along with the statistically valid survey so that those who were not selected through the mail could participate. The chart below compiles all of the data from the event into one digestible place.

PUBLIC INPUT ONLINE			
FACILITY FEATURES (376 RESPONDENTS)	High (80+)	Medium (50-79)	Low (1-49)
Outdoor Amphitheater	117		
Water Access	111		
Dog Park	100		
Multi-Use Paved Trails	99		
Outdoor Adventure Park	84		
Picnic Areas & Shelters	80		
Social Spaces		79	
Indoor Aquatic Center		73	
Ice Skating Rink		72	
Community Garden		71	
Splash pads		71	
Diamond Sports Field		69	
Downhill Winter Recreation Facility		55	
Playground Equipment for ALL		53	
Indoor Walking / Jogging Track			49
Golf Course			47
Boat Launch			41
Disc Golf			40
Outdoor Aquatic Center			40
Indoor Multi-Purpose Sport Field			39
Indoor Recreational Facility			30
Open Space & Conservation Area			29
Indoor Gym Space			28
Multi-Use Unpaved Trails			26
Large Community Park			21
Indoor Courts for Pickleball			20
Environmental Educational Center			19
Outdoor Multi-Use Courts - Pickleball			19
Skateboard Park			17
Small Neighborhood Park			16
Outdoor Rectangular Sports Field - Soccer			15
BMX Park / Pump Track			12
Soccer on Hard Court (Futsal)			12
Outdoor Multi-Use Courts - Basketball			8
Outdoor Exercise / Fitness Equipment			5
Outdoor Rectangular Sports Fields - Football			1

The following comments were gathered at the June 13, 2023 event at McHale. A “#” next to the comment indicates the total number of people (via a tally system) who chose the amenity, facility, or program as important to them and/or their family. The chart below compiles all of the data from the event into one digestible place.

Public Engagement Event; June 13, 2023			
1. Place a dot(s) next to the FACILITIES that you would like to see in the future Logansport Parks. (Green - High Priority; Blue - Medium Priority; Red - Low Priority)	High (Green)	Medium (Blue)	Low (Red)
Dog Park (Fenced, Off-Leash)	9	4	6
Outdoor Amphitheater	10	9	1
Indoor Walking / Jogging Track	22	6	4
Multi-Use Paved Trails	20	1	2
Picnic Areas and Shelters	14	8	0
Playgrounds Equipment for all abilities / all ages	15	5	0
Social Spaces	10	6	0
Community Garden	8	0	14
Indoor Aquatic Center	8	5	8
Water Access	13	6	2
Outdoor Adventure Park	14	8	2
Ice Skating Rink	8	5	14
Multi-Use Unpaved Trails	6	7	3
Indoor Recreation Facility	4	3	8
Splash Pads	14	9	1
Downhill Winter Recreation Facility	2	13	4
Disc Golf	6	5	19
Boat Launch	14	10	2
Environmental Education Center	4	9	2
Open Space & Conservation Areas	13	4	5
Golf Course	3	4	14
Large Community Parks	9	8	0
Indoor Multi-Purpose Sports Fields	11	2	1
Indoor Gym Space	0	0	1
Small Neighborhood Parks	0	2	1
Diamond Sports Fields	1	0	1
Outdoor Aquatic Center	2	0	0
Outdoor Exercise / Fitness Equipment	0	0	1
Indoor Courts for Pickleball	1	0	2
Skateboard Parks	0	2	1
Outdoor Multi-Use Courts - Basketball	2	0	1
Outdoor Multi-Use Courts - Pickleball	3	0	0
BMX Park / Pump Track	2	0	4
Soccer on Hard Court (Futsal)	2	2	2
Outdoor Rectangular Sports Fields - Football	0	1	2
Outdoor Rectangular Sports Fields - Soccer	5	1	3

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- GREEN (VERDE) = HIGH PRIORITY (PRIORIDAD ALTA)
- BLUE (AZUL) = MEDIUM PRIORITY (PRIORIDAD MEDIA)
- RED (ROJO) = LOW PRIORITY (PRIORIDAD BAJA)

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• PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR ALL ABILITIES / ALL AGES COLUMPIOS PARA TODOS LOS HABILIDADES Y EDADES	● ● ● ● ●
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• INDOOR MULTI-PURPOSE SPORTS FIELDS CAMPOS DE DEPORTES DE INTERIOR	
• INDOOR GYM SPACE GIMNASIO	●
• SMALL NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS PARQUES PEQUEÑOS PARA LOS VECINDARIOS	● ● ●
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• OUTDOOR AQUATIC CENTER CENTROS ACUÁTICOS AL AIRE LIBRE	● ●
• OUTDOOR EXERCISE / FITNESS EQUIPMENT GIMNASIOS AL AIRE LIBRE	●
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• SKATEBOARD PARKS PARQUES DE MONOPATÍN	● ● ●
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• OUTDOOR MULTI-USE COURTS - PICKLEBALL CANCHAS DE PICKLEBALL AL AIRE LIBRE	● ● ●
• BMX PARK / PUMP TRACK PARQUE DE BMX	● ● ● ● ● ● ●
• SOCCER ON HARD COURT (FUTSAL) PISTA DURA PARA EL FÚTBOL	● ● ● ● ●
• OUTDOOR RECTANGULAR SPORTS FIELDS - FOOTBALL CAMPO DE FÚTBOL AMERICANO	● ● ●
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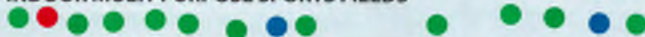
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• OUTDOOR AMPHITHEATER



• PICNIC AREAS & SHELTERS



• COMMUNITY GARDENS



• OUTDOOR ADVENTURE PARK



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• DOG PARK (FENCED, OFF-LEASH)



• MULTI-USE PAVED TRAILS



• SOCIAL SPACES



• WATER ACCESS



• MULTI-USE UNPAVED TRAILS



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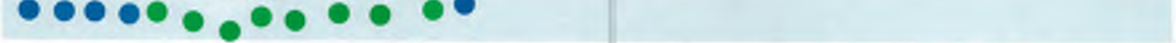
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WE WANT TO KNOW! ¿QUEREMOS SABER!

