

## D Appendix- Questionnaire Results

### Whitfield County Parks and Recreation Questionnaire

The following tables are the result of the Whitfield County Parks and Recreation Public Questionnaire that was available to residents from April 2, 2008 through May 31, 2008. Appendix A contains summary tables of all responses. The top responses are highlighted within each table. Immediately following each question summary table are any “open-ended responses” that residents felt necessary to convey. All “open-ended responses” have been categorized by the geographic location of the respondent to show any trend based on location within the county.

#### Question 1: How long have you lived in Whitfield County?

Length	All Responses	Unincorporated Whitfield County	Eastside	Northside	Southside	Westside	City of Dalton	Other
Less than 3 months	0.3%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	1.7%	0.0%
3 - 12 months	0.7%	0.9%	1.0%	1.1%	0.0%	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%
1 -5 years	7.2%	6.8%	5.7%	8.0%	3.8%	6.4%	12.4%	7.4%
More than 5 years	<b>84.5%</b>	<b>92.0%</b>	<b>93.3%</b>	<b>90.9%</b>	<b>94.9%</b>	<b>92.1%</b>	<b>85.1%</b>	7.4%
I do not live in Whitfield County	7.2%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	1.3%	0.0%	0.8%	<b>85.2%</b>

Source: www.surveymonkey.com. MACTEC

#### Question 2: Where do you live in Whitfield County?

Geographic Location	Response Percent
Northside (New Hope, North Whitfield County)	<b>40.3%</b>
Westside (West of I-75)	22.6%
City of Dalton	13.5%
Other (please specify)	3.0%
Eastside (Eastbrook, East of Dalton)	11.7%
Southside (Valley Point, South of Dalton)	8.8%

Source: www.surveymonkey.com. MACTEC

**Question 3: How many males in each demographic group live in your household?**

Age Group	All Responses	Unincorporated Whitfield County	Eastside	Northside	Southside	Westside	City of Dalton	Other
0 - 5 years old	188	147	21	81	7	38	28	4
6 - 12 years old	342	306	43	154	28	81	21	8
13 - 18 years old	174	141	19	65	17	40	25	2
19 - 25 years old	114	84	14	50	7	13	17	3
26 - 50 years old	614	524	79	237	57	151	57	12
50 - 64 years old	212	162	18	83	22	39	30	8
65 + years old	30	21	6	7	4	4	7	0

Source: www.surveymonkey.com. MACTEC

**Question 4: How many females in each demographic group live in your household?**

Age Group	All Responses	Unincorporated Whitfield County	Eastside	Northside	Southside	Westside	City of Dalton	Other
0 - 5 years old	143	115	21	60	11	23	18	2
6 - 12 years old	253	223	33	106	18	66	22	3
13 - 18 years old	163	129	33	63	9	24	28	3
19 - 25 years old	114	90	15	21	12	42	14	4
26 - 50 years old	669	558	78	283	54	143	69	18
50 - 64 years old	184	140	16	66	21	37	26	6
65 + years old	34	24	7	11	3	3	8	0

Source: www.surveymonkey.com. MACTEC

**Question 5: Which of the following best describes your annual household income before taxes?**

Income	All Responses	Unincorporated Whitfield County	Eastside	Northside	Southside	Westside	City of Dalton	Other
Less than \$15,000	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	0.9%	1.3%	1.0%	1.7%	0.0%
\$16,000 - \$25,000	4.4%	3.7%	8.8%	2.9%	1.3%	3.5%	9.2%	3.7%
\$26,000 - \$50,000	18.1%	18.4%	35.3%	14.1%	13.3%	19.1%	19.3%	7.4%
\$51,000 - \$75,000	26.9%	26.9%	22.5%	25.6%	34.7%	28.6%	20.2%	33.3%
Over \$75,000	49.6%	50.0%	32.4%	56.6%	49.3%	47.7%	49.6%	55.6%

Source: www.surveymonkey.com. MACTEC

**Question 6: What is your racial / ethnic group?**

Racial / Ethnic Group	All Responses	Unincorporated Whitfield County	Eastside	Northside	Southside	Westside	City of Dalton	Other
African - American	1.4%	0.9%	1.9%	0.8%	1.3%	0.5%	4.1%	0.0%
Hispanic	3.6%	2.2%	6.7%	1.4%	1.3%	1.5%	11.6%	3.8%
White	93.2%	95.1%	87.6%	95.8%	97.5%	97.0%	81.0%	96.2%
Other	1.8%	1.8%	3.8%	2.0%	0.0%	1.0%	3.3%	0.0%

Source: www.surveymonkey.com. MACTEC

**Question 7: What Whitfield County parks or recreation facilities does your family use? (check all that apply)**

Park Name	All Responses	Unincorporated Whitfield County	Eastside	Northside	Southside	Westside	City of Dalton	Other
Cohutta Park	11.2%	12.7%	2.9%	20.0%	1.3%	9.1%	8.8%	0.0%
Dawnville Park	12.8%	14.1%	35.2%	12.7%	0.0%	11.2%	9.6%	7.4%
Dug Gap Park	17.0%	16.7%	12.4%	11.3%	55.1%	13.7%	28.1%	7.4%
Eastbrook Park	15.0%	16.6%	49.5%	11.3%	9.0%	11.7%	11.4%	3.7%
Edwards Park	31.6%	35.8%	23.8%	53.5%	9.0%	20.8%	16.7%	11.1%
Pleasant Grove Park	21.7%	24.9%	18.1%	38.9%	2.6%	12.2%	12.3%	3.7%
Tunnel Hill Park	24.6%	27.9%	8.6%	22.8%	5.1%	56.3%	15.8%	7.4%
Valley Point Park	11.7%	13.3%	12.4%	8.2%	43.6%	11.2%	7.9%	3.7%
Varnell Park	21.7%	25.4%	6.7%	42.8%	1.3%	13.7%	9.6%	0.0%
Westside Park	20.6%	24.1%	6.7%	13.0%	3.8%	61.4%	6.1%	11.1%
We do not use Whitfield County park or recreation facilities	25.7%	17.0%	19.0%	17.5%	17.9%	14.7%	51.8%	77.8%

Source: www.surveymonkey.com. MACTEC

**Question 8: What Dalton City parks or recreation facilities does your family use? (check all that apply)**

Park Name	All Responses	Unincorporated Whitfield County	Eastside	Northside	Southside	Westside	City of Dalton	Other
Al Rollins Baseball Complex	15.8%	16.0%	15.6%	17.5%	18.9%	12.4%	21.4%	3.7%
Brookwood Park	8.9%	7.0%	9.4%	4.4%	8.1%	9.8%	26.5%	0.0%
City Park School Gym	2.8%	2.0%	2.1%	2.9%	1.4%	0.5%	7.7%	3.7%
Civitan Park	18.5%	16.7%	15.6%	13.2%	14.9%	24.4%	35.9%	11.1%
Community Center Park	4.4%	4.3%	3.1%	5.3%	4.1%	3.1%	7.7%	0.0%
Dalton Green Park	5.8%	4.7%	3.1%	5.3%	1.4%	5.7%	14.5%	3.7%
Dalton High School	7.3%	4.7%	2.1%	6.1%	6.8%	2.6%	27.4%	0.0%
Dalton-Whitfield Senior Citizens Center	1.6%	1.7%	4.2%	1.2%	2.7%	1.0%	1.7%	0.0%
Heritage Point Park	43.2%	45.8%	65.6%	49.4%	28.4%	36.3%	43.6%	25.9%
James Brown Park / John Davis Recreation Center	10.5%	8.9%	7.3%	9.4%	10.8%	8.3%	24.8%	3.7%
Joan Lewis Park	0.3%	0.3%	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	0.5%	0.9%	0.0%
Lakeshore Park	15.1%	13.6%	17.7%	13.5%	23.0%	8.3%	33.3%	0.0%
Nob North Golf Course	18.3%	19.6%	9.4%	26.0%	10.8%	16.6%	17.9%	7.4%
Park Creek Gym	2.7%	2.7%	2.1%	3.5%	1.4%	2.1%	4.3%	0.0%
We do not use Dalton City park or recreation facilities	33.3%	32.3%	22.9%	32.2%	41.9%	33.7%	15.4%	66.7%

Source: www.surveymonkey.com. MACTEC

**Question 9: How would you get to a park or recreation facility?**

Mode of Transportation	All Responses	Unincorporated Whitfield County	Eastside	Northside	Southside	Westside	City of Dalton	Other
Drive	96.2%	97.7%	97.0%	98.0%	98.7%	97.0%	87.9%	87.5%
Bike	0.7%	0.3%	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	0.5%	1.7%	8.3%
Walk	2.1%	1.6%	3.0%	1.1%	1.3%	2.0%	6.0%	0.0%
Other (please specify)	1.1%	0.4%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	0.5%	4.3%	4.2%

Source: www.surveymonkey.com. MACTEC

**Question 9 “Other” Responses:****Northside:**

- We both drive and walk when feasible. It would be nice to have a park that is the quality of Civitan Park closer to the Northside.
- We drive and walk.. the are parking facilities in the town where we can park and walk

**Westside:**

- Have to Drive, would bike but unsafe, could walk but being run over by speeding auto likely

**Question 10: Please indicate the recreational activities in which members of your household currently participate or would like to participate (check all that apply). (Top 5 responses are highlighted)**

Recreational Activity	Whitfield County	Unincorporated Whitfield County	Eastside	Northside	Southside	Westside	City of Dalton	Other
Tennis	30.0%	29.7%	21.0%	28.3%	32.9%	35.7%	<b>35.3%</b>	18.5%
Basketball	<b>43.3%</b>	<b>45.8%</b>	<b>48.6%</b>	<b>43.9%</b>	<b>53.9%</b>	<b>44.4%</b>	33.6%	<b>37.0%</b>
Volleyball	12.4%	10.5%	15.2%	9.1%	7.9%	11.7%	18.1%	18.5%
Walking / Jogging	<b>76.6%</b>	<b>77.5%</b>	<b>72.4%</b>	<b>79.0%</b>	<b>75.0%</b>	<b>78.6%</b>	<b>75.9%</b>	<b>63.0%</b>
Bicycling	<b>42.5%</b>	42.6%	39.0%	<b>45.0%</b>	32.9%	43.9%	<b>44.0%</b>	<b>37.0%</b>
Equestrian	4.4%	4.4%	5.7%	3.7%	3.9%	5.1%	5.2%	3.7%
Skating	10.4%	11.1%	16.2%	9.9%	6.6%	12.2%	8.6%	7.4%
Swimming	<b>43.9%</b>	<b>44.8%</b>	38.1%	<b>45.6%</b>	<b>39.5%</b>	<b>49.0%</b>	<b>40.5%</b>	33.3%
Golf	33.5%	35.5%	28.6%	39.9%	22.4%	36.2%	26.7%	25.9%
Racquetball / Handball	13.1%	13.8%	15.2%	14.7%	11.8%	12.2%	9.5%	3.7%
Gymnastics	11.9%	12.6%	7.6%	13.3%	18.4%	11.7%	10.3%	7.4%
Wrestling	5.5%	5.6%	7.6%	3.4%	9.2%	7.1%	5.2%	11.1%
Baseball	41.4%	<b>45.9%</b>	<b>43.8%</b>	<b>48.2%</b>	<b>39.5%</b>	<b>45.4%</b>	24.1%	22.2%
Softball	35.7%	38.1%	<b>43.8%</b>	38.5%	31.6%	36.7%	27.6%	22.2%
Frisbee Golf	6.5%	5.2%	4.8%	5.4%	3.9%	5.6%	8.6%	11.1%
Football	32.5%	35.6%	<b>40.0%</b>	37.7%	31.6%	31.1%	21.6%	22.2%
Soccer	14.5%	12.9%	14.3%	11.3%	6.6%	17.3%	25.0%	14.8%
Wildlife Observation	20.0%	19.9%	26.7%	19.0%	17.1%	18.9%	18.1%	29.6%
Camping	34.8%	36.8%	35.2%	41.4%	31.6%	31.6%	20.7%	<b>40.7%</b>
Picnicking	<b>48.1%</b>	<b>50.0%</b>	<b>50.5%</b>	<b>48.2%</b>	<b>44.7%</b>	<b>55.1%</b>	<b>44.0%</b>	<b>40.7%</b>
Fishing	41.8%	44.0%	<b>43.8%</b>	<b>43.9%</b>	<b>39.5%</b>	<b>45.9%</b>	32.8%	<b>44.4%</b>
Canoeing / Kayaking	18.8%	17.8%	20.0%	19.3%	11.8%	16.3%	21.6%	18.5%
Fine Arts	15.7%	13.7%	12.4%	12.5%	13.2%	16.8%	27.6%	14.8%
Crafts	18.6%	19.3%	21.9%	19.5%	18.4%	17.9%	18.1%	22.2%
Fitness (Aerobics)	28.1%	28.4%	26.7%	30.3%	17.1%	30.1%	28.4%	22.2%
Bowling	23.0%	24.4%	25.7%	24.1%	19.7%	26.0%	17.2%	14.8%
Billiards	6.8%	6.4%	9.5%	6.2%	5.3%	5.6%	6.9%	7.4%
Cheerleading	16.8%	19.3%	19.0%	20.1%	18.4%	18.4%	7.8%	11.1%
Other (please specify)	6.2%	5.8%	10.5%	5.7%	6.6%	3.1%	6.9%	7.4%

Source: www.surveymonkey.com. MACTEC

**Question 10 “Other” Responses:**

**Eastside:**

- Amusement Park With Rides And Stuff For Kids So Money Can Stay In County Not North Or South Of Here.
- TRACK
- Karate
- Cross Country

- Swing Sets, Play Ground
- Hunting
- Family Activities , Team Building, Challenge Courses
- Ultimate Frisbee
- KARATE
- MOTORCYCLES
- I Umpire For WCRD

**Northside:**

- Karate
- Activities For The Handicapped Like: Power Soccer For Kids In Wheelchairs. Currently We Drive To Chattonooga To Participate.
- Dance
- Karate At Dalton Parks And Recreation
- Karate
- Shooting, Sports, Hunting
- Would Love To See Dance, Ceramics, More Fitness
- Ultimate Frisbee, Wiffle Ball Tournaments
- Play Ground
- Meeting Place For Groups In The Community
- Take Grandchildren To Play On The Playground Equipment.
- Skateboarding !!!!
- Playground
- None
- Yoga
- Playgrounds
- Tee Ball
- Dance
- Racing BMX Bikes
- Ballet

**Southside:**

- Marching Band
- Tai Chi And Chigong
- Marching Band
- Lacrosse
- Not Enough Available On The South End Of Whitfield

**Westside:**

- Tee Ball
- Dance And Tae Kwan Do
- Play Grounds
- Dance
- AUTO RACING, NASCAR, DRAG RAGING, BOAT RACING, MOTORCYCLE RACING
  
- nature study

**City of Dalton:**

- Dance
- Playing
- ZUMBA
- Hiking / Backpacking, SCUBA diving
- Karate
- Ice Skating, Field Hockey, Rugby
- Dance/Ballet
- volleyball

**Other:**

- badmitton
- weight lifting

**Question 11: Please indicate your feeling about the availability of each recreational facility currently provided by Whitfield County?**

Categories	All Responses				Unincorporated Whitfield County			
	Have Enough	Need More	Need Less	No Opinion	Have Enough	Need More	Need Less	No Opinion
Playgrounds	22.11%	<b>67.81%</b>	0.23%	9.85%	22.19%	<b>70.55%</b>	0.28%	6.97%
Picnic Areas	14.00%	<b>76.30%</b>	0.68%	9.03%	13.69%	<b>79.75%</b>	0.70%	5.87%
Open Play Areas	15.64%	<b>69.08%</b>	0.35%	14.94%	15.28%	<b>72.20%</b>	0.44%	12.08%
Tennis Courts	25.18%	<b>46.16%</b>	3.12%	25.54%	24.96%	<b>47.38%</b>	2.84%	24.81%
Basketball Courts	19.34%	<b>58.36%</b>	1.07%	21.23%	18.53%	<b>61.62%</b>	1.03%	18.82%
Volleyball Courts	16.03%	<b>43.77%</b>	2.22%	37.98%	16.02%	<b>43.45%</b>	2.00%	38.52%
Walking / Jogging Trails	14.19%	<b>77.82%</b>	0.68%	7.32%	13.57%	<b>80.42%</b>	0.70%	5.31%
Bicycle Trails	10.25%	<b>73.50%</b>	0.94%	15.31%	9.82%	<b>75.95%</b>	1.03%	13.20%
Equestrian Facilities	12.47%	22.75%	3.86%	<b>60.93%</b>	11.95%	22.78%	4.20%	<b>61.07%</b>
Skate Parks	14.64%	35.17%	5.26%	<b>44.93%</b>	14.40%	36.78%	5.32%	<b>43.51%</b>
Dog Parks	11.52%	38.91%	4.58%	<b>44.98%</b>	10.66%	38.79%	4.48%	<b>46.06%</b>
Swimming Pools	10.28%	<b>67.26%</b>	1.06%	21.39%	10.31%	<b>69.66%</b>	0.74%	19.29%
Golf Courses	<b>35.43%</b>	30.28%	3.39%	30.90%	<b>35.78%</b>	31.72%	3.44%	29.06%
Racquetball / Handball	15.43%	35.59%	2.17%	<b>46.81%</b>	15.76%	36.62%	2.07%	<b>45.54%</b>
Recreation Centers	17.98%	<b>60.10%</b>	1.35%	20.57%	17.02%	<b>63.80%</b>	1.53%	17.64%
Gymnasiums	18.48%	<b>54.81%</b>	1.14%	25.57%	17.30%	<b>58.73%</b>	1.27%	22.70%
Baseball / Softball Fields	28.71%	<b>54.21%</b>	2.61%	14.47%	27.35%	<b>59.26%</b>	2.79%	10.59%
Football / Soccer Fields	24.67%	<b>53.83%</b>	4.25%	17.25%	23.98%	<b>57.36%</b>	4.10%	14.57%
Nature Areas	10.76%	<b>69.53%</b>	0.48%	19.23%	10.73%	<b>71.90%</b>	0.30%	17.07%
Campgrounds	9.44%	<b>62.13%</b>	0.49%	27.94%	9.28%	<b>66.06%</b>	0.30%	24.35%
Fishing	12.24%	<b>58.02%</b>	0.98%	28.76%	11.91%	<b>61.22%</b>	0.92%	25.95%
Beach	7.72%	42.34%	1.67%	<b>48.26%</b>	7.21%	43.75%	1.60%	<b>47.44%</b>
Canoe / Kayak	9.14%	35.01%	1.16%	<b>54.70%</b>	9.24%	35.33%	0.97%	<b>54.46%</b>
Fine Arts Facilities	15.05%	36.73%	2.04%	<b>46.17%</b>	15.90%	36.09%	1.91%	<b>46.10%</b>
Craft Facilities	15.82%	36.20%	1.77%	<b>46.20%</b>	15.91%	36.06%	1.73%	<b>46.30%</b>
Performing Arts Facilities	18.02%	37.56%	1.90%	<b>42.51%</b>	18.76%	36.72%	1.91%	<b>42.61%</b>
Meeting Spaces	19.04%	<b>41.61%</b>	2.27%	37.07%	18.93%	<b>42.59%</b>	1.89%	36.59%
Aerobics / Exercise / Dance Facilities	20.65%	<b>43.80%</b>	1.50%	34.04%	20.37%	<b>45.10%</b>	1.40%	33.13%
Bowling Lanes	26.79%	<b>36.99%</b>	1.91%	34.31%	27.14%	<b>39.37%</b>	1.59%	31.90%
Billiards Rooms	25.85%	20.63%	4.96%	<b>48.56%</b>	26.68%	20.29%	4.75%	<b>48.28%</b>
Game Rooms	25.65%	21.73%	7.33%	<b>45.29%</b>	25.94%	22.17%	6.73%	<b>45.16%</b>
Movie Theaters	24.75%	<b>49.00%</b>	1.87%	24.38%	25.71%	<b>50.63%</b>	1.41%	22.26%
Festival / Events Space	18.85%	<b>50.70%</b>	1.66%	28.79%	18.62%	<b>51.69%</b>	1.44%	28.25%
Amphitheater	11.01%	<b>52.94%</b>	1.75%	34.29%	10.02%	<b>55.40%</b>	1.41%	33.18%
Museums	11.07%	<b>49.49%</b>	2.16%	37.28%	10.99%	<b>49.20%</b>	1.75%	38.06%
Community Centers	15.99%	<b>50.85%</b>	1.17%	31.99%	14.57%	<b>54.01%</b>	1.31%	30.11%

Source: www.surveymonkey.com. MACTEC

**Question 11a: Please indicate your feeling about the availability of each recreational facility currently provided by Whitfield County?**

