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## MICHIGAN CITY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT PUBLIC SURVEY

The Michigan City Parks and Recreation Department is seeking public input for our 2017-2021 park system master plan. This survey was specifically created to gather information from residents and park patrons to learn more about their recreational interests and to provide an opportunity to express opinions concerning the programs, activities and quality of parks within the City. Surveys will be received until 09/30/16. For additional information, call the Park Office at 219-873-1506.

***Please return survey by SEPTEMBER 30, 2016 to:***

Michigan City Park Department, 100 E. Michigan Blvd., Suite 2, Michigan City, IN 46360

By fax to 219-873-1540

By email to [season@emichigancity.com](mailto:season@emichigancity.com)

1. Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

### DEMOGRAPHICS

2. Please select your age range, mark only one box.

- 15-19
- 20-29
- 30-39
- 40-49
- 50-59
- 60-69
- 70-79
- 80 and over

3. Please select your gender, mark only one box.

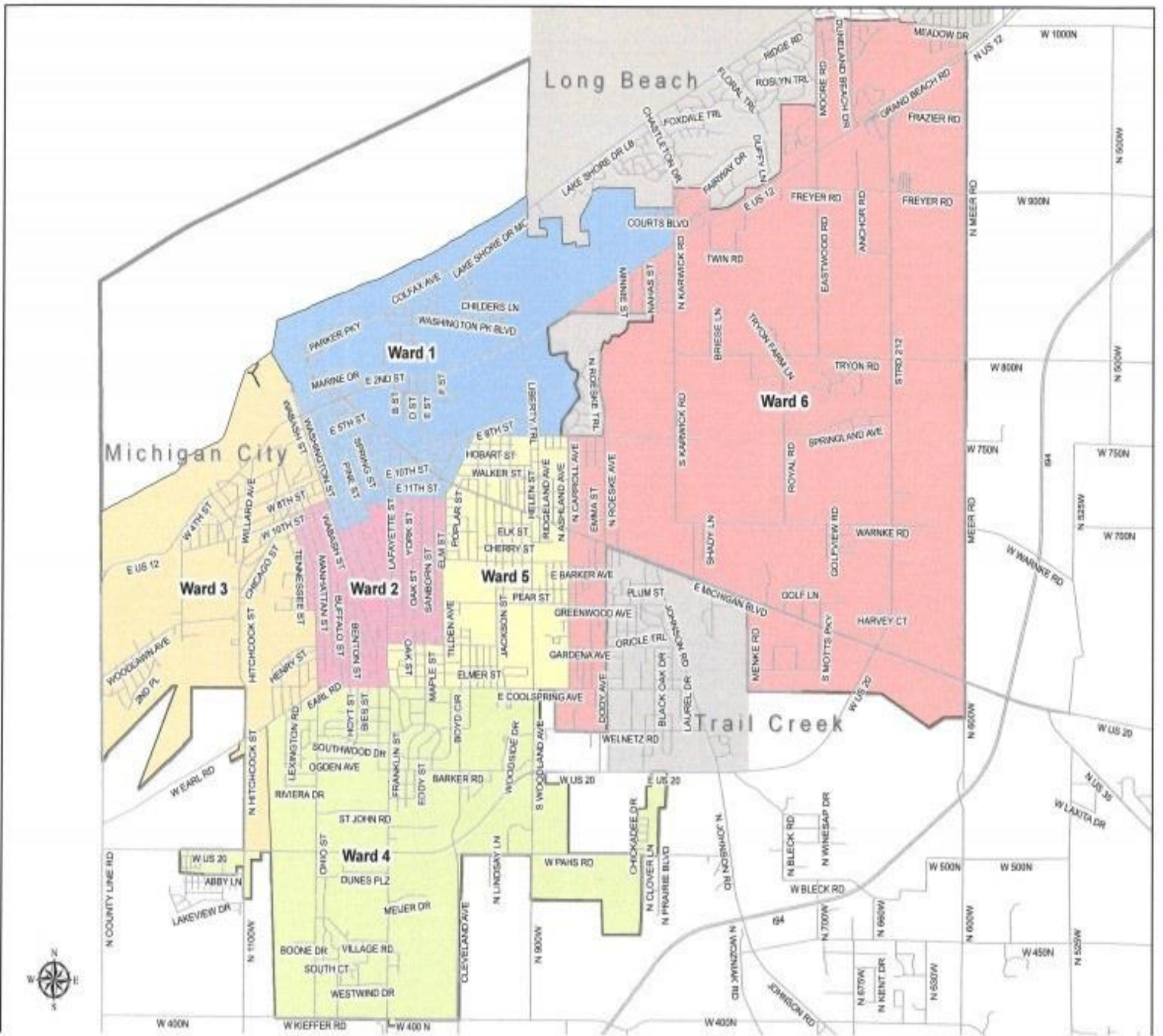
- Male
- Female

4. Please select your ethnicity, mark only one box.

- African-American
- Caucasian/White
- Hispanic/Latino
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

5. How many children under 18 years old live in your home? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Please select your residential status, mark only one box.
- Permanent Resident
  - Seasonal Resident
  - Non-Resident
7. Do you or any of your immediate family members have any type of disability that prevents you/them from participating in recreational activities?
- Yes
  - No
8. If yes to previous question, what type of disability do you/they have? Select all that apply.
- Walking
  - Seeing
  - Hearing
  - Breathing
  - Lifting
  - Bending
  - Other \_\_\_\_\_
9. To help ensure we have received surveys from an economically diverse group, please indicate the approximate TOTAL gross income of your household. Mark only one box.
- Under \$20,000