LEAVE A POST IT WITH ADDITIONAL FACILITY, AMENITY, OR RECREATION PROGRAMS YOU WOULD LOVE TO SEE IN LOGANSPORT PARKS AND RECREATION SYSTEM

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LEAVE A POST IT WITH ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS, COMMENTS, CONCERNS ABOUT LOGANSPORT PARKS AND RECREATION SYSTEM

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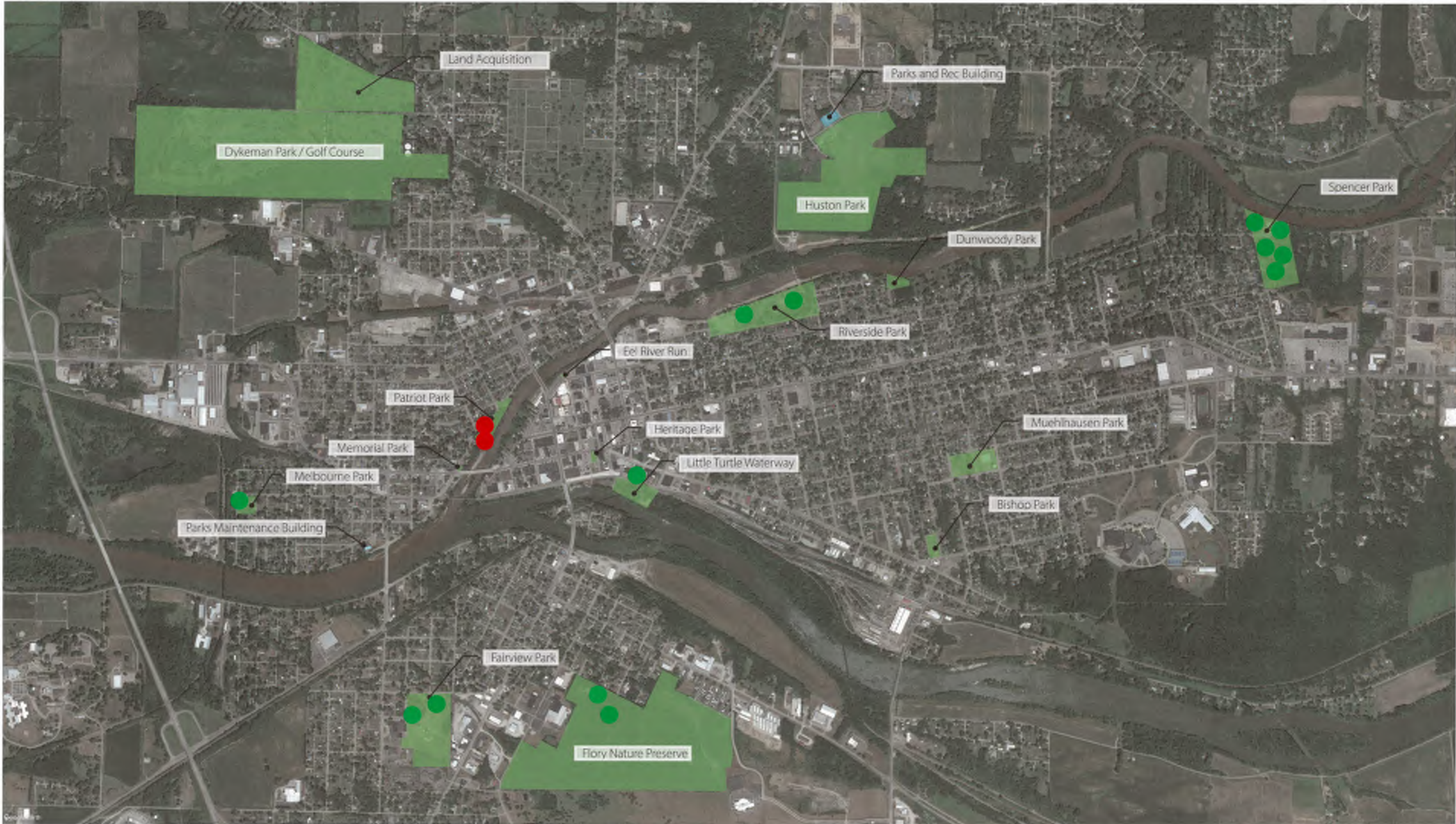
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HUSTON PARK EXISTING AMENITIES



A removal area to provide lawn the grass!



LITTLE TURTLE WATER WAY AND HERITAGE PARK EXISTING AMENITIES



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FAIRVIEW PARK EXISTING AMENITIES



Wow I've NEVER BEEN HERE

MUEHLHAUSEN PARK EXISTING AMENITIES



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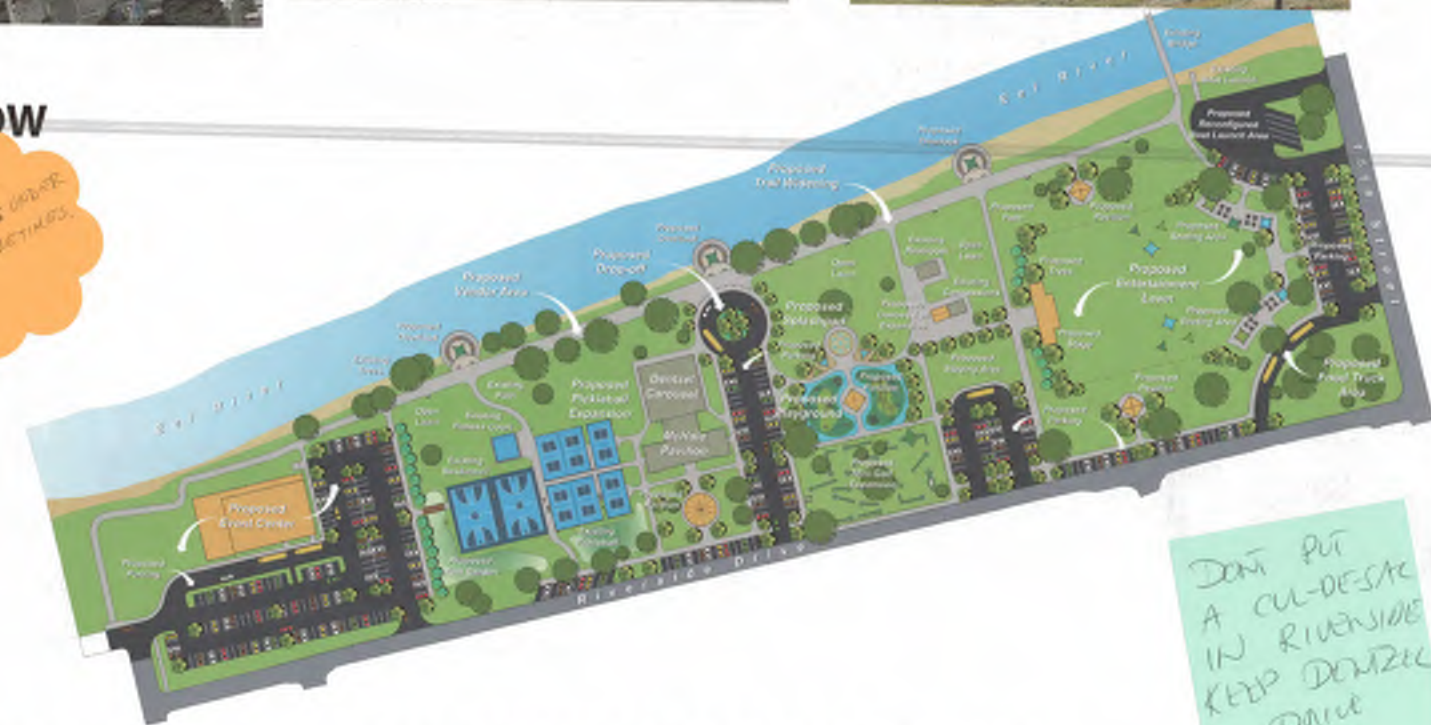
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RIVERSIDE PARK EXISTING AMENITIES