Categories	Eastside				Northside			
	Have Enough	Need More	Need Less	No Opinion	Have Enough	Need More	Need Less	No Opinion
Playgrounds	9.80%	<b>82.35%</b>	0.98%	6.86%	24.40%	<b>67.86%</b>	0.30%	7.44%
Picnic Areas	7.69%	<b>87.50%</b>	0.00%	4.81%	13.82%	<b>78.53%</b>	1.18%	6.47%
Open Play Areas	8.25%	<b>79.38%</b>	1.03%	11.34%	15.81%	<b>72.04%</b>	0.30%	11.85%
Tennis Courts	23.33%	<b>44.44%</b>	4.44%	27.78%	23.69%	<b>45.54%</b>	2.77%	28.00%
Basketball Courts	14.29%	<b>65.31%</b>	2.04%	18.37%	18.29%	<b>59.15%</b>	0.91%	21.65%
Volleyball Courts	11.36%	<b>51.14%</b>	2.27%	35.23%	14.06%	<b>42.81%</b>	1.92%	41.21%
Walking / Jogging Trails	20.00%	<b>75.00%</b>	1.00%	4.00%	11.92%	<b>81.10%</b>	0.58%	6.40%
Bicycle Trails	8.70%	<b>77.17%</b>	1.09%	13.04%	8.28%	<b>78.53%</b>	0.61%	12.58%
Equestrian Facilities	11.90%	30.95%	3.57%	<b>53.57%</b>	10.16%	20.98%	3.28%	<b>65.57%</b>
Skate Parks	19.54%	<b>40.23%</b>	4.60%	35.63%	13.59%	33.01%	4.85%	<b>48.54%</b>
Dog Parks	9.09%	39.77%	7.95%	<b>43.18%</b>	9.58%	36.10%	3.51%	<b>50.80%</b>
Swimming Pools	5.43%	<b>73.91%</b>	2.17%	18.48%	9.51%	<b>67.79%</b>	0.31%	22.39%
Golf Courses	<b>41.18%</b>	25.88%	7.06%	25.88%	<b>37.06%</b>	29.39%	3.51%	30.03%
Racquetball / Handball	17.65%	34.12%	3.53%	<b>44.71%</b>	14.56%	37.54%	1.94%	<b>45.95%</b>
Recreation Centers	16.09%	<b>70.11%</b>	2.30%	11.49%	18.99%	<b>59.81%</b>	1.90%	19.30%
Gymnasiums	10.47%	<b>70.93%</b>	2.33%	16.28%	18.24%	<b>56.35%</b>	0.98%	24.43%
Baseball / Softball Fields	29.47%	<b>57.89%</b>	4.21%	8.42%	33.33%	<b>52.78%</b>	3.09%	10.80%
Football / Soccer Fields	25.84%	<b>59.55%</b>	4.49%	10.11%	25.16%	<b>56.29%</b>	4.09%	14.47%
Nature Areas	9.09%	<b>73.86%</b>	0.00%	17.05%	8.70%	<b>72.98%</b>	0.62%	17.70%
Campgrounds	9.09%	<b>64.77%</b>	0.00%	26.14%	7.45%	<b>68.94%</b>	0.62%	22.98%
Fishing	5.56%	<b>63.33%</b>	1.11%	30.00%	12.30%	<b>58.68%</b>	1.26%	27.76%
Beach	4.71%	<b>48.24%</b>	1.18%	45.88%	5.86%	44.95%	0.98%	<b>48.21%</b>
Canoe / Kayak	10.98%	39.02%	1.22%	<b>48.78%</b>	7.67%	35.67%	1.67%	<b>55.00%</b>
Fine Arts Facilities	20.48%	34.94%	2.41%	<b>42.17%</b>	13.16%	34.54%	1.97%	<b>50.33%</b>
Craft Facilities	18.82%	35.29%	2.35%	<b>43.53%</b>	12.66%	35.71%	1.95%	<b>49.68%</b>
Performing Arts Facilities	23.17%	<b>37.80%</b>	1.22%	<b>37.80%</b>	15.64%	36.48%	2.28%	<b>45.60%</b>
Meeting Spaces	17.65%	<b>51.76%</b>	2.35%	28.24%	14.79%	<b>43.09%</b>	1.61%	40.51%
Aerobics / Exercise / Dance Facilities	17.05%	<b>52.27%</b>	2.27%	28.41%	20.25%	<b>43.35%</b>	0.95%	35.44%
Bowling Lanes	19.77%	<b>48.84%</b>	2.33%	29.07%	29.87%	<b>36.36%</b>	0.97%	32.79%
Billiards Rooms	31.33%	21.69%	7.23%	<b>39.76%</b>	25.42%	19.40%	3.34%	<b>51.84%</b>
Game Rooms	24.39%	30.49%	7.32%	<b>37.80%</b>	27.09%	20.07%	5.35%	<b>47.49%</b>
Movie Theaters	27.91%	<b>47.67%</b>	1.16%	23.26%	26.52%	<b>50.80%</b>	0.96%	21.73%
Festival / Events Space	18.52%	<b>51.85%</b>	2.47%	27.16%	17.70%	<b>51.80%</b>	0.66%	29.84%
Amphitheater	9.30%	<b>54.65%</b>	2.33%	33.72%	10.68%	<b>52.43%</b>	0.97%	35.92%
Museums	11.76%	<b>52.94%</b>	2.35%	32.94%	9.51%	<b>46.89%</b>	1.31%	42.30%
Community Centers	11.25%	<b>58.75%</b>	2.50%	27.50%	15.49%	<b>51.52%</b>	0.34%	32.66%

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**Question 11b: Please indicate your feeling about the availability of each recreational facility currently provided by Whitfield County?**

Categories	Southside				Westside			
	Have Enough	Need More	Need Less	No Opinion	Have Enough	Need More	Need Less	No Opinion
Playgrounds	40.54%	<b>55.41%</b>	0.00%	4.05%	17.80%	<b>74.87%</b>	0.00%	7.33%
Picnic Areas	21.33%	<b>72.00%</b>	0.00%	6.67%	13.71%	<b>80.71%</b>	0.51%	5.08%
Open Play Areas	31.51%	<b>54.79%</b>	0.00%	13.70%	11.70%	<b>75.53%</b>	0.53%	12.23%
Tennis Courts	<b>38.89%</b>	<b>38.89%</b>	1.39%	20.83%	22.53%	<b>55.49%</b>	2.75%	19.23%
Basketball Courts	31.08%	<b>58.11%</b>	0.00%	10.81%	16.11%	<b>65.56%</b>	1.11%	17.22%
Volleyball Courts	28.17%	<b>35.21%</b>	2.82%	33.80%	16.95%	<b>44.07%</b>	1.69%	37.29%
Walking / Jogging Trails	22.37%	<b>69.74%</b>	1.32%	6.58%	9.74%	<b>86.15%</b>	0.51%	3.59%
Bicycle Trails	13.51%	<b>64.86%</b>	2.70%	18.92%	11.58%	<b>75.26%</b>	1.05%	12.11%
Equestrian Facilities	23.53%	19.12%	7.35%	<b>50.00%</b>	10.49%	23.46%	4.94%	<b>61.11%</b>
Skate Parks	15.71%	37.14%	7.14%	<b>40.00%</b>	12.72%	<b>41.62%</b>	5.78%	39.88%
Dog Parks	18.31%	<b>39.44%</b>	7.04%	35.21%	10.29%	42.86%	3.43%	<b>43.43%</b>
Swimming Pools	14.47%	<b>65.79%</b>	1.32%	18.42%	12.43%	<b>72.43%</b>	0.54%	14.59%
Golf Courses	<b>31.94%</b>	<b>31.94%</b>	4.17%	<b>31.94%</b>	32.35%	<b>72.43%</b>	1.18%	27.65%
Racquetball / Handball	22.54%	30.99%	2.82%	<b>43.66%</b>	14.11%	38.65%	1.23%	<b>46.01%</b>
Recreation Centers	23.94%	<b>54.93%</b>	1.41%	19.72%	11.24%	<b>71.35%</b>	0.56%	16.85%
Gymnasiums	26.76%	<b>53.52%</b>	1.41%	18.31%	15.06%	<b>59.04%</b>	1.20%	24.70%
Baseball / Softball Fields	34.25%	<b>46.58%</b>	5.48%	13.70%	13.30%	<b>76.06%</b>	0.53%	10.11%
Football / Soccer Fields	29.58%	<b>40.85%</b>	9.86%	19.72%	18.78%	<b>64.64%</b>	1.66%	14.92%
Nature Areas	21.13%	<b>61.97%</b>	0.00%	16.90%	11.05%	<b>72.93%</b>	0.00%	16.02%
Campgrounds	18.31%	<b>63.38%</b>	0.00%	18.31%	9.09%	<b>62.50%</b>	0.00%	28.41%
Fishing	19.44%	<b>59.72%</b>	0.00%	20.83%	11.36%	<b>65.34%</b>	0.57%	22.73%
Beach	12.86%	38.57%	4.29%	<b>44.29%</b>	8.64%	41.36%	1.85%	<b>48.15%</b>
Canoe / Kayak	15.71%	30.00%	0.00%	<b>54.29%</b>	8.48%	35.15%	0.00%	<b>56.36%</b>
Fine Arts Facilities	23.94%	32.39%	2.82%	<b>40.85%</b>	15.20%	40.94%	1.17%	<b>42.69%</b>
Craft Facilities	25.35%	29.58%	1.41%	<b>43.66%</b>	16.37%	39.77%	1.17%	<b>42.69%</b>
Performing Arts Facilities	27.78%	25.00%	2.78%	<b>44.44%</b>	18.45%	<b>41.67%</b>	1.19%	38.69%
Meeting Spaces	25.71%	<b>37.14%</b>	1.43%	35.71%	24.40%	<b>39.29%</b>	2.38%	33.93%
Aerobics / Exercise / Dance Facilities	23.94%	<b>36.62%</b>	2.82%	<b>36.62%</b>	20.83%	<b>48.21%</b>	1.19%	29.76%
Bowling Lanes	30.99%	<b>38.03%</b>	2.82%	28.17%	24.24%	<b>40.61%</b>	1.82%	33.33%
Billiards Rooms	31.88%	17.39%	7.25%	<b>43.48%</b>	24.38%	22.50%	5.00%	<b>48.13%</b>
Game Rooms	27.54%	20.29%	10.14%	<b>42.03%</b>	23.90%	22.64%	7.55%	<b>45.91%</b>
Movie Theaters	32.39%	<b>39.44%</b>	1.41%	26.76%	20.24%	<b>56.55%</b>	2.38%	20.83%
Festival / Events Space	27.54%	<b>50.72%</b>	1.45%	20.29%	16.67%	<b>51.79%</b>	2.38%	29.17%
Amphitheater	13.89%	<b>59.72%</b>	1.39%	25.00%	7.56%	<b>59.30%</b>	1.74%	31.40%
Museums	18.57%	<b>42.86%</b>	2.86%	35.71%	10.12%	<b>54.17%</b>	1.79%	33.93%

Community Centers	20.29%	<b>46.38%</b>	2.90%	30.43%	12.12%	<b>59.39%</b>	1.82%	26.67%
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**Question 11c: Please indicate your feeling about the availability of each recreational facility currently provided by Whitfield County?**

Categories	City of Dalton				Other			
	Have Enough	Need More	Need Less	No Opinion	Have Enough	Need More	Need Less	No Opinion
Playgrounds	29.09%	<b>57.27%</b>	0.00%	13.64%	8.70%	<b>65.22%</b>	0.00%	26.09%
Picnic Areas	20.00%	<b>64.55%</b>	0.91%	14.55%	4.55%	<b>72.73%</b>	0.00%	22.73%
Open Play Areas	21.82%	<b>60.91%</b>	0.00%	17.27%	8.70%	<b>52.17%</b>	0.00%	39.13%
Tennis Courts	35.51%	<b>42.06%</b>	6.54%	15.89%	13.64%	<b>45.45%</b>	0.00%	40.91%
Basketball Courts	29.25%	<b>48.11%</b>	1.89%	20.75%	4.55%	<b>54.55%</b>	0.00%	40.91%
Volleyball Courts	20.95%	<b>49.52%</b>	3.81%	25.71%	0.00%	<b>50.00%</b>	4.55%	45.45%
Walking / Jogging Trails	20.72%	<b>72.97%</b>	0.90%	5.41%	25.00%	<b>50.00%</b>	0.00%	25.00%
Bicycle Trails	13.21%	<b>71.70%</b>	0.94%	14.15%	12.50%	<b>50.00%</b>	0.00%	37.50%
Equestrian Facilities	16.67%	21.57%	2.94%	<b>58.82%</b>	4.76%	33.33%	0.00%	<b>61.90%</b>
Skate Parks	17.65%	29.41%	5.88%	<b>47.06%</b>	13.64%	31.82%	4.55%	<b>50.00%</b>
Dog Parks	13.86%	<b>44.55%</b>	5.94%	35.64%	13.64%	<b>40.91%</b>	4.55%	<b>40.91%</b>
Swimming Pools	12.04%	<b>64.81%</b>	2.78%	20.37%	0.00%	<b>54.55%</b>	4.55%	40.91%
Golf Courses	<b>42.57%</b>	22.77%	4.95%	29.70%	14.29%	33.33%	0.00%	<b>52.38%</b>
Racquetball / Handball	17.00%	32.00%	4.00%	<b>47.00%</b>	4.76%	33.33%	0.00%	<b>61.90%</b>
Recreation Centers	29.52%	<b>49.52%</b>	0.95%	20.00%	0.00%	42.86%	0.00%	<b>57.14%</b>
Gymnasiums	29.81%	<b>42.31%</b>	0.96%	26.92%	0.00%	<b>54.55%</b>	0.00%	45.45%
Baseball / Softball Fields	<b>42.72%</b>	32.04%	1.94%	23.30%	18.18%	<b>40.91%</b>	4.55%	36.36%
Football / Soccer Fields	32.69%	<b>42.31%</b>	6.73%	18.27%	22.73%	<b>36.36%</b>	4.55%	<b>36.36%</b>
Nature Areas	14.68%	<b>66.06%</b>	1.83%	17.43%	0.00%	<b>66.67%</b>	0.00%	33.33%
Campgrounds	12.75%	<b>50.98%</b>	1.96%	34.31%	0.00%	42.86%	0.00%	<b>57.14%</b>
Fishing	18.10%	<b>47.62%</b>	1.90%	32.38%	0.00%	<b>50.00%</b>	0.00%	<b>50.00%</b>
Beach	13.27%	40.82%	3.06%	<b>42.86%</b>	0.00%	28.57%	0.00%	<b>71.43%</b>
Canoe / Kayak	11.65%	37.86%	2.91%	<b>47.57%</b>	0.00%	19.05%	0.00%	<b>80.95%</b>
Fine Arts Facilities	14.85%	<b>45.54%</b>	3.96%	35.64%	4.55%	31.82%	0.00%	<b>63.64%</b>
Craft Facilities	22.45%	<b>39.80%</b>	3.06%	34.69%	0.00%	27.27%	0.00%	<b>72.73%</b>
Performing Arts Facilities	19.61%	<b>46.08%</b>	2.94%	31.37%	4.55%	36.36%	0.00%	<b>59.09%</b>
Meeting Spaces	24.51%	<b>43.14%</b>	4.90%	27.45%	9.09%	27.27%	4.55%	<b>59.09%</b>
Aerobics / Exercise / Dance Facilities	28.71%	<b>42.57%</b>	2.97%	25.74%	4.76%	33.33%	0.00%	<b>61.90%</b>
Bowling Lanes	<b>33.33%</b>	28.28%	5.05%	<b>33.33%</b>	14.29%	28.57%	0.00%	<b>57.14%</b>
Billiards Rooms	30.00%	23.00%	7.00%	<b>40.00%</b>	9.52%	19.05%	0.00%	<b>71.43%</b>
Game Rooms	31.31%	20.20%	11.11%	<b>37.37%</b>	9.52%	19.05%	4.76%	<b>66.67%</b>
Movie Theaters	27.10%	<b>47.66%</b>	3.74%	21.50%	8.70%	34.78%	8.70%	<b>47.83%</b>
Festival / Events Space	24.76%	<b>53.33%</b>	3.81%	18.10%	9.09%	40.91%	0.00%	<b>50.00%</b>
Amphitheater	19.42%	<b>47.57%</b>	3.88%	29.13%	9.52%	33.33%	4.76%	<b>52.38%</b>
Museums	14.56%	<b>56.31%</b>	4.85%	24.27%	0.00%	<b>47.62%</b>	4.76%	<b>47.62%</b>
Community Centers	27.45%	<b>42.16%</b>	0.98%	29.41%	4.76%	33.33%	0.00%	<b>61.90%</b>

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## Question 11 “Other” Responses:

### Eastside:

- more parking spaces so you can park to do things there and better roads to get there. Like to see a Theme Park so the kids have a place to go to do as this stuff before the Realtor turn it all into house on house without improving the roads to get to them and cost us taxpayers to have to pay to build them.
- we need more parks like the Civitan Park because a lot of our kids have obicty
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- We have many ballfields and tennis courts that need work rather than building new ones (Dawnville for one)
- more restrooms

### Northside:

- Disc Golf is needed in this area.
- PLEASE \*\*\*\* we need another pool. Our competitive swimming sport is growing to the point that we can't contain it. It is the only sport that can save lives! The revenue generated by swim meets that can be held and the economic impact for this community could be staggering. Please \*\* Give it consideration.
- More activities for the handicapped
- Need large indoor community swimming pool complex
- A Boy Scout center or building for the New Hope area. Varnell and Pleasant Grove are the only areas with dedicated Boy Scout areas, and they are affiliated with church programs.
- Need to improve alot of what we have (i.e.-Edwards Park)
- Why bother- this is just more options for the Mexicans. CLEAN UP THE CURRENT FACILITIES
- Need to return playing fields to each school-not an "Edward Parks" set up
- The playgrounds need to have clean and accessible bathrooms.
- indoor/outdoor climbing facilities
- Edwards' Park needs to be upgraded
- The parks that we have need to be maintained and monitored better.
- Children's Discovery Activities
- A performing Arts Center which could be used for musical functions, dramatic functions, art functions.
- I John Stutz Wish To Build An Indoor Skatepark... Call Me (706)537-3627
- We need more parking in certain areas. The most needed is Eastbrook Park. The other day I attended a youth t-ball game and could not find a spot to park. I had to leave the event.
- We have horses, and go camping and riding, but we do that in the Cohutta Wilderness. I don't know if it's practicle to try to have a place for people to ride horses in Whitfield Co.
- it doesn't really matter if we get more facilities, gangs and other crimes will most likely tarnish the image.
- Every school should have its own baseball & football field.
- bmx track,some place to cruise and skate board for kids..other sports beside your basics

- I wish the recreation dept. was better staffed & you could talk to a person who could answer questions. I wish there was someone to let you use the bathroom at Peacock Alley in Varnell. No one ever seems to be working in that building. We also need to do some work on that park desperately. Someone is going to get hurt.
- water park and fishing and picnicing areas for the whole family

**Southside:**

- South needs more baseball/softball fields. I coach and due to limitation on field availability, I only get to hold practices once a week in many cases.
- need studio for dance, tumbling/gymnastics, etc.
- Some place where all the hispanic do not take over
- Performing Arts Center is needed!

**Westside:**

- I think that it is good to have areas for families to gather, but it seems as though they only end up destroying our environment and being trashed so it is kind of discouraging to say we should build something else just to destroy the beautiful pastures and areas that we have left (which are few).
- Above all else, Westside needs ball fields and adquate facilities
- Westside needs its own ball park other than the Middle school area.
- Need YMCA with facilities
- Westside needs a park
- The need exist for numerous things, but some are unmaintained and in poor shape (ie...Westside Football Stadium Seating is horrid at best)
- the county needs community centers in each region that is available for classes and events to the public
- need a nature center

**City of Dalton:**

- soccer fields like at the recreation center near civic drive
- We need more parks that are nature and ambulatory oriented...i.e. simple tended green space. We also need a food plot park and similar spaces.
- Water park type swimming area
- Need to open more facilities to the public --
- Need more availabilty for team practices
- We need a public park on the Conasauga River.
- The number of tennis courts in disrepair is astounding. It's difficult to find one in good condision that is unoccupied.
- The Whitfield/Dalton area should hang its head in shame: Catoosa/Ringgold has The Colonade!!!
  