  - \$20,001 to \$39,999
  - \$40,000 to \$59,999
  - \$60,000 to \$79,999
  - \$80,000 and up



10. What ward do you live in? Mark only one box.

- Ward 1
- Ward 2
- Ward 3
- Ward 4
- Ward 5
- Ward 6
- Outside of Michigan City

## FACILITY USE

Please indicate by checking the appropriate box how many times in the LAST 12 MONTHS you and/or a family member utilized the following facilities.

11. Please indicate your use of the parks and facilities. Mark only one box per row.

	NEVER	ONCE	2 TO 5 TIMES	6 TO 10 TIMES	MORE THAN 10 TIMES
Adams Park					
Beach - Lifeguard Area					
Beach - Outside Lifeguard Area					
Beachwalk					
Bismarck Hill					
Canada Park					
Charles Westcott Park					
Gardena Park					
Hansen Park					
Joe Hawkins Park					
Karwick Nature Park					
Krueger Memorial Hall Rental					
Krueger Memorial Park					
Millennium Plaza					
Mott's Woods					
Municipal Golf Courses					
North Pointe Pavilion					
Oak Hills Park					
Oasis Splash Park					
Patriot Park					
Pullman Park					
Pullman Skate Park					
Ridgeland Park					
Ruby Woods					
Senior Center Programs					
Senior Center Rentals					
Tall Timbers Park					
Trail Creek Greenway Trail					
Walker Street Park					
Washington Park					
Washington Park Zoo					
Water Tower Park					
Winding Creek Cove Park					

12. Please indicate which of these facilities are most needed in Michigan City. Mark only one box per row.

	NOT NEEDED	SLIGHTLY NEEDED	MOST NEEDED
Arboretum			
ADA Beach Access			
Archery Range			
Baseball Fields			
Camping Cabins			
Camping Primitive Sites			
Concession Stands			
Dog Park			
Fishing Sites			
Football Fields			
Golf Driving Range			
Hockey/Ice Skating			
Miniature Golf			
Mountain Bike Trails			
Nature Center			
Picnic Shelters			
Playgrounds			
Public Art			
Public Beach Access			
Recreation Center			
Ropes Course			
Skate Park			
Snowboard Park			
Soccer Fields			
Softball Fields			
Splash Pad			
Tennis Courts			
Trails and Greenways			
Volleyball Courts			
Wetland Observation Areas			
Winter Sledding Hill			
Winter Toboggan or Luge Run			
Zip Lines			