TELL US WHAT YOU THINK! LEAVE A STICKY NOTE BELOW



FUTURE PARK IMPROVEMENT PLANS (BY OTHERS)

RIVERSIDE PARK MASTER PLAN
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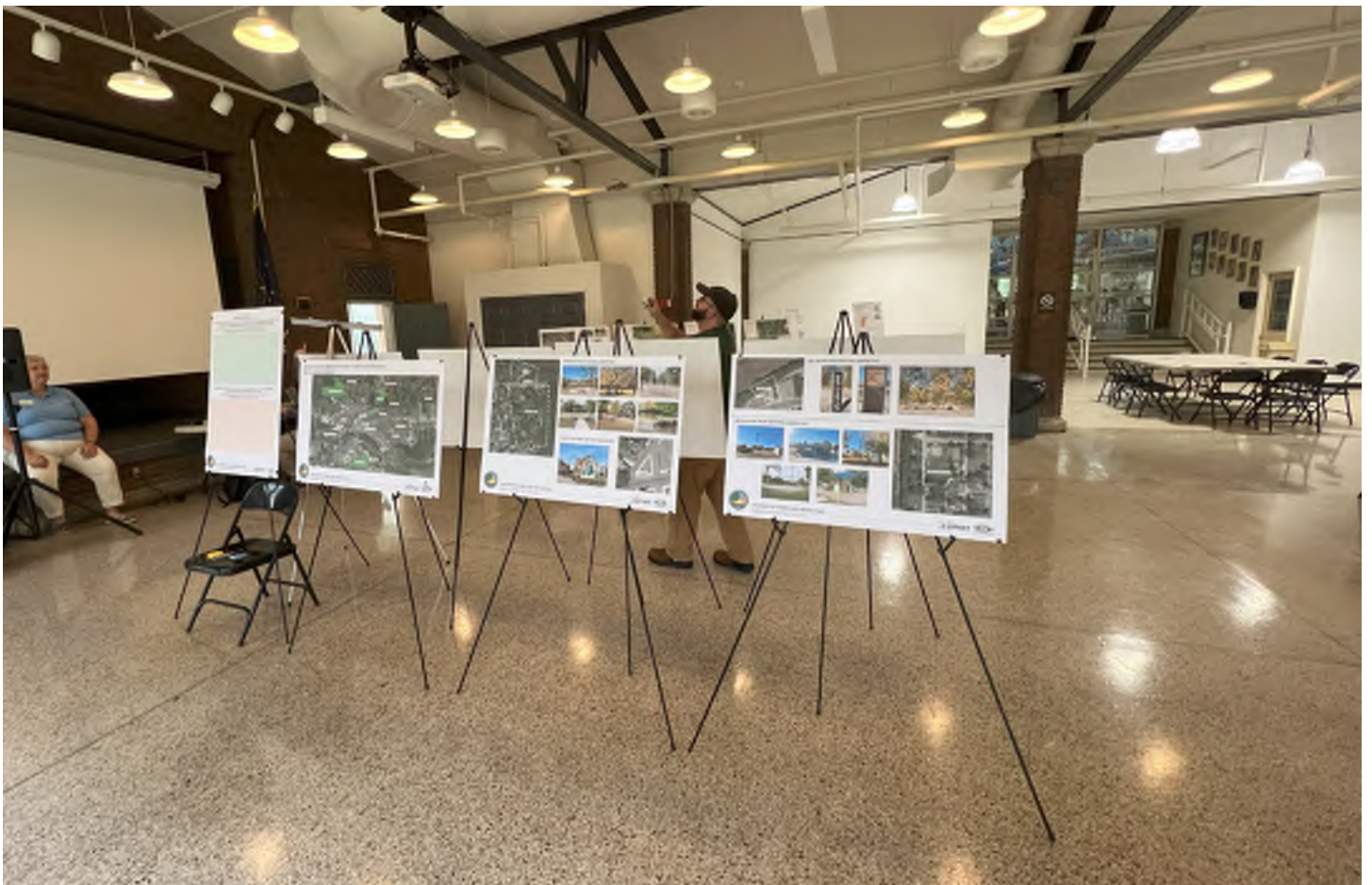