- More soccer fields more than 3000 people used the few soccer fields each weekend. NOT enough fields to play

**Other:**

- improve some that we have

**Question 12: List the top three recreational activities that you or members of your family would use if provided within the Whitfield County? (Top five responses are listed)**

Choices	All Responses	Unincorporated Whitfield County	Eastside
<b>Top Five First Choices</b>			
1	Walking / Jogging / Hiking (143)	Baseball / Softball (130)	Walking / Jogging / Hiking (23)
2	Baseball / Softball (137)	Walking / Jogging / Hiking (122)	Baseball / Softball (19)
3	Biking (64)	Biking (56)	Swimming (6)
4	Swimming (55)	Swimming (51)	Fishing (6)
5	Basketball (34)	Playgrounds (33)	Playgrounds (5)
<b>Top Five Second Choices</b>			
1	Walking / Jogging / Hiking (117)	Walking / Jogging / Hiking (91)	Walking / Jogging / Hiking (15)
2	Baseball / Softball (71)	Baseball / Softball (64)	Basketball (10)
3	Biking (61)	Biking (51)	Biking (10)
4	Basketball (49)	Basketball (46)	Swimming (9)
5	Swimming (45)	Swimming (40)	Baseball / Softball (9)
<b>Top Five Third Choices</b>			
1	Walking / Jogging / Hiking (86)	Walking / Jogging / Hiking (76)	Walking / Jogging / Hiking (12)
2	Picnicking (43)	Basketball (38)	Swimming (10)
3	Basketball (41)	Swimming (36)	Basketball (9)
4	Swimming (40)	Picnicking (37)	Football (7)
5	Biking (39)	Biking (34)	Picnicking (7)

Source: www.surveymonkey.com. MACTEC

Choices	Northside	Southside	Westside
<b>Top Five First Choices</b>			
1	Walking / Jogging / Hiking (64)	Walking / Jogging / Hiking (10)	Baseball / Softball (51)
2	Baseball / Softball (52)	Baseball / Softball (9)	Walking / Jogging / Hiking (25)
3	Swimming (25)	Swimming (7)	Swimming (14)
4	Biking (23)	Fine Arts / Performing Arts Center (4)	Biking (11)
5	Camping (15)	Playgrounds (4) / Fishing (4)	Golf (7)
<b>Top Five Second Choices</b>			
1	Walking / Jogging / Hiking (45)	Baseball / Softball (7)	Walking / Jogging / Hiking (22)
2	Baseball / Softball (32)	Basketball (7)	Baseball / Softball (15)
3	Biking (22)	Walking / Jogging / Hiking (6)	Biking (15)
4	Swimming (20)	Fine Arts / Performing Arts Center (5)	Football (11)
5	Baseketball (20)	Camping (5)	Swimming (11)
<b>Top Five Third Choices</b>			
1	Walking / Jogging / Hiking (32)	Walking / Jogging / Hiking (5)	Walking / Jogging / Hiking (22)
2	Biking (20)	Fine Arts / Crafts Center (5)	Nature Areas (9)
3	Picnicking (18)	Nature Areas (5)	Picnicking (8)
4	Basketball (18)	Baseball / Softball (4)	Playgrounds (8)
5	Swimming (16)	Picnicking (4)	Baseball / Softball (8)

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Choices	City of Dalton	Other
<b>Top Five First Choices</b>		
1	Walking / Jogging / Hiking (19)	Fine Arts / Performing Arts Center (2)
2	Soccer (8)	Swimming (2)
3	Biking (8)	Walking / Jogging / Hiking (2)
4	Basketball (8)	N/A
5	Baseball / Softball (7)	N/A
<b>Top Five Second Choices</b>		
1	Walking / Jogging / Hiking (25)	Camping (2)
2	Biking (9)	N/A
3	Golf (6)	N/A
4	Baseball / Softball (6)	N/A
5	Swimming (5) / Tennis (5)	N/A
<b>Top Five Third Choices</b>		
1	Walking / Jogging / Hiking (8)	Museums (2)
2	Playgrounds (6)	Walking / Jogging / Hiking (2)
3	Tennis (6)	N/A
4	Fine Arts / Performing Arts Center (5)	N/A
5	Picnicking (5)	N/A

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**Question 12: Eastside (All Responses)**

1	2	3
Walking	Tennis	PicNics
Theme Park with everything for everyone to enjoy if my taxes are going up	Football Fields for little kids to play on & not a ball field	Open up some of the stuff at these school for kids to used
Golf	Walking	swimming
Walking Trails or tracks	More community gyms since BOE has limited the public to use theirs	outdoor theater
Equestrian Arenas	Horse Trails	Fishing Areas
swimming	bike trails	events
hiking/walking trails	nature area	fishing
game room	bowling lanes	baseball / basketball /soccer
Soccer	Kayak	Museum
BASEBALL	SWIMMING	PLAYGROUNDS
playground	bikes	walking
tracks	picnic areas	softball and baseball feilds
swimming	soccer	football
Tennis	Walking	Amphitheater
Fishing	baseball/softball fields	basketball
Fishing	walking	baseball/softball fields
walking track	swimming pool indoor	bowling
SOFTBALL	BASKETBALL	FOOTBALL
walking track	skating/bike track	playgrounds
Gym	Baseball/softball fields	Swimming Pool
BASKETBALL	BASELBALL	TRACK
walking /running track	softball/ baseball fields	gyms
camping	fields for kid to play	fishing
tennis	walking trail	nature observation
baseball	basketball	football
MORE PLAYGROUNDS ~ NICE ONES LIKE HERTIAGE BUT THEY SHOULD BE BUILT AROUND THE BALL FIELDS INSTEAD OF SO FAR AWAY.	UPDATED GYMS FOR YOUTH BASKETBALL	COUNTY PROGRAM NEEDS TO BE HANDLED LIKE THE CITY ~ DRAFTS OR DRAW ~ COMMUNITY NOT SCHOOLS
Baseball & Softball	Basketball	Football
Softball & Baseball	Basketball	Football
Baseball	Football	Basketball
Walking Trails	Bicycle Trails	Tennis Courts
softball	basketball	fishing
baseball / softball	tennis	walking
RACQUTBALL COURTS !!!!!!!	Golf	Frisbee Golf
Additional baseball/softball fields south	Accessible Gym for Basketball, year around	
raquetball	picnics	events
Walking/Jogging Trails	Bike Trails	Raquetball
FOOTBALL	WALKING	SWIMMING
Baseball	Football	Basketball
Walking Trails	Bicycling Trails	Picnic areas
TENNIS COURTS	SKATE PARK	SWIMMING POOL

Soccer Fields	Fine Arts Center	Walking Trails
Baseball	Basketball	Football
another park like the civilian park	valleyball courtes	tinnes courets
another park like the civilian park	valleyball courtes	tinnes courets
Community/Meeting Rooms	Craft Facilities	Picnic Pavillions
basketball courts	swimming pools	picnic areas
Camping	Fishing	Hiking
playground	ballet room	walking/jogging trail
Walking	bicycle	playground
Hiking	Swimming	Biking
Tennis	Basketball	Golf
Walking trails	Bike trails	ball fields
equestrian facilities	walking/jogging trails	tennis courts
walking parks	raquetball court	
walking trails	basketball courts	more playgrounds with bathrooms not porta johns like the heritage point park
play grounds	golf course	swimming pool
Performing Arts Center	Fine Arts Center	Movie Theaters
Children Museum	Swimming Pool	Park with jogging, walking, bike, volleyball area and playground
fishing	camping	hiking
Softball	Baseball	Basketball
bike trails	festival/events	movies
Walking	Basketball	picnic/swimming
softball	walking tracks	biking tracks
walking trails	fine art activities	meeting facilities for large family gatherings
swiming pool, water park	walking track	Bicycle park
swimming	nature trails	baseball fields
fishing		
soccer	swimming poole	exerise facility
Dog park	playground	meeting space
bowling	nature trails	swimming pools
picnic areas	sports areas (all types of ball fields and tennis)	canoeing
YMCA		
place to exercise	nature trail to walk	walking park where cars do not try to run you over!
softball	walking track	basketball
equestrian	swimming at pools, lakes, beaches	picnicing areas
Ball fields		
Fishing	Bicycle Trails	Well Lighted Areas For Walking
Walking trails or tracks	picnic areas	community centers
Baseball / Softball Fields	Football Fields	General Use Parks
WALKING/JOGGING TRAILS	BIKE TRAILS	FOOTBALL FIELD
WALKING TRAILS	**NEED MORE BASEBALL & FOOTBALL FIELDS	BIKE TRAILS
Community Center	Youth Swim Program	Picnic Sites
Baseball Fields	Move Theaters	Bikeing trails
walking trails	camping	picnic facilities
aerobic exercise	swimming	biking

swimming	tennis	basketball
skating	bowling	walking/jogging
hiking trails	fishing	baseball/football fields
MTN. BIKE TRAILS	CANOEING	MOTORCYCLE TRAILS
Baseball / softball	soccer	Basketball
pools/beach	walking trails	entertainment
Fishing Areas	Walking Trails	
Playgrounds	Walking	Swimming Pools
walking	picknicing	
BACEBALL	SOFTBALL	BASKETBALL
basketball	softball/baseball	swimming
Basketball	Softball	Swimming

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**Question 12: Northside (All Responses)**

1	2	3
baseball	basketball	smiwing pools
tennis courts	walking track	playgrounds
Disc Golf	Fishing	Kayaking
Baseball	Football	Basketball
Walking track at Edwards Park (and playground for kids while walking)	Football Fields at Edwards Park	Softball/Baseball
Walking Trails	Golf	Bowling
swimming	softball	basketball
picnics	walking/jogging trails	
Cheer Clinics	Walking Jogging Trails	Outdoor Picnic Areas
Power Soccer - In a power wheelchair used inside a Gym	Walking Trails	Swimming Pool
fitness center - weights, etc	walking/bike track	baseball fields
canoing	bicycle trails	swimming pool (indoor)
Playground at Edwards Park.	Football/Soccer field at Edwards Park.	Picnic at Edwards Park.
Soccer	Swimming	Trails
Tennis	Swimming	Dog Parks
Biking/hikiing trails	Baseball & football fields	Amphitheater
Baseball Fields	Nature Trails	Football Field
swimming pool		
Baseball Fields	Playgrounds	Picnic Areas
Walking	Biking	Basketball
Bicycle - Road Bike Trails that are safe to ride - Like Silver Comet	Dog Park - No place in Dalton or Whitfield County that allows dogs off leash	Nice Playground in extreme North Whitfield County
Baseball/softball fields	Swimming Pool	Beach
Swimming	Camp Ground	Amphitheater
Swimming Pool	Movie Theatre	Exercise Facilities
bowling	carfts	festival/events
Baseball	Football	Racquetball/Tennis
basketball courts	biking	baseball
playgrounds at Edwards Park	Basketball courts available to the public since schools are not anymore!!	Tracks to walk on
bike trail	walking	bowling lanes

playground at edwards park	multiple gyms at edwards park	something like the park in boynton
dance facilities	community center	recreation centers
SOFTBALL FIELD	MORE SWIMMING	CANOE
BASEBALL,SOFTBALL FIELDS	MOVIE THEATERS	BOWLING LANES
softball	gymnasium	basketball
Nature Trails	Open playgrounds	Walking tracks
MORE BASEBALL FIELDS	BATTING CAGES	WALKING TRAILS
bike trails	walking trails	fishing
bicycle trails	Canoe / Kayak	golf
baseball/softball fields	fishing	bicycle trails
Swimming	Football	Baseball
gym	baseball fields	football fields
Softball Fields	Walking / Runing Trails	Biking Paths
Baseball if we had all stars- Our baseball program is awful now that we do not participate in little league or Dizzy Dean		
Basketball Courts	Baseball/Softball Fields	Beach
BASEBALL	BASEBALL	BASEBALL
new/improved ball parks/add walking tracks like Petty Fields in Murray	basketball centers like Varnell	Rec Center
Campground	Tennis Courts	Golf Course
Football	Fishing	Track-Walking/Running
Baseball/Softball fields	Gymnasiums	Walking trails
Baseball	Football	walking
raquetball	picnic area	nature areas
Dog Park	Equestrian Facilities	skate park
walking track at edwards	base ball fields	tennis courts
Playground Areas	Walking/Jogging safe areas	Fitness / Workout Center (A Bradley Wellness type facility)
swimming	biking	walking
Would be members of a YMCA	Walking trails	bike trails
Basketball	Basketball	Basketball
Walking/running track around parks, exercise gyms	Tennis, and basketball courts	Swimming, camping, and fishing
WALKING TRACK	SWIMMING POOL	EQUESTRIAN
playground	walking/running track	racquetball
Baseball Fields	Football Fields	Biking Trails
tennis courts	swimming pools	camping
Walking trails	Picnic areas	gymnasiums
basketball	golf	football
ANY SPORTS COMPLEX	LAKE FOR FISHING AND/OR CAMPING	LESS EXPENSIVE GOLF COARSE
Bike Trails		
athletic fields	swimming pool	trails: walking, hiking
baseball	softball	basketball
Equestrian Facilities	Gymnasiums	Beach
Basketball Gym - open to public	track to walk or run	
Softball fields	Picnic areas	Walking Tracks
tennis lessons	basketball camps	fitness classes

walking trails	bike trails	picnic areas
basketball courts	swimming pools	dog parks
swimming	frisbee golf	playgrounds
Bicycle	Skate Parks	Baseball
Baseball Fields	Basketball Courts / Gymnasiums	Walking / Jogging Tracks / Trails
Basketball	Football	Baseball/Softball
Golf	Baseball/Softball	Basketball
karate	running	hiking
Dance	Softball	Arts/Music
Equestrian	Softball	Picnic / nature area / playground
Baseball	Soccer	Swimming
Baseball	Walking	Aerobics/Exercise
BIKING	HIKING	WALKING
Softball	Baseball	Pole Vaulting
Football	Baseball	Softball
Football	Baseball	Basketball
fishing	repair existing fields	bike trails
fishing/wildlife viewing	basketball	movie theaters
Walking	Nature trails	exercise
Walking trails	Biking Trails	Workout facilities
baseball fields	golf courses	tennis courts
Need a YMCA	Volleyball Courts	Walking Trails
Baseball/Softball	Basketball	Swimming
walking trail	open play area	Amphitheater
baseball	softball	walking -jogging
Camping	Outdoor theatre	walking trail
frisbee golf	camping	outdoor basketball courts
BASEBALL	PLAYGROUNDS	BICYCLING
walking	ball fields	playground
camping/picnic	fishing	bicycle trails/walking
ball fields/all ball	parks	swimming
weight room	fishing pond	
Basketball	Baseball	Volleyball
bicycle trails	racquestball	picnic areas
Baseball Fields	Cross Country Track	Festival / Events Space
Camping/Picnic Areas	Baseball	Football
Baseball	Dance/Gym	adult exercise
swimming	bowling	camping
bicycle trails	fishing	walking/jogging trails
Jogging trails	Basketball courts	baseball fields
Bike Trails	Swimming Pool in New Hope / NWH area	Camping
walkng track	golf	amphitheater
camping	walking / jogging trails	picnic areas
biger baseball fields	more baseball field	better looking parks
Fine Arts	Camping	Tennis
Community located arts/crafts classes	Safe walking trails/open play areas	
Bicycling - for all ages and abilities	Playground/picnic area	swimming pool

Museums	Bicycle trails	swimming pools
Museums	Bicycle trails	swimming pools
walking tracks	bowling facilities	amphitheater
Ampitheater	Walking Trails	Fitness classes
Golf	Walking	Hiking
Play areas	softball/basketball	dog areas
Golf	Skateboard Park	Billiards
Walking trails		
Walking trails	Frisbee Golf Course	Playgrounds
golf course	jogging and walking	
Walking & Jogging Space	Golf Driving Range	Tennis Courts
walking trails	playgrounds	swimming pool
Walking areas	Swimming Pools	Bike Trails
Running Trails / Tracks	Swimming	
Running Trails	More Mountain Bike Trails	
Baseball Fields	Basketball COurts	Picnic & Park
Running trails	Golf courses	Bike trails
jogging trails	picnic areas	outside pavilion
camping	walking trails	fishing ponds
Golf	Baseball	Football
walking parks	basketball courts	golf
Baseball	Softball	Soccer
Biking trails	Walking trails	Picnic areas
Walking/jogging/running areas	Picnic areas	beaches
Hiking Trails	Bike lanes / trails	Open green space
Bicycle trails	Picnic Area	Golf Course
soccer	racketball	football
camping	picnic	biking
Football fields	Baseball / softball fields	Campgrounds
swimming pool	raquetball court	
gymnastics	cheerleading	
Walking Trails	Fishing	Crafts
Campgrounds	Picnicking	Soccer
walking	dog park	softball
bike trails	walking trails	golf
baseball	football	picnicking
shooting complex	concert hall	
bike trails	dance	weight & exercise rooms
golf	swimming	walking
Swimming Pools	Walking Tracks - New Hope area	Open Play Areas
Swimming (clean)	Walking Trails	Playground with picnic space
Nature areas	Swimming pools	community centers
Swimming	camping	
Basketball	Football	
Cinema	Camping	Golf
walking hiking	canoeing	bike trails
swimming	gymnastics	

tennis	swimming	golf
Swimming	Basketball	Ultimate Frisbee
camping	picnic	fishing
Basketball, need gym space	Tennis Courts	Racquetball Courts
Racquetball courts	Playground	Walking trails
Swimming Pools	Amphitheater	Festival / Events Space
Baseball fields	Golf courses	Gymnasiums
Bicycle Lanes		
Horseback Riding	fishing	movies
Softball	walking	swimming
walking trails	aerobics/exercise	
swimming	aerobics classes	walking trail or track
Aerobics/Dance Facilities	Nature walks	picnicing
racketball	tennis courts	amphitheater
Beach	Amphitheater	volleyball
Walking/Jogging	Baseball	Football
swimming pool	bike trails/ tracks	playgrounds
Soccer	Racquetball	Bicycle trails
tennis	picnic areas	camping facility
batting cages		
bicycling trails	walking areas	skate park
Fine Arts Facility	Golf	Aerobics/walking track
walking trails	biking trails	wildlife observation
bike	run	flat water paddle
camping	fishing	interactive discovery for children
walking tracks	tennis courts	aerobic center
Walking Track		
camping	picnic areas	nature walk trails
walking track	Golf	Senior Center
Golf	Canoeing and kayak	Volleyball
walking	baseball	golf
Beaches/Swimming Holes (lakes)	Running/Jogging/Hiking Paths	Bike Paths/Lanes on Roads
theater	pool	picnicing area
Nature trails	playgrounds	dance/martial arts
swimming	beach	camping
Swimming pools	Running/Hiking Trails	Bike Trails
outdoor activities	crafts	basketball
Parks and picnic areas	Bicycle trails	basketball goals
park/picnic	softball	fitness
Baseball Field	Walking/Jogging trails	
Playgrounds		
baseball	basketball	football
walking tracks	nature areas	picnic areas
Nature Areas	Walking track	Picnic areas
Skateboard Park !!!	Swimming Pool	Youth Center
walking trails	Canoe / Kayak area	museums
Wildlife Observation	picnicking	walking / jogging

Gym	Mall	Playgrounds
walking tracks	gyms for basketball	playgrounds/picnic areas
parks	softball fields	amphitheater
tennis court - cohutta	racketball	bike trails
bicycling		
Tennis	Tennis	Tennis
Softball/Baseball fields	Golf	Walking/Biking Trails
Bike/ walking trails	Fishing	Camping
baseball	football	basketball
hiking trails/nature trails	tennis	softball
bike trails	walking trails	dog parks
Fishing	canoeing	hiking
playgrounds	walking trails	biking trails
walking trails		
museums	nature area	walking track
playgrounds	open play areas	dog park
Playgrounds	Picnic Area	Tennis Courts
movie theatre	canoe	walking jogging trails
nature trail	museum	fishing
Picnic area	hiking/jogging/biking trails	ampitheater
Walking trails if they were in a safe environment	Fishing facilities	Picnic areas in a safe place
Walking Trails	Biking Paths	Camping and Fishing
meeting spaces	camp grounds	rec centers
Camping	picnicing	family gathering
YMCA	Pool	Basketball
Walking trails	Bowling	picnic area
walking trails	nature areas	basketball courts
Walking trails or paths	Bicycle paths	
softball fields	football fields	walking trails
Sports fields	Playground/picnic areas	walking/biking trails
Golf	Fishing	Watching Baseball
gymnastics	cheerleading	golf
golf	baseball fields	football fields
Bike Trails	Walking Trails	
baseball	softball	football
Swimming	Tennis	Walking trails
walking	biking	nature observation
walking	fitness	playground
racquetball	swimming	golf
mountain bike trail	billiards	raquetball
walking trails	biking trails	playgrounds for grandkids
swimming	camping	biking
picnic areas	swimming pools	more playgrounds
Softball fields	Walking tracks	Tennis courts
Walking Trails	Bike Trails	Golf Courses
Walking	Camping	jogging
hiking	ORV park	

Nature Areas	Walking Trails	Bicycle Trails
Golf	Walking/jogging	any sport for children
bicycle trails	bowling	swimming
Golf	Campgrounds	Dog Parks
Amphitheater	beach	meeting spaces
walking trails	bicycle trails	fishing
swimming pools	base ball field	
Baseball Fields	Walking Trails	Offroad Bicycle Trials
baseball	bike trail	swimming
Baseball Fields	Football Fields	Basketball Courts
Walking track	playgrounds	swimming pools
Campground area	fishing	amphitheater
bmx track provided by aba or nbl organizations free of charge..	place to cruise and picnic	bmx,bmx,bmx bicycle motorcross
A soccer complex	a basketball league in the gym all year long. (Maybe 4 sessions back to back since it is too hot to play many sports in the summer outdoors and too cold in the winter)	gymnastics at the recreation building in varnell
more baseball fields	walking/jogging	playgrounds
Walking Track	Basketball	Picnic Area
Camping/Fishing	Playgrounds	Exercise Gyms/Boxing Rings
any water park	fishing and picnicing, camping areas	walking and biking trails that are safe and not open all night
Picnic area	tennis courts	swimming pool
canoeing	golf	nature walks
Walking track closer	tennis	bikes
skating routes	soccer fields	pinic areas
golf	crafts	exercise
swimming facilities	football facilities	baseball facilities
Raquette Ball Courts	Expand trails at Saul Raisin Mtn Bike Park	
Walking tracks	Swimming	Tennis
Walking trails	picnic areas	wildlife observation
kayaking / canoeing	climbing	
baseball fields	bike trails	golf course
Football field for the elementary students	little league ball fields	Promoting the Dizzie Dean program to our youth ball programs
Nicer baseball fields	Playgrounds/picnic areas	camping
Basketball	Baseball	Volleyball
camping	fishing	

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**Question 12 Southside (All Responses):**

1	2	3
South- Baseball/softball complex, similar to Edwards on the north side.	South- Well maintained basketball facility/court.	South- Walking trail/track.
baseball	tennis courts	golf course
fishing	camping with fishing	hiking
EQUESTERIAN	SOFTBALL	BASKETBALL
BASKETBALL COURTS	GYMS	SOFTBALL FIELDS
golf, gymnastics facility, parks		
Swimming	Walking/Jogging	Aerobics
walking \ hiking trails	fishing lakes	fitness classes
Golf course on the southern end of county	walking track in Dug Gap	skate park
baseball	football	walk/bike trail
hiking trails	dog parks	aerobics/exercise/dance facilities
Walking tracks		
Fishing	Bowling	Camping
fishing /canoe	bowling	indoor swimming
walking	golf	softball
Bike Trails	Outside Theater	Picnic Areas
Walking trails	Softball or baseball fields	picnic areas
Fishing	Sports	All of the recreational activities
swimming pool -new facility, new hours	picnic and open play spaces to fly a kite/frisbee	playground-well lit and a walking track around it
Playground	Bike Trail	Nature Area
Movies	basketball	craft facilities
Walking Trails	Baseball Fields	Crafts
Playgrounds for grandkids	Campgrounds	Fishing
botanical garden	martial arts	leashless dog park
pool	bowling	craft fac.
swimming	fishing	bowling
Fine Arts opportunities for children and adults - classes	more live theater more often	amphitheatre
Amphiteater	Performing arts center	Crafts centers
Amphiteater	Performing arts center	Crafts centers
Tennis	Golf	Walking,Bike trails
picnic area	gym	
work out center	swimming pool	
walking tracks	nature trails	picnic areas
walking park	nature hikes	
bike trails	camping	bike trails
Performing Arts Facilities	Fine Arts Facilities	Festivals
Softball	Baseball	Outdoor
Swimming	Camping facilities	Nature areas
picnic areas	walking and jogging trails	racquet ball courts
Baseball	Walking/Running	Tennis
Baseball	Football	Basketball
Playgrounds	Golf Courses	Ball fields