13. Please indicate which of these activities are most needed in Michigan City. Mark only one box per row.

	<b>NOT NEEDED</b>	<b>SLIGHTLY NEEDED</b>	<b>MOST NEEDED</b>
Activities for the disabled (sports, trips, social events)			
Adult Sports			
Adventure (hiking, camping, boating, climbing, fishing)			
Aquatics (swim club, lessons)			
Arts and Crafts Programs			
Before/After School Programs			
Cross Country Skiing			
Dance Classes			
Environmental Activities (bird watching, nature walks)			
Extreme Sports (BMX biking, snowboarding)			
Family Programs (dances, family nights)			
Fitness - Indoor			
Fitness - Outdoor			
Gardening/Landscaping (community garden)			
Hobbies (cooking, models, sewing, chess)			
Kayaking/Canoeing			
Music in the Parks			
Passive Recreation (people watching, enjoying scenery)			
Performing Arts (music, dance, drama)			
Special Events (fireworks, parade, festivals)			
Sports & Athletic Programs (baseball, basketball, volleyball)			
Summer Camps			
Winter Based Recreation			

14. Please indicate your use of the following ADULT programs provided by the Park Department. Mark only one box per row.

<b>ADULT PROGRAMS</b>	<b>NOT AT ALL</b>	<b>LITTLE USE</b>	<b>REGULAR USE</b>
Basketball League			
Beach Volleyball League			
Softball League			
Volleyball Classes			
Volleyball League			

15. Please indicate your use of the following YOUTH programs provided by the Park Department.  
Mark only one box per row.

YOUTH PROGRAMS	NOT AT ALL	LITTLE USE	REGULAR USE
Baseball			
City Kids Day Camp			
Junior Golf			
Learn to Swim (Piranhas)			
Soccer (MC Soccer Club)			
Volleyball			
Zoo Camp			

## MARKETING AND ADVERTISING

16. How are you informed of Michigan City Park Department programs and events? Check all that apply.

- LaPorte County Convention & Visitors Bureau
- LaPorte Herald Argus
- Michigan City Area Schools
- Park Department Website
- Park Office
- Social Media
- The News Dispatch
- WEFM Radio
- Word of Mouth
- YMCA
- OTHER?

**WE WANT YOUR OPINION ON VARIOUS PARK AND RECREATION TOPICS**

Please indicate your personal opinion on the following topics.

17. Mark only one square per row.

	<b>AGREE</b>	<b>DISAGREE</b>	<b>DON'T KNOW</b>
I am satisfied with the aesthetic quality of the parks			
I am satisfied with the current level of recreational opportunities offered			
I am willing to pay reasonable user fees for facilities and programs			
It is important to build new facilities			
It is important to maintain existing facilities			
Most of my family's recreation is done outside of Michigan City			
Michigan City should promote recreational activities that attract tourists			
The condition of athletic fields is satisfactory			
The Michigan City Park Department provides essential services to the community			
Park Department staff is courteous and helpful			
Park facilities are generally safe			
The quality of leadership in the Park Department is satisfactory			



## BARRIERS TO PARTICIPATION

18. Please indicate if the following are barriers to participation in programs or use of our facilities. Mark only one box per row.

	YES	NO
Cost of facility or program		
Lack of accommodations for disabled		
Lack of cleanliness		
Lack of lighting		
Lack of parking		
Lack of maintenance		
Lack of restroom facilities		
Safety concerns		
Lack of transportation		

## HOW OFTEN DO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY PARTICIPATE IN THESE ACTIVITIES?

### 19. Art & Crafts

	NEVER	ONCE A WEEK	MORE THAN ONCE A WEEK	ONCE A MONTH	ONCE A YEAR	A COUPLE OF TIMES PER YEAR
Frequency you participate						
Frequency other household members participate						
Frequency YOU would like to participate in the future						

### 20. Bicycling

	NEVER	ONCE A WEEK	MORE THAN ONCE A WEEK	ONCE A MONTH	ONCE A YEAR	A COUPLE OF TIMES PER YEAR
Frequency you participate						
Frequency other household members participate						
Frequency YOU would like to participate in the future						

### 21. Boating

	NEVER	ONCE A WEEK	MORE THAN ONCE A WEEK	ONCE A MONTH	ONCE A YEAR	A COUPLE OF TIMES PER YEAR
Frequency you participate						
Frequency other household members participate						
Frequency YOU would like to participate in the future						