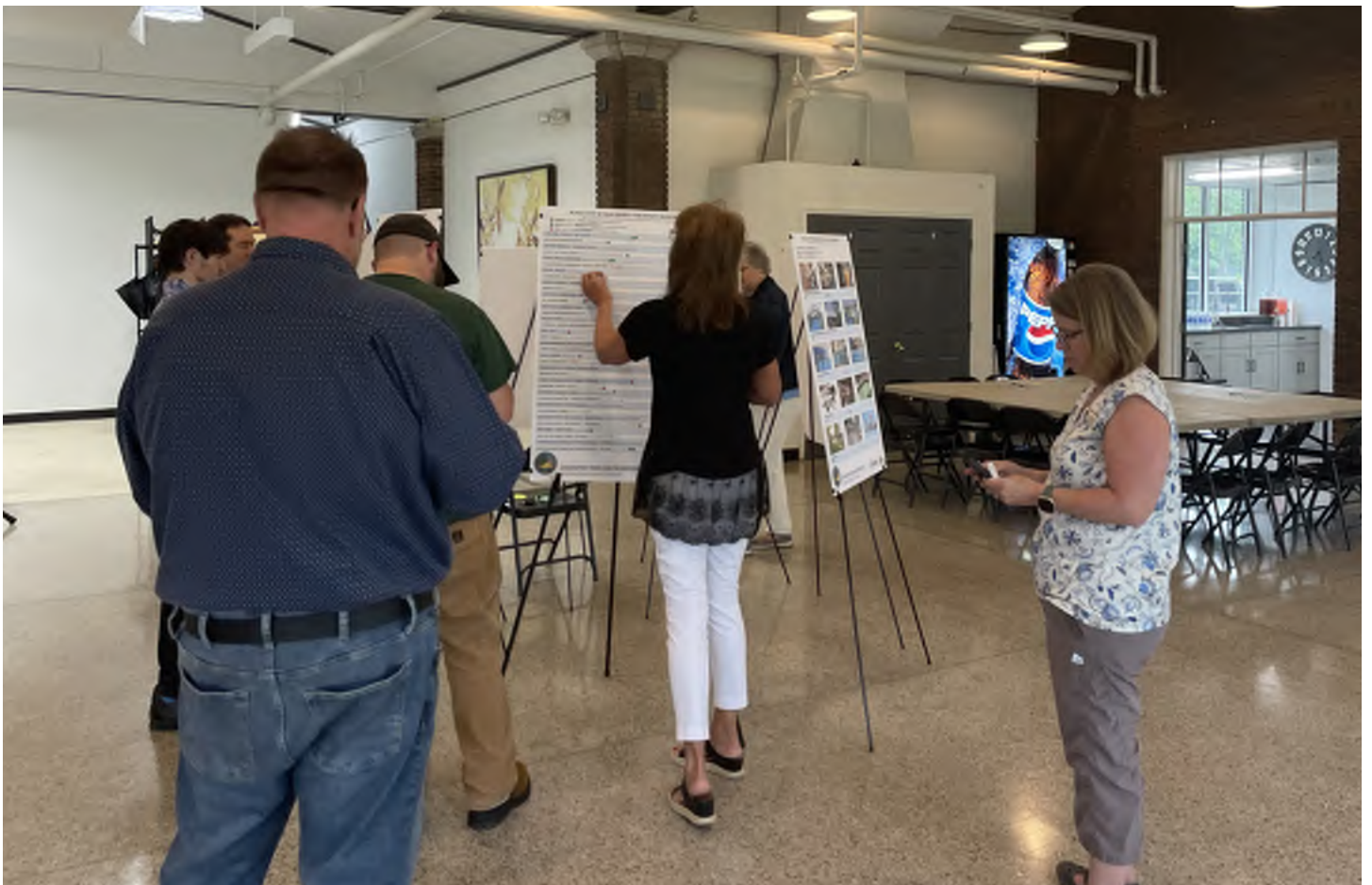
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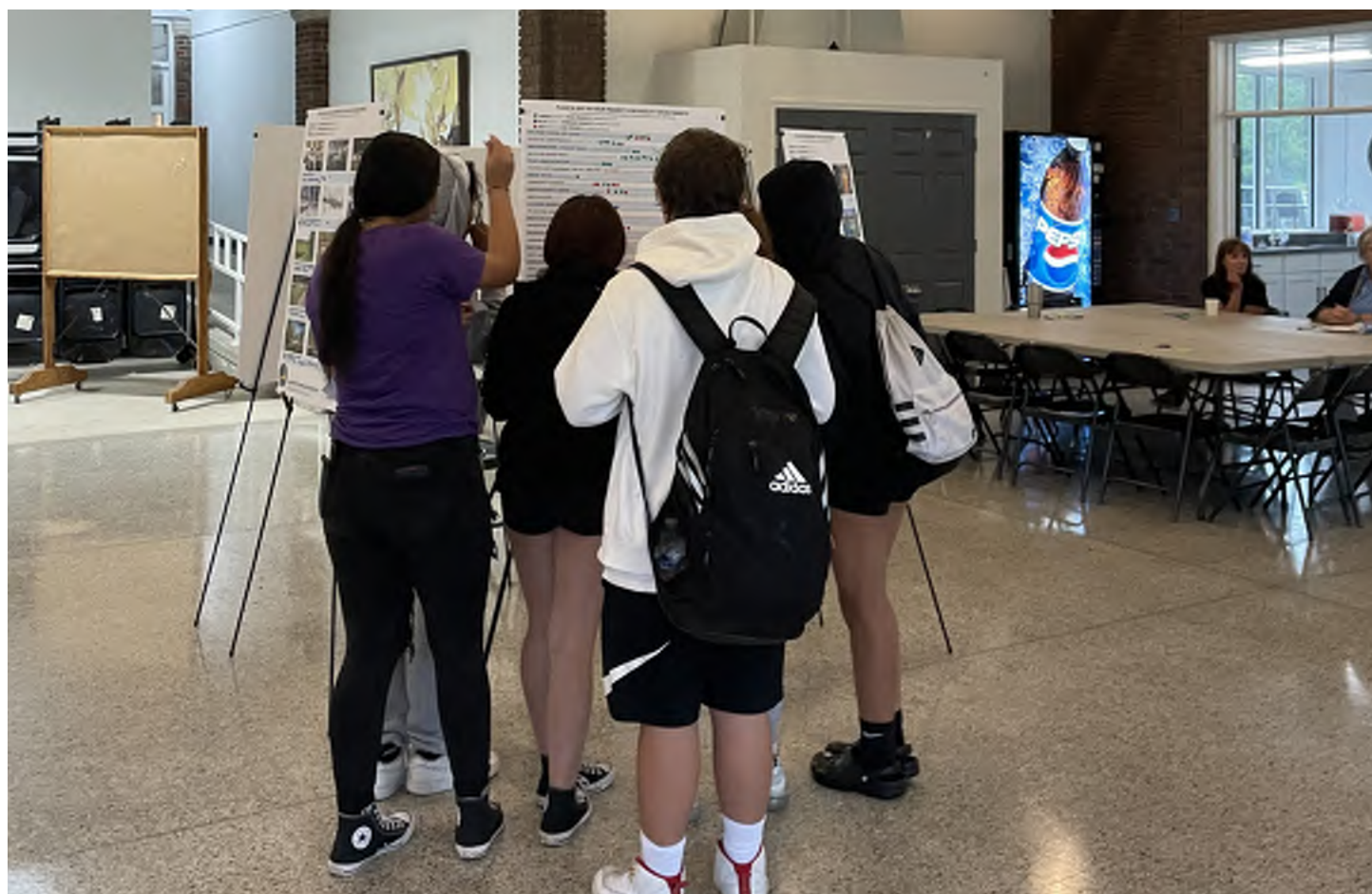