BASKETBALL	SOFTBALL	SWIMMING
Fine Arts	Museums	Nature
tennis	gym	movies
Football	Basketball	Fishing
Amphitheater	Bicycling trails	Nature facility
Football fields	Baseball fields	Basketball Gyms
swimming pool	fishing area	golf course
bike trails	dance facilities	fishing
swimming pools	tennis pools	picnic areas
baseball	camp	tennis
YMCA	Bike trails	park
Performing Arts Facilities	Performing Arts Facilities	Performing Arts Facilities
walking jogging	playground	ballfield
I cannot think of any right now.		
Shaded Playground	Shaded Dog Park	Firing Range
Baseball	Basketball	Walking track
baseball field	football field	walking trails
walking trails	bike routes	swimming
Gymnastics		
Basketball	Softball	Football

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### Question 12 Westside (All Responses)

1	2	3
athletic fields	nature trails/walking trail	green space
swimming	racquetball	walking
Athletic Fields	Gyms	Green Space
Sports related (baseball / football fields and gymnasiums)	Playgrounds	Walking / biking trails
Better baseball fields	Better playground equipment	walking track
baseball fields	playgrounds	picnic areas
Aerobics / Exercise / Dance Facilities	Walking / Jogging Trails	
Tee ball	Swimming	Fitness / Aerobics
Ball Fields	Play Grounds	Walking Trails
Camping/Picnicking/Fishing	Walking/Jogging Area	Fine Arts area
Tennis	Racquetball	walk/run track
Westside Athletic Complex		
Baseball	Swimming	Community Center
baseball fields	football fields	golf courses
Equestrian	walking trails	baseball fields
Swimming	Bike Trails	Baseball/Softball Fields
baseball	walking	tennis
baseball	softball	basketball
playground	baseball field	picnic area
park	football	baseball
Baseball/Softball	Football	Golf
Walking	Baseball (grandchildren)	
baseball-softball fields	swimming pools	walking track
softball/baseball fields	equestrian facilities	volleyball courts

bicycle trails	softball fields	walking trails
baseball	softball	basketball
baseball	football	soccer
baseball (more fields needed in Westside area). Adequate facilities needed.	Would love to see racquetball courts. Miss having them at Lakeshore.	Soccer needs to be offered for county kids. They shouldn't have to go to city.
base / softball	football	cheerleading
Baseball	Golf	Soccer
picnic area	open play area	dog parks
baseball	basketball	walking/bicycling
Baseball Fields	Football Fields	Basketball Courts
westside baseball fields	westside football fields	westside track
CAMPING	GOLF	
Craft Facilities	Fishing	Campgrounds
grandchildren would use more ballfields.	more picnic and playgrounds	nature trails
Amusement Park	Water Park	Go Cart Tracks
Baseball	running	Football
camping picnic parks	walking bike parks	recreational parks
baseball/softball	basketball	football
golf	parks/playgrounds	walking/jogging
Playgrounds	Picnic areas	fishing areas
track	soccer	bowling
softball	walking trails	picnic
baseball	baseball	baseball
Softball/Baseball Fields	Football Fields	Walking Trails
Playgrounds	Basketball court	Fishing
Playground Facility	Walking/Hiking Trails	Better Swimming Area
Baseball/Softball fields	Walking/Running track	Racquetball
Softball/Baseball Fields	Football Field	swimming pool
Baseball fields	Basketball courts	Soccer fields
Golf	softball	Walking
Tennis	Trails	Nature Areas
Walking paths Westside area	Horse trails	Playground for grandchildren
walking trails	golf courses	playgrounds
BALL FIELDS	PLAY GROUNDS/PICNIC AREAS	WALKING TRACKS
Baseball fields	swimming area	playground
Swimming	Soccer	Gymnastics
bicycle trail	gymnasiums	nature areas
ball fields	walking track	bike trail
SOFTBALL & BASEBALL	FOOTBALL	PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS
GYMNASIUM	BASEBALL/SOFTBALL & FOOTBALL/SOCCER FIELDS	TNNIS COURT
TENNIS COURTS	SOFTBALL/ BASEBALL	AREA TO PLAY KICK BALL
Play Baseball	Walk	Football
Baseball	Football	Wrestling
Swimming	Walking/Jogging-Nature Trails	Picnic
softball	basketball for 7yr olds	gymnastics
Walking Parks	Picnicing	Walking the Dog
walking trails	camping	baseball

basketball	softball	soccer
swimming	baseball	jogging
swimming	picnic areas	bicycle trails
baseball fields	swimming pool	recreation center
soft/baseball fields	parks	walking trails
GYMNASIUM	BALLFIELDS	WALKING
Golf	Basketball	Dance
Football	Baseball	outdoor concerts
Dog Park	Bicycle Trails	Nature Areas
Indoor swimming pool	Soccer field	basketball court
Golf courses	Softball fields	Green space / picnic spaces
Softball/Baseball Fields	Swimming Pool	Playground
Baseball/softball fields	Swimming pool	Walking track
Walking Paths	Bike Paths	Playground
swimming	picnic areas	biking
Frisbee Golf	Bowling	gymnastics
Bike Riding Trails		
nature areas	dog park	equestrian
bicycle lane		
Fishing		
Swimming	performing arts	craft
tennis courts		
Swimming	Golf	Dog walking park
Fishing	Golf	Basketball (Indoor)
ball fields	swimming pools	gymnasiums
walking and biking trails	fishing and camping	baseball and dog park
swimming	playground	walking trails
Baseball Fields	Football Fields	Swimminf Facilities
Running or Jogging	Swimming	Football
baseball / softball fields		
Nature Area / Walking Trail	Biking Trail	Baseball/Softball & Football/Soccer
Softball fields	picnic	tennis
walking jogging trails	bike riding	nature areas/dog parks
walking/jogging trails	bicycling trails	nature centers
Playgrounds	Picnic Areas	Walking/Jogging
Raquetball Court	Ampitheater	Swimming
biking	golf	walking
dog and nature walk	a good inexpensive golf facility near Westside. We are driving all the way to Cherokee Springs in Tennessee for practice.	craft and fine art
Exercise/Fitness Center	Baseball Fields	Football Fields
campground with pool , outdoor trails, tennis, etc.	amphitheater	Museum
picnicing	bicycling	walking,jogging
hiking	fishing	boating
swim	equestrian	walk/jog
walking	bicycling	crafts
more fine arts	more walking trails	more nature
GOLF	walking	playgrounds

More Softball/Baseball fields	Walking / Jogging Trails	Open Play areas
bike trails	soccer field	dance
picnicing	golfing	swimming
shopping		
picnic areas	fishing	nature areas
football field	meeting space	nature area
walking	bicycling	wildlife observation
Nature Areas	Canoe / Kayak	Fishing
nature centers	picnic areas	arts/ouside drama areas
Walking Trails	Fishing Lakes	Picnic Areas
Horseback Riding	Soccer	Frisbee Golf
kayaking	canoeing	cycling
Clean, safe walking trails	Family rated movies	Playgrounds for children, clean, safe with restrooms available
swimming	fishing	aerobics
walking	exercise	theatre
extended biking trails	fine arts performances	
bicycle trails	performing arts facility	
Running trails	Bicycle trails	
Bike Trail	Walking Trail	Playground
Miles and mile of mountain bike trails	more bike lanes on county roads	
Softball fields	playgrounds/park	fishing
Soccer	Aerobics/ Dance	Swimming
Dog friendly Nature trail/walking areas	Picnicking	Canoes/kayaking
GOLF	POOL	FISHING
ball fields in westside	fishing at the dalton utilities lake on haggmill	basket ball courts in westside
playgrounds	nature/wildlife	gym/dance
Dog Park	Skate Park	Festival Spaces to bring in out of towners and generate \$
SOFTBALL/BASEBALL FIELDS		
PICNIC AREA FOR FAMILY REUNION	MORE AREA FOR OUR TEENAGER TO HANGOUT AT WITH FRIENDS	LIGHTED WALKING TRACK
Walking area	Bike area	picnic area
Walking Trails	Bike Trails	Picnic Areas
Picnic	Walking / Jogging Trails	Baseball / Softball Fields
tennis / racket ball	walkin tracks	skate parks
Hiking trails	tennis courts	parks
Jogging	bicycle trails	basketball courts
Fine Arts Facilities	Ampitheater	Movie Theater
Bicycle Trails	Walking/Jogging Trails	Camping
fishing	walking	bird watching
Softball/Baseball Fields	Playground	Walking/Jogging trails
Museums	Natura areas	Campgrounds
Walking	Fishing	Picnic Areas
Swimming/Volleyball	Biking	Tennis Courts on the Westside
walking tracks with lanes for children to ride bikes or skate while parents walk	tennis courts or racquet ball courts	volleyball
nature study at a nature center	canoe/kayak	dog park
performing arts	gymnasium	fine arts

Horseback riding	Swimming	Movies
golf	basketball	racquetball
Dog Park	Campgrounds	
Gymnasiums; with Weight Room and Conference Room Facilities	More Walking Tracks	More Softball/Baseball Fields
GYM	RACKETBALL COURTS	BIKE TRAILS

Source: www.surveymonkey.com. MACTEC

### Question 13: How would you rate the offerings of recreational activities in Whitfield County?

Rating	All Responses	Unincorporated Whitfield County	Eastside	Northside	Southside	Westside	City of Dalton	Other
Above Average	6.2%	4.8%	1.9%	4.5%	7.6%	5.8%	13.7%	11.5%
Average	40.0%	41.2%	44.2%	42.8%	<b>45.6%</b>	34.6%	39.3%	<b>42.3%</b>
Below Average	<b>48.1%</b>	<b>50.6%</b>	<b>51.9%</b>	<b>49.6%</b>	40.5%	<b>56.0%</b>	<b>43.6%</b>	26.9%
No Opinion	5.7%	3.4%	1.9%	3.1%	6.3%	3.7%	3.4%	19.2%

Source: www.surveymonkey.com. MACTEC

### Question 14: How would you rate the following in regards to existing parks and recreational facilities within Whitfield County?

Categories	All Responses					Unincorporated Whitfield County				
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Not Applicable	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Not Applicable
Hours of operation	6.18%	<b>51.98%</b>	26.22%	8.62%	6.99%	6.21%	<b>53.18%</b>	27.31%	8.24%	5.06%
Cleanliness	2.54%	29.36%	<b>40.46%</b>	23.01%	4.62%	1.86%	27.57%	<b>42.57%</b>	25.43%	2.57%
Condition of equipment	2.08%	23.58%	<b>41.50%</b>	26.24%	6.59%	1.43%	22.75%	<b>42.78%</b>	28.61%	4.43%
Availability of equipment	1.98%	20.07%	<b>40.61%</b>	30.46%	6.88%	1.73%	18.90%	<b>42.14%</b>	32.47%	4.76%
Amount of space	3.72%	24.16%	<b>36.82%</b>	30.31%	4.99%	3.30%	23.99%	<b>37.50%</b>	32.18%	3.02%
Safety conditions	2.91%	34.65%	<b>39.42%</b>	17.91%	5.12%	2.59%	33.67%	<b>41.44%</b>	19.28%	3.02%
Physical attractiveness	2.32%	23.43%	<b>37.70%</b>	32.37%	4.18%	1.73%	22.45%	<b>37.99%</b>	35.54%	2.30%
Variety of programs	1.64%	23.16%	<b>41.17%</b>	28.07%	5.96%	1.30%	23.62%	<b>41.88%</b>	29.42%	3.77%
Helpfulness and attitude of staff	5.78%	30.66%	<b>31.60%</b>	18.28%	13.68%	5.71%	30.31%	<b>32.94%</b>	20.35%	10.69%
Parking availability	4.00%	33.61%	<b>36.55%</b>	20.68%	5.17%	3.34%	33.82%	<b>37.16%</b>	22.93%	2.76%
Restrooms	1.73%	12.37%	30.87%	<b>49.25%</b>	5.78%	1.43%	10.27%	31.10%	<b>53.21%</b>	3.99%
Convenience to your home	8.14%	<b>38.60%</b>	30.23%	17.91%	5.12%	8.33%	<b>39.37%</b>	30.46%	19.11%	2.73%
Amount of supervision	2.36%	20.09%	<b>36.41%</b>	29.20%	11.94%	1.61%	19.44%	<b>38.30%</b>	30.56%	10.09%

Source: www.surveymonkey.com. MACTEC

**Question 14a: How would you rate the following in regards to existing parks and recreational facilities within Whitfield County?**

Categories	Eastside					Northside				
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Not Applicable	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Not Applicable
Hours of operation	3.92%	<b>50.00%</b>	29.41%	9.80%	6.86%	8.81%	<b>51.98%</b>	25.84%	8.81%	4.56%
Cleanliness	0.97%	25.24%	<b>50.49%</b>	21.36%	1.94%	2.40%	28.74%	<b>38.32%</b>	27.54%	2.99%
Condition of equipment	0.97%	13.59%	<b>52.43%</b>	29.13%	3.88%	1.80%	25.23%	<b>39.94%</b>	27.33%	5.71%
Availability of equipment	0.98%	10.78%	<b>56.86%</b>	28.43%	2.94%	2.42%	21.15%	<b>38.37%</b>	31.42%	6.65%
Amount of space	1.98%	16.83%	<b>55.45%</b>	23.76%	1.98%	5.44%	25.08%	<b>38.37%</b>	27.19%	3.93%
Safety conditions	2.91%	27.18%	<b>46.60%</b>	21.36%	1.94%	3.32%	37.76%	<b>39.27%</b>	16.31%	3.32%
Physical attractiveness	2.97%	15.84%	<b>45.54%</b>	33.66%	1.98%	1.81%	24.10%	34.64%	<b>36.45%</b>	3.01%
Variety of programs	0.97%	31.07%	<b>36.89%</b>	29.13%	1.94%	1.21%	23.03%	<b>43.94%</b>	26.97%	4.85%
Helpfulness and attitude of staff	3.96%	27.72%	<b>38.61%</b>	22.77%	6.93%	5.83%	28.22%	<b>32.82%</b>	21.47%	11.66%
Parking availability	1.96%	22.55%	<b>43.14%</b>	30.39%	1.96%	4.27%	<b>40.85%</b>	36.28%	14.94%	3.66%
Restrooms	0.00%	10.58%	42.31%	<b>43.27%</b>	3.85%	2.10%	11.38%	28.14%	<b>53.29%</b>	5.09%
Convenience to your home	11.65%	<b>35.92%</b>	31.07%	18.45%	2.91%	8.79%	<b>46.36%</b>	31.21%	10.91%	2.73%
Amount of supervision	0.00%	26.47%	<b>38.24%</b>	26.47%	8.82%	2.15%	18.71%	<b>38.34%</b>	29.75%	11.04%

Source: www.surveymonkey.com. MACTEC

**Question 14b: How would you rate the following in regards to existing parks and recreational facilities within Whitfield County?**

Categories	Southside					Westside				
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Not Applicable	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Not Applicable
Hours of operation	2.67%	<b>57.33%</b>	29.33%	6.67%	4.00%	4.30%	<b>55.38%</b>	27.96%	6.99%	5.38%
Cleanliness	1.33%	24.00%	<b>54.67%</b>	18.67%	1.33%	1.60%	28.19%	<b>40.96%</b>	26.60%	2.66%
Condition of equipment	0.00%	21.05%	<b>47.37%</b>	30.26%	1.32%	1.60%	24.06%	<b>40.64%</b>	29.95%	3.74%
Availability of equipment	0.00%	17.11%	<b>46.05%</b>	35.53%	1.32%	1.63%	20.11%	<b>39.13%</b>	35.33%	3.80%
Amount of space	0.00%	32.89%	26.32%	<b>36.84%</b>	3.95%	1.60%	22.34%	30.85%	<b>43.62%</b>	1.60%
Safety conditions	1.35%	27.03%	<b>44.59%</b>	24.32%	2.70%	1.60%	32.62%	<b>41.18%</b>	21.39%	3.21%
Physical attractiveness	1.33%	20.00%	<b>45.33%</b>	32.00%	1.33%	1.07%	24.06%	<b>36.90%</b>	36.36%	1.60%
Variety of programs	1.37%	28.77%	<b>35.62%</b>	30.14%	4.11%	1.63%	18.48%	<b>43.48%</b>	33.70%	2.72%
Helpfulness and attitude of staff	5.33%	<b>42.67%</b>	22.67%	18.67%	10.67%	6.63%	30.39%	<b>34.25%</b>	17.68%	11.05%
Parking availability	2.67%	33.33%	<b>34.67%</b>	26.67%	2.67%	2.72%	27.72%	<b>36.41%</b>	31.52%	1.63%
Restrooms	1.32%	6.58%	36.84%	<b>52.63%</b>	2.63%	1.07%	9.63%	27.81%	<b>58.82%</b>	2.67%
Convenience to	10.53%	<b>38.16%</b>	27.63%	19.74%	3.95%	4.81%	29.41%	29.95%	<b>33.69%</b>	2.14%

your home										
Amount of supervision	0.00%	14.86%	<b>40.54%</b>	35.14%	9.46%	2.20%	18.68%	<b>37.36%</b>	32.42%	9.34%

Source: www.surveymonkey.com. MACTEC

### Question 14c: How would you rate the following in regards to existing parks and recreational facilities within Whitfield County?

Categories	City of Dalton					Other				
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Not Applicable	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Not Applicable
Hours of operation	7.34%	<b>51.38%</b>	22.94%	13.76%	4.59%	4.55%	<b>45.45%</b>	18.18%	9.09%	22.73%
Cleanliness	4.59%	<b>41.28%</b>	37.61%	14.68%	1.83%	9.09%	<b>36.36%</b>	22.73%	9.09%	22.73%
Condition of equipment	5.45%	30.91%	<b>39.09%</b>	19.09%	5.45%	4.55%	13.64%	<b>40.91%</b>	18.18%	22.73%
Availability of equipment	3.70%	27.78%	<b>38.89%</b>	25.00%	4.63%	4.55%	18.18%	18.18%	<b>31.82%</b>	27.27%
Amount of space	5.50%	31.19%	<b>32.11%</b>	28.44%	2.75%	4.55%	13.64%	<b>40.91%</b>	13.64%	27.27%
Safety conditions	5.50%	<b>39.45%</b>	36.70%	15.60%	2.75%	4.55%	<b>40.91%</b>	22.73%	9.09%	22.73%
Physical attractiveness	4.50%	30.63%	<b>41.44%</b>	22.52%	0.90%	9.09%	<b>27.27%</b>	<b>27.27%</b>	9.09%	<b>27.27%</b>
Variety of programs	3.67%	22.94%	<b>39.45%</b>	28.44%	5.50%	4.55%	22.73%	<b>40.91%</b>	9.09%	22.73%
Helpfulness and attitude of staff	6.36%	<b>33.64%</b>	27.27%	13.64%	19.09%	14.29%	<b>28.57%</b>	<b>28.57%</b>	0.00%	<b>28.57%</b>
Parking availability	6.48%	34.26%	<b>39.81%</b>	14.81%	4.63%	9.52%	<b>38.10%</b>	19.05%	9.52%	23.81%
Restrooms	2.75%	21.10%	33.94%	<b>38.53%</b>	3.67%	9.52%	14.29%	19.05%	<b>33.33%</b>	23.81%
Convenience to your home	10.19%	<b>42.59%</b>	30.56%	12.96%	3.70%	4.55%	22.73%	<b>31.82%</b>	9.09%	<b>31.82%</b>
Amount of supervision	4.67%	25.23%	<b>30.84%</b>	28.97%	10.28%	9.52%	14.29%	<b>33.33%</b>	14.29%	28.57%

Source: www.surveymonkey.com. MACTEC

### Question 14 "Other" Responses:

#### Eastside:

- need someone to know what they are doing cause I don't see where they are spending all that money
- never see any staff , restrooms usually locked when I go, but when open have been dirty
- Maintenance of the fields is poor especially after rain or bad weather
- Need to be available on Wednesday
- need more civitan parks
- need more civitan parks
- I really wasnt aware these were for public use
- Dawnville really need improvement of tennis court and playgrounds.
- answers vary between the different rec facilities
- We do not have enough staff to accomodate current facilities so we need more for any new facilities
- More money should be spent on the Southend.

#### Northside:

- Compared to Chattanooga Recreation ours is below. We do not offer or promote activities like they do.
- WHAT STAFF?

- The buildings are closed up and not available to the public ever, especially travel ball teams. We have traveled alot and every town we go to has nicer facilites than Whitfield county. And they are available with staff there for lots of differnet activities for the general public.
- Cohutta Needs better Football equipment and better Baseball Field Maintanance
- Edwards Park is OK if you live on the North end
- Field maintenance at Edwards Park needs tremendous improvement
- Recreation department needs to take more time cleaning restrooms-they are consistently filthy
- a lot of gangs and loud music
- It is a shame and disgrace that the county doesn't provide for its taxpayers what the city does!
- I wouldn't let my dogs use the restrooms at Dalton Parks and Recreation on Legion Dr.
- Pleasant Grove Park is closest to my home, and it is very limited to what you can do there.
- every community should be equal cohutta is behind 15 years
- Restrooms Are Horrid In All County Parks!
- Water is running under the concreat at edwards park . People are waking thru mud and kids are jumping in it making it a mess
- The bathrooms need to be cleaned more often.
- Parks in the city are good but there needs to be some in Varnell & New Hope district
- The attractiveness factor would receive a below average grade from me if it were not for Civitan Park. Brookwood parks need to be better maintained
- bathrooms and fields at Edwards park is terrible. If it rains the fields don't drain properly
- Not Much To Judge By, The Parks Near Me Are Varnel & Some Ball Fields... ( We Don't Play Ball )..
- inferior lighting and light trespass
- i don't use the facilites enough to commit
- There are not enough public parks in northern Whitfield County.
- need to cater to other sports,besides baseball,tennis ,soccer.....like bicycles,skateboards,etc not all kids like other sports and isn,t fair to them not haveing a place provided to play..
- My answers are based on Griffin Park in Tunnel Hill
- Poor ratings on cleanliness was offset due to very poor upkeep of Peacock Alley. There is so much garbage & trash around grounds, as well as broken equipment. Poor bathroom facilities at Varnell baseball fields & Edwards park.Heritage Park seems vell kept for the most part. Nob North golf course is very well maintained. They might try a bit harder to obey water restricions about watering in the middle os the day. The staff at Nob North Golf course does not seem very motivated to be friendly or helpful. They seem like they are doing you a favor when you pay for a round of golf or buy a gift certificate.
- The recreation facilities offer short hours, you have to be participating with a team, no bathroom facilities, the staff is very rude, no picnic facilities.
- We visit Peacock Alley alot. When someone needs to used the bathroom we have to leave because their is no restrooms anywhere at the park. :(
- one fairground area for most carnivals, etc; no beaches, water, picnic, or camping/fishing close to home.