### 22. Camping

	NEVER	ONCE A WEEK	MORE THAN ONCE A WEEK	ONCE A MONTH	ONCE A YEAR	A COUPLE OF TIMES PER YEAR
Frequency you participate						
Frequency other household members participate						
Frequency YOU would like to participate in the future						

23. Cross Country Skiing or Snow Shoeing

	NEVER	ONCE A WEEK	MORE THAN ONCE A WEEK	ONCE A MONTH	ONCE A YEAR	A COUPLE OF TIMES PER YEAR
Frequency you participate						
Frequency other household members participate						
Frequency YOU would like to participate in the future						

24. Environmental (hiking, bird watching, nature walks)

	NEVER	ONCE A WEEK	MORE THAN ONCE A WEEK	ONCE A MONTH	ONCE A YEAR	A COUPLE OF TIMES PER YEAR
Frequency you participate						
Frequency other household members participate						
Frequency YOU would like to participate in the future						

25. Gardening

	NEVER	ONCE A WEEK	MORE THAN ONCE A WEEK	ONCE A MONTH	ONCE A YEAR	A COUPLE OF TIMES PER YEAR
Frequency you participate						
Frequency other household members participate						
Frequency YOU would like to participate in the future						

26. Golf

	NEVER	ONCE A WEEK	MORE THAN ONCE A WEEK	ONCE A MONTH	ONCE A YEAR	A COUPLE OF TIMES PER YEAR
Frequency you participate						
Frequency other household members participate						
Frequency YOU would like to participate in the future						

27. Health Related (Yoga, Tai Chi, Pilates, etc.)

	NEVER	ONCE A WEEK	MORE THAN ONCE A WEEK	ONCE A MONTH	ONCE A YEAR	A COUPLE OF TIMES PER YEAR
Frequency you participate						
Frequency other household members participate						
Frequency YOU would like to participate in the future						

28. Hobbies (cooking, models, quilting, sewing)

	NEVER	ONCE A WEEK	MORE THAN ONCE A WEEK	ONCE A MONTH	ONCE A YEAR	A COUPLE OF TIMES PER YEAR
Frequency you participate						
Frequency other household members participate						
Frequency YOU would like to participate in the future						

### 29. Jogging/Running

	NEVER	ONCE A WEEK	MORE THAN ONCE A WEEK	ONCE A MONTH	ONCE A YEAR	A COUPLE OF TIMES PER YEAR
Frequency you participate						
Frequency other household members participate						
Frequency YOU would like to participate in the future						

### 30. Kayaking/Canoeing

	NEVER	ONCE A WEEK	MORE THAN ONCE A WEEK	ONCE A MONTH	ONCE A YEAR	A COUPLE OF TIMES PER YEAR
Frequency you participate						
Frequency other household members participate						
Frequency YOU would like to participate in the future						

### 31. Playground Use

	NEVER	ONCE A WEEK	MORE THAN ONCE A WEEK	ONCE A MONTH	ONCE A YEAR	A COUPLE OF TIMES PER YEAR
Frequency you participate						
Frequency other household members participate						
Frequency YOU would like to participate in the future						

### 32. Snowboarding

	NEVER	ONCE A WEEK	MORE THAN ONCE A WEEK	ONCE A MONTH	ONCE A YEAR	A COUPLE OF TIMES PER YEAR
Frequency you participate						
Frequency other household members participate						
Frequency YOU would like to participate in the future						

### 33. Water Parks

	NEVER	ONCE A WEEK	MORE THAN ONCE A WEEK	ONCE A MONTH	ONCE A YEAR	A COUPLE OF TIMES PER YEAR
Frequency you participate						
Frequency other household members participate						
Frequency YOU would like to participate in the future						

### 34. Wind Surfing

	NEVER	ONCE A WEEK	MORE THAN ONCE A WEEK	ONCE A MONTH	ONCE A YEAR	A COUPLE OF TIMES PER YEAR
Frequency you participate						
Frequency other household members participate						
Frequency YOU would like to participate in the future						

**Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.  
Your input is very important to us.**