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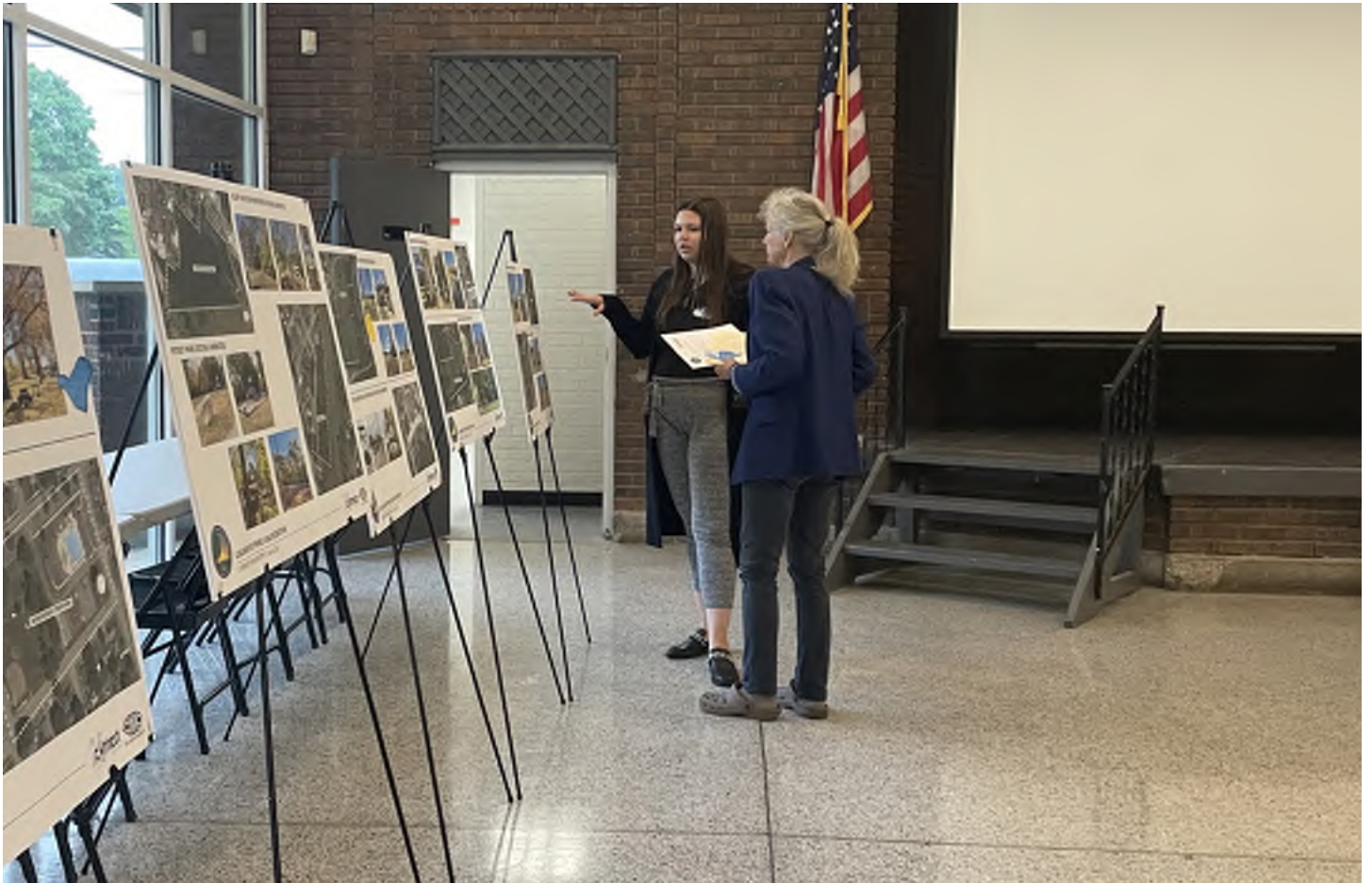