### Southside:

- most facilities are not staffed
- we need better facilities on the south end of the county. Everything is in the north area
- Restrooms at Dug Gap park are never open and when they are, they are filthy
- needs more lighting

- The County does nothing in regard to repair or upkeep. All is provided by individuals/volunteers.
- Not enough emphasis has been put in the Valley Point area

**Westside:**

- Westside community has been neglected for many years we would appreciate any help we could get
- Need a park in rocky face near westside elem and middle school - please
- Definately need more facilities in westside area
- The restrooms at westside are an embarrassment. No adequate facilities available. The recreation department in the county is a joke. For the amount of children that play sports, the facilities suck.
- Westside facility is so poor - we need fields - this community has grown so much and it is ridiculous that we do not even have a decent rest room at the facility
- Very few area available for the west side area. Have far too many children and not enough options.
- Need more softball fields and better restrooms
- Not hardly enough ballpark facilities and the poor quality of the ones that are available.
- There is usually no one at the parks who manage it.
- No parks or recreation facilities in our area to use/school only
- Would like to have a park located close to friendship baptist church area!!
- The westside community has been overlooked for many years. The county has spent the money for nice parks on the northeast side of the county. Edwards park and heritage point for example. I know this has to be because there may be more influential people who live in that area.
- Based mainly on westside area - do not visit south end of county parks
- Westside is awful (ballfields and restrooms)
- No handicapped parking or facilities
- Don't currently use the areas
- We live in the westside area , almost to walker county and all parks are to far for my family to enjoy
- On the rare occasions i have seen staff, they are mowing or running kids off (you can't skate here, can't walk your dog there, can't bike here, etc)
- Don't use waste land next to landfills for recreation facilities. Pride with parks in a central location for west end of county.
- Never seen staff at a park and bathrooms are usually closed and locked
- Westside parks are so rundown bathroom use is revolting, there is no staff that i presently know of, and i would like to park near the park.
- It would be nice to have teams for adults like volleyball or activies and classes for crafts, health and wellness or just community fun.

### Question 15: In your opinion what is the most important need regarding parks and recreation within Whitfield County?

Type of Need	All Responses	Unincorporated Whitfield County	Eastside	Northside	Southside	Westside	City of Dalton	Other
Provision of more facilities	26.9%	28.0%	19.4%	19.9%	24.0%	<b>48.2%</b>	21.6%	15.0%
Provision of more programs	10.7%	10.3%	7.8%	13.6%	6.7%	7.3%	12.6%	10.0%
Buying more land for future needs	10.6%	9.0%	5.8%	7.1%	8.0%	14.5%	17.1%	25.0%
Upgrade existing facilities	<b>40.8%</b>	<b>42.9%</b>	<b>63.1%</b>	<b>50.1%</b>	<b>50.7%</b>	16.6%	<b>33.3%</b>	<b>30.0%</b>
Other (please specify)	11.0%	9.7%	3.9%	9.2%	10.7%	13.5%	15.3%	20.0%

Source: www.surveymonkey.com. MACTEC

### Question 15 “Other” Responses

#### Eastside:

- Someone To Oversee It And Know How To Run It
- More Diversity In Programs, And Facilities.
- Eastbrook Ball Fields Needs More Parking!!!!!!!!!!
- ClaeN Up Our Own Parks And Make Them Nicer

#### Northside:

- Swimming Pool!!!
- Of Course First We Need To Maintain Restrooms Esp In Current Parks.
- I Feel We Should Upgrade Current Areas, And Take Remaining Dollars, And Create More Facilities
- Provide Softball Field Use For Non Recreation Programs At A Minimal Fee For County Residents.
- Complete Edwards Park To The Original Plan Sold To The Taxpayers
- Providing Gyms For Kids That Have The Desire To Workout Or Practice!
- Completing Plans Already In The Works, Especially Edwards Park
- Fixing Up Edwards Park To Where We At New Hope And So On Can Have A Nice Facility
- Edwards Park Needs To Be Finished In Accordance With The Long Range Plan.
- We Need Someone With A Vision For The Program Who Can Have Confidence That The Board Will Support Them In An Effort To Make Our Entire Program Better. We Are One Of The Largest Metropolitan Areas North Of Atlanta And Should A Better Job Than We Do.
- Gyms And Ballparks Around County For Public Use; Offer Activities/Lessons In Sports/Fitness
- The Answer To This Question Is Both The Provision Of More Facilities And The Upgrading Of Existing Facilities.
- Complete Plans That Have Started And Upgrade Existing Parks
- Maintain Them Better
- Edwards Park Needs Upgrading With Additional Facilities
- Completing Edward's Park
- Something On This End
- Realizing That It Is Impossible To Guarantee And Supply Every Child A Spot On A Sporting Team. Whatever Happened To Try Out And The Best Get To Play. This Teaches Kids The Importance Of Practice, Discipline And Trying Harder To Meet Thier Goals.
- Enough Ball Fields To Accomodate The Number Of Kids That Play Baseball & Softball
- Upgrade First; Then Provide More Facilities

- Working On Edwards Park To Better Suit The North End Of The County. Pg Park Is Much Better
- Merge Parks With The City
- Beaverdale Needs Their Own Practice Fields
- All Of The Above !!!!
- Build More Parks Close To Each Community
- Parking
- Provision Of More Supervision For Safety And Behavior Control
- Provide More Nature Based Parks
- Upkeep And Maintenance Of Present Facilities With Emphasis On Clean Bathrooms.
- Cleanliness Of Restrooms
- I Believe There Is Enough Land, Need More Bathroom Facilities, Picnic Facilities, And Open To Others Besides Teams.

**Southside:**

- Fine Arts... Dance And Gymnastics
- Provide Better Facilities In South County Area
- Get Away From Schools - More Centralized Parks Like Edwards Are Advisable
- All The Above
- Performing Arts Facilities
- More Facilities And Upgrade Existing Ones
- We Have Enough Facilities In This County
- If We Must Use Volunteers, Let's Put In Place A System That Checks And Polices Their Integrity To Manage The Programs

**Westside:**

- All The Above
- Westside Fields
- Upgrade The Existing Facilities And Provide More Facilities.
- Westside Is In Dire Need Of More Ball Fields And Better Recreational Facilities!!!!
- Tripling The Current Budget. None Of The Above Could Be Sustained Without More Program Money.
- Finish Projects That Have Been Started.
- New Field And Buildings. Use Companies That Do This For A Living. Plan For The Future.
- Need More Fields For "Present" Need
- All Of The Above!!
- Safety
- Facilities And Programs
- Better Maintenance Of Existing Facilities
- We Need Another Gym
- More Fields Are Needed In The Westside Area, Along With An Upgrade To The Existing Facilities
- There Is Presently Enough Of Everything.
- Provide Safety And Security Of Existing! Ie...Cameras!
- Westside Needs Many More Fields. I Have Been To All The County Parks And Westside Is The Worse

- Current Parks Need Better Maintenance, Landscaping, More Attractive Fencing - To Look More Like Parks Than Old Lots - Go To The Schools And Survey The Kids And See What They Would Use And Where.
- Westside Area Please!
- Walking And Bicycling Trails
- A Westside Area Facility
- Lower Taxes On Homeowners Before You Move On Any Spending Projects.
- The Westside Community Is In Desperate Need Of Additional Baseball Fields.
- Making Facilities Multi-Functional And Relatively Close To Larger Population Nodes
- Using Land That Was Owned By Whitfield County, When And Why Was Mill Creek Watershed/Lake Properties Sold.
- I Think All Of The Above, As The County Grows, So Will The Need For The Parks, You Need To Buy Land For Later, Need To Build Facilities At Existing Park Areas For Activities Which Will Allow Provisions Of More Program.

**Question 16: Please add any additional comments.****Eastside:**

1. Recreation needs to be improved and we desperately need more parks that are safe and family-friendly. I think curfews should be imposed and parks should be locked each evening and opened each morning. A daunting task, but necessary.
2. You need to build a place for all. A Theme Park is great cause they can play, rides, walk, games, and a lake to fish, boats, picnic. A Waterpark area, Race track area ( remember the old go-kart track at Waring Rd ). Think of all the things you like to have and find the land to do it before it is all gone. On things for Sports just improve the Ball Parks to be sports only so they have a place to park and not on the side of the roads. Hope this can help you see where us the taxpayers are coming from. Theme Park makes money to pay itself back plus give jobs to ones here in the county.
3. The county should look to Nob North as an example of a lost opportunity. This fine facility is owned by the city of Dalton due to lack of foresight by county officials when the course was built. There is land available for an additional golf course in the Southern & Eastern parts of the county. This investment would be self sufficient as Nob North has been since it's inception and would be used by a large number of county residents and people from outside our area.
4. The biggest think for Whitfield County is we have to use school facilities. Also these facilities are run by community volunteers and usually in each community you only have a group of 5-10 people who do all the work. Recreation has a very small budget that is given to each community to put on upkeep of facilities so the burden goes to the community to raise funds to do more than what's given. Since we are on school facilites it's hard to get the school maintenance and county to do anything to help out. Whitfield County does not have the adequate staff to do a great job they do what they can with the least amount of time and resources they have. They do wonderful for what they are given but we are doing them a disservice by not providing more. It's time the citizens of Whitfield county stepped up and did something to improve our facilities and quit riding the shoulders of a few people and help if that's in a tax so be it. If Schools continue to keep us out of their facilities what will we do then? Build more facilities? We really need to get it together. Recreation and parks are a great benefit to the family unit and it's a responsibility of our county to provide more.
5. there is a lot of young kids who want to play soccer, but need a small field.
6. "need more cleaner facilities for our children to play and cleaner restrooms,better fields for baseball and softball,better equipment and uniforms for the children.we need a recreation department in the area or near the area of southeast and valley point and antioch district,better than eastbrook's fields Thank you"

7. current facilities need more lighting at night in the summer. A lot of people would walk after the sun goes down if they had more lighting and felt safer. a security guard would be a good idea. More challenging walking trails with picturesque landscaping would add visual interest to keep the walk from being boring. A bathroom attendant is also something to think about.
8. "We sure could use another walking track very similar to the Civitan Park. We have to go all the way across town to use it. I would hope that our property taxes would not increase to gain more recreational options."
9. "OUR RECREATION PERSONAL DOES THE BEST JOB THAT ANYONE COULD DO WITH THE AMOUNT THEY GOT TO WORK WITH."
10. WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING TO GET OUR KIDS BACK INTO PROGRAMS MOST SPORTS ON THE SOUTH END DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH TO PRODUCE BALL TEAMS ANY MORE. MOST HAVE TO GROUP WITH A PARTNER SCHOOL TO HAVE ENOUGH TO MAKE A TEAM OR THERE IS NOT PARTICPATION ON A LOT OF THE AGE GROUPS TO MAKE UP A TEAM.
11. Love Heritage Park. They need to offer programs like the Dalton Parks & Recreation facility does. Like karate.
12. Alot of families would benefit from the completion of Edwards Park. We need a nice new completed facility for that area and we attract lot of teams from surrounding areas to the park for tournaments. We need a playground & picnic area for our kids. Also, with the new High School & recently built elementary school we need more to offer them as far as accomidations.
13. "EDWARDS PARK NEEDS A MAJOR OVERHAUL TO WHAT IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN TO START WITH. I THINK DOING AWAY WITH ALL THE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS AND HANDLING THINGS LIKE THE CITY. IF YOU HAVE TO CHARGE TO PLAY IT WOULD BE THE SAME FOR ALL KIDS. INSTEAD OF IT COSTING SOME KIDS \$50.00 OR SO AND THE A KID ON THE NORTH SIDE PAYING MORE OR LESS (WHATEVER)I THINK ANOTHER HUGE PARK LIKE HERTIAGE FOR THE COUNTY KIDS WOULD BE AWESOME... THE COUNTY PROGRAMS ARE DWENDLING FAST."
14. Increasing budget instead of Decreasing it. Whitfield County is the poorest County north of Atlanta in financing it's recreation.
15. Dawnville Park is the only park in the county that does not have a paved parking lot. The commissioners have been promising to pave the parking lot since 1991 and have not done it yet.
16. Increase recreation funds. Pave the parking lot at the Dawnville Park like the commissioners have promised to do for the past 15 plus years.
17. We need the tennis courts renovated, and the parking lot paved and the playground replaced at Dawnville Community Park. Instead of spending money to buy more land, lets first fix and maintain what we have. The amounts of money that would be required to purchase land could be spent at Dawnville to put it in excellent condition. Feel free to call me, Greg Davis at 706-260-5441.

18. Please bring back some Racquetball courts, outdoor would be great and indoor would be a plus.
19. North Whitfield has Edwards Park, build a similar park on the south end of the county.
20. "MORE MONEY NEEDS TO GO INTO BUDGET FOR EXISTING PARKS.
21. THE PARKING LOT AT DAWNVILLE NEEDS TO BE PAVED LIKE IT WAS PROMISED YEARS AGO."
22. "Please do something to Dawnville Park. Out of all the parks in Whitfield County, it has by far been the one that has been ""left out to pasture"" so to speak. The conditions of the playground area look as if they haven't been touched since the early 1970's. The playground equipment just looks dangerous. Please upgrade the facilities at this park, so that it can be enjoyed by all the residents of this area of the county."
23. THE COUNTY NEEDS TO MAKE AN EFFORT TO HELP THE COMMUNITY CLUBS MORE WITH THEIR PARKS. THE EXISTING FOOTBALL FIELDS ARE IN VERY BAD SHAPE, STAIRS NEEDS REPAIRING, ETC. MOST PARKS ONLY HAVE FOOTBALL AND BASEBALL FIELDS. THE (UPKEEP) APPEARANCE OF THE PARKS REALLY HAVE AN EFFECT ON THE PRIDE OUR CHILDREN GAIN/LOSE. IF THE PARK IS IN BAD SHAPE, NO ONE CARES. THERE ARE A FEW PARKS IN THE COUNTY THAT ARE VERY OUT-DATED!
24. we need more civitan parks !!!
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26. I would love to have a swimming pool that was near me that I feel like is safe to take my children to as well as a better park facility. I have to drive to far to enjoy outdoor activities.
27. We need a park like the Civitan park.
28. Please develop some parks in the Eastside Community that provide a wide range of uses: walking, soccer, playgrounds, tennis, nature observation. I use the city parks and the walking track at Bradley Wellness Dalton College simply because there is not a space close to my home. I am tired of paying taxes for facilities in other parts of the county that I will not use.
29. I am assuming that the county parks mentioned are at schools. I really wasn't aware they were for public use..i was only aware of the city parks..but one thing that gripes me about heritage point is that it is such a pretty park but it only has a porta jon in close proximity to the playground..not smart where you have children.
30. We need a performing arts center where large concerts and large meetings can be held.
31. I appreciate the hard work of the employees of the rec. department and their support of our community.
32. Whitfield county doesn't even open the Whitfield Rec department gym for adult basketball. The gym sits there over summer and from my understanding isn't used. They need to have someone open it to allow adults to play basketball. The only available gyms are a few church gyms and

the Dalton Rec department, which is over crowded and sometimes full of people up to no good.

33. The north end of the county gets everything new and keeps updated. Eastside, Eastbrook, Southeast and Antioch gets the shaft. Especially Eastbrook and Southeast. Everyone knows it and can see it, but nothing is ever done about it.
34. "Several parks are in great condition, but others need work on them. I have helped work at Dawnville park myself some, but the tennis courts need a lot of work and the parking area needs to be paved if at all possible.
35. We would use the tennis area more if we could, but the court has no net and is very rough, when they are not practicing soccer on it."
36. We use the park at Pleasant Grove. During the football and baseball season, cars drive on the track! They will nearly run you over. There are signs that state the track is not for wheeled vehicles, but they do not block the way for cars to drive around the track, so they can sit in their cars and watch the children on the field.
37. Dawnville park is in INCREDIBLY poor condition. The playground needs to be completely redone. The equipment is a broken, rusted, tetanus-infected accident waiting to happen. Even though this is the closest facility to my home, I can not use it; it is not accessible or engaging for my children at all. At most facilities, the restrooms are either locked or filthy! Most people in Dawnville have resorted to using the elementary school playground. It would be better if there were a community playground. My family typically uses the park on Shugart Rd. It's a very nice park; however, the creek there needs some attention. Heritage Point is very nice but not very accessible, as it is usually extremely overcrowded.
38. Whitfield county doesn't have enough manpower to handle the current facilities and adequately maintain their property along with school systems property and depend on communities to pick up the slack. We need to make sure whatever plans are made that extra manpower is added in because you can build all day long but who will take care of it when you can't take care of what you have now. I hope that isn't a deterrent to keep new facilities away Whitfield county just needs to step up and take some responsibility - communities are getting worn out you usually only have a handful of people who do the work and everyone else reaps the rewards..
39. I am President of one of the Athletic Associations on the South end of Whitfield County. While I agree completely that Westside needs more / better access to recreation fields and restrooms, I also feel that the recreation needs of the south end communities are going unmet. We have fields that are overgrown with brush and in general disrepair. We have raised money on our own to rehab some of our fields and cut brush and have looked to the county / schools to help with the disposal to no avail. In my opinion, before we spend millions in taxpayer money to build new parks, we need to spend several thousand dollars to improve / upgrade existing parks. To me, this makes the most economical sense. One example is at Eastbrook Park, over the last few years, we have had trees fall over on our fences...causing damage. Rather than think proactive and spend a few hundred dollars to remove the tree before it fell, we wait it out and spend \$1000 to repair the fence...and then still have to remove the same tree.
40. "NEED MORE LAND FOR PARKING ON THE SOUTH SIDE HOWEVER IT IS A REAL SHAME THAT EASTSIDE AND ANTIOCH HAVE HAD TO PAY FOR UPGRADES TO THE EXISTING BASEBALL FIELDS IN THE RANGE OF 10,000 AND THE NORTH END HAS

MULTIPLE BALL FIELDS AND SEEM TO WANT MORE. THIS IS MONEY WE COULD SPEND ON SOMETHING ELSE TO HELP ENHANCE THE EXPERIENCE FOR THE KIDS I THOUGHT WE ARE TO BE TREATED EQUAL. OUR KIDS NEED APPROPRIATE PLAYING FIELDS AND THE REC SHOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING FOR IT!"

41. I Represent the Eastside Community. Together with Antioch we have spent \$10,000 of our own money this year to redo three of our four fields. I can almost guarantee if we were on the north end of the county, there would be no problem finding the funds, from the county, to provide adequate playing fields for our children.
42. We have the facilities in place if they were better cared for and upgraded. Other than small changes, it seems that many of the older parks have had little work done on them for years. Upgrades in parking and access at some parks would be a welcome site for many in the community.
43. I believe we have a great recreation program. All we need to do is fix our existing parks up and make them more attractive by adding additional features. For example Dawnville Community would be a great start to add hiking trails , picnic tables, new concession stands , pave the parking lot and a little work on the fields it would be the ideal place for family outings. Thanks
44. Do not build anymore ball fields until other recreational activities are provided. The county and the Solid Waste Authority have hundreds if not thousands of acres that could be utilized in a cost effective manner to serve those of us who are currently not being served. How about a picnic area and hiking trails located along the river on the landfill property on Nance Springs Rd. Any increased access to land that the county already owns would be nice and could be provided a very low cost.
45. The county needs to fix and maintain what we have before you (the Commisioners) spend more money that will be thrown away because of lack of funds for maintenance and letting it get run down. This is a repeated history for this county ( spend for new and then we do not have funds to maintain ). Why don't you drive over to Dawnville Park and take a look at it? The volunteers are doing all they can to maintain and repair with no or little money. This park is the only one in Whitfield County that doesn't have a paved paking lot, and it was built before other parks that have paved parking lots. The tennis court needs updated and the playground needs replaced before a kid gets hurt. From my understanding, the dollar amount to just purchase new land could be used at Dawnville and you would have most of what you are wanting to build elsewhere, without the extra expense of buying the equipment and building the walking trails.
46. I think we need open basketball courts the most because i don't know any where i can go to practice basketball. I have a complaint.My little sister is playing softball and almost everyday there's no umpire.

#### **Northside:**

- I. This county has plenty park they are just not open to the public. You go some Edwards Park for example and the gates closed and ocked. Why can playgrounds and picnic areas be added there and stay open for public use? All of the school gyms around here and they are not open to the public ever. You have the parks and the gyms they just need to be upgraded for public use. All the gyms could be used for public use...they are in other counties. And instead of have community associations just have kids sign up and divide the county in half and pick teams. No community stuff. This is causing people to leave and go to Dalton city to play sports so that all

the kids are on a level playing fields, where all the teams are split equal. My children have attended county schools for 5 years and only played county sports 2 out of the 5. You have communities that just stomp everyone else because they stack one team and the rest get put on a team for just the regular kids. I had a student tell me that she was one of the leftovers. SAD! These are children. A lot of the students get discouraged and eventually quit and never get the chance to become good ball players. There has to be a better way!