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APPENDIX

ORDINANCE

Chapter 42 - PARKS AND RECREATION

FOOTNOTE(S):

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Cross reference— Environment, ch. 30; streets, sidewalks and other public places, ch. 50; vegetation, ch. 62. [\(Back\)](#)

State Law reference— Municipal home rule, IC 36-1-3-1 et seq.; park and recreational facilities authorized, IC 36-10-2-1 et seq. [\(Back\)](#)

Sec. 42-1. - Department of parks and recreation and park and recreation board.

There is hereby established a department of parks and recreation to be controlled and operated by the park and recreation board established pursuant to IC 36-10-3. One member of such board shall be appointed by the Logansport School Corporation.

(Code 1974, § 1-101(f))

Cross reference— Departments, boards, commissions and authorities, § 2-231 et seq.

Sec. 42-2. - Nonreverting capital fund created.

There is hereby created within the department of public parks a nonreverting capital fund for the use and benefit of the department of public parks for the purposes provided for by law.

(Code 1974, § 11-4)

Sec. 42-3. - Nonreverting operating fund.

(a) *Created.* There is hereby created within the department of public parks a nonreverting operating fund for the use and benefit of the department of public parks for the purposes provided for by IC 36-10-3-22.

(b) *Moneys excluded.* The moneys in the form of fees procured from the golf courses, swimming pools, skating rinks or other similar facilities requiring major expenditures for management and maintenance shall not be deposited in the nonreverting operating fund.

(c) *Disbursal of moneys.* The moneys from the nonreverting operating fund shall be disbursed only on approved claims allowed and signed by the president and secretary of the board of parks and recreation.

(Code 1974, § 11-5)

Sec. 42-4. - Compliance with rules for use of city parks and recreational facilities required.

No person shall violate any rule promulgated by the park and recreation board governing the use of city parks or recreational facilities.

Sec. 42-5. - Alcoholic beverages in city parks.

(a) Under the regulations of the state alcoholic beverage laws and rules stated in IC 7-1, the city park and recreation board shall be granted authority to sell wine and beer at the Dykeman Park Municipal Golf Course utilizing standard operating procedures established by the city park and recreation board.

(b) The city park and recreation board shall have the authority to grant exceptions to subsection (c) of this section under the following circumstances:

- (1) A community event which shall be located at the Little Turtle Waterway Plaza and/or lawn and is sponsored by a community organization.
 - (2) Evidence is provided by the community organization 30 days in advance that:
 - a. A temporary beer/wine permit has been received;
 - b. The city has been provided with the following:
 1. A certificate of insurance naming the city as additional insured. Additional insured coverage shall apply as primary insurance and shall not be less than the following minimum insurance limits:
 - (i) Comprehensive general liability:
 - A. Bodily injury: \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence;
 - B. Property damage: \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence;
 - C. Combined/single limit: \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence;
 - D. Aggregate limits: policy \$1,000,000;

Such insurance shall cover liability arising from premises operations, independent contractors, products-completed operations, personal and advertising injury, and liability assumed under an insured contract;
 - (ii) Liquor liability is required as follows: \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence; \$1,000,000.00 per aggregate;
 2. The minimum limits of coverage required by this subcontract may be satisfied by a combination of primary and excess umbrella insurance policies;
 3. All such policies of insurance shall contain a provision that the same shall not be canceled nor the coverage modified nor the limits changed without first giving 30 days written notice thereof to the city;
 4. The city shall be named as additional insured on such required policies;
 - c. A licensed alcoholic beverage caterer has been employed to serve alcoholic beverages;
 - d. A minimum of two off-duty police officers have been privately employed to contain and monitor the consumption of alcohol within a defined perimeter;
 - e. Food is being served in association with the event.
 - (3) A statement of agreement is signed by the community organization that all alcohol being consumed by its guests has originated from its licensed caterer, and that a certificate of insurance showing coverage for liquor liability naming the city has been provided.
 - (4) The community organization has paid the appropriate deposits and rental fees.
- (c) Except for circumstances as stated in subsections (a) and (b) of this section, it shall continue to be unlawful for any person to possess, carry, transport, drink, use or consume, sell or offer for sale, trade, barter, give away or exchange any malt, vinous, or spirituous alcoholic beverage or liquor in, upon, or within the confines of any parks which are now owned or will be owned, operated, or maintained by the city and are managed now and in the future by the city parks board. This includes the picnic pavilions at Dykeman Park.
- (d) Except for circumstances as stated in subsections (a) and (b) of this section, anyone who violates subsection (c) of this section shall, upon conviction, be fined in a sum not to exceed \$1,000.00. Fines are payable to the city in the clerk-treasurer's office and will be deposited into the general fund. Fines are assessed as follows:
 - (1) First offense: \$250.00;
 - (2) Second offense: \$500.00;
 - (3) Third offense: \$1,000.00;
 - (4) Fourth offense: expulsion from the parks permanently.

Ord. No. 2008-23, §§ 2 - 5, 8-4-2008

Sec. 42-6. Fee schedule for programs/activities within the parks and recreation system.

- (a) The following fees shall be collected at Tower Park Municipal Swimming Pool and remitted to the clerk-treasurer for deposit into the general fund account:

Logansport Municipal Pool Fees	
Open Swim	Fee
Child, ages 0—4	Free of Charge
Child, ages 5—16	\$2.00 per person
Adult, ages 17 and older	\$4.00 per person
Punch card—Child or adult to use	\$40.00 for 20 visits
Punch card—Child or adult to use	\$75.00 for 50 visits
Swim lessons (8 30-minute sessions)	\$30.00 per person
Parent and tot class (4 30-minute lessons)	\$20.00 per parent and child
Junior lifeguarding (4 1-hour lessons)	\$30.00 per person
Water aerobics (8 1-hour sessions)	\$30.00 per person

- (b) The Logansport Parks and Recreation Board is authorized to offer free swimming days to the public as is appropriate.
- (c) A supply fee will be utilized to cover the cost of materials purchased for a specific program. The supply fee will be added to the program fee and remitted to the clerk-treasurer for deposit into the parks non-reverting operating fund. The Logansport Parks and Recreation Board is authorized to set a supply fee as necessary.
- (d) The following fees shall be collected for various programs and activities and remitted to the clerk-treasurer for deposit into the park non-reverting operating fund:

Snow-tube rental	\$2.50 per 1-man tube
	\$4.00 per 2-man tube
Daddy-Daughter Valentine Dance	\$15.00 per couple
	\$4.00 per additional daughter
Holiday programs	\$1.00 per person + supply fee
BINGO programs	\$1.00 per person + supply fee
Yard or garage sale or craft show	\$10.00 per adult booth
	\$5.00 per youth booth

Special event activity tickets	\$0.50 apiece
Minor league/T-ball softball program	\$15.00 per child
Individual youth tennis lessons	\$30.00 per 8 lessons
Individual youth golf lessons	\$30.00 per 5 lessons
Daily summer activity program	\$15.00 per child per day \$60.00 per child per week
Tower Park Triathlon for Kids	\$20.00 per person
Fourth of July vendor booth	\$40.00 per booth \$25.00 per non-profit booth
Parade entry fee	\$25.00 per entry
Bottled soft drinks in the parks	\$1.00 each

- (e) When special events operate activity areas during an event (e.g., July 4th climbing wall), the parks administrator is authorized to determine the number of special event activity tickets required to offset the cost of operating each activity area. Park staff will sell activity tickets for which operators will collect the required number of tickets for that specific activity. The total of these funds collected will be remitted to the clerk-treasurer for deposit into the parks non-reverting operating fund.
- (f) An admission fee(s) shall be collected at the Benjamin Long Recreation Center and remitted to the clerk-treasurer for deposit into the general fund account:

Open gyms:	\$1.00 per visit (child or adult); or \$10.00 punch card for 12 visits (child or adult); or \$20.00 punch card for 25 visits (child or adult).
Team rental:	\$20.00 per hour for organized team activity (basketball, volleyball, softball, soccer, field hockey, etc).

- (g) That the Logansport Parks and Recreation Department will honor credit cards as prescribed by the clerk-treasurer's procedures for payment of parks and recreation fees related to programs, activities, and reservations offered by the Logansport Parks and Recreation Department.
- (h) That, in the event a resident of the City of Logansport is unable to pay the specific program activity fee, the common council agrees to authorize the parks administrator to waive the program activity fee provided the following requirements are met prior to participation in the program or activity:
- (1) Completed scholarship application reviewed by parks administrator;
 - (2) The youth applicant has been verified as living inside the boundary of the Logansport Community School Corporation;
 - (3) The parks administrator has retained, and has on file, all of the applicant's documents verifying and supporting the applicant's request for fee waiver.

- (f) Refunds for any Logansport Parks and Recreation Department fees including punch passes, activities or programs (including those at the municipal pool) may be made with the authorization of the parks administrator. A full refund less an administrative fee, where applicable, will be issued when the following requirements are met:
- (1) A written, signed request has been received by the parks administrator, from the participant requesting a program or activity refund; and
 - (2) The program/activity has not yet begun.

(Ord. No. 2008-31, §§ 1 - 8, 10-6-2008; Ord. No. 2011-07, §§ 1 - 8, 3-7-2011; Ord. No. 2011-13, § 1, 7-18-2011)

Editor's note—

Ord. No. 2008-31, §§ 1-8, adopted Oct. 6, 2008, added provisions that were not specifically amendatory. At the editor's discretion, said provisions were included as § 42-6

Sec. 42-7. - Rental fees for use of park facilities.

- (a) Specific parties having exclusive use of the parks department facilities will pay rental fees as identified below. Annually, these rental fees shall be raised three percent, and rounded to the nearest whole dollar.
- (b) Picnic tables, benches, bleachers, and indoor tables and chairs are not available for rental activities.
- (c) Rentals are available only during park operating hours of 6:00 a.m.—10:00 p.m. Any exceptions to those hours must be approved by the Logansport Parks Administrator.
- (d) A discount of 25 percent will be available to those residents of the City of Logansport that can prove their status as a resident as defined in the policy for the public's use of park facilities. Also, a discount of 50 percent will be available to those resident non-profits of the City of Logansport that can prove their status as defined in the policy for the public's use of park facilities.
- (e) The rental fees shall be collected at the Logansport Parks and Recreation Department offices at the Benjamin Long Recreation Center or the McHale Complex at Riverside Park in accordance to the written policy for facility rentals. Fees will then be received by the clerk-treasurer and deposited in the parks non-reverting operating park beautification fund to be utilized as determined in the annual budget.
- (f) The Logansport Parks and Recreation Department will honor credit cards as prescribed by the clerk-treasurer's procedures for payment of parks and recreation fees related to programs, activities and reservations offered by the Logansport Parks and Recreation Department.
- (g) Refunds in regards to any Logansport Parks and Recreation Department fees for season tickets, trail fees, activities or programs (including those at the municipal pool or municipal golf course) may be made with the authorization of the parks administrator. A full refund less an administrative fee where applicable will be issued when the following requirements are met:
 - (1) A written signed request has to be received by the parks administrator, from the participant requesting a program or activity refund; and
 - (2) The program/activity has not been held.
 - (3) Partial refunds will be authorized as stated in the policy for revenue pricing in regards to refunds.
 - (4) Waived fees shall not be refunded.

Facility	Period of Use	Deposit	2009 Fee	w/ Resident Discount	w/Non-Profit Discount
<i>Benjamin Long Recreation Center</i>					
Gymnasium	Hourly	\$ 50.00	\$ 52.00	\$ 39.00	\$ 26.00
	Full Day	\$ 50.00	\$480.00	\$360.00	\$240.00
<i>Spencer Park</i>					
Upper Pavilion	Full Day	None	\$ 52.00	\$ 39.00	\$ 26.00

Lower Pavilion	Full Day	None	\$ 72.00	\$ 54.00	\$ 36.00
Small Pavilion (5 available)	Full Day	None	\$ 52.00	\$ 39.00	\$ 26.00
Horseshoe courts/equipment	Full Day	\$ 25.00			
Shuffleboard Courts/Equipment	Full Day	\$ 25.00			
Gazebo	Full Day	None	\$ 52.00	\$ 39.00	\$ 26.00
<i>Fairview Park</i>					
Pavilions (2 available)	Full Day	None	\$ 52.00	\$ 39.00	\$ 26.00
Football/Soccer Field	Full Day	None	\$ 52.00	\$ 39.00	\$ 26.00
<i>Riverside Park</i>					
McHale Complex	4 hours	\$100.00	\$180.00	\$135.00	\$ 90.00
	8 hours	\$100.00	\$360.00	\$270.00	\$180.00
	Full Day	\$100.00	\$539.00	\$404.00	\$270.00
Old Carousel Bldg	Full Day	None	\$ 72.00	\$ 54.00	\$ 36.00
Gazebo	Full Day	None	\$ 52.00	\$ 39.00	\$ 26.00
Softball Field	Full Day	\$ 50.00	\$ 52.00	\$ 39.00	\$ 26.00
Basketball Court No lights	Full Day	None	\$ 52.00	\$ 39.00	\$ 26.00
Horseshoe Court/Equipment	Full Day	\$ 25.00			
Skate Park	Hourly	None	\$ 62.00	\$ 47.00	\$ 31.00
	Full Day	None	\$599.00	\$449.00	\$300.00
<i>Little Turtle Waterway</i>					
	4 hours	\$200.00	\$180.00	\$135.00	\$ 90.00
	8 hours	\$200.00	\$360.00	\$270.00	\$180.00
	Full Day	\$200.00	\$539.00	\$404.00	\$270.00