2. Ringgold, Ft. Oglethorpe, Rome, Dade County and Chattanooga all have disc golf courses available or in the works. Whitfield County needs to acquire a course so I can keep my recreation money in this county and not have to venture outside.
3. I think the recreational facilities are good. They could be better if there were a few more and if we could just finish Edwards park with the walking trail around the lights and a playground for the kids....like Civitan park in the city. The need for football fields is as dire as the need for baseball/softball fields...I have had to take teams to private lots for football practice before. I think you have a very knowledgeable recreation director in Mr. Crossen and I think you should get his input because he seems to have always had a good feeling for what is needed.
4. Competitive swimming is growing to the point that we can't contain it. It is the only sport that can save lives! The revenue generated by swim meets that can be held and the economic impact for this community could be staggering. Please \*\* Give it some consideration.
5. We need to look at what other areas offer like Cartersville and Chattanooga and go from there. The recreation needs to include all populations young and old alike and the handicapped. Don't leave anyone out since we are all paying tax dollars to help pay for this.
6. "Our health is important and most private fitness centers are too expensive to join. We need free/very affordable fitness centers to use weights, cardio workouts, etc. Our YOUTH are our future -please provide a ""cool""/ ""safe"" place for them to go play, workout, dance and enjoy exercise with their friends to keep them busy and out of mischiefness."
7. Finish Edwards Park! All I hear is that the Co. should improve other parks instead of finishing Edwards but they had their parks finished and now have run down. At least they got finished in the first place and were able to use them for 30 years. Finish Edwards!
8. Finish Edwards Park. Whitfield county had the opportunity to have a really great park, but then abandoned it without finishing it. Then want to whine about how great Heritage park is and how much revenue it pulls in from tournaments. Whitfield county could have had that first, but dropped the ball when they walked away from Edwards Park. They still have the chance to finish it and have a great place, but want to use the excuse that other communities say it would not be fair if all that is done at Edwards park. Shouldn't that have been thought of to begin with. Finish what you started at Edwards Park, then update all other facilities in the county. Quit abandoning the current locations, just to go off and build something somewhere else. We have land at the current locations, update them, keep them updated and looking nice. Quit saying here you go to the local athletic associations, then saying its all yours, figure out how to keep it up, because your on your own, and we don't have any money to help you.
9. Finish Edwards Park. I know the other communities are in need of improvements but they have enjoyed them for up to 30 years as complete.

10. "The Parks & Rec Department does a good job with what they have. In my opinion this is an area that Whitfield County does not need to ""skimp"" on, especially in light of the fact that gas prices are continueing to go up and more and more families are going to have no choice but to utilize what is closest to home. More to offer helps bring people in from out of town to spend their dollars too."
11. "While i understand money is always tight in government, a real department of parks and recreation would be a big help- one that organized events and did not rely so heavily on associations that are all volunteer. Our city neighbors have tremendous facilities, there ought to be a reasonable way to work together so that services and staff and facilities can be shared and costs reduced for both governments. I know this type of cooperation has been cussed and discussed for years.
12. I live in the grove level community but most of the sports events are at Dawnville School or Eastbrook/Eastside. The facilities need a lot of work. They are run down and look forgotten.
13. We have a large community, with many financial resources. I feel that the majority of this counties financial resources are used inside the city limits of Dalton leaving the facilities in the county in need. Our children have had to sit out a sporting season because there were no coaches or community official would support the need of our children. We need a recreation dept. that will stand up for all areas of our county, not just the chosen few. The recreation dept. leaders should be able to meet with community officials and ensure that our children all get a fair chance to be involved in their own community. I know of communities where the Mayor or city officials do not permit sports to be played unless there is a big confrontation between them and parents. Our sports/recreational facilities should be run by the county recreation dept. and this should be made clear to all smaller community officials within our county.
14. "Edwards Park needs completion. It has never finished the plan it started with. The front football fields need more attention to detail along with bleachers and sod. The baseball fields need grass in front of the dug outs to cut down on muddy conditions. The 4 baseball fields in the back of the park do not drain very well."
15. finish existing facilities, build two more park the size of edwards park one in westside one on the south end. a large outdoor basketball complex.
16. "Edwards Park needs to be fixed the right way and finished!! It is an embaressment, especially if you see Heritage Park!! More gyms available to use for local teams in the off season since you can't use the school gyms without paying a steep price. The entire area should follow the same by-laws. It should not be up to each community. There should be some unity to allow things to be done equally. Why is the city recreation free and the county is not?? Many children are playing on travel teams and in the city due to the way things are done in the county. It is a shame."
17. I think that the recreation programs give the children a place to be and to keep them interested in sports, and other activites. this also keep them out of trouble. It is a good thing that they have people that will guide them and help to make them a better person. without these programs there will probably be more troubles with youth groups because they will have too much time on their hands. i think also that people will take pride in their community and strive to keep it a better place for future generations.

18. "edwards park has got to be improved. there is plenty of land to meet every athletic need (gyms, football fields, rogers office, etc.). this could be ""the park"" in north georgia. the entire county should have the same rules and by-laws. it should not be left up to each community."
19. In my opinion, we need something like the city has on the corner of Tibbs Rd., conveniently located for the north end of the county.
20. The Varnell recreation facilities are pitiful. The restrooms are never unlocked. The grounds are kept through private funds and the parents are getting tired of it. Take a note from the city. Lets get our act together and upgrade what we have to acceptable standards!
21. The youth programs in Whitfield county have really suffered over the past 3 years. The county baseball program is a joke. They have nothing to play for no all-stars if it rains more than 2 days during tournament week tournaments are cancelled. That is why so many county kids have started playing in the city league. We need someone who will pump some new life into the program. Switch to Dizzy Dean, play real baseball. Put all-stars programs back in place.
22. "Edwards Park should be completed as planned. A gymnasium should be built on that property with atleast enough room for two games at the same time. At least one or two evening per week the fields should be available for hourly rental for non recreation department teams. These teams now have to go into the City but these people pay the same taxes as everyone else so should be able to use the facilities.
23. We are having several of our athletes in the county go to the City and play because it is better fields, better opportunity, they have all stars, and it is FREE! We have to do something or our program will not make it over the next few years.
24. I think it is a shame that whitfield county has some of the poorest facilities in this region. How can you expect parents to sign their kids up to play in crappy little ball parks, when the city is offering beautiful facilities for free. All of the surrounding counties, with smaller populations and tax base, have better facilities than Whitfield County. In this respect, all of the Whitfield County Board of Commissioners that have served us over the past 30 years have failed the families and children of Whitfield Co.
25. Make a park around something like the Water Reservoir on Bypass. Incorporate the lake with a park and have a section with ballfields that is nice kind of like Heriatige Pointe. The county could recoupe money by renting for ball tourneys.
26. The remainder of Edwards Park should be finished as part of future plans. I am very concerned about recreation in general with our Mayor wanting to cut taxes and reduce funding for recreational services and planning.
27. There is no excuse for the field conditions at Edwards Park for baseball/softball. The drainage situation there is pitiful.
28. I have Coached Baseball and Football for the last 10 years through the Pleasant Grove area. My son is now in High School so I no longer Coach . But I have seen the quality of the programs spiral downward drastically in the past 4 years. Roger Crossen has done a poor job in my opinion and has allowed our County Sports programs get to a point where most people will either send their kids to the City or play travel ball. This has been a issue for several years now.

I feel his position should be an elected official by the people of the County and not just hold a job forever. He is closed minded and refuses to listen to any ideas but his own.

29. "Parks have been designed for positive economic impact with softball/baseball tournaments, but the use by the county for this purpose has not been pursued. The appearance of the facilities would not draw interest from major tournaments. Complete the plans as originally laid out, while comparing the activities of Chattanooga and Atlanta areas, the rec department can become a revenue generator for itself."
30. "All comments concern Edwards Park: Edwards Park fields are perpetually sitting in stagnant water for several days after any rain. Fields are mowed irregularly, not fertilized, and the infields do not drain. Restrooms are not stocked or cleaned and always smell like feces. Recently installed roofs on dugouts have hazardous sharp edges. Lighting is inadequate in parking areas and is poorly maintained (tops falling off of lampposts). There is loose, flaking green paint coming off of the 'press box' that presents a potential health hazard to small children. Edwards Park is not policed, and tobacco policies are not enforced, even among some coaches! There is a large amount of underutilized space that has such potential to be a wonderful area for families to enjoy, but the management and implementation of the development plan has been just awful so far."
31. Gyms- to host basketball tournaments. Rent gyms out for practice or basketball lessons. Change the basketball league to meet everyones needs(for the recreational teams to the highly competitive teams).
32. Edwards Park is shared by many communities. Complete this facility and then upgrade other existing facilities.
33. It is a shame that Edwards Park just sits there not offering ANYTHING to the public other than babseball and softball fields. It is a waste of land space. I have small children who have NOTHING to do while big brother is practicing baseball.
34. "The county parks are an embarrassment compared to the city parks in terms of upkeep, cleanliness, attraction, and offerings. The county needs more facilities that attract families outside of sporting events (i.e., picnicing, walking tracks, playgrounds, bike trails, etc.). It seems like the county parks concentrate on providing facilities for sports and neglect family recreation. Edwards Park has the poitential to fill this need. Finishing Edwards Park seems like a logical place to start."
35. Someone needs to go look at the new gym in Murray County. It is one building that houses 2 full court gyms. The space is used very wisely. We really need something like that in the North Whitfield area. Maybe Edwards Park would be a good place for a gym.
36. Whitfield county is running short of facilities for the amount of people that they have involved in recreation. I believe that there could be even more if the facilities and programs were in place. Also, it is way too expensive to take a family to play golf together at knob north. We can go to neighboring counties a lot cheaper and have just as good of a time even though we live less than a mile away from knob north.
37. "The children in our community deserve better than what they are currently getting, especially in those areas where community participation is not there. Many of our successful programs do

well because of parent participation and involvement through the local park. I feel that we all pay taxes and that money should be allotted so that we can have a first class program that doesn't rely so much on the public to make it successful. With this type of mentality maybe things can be turned around."

38. Why start something and not finish it or maintain it? i.e.: Edwards Park
39. Edwards park is in need of more!
40. Edwards is nice and large. Could it use some beautification - yes it could! I'm not talking a whole makeover, just adding some flowers toward the main entrance would brighten up the place. The use of the upcoming event board would be nice also. I know sometimes things are not happening, but letting the public know that you want them involved with something would make many feel welcomed. A nice playground area(s) would be great! Especially with families with multiple children. One for each pod of fields would be wonderful! A nice picnic area would be a great addition. Up toward the entrance would even work for that type of thing. I've noticed that somethings going on in the back and I'm looking forward to seeing what is to come!
41. Edwards Park is a disgrace to the county. It had the potential of being better than Heritage but someone dropped the ball!
42. Regarding item 14 - other than "parks" and one gym off Hill Road, I'm not aware of "other facilities" to rate. Too little emphasis has been placed on providing facilities beyond the "parks" scattered around the community.
43. Comments are for the County facilities, the City parks are in much better shape due to better funding. If facilities are upgraded or expanded without increasing the annual maintenance budget we are wasting our money. The amount of funding for Parks & Recreation in this county is pathetic! Citizens living in the County have benefited from and enjoyed the recreational services that the City of Dalton provides for no cost. It would be nice to see the County take a leadership role in this area and improve the quality of life for all it's citizens
44. all of our parks don't seem safe any longer... i think we need patrol in area's where our children are 24/7 a day. that would keep crime, spray painting, trash, drinking and sexual behavior way down in those area's. Downtown dalton and brookwood park were patrolled well back in my younger years mid to late 80's we couldnt get by with NOTHING...it needs to be that way again.
45. The restrooms & condition of the backstops @ Edwards Park are absurd. What did the three guys on payroll to watch after this facility do all winter long?
46. Our county recreation department is in a crisis! My family had to resort to playing ball this year in the city due to a lack of participation in the county and the cost of doing so. Now that we have had the experience to draw upon, the quality of the programs combined with the fact that they are FREE to participants in the city program really highlighted how our county commissioners have their priorities in the wrong place! When the jail is nicer than the places where our children play, we have a problem. If the offices where the commissioners meet are nicer than what is provided for out children, we have a problem. If Whitfield county wants to

attract caring and responsible taxpaying families to remain in our area, then we have to make it a community worth living in.

47. There needs to be upgrading of existing facilities, supervision and availability of those facilities and the completion of existing facilities for use (Varnell Gym). Teams need to be chosen on a blind draw at every sign-up and not hand-picked which will give all players a chance at a good season instead of one or two teams dominating the season. Edwards Park needs to be utilized greater instead of only 1 or 2 games there during the week and then packed out over the weekend. Westside needs bathrooms and updated field houses & concession stands. All baseball/softball fields need working clocks (take a drive to Boynton). Every elementary school that has a field needs money to maintain that field for use with the children including grassing as appropriate, working clocks, score keeper facilities, team benches, etc. All fields during practice time need open bathrooms for the use of the children and either working water fountains or water/sports drink machines. At Eastbrook all of their baseball/softball fields need to be grassed appropriately. Weed/brush control needs to be emphasized to not only eliminate pests but also for safety. Rec Gyms, middle school gyms need to be available for practices and games and have all facilities working and available. Public golf courses need more attention for water drainage, appropriate signage, restrooms along the course, and then continually maintained. Rec pools need to be upgraded, cleaned and if needed re-concreted to ensure the use and safety of the children. If we will maintain, update, finish what we have then there are plenty of facilities for the recreation league. Then with each rec facility in Whitfield County, there needs to be 1-3 persons that can ensure that the facilities are maintained and available for use. Whitfield County residents should not have to go to Ringgold, Boynton, Chattanooga, or Calhoun to have their children in a well constructed sports program.
48. I have only used the facility at Legion Dr. The staff is good. Our karate class has been cut from 1 1/2 hrs to 1 hr., which isn't enough. The bathrooms are absolutely disgusting. I think there needs to be more soccer fields for the kids, but don't take from parking areas to do it.
49. "The rec program does a good job with what they have to operate with. However, the facilities are 3rd rate compared to those like Rollins Park, Heritage Park, Maddox Park, and Sonnoraville. Edwards Park is the premier facility for the county and is pales in comparison to those listed above and is a disappointment to the community. It needs to be completed and upgraded to be a premier facility using the original master plan and add an equestrian area/arena."
50. Haritage Point is easily accessible for the county, but it would be nice to have a beautiful park of our own.
51. i dont know what the problem is with the county rec. and cohutta but the kids are the ones who is suffering. there is not any field maintance from anyone but us coaches, if it rains we cant get on the fields for a week. the field are so rough you cant do any infield practice without a kid getting a bad hop and hit with the ball. it was like this when i was a kid and nothing has changed.
52. Hopefully, the new walking track at Edwards Park will be accessable and the gate will not be closed as often as it is today. Also, when laying the track out, please have signs that encourage everyone to walk in the same direction and have mile marker signs.
53. Our baseball fields are the worst I've seen in the state of GA. Our parks are run down and nasty. Look at how many kids are leaving the county to go play ball elsewhere. From all that I'm told it's because the county no longer offers a decent field or all-stars. Plus, it's very expensive

to play baseball...esp. on a field that is full of rocks, holes, and grass that is higher than your ankles. Edwards park is a disgrace to the taxpayers as is all the others. The other problem I see in the county is that there are too many teams who "load" up on talent. I would like to see the county govern the draft process to make things more even throughout the league although it's to the point now that a community can only field one team per age group if they are lucky.

54. Need to add Soccer Program to Whitfield County Recreation.
55. I think Whitfield County needs to restructure the whole parks and recreation department.
56. Get control of your programs. Unfit people are coaching kids. coaches play their kids and do not let the other kid play as much. Winning should not be the goal. kids getting to play and participating in sports should be the goal. a model like the city of Dalton is a better option.
57. "need ballfields at Westside"
58. Need parking lot paved at dawnville park"
59. Edwards park is the most crappy park in whitfield county. It is suppose to be the best park around, but when things don't get finished like they are suppose to, how can you enjoy the park. There are no playgrounds. The bleachers are crappy. No walking trails. It would be nice to have an area for little kids to play while the older kids are playing sports. I hate to know that my tax dollars paid for what's at Edwards park.
60. We need something along the lines of Ft. Mtn. State Park in Whitfield County with camping, fishing, canoeing, etc.
61. Cohutta seems to get nothing. Not the fault of Whitfield County. More because of the mayor.
62. more playgrounds are needed in the county.
63. Dalton is in sad shape! Go to the mall and count the first 10 people you see. Drive down the road and count, who's driving, the first 10 cars that pass. Go to the "recreation facilities" and observe who has taken over this town. This questionnaire is not about what can be done for the "GOOD CITIZENS" of Dalton. This town is catering to the hispanics and, unfortunately, the hispanics will be the only ones who get any benefit from money spent on improvements. I wish everyone could see the price being paid for cheap labor. It has and will continue to destroy this community. The ones responsible for this problem are really not involved in this community at all. They live on their private farms in their gated communities and they don't see or care about the current conditions of the "long time" citizens of Dalton. Oh well, I'm done. There is so much more to say but, really, who's listening anyways.
64. The county rec teams should have more consideration on the baseball fields at Edwards Park. The middle schools teams should NOT be able to "run" the fields as they please. As a parent who PAYS for my child to play ball, I don't think we should be told to wait past our practice time for the school teams to finish their practice. The field should be cleared with no questions.
65. complete Edwards Park like it was supposed to be. Add some swimming pools.
66. "Why after all this time is Edwards Park not finished? The land was donated by the Edwards family and we can't come up with the money to make it into the first class complex that it

- should be. We can find the money for everything else, why can't we find the money for this?"
67. Each school needs a playing field for multiply purposes: ballgames; PE classes; field days, etc. More use for the money spent and they don't sit vacant for most of the year!
  68. We have an abundance of ball and soccer fields - we need more variety in the use of land for recreation. Our family would especially like to see more biking/walking trails and picnic areas.
  69. I think that these facilities are much needed for our community.
  70. I think that these facilities are much needed for our community.
  71. We need more of everything. Investment is behind population growth.
  72. For 15 to 20 years my children were involved in recreation and I was coaching. We have grown out of the system but I have grandchildren that will soon be involved. The county government needs to pump more money into the program instead of pulling it out. Schools are pulling physical education and without recreation activities for children we will soon have more obese children then we have now. I am pro Roger Crossen. I feel with what he has been given he's done well. Some communities need more guidance on what is going on with recreation. For years Mayor Henderson in Cohutta could not even spell recreation.
  73. Some areas have been let run down through the years. The initial investment was grand and the facilities "were" satisfactory. However at present are "run down" and in need of renovation.
  74. "The condition of our park facilities in our county is awful. I played at these facilities 25 years ago and the condition has not gotten worse since that time. We need a change. I know that the City is going through several changes but all you have to do is look at their facilities and you can see the difference. Like most of the people/parents that I talk to across the county, I would be GLAD to pay an extra mill on my property tax to have a nicer place to bring my family. The conditions are so bad, I will not even let my children go to the restrooms at these so called parks. I know funds are currently low, but the last time I checked the county has mowers, weed eaters, and paint can't be that expensive. We also have people sitting in jail that can put this equipment to use. I'm tired of having to pay what I pay for property taxes, giving what I have to give at the school (fundraisers etc.), paying \$100 - \$200 per child each for sport, and volunteering my time to keep up the county's fields. SOMETHING HAS TO CHANGE!!!!!"
  75. I feel we need to maintain the existing pars that we have first. Edwards Park is a joke and I hear the County is looking at building new fields. The parking lot has grass growing in it due to poor compaction, storm drains need to be installed to fix the drainage problem, the bathrooms look like they are 40 years old and never cleaned, concession stands were built, but no one operates them, the backstop nets sway with the wind, and your superintendant over those field host tournaments and pockets the money. Don't worry about new fields, fix what you have!
  76. Edwards Park is used by many schools & New Hope Elem only has 2 field to use & there are 4 teams. It is hard for games & practices to find available fields to use. There should be baseball & football fields at all middle schools & let Edwards Park be used for only NHE (4 fields) Most other schools have football & baseball fields. Varnell has some, Pleasant Grove has some, NHE does not & is not being treated fairly.

77. Debbie Roper does an outstanding job. Roger Crossen has obviously grown tired of his job and is more interested in doing whatever is easy rather than what is right or best. He's a very nice man, but he is no leader. He leans on the excuse of a lack of resources and blames the lack of umpires on coaches, for example. There are other communities with no umpire problems where the umpires are volunteers. The cost to participate is more than reasonable, but I would prefer to pay more and have higher quality facilities. I know that poses a problem for those who don't have enough money to pay, but surely we could find a way to accommodate them too. The number of participants continues to dwindle each year. Take a look at the leadership, both the county commissioners and Roger Crossen, and you will find the problem. There is a lack of financial support and a lack of direction.
78. Regarding the conditions of our recreational facilities we seem to be lacking in appearance of surrounding, i.e. grassy areas & landscaping looks neglected and very unkept, areas around fields appear to be in some neglect considering the image our county seems to want to project for all our sporting facilities, i.e. I don't hear people who are attending games make comments such as, "These fields & facilities look really good", we recently returned from Towns County and rode by one of the baseball facilities and park/playground areas and both my husband and myself made the comment of how good the parks looked-have never got that first impression from ours. Ringgold/Catoosa County park near the interstate is also a park I wish we could glean some things from. Some of our parks/fields are "Junky looking". Edwards/Varnell Park, Peacock Alley comes to mind. We won't even go into Varnell's issues with bathrooms!! Would be nice if bathrooms could be open during practice times at any of the parks. Eastbrook Middle park is probably one of the better parks to go to.
79. Outdoor facilities are an eyesore to our county!!! Very embarrassing!!
80. The cleanliness and maintenance of Pleasant Grove Park is a disgrace: overgrown weeds, playground equipment that is worn out and unsafe, trash littering the track, etc.
81. My child played T-ball for PG last year and the concession stand was always open, the playing fields dried better when it rained. She wanted to play for her home school this year, which means we have switched to Edwards park. The restrooms are so nasty and gross that she will not even go to them. I won't allow it. One night the bathrooms were so bad you couldn't even get close to them. We never had this bad an experience with toilets at PG park. I also am so surprised that the fields are so muddy and do not drain correctly at Edwards Park. This really could be a great place to be, but it is not kept up properly.
82. "I have lived in Whitfield county and been involved with the county rec for over 30 years. I am appalled by the lack of vision, lack of accountability, and lack of good leadership in our rec program. Sitting around collecting a check is what has been said about the leadership and I am inclined to agree. Edwards park and Varnell park are embarrassing reminders of what is wrong with our rec. Edwards park should have been the county's equivalent to the city's Heritage Point. Instead is it a gleaming example of bad management and waste. The conditions of the fields and the management of the overall facilities is in need of much improvement as is the leadership of the county rec."
83. Whitfield County is a great place to live, work, and play.
84. It is hard in Whitfield Co to have things. All these parks that are listed need some kind of security to keep what facilities are available in great condition. Volunteers in these communities

are unable to do it all. Unfortunately money is what makes the world go around and that is what is needed to make all facilities improved and building new ones. Thanks for the opportunity to try and improve our county.