<i>Heritage Park</i>					
Gazebo	Full Day	None	\$ 52.00	\$ 39.00	\$ 26.00
<i>Tower Park</i>					
Softball field	Full Day	\$ 50.00	\$ 52.00	\$ 39.00	\$ 26.00
Sand Volleyball Court	Full Day	None	\$ 52.00	\$ 39.00	\$ 26.00
Swimming Pool (includes lifeguards)	Hourly	None	\$ 98.00	\$ 74.00	\$ 49.00
	Full Day	None	\$957.00	\$718.00	\$479.00
<i>West Melbourne Park</i>					
Softball Field	Full Day	\$ 50.00	\$ 52.00	\$ 39.00	\$ 26.00
<i>Dykeman Park</i>					
Upper Pavilion	Full Day	None	\$ 52.00	\$ 39.00	\$ 26.00
Lower Pavilion	Full Day	None	\$ 52.00	\$ 39.00	\$ 26.00
Full day: 8:00 a.m. --- 10:00 p.m.					
All documented residents will receive 25% discount					
All documented resident non-profits will receive 50% discount					

Editor's note—

Ord. No. 2008-32, §§ 1—7, adopted Oct. 6, 2008, added provisions that were not specifically amendatory. At the editor's discretion, said provisions were included as § 42-7

Sec. 42-8. - Rules, standards and procedures for all parks.

- (a) The following "Exhibit A" is hereby approved by the common council as the rules, standards and procedures for all Logansport Parks.
- (b) The common council encourages the display of the rules as specified in "Exhibit A" throughout the city parks.
- (c) The enforcement of these rules will be the responsibility of the Parks Administrator of the Logansport Parks and Recreation Department and the Chief of Police of the Logansport Police Department. The Logansport Police Department is fully authorized to maintain the peace and order in all parks.

"Exhibit A"

Park Rules

- 1. All Logansport Parks are open daily from 8:00 a.m.—10:00 p.m.
- 2. Possession and use of alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs, are not permitted in this park.
- 3. People who intimidate (by legal definition) another person shall be dealt with using police authority.

4. Smoking is restricted to a designated and inconspicuous location no closer than 25 feet from all but not limited to city owned buildings, playgrounds, park bleachers, park pavilions, swimming pools, or in the vicinity of children, and athletic fields (section 38-2).
5. Picnic tables in the parks are available on a first come-first serve basis. Picnic tables, benches and bleachers may only be used outside of the parks for public events or activities with permission from the parks administrator.
6. All domestic animals must be kept on a six-foot leash or crated; animal "waste" must be disposed of properly.
7. Any animal or reptile, domesticated or wild, that has dangerous propensities is strictly prohibited from all parks.
8. Please use trash and recycling containers.
9. Speed limit within the parks is 15 mph. Please watch for children and other pedestrians.
10. It shall be unlawful for any person to use or operate any sound-producing or sound amplifying device (including vehicles) in such a manner or with such volume as to annoy or disturb persons in its vicinity.
11. Ground fires are *not* permitted. Fires for cooking food are permitted only in grills such as those provided throughout LPRD parks.
12. No gambling, glass bottles, or profanity within the park.
13. Motor vehicles are to park only in designated areas.
14. Bicycles, skates, roller blades, skateboards, or motorized vehicles excluding personal handicap equipment must remain on paved surfaces within the park.
15. No marking, writing, or defacing of any equipment, structure, or pavement within the park.
16. Geocaching and metal detecting require a permit available at the Logansport Parks Department, 1212 Riverside Dr., 753-6969.
17. In the event of an emergency, Logansport Police should be notified at 911.

(Ord. No. 2008-48, §§ 1(Exh. A), 2, 3, 12-1-2008)

Editor's note—

Ord. No. 2008-48, §§ 1(Exh. A), 2, 3, adopted Dec. 1, 2008, added provisions that were not specifically amendatory. At the editor's discretion, said provisions were included as § 42-8

Cross reference— Offenses and miscellaneous provisions, ch. 38.

Sec. 42-9. - Skate board park.

In accordance with the Indiana SEA 141, which includes provisions for extreme sports areas, the Logansport Parks and Recreation Department will post rules and warnings for the Logansport Skate Park as specified in "Exhibit A".

"Exhibit A"

Riverside Skate Park Rules

Warning

This skate park is not supervised. Any use of this facility is at your own risk. The City of Logansport, its employees and sponsors are not responsible for any damage, accidents or injuries. All participants are responsible for knowing and obeying the rules. Use of skateboards, in-line skates, and BMX and/or trick bicycles are inherently dangerous activities that entail known and unanticipated risks, which could result in physical or emotional injury, paralysis, death or damage to yourself, to property, or to third parties. We recommend that you seek proper training before attempting this activity.

Emergency: Call 9-1-1

- ONLY Skateboards, in-line skates, and BMX and/or trick bicycles - NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES OR SCOOTERS!
- Closed daily at 10 pm. It is unlawful to enter the skate park after hours.
- Skate Park users are required to wear personal safety equipment, i.e., helmets, elbow pads, and kneepads. Failure to wear protective equipment exposes users to risk of bone fracture, concussion

and other serious or fatal injury upon falling or collision with other users.

- Children, ten years of age and under, must be accompanied by an adult.
- Use is restricted to the equipment provided.
- NO:
 - Pets.
 - Glass containers, food, gum or beverages allowed on the skating surface.
 - Possession or use of alcohol, tobacco, drugs and weapons.
 - Horseplay, roughhousing, fighting, violence and profanity.
 - Graffiti, tagging, accelerants, or wax.
 - Spectators on surfaces or ramps.
- Do not proceed down ramp until clear of other skaters or bikers. Travel in direction with others.
- Do not use Skate Park when surfaces or ramps are wet.
- Only one person per skateboard or bicycle.
- Shoes must be worn at all times.
- Failure to follow these rules may result in expulsion from the facility and/or closure of the skate park.
- Logansport Parks Department will close the skate park without notice due to vandalism, graffiti or other maintenance concerns.
- Call parks office with maintenance concerns at 574-753-6969.

(Ord. No. 2009-23, § 1(Exh. A), 9-8-2009)

Editor's note—

Ord. No. 2009-23, § 1(Exh. A), adopted Sept. 8, 2009, added provisions that were not specifically amendatory. At the editor's discretion, said provisions were included as § 42-9

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