85. would love to see bike trails. would bike instead of drive if we had trails. would love to see dance & fitness.
86. Thanks for all y'all do.
87. need more gyms- rent gyms out for athletes that want to improve their game. Do not punish them for wanting to work out!!
88. survey doesn't let you click on the dark areas. couldn't answer half the questions
89. "I feel that it is ridiculous that we have to use port-a-potties at Westside. The restrooms at North Whitfield football stadium are dirty and do not have stalls."
90. any help to better our community will help
91. "The original plan for Edwards Park had a three gym complex. Not only have we not built that complex, but we have also not open one new gym in over 10 years. Whitfield county schools has made it very difficult to use school gyms. Whitfield County Rec. Department needs to invest in new gyms so kids have a place to play basketball. Whitfield County should also expand the basketball leagues to included younger and older age groups. No additions have been added to the basketball leagues in over 20 years. It is disappointing that surrounding counties can have better facilities and better leagues than Whitfield County."
92. I feel we need more gymnasiums in the county as well as more baseball fields. I also would like to see the facilities at the schools ungraded (I understand that this may not fall under your jurisdiction, but the county rec does use those facilities)
93. It is embarrassing when other counties come to tournaments in Whitfield Co. All the money in Whitfield Co and nothing is spent to upkeep or support our recreation dept for the kids. Heritage Point is a Dalton City facility. Edwards park was the biggest waste of money and use of space the county ever did.
94. Need to take care of what they have before expanding more
95. My family donated money & my child's hand print to Peacock Alley many years ago. The hand prints were to be placed on a fence around the area - this happened in the south end of the county- but this never happened at Peacock Alley? Why? what happened to the money that I donated? Where did it go? Why was the fence with the hand prints never put in place? I have asked several people & no one can give me an answer!!!!
96. "Running/Jogging Lanes in Whitfield County The only ones available to my knowledge that are longer than .25 miles are the ones in Dalton City."

97. Need more facilities available that offer a wide variety of activities. Something like the Y. I know we have Bradley Wellness but it does not have an atmosphere that I feel comfortable using. I would like to see a similar place that is more down to earth.
98. Our county parks are a sad excuse for facilities. When you visit the city parks, this becomes even more clear. Our parks are either not taken care of or poorly built to start with (Edwards Park). None of the current parks are taken care of properly. They are in great need of maintenance and repairs. Where does our parks money go to? It is certainly not taking care of the parks and surrounding areas. It must be to pay for workers who in my opinion need to be replaced with ones who care about the facilities and our children instead of themselves. If Dalton City can provide nice, clear and well planned and built parks for their children, the county should be able to as well. The people in charge of our parks should be ashamed of themselves.
99. We need to maintain the facilities we have and add more-the facilities need to be located closer to the community, not all funds spent on one central location where commissioners or highly influential members of our county live. Parks Dept. should step in and not allow community leaders to stop activities or development because they don't want change in their area.
100. "The bathrooms at the recreation center are awful. They stink and need doors to the stalls. The bathrooms at Edwards park need attention. If there are practices and games going on the bathrooms need to be in good order. Dalton also needs another indoor pool other than Dalton High. My son has swam for Special Olympics for 4 years. We have arrived at Dalton High to swim only to find out it has been closed. The coaches were not even aware it was closed. Also, the only times we are able to swim are at 8-9 at night. This is difficult! The fields at Edwards Park hold water. It is bad when it has rained and the fields are not draining the rain water. I love the play areas that the rec center offers. Most nights in the summer we go to buy hamburgers and go to a park and eat supper and let the kids play. Too bad the water keeps us from having the use of the sprinklers near the court house. Coolidge Park in Chattanooga has not allowed the drought to keep the water from flowing. I don't mean to complain, but there are many upgrades that need to be made."
101. I feel that we as a community need to invest in a cultural arts center focused on music, drama and art. We currently do not have any area suitable venue for activities of that nature. I also feel we could enrich the lives of our children and our neighbor with program that would allow the development of creative expression through music, art and drama.
102. I Would Like To Be A Part Of Helping Whitfield County Grow...
103. I do not know enough about your facilities to comment.
104. Remember that there are other interests of Whitfield County residents other than sports. That seems to be ALL you focus on.
105. Whitfield Co. has enough recreational facilities; current ones should be upgraded. We have two community theatres, the Creative Arts Guild, the historical society & its properties, and the Trade Center. We need to use more effectively the existing facilities available.
106. I have an issue with the parking at Eastbrook field. About half of the time the middle gates are closed and it makes parking slim. I was not able to attend my niece's game the other

night due to lack of parking. When more than two fields are going, it is essential that the middle gates between the side of the school and the top of the ball parking lots are open. I feel that if there is enough land available the top lot should be expanded.

107. If anything, I think too much importance is placed on sports in our city/county. When my children were younger and played sports in the county program, once you signed up and got on a team, it became more important than anything else, school, family, or anything. The coaches had practices or games almost every night, and then on holidays you couldn't go visit family out of town because they had practice or tournaments, etc. Or they would be all the way across town at 9:30PM on a school night (even when they were very young, 3rd grade). My family is very active and atheletic, and we love sports and other activities, but I feel a person should be well-rounded and should have time for school and family. Especially with young children, they should be able to learn the sport and enjoy it, but it not be so all-consuming and competetive. We found sports in Whitfield Co. to be one of the least enjoyable things with our children. (We have four, and they were good, and got to play, but even so it was not a good experience.) They start the children with too much too soon, put the same ones on the same team every year so that your teams either wins all their games or loses practically every game. Often, the coaches don't know what they're doing, but you have to go along with it. And by the time the boys get to high school they're tired of it, or had already gotten discouraged and quit. I don't think it is good in the long run for our middle school and high school programs.
108. I have lived in Dalton all my life, but the way Dalton has changed, I would rather travel to another city for recreation.
109. I do not want my tax dollars to go toward more parks and recreation as me or my family do not use Dalton parks anymore. The Hispanics have taken them over.
110. There is a great misunderstanding about the properties that apercieved to be owned by the coounty government. Most of the ball fields in the county are on school property. There is not a reason to have two sets of parks in the scheme of things. It makes only good sense to use the lands as dual use zones to accomadate programs for both county government and school operations. Ther needs to be a more reasonable agreement to keep the facilities in the condition they need to be to satisfy replacement as the facilties become worn from the dual use."
111. My family travels extensively across the state to ball tournaments. It is embarrassing to attend events at wonderful facilities outside of Whitfield County and expect these people to come to tournaments in Whitfield County. Our facilities rate at the bottom compared to surrounding counties and other parts of the state.
112. My family and I would like to play tennis at our local park and use free space for genreal play activities. The closet county park is Edwards, but we only use Cohutta And Varnell for thier locale and their facilities. Varnell's tennis courts are usually crowded and Cohutta's needs repairing. Cohutta has the free space for play, but the Varnell park is mainly just fields and/or courts. I know that the County does provide assistance (financial/maintanance)for the ball fields, but if the county is going to include/claim these parks as theirs they at least need to put money into more than just baseball/softball.
113. I would like to see Edwards Park finished!!!

- I 14. I have a child that uses all the ball fields in the Whitfield County area, some of the fields are very nice but others need upgrades.
- I 15. I think the land that was purchased by Whitfield County Schools to build a new high school, would be perfect for the county to buy. It would connect to Praters Mill which would enhance the area to allow for walking trails, bicycle trails and picnic areas. This is needed to preserve the Praters Mill area. A bike lane already exists on Crow Road which is another incentive. Building a nature park in this area would just be an added benefits to the Prater's Mill Community. The quick decision to build a school in this area will change the landscape of the north end of the county forever. It is a permanent change to the area that may provide a small benefit for the school system, but will have long term repercussions for the community.
- I 16. The biggest concern for me, safety. Not from the equipment, but from all the trashy people that just let their kids run wild. You can not tell the parents to watch their kids, because they do not speak English. We are lucky to have the nice parks in our area. I just wish that people would respect the parks and keep them clean and respectable for everyone else in the area.
- I 17. I think we need to spend less money on rec facilites. We are spending to much for the limited use of a few.
- I 18. There are ball fields at whitfield county school that are in need of major repair!!! Our kids have practiced in a rock gardon for 2 years. I pay taxes each year to this county and now I hear there installing more tennis court. We do not have enough fields to have a proper practice on and play games!! We have to find a field to play fall ball because football has taken over the fields. PLEASE PUT SOME EFFORT IN TO FIELD REPAIR.
- I 19. Tunnel Hill has its own park. Varnell hasits own park. Why doesn't New Hope have its own park or baseball field? Every school has its own baseball field, and NH does not. NH uses Edwards park, but so does a lot of other schools. Some of those schools even have their own fields at their school.
- I 20. i would like to be contacted in future reference in a spot of land to have a bmx track built,provided by aba,or nbl bicycle league..they provide 1million dollar insurance and such would be great for the kids and families of the community my email is streetstangl@hotmail.com or call 706-581-4210.
- I 21. "Thank you for requesting community feedback. I hope that we can find recreational workers who are motivated to work in this field, and who are enthusiastic, friendly and service orientated. Perhaps we need to let the existing employees feel valued and appreciated. Our recreation dept. needs to be better organized. The parks and recreation facilities are a huge draw to people when they are looking to relocate. Also, kids that are active in sports and recreation get into less trouble and are more healthy! Let's offer more programs and take care of our facilities! Thank you!!"
- I 22. have a good day

123. Please get us some bathrooms at Peacock Alley. And maybe offer some programs for children under 5.
124. We have lakes that are private, Dalton Utilities will not allow public access. Heritage park is a nice park, but not enough room for the city and the county to attend functions at once, have to park all around to watch fireworks. Not enough picnic areas, fishing is non-existent except at places like Mill Creek and Praters Mill which do not have enough room for large groups or amenities such as bathrooms. Swimming area is only at Dalton Rec, again, not enough room for city and county. Have to travel to town to eat in nicer restaurant, non in North end of county that is growing. Would walk more but have to travel to a school to walk around a parking lot, no nice, clean, safe parks. Most are ball parks that need to be sprayed for ants. No really nice water park for the whole family to enjoy. One bowling alley that is swamped most of the time. No nice skating rink this end of town, or movie theatre. We have the children, and the schools, and the ball fields, and little else other than McDonalds and Subway which are everywhere. Need more nice parks for walking, bicycling, picnicing, fishing, camping, swimming, and experiencing nature with our children and grandchildren. Get them out of the house when ball season is over.
125. "The Cohutta area could use an upgrade on tennis courts. Could use an open shelter with picnic tables and grills and bathrooms. Whitfield Co. Rec. needs more authority over problems that arise within the communities and not every community having their own rules and regulations"
126. Please more nature
127. Knob North golf course is too expensive.
128. I am concerned about handicap accessibility for my aging mother - she cannot get to certain fields in Cohutta to watch her grandson play ball.
129. besides generic sports (baseball,basketball,etc) there should be more programming focusing on social, cultural, environmental and fine arts areas. These could be great areas for "nature walks", outdoor dance or yoga classes or even art programs
130. "If county is going to be responsible for ball fields, then they should have enough staff to keep them all maintained. Edwards Park fields 1 - 4 stay wet too long after a rain. If each elementary school is not going to get some fields when they are built, then provisions must be made for them to have practice facilities based on the number of participants they have. Roger and Debbie do as good of a job as they can coordinating county sports, but if you did not have community leaders that spend a tremendous amount of time volunteering, coaching, raising money, scheduling and maintaining some of the facilities, Whitfield County would not have a sports program. If people want to play golf, swim, camp, take a walk, etc, they can easily do so with what we have now. Parks & recreation needs to be first & foremost concerned with children's team sports. How can we accommodate all of them for practices & games without them having to drive from Westside to Edwards park or how can kids get an infield to practice on a Saturday when out of town softball tournaments are being held on the fields kids should be using. Trough no fault of our county government, kids have become far too attached to afternoon TV, computers & XBoxes. Whether it is through community volunteers as we do it now or complete programs like the city does, we have to have the resources available to pull

the kids outside for healthy activity. Kids and team sports are my greatest concerns. All the other stuff is secondary. From my recreation standpoint as a bike rider, I like Raisin Woods and any additions will be great. Road biking signs are good however, I'm not sure the bike lanes work in the county like people think. Gravel & trash builds up in these lanes and tires get punctured. Car riders just need to slow down when passing and give more room."

131. This is my second year coaching either cheerleading or softball. I would love to see our community grow in all areas. In the time we are in, we need to have more activities for our children to give them something else than violence to focus on. This is where I feel bringing the Dizzie Dean association to our community would be a long over due needed change to our sports. We could bring more tournaments to our area and be able to raise more money for our Athletics. With that also brings the updating that we need to our fields to make people want to help us keep it up. WE NEED MORE ACTIVITIES FOR OUR CHILDREN!! We have to find something to help our children!
132. Need more staff to keep parks up. Volunteers put too much time into the parks that are run down to begin with. Parks need upgrading and enhancing. then hire people to keep up the parks. The parks and rec staff need to try new ideas. New staff might be an option. A call to the officers of each community would be a good start of the needs and wants of each park. Do we need to continue the community parks. Can the county take over all maintenance. I have a lot of ideas. Please call!!!!!!!!!!!!
133. It is a shame that in this day and age we do not provide more for youth in our county. We wonder why we have problems with gangs and other issues. I think we should be opening up more fields for Soccer also. We are the only program anywhere near that does not offer soccer. I have been to rec centers in this State that offer anything from a pool table to aerobics or basketball to a water park. Our recreation facilities lack a lot when it comes to being there for the youth.
134. Look to Gordon County. Lake Salacoa with camping, fishing, boating, swimming, and archery tournys. Can be self sustaining with fees. No reason why Whitfield County can't have this!

### **Southside:**

1. East has Dawnville Park, North has Edwards Park, South has only four ball fields at Eastbrook Park, where space is very limited and parking is horrible. I feel, especially the south side of the county, has been neglected for keeping up with growth. Twenty five years ago, we had four ball fields to work with. Today? Four ball fields at Eastbrook, which in comparison to other County facilities is horribly maintained and the playing environment has been dangerous to children at times. Example: when coaching 9/10 softball, I had to tell the outfielders to try and get any ground ball before it reached the outfield grass because I was afraid that one might get hit in the face if they attempted to catch a ball as it hit a small ramp at the edge of the outfield grass.
2. I believe that the hispanic population is being catered more than the other whitfield county population. Thanks
3. I think that the parks that already exist should be taken care of better. Many of the parks have enough to draw someone to them, but their state is not always the cleanist.

4. too much focus on baseball, football, and soccer. offer other outdoor activities like those listed above that we were able to select.
5. The Dug Gap ballfields have a serious parking/safety issue. On most game days or nights, cars double park on the entrance road beside the school. The parking area at the fields is very small, so kids and parents must walk from the front of the school and sometimes from the church across the street through this crowded area when cars are leaving from the early games. Also, this area is poorly lit. The area where the school's caretaker trailer used to be could easily be converted into a parking lot and greatly reduce this exposure. This would also benefit the school as well. I have talked with the county and school system. Neither entity wants to work with the other to make this improvement. I hope this survey can be the platform to make this happen.
6. The existing Whitfield County Parks and Recreation program and facilities are only as good as the leader - and the current leader is no leader at all. We currently have someone who is "riding the clock" until retirement - the current state of the Whitfield County Parks and Recreation program proves that. The program needs a new leader desperately. Someone who is motivated, energetic, ambitious and can make things happen.
7. County Recreation needs more funds provided to upgrade existing ball fields and build new ones. Sports has always been around and will always be around. We are losing more and more kids to travel ball in basketball and baseball. Over time, this will cause the level of competition among kids to become lower and lower.
8. Valley Point presently has a third ball field that we cannot use because the county will not mow or maintain the field. It needs to be mowed, large rocks removed from the infield and it could be used for practice or some other activity; school maintenance does not clean the restrooms at the field houses. Members of the community have to do that. The south end of the county is being left behind on most all rec decisions.
9. "I agree that we need more recreation but we need to make sure that individuals who use them are legally here. The most serious problem in Dalton and Whitfield County is illegal residents and gangs."
10. My opinion is that we need more facilities, more programs; more land for future needs and upgrade existing facilities.
11. "I don't feel safe at all parks within this county. Well patrolled parks and well lit parking lots might improve the safety issues. There are parks that are hardly ever used because I don't think that people feel safe. Brookwood park was a favorite of mine as a child but I do not visit it now because of safety concerns. We also frequently used Lakeshore and I no longer go there. It would concern me to go to these parks based on some of the activity that I see in the areas. Heritage is GREAT, clean and well lit. I do feel that there is a MAJOR lack of bathroom facilities at all of our parks!!!!!"
12. Answering #14 was difficult because some of the parks listed are newer than others. The newer parks I would rate higher but some of the others need upgrading!! Most of our area parks are not very inviting. Civitan and Heritage Park are certainly the nicest.

13. We really enjoy spending time w/grandkids. The grandkids love all the parks but several do not supply enough shade or eating areas to make the outing complete.
14. Whitfield County needs Performing Arts Facilities to accomodate the large and growing need in the community. The schools do not have adequate performing venues to show the full potential of our amazing groups. The North and South ends would benefit greatly to have separate centers.
15. Don't be caught up in just football, D-A-L-T-O-N
16. The equipment for the programs that are already in place needs to be upgraded.
17. Need new leadership to replace Roger Crossen. He has a poor attitude and does not work well with communities. All focus has been on North end projects for several years. This theme is consistant with our Board of Commissioners and Board of Education.
18. We do not need to spend any more money on recreation. Tax money should be spent on important things that would benefit all the tax payers in the county, like police and fire protection.
19. "SOUTHSIDE OF WHITFIELD COUNTY DOESNT HAVE ANYTHING WE ARE ALWAYS LEFT BEHIND"
20. The South side fails way behind the North. Why does the south side not have a park like Edwards?
21. should use the existing school more.
22. I think we could easily improve what I perceive as a consistent "someone else's fault" attitude at the county rec, as well as the resulting minimal administrative supervision of the programs
23. Valley Point has only two functioning fields. There are three there, but only two are maintained. Restrooms are terrible. Teams have to share the outfield during practice in football season. Baseball season has a jumbled schedule to get practice in. Two fields that are in need of updating just doesn't do the job for the amount of activities scheduled. During football season, you may have three to four football teams practicing while a middle school game is going on. Parking can be difficult. I would like to see the south end of the county receive proper funding. I do not feel that it is. The south end needs it's version of Edwards Park.
24. If it's not Edwards Park, it doesn't get any attention. Southside has absolutely NO help in improving facilities. Batting cages at Valley Point were donated and a county employee stopped the cages from being finished due to bureaucratic red tape. Dawnville has needed a paved parking lot as long as I can remember. My kids grandmother has bad knees and has a very hard time walking through that parking lot. It's an insurance liability. Most of all, commissioners need to focus on improving facilities and building new facilities where needed. You should all be fired for not having any restroom facilities at Westside. That's about as basic as you can get, and you can't even get that done. Most of all you need to stay out of the day to day operations of the community associations and be in the business of construction, maintenance, and safety. There is no perfect system that will keep everyone happy. If you can come up with one, let me know. Good luck. By the way, many on the south end don't even have access to the internet, so I hope you are offering other ways for citizens to voice their opinions. Perhaps if you went to some of the parks in the evening, you could actually talk to real people instead of reading opinions like this on a piece of paper in the comfort of your office. You would also see the state of disrepair

and neglect that the community parks suffer from, despite the hard work of community volunteers.

25. The Civitan park is in the worst conditions, because of the cleanliness.
26. The South end is totally over looked and more money is spent on the North end. South end need to be caught up to meet the north end.
27. Think Green!
28. popular activities are baseball & softball tourneys, cheerleading competitions, etc.
29. Dug Gap fields need additional parking. The parking area should be poured cement, not gravel. Fencing should be placed in front of the school for additional safety of the play area.

### **Westside:**

1. Westside Community really needs more Recreational opportunities
2. --need more parks for the kids in westside , community pool walking trails, baseball, football --
3. The need is very high for safe and accessable facilities for every citizen of Whitfield County.
4. Westside schools are the best in the county. Our recreation facilities should reflect our school spirit. As of now, our facilities are the most run down, most neglected and are downright embarrassing when visiting teams come to our school. It is time for Westside to receive funding for improvements instead of building more new schools, giving them the "physical attractiveness" that our school deserves. Our children deserve to have a safe and clean place to play.
5. The Westside area looks to me like it's been neglected.
6. "Thanks for providing the citizens of Whitfield County a way for their opinions to be heard. I understand the issues of trying to budget for items that help everyone in the county and I strongly believe that in doing parks it will be used by all ages. I live in the Westside area and I see the need for facilities, but it isn't just us that needs the help other communities are also in need. Again, thanks for all you do. Steven"
7. Keeping the parks we have clean before starting to buy up the beautiful pasture land and destroying it. Show you can take care of one thing before starting to destroy another area. We have a beautiful county and we should accentuate it not destroy it !! I love the Westside because it is still untouched. It scares me the thought of people coming in and taking all that open land and filling it with sidewalks parks and other areas when there are already so many available that are not well kept up!!!!!!!!!!!!!! I love Whitfield County but what we have needs to be improved before we move on to something else. I hope these comments help and not offend.
8. WESTSIDE NEEDS FACILITIES!!!!!! Stop feeding the Northside Politicians with tennis courts and give the kids a place to play!
9. Westside needs more facilities

10. west side needs fields we have the most teams and the lousiest fields
11. We desperately need some additional parks and recreation facilities in the Westside area.
12. have lived in westside area for 30 years and been involved in recreation in this area for a number of years and have heard a lot of plans from county regarding updates and new facilities but have never seen any action my grandchildren are now playing and using the same facilities my children used with 1 less ballfield that we had in the westside area 25 years ago have seen other rec facilities in many other ga. countys with a lot lower tax base that will make you wonder why they can build some great parks with half the money we have to work with i wonder if our county leaders really care are is this just an issue that really does not mean a lot
13. The existing facilities are pretty well kept up - especially Edwards Park since it's so new. With the number of students and athletes in Westside and Tunnel Hill, there needs to be a facility similar to Edwards for those children and parents to use. As small a community as Cohutta is, they have newer, better, and more fields than Westside.
14. Westside needs some playing fields.
15. I consider recreation for children as an investment in theirs and our futures. I had much rather have children engaged in sports or sports related activities instead of playing video games, watching television or just hanging out. I consider Whitfield County's recreation facilities as little better than having none at all. I would gladly vote for a tax increase if it was dedicated to the recreation budget to improve the existing facilities and increase the number of facilities. Both of my boys played baseball in the Dalton rec. This was not because they had better coaches, or better looking uniforms but for one reason. Their fields were baseball fields and therefore much safer. Their infields were not rock filled and the outfields were not cow pastures.
16. I think it is sad when you live in westside community and you want your children to play sports within the community but the facilities are so pathetic.
17. Westside has 15 teams per field (2) whereas other communities have 3-4 teams per field. Westside is being placed in a developmental disadvantage with regard to Athletics. Heritage earned the city of Dalton \$800,000 in 2007 through tournaments. Give our communities decent fields and they will reduce county funding required for these programs. They will be better maintained, better staffed, and better funded. It's a shame to have to take your kids to the city to play in the closest ballpark.
18. The Westside area has been in need of ball fields for more than 10 years, since my oldest child played T-ball and we continue to need ball fields. It is time that Westside gets some money for recreation instead of the north end of the county!!!!
19. "The Westside area needs more ballfields. We have over 20 ball teams in the spring and only 2 fields. The facilities are inadequate and embarrassing. We don't even have working restrooms. The county government has promised for years to provide Westside with more ballfields. Where are they? Why build tennis courts and a walking track at Edwards Park, when Westside has inadequate facilities. Offering soccer in the county would be well utilized also. Many county kids play soccer in EastRidge (\$70 a season per child) due to the county not offering it to in the

county. Most of these kids don't go to the city due to the increase in the spanish population and the area the rec. department is in. They are in a high crime area. WESTSIDE NEEDS HELP. Our kids should be just as important as the kids in the north end of the county. We shouldn't have to travel 45 min. one way in order to practice. Whitfield County should step up to the plate and see that all communities are treated equal and have the same facilities and opportunities."

20. New facilities in the West Side community are past due. My Grandson's ball team had to practice in someone's back yard last night.
21. Edwards Park needs to be finished. It has a lot of potential use if it had more facilities. The most developmental growth in the county is on the north end. There are other parks that have been finished. Why hasn't Edwards been finished?
22. Westside Community needs more ballfields/ restrooms, etc.
23. The westside community is in deep need for new fields-
24. "We need more facilities available in the WestSide area. There are not nearly enough fields and it seems as though this side of the county has not had any additional facilities built according to the number of the children using the areas on this side of the county. We seem to have much growth in the area except within the recreation area."
25. My biggest concern is that Westside Schools don't have enough baseball/softball fields. It seems strange how Cohutta has the least amount of kids enrolled, but they've had better facilities for years now. I believe every school in the system should have at minimum, 3 fields each to be able to accomodate our growing communities.
26. WESTSIDE IS IN DESPERATE NEED OF BALL FIELDS.
27. The Westside community has more baseball and softball teams than any other in the community. Westside has only two fields in Westside and some of us has to drive to Tunnel Hill and to Edwards Park for practice, and that is not fair to the people of Westside.
28. "not enough ball fields for the Westside community no park or playground in the Westside area, we drive across town to Heritage Point Park, there is a need for a park/playground in Westside area, it would be great to have one for our children and grandchildren."
29. Restrooms are not very clean and sometimes supplies are needed.
30. It is embarrassing to have to use the Westside and Edwards Park facility. Very poor quality.
31. Westside Community should be first in line!!! They have more children than any other community but yet have the worst facilities. The kids in Westside either have to drive 30-45 minutes across town to practice or have very late practices at night. Someone needs to think of the children in Westside and what they need and help give them what they DESERVE!!

32. Westside Community is in much need of more Baseball/Softball fields. We have 23 teams with only 2 fields. How are we suppose to get our children the practice that they need with limited space?
33. As a resident of the Westside area I am very disappointed in the facilities. There is not a place I can take my kids to play unless I travel to Tunnel which is a 30 drive for me. My kids have also had to travel to Edwards Park which is an even farther drive so they can have baseball and softball practices which makes a very late night. My son's practice would be 8:00 to 9:30 which we would then have to drive 45 minute to get home and not make it to bed until 11:00. How do you expect the kids to do well in school when they are unable to get in bed at a decent hour. The situation at Westside is a disgrace and an embarrsement to our community.
34. Please look for a long term plan. Plan with a tax base that makes sense.
35. Westside of our county has been short changed on ball fields and parks
36. "Whitfield county has always fallen short on parks and recreation facilities for our citizens. That is one thing i always check when visiting other areas and it has always been a concern of mine. Thank you for taking action on this need for all of whitfield county."
37. The westside community has been given the short end of the stick when it comes to recreation facilities. The county was donated land that should have been used for a community park (the watershed property) but was sold to developers. Now we can look forward to our kids playing on top of landfill waste sometime in the future. I guess the watershed property served some use to us in that the ground clay was used to cap off the landfill. The survey question should have been directed to "your community" rather than as a whole.
38. I don't know why i'm bothering with this. We have begged for more fields for years. We pay more "fees" and uniform costs than the city. Our players are more and more just playing for the city because they have much better fields and doesn't cost near as much. Westside needs fields much worse than any other issue presented for discussion.
39. Existing facilities are in poor condition and run-down! Not only are new facilities needed but it would be nice if whitfield county could provide just one complex that is half as nice and attractive as heritage point and is completely finished. It is also sad that kids are forced to play sport in the city of dalton due to the fact that they can not afford the costs of uniforms, hats, equipment, etc. You would think that the county could budget at least jerseys for the kids that play sports.
40. "Do we need more recreation?? Seems that is all anybody wants to do anymore. Also, money spent on these facilities and upkeep seem to be more draining than profitable. Can we be sure, before we build more facilities, that they will be a safe place for our families instead of a place where drugs, stalking, and other unwanted acts take place? I have women friends that won't go to some of the parks that we have now because of men that hang out there just to watch women. Seems that we don't have enough security in these places already...I'm not sure that we need to build more before our ""budget"" can maintain it."
41. "-Rating of existing facilities is difficult. Some areas we go to are very nice & clean (Pleasant Grove, Tunnel Hill, Eastbrook is getting better) and others are just ran down and seem a little nasty (Dawnville, Westside). -I think we need gymnasiums throughout the county. The schools gyms are nice for our rec leagues but if someone or a team wanted to play there is no where

for them to go. If they go to the school they have to pay an extreme amount. -I think having a few smaller parks with walking tracks such as the one on Tibbs would be beneficial to people in different areas of the communities.

42. Thanks for taking the time to listen to the people in the community!"
43. The westside would like to have a park located close to friendship baptist church area!! That would contain some tennis courts, softball, basketball, football & baseball fields, walking track, skate boarding, bicycle trails & swimming pool...
- 44.
45. The facilities available should be better cared for. The fields at Edwards Park are horrible. The least amount of rain and several of the fields become unplayable almost instantly. On the other hand I think the city of Tunnel Hill is to be commended on the upgrading of the fields and the amount of time and effort spent on getting them in better playing condition. One other comment...the county should not allow portable mounds for baseball leagues these warp almost immediately and cause a serious safety concern on hard hit ground balls back up the middle. Someone is going to loose some teeth before it is over with these things. They should be removed from play and pitcher's mounds be installed or pitch from the rubber on flat ground to prevent injury.
46. Someone needs to put focus on the Westside community. My daughter played softball and we would have to drive all the way from Hwy 201 (close to Walker county line) to Edwards Park for her to practice. This was very unfair because we passed up to parks on the way, but neither could accomodate us. (Tunnel Hill and Westside). It just seems like the county has been discriminating against the citizens and students in the Westside area. They have put all the focus and money on the other side of town.
47. The Westside area is in dyer need of ballfields and facilities. Look at the city and even other parts of the county and you can see how fare behind we are.
48. In my side of the county(Westside), there is talk of more facilities. But not any additional programs. There has only been football, cheerleading, baseball/softball, and basketball since I can remember. We need more facilities to help with practice times, but we also desparately need more programs. Especially soccer or something that will truly give the children and aerobic workout. My daughter has cheered and played softball and never broken a sweat. We no longer participate in county rec sports.
49. Whitfield County is falling behind rapidly when compared to surrounding communities. Sports and outdoor activities are increasing in popularity and demand. Considering the number of kids we have participating in sports compared to the size, quality and location of complexes, Whitfield County is not meeting the local needs.
50. Westside is in desperate need of more fields and bathrooms that work. It is very difficult, as a mother of 4, whose husband works out of town alot, to have to go across the county for one practice, while the other is at Westside. I just wish there were enough fields for all of my children to have practice at the same place, and before 10pm. Thanks.
51. We need a park in the Westside community. We are using school sites and they don't have what we need. We need a Westside Recreation Center.

52. we need a park and campground area that is located on the west side of town , most of the parks we are close to are small and have very to offer, with only 2 or 3 tennes courts,and a very small playground for such a large community.
53. Could this be put in the paper as well - the more responses the better.
54. Westside area has no park to go to.
55. Safety is a big concern. We need guards or policemen to frequent the areas more often and enforce infractions of the law or possible gang, drug, homeless, and predator activity. Most people are afraid to visit at least 1/2 or more of the parks in town due to their appearance or the violent nature of the area. The park across from Krystal and BBandT is smelly (urine)and many homeless people are there all of the time.
56. Whitfield County needs to combine with a joint effort for playground equipment and maintenance with the Whitfield County School System on existing school grounds. Facilities would be used by school during the day and the public after hours and weekends. More, safer, and attractive equipment could be in place. Special equipment is needed for children with disabilities. Catoosa County has an EXCELLENT program and beautiful playgrounds because the school system and county work together with joint funding to provide the playground areas. GO check it out! Drive past any Catoosa County school to see this in place.
57. Many of the things we already have are let go (theater is always not clean - we go to Fort O or Chattanooga because of this) My son is playing soccer in East Ridge due to availability of the sport and fields, and indoor arena for winter soccer; When he was playing baseball we had to use fields in Tunnel Hill or Edwards Park when we live in Westside; we are members of the Catoosa Co Saddle Club due to the fact there is not one in Whitfield Co. I don't like the fact that I am spending money on these activities outside of Whitfield County, but we have to because of cleanliness and availability.
58. Mandatory changes to vehicles (even to the point of removing radios from the vehicles) need to be carried out and/or Citations need to be given to motorists who play their loud radios while driving down our roads because it's not only annoying and disturbing the peace, but it's very difficult to hear fire trucks, ambulances, police vehicles responding to 911 calls, etc. We should not be forced to hear the loud noises. It interferes with public safety.
59. It would be really beneficial to have an open house, town meeting, where interested people from Whitfield County can come together and collectively and openly discuss current situations and possible changes. I believe I have several ideas that could be beneficial, and others certainly would as well.
60. Need a Heritage Park type facility in the west side of the county.
61. Civitan Park has been an overwhelming success. Would it be possible to buy the empty property next to the park (across the creek) and enlarge the park. The usage level would support additional space. Also the County and or City of Dalton should investigate buying up the undeveloped part of Rocky Face mountain. Not only does this area have historical significance but it would make a great park for future generations of Whitfield County residents.

I believe the county already has some of the mountain on the west side designated as green space but we should acquire more if possible.

62. Civitan Park needs to be expanded to include the land across the creek from the existing park. This park is heavily used and could support the extra space. Part of Rocky Face Mountain has already been given to the County as green space and it would be great if the County would purchase more of the mountain that is not developed. This would be a great park for future generations and it would protect the historical significance of the area.
63. "In order to spend money on these new facilities how many positions are we going to eliminate within the county to pay for it? What other areas are you going to cut spending? With the housing market down (and the new electronic permit system installed) half of the staff in the bldg. inspectors office and 1/3 of the employees from the county road dept need to be let go. This should be the counties first priority.....NOT spending more money we don't have and going up on property taxes next year.....The taxes in Whitfield County are high enough as it is."
64. the westside area is in need of base ball/soft ball fields, basketball courts maybe a racket ball court
65. Edwards park should be for the citizens of whitfield county and not just for new hope community, which it has been given to by recreation director.
66. This is really a joke as West Side does not really have facilities
67. There are no birms on the roads out on our side of Whitfield County and consequently it is very dangerous to walk or bike there. It is only a matter of time before there is a serious accident. I see people trying to bike on Mill Creek Rd. and up to Dug Gap Mountain Battlefield Park and with the blind curves and no shoulders on the roads cars have a hard time avoiding an accident. Plus, who designed the parking at that park up there? VERY dangerous and limited.
68. Having grown up in Whitfield County, and now as an adult working in Whitfield, I am disgusted by the lack of attention given to the "Westside" area of the county. It is ridiculous that not only our students must travel a great distance to highschool, but also to Edwards park in order to practice and play baseball. It is, in my opinion, mandatory that action be taken in order to improve the community of Westside. Growth seems to be the reason for giving tax dollars to the north end of the county, but supplying the westside of the county with better than current facilities will guarantee more growth for Westside's population. People want to live where the nice things are. As long as the "nice things" are only on the north end, then it will only grow while the Westside remains stagnate.
69. Having facilities for families to enjoy is great but could we give them a much larger draw by combining mixed uses with them so that there are more people in and around the park facilities and all times of the day/night. Keeping eyes on the park will keep officers in their cars.
70. I believe that the existing facilities need to be upgrading before destroying what little farmland we have left in this beautiful county. I am a firm believer in showing that you can care for one thing before moving onto bigger and better things. The parks we have are good parks in good locations. They just need some TLC. Whitfield County is obviously willing to give some attention to them now, so give it. Don't start all over on something new. Upgrade what exists!!

71. Whitfield County needs to acquire and keep property and make things nice for all the citizens, the compromising and conforming to suit one group over another needs to stop. Let's make our communities places of pride. High tech digital cameras and prosecution and resitution for those who paint, deface, burn, destroy, and damage our communities and the pride of being able to say, "I live in the (whichever) Whitfield County Community.
72. Whitfield County is a great area in which to raise a family in. It seems that the City of Dalton has more park areas and buildings, including classes for children and adults, craft classes, areobics, children activies than the entire County Park System. I see many people use the City facilities (I have) that live in the County. I am sure that economics has played a major role in determining parks and recreation expansions. I have no doubt that the cost to build, maintain, and man would exceed any income it may generate from tournaments and concession sales. To keep kids out of trouble, you have got to keep them busy with community activities. Studies have proven that.
73. Whitfield County needs a nature center. The closest nature center is in Chattanooga, the Chattanooga Nature Center. The children and adults of Whitfield County need education in wild plant and wild animal conservation, xeric planting techniques, water conservation, soil conservation techniques, and alternate energy sources. In general, the people need to learn that they must take of their natural resources or see the resources disappear.
74. We must make Edwards Park the beautiful centerpiece it was meant to be - and that includes putting in a gym, walking track, tennis courts, etc. Also, the WS community needs a new park. And third, we need gymnasiums throughout the county. The School System's gyms (paid for by taxpayers) are not open to the public. We need exercise and access.
75. i think we need a gym at tunnel hill park so the kids and adults can have the chance to play ball all year not just when the school will let them.

#### **City of Dalton:**

1. at the recreation near civic drive dont let people play soccer games make them use real fields, they kick us off every time were playing. thurn the baceball fields at the rec. into soccer fields like indoor soccer.
2. "Just read the survey...parks seem to be equated with recreation and ball fields or courts. We need more pure parks where people can relax and commune with nature...simple, clean green spaces that break up the ever increasing clutter and hard-scape of urban life."
3. improve the john davis recreation center.
4. "In question 15 the addition of more programs and facilities are not mutually exclusive. To add programs, facilities will have to be built. However, there is no reason to add facilities if programs are not to be added. There are enough ball fields existing for baseball and softball. There is a difference in the condition of fields from community to community depending how each location is managed by the people within a particular community. The outfields of the ball field's can be used for both football and soccer. I would like to see more open gym time for basketball and for outside the regular season basketball teams. To do so would require non school gyms to be utilized. A Nob South would be nice along with a good fishing hole."

5. With the money in this town we should have facilities on every corner to offer kids a place to go and get involved in positive activities. When a travel team be it softball, baseball or basketball wants a place to practice they are locked out of a gym or field instead of being let in and supported. Tax money builds these facilities tax payers should be able to use them.
6. Parks and recs are truly a quality of life issue. Thank you for putting this on the agenda.
7. "Dalton/Whitfield County has the resources through both the government and citizens to have facilities that are well maintained and decent. Both of my daughters play travel sports and there are facilities throughout Tennessee and Georgia that put our recreation complexes to shame. I think that part of the problem is having very outspoken representatives from some communities that only represent the good of one sport. For example, the softball field (there is only one that has a pitching rubber suitable for fastpitch softball) at Dug Gap is continuously assigned to baseball teams and in some cases ""well-represented"" t-ball teams. We also have a DESPERATE NEED for basketball gym space. This continues to be a frustration for the county teams as well as for travel teams with students that represent the whitfield county area. I am sure that if we had a nice basketball complex there would be a huge opportunity to build sports programs and to bring money into the community through tournaments and camps. It seems that the Whitfield County (and Dalton City) recreation departments do just enough to get by...delegating too much responsibility to the parents and coaches for field maintenance, assignment, cleaning, etc." They should NOT charge residents of dalton a \$30.00 fee to rent a picnic shelter, they are not worth the money, Taxes should pay for the cost to rent the shelters, Heaven does we pay out enough money to keep them in better shape then what they do anyway. And what is the \$30.00 for anyways because there not in good shape. Dalton, and Whitfield County strive to accommodate as many people as possible but the needs of the community have grown beyond the capabilities of the departments. We are now being asked to pay for time on community fields. Not acceptable! This is sad, considering we, as coaches, provide some departments and most communities the ability to make money in concessions, rental of fields for tournaments, etc... For those of us who give our time and money to provide these activities for the children and the help produce the revenue for the facilities, we should be given adequate practice times.
8. "At the playground/parks for children, older children sometimes play/sit on the equipment(we take grandchildren to these parks). Civitan Park needs more parking spaces and animals need to be prohibited. I've seen animals relieving themselves on the grassy area and then see children playing in same area. I think Civitan Park needs better lighting and some type security in evenings."
9. Currently, the only way to access the river is along highway right of ways, which are limited and difficult to use. If the county provided a park, it would reduce the amount of trespassing and littering of private property.
10. We need more quality play equipment and more repaired play space.
11. Longer hours would be very nice for those of us who don't work the typical 9-5 Monday-Friday work schedule. To make patrons feel safer, a deputy or police prescence at least during peak hours would be nice. Please come up with some fine arts events such as concerts in the park or plays!!! There are some of us who have interests other than huntin', fishin' and rasslin'! Thanks!
12. "You folks do a great job and I commend you for your efforts. The time and effort that ALL of you put into our community facilities is very much appreciated. I suggest we start shifting some

of our emphasis from Ballfields and competition to local citizens and to children who are just simply PLAYING and not COMPETING. Let the kids be kids and not championship athletes. Teach our kids how to fly fish, how to milk cows, how to work as teams to accomplish goals,, how to focus, how to responsibly run a business, how to interact with others. Get them ready for tomorrow. I have seen the mind-set of some local softball athletes, and quite frankly, I would not have them as employees. Personal Regards"

13. Clean house and start over with more qualified people who actually are there to do more than just earn a paycheck.
14. The community is concerned that the prices for renting soccer fields are extremely high. Their reasons for the high prices, are that they want to maintain the fields in good shape but in reality they are not in the best conditions. We believe that it is unfair for the high prices if they are not promising the good conditions. Thank you and we would really appreciate it if you guys would look in to this matter.
15. There are plenty of opportunities if people will just use what is already available.
16. Whitfield County needs to focus on our youth, quit shutting doors to gyms and make more activities available for our youth. Soccer is not offered in this county that is a disgrace. I see other communities that have rec depts that offer many fun activities to keep youth busy and hopefully out of trouble.
17. Programming - need more. If there are programs offered now I rarely know about them. Parks are not just baseball fields - all park space needs to be utilized and the director or staff needs to truly think about diversity of the space and best way to involve all demographics and not just youth and athletics.
18. The people are very nice who work for the parks. The parks should be better maintained.
19. I understand that small parks are more costly to maintain and supervise, but I think we need more small parks. My favorite park is Civitan Park. It is CONSTANTLY being used by people of all ages and races. YOU CAN WALK TO IT EASILY (and I live near Dalton High -- which is over the big hill) as well as drive to it. You feel safe there because it is so visible to passing traffic. Civitan Park has everything you could need in a neighborhood park -- trees, water, open spaces, a playground, walking track, and benches. It is so good that it is becoming pretty crowded. We need more parks like this one!
20. Will not use facilities because too many unruly and unsupervised hispanic kids make the places unenjoyable.
21. It would be ideal to tie as many (all) of the recreational facilities together with greenway passive parks, bike and pedestrian paths, and schools. More interconnected small facilities working together is more appealing if designed and implemented properly I think.
22. "I was lucky to grow up where there was a community indoor heated swimming pool. Every birthday was a pool party. Many, many happy family memories involve that pool. It was affordably priced so even my family could manage a visit every other week or so. I wish Whitfield County had something like that. Also, this may be ignorant of me, but I don't think I





